

### Adult Muscoloskeletal Fibromatoses

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34 yr female Left shoulder mass Developed after Hep A vaccine Larger with pregnancy

### Objectives

 Review and correlate clinical, pathologic, and radiologic features of various types of Adult MSK fibromatoses

> Review pertinent anatomy

Discuss treatment & prognosis

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### INTRODUCTION



### Musculoskeletal fibromatoses

- > Wide range of fibroblastic to myofibroblastic proliferations
- Grouped together because of their similar pathologic appearances
- Clinical behavior INTERMEDIATE between benign and malignant fibrous lesions
- Commonly demonstrating infiltrative growth, resulting in frequent local recurrence but lacking metastatic potential
- World Health Organization (WHO) Committee for Classification of Soft Tissue Tumors in <u>2002</u> categorized these lesions as
   SUPERFICIAL OF CEEP, based on their anatomic location



### Superficial (fascial)

- > Adult: palmar, knuckle pad, plantar
- Pediatric: calcifying aponeurotic fibroma, lipofibromatosis, inclusion body fibromatosis

### Deep (musculo-aponeurotic)

- Adult: desmoid type, abdominal wall
- Pediatric: fibromatosis colli, myofibroma and myofibromatosis



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- > Adults: palmar, knuckle pad, plantar
- > Small, grow slowly
- > Dx suggested by location



# Deep (musculo-aponeurotic) Adults: desmoid type, abdominal wall OFTEN LARGE, MORE RAPIDLY ENLARGING

### Outline

Superficial MSK Fibromatoses > Palmar Fibromatosis >Knuckle Pad Fibromatosis > Plantar Fibromatosis Deep MSK Fibromatoses Desmoid Type Fibromatosis > Abdominal Wall Fibromatosis

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- Flexible fibrotendinous/ collagenous scaffolding
  - provides support, holding together different components of hand/skin
  - allows considerable flexibility





### Collagenous complex

 Tendinous extension of palmaris longus (arrow)

### Fibers spread out like fan across palm





 Fibers bunch together into 4 groups - pretendinous bands, each aligned with a finger
 central cord (MCP contracture)



- Several collagenous transverse ligaments (superficial and deep)
  - natatory ligaments @ base of finger (superifical palmar transverse lig)

\*\*Spiral cord (cause of PIP contracture) involves several structures: pretendinous band spiral band natatory ligament lateral digital sheet Grayson's ligament



http://www.dupuytrens.me.uk/dupuytrens.html

### PATHOLOGY Palmar Fibromatosis

- Baron Guillaume Dupuytren, surgeon who described an operation correct the affliction in the Lancet in 1831
- AKA
  - > Dupuytren disease
  - > Dupuytren contracture
  - Morbus Dupuytren



What is the most current terminology? Dupuytren's contracture or palmar fibromatosis?

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Terms 💌

Benign
 Fibrocytic
 Neoplasm
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### Clinical Features



- Most common superficial fibromatoses, affecting 1%-2% of general population
- Almost exclusively Caucasians, particularly frequent in those of Northern European ancestry (highest prevalence northern Scotland, Iceland, Norway, Australia)
- Most common > 65 yrs
- Men 3-4X more likely to be affected
- Bilateral 40%–60%

### Clinical Features

- ETIOLOGY not completely understood
  - > Thought to be multifactorial:
    - Trauma
    - Microvascular injury
    - Immunologic processes



Genetic factors (up to 68% have family history of msk fibromatoses)

### **Palmar Fibron**

### Clinical Features

 Present with painles. THE PRESENT US nodules, progress slowly (months to yrs) to fibrous cords that attach to & cause traction on underlying flexor tendons, resulting in flexion contractures
 Ulnar-sided rays, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> most common





### Clinical Features

 Commonly have other types of fibromatoses, including plantar fibromatosis (5%–20% of cases), Peyronie disease, knuckle pads

 Additional associations: diabetes mellitus (20% of pts), alcoholism, keloids

### Pathologic Features

 At gross pathologic examination: gray-white or gray-yellow



- Nodules typically very small
- (<1 cm), often coalescent
- Intimate with palmar aponeurosis, may be adherent to skin, causing puckering or dimpling

### Pathologic Features

Histologic analysis: uniform fibroblasticmyofibroblastic proliferation of spindleshaped cells with variably prominent vascularity, although vascularity typically less than in desmoid type fibromatosis





### Pathologic Features

Degree of cellularity depends on age of lesion, with younger lesions (proliferative phase) showing hypercellularity Older, more mature lesions - less cellularity, more collagen



D. Photomicrograph of surgical specimen shows nodule has heterogeneous composition, with cellular regions intermixed with bundles of collagen fibers. (H and E; original magnification ×300)

D, Photomicrograph of surgical specimen shows cerd is hypocellular, composed mostly of collagen. (H and E; original magnification ×300)

### Imaging Features

Radiography: normal to flexion contractures

- CT shows nonspecific, nodular regions of thickening with attenuation similar to or slightly higher than muscle
- US: hypervascular, hypoechoic nodules in subcutaneous tissues, superficial to flexor tendons
   US also allows real-time dynamic assessment of integrity of flexor mechanism of digit(s)



Red arrow: Dupuytren nodule Blue arrow: Thickened palmar fascia





RT HAND LONG

4MC PALMAR ROI



# MRI Detect & define extent of dz

Nodules or cords

- May terminate in branching or nodular configuration at level of distal metacarpal
- Intimate with palmar aponeurosis
- Extend superficially in parallel with flexor tendons



### Signal Characteristics

- > <u>Yacoe et al</u> evaluated MRI appearance of palmar fibromatosis in 35 lesions-correlated findings with histologic cellularity
  - Nodular (early) masses: 85% intermediate signal intensity (T1/T2WI)
  - Cordlike (more mature) masses: 82% signal intensity (T1/T2WI) predominantly hypointense (similar to tendon)
  - Enhance, degree variable, heterogenously or diffusely

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Rombouts J-J, Noel H, Legrain Y, Munting E. Prediction of recurrence in the treatment of Dupuytren's disease: valuation of a histologic classification. *J Hand Surg* [*Am*] **1989**;14-A:644–652

- > LOWER SIGNAL = LOWER CELLULARITY (MORE COLLAGEN) = LESS LIKELY TO RECUR
- INTERMEDIATE SIGNAL = HIGHER CELLULARITY
   = MORE LIKELY TO RECUR
- Preoperative MRI can assists surgeon in determining risk of recurrence/appropriate timing for excision





58-year-old African American man with history of long-standing flexion deformity of right ring finger that was worsening.

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 70° of flexion at MCP joint, 90° of flexion at PIP joint


#### Treatment routes

- Might involve one or more different types of treatments; sometimes need repeated tx
- Main categories listed by International Dupuytren Society in order of stage of disease:
  - Radiation Therapy
  - Needle Aponeurotomy(NA)
  - Collagenase Injection (Xiaflex)
  - Hand Surgery

 Radiation Therapy is effective at early nodules and cords stage "Stage N"; also used at N/I stage of 10 degrees or less of deformation outer line demonstrates radiotherapy portal outline





Beam's eye view of radiotherapy portal on hand's surface with lead shield cut-out placed in machine's gantry

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dupuytren%27s\_contracture

- Needle Aponeurotomy (Fasciotomy) most effective at "Stage I" of 6-45 degrees of deformation
  - > quick
  - requires only local anesthesia
  - > minimal or no scarring
  - fast recovery
  - Iess expensive than surgery
  - can be repeated
  - typically fairly painless







 Collagenase injection most effective at "Stage I"; also used at "Stage II" of 46-90 degrees of deformation

 XIAFLEX® contains combination of 2 collagen enzymes, isolated and purified from fermentation of Clostridium histolyticum bacteria When injected directly into cord, these 2 types of collagenase work synergistically to enzymatically disrupt collagen.

before, next day, two weeks after first tx



#### Treatment & Prognosis

- Surgery effective at all stages
- Dependent on symptoms
- Guidelines: flexion contracture > 20° @ MCP jt or > 30° at PIP jt
- Current surgical treatment consists of selective fasciectomy of only diseased locations
- Local recurrence common (30%–40%)



Digital Nerves/Arterio

Flexor Tendor

Fascial Cord

(removed)

http://radiographics.rsna.org/content/29/7/2143.ful



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dupuytren%27s\_contracture











RPI











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- Garrod first described in 1893 (aka Garrod's pads, dorsal pads, holoderma)
- Benign, asymptomatic
- Located in skin over dorsal aspects of MCP & PIP jts
- ? MISNOMER because most occur over PIPs jt, not over knuckles



Michelangelo's Moses, carved early 16<sup>th</sup> century with visible knuckle pads



#### Frequency

- > Common, up to 9%
- > Pts with palmer fibromatosis 4X as likely to have them as general population
- May precede development of palmar or plantar fibromatosis



#### Race/Sex/Age

- No racial predilection
- Affects males & females equally
- Present any age, reported in young children who bite and suck their fingers; more commonly seen adults > 40 yrs



#### Etiology ?

- > Idiopathic
- > Genetic

 Acquired as a response to repetitive trauma (sports or occupation)





#### Mortality/Morbidity

- Little morbidity
- Typically asymptomatic but can cause pain/tenderness and difficulty with hand functioning



- Well-circumscribed, smooth, firm, skincolored dermal papules, nodules, or plaques,
- 0.5-3 cm
- Located on extensor aspect of PIP (more common) or MCP jts



#### Work-up

- Imaging
  - XR:
    - Dorsal soft tissue thickening
    - No calcifications
    - Exclude inflammatory arthritis
  - US:
    - Increased dorsal subcutaneous thickening
    - Either diffuse or focal hypoechoic areas
    - Absence of synovial proliferation
- Biopsy if dx in doubt





**Fig. 1** Middle-aged male with bilateral knuckle pads. Note the findings are predominantly involving the PIP joints, although the MCP joints of left hand are also involved

Skeletal Radiol (2006) 35: 823–827

### Knuckle pads in a patient with Palmer Fibromatosis



Diffuse thickening of the subcutaneous tissues with linear hypoechogenicity (arrows) noted in superficial subcutaneous layers



Longitudinal: rt long-finger PIP jt

Thickening of subcutaneous tissues with a focal hypoechogenic area (arrows) noted in superficial subcutaneous layers

US with power Doppler (PD) can help quantify inflammatory activity in joints



Skeletal Radiol (2006) 35: 823-827



#### proton density-weighted

postcontrast

http://radiographics.rsna.org/content/29/7/2143.figures-only

#### Histology

- Epidermal abnormalities include hyperkeratosis and mild acanthosis
- > Dermal changes include:
  - Slight proliferation of fibroblasts & capillaries in papillary dermis
  - Thickened, irregular collagen bundles are present, but little accompanying inflammation
  - Changes resemble
    palmar fibromatosis



#### Treatment & Prognosis

- > Most asymptomatic, require no tx
- Neither medical nor surgical interventions very effective (corticosteroid inj, radiation)
- Surgical intervention if functional problem
  - Risk of recurrence
- Spontaneous resolution can occur, especially if inciting repetitive injury is eliminated
- > Most persist indefinitely with little change



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- fibrous aponeurosis composed of central, medial, lateral segments

-base attached to calcaneus, has fibers continuous with Achilles tendon

-plays significant role in Iongitudinal arch support

http://roentgenrayreader.blogspot.com/2011/10/plantar-aponeurosis-anatomy.html

#### PLANTAR APONEUROSIS

OBehran



Medial segment (purple): Arises from central segment and attaches to inferior portion of abductor hallucis muscle

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PLANTAR APONEUROSIS

OBehr



#### Central segment (tan):

> thickest component

proximal attachment to posterior aspect of medial calcaneal tuberosity (posterior to origin of FDB tendon)

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#### PLANTAR APONEUROSIS



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#### ANATOMY

- Central segment (tan):
  - distal attachments are at level of MTP jts, dividing into <u>5 pairs</u> of superficial & deep fasicles
    - deep branches (blue) insert onto MTP jts
    - superficial branches bifurcate into sagittal septa, which attach onto plantar plates (red), interosseous ligament, and deep transverse metatarsal ligaments of 2nd-5th digits and plantar plate/sesamoid bones (white) of great toe

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#### PLANTAR APONEUROSIS



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#### Lateral segment (green):

\*attaches proximally to lateral aspect of medial process of calcaneal tuberosity \*continuous medially with central segment

Distally, medial band (arrows) inserts onto plantar plate of 4<sup>th</sup> and sometimes third MTPS jts; lateral band attaches to base of 5th metatarsal





# PLANTAR APONEUROSIS

#### Coronal image:

- central portion overlying flexor digitorum brevis muscle (red)
- medial portion beneath abductor hallucis muscle (blue)
- lateral component overlying abductor digiti minimi muscle (green)



















































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http://www.feetfixer.com/html/plantar\_fibroma\_surgery.htm

### Clinical Features

- Benign nodular fibroblastic proliferative disorder of pl. aponeurosis
- Reported by Dupuytren1832, more extensively described by German Surgeon Dr. Ledderhose1897 (aka Ledderhose's disease, Morbus Ledderhose)
- Prevalence 0.23%
- Most common 30–50 yrs
- Men 2X



### Clinical Features

- Most solitary, unilateral; but multiple & b/l 20%–50% of pts (typically metachronous with 2–7 yr interval)
- Concomitant palmar disease in10%–65%
  of pts (usually metachronous with 5–40 yr interval; rarely synchronous)
- Knuckle pads seen in up to 42% of pts



#### Clinical Features

- Multifactorial etiology, including genetic & traumatic causes
- More common in pts with diabetes, epilepsy, keloids, alcoholism with liver disease
- Present as firm soft-tissue mass on medial aspect sole of foot
- Multiple nodules 33%
- Frequently asymptomatic (can be tender or activity related pain)
- No contracture
- Rare cases, large lesions may invade adjacent muscles or neurovascular structures

Pathologic Features

[H-E] stain) reveals relatively hypercellular tumor composed of fascicles of fibroblasts that represent more proliferative phase

- At gross pathologic / histologic examination: identical to palmar fibromatosis
  - > Three phases
    - Proliferative phase: Nodular fibroblastic proliferation
    - Active phase: Collagen synthesis and deposition
    - <u>Mature phase</u>: Reduced fibroblastic proliferation, collagen maturation
- Forms larger masses (2–3 cm; often coalescent nodules) compared with palmar lesions
- May be adherent to overlying skin

Mitotic activity can be more prominent in larger lesions

### Imaging Features

eft FOOT PLANTAR Long

Radiography almost always normal

#### • <u>US</u>:

- Typically hypoechoic or mixed echogenic nodules in subcutaneous tissues superficial to plantar aponeurosis (which is often thickened), either medially (60% of cases) or centrally (40%)
- May be well defined (64%) or ill-defined (36%), frequently fusiform (76%)
- Intrinsic vascularity (10%)
- Posterior acoustic enhancement (20%)

<u>D</u> 75% 60 Med les





## 52-year-old man well-defined fusiform hypoechoic nodule arising within plantar fascia

AJR November 2002 vol. 179 no. 5 1167-1172
#### **Plantar Fibromatosis**

#### Imaging Features

 <u>CT</u>: nonspecific soft-tissue mass with attenuation similar to or mildly higher than muscle



#### **Plantar Fibromatosis**



#### Imaging Features

Dinauer P A et al. Radiographics 2007;27:173-18

- MRI: well- or ill-defined superficial soft-tissue mass occurring along deep pl. aponeurosis
- Often inseparable from adjacent plantar musculature
  - > Deep invasion occurs in minority
- Typically: heterogeneous SI (92% of cases), predominantly low to intermediate SI (similar or equal to skeletal muscle) on T1WI (100%)/T2WI (78%)
- High T2 signal (22%)
- Enhancement common (93%)
- Degree of enhancement marked in 64%, mild in 36%

#### "Fascial Tail Sign"

## Linear tail of extension ("fascial tail" sign) along plantar aponeurosis common, often best seen on postcontrast images



#### **Plantar Fibromatosis**

#### ON ANY FORM OF IMAGING...

 If nodule has indistinct ± infiltrative superficial or deep margin, consider aggressive plantar fibromatosis





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W 1157 : L 559 Images Courtesy of Karen Chen, MD

#### Plantar Fibromatosis



November 2009 RadioGraphics, 29, 2143-2183

#### Treatment and Prognosis

- In contradistinction to palmar fibromatosis, tx is conservative in majority
  - Nodules become smaller and lesser painful
  - Footwear modifications, pads, or orthotics aimed at relieving symptoms
  - Intralesional steroid injections successful in some
- Surgical resection is reserved for large, infiltrative lesions that cause significant disability and are refractory to nonoperative management

#### **Plantar Fibromatosis**



- Treatment and Prognosis
- Historically, surgical tx consisting of simple excision resulted in high rates of local recurrence (20%–40%)
- Wide excision, including resection of normal fascia (ie, at surgical inspection) proximal and distal to lesion(s) <u>now</u> <u>advocated</u>
- Radiation tx in foot often poorly tolerated, typically reserved for use in conjunction cases involving wide reexcision or for unresectable recurrent lesions
- Increased rate of local recurrence has been associated with multiple nodules, b/l lesions, postoperative neuromas, and + fam hx

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## Desmoid-Type Fibromatosis (DTF)

## First described by McFarlane (1832) 1838 Muller first coined term "desmoid"

#### Synonyms

- > extraabdominal desmoid
- > desmoid tumor
- > aggressive fibromatosis
- > musculoaponeurotic fibromatosis
- well-differentiated nonmetastasizing fibrosarcoma



tp://worddomination.com/fibromatosis.h

#### Desmoid-Type Fibromatosis

#### Definitions

Benign, but locally aggressive, clonal fibroblastic proliferation

#### Etiology unknown

- > Multifactorial pathogenesis
  - Genetic



- Endocrine, as associated with pregnancy
- Trauma

## Clinical Features of DTF

 Painless, firm, ill-defined deep soft-tissue mass in extremities or head & neck

Locally invasive

Commonly recur locally

Do not metastasize



# Pathologic Characteristics of DTF

#### Macroscopic Examination:

- Nonencapsulated gray-white tissue confined to musculature and overlying fascia
- Gross specimens are firm / glistening white on cross section
- > Resembles scar tissue
- Hemorrhage or necrosis not typical



http://www.humpath.com/spip.php?article2440



## Histologic Characteristics of DTF

Microscopic examination:

- Characteristic growth along fascial planes
- May infiltrate adjacent subcutaneous tissue & muscle
  - Alternating bundles of locally infiltrating, monomorphic elongated, spindle-shaped fibroblast and myofibroblast bundles within collagenous stroma
- Cellularity is low
- Collagen interlaced between tumor cells

spindle cells in a whorled pattern

bland without much pleomorphism

bland elongated spindle or stellate cells are arranged in ill-defined long fascicles

## Radiographic Findings of DTF

- > Usually normal
- Calcification or ossification is rare
- Bulging or puckering of overlying skin
- Bone involvement uncommon but can include erosion or periosteal reaction
  - Increased with recurrent tumors



http://radiographics.rsna.org/content/21/3/585/F31.larg

## CT Findings of DTF

- Nonspecific, ill-defined soft tissue mass
- Variable attenuation: higher, lower, or similar to muscle
- Mild, heterogeneous enhancement (typical)
  - Enhancement may be absent



## MRI Findings of DTF



- Heterogeneous soft tissue mass that may extend along fascial plane (displace or invade adjacent soft tissues/muscle)
- Variable signal intensity based on amount of collagen
  - > Low to intermediate T1 signal
  - Intermediate to high T2 signal
  - Regions with low T1/T2 signal suggest mature collagen
  - Bandlike areas of low signal = highly suggesstive of diagnosis
    - More mature lesions have lower recurrence rates

#### MRI Findings of DTF

#### Variable enhancement

- > Usually moderate to marked, but enhancement may be absent
- More cellular regions avidly enchance
- Lesions without CT enhancement may still show enhancement on MR
- Myxoid lesions have least enhancement

## **Treatment of DTF**

 Although standard first-line treatment is still wide-local surgical excision, experience shows that risk of local relapse
 high even in presence of clear margins (almost 30%)











(B) small bowel adherence (D) double-sided prosthesis
Figure 2. Perioperative and reconstruction of the seventh postoperative day.

http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?pid=\$2237-93632012000300018&script=sci\_artte;

 Radiation therapy as adjunct or primary therapy, but recurrences can occur in 19 to 25% of these cases

 Other nonsurgical approaches: chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, NSAIDs, radiofrequency ablation, cryoablation

#### **Treatment of DTF**

Due to high risk of relapse despite treatment, conservative management/followup recently proposed as first-line therapy (restricting surgery to patients with symptomatic disease or progression)

#### \*Crosses myofascial junction \*Invades gluteal muscles

65 yr old woman with right lateral thigh mass





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#### Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows ~ Part1

Daniel Radcliffe and His Costars On a Decade of Magic—And What They'll Do Next













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#### Anatomy (Abdominal Wall)



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Layers of the abdominal wall as seen on high frequency ultrasound. Fat (F); external oblique muscle (EO); internal oblique muscle (IO); transversus abdominis muscle (TA); rectus abdominis (RA); peritoneum (arrow); aponeurosis of external oblique (white arrowhead) and anterior part of the aponeurosis of internal oblique contributing to the rectus sheath (black arrowhead).

## Anatomy (Internal Oblique)


# Anatomy (Abdominal Wall)

- 1. External oblique
- 2. Internal oblique
- 3. Transversus abdominis
- 4. Rectus sheath
- 5. Rectus abdominis
- 6. Linea alba

#### Anatomy (Tranversus Abdominus)



# Anatomy (Rectus Sheath)



A midline transverse section US view of the linea alba (arrow) and the rectus abdominis muscles on either side (RA), the anterior (black arrowhead) and posterior (white arrowhead) components of the

## Anatomy (Abdominal Wall)



MR anatomy of the abdominal wall demonstrating the three flat muscles (short arrow); the linea semilunaris (open arrow); rectus abdominis (black arrowhead); the linea alba (open arrowhead); the epigastric vessels (long arrow); the quadratus lumborum muscle (black arrow) and the erector spinae

Clinical Features

Aka Abdominal wall desmoid

- Most common soft-tissue neoplasm of abdominal wall
- Initially described1832 by McFarlane in a young woman after delivery
- Frequency similar to desmoid type fibromatosis

#### Clinical Features



Figure 1. Preoperative.

- Lesions distinguished from other deep musculoaponeurotic fibromatoses by <u>location</u> and <u>predilection to develop in</u> women of childbearing age
- 87% occur in women, 95% develop in women who have had at least 1 child (usually occur during 1st yr after childbirth)
- Peak prevalence 3rd decade

#### Clinical Features

- Etiology uncertain
- Majority idiopathic

 Estrogenic hormones, *trauma* (including surgery), and <u>genetic</u> abnormalities have also been implicated as potential causative factors

#### Clinical Features

- Often history of birth control pill use and more frequent in third trimester
- Tend to regress after menopause or oophorectomy

 Antiestrogen agents such as tamoxifen have also been shown to have inhibitory effects (findings support role of hormonal factors in development of disease)



#### Clinical Features

- Lesions occur after surgery, 20% of cases
- Predilection to develop near areas of postop scarring at prior incision sites, particularly c-section
- Reported at sites of colostomies, laparoscopic trocar placements, catheter insertions for peritoneal dialysis



#### Clinical Features

- Prevalence of desmoid tumors in Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP): 3.6% to 34%
- Pts with FAP have1000-fold increased risk of developing this lesion compared with GEN population

 Pts with phenotypic variant of FAP known as Gardner's syndrome may develop extraabdominal, abdominal wall, and intraabdominal desmoid tumors, in addition to polyposis coli/colon ca, osteomas, sebaceous cysts

#### Clinical Features

 Progressive, locally infiltrative, and aggressive behavior

Typically solitary



http://www.readcube.com/articles/10.1186/1477-7819-9-35

#### Clinical Features

- Arise from musculoaponeurotic structures of abdominal wall, most frequently rectus abdominis, internal oblique muscles, and fascial coverings
- Occasionally cross midline to involve both rectus abdominis muscles
- Rectus and fascial desmoids may be associated with *intra-abdominal* extension



#### Clinical Features

 Manifest as palpable, firm, softtissue mass

#### Deep-seated

 Cause little or no focal symptoms initially (thus manifest late)



#### Pathologic Features

- Pathologic appearance, both gross & microscopic virtually identical to DTF
- Solid, firm, whitish masses, often have infiltrative, spiculated margin to skeletal muscle & subcutis (avg size 3–7 cm, often smaller at detection than other DTF)
- Estrogen receptors common in abdominal wall desmoids (79% of lesions)



http://archive.ispub.com/journal/the-internet-journal-of-surgery/volume-10-number-2/large-desmo tumor-of-the-anterior-abdominal-wall-a-case-report-of-a-4-6kg-desmoid-tumor.article-g01.fs.jpg

#### Imaging Features

Essentially identical to DTF



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- Predominantly low to intermediate SI abdominal wall mass with linear extensions ("fascial tail sign") along superficial fascia at margins and low SI bands that do not enhance = "nearly pathognomonic"
- MRI optimal for detecting deep intraabdominal extension (unusual) to guide complete surgical resection



#### **Rectus Abdominus**

# Higher attenuation (relative to adjacent muscle), owing to high collagen content

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#### linear extension

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#### Treatment & Prognosis

- Local management of extraabdominal DTF and abdominal wall desmoid tumors Similar, with attempted wide-margin resection being initial treatment of choice
- Propensity to recur locally (within first 2 yrs after excision or in connection with subsequent pregnancies or deliveries)
- Local recurrence rate 15%–30% (lower than extraabdominal lesions)
  - Reports of regression with menopause

#### Treatment & Prognosis

- Preoperative adjuvant radiation therapy may be required
  - Radiation may cause central necrosis

 Regimens of high-dose antiestrogen and progesterone agents (such as tamoxifen and raloxifene), luteinizing-releasing hormone, and testosterone have also been used with some success



#### Summary

Superficial MSK Fibromatoses > Palmar Fibromatosis >Knuckle Pad Fibromatosis > Plantar Fibromatosis Deep MSK Fibromatoses Desmoid Type Fibromatosis > Abdominal Wall Fibromatosis

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