

UPDATED 2016 WHO CLASSIFICATION OF LYMPHOID NEOPLASMS

Eman Aljufairi, MD, FRCPA

A BIT OF HISTORY....

Hematopathology, 1st edition, 2011

HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

- No change in classification.
- More emphasis on NLPHL patterns.
- THRLBC-like transformation of NLPHL.
- GEP shown similarities between NLPHL and THRLBCL.

Fan et al. Am J Surg Pathol. 2003

HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

Table 2. Clinical parameters of treated NLPHL patients compared with histopathologic NLPHL variants

	Typical NLPHL (n = 228)	NLPHL variant (n = 109)	P-value
Median age at diagnosis	48	29	P = .0012
Male/female ratio	1.8	1.1	P = .0035
Stage at diagnosis	2.0	1.8	P = .0012
Median survival (years)	10.7	10.1	P = .0012
Median time to relapse (years)	3.2	1.1	P = .0012
Median time to death (years)	10.7	10.1	P = .0012

Hartmann et al. Blood. 2013

HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

- Lymphocyte-rich CHL has features intermediate between other CHL & NLPHL.
- More frequent expression of B-cell transcription factors.
- Follicular T-cell microenvironment in 50% of cases.
- NF-κB markers were expressed similar to cHL.
- However, CD30 expression is maintained.

Nam-Cha et al. Mod Pathology. 2009

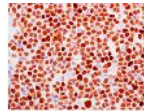
MATURE B-CELL NEOPLASMS

CLL/SLL & MONOCLONAL B-CELL LYMPHOCYTOSIS (MBL)

- MBL: Monoclonal B-lymphocytes in peripheral blood $\leq 5 \times 10^9/L$.
- Can be found in up to 12% of healthy adults.
- MBL precedes almost all cases of CLL/SLL.
- Divided into:
 - Low-count ($<0.5 \times 10^9/L$).
 - High count.
- Low count MBL has very low risk of progression → No need for extra follow-up.
- High count MBL has 1-2% annual risk of progression → requires yearly follow-up.
- High count MBL has similar phenotypic and molecular features to CLL/SLL.

NEW MARKERS IN CLL

- **LEF1** (Lymphoid Enhancer binding factor 1)
 - Transcription factor, WNT/ β -catenin pathway.
 - 100% expression in CLL.
 - Not expressed in other small B-cell lymphomas.
- **CD200**
 - Ig superfamily.
 - Expressed in CLL, HCL, FL & 24% of indolent MCL.
- **CD49d**
 - Integrin family.
 - Prognostic value independent of CD38/ ZAP70.
 - ? Predictive value for B-cell receptor targeted therapies?



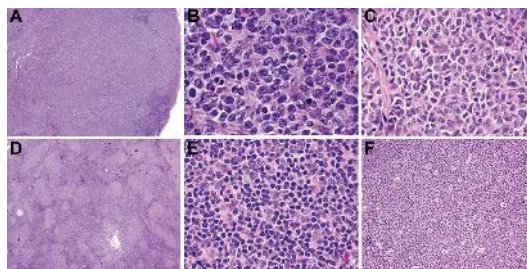
Tandon et al, Modern Pathology, 2011

Challagundla et al, AJCP, 2014
Epsinet et al, J Clin Oncol, 2011

Bulian et al, J Clin Oncol, 2014

FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

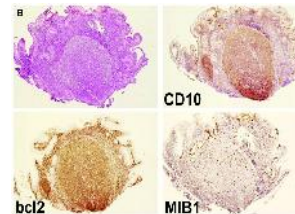
- **FL in situ** → **In situ follicular neoplasia.**
 - Low rate of progression.
 - However, more often associated with prior or synchronous overt lymphomas → requires additional clinical assessment.
- **Pediatric-type FL:**
 - Nodal localized disease.
 - Large expansile highly proliferative follicles with prominent blastoid follicular center.
 - **No diffuse areas.**
 - BCL2 rearrangements **must not** be present.
 - Lack BCL6 and MYC rearrangements.
 - Nearly all cases are localized and may not require treatment other than excision.



Louissaint Jr et al, Blood, 2012

FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

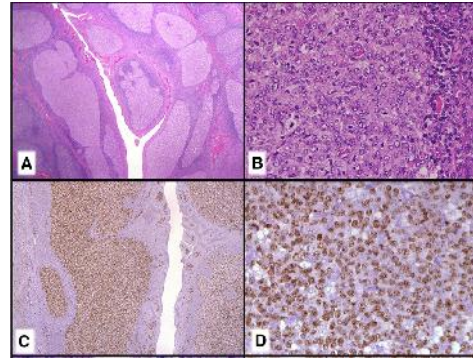
- **Duodenal-type FL:**
 - Localized low-grade FL.
 - CD20+, bcl2+, bcl6+, CD10+.
 - Excellent outcome.
 - Some cases managed with a watch-and-wait strategy.



Schmatz et al, J Clin Oncol, 2011

FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

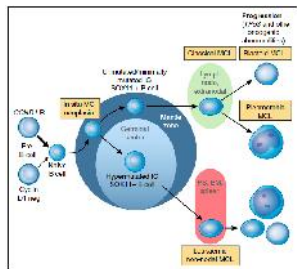
- **Large B-cell lymphoma with IRF4 rearrangement:**
 - Occurs most commonly in children and young adults.
 - Occur in Waldeyer ring &/or cervical lymph nodes.
 - Show follicular, follicular & diffuse, or pure diffuse growth pattern.
 - It resembles FL grade 3B or DLBCL.
 - **IRF4/MUM1+**, Bcl6+, high Ki67.
 - Bcl2 & CD10 can be expressed.
 - IG/IRF4 rearrangements +/- Bcl6 rearrangements.
 - **Lack BCL2 rearrangements.**
 - Require treatment but good prognosis.



Swerdlow et al. Blood, 2016

MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA

- Mantle cell lymphoma in situ → In situ mantle cell neoplasia.



Swerdlow et al. Blood, 2016

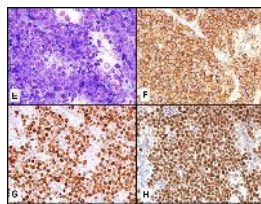
LYMPHOPLASMACYTIC LYMPHOMA

- Role of MYD88 mutation in Dx.
 - MYD88 (L265P) mutation is detectable in:
 - all patients with Waldenström's macroglobulinemia.
 - 47% IgM-MGUS
 - 6% SMZL
 - 4% B-CLPD

Varettoni et al. Blood, 2013

BURKITT LYMPHOMA

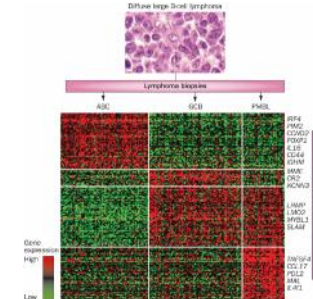
- Burkitt lymphoma (BL) without MYC rearrangement.
- ID3 mutation.
- **Burkitt-like lymphoma with 11q aberration**
 - Morphologically and phenotypically similar to BL.
 - Lack MYC rearrangements.
 - 11q alteration characterized by proximal gains and telomeric losses.
 - More complex karyotype, lower levels of MYC expression & more pleomorphism.
 - Clinical behavior similar to BL.



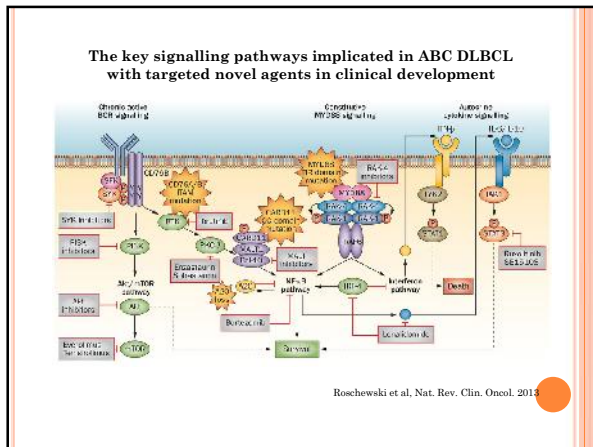
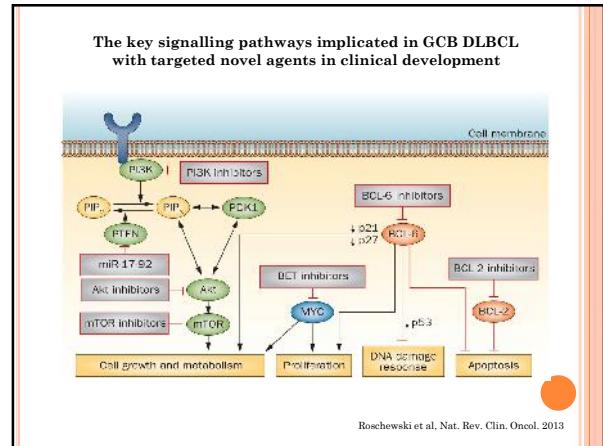
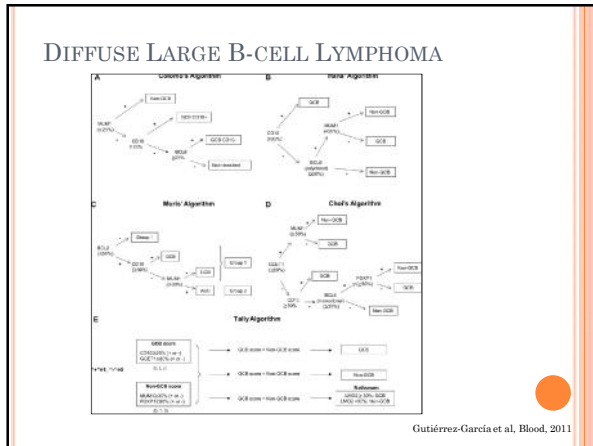
Swerdlow et al. Blood, 2016

DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA

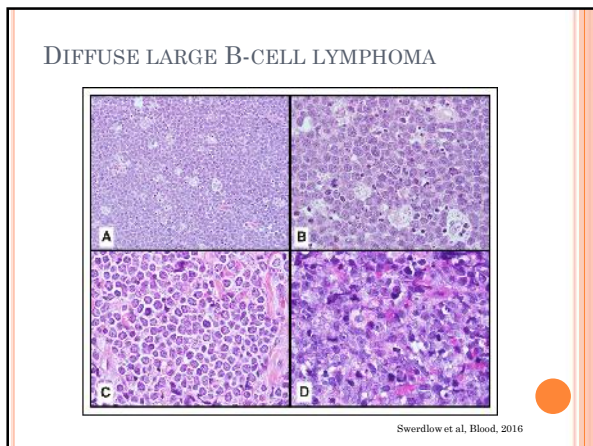
- Determining cell of origin is mandatory.



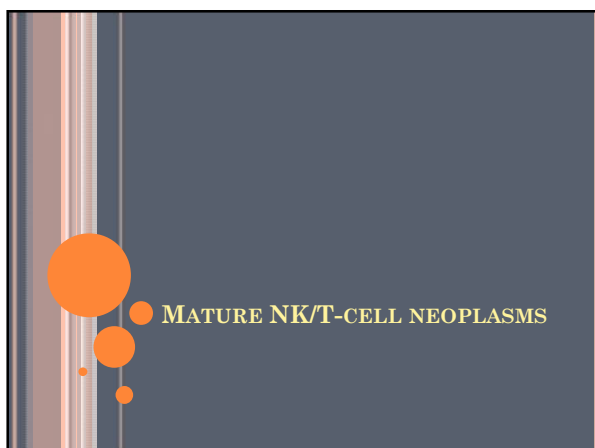
Roschewski et al. Nat. Rev. Clin. Oncol. 2013



- ### DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA
- B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and BL (BCLU) is removed.
 - Now, we have:
 - High-grade B-cell lymphoma, with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements.
 - High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS : Includes blastoid-appearing large B-cell lymphomas & cases lacking MYC & BCL2 or BCL6 translocations that were in 2008 classification called BCLU.



- ### DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA
- Which cases should be tested for MYC rearrangement?
 - Screening by immunohistochemistry staining for MYC & bcl-2.
 - MYC protein expression is detected in a 30-50% of DLBCL.
 - Concomitant expression of BCL2 in 20-35%.
 - Double expression without gene aberrations is a prognostic indicator in DLBCL, NOS but not a separate category.



NODAL T-CELL LYMPHOMAS WITH T-FOLLICULAR HELPER (TFH) PHENOTYPE

- An umbrella category created to highlight the spectrum of nodal lymphomas with a TFH phenotype (TFH) phenotype including:
 - Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL).
 - Follicular T-cell lymphoma.
 - Other nodal PTCL with a TFH phenotype (2 markers at least).
- May contain B-cell blasts, often EBV+.
- Share recurrent genetic abnormalities (mutations of TET2, IDH2, DNMT3A, RHOA & CD28 and gene fusions of ITK-SYK or CTLA4-CD28).

ANAPLASTIC LARGE-CELL LYMPHOMAS

- GEP studies have shown that ALK- ALCL has a signature close to that of ALK+ ALCL and distinct from other NK/TCLs.
- ALK- ALCL with rearrangements of DUSP22 and IRF4 → good prognosis.
- ALK- ALCL with TP63 rearrangement → worse prognosis.
- Breast implant-associated ALCL:
 - New provisional entity.
 - Noninvasive disease associated with excellent outcome.
 - Usu. presents as an accumulation of seroma fluid between the implant itself and the surrounding fibrous capsule.
 - Conservative management (removal of the implant & capsule) in most cases.
 - If there is invasion through the capsule, there is risk of lymph node involvement and systemic spread, warranting systemic chemotherapy.

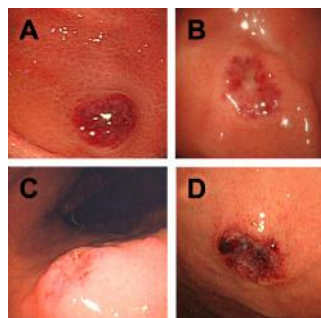
ENTEROPATHY-ASSOCIATED T-CELL LYMPHOMA

- EATL Dx is only used for cases formerly known as type I EATL, typically associated with celiac disease.
- Type II EATL → Monomorphic epitheliotropic intestinal T-cell lymphoma.
 - Usu monomorphic.
 - CD8+, CD56+, MATK+.
 - Gains in chromosome 8q24 involving MYC.
 - Most cases are derived from gamma/delta T cells.
 - Mutations in STAT5B.

INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT

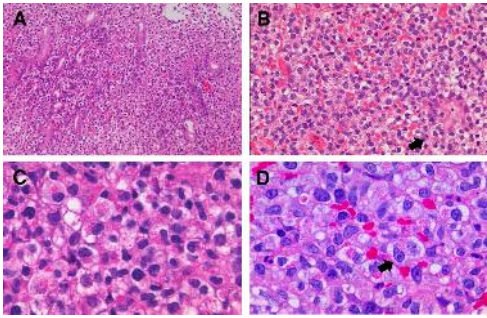
- New indolent provisional entity with superficial monoclonal gastrointestinal T-cell infiltrate.
- Takeuchi et al described in 2010, 10 cases of lymphomatoid gastropathy.
- Mansoor et al (Blood, 2011) described 8 cases of NK-cell enteropathy.
- Perry et al (Blood, 2013) proposed the name: Indolent T-cell lymphoproliferative disease of the GIT.
- STAT3 mutation.
- Excellent outcome even without treatment.
- Some cases may progress.

INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT



Takeuchi et al. Blood, 2010

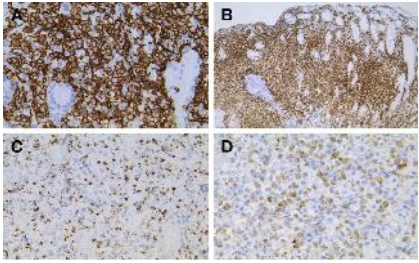
INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT



A: Low magnification view of a lymphoid follicle. B: Higher magnification of the follicle. C: High magnification of individual lymphocytes. D: High magnification showing atypical lymphocytes with large nuclei and prominent nucleoli. Black arrows in B and D point to these atypical cells.

Takeuchi et al, Blood, 2010

INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT

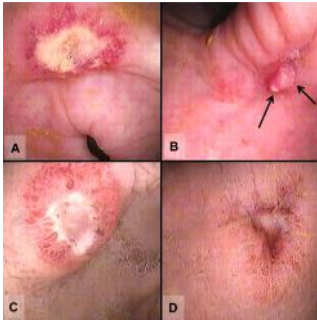


A: CD7 staining. B: CD56 staining. C: Granzyme B staining. D: Cytoplasmic CD3ε staining. All panels show brown chromogen staining in the lymphoid tissue.

CD7 (A), CD56 (B), granzyme B (C), cytoplasmic CD3ε (D)

Takeuchi et al, Blood, 2010

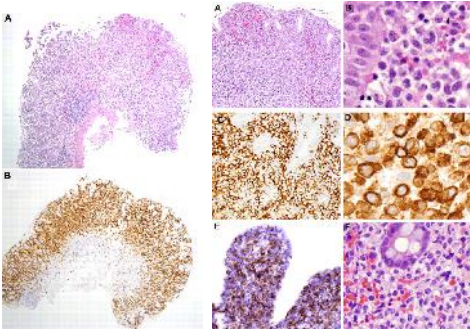
INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT



A: Endoscopic view of a mucosal lesion. B: Close-up of the lesion with black arrows pointing to its surface. C: Another view of the lesion. D: Close-up of the lesion's surface.

Mansoor et al, Blood, 2011

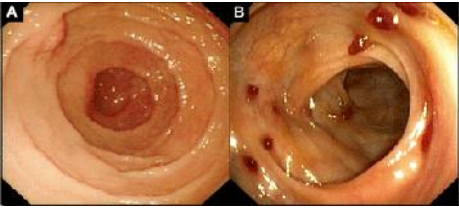
INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT



A: Low magnification histology. B: Higher magnification histology. C: High magnification histology. D: Immunohistochemical staining. E: Immunohistochemical staining. F: Immunohistochemical staining. G: High magnification histology. H: High magnification histology. I: High magnification histology. J: High magnification histology.

Mansoor et al, Blood, 2011

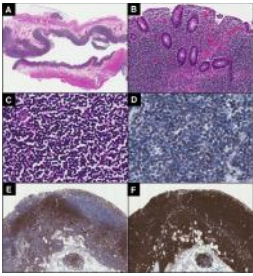
INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT



A: Endoscopic view of a mucosal lesion. B: Endoscopic view of a mucosal lesion.

Perry et al, Blood, 2013

INDOLENT T-CELL LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER OF THE GIT



A: Low magnification histology. B: Higher magnification histology. C: High magnification histology. D: High magnification histology. E: Immunohistochemical staining. F: Immunohistochemical staining.

Perry et al, Blood, 2013

