

# SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REPORT [SYNTHETIC]

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## CLINICAL HISTORY:

64 year old female with 3 week 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 6 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 7 mm in aggregate.
- B. Received in formalin labeled "sigmoid colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.
- C. Received in formalin labeled "descending colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 7 mm in aggregate.
- D. Received in formalin labeled "transverse colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.
- E. Received in formalin labeled "ascending colon" are 4 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 4 mm in aggregate.

F. Received in formalin labeled "terminal ileum" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 3 mm in aggregate.

All specimens are entirely submitted in 4 cassette(s).

## **MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:**

A. Rectal mucosa shows fulminant active chronic inflammation with diffuse neutrophilic cryptitis, crypt abscesses, and epithelial injury. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Occasional apoptotic bodies are present in crypts. In addition to the chronic inflammatory changes, there are numerous neutrophils and pseudomembranes suspicious for superimposed *Clostridioides difficile* infection.

B. Sigmoid colonic mucosa shows moderate to severe active chronic inflammation with marked crypt architectural distortion, numerous crypt abscesses, and complete goblet cell depletion. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Mucosal edema and congestion are present.

C. Descending colonic 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. Reactive epithelial changes are seen adjacent to areas of active inflammation.

D. Transverse colonic mucosa shows moderate active chronic inflammation with diffuse crypt architectural distortion, crypt abscesses, and 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. Mucosal edema and congestion are present.

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:***

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

- No evidence of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection

### ***B. Sigmoid colon, biopsy:***

- moderate to severe active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion and goblet cell depletion
- moderate to 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
- Features suggestive of superimposed *Clostridioides difficile* infection
- 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 histologic features suggestive of superimposed *Clostridioides difficile* infection should be correlated with clinical presentation and stool testing.

## **SPECIAL STUDIES:**

Immunohistochemical stain for p53 shows no evidence of dysplasia-associated molecular alterations. Gram stain highlights numerous gram-positive bacilli morphologically consistent with *Clostridioides difficile*.

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