

# Update on Human Papillomavirus-Related Head and Neck Carcinomas

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# HPV Vaccine Found to Help With Cancers of Throat

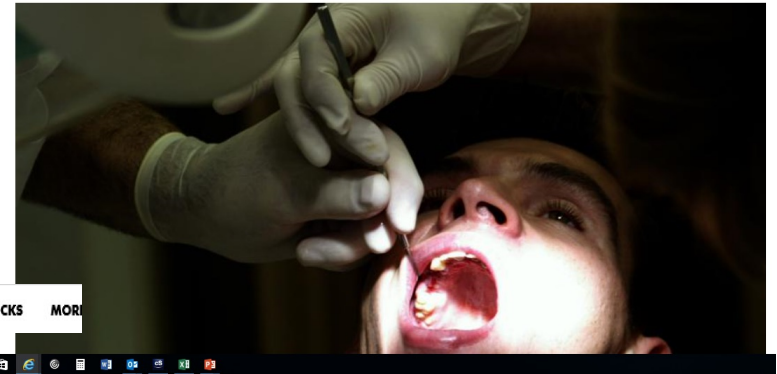
By DONALD G. McNEIL Jr. JULY 18, 2013

A vaccine that protects women against [cervical cancer](#) also appears to protect them against throat cancers caused by oral sex, and presumably would protect men as well, according to a study released Thursday.

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# HPV INFECTIONS INCREASE RISK FOR HEAD AND NECK CANCER

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# Man speaks out about his HPV-associated throat cancer

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BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — It's not just ladies.

Robert Fox, 42, contracted and survived cancer that developed from an HPV infection, the virus best known for causing cervical cancer in women. And he wants men to know they can get it, too.

"It was a shock," the Montana man said. "It's a cancer I never thought I'd get."

Fox was diagnosed with throat cancer two years ago. He had a really raw sore throat for weeks that showed no signs of abating. He went to his family physician, who

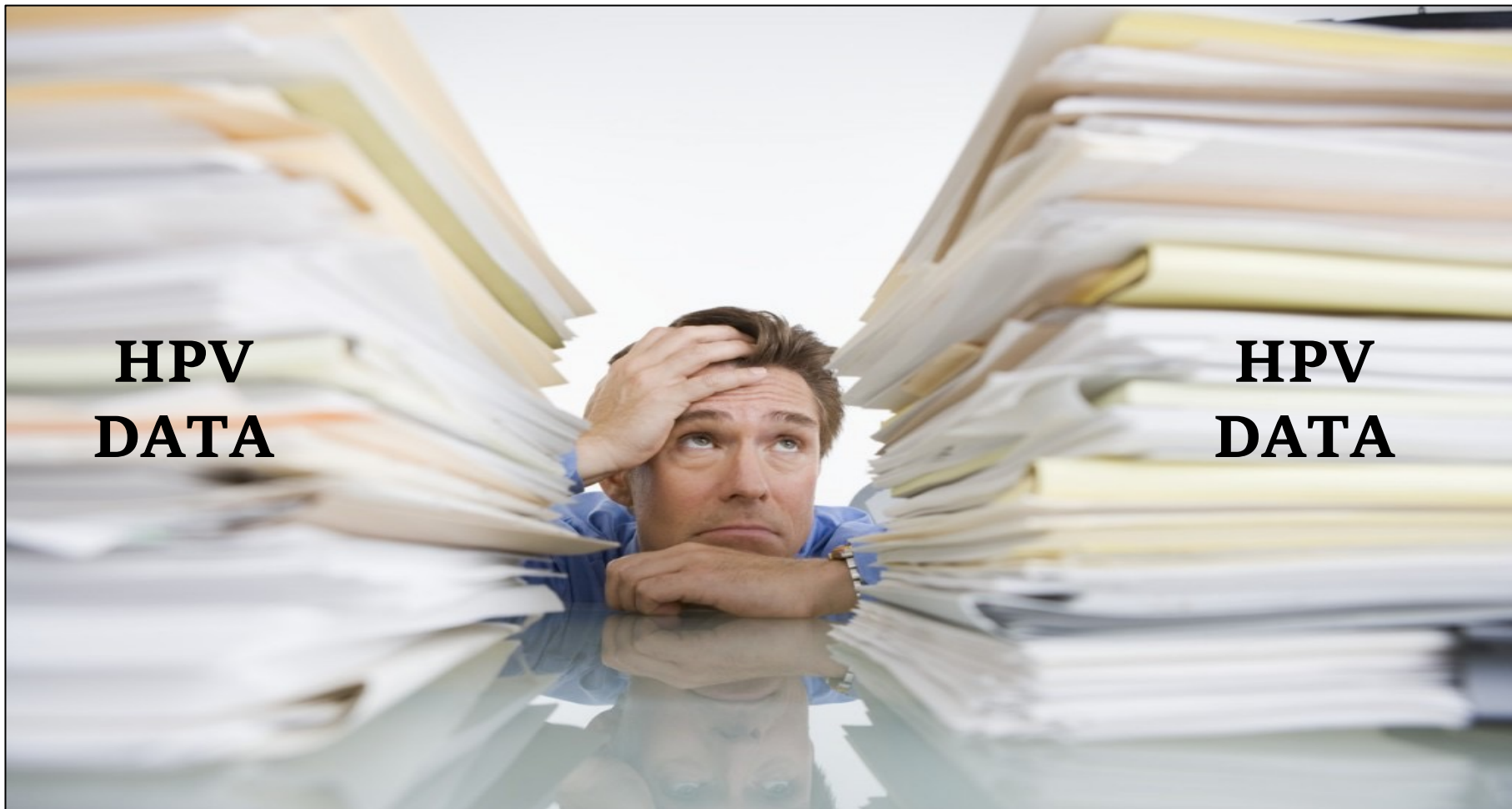


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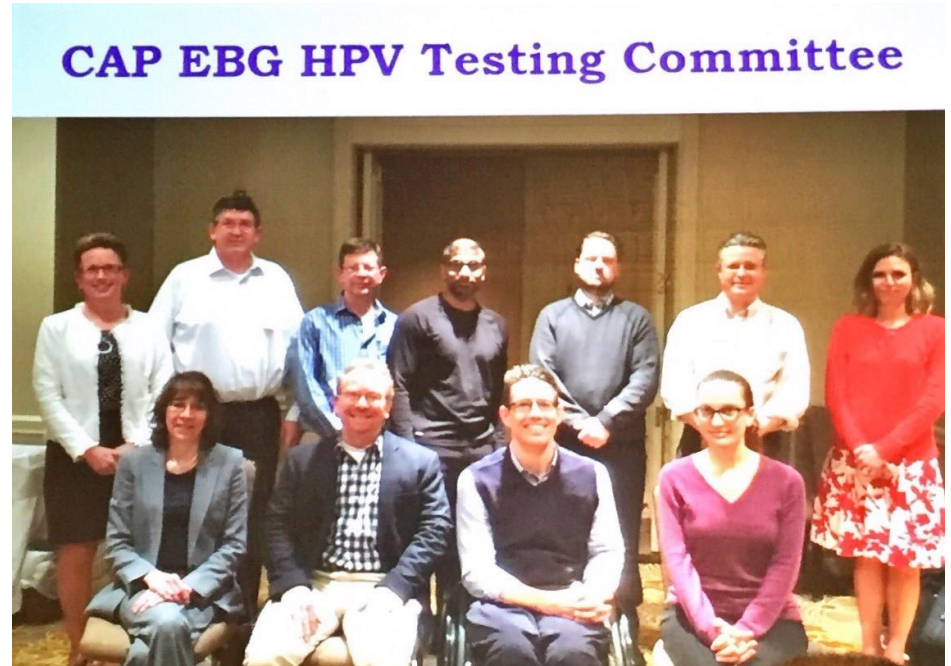
# What men should know about cancer that spreads through oral sex



**HPV  
DATA**



**HPV  
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CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center:  
Human Papillomavirus Testing in Head and Neck Squamous  
Cell Carcinomas Expert Panel



Practical  
Recommendations

# CAP HPV Testing Guidelines

1. Pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing on all patients with newly diagnosed oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma (OPSCC), including all histologic subtypes. This testing may be performed on the primary tumor or on a regional lymph node metastasis when the clinical findings are consistent with an oropharyngeal primary.
2. For oropharyngeal tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology), pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing by surrogate marker p16 IHC. Additional HPV-specific testing may be done at the discretion of the pathologist and/or treating clinician, or in the context of a clinical trial.
3. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with non-squamous carcinomas of the oropharynx.
4. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with non-oropharyngeal primary tumors of the head and neck.
5. Pathologists should routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with metastatic SCC of unknown primary in a cervical upper or mid jugular chain lymph node. An explanatory note on the significance of a positive HPV result is recommended.
6. For tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology) from patients presenting with metastatic SCC of unknown primary in a cervical upper or mid jugular chain lymph node, pathologists should perform p16 IHC.
7. Pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing on head and neck fine needle aspiration (FNA) SCC samples from all patients with known oropharyngeal SCC not previously tested for HR-HPV, with suspected oropharyngeal SCC, or with metastatic SCC of unknown primary. Note: No recommendation is made for or against any specific testing methodology for HR-HPV testing in FNA samples. If the result of HR-HPV testing on the FNA sample is negative, testing should be performed on tissue if it becomes available.
8. Pathologists should report p16 IHC positivity as a surrogate for HR-HPV in tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology) when there is at least 70% nuclear and cytoplasmic expression with at least moderate to strong intensity
9. Pathologists should not routinely perform low-risk HPV testing on patients with head and neck carcinomas.
10. Pathologists should not repeat HPV testing on patients with locally recurrent, regionally recurrent, or persistent tumor if primary tumor HR-HPV status has already been established. If initial HR-HPV status was never assessed or results are unknown, testing is recommended. HPV testing may be performed on a case-by-case basis for diagnostic purposes if there is uncertainty regarding whether the tumor in question is a recurrence or a new primary SCC.
11. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with distant metastases if primary tumor HR-HPV status has been established. HPV testing may be performed on a case-by-case basis for diagnostic purposes if there is uncertainty regarding whether the tumor in question is a metastasis or a new primary SCC.
12. Pathologists should report primary OPSCCs that test positive for HR-HPV or its surrogate marker p16 as “HPV-positive” and/or “p16-positive.”
13. Pathologists should not provide a tumor grade or differentiation status for HPV-positive/p16-positive OPSCC.
14. Pathologists should not alter HR-HPV testing strategy based on patient smoking history

# Human Papillomavirus Testing in Head and Neck Carcinomas

## Guideline From the College of American Pathologists

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• **Context.**—Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a major cause of oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas, and HPV (and/or surrogate marker p16) status has emerged as a prognostic marker that significantly impacts clinical management. There is no current consensus on when to test oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas for HPV/p16 or on which tests to choose.

**Objective.**—To develop evidence-based recommendations for the testing, application, interpretation, and reporting of HPV and surrogate marker tests in head and neck carcinomas.

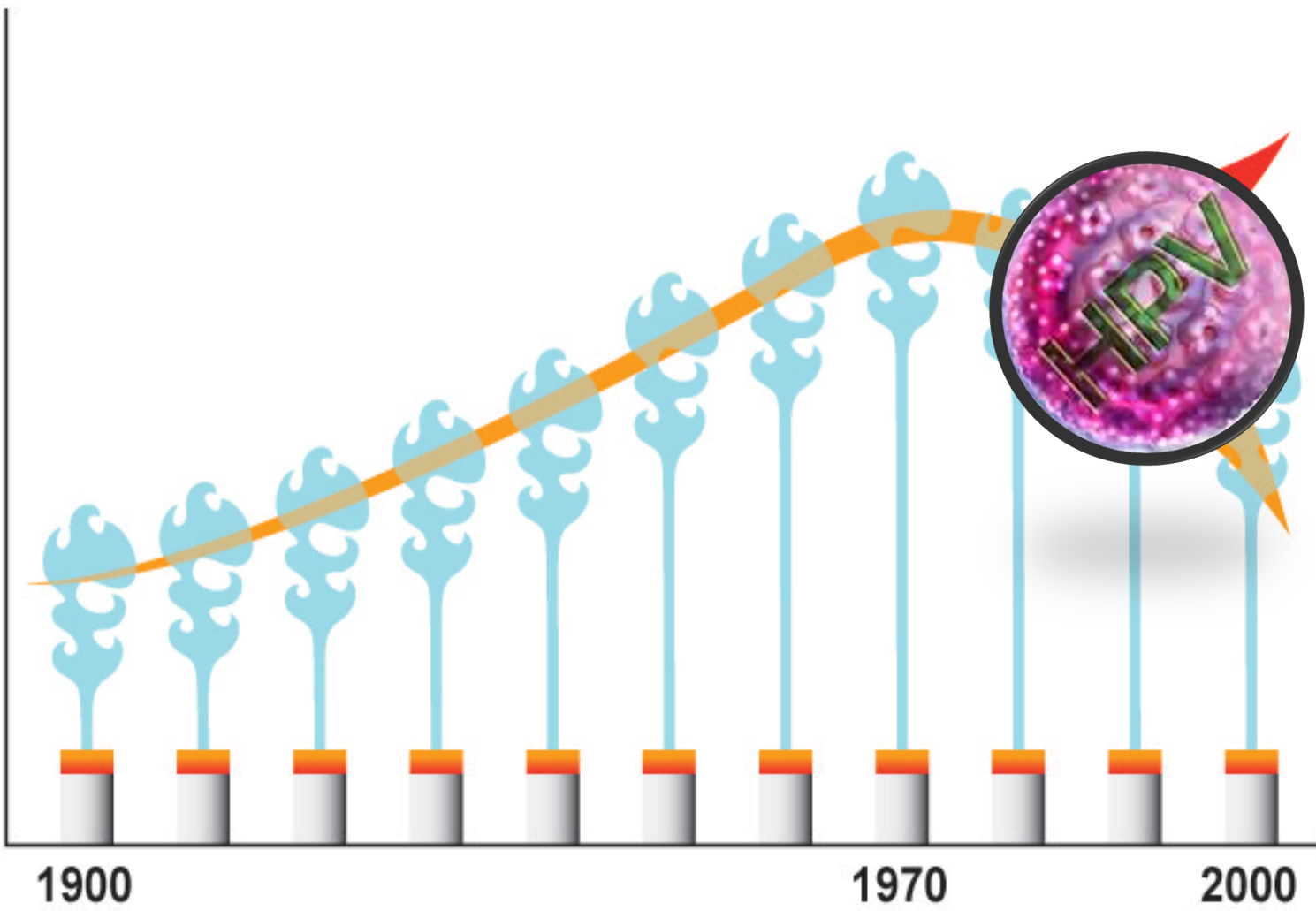
**Design.**—The College of American Pathologists convened a panel of experts in head and neck and molecular pathology, as well as surgical, medical, and radiation oncology, to develop recommendations. A systematic

**Results.**—The major recommendations include (1) testing newly diagnosed oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma patients for high-risk HPV, either from the primary tumor or from cervical nodal metastases, using p16 immunohistochemistry with a 70% nuclear and cytoplasmic staining cutoff, and (2) not routinely testing non-squamous oropharyngeal carcinomas or nonoropharyngeal carcinomas for HPV. Pathologists are to report tumors as HPV positive or p16 positive. Guidelines are provided for testing cytologic samples and handling of locoregional and distant recurrence specimens.

**Conclusions.**—Based on the systematic review and on expert panel consensus, high-risk HPV testing is recom-

Yearly Cigarette Consumption

Incidence of Head and Neck Cancer



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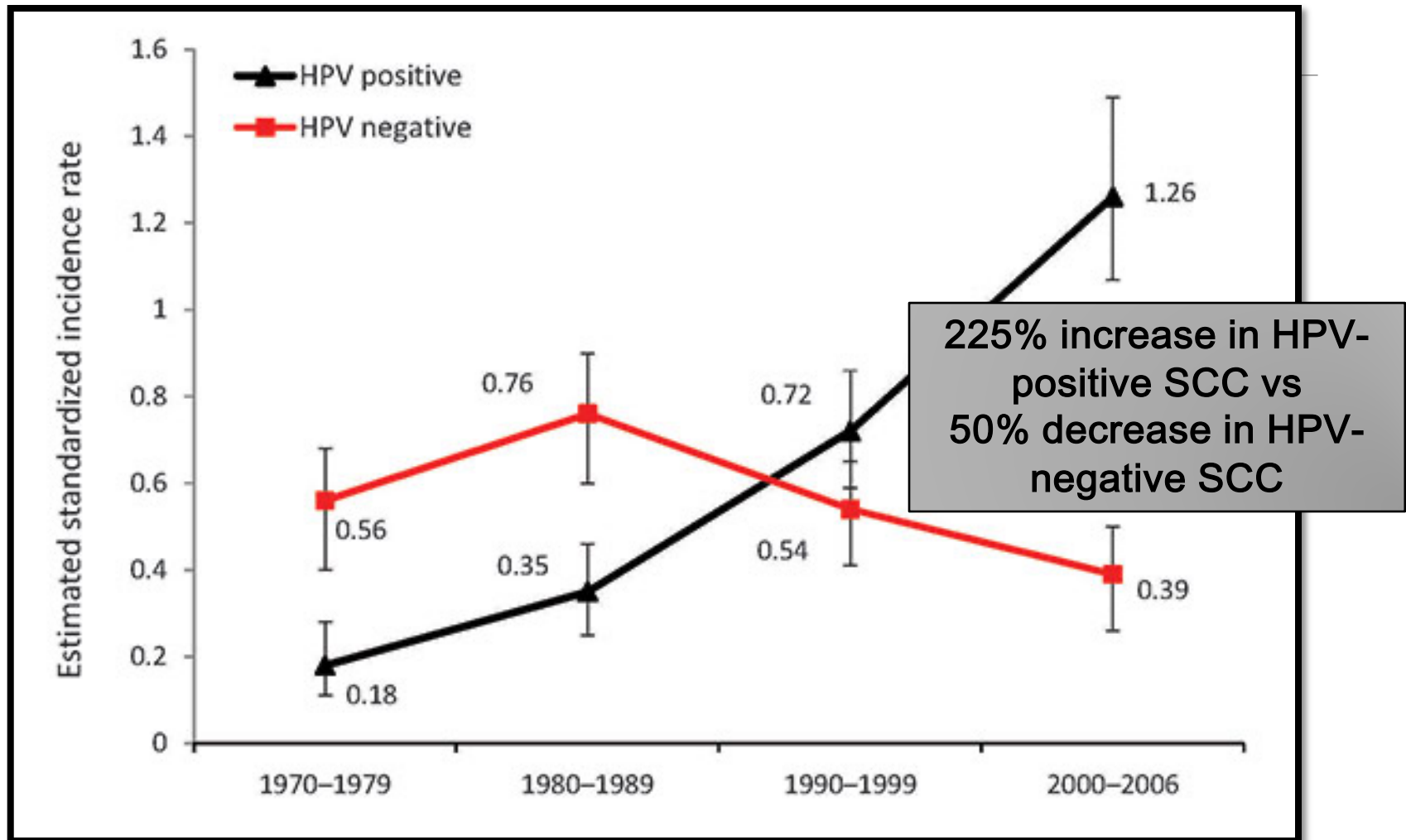
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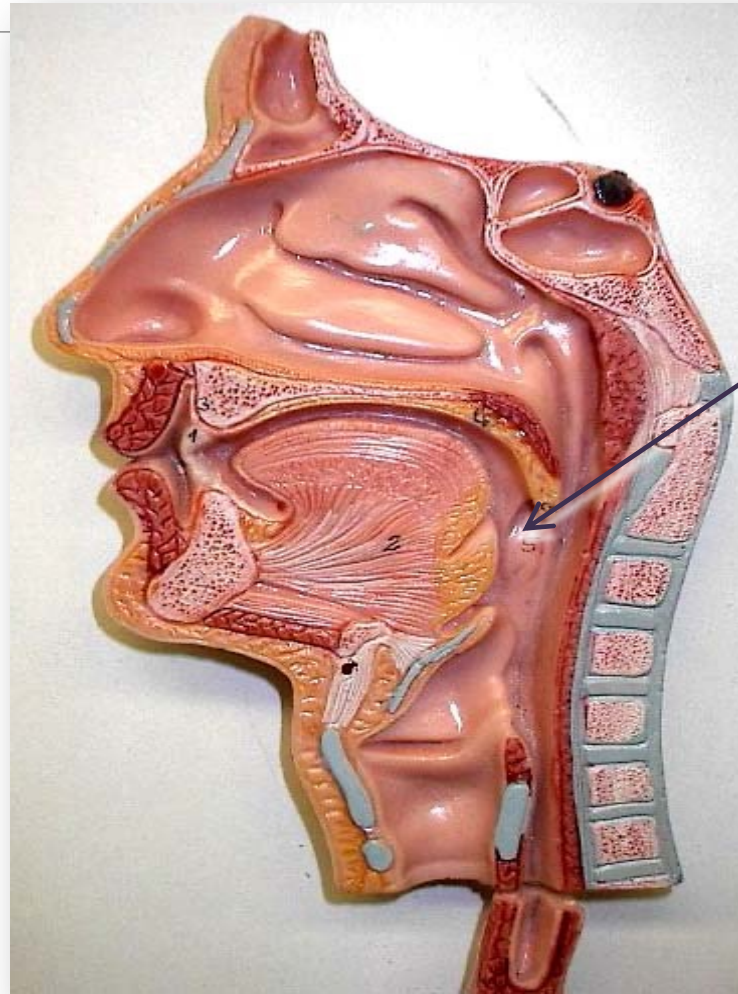


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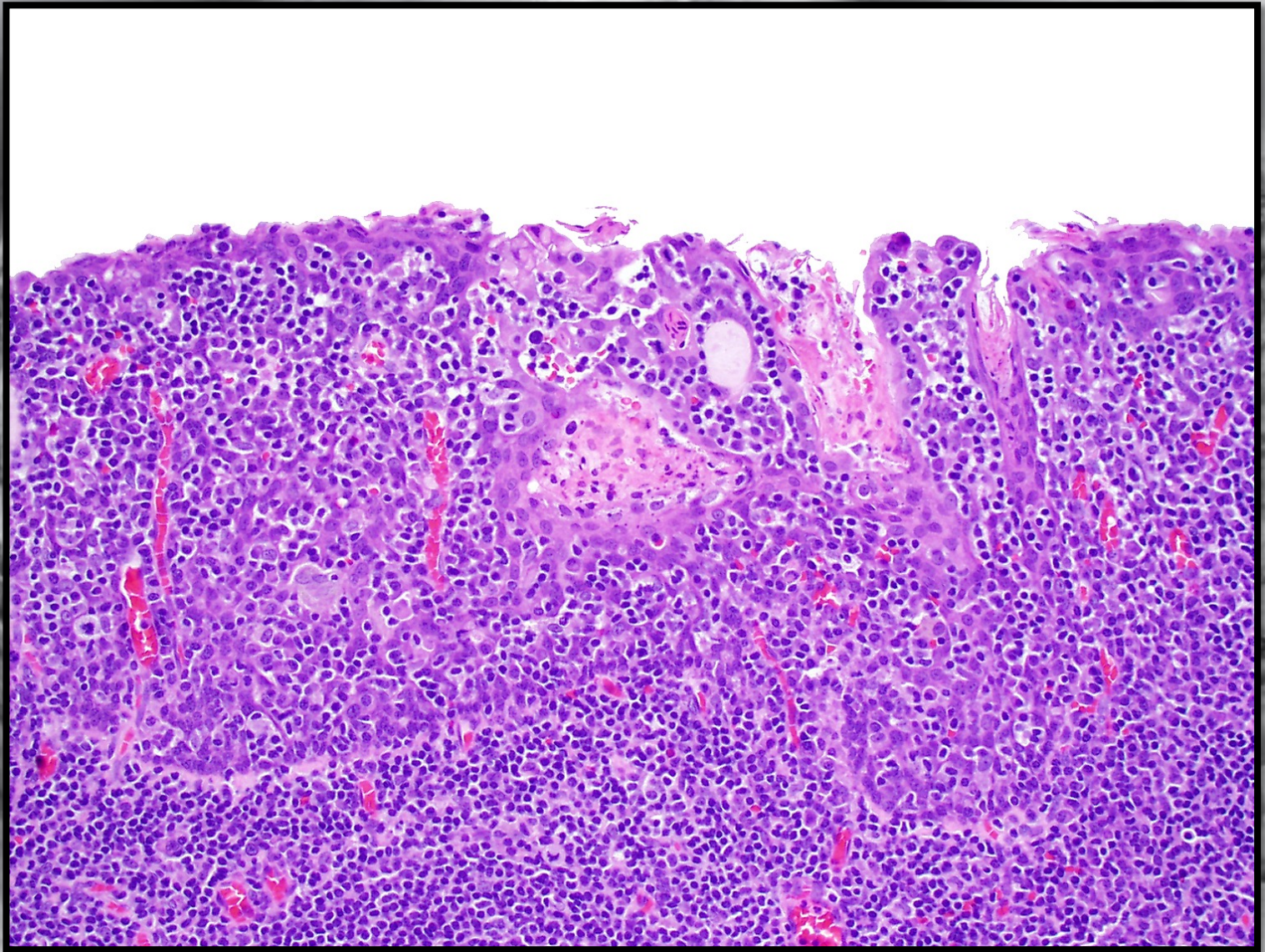


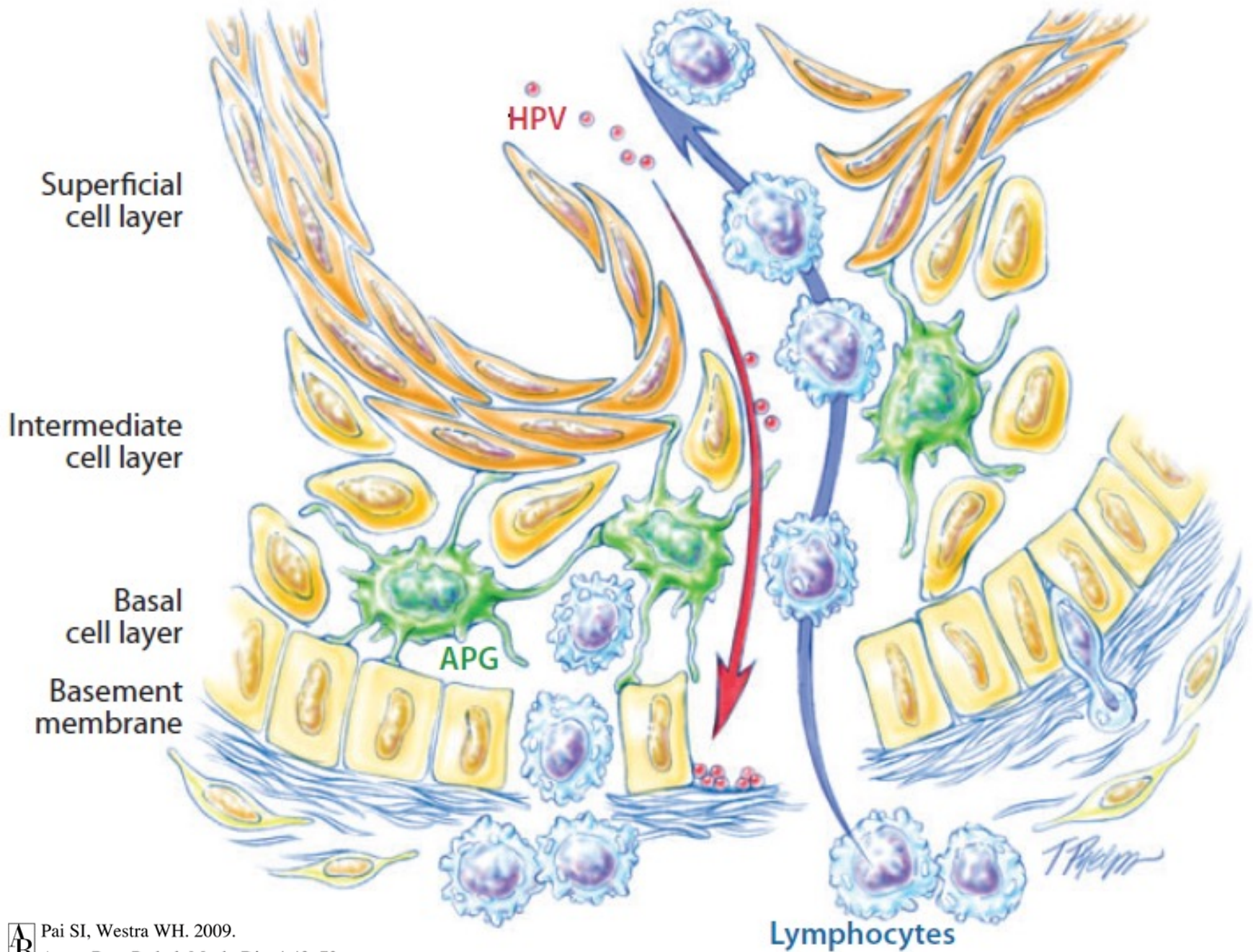
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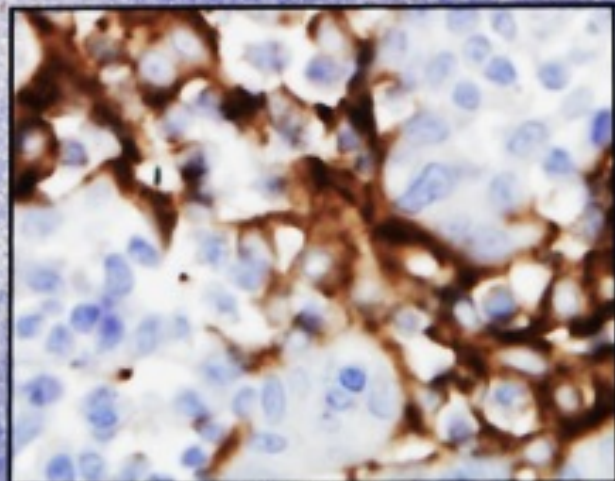
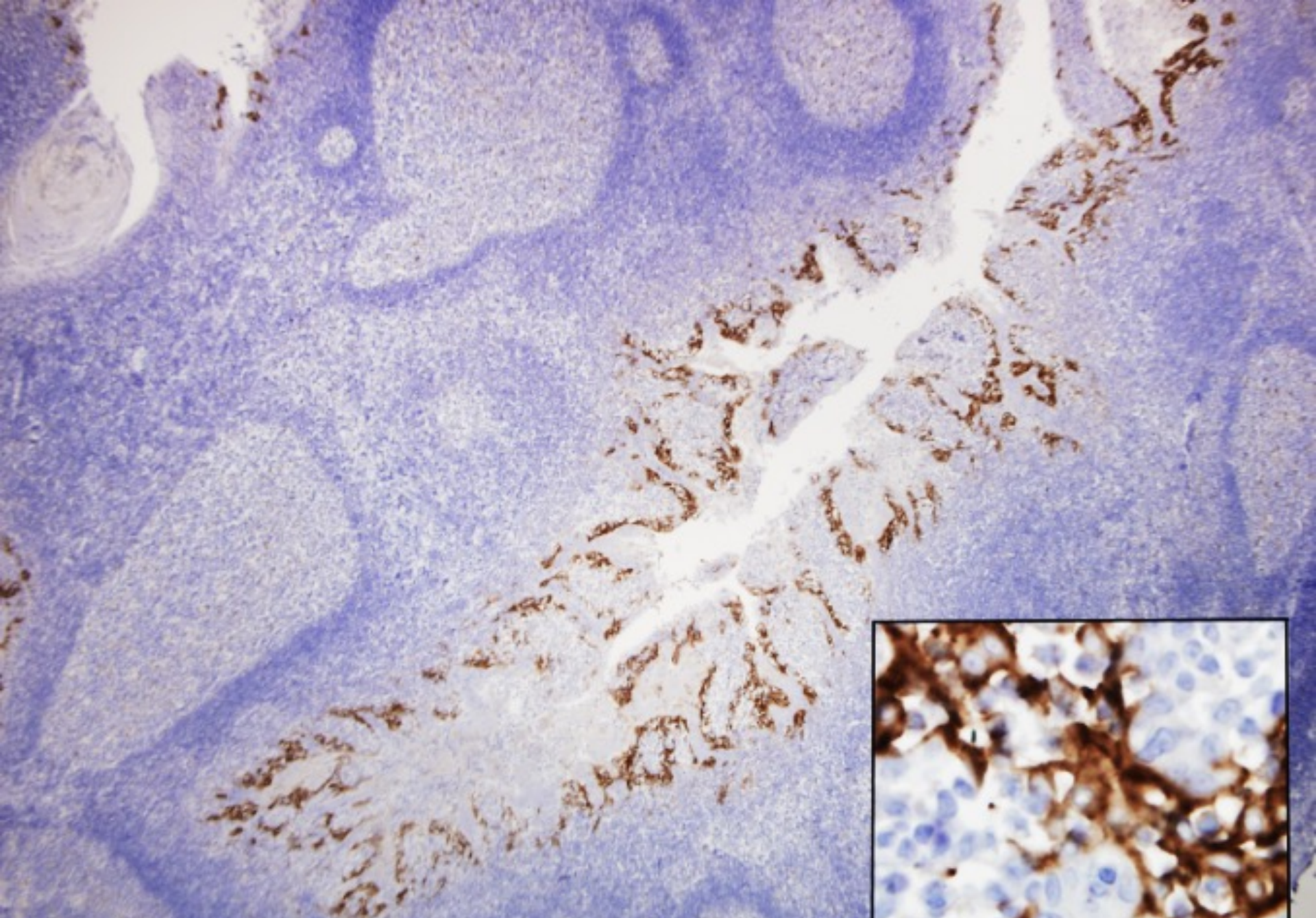
# HPV in Head and Neck Cancer



Oropharynx  
80-90%







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WHO

2005

WHO classification of tumours of the oral cavity and oropharynx

<b>Malignant epithelial tumours</b>			
Squamous cell carcinoma	8070/3	Myoepithelial carcinoma	8982/3
Verrucoid carcinoma	8051/3	Carcinoma ex pleomorphic adenoma	8941/3
Basaloid squamous cell carcinoma	8083/3	Salivary gland adenomas	
Papillary squamous cell carcinoma	8052/3	Pleomorphic adenoma	8940/0
Spindle cell carcinoma	8074/3	Myoepithelioma	8982/0
Acantholytic squamous cell carcinoma	8075/3	Basal cell adenoma	8147/0
Adenosquamous carcinoma	8560/3	Canalicular adenoma	8149/0
Carcinoma cuniculatum	8051/3	Duct papilloma	8503/0
Lymphoepithelial carcinoma	8082/3	Cystadenoma	8440/0
<b>Epithelial precursor lesions</b>		<b>Soft tissue tumours</b>	9140/3
<b>Benign epithelial tumours</b>		Kaposi sarcoma	9170/0
Papillomas	8050/0	Lymphangioma	
Squamous cell papilloma and verruca vulgaris		Ectomesenchymal chondromyxoid tumour	
Condyloma acuminatum		Focal oral mucinosis	
Focal epithelial hyperplasia		Congenital granular cell epulis	
Granular cell tumour	9580/0	<b>Haematolymphoid tumours</b>	
Keratoacanthoma	8071/1	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)	9680/3
<b>Salivary gland tumours</b>		Mantle cell lymphoma	9673/3
Salivary gland carcinomas		Follicular lymphoma	9690/3
Acinic cell carcinoma	8550/3	Extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of MALT type	9699/3
Mucoepidermoid carcinoma	8430/3	Burkitt lymphoma	9687/3
Adenoid cystic carcinoma	8200/3	T-cell lymphoma (including anaplastic large cell lymphoma)	9714/3
Polymorphous low-grade adenocarcinoma	8525/3	Extramammary plasmacytoma	9734/3
Basal cell adenocarcinoma	8147/3	Langerhans cell histiocytosis	9751/1
Epithelial-myoepithelial carcinoma	8562/3	Extramammary myeloid sarcoma	9930/3
Clear cell carcinoma, not otherwise specified	8310/3	Follicular dendritic cell sarcoma / tumour	9758/3
Cystadenocarcinoma	8450/3	<b>Mucosal malignant melanoma</b>	8720/3
Mucinous adenocarcinoma	8480/3	<b>Secondary tumours</b>	
Oncocytic carcinoma	8290/3		
Salivary duct carcinoma	8500/3		

<sup>1</sup> Morphology code of the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) (821) and the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine (<http://snomed.org>). Behaviour is coded /0 for benign tumours, /3 for malignant tumours, and /1 for borderline or uncertain behaviour.

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WHO classification of tumours of the oropharynx (base of tongue, tonsils, adenoids)

Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV positive	8085/3	Burkitt lymphoma	9687/3
Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV negative	8070/3	Follicular lymphoma	9690/3
Squamous cell carcinoma, (non-keratinizing)	8072/3	Mantle cell lymphoma	9673/3
Pleomorphic adenoma	8940/0	T-lymphoblastic lymphoma / leukemia	9837/3
Adenoid cystic carcinoma	8200/3	Follicular dendritic sarcoma	9758/3
Polymorphous adenocarcinoma	8525/3		
Haematolymphoid neoplasms		The morphology codes are from the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) (742A). Behaviour is coded /0 for benign tumours; /1 for unspecified, borderline, or uncertain behaviour; /2 for carcinoma in situ and grade III intraepithelial neoplasia; and /3 for malignant tumours. The classification is modified from the previous WHO classification, taking into account changes in our understanding of these lesions. *These new codes were approved by the IARC/WHO Committee for ICD-O. <i>Italics:</i> Provisional tumour entities. **Grading according to the 2013 WHO Classification of Tumours of Soft Tissue and Bone.	
Hodgkin lymphoma, nodular lymphocyte predominant	9659/3		
Classical Hodgkin lymphoma			
Nodular sclerosis classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9663/3		
Mixed cellularity classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9652/3		
Lymphocyte-rich classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9651/3		
Lymphocyte-depleted classical Hodgkin lymphoma	9653/3		

WHO classification of the tumours of the oral cavity and mobile tongue

Squamous cell carcinoma	8070/3	Oral mucosal melanoma	8720/3
Oral epithelial dysplasia		Mucoepidermoid carcinoma	8430/3
Low grade	8077/0	Pleomorphic adenoma	8940/0
High grade	8077/2		
Proliferative verrucous leukoplakia		<b>Haematolymphoid tumours</b>	
Condyloma acuminatum		CD30 positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder	9718/3
Verruca vulgaris		Plasmablastic lymphoma	9735/3
Focal epithelial hyperplasia		Langerhans cell histiocytosis	9751/3
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Soft tissue myoepithelioma	8982/0		
Granular cell tumour	9580/0		
Rhabdomyoma	8900/0		
Lymphangioma	9170/0		
Haemangioma	9120/0		
Schwannoma	9560/0		
Neurofibroma	9540/0		
Kaposi sarcoma	9140/3		

Oropharynx is its own section in the 2017 WHO classification



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## 7. Oropharyngeal tumours (base of tongue, tonsils, adenoids)

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Oropharyngeal tumours (base of tongue, tonsils, adenoids): Introduction

### **Benign oropharyngeal lesions**

Hamartomatous polyps

### **Epithelial tumours**

*Squamous cell carcinoma*

Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV-associated

Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV-independent

Oropharyngeal SCCs are now  
Sub-classified by HPV status

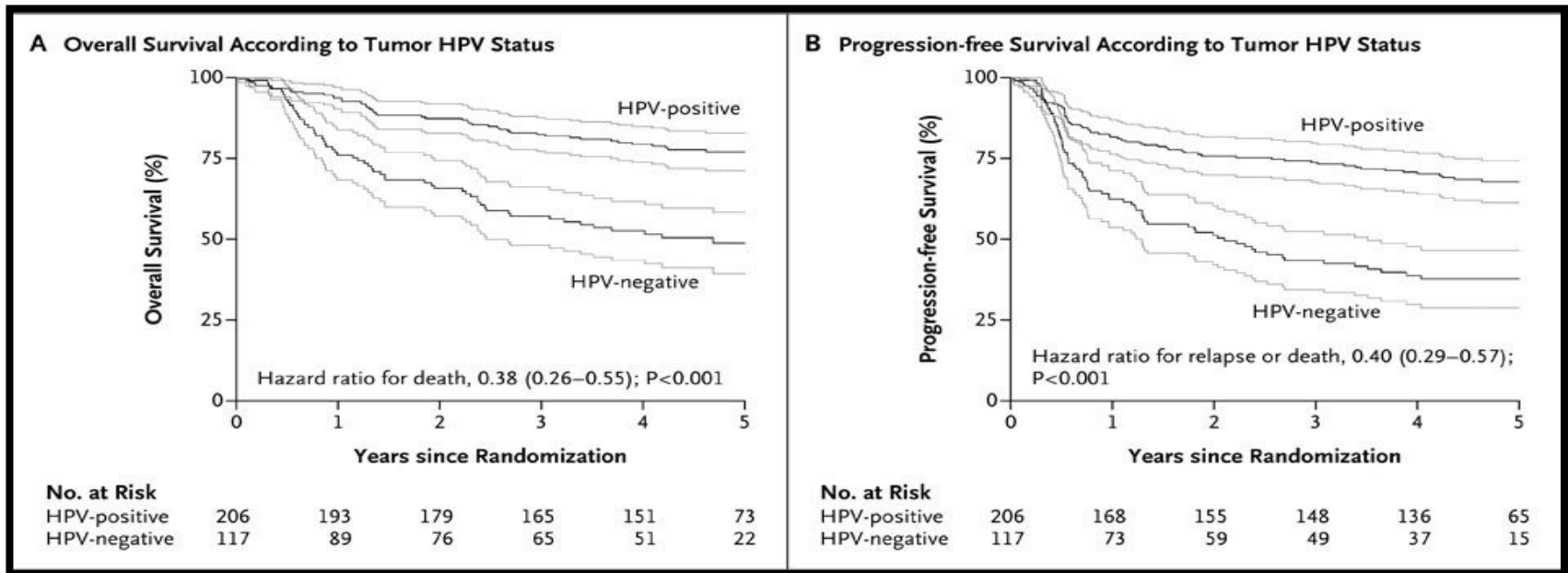
# HPV+ vs. HPV- OPSCC

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	HPV-	HPV+
Incidence	Falling	Rising
Age	Older	Younger*
Socio-economic status	Low	High
Risk factors	Tobacco, alcohol	Sexual behavior
Survival	Worse	Better



# HPV+ vs. HPV- OPSCC



Ang K et al. N Engl J Med 2010; 363(1):24-35.

Nodal metastases are present at presentation in ~85-90%+ of all HPV-related oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinomas

Ang et al. *NEJM* 2010; 363: 24.

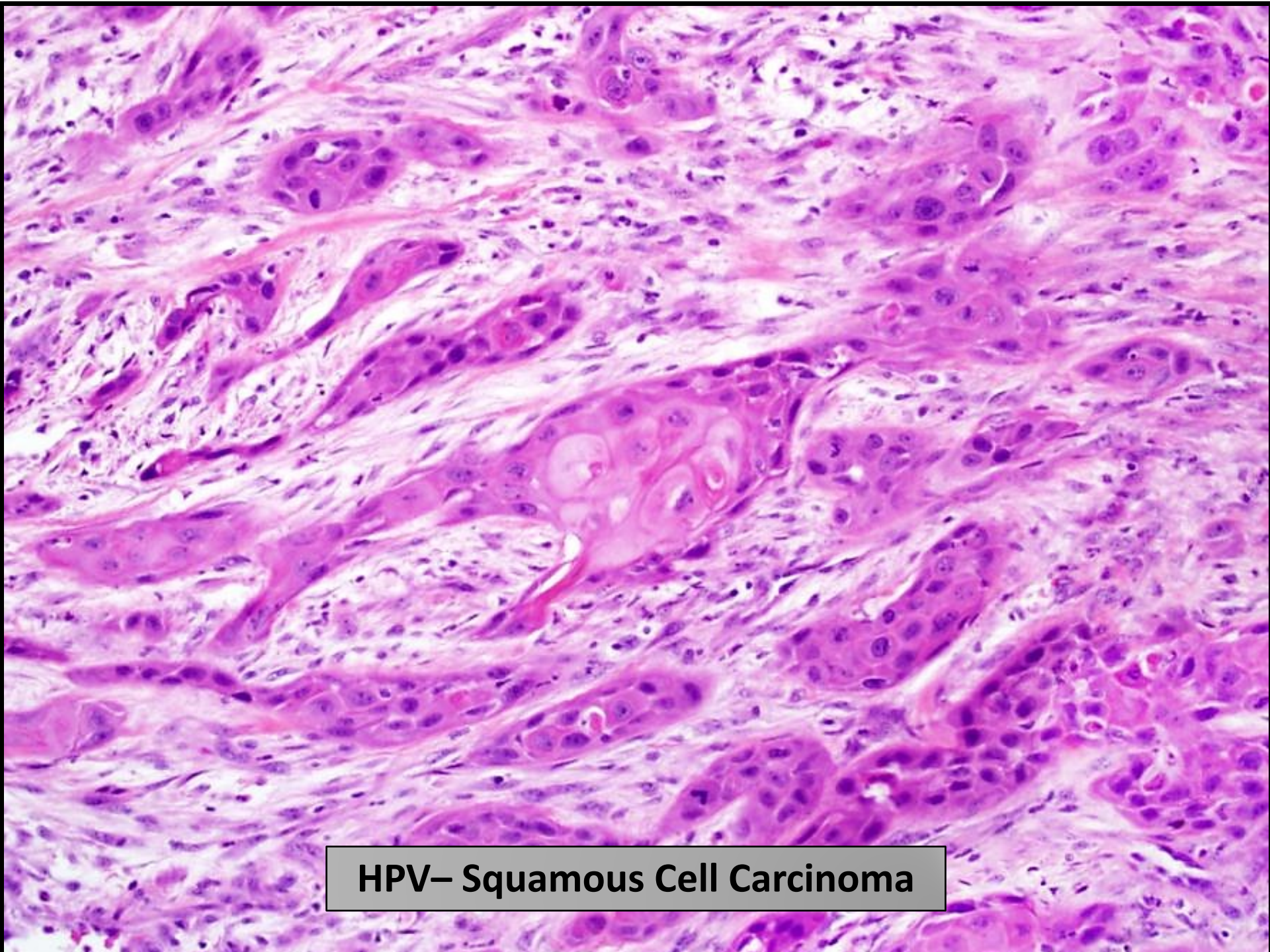
Jordan et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2012; 36: 945.

Lewis Jr. et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2010; 1044:38.

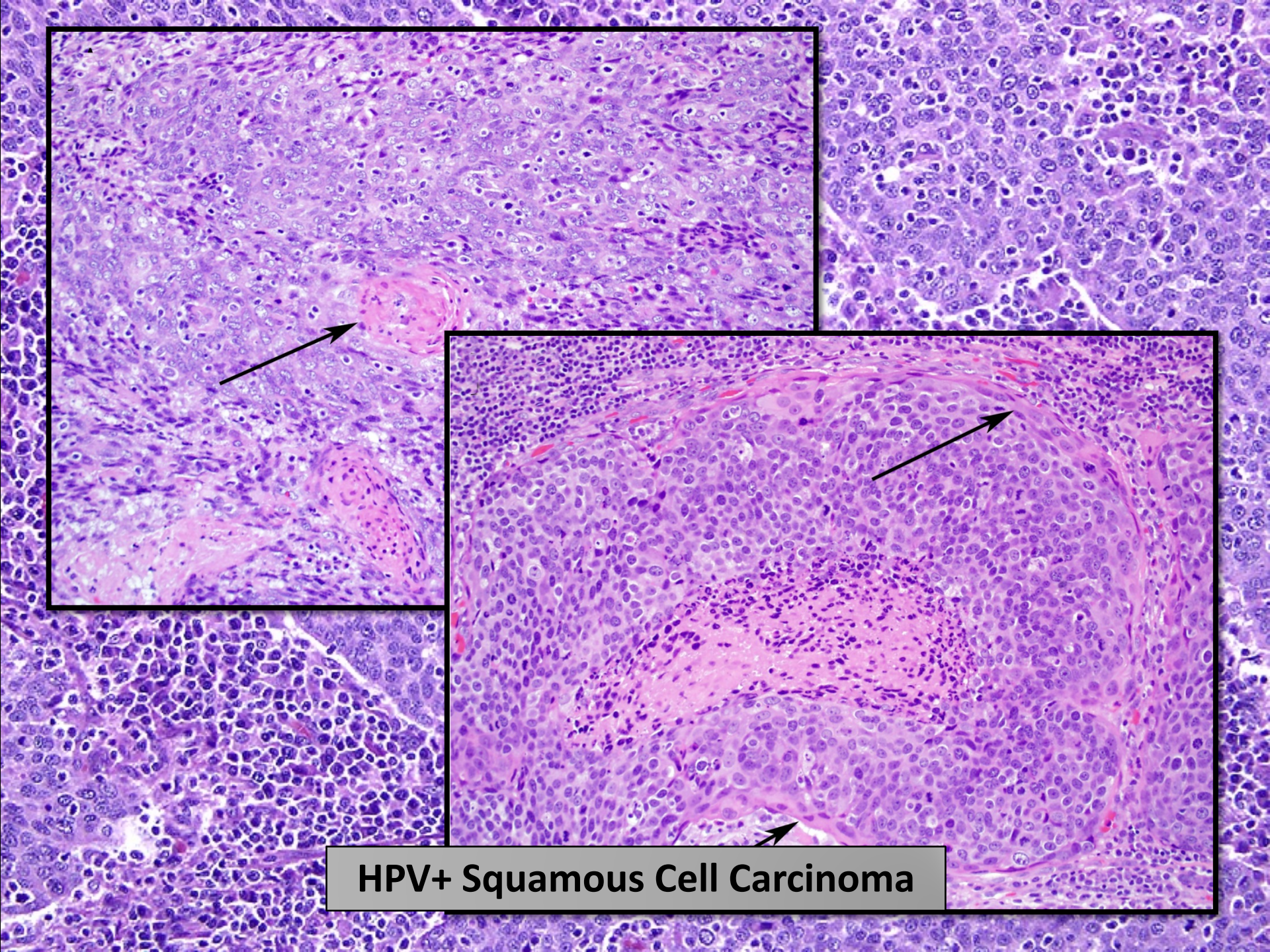
O'Sullivan et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016; 17: 440.

~50% of HPV+ OPSCC Patients Present with  
Neck Symptoms

(vs ~20% in HPV-)



**HPV– Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

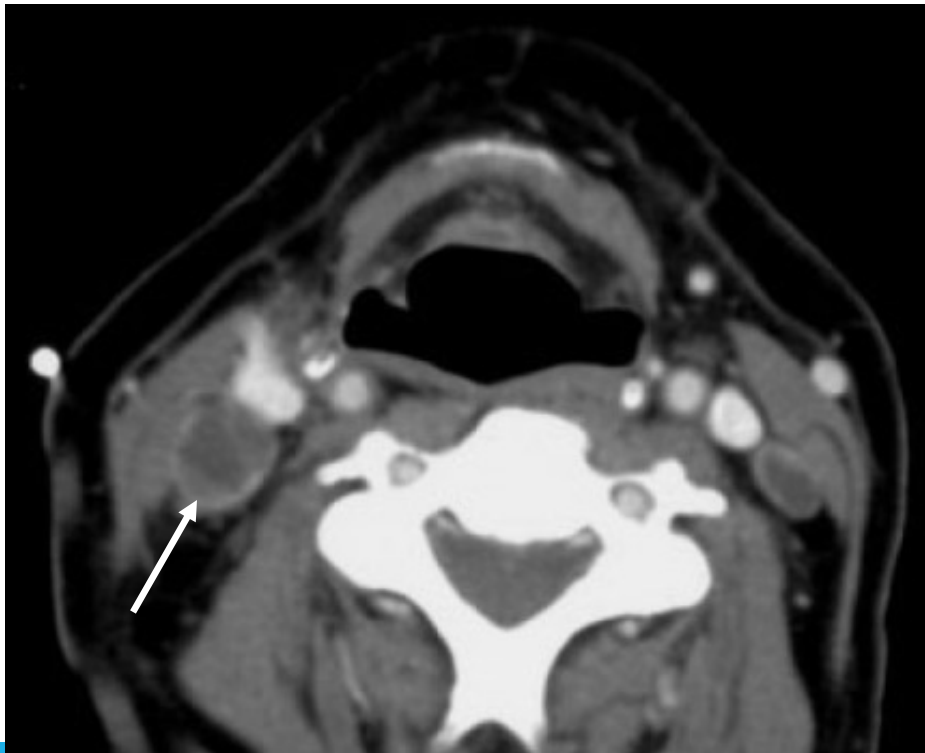


**HPV+ Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

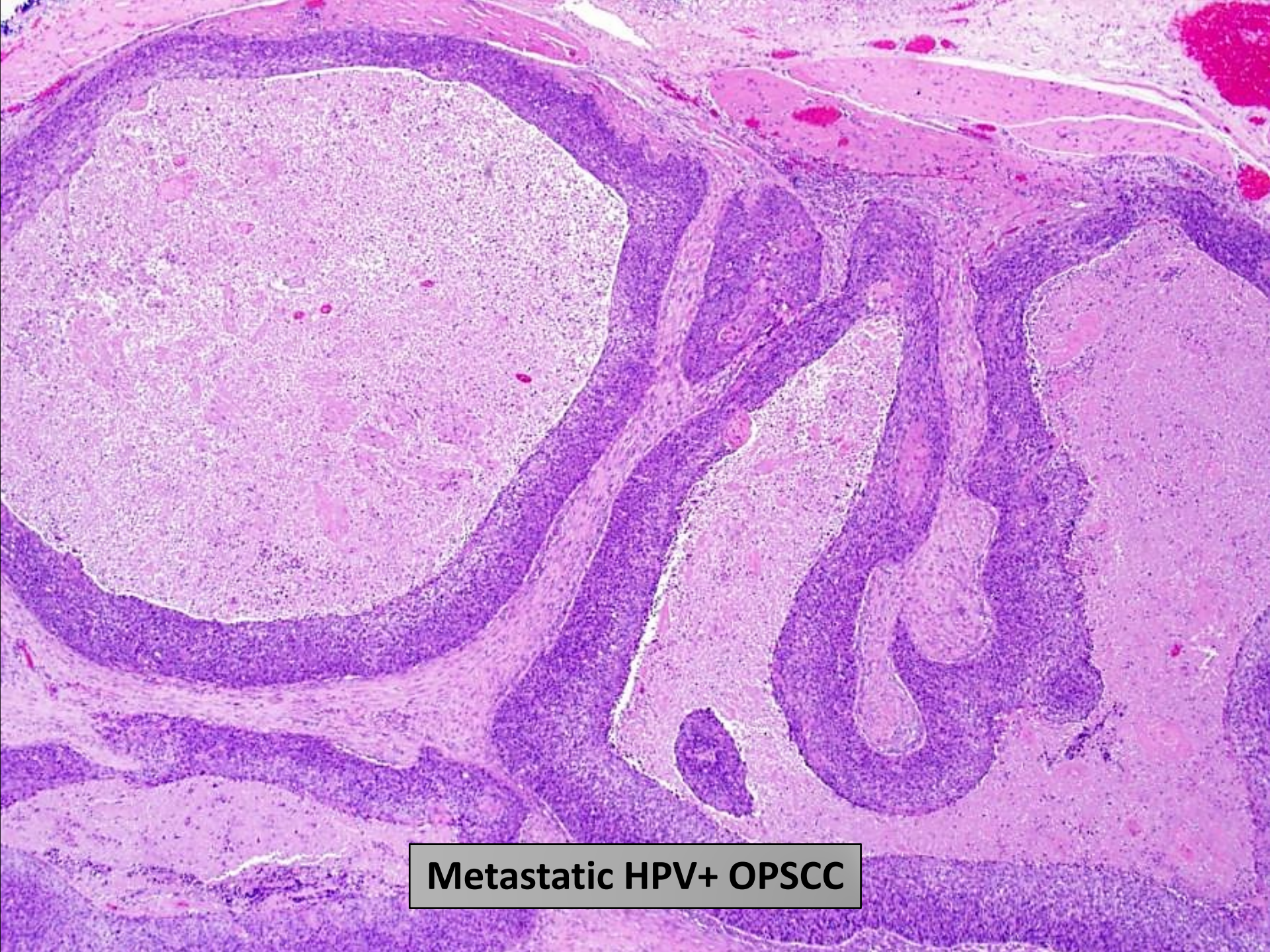
# **CYSTIC LYMPH NODE METASTASIS IN PATIENTS WITH HEAD AND NECK CANCER: AN HPV-ASSOCIATED PHENOMENON**

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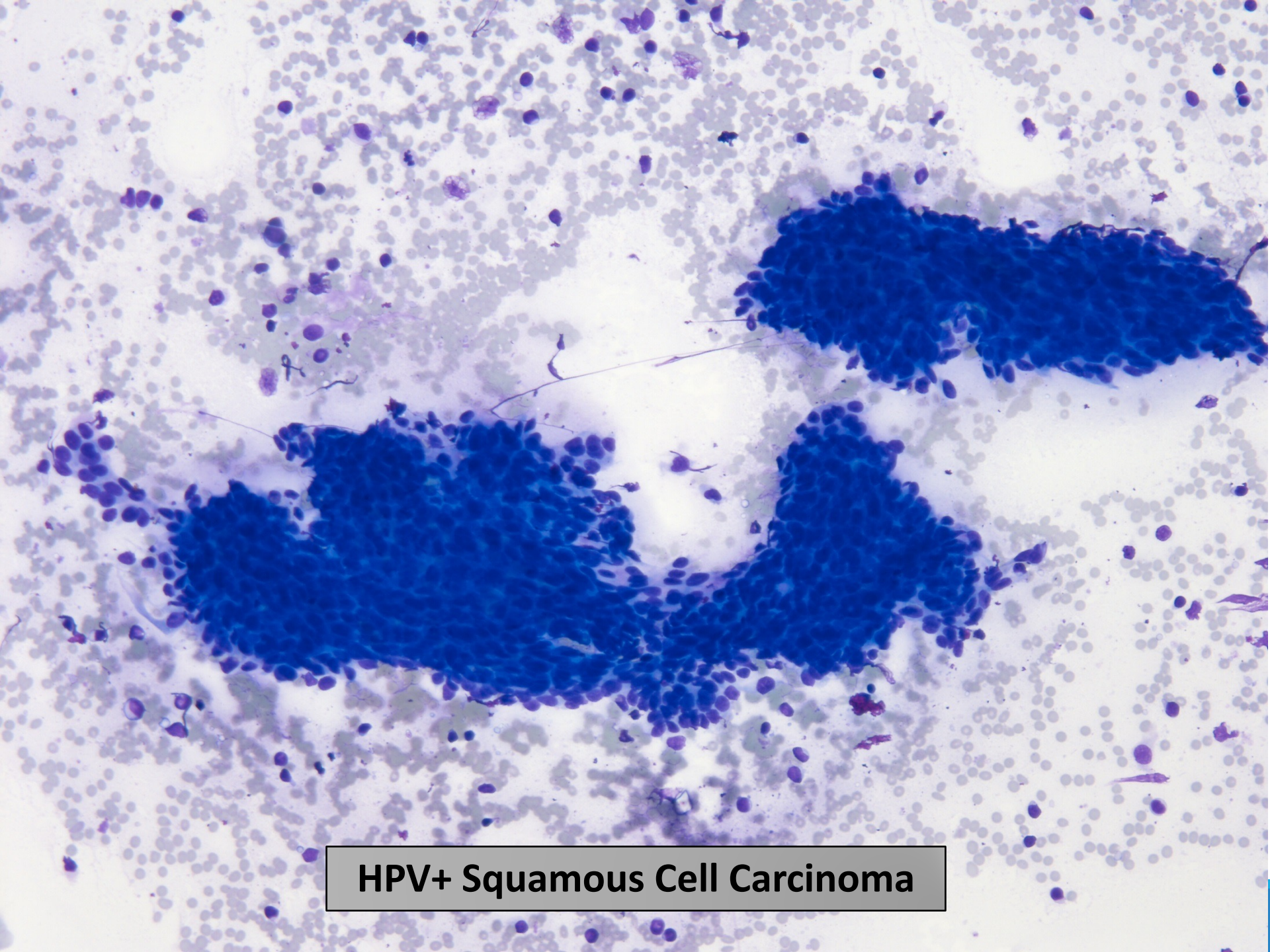
*Head Neck* 2008; 30:898-903



90% were HPV+

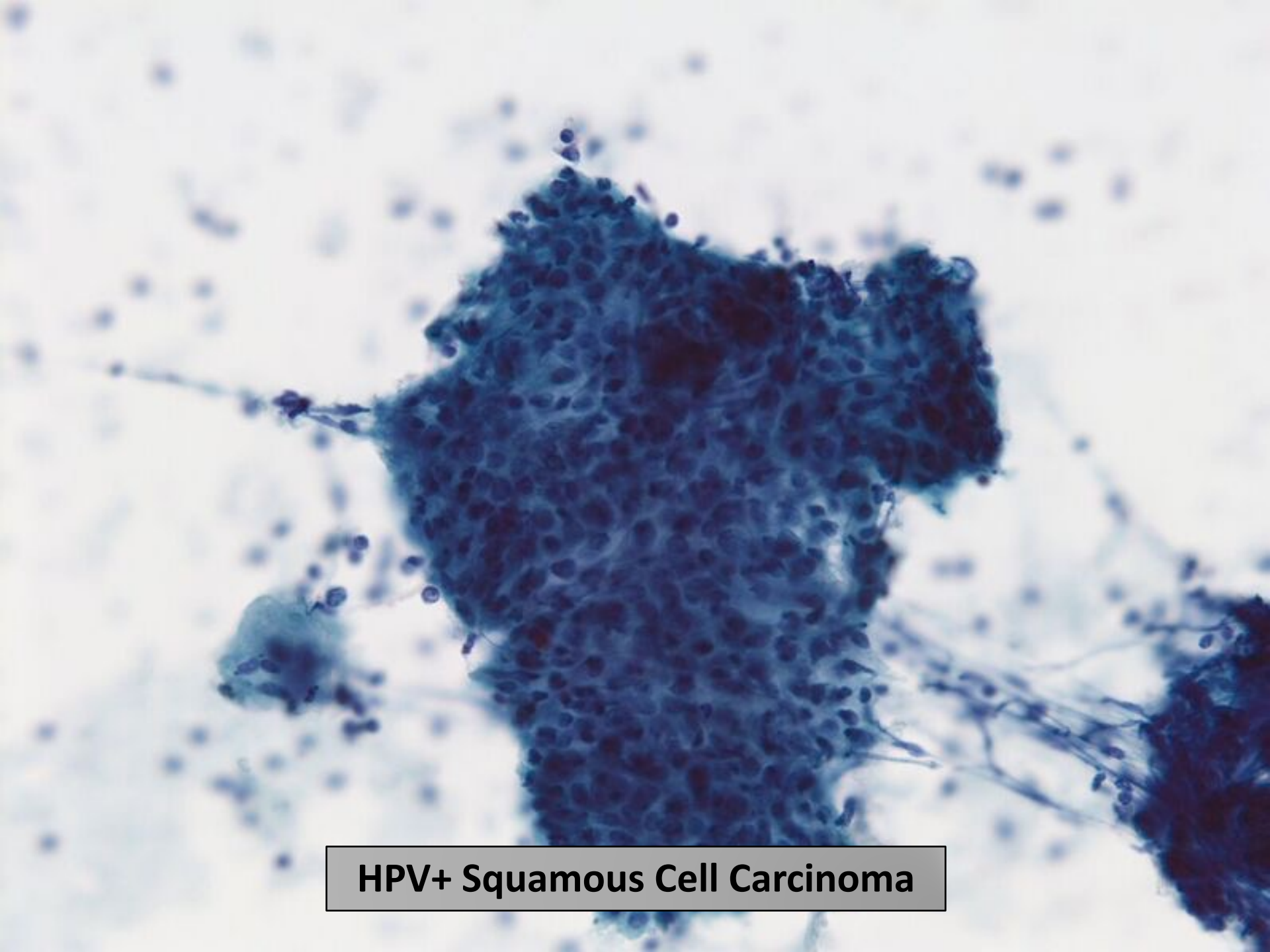


**Metastatic HPV+ OPSCC**

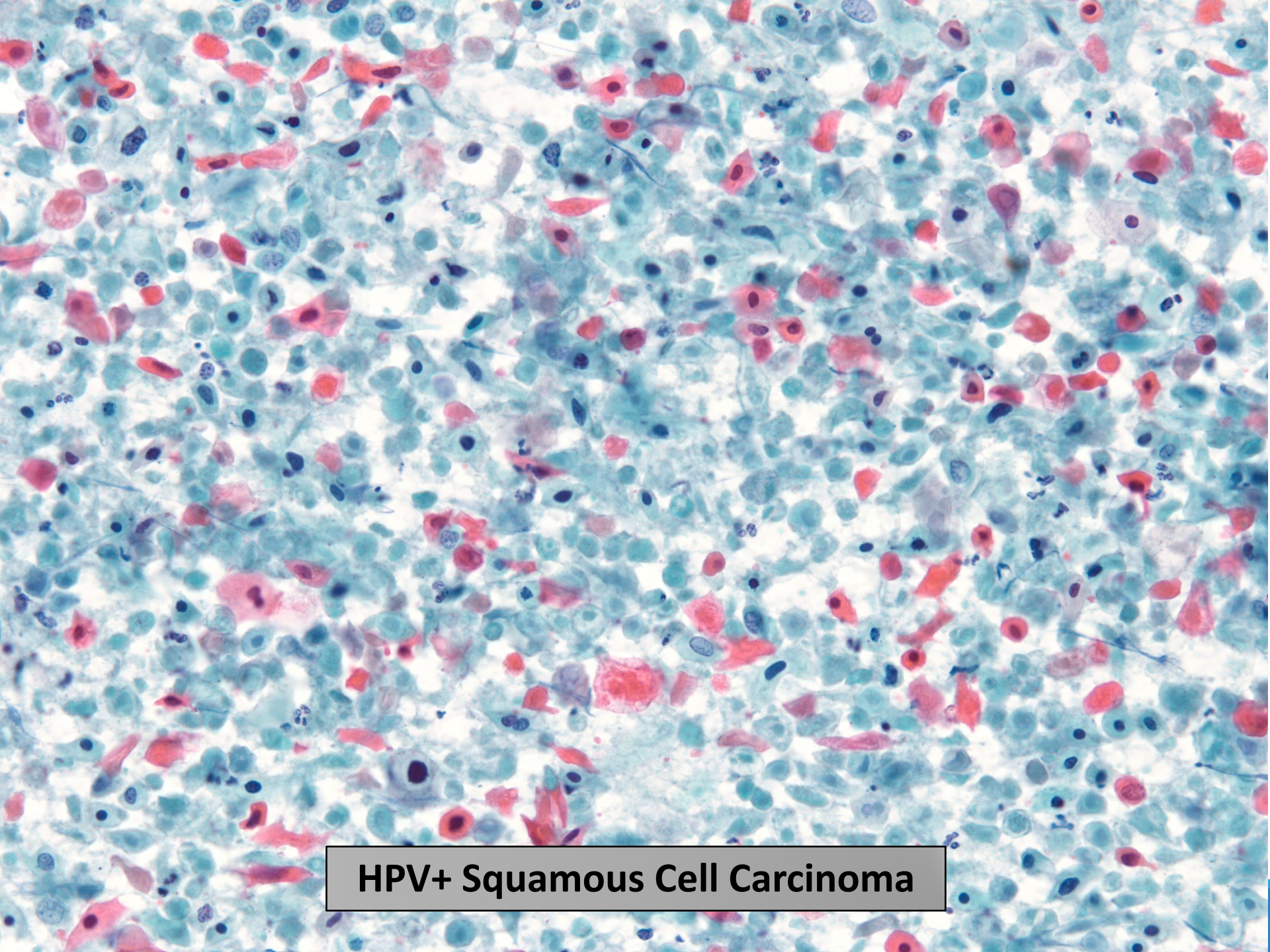


**HPV+ Squamous Cell Carcinoma**





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# Issues Unique to HPV+ OPSCC

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- Grading
- Terminology
- Invasion

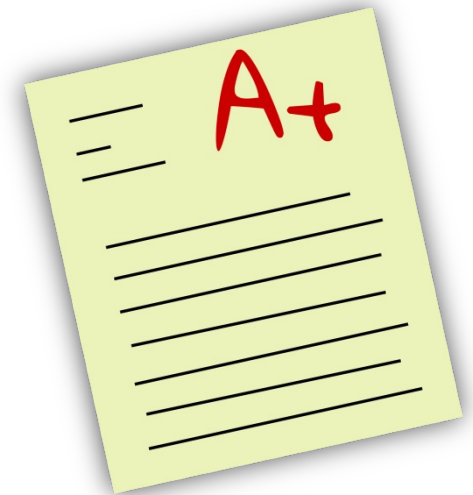
# Tumor Grading

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Semi-quantitative measurement of differentiation, expressed as the degree to which a tumor resembles the normal tissue from which it arises

- Well differentiated
- Moderately differentiated
- Poorly differentiated
- Undifferentiated

Correlates with tumor behavior

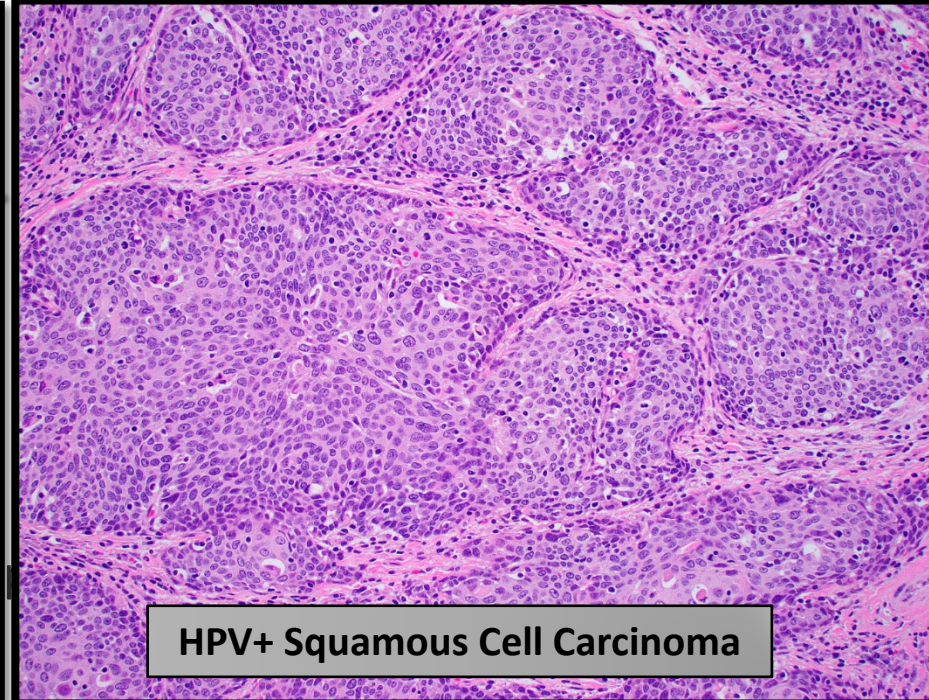
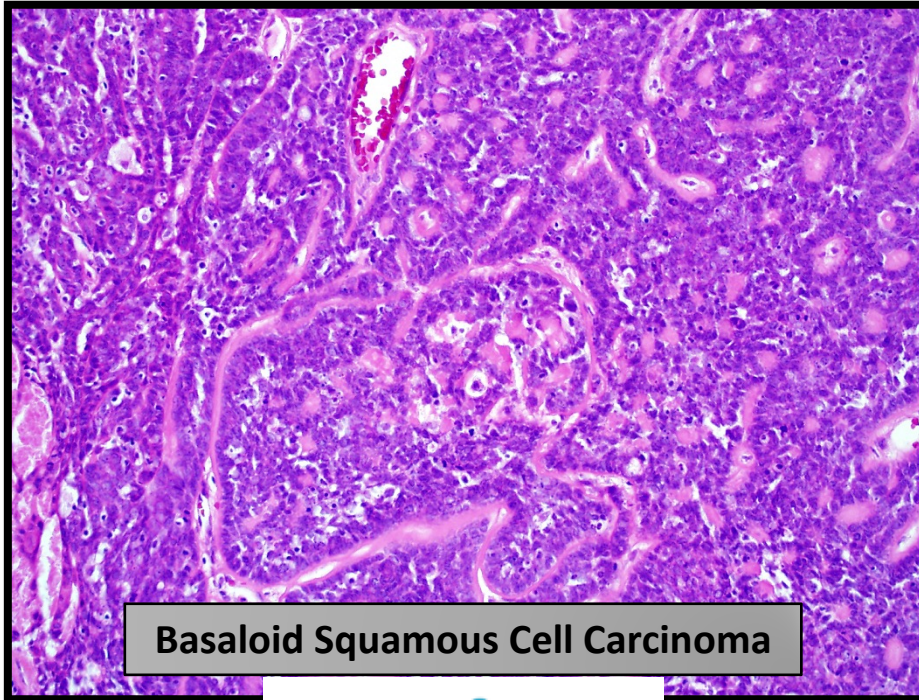




**Oropharyngeal HPV+ SCC  
should not be graded**



# Diagnostic Terminology



# Invasive?

Superficial cell layer

Intermediate cell layer

Basal cell layer

Basement membrane

HPV

**All oropharyngeal HPV+ SCC are invasive (no carcinoma in situ/dysplasia)**

APC



WHO



Pai SI, Westra WH. 2009.

Annu. Rev. Pathol. Mech. Dis. 4:49-70

phocytes

# HPV Testing

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- Why?
  - Tumor classification/diagnosis
    - New WHO: HPV+ vs. HPV- OPSCC
  - Prognosis
    - Separate CAP/AJCC staging
  - Treatment? – not yet routinely, But...
    - Eligibility for clinical trials



# When to test for HPV

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  - This testing may be performed on the primary tumor or on a regional lymph node metastasis when the clinical findings are consistent with an oropharyngeal primary.



# When NOT to test for HPV

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3. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with **non-squamous** carcinomas of the oropharynx.

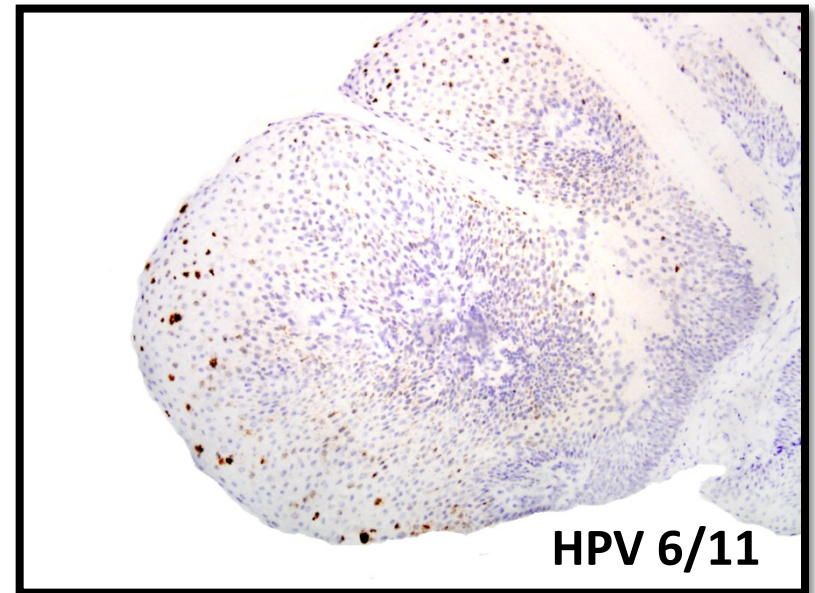


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# How to test for HPV?

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- High-risk types only.
  - **16**, 18, 26, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 53, 56, 58, 59, 66, 68, 73, and 82
- HPV types 6 and 11 are low-risk.
  - Cause papillomas and warts.
  - Can cause morbidity (e.g., laryngeal papillomatosis) but not a significant cause of HPV+ OPSCC



# CAP guideline

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9. Pathologists should **not** routinely perform **low-risk** HPV testing on patients with head and neck carcinomas.



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# How to test for HPV?

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- Methods:
  - p16 immunohistochemistry
  - PCR for HPV DNA
  - PCR for HPV E6/E7 mRNA
  - DNA in situ hybridization
  - RNA in situ hybridization
  - Cytology-based techniques
  - Combinations/algorithms

**Widely available, easy to perform**

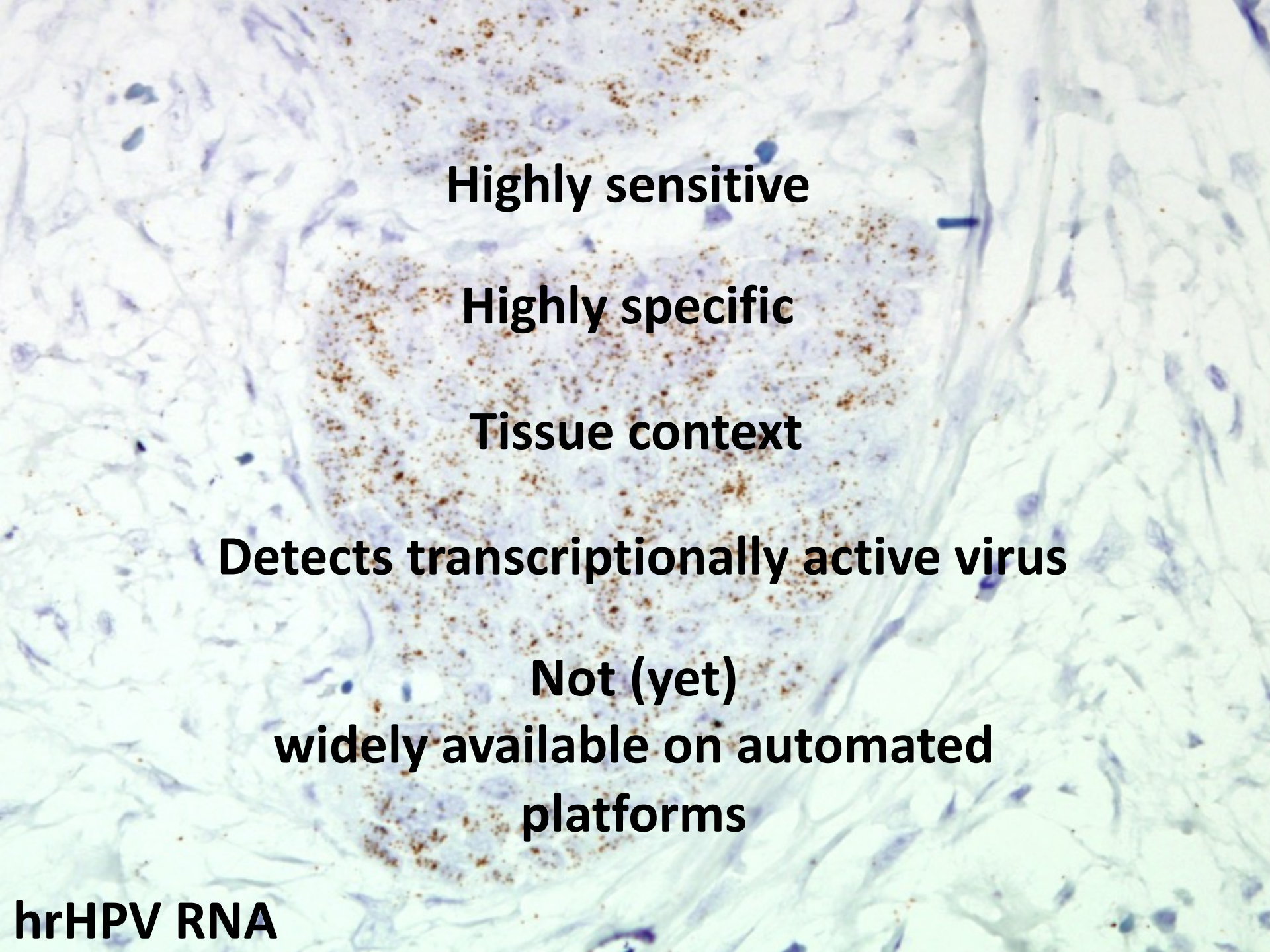
**Highly sensitive**

**~80% specific in oropharynx**

**Diffuse (>70%), strong, nuclear and  
cytoplasmic**

**Poor surrogate outside of  
oropharynx**



A microscopic image of tissue, likely a histological section, showing a dense population of cells. The cells are stained with a blue/purple dye, likely hematoxylin, highlighting their nuclei. Overlaid on this tissue is a brown, granular stain that is highly localized to a central region, indicating the presence of hrHPV RNA. The brown staining is concentrated in the nuclei of cells in the center, while the surrounding tissue shows minimal to no staining.

**Highly sensitive**

**Highly specific**

**Tissue context**

**Detects transcriptionally active virus**

**Not (yet)**

**widely available on automated  
platforms**

**hrHPV RNA**

# CAP Guidelines

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2. For **oropharyngeal** tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology), pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing by surrogate marker **p16 IHC**.

- Additional HPV-specific testing may be done at the discretion of the pathologist and/or treating clinician, or in the context of a clinical trial.

6. For tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology) from patients with **metastatic** SCC of unknown primary in a cervical upper or mid jugular chain lymph node, pathologists should perform **p16 IHC**

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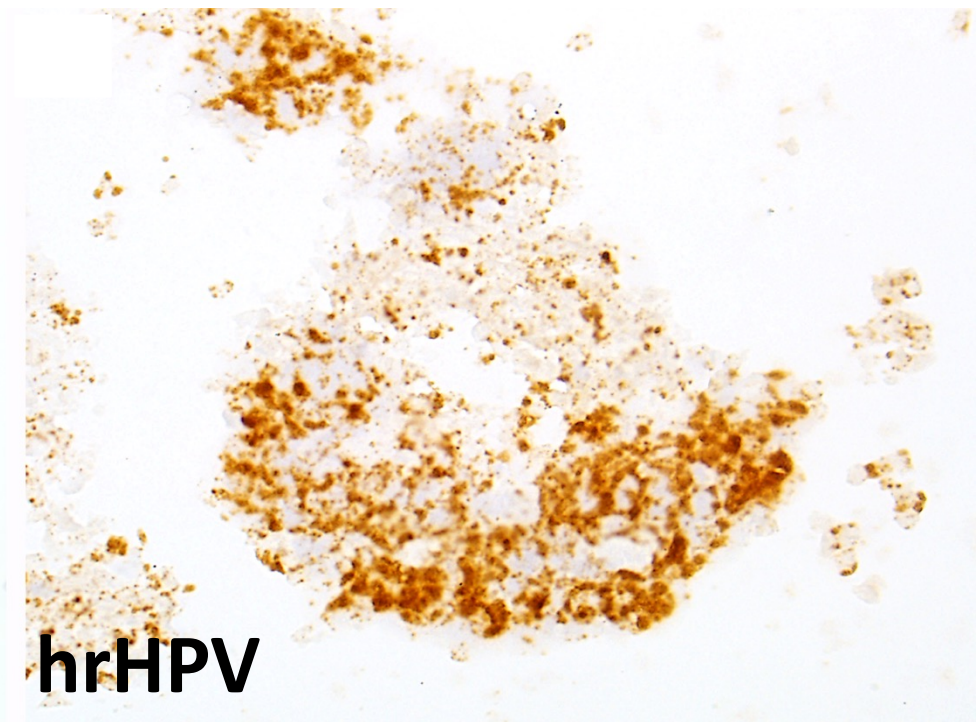
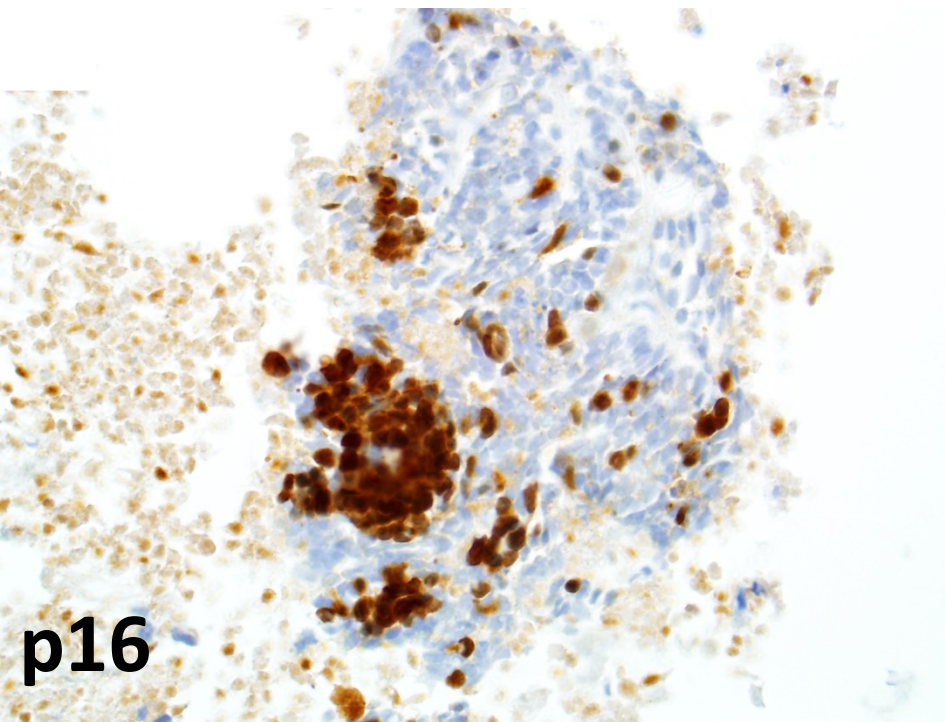




# HPV testing on cyto material

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- Often the first material available.
- All of the tissue-based testing methods can be done on cell blocks.
- BUT... p16 is often patchier in FNA material than it is in tissue.
  - Threshold not standardized.
  - % difficult to determine.

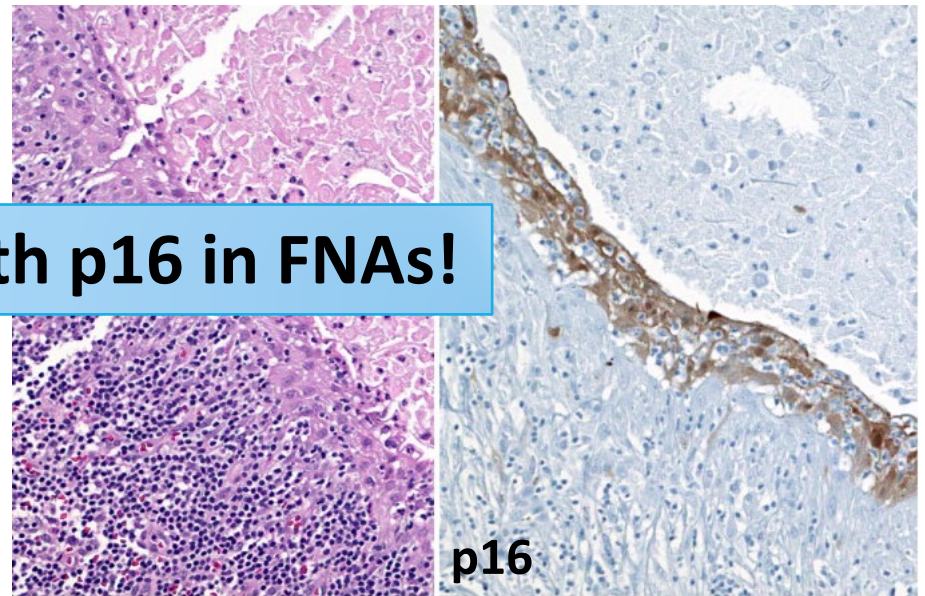


# Also...

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- p16 often positive in branchial cleft cysts, lung and skin SCCs
- More specific testing methods often needed.

**Be careful with p16 in FNAs!**



# CAP Guidelines

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7. Pathologists **should** perform HR-HPV testing on head and neck fine needle aspiration (FNA) SCC samples from all patients with **known oropharyngeal SCC not previously tested for HR-HPV**, with **suspected oropharyngeal SCC**, or with **metastatic SCC of unknown primary**.

- **No recommendation** is made for or against **any specific testing methodology** for HR-HPV testing in FNA samples.
- **If the result of HR-HPV testing on the FNA sample is negative**, testing **should be repeated** on tissue if it becomes available.



# Variants of HPV+ Oropharyngeal Carcinoma

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Lymphoepithelial-like

Papillary

Adenosquamous

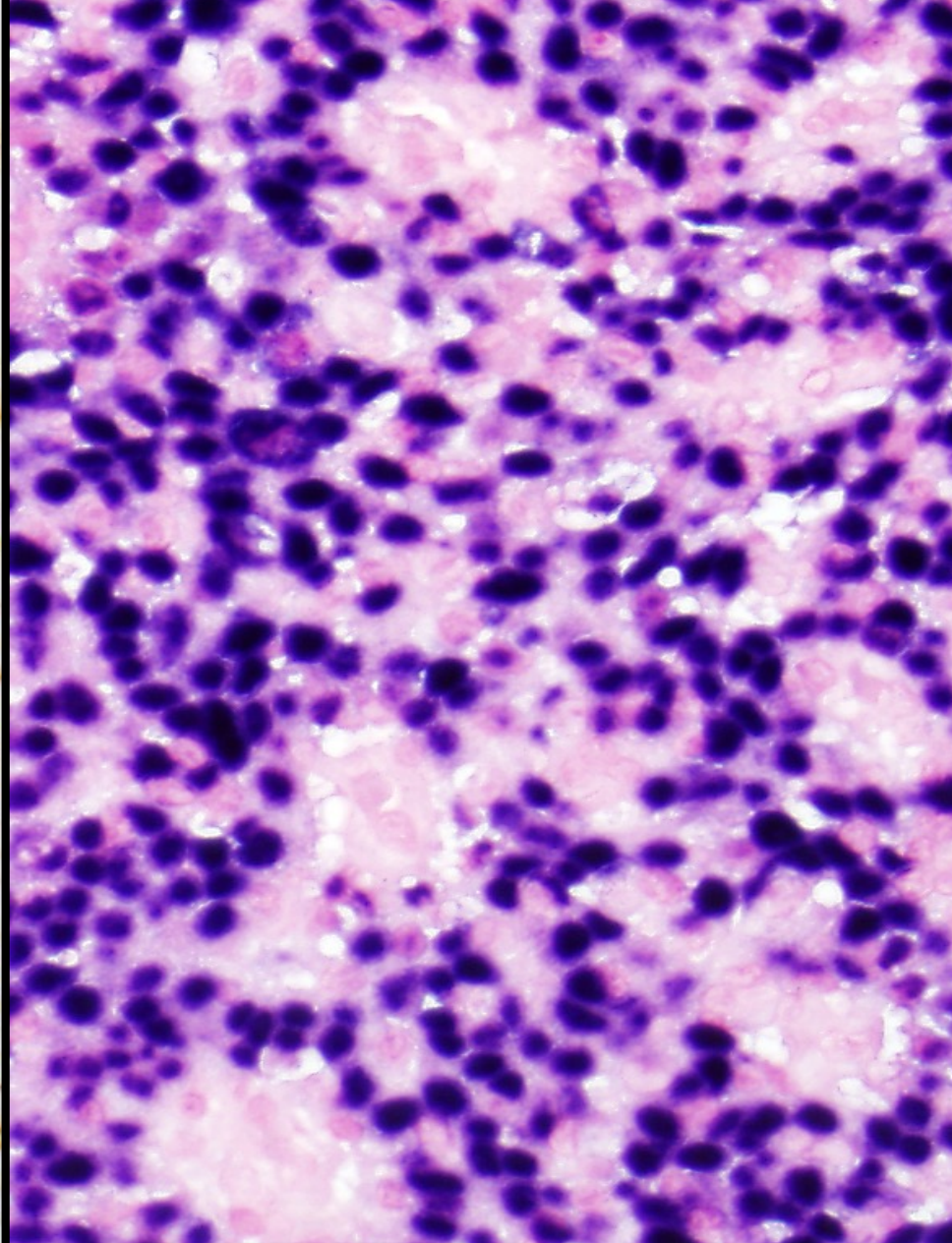
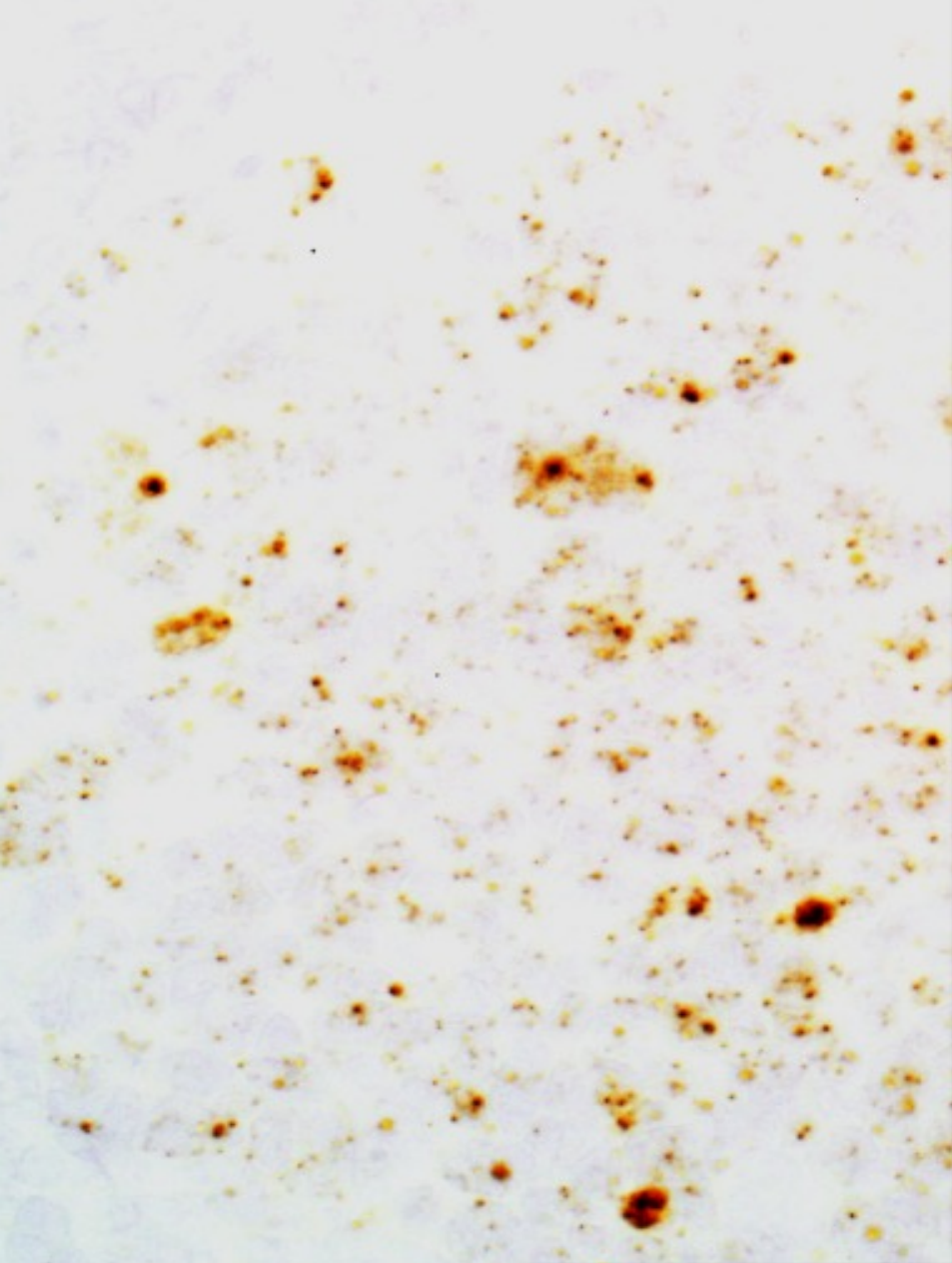
Adenocarcinoma, NOS

Sarcomatoid

Neuroendocrine carcinoma

Small cell

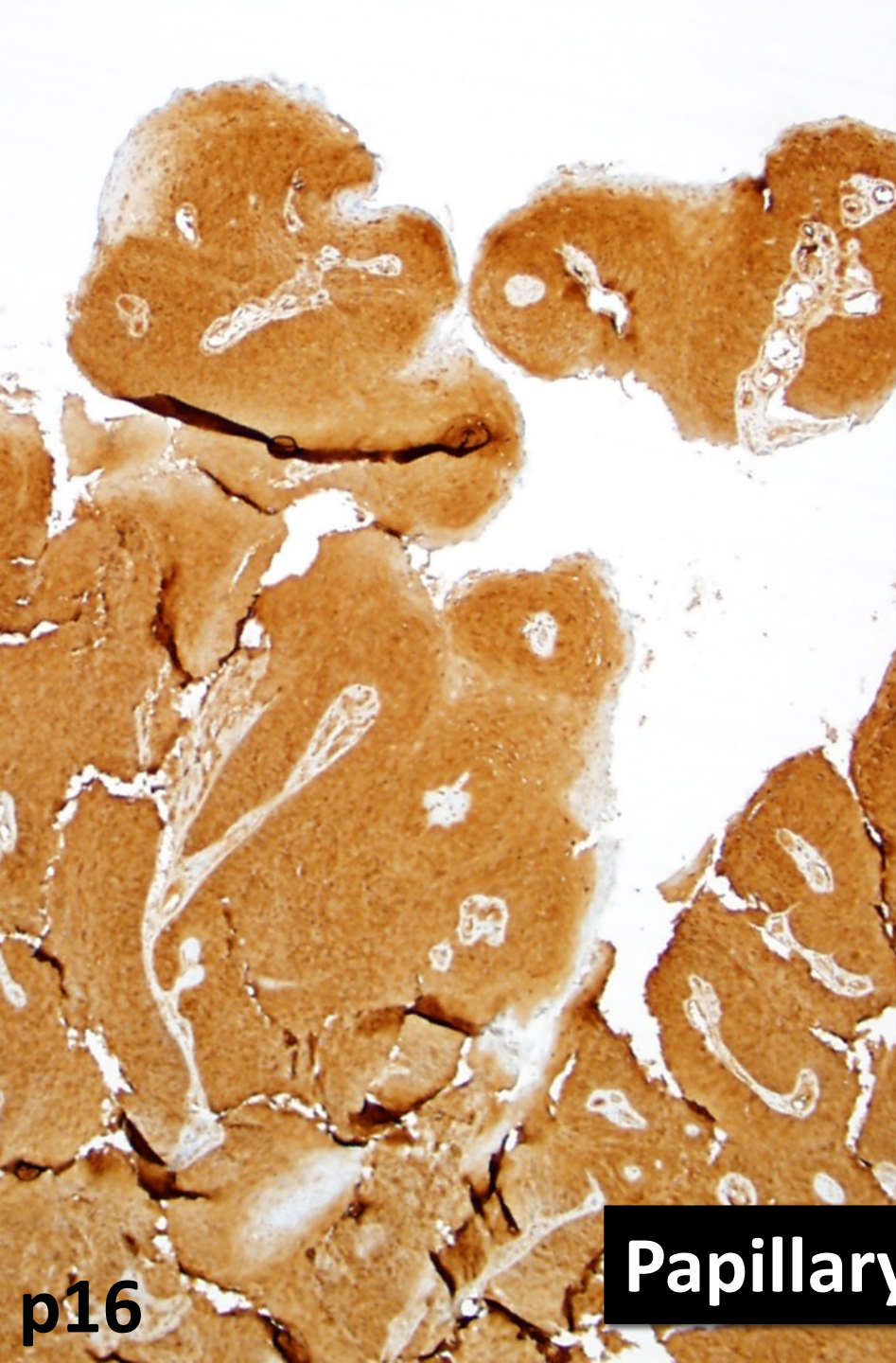
Large cell neuroendocrine



**Lymphoepithelial-like Variant**

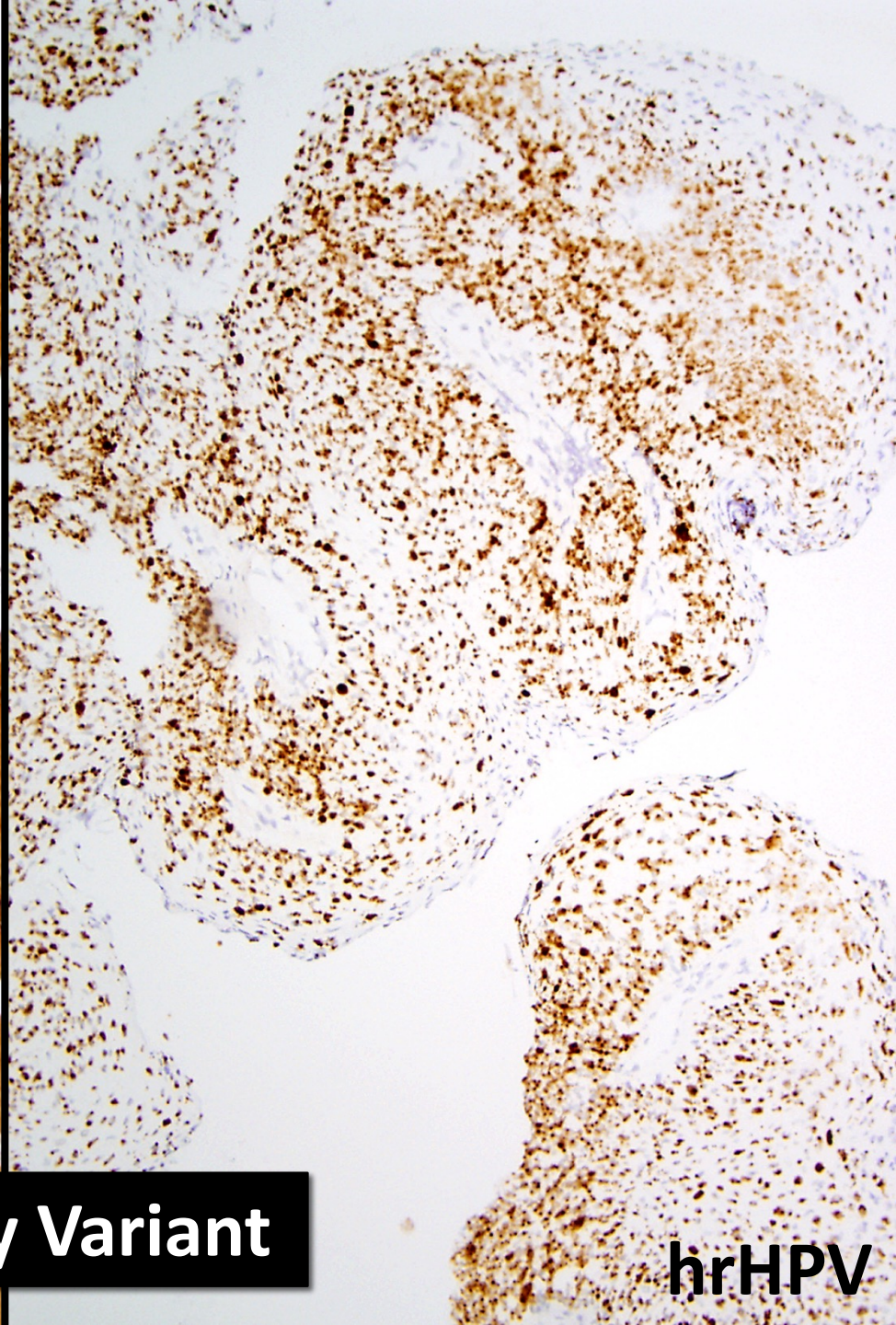
**hrHPV**

**EBER**



p16

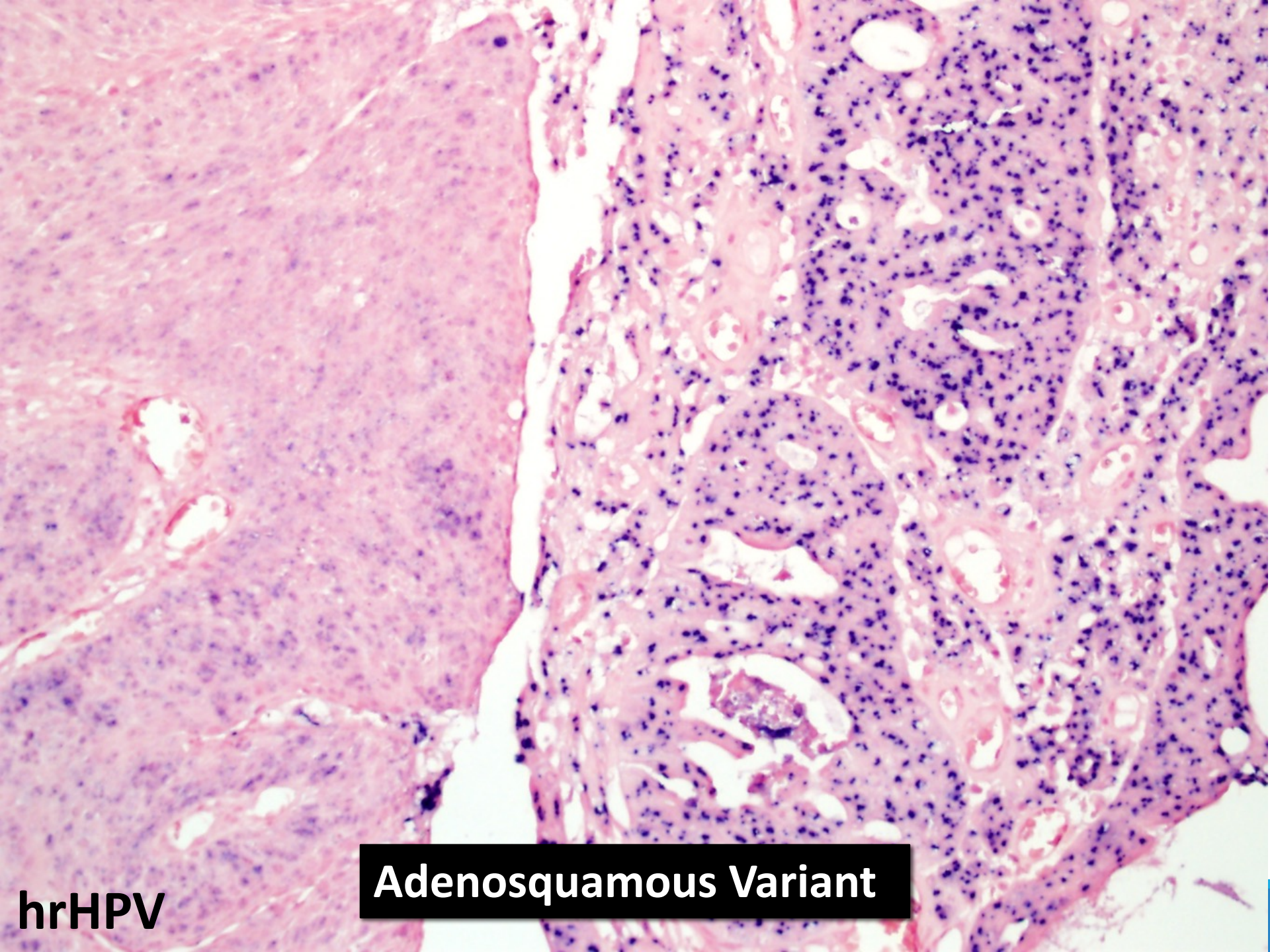
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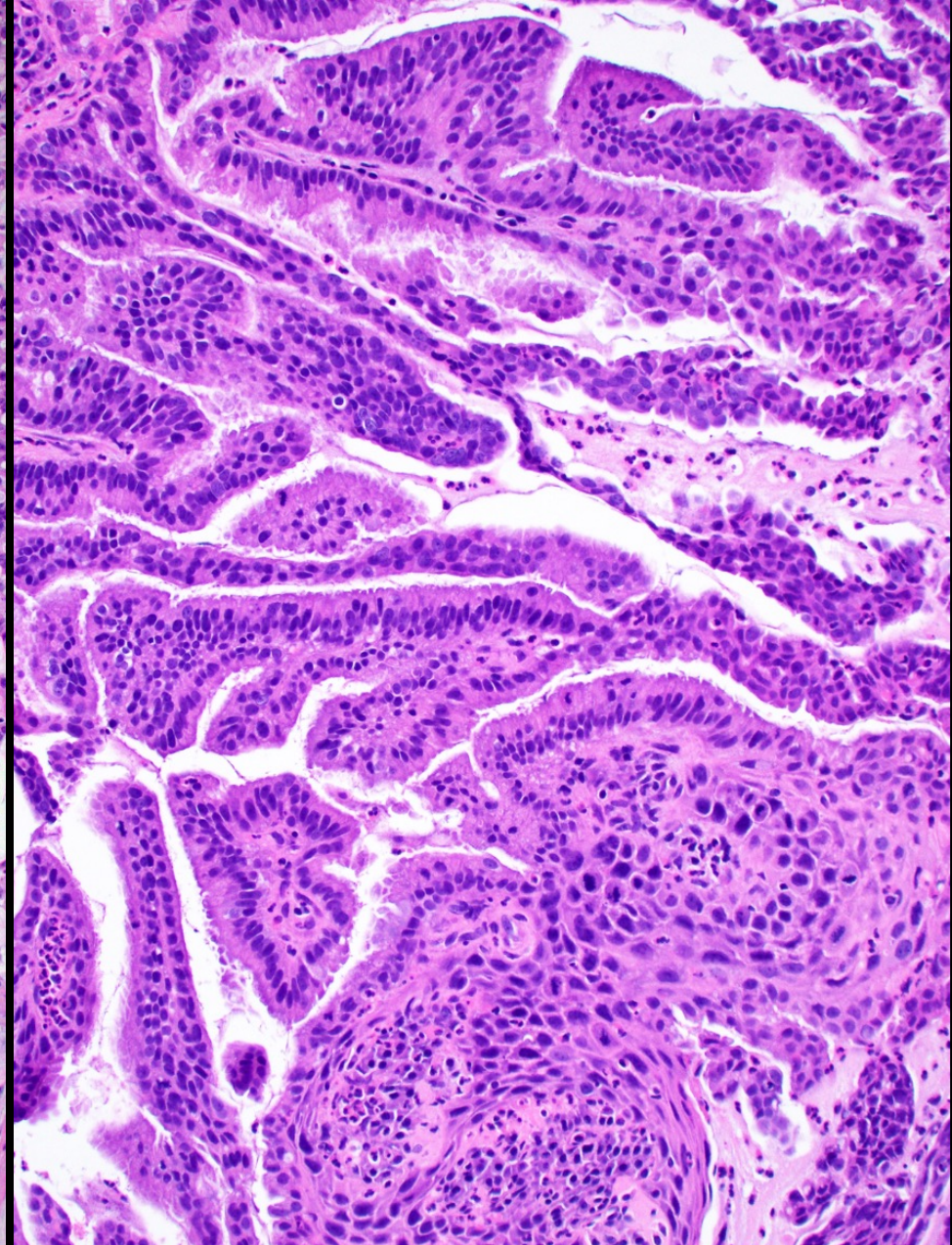
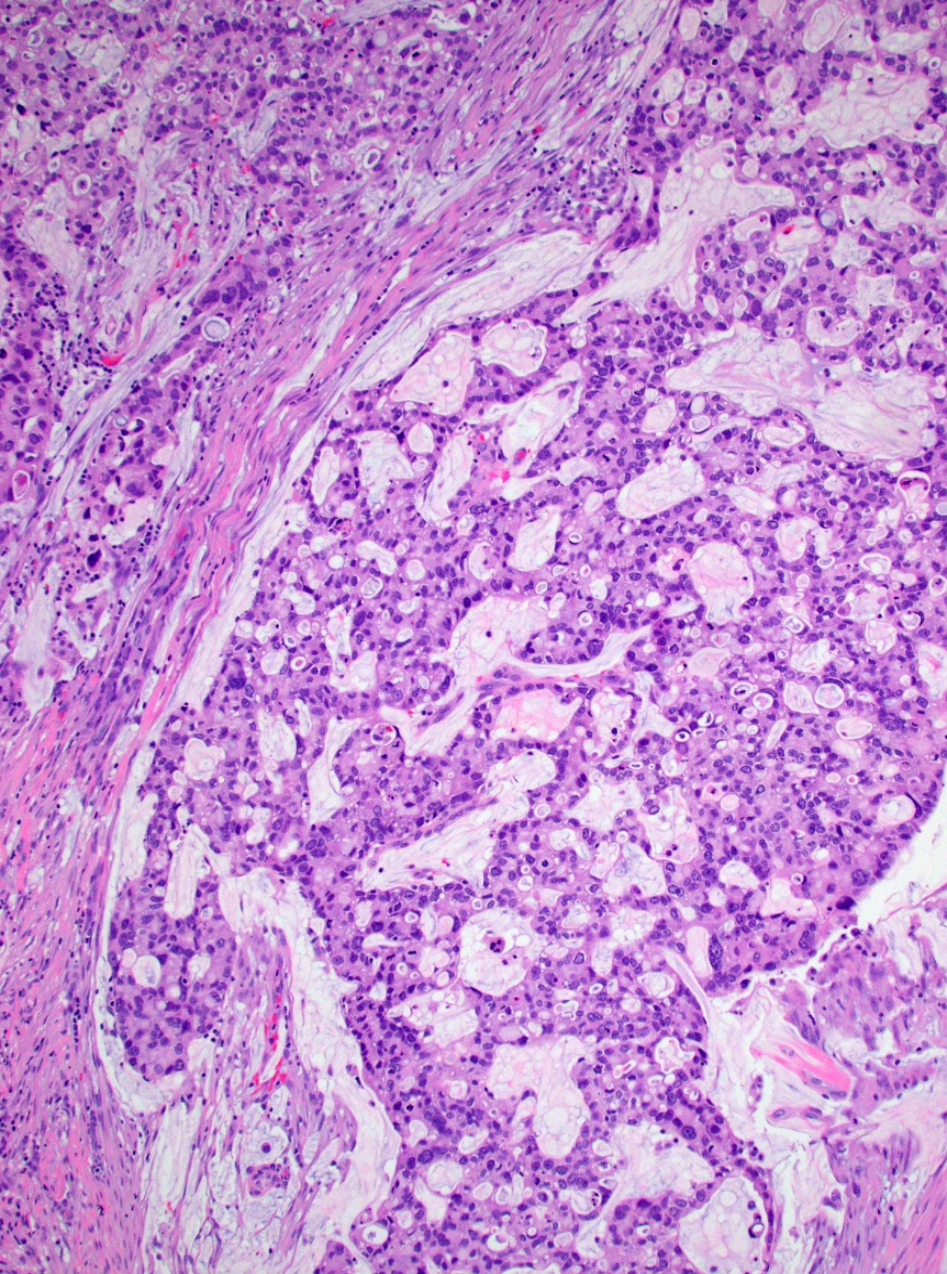




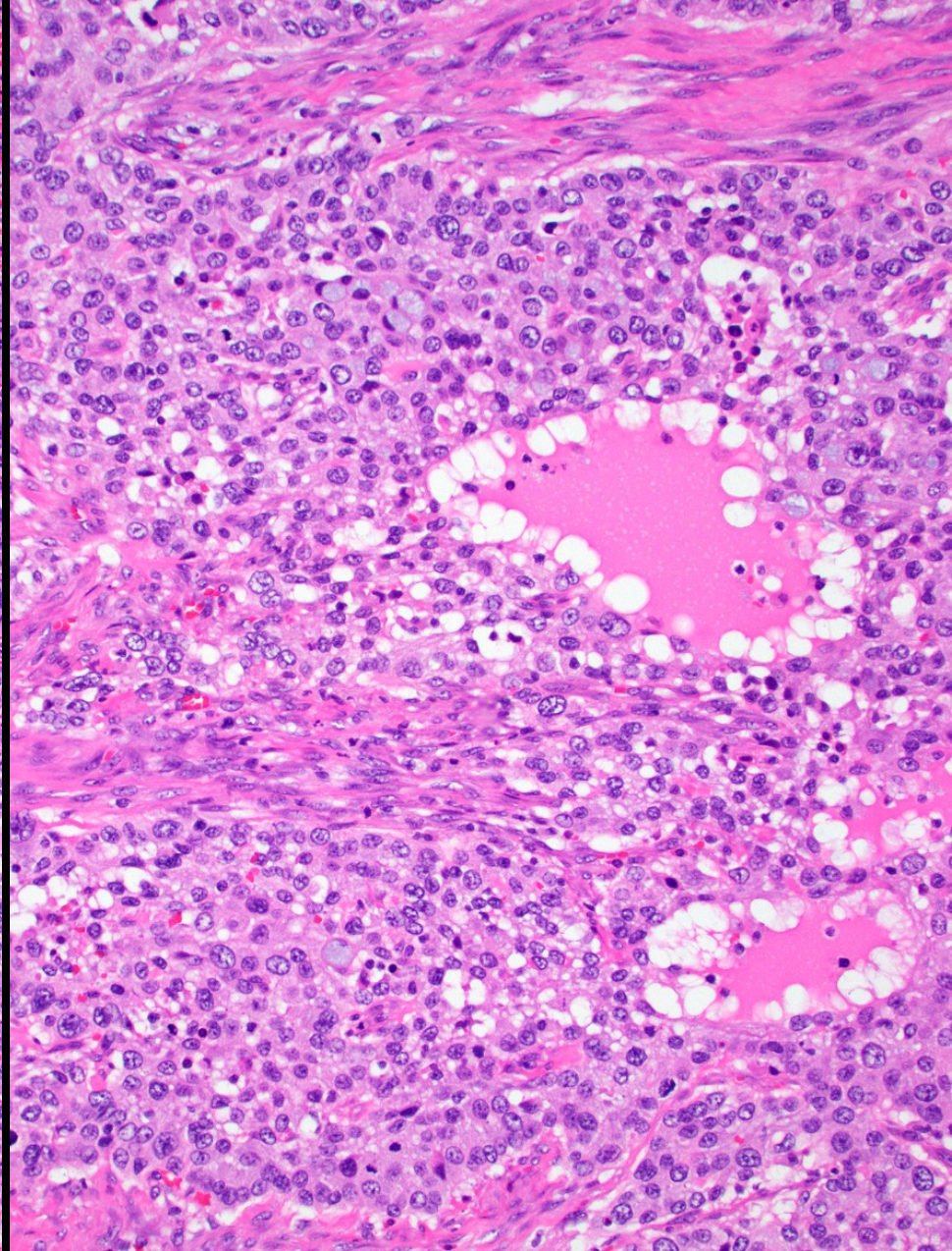
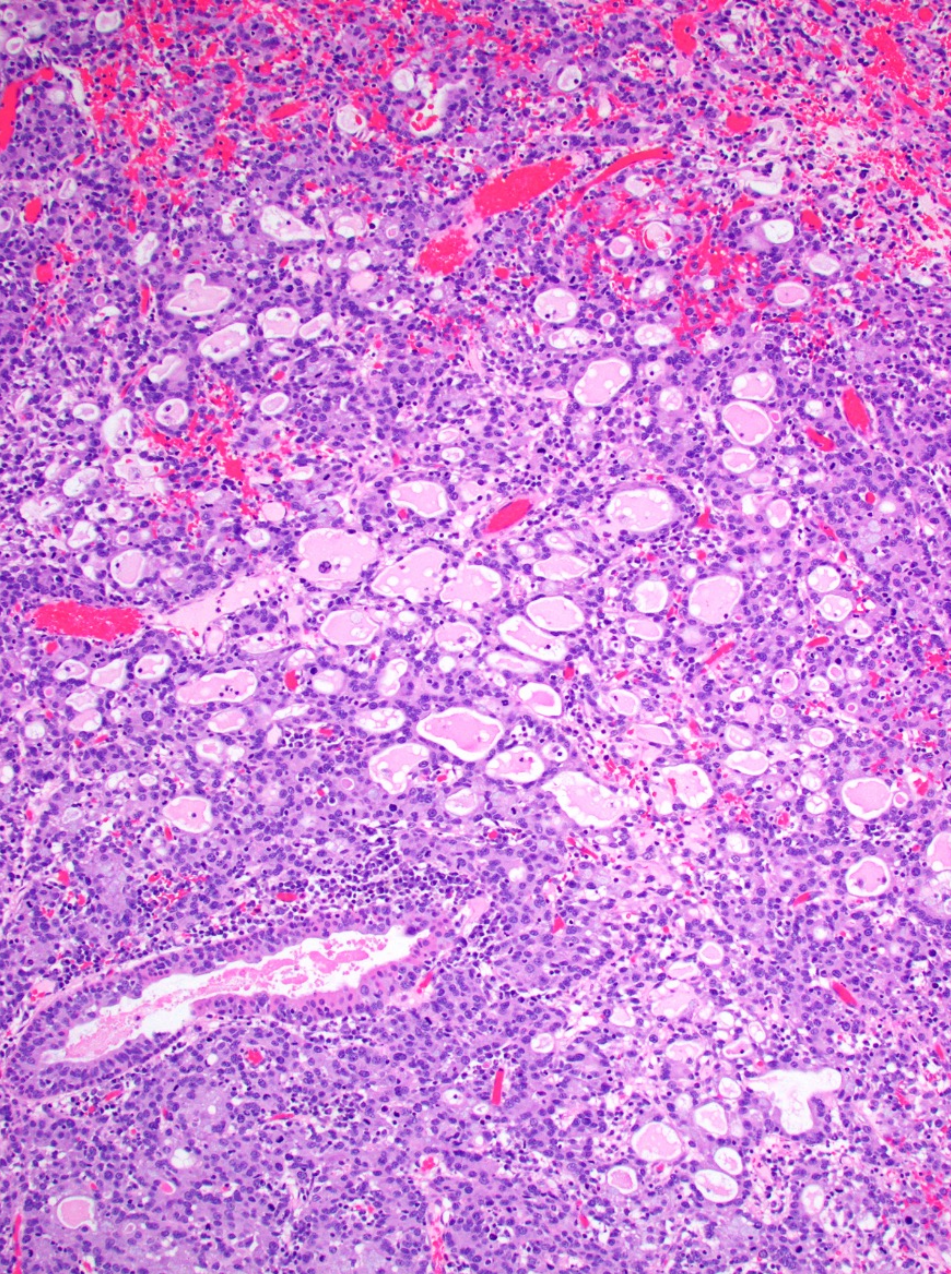


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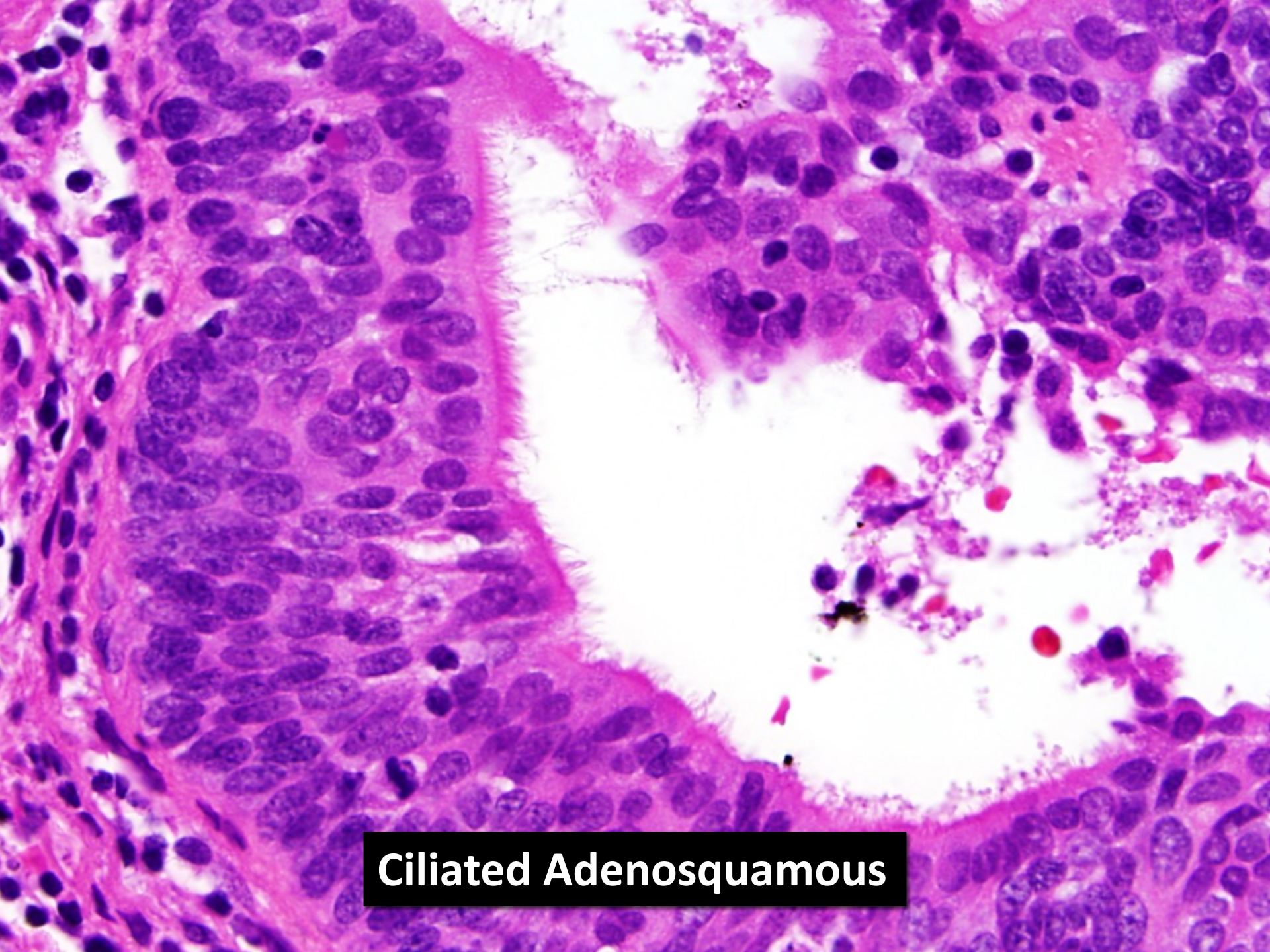
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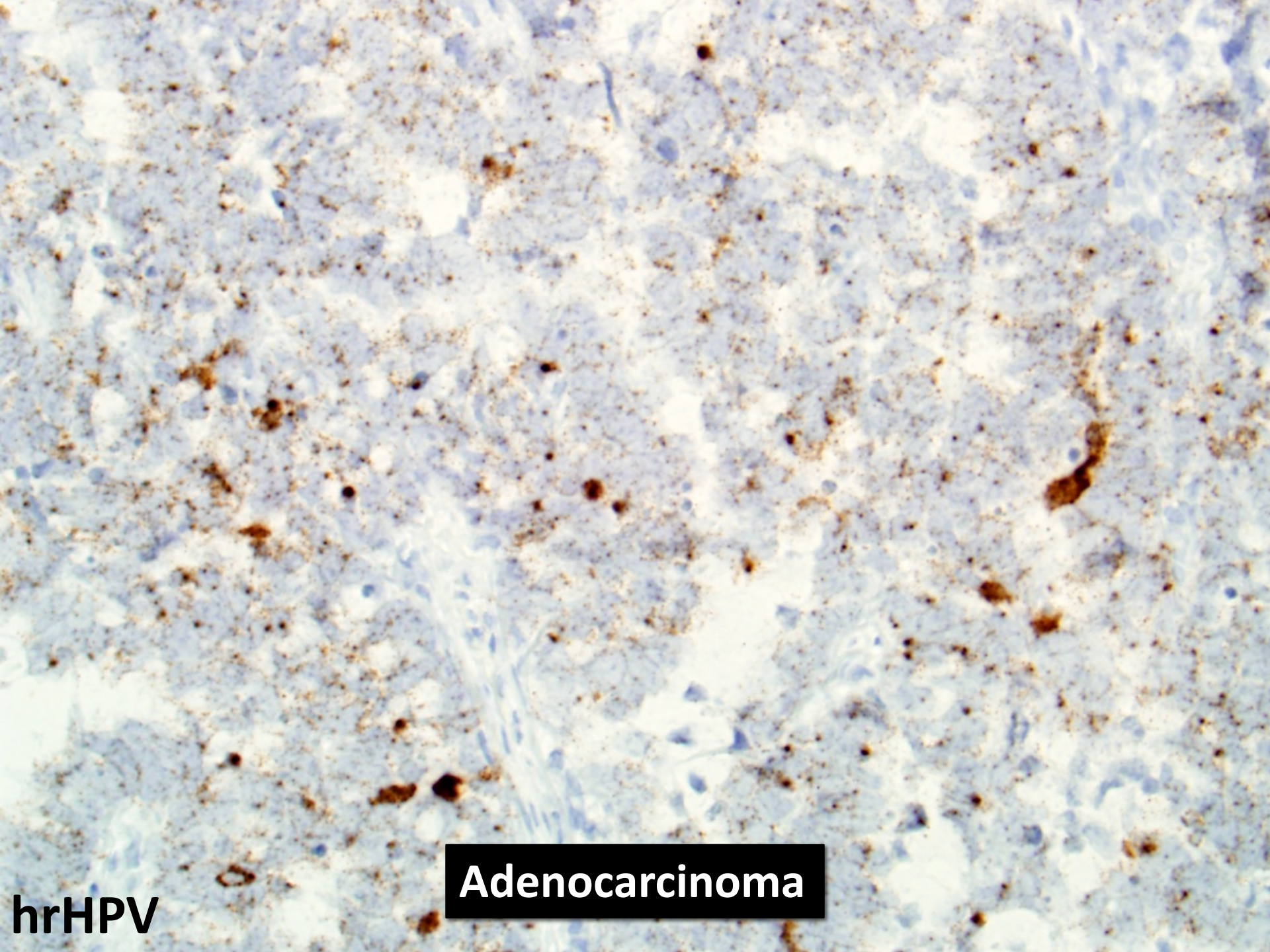
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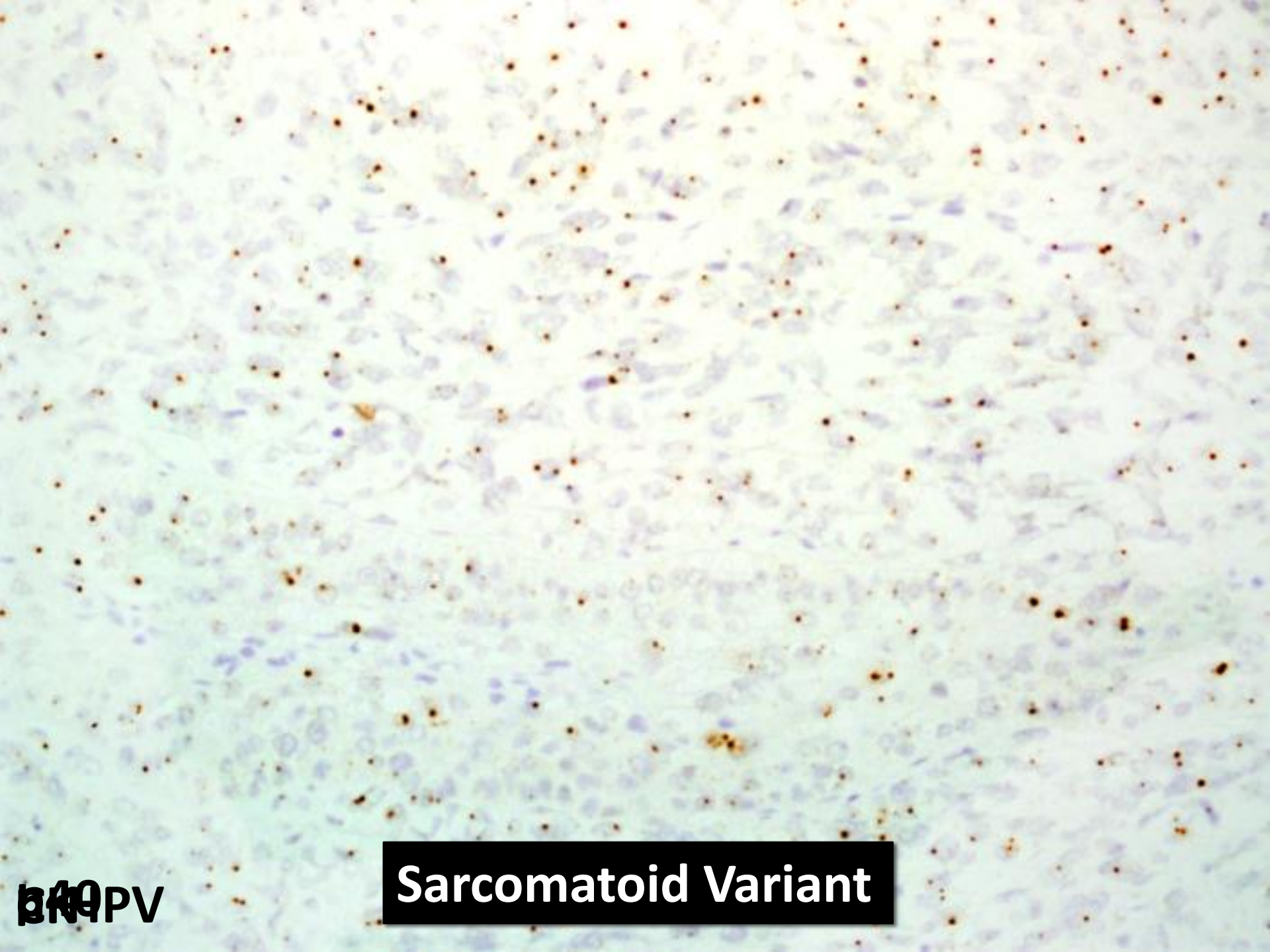


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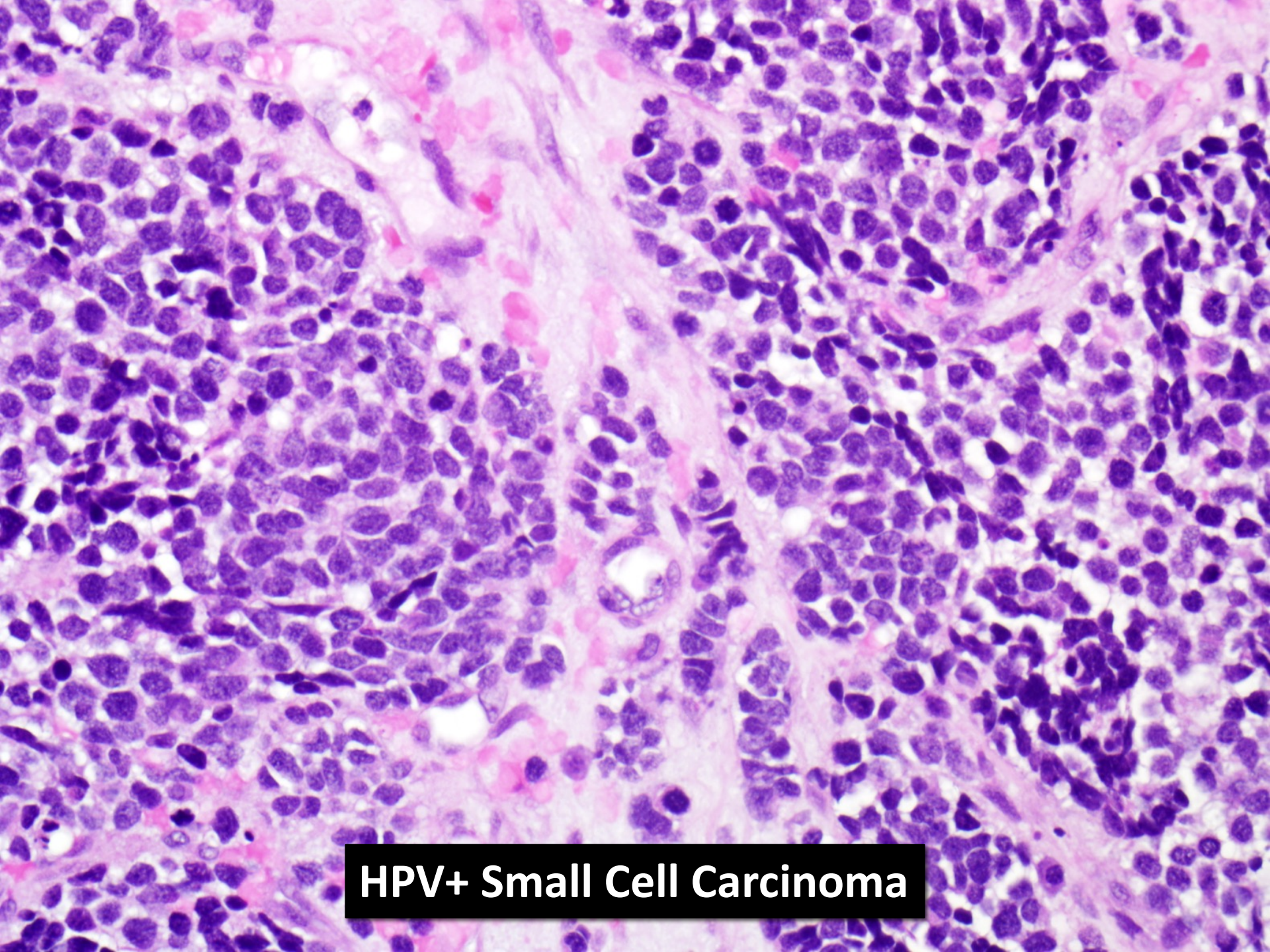
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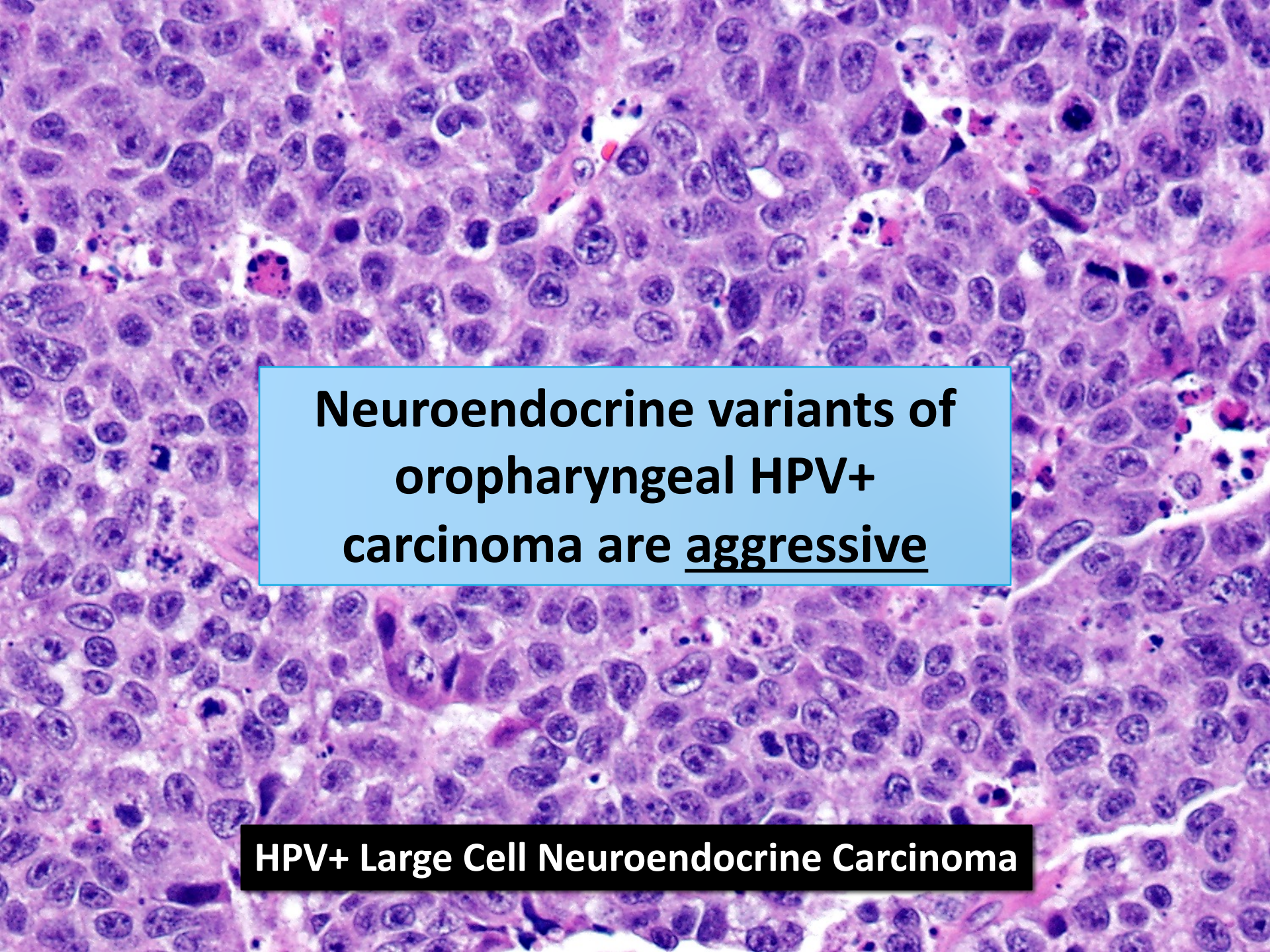


**p40**  
**IPV**

**Sarcomatoid Variant**



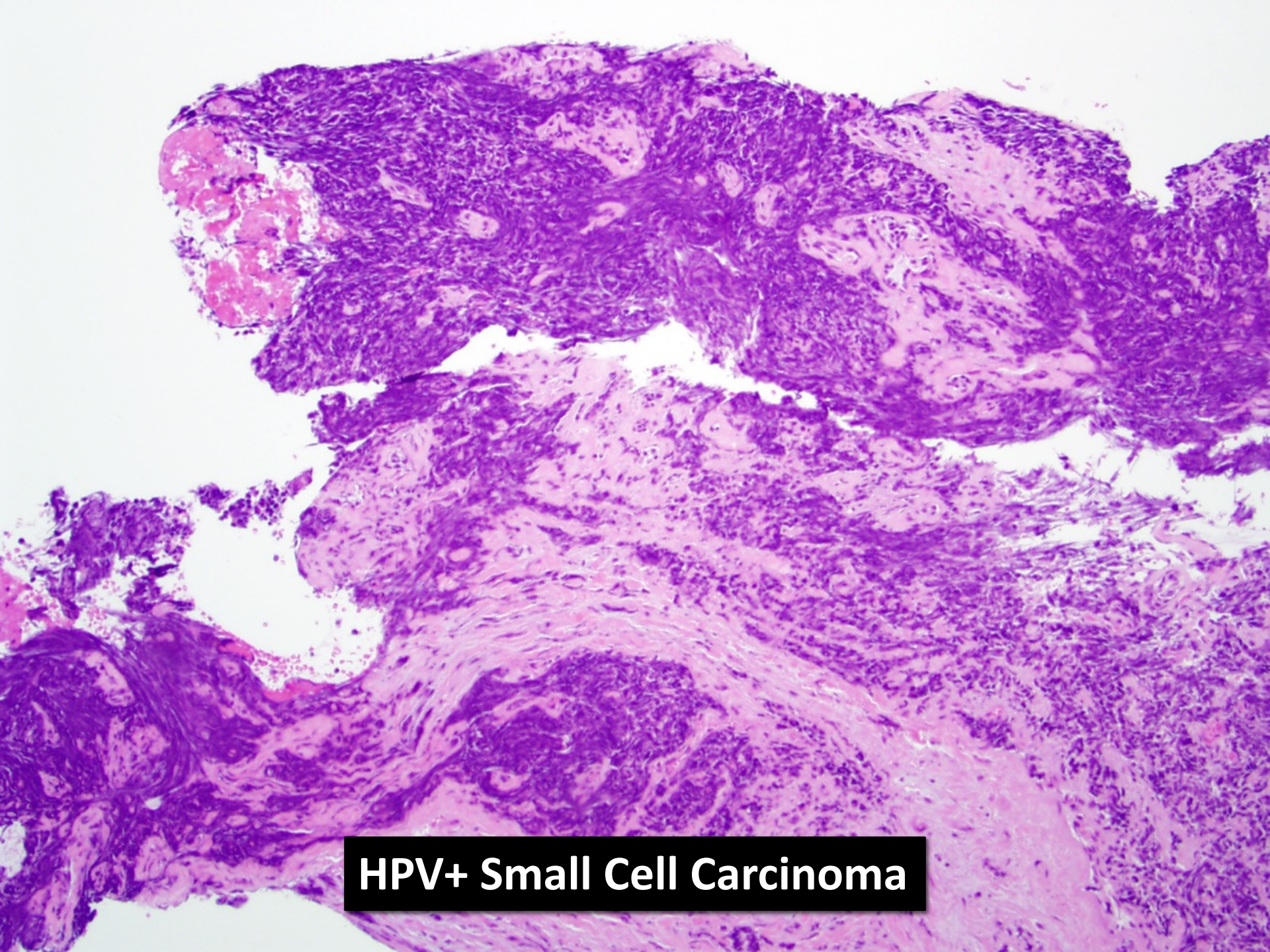
**HPV+ Small Cell Carcinoma**

A high-magnification histological micrograph showing a dense population of large, atypical cells with hyperchromatic nuclei and prominent nucleoli, characteristic of neuroendocrine carcinoma. The cells are arranged in a disorganized pattern with scant cytoplasm and indistinct cell borders. A central text box is overlaid on the image.

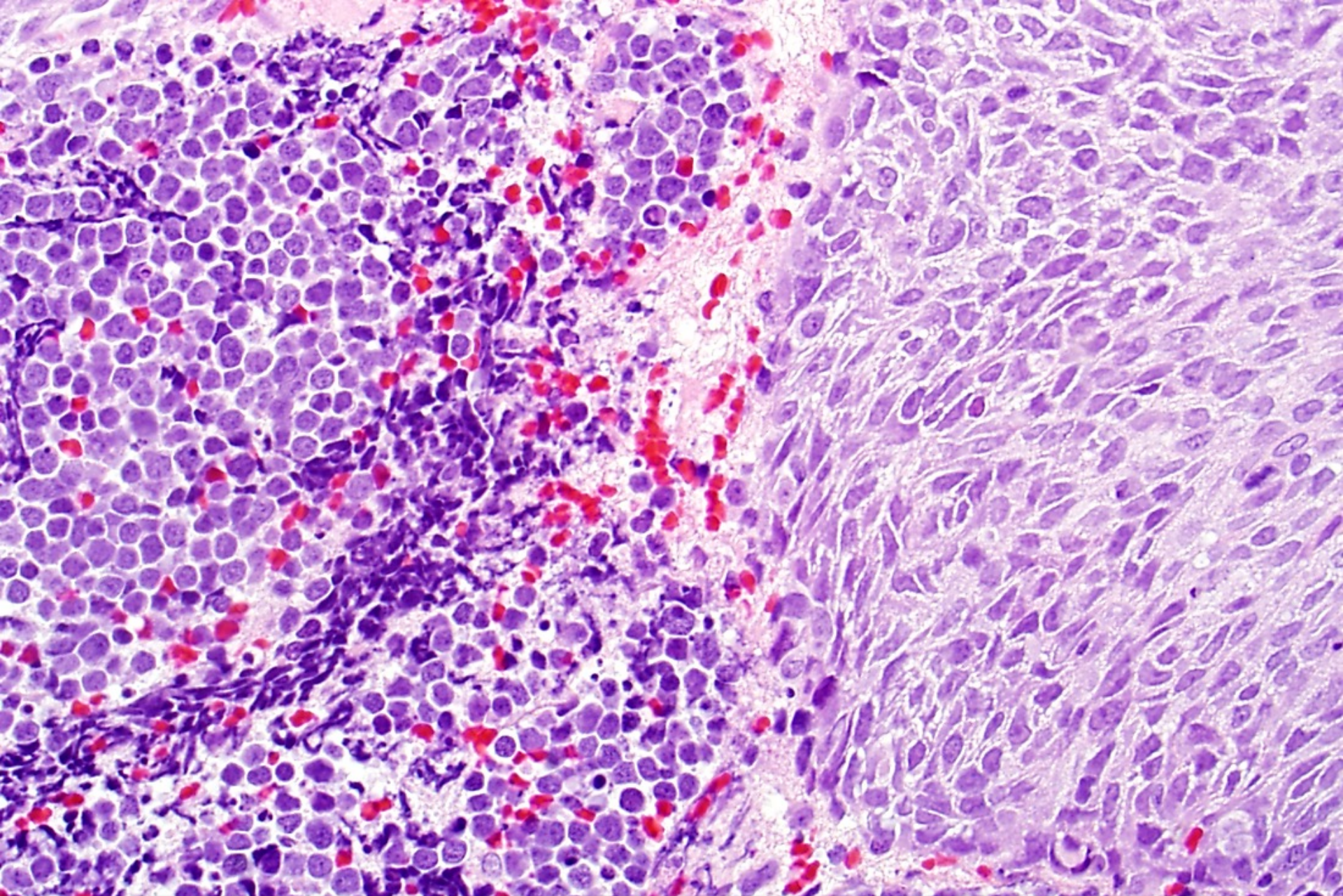
**Neuroendocrine variants of  
oropharyngeal HPV+  
carcinoma are aggressive**

**HPV+ Large Cell Neuroendocrine Carcinoma**

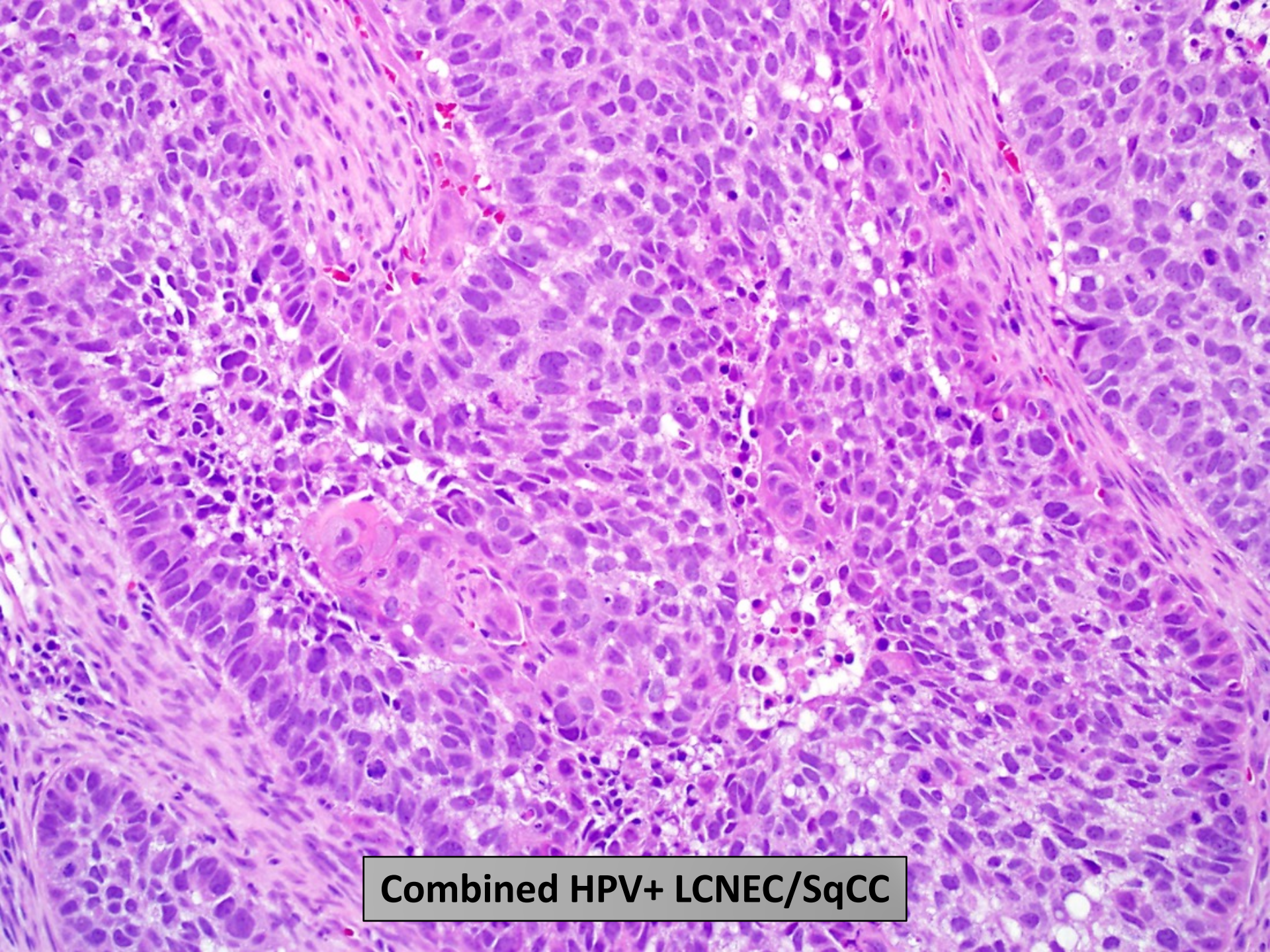




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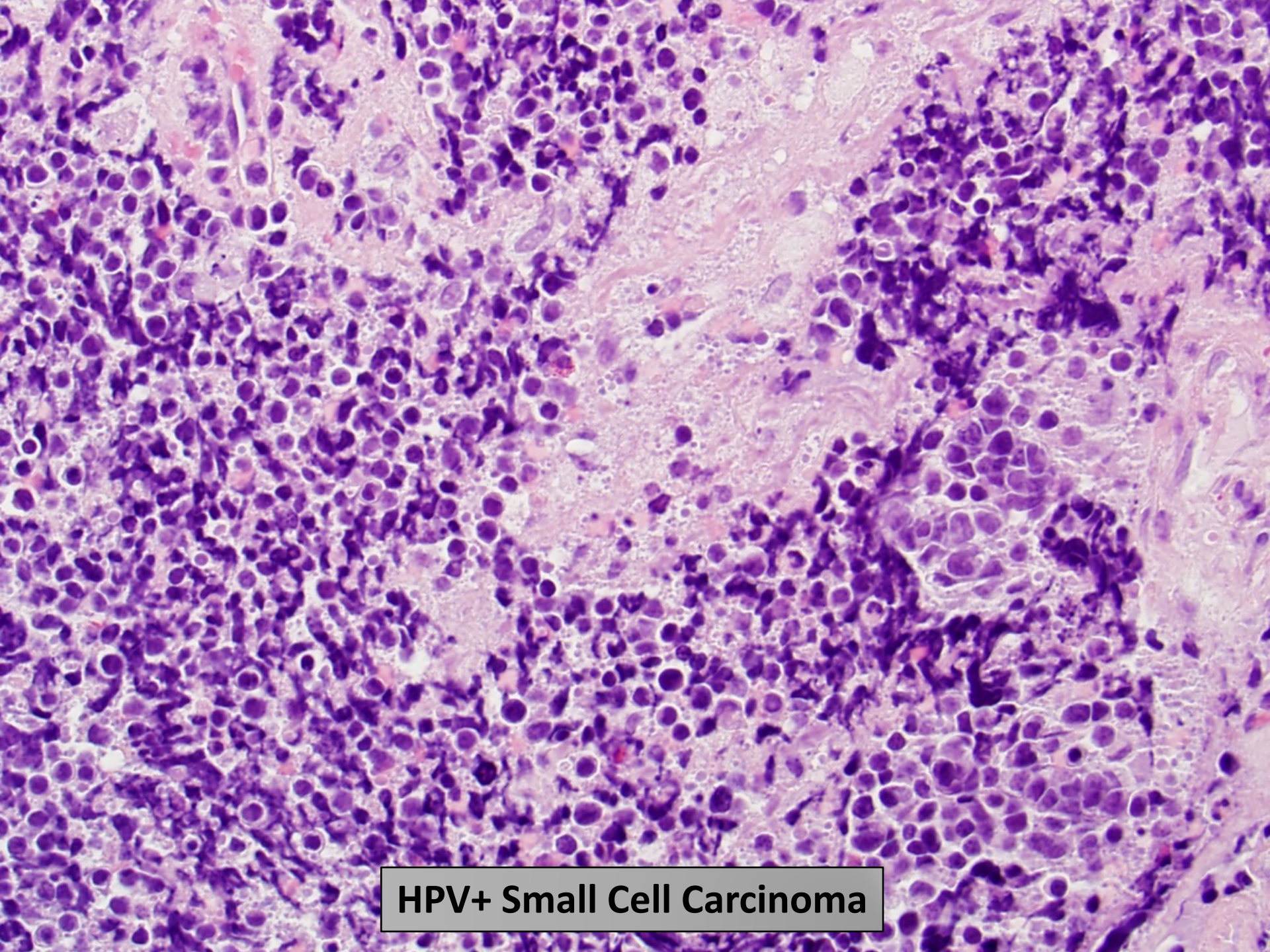


**Mixed HPV-related Small cell/Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

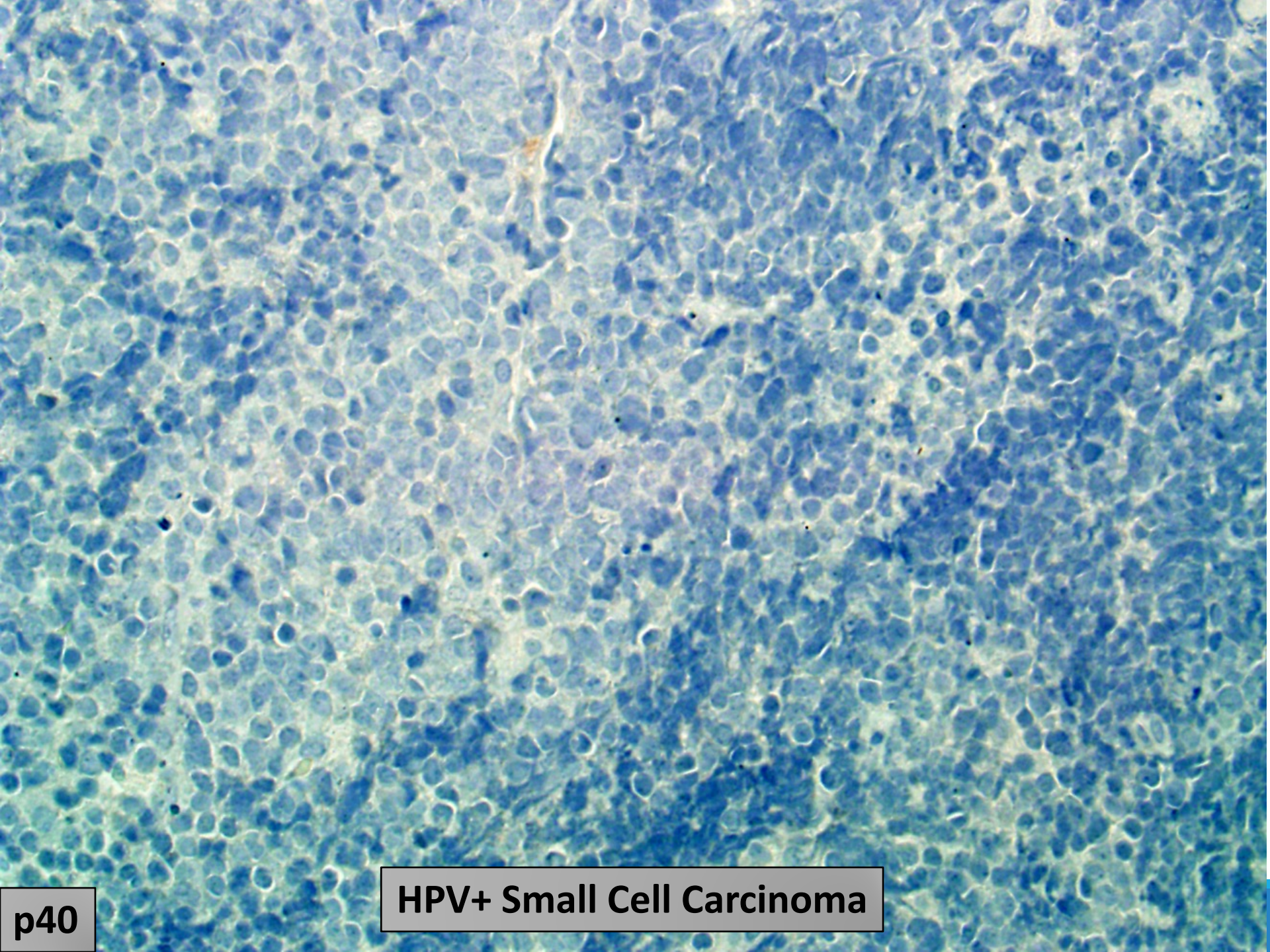


**Combined HPV+ LCNEC/SqCC**

If you have any suspicion for a neuroendocrine carcinoma component, do a p40 (or p63)

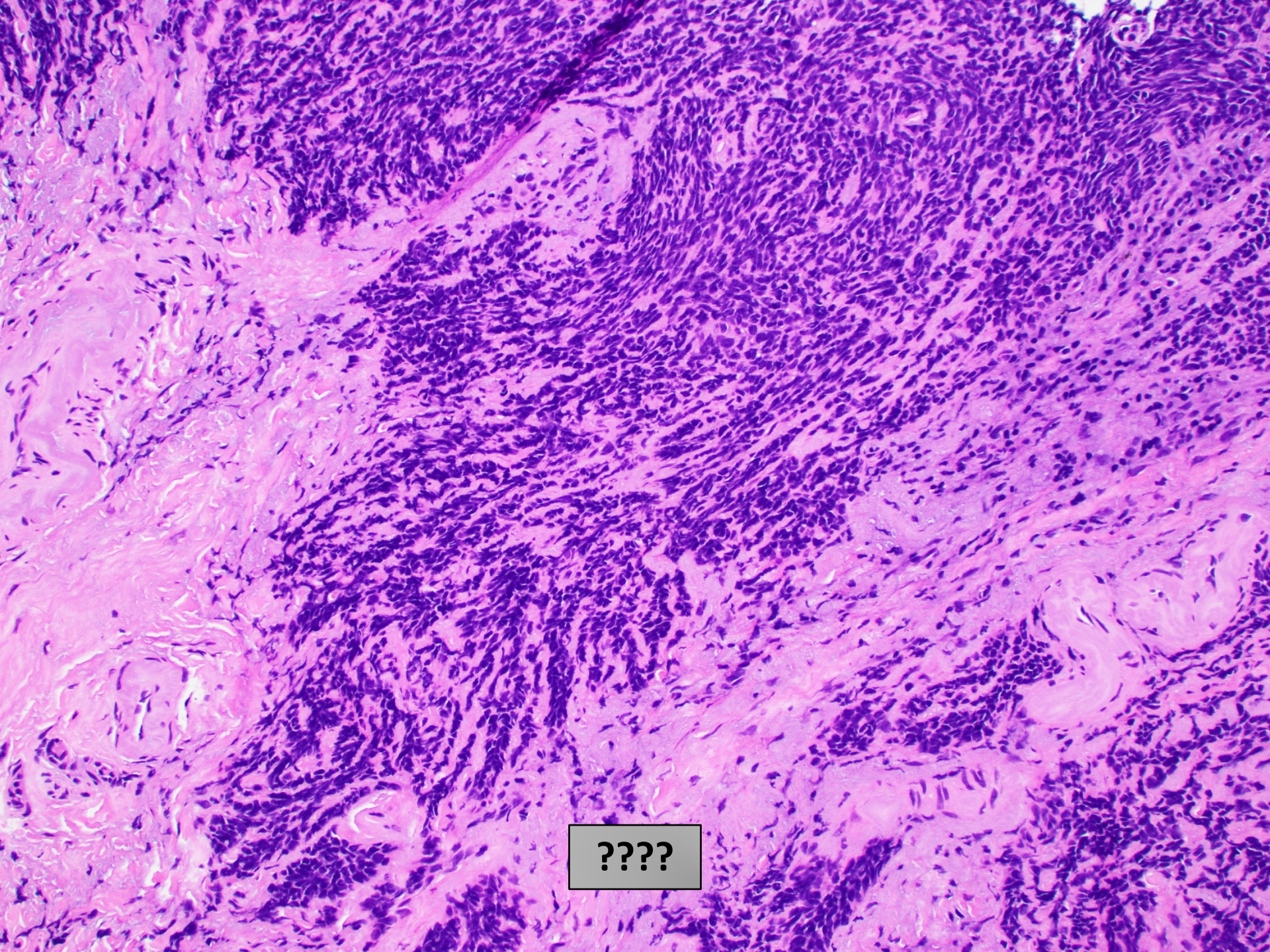


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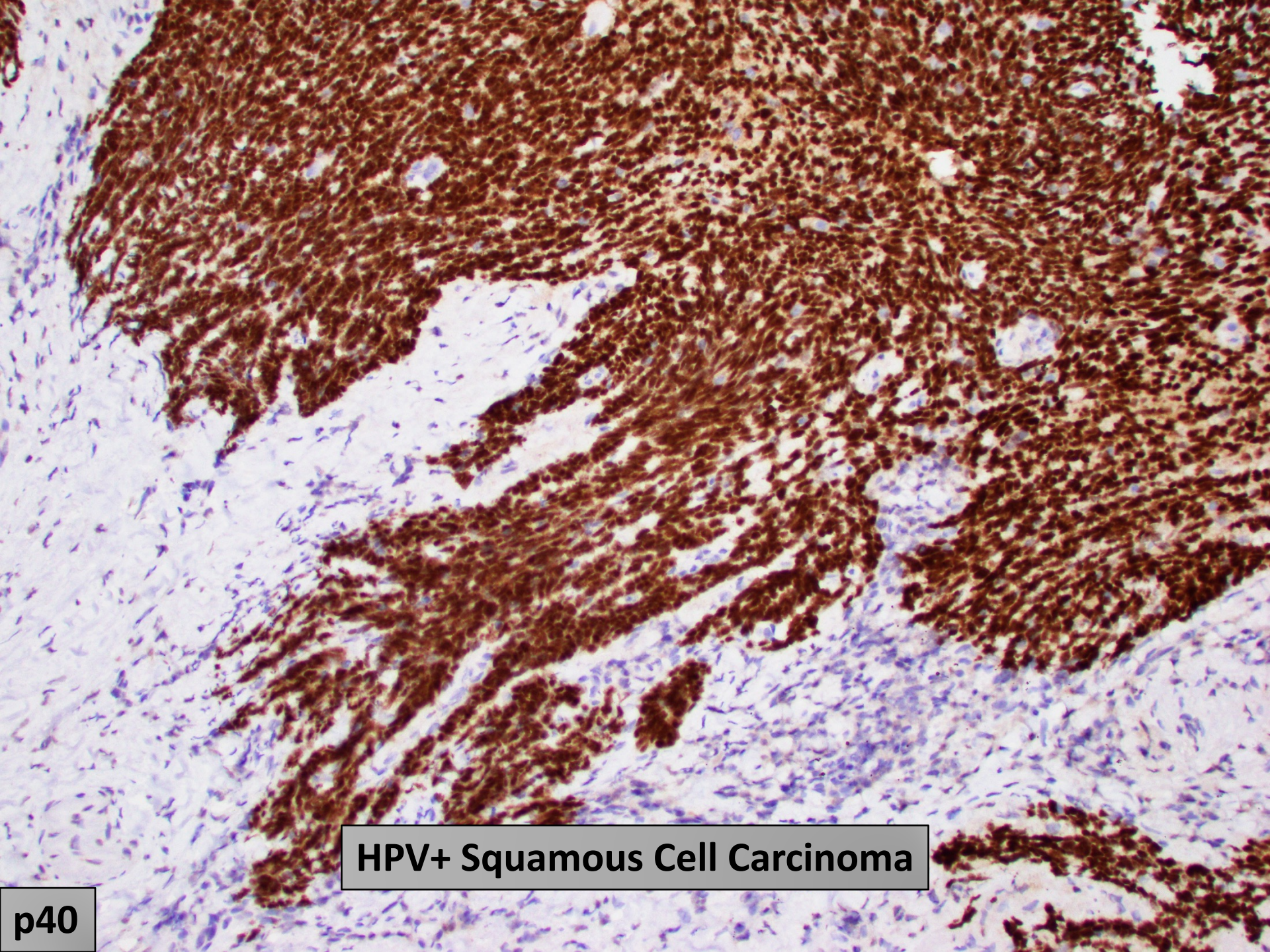


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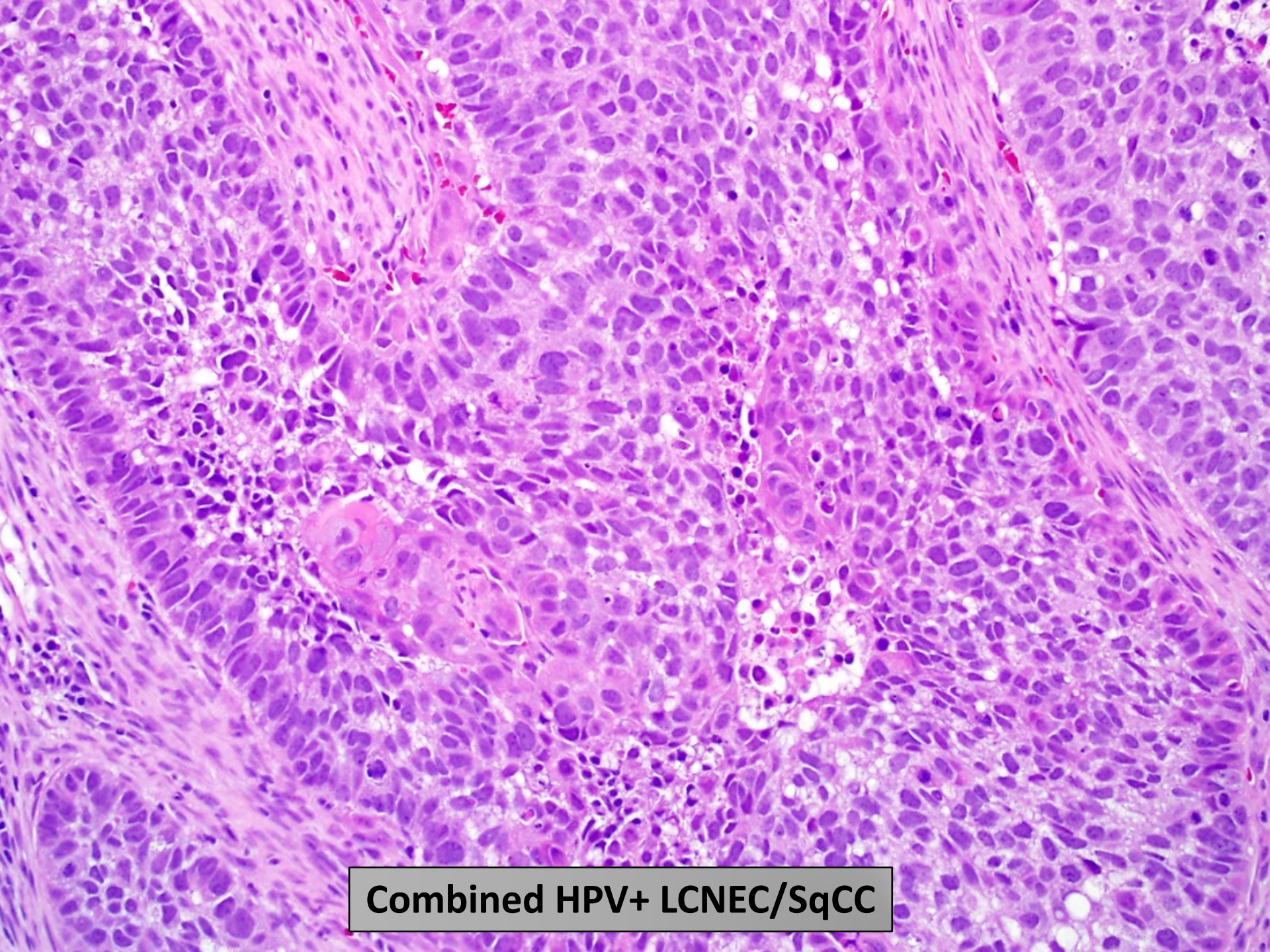
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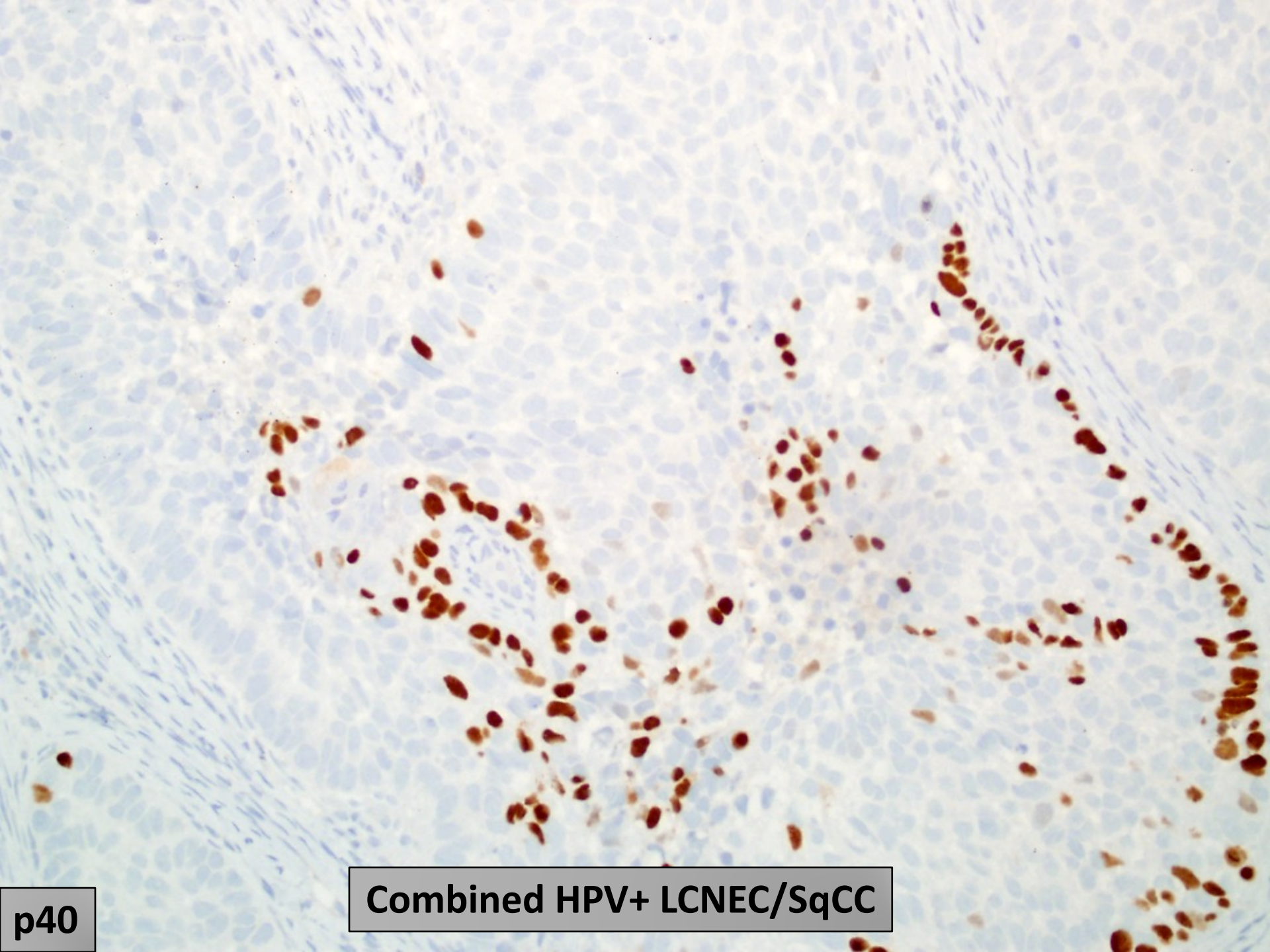
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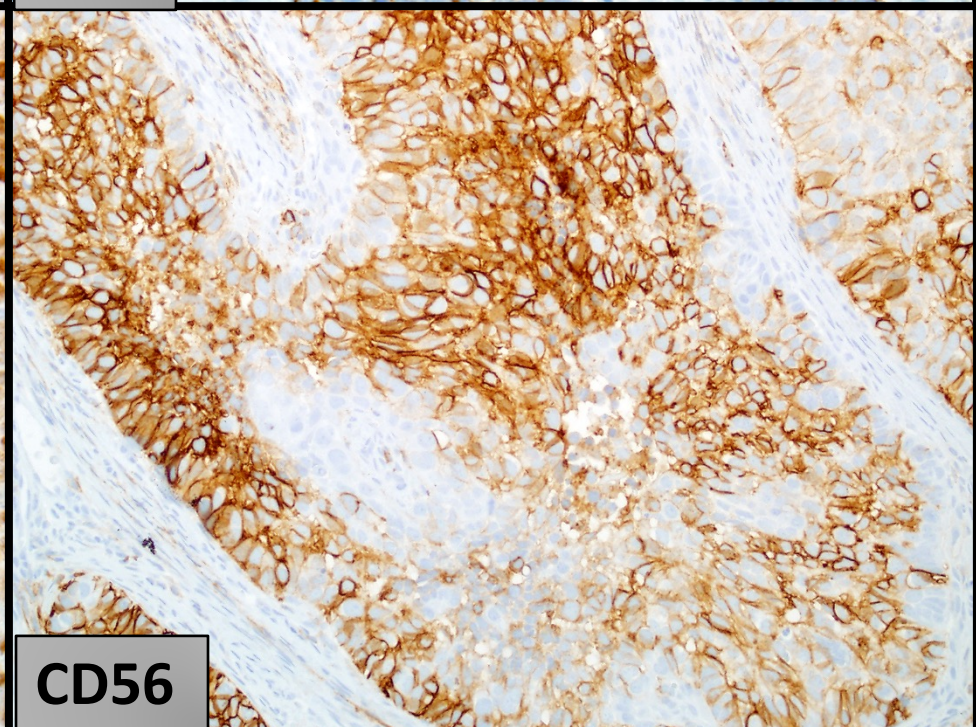
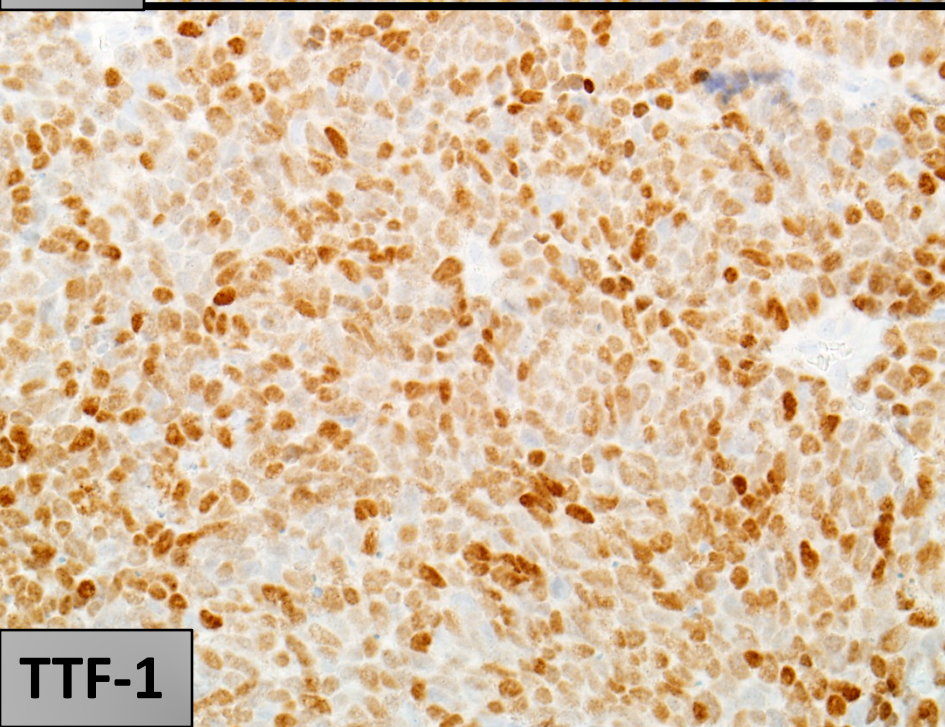
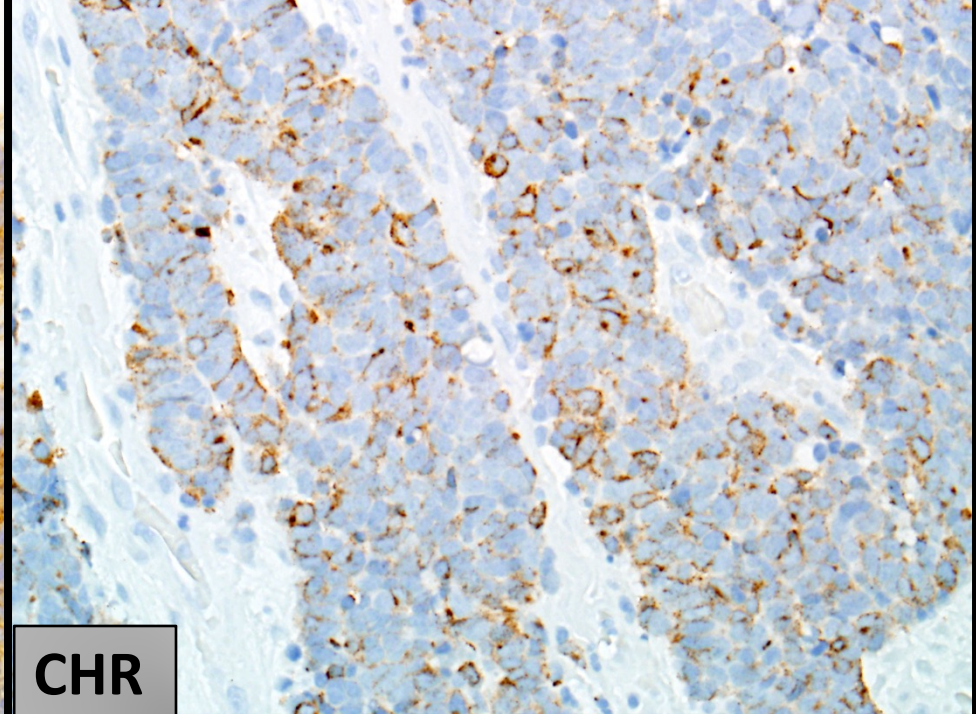
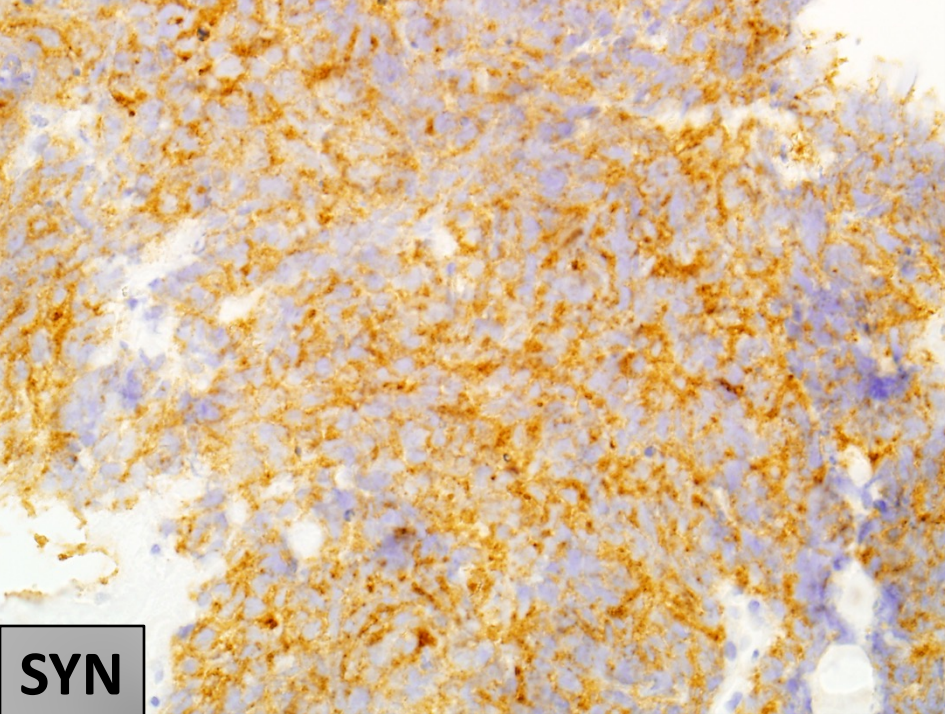


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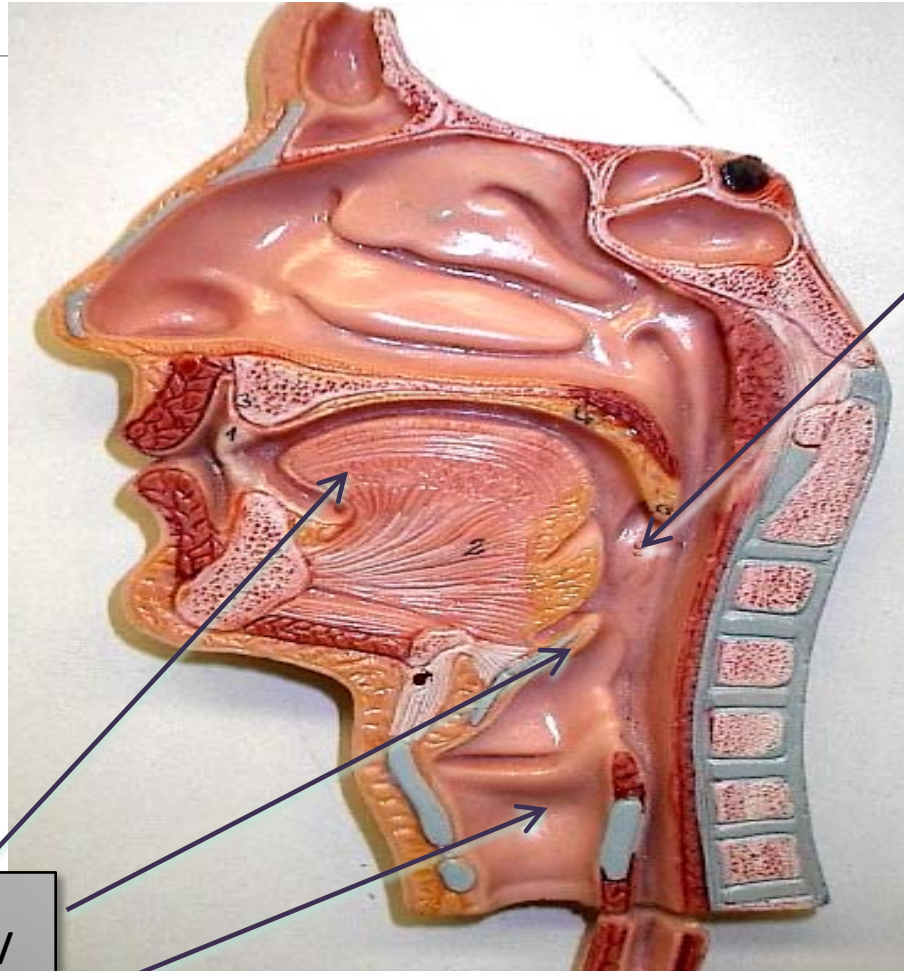
Combined HPV+ LCNEC/SqCC



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HPV-related carcinomas outside of  
the oropharynx

# Anatomic distribution of HPV- HNSCC



Oropharynx 80%

Larynx/  
Hypoharynx/  
Oral Cavity  
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# Larynx/hypopharynx

Author	Year	Country	Method, primers, amplicon detection	Number of cancers HPV+	Total cancers studied	Cancers HPV+ (%)
Almadori	2001	Italy	PCR, MY09/MY11, enzyme immune assay typing	15	42	35.7
Anderson	2007	Scotland	PCR, GP5/GP6, real time quantitative PCR	2	64	3.1
Badaracco	2007	Italy	PCR, MY09/MY11, GP5/GP6	4	30	13.3
Baez	2004	Puerto Rico	PCR, HPV16E6/E7 ORF	24	52	46.2
Baumann	2009	USA	PCR, GP5/GP6, enzyme immune assay typing	6	38	15.8
Boscolo-Rizzo	2009	Italy	PCR, HPV16 specific primers	1	38	2.6
Deng	2011	Japan	PCR, MY09/MY11, GP5/GP6, E1 consensus primers	2	16	12.5
Duray	2011	Belgium	PCR, GP5/GP6, type specific primers and real time quantitative PCR	44	59	74.6
El-Mofty	2003	USA	PCR, SPF10, INNO-LiPA line probe	2	7	28.6
Fakhry	2008	USA	PCR, MY09/MY11, Roche Molecular systems probe array	0	34	0.0
Fischer	2003	Germany	PCR, E1 consensus primers	13	34	38.2
Fumiss	2007	USA	PCR, SPF1A, SPF2B, HPV16E6 specific primers	14	45	31.1
Gillison	2000	USA	PCR, MY09/MY11, HPV16/18E7 specific primers	16	86	18.6
Gudleviciene	2009	Lithuania	PCR, HPV16/18 specific primers, gel	6	18	33.3
Guvenc	2008	Turkey	PCR, nested MY09/MY11, GP5/GP6	7	50	14.0
Hasumi	2012	Brazil	PCR, GP5/GP6	7	53	13.2
Kleist	2004	Germany	PCR, MY09/MY11, types specific primers, polyacrylamide gels, sequencing	6	38	15.8
Klussmann	2001	Germany	PCR, consensus primers, HPV16 specific primers	1	14	7.1
Koppikar	2005	India	PCR, probably MY09/MY11	0	2	0.0
Koskinen	2007	Scandinavia	PCR, MY09/MY11, GP5/GP6, SPF10, INNO-LiPA line probe	3	69	4.3
Liu	2010	China	PCR, GP5/6, HPV16/18 specific primers, agarose gel	29	84	34.5
Major	2005	Hungary	PCR, MY09/MY11, GP5/GP6, HPV 6/11/16 type specific primers, agarose gel	8	16	50.0
Manjarrez	2006	Mexico	PCR, L1C1/L1C2, typing by restriction fragment length polymorphism	2	16	12.5

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Mork	2001	Scandinavia	PCR, GP5/GP6, Cpl, CplII, HPV16 type specific primers	1	32	3.1
Morshed	2010	Poland	PCR, SPF10, agarose gel, enzyme immune assay typing, INNO-LiPA genotyping	33	93	35.5
Oliveira	2006	Brazil	PCR, GP5/GP6, HPV type specific primers	41	111	36.9
Reidy	2004	USA	PCR, HPV type specific primers, agarose gel	6	6	100
Ringstrom	2002	USA	PCR, MY09/MY11, agarose gel, typing by restriction fragment length polymorphism	1	10	10.0
Schlecht	2011	USA	PCR, MY09/11, dot blot	8	32	25.0
Sethi	2011	USA	PCR, SPF10, INNO-LiPA line probe	26	111	23.4
Siebos	2006	USA	PCR, MY09/MY11, sequenced	1	9	11.1
Smith	2008	USA	PCR, MY09/MY11	4	40	10.0
Smith	2000	USA	PCR, MY09/MY11, agarose gel, sequenced	11	44	25.0
Snietura	2011	Poland	PCR (Abbott Molecular Real Time High-Risk HPV)	0	6	0.0
Stephen	2012	USA	PCR, HPV16 specific primers, real time quantitative PCR	21	77	27.3
Szladek	2005	Hungary	PCR, MY09/MY11, GP5/GP6, then typed	12	25	48.0
Torrente	2005	Chile	PCR, MY09/MY11, E2 for integration, typing by restriction fragment length polymorphism	10	31	32.3
Van Houten	2001	Netherlands	PCR, GP5/GP6, enzyme immune assay typing	0	5	0.0
Van Monsjou	2012	Netherlands	PCR, INNO-LiPA line probe	0	2	0.0
Venuti	2000	Italy	PCR, MY09/MY11, E2 for integration, typing by restriction fragment length polymorphism	13	25	52.0
Vlachtsis	2005	Greece	PCR, E1 consensus primers	36	90	40.0
				436	1,712	25.5

- Non-quantitative PCR-based methods cannot distinguish causative vs. incidental HPV infections!

Isayeva, et al. Head Neck Pathol. 2012;Suppl 1:S104-20.

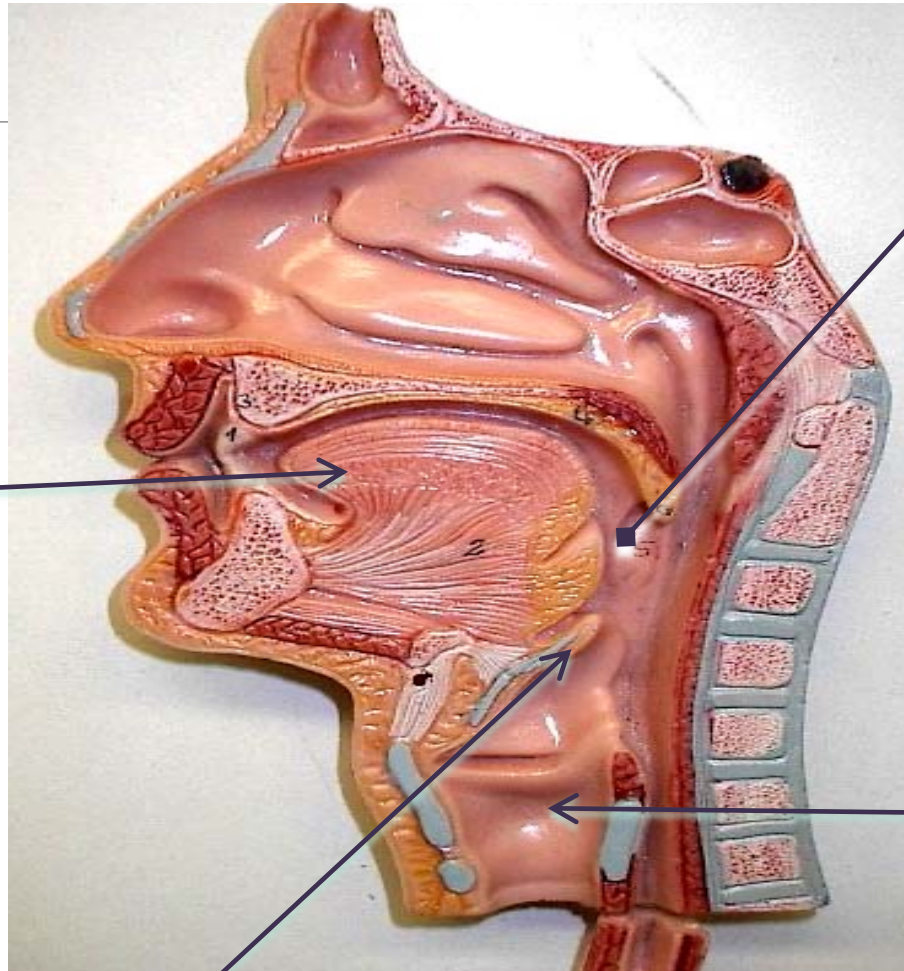
# *Transcriptionally active* HPV in larynx/hypopharynx SCC

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RNA ISH or DNA ISH + p16:

- Lewis, et al. *Histopathology*, 60:982-91, 2012:
  - 2 of 31 (6%)
  - One had involvement of oropharynx.
- Bishop, et al. *Am J Surg Pathol*, 36: 1874-82, 2012:
  - 1 of 84 (1%)
- Chernock, et al. *Mod Pathol*, 26(2):223-13, 2013:
  - 4 of 60 (7%)
- Young, et al. *Br J Cancer*, 112(6):1098-104, 2015.
  - 7 of 307 (2%)

# Transcriptionally active HR-HPV in HNSCC



Oropharynx 80%

Oral cavity  
<1%

Larynx <5%

Hypopharynx  
<5%



# *Transcriptionally active* HPV in non-oro-pharyngeal HNSCC

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Quite rare.

Clinical significance is unclear.

- Does not appear to have the marked prognostic significance as it does in the oropharynx.

# CAP Guideline

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4. Pathologists should ***not*** routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with **non-oro-pharyngeal** primary tumors of the head and neck.



# How about p16 outside of oropharynx?

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High sensitivity (approaching 100%). But...

Positive predictive value depends on prevalence of condition

- High in oropharynx, cervical lymph node metastases
- Low everywhere else

Outside of the oropharynx and cervical lymph node metastases, p16 positivity much more likely to be a false positive

- p16 upregulation due to other mechanisms
- If you're going to do it (rare circumstances), do not use p16 by itself

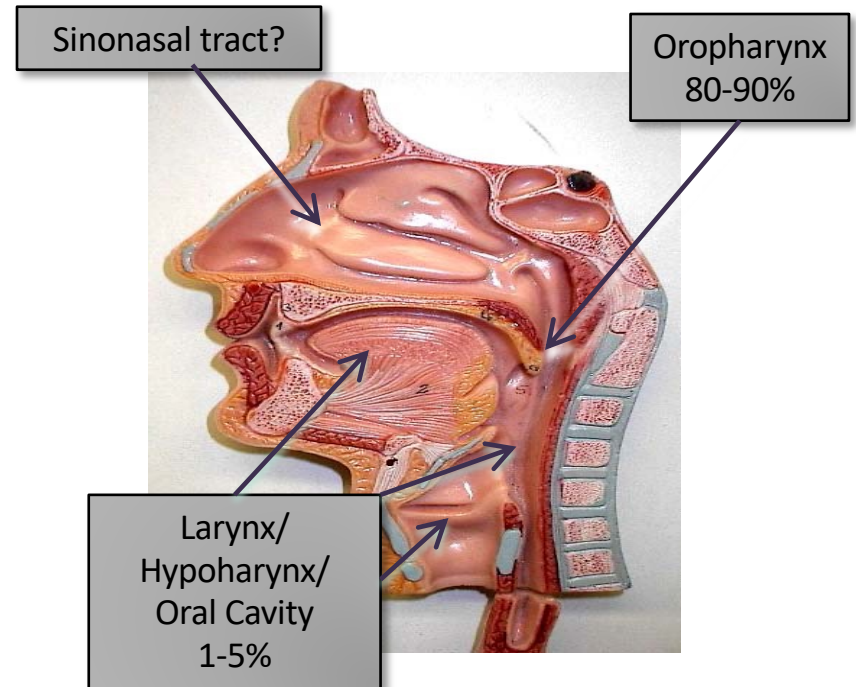
# HPV in Sinonasal Carcinomas

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Many reports of HPV, but overall incidence and clinicopathologic profile were unclear.

At JHH, 161 consecutive primary sinonasal cancers tested with p16 immunohistochemistry + HPV in situ hybridization.

- 34 (21%) positive.



# Transcriptionally active HPV in sinonasal carcinomas

Head and Neck Pathol (2014) 8:241–249  
DOI 10.1007/s12105-013-0514-4

REVIEW PAPER

## The Sinonasal Tract: Another Potential “Hot Spot” for Carcinomas with Transcriptionally-Active Human Papillomavirus

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**Abstract** While high risk human papillomavirus (HPV) is well established as causative and clinically important for squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) of the oropharynx, its role in non-oropharyngeal head and neck SCC is much less clearly elucidated. In the sinonasal region, in particular

current literature on HPV in sinonasal carcinomas, attempts to more clearly demonstrate what tumors have it and how this relates to possible precursor lesions like inverted papilloma, and discusses the possible clinical ramifications of the presence of the virus.

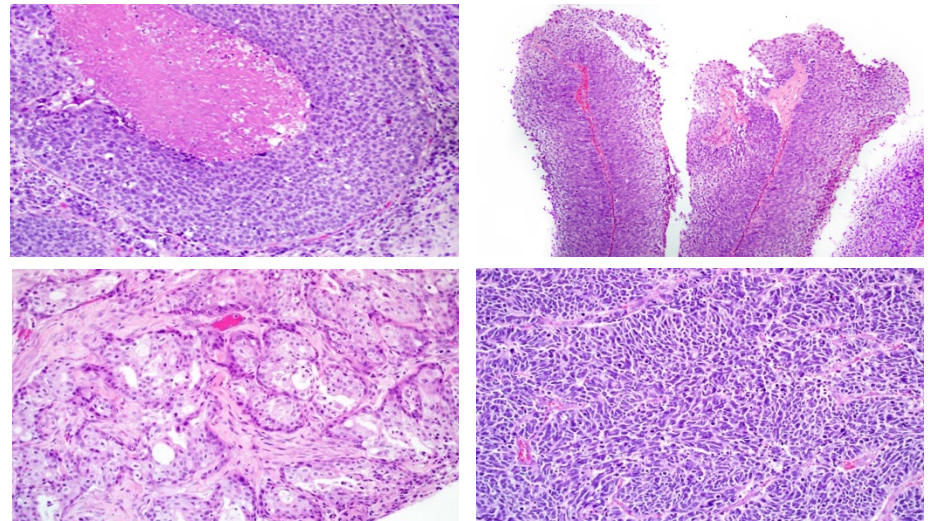
# Transcriptionally active HPV in sinonasal carcinomas

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Usually (82%) non-keratinizing squamous morphology.

Variants that have been seen in oropharynx: adenosquamous, small cell, basaloid, papillary.

Some cases closely resembled salivary gland tumors, especially adenoid cystic carcinoma.



Bishop JA, et al. Am. J. Surg. Pathol. 2013. 37(2):185-92.

# HPV-related Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma

Formerly “HPV-related carcinoma with adenoid cystic like features”

Included as a provisional tumor type (under NKSCC) in the 2017 WHO classification.

Now a full-fledged tumor entity.

## 1.2.2.9:

### HPV-related multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma

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#### Definition

HPV-related multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma (HMSC) is an epithelial neoplasm exhibiting features of both surface-derived and minor salivary gland-derived elements, harbouring transcriptionally active HPV.

#### ICD-O coding

8483/3 HPV-related multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma

#### ICD-11 coding

2C20 & XH1YY4 Malignant neoplasms of nasal cavity & Carcinoma, undifferentiated, NOS  
2C22 & XH1YY4 Malignant neoplasms of accessory sinuses & Carcinoma, undifferentiated, NOS

#### Related terminology

#### Epidemiology

HMSC typically affects adults (male female predominance [478,189,176

#### Etiology

By definition, HMSC harbours high type 33 (~80%), and occasionally type 16 (486,3786,4732). Because HPV16 must include other types, especially those not identified by FISH, the presence of HPV in the excretory duct at its transition to the glandular component may explain mixed lines of phenotypic

#### Pathogenesis



WHO

# HPV-related Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma

49 cases identified.

- 28 women, 21 men.
- 28-90 years (mean, 54).

All cases arose from the sinonasal tract.

40 cases had staging information:

- T1-2: 23
- T3-4: 17

Tumor size known in 40 cases:

- 0.7 – 8.5 cm (mean, 3.9 cm).

Presented most often with obstruction/stenosis (n=26) and/or epistaxis (n=20).

HPV-related Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma  
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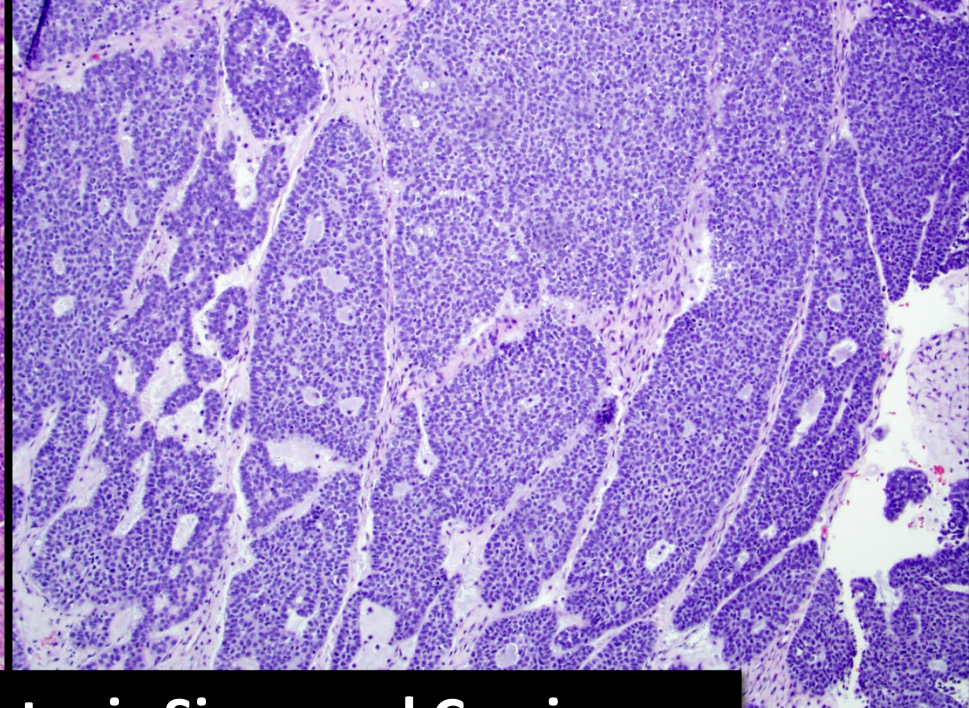
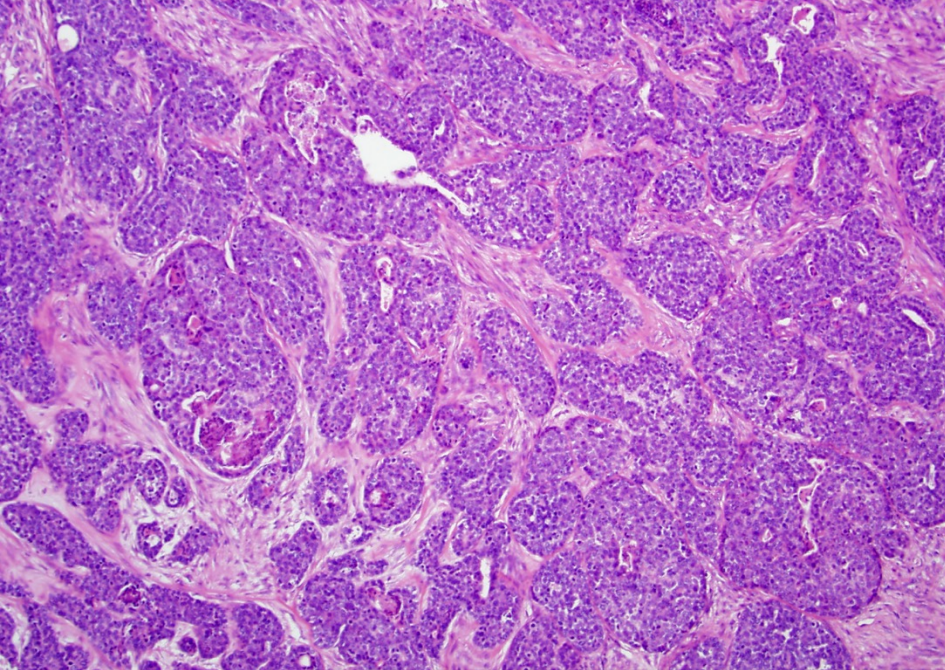
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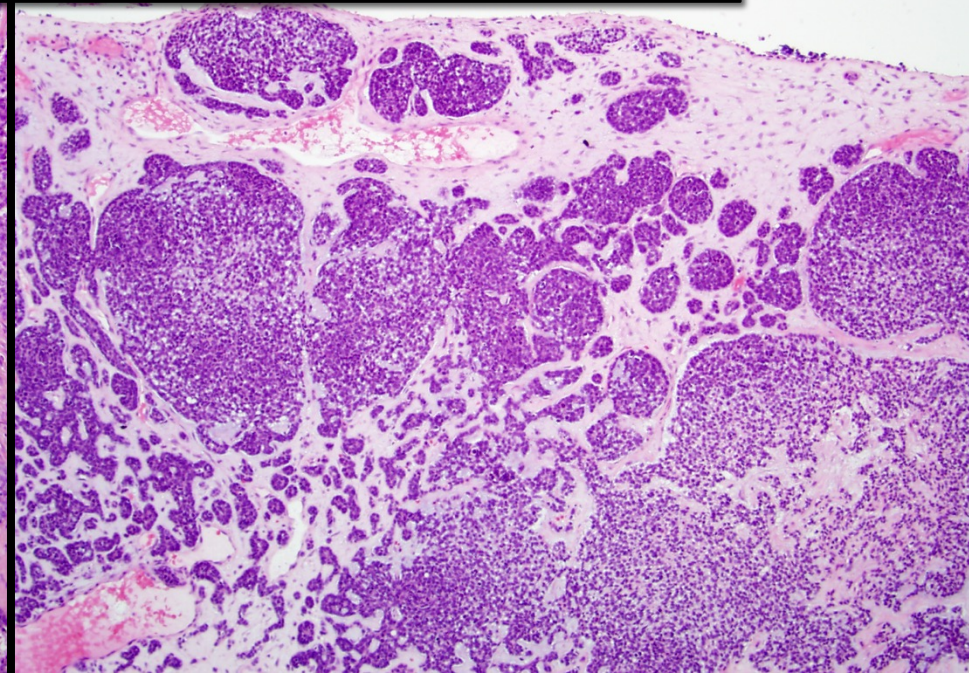
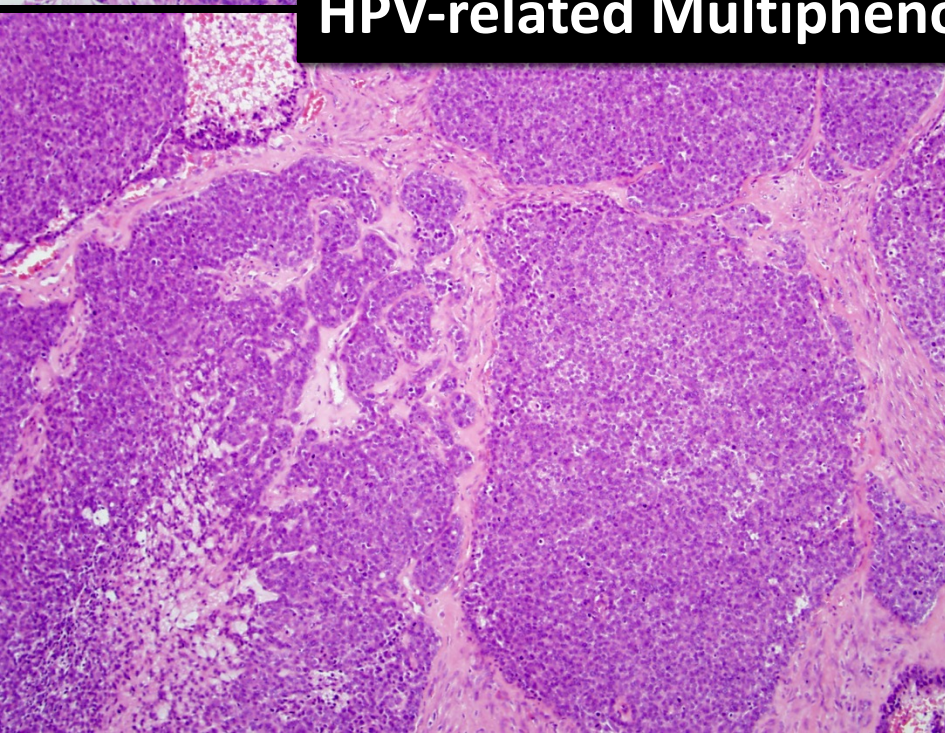
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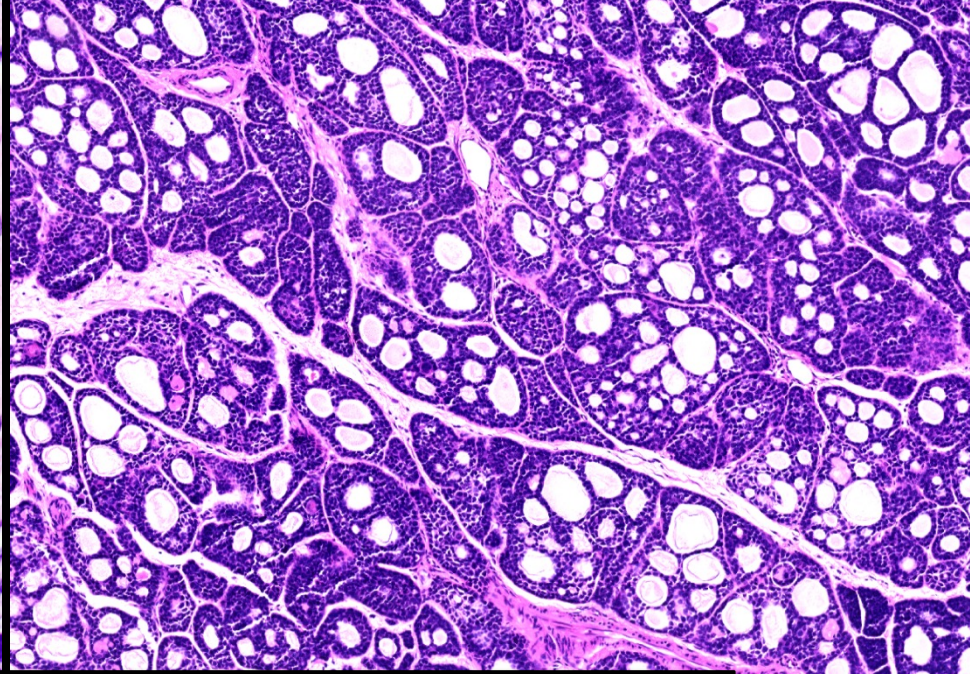
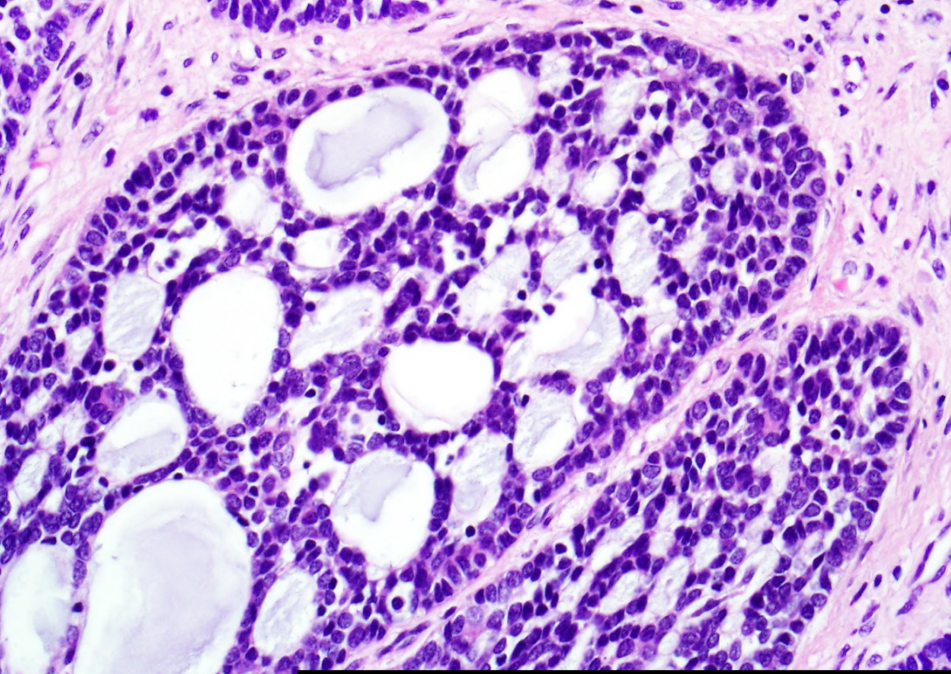
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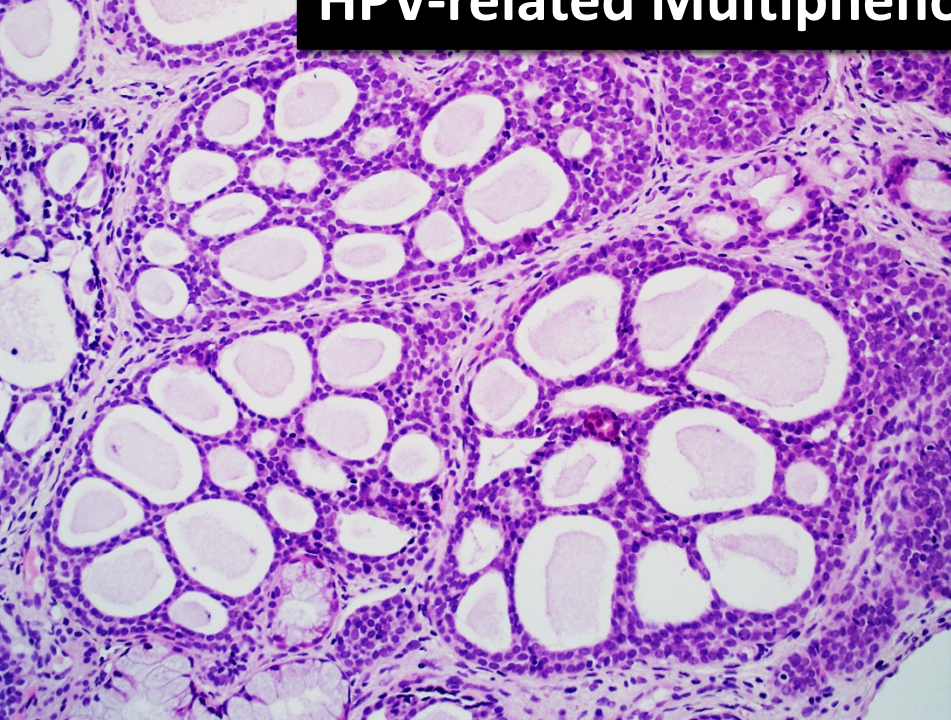


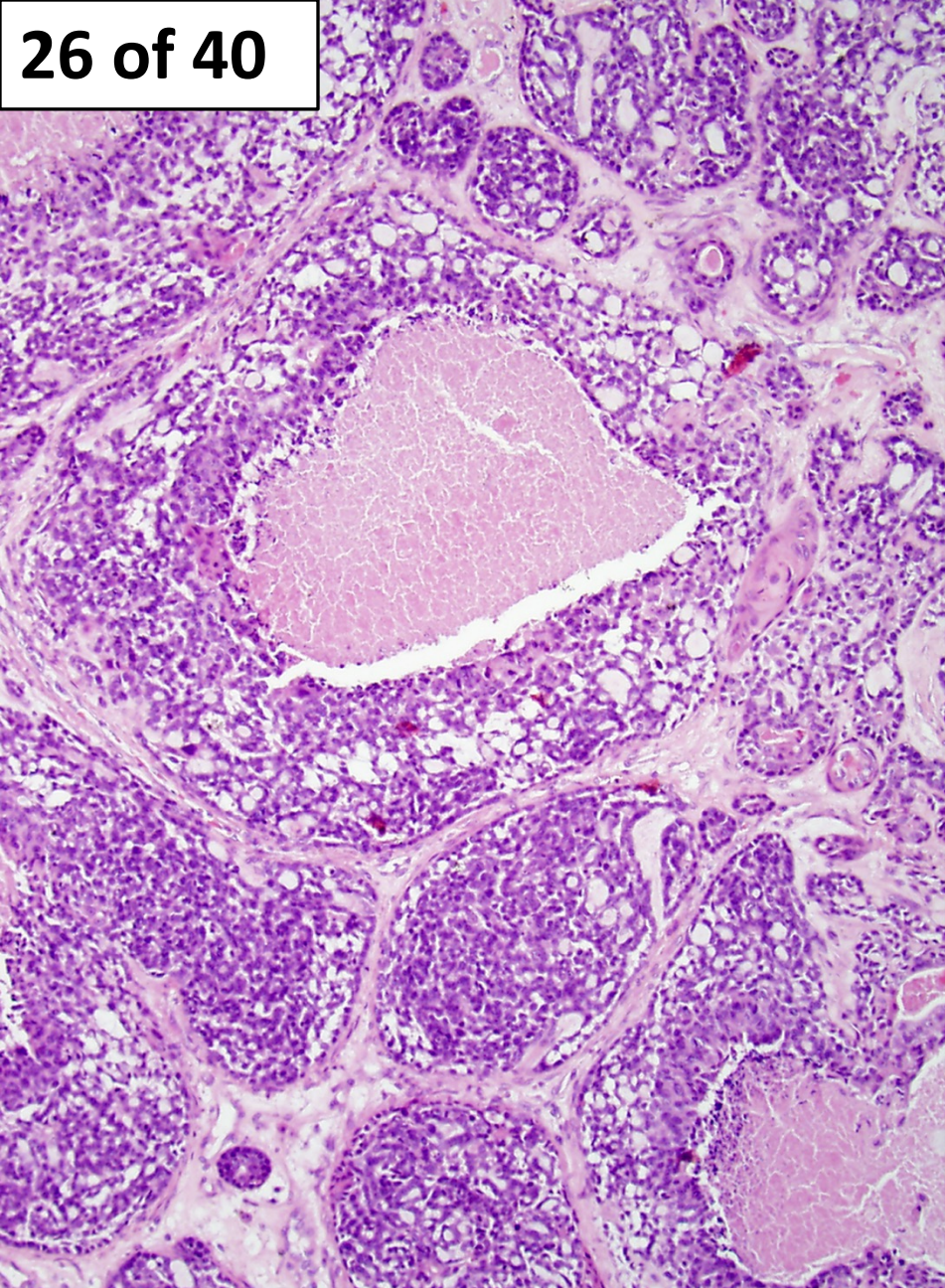
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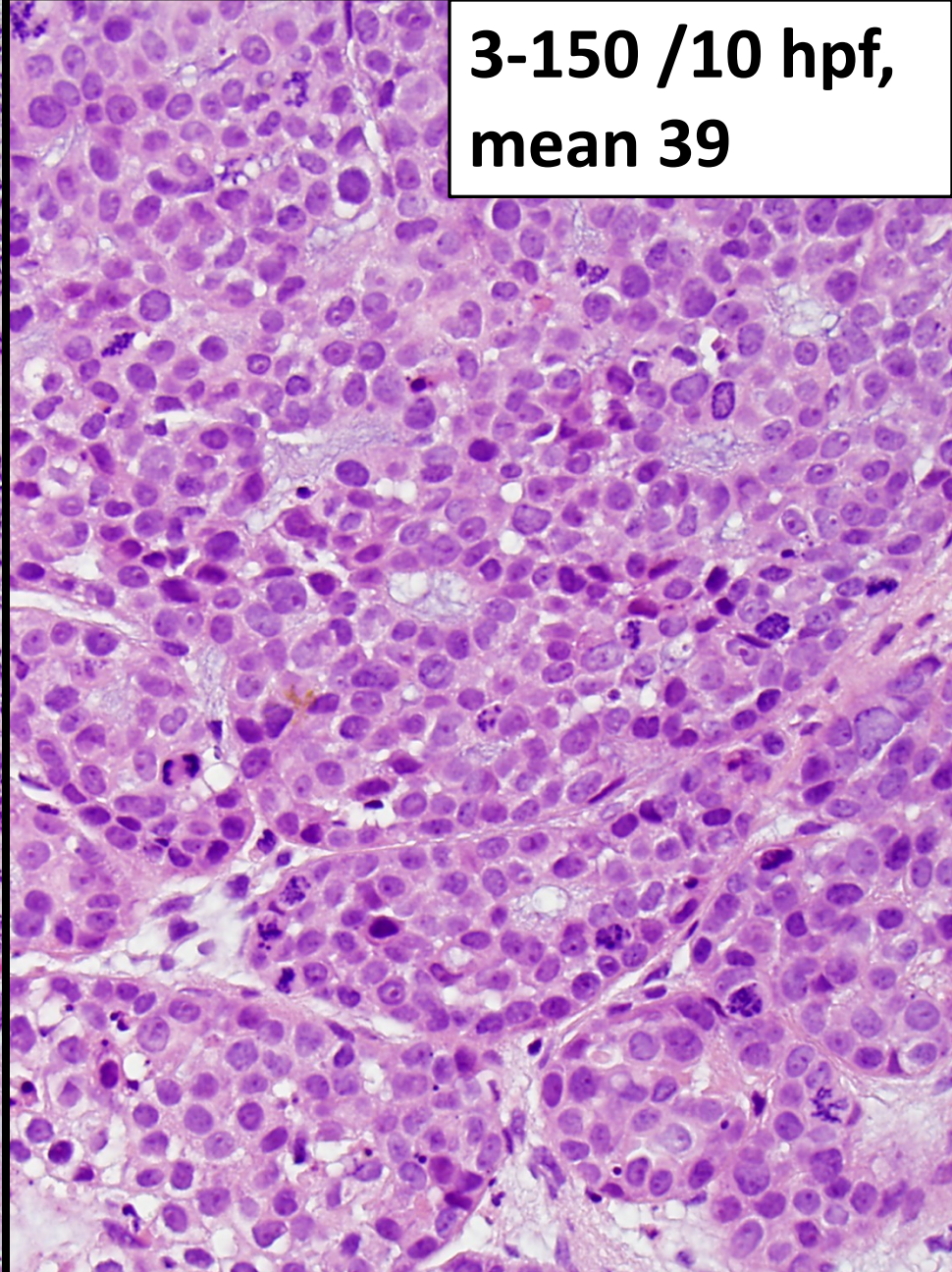


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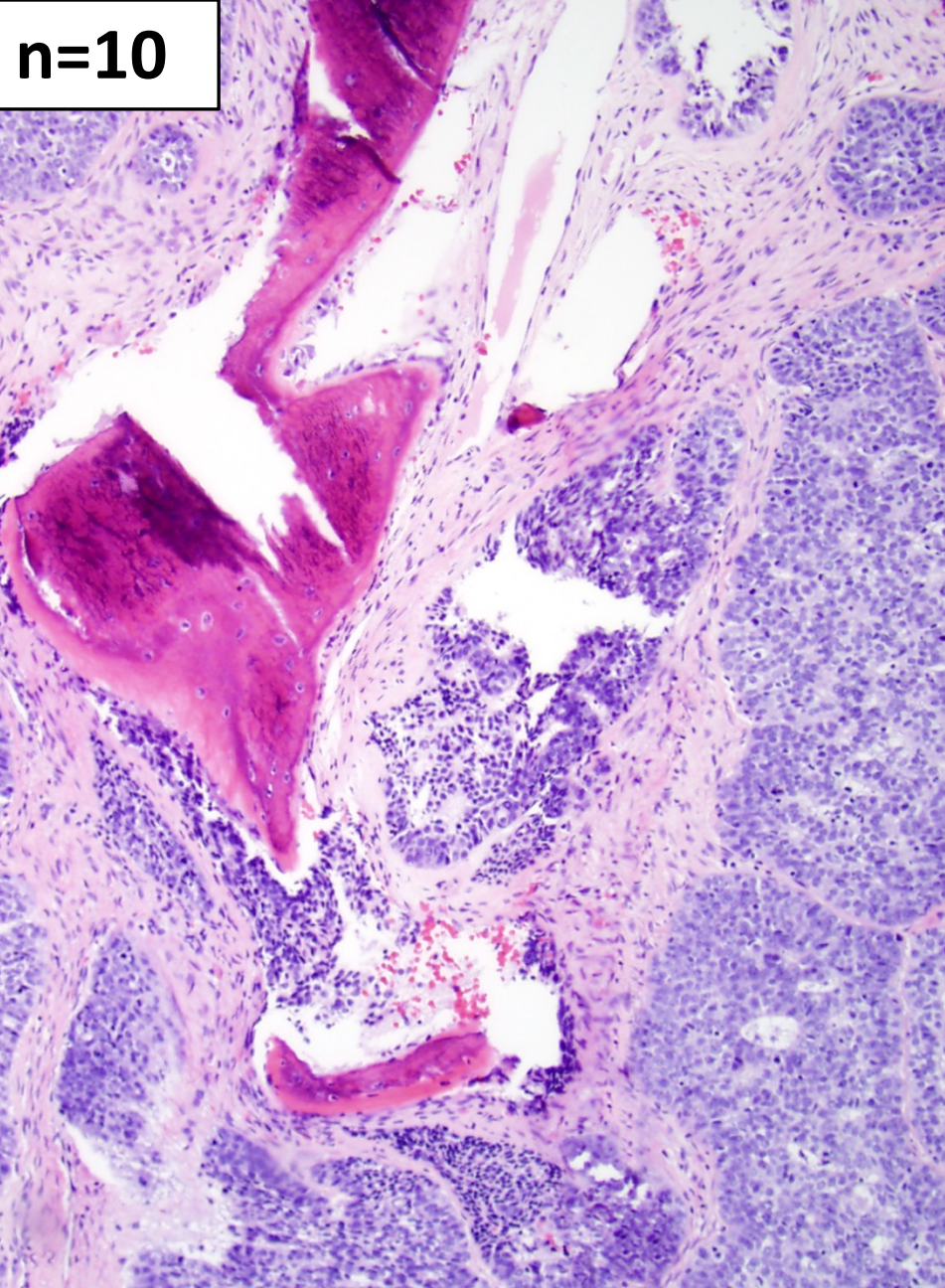


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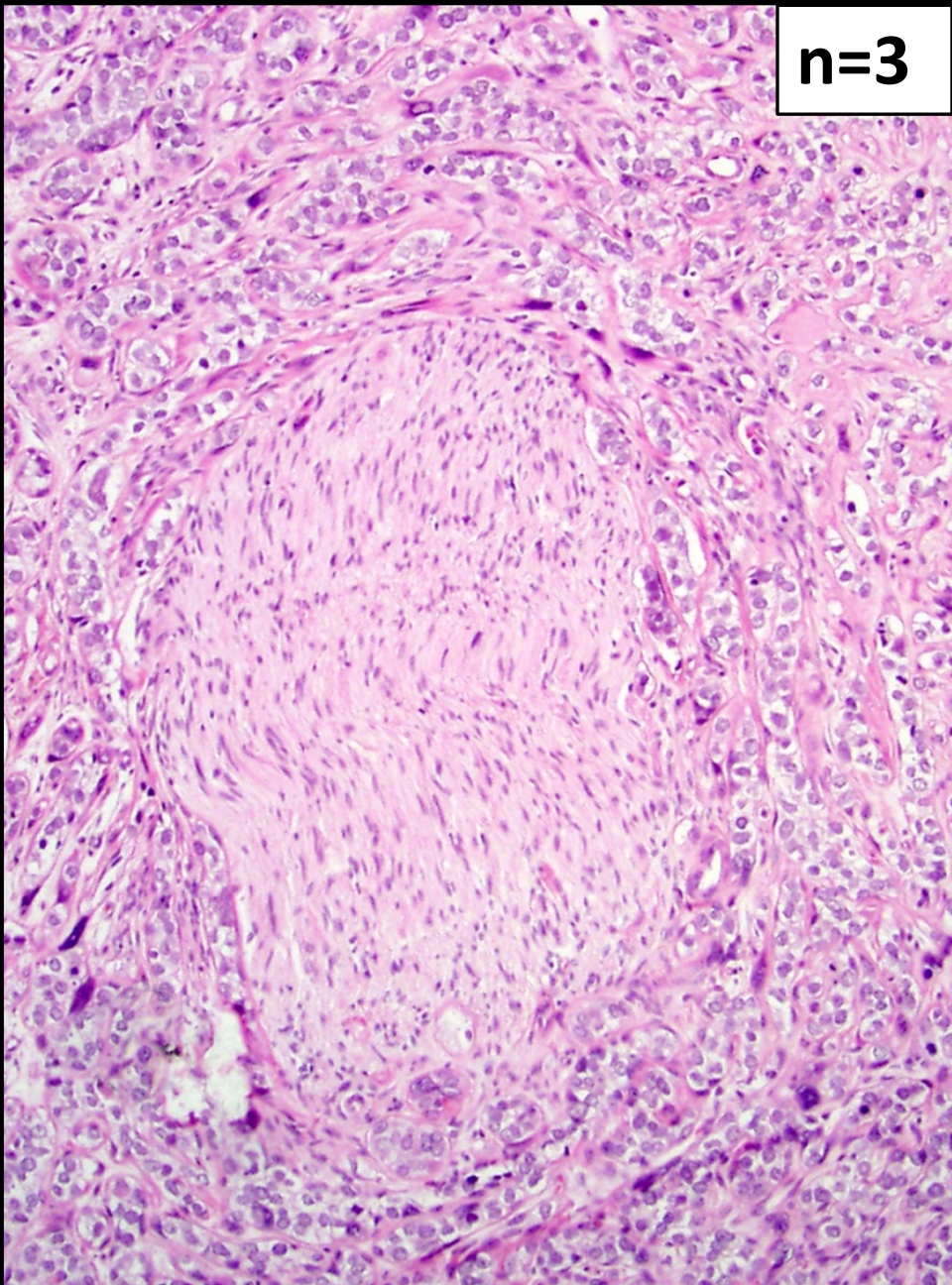


3-150 /10 hpf,  
mean 39

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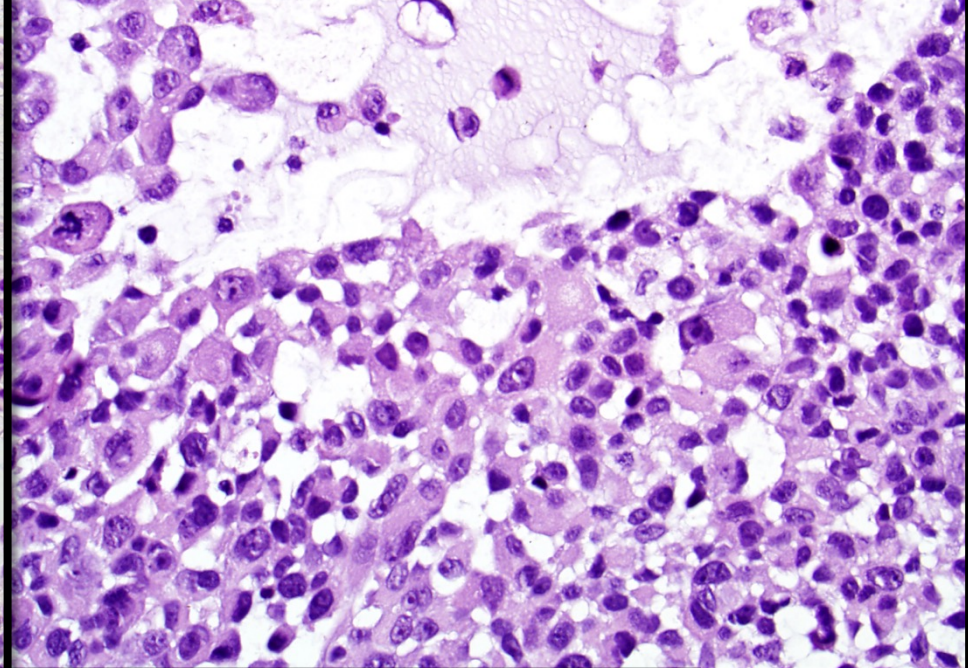
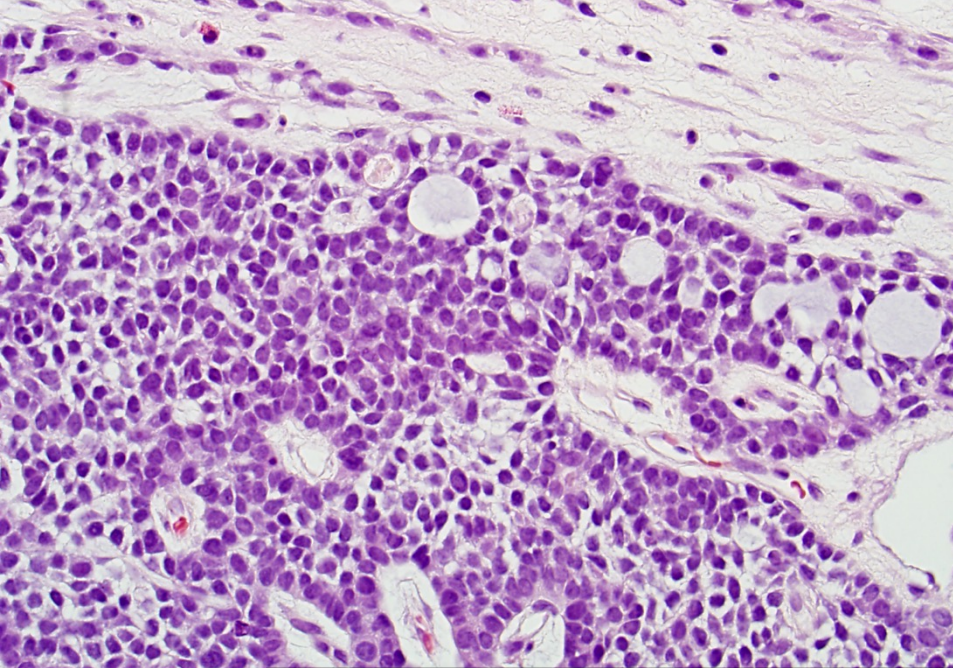


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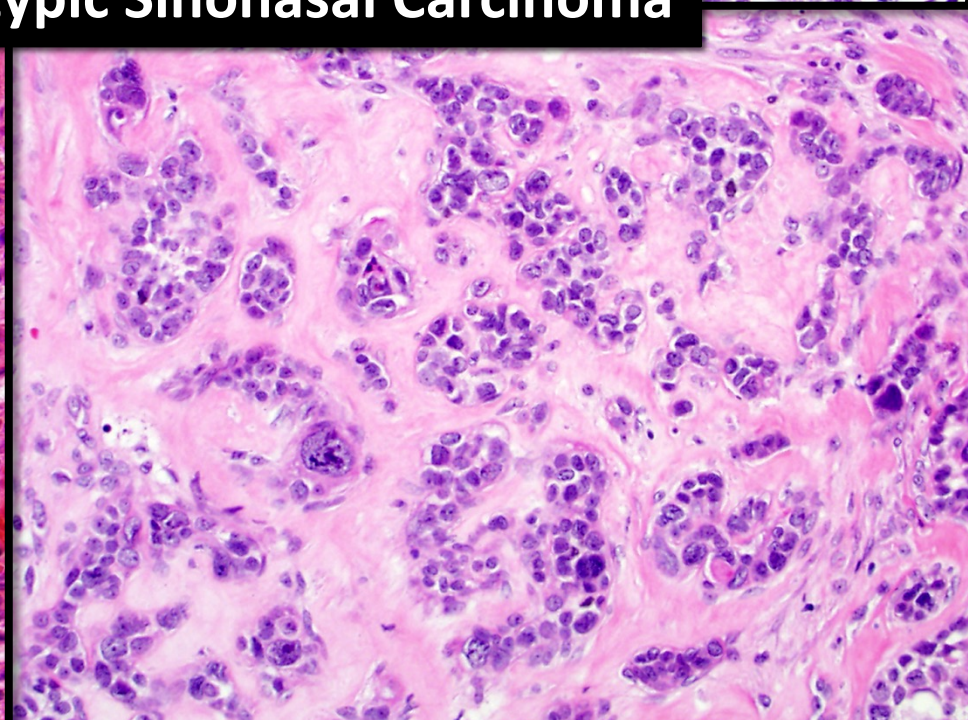
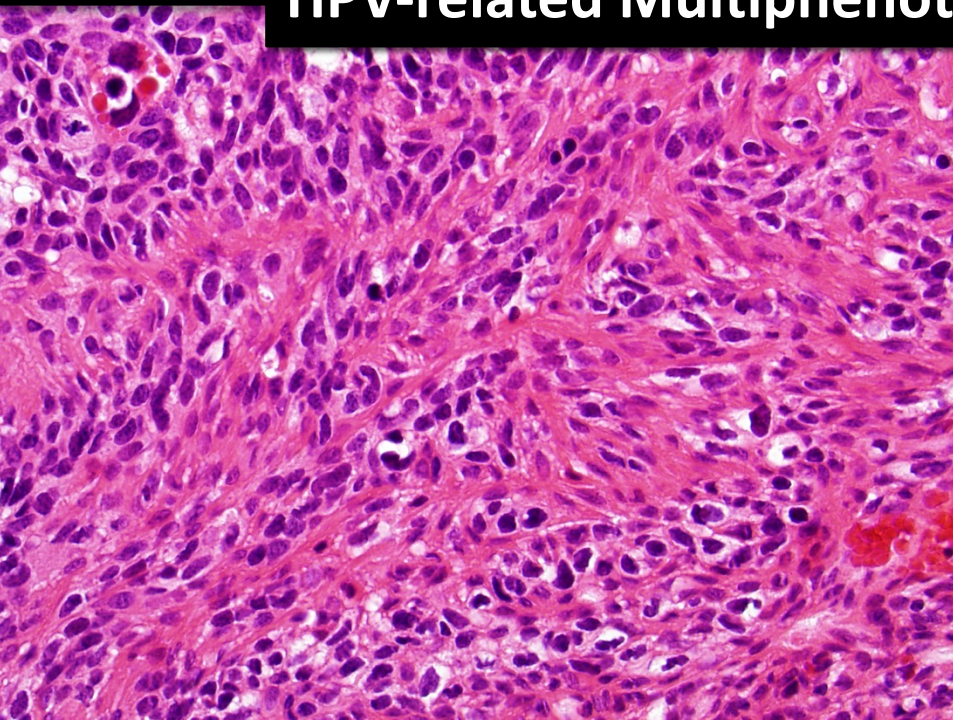


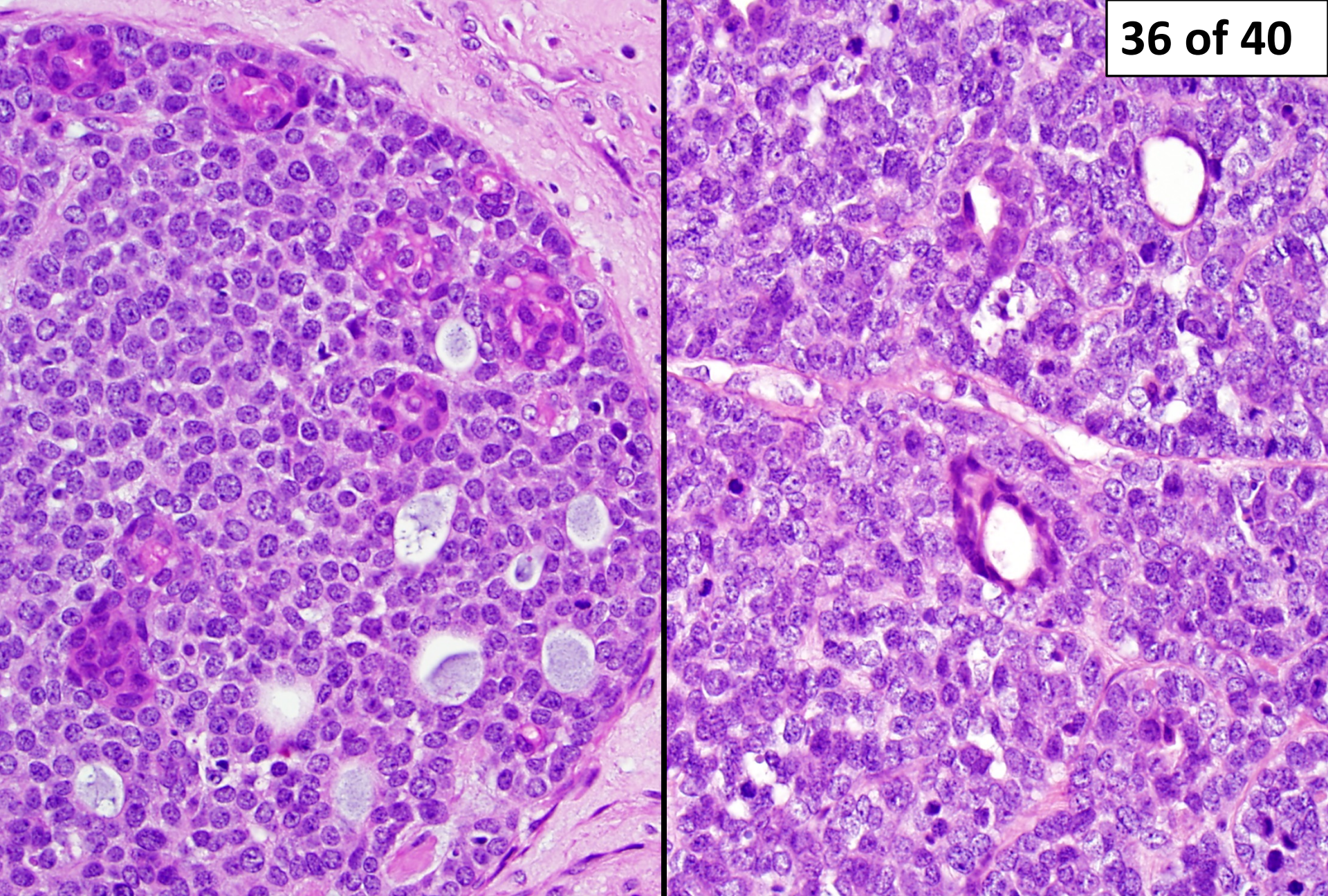
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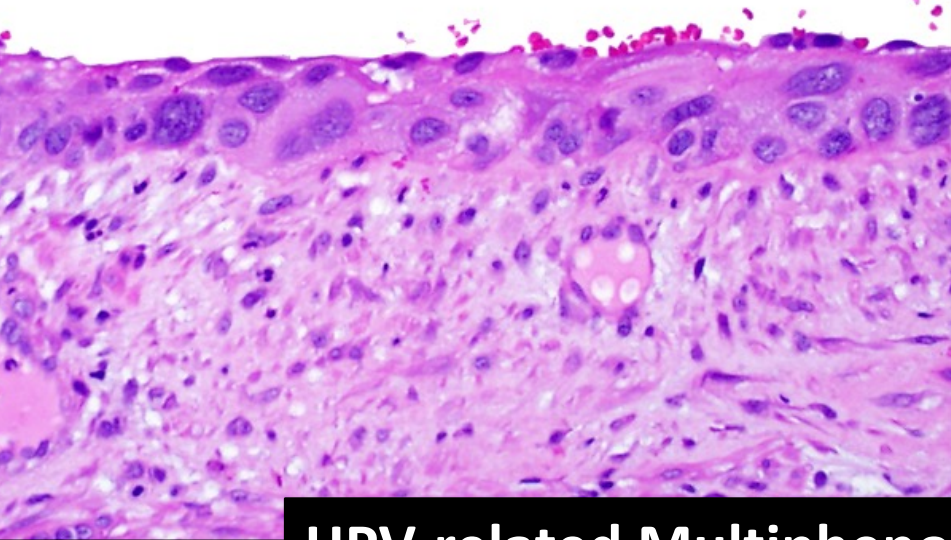


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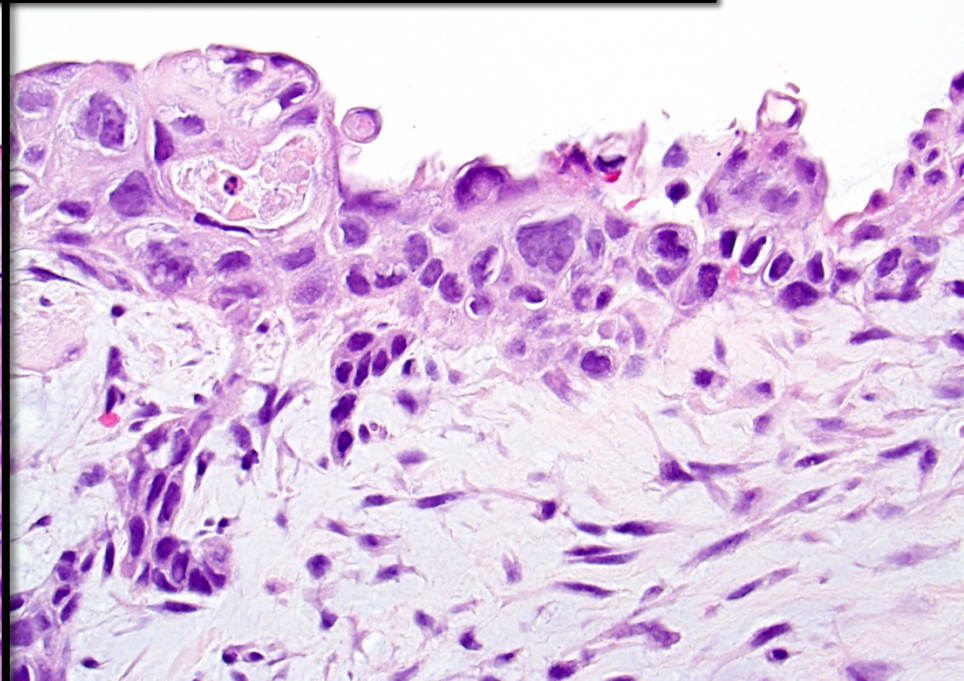
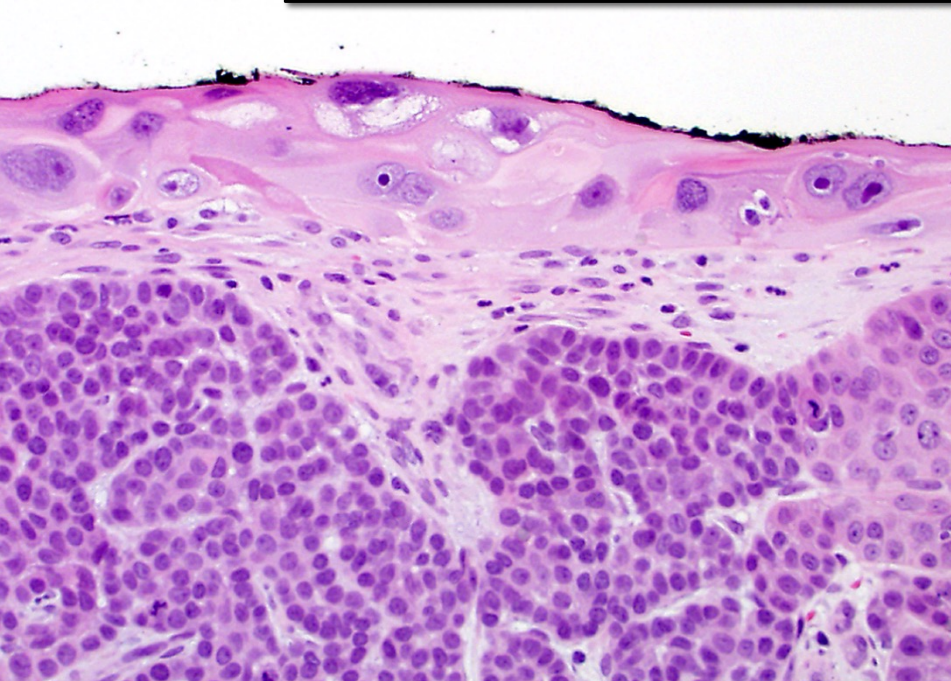


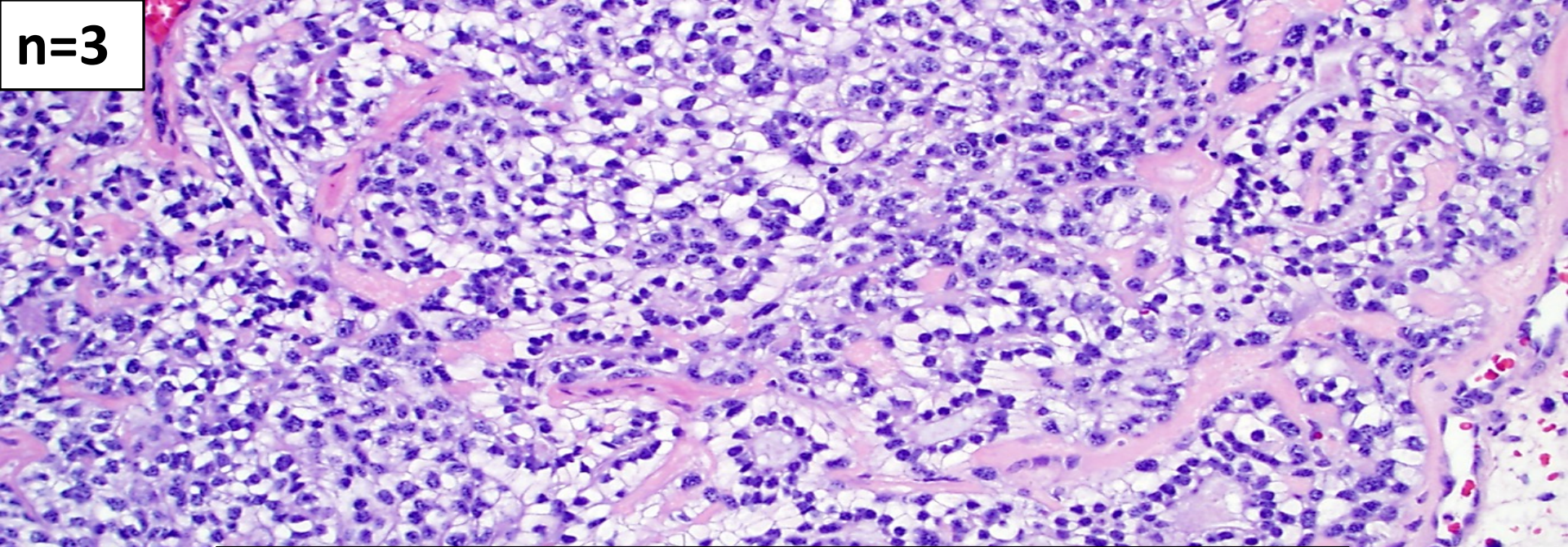


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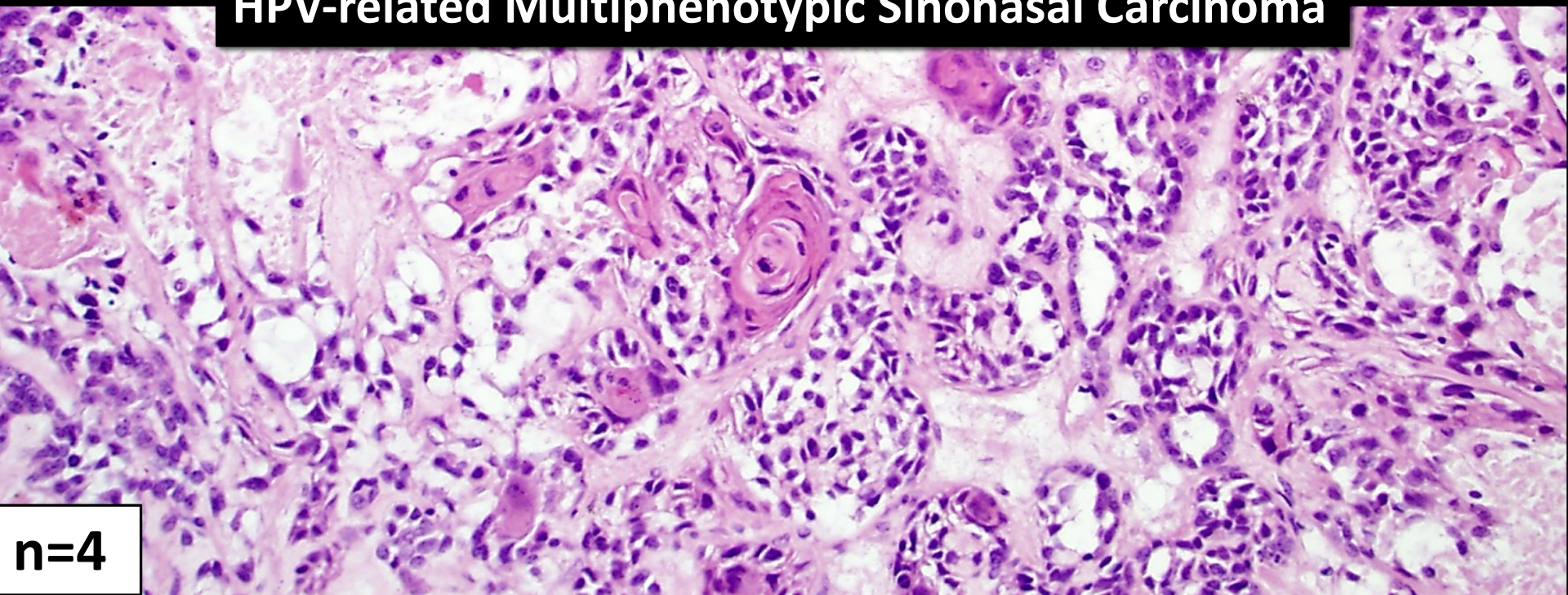
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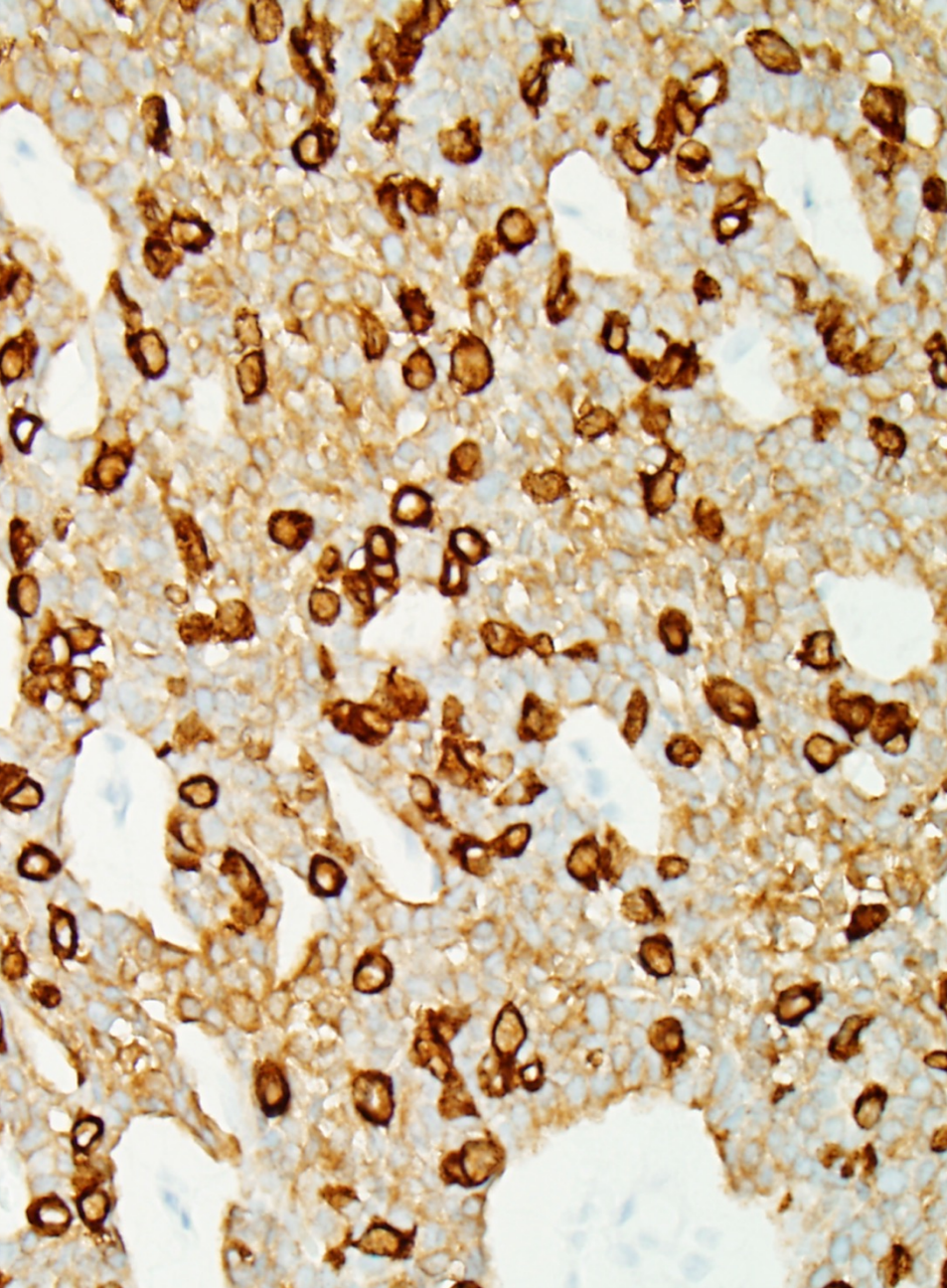
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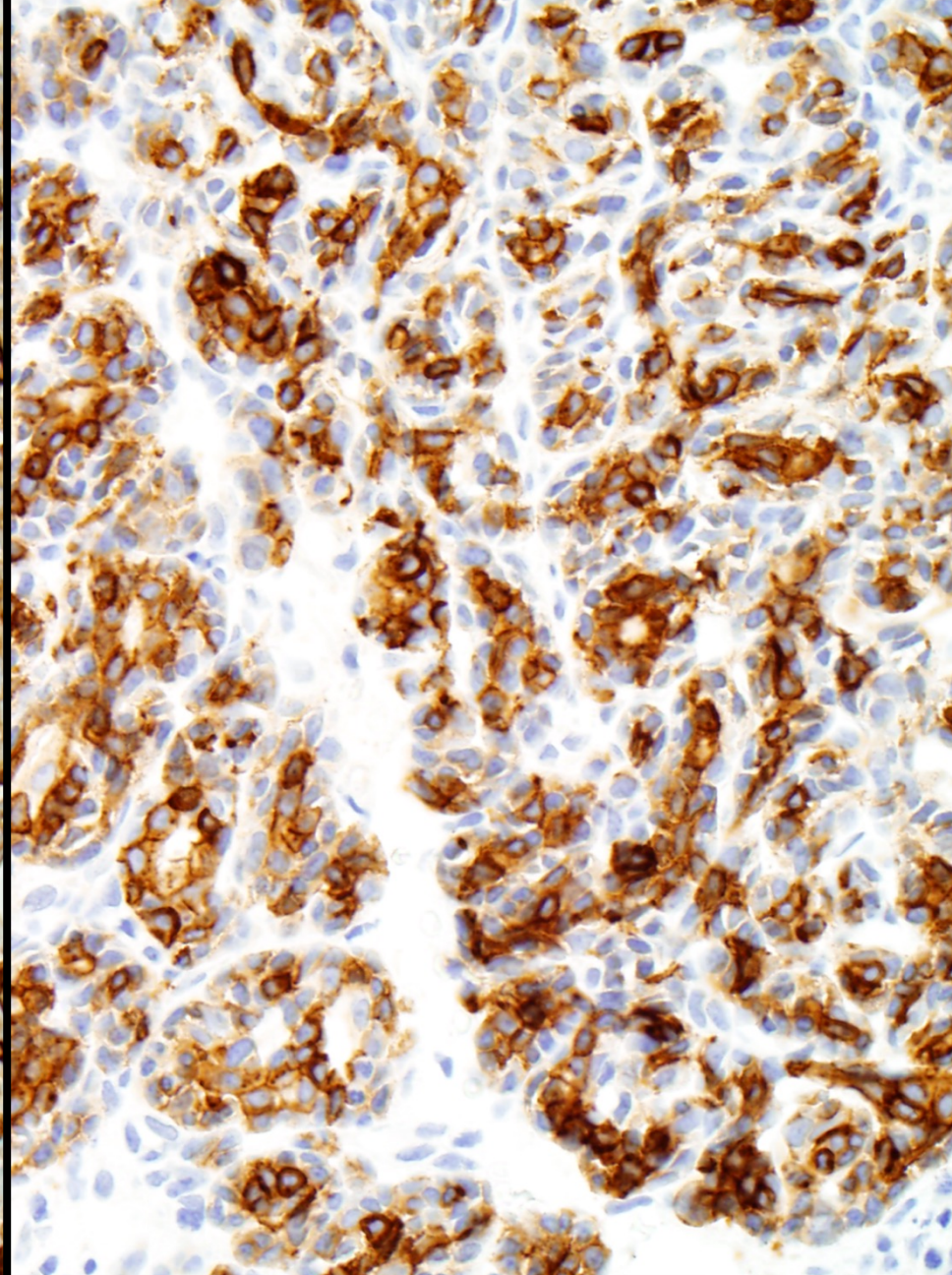
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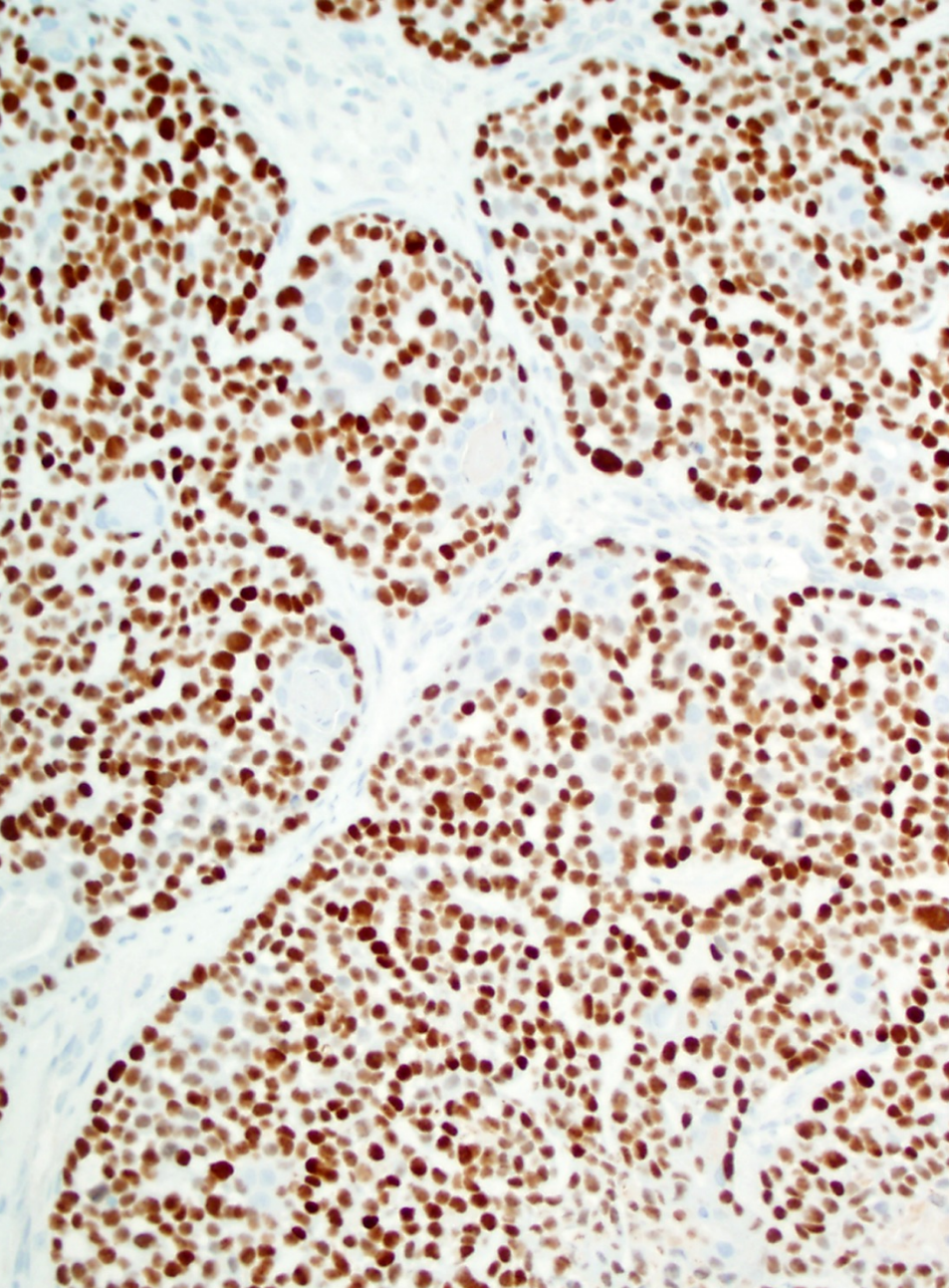


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HPV-related Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma

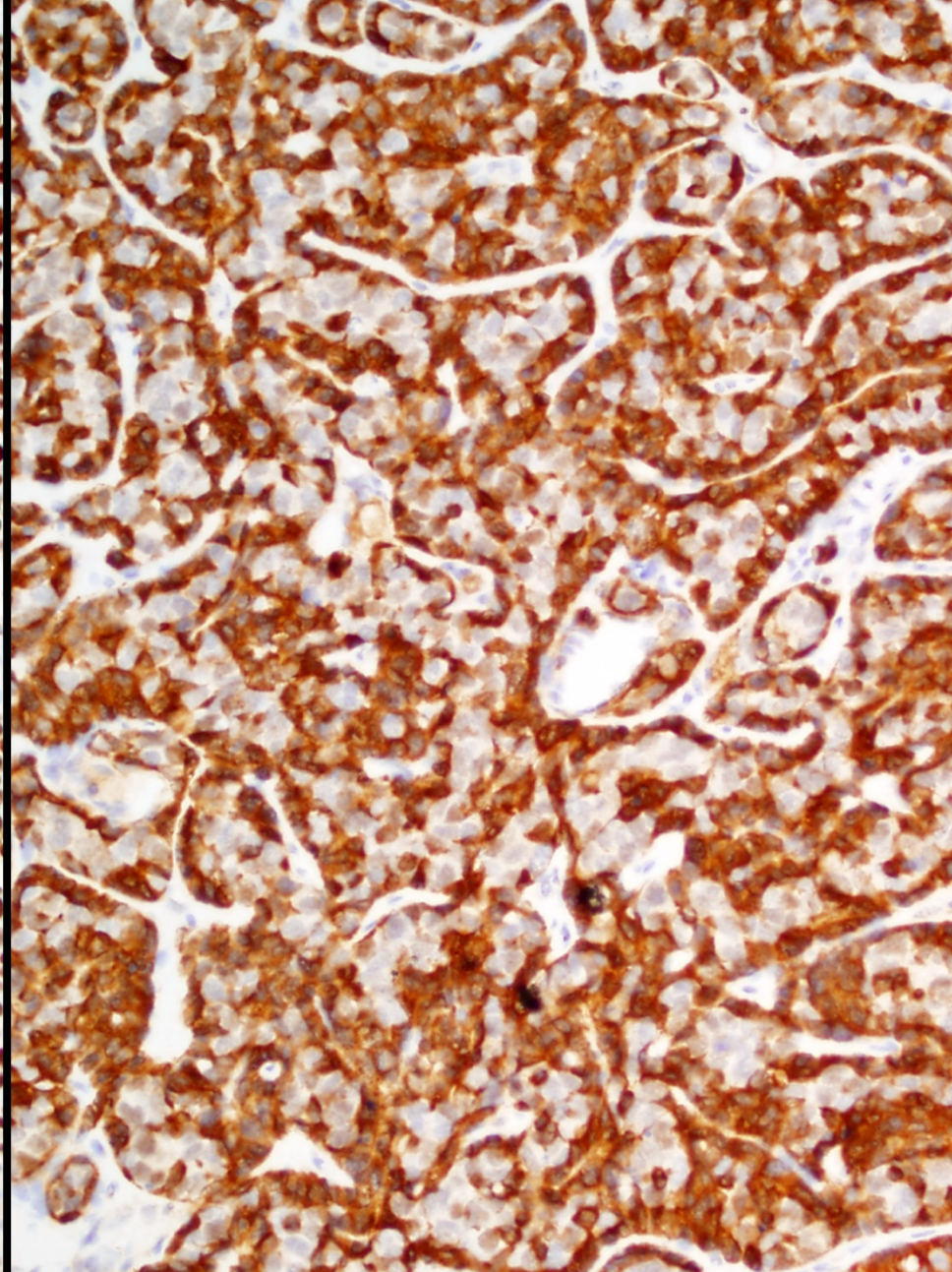


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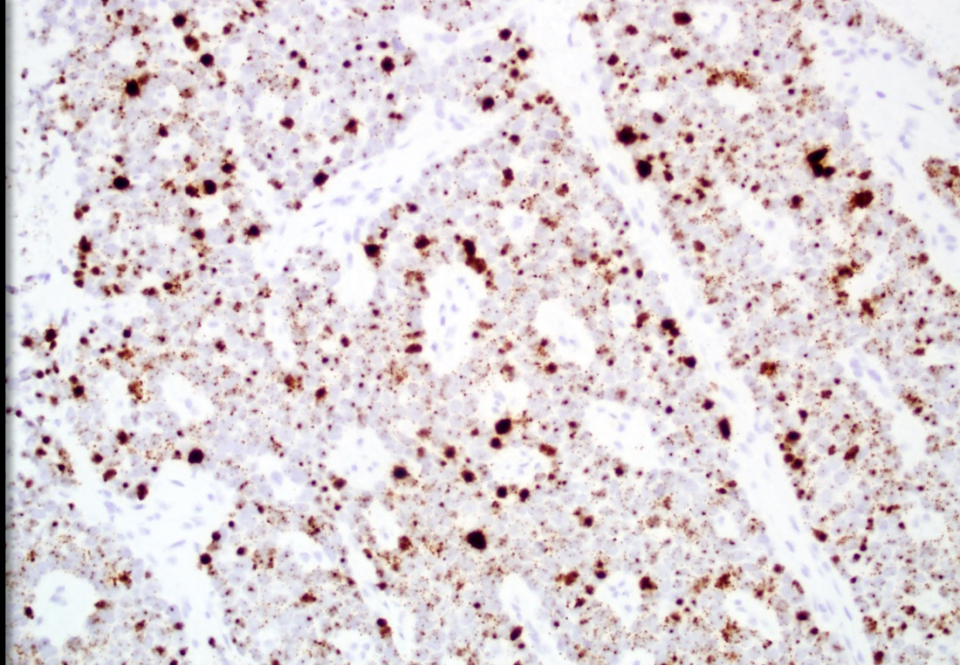
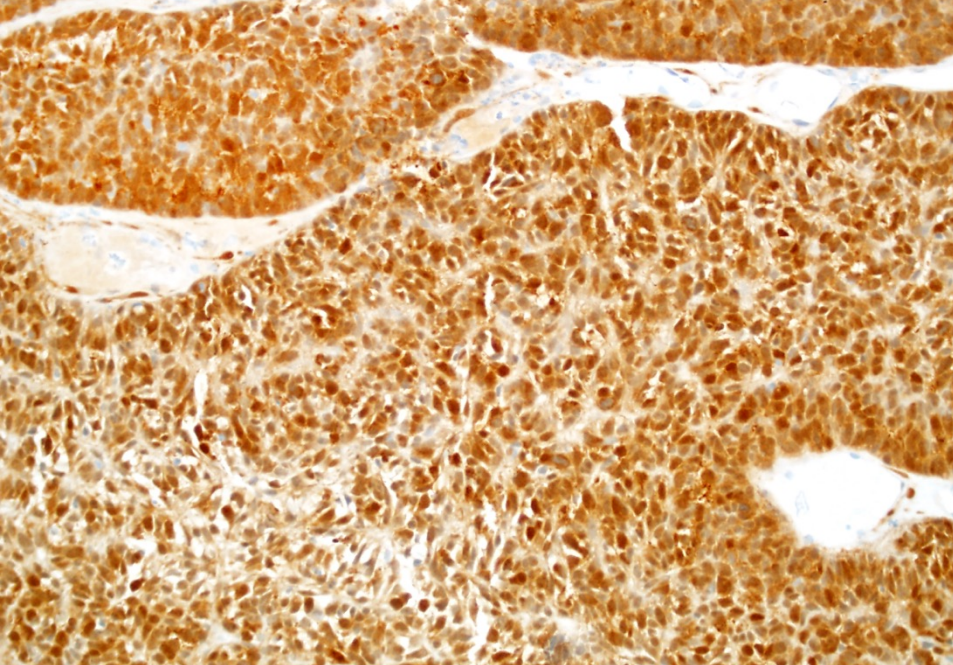


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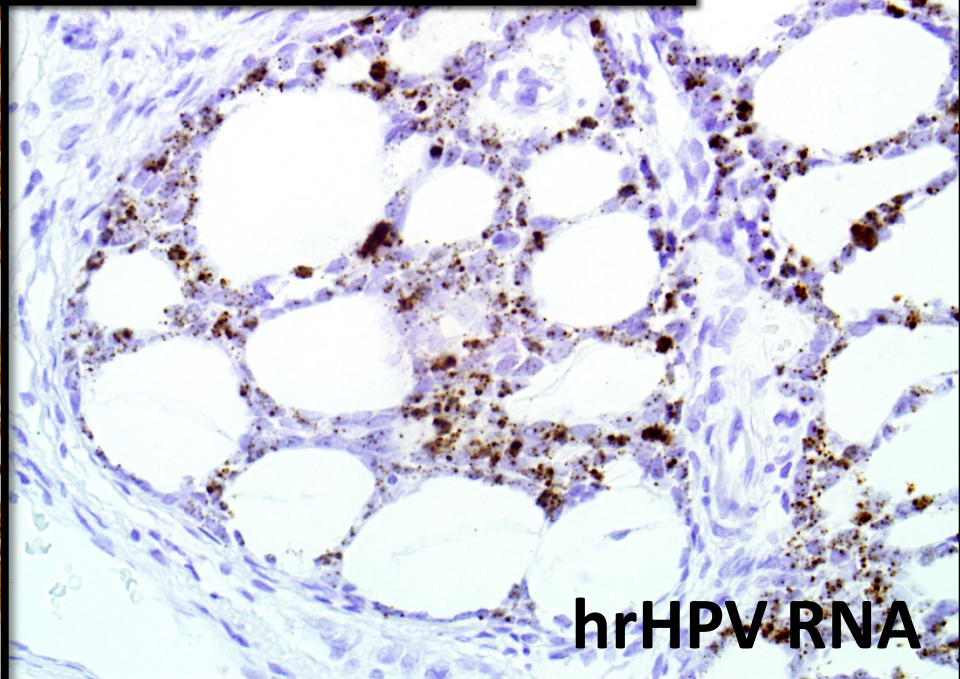
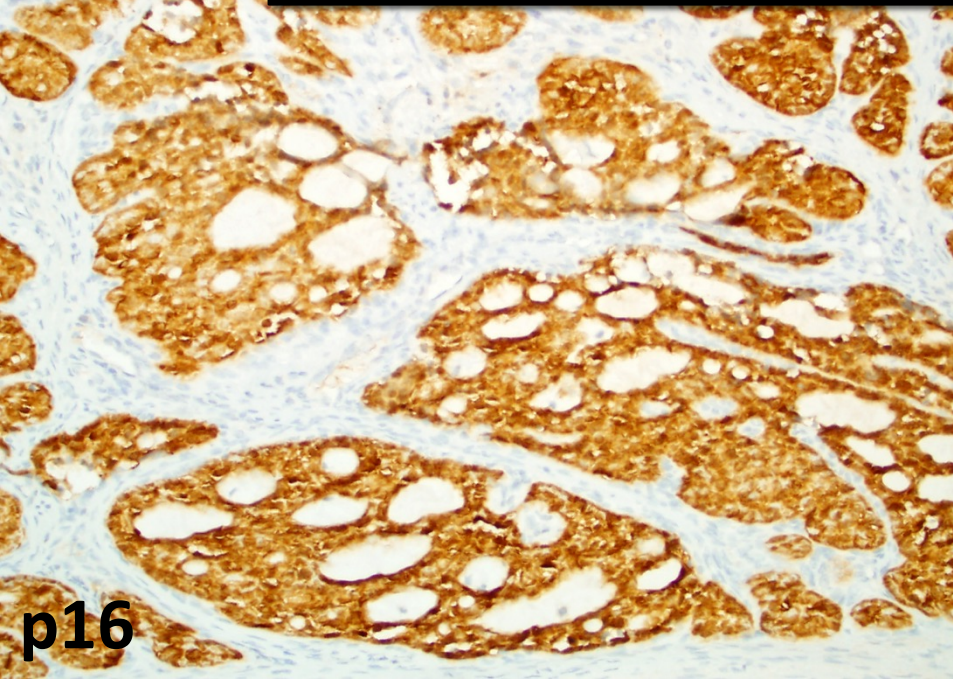
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Calponin



**HPV-related Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma**



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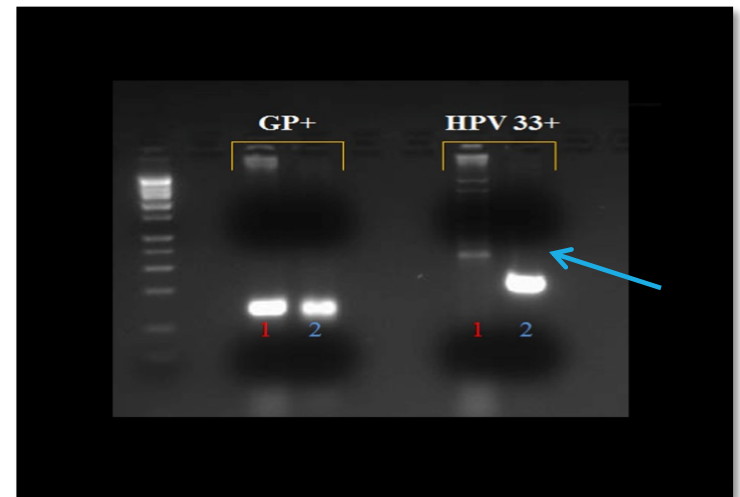
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# HPV-related Multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma

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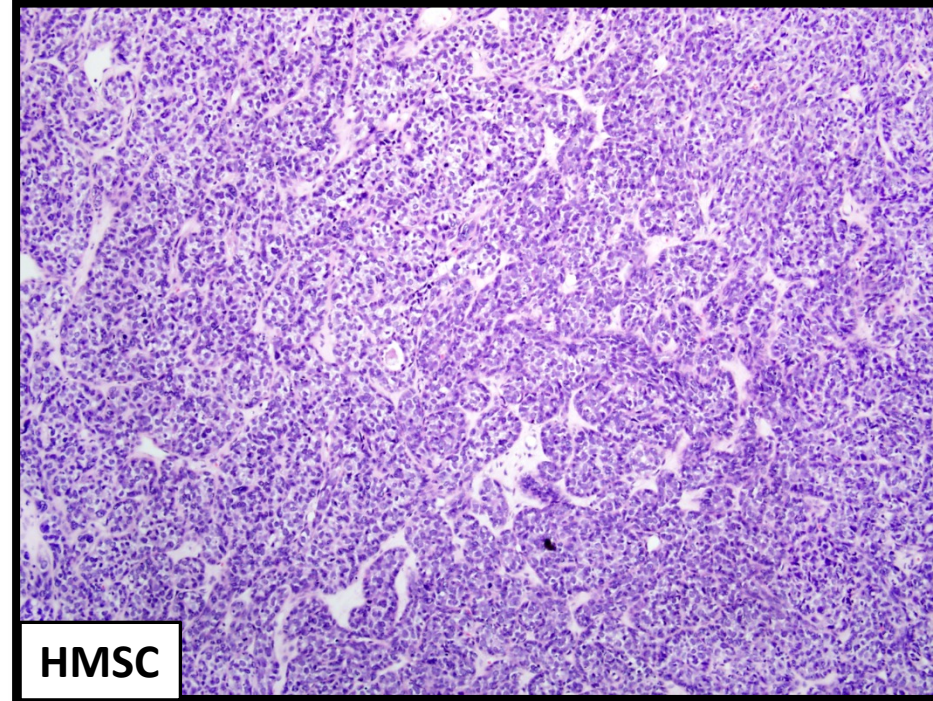
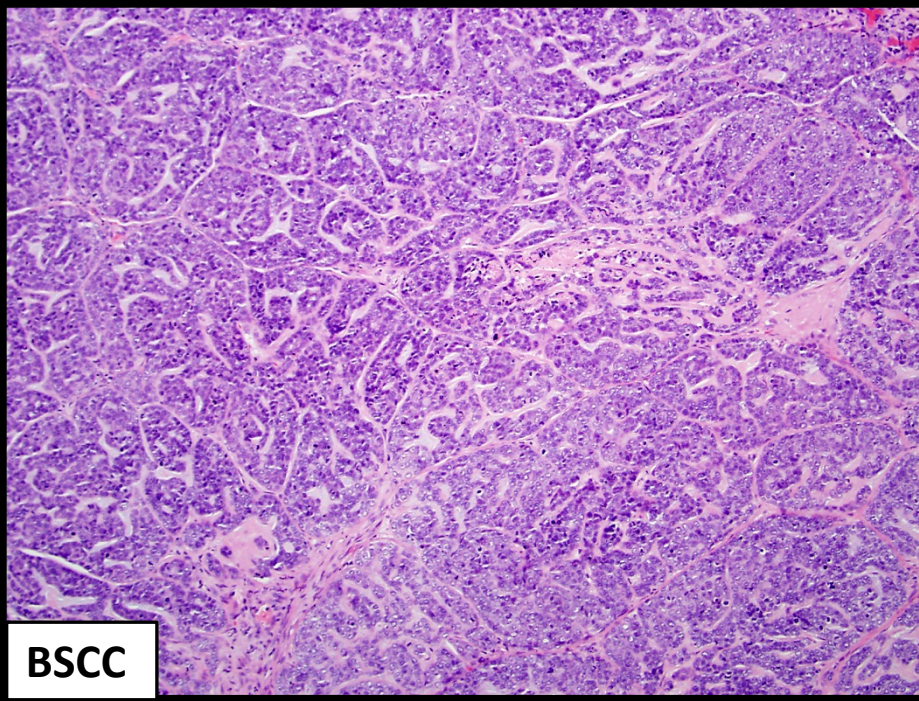
HPV types (ISH and PCR):

- **33 type 33**
- 3 type 35
- 1 type 56
- 12 type undetermined
- 1 type 16
- 0 type 18



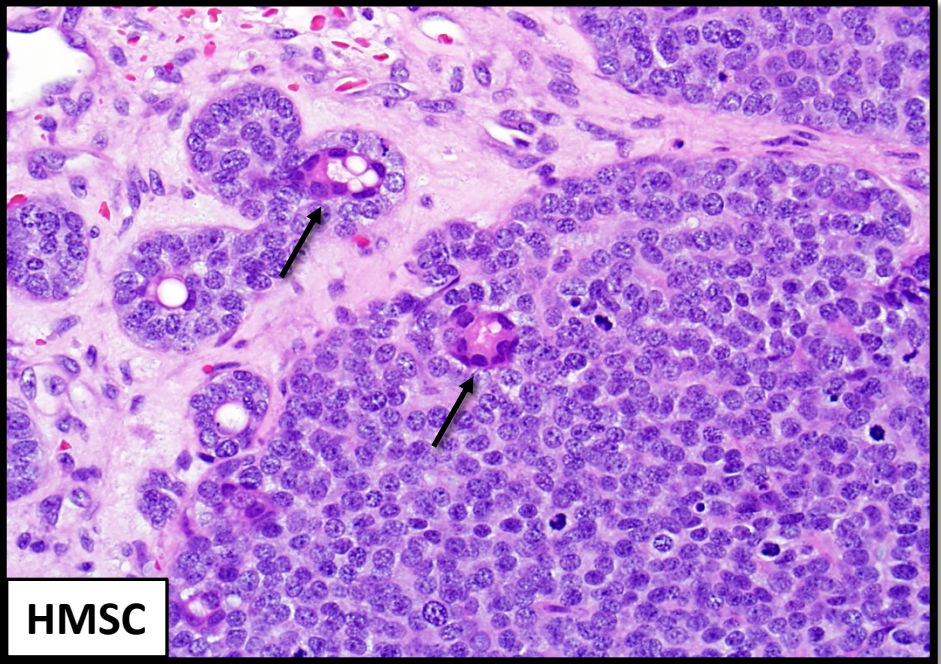
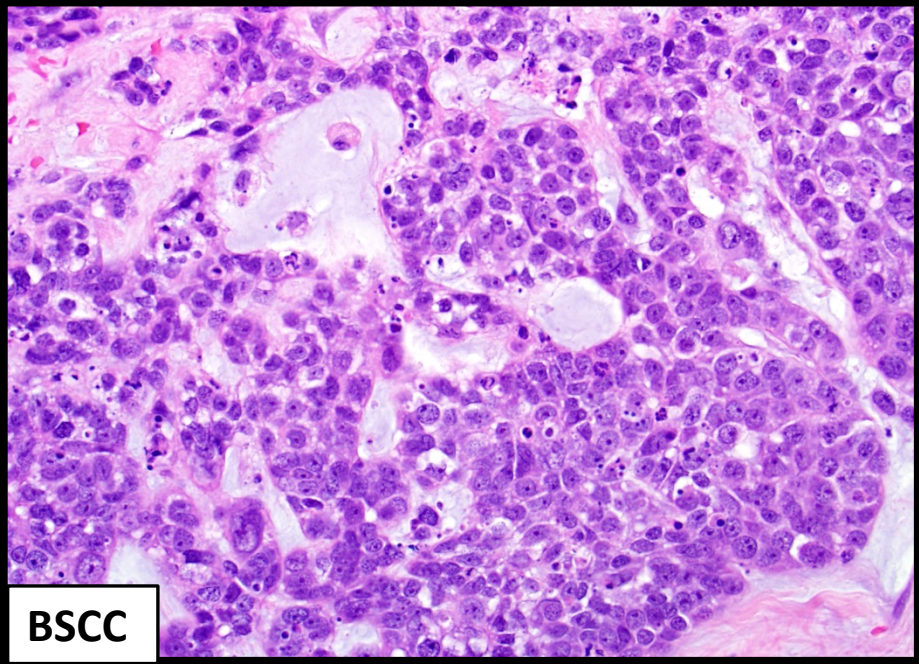
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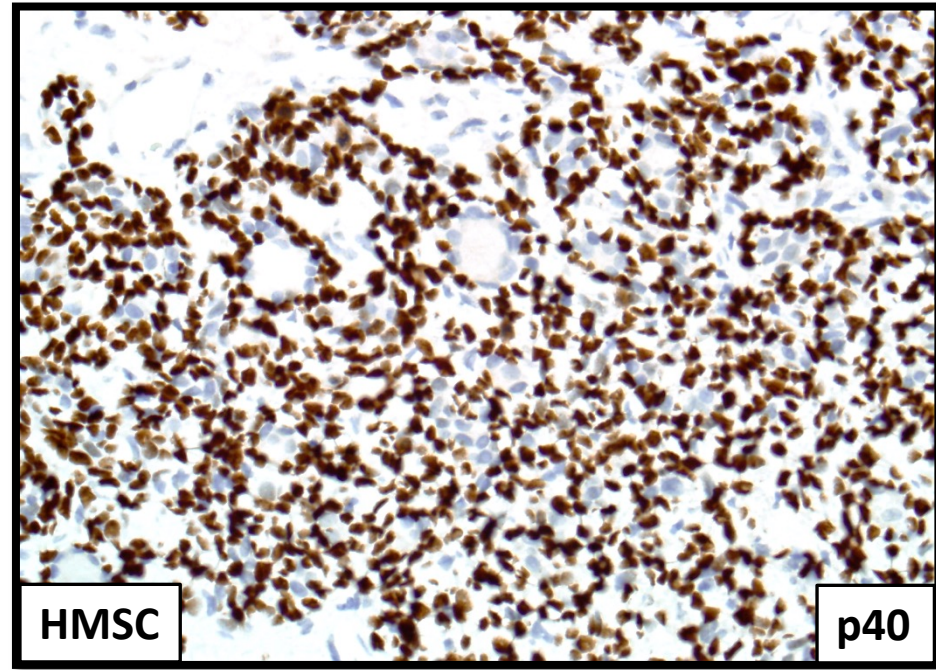
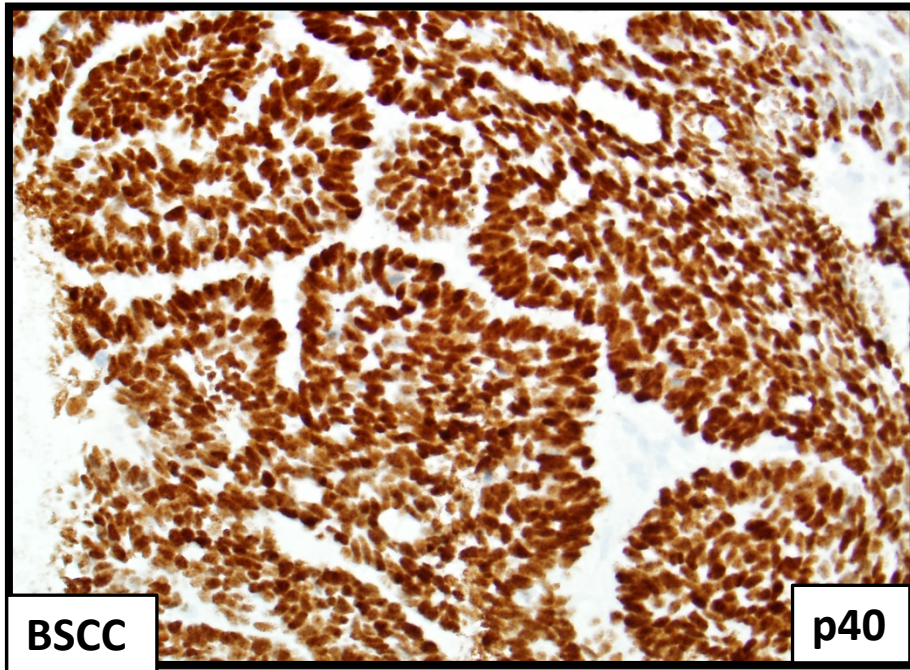
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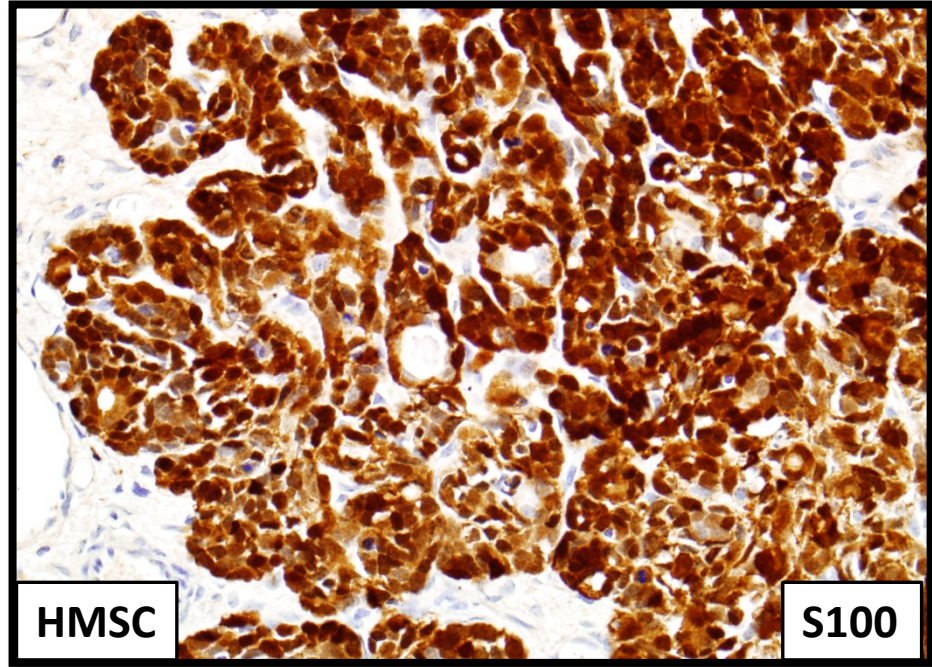
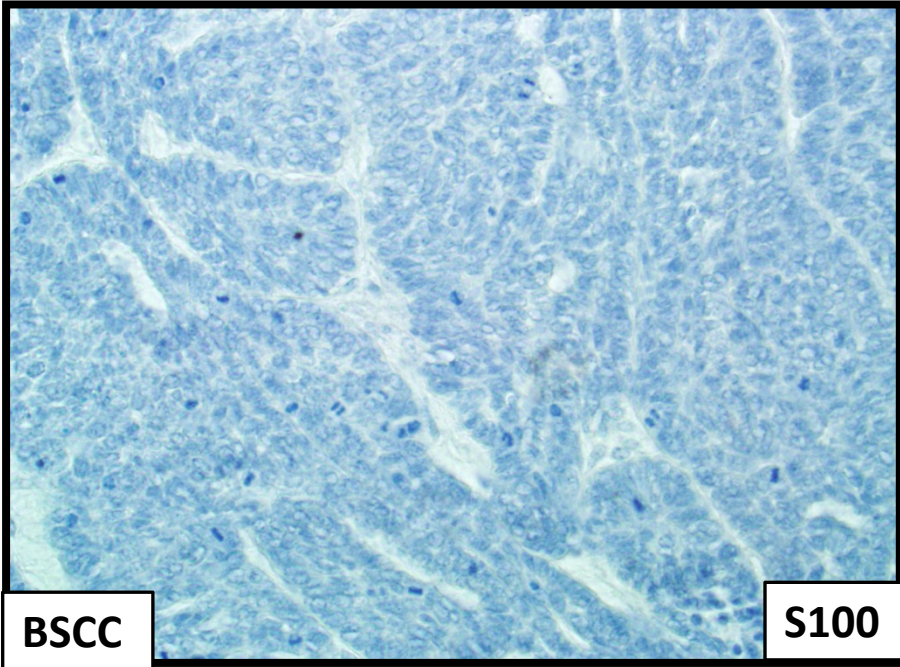
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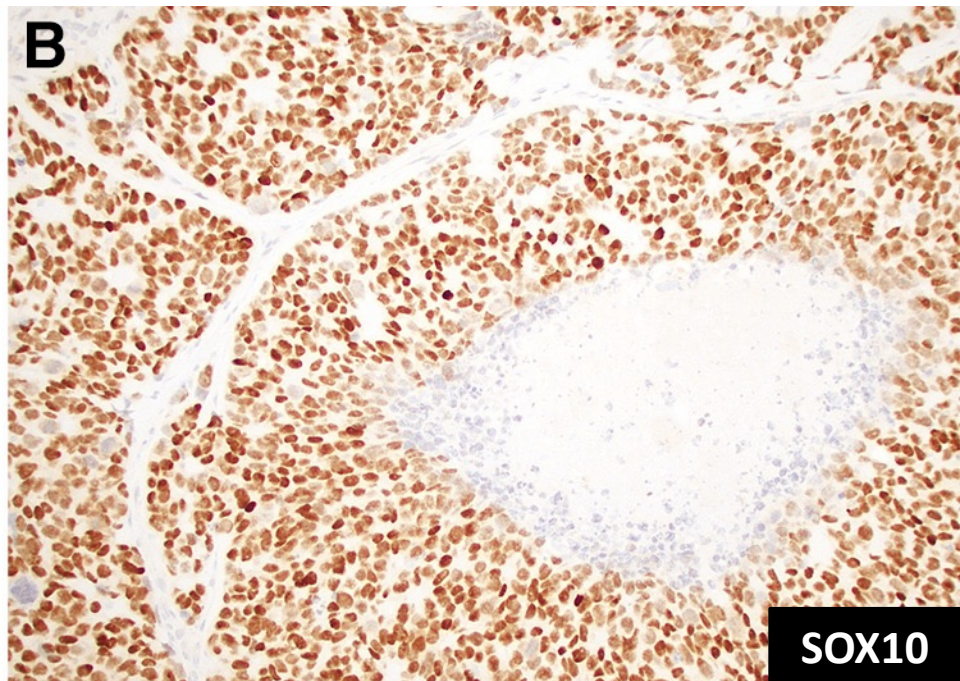
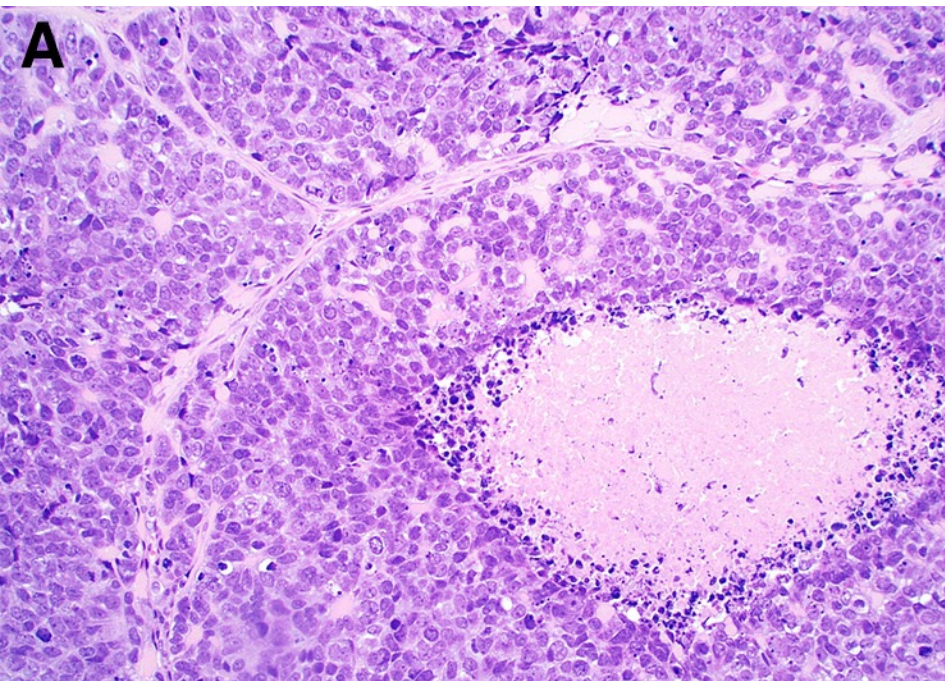


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## SOX10 Immunoexpression in Basaloid Squamous Cell Carcinomas: A Diagnostic Pitfall for Ruling out Salivary Differentiation

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### Abstract

SOX10 immunoexpression is increasingly recognized in salivary gland tumors, including but not limited to those with myoepithelial, serous acinar, and intercalated duct differentiation. However, SOX10 expression has not been extensively

# Why not adenoid cystic carcinoma?

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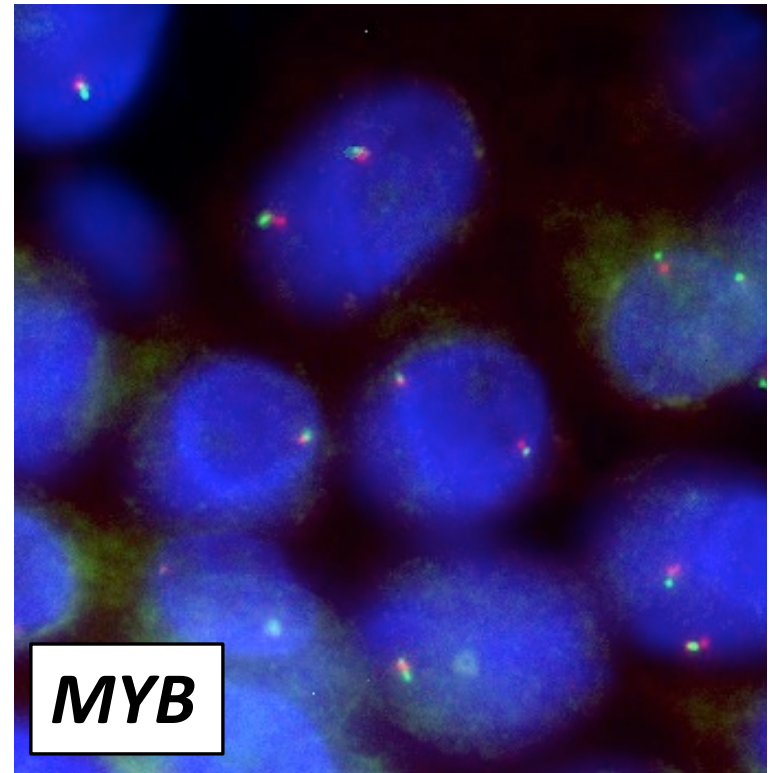
## Site specificity

- All cases collected have been from sinonasal tract.
- 0 of 108 (0%) adenoid cystic carcinomas arising in other ENT sites

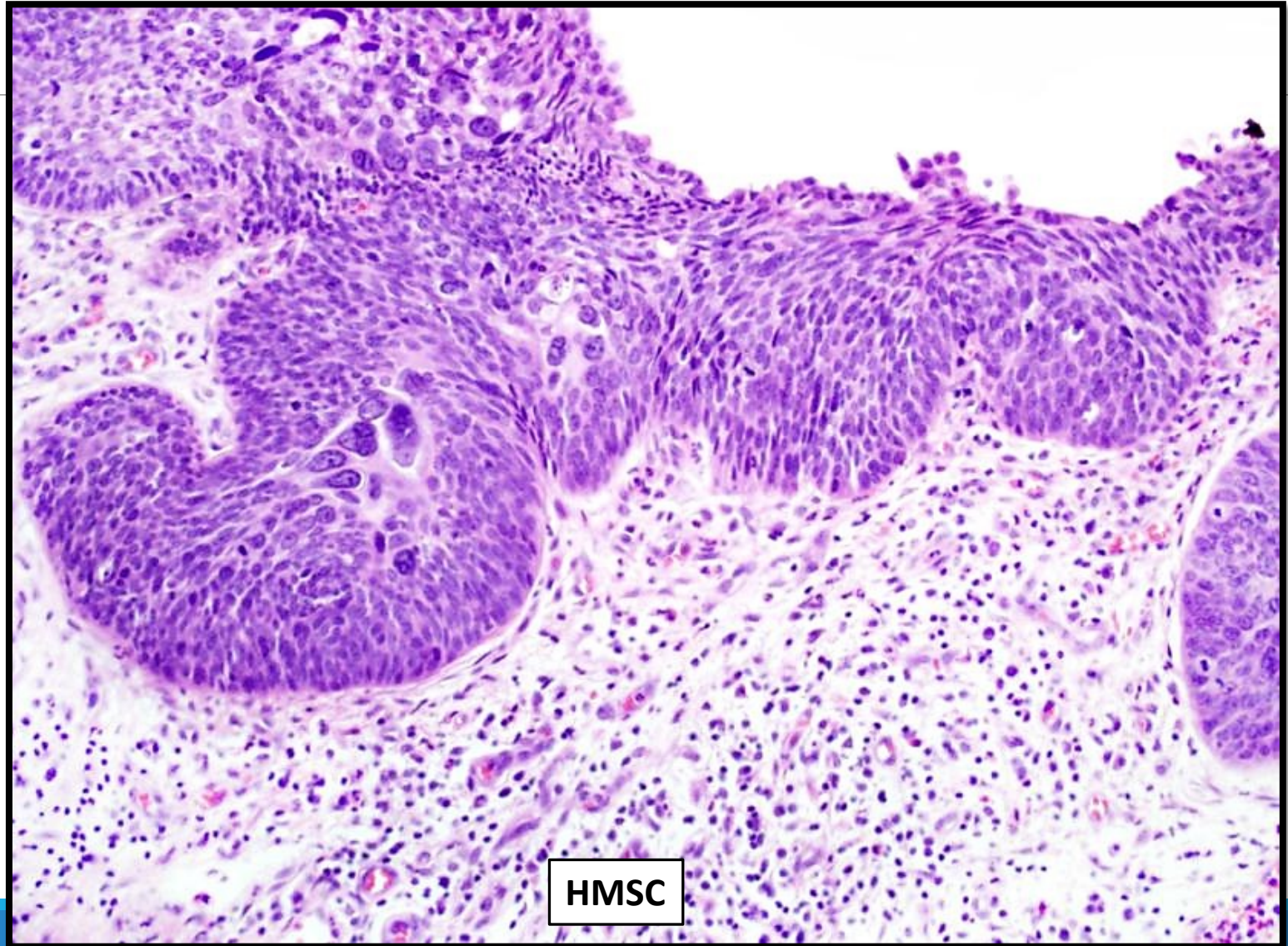
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No cases have harbored *MYB* or *MYBL1* gene fusions seen in 60-70% of adenoid cystic carcinomas



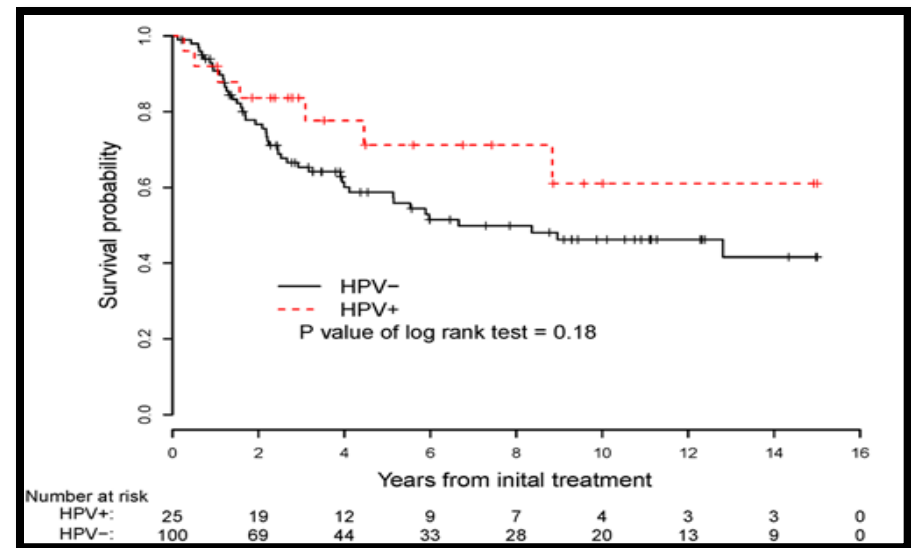
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# Survival in HPV-related sinonasal carcinomas

Significance not as clear as in oropharynx.

*Trend* towards improved overall disease-free and overall survival.



Bishop JA, et al. Am. J. Surg. Pathol. 2013. 37(6):836-44.

# HPV-related multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma

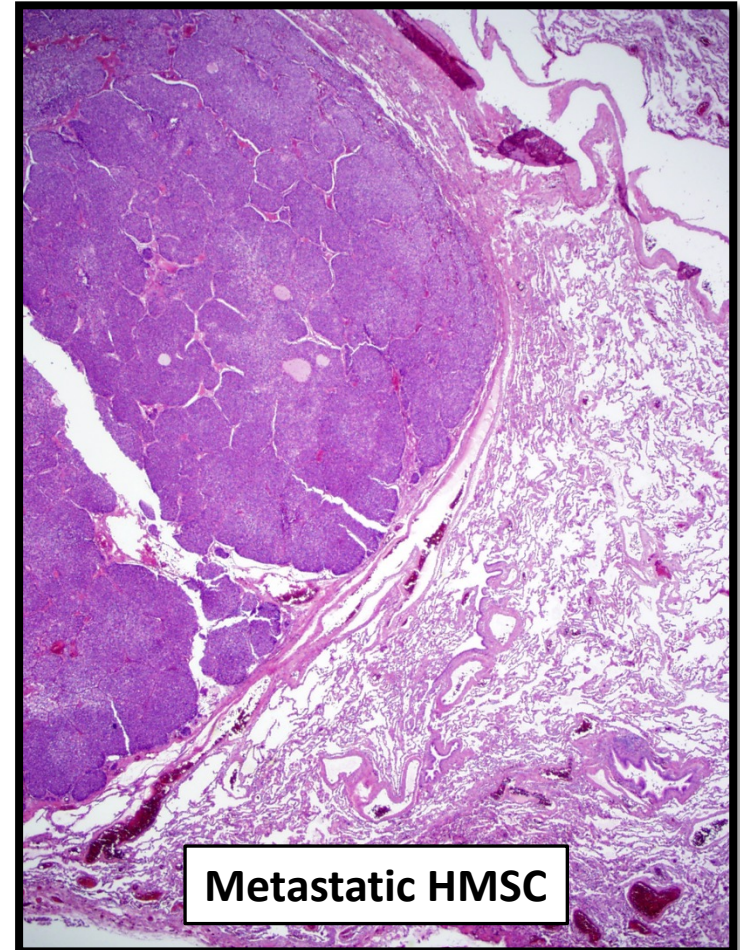
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39 cases had treatment and follow-up data (mean follow-up, 46.3 months).

Most treated with surgery +/- radiation.

14 recurred locally and 2 metastasized [to lung (n=2) and finger (n=1)].

No regional lymph node metastases, and **no tumor-related deaths.**



# Summary

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Sinonasal tract is the second anatomic hot spot for HPV-related head and neck carcinomas

- 20-25% harbor transcriptionally active high-risk HPV

Significance of HPV in this site (and other non-oropharyngeal sites) is unclear

**CAP: Routine HPV testing not indicated for non-oropharyngeal (including sinonasal) carcinomas at this time.**

# Summary

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Histologic spectrum of HPV-related sinonasal carcinoma includes a peculiar multiphenotypic variant

- High-grade histologic features.
- Biphasic tumor population with myoepithelial cells and ducts, similar to adenoid cystic carcinoma.
- Frequent surface epithelial dysplasia.
- Association with HR-HPV, especially type 33.
- Paradoxically behaves in a relatively indolent manner.
- **HPV testing is indicated for the multiphenotypic variant** because it is part of the tumor definition.
- HPV-specific testing needed, because **p16 is a poor HPV surrogate outside of the oropharynx.**



# CAP HPV Testing Guidelines

1. Pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing on all patients with newly diagnosed oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma (OPSCC), including all histologic subtypes. This testing may be performed on the primary tumor or on a regional lymph node metastasis when the clinical findings are consistent with an oropharyngeal primary.
2. For oropharyngeal tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology), pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing by surrogate marker p16 IHC. Additional HPV-specific testing may be done at the discretion of the pathologist and/or treating clinician, or in the context of a clinical trial.
3. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with non-squamous carcinomas of the oropharynx.
4. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with non-oropharyngeal primary tumors of the head and neck.
5. Pathologists should routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with metastatic SCC of unknown primary in a cervical upper or mid jugular chain lymph node. An explanatory note on the significance of a positive HPV result is recommended.
6. For tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology) from patients presenting with metastatic SCC of unknown primary in a cervical upper or mid jugular chain lymph node, pathologists should perform p16 IHC.
7. Pathologists should perform HR-HPV testing on head and neck fine needle aspiration (FNA) SCC samples from all patients with known oropharyngeal SCC not previously tested for HR-HPV, with suspected oropharyngeal SCC, or with metastatic SCC of unknown primary. Note: No recommendation is made for or against any specific testing methodology for HR-HPV testing in FNA samples. If the result of HR-HPV testing on the FNA sample is negative, testing should be performed on tissue if it becomes available.
8. Pathologists should report p16 IHC positivity as a surrogate for HR-HPV in tissue specimens (i.e., non-cytology) when there is at least 70% nuclear and cytoplasmic expression with at least moderate to strong intensity
9. Pathologists should not routinely perform low-risk HPV testing on patients with head and neck carcinomas.
10. Pathologists should not repeat HPV testing on patients with locally recurrent, regionally recurrent, or persistent tumor if primary tumor HR-HPV status has already been established. If initial HR-HPV status was never assessed or results are unknown, testing is recommended. HPV testing may be performed on a case-by-case basis for diagnostic purposes if there is uncertainty regarding whether the tumor in question is a recurrence or a new primary SCC.
11. Pathologists should not routinely perform HR-HPV testing on patients with distant metastases if primary tumor HR-HPV status has been established. HPV testing may be performed on a case-by-case basis for diagnostic purposes if there is uncertainty regarding whether the tumor in question is a metastasis or a new primary SCC.
12. Pathologists should report primary OPSCCs that test positive for HR-HPV or its surrogate marker p16 as “HPV-positive” and/or “p16-positive.”
13. Pathologists should not provide a tumor grade or differentiation status for HPV-positive/p16-positive OPSCC.
14. Pathologists should not alter HR-HPV testing strategy based on patient smoking history

**Thank you!**



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