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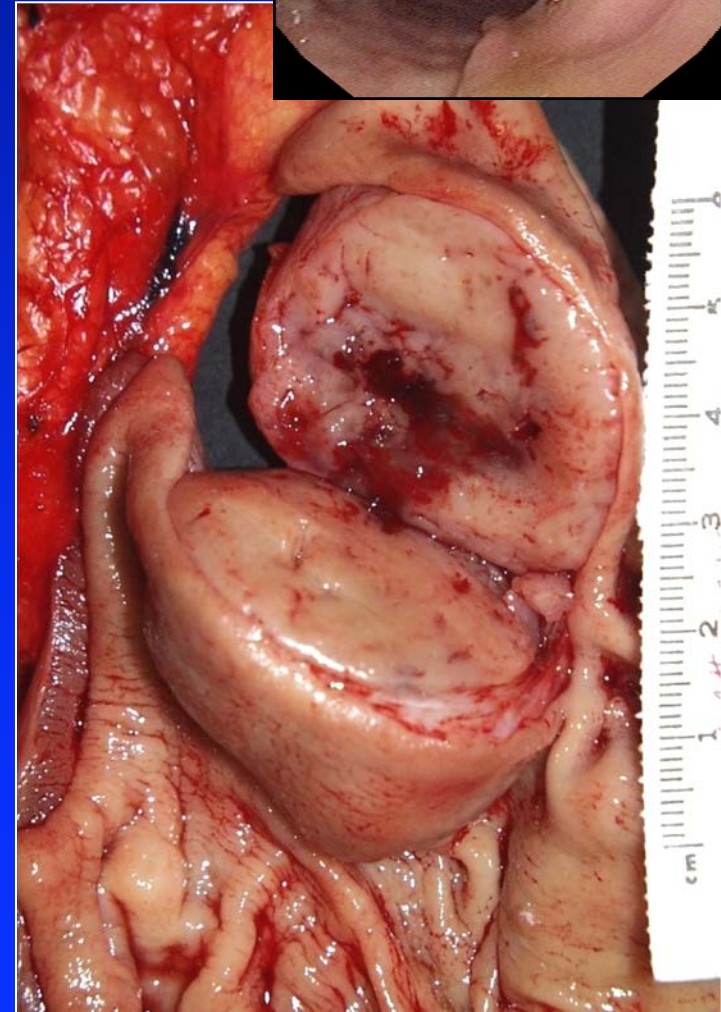
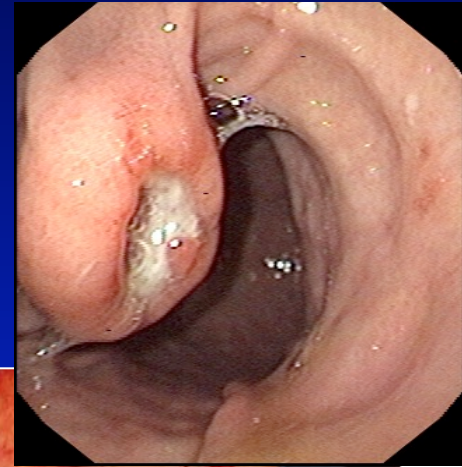
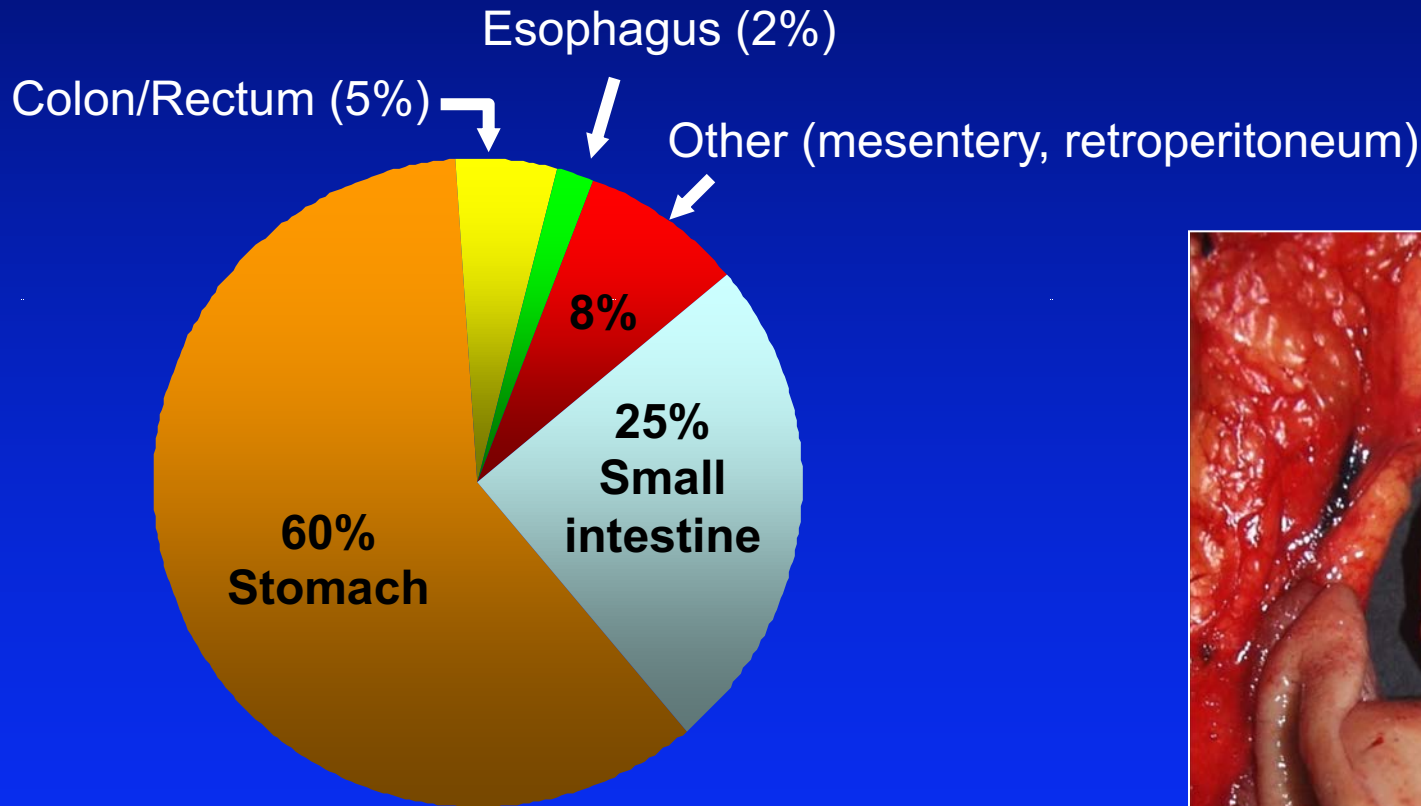
## Diagnosing and Predicting the Behavior of GI Stromal Tumors

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# GI Stromal Tumor

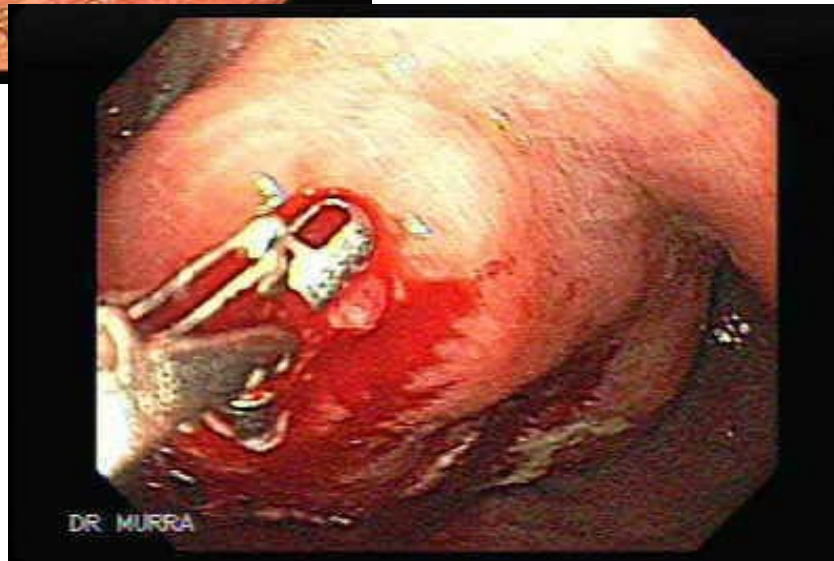


- Comprise only 0.2% of all GI tumors, but 80% of GI sarcomas
- 5000 – 6000 new cases per year in the U.S.

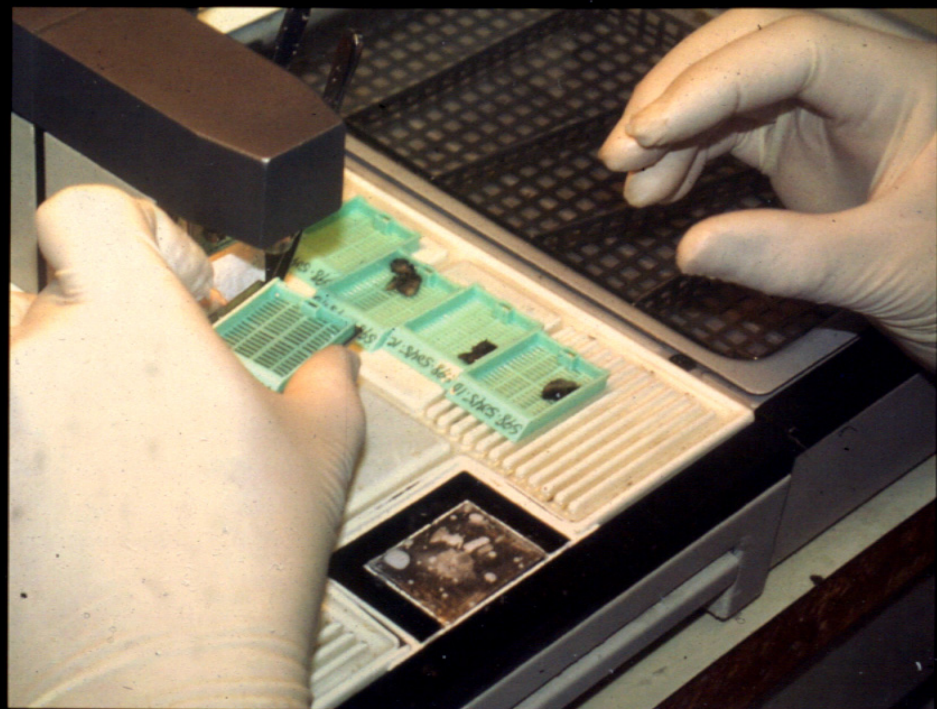


# Tumor Biopsy

## Endoscopic Biopsy



Specimen  
sent to  
Pathology lab  
in formalin



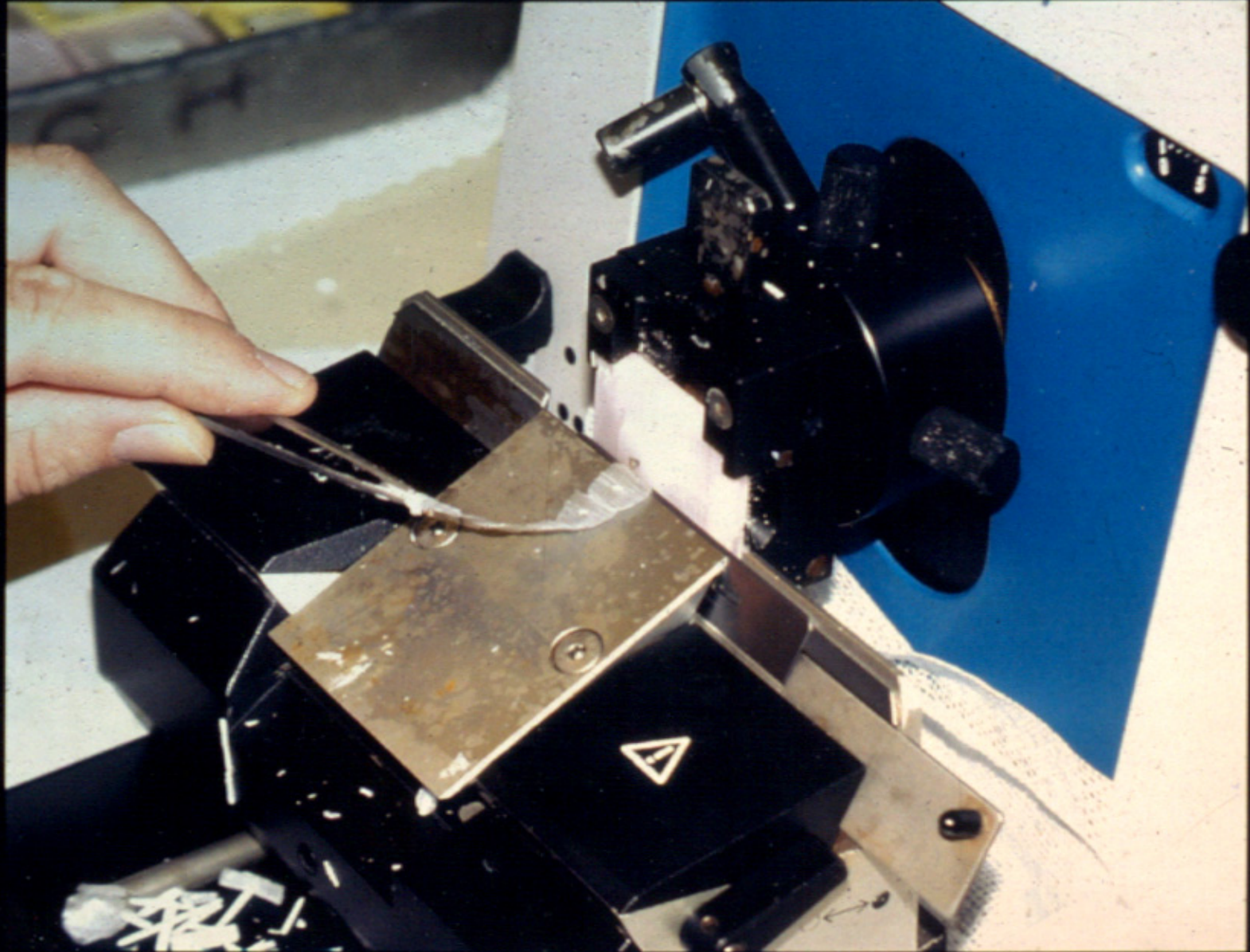


# Standard (Rotary) Microtome

For sectioning paraffin-embedded tissues

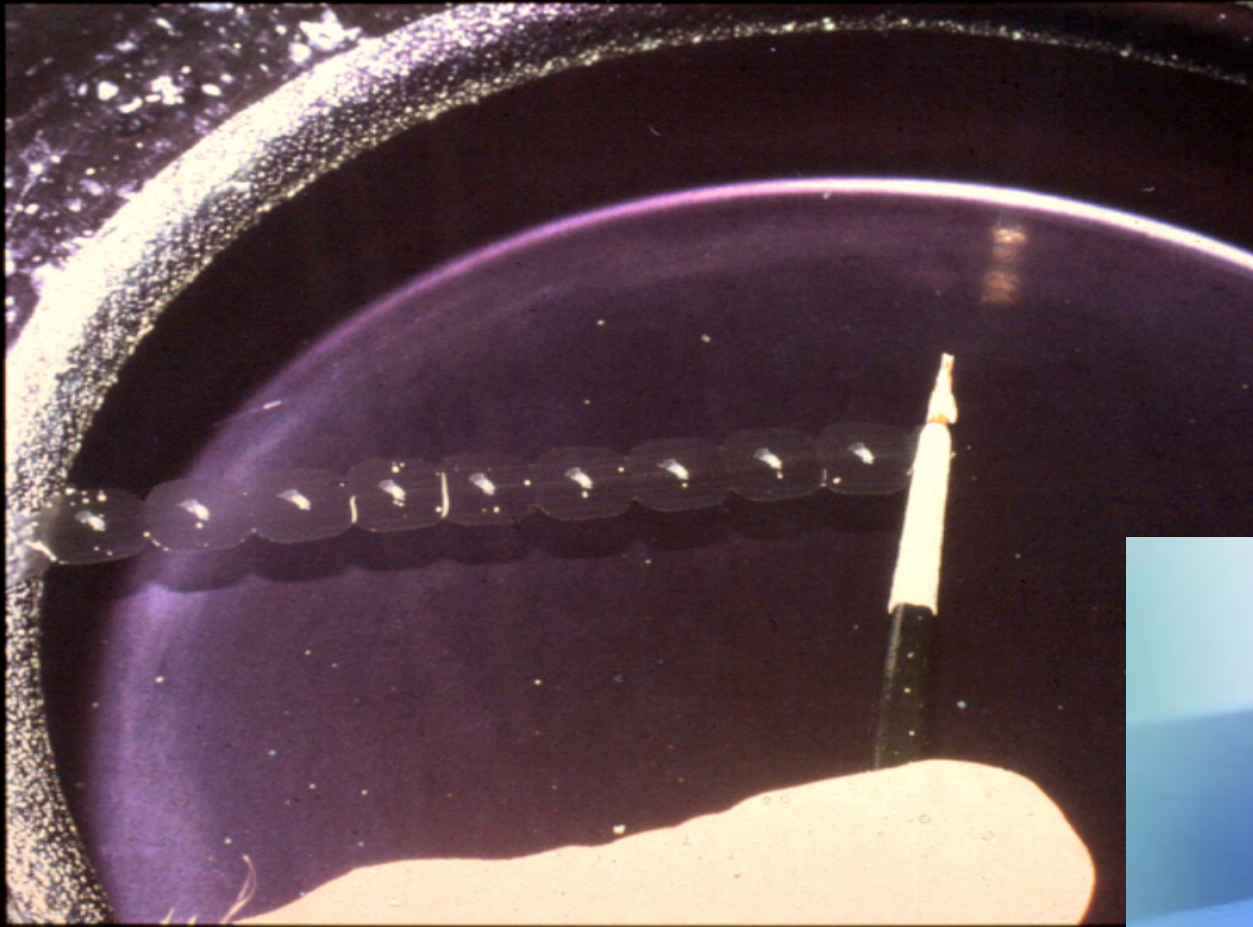


# Sectioning a paraffin-embedded biopsy

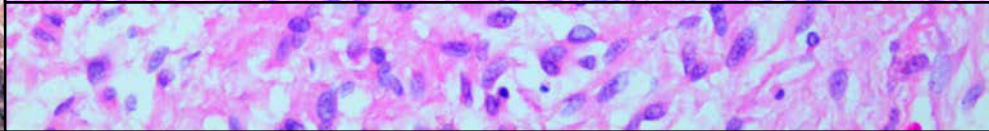
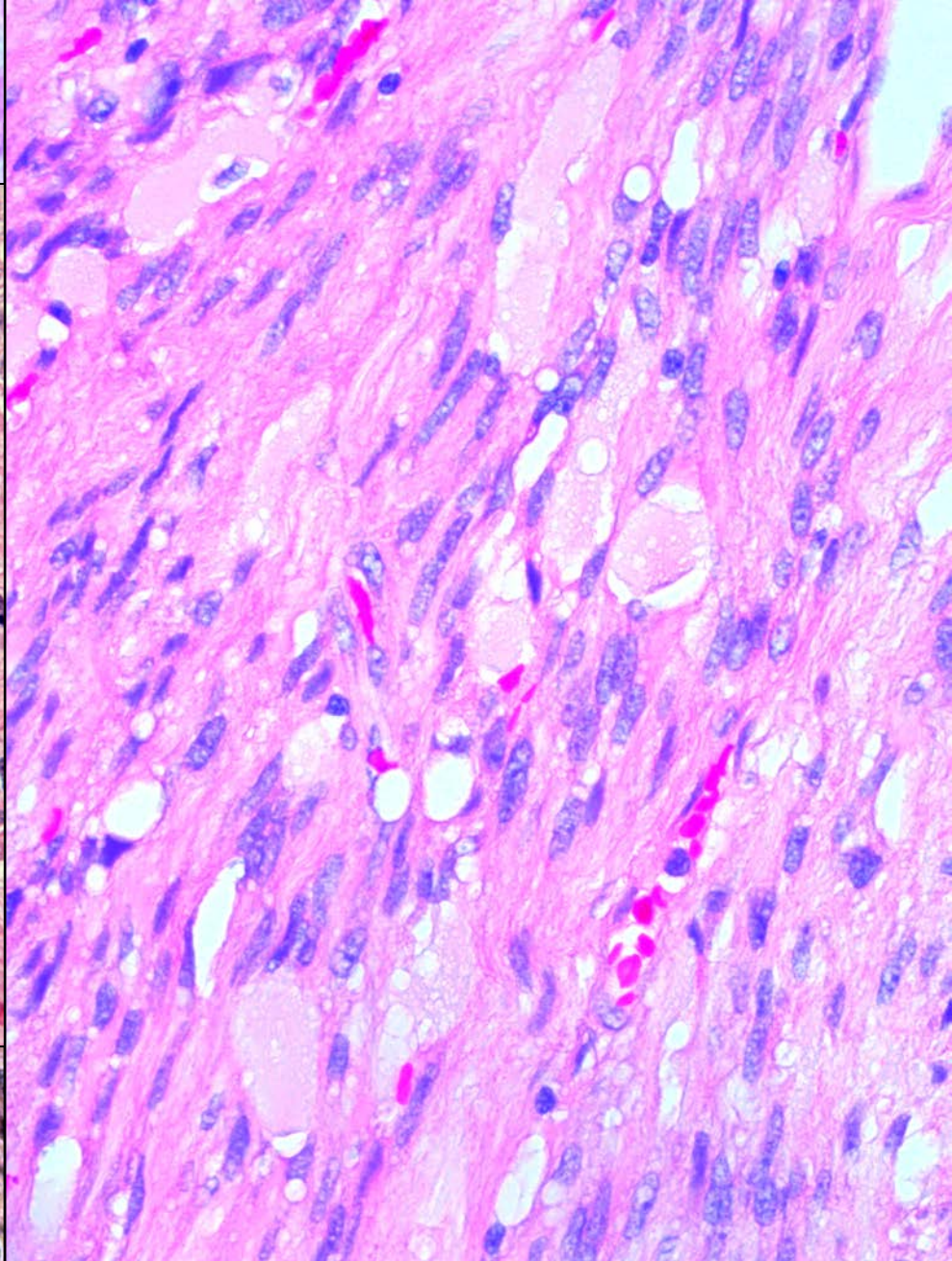
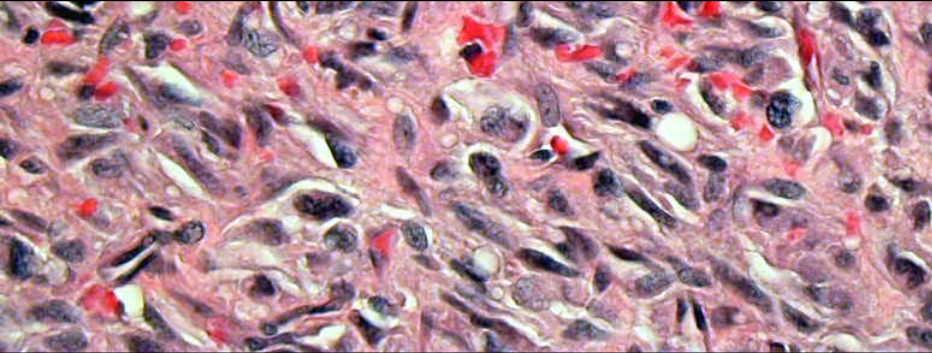
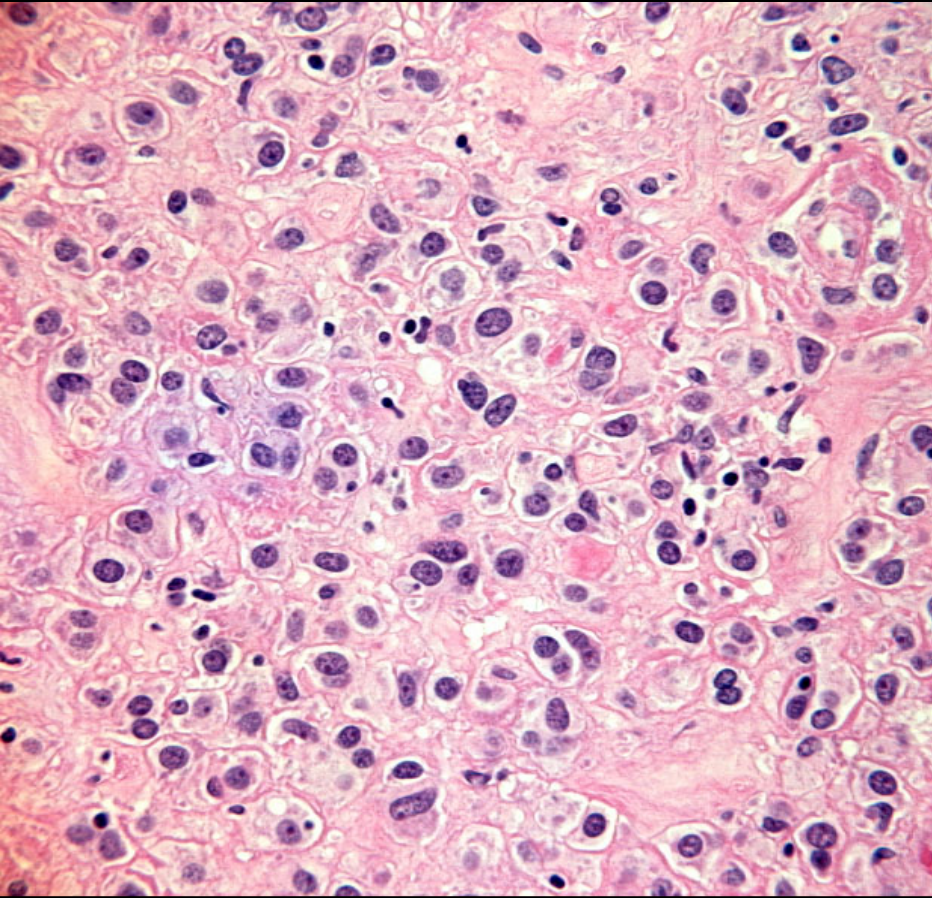
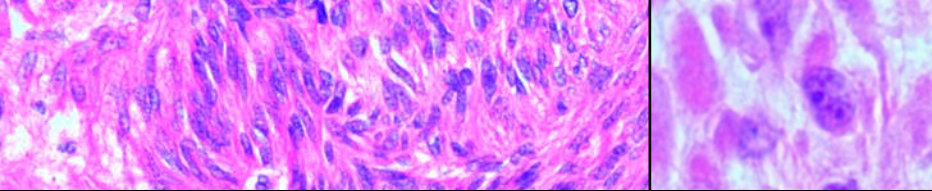




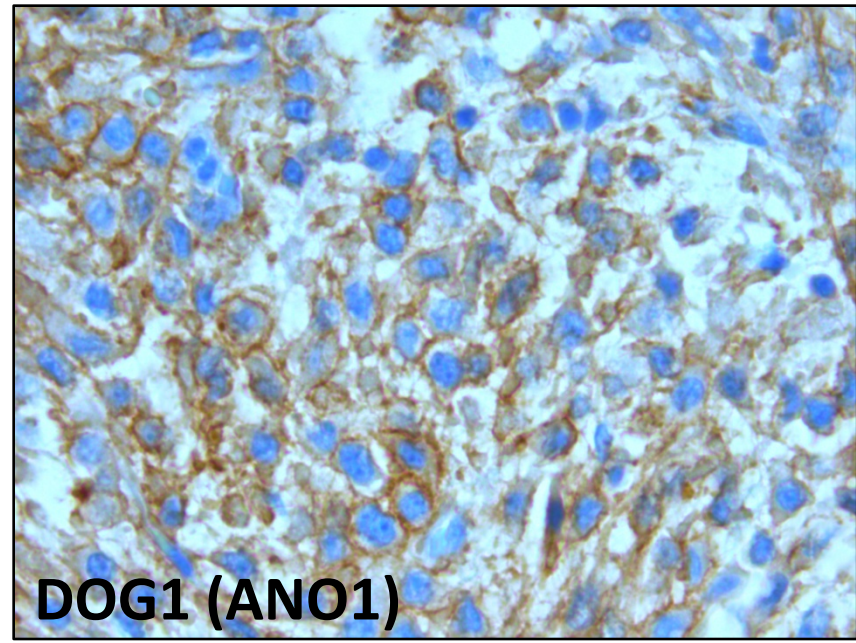
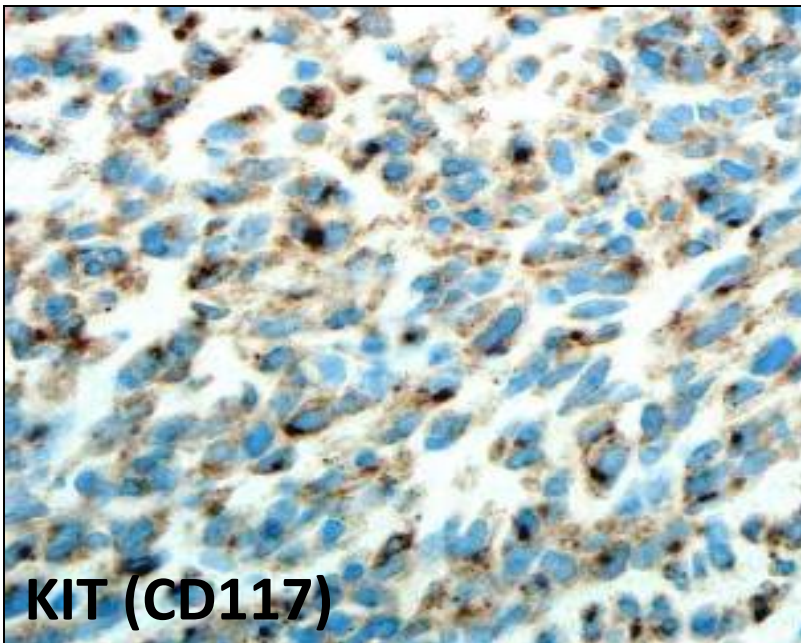
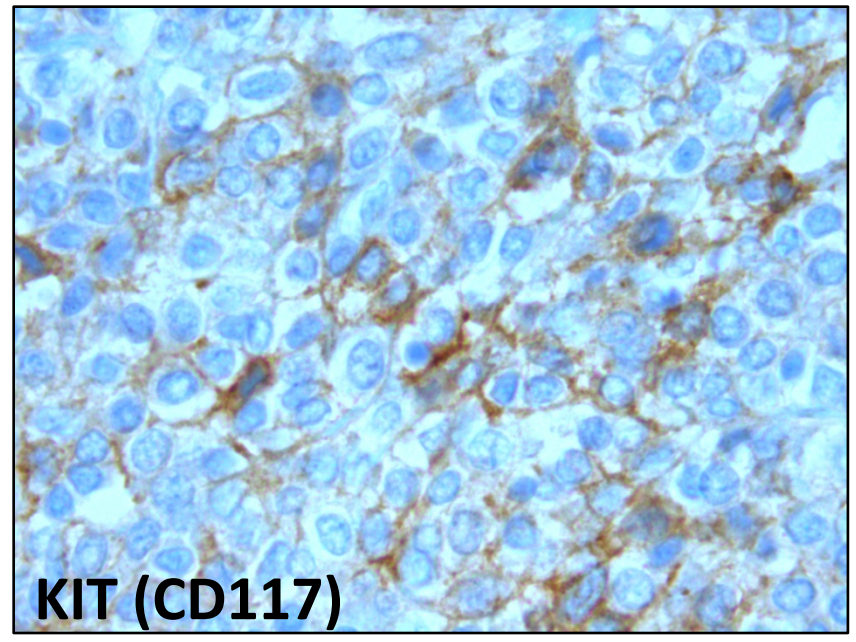
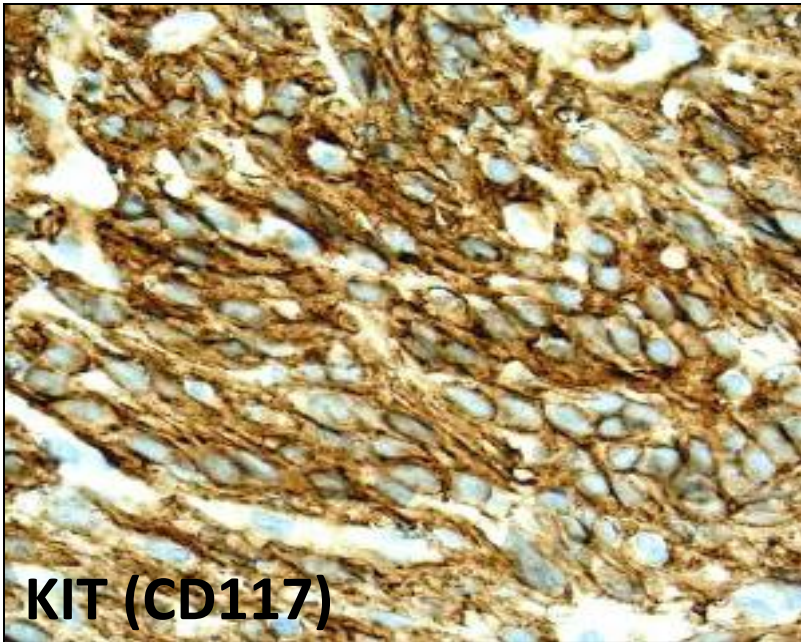
# Ribbon of biopsy sections floated on waterbath





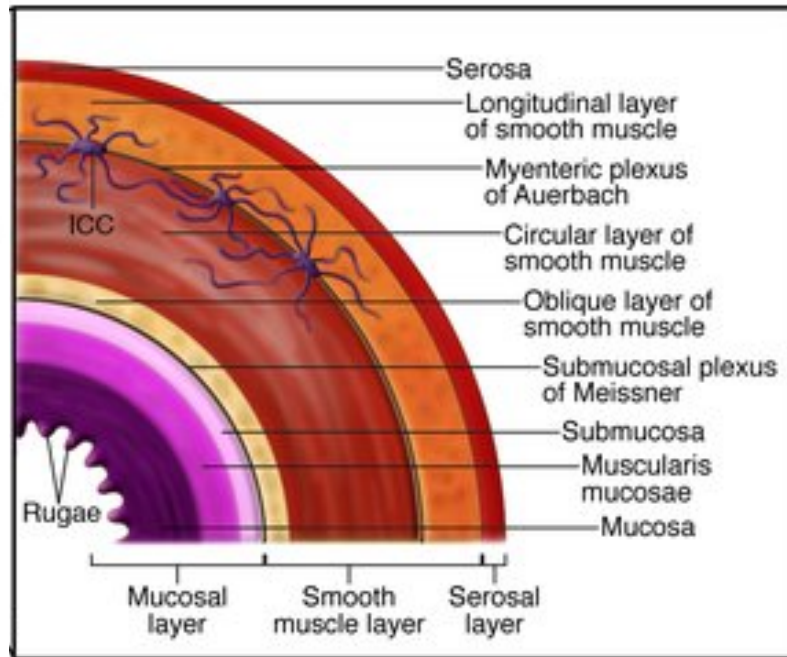
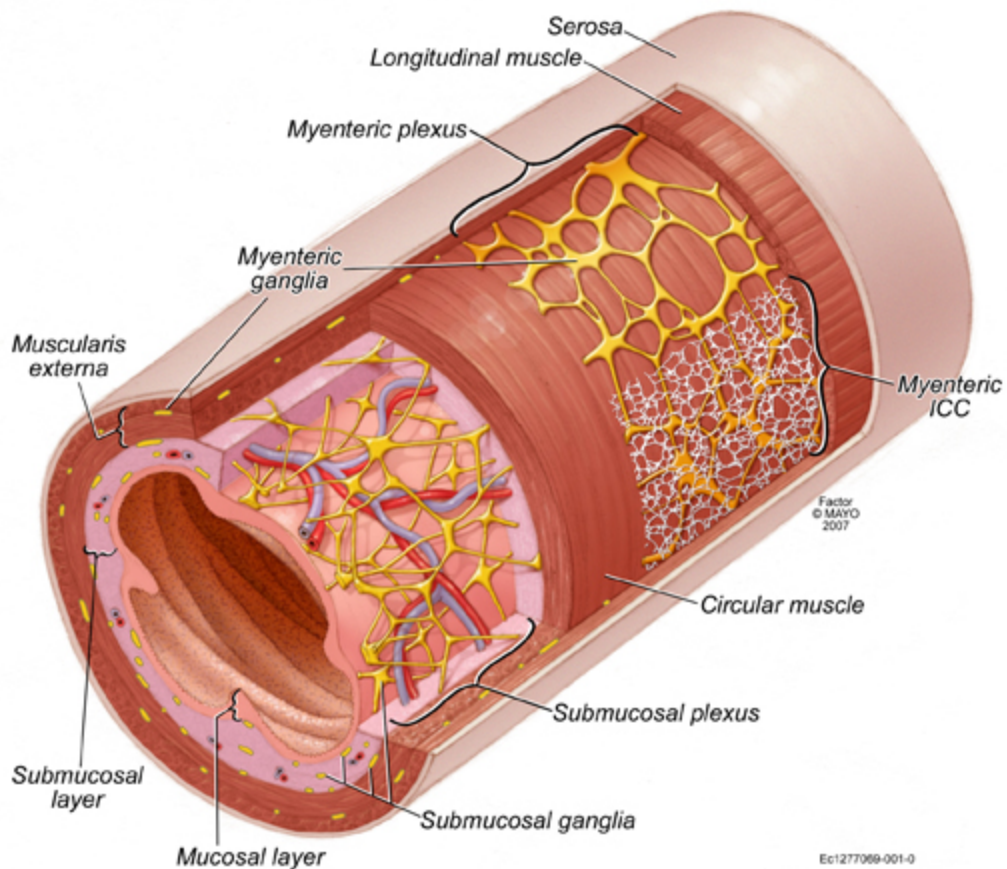






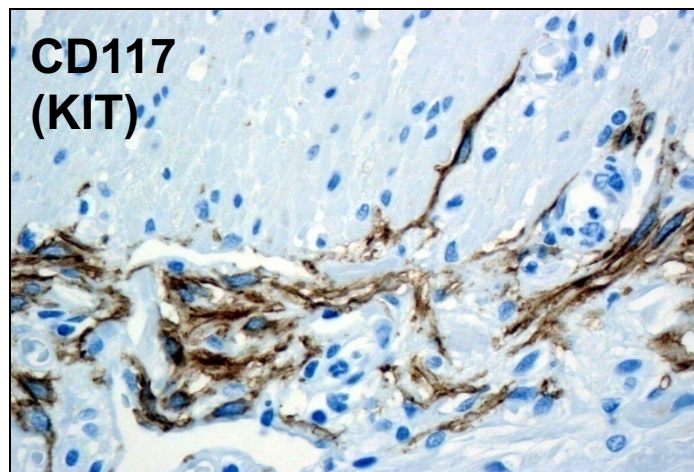


# Interstitial Cells of Cajal



Like GISTs, ICC cells:

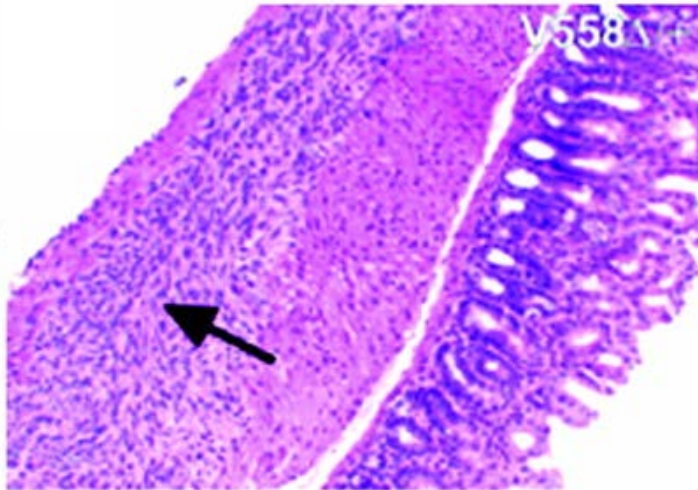
- express KIT
- express DOG1
- express ETV1





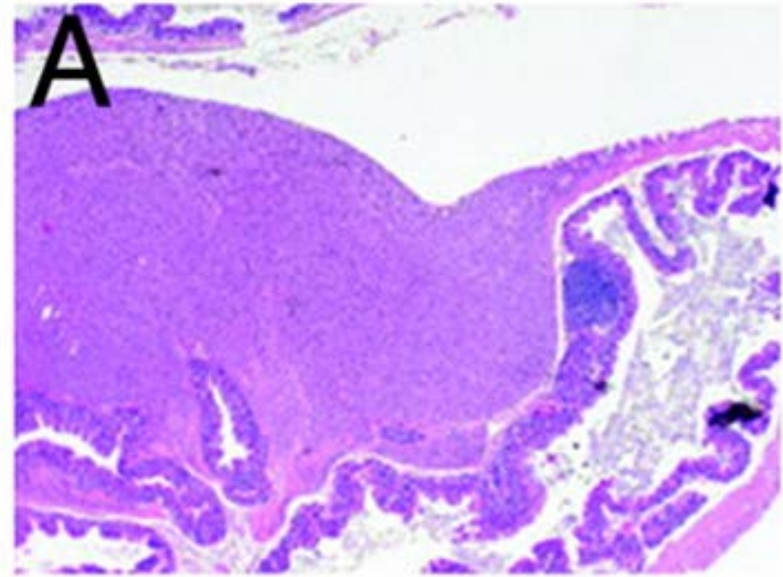
# Mouse Model Of GIST

Stomach

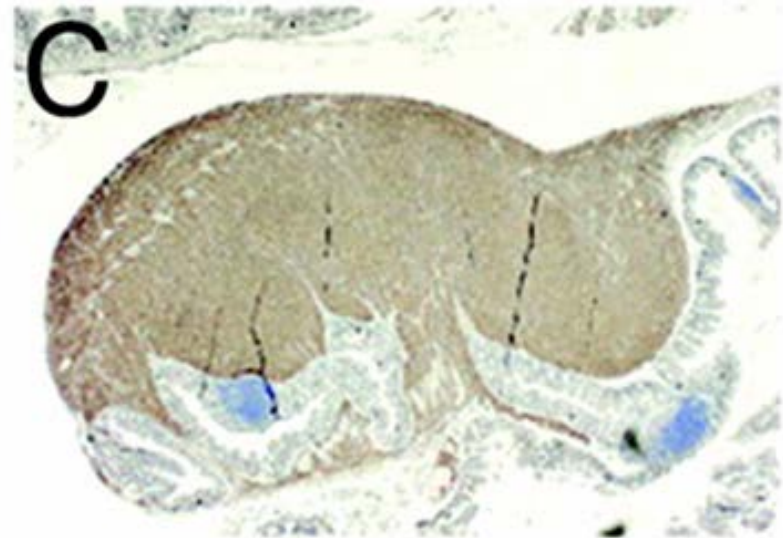


Kit<sup>V558Δ</sup>/+

H&E

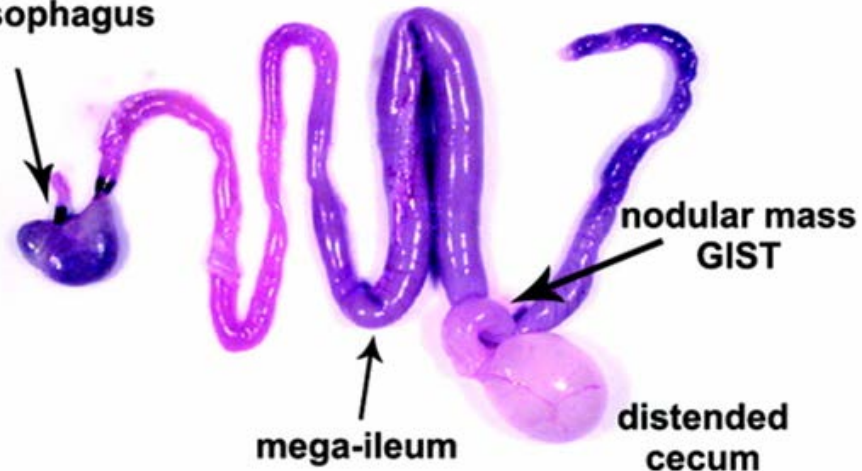


Kit



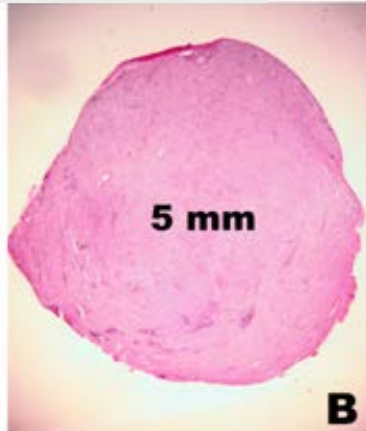
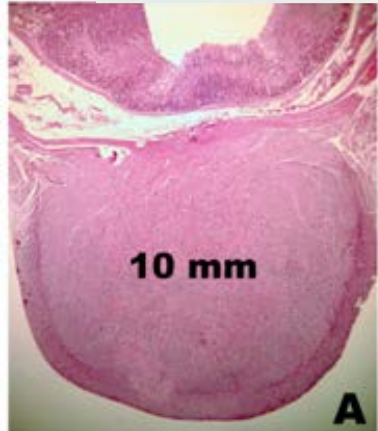
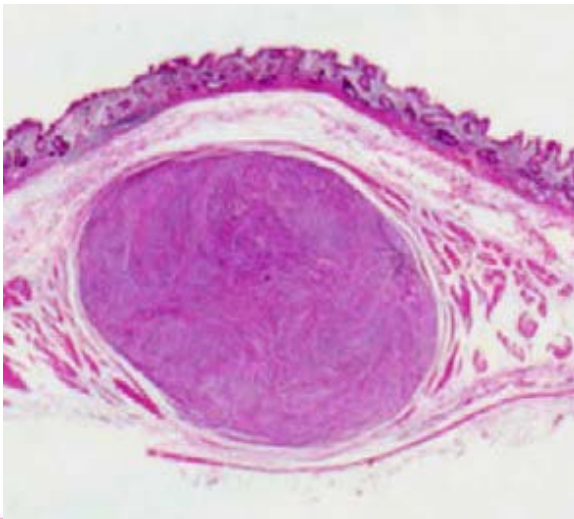
Sommer et al., PNAS 100: 6706-11, 2003

pigmented esophagus



# Micro-GISTs

- **GISTs < 1 cm are common in the general population**
  - 10-30% in the stomach
  - <0.2% in the colon & appendix
- **Compared with larger GISTs, micro-GISTs have:**
  - Similar *KIT* mutations
  - Lower mitotic index
  - Benign morphology



Corless et al. Am J Pathol, 2002

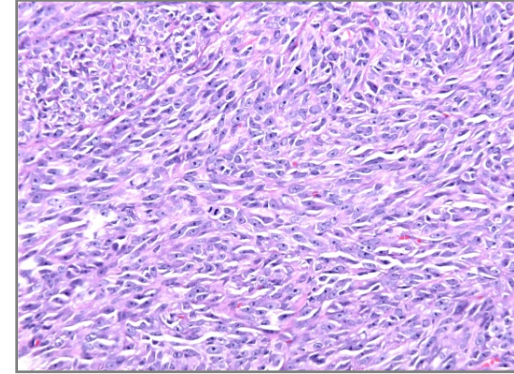
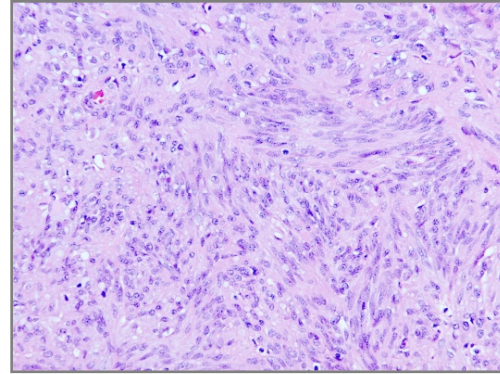
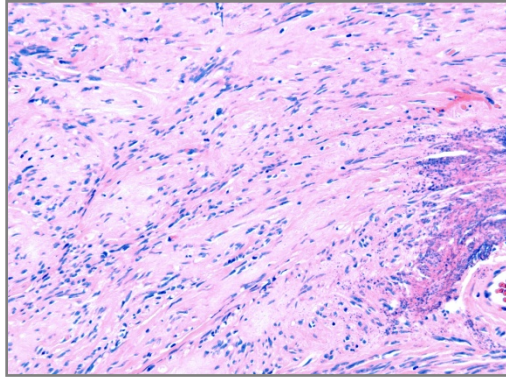
Rossi et al. 34:1480-1491, 2010

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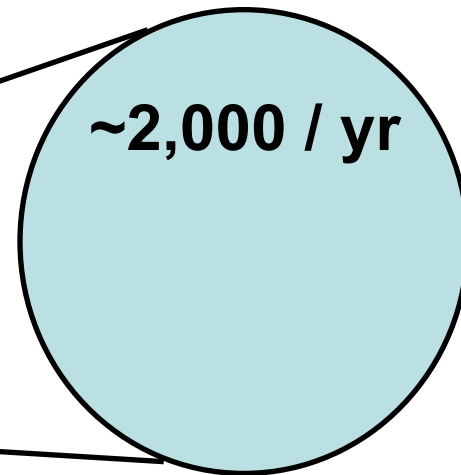
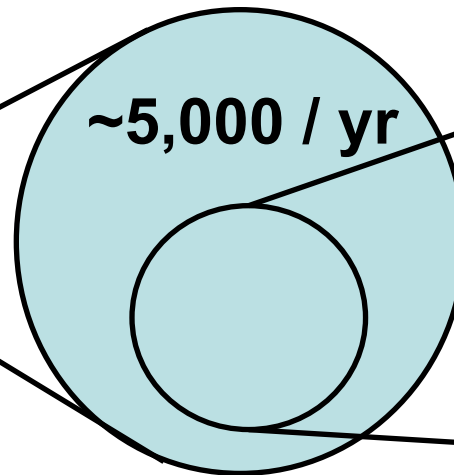
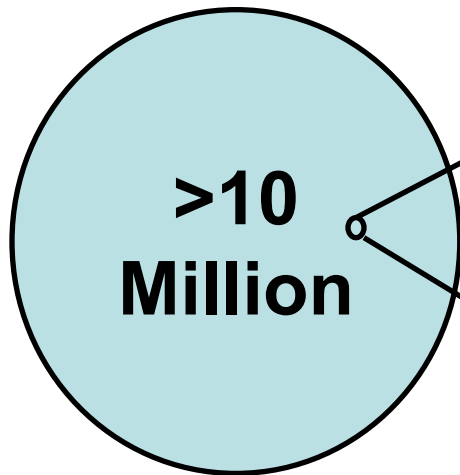
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# GIST Progression



**ICC Cells** → **Micro-GIST** → **Low risk GIST** → **Malignant GIST**



*KIT* or *PDGFRA* mutation

Loss of 14q, 22q  
*MAX*

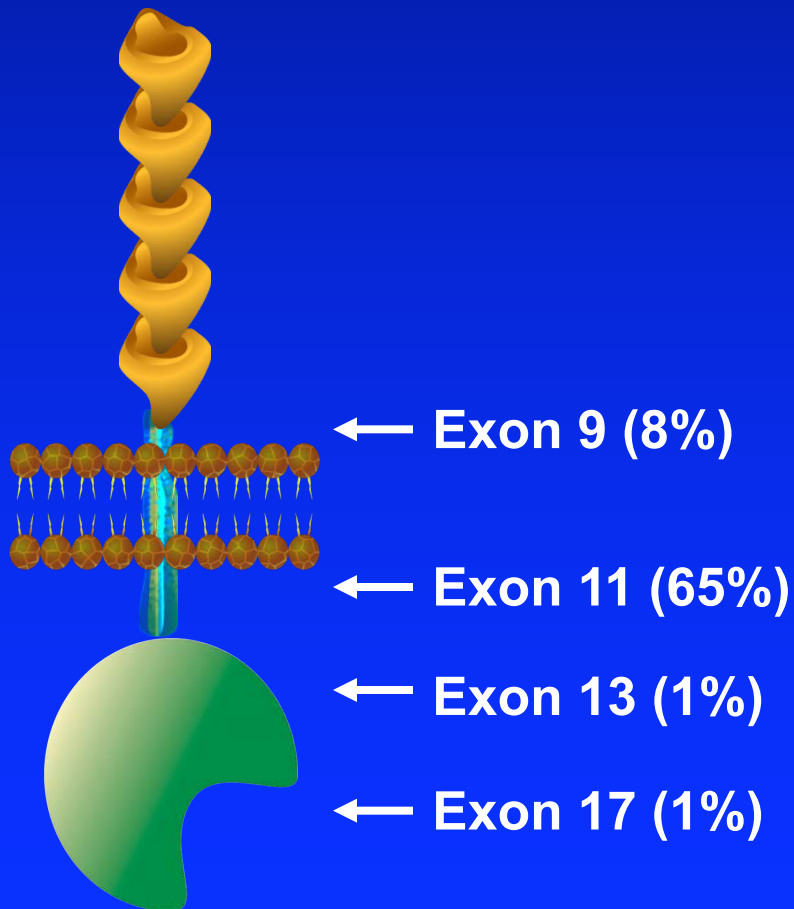
Loss of 1p  
*CDKN2A, RB1, TP53*



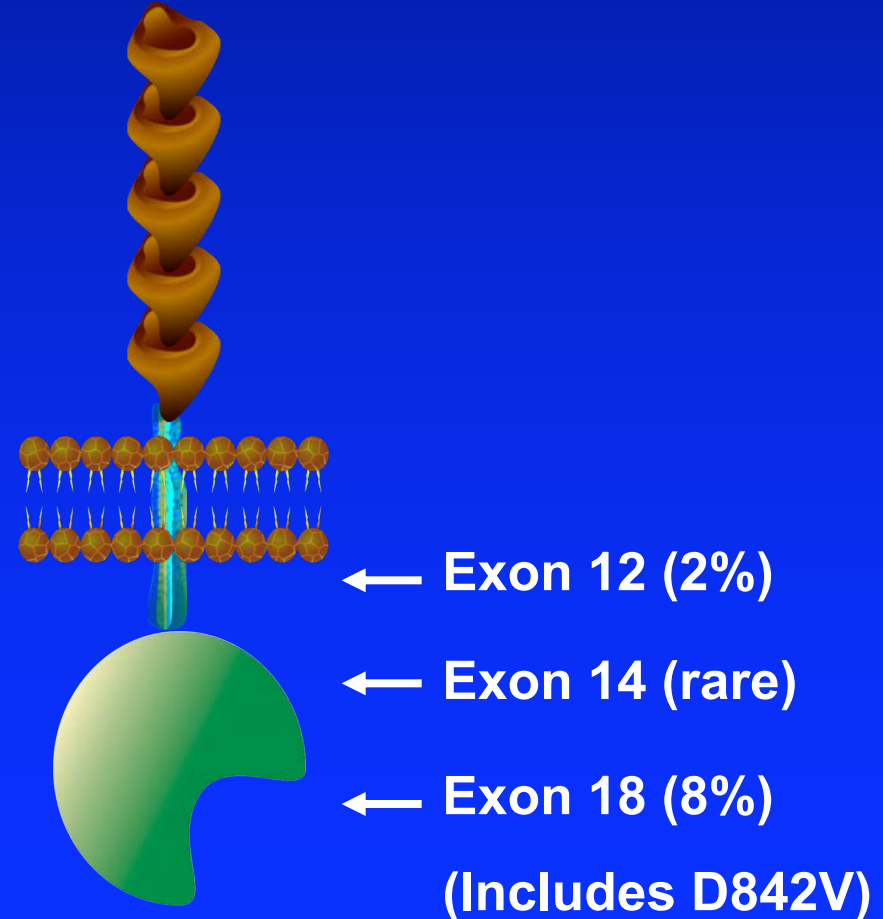
# *KIT* and *PDGFRA* Mutations in GIST

'Wild-type' tumors: 15%

**KIT (75%)**



**PDGFRA (10%)**





Courtesy of Dr. Annick van den Abbeele, DFCI

KIT / PDGFRA

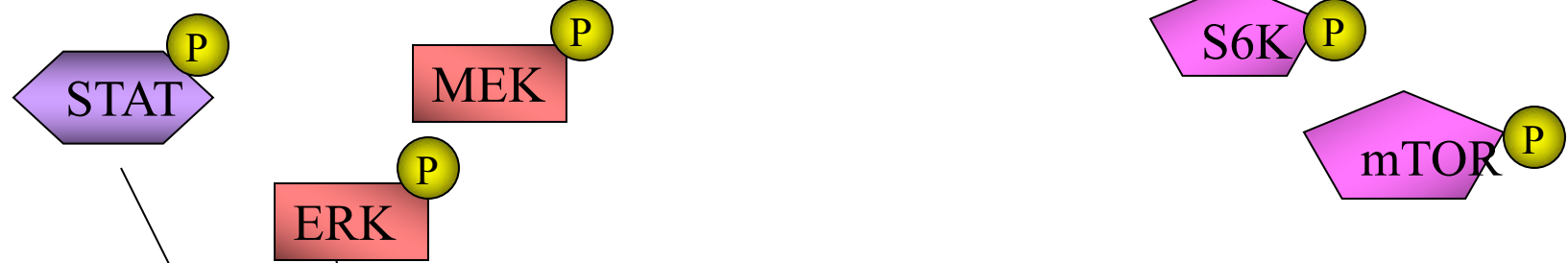
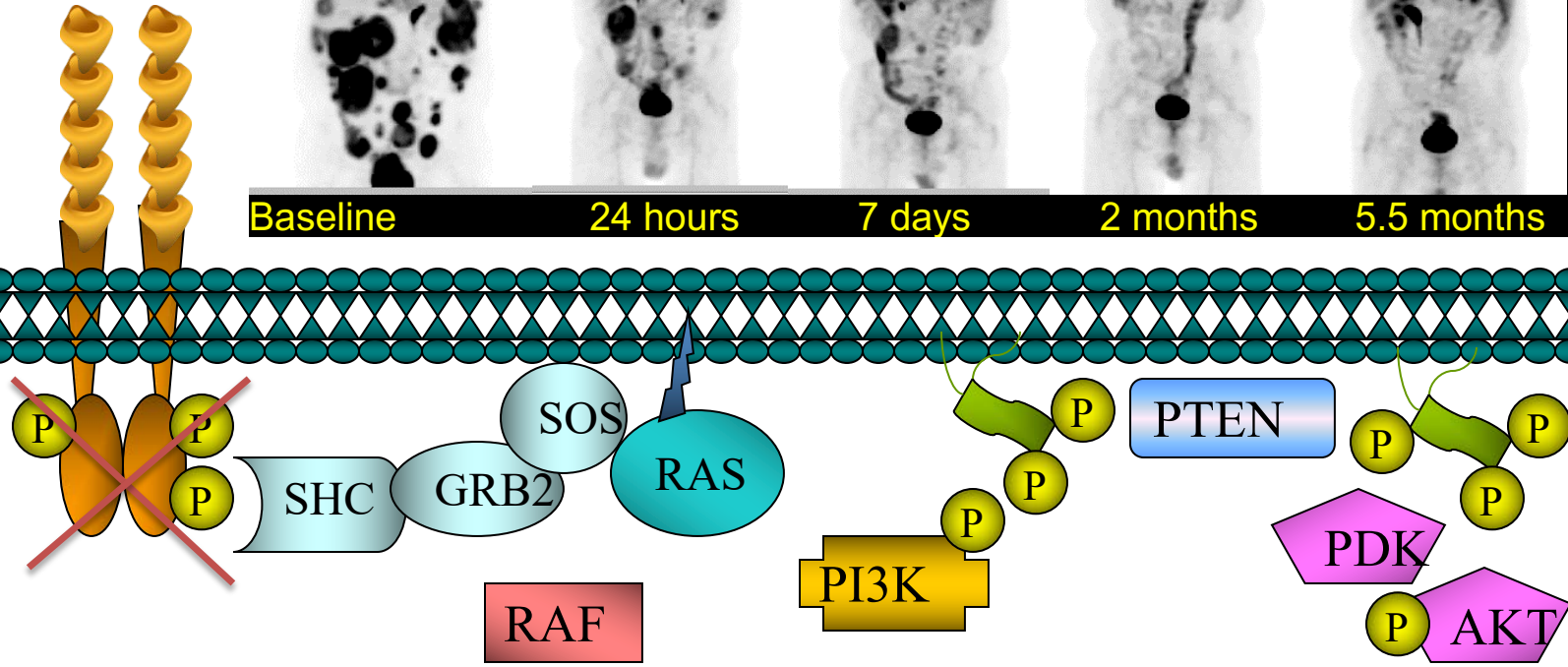
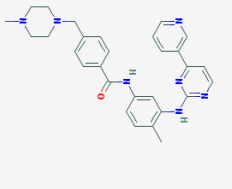
Baseline

24 hours

7 days

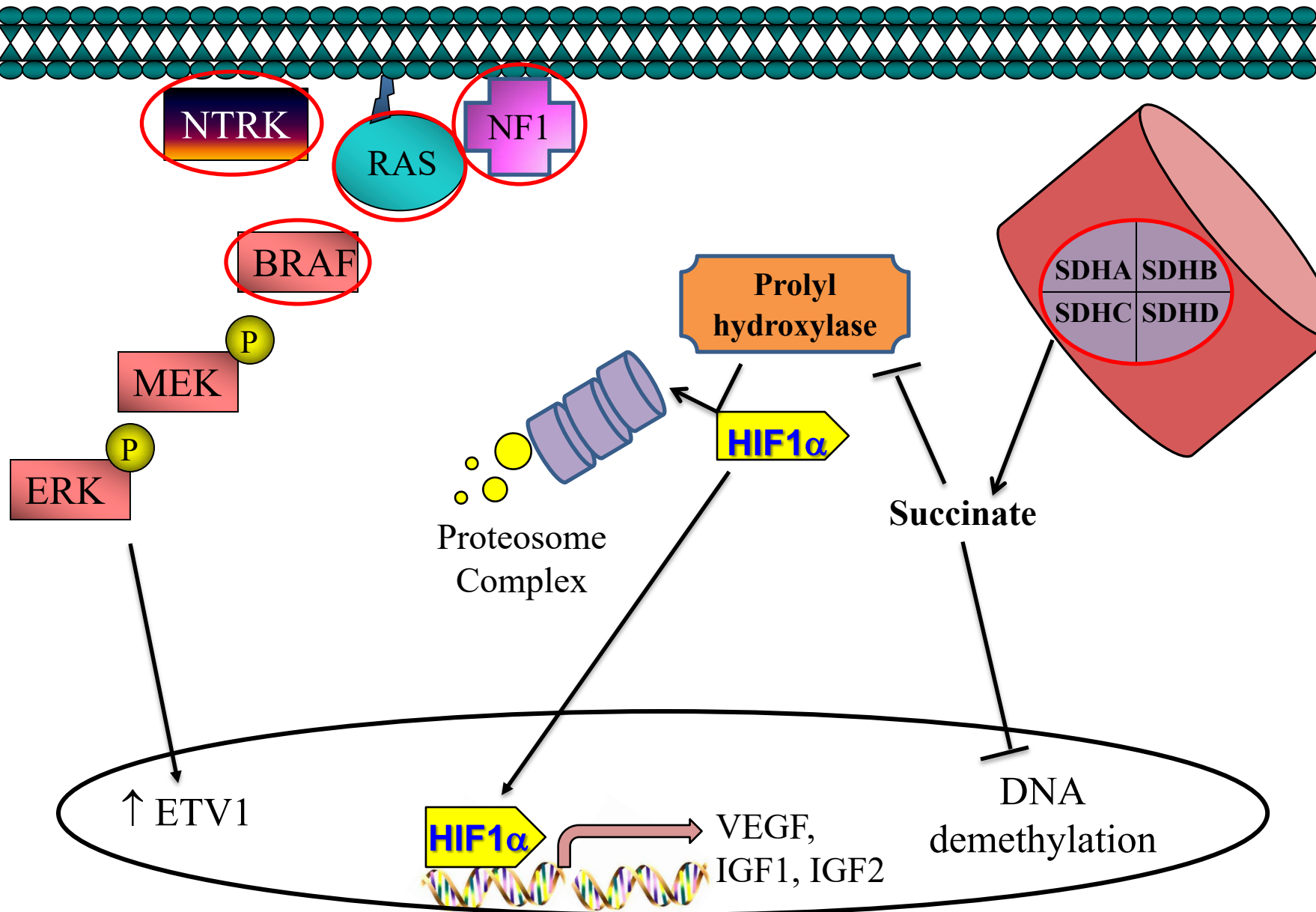
2 months

5.5 months



↑ JUN ↑ ETV1, ↑ CDK4, ↑ Cyclin D1, ↓ p16

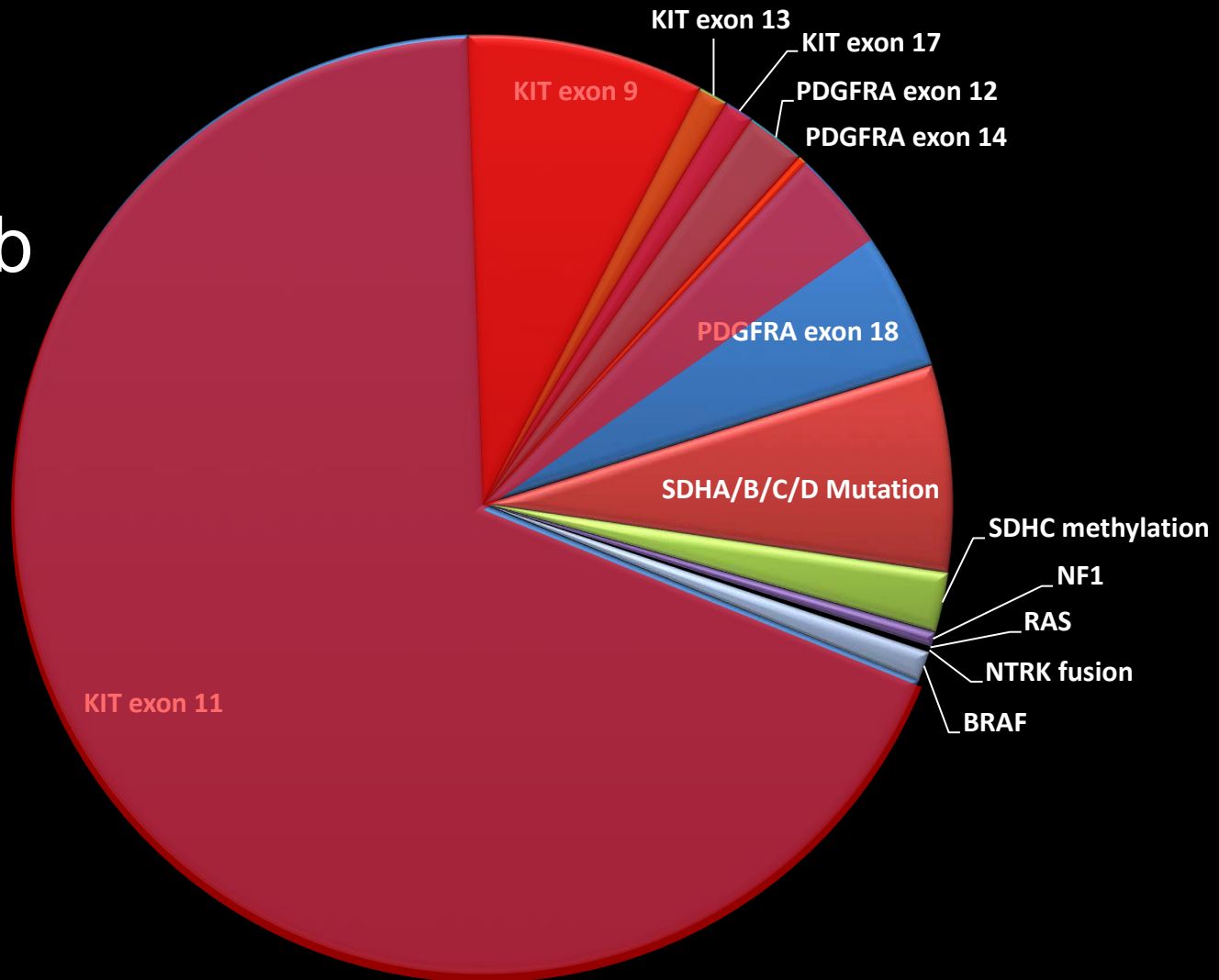
# Genetic Alterations in Wild-type GISTs





# Molecular Subtypes of GIST

Imatinib



# GIST Stage And Risk At Presentation

## Prospective Population-Based Study

- During a 2 year period, 115 GISTs were diagnosed in the Rhone Alps region of France.
- Among these:
  - 88% had not spread
    - 36.5% were low or very low risk
    - 35.6% were intermediate risk
    - 27.7% were high risk
  - 12% were metastatic



# GIST Management

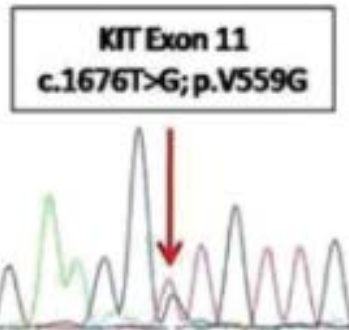
Morphology  
CD117+  
DOG1+



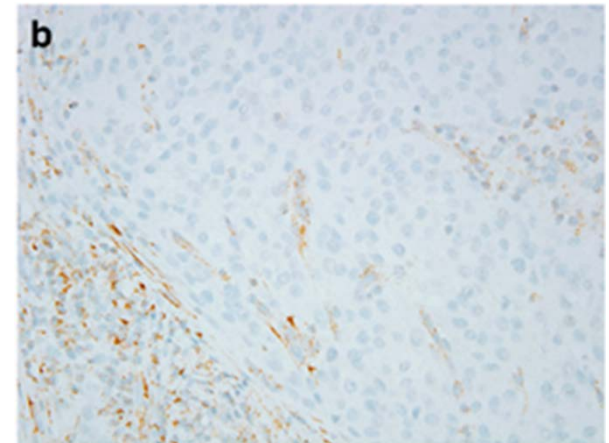
Low risk of recurrence

High risk of recurrence or metastatic  
Treat with imatinib?

- Tumor size
- Tumor location
- Mitoses per 5 mm<sup>2</sup>

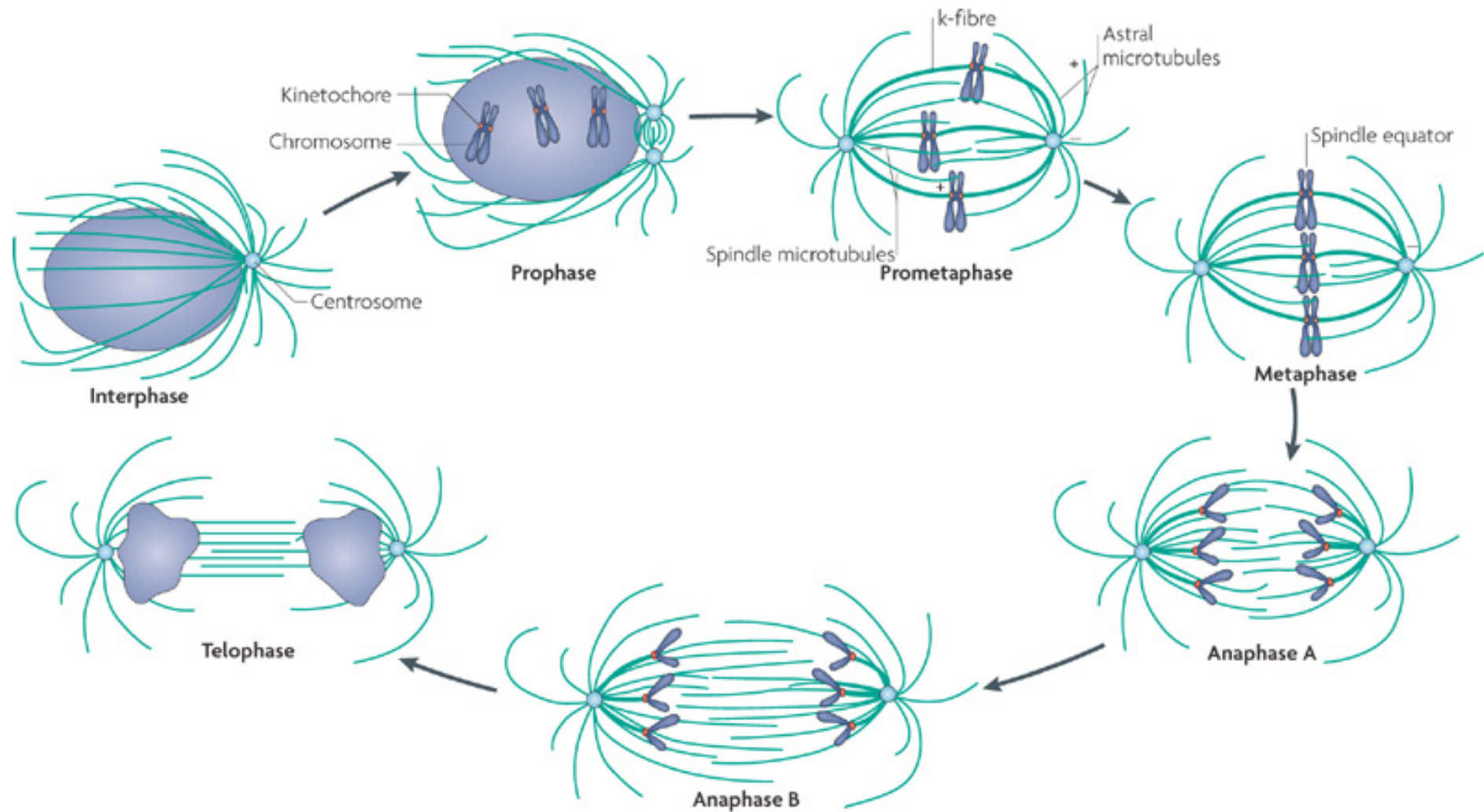


SDHB Stain

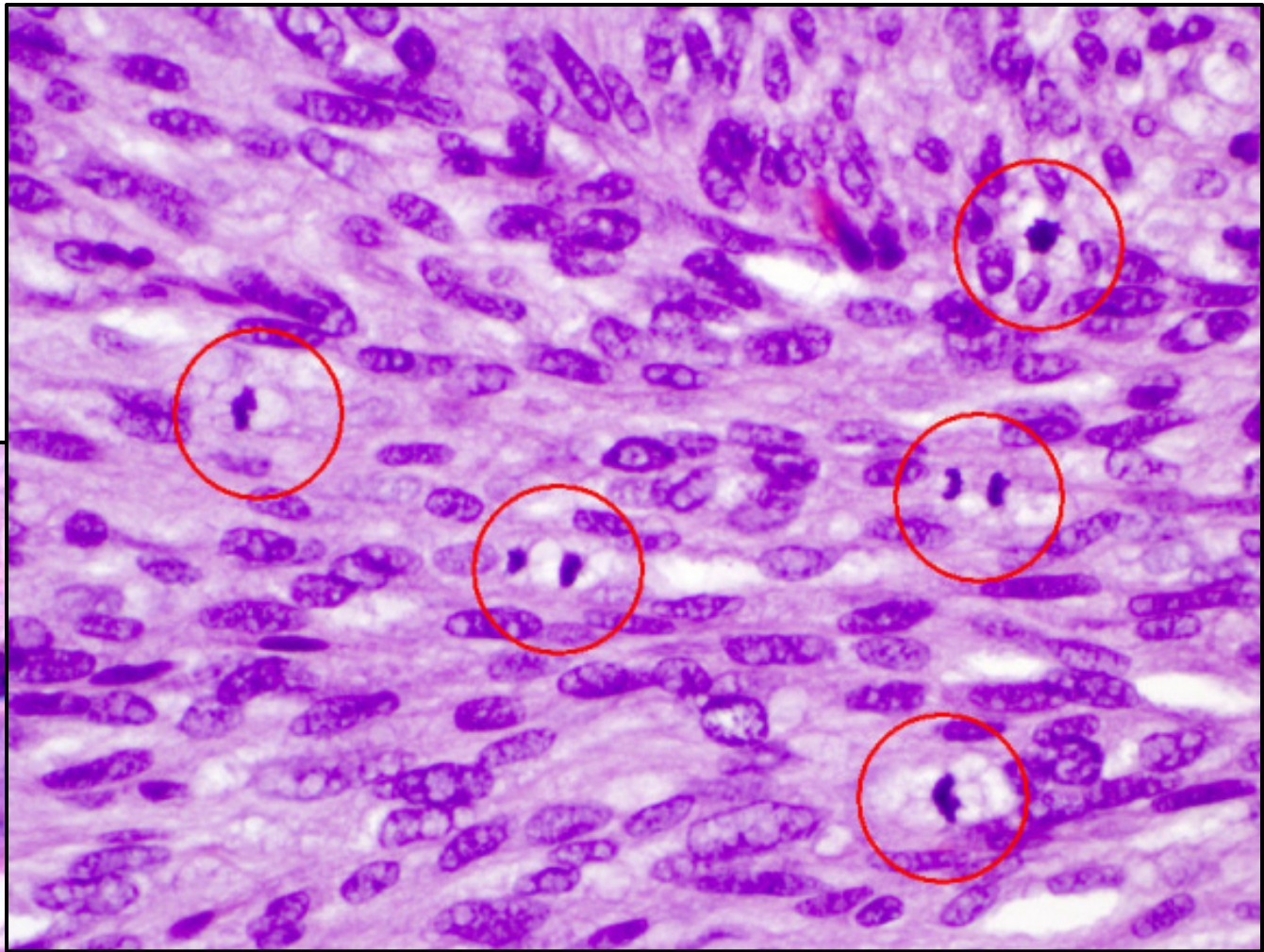
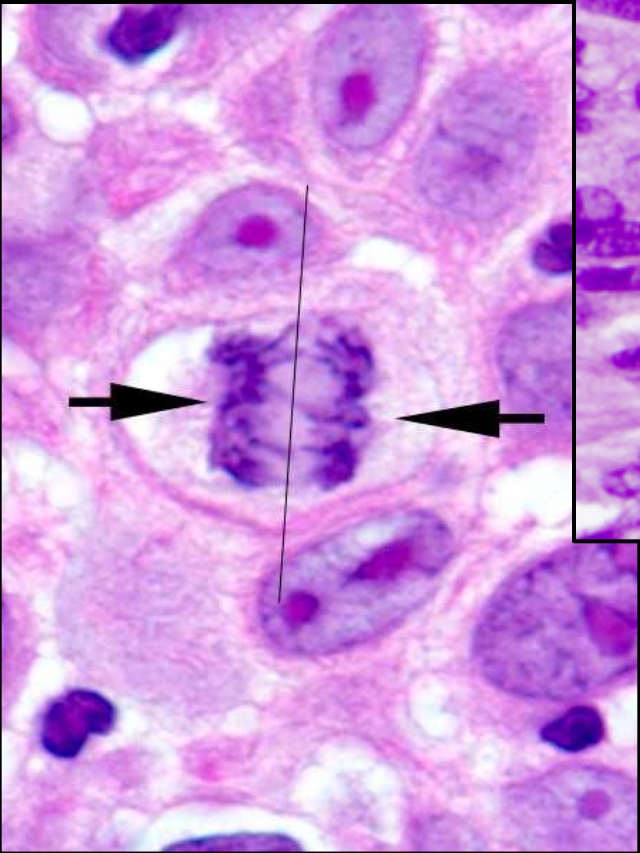


KIT exon 11 mutation → 400 mg imatinib  
KIT exon 9 mutation → 800 mg imatinib  
PDGFRA D842V → no imatinib (clinical trial)

Imatinib → No







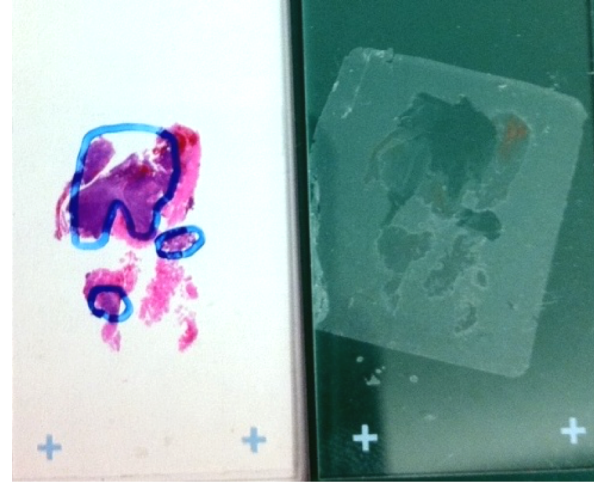
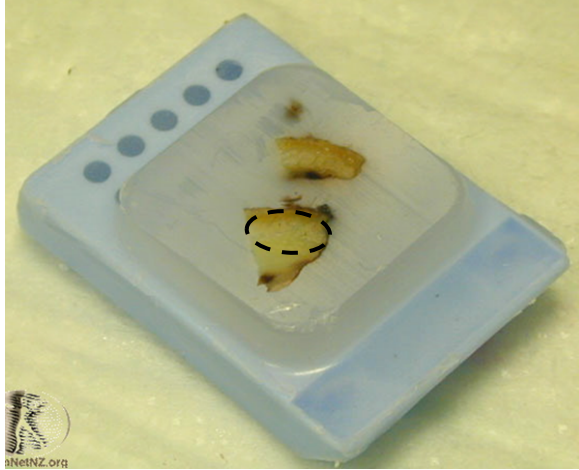
# Primary GIST – Risk of Recurrence

	Size	Gastric (n=1055)	Jejunum/Ileum (n=629)	Duodenum (n=144)	Rectum (n=111)
<b>Mitotic Index</b> $\leq 5$ per $5 \text{ mm}^2$	$\leq 2$ cm	0%	0%	0%	0%
	$> 2 \leq 5$ cm	1.9%	4.3%	8.3%	8.5%
	$> 5 \leq 10$ cm	3.6%	24%	Insuff. data	Insuff. data
	$> 10$ cm	10%	52%	34%	57%
<b>Mitotic Index</b> $> 5$ per $5 \text{ mm}^2$	$\leq 2$ cm	(None)	(High)	Insuff. data	54%
	$> 2 \leq 5$ cm	16%	73%	50%	52%
	$> 5 \leq 10$ cm	55%	85%	Insuff. data	Insuff. data
	$> 10$ cm	86%	90%	86%	71%

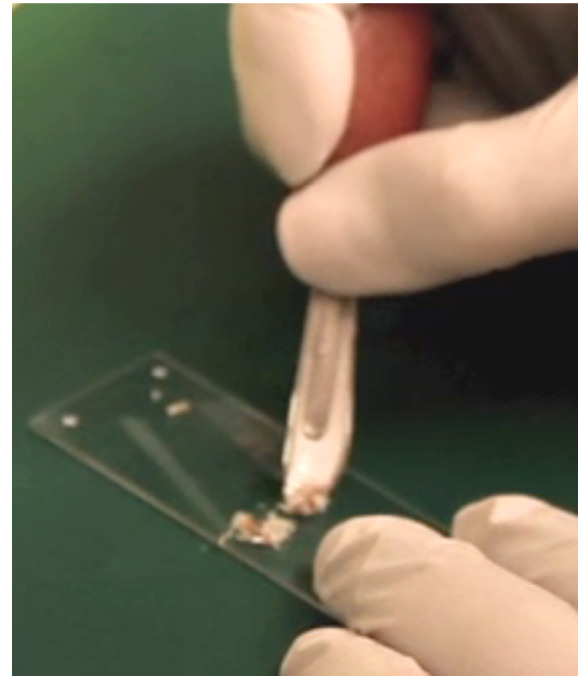


# Selecting Tumor-Rich Material for DNA Extraction

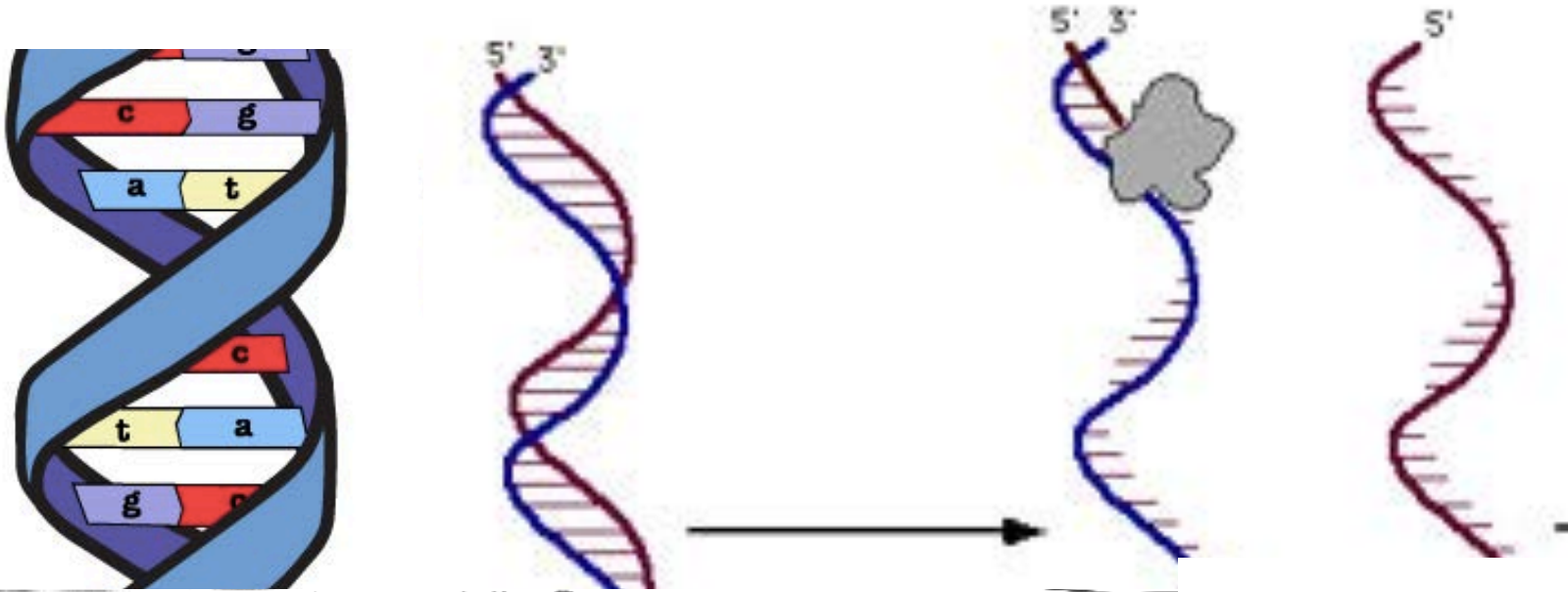
Coring  
a block



Scraping  
slides



# Looking for Mutations: DNA Sequencing



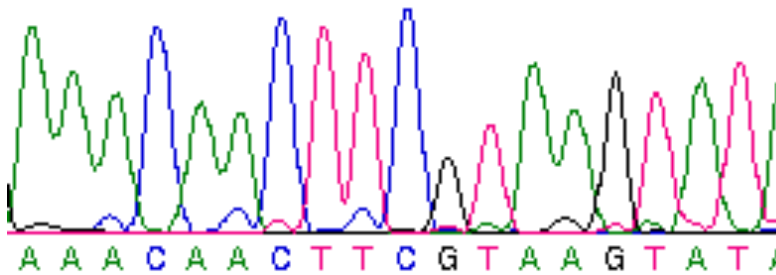
ZITS — By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman





# Next-Generation DNA Sequencing

- Massively parallel sequencing (many sequencing reactions performed simultaneously)



## Bible Replication Errors

12 ¶ \* Honour thy father and thy mother,  
thy dayes may bee long vpon the land whiche  
LORD thy God giueth thee.  
13 \* Thou shalt not kill.  
14 Thou shalt commit adultery.  
15 Thou shalt not steale.  
16 Thou shalt not beare false witnesse ag  
thy neighbour.  
17 \* Thou shalt not couet thy nighbours h  
thou shalt not couet thy neighbours wife, ne  
man-seruant, nor his maid-seruant, nor his ox

*1632 Edition  
The 'Wicked  
Bible'*

## GIST Genome Errors

### KIT Gene Mutation

[Pro Tyr Val His Lys]

CCT TAT GTT CAC AAA



CCT TAT --- CAC AAA

[Pro Tyr --- His Lys]

Activated KIT leads  
to development of GI  
stromal tumors



# Bible Replication Errors

*1795 Edition Mark 7:27*

'Let the children first be filled'



'Let the children first be killed'

# GIST Genome Errors

## KIT Gene Mutation

[Ala Thr Val Lys Ser]

GCT ACA GTT AAA TCT



GCT ACA GAG AAA TCT

[Ala Thr Asp Lys Ser]

# Summary

- GISTs are a family of tumors arising from mutations in a number of different genes
- Most GISTs probably arise from 'micro-GISTs' through acquisition of mutations or other genetic alterations beyond KIT/PDGFR/SDH
- Next-gen sequencing is helpful in molecularly subtyping GISTs
- Mitotic index, tumor size and tumor location are the 3 most important factors in determining the likelihood of disease recurrence





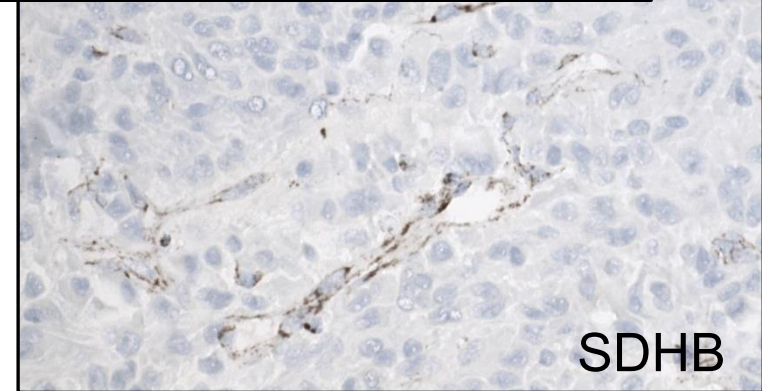
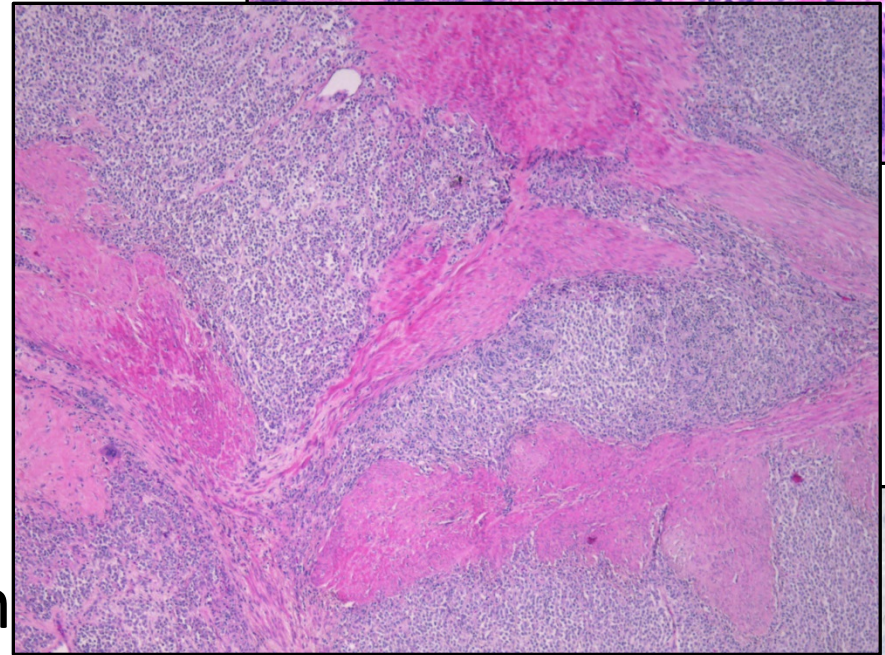
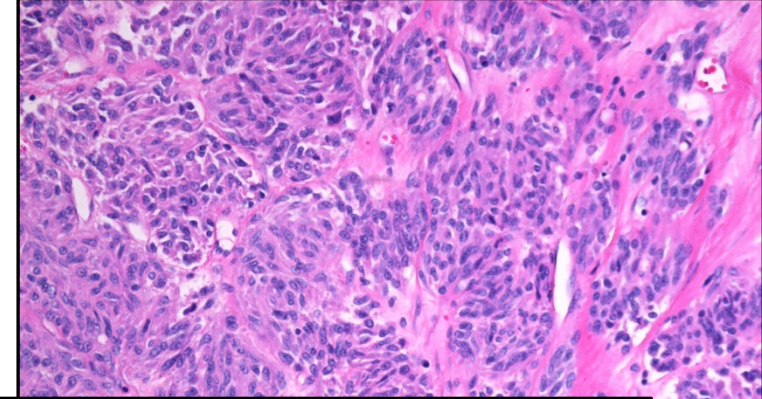
# Predictive Value of Kinase Genotype In Metastatic GIST Patients On Imatinib

- Exon 11-mutant tumors:
  - Better progression-free and overall survival compared to exon 9 and WT tumors
  - 400 mg is adequate dose
- Exon 9-mutant tumors:
  - Improved progression-free survival when treated with 800 mg imatinib
- PDGFRA D842V-mutant tumors:
  - Resistant



# SDH-Deficient GISTs

- Deficient in an enzyme called succinate dehydrogenase
- Nearly always gastric origin
- Multi-nodular growth pattern
- Low mitotic rate, but high rate of recurrence and metastasis
- Poor response to imatinib



# Molecular Classification of GISTs

Genetic type	Relative Frequency	Anatomic Distribution	Germline Examples
<b>KIT Mutation</b>	<b>75%</b>		
Exon 8	Rare	Small bowel	1 Kindred
Exon 9 (insertion 502-503AY)	8%	Small bowel, colon	None
Exon 11 (deletions, single nucleotide substitutions, insertions)	65%	All sites	Several kindreds
Exon 13 (K642E)	1%	All sites	3 Kindreds
Exon 17 (D820Y, N822K, Y823D)	1%	All sites	Several kindreds
<b>PDGFRA Mutation</b>	<b>10%</b>		
Exon 12 (deletions, single nucleotide substitutions, insertions)	1%	All sites	2 Kindreds
Exon 14 (N659K)	Rare	Stomach	None
Exon 18 D842V	6%	Stomach, mesentery, omentum	None
Exon 18 (deletions)	2%	All sites	1 Kindred

# SDH-Deficient GIST

- Most are due to mutations in *SDHA*, *SDHB*, *SDHC* or *SDHD*
  - At least half of these mutations are germline
  - Propensity to develop:
    - Paraganglioma and GIST (Carney-Stratakis syndrome)
    - Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor
    - Renal cell carcinoma, Pituitary adenoma
  - Penetrance varies, even among family members