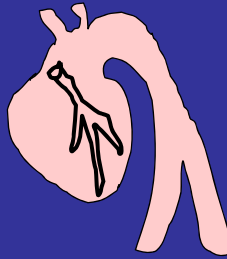
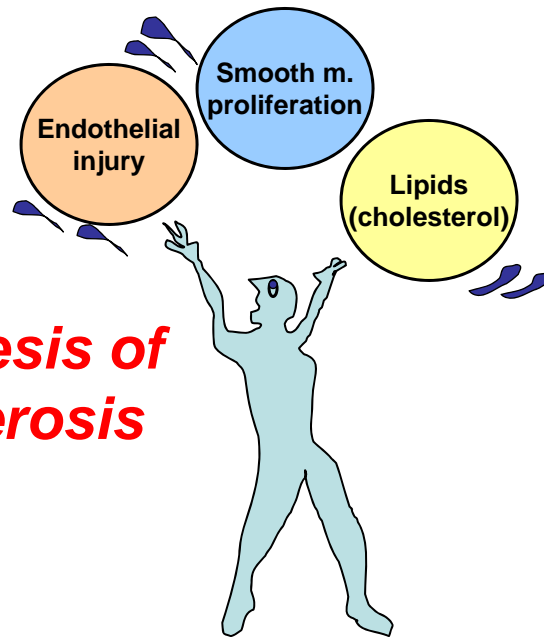


Atherosclerosis

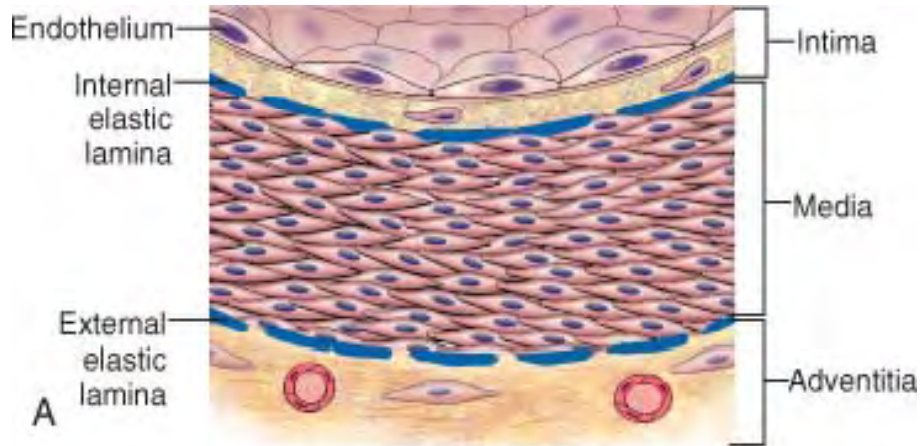
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease
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***Pathogenesis of
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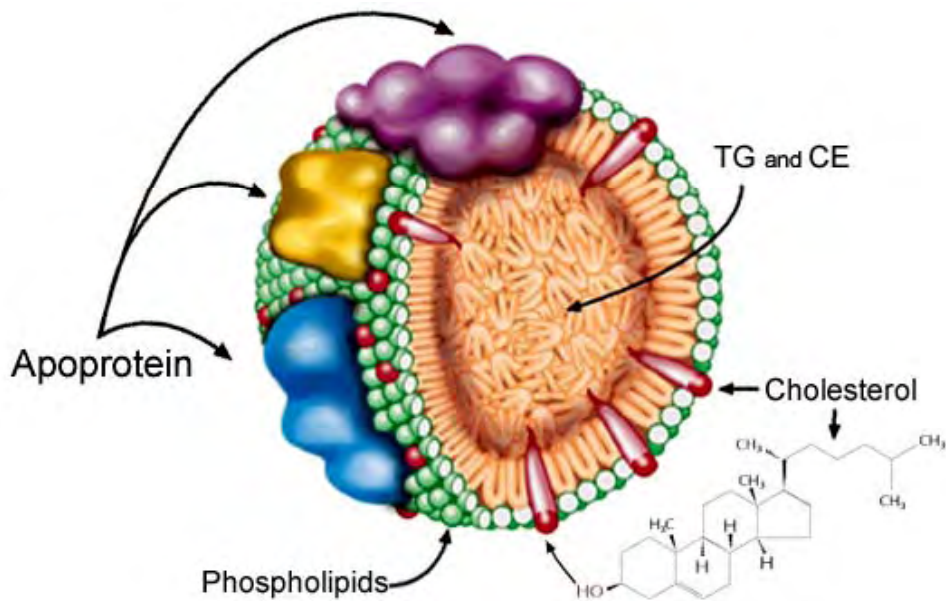


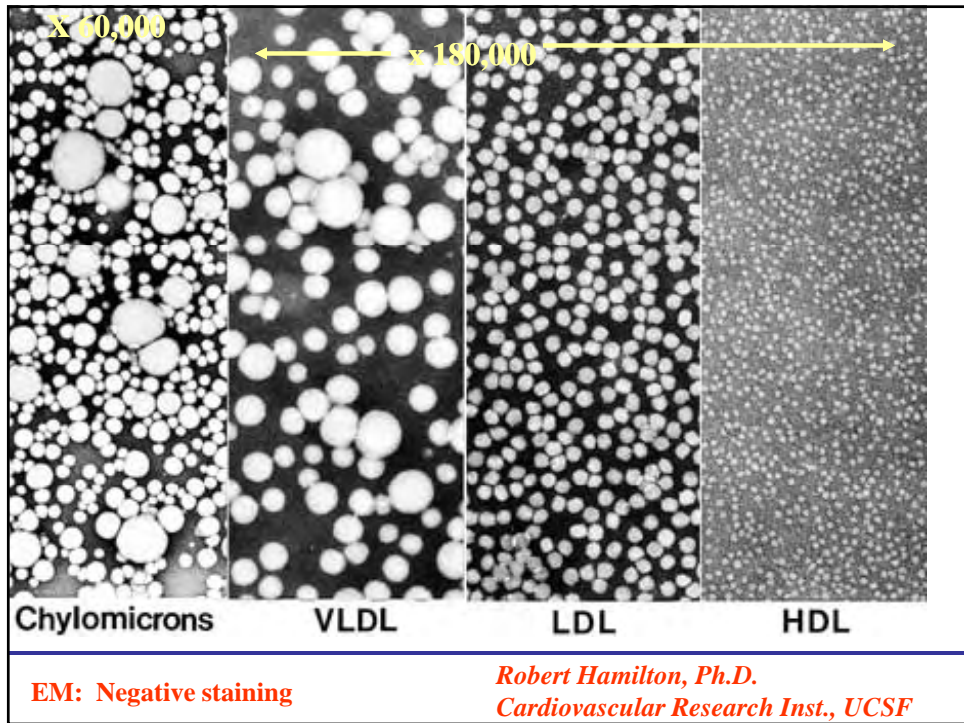
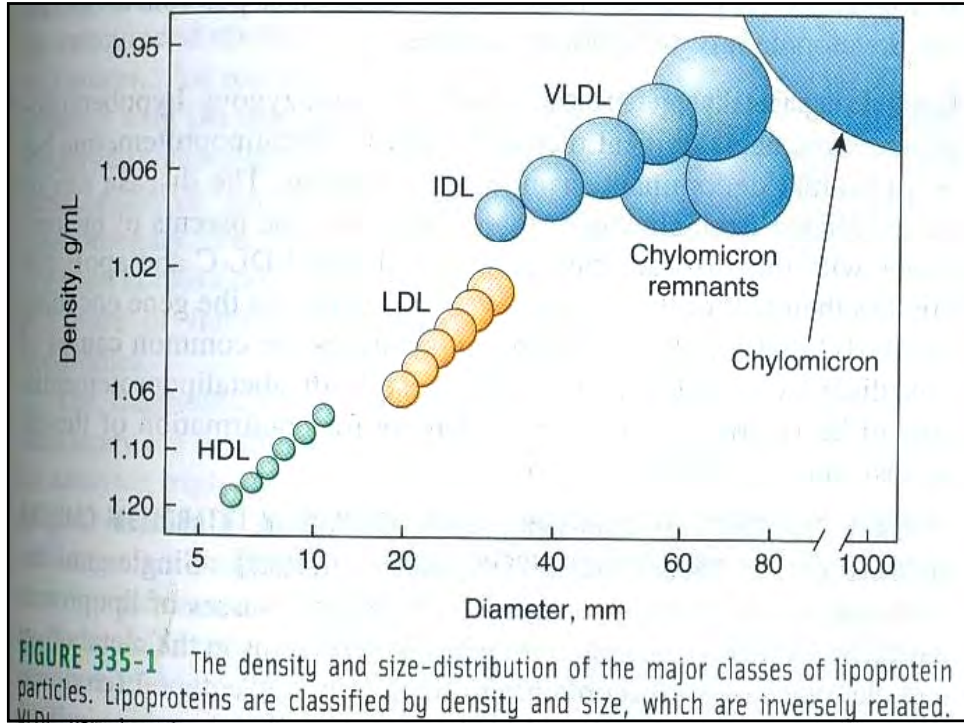
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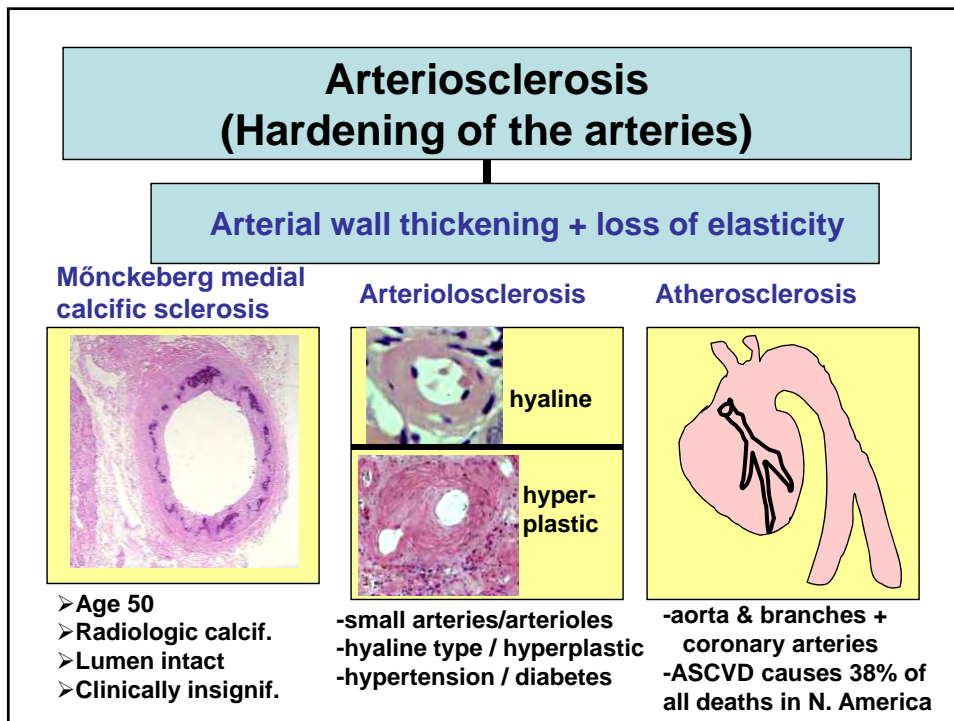
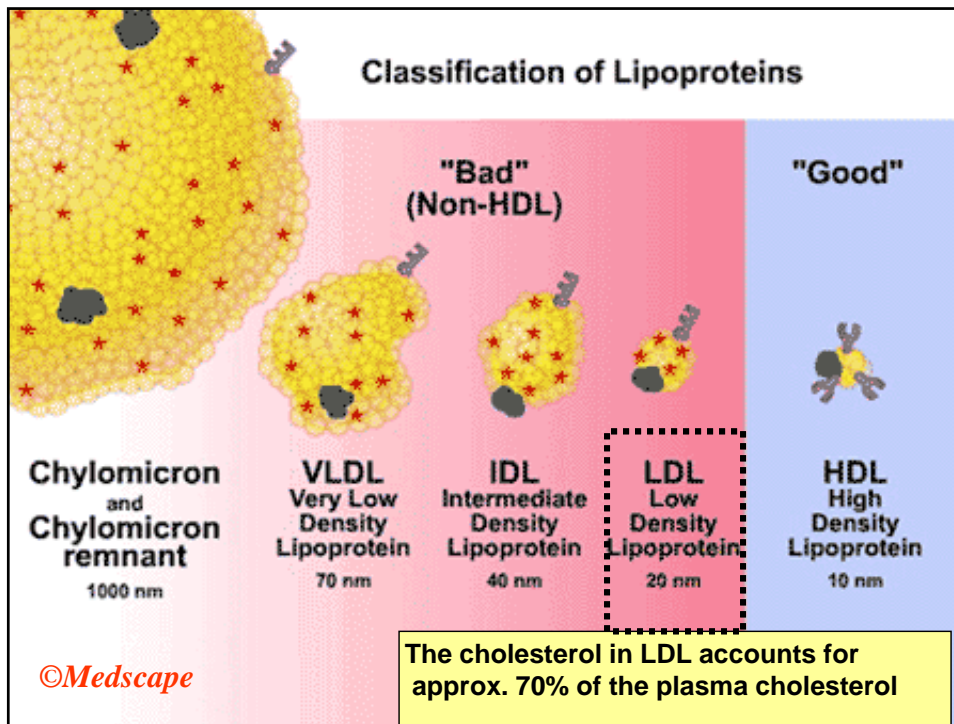


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Lipoprotein particle







ATHEROSCLEROSIS: response-to-injury model

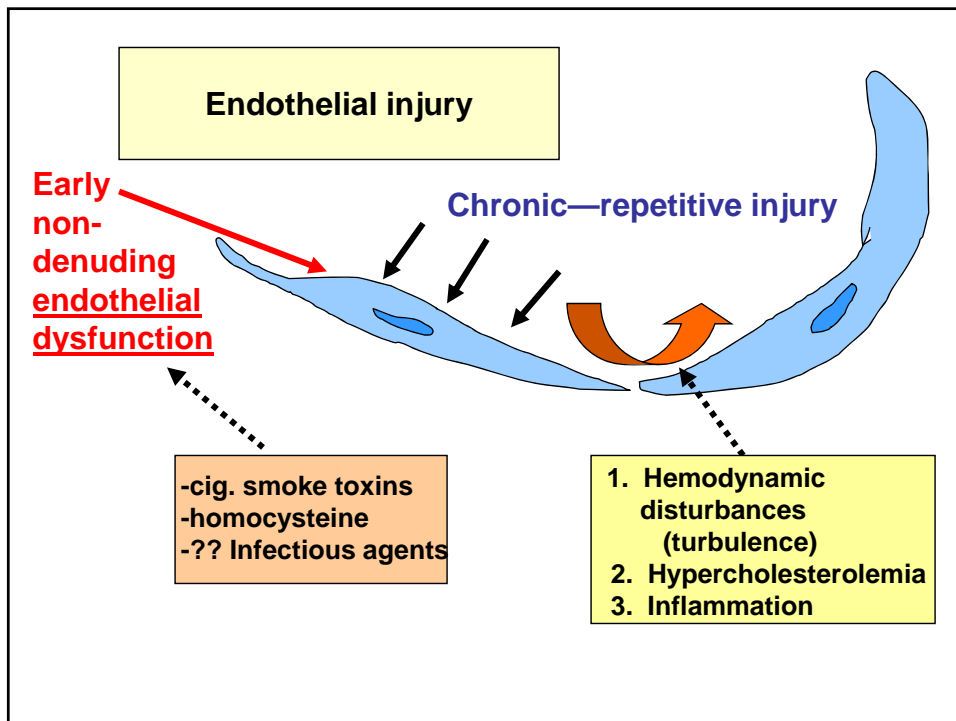
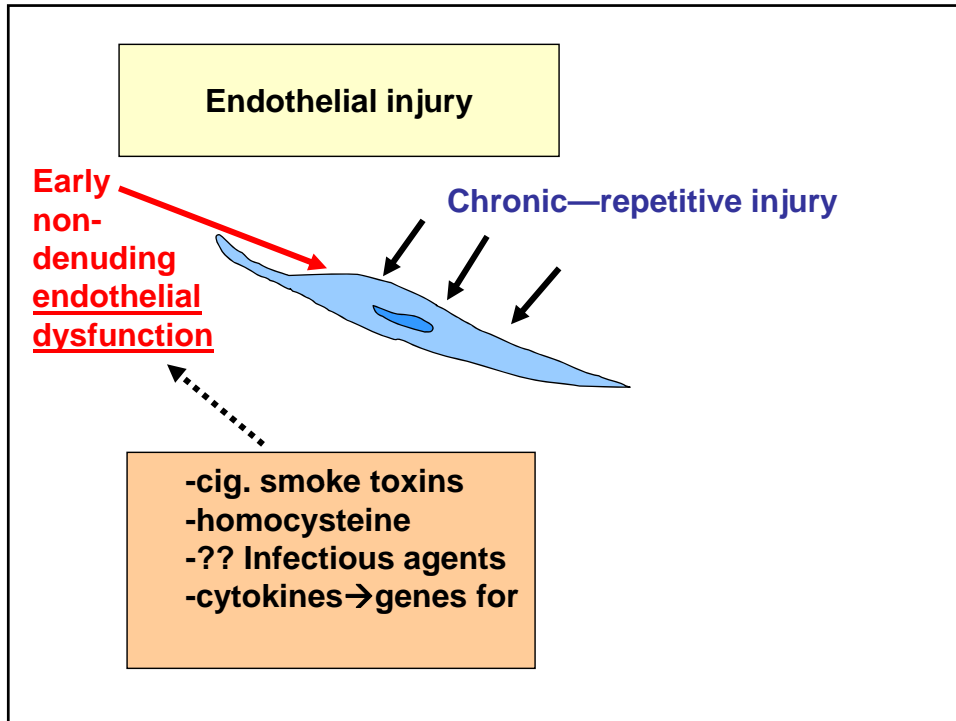
Atherosclerosis is a chronic inflammatory response of the arterial wall to endothelial injury.

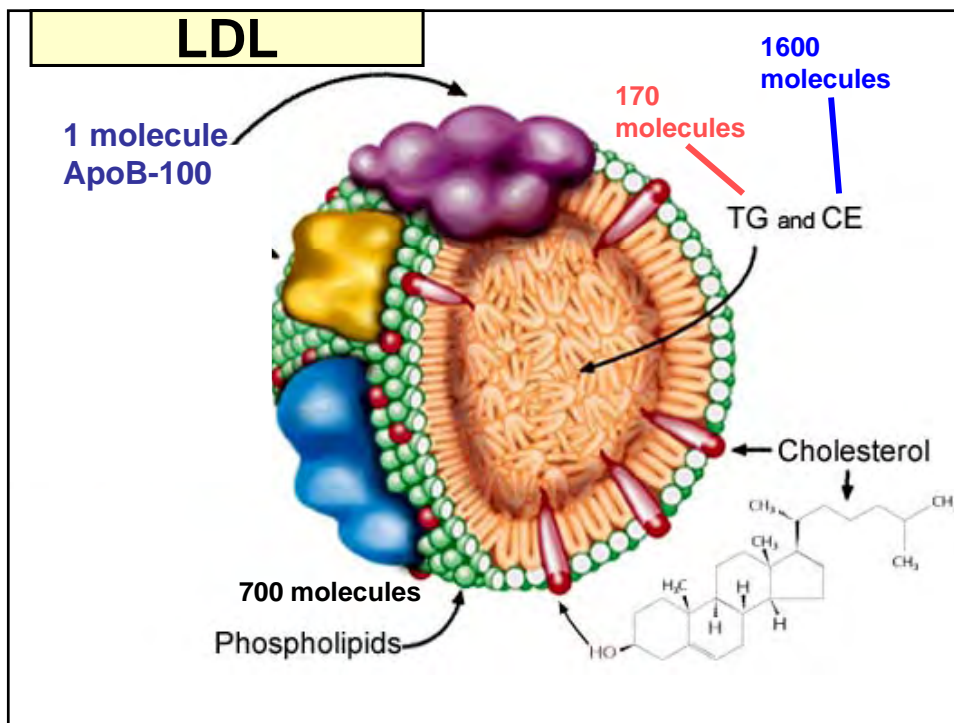
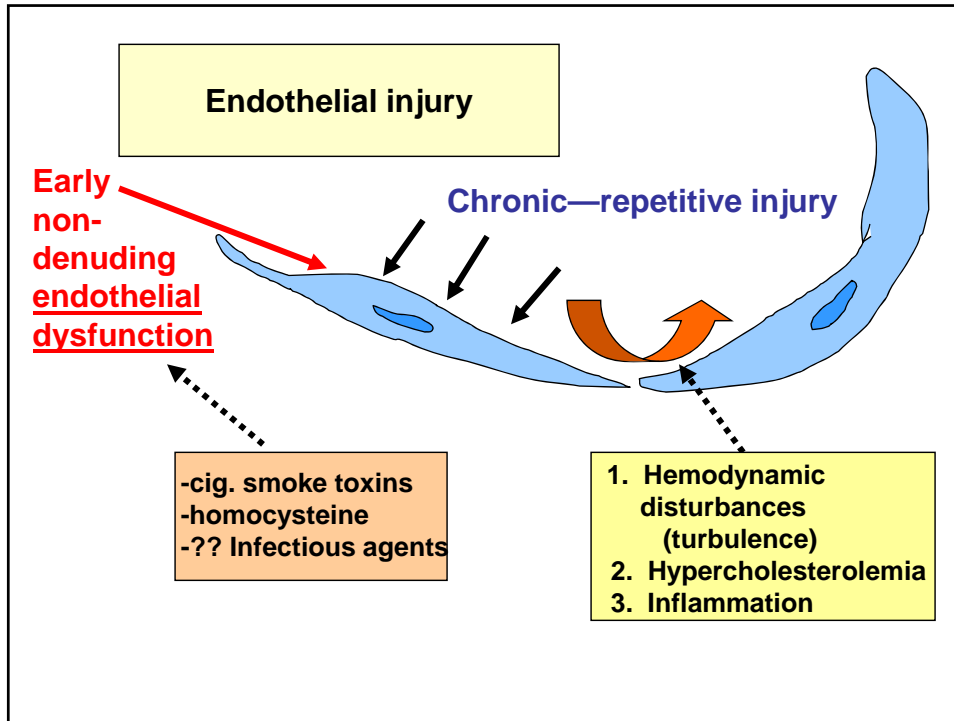
*basic
tenets*

1. **Chronic endothelial injury**
2. **Accumulation of lipoproteins (LDL mainly)**
3. **Monocyte adhesion to endothelium**
4. **Platelet adhesion**
5. **Factors released → SMC recruitment**
6. **SMC proliferation and ECM production**
7. **Lipid accumulation: extracellular/mac-SMC**

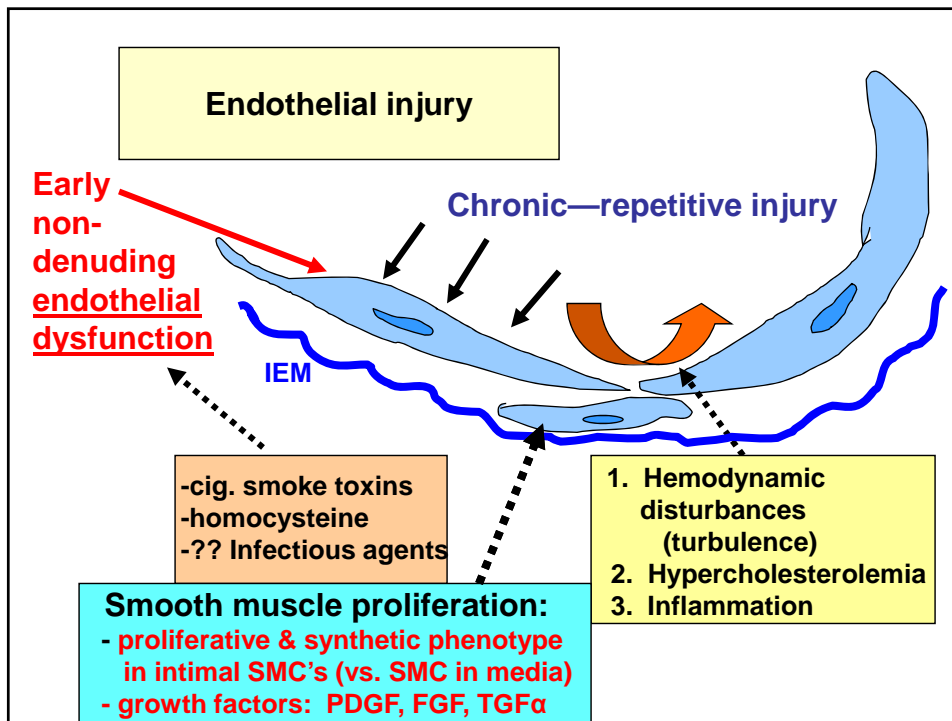
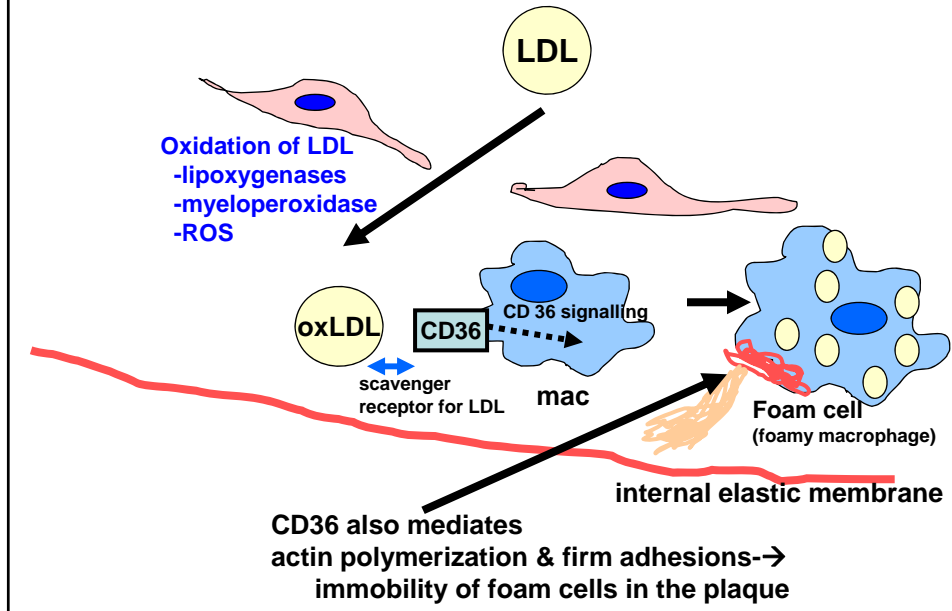
Risk Factors for Atherosclerosis

- **Hyperlipidemia**
- **Smoking**
- **Hypertension**
- **Turbulence**
- **Genetics**





Role of oxidized LDL & CD36 in foam cell formation



Pathogenic sequence of atherosclerotic lesions

Normal aorta



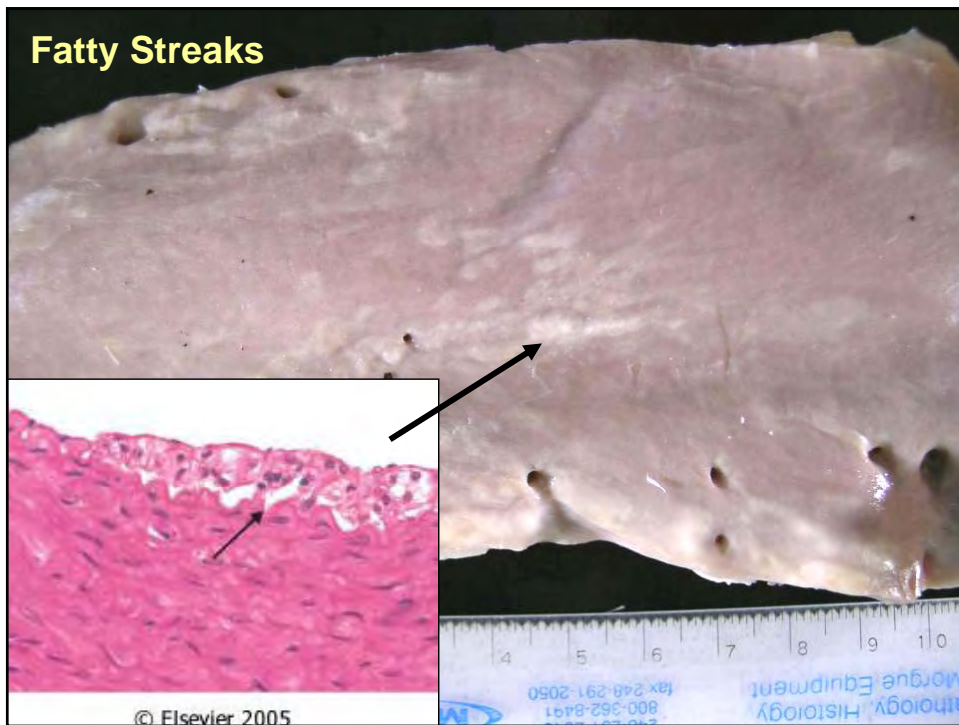
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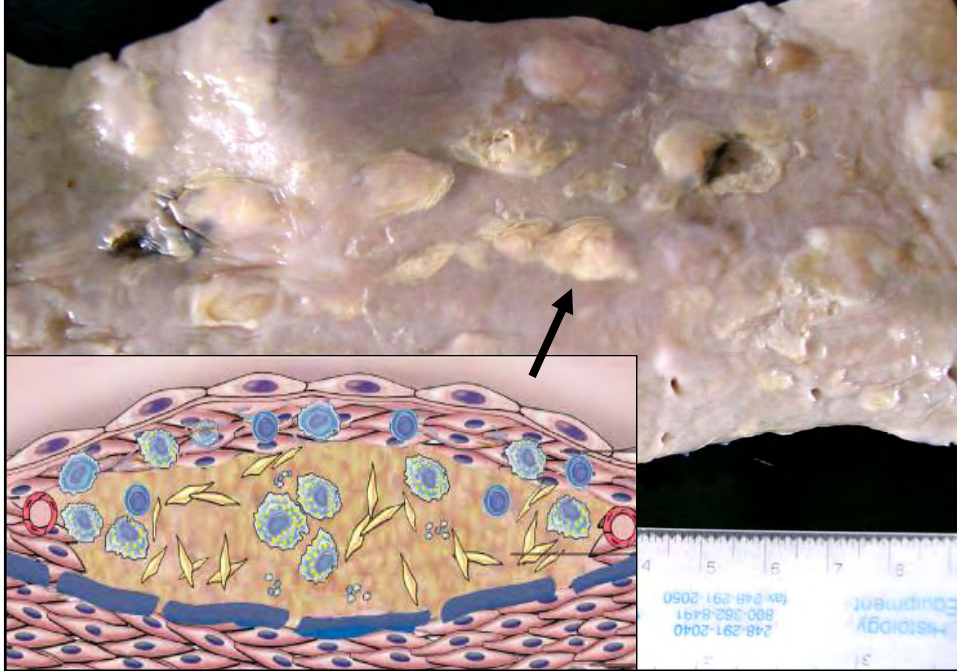
**Atheromatous plaque
(fibrofatty plaque)**



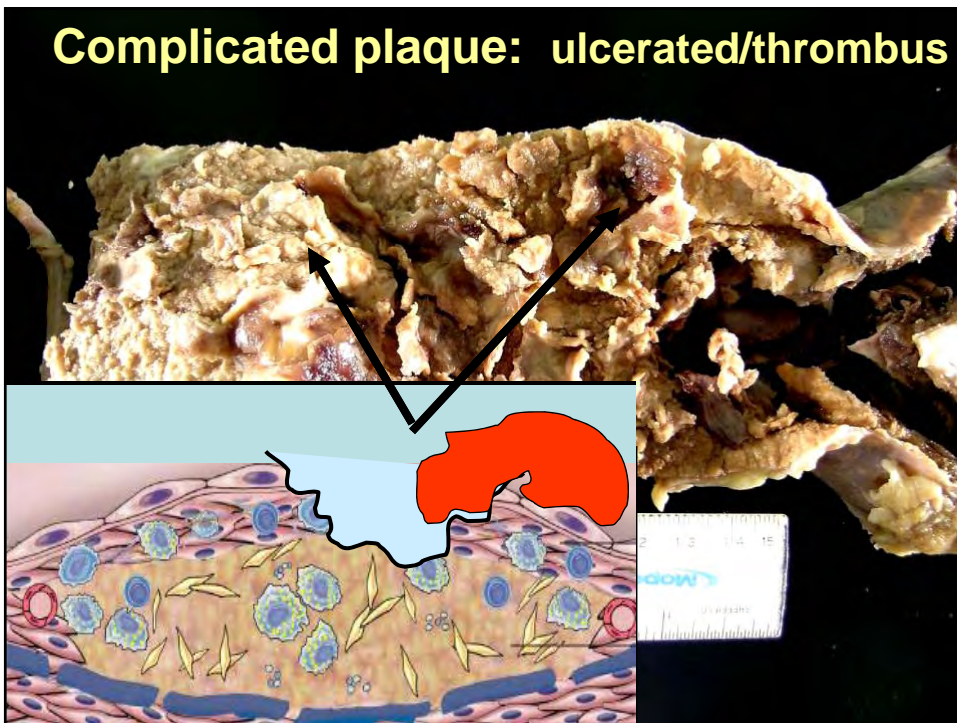
Complicated plaque



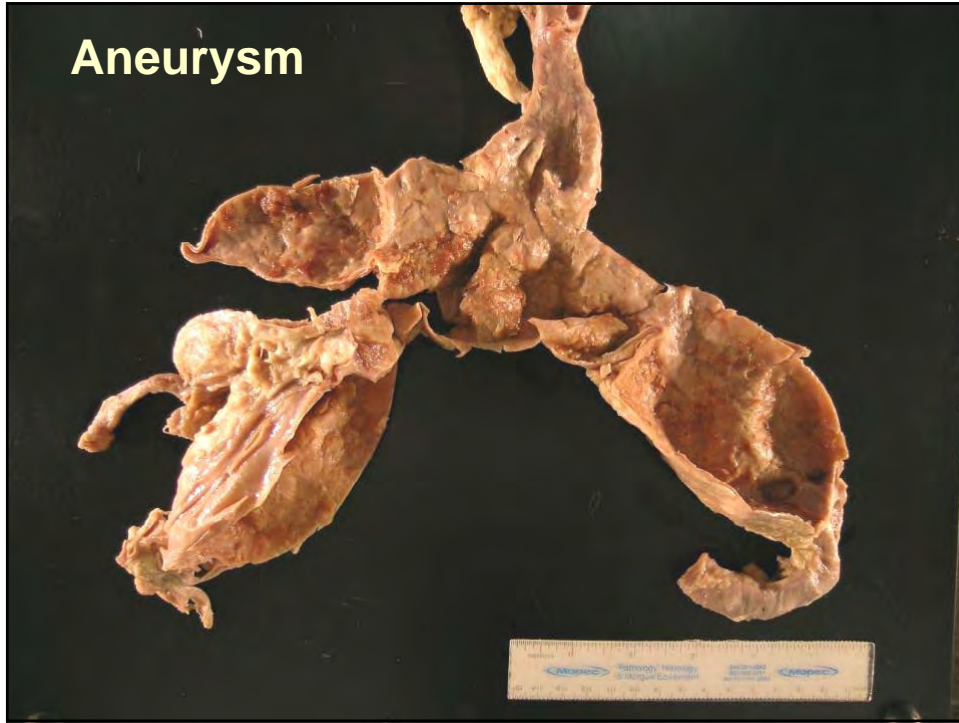
Atheromatous plaque (fibrofatty atheroma; plaque; atheroma)



Complicated plaque: ulcerated/thrombus

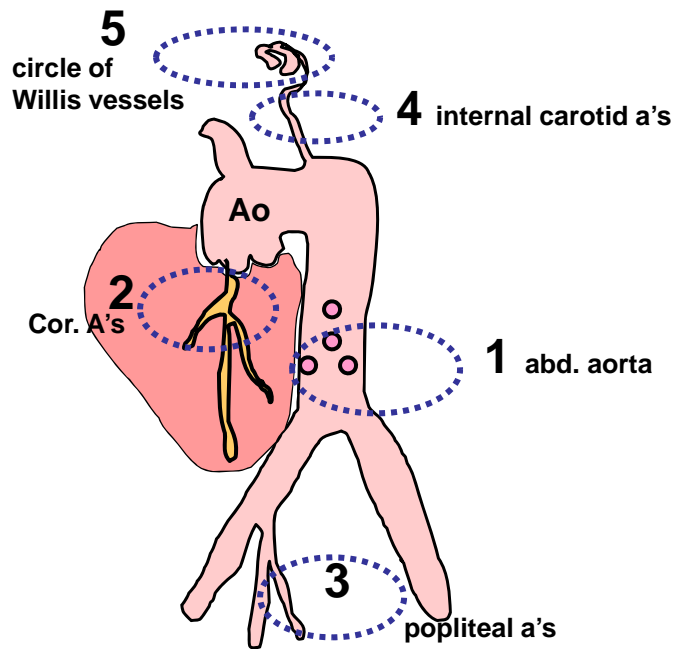


Aneurysm

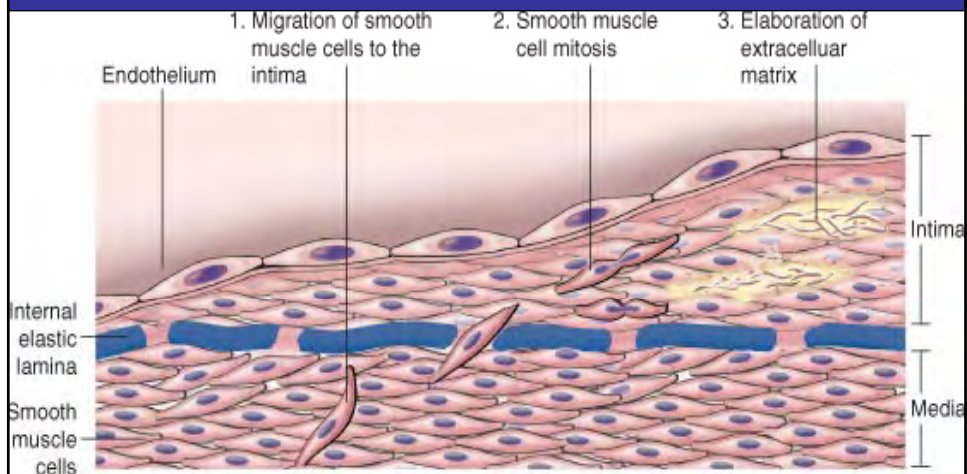


Thrombus in aneurysm

ATHEROSCLEROSIS: Vessel involvement: desc. order

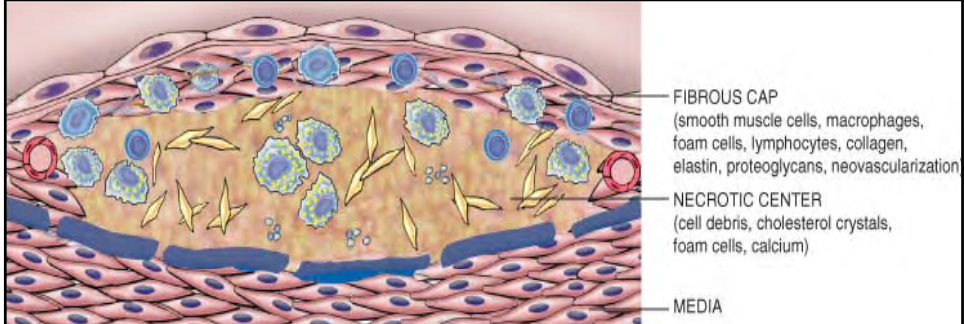


Development of the smooth muscle cap

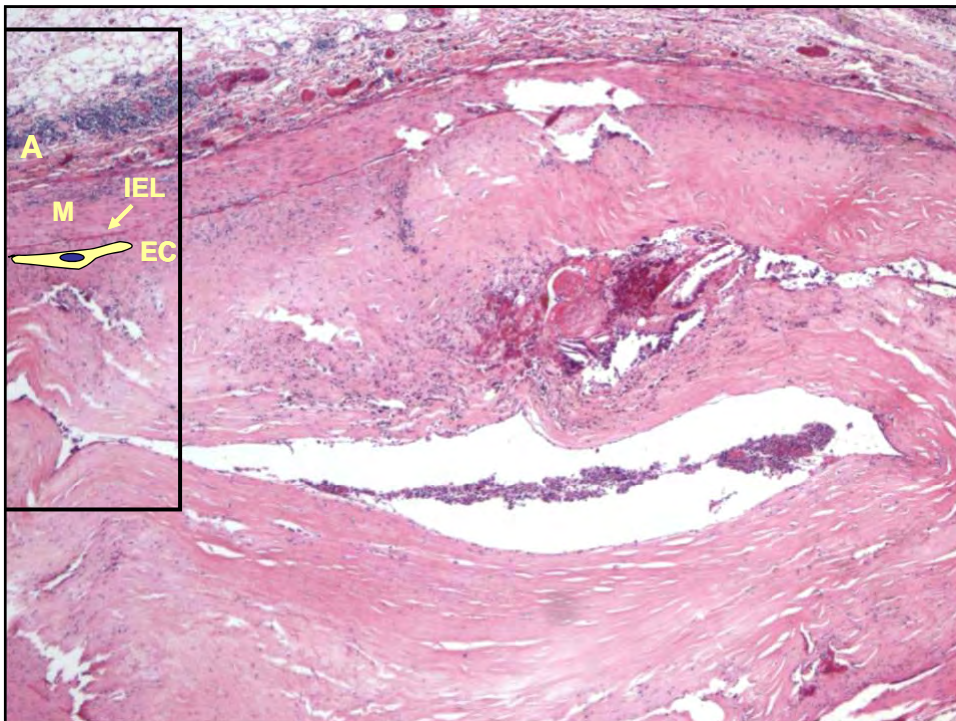


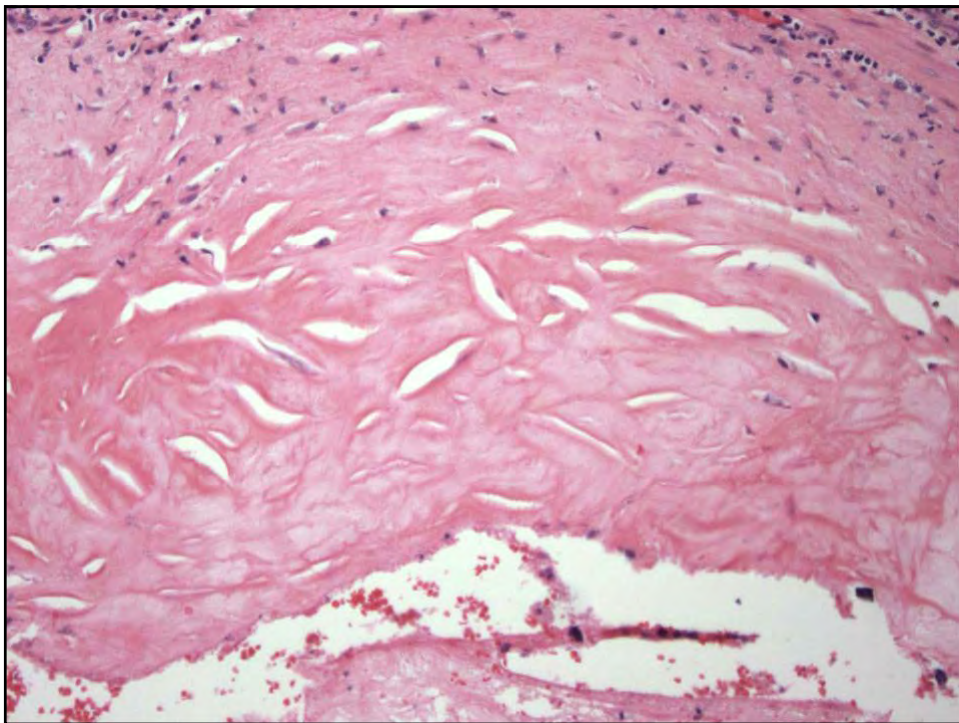
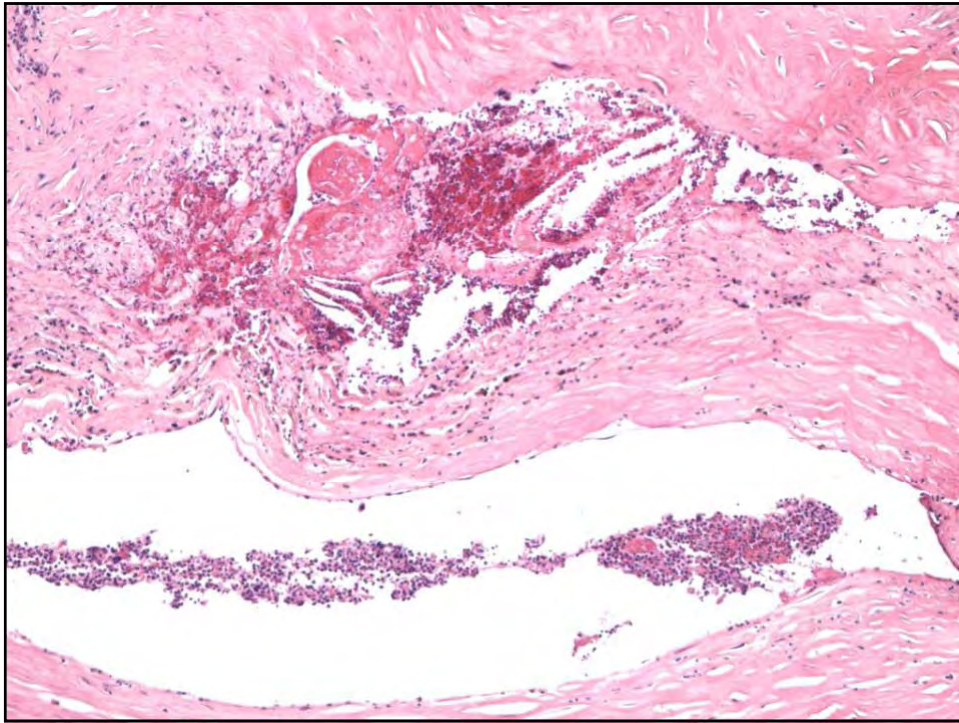
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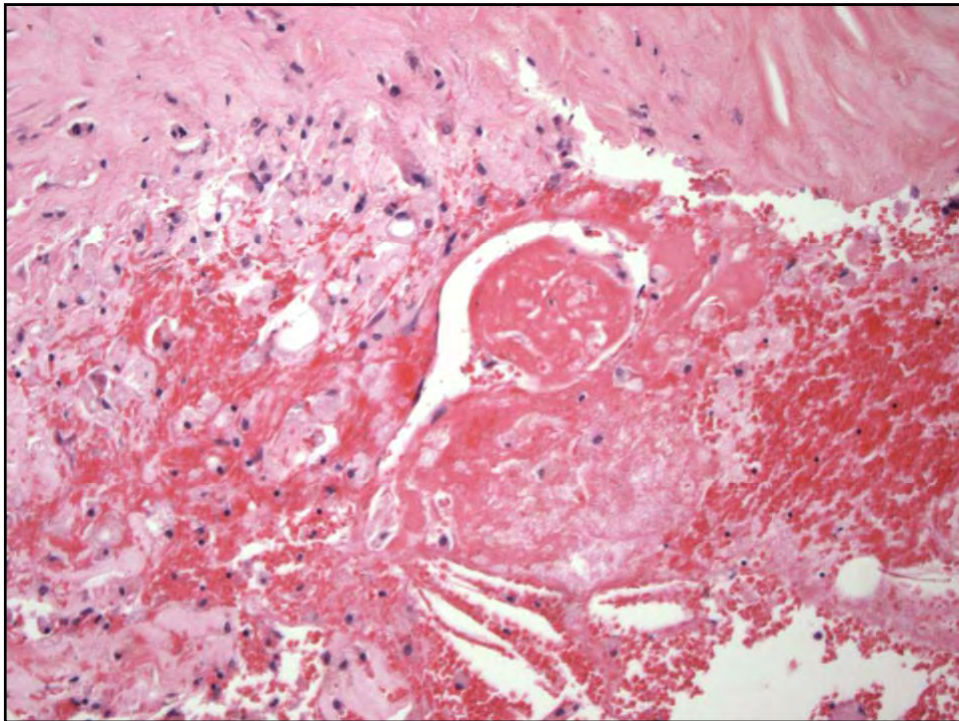
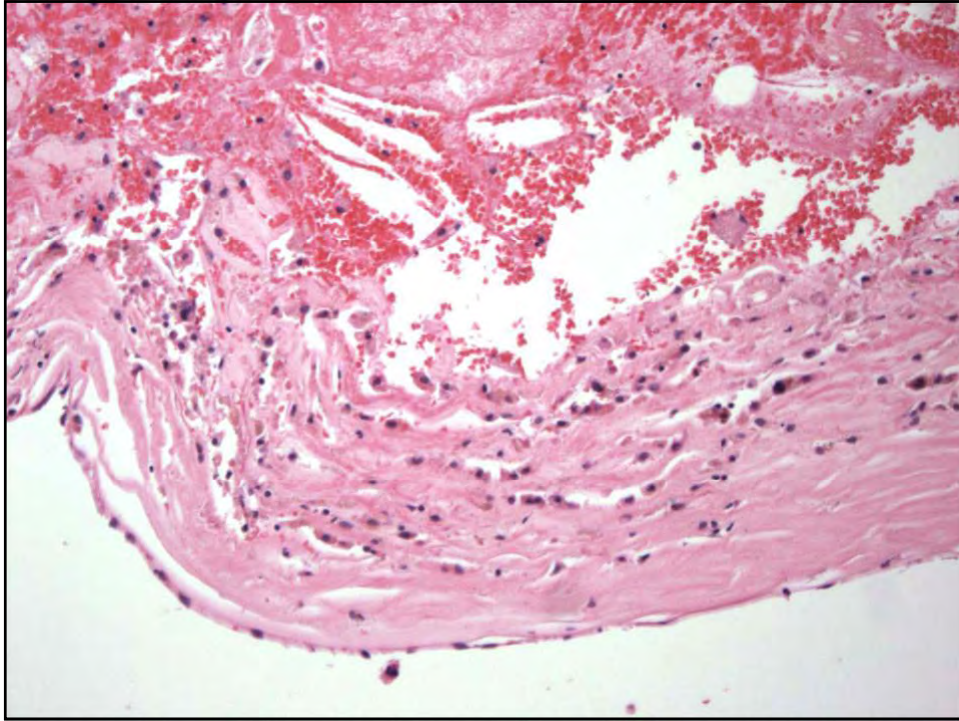
Atherosclerotic Plaque Structure

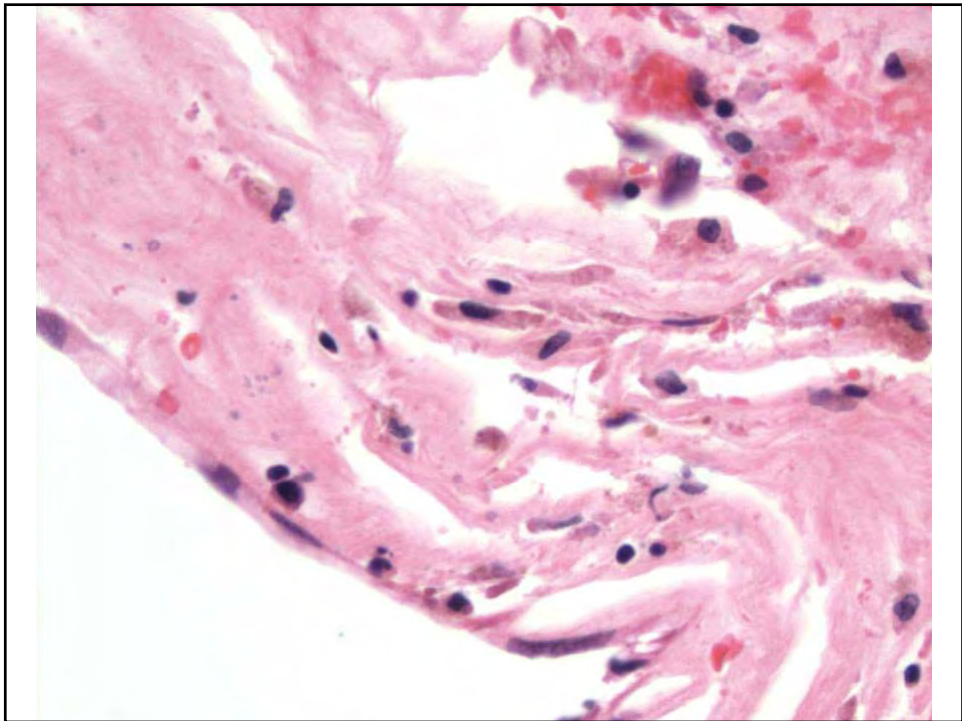
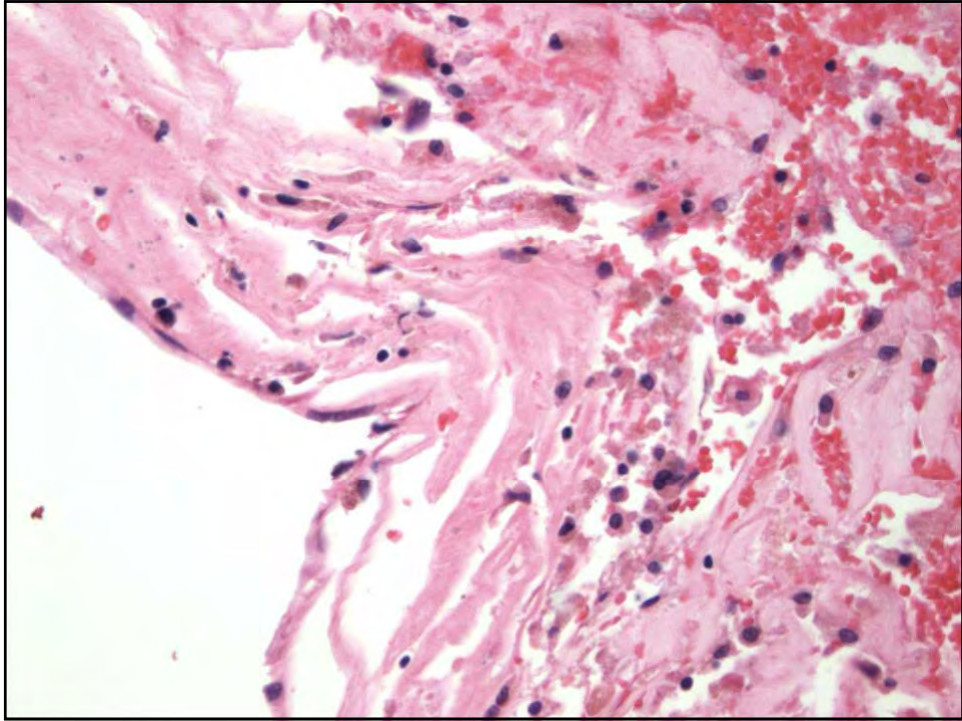


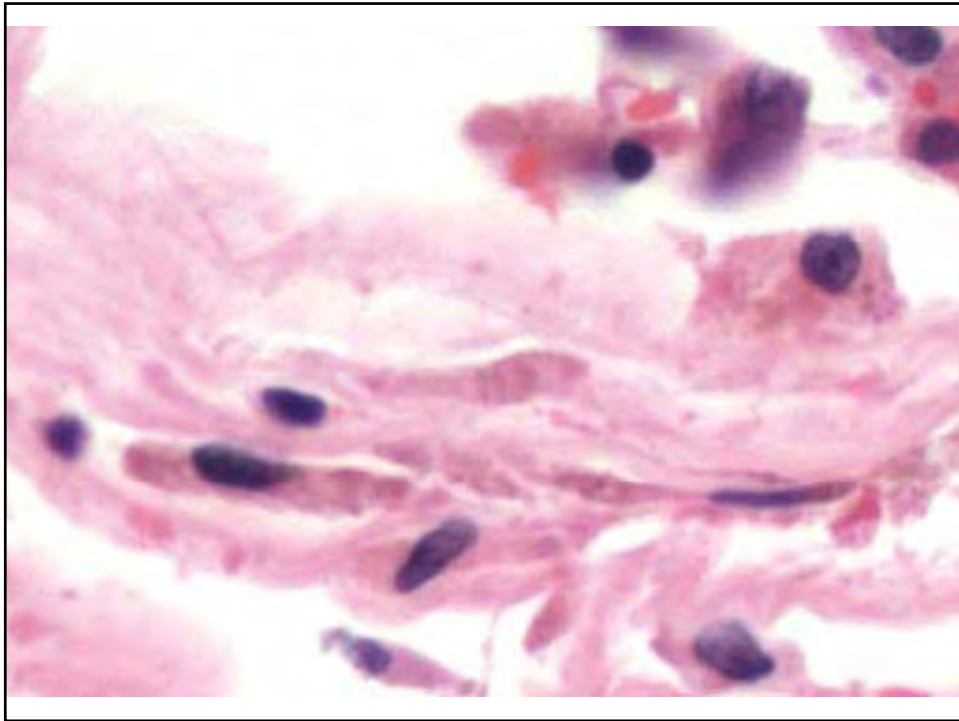
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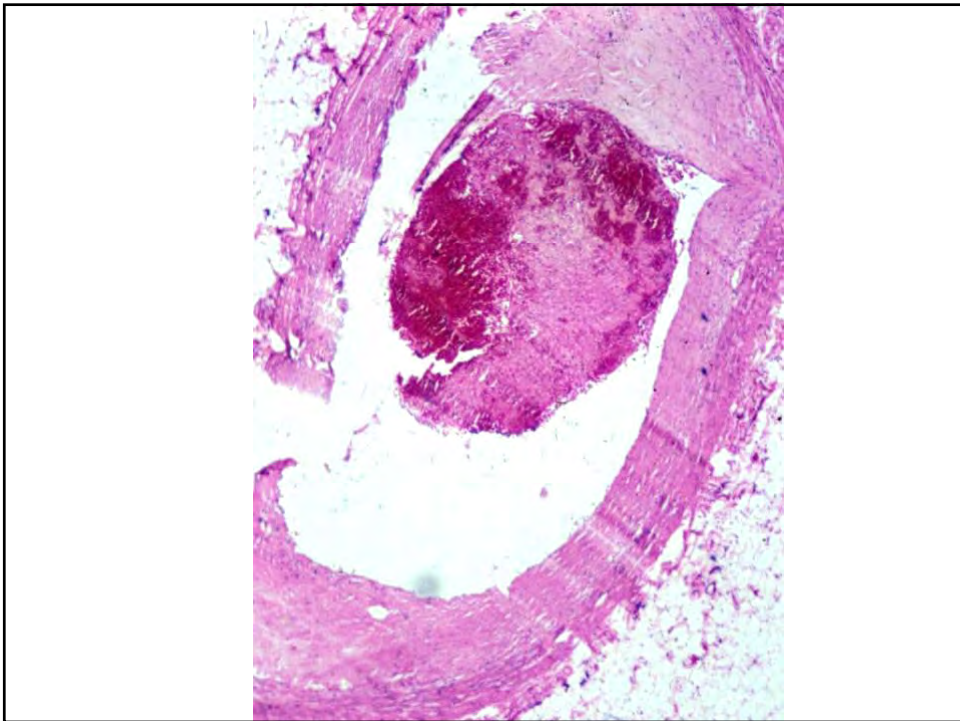


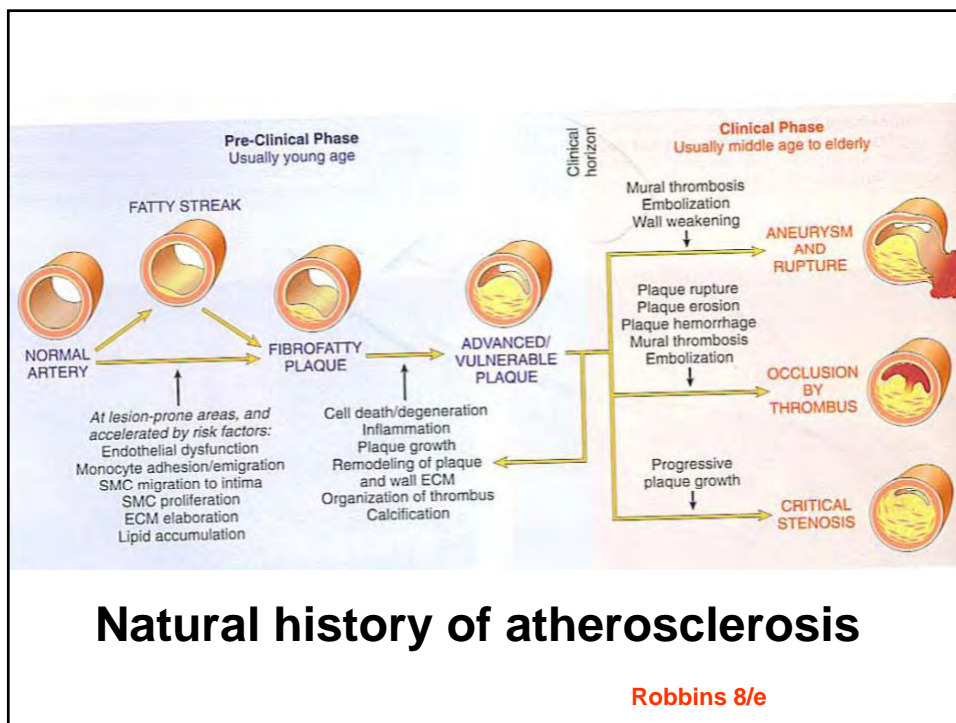
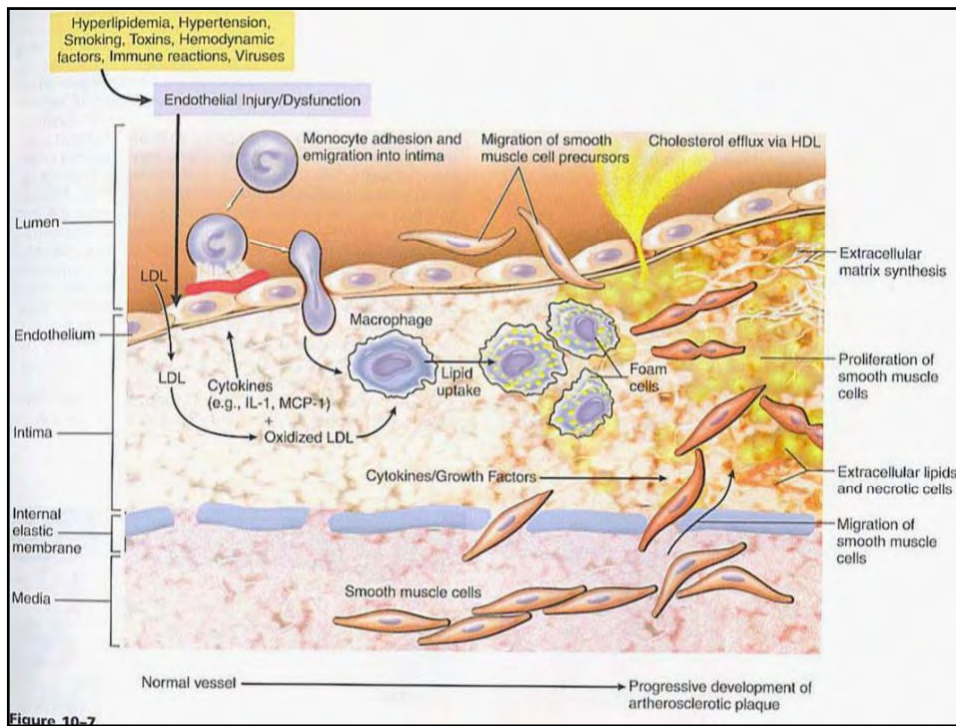












Atherosclerosis (AS): Summary

1. AS is an intima-based lesion with a fibrous cap and atheromatous (gruel-like) core
2. Constituents: SMC's, ECM, inflamm., lipid, necrotic debris
3. **Endothelial injury + inflammation** drive AS: risk factors influence EC dysfunction, SMC recruitment and activation
4. AS plaque complications:
rupture—thrombosis—hemorrhage—embolization
5. Rx: risk factor recognition + reduction

