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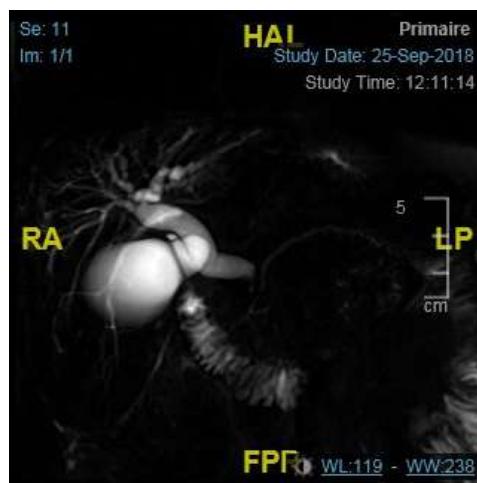
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- ♀, 53 yr
- Symptoms: icterus, fatigue, pruritus

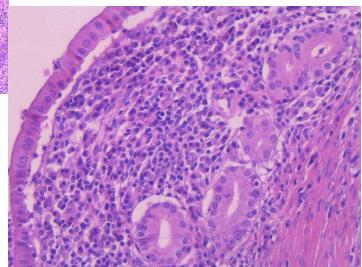
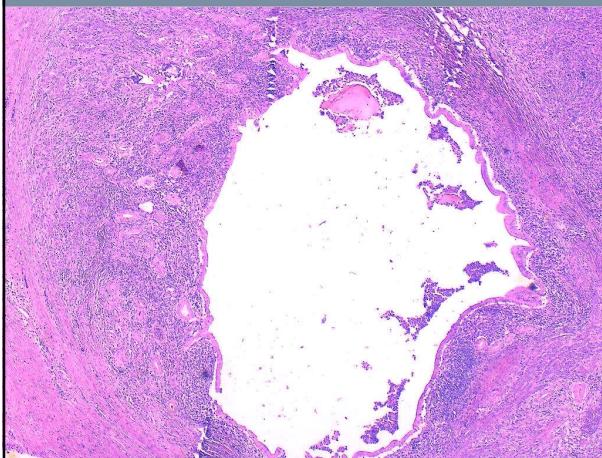


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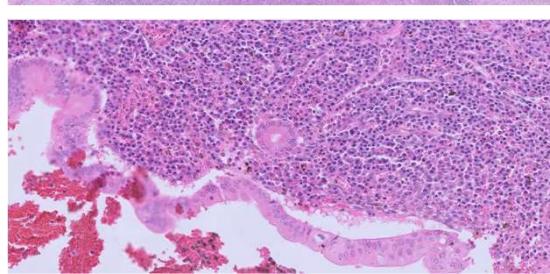
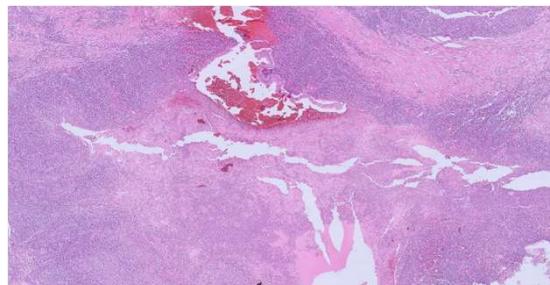
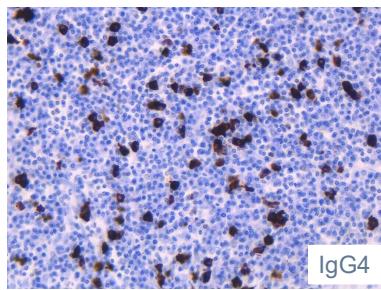
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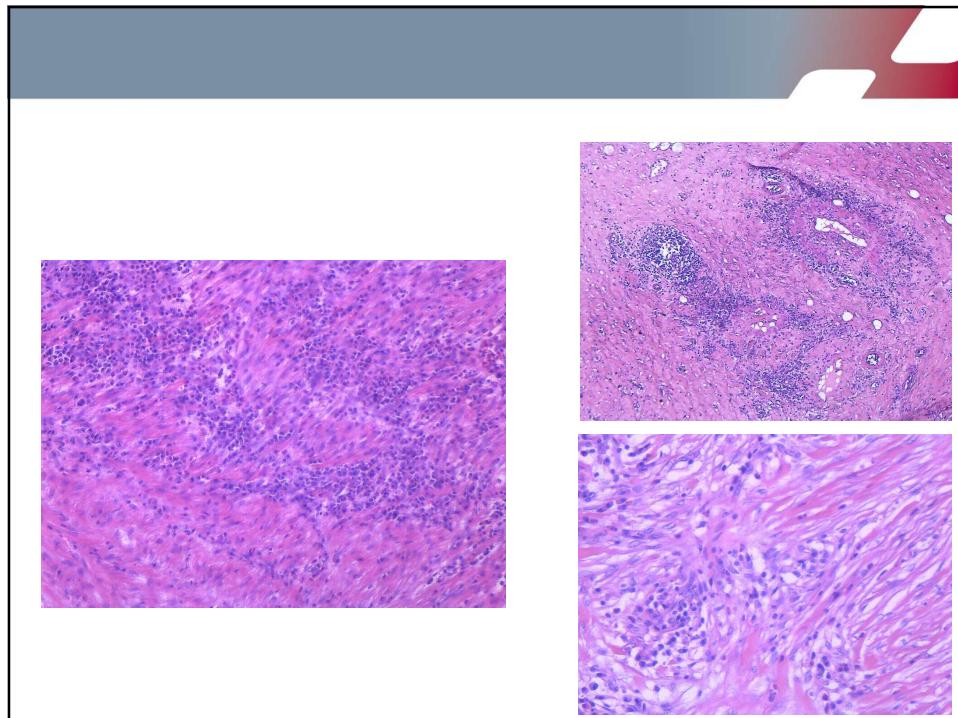
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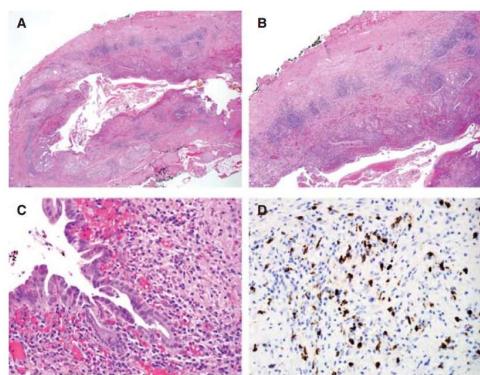


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### IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis in the absence of autoimmune pancreatitis mimicking extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

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**IgG4-Associated Cholangitis in Patients Resected for Presumed Perihilar Cholangiocarcinoma: a 30-Year Tertiary Care Experience**

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Period	Malignant (%)	Benign (%)
1980	9%	1%
1984-1987	42%	5%
1988-1991	38%	21%
1992-1995	23%	28%
1996-1999	11%	28%
2000-2003	23%	11%
2004-2007	18%	11%
2008-2011	14%	11%
2012-2015	14%	11%

**CONCLUSIONS:** Liver and bile duct resections for PHC during three decades disclosed in 15% benign biliary disorders mimicking PHC of which 42% were definitely diagnosed as IAC. IgG4-RD remains active in the majority of patients with IAC years after surgery. Novel diagnostic tests for IAC might reduce misdiagnosis, unnecessary surgery, and life-threatening complications.

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**Table 1** Various names used in the medical literature to designate IgG4-related disease

IgG4-related disease
IgG4-associated disease
IgG4-related systemic disease
IgG4-related sclerosing disease
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IgG4-related autoimmune disease
Hyper-IgG4 disease
IgG4-positive multiorgan lymphoproliferative syndrome
Systemic IgG4-related plasmacytic syndrome
IgG4 syndrome

Consensus IgG4-related disease

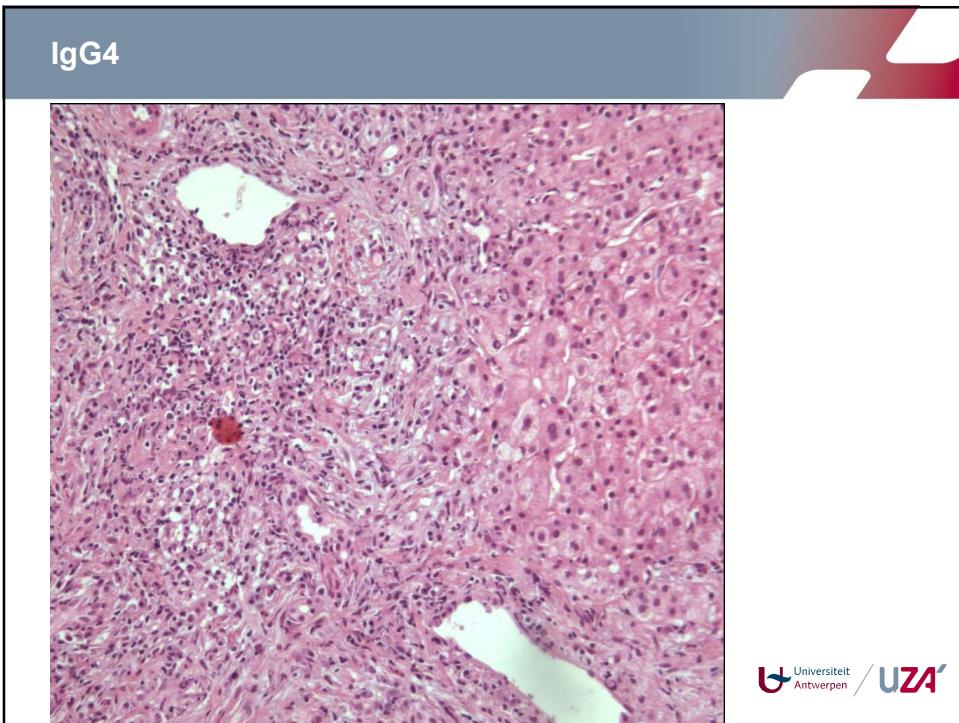
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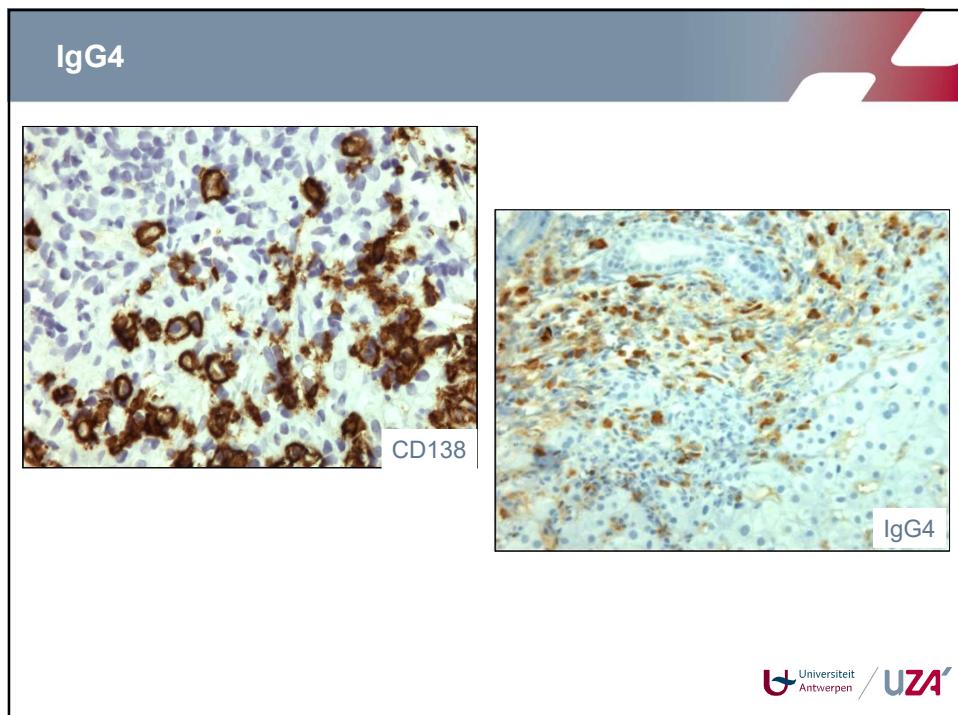
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	PSC	IAC
Age, years	25–45	65
Gender, male	65%	80%
Response to steroids	–	+++
Association with IBD	+++	–
Association with cholangiocarcinoma	+++	?
Other organ involvement	?	+++
Histological findings	obliterative cholangitis and cirrhosis band-like strictures with a beaded appearance	abundant IgG4-positive plasma cells segmental strictures and distal bile duct strictures around 70%
Elevated serum IgG4	7–9%*	
	Pruritus Asymptomatic	Obstructive jaundice
Digestion 2009		

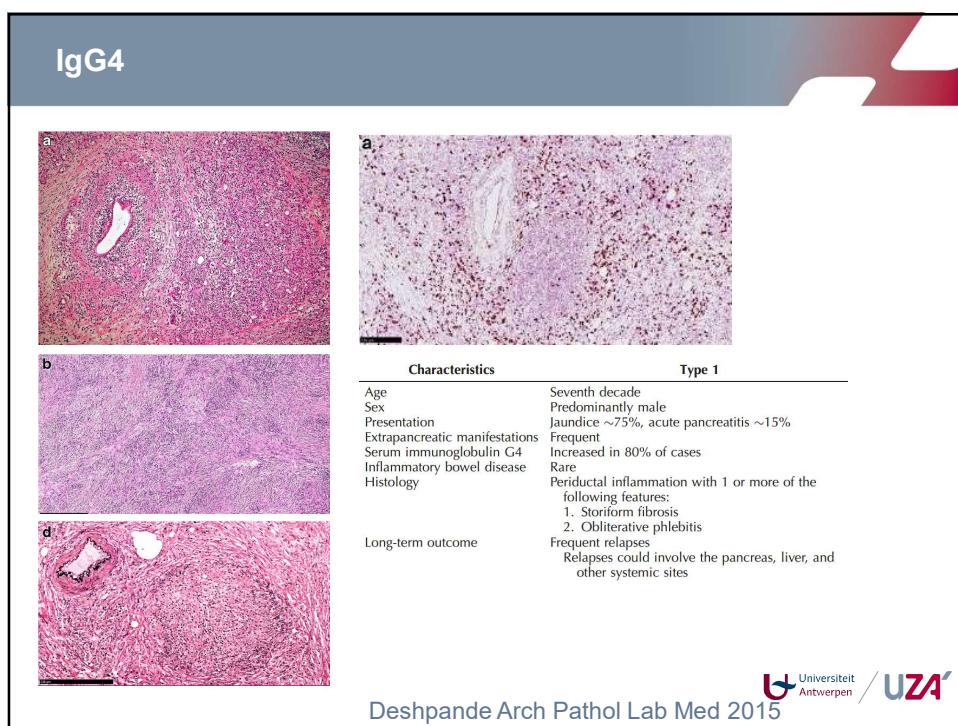
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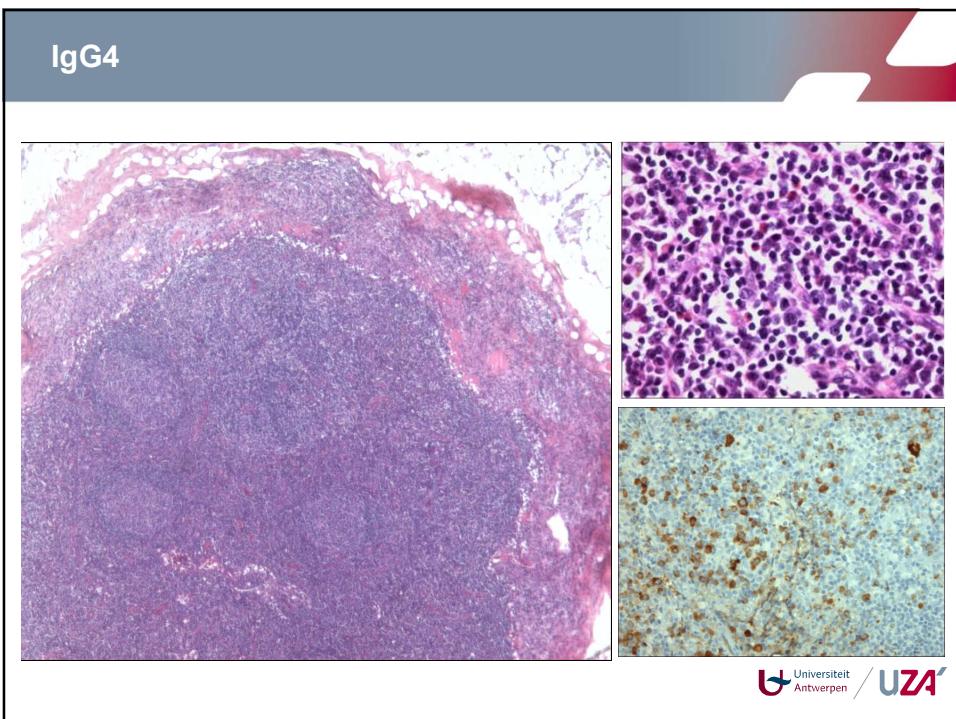
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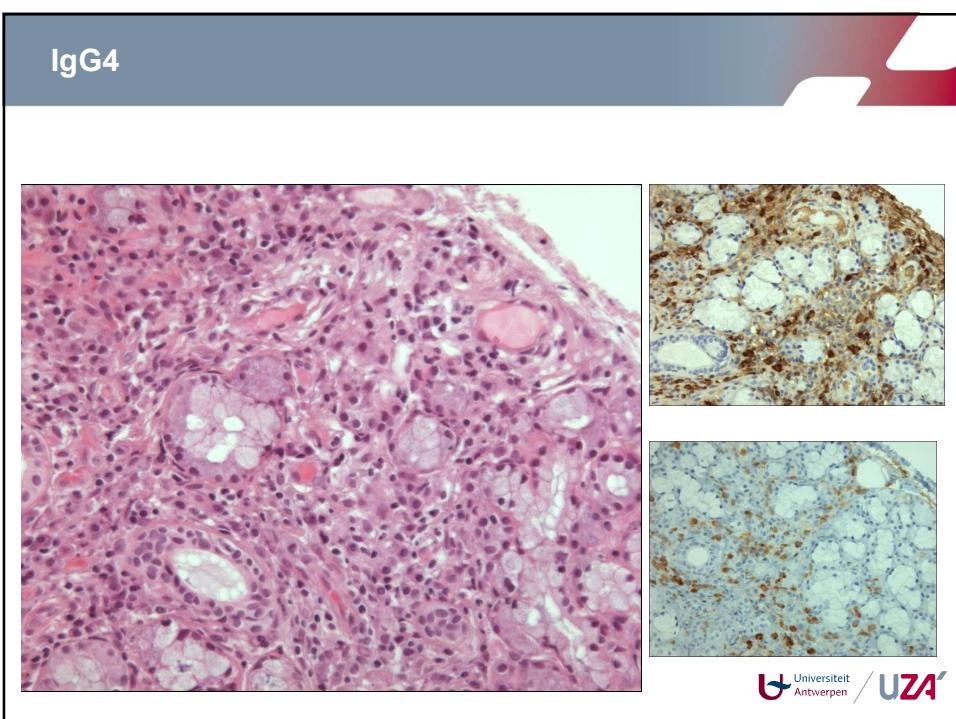
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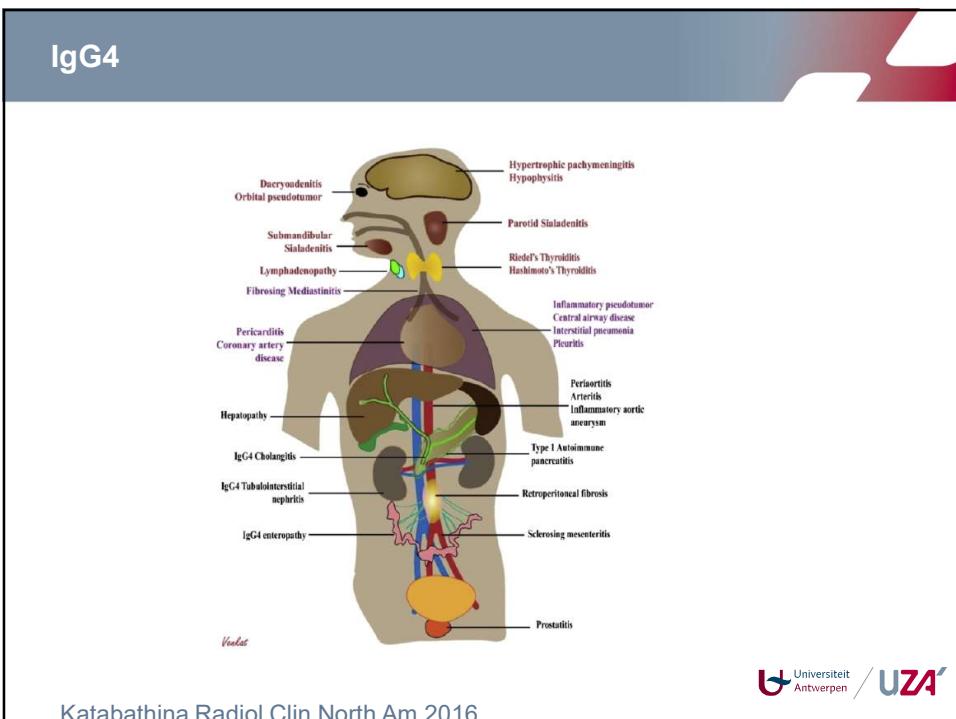
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## Consensus statement on the pathology of IgG4-related disease

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## IgG4

- Although the combination of **histopathological** features and **immunohistochemistry** provide a strong supportive evidence for the diagnosis of IgG4-related disease
- Careful correlation with the **clinical presentation** and **imaging** of a patient is essential to make a final diagnosis
- Neither an increase in **serum IgG4** nor elevated **numbers of IgG4 positive plasma cells** in tissue is specific for IgG4 related disease

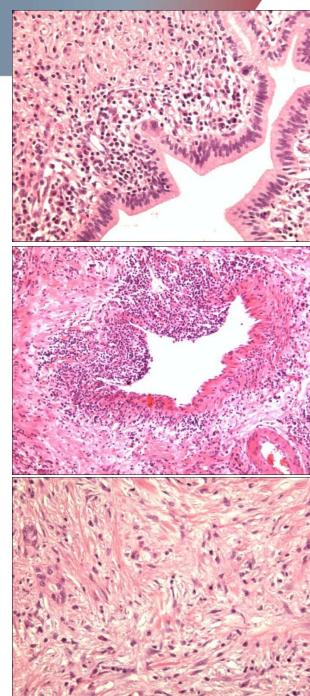


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## IgG4

### Criteria (Mayo Clinic): HISORt

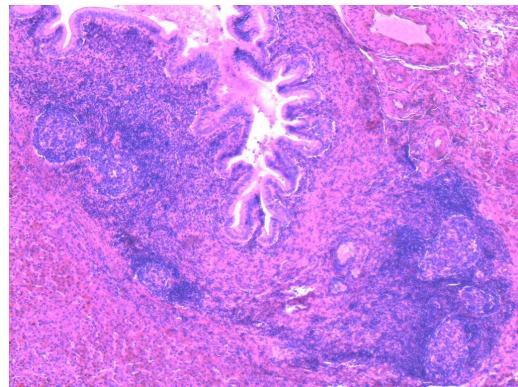
- Histology & >10 IgG4+ pm/HPF
  - Lymphoplasmacytic infiltration
  - Obliterative phlebitis
  - Atrophy
  - Irregular fibrosis
  - Eosinophilic infiltration
- Immunohistochemistry:
  - IgG4+ plasmacells (>10/HPF)
  - Elevated CD4, CD8+ T-cells
- Imaging
- Serology (IgG4 >140 mg/dl)
- Other organ involvement
- Response to corticosteroid therapy



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Differential diagnosis

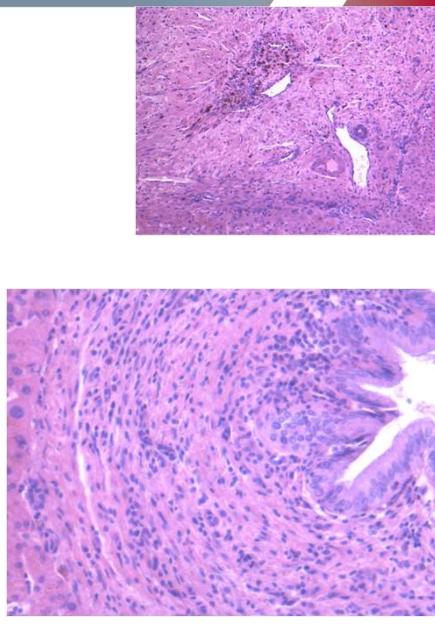
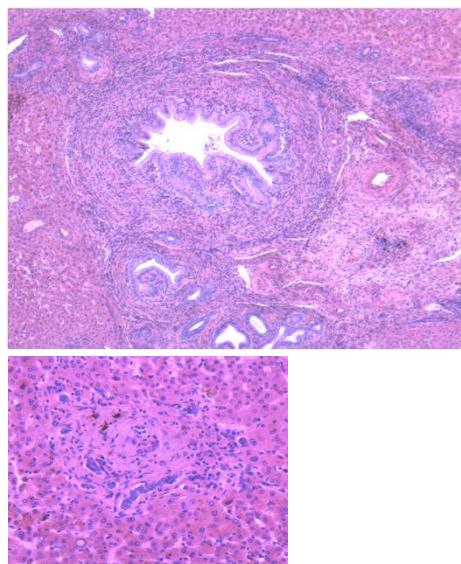


Follicular cholangitis

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## IgG4

- Primary sclerosing cholangitis



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## IgG4

	Follicular cholangitis and pancreatitis	Primary sclerosing cholangitis*	IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis†
Age	Adult	Child and adult	Adult
Gender	Almost equal§	Male predominance	Male predominance
Preferential site	Hilar bile ducts, pancreatic head	Large and small bile ducts	Intrapancreatic and hilar bile ducts
Shape	Localized	Diffuse	Localized > diffuse
Serology	No specific marker	pANCA (~80%)	Raised IgG4 (80%)
Associated conditions	None	Inflammatory bowel disease (~80%)	IgG4-related disease (90%); e.g. pancreatitis, retroperitoneal fibrosis, sialadenitis
Histology	Duct-centred inflammation with many lymphoid follicles	Fibro-obliteration of bile ducts, mucosal ulceration, xanthogranulomatous inflammation	Bile duct wall thickening, obliterative phlebitis, IgG4+ plasma cells

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