Interesting Case Conference

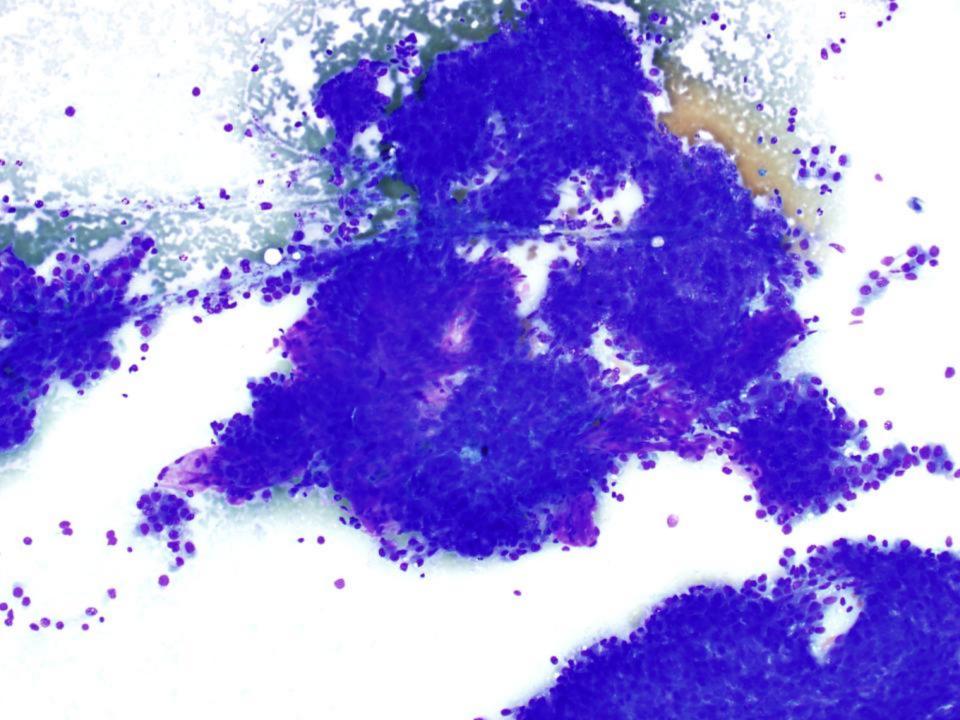
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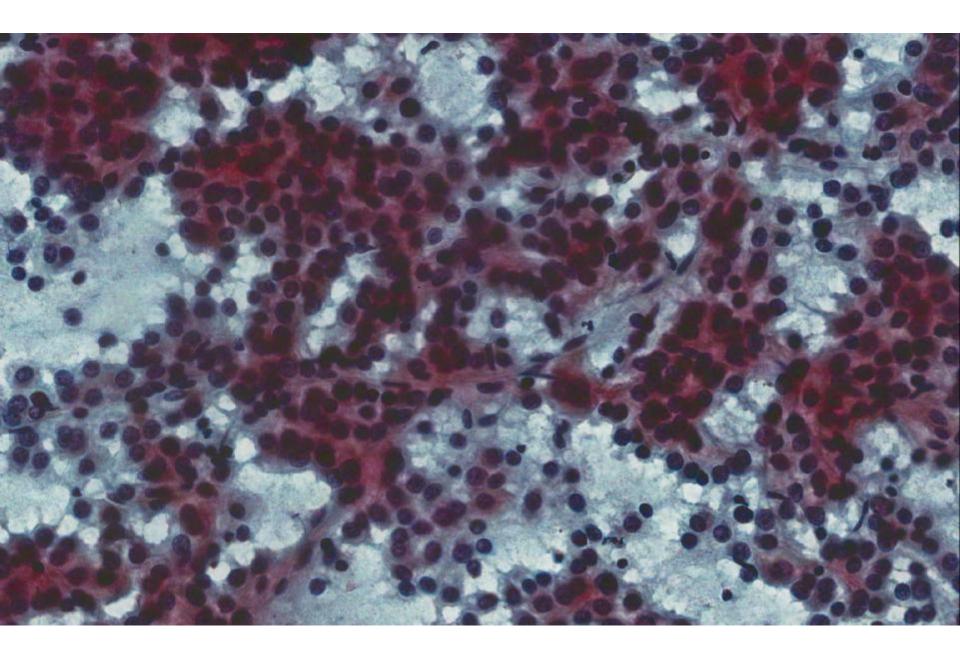
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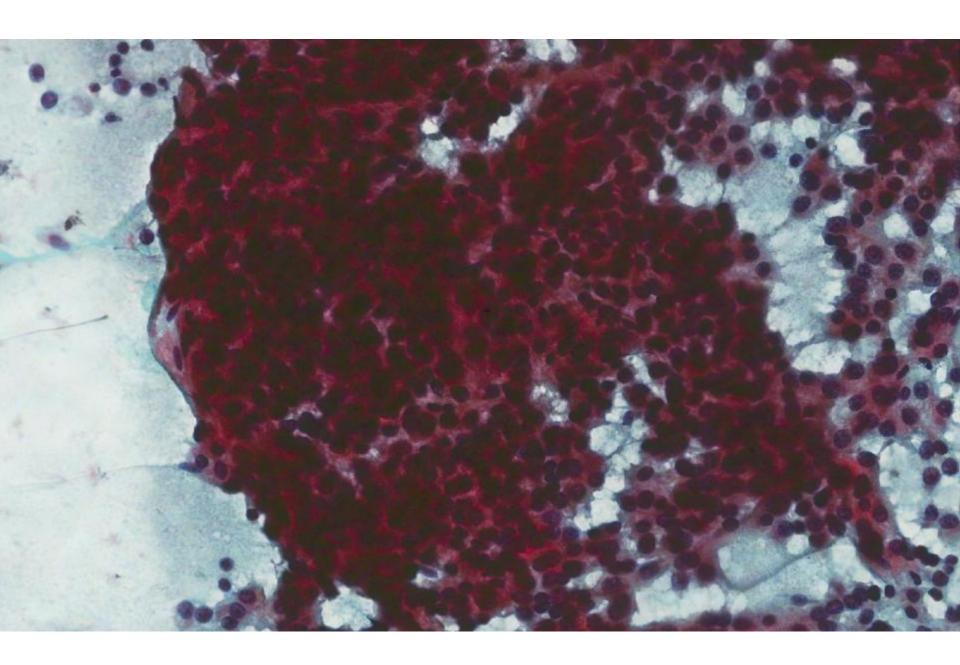
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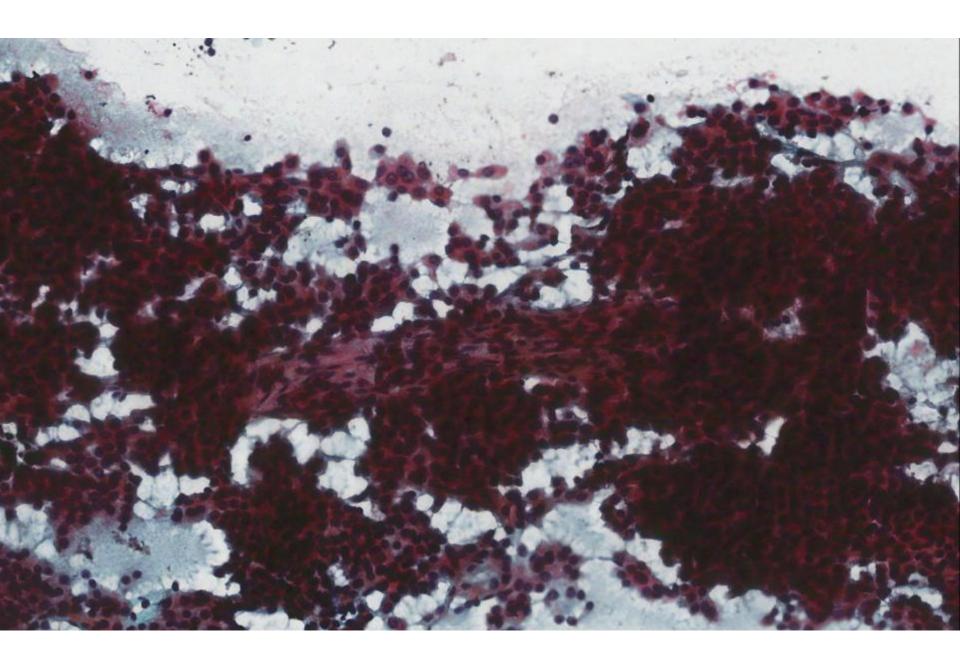
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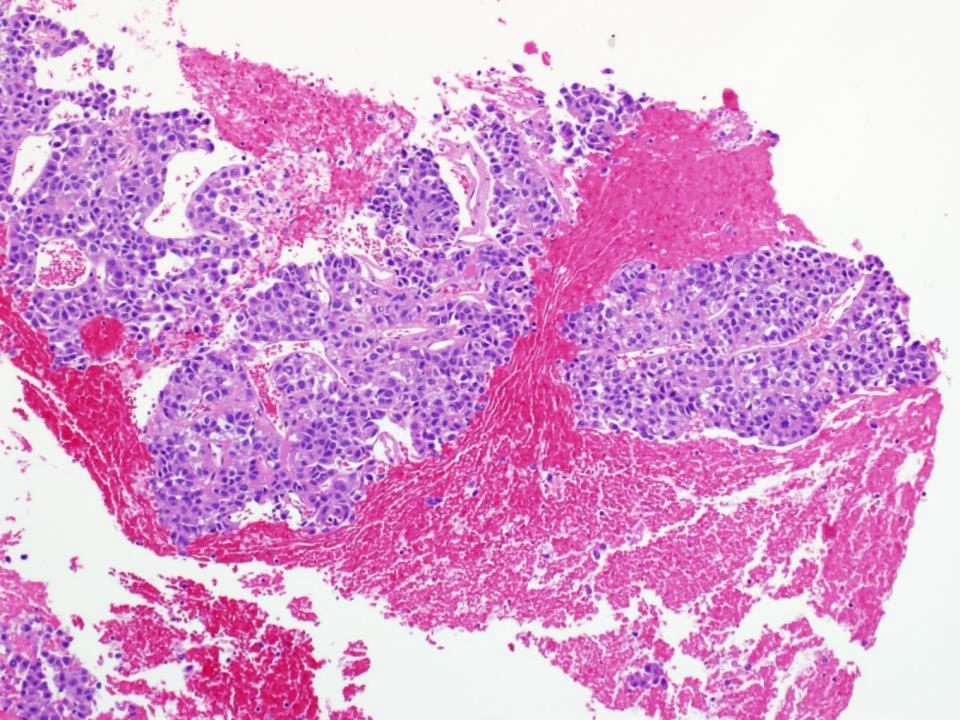
Liver mass (solitary)

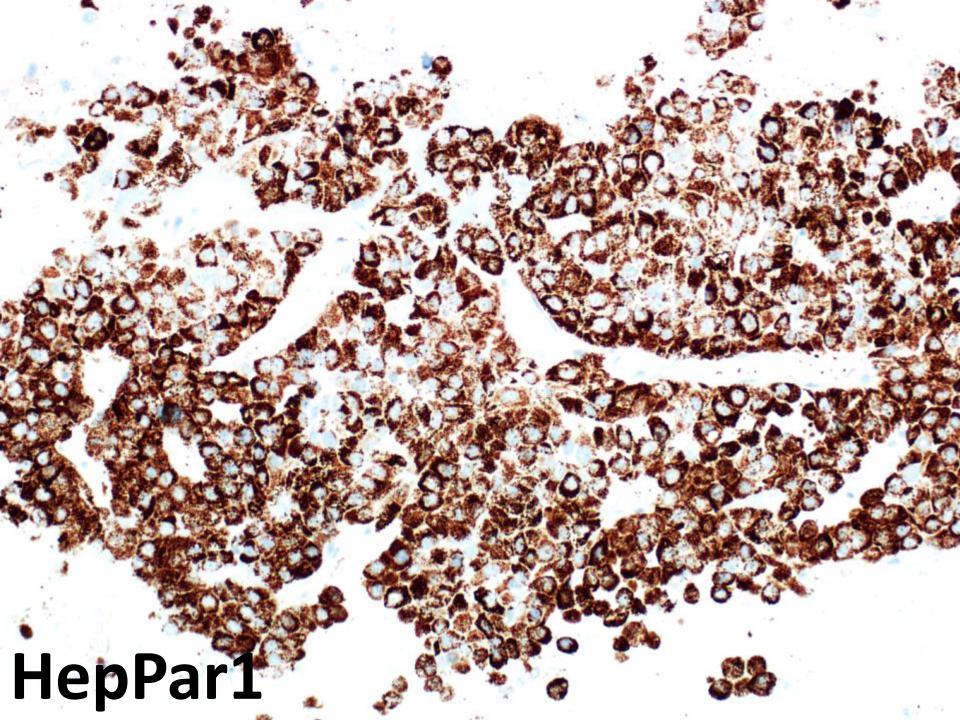


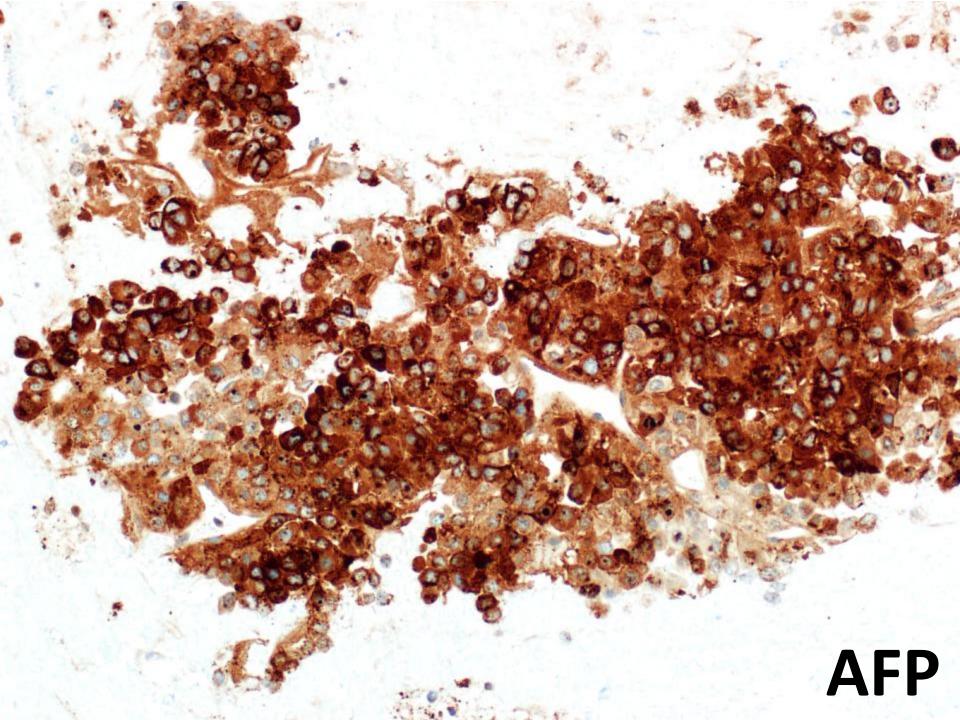












Dx: Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- S/O: Positive for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)
- Most common liver primary tumor
- Clinical
 - Incidence Asia/Africa > US/Europe
 - US, age > 50 setting of cirrhosis
 - Solitary, multiple nodules, or diffusely enlargement

HCC in cytology

 Well differentiated and poorly differentiated HCC can be challenging

Well differentiated, DDX

- Regenerating nodules of cirrhosis
- Hepatic adenoma
- Focal nodular hyperplasia

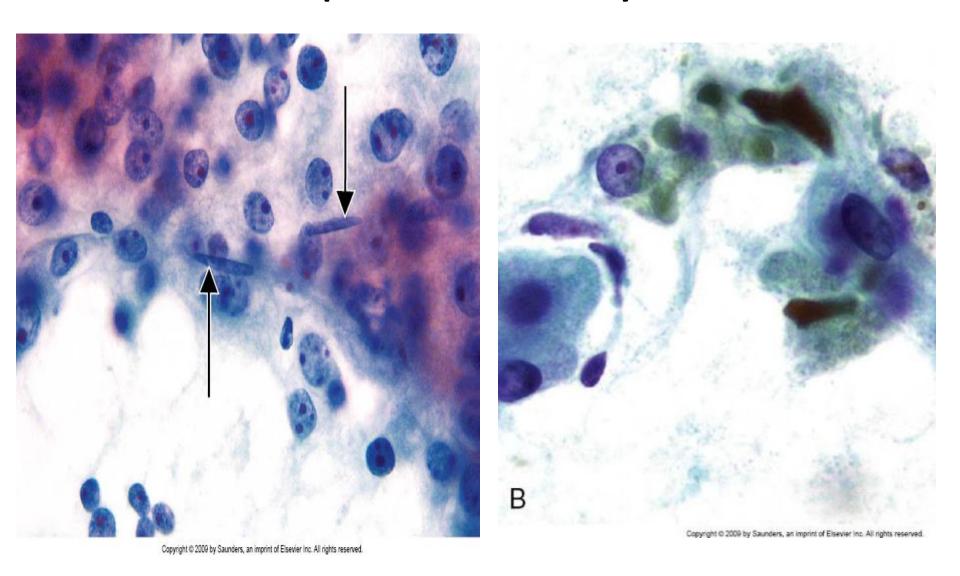
Features favoring benign

- Evenly spaced cellular arrangements
- Normal n/c ratio
- Mild atypia

Features favoring malignant

- Thickened trabeculae
- Isolated and atypical naked nuclei
- Increased N/C ratio
- Cellular monomorphism
- Macronucleoli
- Intranuclear pseudoinclusions
- Multinucleated cells
- Mitotic figures
- Traversing capillaries
- Endothelial wrapping

Text book photos of key features



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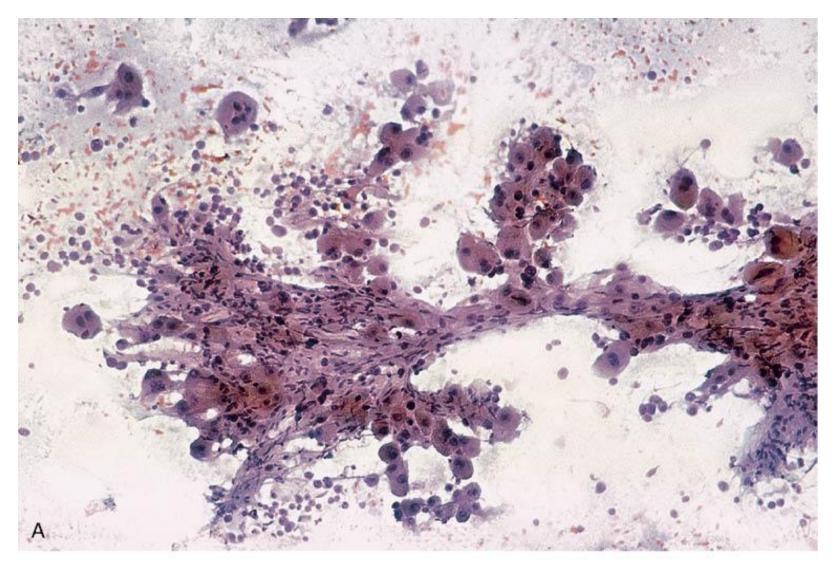


Figure 12.21A Fibrolamellar hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). A, Large, atypical hepatocytes are accompanied by fibrous tissue. B, The malignant cells have abundant granular cytoplasm and intracytoplasmic hyaline globules (arrows; Papanicolaou stain).

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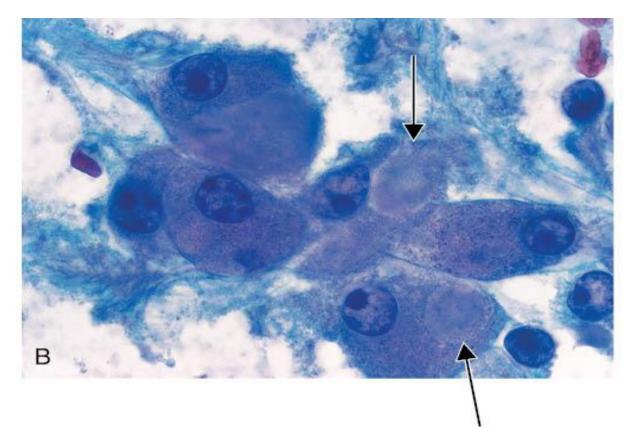


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Example of a poorly differentiated HCC

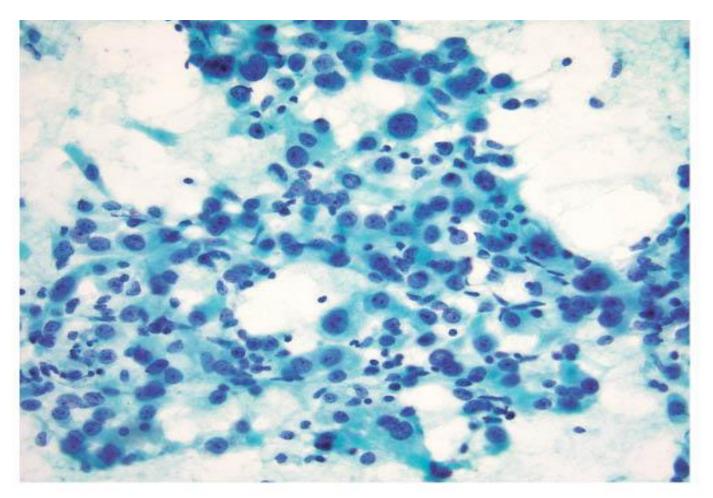


Figure 12.17 Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). There is a loosely cohesive cluster of atypical hepatocytes with intermingled endothelial cells. Nuclear pleomorphism is noted. Binucleated and multinucleated cells are seen. Nucleoli are multiple and often irregular (Papanicolaou stain).

Poorly differentiated HCC - DDX

	Hepatocellular Carcinoma	Cholangiocarcinoma	Metastatic Adenocarcinoma
Bile	+/-	_	_
Mucin	-	75%–100%	50%-75%
AE1 keratin	rare	+	+
Polyclonal CEA	canalicular	diffuse cytoplasmic	diffuse cytoplasmic
HBV	50%	rare	-
HepPar1	80%	50%	rare
CD31	+ (endothelial cells)	_	_
TTF-1	granular, cytoplasmic	-	nuclear (lung)
Ber-EP4	-	+	+
MOC-31	_	+	+
CD10	canalicular	_	_
CD34	sinusoidal	_	+/-
monoclonal CEA	-	_	+
СК7	_	+	variable (+) lung, ovaries, stomach, pancreas; (-) in colon
СК20	_	+/- (≈40%–50%)	variable (+) in stomach, pancreas and colon; (-) in lung and ovaries

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