



## Pulmonary Interstitial Lung Disease & Broncho Alveolar Lavage

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## Patient with pulmonary complain « clinical list »

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- Infection
- Bronchopathies, COPD, Asthma
- Respiratory Insufficiency, Emphysema
- Cancer, I & II
- Diseases due to environmental exposure
  - Tobacco, pollution, toxic gases
  - Drug induced and hospital acquired
  - Professionally induced
- Inflammatory Diseases

## Diseased lung under the microscope

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- Cancer, I & II
- Inflammatory Diseases, Interstitial Lung Diseases
- Infection
- Diseases due to environmental exposure
  
- *Bronchopathies, COPD, Asthma*
- *Respiratory Insufficiency, Emphysema*

## Infiltrative Lung Diseases *Definition*

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- Patient:
  - cough, shortness of breath, general malaise
  - no pulmonary complain
  - extra pulmonary (systemic disease)
- Thoracic Imaging: ground glass, reticulation, airway ectasia, honey combing, **ILD**
- Lung Function: restrictive or obstructive syndrome, CO diffusion capacity, altered lung volumes
- Blood tests: hematosi, eosinophils, immuno tests

## Specimens sent to the pathologist

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- Bronchoscopy: *airways & peripheral*
  - BB, TBB
  - Bronchial aspirates
  - Lavage, BAL
  - Echo guided mediastinal biopsies
- Echo guided TBNB: cyto & microB: *nodes*
- CT guided TTNB: (*localized*)
- Surgical lung biopsy: *CT scan correlated, upper & lower lobes*

## Under the microscope

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1. Method, "semipath": microsemiology is an alphabet and entities or patterns are words
2. Clinical information, biology tests & imaging report are necessary for a proper diagnosis
3. Path Report :
  - diagnosis of a disease
  - or of lung pattern
4. Second look, follow up
5. Beware of: infection & tumor

## Lung biopsy observation

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- Bird's eye and dive : pleura, lobular septae, alveolar, vessels & small airways, lymphatics
- Distribution: bronchocentric, lymphatic tracks, at random, diffuse or nodular
- Details: cell type, in the lumens or alveoli walls & septae
- Granulomas: type, fusion, necrosis
- Hemorrhage
- Dating: acute, cellular, organizing, fibrotic, remodeling, mutilation

## If the lung looks normal ...check

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- Pleura, lymphatics
- Smooth muscle
- Vessels:
  - Structure: capillaries, veins : *vasculopathy*
  - Intra vascular tumor: lymphoma or carcinoma
- Small airways: lobule up to airways, airways down to the lobule
- Look for neuro endocrine hyperplasia
- Many extraordinary cases ...

## Inflammatory lung disorder

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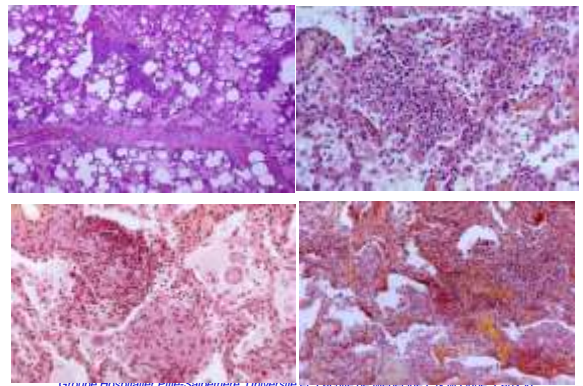
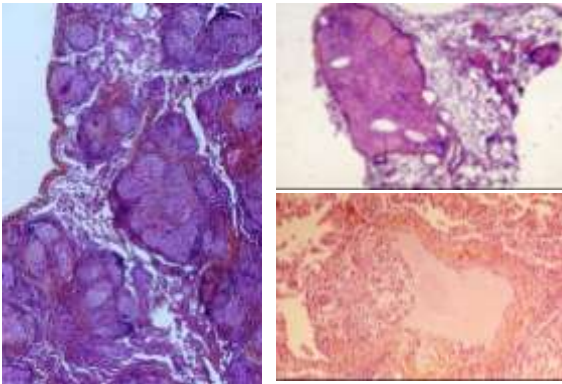
### Next step:

1. Recognition of an entity / disease
2. Pattern of disease
  - Correlation , follow up
  - Idiopathic
  - Related to ...

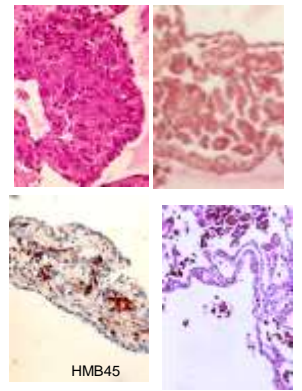
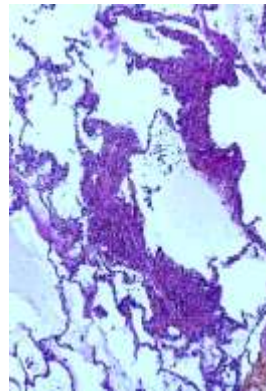
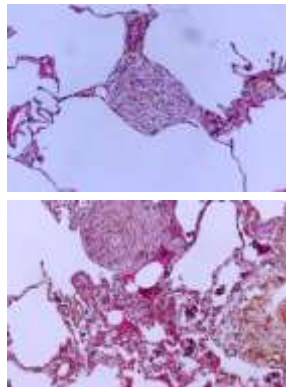
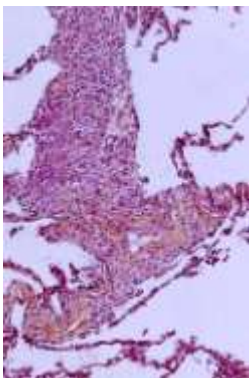
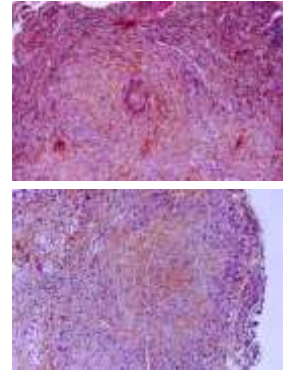
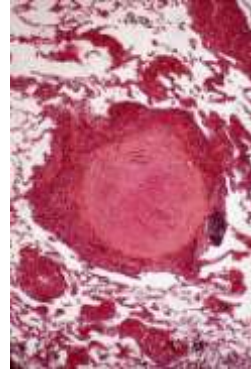
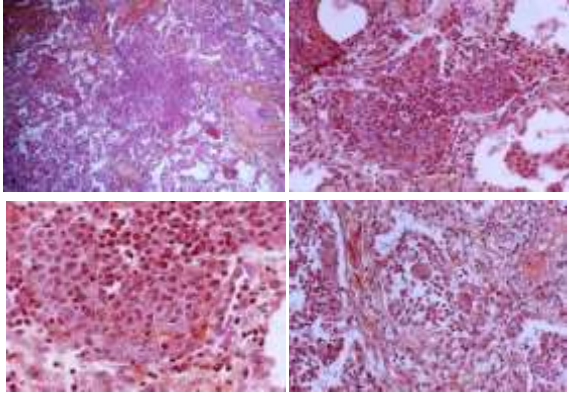
## Specific diseases or well defined entities, keys & clues for a Dg

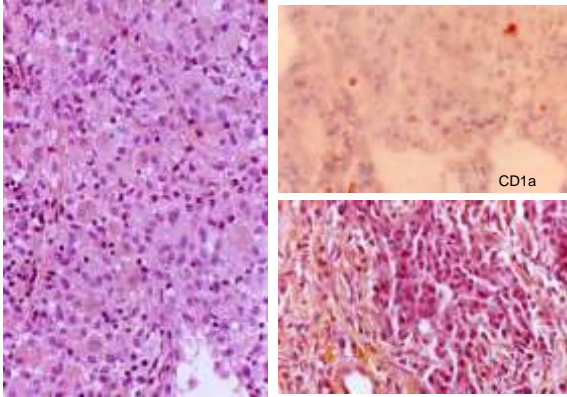
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- Sarcoidosis
- Extrinsic alveolitis & hypersensitivity pneumonitis
- Eosinophilic pneumonia
- Pneumoconioses
- Lung histiocytosis: Langerhans gr., Chester Erdheim, Rosai Dorfman
- LAM, STB
- Angiitis
- Alveolar proteinosis
- Amyloidosis



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## Inflammatory lung

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### 1. Recognition of an entity / disease

### 2. Pattern of disease:

- Describe
- Classification
- Comment

## Classification of Idiopathic Pneumonia ATS / ERS

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### Pathology patterns

- Usual Interstitial Pneumonia
- Non specific Interstitial Pneumonia
- Organizing Pneumonia
- Diffuse Alveolar Damage
- Respiratory Bronchiolitis Associated lung Disease
- Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia
- Lymphoid Interstitial Pneumonia

### Clinical

- Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonia
- Cryptogenic Organizing Pneumonia
- Acute Interstitial Pneumonia
- Respiratory Bronchiolitis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease (RB-ILD)
- Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia
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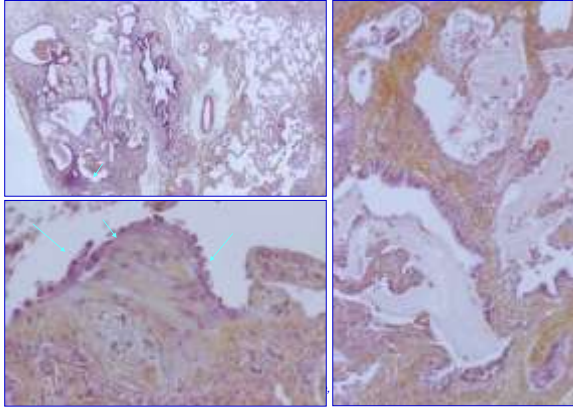
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## Idiopathic pneumonias

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- Usual Interstitial Pneumonia
- Non specific Interstitial Pneumonia (*waiting list, to be specified*)
- Organizing Pneumonia (BOOP)
- Diffuse Alveolar Damage (ARDS)
- Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia DIP (< smokers)
- Respiratory Bronchiolitis Associated LD
- Lymphocytic Interstitial Pneumonia (*Lymphoid pathology*)

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## Idiopathic pneumonias

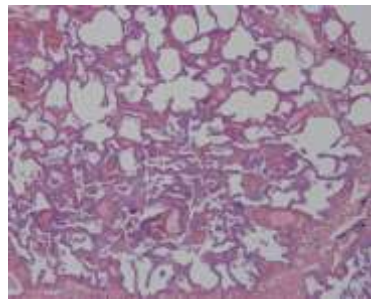
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## NSIP

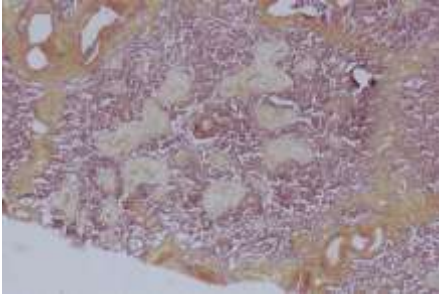
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## Organizing Pneumonia

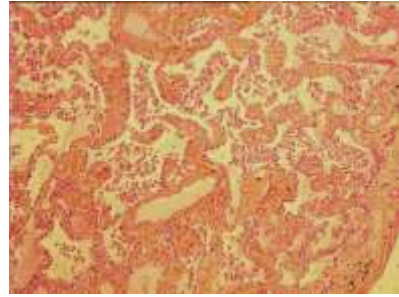
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## Desquamative interstitial pneumonia DIP

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## Complementary entities

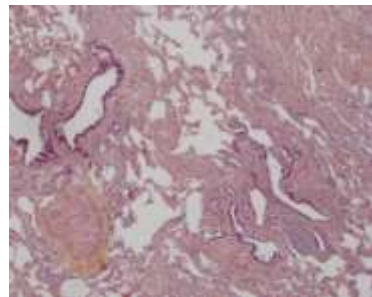
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- Airway Centered Interstitial fibrosis
- Bronchiolitis centered fibrosis
- NSIP:
  - HSP, or pre dysimmune
  - Dysimmune
- HSP-like pattern

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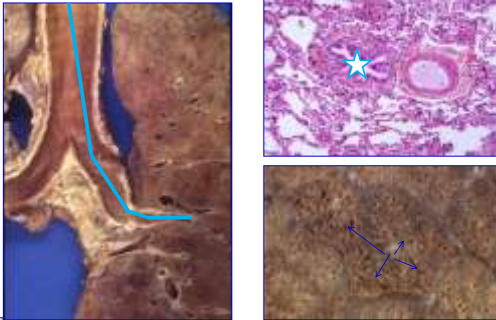
## ASIP, bronchocentric fibrotic LD

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## Broncho Alveolar Lavage BAL



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## Technical procedure

- Volume:
- Aspect:
- Cellularity
- Cellular differential cell count/200/400
- Cytology
- Iron load of macrophages
- Cell pellet in paraffin bloc
- Standardized report
- Integrated & BB or TBB biopsy, B. aspirate reporting
- Simple +++



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## BAL, br. washing, br. aspirate

### BAL procedure:

- 200, 300 ml
- 60 %
- Cellular counting
- Cytology
- *ILD*
- *Multifocal*

### Bronchial washing:

- Less than 40 ml
- Cytology
- Localized lesion

### Aspirate:

- Cytology
- Large indication

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Stains, IHC, ISH, ...  
DNA, bloc banking ...

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## Path Lab work up: Clinical back ground

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- BAL & Chronic ILD:
  - Regular standardized report
- BAL & Acute ILD:
  - Acute care
  - Emergency
  - Reporting according to the situation

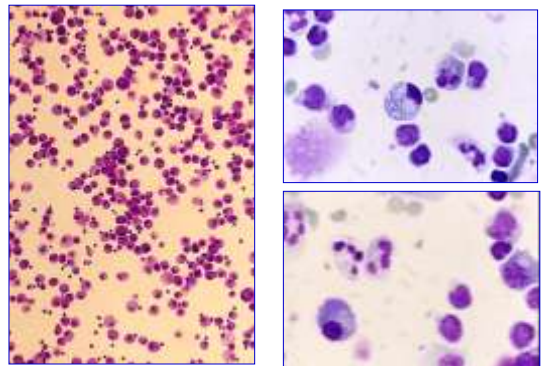
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## BAL: high cell count

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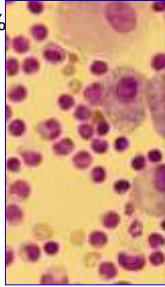
- Smokers, tobacco, others, nargille
- Dust exposure
- ILD chronic
- Alveolar resumption: edema, post pneumonia
- Diseased lung
- DIP, LIP, COP

## Cells in BAL



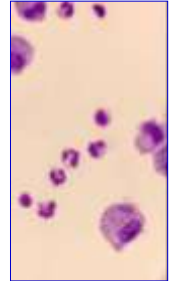
## BAL: Lymphocytes

- Sarcoidosis: CD4 >, 30%
- Hypersensitivity pn.: CD8>, 30 à 85%
- Pneumoconioses
  
- COP, NSIP, LIP
  
- CTD
- Drug induced
- Infection, tumor
- ...



## PMN & BAL *other than infection*

- Chronic ILD / Lung fibrosis:
  - Active disease
  - Airway ectasia
- HSP: exposure to allergen
- Angiitis
- ARDS & DAD
- Dust disease
- CTD
- Bronchitis & bronchiolitis



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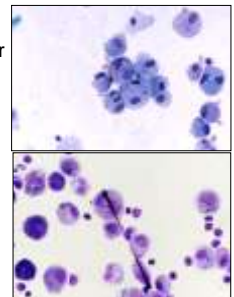
## BAL: Eosinophils

- Asthma
- Carrington's, Churg et Strauss'
- Drug induced pn.
- Acute eosinophilic pn.
- Allergic BrPn / aspergilus
- Primary fibrosis
- Tropical lung
- Peripheral eosinophilia



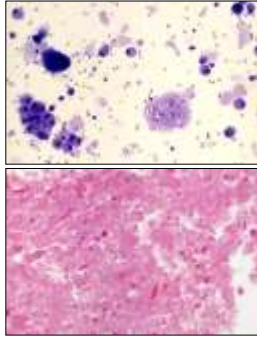
## BAL: asbestos bodies

- Fibers: ferruginous coat
- Many shapes: fragmented, annular
- Visible: iron stain, DQ, Ppap
  
- Exposure:
  - 3 ab / ml
  - 1 ab/ slide



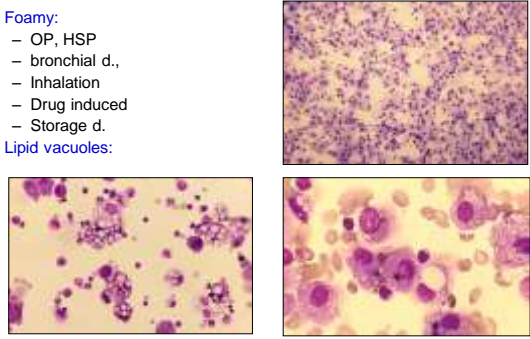
## BAL: alveolar proteinosis

- Milky
- Aggregates, dense bodies
- Cell pellet: LPA material, eosinophilic bodies clefts
- Look for: dust, pathogens



## Fat in macrophages

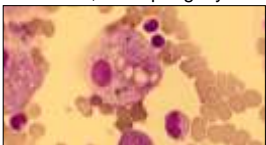
- Foamy:
  - OP, HSP
  - bronchial d.,
  - Inhalation
  - Drug induced
  - Storage d.
- Lipid vacuoles:



## Alveolar hemorrhage *cytological*

### Active

- RBC, hemophagocytosis



### Occult

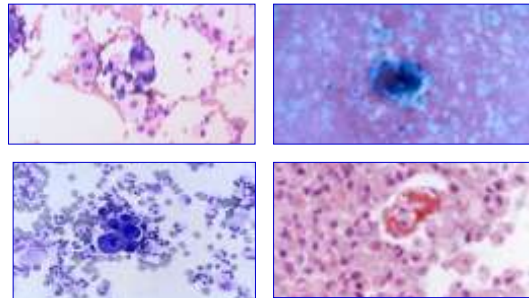
- Iron load, Golde's >100



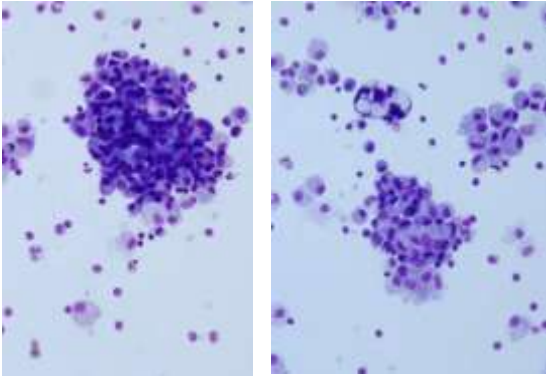
### Persistent

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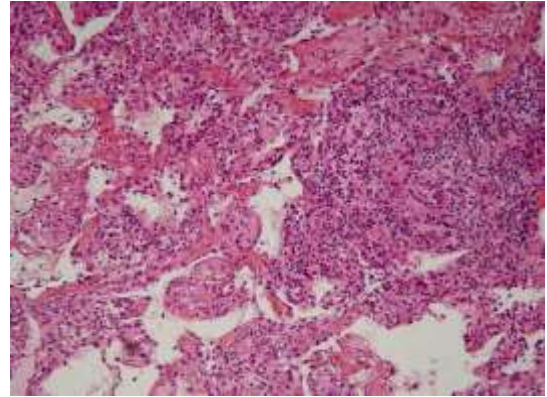
## Acute alveolar damage *cytological*



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## Immune alveolitis / GHPS results

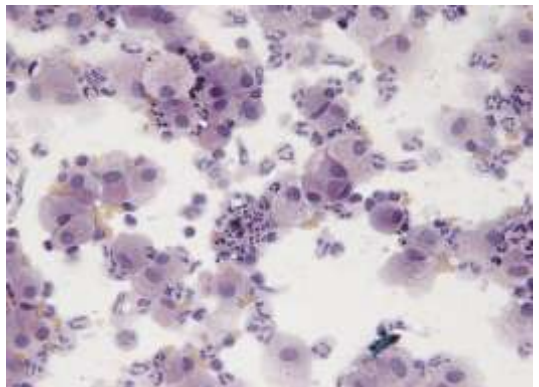
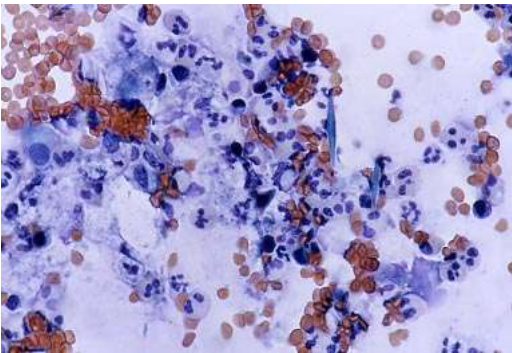
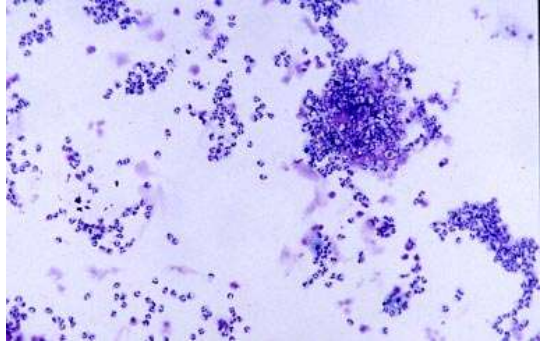
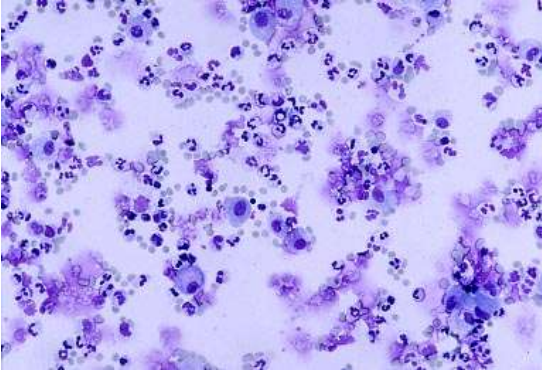
- Cellularity +
- Lymphocytes +
  - LGL
  - Activated lymphocytes
  - Plasmacytoid lymphocytes
- Mast cells
- Foamy macrophages
- Cell aggregates: included Lc, epithelioid, giant cells
- Alveolar damage, hyaline membranes
- Non specific, clue for ...

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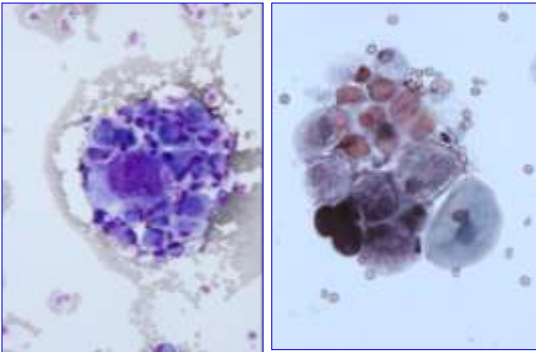
## Immune alveolitis / GHPS results

- Correlation:
  - EAA
  - Drug induced
  - CTD
  - Dysimmune state, IDS
  - Post viral
  - Sarcoidosis ?
- ARDS: valuable consideration

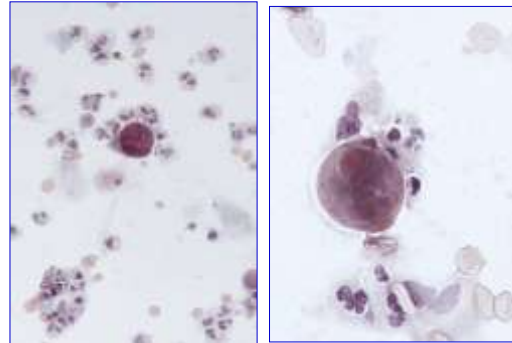
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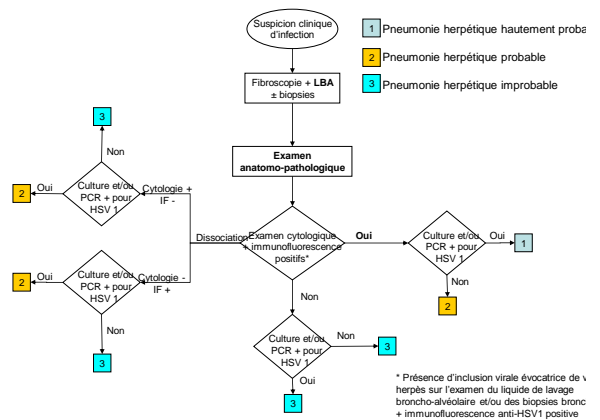


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## BAL HSV *br.pneumonia*

- Acute pn.
- BAL wok up for mainly infectious work up
- HSV cytology added to MB
- HSV1 or 2
- HSV sub type same as URA same patient
- Acquired, treatment

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## BAL reporting

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- Integrated with BB & TBB
- Cellular predominant, *do not assimilate with a histological denomination:*
  - Lymphocytes
  - Eosinophils
  - PMN , *not always indicative of infection*
  - Gaint cells
- Cytological profile:
  - Storage, hemorrhage
  - Immune alveolitis, smokers alveolitis
  - AD, HSV, AP, AB,

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## Conclusion

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- BAL non invasive, easy to perform
- Not representative of the whole lung
- Primary diagnostic work up, can be repeated
- Sometimes no SLB is done: if BAL & clinical & radiological data, correlate, & follow up
- Alveolar >>> AP and EP chronic or acute
- SLB if necessary, BALs non conclusive
- BAL & Thoracic imaging: integrated diagnosis
- Best evaluation by a lung pathologist, experience

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