

Molekulares Profiling von Schilddrüsentumoren

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**Claude L. Pierre Masson
1880 - 1959**

“No classification is more difficult to establish than that of thyroid [carcinomas]. Of all cancers, they teach, perhaps, the greatest lessons of humility to histopathologists”.

Histological Typing of Thyroid Tumours (WHO 1988)

1 Epithelial tumours

1.1 *Benign*

1.1.1 Follicular adenoma

1.1.2 Others

1.2 *Malignant*

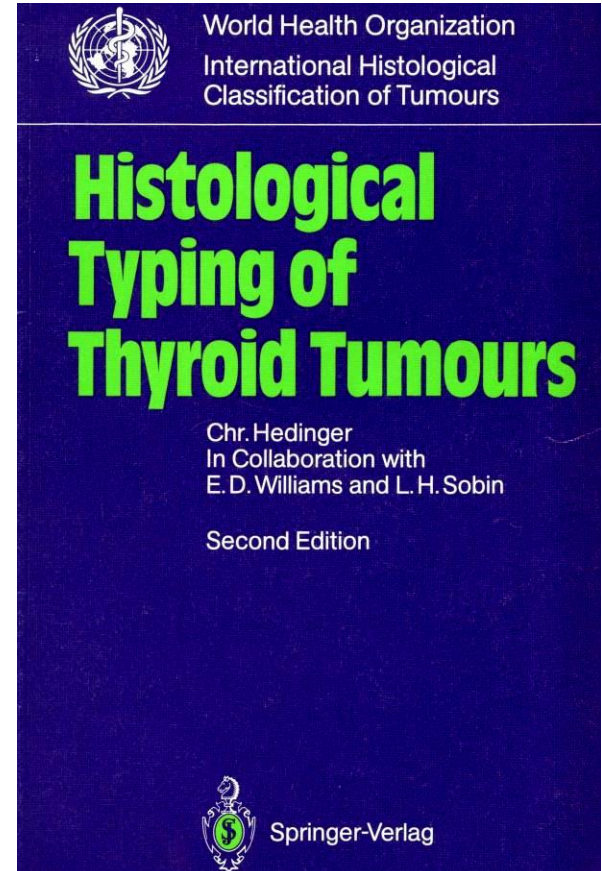
1.2.1 Follicular carcinoma

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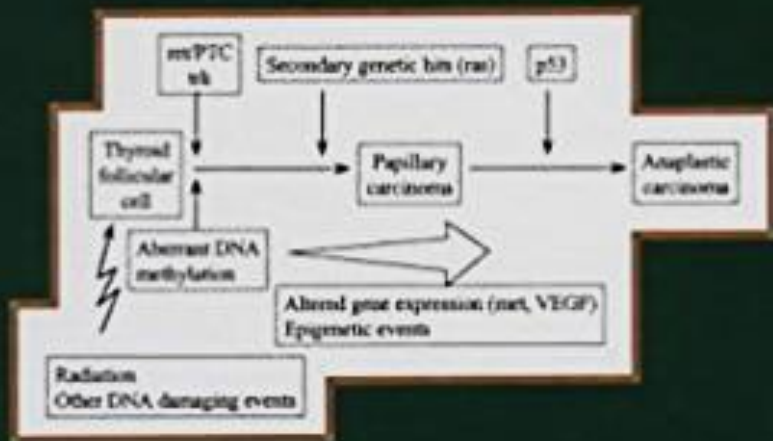
1.2.3 Medullary carcinoma (C-cell carcinoma)

1.2.4 Undifferentiated (anaplastic) carcinoma

1.2.5 Others



THYROID CANCER

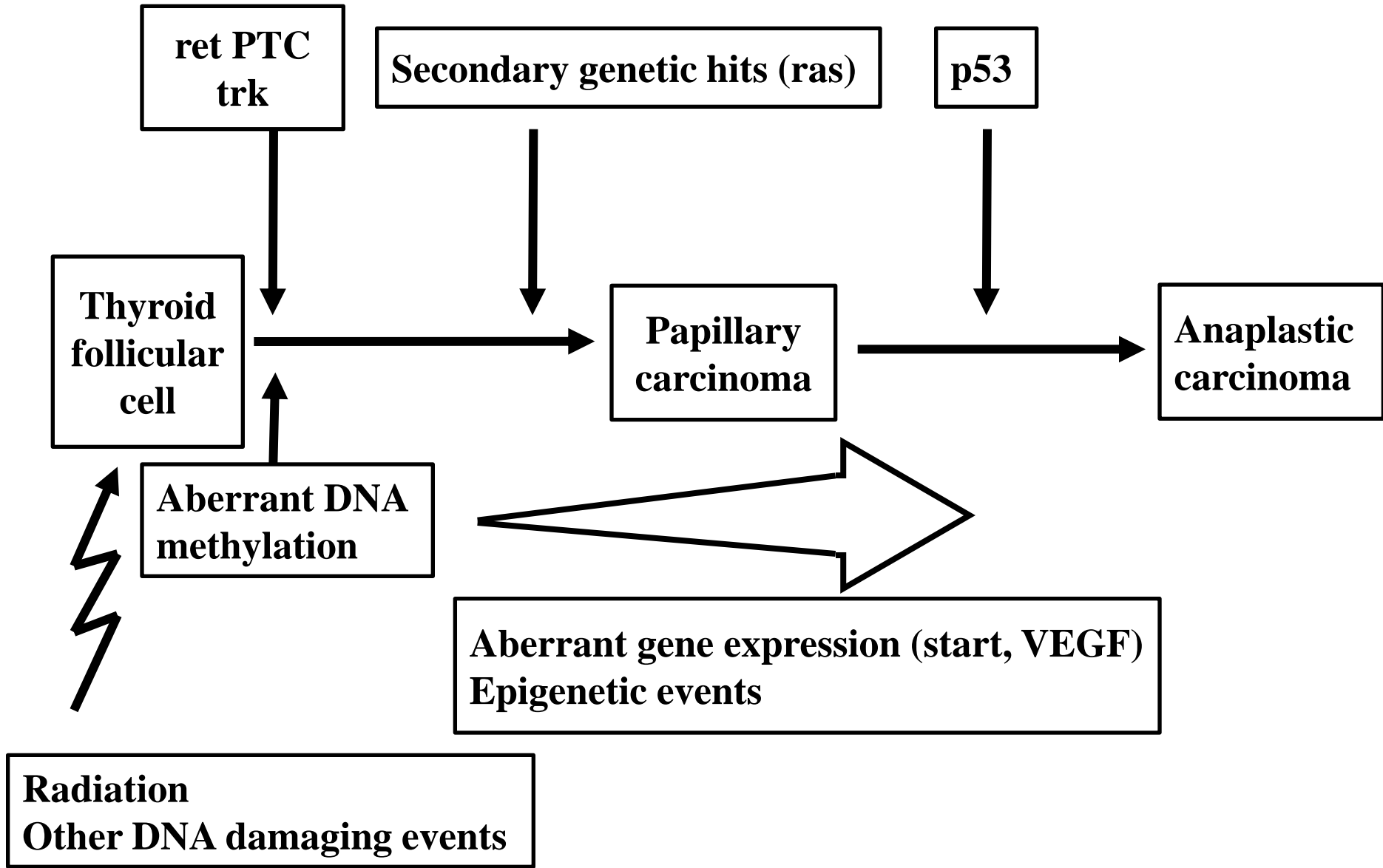


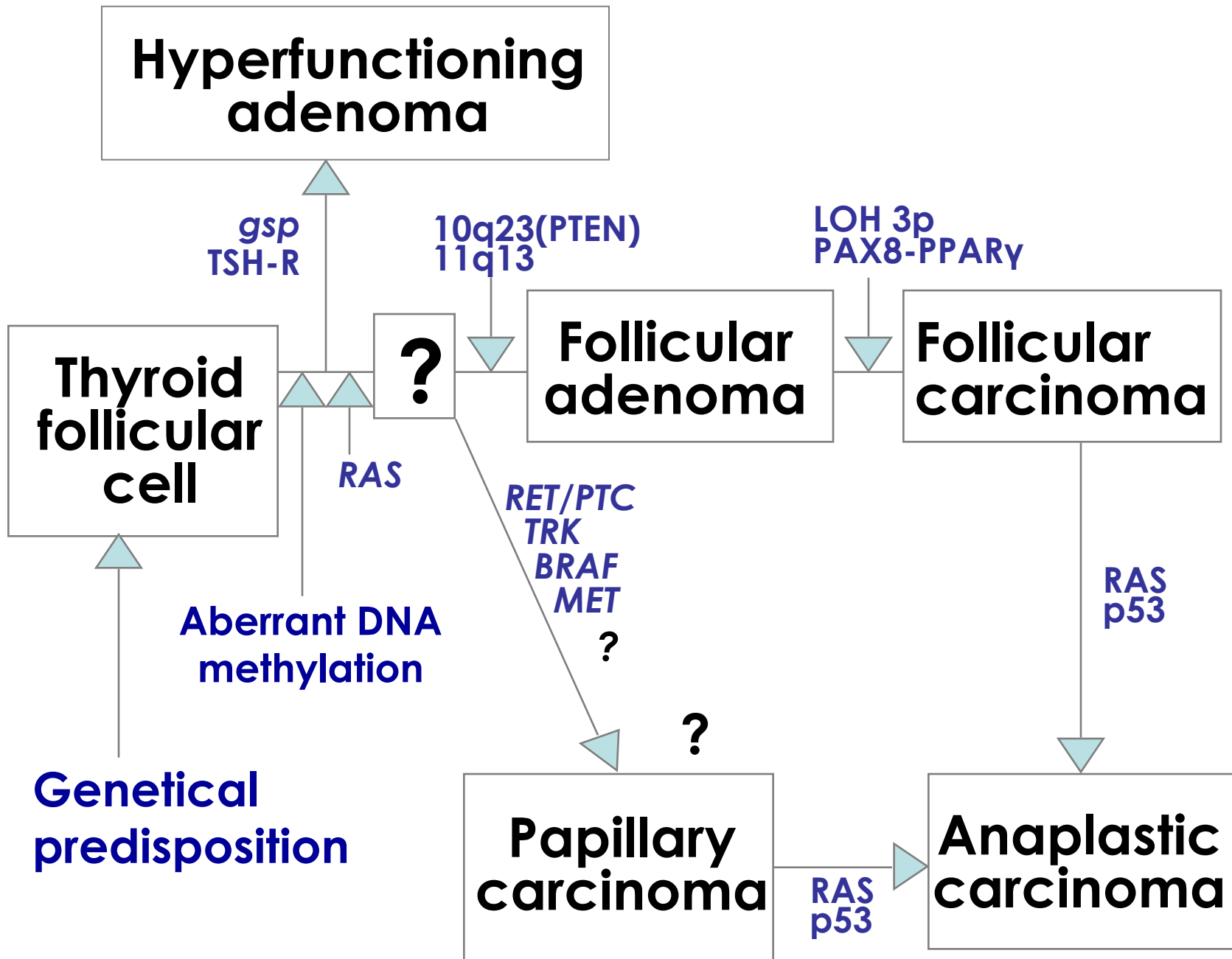
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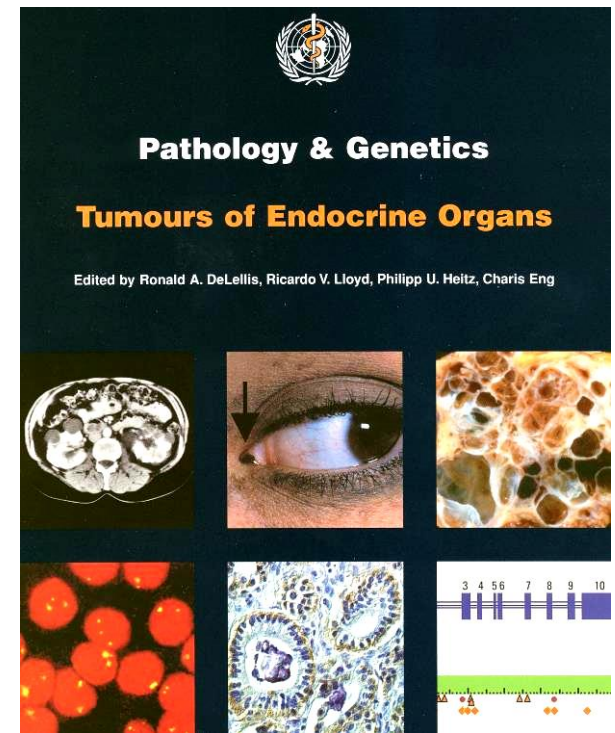
WHO Histological Classification of Thyroid Tumours (2004)

- **Thyroid carcinoma**

- Papillary carcinoma
- Follicular carcinoma
- Poorly differentiated carcinoma
- Anaplastic carcinoma
- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Mucoepidermoid carcinoma
- Sclerosing mucoepidermoid carcinoma with eosinophilia
- Mucinous carcinoma
- Medullary carcinoma
- Mixed medullary and follicular cell carcinoma
- Spindle cell tumour with thymus-like differentiation
- Carcinoma showing thymus-like differentiation

- **Thyroid adenoma and related tumours**

- Follicular adenoma
- Hyalinizing trabecular tumour



- **Other thyroid tumours**

- Teratoma
- Primary lymphoma and plasmocytoma
- Ectopic thymoma
- Angiosarcoma
- Smooth muscle tumours
- Peripheral nerve sheath tumours
- Paraganglioma
- Solitary fibrous tumour
- Follicular dendritic cell tumour
- Langerhans cell histiocytosis
- Secondary tumours

Classification of thyroid carcinomas

WHO 2004

The traditional separation of thyroid carcinoma into the major groups papillary, follicular, medullary, and anaplastic carcinoma, based on morphology and clinical features, is strongly supported by the involvement of distinct genes in these four groups, with little overlap.

Exceptions

WHO 2004

- Follicular variant of PTC
- FAP-associated thyroid carcinoma
- Primary thyroidsquamous carcinoma
- Mucoepidermoid carcinoma

- Poorly differentiated thyroid carcinoma

Thyroid Carcinoma

I. Carcinomas of follicular cell origin

A. Well differentiated carcinoma

1. Papillary carcinoma

a. Conventional type

b. Variants (15)

2. Follicular carcinoma

a. Minimally invasive carcinoma

b. Widely invasive carcinoma

3. NOS (not otherwise specified)

B. Poorly differentiated carcinoma

C. Anaplastic (undifferentiated) carcinoma

II. Carcinomas of C cell origin

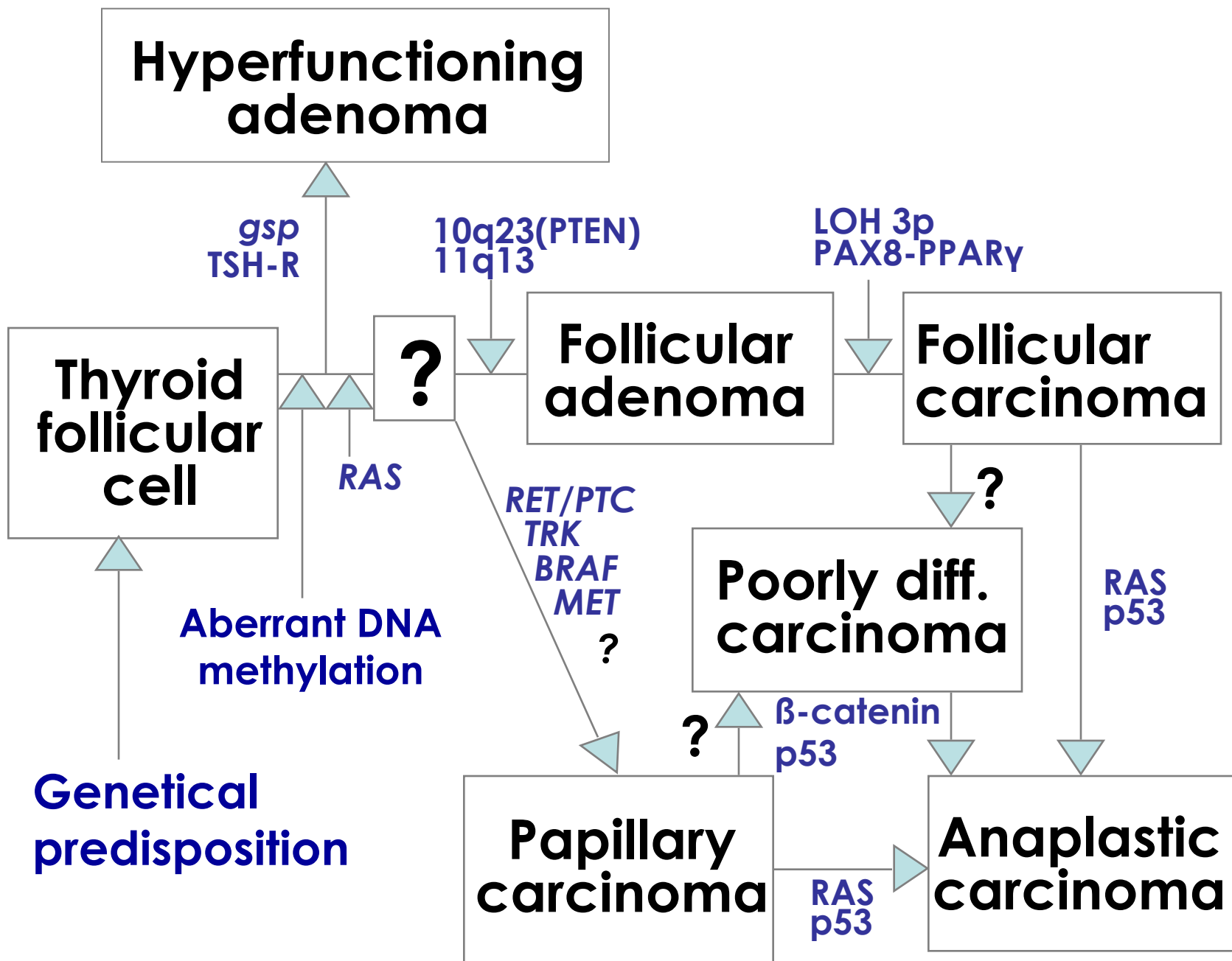
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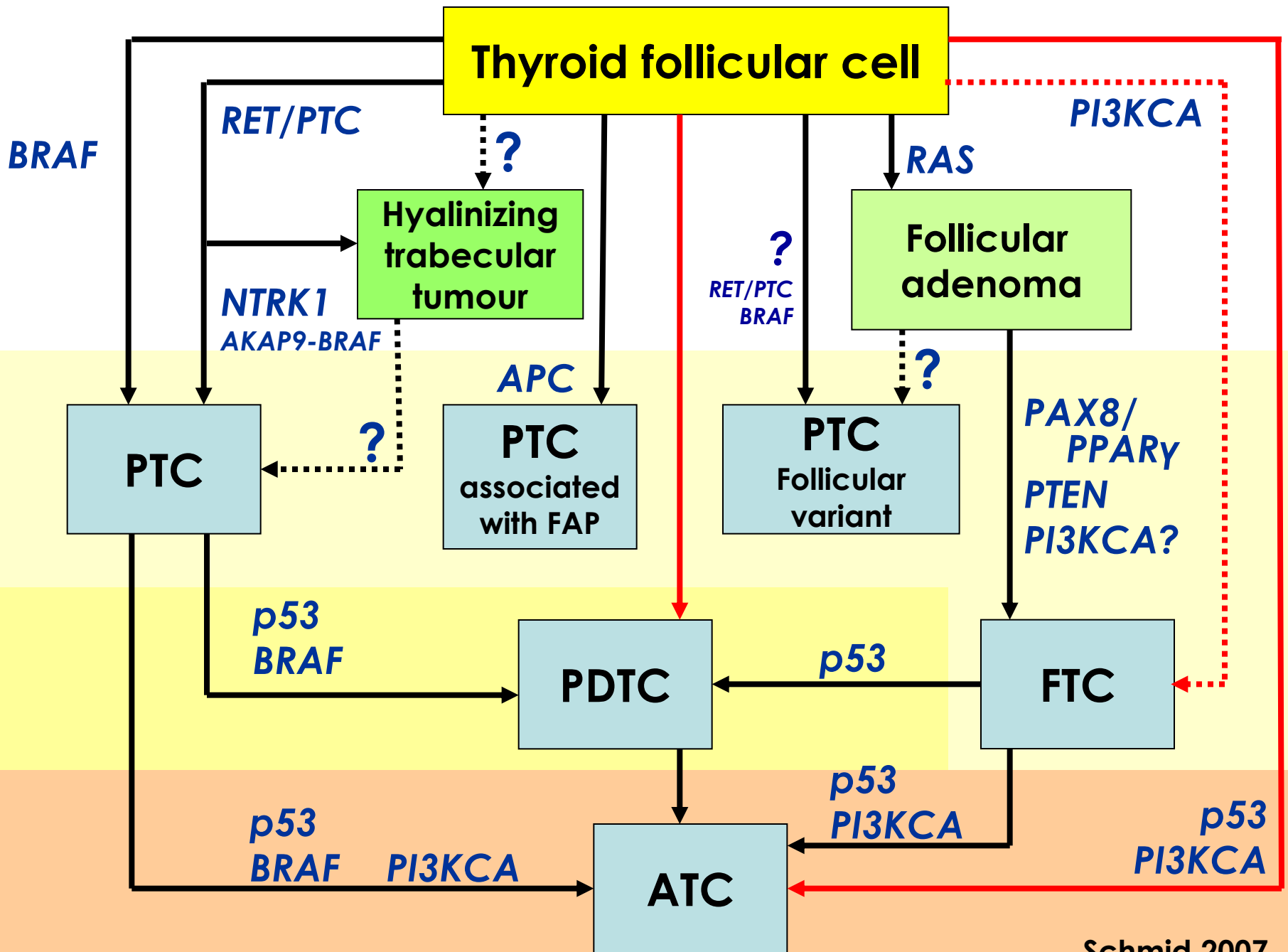
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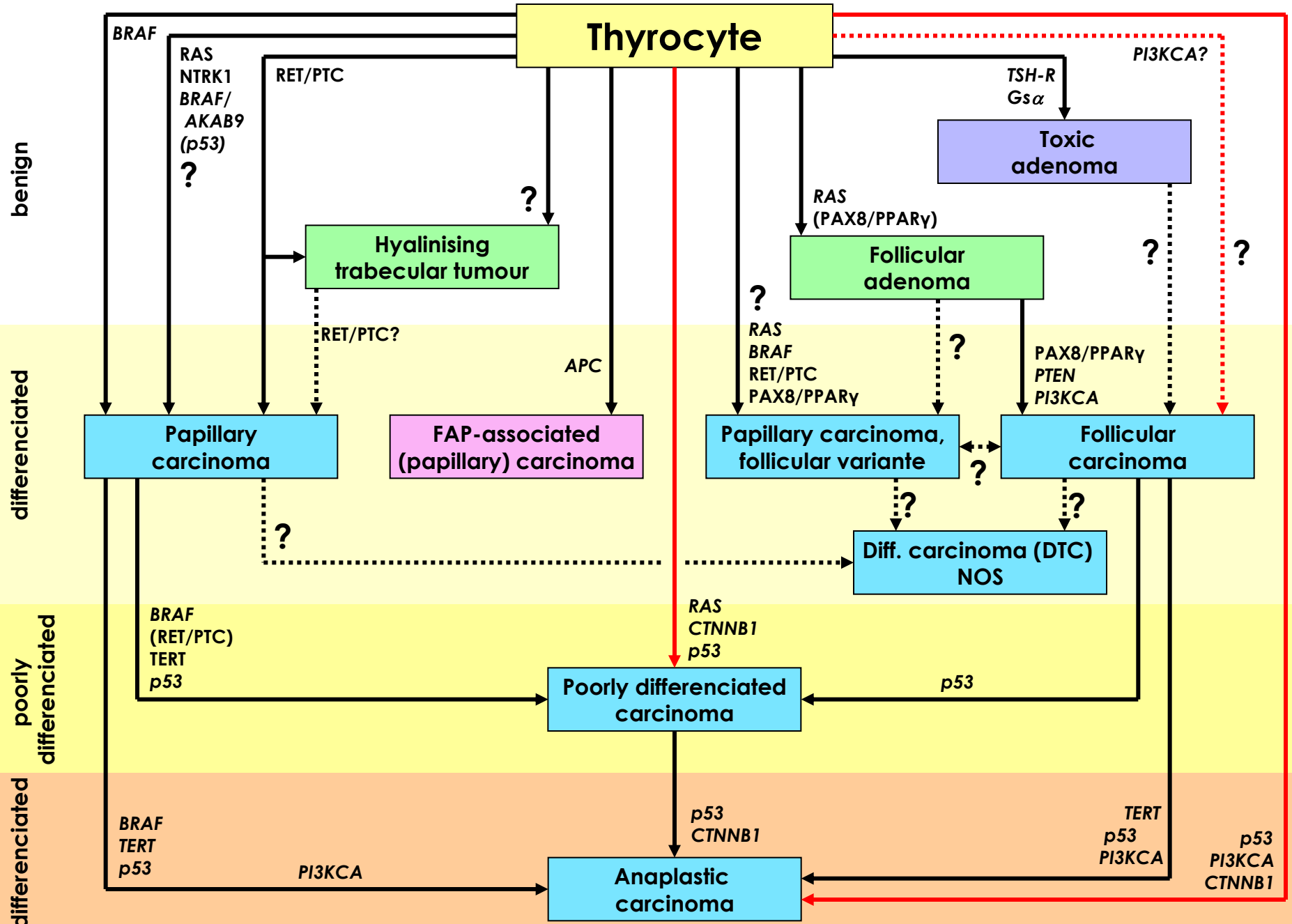
b. Hereditary (MEN2, FMTC)

2. Mixed C cell - follicular cell origin

III. Rare thyroid carcinomas







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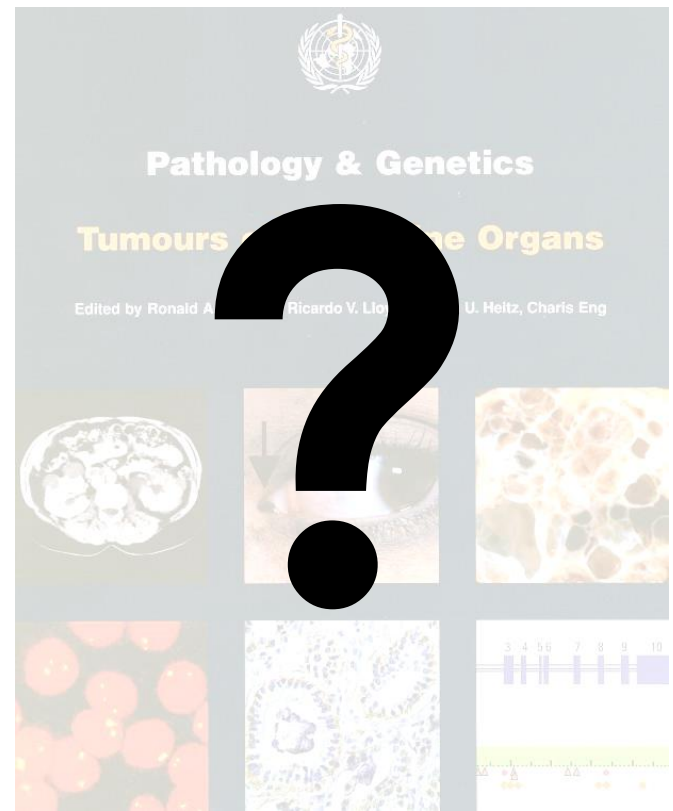
- Follicular adenoma
- Hurthle cell adenoma
- Hyalinizing trabecular tumour
- Other encapsulated follicular patterned thyroid tumours

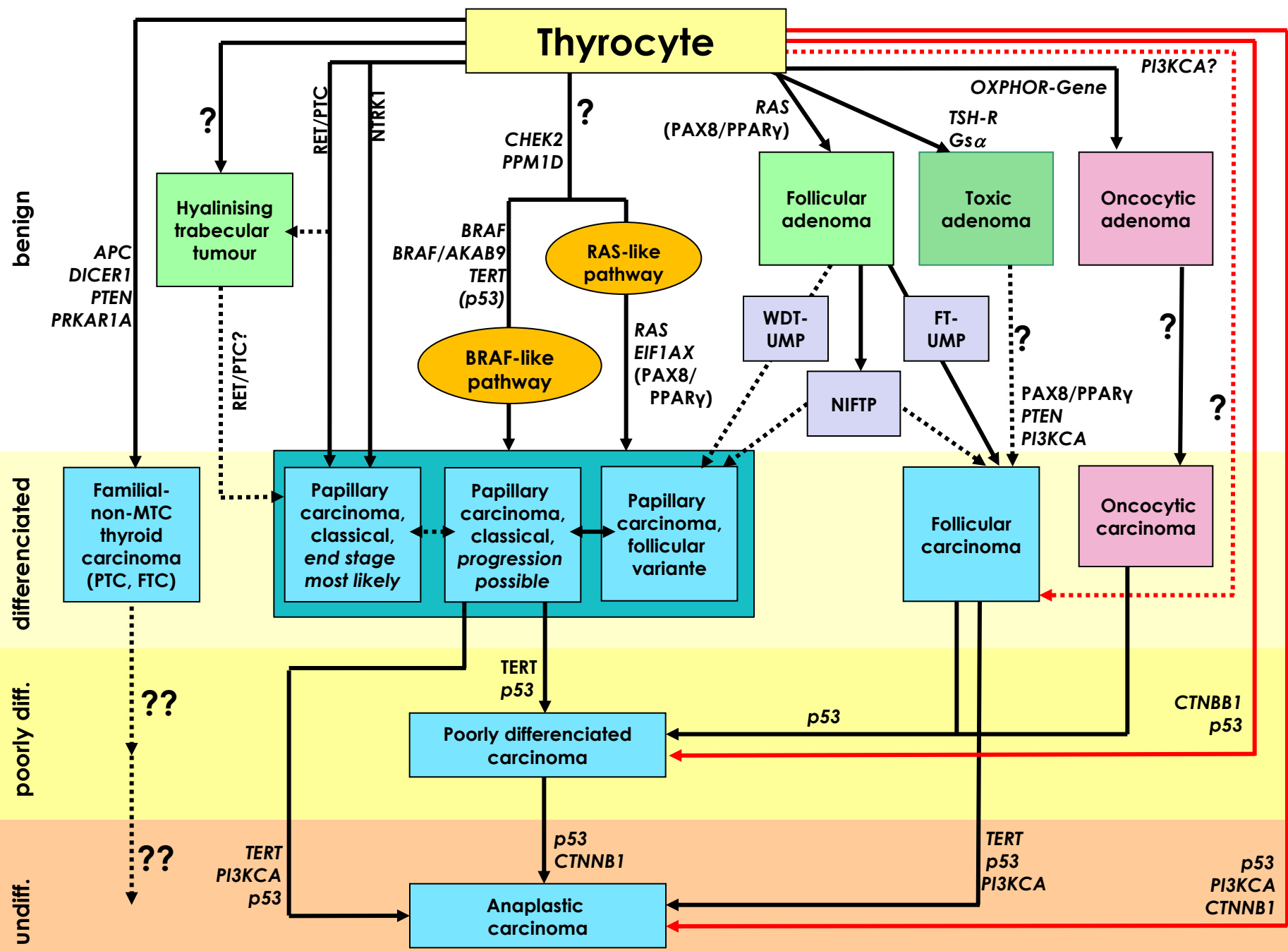
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- Intrathyroidal epithelial thymoma
- Mesenchymal and stromal tumours
- Haematologic tumours
- Germ cell tumours
- Secondary Tumours





Papillary thyroid carcinoma Genetic alterations	% of PTC
BRAF point mutation V600E <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional type (~60%) • Tall cell variant (70 – 80%) • Oncocytic variant (0 – 55%) • Follicular variant (~10%) • Diffuse sclerosing variant (0%) 	40 – 45%
BRAF point mutation K601E <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost exclusively found in follicular variant of PTC 	Very rare
RET/PTC Rearrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type 1 (60 – 70%) • Type 3 (20 – 30%) • Other (rare) types (<5%) 	10 – 20%
NTRK	5 – 10%
RAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost exclusively found in follicular variant of PTC 	15 – 20%

Original Investigation

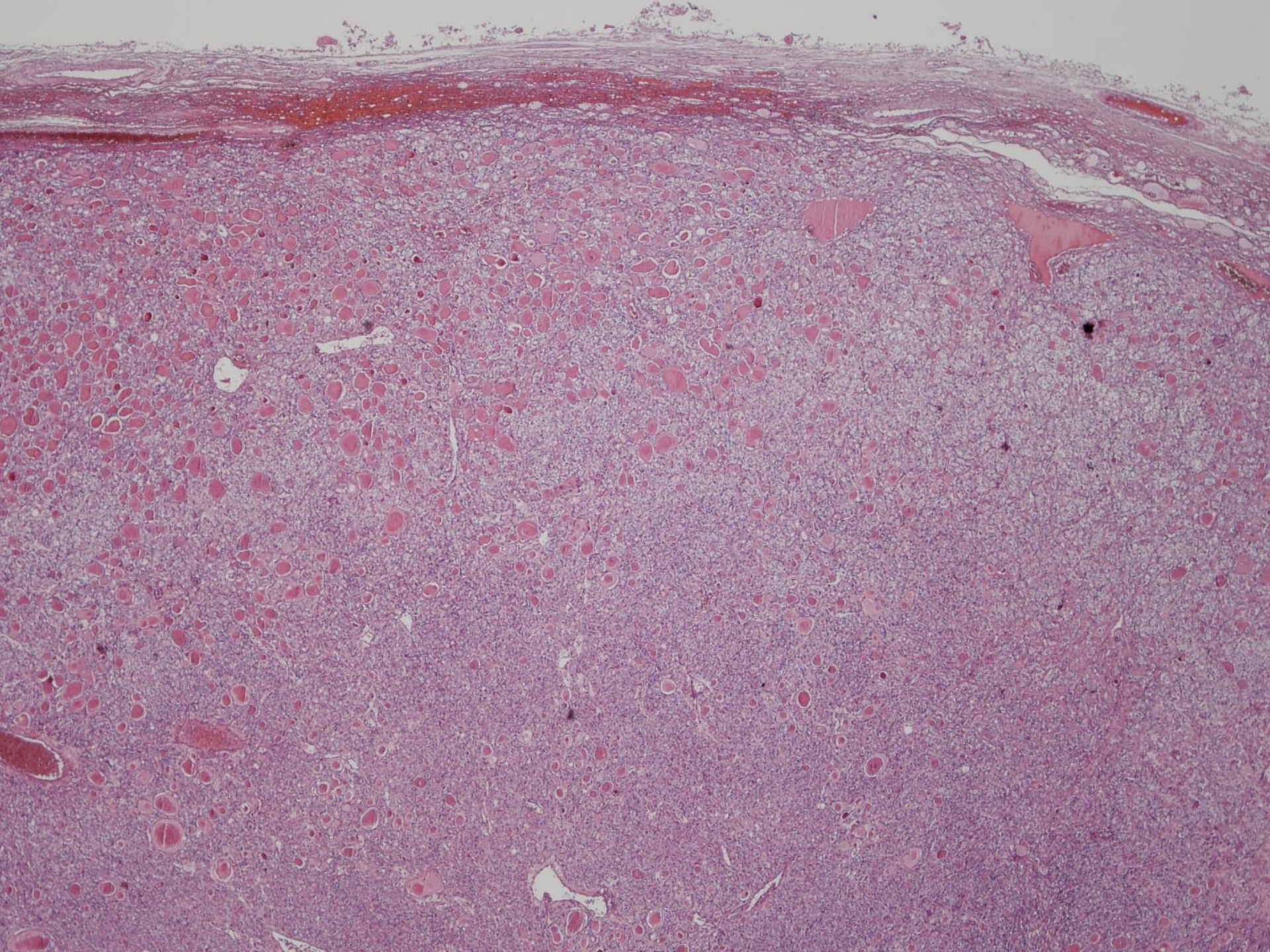
Nomenclature Revision for Encapsulated Follicular Variant of Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma

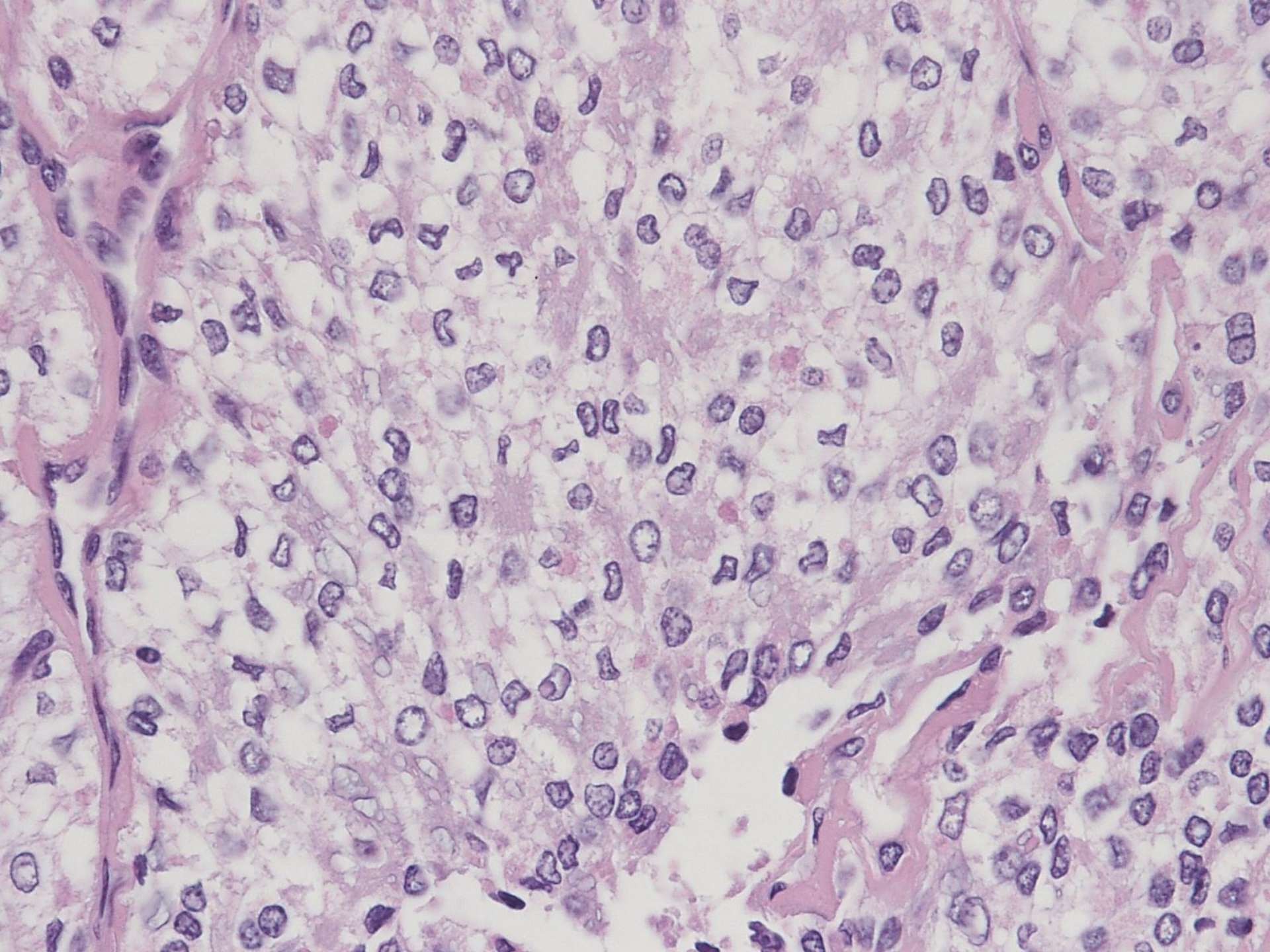
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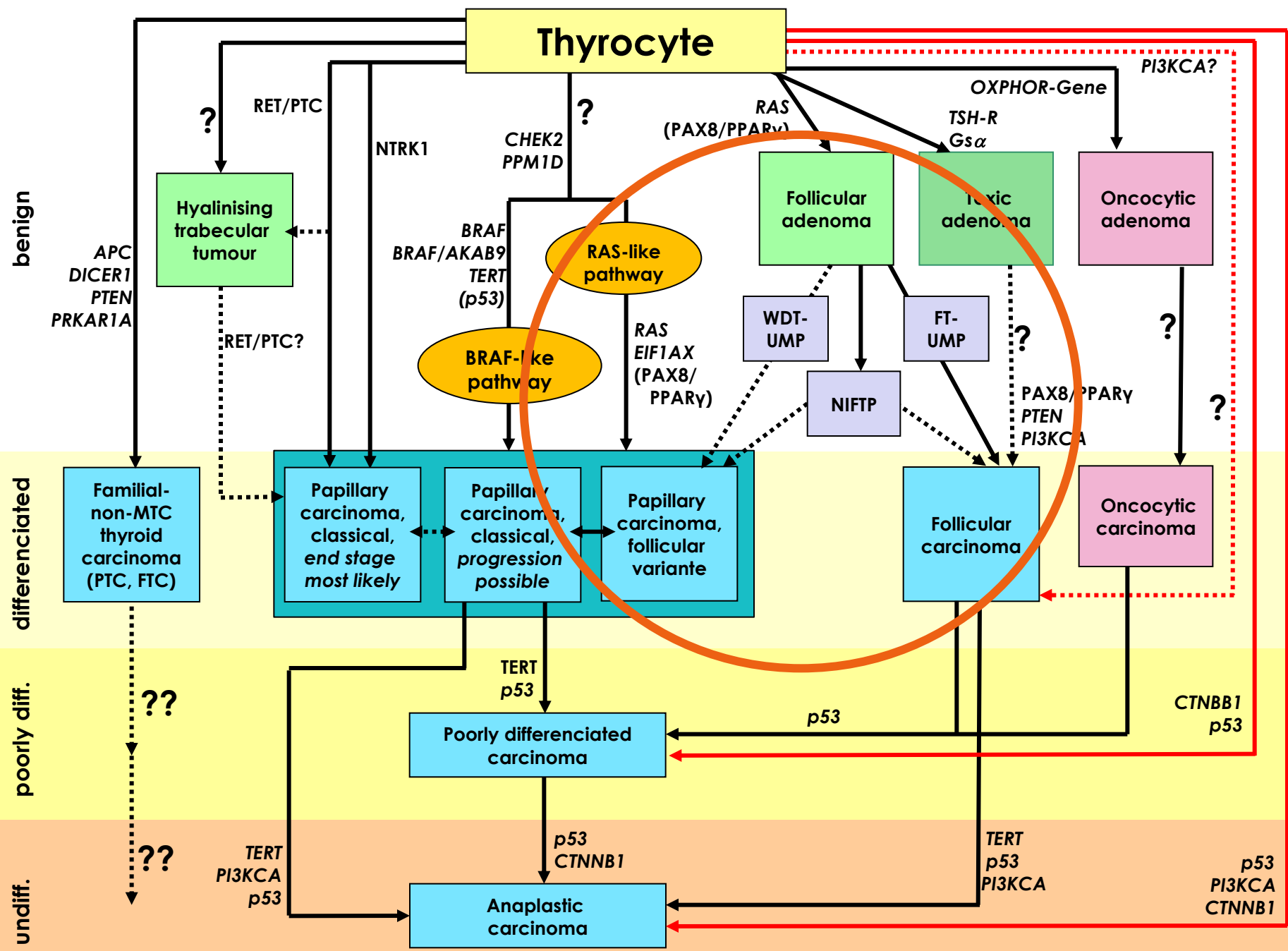
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CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Thyroid tumors currently diagnosed as noninvasive EFVPTC have a very low risk of adverse outcome and should be termed NIFTP. This reclassification will affect a large population of patients worldwide and result in a significant reduction in psychological and clinical consequences associated with the diagnosis of cancer.

NIFTP = non-invasive follicular tumour with PTC-like nuclear features







Encapsulated follicular patterned thyroid tumours

WHO 2017

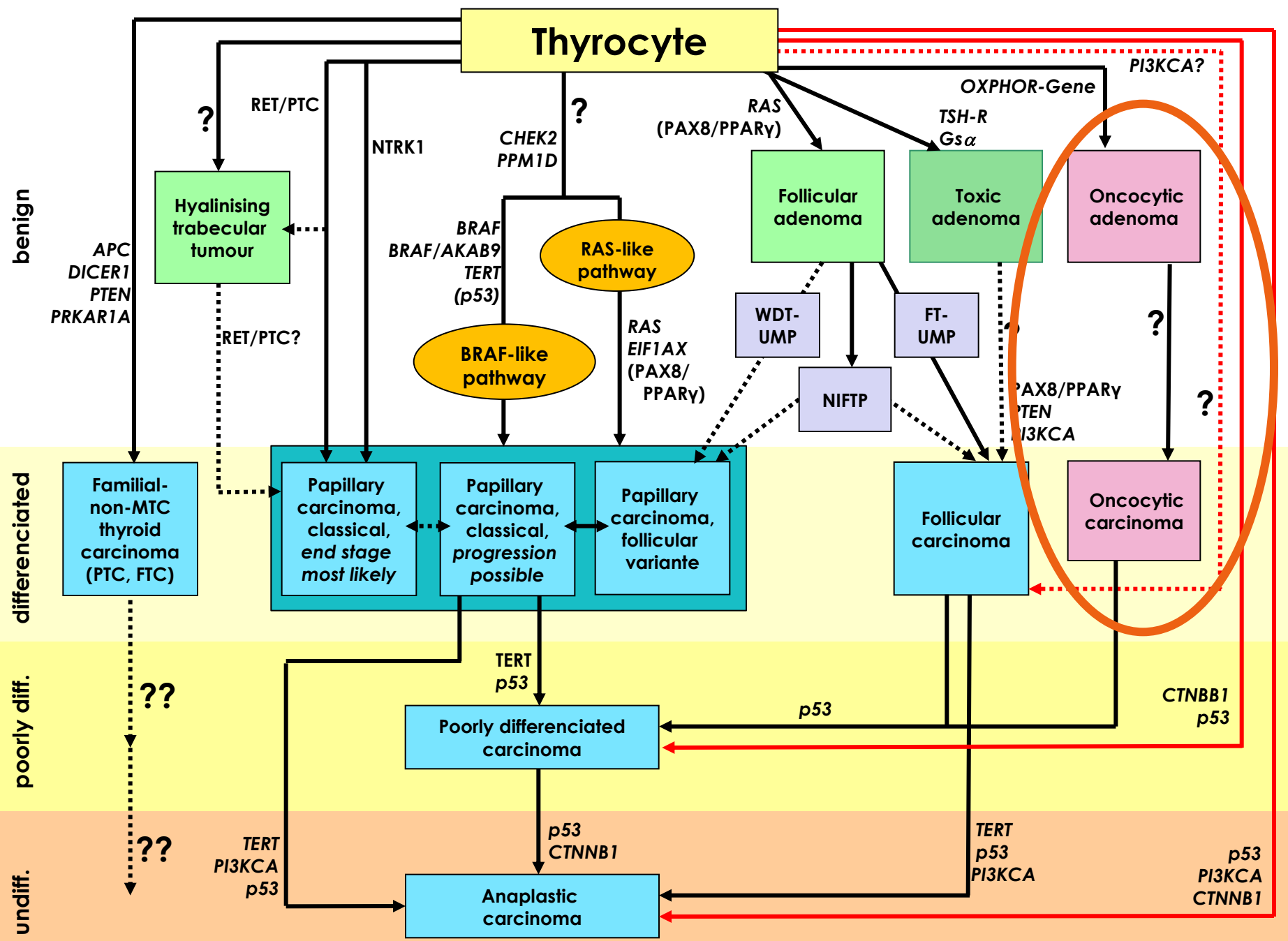
Diagnosis (WHO 2017)	Nuclear features of PTC	Invasive growth	Malignant potential
Follicular adenoma	No or questionable (score 0-1)	no	no
NIFTP	yes (score 2-3)	no	extremely low
FT-UMP	no	questionable	minimally
WDT-UMP	questionable (score 0-1)	questionable	minimally
DTC, NOS	questionable (score 0-1)	yes	very low/ intermediate*
Encapsulated follicular variant PTC	Yes (score 2-3)	yes	very low
Encapsulated FTC	no	yes	very low/ intermediate*

*associated with capsular breakthrough only/vascular invasion into $\leq 3/\geq 4$ vessels

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	RAS	BRAF V600E	BRAF E601K	RET/PTC	PTC assoc. miRNAs	PAX8/PPARg	THADA gene fusion
Foll. Adenoma	-/+	-	-/+	-	-	-/+	-/+
NIFTP	-/+	-	-/+	-	(-/+)	-/+	-/+
UMP	-/+	-	-/+	-	-	-/+	
WDT-UMP	-/+	-	-/+	-/+ (~ 10%)	(-/+)	-	
FV-PTC	-/+	-/+ (~ 10%)	- (?)	-/+	+	-	
Encap. FTC	-/+	-	-/+	-	-	-/+	



Hurthle cell tumours

WHO 2017

Definition

Hurthle cell tumours are neoplasms composed of oncocytic cells which are usually encapsulated. If noninvasive they are termed "adenomas" and if showing capsular and/or vascular invasion, carcinomas.



Karl Hürthle
1860 – 1945

Karl Hürthle hat 1894 in seiner einzigen Arbeit über die Schilddrüse „interfollikuläre Zellen“ beim Hund beschrieben; tatsächlich handelt es sich dabei um eine der ersten Beschreibungen von C-Zellen

Hürthle K (1894) Beiträge zur Kenntniss des Secretionsvorgangs in der Schilddrüse. Pflugers Arch 56: 1-44

Hürthle-Zellen (onkozytäre Zellen)



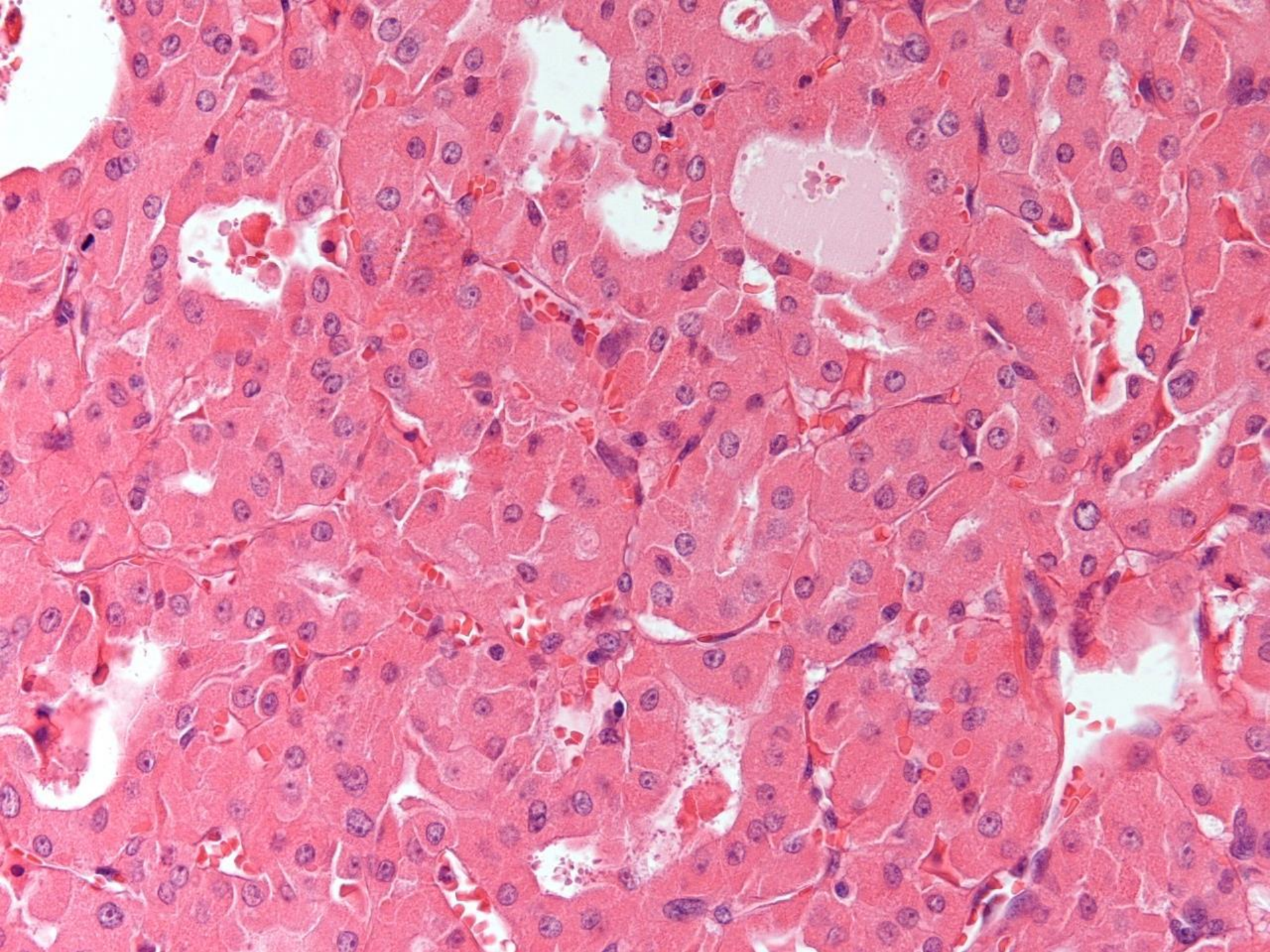
Max Askanazy
1865 - 1940



James Ewing
1866 - 1943

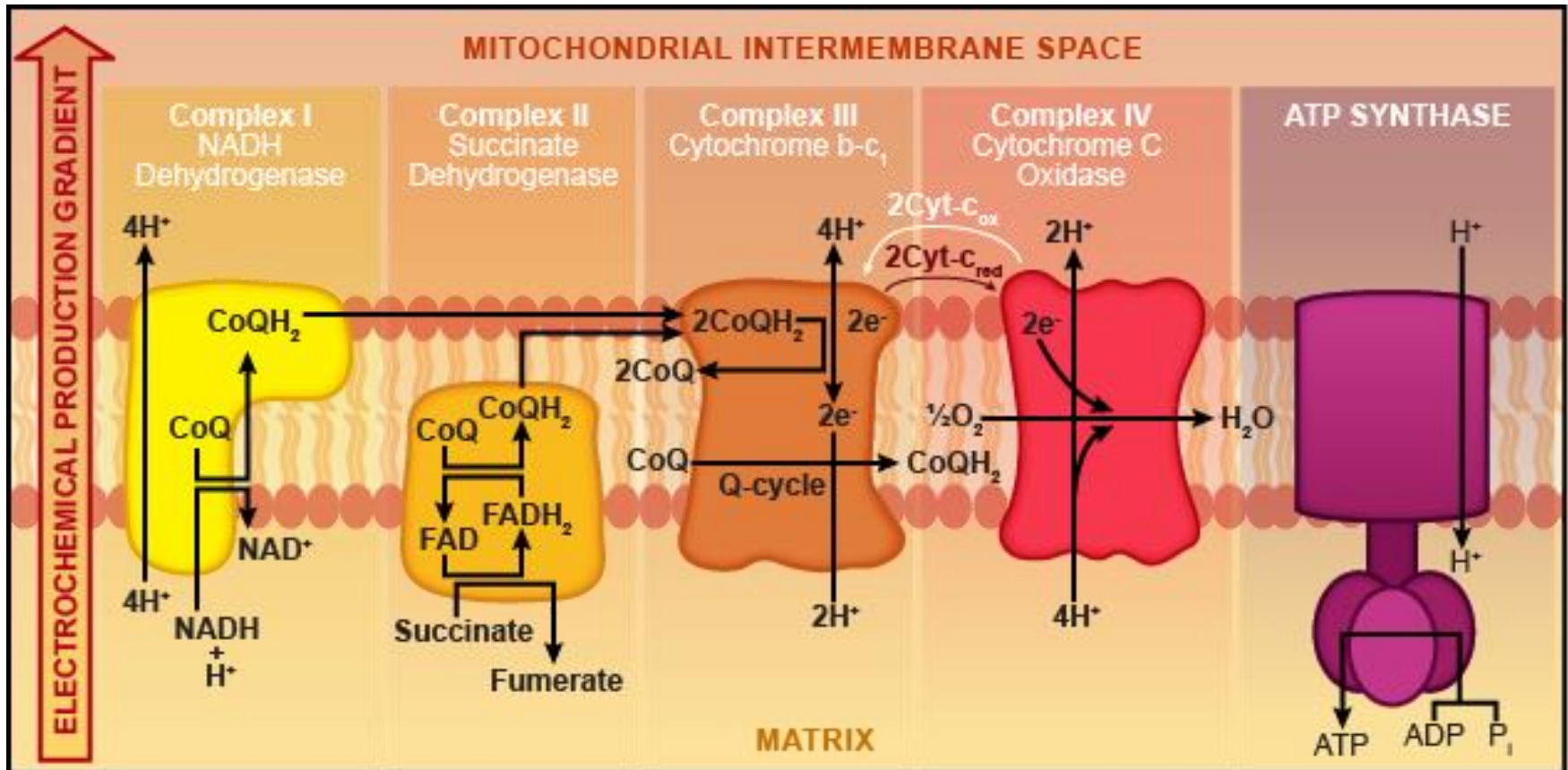
- **Erstbeschreiber ist Max Askanazy (1898) im M. Basedow**
- **James Ewing führte 1919 den Begriff „hypertrophic Hürthle cells“ in seiner Tumormonographie ein; seitdem werden onkozytäre Zellen im anglo-amerikanischen Sprachgebrauch irrtümlich als Hürthle-Zellen und die daraus entstehende Tumoren Hürthle-Zell-Adenom/Karzinom benannt**





Hurthle cell tumours

OXPHOR-Gene



Hurthle cell tumours

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Genetic Alterations

- Activation of wnt/beta-catenin and PI3K-AKT-mTOR pathways
- RAS and PAX8/PPAR γ less frequent than in non-Hurthle tumours
- GRIM-19 mtDNA-Mutationen
- TP53 10 – 20%
- PTEN Cowden-Syndrom

Hurthle cell tumours are the most frequent tumours in familial non-medullary thyroid cancer (FNMTC)

- Chromosomal gains 5, 7, 12, and 17
- Chromosomal losses 2q, 9q and 22
- Gains in recurrent tumours 12q, 19q and 20

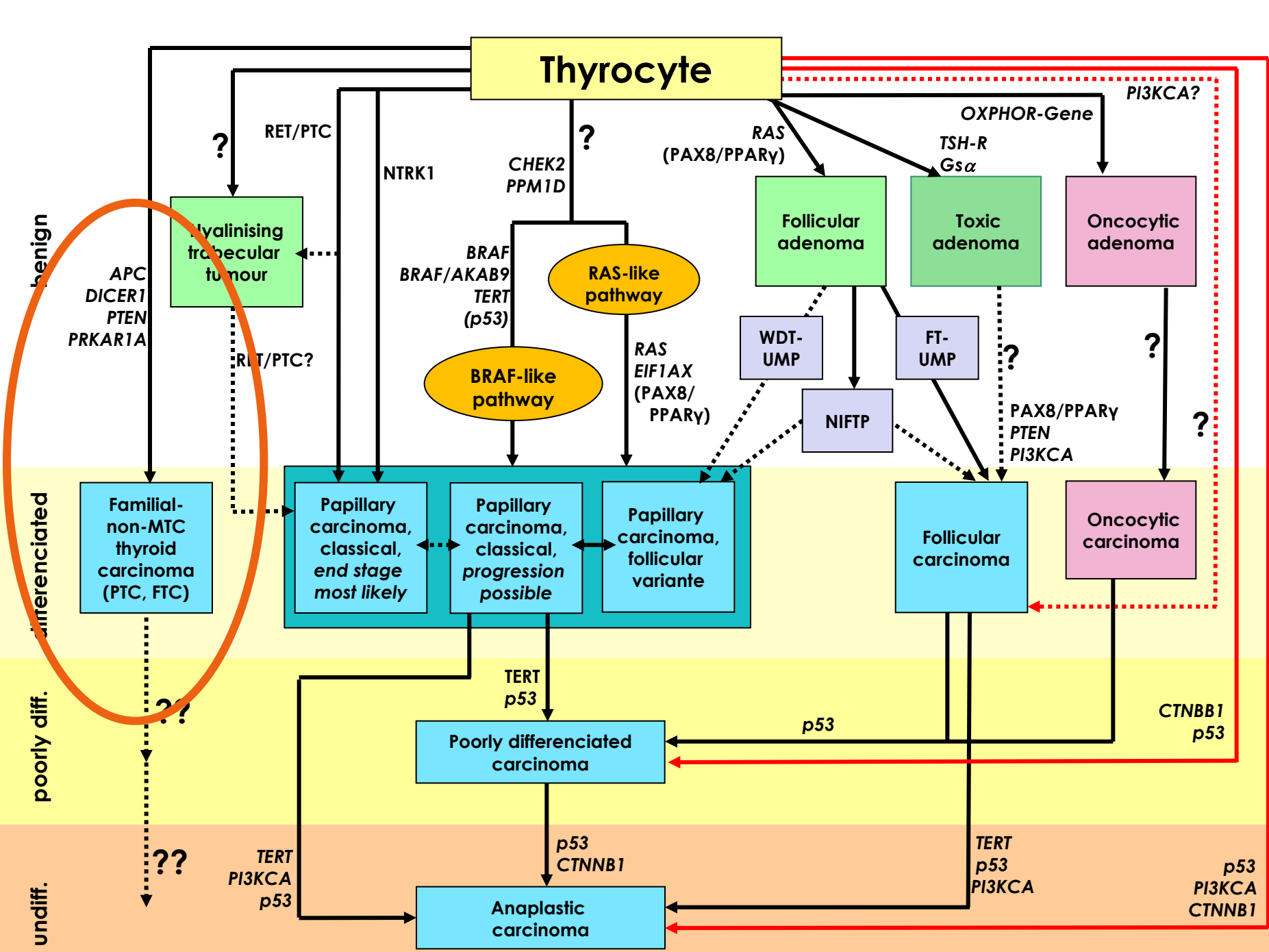
Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma

WHO 2017

a. Conventional/classical type

b. Variants

- Papillary Microcarcinoma
- Encapsulated Variant
- Follicular Variant
- Diffuse Sclerosing Variant
- Tall cell variant
- Columnar cell variant
- Cribriform-morular variant
- Hobnail variant
- PTC with fibromatosis/fasciitis-like stroma
- Solid/ trabecular variant
- **Oncocytic variant**
- Spindle cell variant
- Clear cell variant
- Warthin like variant



Management Guidelines for Children with Thyroid Nodules and Differentiated Thyroid Cancer

The American Thyroid Association Guidelines Task Force
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TABLE 4. HEREDITARY TUMOR SYNDROMES ASSOCIATED WITH THYROID NODULES/DIFFERENTIATED THYROID CANCER

<i>Hereditary syndrome^a</i>	<i>Gene (chromosomal location)</i>	<i>Type of thyroid neoplasia</i>
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Carney complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PRKARIA</i> (17q24.2) • “<i>CNC2</i>” (2p16) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multinodular goiter • Follicular adenomas • DTC (PTC and FTC)
<i>DICER1</i> Syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DICER1</i> (14q32.13) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multinodular goiter • DTC (due to second somatic mutation in <i>DICER1</i>, possibly related to treatment of pleuropulmonary blastoma)
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Werner syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WRN</i> (8p12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTC (PTC and FTC)

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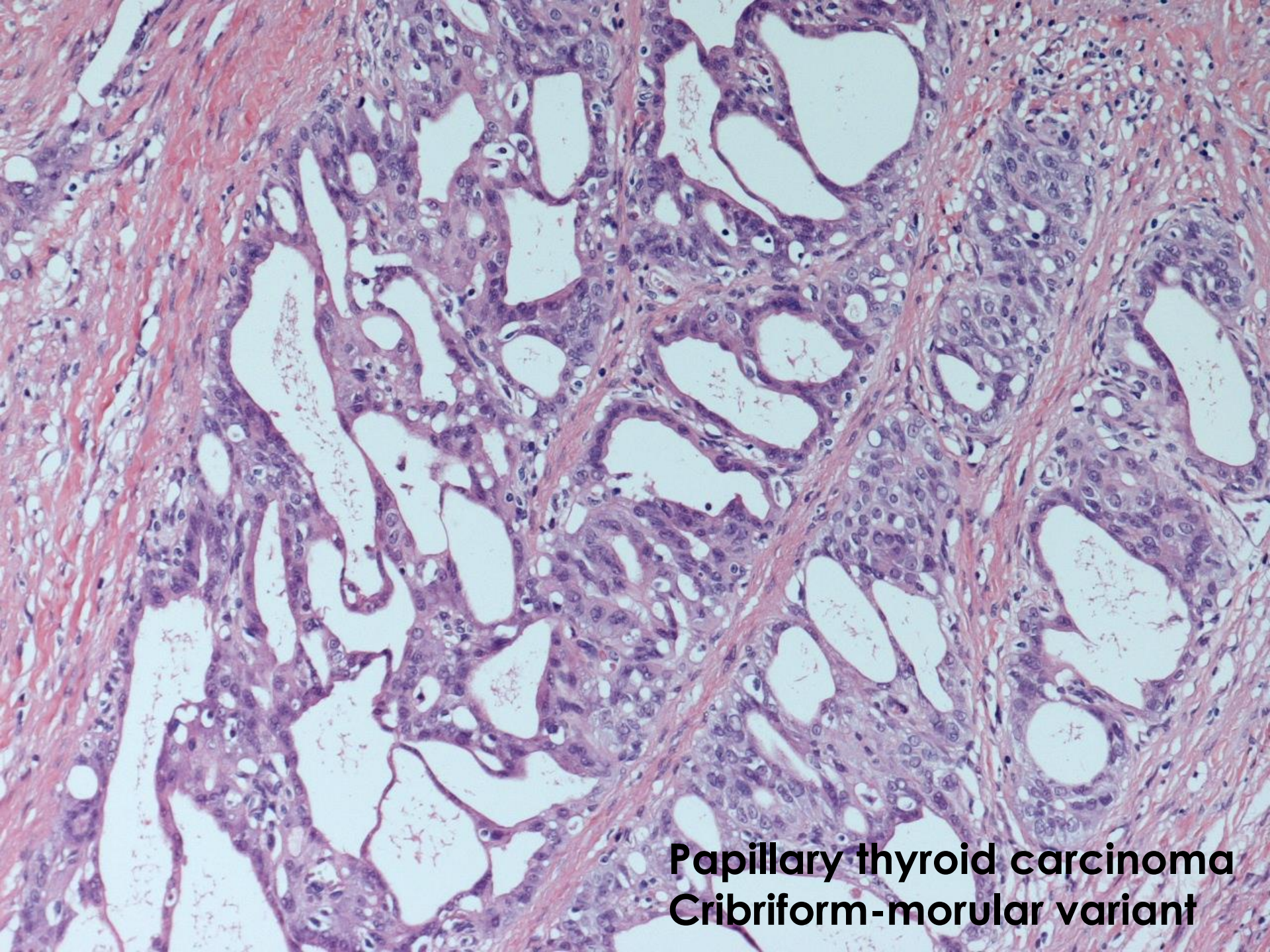
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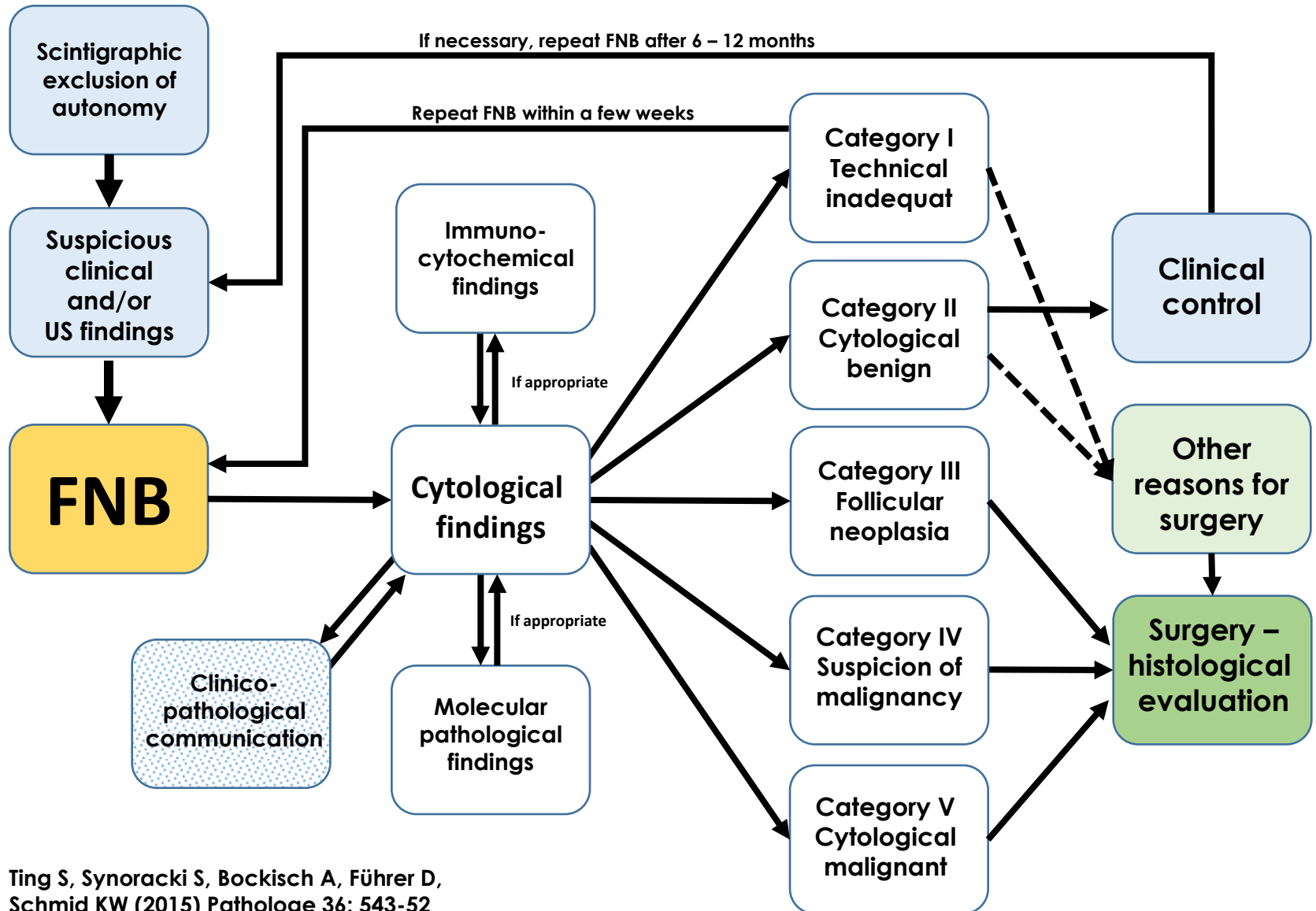


**Papillary thyroid carcinoma
Cribriform-morular variant**

Selected genetic alterations in thyroid carcinoma


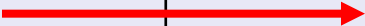


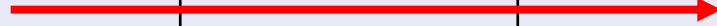

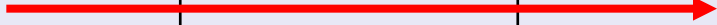

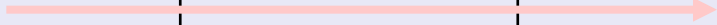
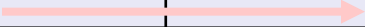
	Adenoma	FTC	PTC	PDTC	ATC	MTC
BRAF mutations (V600E)	0	0	40 – 45%	0 – 13%	10 – 25%	
RET/PTC rearrangements	0	0	10 – 20%	~10%	0	
RET mutations					~7%	98 – 100% 40 – 60%
NTRK1 rearrangements	0	0	5 – 10%	?	?	
RAS mutations	~ 30%	40 – 53%	15 – 20%	18 – 27%	20 – 60%	5 – 10%
PAX8-PPAR rearrangements	~8%	25 – 63%	0 – 38%	~5%	rare	
PI3KCA mutations	~5%	5 - 10%	0	>35%	>40%	
P53 mutations	0	0 – 9%	0 – 5%	17 – 38%	67 – 88%	
CTNNB1 mutations	0	0	0	0 – 25%	66%	
TERT (T228C,T250C)	~3%	~17%	~24%	10 – 30%	35 - 70%	

Indication and diagnostic FNB categorisation of thyroid nodules



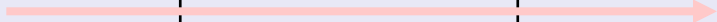
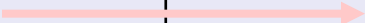




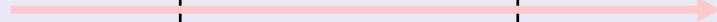
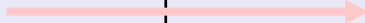
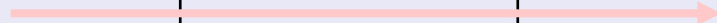
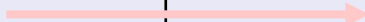
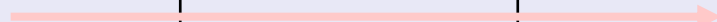
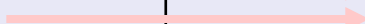
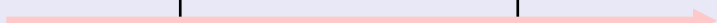






Molecular evaluation of FNB of the thyroid

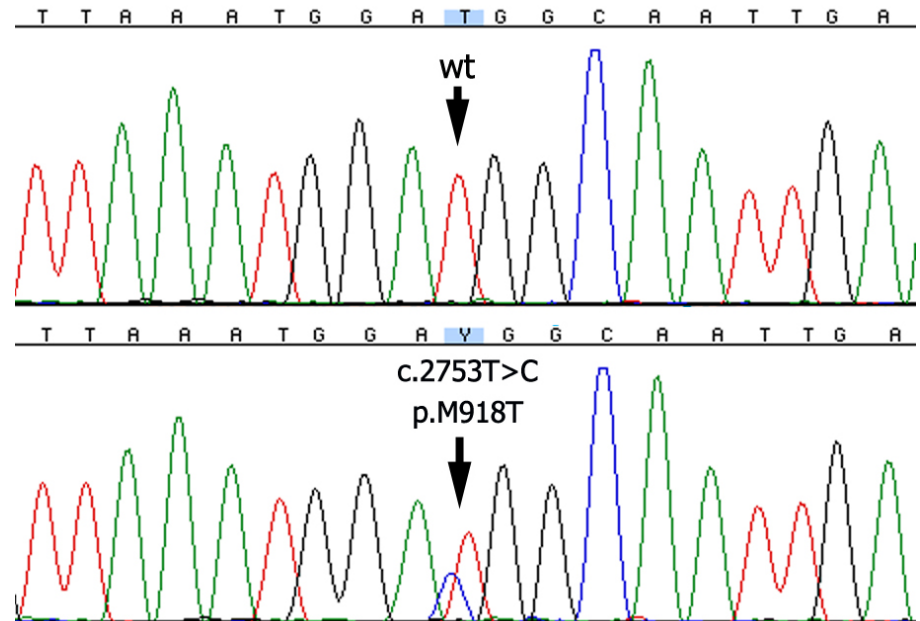
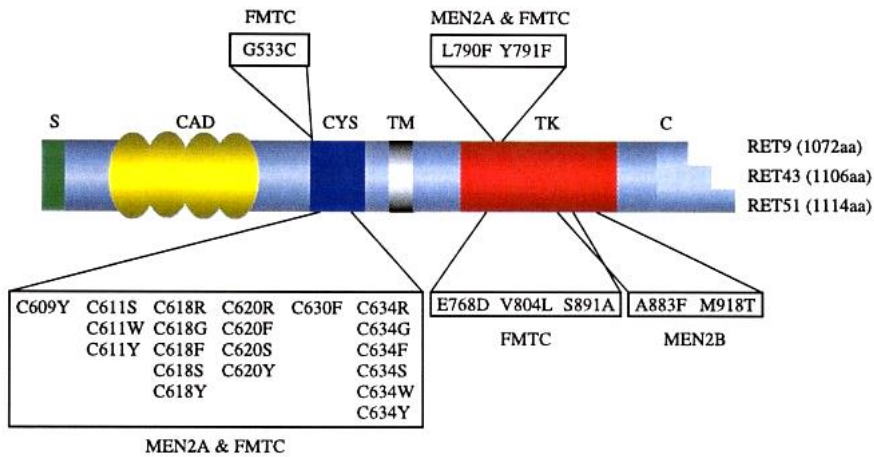
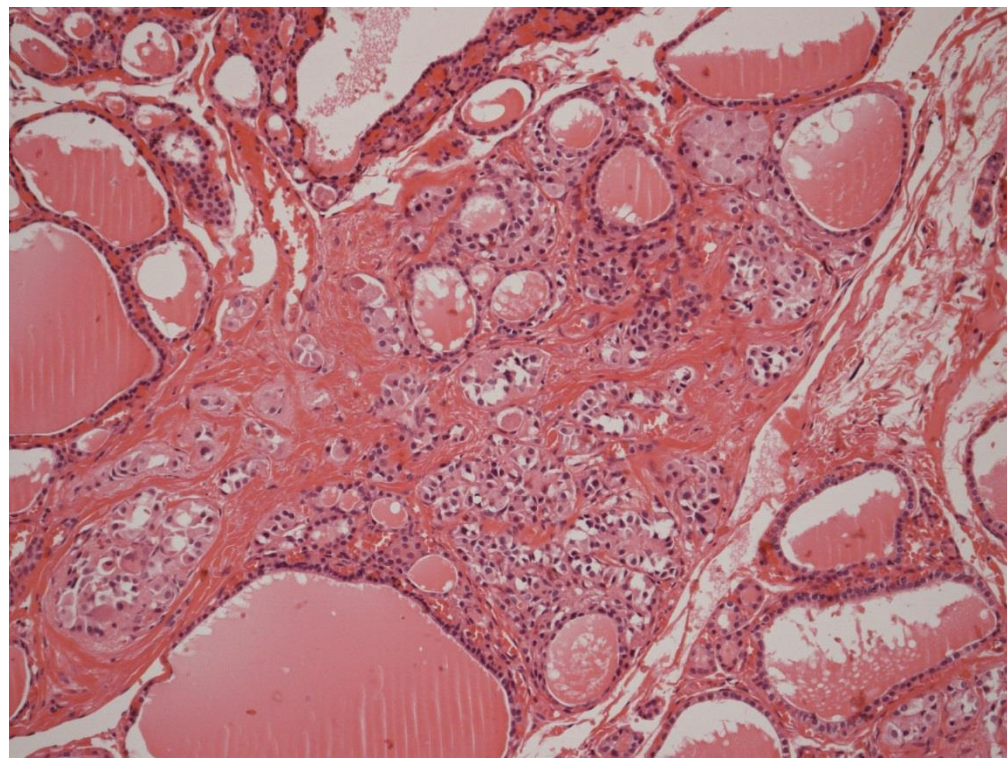
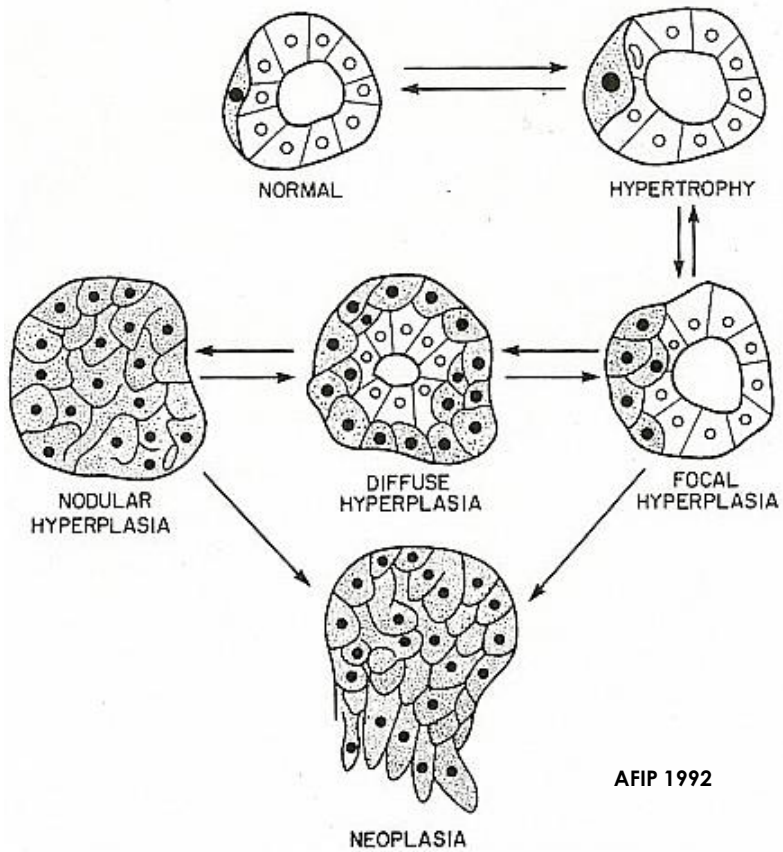
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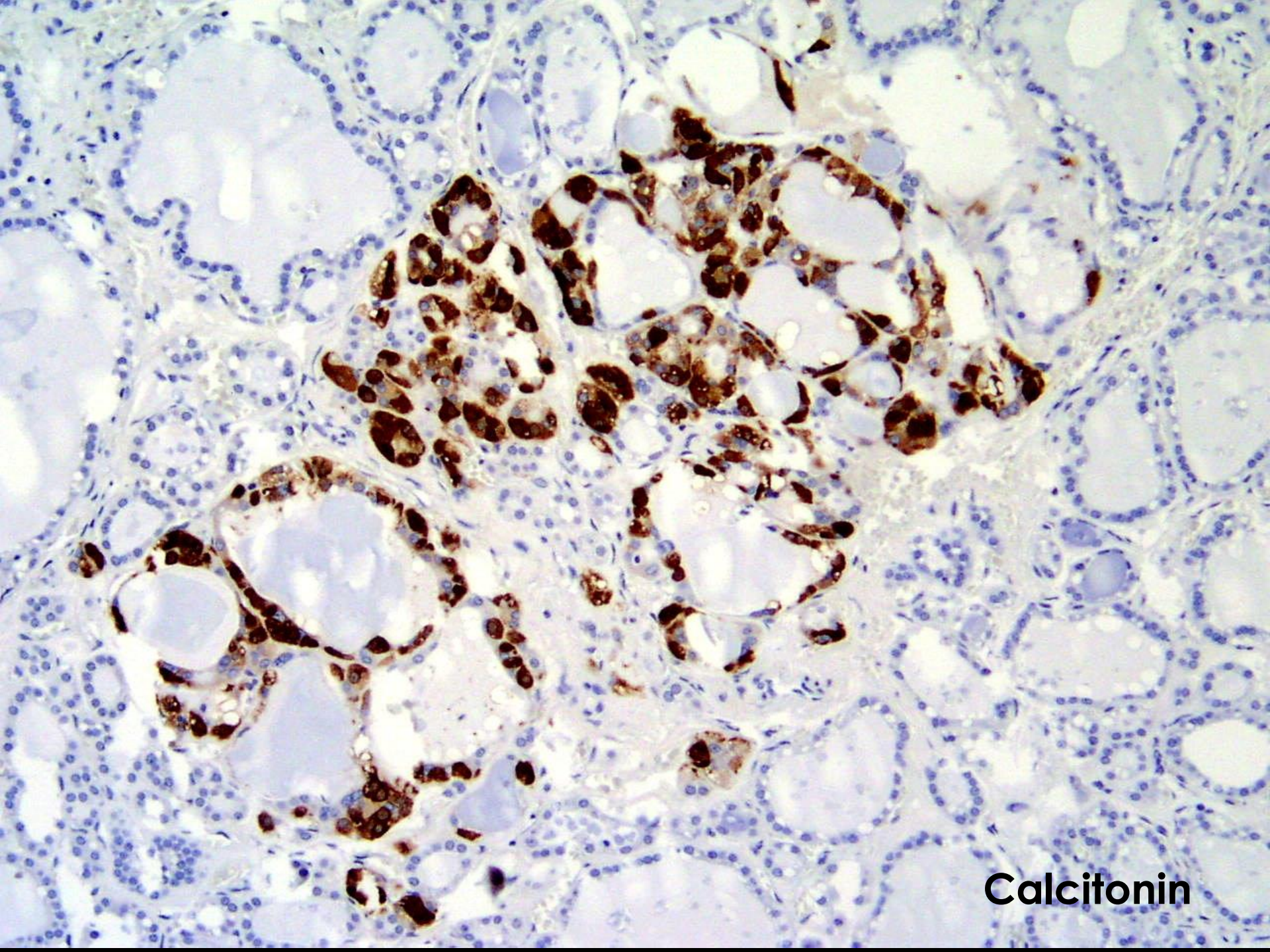
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BRAF	11,15			
EGFR	18-21	●		
HRAS	2-4	●		
KRAS	2-4	●		
NRAS	2-4	●		
PIK3CA	3, 5, 10, 16, 21	●		
CTNNB1				
RET	10, 11, 13-16			
Tp53	4-9			
APC	1-16			
PTEN	1-9	●		
DICER1	1-28	●		
PRKAR1A	1-11	●		

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PRKAR1A	1-11			





Calcitonin

Tab. 1 Genophänotypkorrelation als Grundlage der Risikoabschätzung (A–D) beim familiären medullären Schilddrüsenkarzinom. (Mod. nach [25])

ATA-Risikolevel ^a	Exon	Betroffenes Kodon	Frühestes Auftreten des MTC (Alter/Jahre)	MEN2-Phänotyp	
A	8	G321R	61	FMTc	
		C515S	35	FMTc	
		532 Duplikation	19	FMTc	
		G533C	21	2A/FMTc	
	10	R600Q	46	FMTc	
		K603Q	35	FMTc	
		Y606C	58	FMTc	
	11	635/Insertion	9	FMTc	
		ELCR;T636P K666E	35	2A/FMTc	
	13	E768D	22	2A/FMTc	
		N777S	60	FMTc	
		L790F	12	2A/FMTc	
	14	V804L	12	2A/FMTc	
		V804M	6	2A/FMTc	
	15	S891A	13	2A/FMTc	
	16	R912P	14	FMTc	
B	10	C609R/G/S/Y	27/5/17/14	2A/FMTc	
		C611R/G/F/S/W/Y	?/28/41/47/79/7	2A/FMTc	
		C618R/G/F/S/Y	8/9/34/9/26	2A/FMTc	
		C620R/G/F/S/W/Y	6/44/40/24/37/18	2A/FMTc	
		C630R/F/S/Y	1/?/39/22	2A/FMTc	
	11	633/9 bp-Duplikation	?	2A/FMTc	
		634/12 bp-Duplikation	14	2A	
	13/14	V804M/V778I	35	FMTc	
	C	11	C634R	1,25 (15 Monate)	2A
			C634G/F/S/W/Y	25/7/23/3/5	2A/FMTc
D	14	V804M/E805K	50	2B	
		V804M/Y806C	23	2B	
	14/15	V804M/S904C	34	2B	
	15	A883F	10	2B	
	16	M918T	0,75 (9 Monate)	2B	

^aAmerican-Thyroid-Association(ATA)-Risikolevel: A geringes Risiko, B intermediäres Risiko, C hohes Risiko, D höchstes Risiko.

FMTc familiäres medulläres Schilddrüsenkarzinom (MTC-only-Syndrom), heute als spezielle Variante der MEN2A angesehen, MEN multiple endokrine Neoplasie.

Molekulares Profiling bei Schilddrüsentumoren

- **Diagnostisches Instrument**
 - für einige Tumoren beweisend
 - Keimbahn vs. somatische Mutationen
 - Instrument zur Präzisierung der FNB
- **Prognostische Aussagen**
- **Therapie-leitend**

- **Wichtiges Instrument zum Verständnis der Biologie der unterschiedlichen Tumorentitäten**

Thyroid Carcinoma

I. Carcinomas of follicular cell origin

A. Well differentiated carcinoma

1. Papillary carcinoma

a. Conventional/classical type

b. Variants (14)

2. Follicular carcinoma

a. Minimally invasive (capsule invasion only)

b. Encapsulated angioinvasive

b. Widely invasive

3. Hurthle cell carcinoma

4. Familial non-medullary carcinoma

B. Poorly differentiated carcinoma

C. Anaplastic (undifferentiated) carcinoma

D. Squamous cell carcinoma

II. Carcinomas of C cell origin

1. Medullary carcinoma

a. Sporadic

b. Hereditary (MEN2)

2. Mixed C cell - follicular cell carcinoma

III. Rare thyroid carcinomas