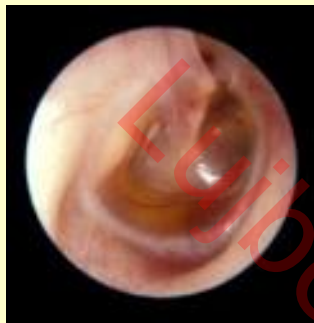


OTITIS MEDIA /seromucinous/SUPPURATIVA CHRONICA AND ITS COMPLICATIONS

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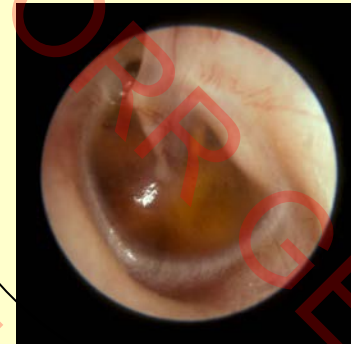
Seromucinous chronic otitis media

Acut serous

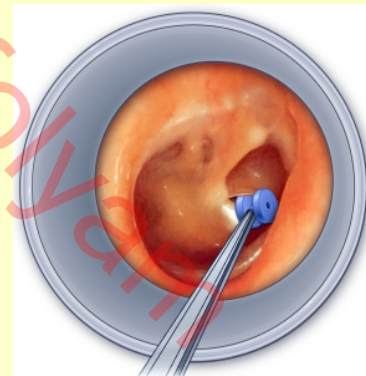


Normal TM

Chronic serous



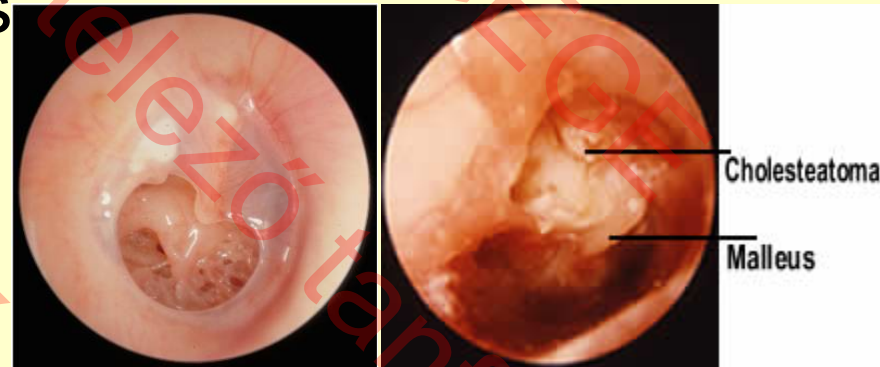
- **Clinical features:** feeling of pressure, fullness, often following UAI, noises when yawning, swallowing, sneezing.
- **Diagnosis:** otoscopy
- **Diff.dg:** hemotympanum, COM
- **Treatment:** grommet



Chronic suppurative otitis media

- 3 yes and 1 no
- + Discharge (can be offensive)
- + Perforation
- + Conductive hearing loss
- NO PAIN !!!

2 basic forms:

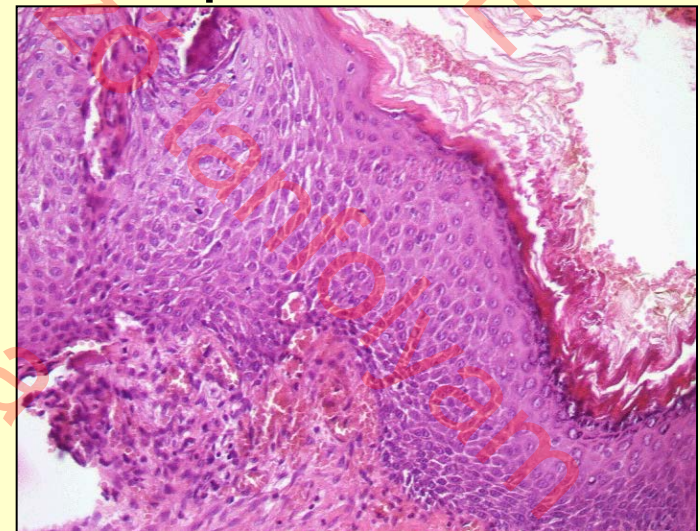


- **Ot. med. supp. chron. mesotymp.**
Some textbooks regard it as „safe”, not true
- **Ot. med. supp. chron. cholest.**
(Pain or headache is always the sign of a complication)

Cholesteatoma – definition

(skin on the wrong place)

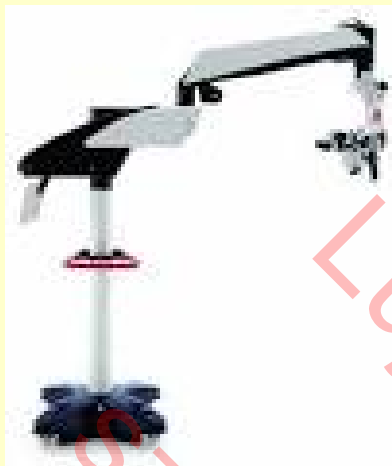
- presence of keratinizing squamous epithelium within the middle ear or in other pneumatized areas of temporal bone
- *matrix*
 - keratinizing stratified squamous epithelium
 - cuboid epithelium
- *perimatrix*
 - granulation tissue



The origin of central perforation

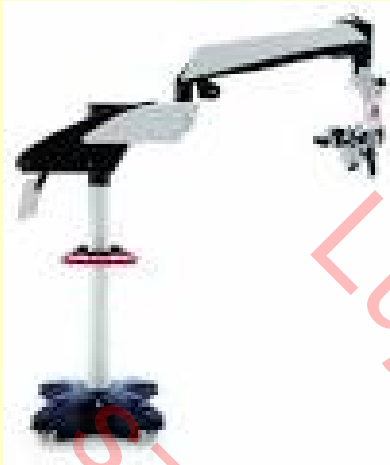
- Necrosis (remnant of a spontaneous perf. during a previous ot. med. supp. ac.)
- Trauma
- Disrupted retraction pocket
- Myringitis granulosa affecting all layers

Diagnosis of the ot. med. supp. chron. mesotympanalis



- Usually causes no problem
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Treatment of ot. med. supp. chron. mesotympanalis

- Conservative local

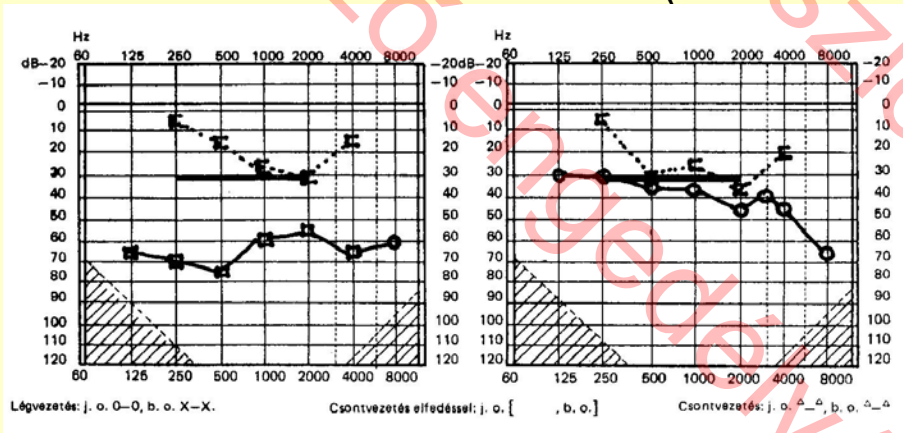
Not effective on the long run

Selection of resistant strains

- Surgical

Closure of the perforation:

Tympanoplasty
(tubal function!)



Ot. med. supp. chron. cholest.

(the term is not quite correct)

- Cholesteatoma: skin on the wrong place
(Gray, 1964)
(multilayer squamous epithelium in the middle ear cleft)
- Formation of a cyst. Accumulation of the continuously produced keratin. Pressure exerted on the surroundings: destructive, tumour-like behaviour
- Secondary infection (anaerobic conditions)
(the term above does not valid for a non-infected cholesteatoma)
- Opening the way for the concomitant infection

Tympanic membrane

- intact tympanic membrane

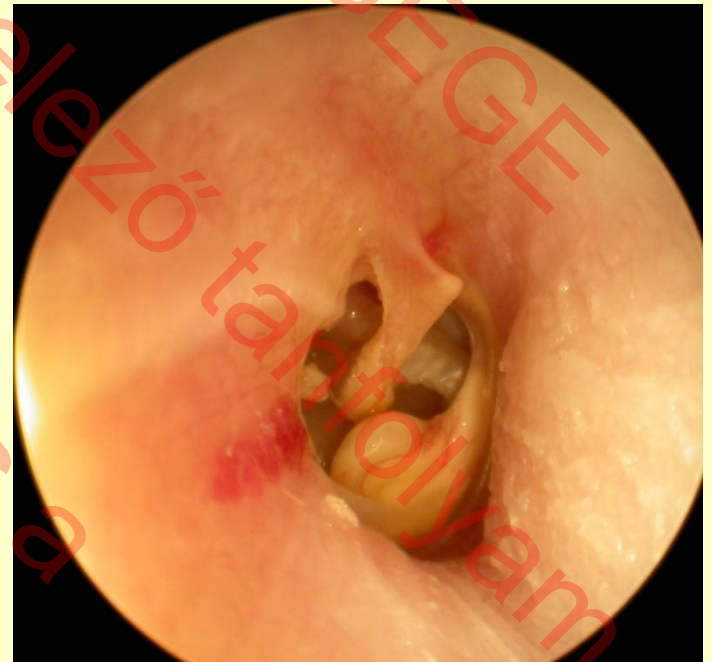
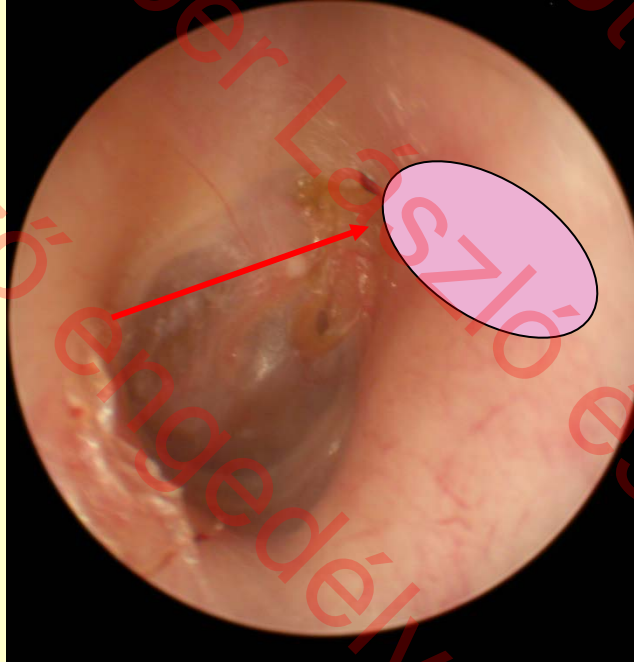


- tympanic membrane with defect



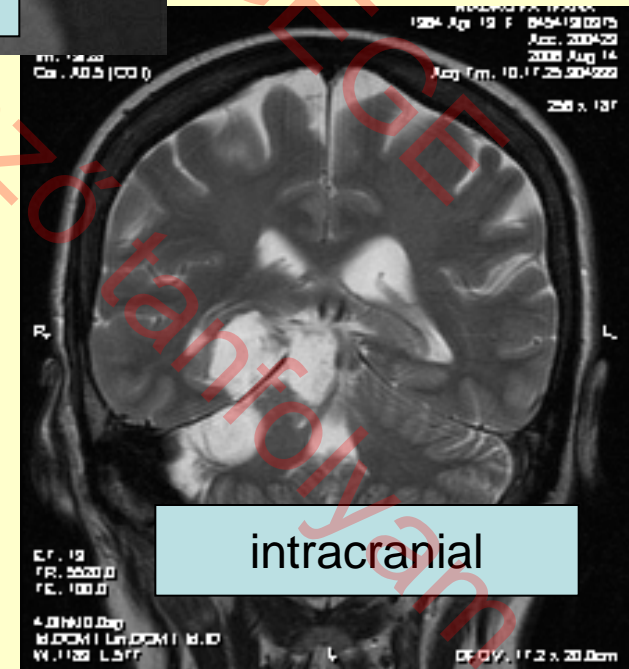
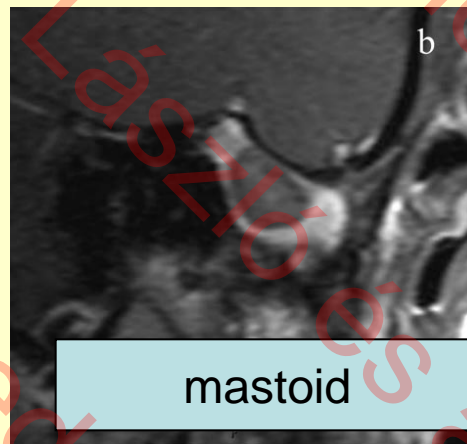
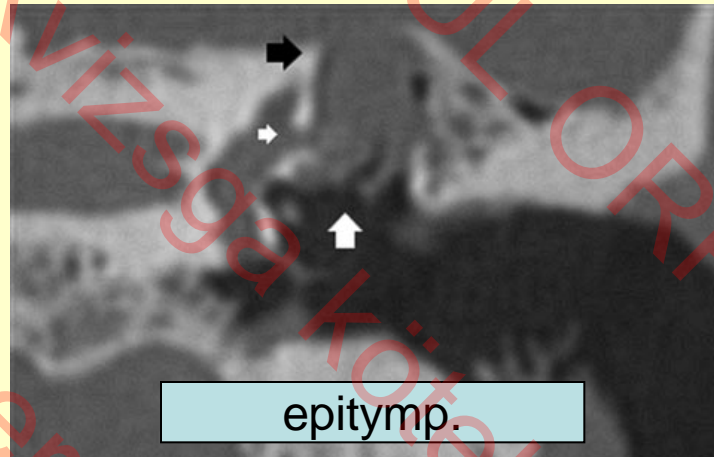
Perforation of tympanic membrane

- epitympanal
- mesotympanal
- mesoepitympanal



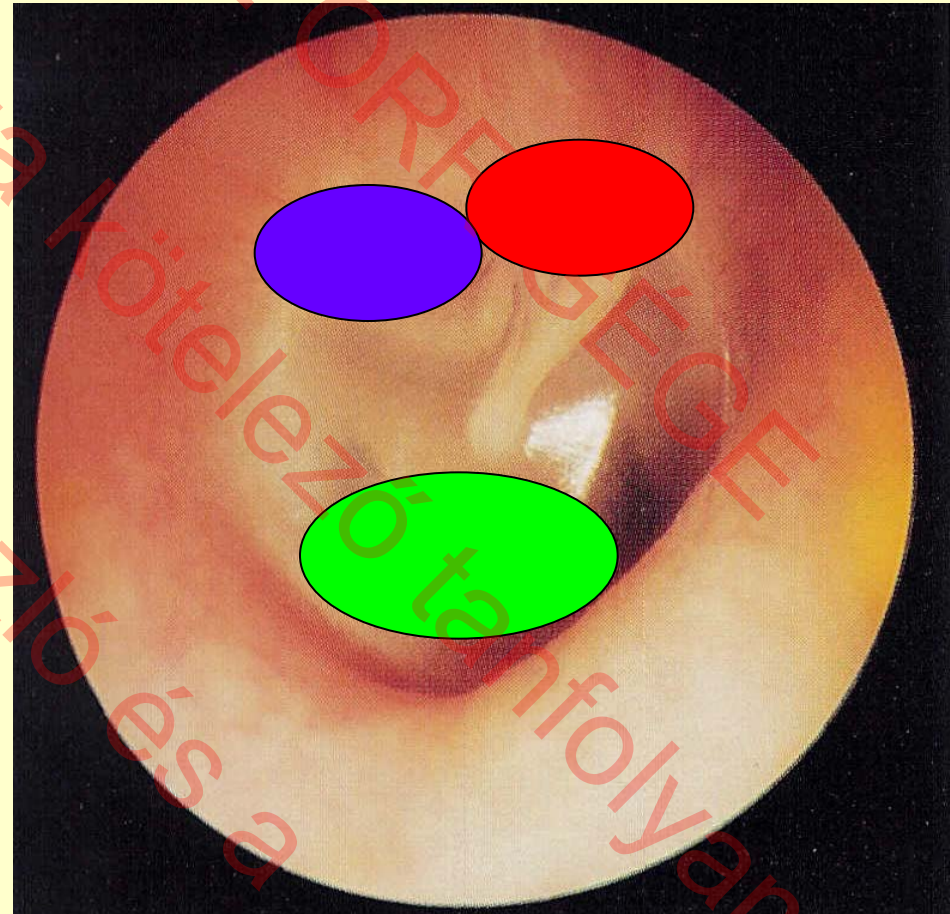
Anatomical localization

- epitympanal
- mesotympanal
- mastoid
- external canal
- apex pyramid
- intracranial
(extrapyramidal)



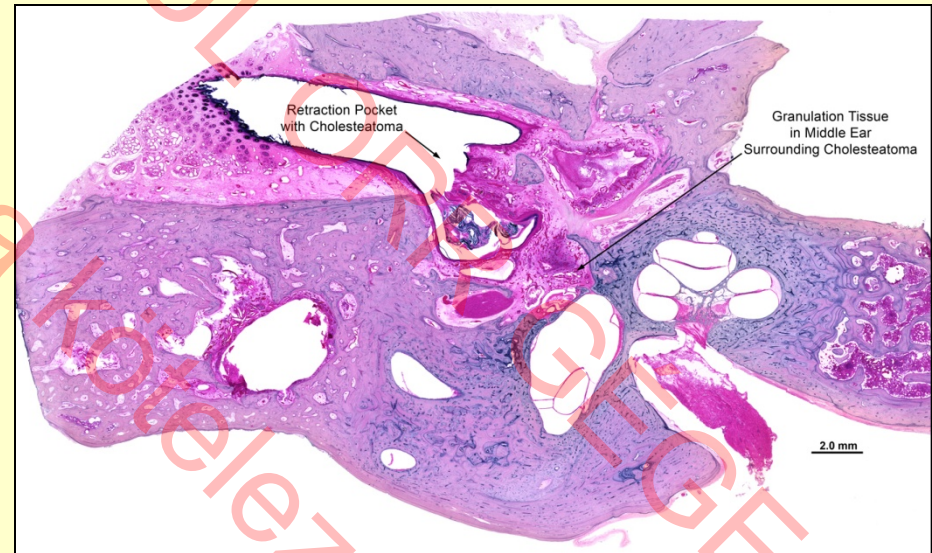
Retraction pocket by Tos

- attic (flaccida) cholesteatoma
 - retraction of Shrapnell's membrane
- sinus cholesteatoma
 - posterosuperior retraction of pars tensa
- retraction tensa cholesteatoma
 - retraction and adhesion of entire pars tensa



Classification

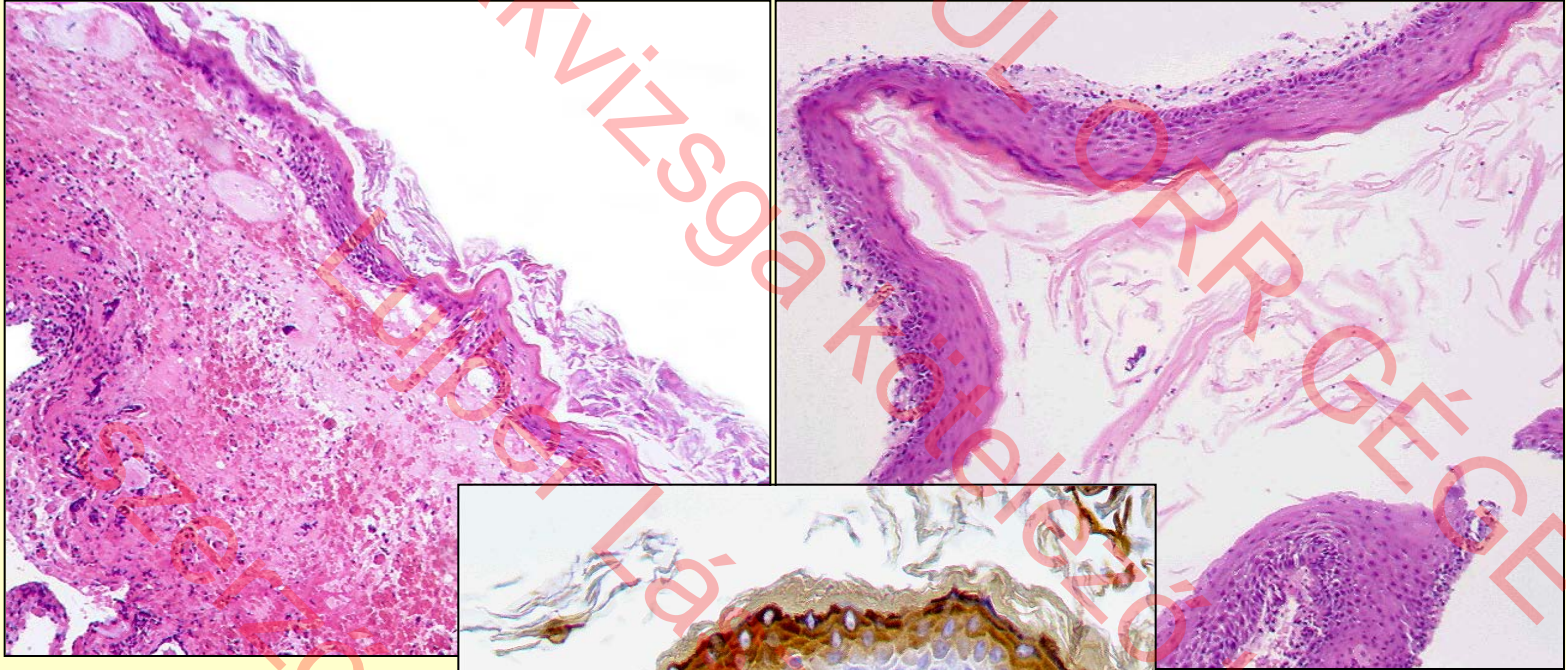
- histology
- appearance
- time of development
- anatomical localization
- tympanic membrane (intact or not)
- perforation of tympanic membrane (where it is?)
- retraction pocket
- other



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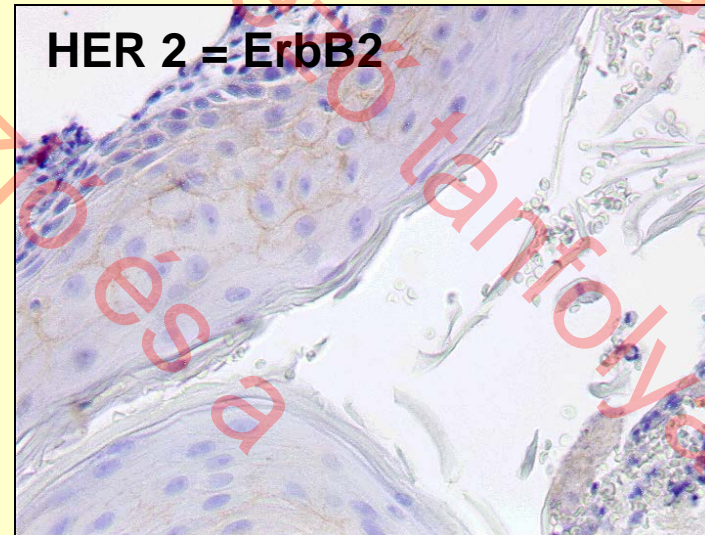
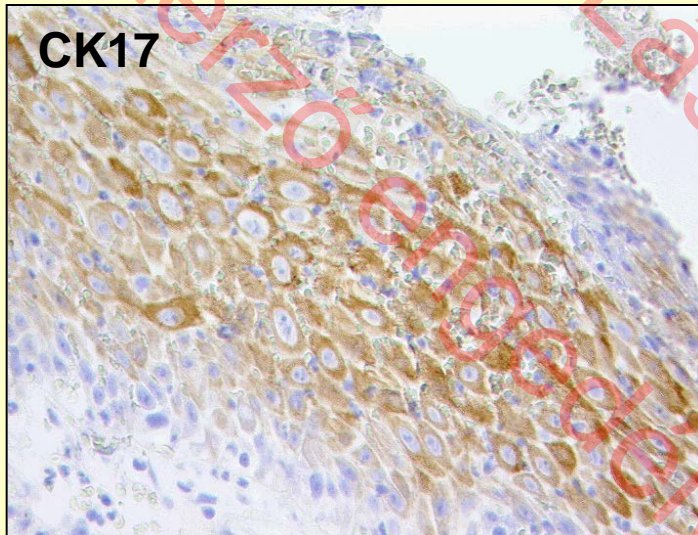
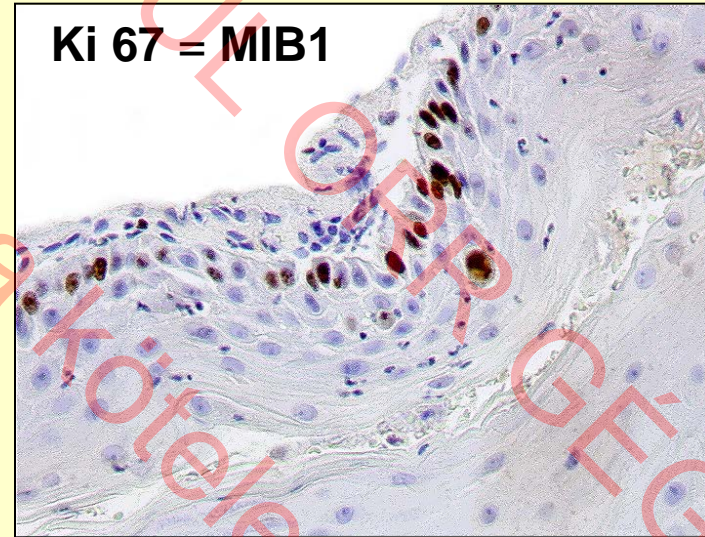
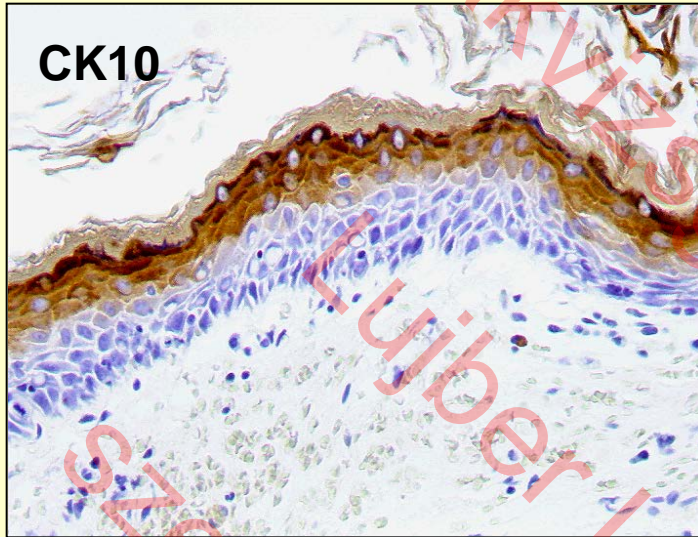
Histology

matrix, perimatrix



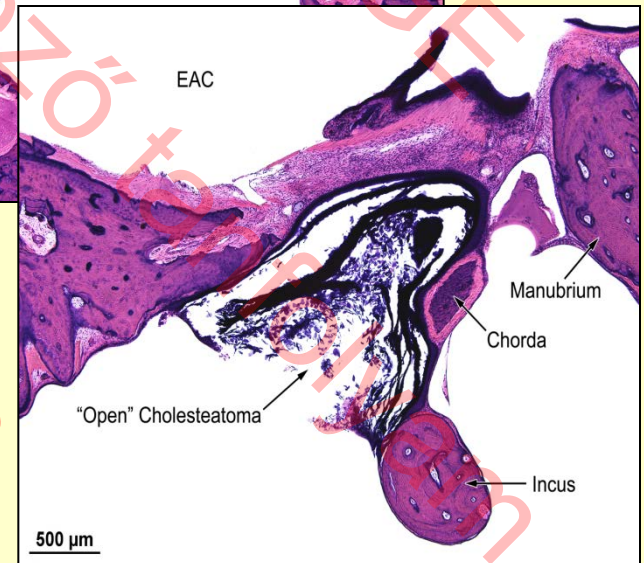
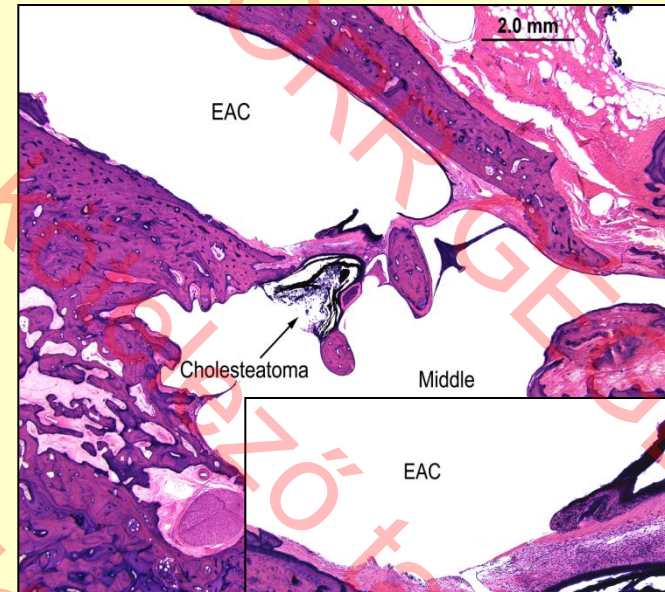
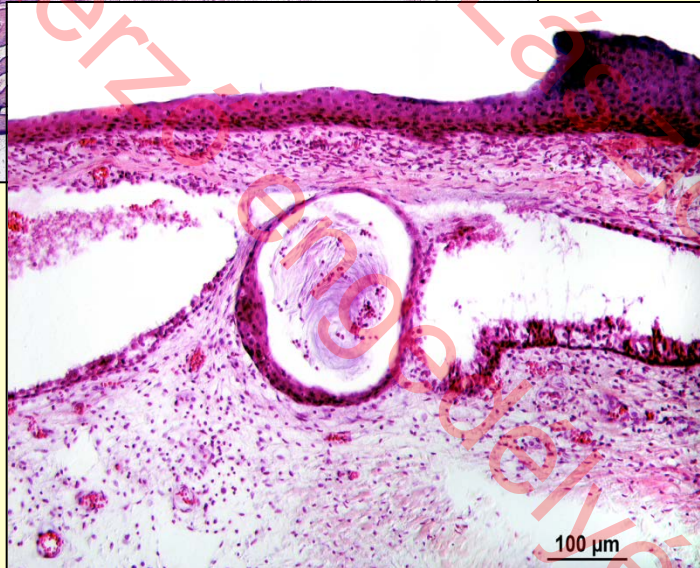
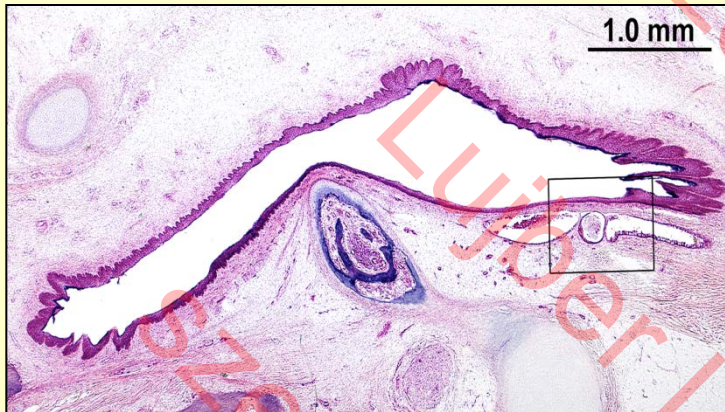
immuncytochemistry

Immunocytochemical examination



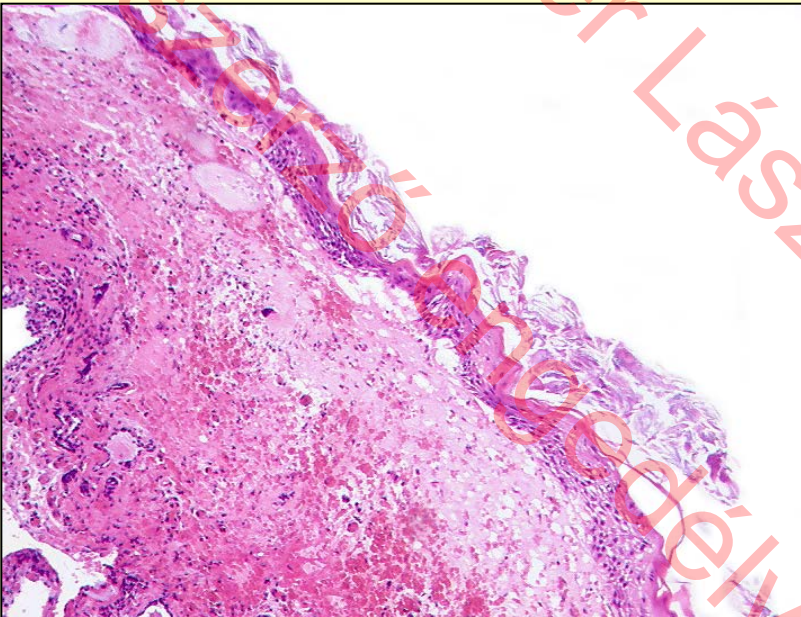
Appearance

- closed cholesteatoma
- open cholestatoma



Time of development

- congenital
 - acquired
 - children
 - adults
- more aggressive disease
- extensive disease
 - higher rates of residual and recurrent cholesteatoma
 - greater ossicular damage
 - poorer hearing postoperatively

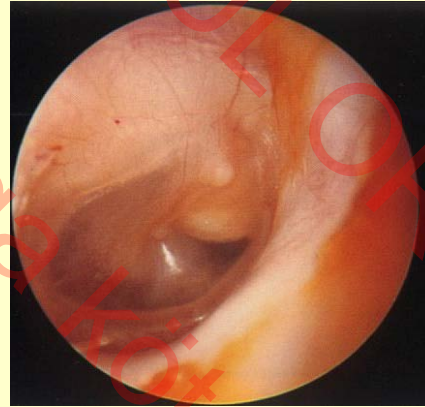


Other

- intratympanic
 - in tympanic membrane
- posttraumatic
 - temporal bone fracture
- iatrogenic
 - after surgical procedure
- residual
 - rests after incomplete surgical removal
- recurrent
 - new cholesteatoma (compromised eustachius function)
- retention cholesteatoma
 - accumulation of keratin in insufficiently exteriorized cavity

Etiopathogenesis

- **intact tympanic membrane**
 - primary congenital
 - primary acquired
- **tympanic membrane with defect**
 - primary acquired (retraction pocket, papillary proliferation)
 - secondary acquired (perforation)



Cholesteatoma behind intact tympanic membrane

CONGENITAL

- epidermoid formation (Michaels 1986)
- squamous epithelial cells of amniotic fluid (Piza, Northrop 1989)
- migration of ectodermal tissue (Aimi 1983)
- ectodermal implantation (Paparella, Rybak 1978)

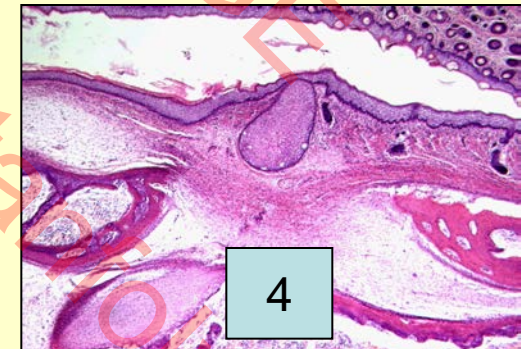
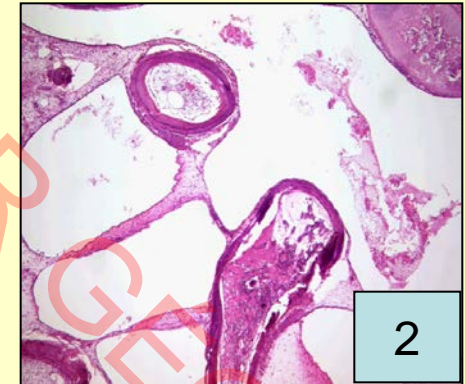
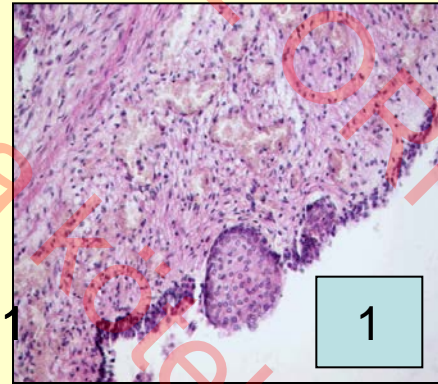
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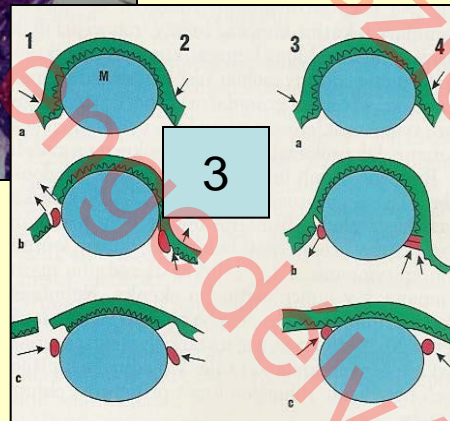
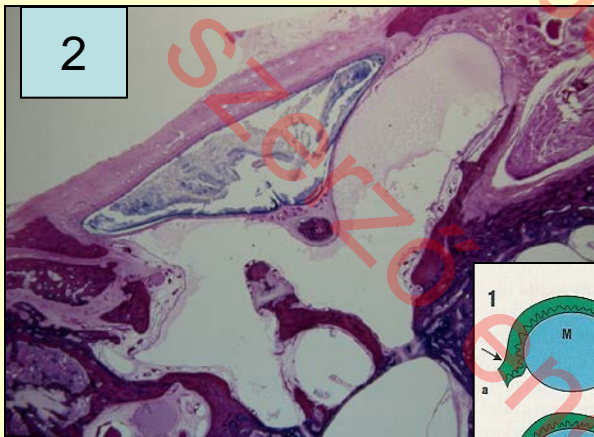
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Cholesteatoma with tympanic membrane defect

PRIMARY ACQUIRED

- invagination of drum (retraction pocket)
- migration with epithelial invasion
- invasion of epidermal cells and papillary proliferation
- metaplastic transformation of middle ear mucosa

SECONDARY ACQUIRED

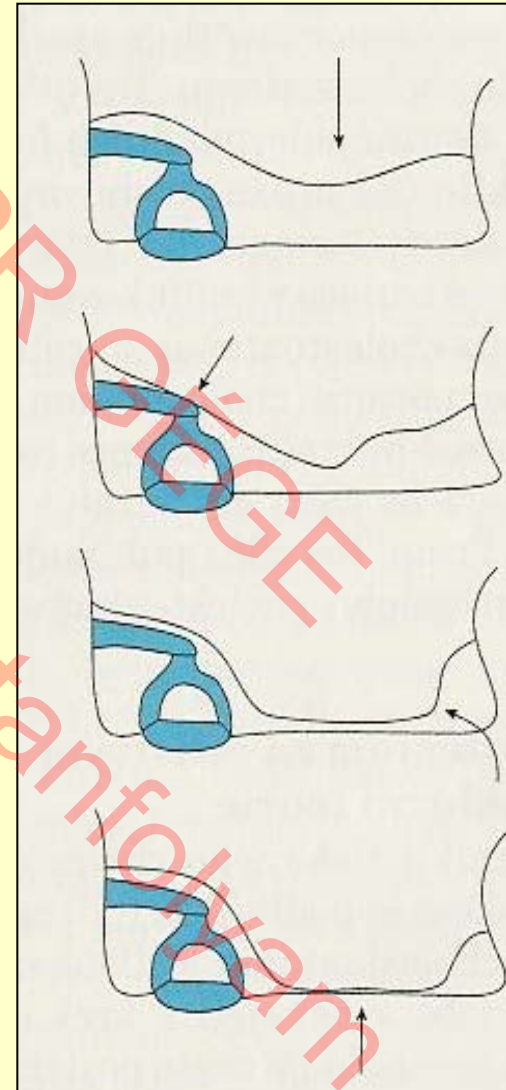
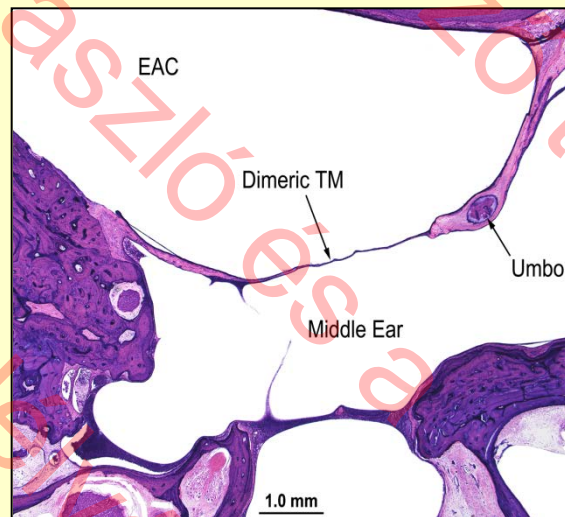
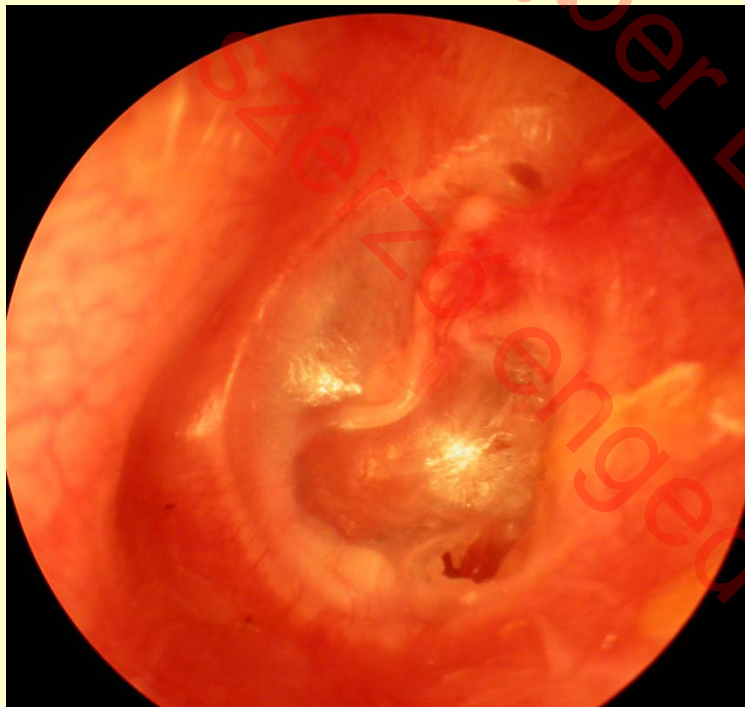
- immigration through perforation of tympanic membrane
- traumatic implantation (iatrogenic)
- residual cholesteatoma
- recurrent cholesteatoma

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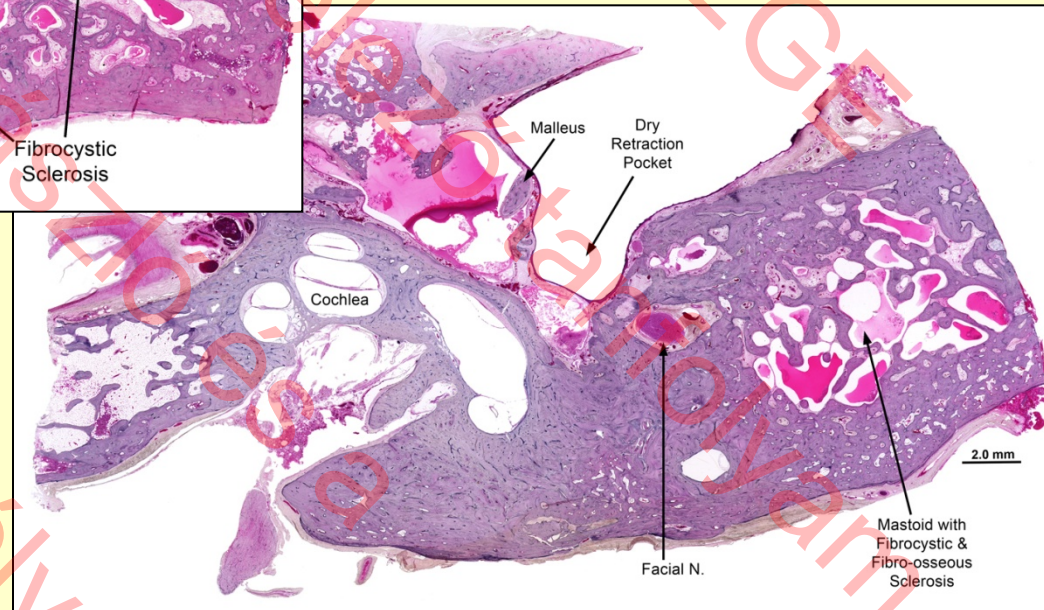
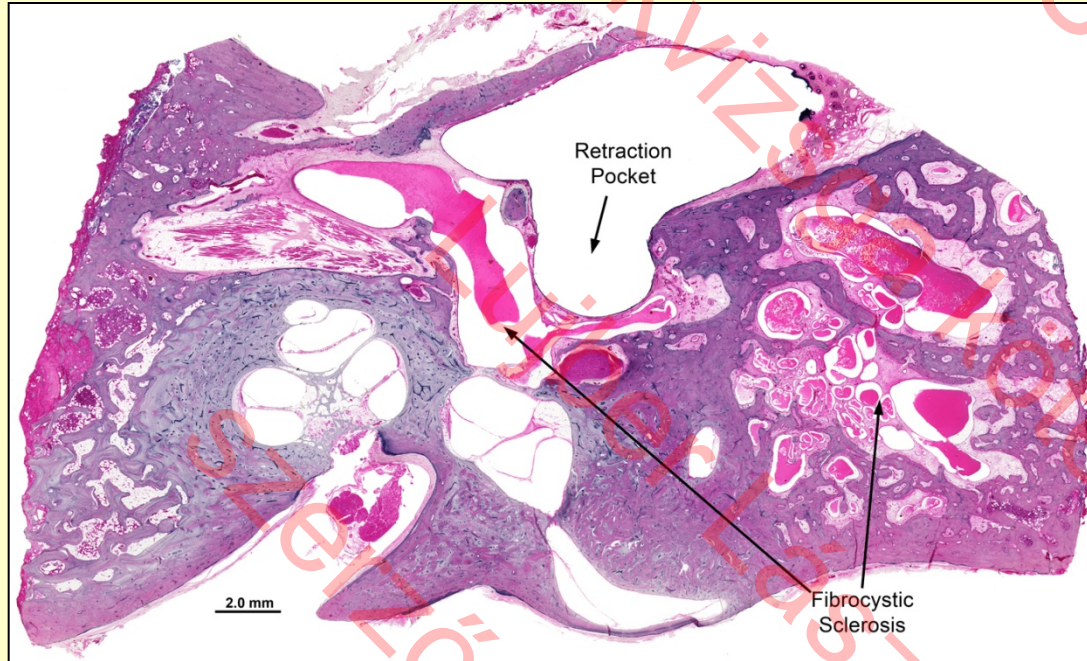
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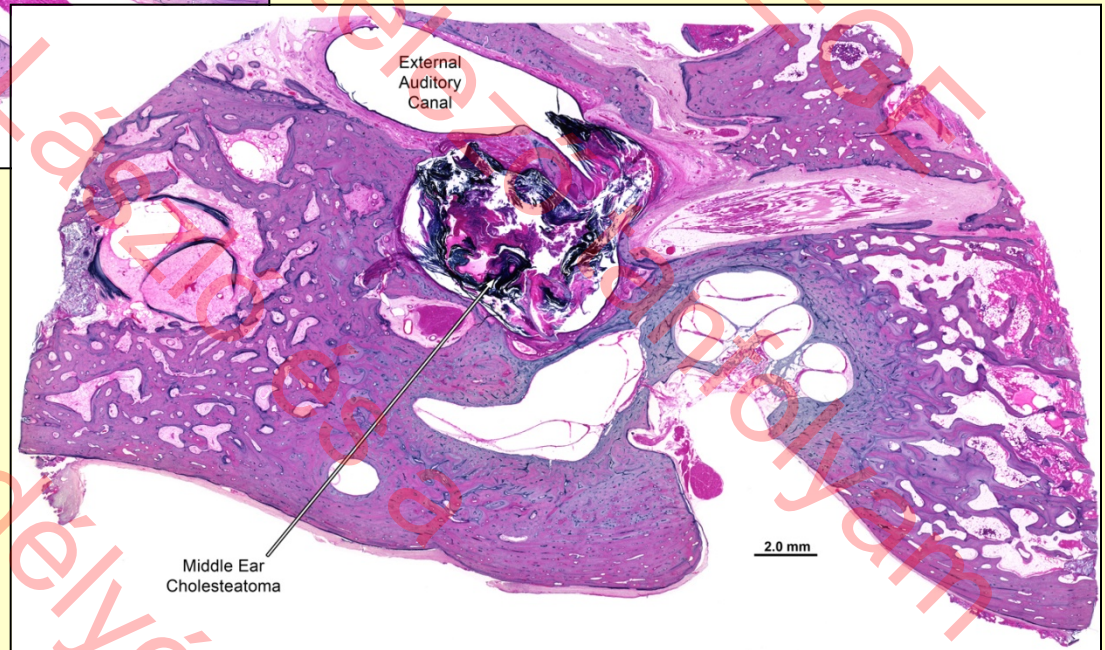
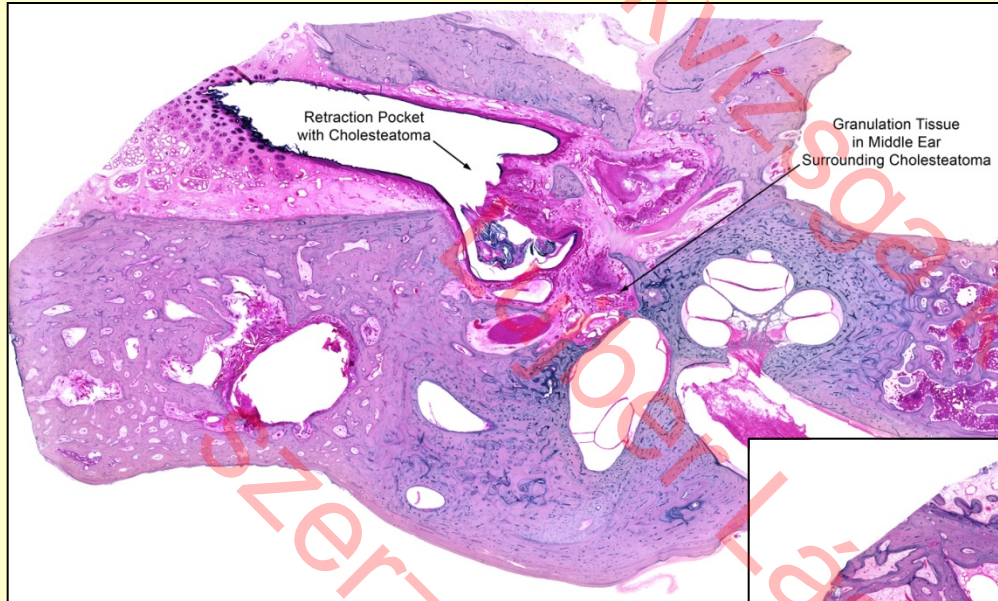
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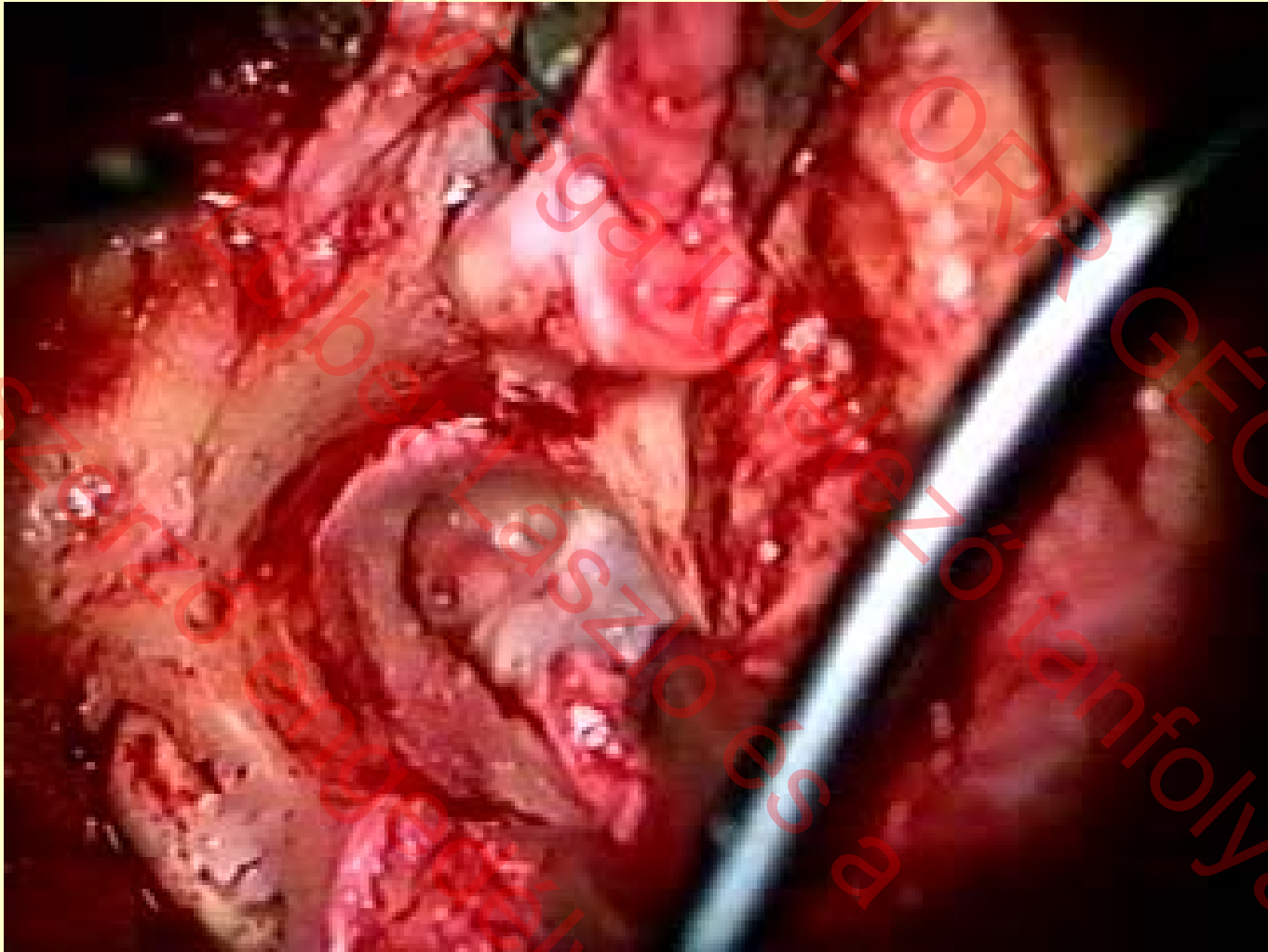
Retraction pocket



Cholesteatoma



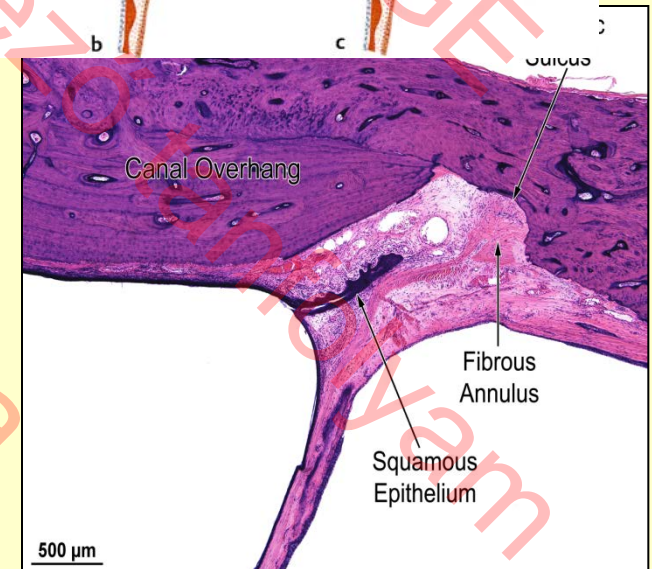
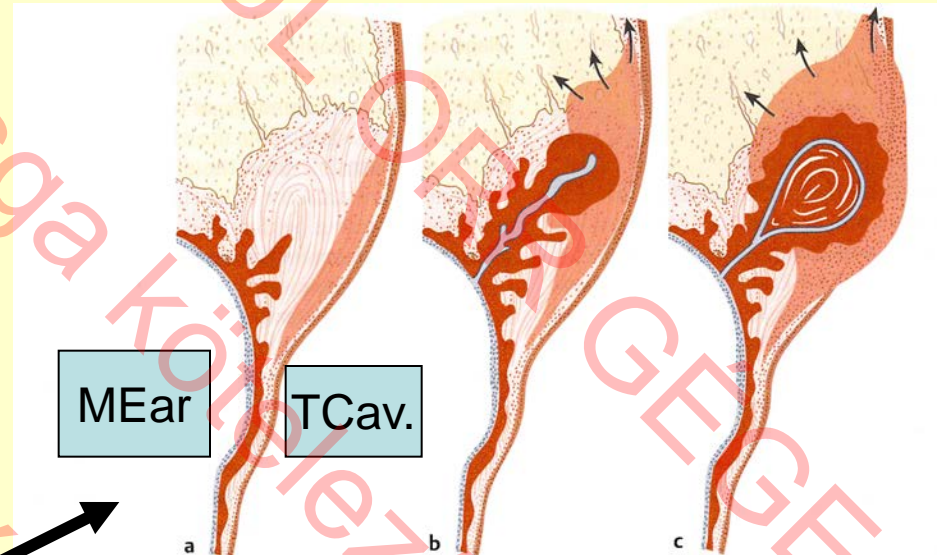
Epytympanic cholesteatoma, normal pars tensa



Cholesteatoma with tympanic membrane defect

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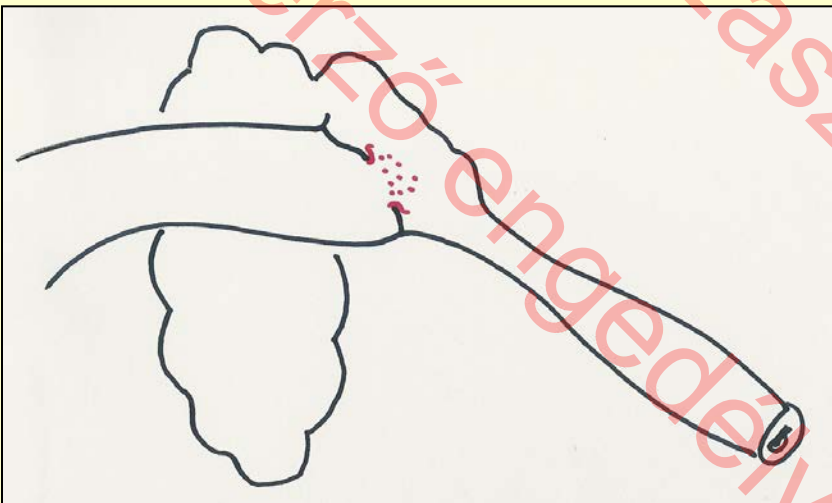


Cholesteatoma with tympanic membrane defect



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Diagnosis – good anamnestic data

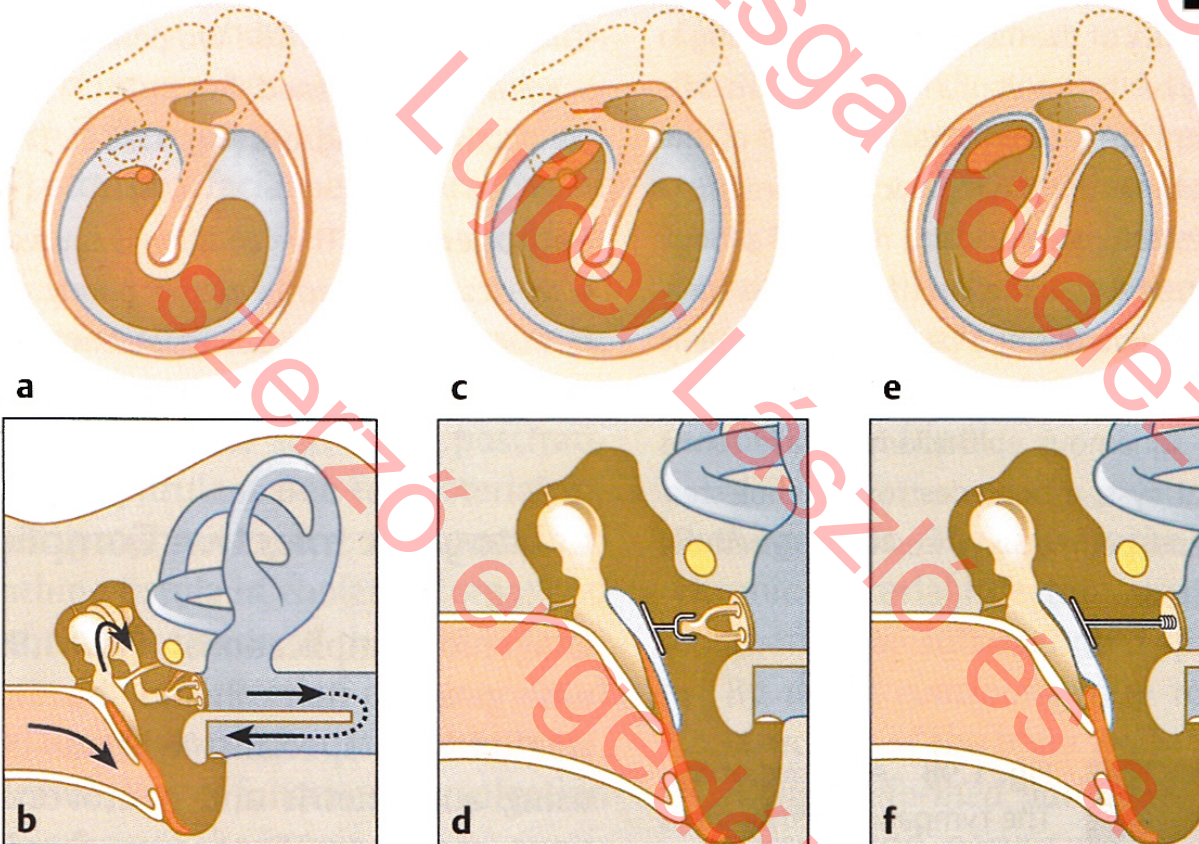
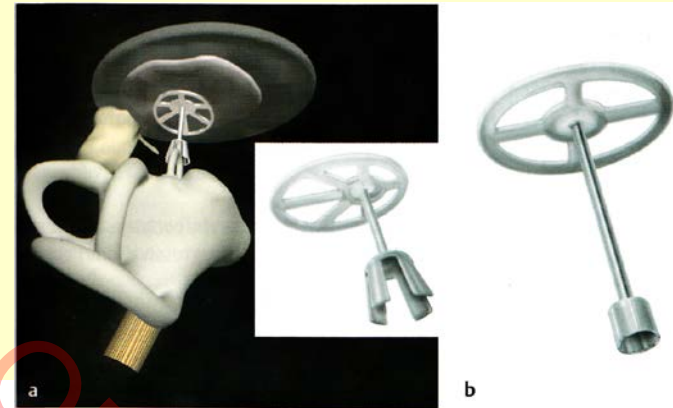


Diffusion weighted MRI

Tympanoplasty

Tympanoplasty

Conservative treatment is not a final solution !

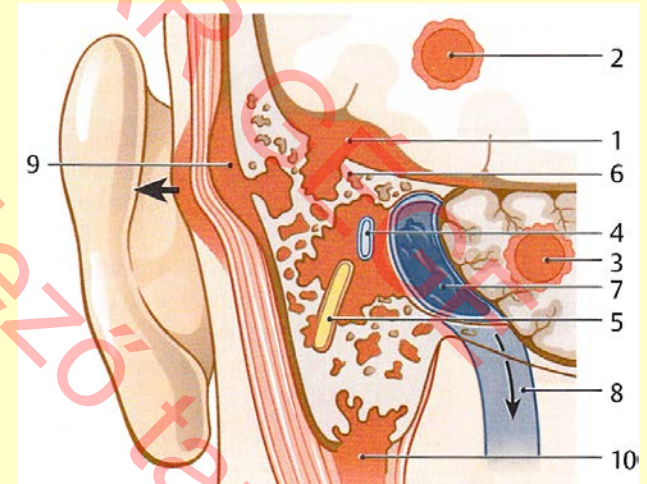


Diff. dg:

- Inactive chr. mucosal inflamm. (adhesion between promontory and an atrophic pars tensa)
- Carcinoma
- TB

Complications

- intracranial
(brain abscess, sinus thrombosis, meningitis)
- extracranial (abscess)
- intratemporal
(n.VII, petrositis, labyrinth)



Pathogenesis of pathways
of spread of otologic complications.
Retrograde thrombosis of the small veins.

2 messages!

- Any unexplained attack of **meningitis** must be suspected as having a nasal or otologic origin
- Every unexplained case of **septicemia** requires rigorous investigation of the ear, including radiography, because chronic middle ear disease may go unrecognised due to lack of other typical signs

Take home message

Etiopathogenesis of cholesteatoma

- **intact tympanic membrane**
 - primary **congenital** (epidermoid formation)
 - primary **acquired** (inclusion cholesteatoma after retraction and adhesions of eardrum)
- **tympanic membrane with defect**
 - primary **acquired** (retraction pocket, proliferation)
 - secondary **acquired** (immigration through perforation)