

Conjugated
Hyperbilirubinemia

Extrahepatic
Biliary
Obstruction

Stones
Tumors

Intrahepatic
Cholestasis

Ductal Diseases:

Primary Biliary
Cirrhosis

Sclerosing
Cholangitis

Hepatocellular
(Transaminase Predominant)

Acute Injury:
Viral Hepatitis
Toxin (APAP/Etoh)
Reye's
Shock

Chronic Injury:
NAFLD/NASH
Viral Hepatitis
HH
A1AT
Wilson's/Cu
HCC
Cirrhosis

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(and probably with xanthelasma).

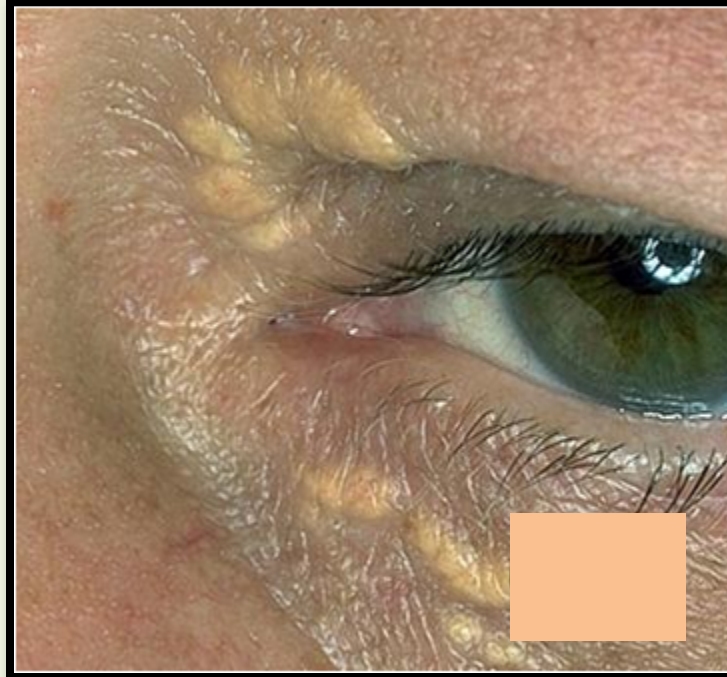
And that is the correct name:

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Let's get familiar with **disease associations** and **pathology** and we're done.

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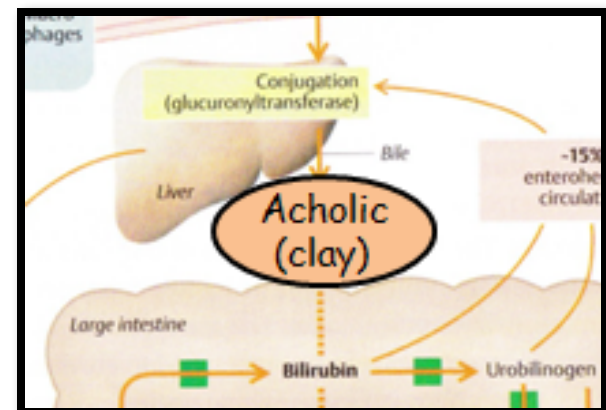
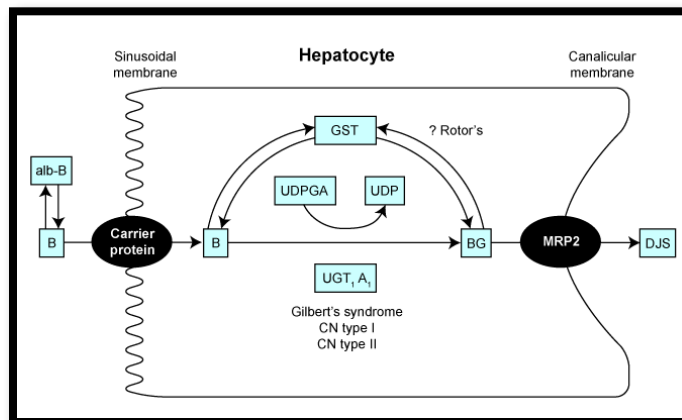
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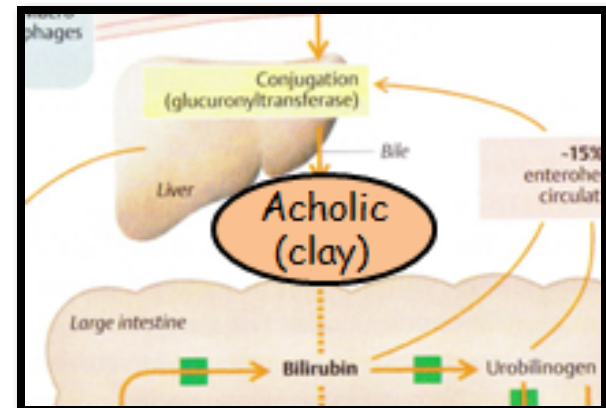
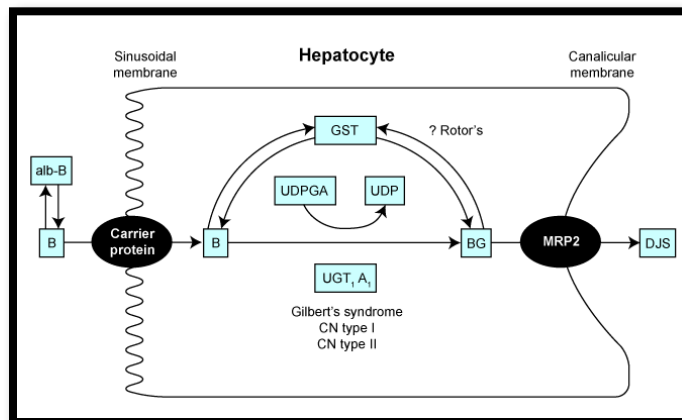
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Xanthomas: yellow, plaque-like (or nodular) soft tissue masses found around the eyes or over extensor surfaces (especially the Achilles tendon)

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Vitamin A Deficiency

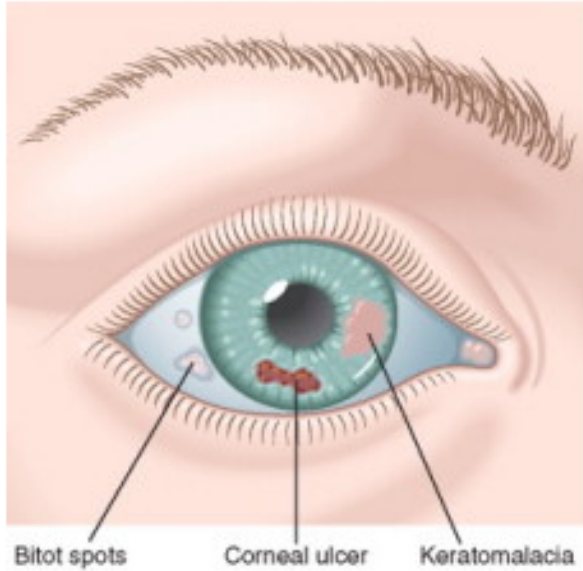
D - covered w/ bone

K - covered w/ coagulation

E - (never see - will cover in GI)

VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY

EYE CHANGES



- Ocular Manifestations:
- Cornea (ulcer, scar)
 - Retina (loss of visual pigments)



Nyctalopia



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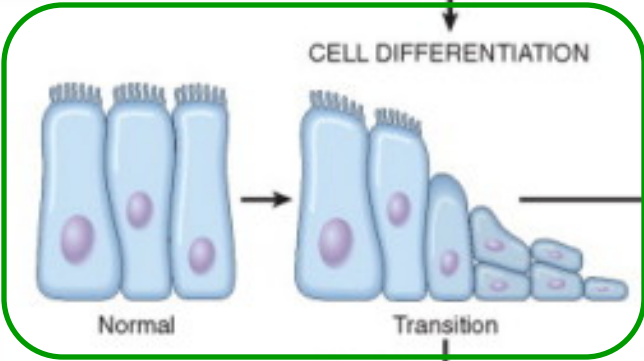


Ductal Metaplasia
(loss of differentiation)



Bitot spots Corneal ulcer Keratomalacia

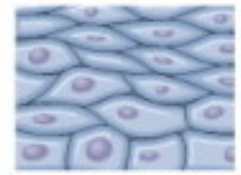
CELL DIFFERENTIATION



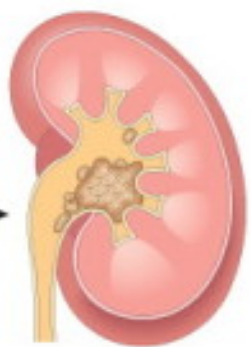
Normal

Transition

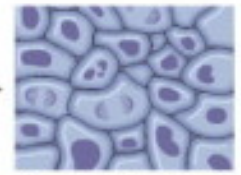
Epithelial metaplasia



Advanced metaplasia



Pelvic keratinization
Keratin debris → Stones



Increased cancer?

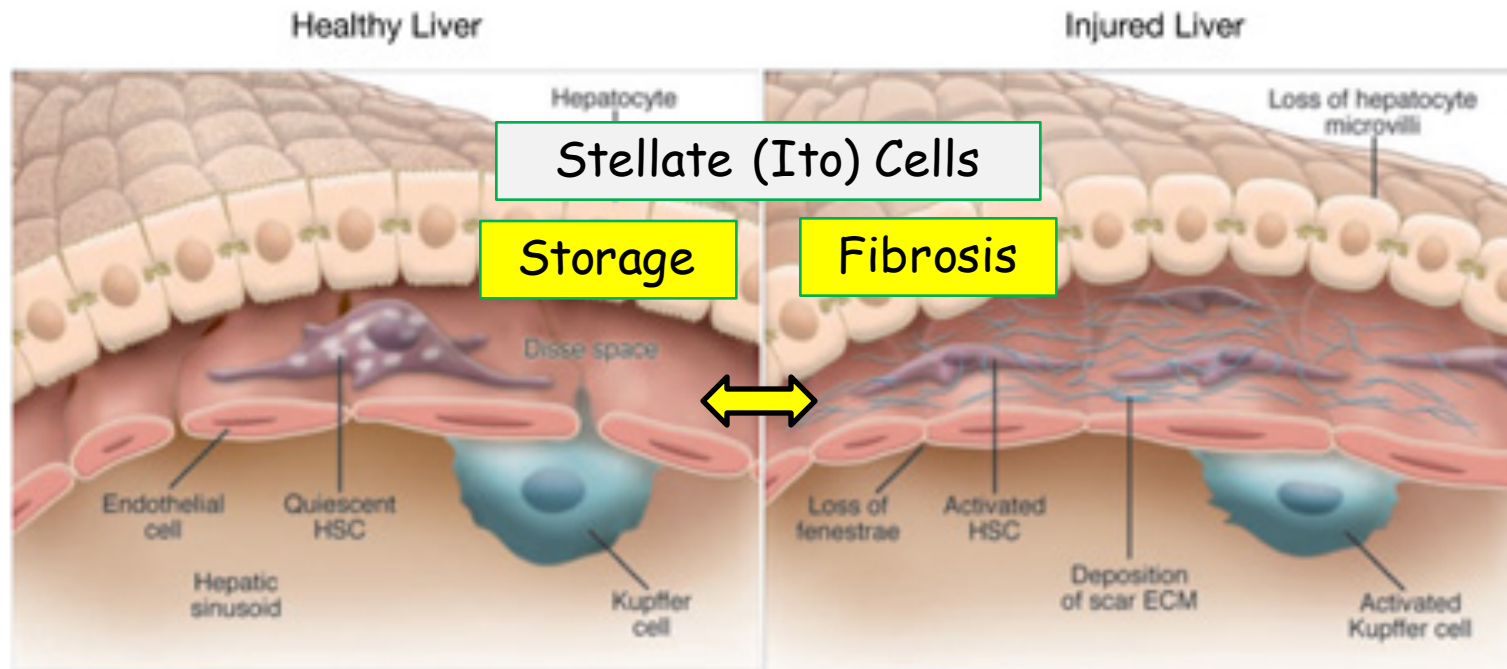
Keratinizing, Proliferating Squamous Cells

- Cornea
- Ducts
- Skin



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In healthy liver, hepatic stellate cells are kept quiescent and their main function is to store vitamin A droplets. When the liver is injured, hepatic stellate cells transform into activated myofibroblast-like cells to generate scar tissue. (adopted from Iredale, 2007. *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* 117(3): 539-548).

Hepatic Stellate Cells (or Ito cells) in Space of Disse

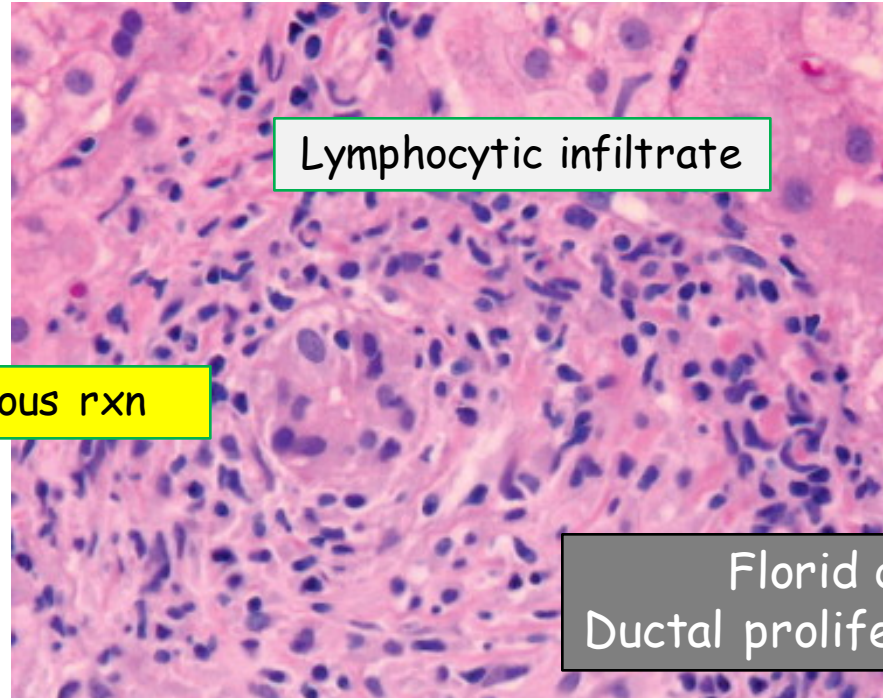
1. Store Vitamin A
2. Transform into myofibroblasts → fibrosis

Primary Biliary Cirrhosis

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- Diagnostics
 - Elevated Alkaline Phosphatase
 - Bone v Liver??? Distinguish with γ -GT
 - Anti-Mitochondrial Antibody
 - Elevated transaminase, cholesterol
 - Liver biopsy:
 - Lymphocytic infiltrate in portal region
 - Granulomas
 - Loss of bile ductules ('florid duct' lesion)

PBC: Pathology



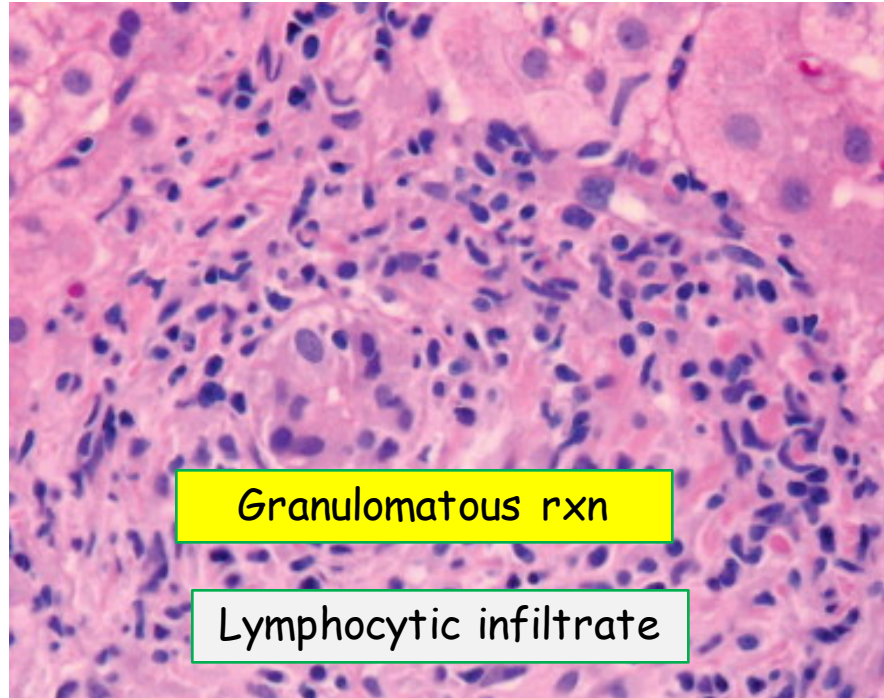
Granulomatous rxn

Lymphocytic infiltrate

Florid duct lesion
Ductal proliferation (upstream)

- A portal tract is markedly expanded by an infiltrate of **lymphocytes** and plasma cells.
- There is a **granulomatous reaction** to a bile duct undergoing destruction (**florid duct lesion**).
- Portal tracts **upstream** from damaged bile ducts show **ductule proliferation**, inflammation, and necrosis of the adjacent periportal hepatic parenchyma.

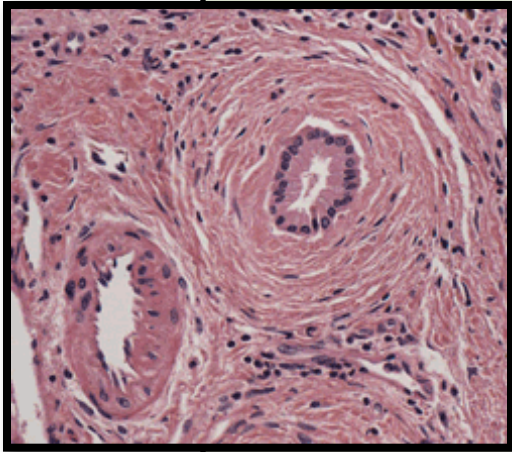
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The relevance of the pathology is in
distinguishing from PSC
(i.e. 'sclerosing' = fibrotic process)

Primary **Sclerosing** Cholangitis

= Fibrosis



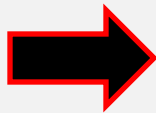
...in distinction to PBC



Macro: Obliterative **fibrosis** of intra- AND extra-hepatic bile ducts

Micro: Not granulomatous; **Onion skin fibrotic** process on bx;

Dx: **Cholangiogram** reveals: '**Beading**'



Complication of Ulcerative Colitis

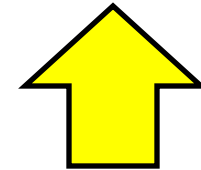


Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Clinical Presentation

Asymptomatic	15 - 44%
Symptomatic	
Fatigue	75
Pruritus	70
Jaundice	30-69
Hepatomegaly	34-62
Abdominal pain	16-37
Weight loss	10-34

UC and elevated Alk Φ



Fatigue & Pruritis.
Sound familiar?...how will you know???

Major differences:

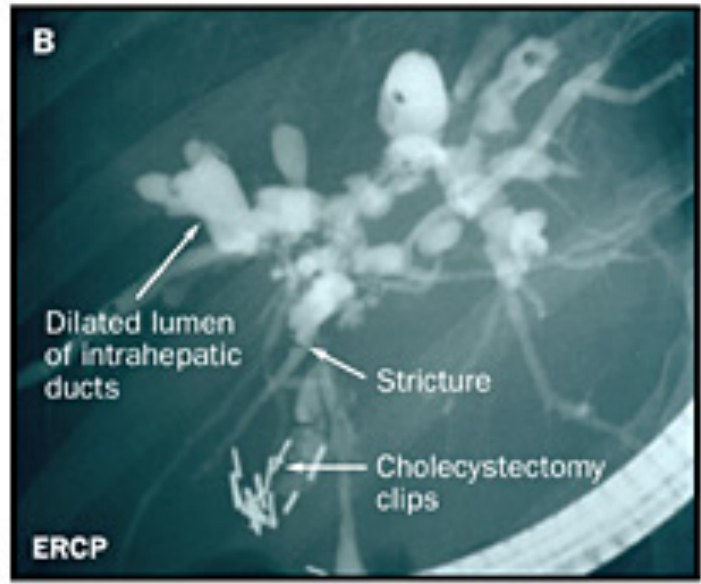
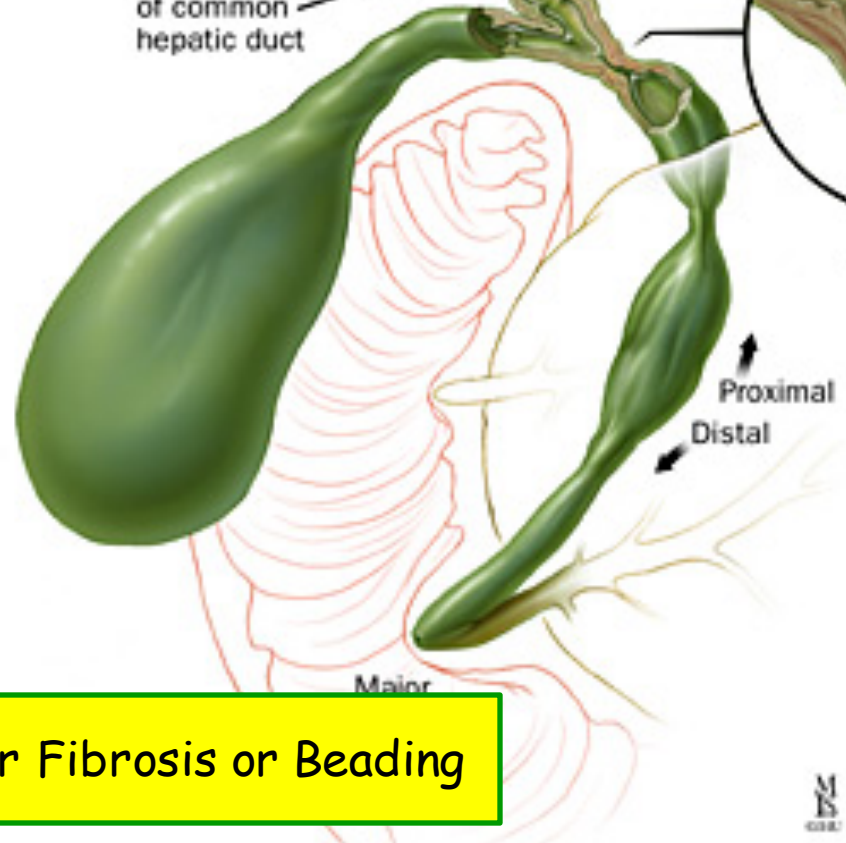
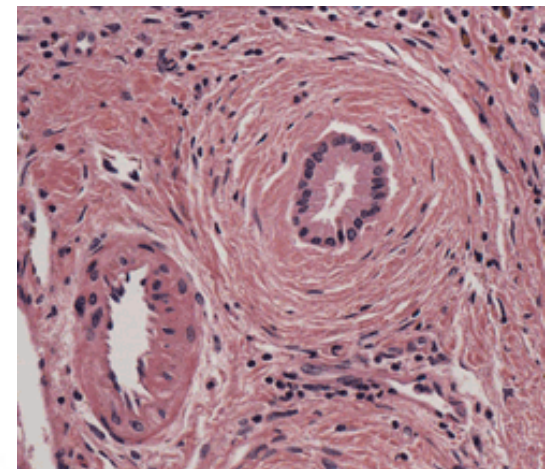
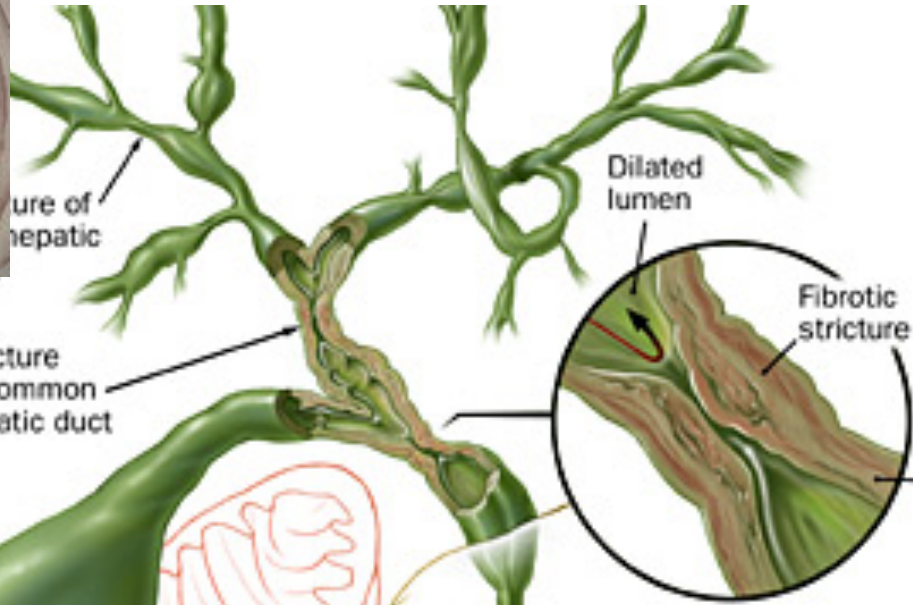
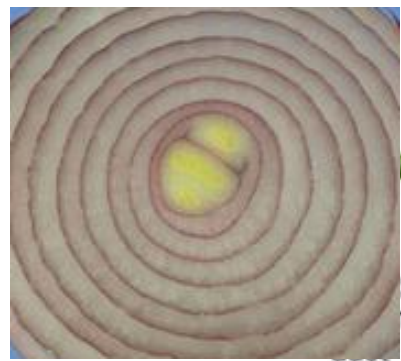
- Ulcerative Colitis
- Not a tired, woman (but Alk Φ is \uparrow)
- Fibrosis v Granuloma

Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Differentiating PSC from PBC

	PSC	PBC
Cholestasis	+	+
History of colitis	+	-
AMA	-	+
Liver biopsy	onion skin fibrosis	florid duct lesion
Cholangiogram	abnormal	normal

Biopsy plays little role in diagnosing PSC; used more for staging/prognosis and differentiating from other conditions BUT be familiar with the pathology for USMLE Step One.



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