SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REPORT [SYNTHETIC]

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CLINICAL HISTORY:

72 year old male with 5 year history of bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, and urgency. Colonoscopy showed pancolitis with diffuse ulceration and spontaneous bleeding. 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 4 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.

B. Received in formalin labeled "sigmoid colon" are 2 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 7 mm in aggregate.

C. Received in formalin labeled "descending colon" are 3 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 2 mm in aggregate.

D. Received in formalin labeled "transverse colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 8 mm in aggregate.

E. Received in formalin labeled "ascending colon" are 3 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 5 mm in aggregate.

F. Received in formalin labeled "terminal ileum" are 3 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.

All specimens are entirely submitted in 5 cassette(s).

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:

A. Rectal mucosa shows moderate to severe 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.

B. Sigmoid colonic mucosa shows severe 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 Paneth cell metaplasia is noted. Focally, the colonic epithelium shows nuclear enlargement, hyperchromasia, and architectural complexity suspicious for low-grade dysplasia.

C. Descending colonic mucosa shows moderate to severe 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. Lamina propria shows increased plasma cells and lymphocytes.

D. Transverse colonic mucosa shows moderate active chronic inflammation with diffuse crypt architectural distortion, crypt abscesses, and goblet cell depletion. Lamina propria shows increased plasma cells and lymphocytes.

E. Ascending colonic mucosa shows mild 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. Areas of crypt dropout and lamina propria fibrosis are present, suggesting chronicity and possible treatment effect.

F. Terminal ileal mucosa shows essentially normal ileal mucosa with intact villous architecture and no active inflammation. No evidence of chronic inflammatory bowel disease identified in this section.

DIAGNOSIS:

A. Rectum, 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
- 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 to severe active chronic colitis with crypt architectural distortion
- Focal low-grade dysplasia identified
- Features consistent with ulcerative colitis
- No dysplasia identified

F. Terminal ileum, biopsy:

- Mild non-specific inflammation
- Changes consistent with chronicity and treatment effect
- 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 presence of low-grade dysplasia warrants close clinical follow-up and surveillance colonoscopy according to established guidelines for IBD-associated dysplasia. Histologic features suggesting chronicity and treatment effect are present. Correlation with treatment history is recommended.

SPECIAL STUDIES:

Immunohistochemical stain for p53 shows no evidence of dysplasia-associated molecular alterations. p53 immunohistochemical stain shows focal overexpression in areas of dysplasia.