

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REPORT [SYNTHETIC]

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CLINICAL HISTORY:

60 year old female with 2 week history of bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, and urgency. Colonoscopy showed diffuse erythema, loss of vascular pattern, and contact bleeding from rectum to hepatic flexure. 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 2 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.
- B. Received in formalin labeled "sigmoid colon" are 2 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 5 mm in aggregate.
- C. Received in formalin labeled "descending colon" are 6 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 2 mm in aggregate.
- D. Received in formalin labeled "transverse colon" are 3 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 4 mm in aggregate.
- E. Received in formalin labeled "ascending colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 4 mm in aggregate.

F. Received in formalin labeled "terminal ileum" are 3 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 4 mm in aggregate.

All specimens are entirely submitted in 3 cassette(s).

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:

A. Rectal mucosa shows moderate active chronic inflammation with crypt branching, crypt atrophy, and focal crypt abscesses. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Occasional apoptotic bodies are present in crypts.

B. Sigmoid colonic mucosa shows mild to moderate active chronic inflammation with severe cryptitis, crypt architectural distortion, and Paneth cell metaplasia. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Occasional apoptotic bodies are present in crypts.

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. Basal plasmacytosis is prominent.

D. Transverse colonic mucosa shows moderate active chronic inflammation with marked crypt architectural distortion, numerous crypt abscesses, and complete goblet cell depletion. Basal plasmacytosis is prominent.

E. Ascending colonic mucosa shows mild to moderate active chronic inflammation with diffuse crypt architectural distortion, crypt abscesses, and goblet cell depletion. Reactive epithelial changes are seen adjacent to areas of active inflammation.

F. Terminal ileal mucosa shows normal small intestinal mucosa with appropriate crypt to villous ratio. No evidence of chronic inflammatory bowel disease identified in this section. Terminal ileal mucosa shows mild active inflammation with neutrophilic cryptitis, likely representing backwash ileitis.

DIAGNOSIS:

A. Rectum, biopsy:

- moderate active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion and goblet cell depletion
- moderate consistent with ulcerative colitis
- No dysplasia identified
- No evidence of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection

B. Sigmoid colon, biopsy:

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

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

- moderate active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion
- Mild active ileitis, consistent with backwash ileitis in the setting of ulcerative colitis
- 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 histologic findings show classic features of ulcerative colitis with diffuse crypt architectural distortion and diffuse mucosal inflammation. The mild ileal inflammation in the context of pancolitis is consistent with backwash ileitis, which can be seen in ulcerative colitis and does not necessarily indicate Crohn's disease.

SPECIAL STUDIES:

Periodic acid-Schiff (PAS) stain is negative for fungal organisms.

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