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## Case 2

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# Clinical history

- ▶ Mother primigravida, high BMI
- ▶ Normal antenatal scans
- ▶ Reduced fetal movements 48h before delivery at 40+4 weeks
- ▶ Caesarean section due to profound & prolonged bradycardia
- ▶ Male 4kg born in poor condition
- ▶ HR 80bpm, spontaneous breathing at 6 minutes, O<sub>2</sub> sats 80%
- ▶ Cooling but he developed severe HIE
- ▶ PPHN & diffuse cardiac hypertrophy
- ▶ Intensive care withdrawn on day 2

	Current case	Range for GA	Best fit
Gestation	40	40	41
Birth weight	4002	2472-3372	2425-3625
Body weight	4213	2472-3372	2425-3626
Crown-heel	55.2	43.6-53.0	43.5- 53.3
Crown-rump	39	32.4-38.0	32.9-39.1
Toe-heel	8.5	6.9-8.5	7.1-8.7
Femur	7.9	7.2-7.8	7.2-7.9
Humerus	7	6.3-7.0	6.3-7.1
Head circ.	34	33-37	33.5-37.5

Weights in g; measurements in cm

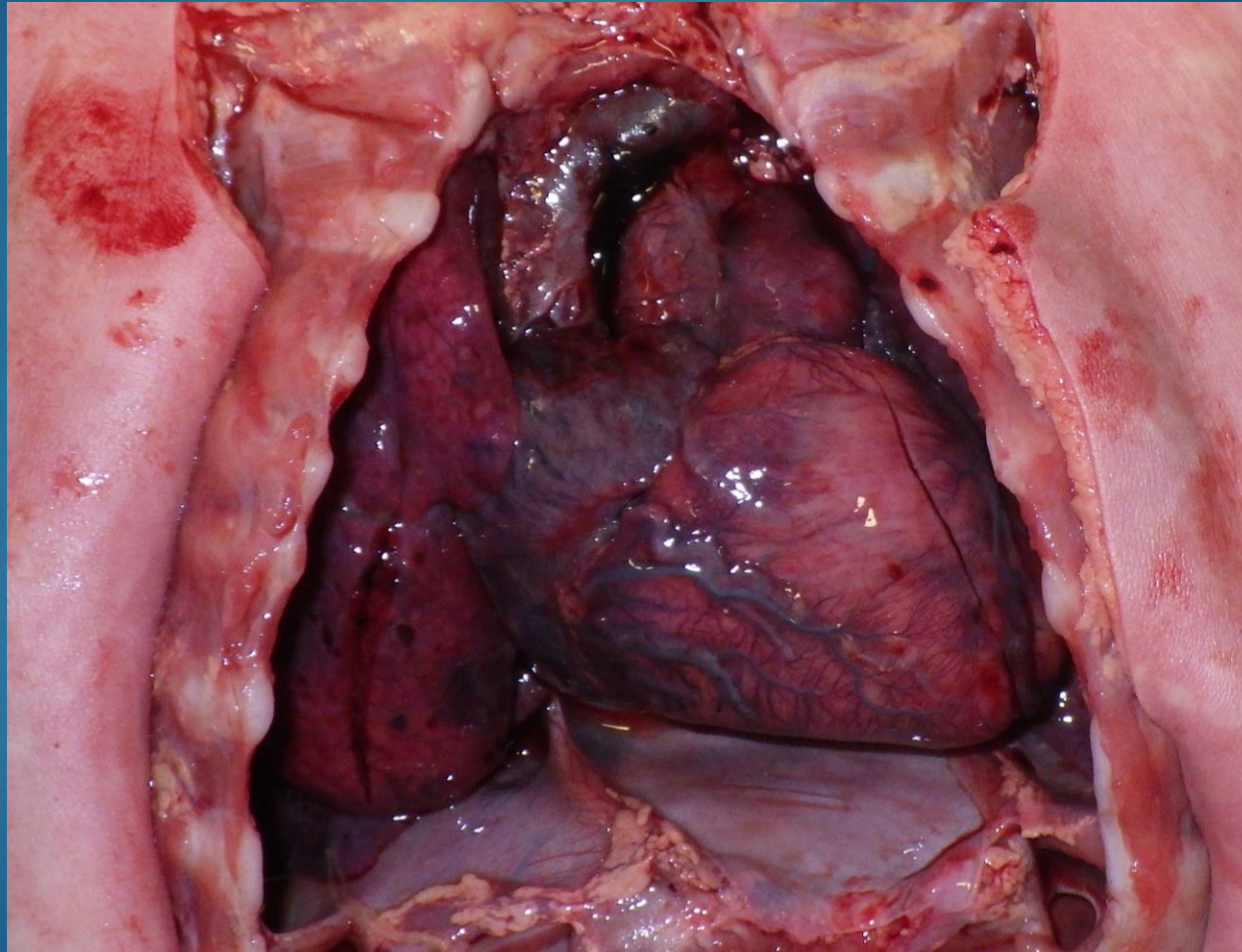
Organs	Current case			Range for GA			Range for BW			
Heart	32.5	↑	↑	14.8	-	26	21.1	-	31.9	Lung: BW  0.027
R. Lung	62.1				-			-		
L. Lung	51.1				-			-		
(combined)	113.2	↑	↑	21.9	-	67.3	47	-	84.6	N>0.015 for< 28wks
Liver	136.2	✓	↓	92.1	-	163.7	148	-	220	N>0.012 for> 28wks
Pancreas	6.0	↑	✓	2.3	-	4.9	3.1	-	6.3	
Spleen	15.8	↑	✓	7.1	-	13.7	10.5	-	16.3	Brain: liver
Thymus	6.0			4.5	-	14.5	7.8	-	15.2	2.7  Normal = 3
R. Kidney	25.7				-			-		
L. Kidney	27.3				-			-		
(combined)	53			15.8	-	38.8	24.9	-	45.1	Fetus: placenta
Adrenals	8.0			4.7	-	10.7	6.7	-	14.1	NA
Brain	368			277	-	435	357	-	461	
Placenta	NA	↑	✓	390	-	643		-		

Weights in g



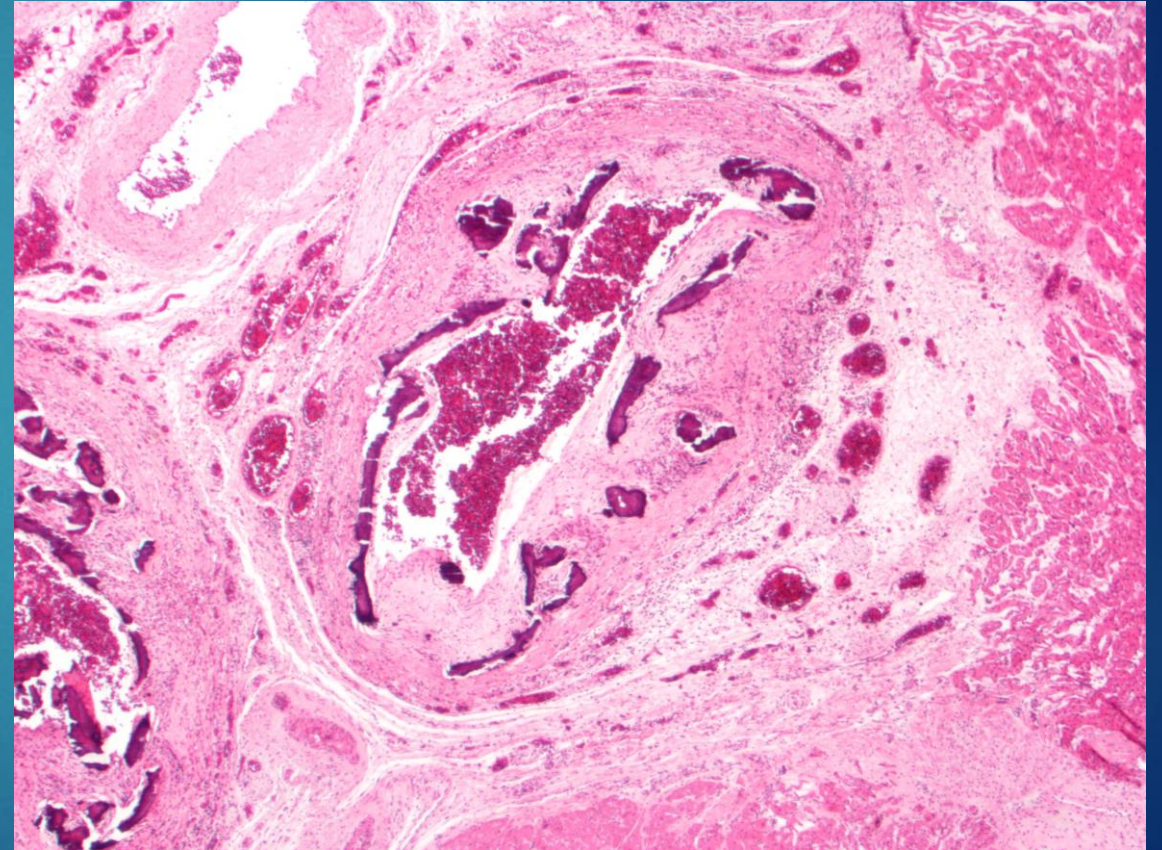
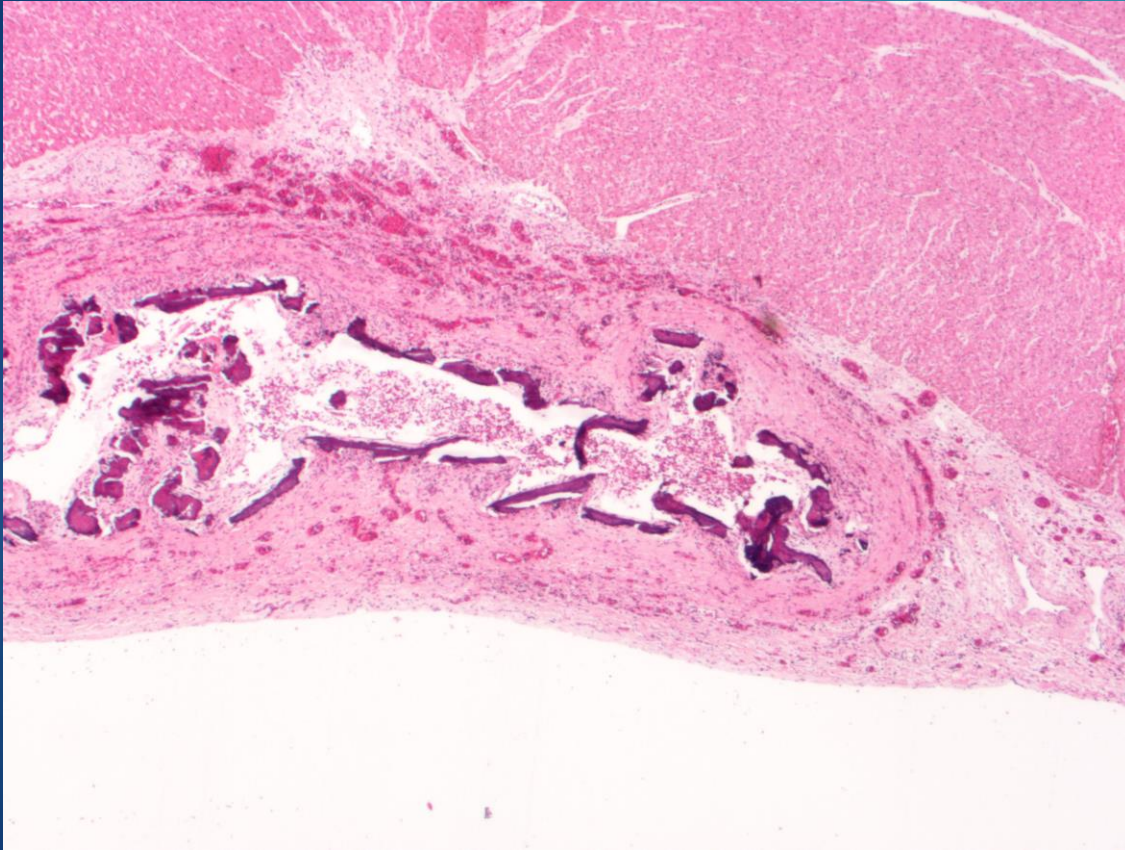


# Heart



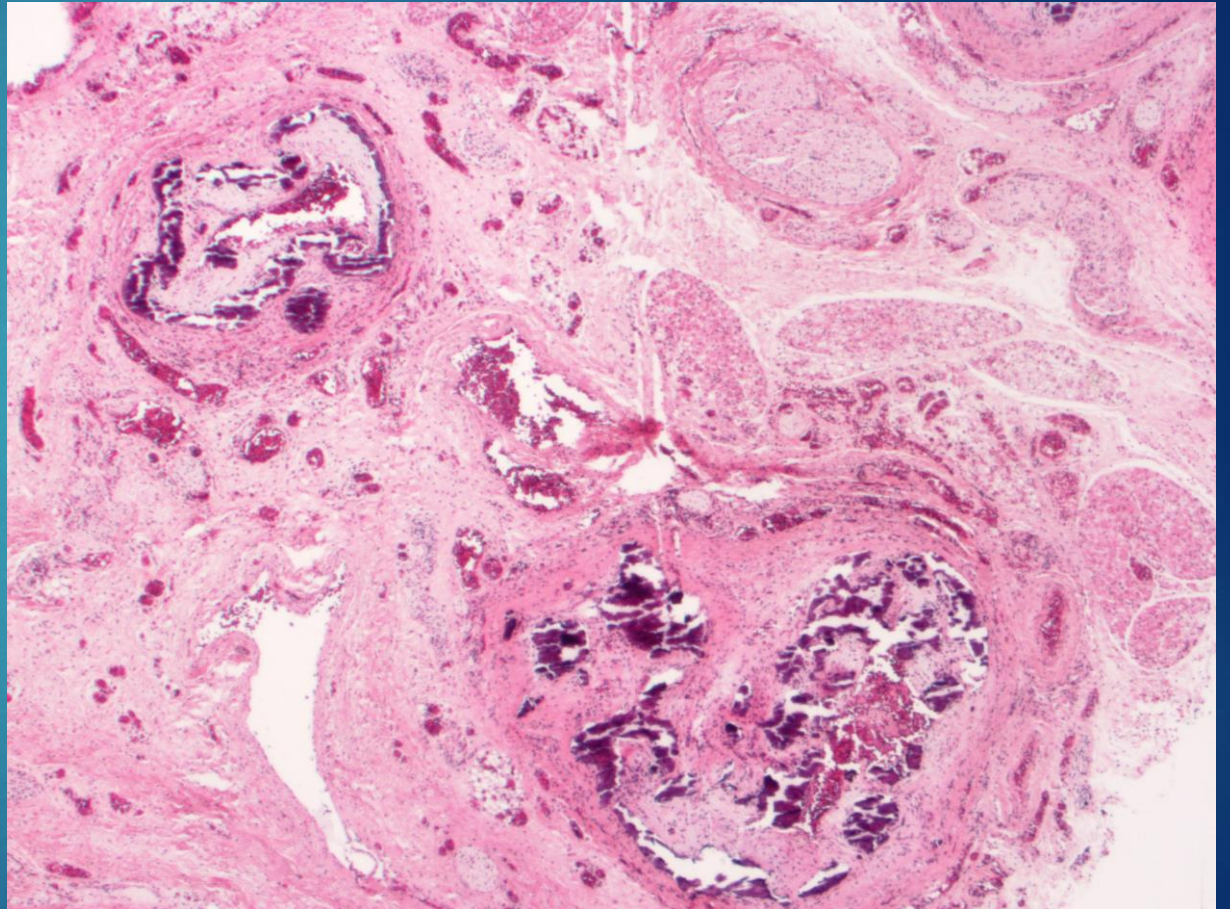
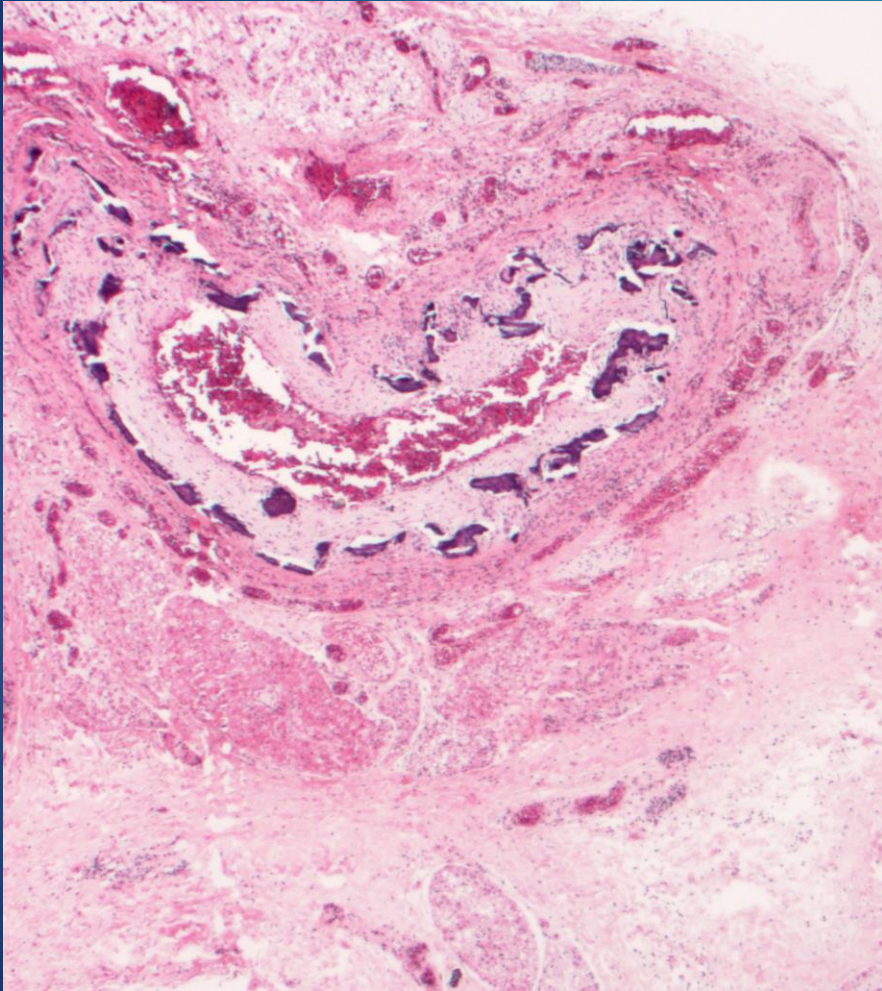


# Histology coronary arteries



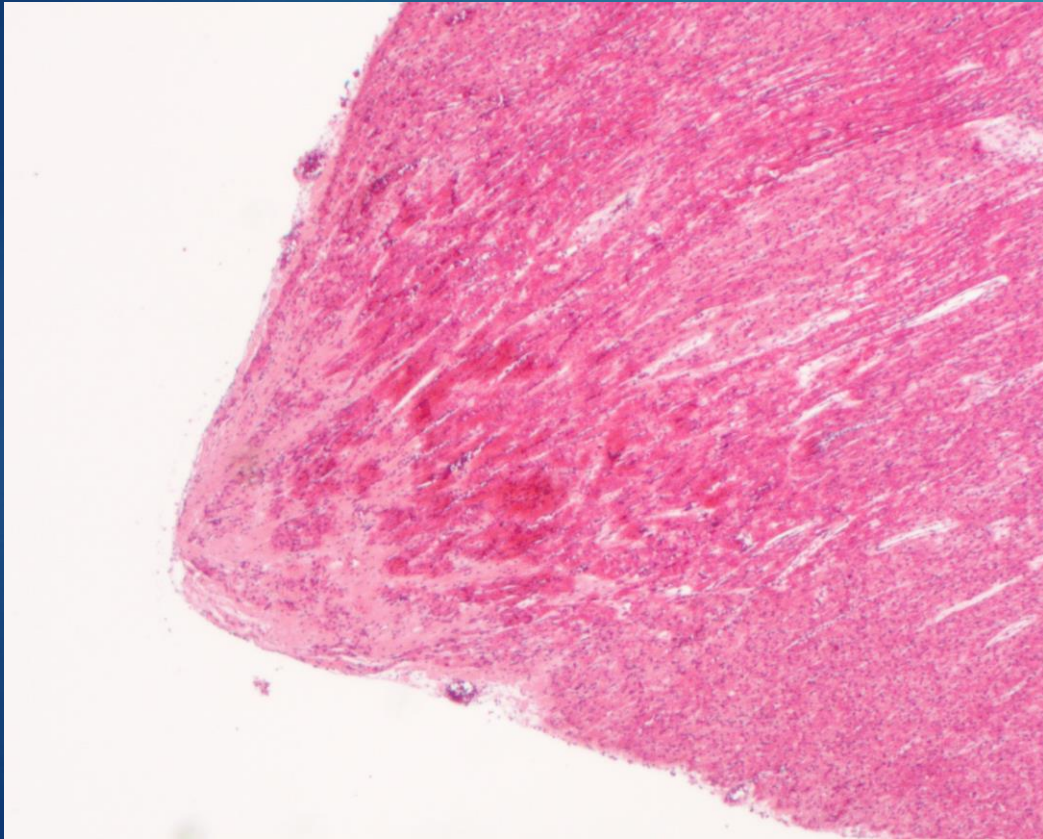


# Carotid artery and branches



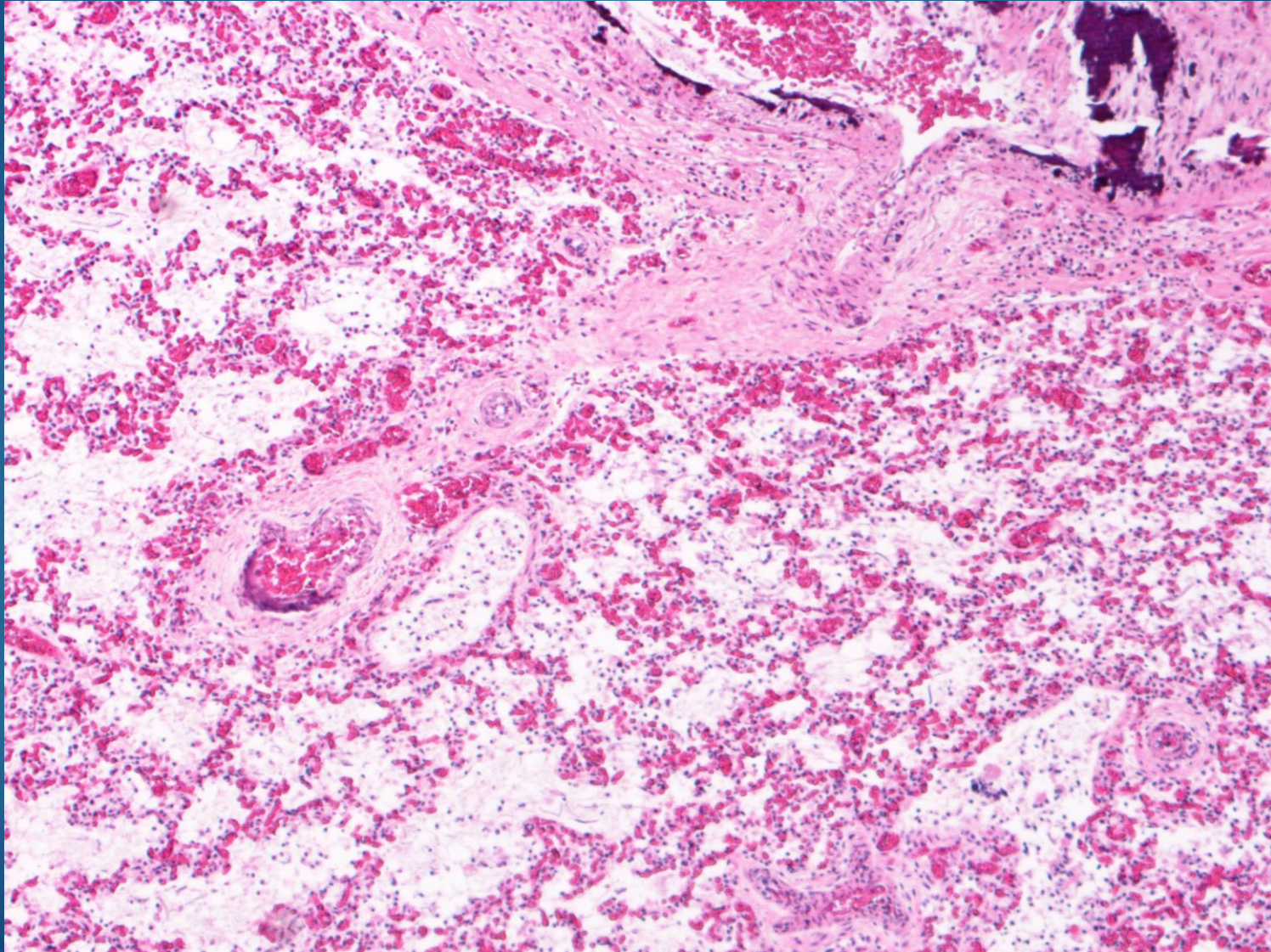


# Infarct in papillary muscle

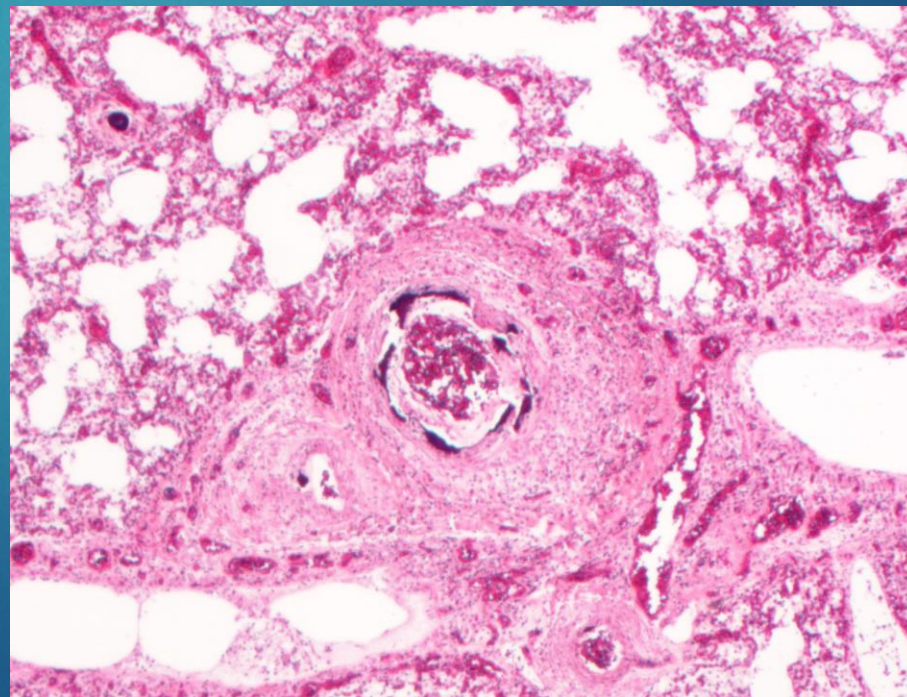
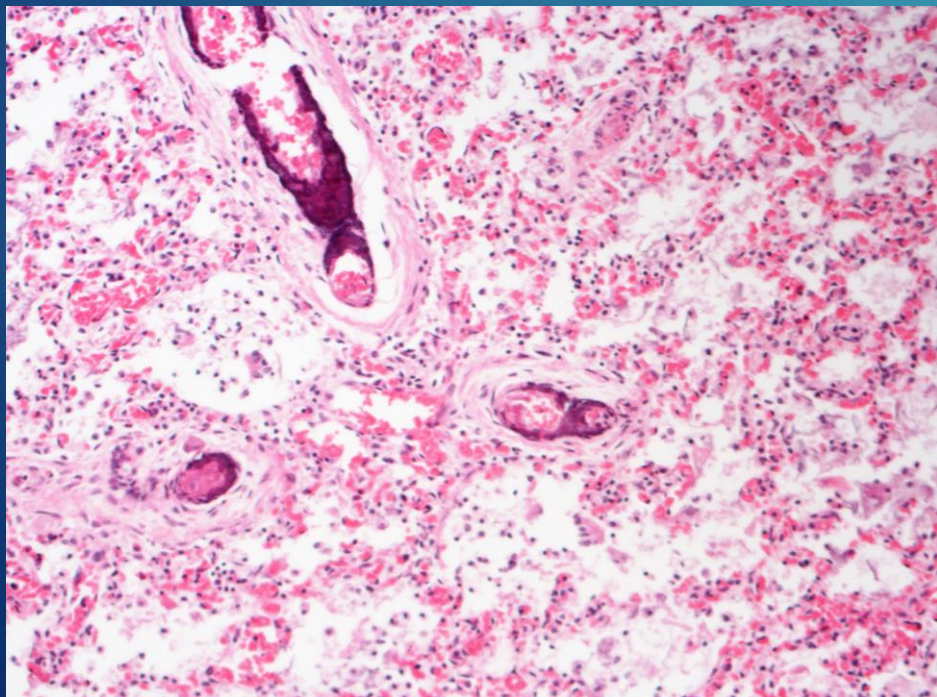
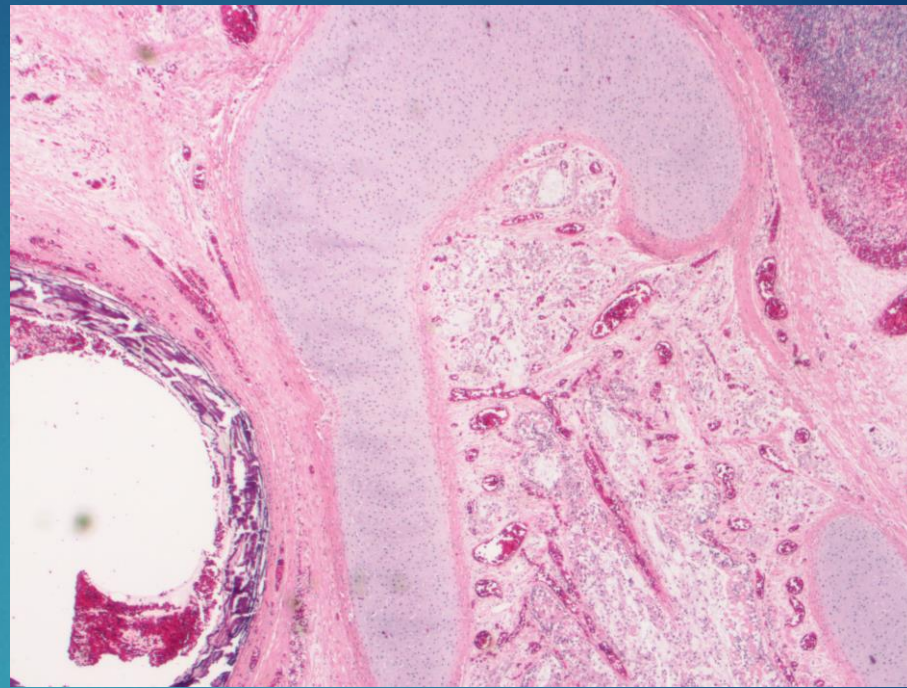
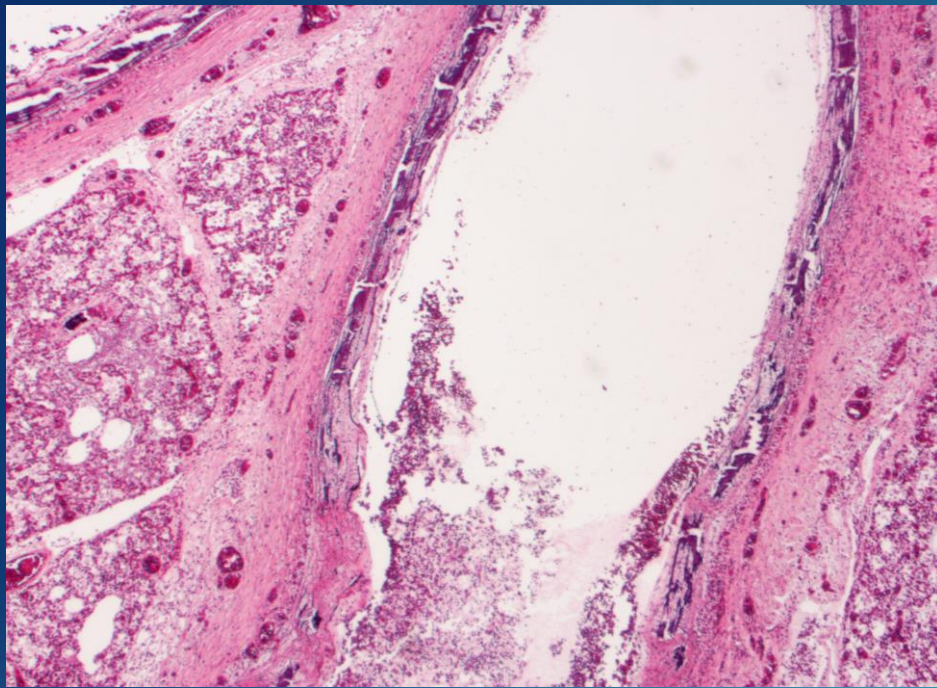




# Lungs

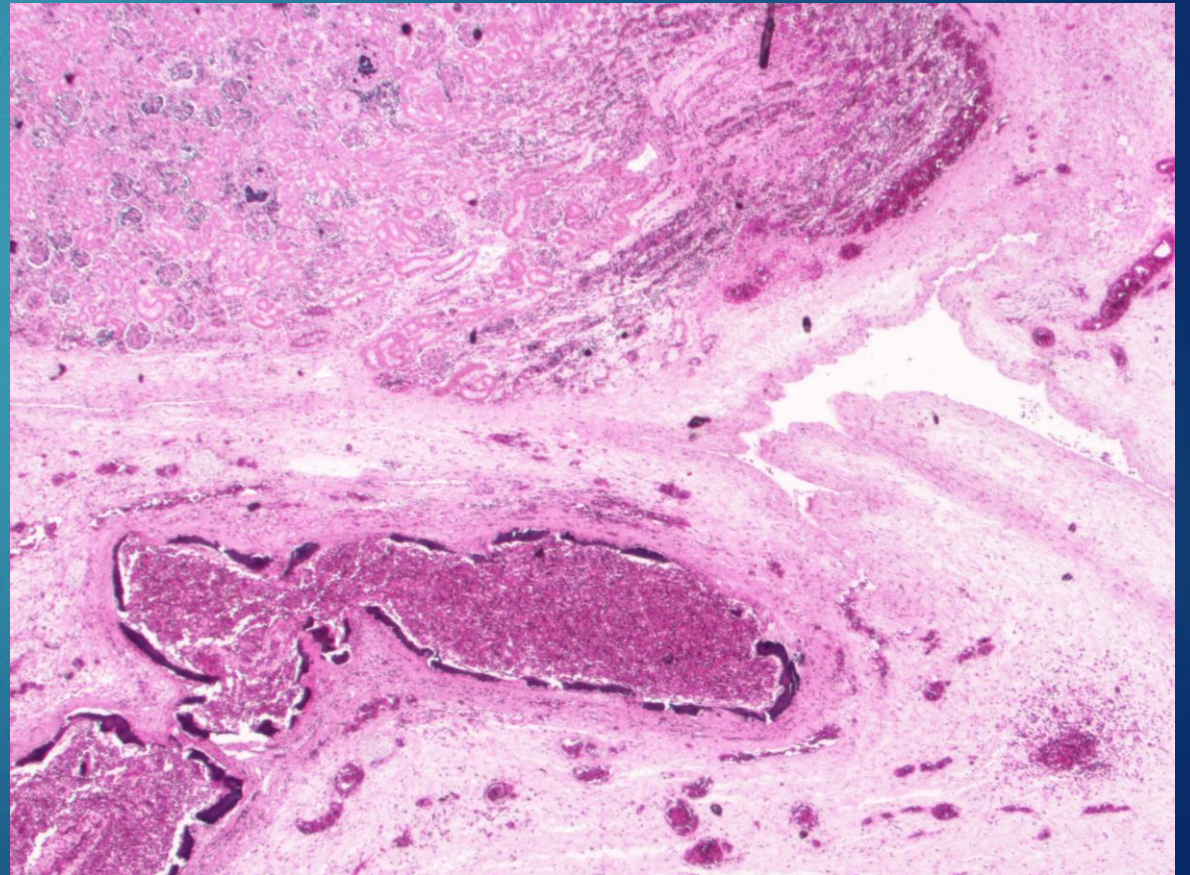
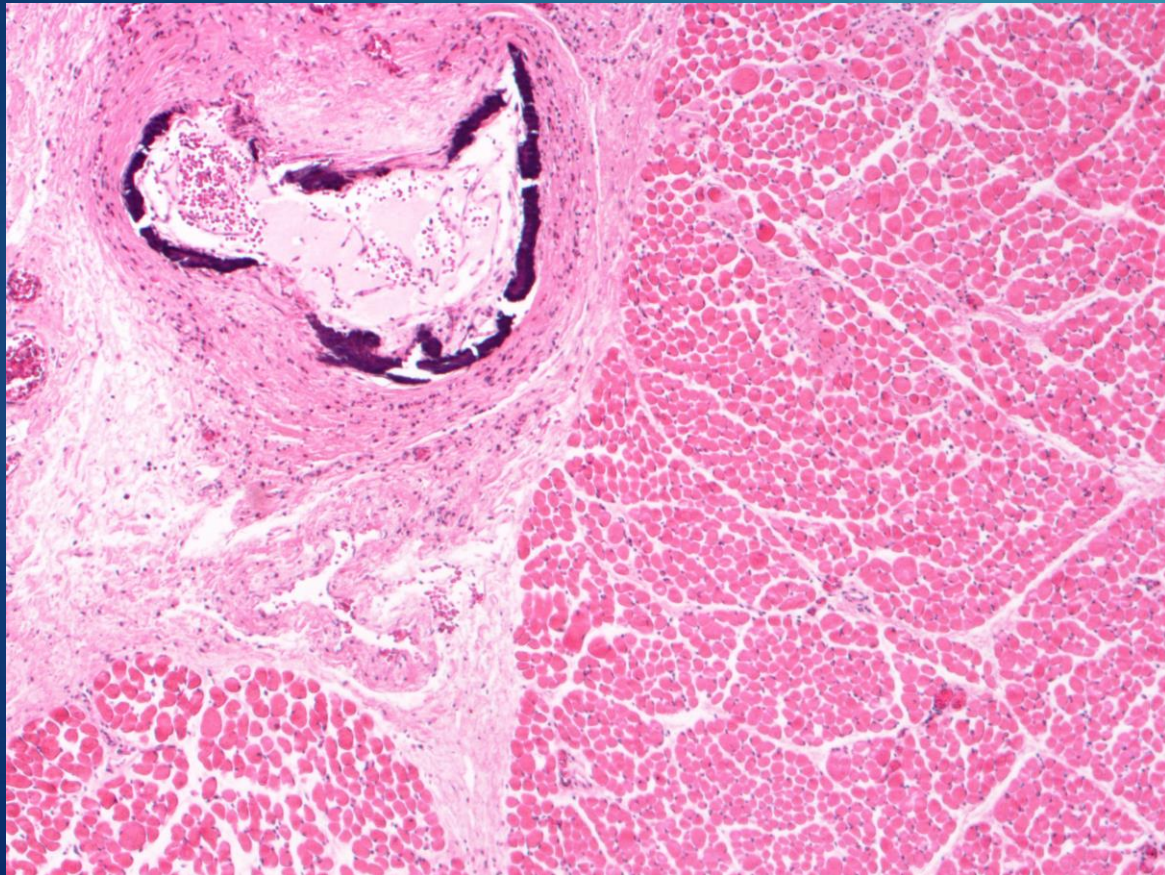






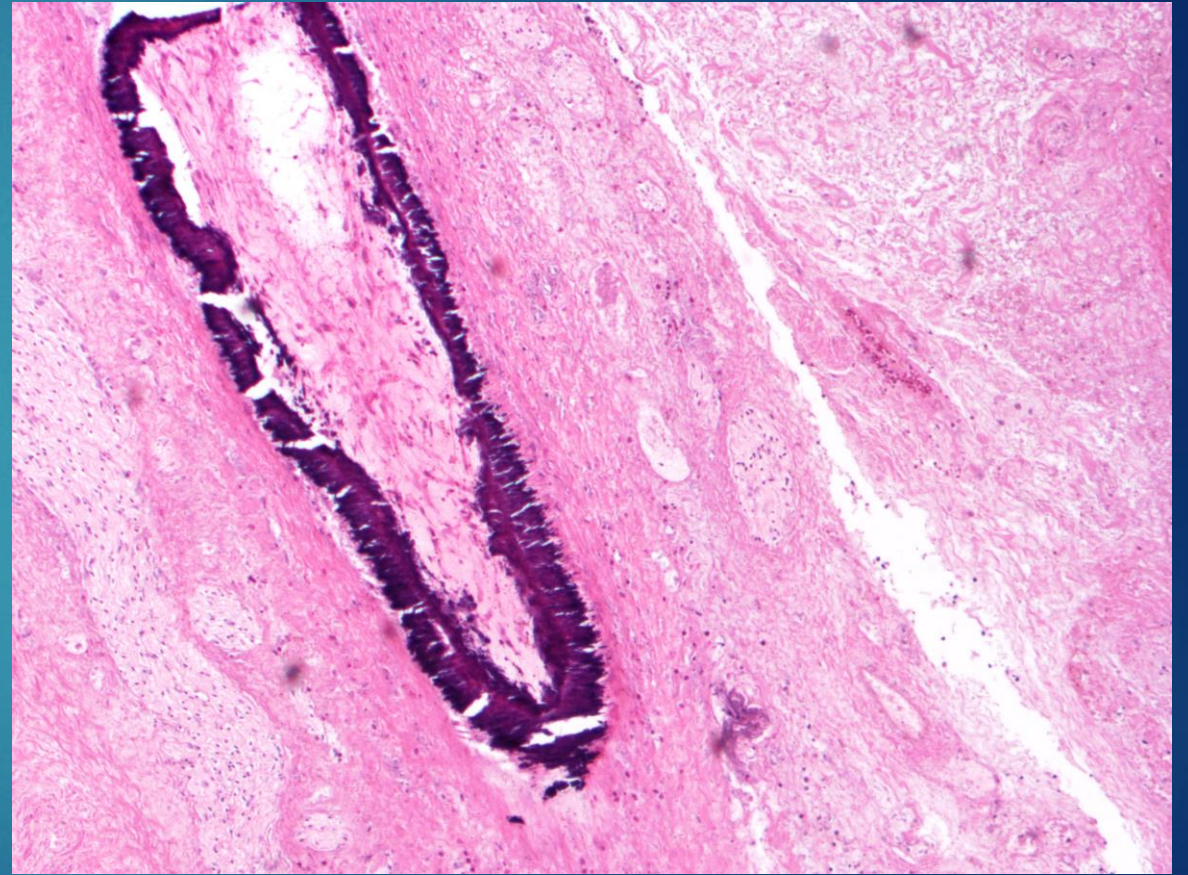
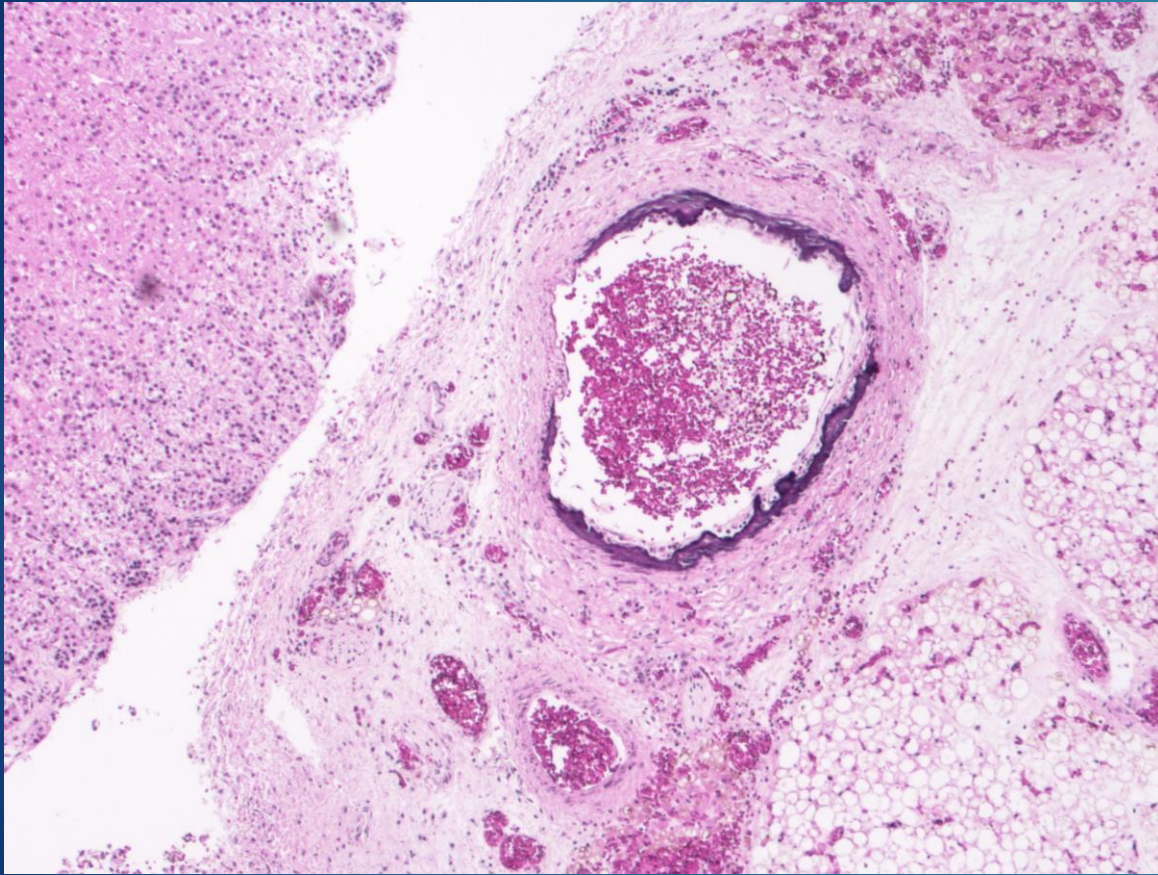


# Descending aorta and renal arteries



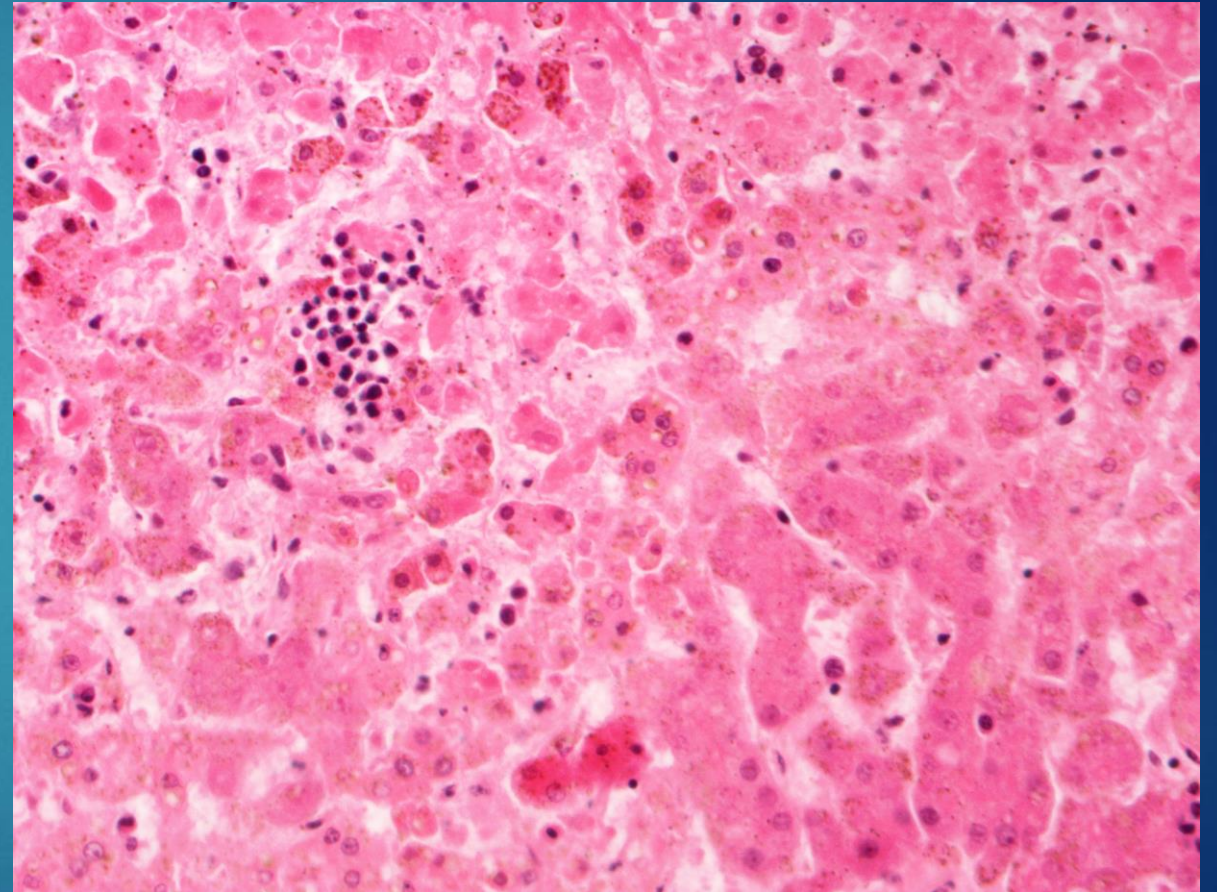
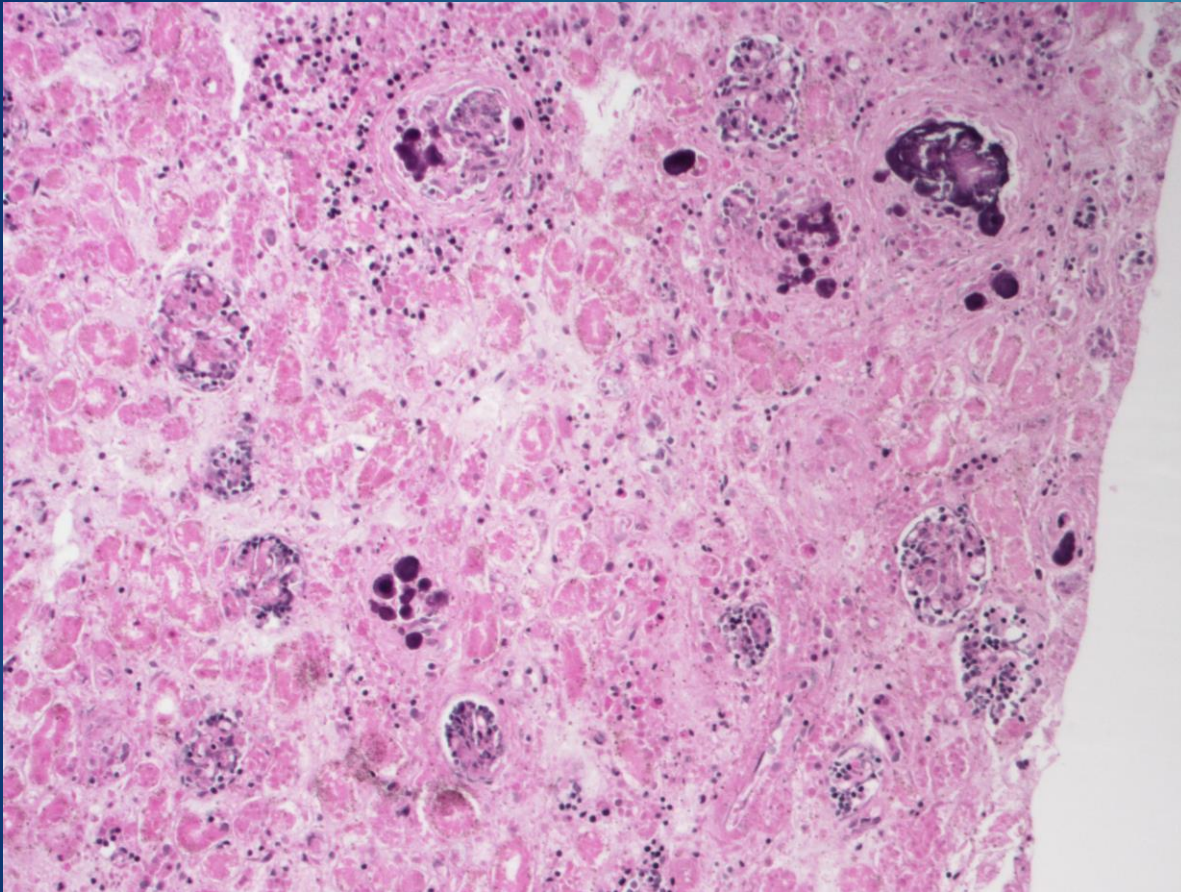


# Adrenals and pancreas



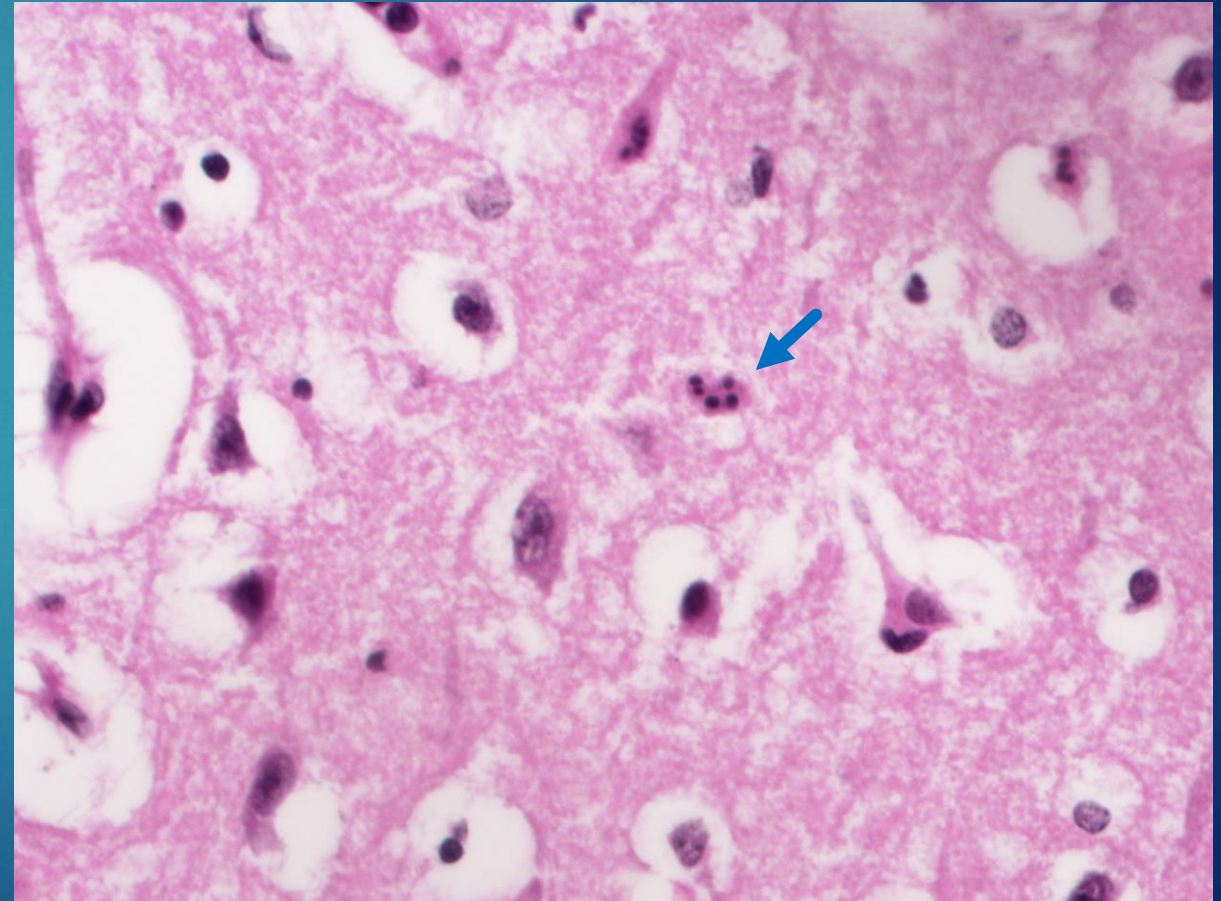
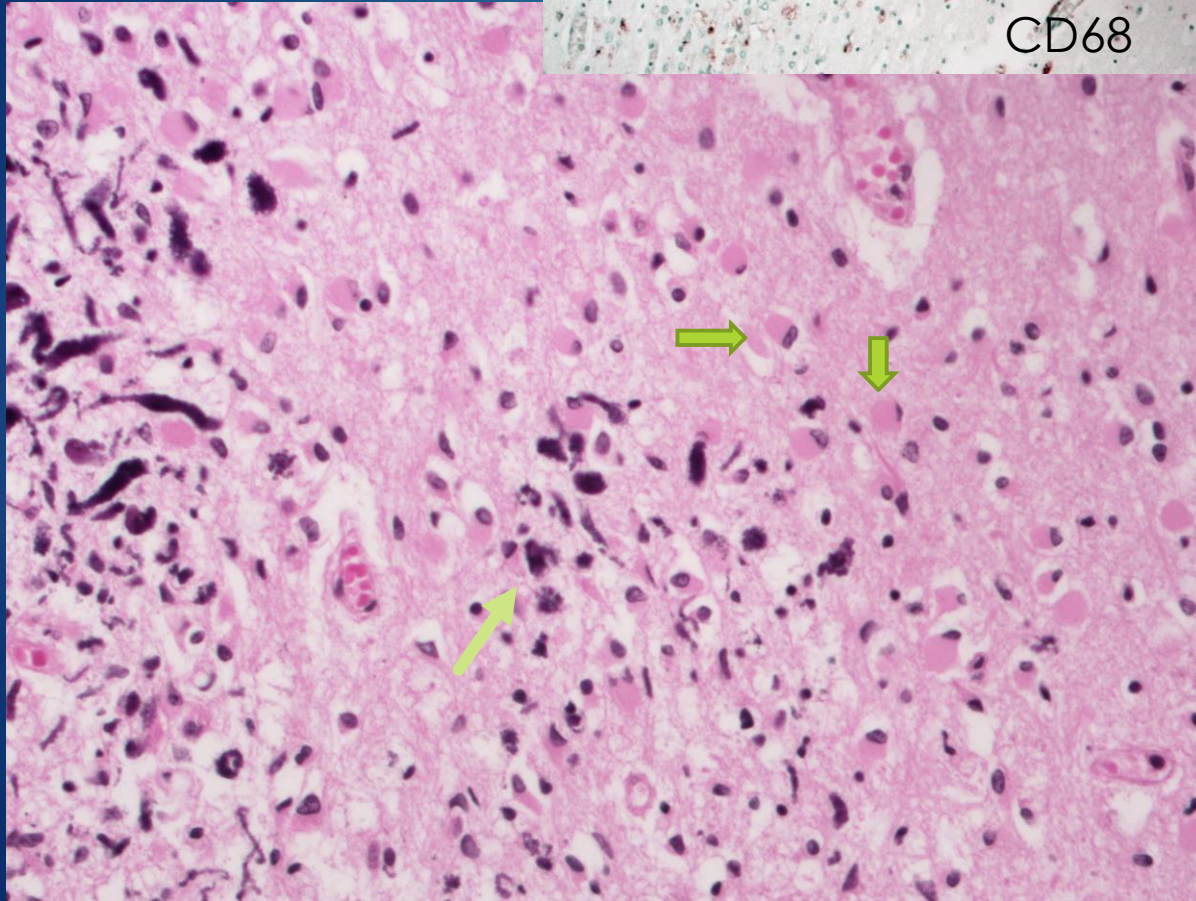
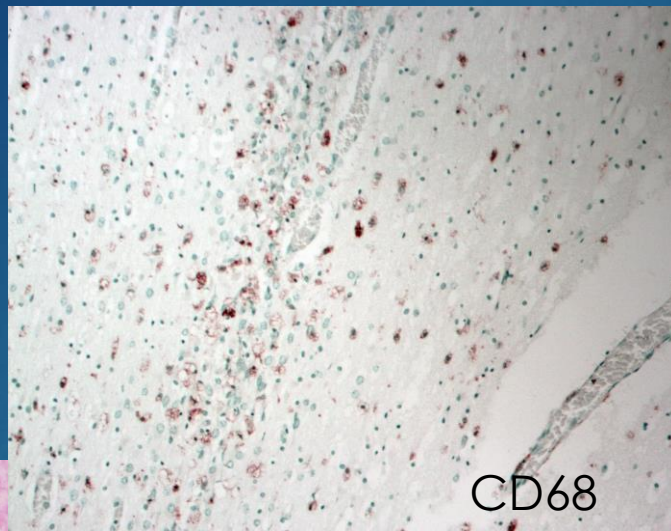


# Kidney and liver





# Brain







# Diagnosis

Generalized idiopathic arterial  
calcification of infancy (GACI)

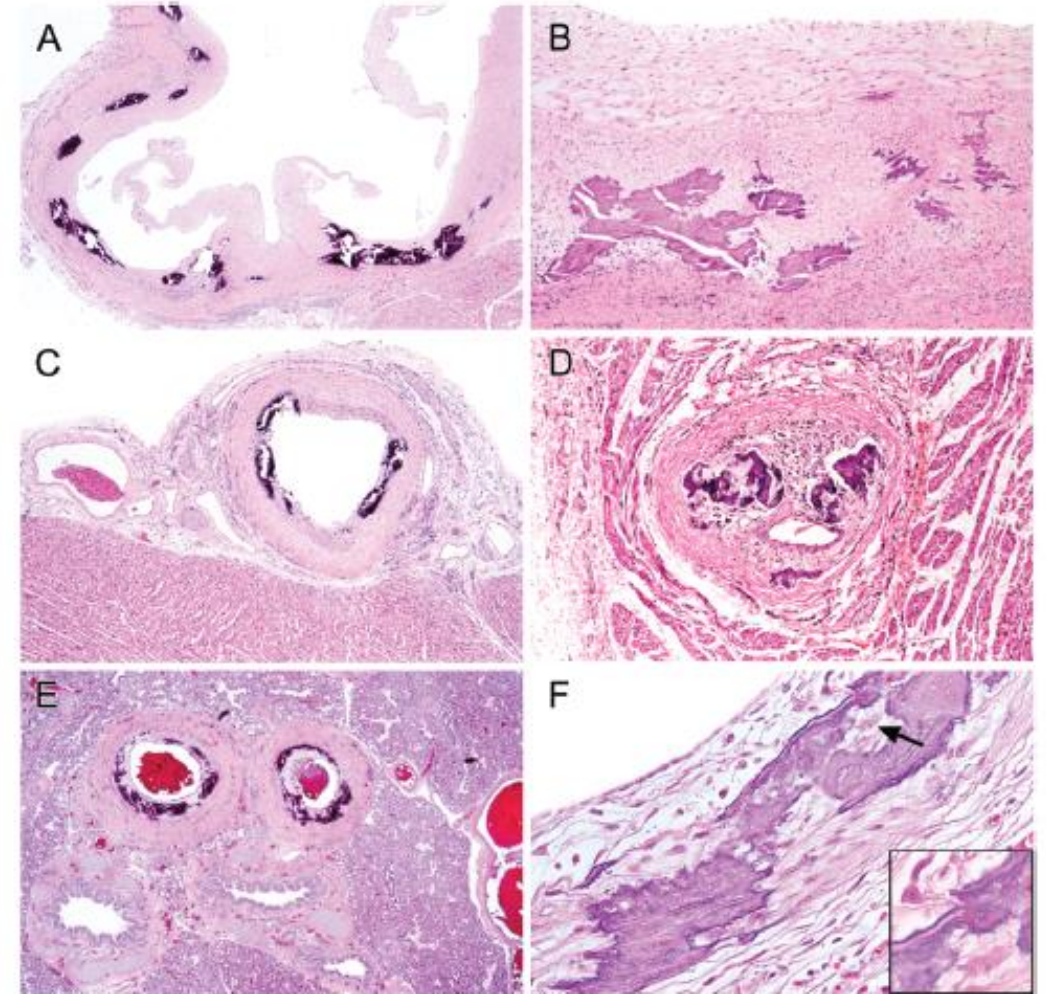
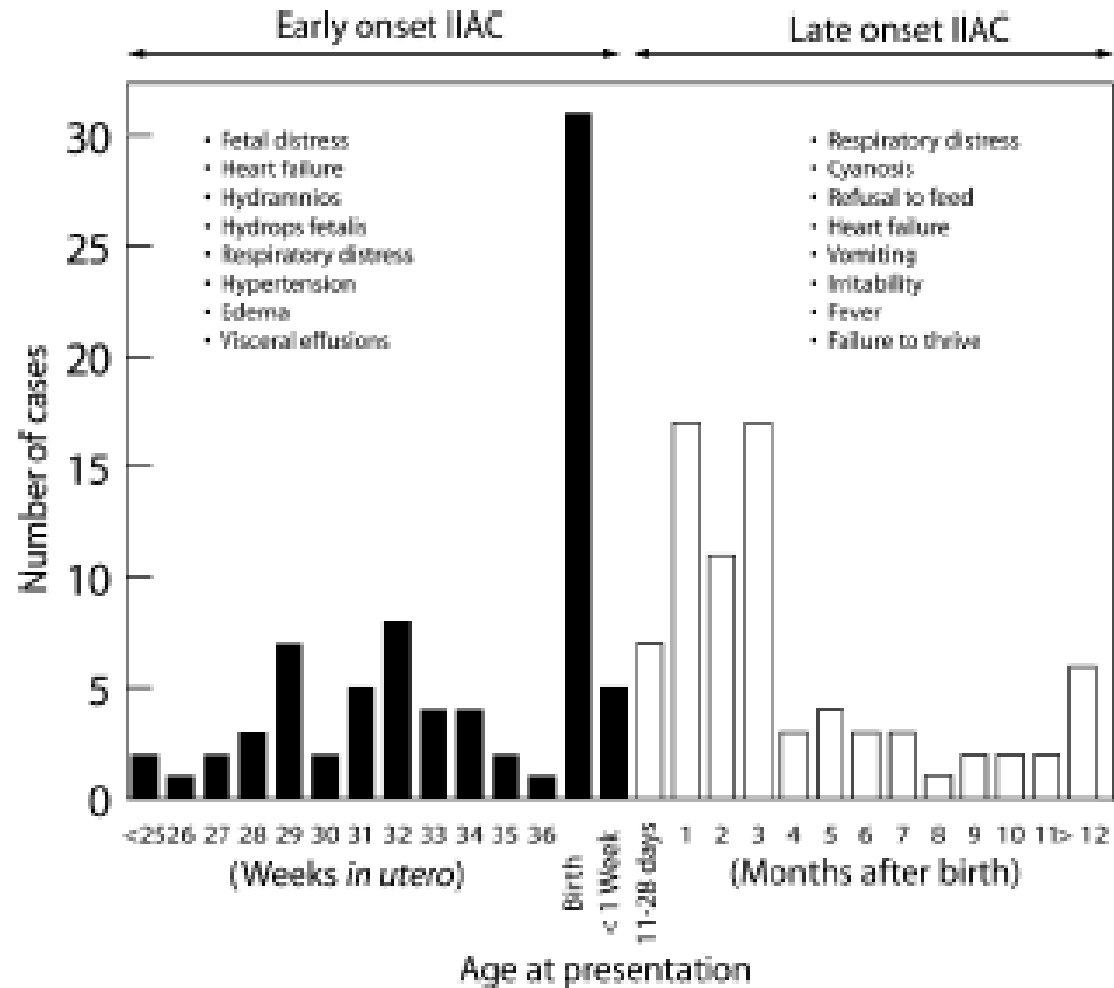
# GACI

- ▶ Rare autosomal recessive disorder
- ▶ Diffuse calcification with hydroxyapatite deposits in the media's elastic lamina of large and medium sized arteries associated with intimal proliferation → arterial stenosis
- ▶ Antenatal USS may show hydrops and calcification (from 18/40)
- ▶ Depending on severity infants may present with IUD, NN heart failure, arterial hypertension and death within the first 6 months of life in 60-80%
- ▶ Spontaneous regression and survival to adulthood
- ▶ Biphosphonates (synthetic analogs of pyrophosphate) block conversion of  $\text{Ca}^{+}$  into hydroxyapatite & calcifications disappear
- ▶ *ENPP1* enzyme replacement therapy successful in mice (2018)



# Idiopathic Infantile Arterial Calcification: The Spectrum of Clinical Presentations

CURTIS R. CHONG<sup>1\*</sup> AND GROVER M. HUTCHINS<sup>2</sup> Pediatric and Developmental Pathology 11, 405-415, 2008



# Genetics

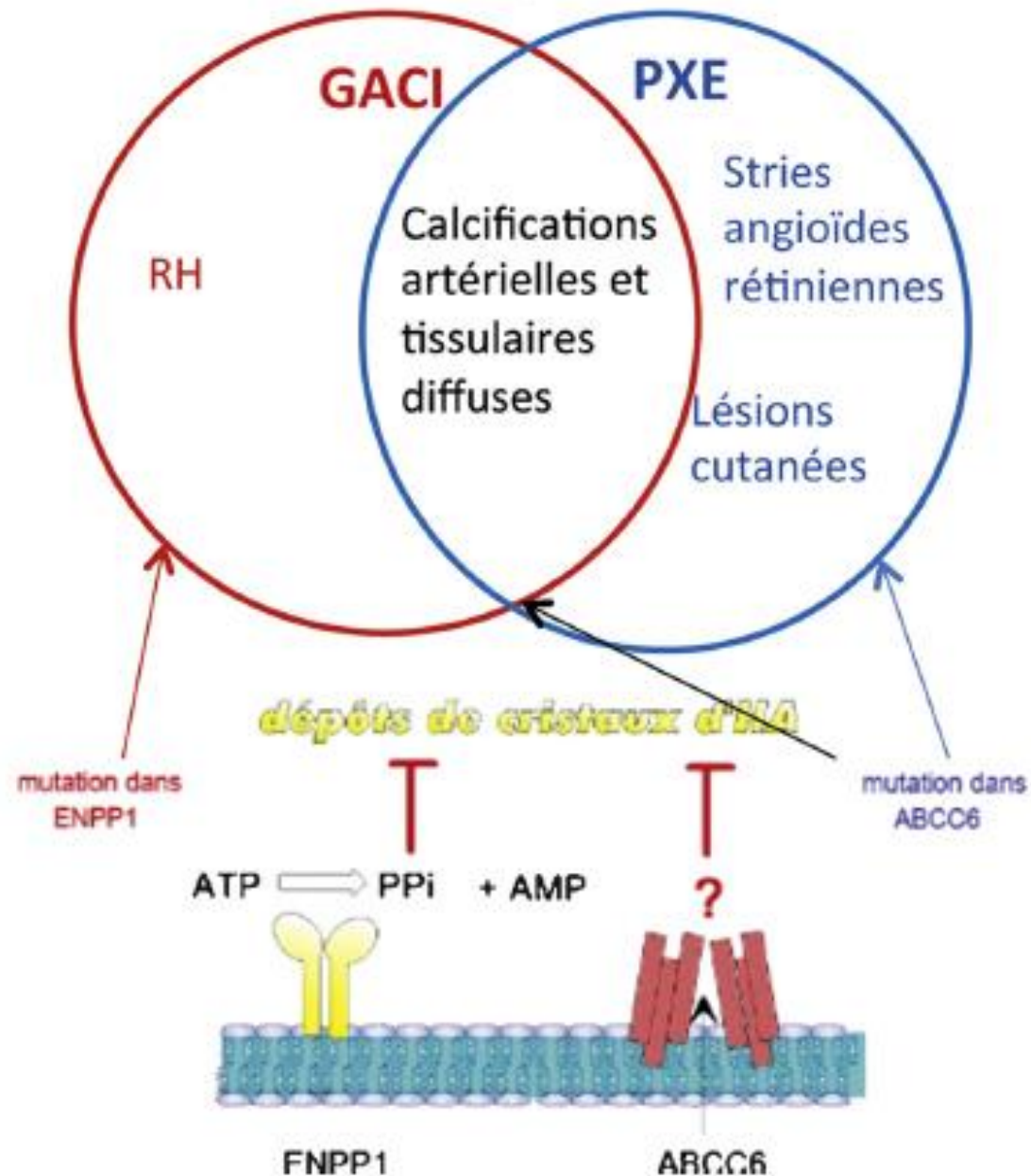
- ▶ 70%: Several inactivating mutations of the *ENPP1* gene which encodes ectonucleotide pyrophosphatase/phosphodiesterase 1 (PP1), a potent calcification inhibitor
- ▶ 30%: inactivating mutations of *ABCC6* gene encoding an ATP-binding efflux transporter responsible for PXE (pseudoxanthoma elasticum)
- ▶ AR hypophosphatemic rickets may also be associated with inactivation mutations of *ENPP1* & may alleviate symptoms of GACI



# GACI and PXE

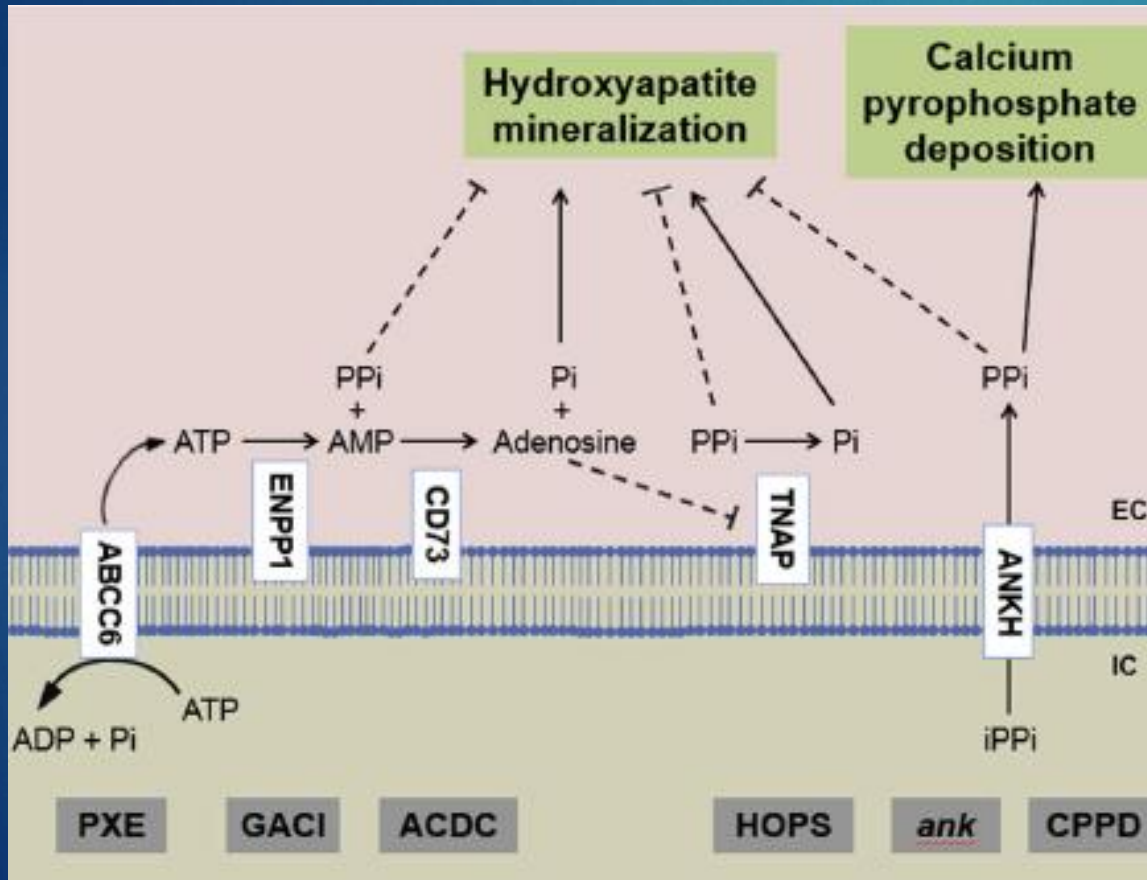
- ▶ PXE: multisystemic ectopic mineralization disorder, late onset, progressive clinical manifestations in skin, eyes and CV system
- ▶ Genotypic overlap between PXE and GACI
- ▶ Several families with GACI have *ABCC6* mutations. In one family one sibling died of GACI and another develop PXE 25 years later
- ▶ Recent study: 92 GACI patients
  - ▶ 3 patients treated with biphosphonates presented later with clinical features of PXE had *ENPP1* mutations
  - ▶ 14 patients (of 28 with no disease causing *ENPP1* mutation) had *ABCC6* mutations

# GACI/PXE





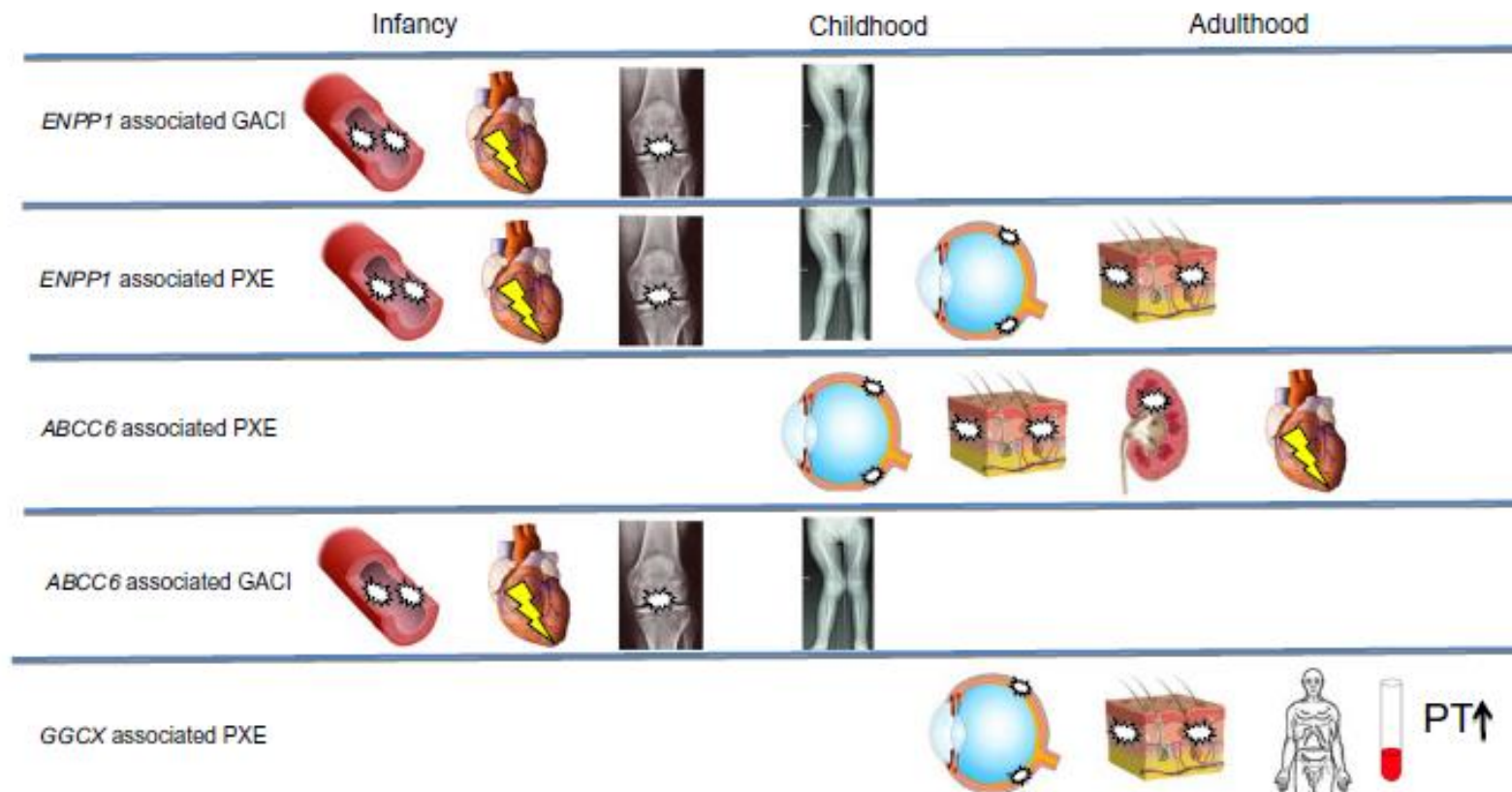
# Mechanism of mineralization



- ▶ ABCC6 mediates ATP release from hepatocytes to the extra cellular space where ATP is converted into Ppi and AMP by *ENPP1*
- ▶ CD73 converts AMP to Pi & adenosine (inhibitor of tissue nonspecific alkaline phosphatase (TNAP) which hydrolyzes Ppi to Pi
- ▶ Deficiencies in *ABCC6*, *ENPP1* and CD73 lead to reduce plasma Ppi levels and Ppi/Pi ratios therefore promoting hydroxyapatite mineralization in peripheral tissues



# Spectrum of the disease



## Picture Key



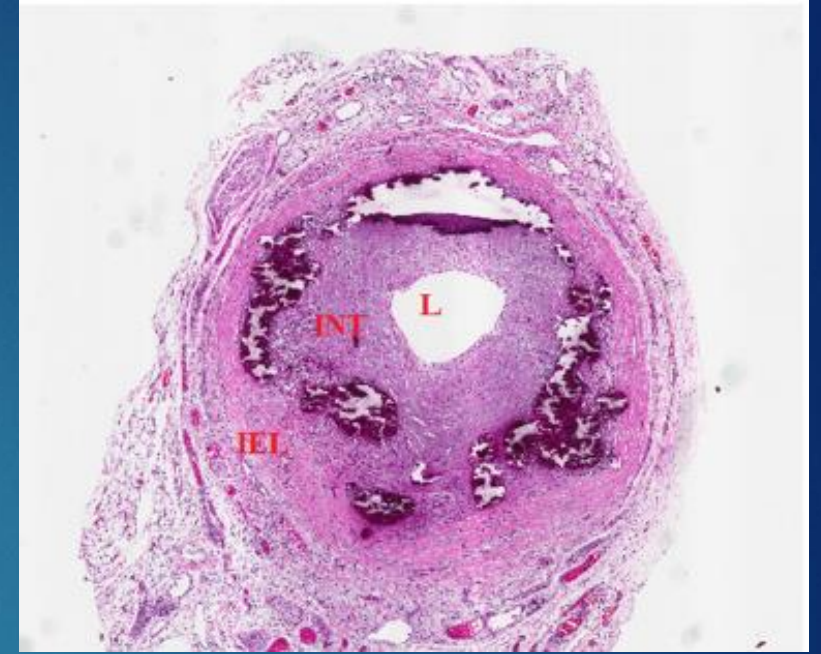
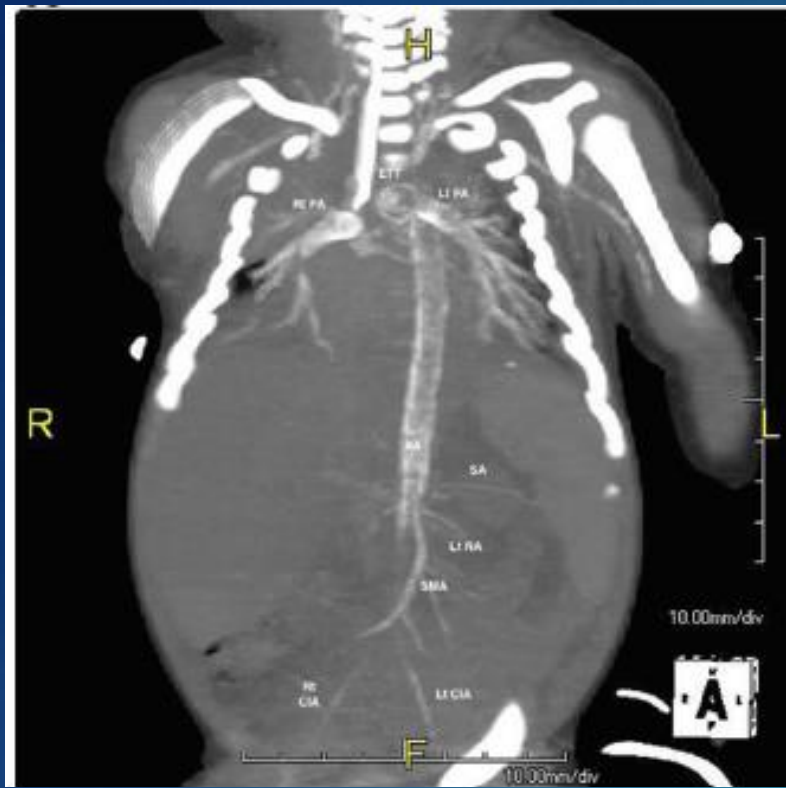


# Prenatal diagnosis of idiopathic infantile arterial calcification with hydrops fetalis

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## Case report

# Generalized arterial calcification of infancy—Findings at post-mortem computed tomography and autopsy

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# Thank you



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