Female genital tract

Germ cell tumors

- Teratoma
 - Immature teratoma
 - Mature teratoma
 - Cystic (dermoid cyst)
 - Solid
 - Monodermal teratoma
- Dysgerminoma
- Yolk sac tumor
- Choriocarcinoma
- Embryonal carcinoma
- Mixed germ cell tumors

Teratoma

- ▶ 15% to 20% of ovarian tumors
- Occur in the first two decades of life
- Young age ...↑ incidence of malignancy
- > 90% are benign mature cystic teratomas

Benign -Mature- Cystic Teratomas (Dermoid cyst)

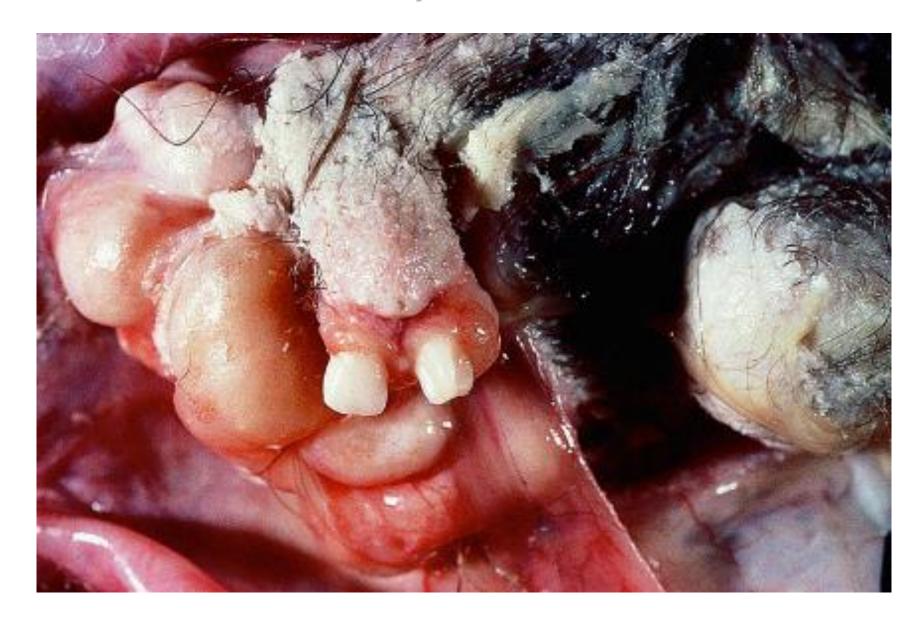
- Most common ovarian tumors in childhood
- ▶ 90% are unilateral, more on the right
- Complications:
- In 1%, malignant transformation of one of the tissue elements, usually SCC
- ▶ 10–15% undergo torsion due to long pedicle

Gross appearance

- Multiloculated cyst filled with sebum & matted hair
- Teeth prortuding from a nodular projection
- Occasionally foci of bone and cartilage

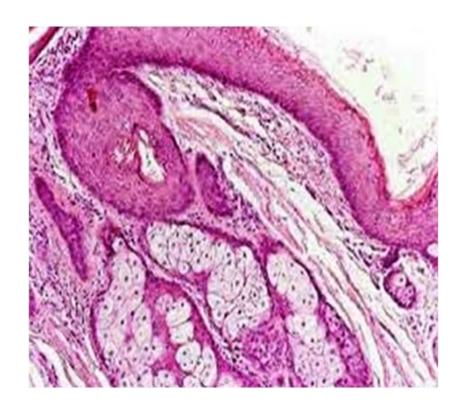


Mature cystic teratoma

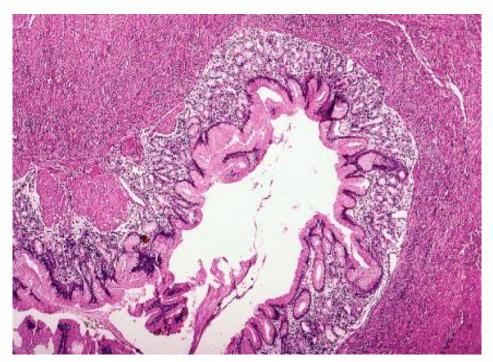


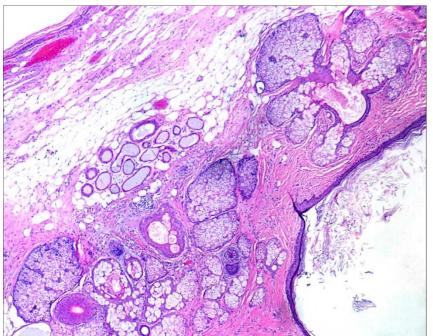
Microscopic appearance

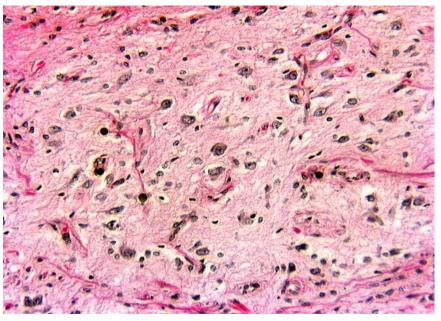
- Mature tissues representing all three germ cell layers
- A cyst lined by epidermal type epithelium with adnexal appendages



Mature cystic teratoma



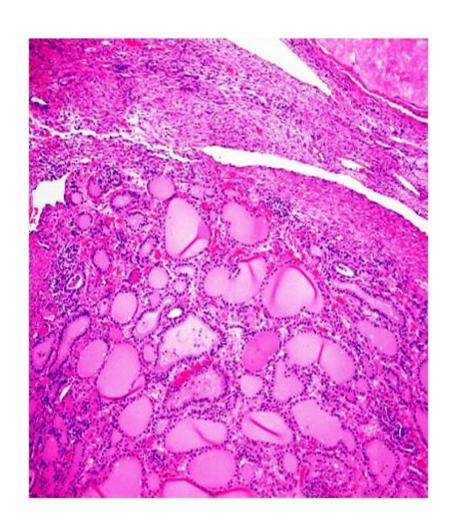


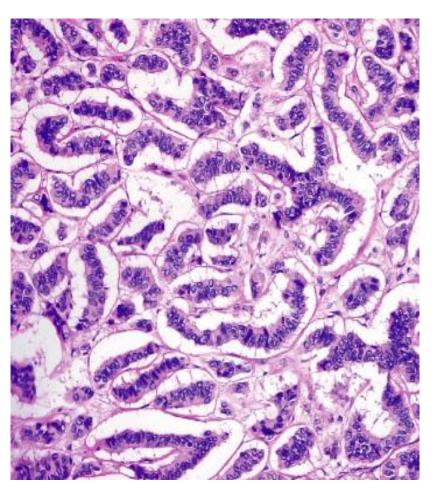


Monodermal -Specialized- teratoma

- Usually solid and unilateral
- Struma ovarii
- Composed of mature thyroid tissue
- May produce hyperthyroidism
- Thyroid tumors may arise in this tissue
- Ovarian carcinoid
- Rarely produce carcinoid syndrome
- Combined struma ovarii and carcinoid

Monodermal teratoma





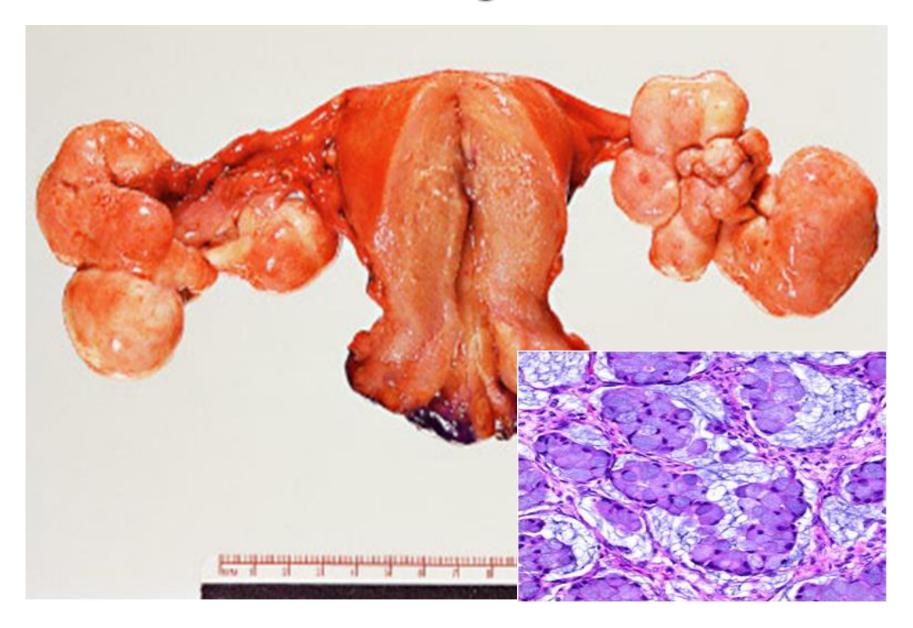
Struma ovarii

Ovarian carcinoid

Metastasis to ovary

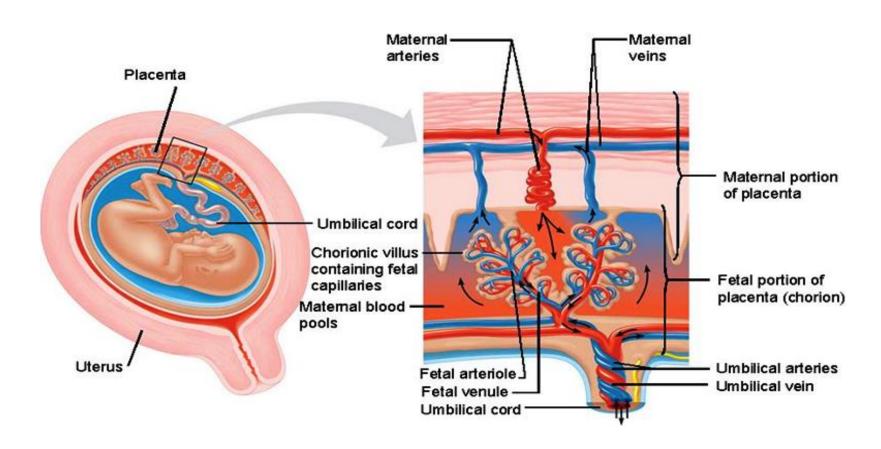
- Usually older ages
- Mostly bilateral and multinodular
- Usually solid gray-white masses
- Malignant tumor cells arranged into cords and glands in a desmoplastic stroma
- Cells may be "signet-ring" mucin-secreting
- Primaries: GI (Krukenberg tumors), breast, lung

Krukenberg tumor



Diseases of the placenta

- Ectopic pregnancy
- Gestational trophoblastic disease

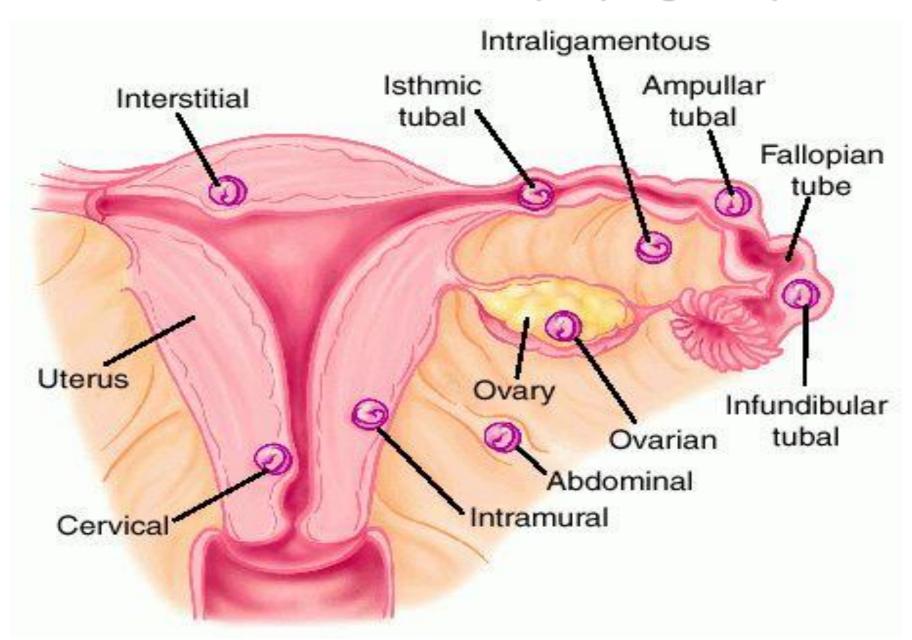


ECTOPIC PREGNANCY

Definition:

- "Implantation of the fertilized ovum in any site other than the uterine cavity"
- ▶ 1% of pregnancies
- Site:
- In > 90% tubal pregnancy
- The cervix, the ovaries, the abdominal cavity
- Abdominal pregnancy occasionally reach term

Potential sites for ectopic pregnancy



Predisposing factors and pathogenesis

Tubal pregnancy:

- Chronic salpingitis and obstruction of fallopian tubes
- Congenital tubal anomalies
- Functional tubal disturbances
- Intrauterine tumors
- Endometriosis

Ovarian pregnancy:

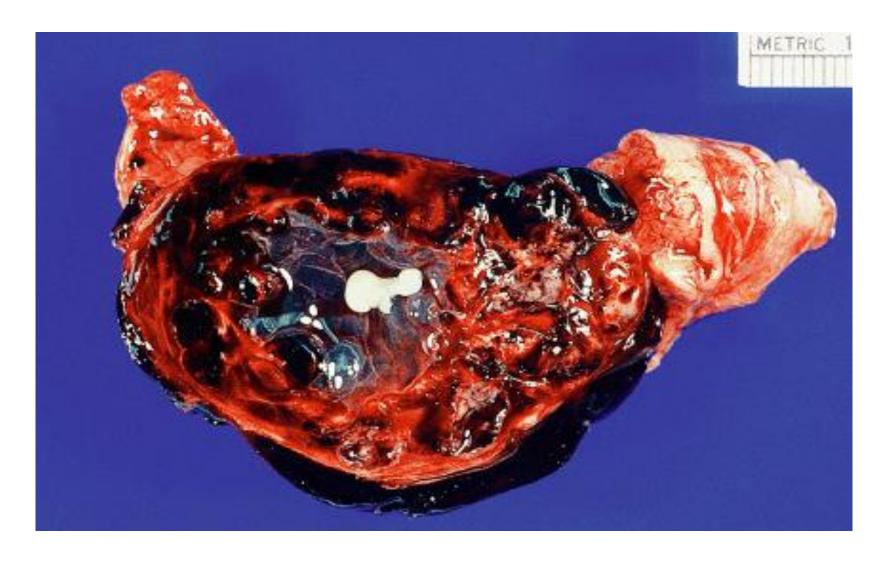
 Fertilization of ovum within its follicle at the time of rupture

Abdominal pregnancy:

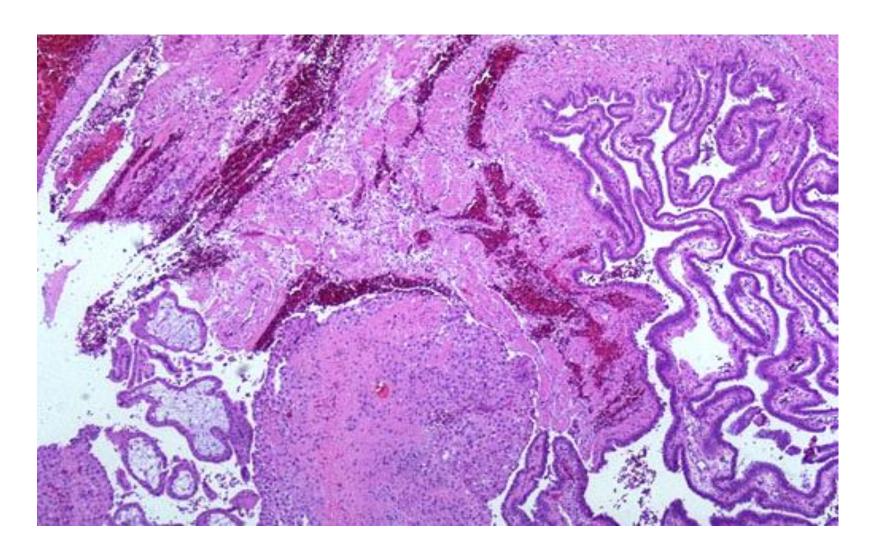
 Dropping of the fertilized egg from fallopian tube and implantation on the peritoneum

- Most common in the mid-portion (ampulla)
- Gestational sac develop in the tube
- Chorionic villi are partially attached causing hemorrhage in the tube (hematosalpinx)
- Chorionic villi penetrate the BVs and the wall causing tubal rupture and intra-abdominal hemorrhage
- The uterine cavity shows decidual reaction with the absence of villi or fetal parts

- Gross morphology:
- The tube is distended by freshly clotted blood, gray placental tissue and fetal parts
- Histologic diagnosis:
- Depends on identification of placental villi or, rarely the embryo within the fallopian tube.
- Rarely, death of the embryo with spontaneous proteolysis and absorption occur



Hematosalpinx with tiny embryo present in the center of blood clot



Tubal epithelium at the right, with rupture site and chorionic villi at the lower left

GESTATIONAL TROPHOBLASTIC DISEASE (GTD)

 A group of diseases characterized by proliferation of gestational trophoblasts

Classification

Benign GTD

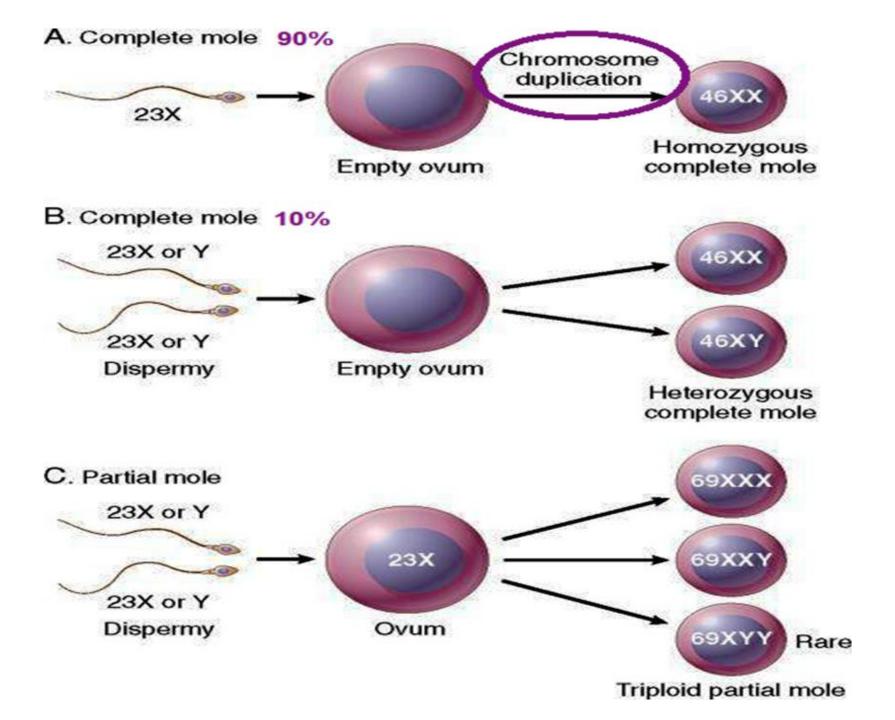
Complete hydatidiform mole Partial hydatidiform mole

Malignant GTD

Invasive mole "chorioadenoma destreuns" Gestational choriocarcinoma Placental site trophoblastic tumors (PSTT)

Hydatidiform Mole

- Complete mole
- ▶ Partial mole (15–35%)
- The incidence is high in Asia
- Most common < 20 and > 40 years
- A history of molar pregnancy increases the risk in subsequent pregnancies



Morphology

- Gross appearance:
- Voluminous mass of swollen chorionic villi appearing as grapelike structures
- Fetal parts may be seen in partial mole
- Microscopic appearance:
- The swollen villi are covered by varying amounts of proliferating trophoblasts

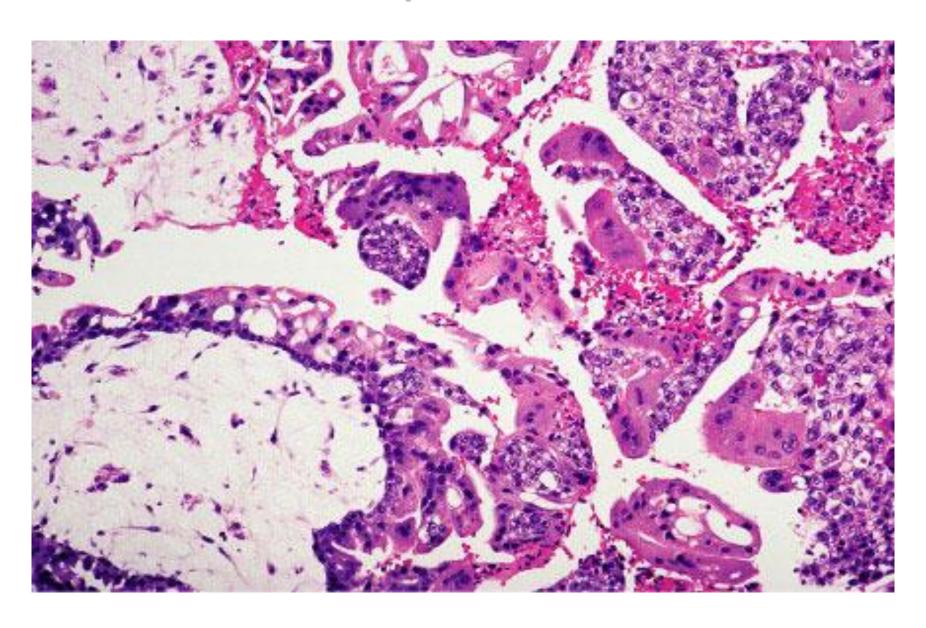
Complete mole



Complete mole

- Hydropic swelling of all chorionic villi
- Absence of fetal RBCs or fetal parts
- Cistern formation:
- The centre of the villi is loose and myxomatous with broken strands
- Trophoblastic hyperplasia with atypia
- Proliferation of cyto– and syncytiotrophoblast
- Diffuse and circumferential

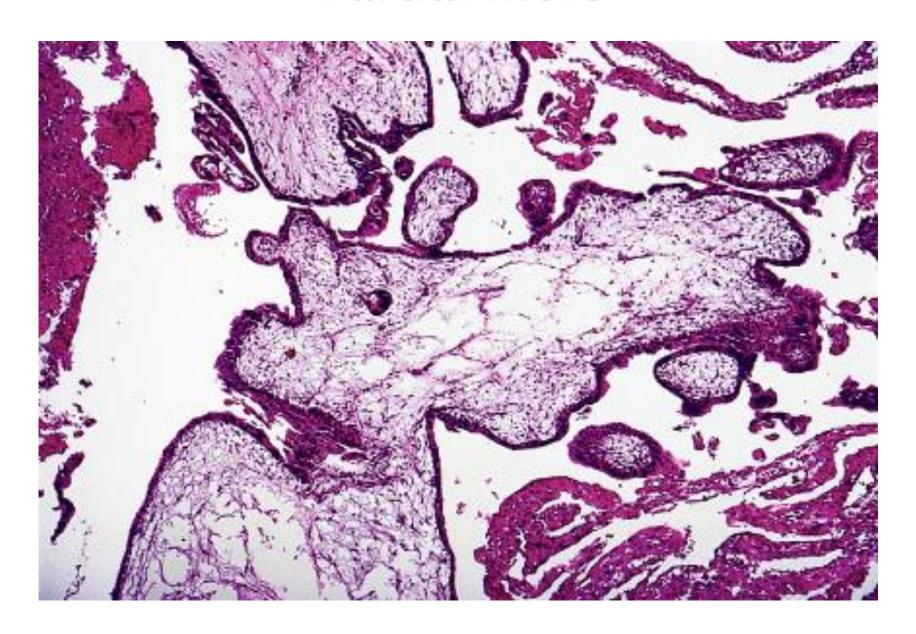
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Partial mole

- Edema of some of the villi
- The villi have scalloped margin
- Focal trophoblastic proliferation
- Evidence of an embryo or fetus
 - Normal villi
 - Fetal red blood cells in the villi
 - A fully formed fetus in some cases

Partial mole



| Feature | Complete Mole | Partial Mole |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Karyotype | Diploid 46,XX (46,XY) Paternal chromosomes | Triploid (69,XXY) Paternal & maternal |
| Fetal parts | Absent | Fetal parts, some normal villi & fetal RBCs |
| Villous edema | All villi | Some villi |
| Trophoblast proliferation | Diffuse; circumferential | Focal; slight |
| Atypia | Often present | Absent |
| Serum hCG | Elevated | Less elevated |
| hCG in tissue | ++++ | + |
| Behavior | 10% invasive mole 2% choriocarcinoma | Rare choriocarcinoma |

Clinical picture

- Complete mole was discovered at 12-14 weeks due to vaginal bleeding & large for date uterus
- Antenatal care has lowered age of detection
- Complete & partial mole:
- Elevated B-HCG in the blood and urine
 - Aid the diagnosis
 - Monitor response to therapy
- Management: Suction curettage + serial B-HCG

Gestational choriocarcinoma

 A very aggressive malignant tumor arises from gestational chorionic epithelium

- Incidence:
- Rare in the West, 1 / 30,000 pregnancies
- More common in Asia and Africa, 1/2000
- The risk \uparrow < age 20 and > age 40

Gestational choriocarcinoma

- ▶ 50% arise in complete moles
- 25% arise after an abortion
- 22% in a normal pregnancy
- The remainder in ectopic pregnancy
- Clinical picture
- Bloody vaginal discharge
- Absence of marked uterine enlargement
- Very high titer of B-hCG in blood and urine
- X-ray of chest & bone detect mets

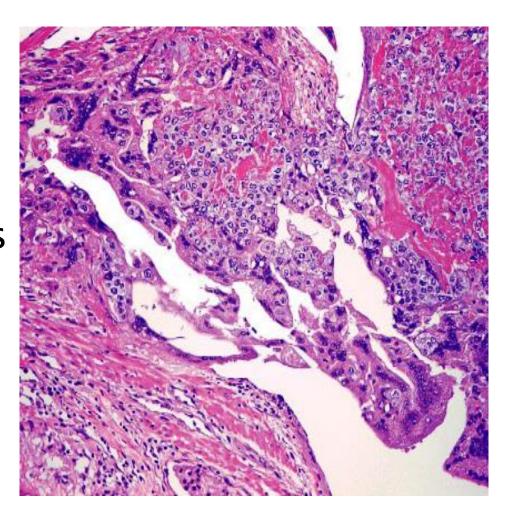
Gross appearance

- Hemorrhagic and necrotic masses within the uterus
- The necrosis may be complete



Microscopic appearance

- Dimorphic tumor composed of anaplastic cyto- & syncytiotrophoblasts
- Chorionic villi are absent



Prognosis and treatment

- Widespread blood dissemination to the lungs (50%), vagina, brain, liver, and kidneys
- Lymphatic invasion is uncommon
- MAC regimen of CTX (methotrexate, actinomycin D and chlorambucil)
- Survival rates:
- ~ 100% for tumors confined to uterus
- ~ 83% for metastatic tumors

