Intracellular accumulations and calcifications

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INTRACELLULAR ACCUMULATIONS

- > 1)Inadequate removal of a normal substance (fatty change in the liver)
- > 2)Accumulation of an abnormal endogenous proteins due to folding defect (α1-antitrypsin defficiency)
- > 3)Failure to degrade a metabolite due to inherited enzyme deficiencies (lysosomal storage diseases and glycogen storage diseases)
- > 4)Deposition and accumulation of an abnormal exogenous substance (carbon and selica)



abnormal proteins

Accumulation of exogenous materials

fatty change: steatosis

- Most common in liver
- Triglycerides
- Also in heart, kidney, muscle
- Causes: toxins, protein malnutrition, DM, obesity, anoxia
- Alcohol abuse and DM+obesity are the most common causes of fatty liver



Cholesterol and Cholesteryl Esters

- Phagocytic cells become overloaded with lipid (triglycerides, cholesterol, and cholesteryl esters)
- Due to Increased intake or decreased catabolism
- Atherosclerosis



Proteins

- Much less common than lipid accumulations
- Either excess external or internal synthesis
- Proximal renal tubules in nephrotic syndrome
- Russell bodies in plasma cells.
- Alcoholic hyaline in liver.
- Neurofibrillary tangles in neurons





Glycogen

- Abnormality in glucose or glycogen metabolism
- **DM** (in renal tubules, heart, B cells of pancreas).
- Glycogen storage diseases





Pigments

Exogenous

- Most common exogenous,
 carbon (coal dust, air pollution)
- Alveolar macrophages → lymphatic channels → tracheobronchial LN
- Anthracosis



Pigments

- Endogenous
- Lipofuscin
- "wear-and-tear pigment"
- Age/atrophy
- Heart, liver, and brain
- Lipid and protein
- Marker of past free radical injury
- *brown atrophy*





Pigments

- Endogenous
- Melanin
- Source: melanocytes
- UV protection
- Accumulates in dermal macrophages and adjacent keratinocytes
- Freckles



pigments

Hemosiderin

- Hb-derived granular pigment
- Iron +apoferritin==ferritin micelles
- Physiologic in the mononuclear phagocytes of the BM, spleen, and liver, from RBC turnover
- Bruise: local pathologic deposition from hemorrhage
- Hemosiderosis: systemic pathologic deposition of hemosiderin (hemochromatosis, hemolytic anemias, repeated blood transfusions)



PATHOLOGIC CALCIFICATION

- Abnormal deposition of calcium salts, together with smaller amounts of iron, magnesium, and other mineral
- Dystrophic Calcification
- Deposition in dead/injured tissues
- Normal Ca2+ metabolism
- Exacerbated by Hypercalcemia
- Metastatic Calcification
- Deposition in normal tissues
- Almost always abnormal Ca2+ metabolism (hypercalcemia)

Dystrophic calcification



- Necrosis of any type
 Atherosclerosis, aging or
 - damaged heart valves, aortic stenosis, tuberculosis)
- Incidental finding indicating insignificant past cell injury
- Or May be a cause of organ dysfunction.

Metastatic Calcification

- Hyperparathyroidism (primary and parathyroid hormone related protein)
- Bone destruction (metastasis, MM, leukemia, Pagets, immobilization)
- Vit-D intoxication,
- Sarcoidosis.
- Renal failure with 2ry hyperparathyroidism.
- VESSELS, LUNG, KIDNEY

