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How Diagnosis Drives Treatment**

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Yuri Federhe, MD

Yuri Federhe, MD is a Distinguished Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Research and Academic Affairs Co-Director, UNC Prostate Cancer Program.

Since 2011, he has been involved in the UNC Prostate Cancer Program, developing and supporting diagnostic services in support of the Komen Central Hospital Lymphoma Study, AIDS Malignancy Consortium and Malignant clinical trials. He now serves as the Co-Director of the UNC Prostate Cancer Program, the staff of the UNC-McLeod-Cathedral Area Cancer Consortium (UNC-MCCACC) and direct the histopathologic diagnosis of samples submitted to UNC through this ongoing work. We have established working diagnostic partnership with the McLeod pathologists and clinical teams to improve diagnostic accuracy and build regional capacity for cancer care. We support training in prostate cancer research through the recently awarded McLeod Cancer Genomics Research Program (P30CA200645) Federhe, MD that aims to develop global cancer research leaders in McLeod and UNC.

Dr. Federhe's research interests focus on the immunologic and genetic mechanisms of lymphoproliferative disorders in the setting of HIV infection. While hematologic malignancies and lymphoproliferative disorders (including Malignant Castleman Disease) in sub-Saharan Africa arise under different and distinct processes very different from those in the United States, comprehensive analyses of these diseases have not been performed. Our laboratory group uses advanced sequencing, structural genomics and cellular models to address gaps in the understanding of lymphoproliferative and tumor immune response in the context of HIV-associated immune dysregulation. Deciphering these tumor-host interactions is critical to better tailor treatment and improve outcomes, particularly in the era of cancer immunotherapy.

Dr. Federhe's current efforts include direct the diagnosis and classification of benign and malignant hematolymphoid disorders. He served as the Director of Hematopathology at UNC from 2012-2019 and currently as the Director of the Hematopathology Fellowship Program. He has served on the NCI Lymphoma Clinical Trials Planning Group and the Hematology and Clinical Microbiology Committee for the College of American Pathologists. He is a member of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Education Committee.

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Married to a UNC Family Medicine physician which adds an important primary care perspective to cancer diagnosis

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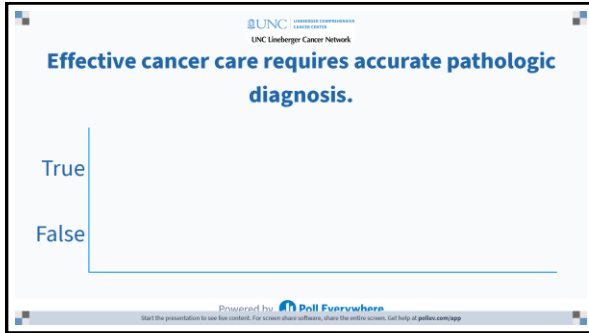
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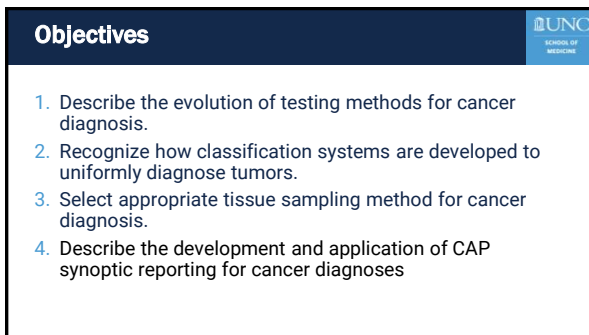
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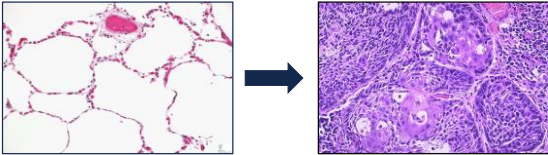


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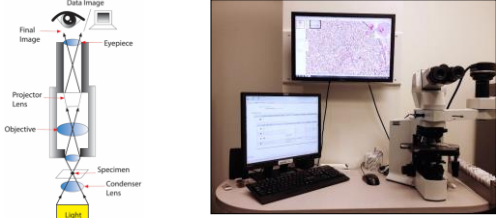


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Lung Cancer

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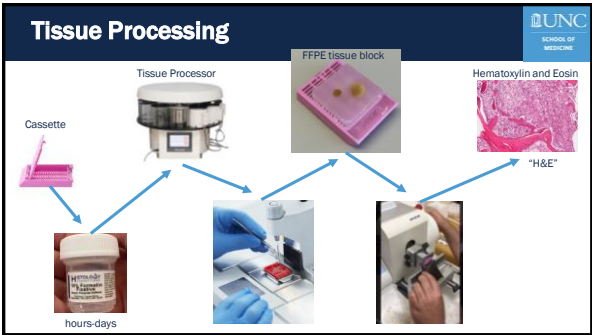
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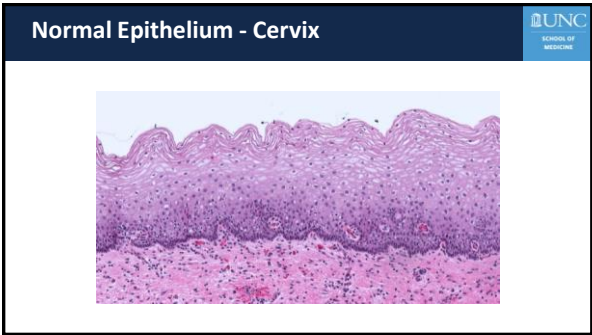
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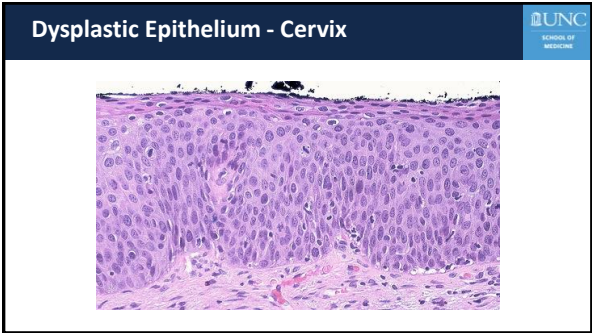
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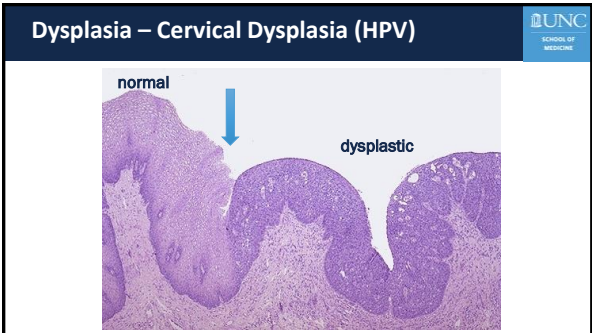
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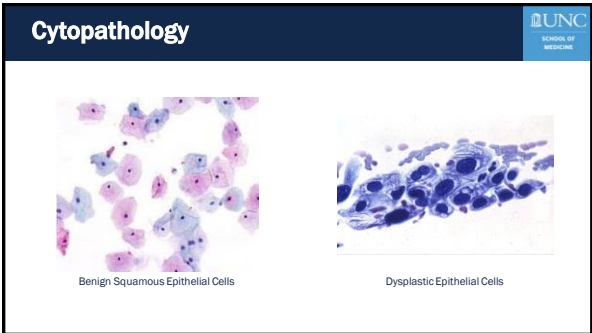
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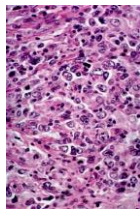
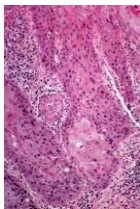
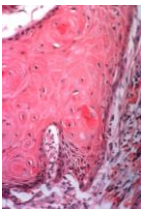


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"Grade" – Squamous Cell Carcinoma



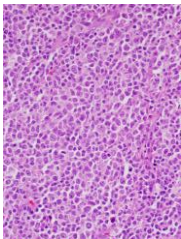
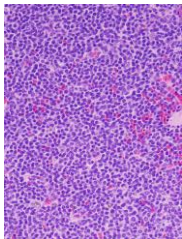
Well-differentiated

Moderately-differentiated

Poorly-differentiated

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Grade – Follicular Lymphoma



Low-grade

High-grade

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Question 2



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Diagnostic marker

Predictive biomarker

Prognostic biomarker

Prognostic and Predictive biomarker

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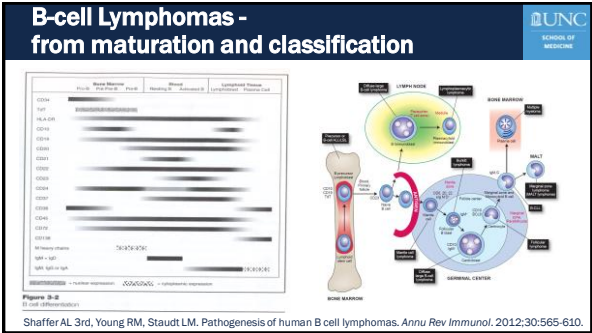
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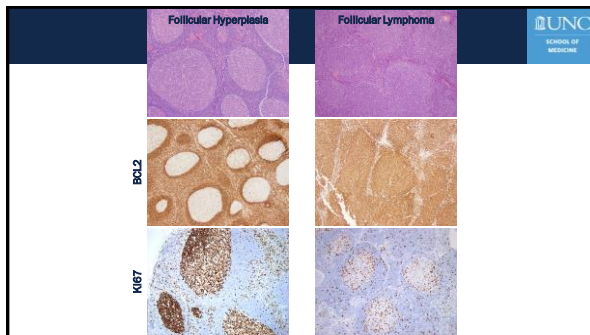
Evolution of Diagnostic Testing



- Not all cancers that *looked* the same *acted* similarly
- Cellular and molecular biology research → mechanisms of disease and features that are:
 - Diagnostic
 - Prognostic
 - Predictive
- Technology and understanding of biology → clinical care

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... the staining is rarely “binary”

- Some stains work better than others
 - Biologic
 - Technical
- Reporting for many clinically actionable/important stains is subjective

cMYC expression:
 - >40% is considered +
 - What would YOU call this?

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Other testing methods

- Karyotype (“routine cytogenetics”)
- Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)
- Sequencing

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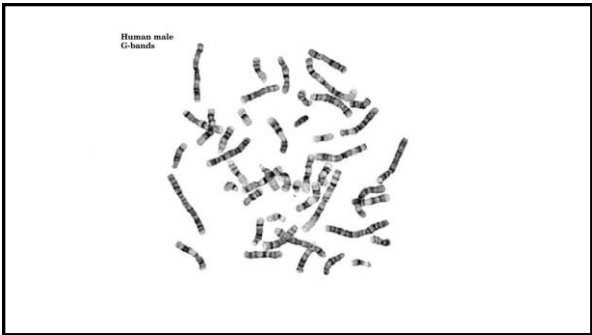
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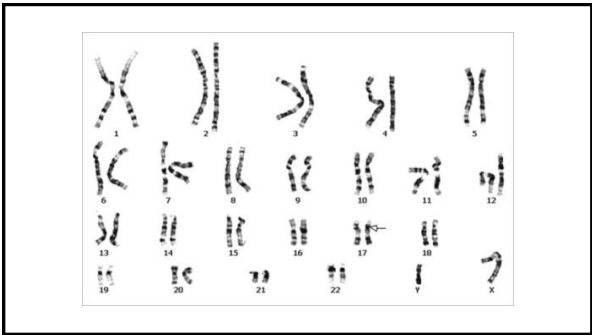
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- Culture cells → arrest in metaphase → stain
- Advantages:
 - Unbiased look at the entire genome
 - Identify large aberrations
- Disadvantages:
 - Poor resolution

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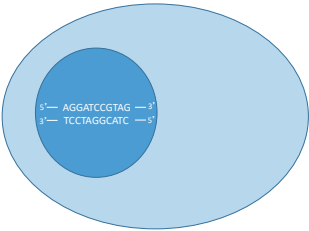
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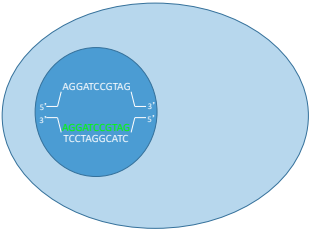
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Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization

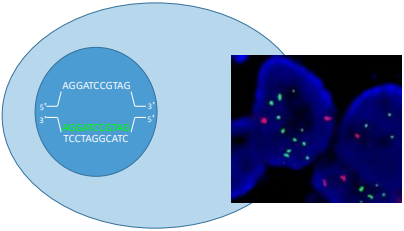
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Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization

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Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization

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- Advantages:
 - Increased resolution compared to karyotype
- Disadvantages:
 - User defines the target

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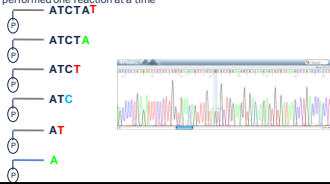
DNA Sequencing

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Classical sequencing methodology – Sanger dideoxy sequencing

- Permanent chain terminator method
- Template DNA, sequencing primer, DNA polymerase, deoxynucleotides (dA, dG, dT, dC) and labeled dideoxynucleotides (ddA, ddG, ddT, ddC) are all combined in a single reaction
- Sequencing is performed one reaction at a time

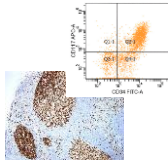


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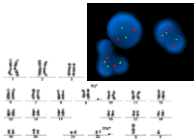
Evolution of testing

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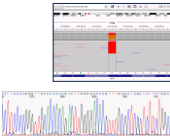
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Immunophenotyping



Cytogenetics/FISH



Molecular Studies

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Why is Uniform Classification Important?



- Patient Care
 - Diagnosis
 - Prognostic – outcome
 - Predictive – predict response to therapies
- Clinical Trials
- Public Health and Policy (accurate cancer registries)

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Classification Systems



International Agency for Research on Cancer



<https://tumourclassification.iarc.who.int/welcome/>

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Classification of Myeloid Cancers



- Myeloproliferative neoplasia
- Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR-ABL 1+
- Chronic neutrophilic leukemia
- Polycythemia vera
- Primary myelofibrosis
- Essential thrombocythemia
- Chronic eosinophilic leukemia

Systemic mast

Myeloid/lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and abnormalities of *PDGFRB*
PDGFRB, *FGFR1* or with *PCM1-JAK2*
 Myeloid/lymphoid neoplasms with *PDGFRB* rearrangement
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 Myeloid/lymphoid neoplasms with *FGFR1* rearrangement
 Myeloid/lymphoid neoplasms with *PCM1-JAK2*

MDS/MPN neoplasm
CNML

Atypical CML
JMML
MDS/NPN with ring sideroblasts and thrombocytosis
MDS/NPN, unclassifiable

- Myelodysplastic syndrome
- MDS with single lineage dysplasia
- MDS with ring sideroblasts
- MDS with multilineage dysplasia
- MDS with excess blasts
- MDS with isolated del(5q)
- MDS, unclassifiable
- Refractory cytopenia of childhood

Acute myeloid leukaemia

- AML with t(8;21)
- AML with inv(16)
- AML with *PML-RARA*
- AML with t(9;11)
- AML with t(6;9)
- AML with inv(3)
- AML with t(1;22)
- AML with *BCR-ABL 1*
- AML with mutated *NPM*
- AML with biallelic mutation
- AML with mutated *RUNX1*
- AML with myelodysplasia

Therapy-related AML

AML NOS

- Other myeloid malignancies
 - Myeloid neoplasms with germline predisposition
 - Myeloid proliferations related to Down syndrome



Molecular/cytogenetic feature
specifically part of diagnostic
criteria

Molecular/cytogenetic feature
not specifically part of the
diagnostic criteria

Arber DA et al. *Blood* 2016; 127:2391-2405.

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Review of Referral Cases



- Inconsistencies in diagnosis
 - Some could be true "errors"
 - Many reflect access to improved technologies, updated clinical history and imaging, new laboratory findings from presentation to referral, etc.
- Requirement for review of diagnostic material before treatment

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Discordance with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Diagnoses



- National Comprehensive Cancer Network NHL database
- 731 patients with the 5 most common lymphoma types
- 43 (6%) were discordant from primary to NCCN center review
- 35 of 43 may have had a change in treatment!
- Depending on tumor type, discordance can be >25%

[Comparison of Referring and Final Pathology for Patients With Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network](#)
 Ann S. LaCasce, Michelle E. Kho, Jonathan W. Friedberg, Joyce C. Niland, Gregory A. Abel, Maria Alma Rodriguez, Myron S. Czuczman, Michael M. Millenson, Andrew D. Zelenetz, and Jane C. Weeks
 Journal of Clinical Oncology 2008 26:31, 5107-5112

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Question 3



A study of human pancreatic tumors implanted into mice identifies a new prognostic biomarker by immunohistochemistry. The findings are reported in a high-impact journal and antibody for testing is available from the research lab. Can you use this test for clinical decision making?

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Can you use this test for clinical decision making?

YES, immediately, as long as the research lab performs the testing

YES, but only after the antibody for testing is commercially available from a clinical diagnostics vendor

No, there is insufficient evidence, and the test is not validated in a clinical laboratory

No, the test must have specific FDA approval

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- **Council on Scientific Affairs**
 - Anatomic Pathology, Chemistry, Hematology, Informatics, Laboratory General, Molecular Pathology
- Committees of the Board of Governors

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- Primary responsibilities:
 - Survey development and review (100's/year)
 - Revisions of inspection checklist
 - Glossary upkeep



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Hematology and
Clinical Microscopy Glossary


Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0

This glossary is intended to provide a common language for the use of the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) in the Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0. The glossary is organized into two main sections: Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0 and Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0. The glossary is organized into two main sections: Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0 and Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0. The glossary is organized into two main sections: Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0 and Hematology, Blood Cell Analyses, Wave 4.0.

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Synoptic Reporting for Cancer Diagnosis


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- One of the leading pathology organizations
- Oversee laboratory accreditation (... more on this soon!)
- Many studies in the 90's revealed significant variation in cancer reporting → CAP cancer committee reporting checklists

<https://www.cap.org/protocols-and-guidelines/cancer-reporting-tools/cancer-protocol-templates>

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**Protocol for the Examination of Specimens from Patients with
Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck**

Procedure (select all that apply)

- ☐ Excision, shave
- ☐ Excision, deep
- ☐ Excision, wide
- ☐ Excisional biopsy
- ☐ Re-excision, shave
- ☐ Re-excision, deep
- ☐ Re-excision, other (specify) _____
- ☐ Lymphadenectomy, sentinel nodes (specify) _____
- ☐ Lymphadenectomy, regional nodes (specify) _____
- ☐ Not specified

Tumor

- ☐ Local, fungating
- ☐ Ulcerated
- ☐ Metastatic
- ☐ Cannot be determined

Multiplex Primary Sites

- ☐ Not applicable (no additional primary sites present)
- ☐ Present
- ☐ Present (specify site(s) for each primary site present on slide) _____

Tumor Site

- ☐ Clearly site
- ☐ Not specified

Tumor Laterality (select all that apply)

- ☐ Right
- ☐ Left
- ☐ Bilateral
- ☐ Not specified

Histologic Type (check [2](#))

- ☐ Not applicable (no histologic type information specified)
- ☐ Keratinocytic
- ☐ Keratinocytic squamous cell carcinoma
- ☐ Keratinocytic squamous cell carcinoma
- ☐ Keratinocytic squamous cell carcinoma
- ☐ Clear cell squamous cell carcinoma
- ☐ Squamous cell carcinoma with keratinocystic differentiation
- ☐ Squamous cell carcinoma with melanocytic foci (pigment cells)
- ☐ Pseudoepitheliomatous squamous cell carcinoma
- ☐ Lymphoepitheliomatous carcinoma
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

Histologic Grade (check [2](#))

- ☐ G1: Cannot be assessed
- ☐ G2: Well differentiated
- ☐ G3: Moderately differentiated
- ☐ G4: Poorly differentiated
- ☐ Not specified
- ☐ Not applicable

Tumor Stage at Diagnosis (check [2](#)) [\(see \[2\]\(#\)\)](#)

- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Not specified
- ☐ Stage I: In situ (Malignancy only) _____
- ☐ Stage II: _____
- ☐ Stage III: _____
- ☐ Stage IV: _____
- ☐ Cannot be determined (specify) _____

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Synoptic Reporting for Cancer Diagnosis

- Checklists improve completeness
- Improved accuracy (to a point)
- For those who read them:
 - Consistent formatting
 - Columned vs. justified
 - Single-line vs. multiple lined

Synoptic Reporting: Evidence-Based Review and Future Directions
Andrew A. Renshaw, Mercy Mens-Alausca, Edwin W. Gould, and S. Joseph Sirintrapun
JCO Clinical Oncol Informatics 2018;2:1-3

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Tissue Sampling for Diagnosis

- Specimen adequacy is a major challenge in clinical practice
- Limited sampling can lead to missed or delayed diagnosis
- Insufficient tissue for study enrollment or correlative science
- In response to the trend, other diagnostic methods (liquid biopsies, etc) are being developed

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Bone marrow biopsy




Hypocellular bone marrow?

- Aplastic anemia
- Drug/toxin effect
- Hypocellular MDS
- GVHD



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Bone marrow biopsy




... or maybe not?!



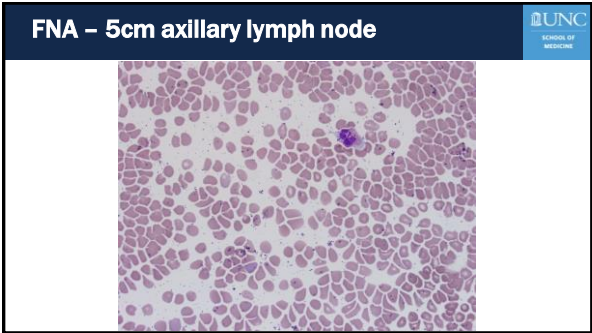
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Fine Needle Aspirate vs Tissue Biopsy

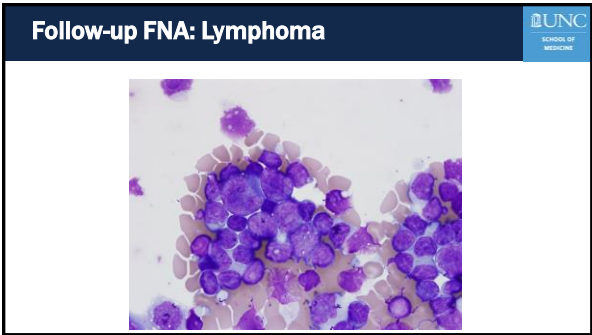


- Advantages of FNA
 - Simple procedure
 - Low morbidity
 - Efficiently guides patient triage
- Disadvantages of FNA
 - Sampling
 - No histologic architecture
 - Frequently needs follow-up excisional biopsy

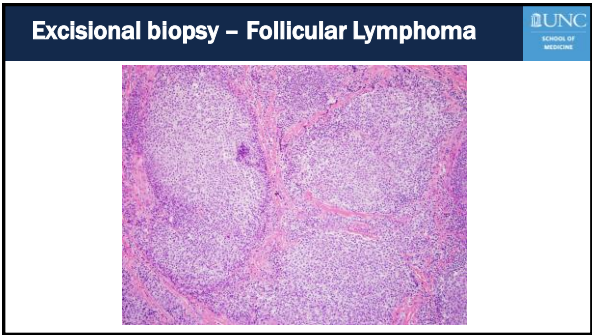
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Conclusions

- Effective cancer care requires accurate pathologic diagnosis
- Testing methods have evolved that reflect our understanding of cancer biology and allow for improved reporting of prognostic and predictive biomarkers
- While new technologies are being developed to do 'more with less' adequate tissue biopsies are necessary (perhaps more than ever before)
- Synoptic reporting allows for discrete data elements to be provided for consistency and data collection.

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