

# Mesenchymal tumors of the Uterus

## Smooth Muscle Tumors

IHC: (+) Desmin, SMA, h-Caldesmon, ER, PR

### Leiomyoma

**Benign smooth muscle tumor.**  
**Most common uterine tumor.**  
 Can present with pain, bleeding  
 Grossly, white, firm, whorled  
 Often **multiple, Well-circumscribed**

Usually, Bundles of **bland spindled cells**,  
 Arranged in intersecting fascicles,  
**Cigar-like nuclei**, Fine chromatin

Molecular: MED12 mutations; HMAG1/2 rearrangements

Allowed: **Infarct-type** necrosis—has band of granulation tissue  
 ± hemorrhage and fibrosis between viable and non-viable  
 mummified/hyalinized tumor (different than “Tumor-type” necrosis)

**Variants:**

**Cellular leiomyoma**—significantly increased cellularity compared to  
 normal myometrium (but only rare mitoses, no atypia)

**Leiomyoma with bizarre nuclei (“Symplastic”)**—bizarre nuclei  
 (smudged, hyperchromatic, pleomorphic), but no mits/necrosis

**Mitotically active leiomyoma**—Mitoses, but no atypia or necrosis

**Lipoleiomyoma**—contains mature adipocytes

**Myxoid leiomyoma**—contain hypocellular myxoid stroma

**Epithelioid leiomyoma**—contain round polygonal cells

**Cotyledonoid/dissecting leiomyoma**—irregular nodular dissecting  
 bands of smooth muscle cells within myometrium

**Diffuse leiomyomatosis**—innumerable, poorly-circumscribed  
 hypercellular tumor nodules

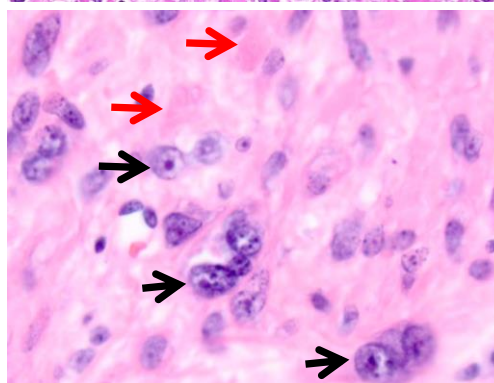
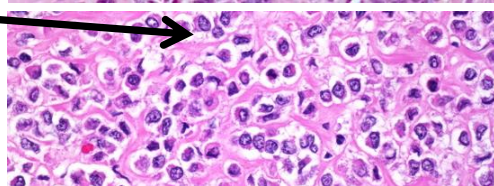
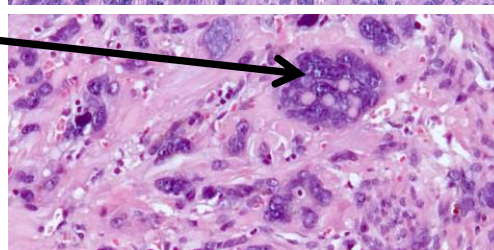
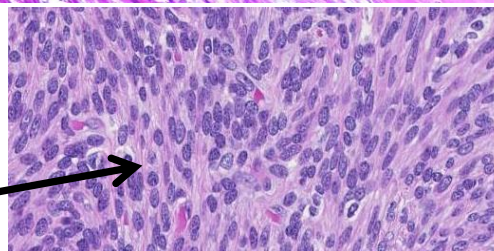
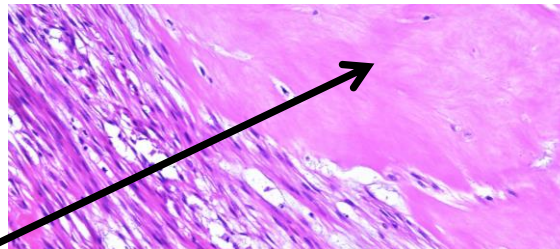
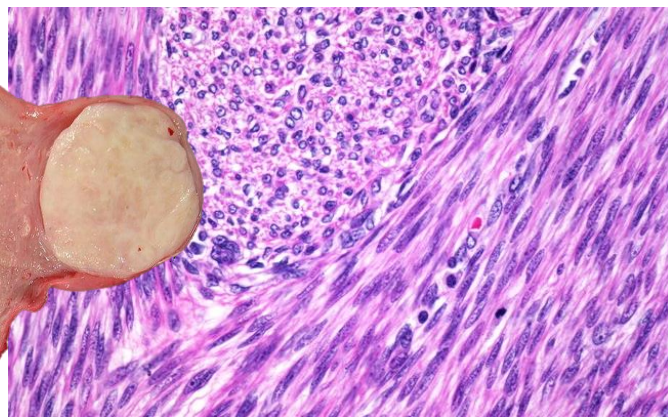
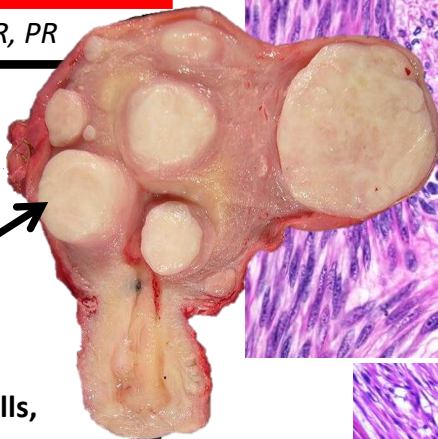
**Intravenous leiomyomatosis**—intravascular growth outside tumor

**“Metastasizing leiomyoma”**—a benign-appearing extrauterine  
 leiomyoma in a patient with uterine leiomyoma(s), usually in lung

If tons, particularly at a young age, consider **hereditary  
 leiomyomatosis and renal cell carcinoma (HLRCC) syndrome.**

Classically these have staghorn vessels, eosinophilic nucleoli with  
 halos (→), more atypia, edema, and rhabdoid inclusions (→).

Show loss of fumarate hydratase (FH), Gain of 2SC



# Leiomyosarcoma

## **Malignant smooth muscle tumor.**

Usually older patients

Typically spindle cell, but can be epithelioid or myxoid

Often abundant mitoses, necrosis, and atypia.

Frequent atypical mitoses.

Genetically complex chromosomal aberrations

Very **poor prognosis**

**Diagnostic Criteria:** (varies by subtype)

**Conventional:** At least two of the following:

- 1) Marked cytologic **atypia** (2+/3+)
- 2) Increased **mitoses**,  $\geq 10$  mits/10 HPF ( $\geq 4$  mits/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- 3) **Tumor-type necrosis**—coagulative tumor cell necrosis with a sharp interface between viable tumor (around feeding vessels) and non-viable tumor (with noticeable tumor cell ghosts)

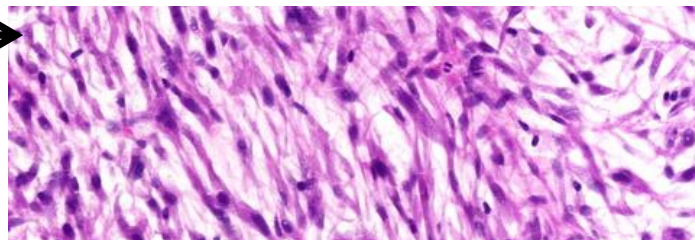
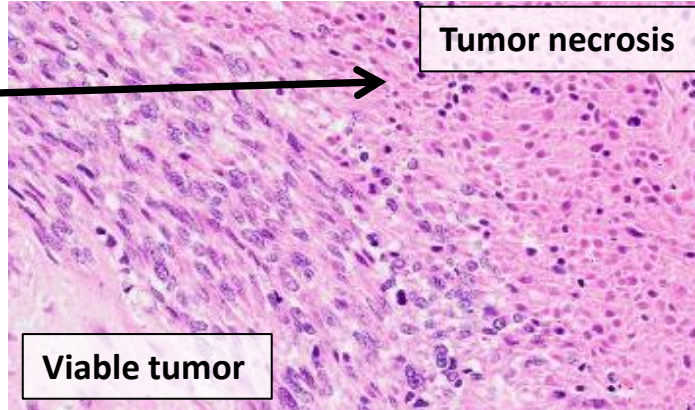
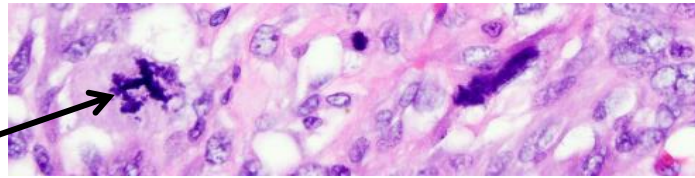
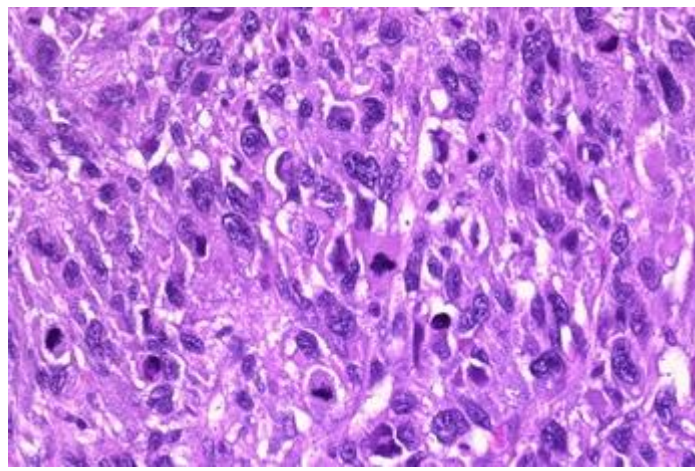
**Epithelioid:** At least one of the following

- 1) Moderate to severe cytologic atypia
- 2) Increased **mitoses**,  $\geq 4$  mits/10 HPF ( $\geq 1.6$  mits/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- 3) **Tumor-type necrosis**

**Myxoid:** At least one of the following

- 1) Moderate to severe cytologic atypia
- 2) Increased **mitoses**,  $>1$  mits/10 HPF ( $>0.4$  mits/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- 3) **Tumor-type necrosis**
- 4) **Infiltrative** borders/irregular margins

*Given the low bar for malignancy, be sure to sample myxoid smooth muscle tumors particularly well!!!*



# Smooth Muscle Tumor of Uncertain Malignant Potential ("STUMP")

Smooth muscle tumor whose features preclude a definitive diagnosis of leiomyoma vs. leiomyosarcoma

Often equivocal mitoses or necrosis.

Relatively low risk of recurrence

Many IMT's were previously mistakenly Dx'd as this, so consider doing ALK IHC



# Endometrial Stromal Tumors

Low-grade/benign tumors stain like normal endometrial stroma with CD10 and ER/PR;

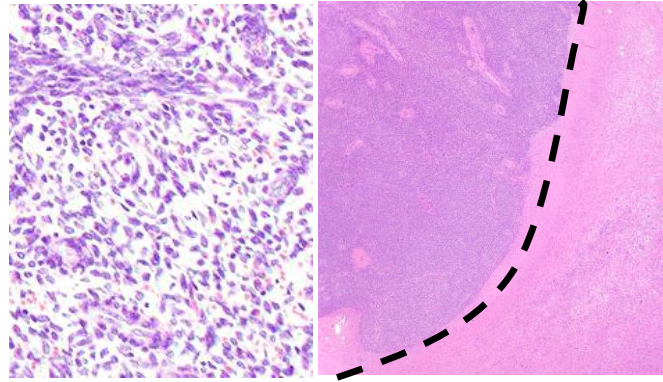
High-grade stains with Cyclin-D1

## Endometrial Stromal Nodule

**Benign** tumor resembling **proliferative endometrial stroma** with a relatively **well-circumscribed** margin and **no LVI**.

Uniform small cells, scant cytoplasm, round/oval nuclei

Molecular: frequent JAZF1-SUZ12 fusions (same as LG-ESS; see below)



## Low-grade Endometrial Stromal Sarcoma

Malignant tumor composed of cells resembling **proliferative endometrial stroma** with **infiltrative/permeative growth** into myometrium ± LVI

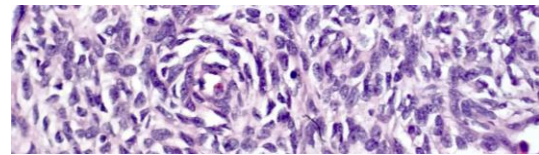
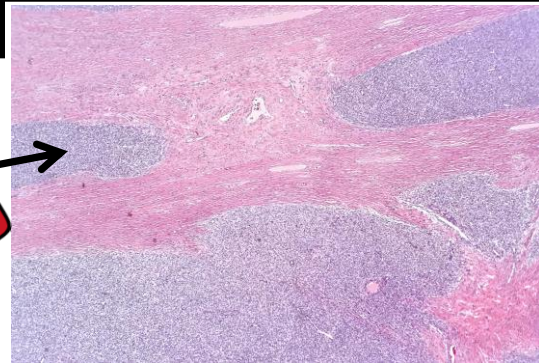
Often have **“tongue-like” growth**

Uniform cells, scant cytoplasm, fusiform nuclei

No atypia. Can have some smooth muscle and/or sex cord differentiation

Molecular: frequent **JAZF1-SUZ12 fusions** (think “Jazzy Suzie”)

**Intermediate prognosis**, mostly depending on stage



## High-grade Endometrial Stromal Sarcoma

Malignant tumor derived from endometrial stromal cells with **high-grade round cell** and/or spindle cell morphology.

Frequently myxoid.

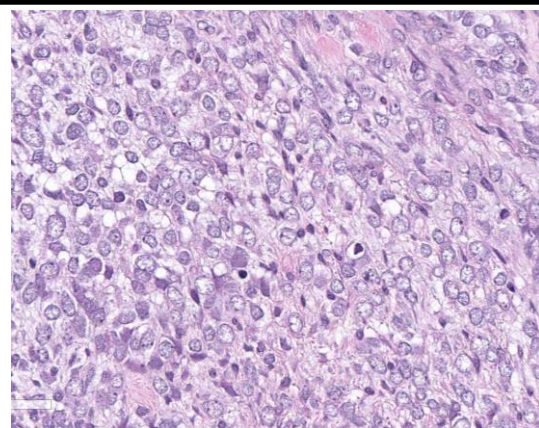
Typically confluent, permeative, destructive growth.

Usually high mitotic activity, necrosis, and LVI.

Can have a low-grade (LG-ESS-like) areas

Molecular: **YWHAE-NUTM2A/B fusions** or **BCOR alterations**

**More aggressive**



	CD10	ER/PR	Cyclin-D1	BCOR	Desmin/Caldesmon	SMA
ESN/LG-ESS	+	+	-	-	-/+	+/-
YWHAE HG-ESS	-	-	+	-	-	-
ZC3H7B-BCOR HG-ESS	+	-	+	-/+	-	-
BCOR ITD HG-ESS	+/-	-	+	+/-	-	-

## Other Mesenchymal

### Undifferentiated Uterine Sarcoma

Malignant tumor arising in the endomyometrium with high-grade cytologic atypia and **no specific line of differentiation**.

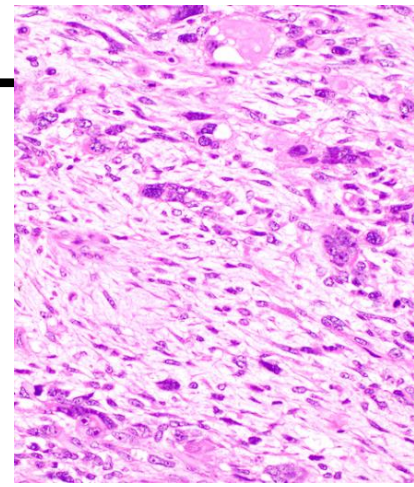
Destructive invasion. Marked cytologic atypia and brisk mitotic activity.

Diagnosis of exclusion (must rule out carcinosarcoma, LMS, ESS, etc..)

IHC: Variable, negative for most specific markers

Complex genetically

Most patients present at high stage. **Poor prognosis.**



### Uterine Tumor Resembling Ovarian Sex Cord Tumor (“UTROSCT”)

Neoplasms **resembling ovarian sex cord tumors** *without* a recognizable endometrial stromal component

Usually well-circumscribed. Minimal atypia/mitoses

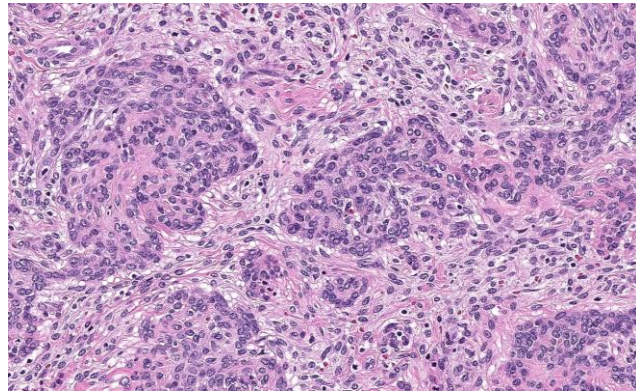
Sheets, cords, trabeculae, and/or tubules

Scant to abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm.

IHC: Frequently WT-1 positive, variable expression of sex cord markers **Inhibin, calretinin, and Melan-A**

Recurrent NCOA translocations

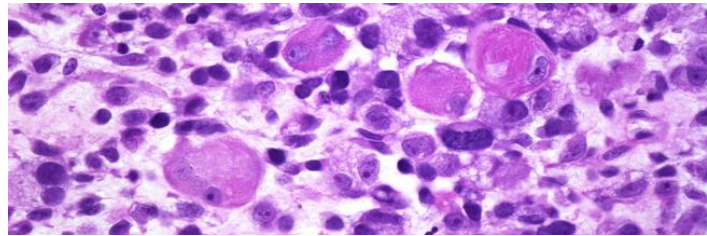
Benign course typically.



### Rhabdomyosarcoma

Malignant tumor showing skeletal muscle differentiation (like rhabdomyosarcomas elsewhere)

IHC: (+) **Myogenin, MyoD1, desmin,**



### Perivascular Epithelioid Cell Tumor (PEComa)

Mesenchymal tumor containing epithelioid to spindled cells with clear to eosinophilic, granular cytoplasm demonstrating **melanocytic and smooth muscle differentiation**, thought to be derived from so-called “Perivascular Epithelioid Cells.”

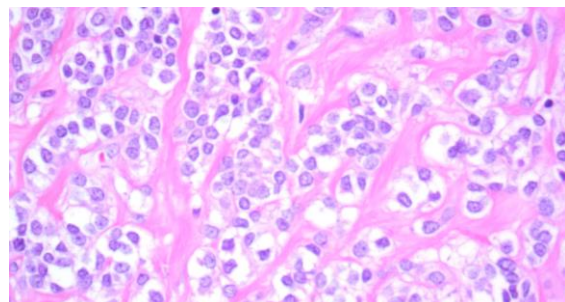
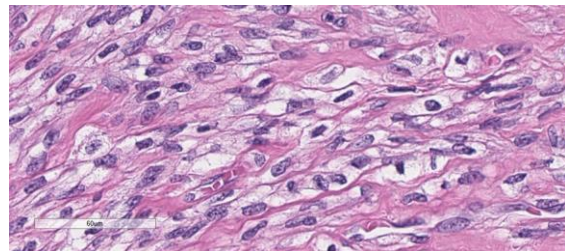
IHC: (+) **HMB45, Melan-A, and/or Cathepsin K;**

Variable smooth muscle markers (SMA, Desmin, Caldesmon)

Molecular: TSC mutations or TFE3 fusions

Features to evaluate for malignancy: 1)≥5cm, 2)High-grade atypia, 3)>1 mitoses/50HPF, 4)Necrosis, 5)LVI, 6)Infiltrative,

If <3 Benign/Uncertain malignant potential; ≥3 Malignant



## Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor (IMT)

Bland spindled myofibroblastic cells growing in fascicles.

Prominent **inflammation** (usu. Lymphoplasmacytic).

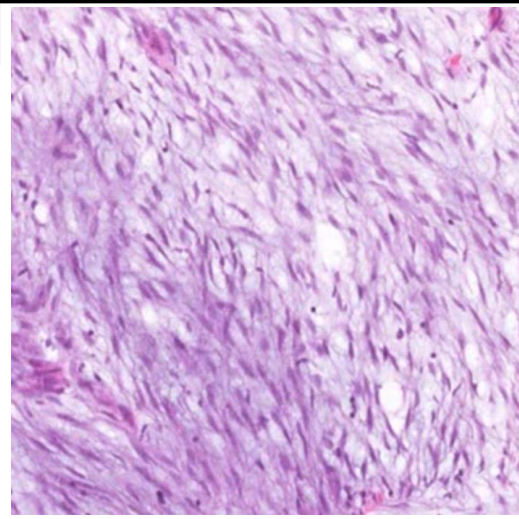
Often have **myxoid stroma**.

IHC: **ALK positive** (>95%); variable smooth muscle markers

Molecular: ALK rearrangements.

*Consider ALK IHC in any myxoid uterine tumor, if there is much inflammation, and any STUMP*

Usually benign. Features that predict aggressive behavior: Size >7cm, Necrosis, Severe cytologic atypia, Mitoses, LVI.



## NTRK-Rearranged Spindle Cell Neoplasm

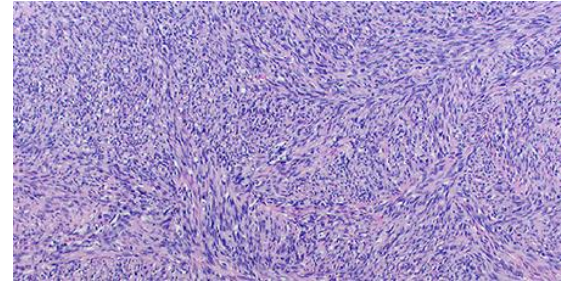
Usually in the **cervical stroma** of younger women.

Uniform spindled cells with variable architecture.

Often, mitotic activity, and sometimes lymphocytic infiltrate.

IHC: **(+)CD34, S100, TRK, Cyclin-D1**

Molecular: **NTRK rearrangements**



## Tumors with an Epithelial/Mesothelial component

### Adenomatoid tumor

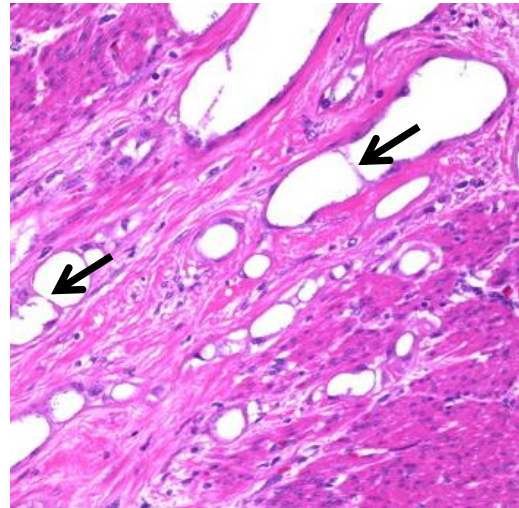
Benign tumor of **mesothelial** origin.

Inter-anastomosing pseudo-glands with variably sized tubules (sometimes with a signet ring appearance) and slit-like spaces with associated smooth muscle hypertrophy (so can be mistaken for a mesenchymal tumor!)

*Helpful feature: "thread-like bridging strands" (→)*

IHC: Tumor cells express CK AE1/AE3 and Mesothelial markers (D2-40, WT-1, Calretinin); Intact BAP1.

Molecular: TRAF7 missense mutations

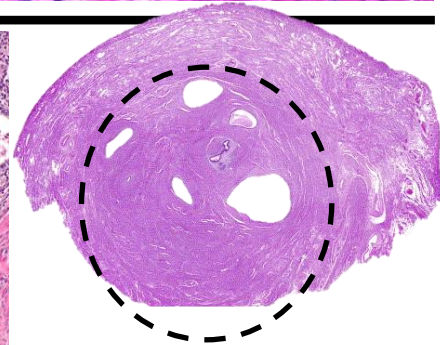
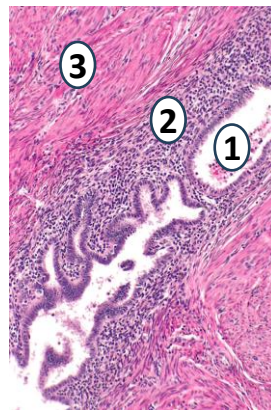


### Adenomyoma

Benign nodule/polyp composed of:

- 1) Endometrioid glands
- 2) Endometrial stroma
- 3) Smooth muscle

(Essentially, Adenomyosis + Leiomyoma)



## Carcinosarcoma

Biphasic tumor with malignant **carcinomatous and sarcomatous** elements.

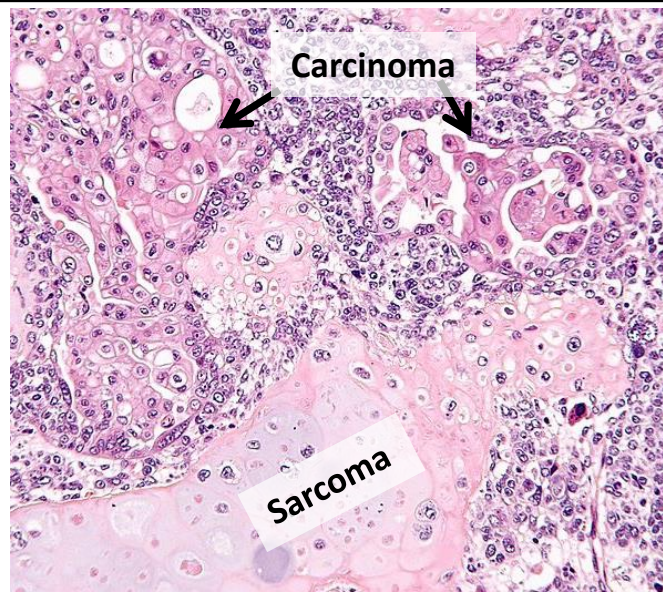
Usually old women with a mass prolapsing out of the cervix. Often **advanced stage and poor prognosis**

Carcinoma: Often serous, sometimes endometrioid

Sarcoma: Often high-grade non-specific sarcoma, but can make heterologous elements (osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, rhabdosarcoma, etc...)

Example of **“Epithelial → Mesenchymal transition”**  
(transdifferentiation of carcinoma to sarcoma)

Molecular: often **TP53 mutations**



## Adenosarcoma

Mixed epithelial and mesenchymal tumor with a **benign epithelial component and malignant stroma**.

Often protrude out cervical os.

**Think: Phyllodes tumor**

**Broad, leaf-like polypoid projections** of stroma

Stroma condensation, **“cuffing” around glands**

Can show heterologous elements and sarcomatous overgrowth.

IHC: Stroma stains with CD10, ER, PR

Low-grade malignant, with often favorable outcome:

