# SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REPORT [SYNTHETIC]

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## **CLINICAL HISTORY:**

51 year old male with 1 year history of bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, and urgency. Colonoscopy showed moderate erythema and loss of vascular pattern from rectum to descending colon. Clinical suspicion for ulcerative colitis.

## **SPECIMEN RECEIVED:**

- A. Rectum, biopsy
- B. Sigmoid colon, biopsy
- C. Descending colon, biopsy
- D. Transverse colon, biopsy
- E. Ascending colon, biopsy
- F. Terminal ileum, biopsy

# **GROSS DESCRIPTION:**

- A. Received in formalin labeled "rectum" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 3 mm in aggregate.
- B. Received in formalin labeled "sigmoid colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 3 mm in aggregate.
- C. Received in formalin labeled "descending colon" are 4 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 5 mm in aggregate.
- D. Received in formalin labeled "transverse colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 7 mm in aggregate.
- E. Received in formalin labeled "ascending colon" are 2 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.

F. Received in formalin labeled "terminal ileum" are 6 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 8 mm in aggregate.

All specimens are entirely submitted in 2 cassette(s).

## **MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:**

- A. Rectal mucosa shows moderate active chronic inflammation with marked epithelial injury, neutrophilic cryptitis, and basal lymphoplasmacytosis. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Mucosal edema and congestion are present.
- B. Sigmoid colonic mucosa shows severe active chronic inflammation with diffuse neutrophilic cryptitis, crypt abscesses, and epithelial injury. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Surface epithelium shows reactive changes.
- C. Descending colonic mucosa shows moderate active chronic inflammation with diffuse crypt architectural distortion, crypt abscesses, and goblet cell depletion. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. No evidence of dysplasia is identified. The inflammatory pattern shows overlapping features of both ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.
- D. Transverse colonic mucosa shows mild to moderate active chronic inflammation with diffuse crypt architectural distortion, crypt abscesses, and goblet cell depletion. No evidence of dysplasia is identified.
- E. Ascending colonic mucosa shows mild to moderate active chronic inflammation with diffuse crypt architectural distortion, crypt abscesses, and goblet cell depletion. Occasional Paneth cell metaplasia is noted.
- F. Terminal ileal mucosa shows normal small intestinal mucosa with preserved villous architecture. No evidence of chronic inflammatory bowel disease identified in this section.

## **DIAGNOSIS:**

#### A. Rectum, biopsy:

- moderate active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion and goblet cell depletion
- Features of chronicity consistent with inflammatory bowel disease, with overlapping features of both UC and CD
- moderate consistent with ulcerative colitis
- No dysplasia identified

• No evidence of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection

#### B. Sigmoid colon, biopsy:

- severe active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion and goblet cell depletion
- severe consistent with ulcerative colitis
- No dysplasia identified

# C-E. Descending, transverse, and ascending colon, biopsies:

- moderate active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion
- Features consistent with ulcerative colitis
- No dysplasia identified

# F. Terminal ileum, biopsy:

- Mild non-specific inflammation
- No evidence of inflammatory bowel disease

#### **COMMENT:**

The histologic findings show a pattern of continuous chronic active colitis with greatest severity in the distal colon and rectum, with relative sparing of the proximal colon. The absence of granulomas, transmural inflammation, and terminal ileal involvement are features favoring ulcerative colitis over Crohn's disease. Correlation with clinical, endoscopic, and radiologic findings is recommended for definitive classification. The overall histologic features are characteristic of ulcerative colitis in the active phase. The histologic findings show overlapping features of both ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. This pattern may represent an 'indeterminate colitis' and correlation with clinical, endoscopic, and serologic markers is strongly recommended for further classification.

# **SPECIAL STUDIES:**

Acid-fast bacilli (AFB) stain is negative for mycobacterial organisms.

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