

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REPORT [SYNTHETIC]

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CLINICAL HISTORY:

51 year old female with 2 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 6 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 7 mm in aggregate.
- B. Received in formalin labeled "sigmoid colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 5 mm in aggregate.
- C. Received in formalin labeled "descending colon" are 3 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 8 mm in aggregate.
- D. Received in formalin labeled "transverse colon" are 5 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 3 mm in aggregate.
- E. Received in formalin labeled "ascending colon" are 4 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 6 mm in aggregate.

F. Received in formalin labeled "terminal ileum" are 6 tan-pink tissue fragments measuring 4 mm in aggregate.

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

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:

A. Rectal mucosa shows severe active chronic inflammation with marked epithelial injury, neutrophilic cryptitis, and basal lymphoplasmacytosis. The inflammatory process is limited to the mucosa without evidence of granulomas. Basal plasmacytosis is prominent.

B. Sigmoid colonic mucosa shows mild to moderate 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. Basal plasmacytosis is prominent. Terminal ileal mucosa shows mild active inflammation with neutrophilic cryptitis, likely representing backwash ileitis.

C. Descending colonic mucosa shows moderate 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. No evidence of dysplasia is identified.

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 active chronic inflammation with crypt architectural distortion and crypt abscesses. Basal plasmacytosis is prominent.

F. Terminal ileal mucosa shows minimal increase in lamina propria lymphoplasmacytic infiltrates, likely reactive. No evidence of chronic inflammatory bowel disease identified in this section.

DIAGNOSIS:

A. Rectum, biopsy:

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

F. Terminal ileum, biopsy:

- Mild non-specific inflammation
- Mild active ileitis, consistent with backwash ileitis in the setting of ulcerative colitis
- 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 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:

CD3 and CD20 immunostains show a normal distribution of T and B lymphocytes without evidence of lymphoma.

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