



PATHOLOGY

Final Lecture 2 /Soft tissue

tumors



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SOFT TISSUE TUMORS (26 Ones):

T of Adipose Tissue	Lipomas + Liposarcoma
T & T-like Lesions of Fibrous Tissue	Nodular fasciitis+ Superficial & Deep Fibromatoses + Fibrosarcoma
Fibrohistiocytic T	Fibrous histiocytoma + Dermatofibro sarcoma protuberans + Malignant fibrous histiocytoma (MFH)
T of Skeletal Muscle	Rhabdomyoma + Rhabdomyosarcoma
T of Smooth Muscle	Leiomyoma + Smooth muscle tumors of uncertain malignant potential + Leiomyosarcoma
Vascular T	Hemangioma + Lymphangioma + Kaposi T.Hemangioendothelioma + Hemangiopericytoma+ Angiosarcoma
Peripheral Nerve T	Neurofibroma + Schwannoma+ Malignant peripheral nerve sheath T
T of Uncertain Histogenesis	Synovial sarcoma + Alveolar soft part sarcoma + Epithelioid sarcoma + Granular cell T.

General Principles:

*the term soft tissue describes **any non-epithelial tissue other than bone, cartilage, CNS, hematopoietic, lymphoid tissues.**

*Soft tissue T are **classified according to the tissue type** they recapitulate, including fat, fibrous tissue, & neurovascular tissue

However, In some soft tissue T no corresponding normal counterpart is known.

*With the exception of skeletal muscle T, benign soft tissue T are more than 100 times more than their malignant counterparts

*In the US, 8000 soft tissue sarcomas are diagnosed annually, representing less than 1% of all invasive malignancies; but causes 2% of all cancer deaths, reflecting their lethal nature. (highly malignant tumor)

***Most soft tissue T arise without antecedent causes**, rarely radiation, burn injury, or toxin exposure is implicated.

*Although **Kaposi sarcoma is associated with the HHPV 8**, but viruses are not important in the pathogenesis of most sarcomas.

*A small **minority of sarcomas are associated with genetic syndromes**, e.g.,

1. neurofibromatosis type 1 (neurofibroma, malignant schwannoma)
2. Gardner syndrome (fibromatosis)
3. Li-Fraumeni syndrome (soft tissue sarcoma)
4. Osler-Weber- Rendu syndrome (telangiectasia).

*Even in sporadic soft tissue sarcomas, characteristic chromosomal abnormalities can be detected. These provide insight into pathogenesis, as well as diagnostic markers, e.g.,

Ewing sarcoma & synovial sarcoma, are eventually defined by their translocation t(11;22) مهم

*40% of soft tissue T occur in the lower extremities, especially the thigh.

The incidence increased with age, although 15% arise in children.

*Certain sarcomas tend to appear in certain age groups, e.g.,

1. rhabdomyosarcoma in children
2. synovial sarcoma in young adulthood (20-40 y.)
3. liposarcoma & (MFH) in later adult life (60-80 y.)

*Accurate histologic classification is critical.

Although cell morphology & architectural arrangement are important, these features are often inadequate to distinguish different sarcomas, particularly if they are poorly differentiated.

*immunohistochemistry, EM, cytogenetics, molecular genetics are indispensable in assigning the correct diagnosis in some cases.

*Sarcoma grade (well, moderate, poorly differentiated) is important for predicting behavior. Grading, (I to III) is based on the degree of differentiation, cellularity, pleomorphism.

*but the most important predictors are

1. the Mitotic counts (the average number of mitoses per HPF)
2. Necrosis extent.

*Sarcoma staging helps determine the prognosis. With T>20cm metastases develop in 80% of cases; in contrast, for T<5cm metastases occur in only 30% of cases.

*In general, T arising in superficial locations (e.g., skin) have a better prognosis than deep-seated lesions

*overall, the 10-year survival rate for sarcomas is 40%.

FATTY TUMORS

1. Lipoma

*are benign T of fat, They are the most common soft tissue tumors of adulthood. مهم جدا

Most lipomas are solitary lesions; multiple lipomas usually suggest the presence of rare autosomal dominant syndromes.

Lipomas can be sub classified based on their histologic features e.g.,

1. conventional the most common subtype → composed of mature fat cells or adipocytes
2. myolipoma
3. spindle cell
4. Myelolipoma
5. Pleomorphic
6. Angiolipoma → (combination of fat, smooth ms cell and vascular tissue)

Grossly:

lipomas are soft, yellow, well-encapsulated mobile, slowly enlarging & painless masses (angioliipomas can present with local pain); vary considerably in size.

H. Features:

they consist of mature adipocytes (fat cells) with no pleomorphism.

Treatment:

Complete excision is usually curative.

2. Liposarcoma

- are **malignant T** of adipocytes.
- Occur **most commonly in the fifth & sixth decades.**
- Arise **mostly in the deep soft tissues or in visceral sites.**

Grossly:

usually present as **relatively well-circumscribed lesions**

*Several different **histologic subtypes** are recognized, including two low-grade variants:

1. the well-differentiated liposarcoma
2. myxoid liposarcoma → characterized by abundant, mucoid extracellular matrix

Some **well-differentiated liposarcomas** can be **difficult to distinguish histologically from benign lipomas**; whereas **very poorly differentiated liposarcomas can resemble various other high-grade sarcomas.**

H. Features:

in most cases, **lipoblasts cells**, indicative of fatty differentiation are present; they recapitulate fetal fat cells with cytoplasmic lipid vacuoles that scallop the nucleus

ال lipoblasts cells مشابهة للي موجودة في الجنين.

Prognosis:

is greatly influenced by the histologic subtype;

- well-differentiated & myxoid variants tend to grow slowly & have a more favorable outlook
- the more aggressive round cell & pleomorphic variants, which tend to recur after excision & metastasize to lungs.

FIBROUS TUMORS AND TUMOR-LIKE LESIONS

Fibrous tissue proliferations are heterogeneous group of lesions :

- At one end of the spectrum, nodular fasciitis is not a true T but rather a reactive, self-limited proliferation.

- At the other end, fibrosarcomas are highly malignant T that tend to recur locally & metastasize.
- Fibromatoses fall somewhere in the middle; these are characterized as benign lesions that, nevertheless, exhibit persistent local growth & can recur.

1. Reactive Proliferations: Nodular Fasciitis → not tumor

*Is a self-limited, reactive fibroblastic proliferation that typically occurs in adults on the volar aspect of the forearm, followed in frequency by the chest & back.

*Patients characteristically present with a several-week history of a solitary, rapidly growing, and occasionally, painful mass.

*Preceding trauma is noted in 10% to 15% of cases.

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*Lesions of nodular fasciitis rarely recur after excision.

Grossly:

characteristically, the lesion is few cms , nodular with poorly defined margins.

H. Features:

shows richly cellular fibroblastic lesion, consisting of immature, plump, spindle to stellate fibroblasts, vary in size, having conspicuous nucleoli & numerous mitoses, randomly arranged in an abundant myxoid stroma مهم

Myositis Ossificans التهاب العضلة المتعظم

*is distinguished from other fibroblastic proliferations by the presence of metaplastic bone. It usually develops in the proximal muscles of the extremities in athletic adolescents & young adults after trauma بصير عند راكبي الخيل اكثر شي .

*The involved area is initially swollen & painful, eventually evolving into a painless, hard, well-demarcated mass . لانه صار فيها تليف وتعظم

It is critical to distinguish it from extra-skeletal osteosarcoma.

*Simple excision of myositis ossificans is usually curative.

2. Fibromatoses

*are a group of fibroblastic proliferations distinguished by:

1. their tendency to grow in an infiltrative fashion
2. to recur after surgical removal.

The fibromatoses are divided into two major clinicopathologic groups: superficial & deep.

- a. Superficial fibromatoses :

arising in the superficial fascia & include planter & palmar fibromatosis (Dupuytren contracture) & penile fibromatosis (Peyronie disease)

*Superficial lesions are **genetically distinct from their deep- seated cousins**; are generally **more innocuous** بسيطة (they can be associated with trisomy 3 & 8)

*because they **cause deformity** of the involved structure, they come to clinical **attention earlier**

b. Deep fibromatoses:

*include the (desmoid tumors that arise in the abdominal wall) & muscles of the trunk , extremities, within the abdomen (mesentery & pelvic walls).

*They can be **isolated** lesions, or a **component of Gardner syndrome**, an autosomal dominant disorder including colonic adenomatous polyps osteomas.

*Mutations in the **APC or β -catenin genes** are present in the majority of these tumors.

Grossly:

Fibromatoses are gray-white, poorly demarcated, firm to rubbery, infiltrative masses 1-15 cm

H:

*fibromatoses composed of plump cells arranged in broad sweeping fascicles that penetrate the adjacent tissue; mitoses are infrequent.

*Immunohistochemical & ultrastructural studies show that these cells are probably myofibroblasts.

***Early lesions** may be **quite cellular**, whereas others, especially the **superficial fibromatoses**, **contain abundant dense collagen**.

*Fibromatosis can be **disfiguring, disabling & occasionally painful**.

*Although curable by adequate excision, **they frequently recur** when incompletely removed. Some T respond to **tamoxifen (anti estrogen)** & in other cases chemotherapy or irradiation are effective.

3. Fibrosarcoma

- are malignant T of fibroblasts.
- Most occur in adults
- typically in the deep tissues of the **thigh**, knee ,retroperitoneal area.
- They grow slowly, & have usually been present for several years at the time of diagnosis.
- often recur locally after excision (in >50% of cases) & can metastasize hematogenously (in >25% of cases), usually to the lungs.

Grossly:

fibrosarcomas are **soft infiltrative** (unencapsulated masses, with areas of hemorrhage & necrosis; but, well differentiated ones can appear deceptively encapsulated!)

H:

all degrees of differentiation are seen, from T that closely resemble fibromatosis, to densely packed T with **spindled cells growing in a herringbone fashion** to highly cellular neoplasms exhibiting architectural disarray, pleomorphism, frequent mitoses, necrosis **فوضوي بدون ترتيب معين**

FIBROHISTIOCYTIC TUMORS

*composed of a mixture of fibroblasts & phagocytic lipid-laden activated macrophages.

*The neoplastic cells in many cases are most likely fibroblasts.

a. Benign Fibrous Histiocytoma (Dermatofibroma)

are relatively **common benign lesions in adults**, presenting as **circumscribed, small (<1 cm) mobile nodules** in the skin dermis or subcutaneous tissue.

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*these typically consist of **bland, interlacing spindle cells admixed with foamy, lipid-rich histiocyte-like cells.**

*The borders of the lesions tend to **be infiltrative**, but extensive local invasion does not occur. The pathogenesis is uncertain.

*They are cured by simple excision

b. Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma (MFH) highly malignant

MFH is a term rather loosely applied to a variety of soft tissue sarcomas characterized by

1. considerable **cytologic pleomorphism**,
2. **bizarre multinucleate** cells
3. **storiform architecture**

*Despite the name, the phenotype of many such tumors is fibroblastic & not histiocytic.

*N.B:

it is important to note that several T, previously diagnosed as MFH, actually exhibit markers for cells of other origin (e.g., smooth muscle cells, adipocytes, & skeletal muscle cells) & are therefore more appropriately classified as leiomyosarcomas, liposarcomas, rhabdomyosarcomas) Such T behave like others of that same class.

*Nevertheless, detailed immunohistochemical analyses demonstrate that a significant number of such tumors actually derive from other cell types (e.g., muscle cells)

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*Consequently, the term fibrohistiocytic, especially in regard to the malignant variants, should be considered descriptive & not necessarily indicating specific cellular origin.

*Alternatively, some T designated as MFH are so poorly differentiated that they do not express any discernible (clear) precursor phenotype.

*The MFH exhibiting **fibroblastic differentiation** are usually large (5-20 cm), gray-white, not encapsulated infiltrative masses, that often appear deceptively circumscribed.

*MFH usually arise in the musculature of the **proximal extremities or in the retroperitoneum**.

*Most of MFH are **extremely aggressive, recur** unless widely excised, & have a metastatic rate of up to 50%.

SMOOTH MUSCLE TUMORS

1. Leiomyoma	2. Leiomyosarcoma
Benign T of smooth muscle	comprise 10% to 20% of soft tissue sarcomas
well-circumscribed but not encapsulated , can arise from smooth muscle cells anywhere in the body	They commonly present as firm, painless masses ; retroperitoneal T can be large & bulky & cause abdominal symptoms
most commonly in the uterus (the commonest benign T in females)	They occur in adults, more commonly females Common sites are skin, deep soft tissues of the extremities retroperitoneum
	H, they show spindle cells with rounded end (cigar-shaped) nuclei arranged in interweaving fascicles.
	Treatment depends on the size, location, & grade of T

- Superficial or cutaneous leiomyosarcomas are usually small & have a good prognosis,
- Retroperitoneal tumors are larger, cannot be entirely excised, & fatal by both local extension & metastases.

SYNOVIAL SARCOMA

- the cell of **origin is unclear** & is most certainly **not a synoviocyte**, less than **10%** of synovial sarcomas are **intra-articular and 90% extra articular** reflecting a non-joint origin!
- Account for **10% of all soft tissue sarcomas**.
- Typically occurring in individuals in their **20s to 40s**.
- Most develop in **deep soft tissues around the large joints of the extremities** (juxta-articular), **with 60% to 70% occurring around the knee** {Remember OS & GCT of Bone!}
- Commonly metastasize to the lung, bone, & regional LN.

- Most synovial sarcomas show a characteristic t(X;18)
- Aggressive treatment with limb-sparing surgery and chemotherapy gives a 5-year survival rate of 25% to 62%.
- H: synovial sarcomas may be biphasic or monophasic

Biphasic synovial sarcoma	Monophasic synovial sarcoma
Easily diagnosed	difficult to diagnose
<p>exhibits differentiation of tumor cells into both:</p> <p>(1) epithelial-like cells, cuboidal to columnar & form glands or grow in solid cords or aggregates with NO BASEMENT MEMBRANE between them the</p> <p>(2) spindle cells arranging in densely cellular fascicles that surround the epithelial cells.</p>	<p>composed of spindled cells only (which are easily mistaken for fibrosarcomas or malignant peripheral nerve sheath T) or, rarely, epithelial cells only</p> <p>*<u>Immunohistochemistry is helpful, because the T cells are positive for keratin & epithelial membrane antigen (EMA)</u> differentiating them from most other sarcomas</p>