

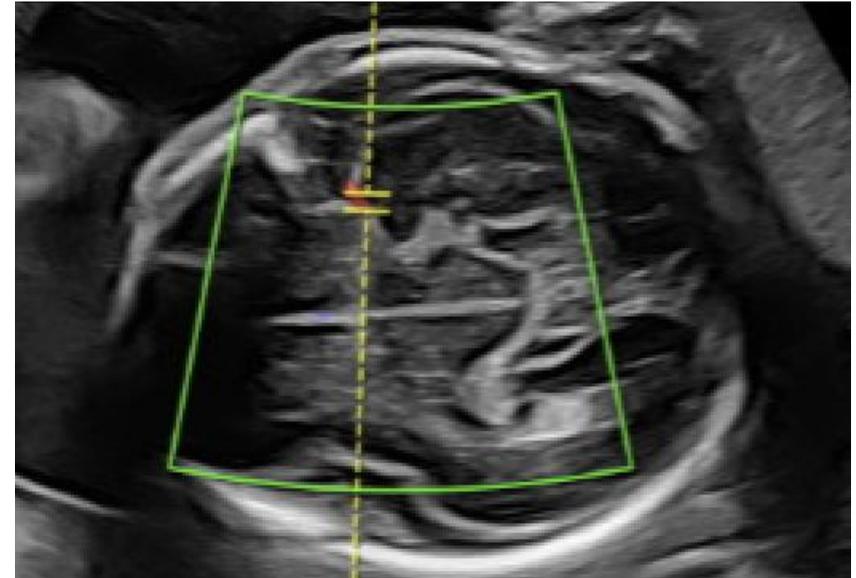
LIFE



Practical examples

CLINICAL INFORMATION

- Healthy mother, 38 Y, 1 healthy child
- Uneventful pregnancy until referral at 23 GW
- US 23 GW: bilateral very mild hydronephrosis, polyhydramnios
 - Brain normal on US



CLINICAL INFORMATION

- MRI 27 GW
 - Hyperintensity paraventricular bifrontaal + hypointensities
 - Irregular cortical mantle, suspicious for Polymicrogyria
 - **Mild** ventriculomegaly
 - Abnormal cerebellar hemipheres



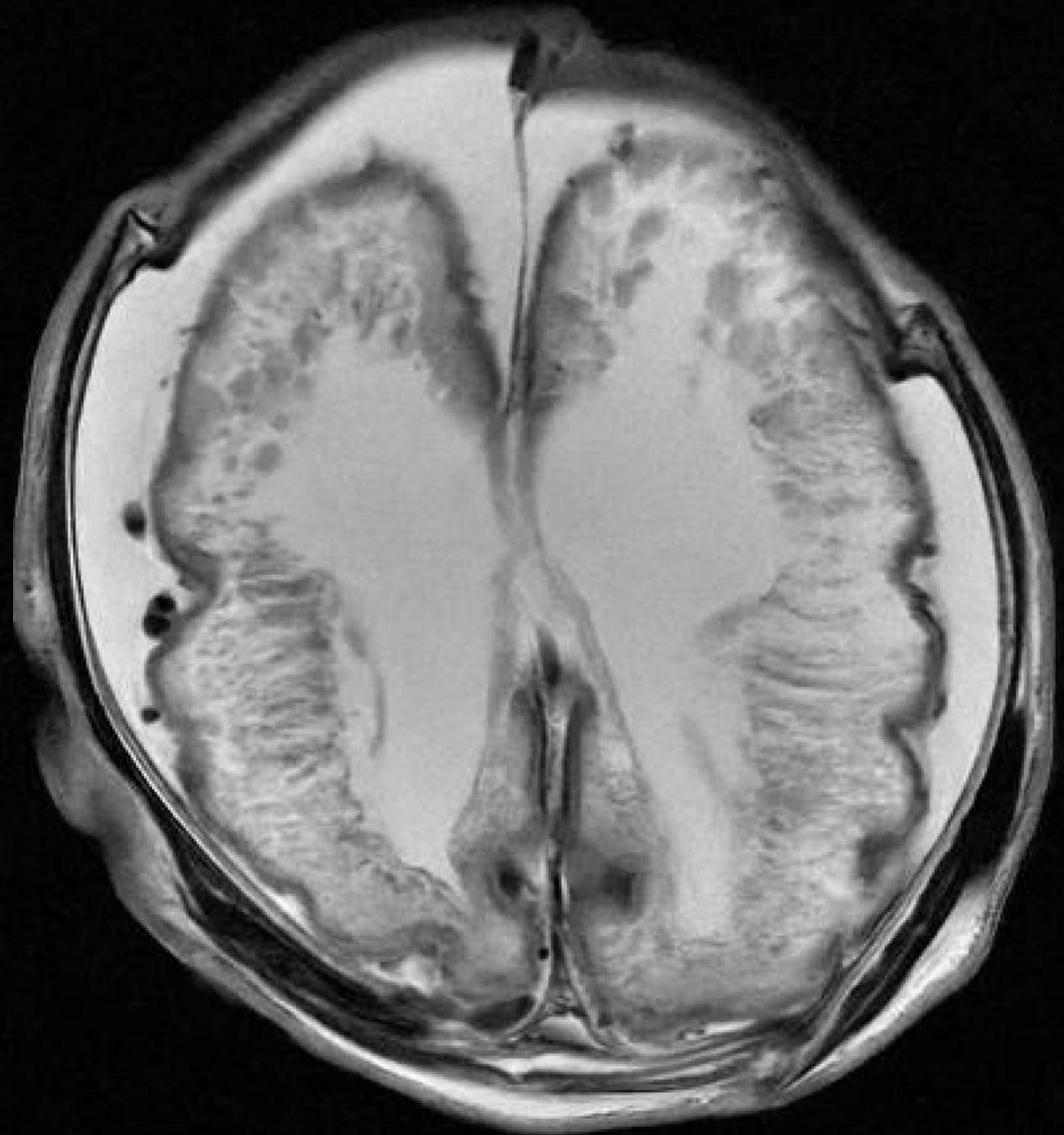
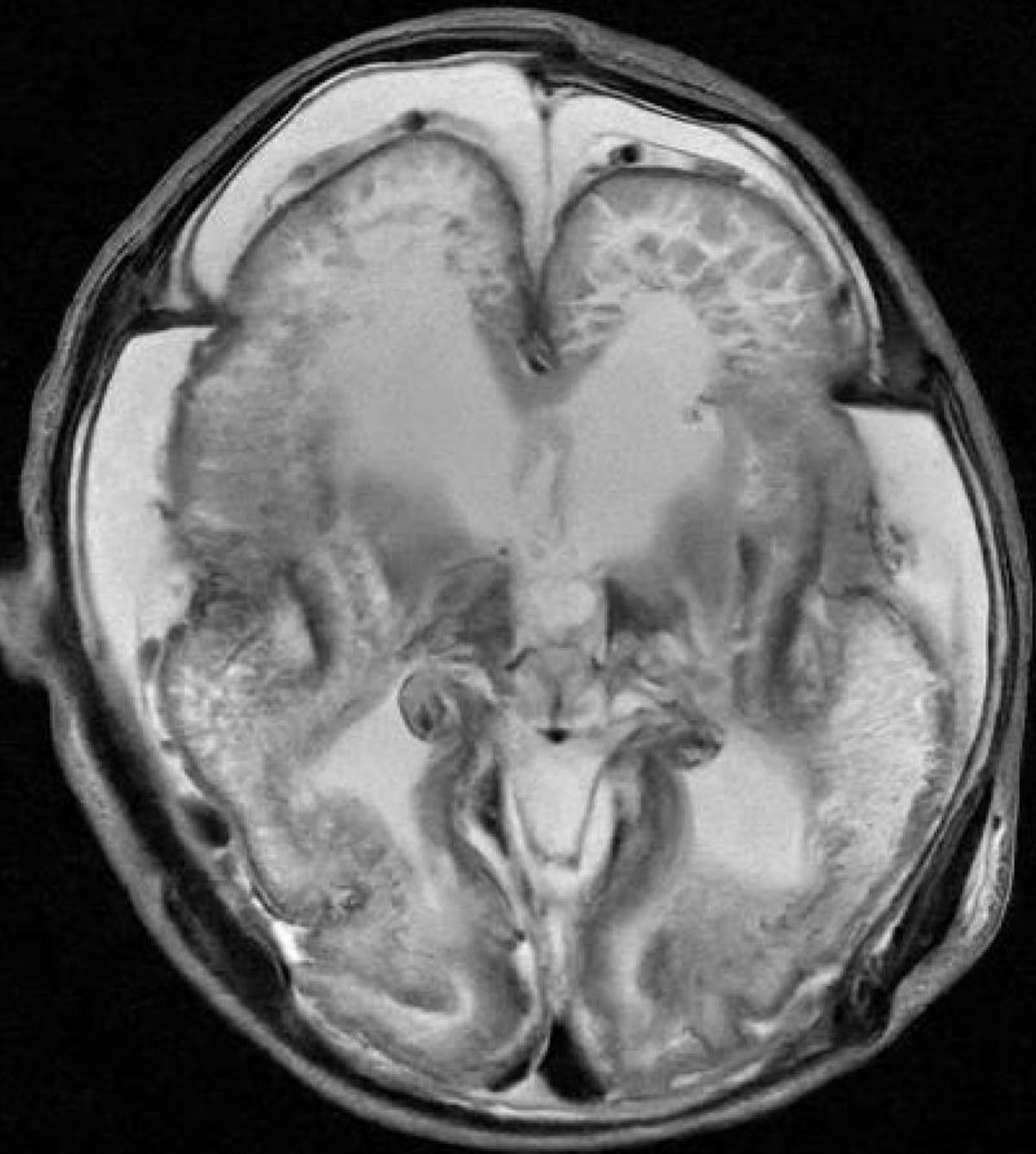
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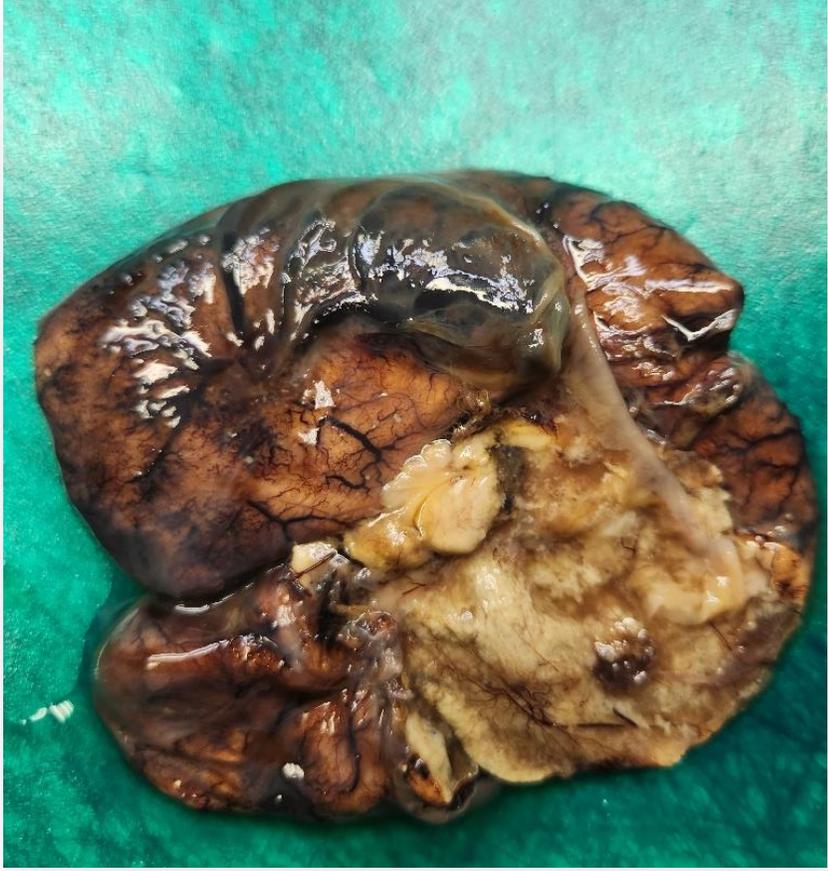
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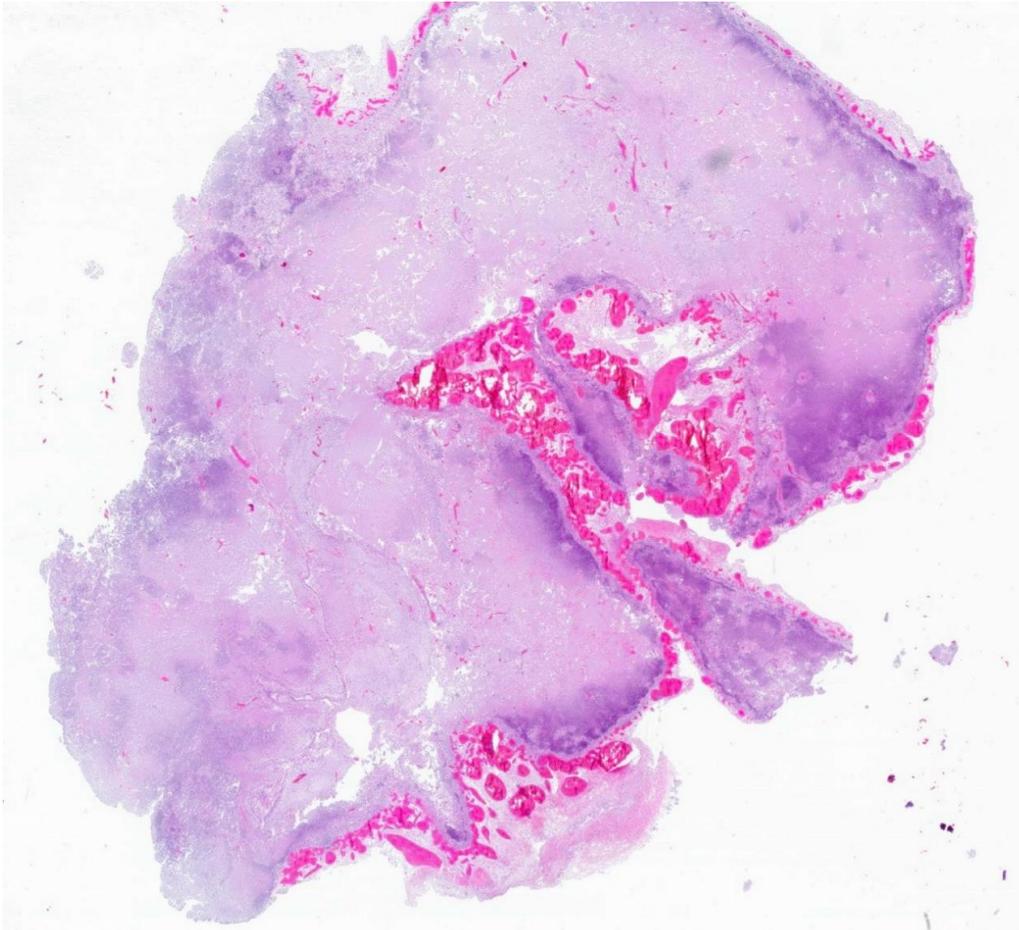
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- US: bilateral hydronephrosis, incomplete cardioscreening, polyhydramnios
- MRI 27 GW
 - Hyperintensity paraventricular bifrontaal + hypointensities
 - Irregular cortical mantle, suspicious for **PMG**
 - Mild ventriculomegaly.
 - Abnormal cerebellar hemispheres
- US 28w → 29 w : evolutive panventricular hydrocephaly
- TOP 30 GW : Autopsy: No external abnormalities, hepatosplenomegaly

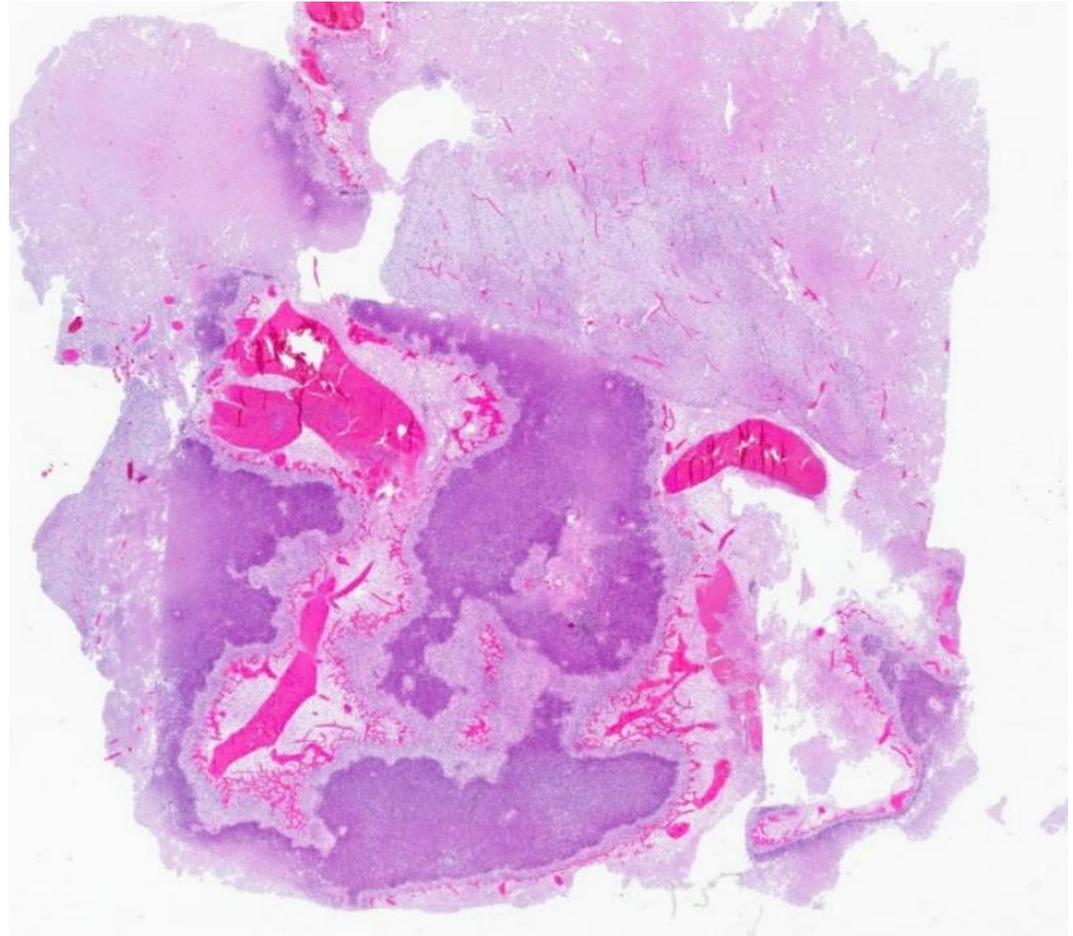




- Frontal Right



- Frontal Left



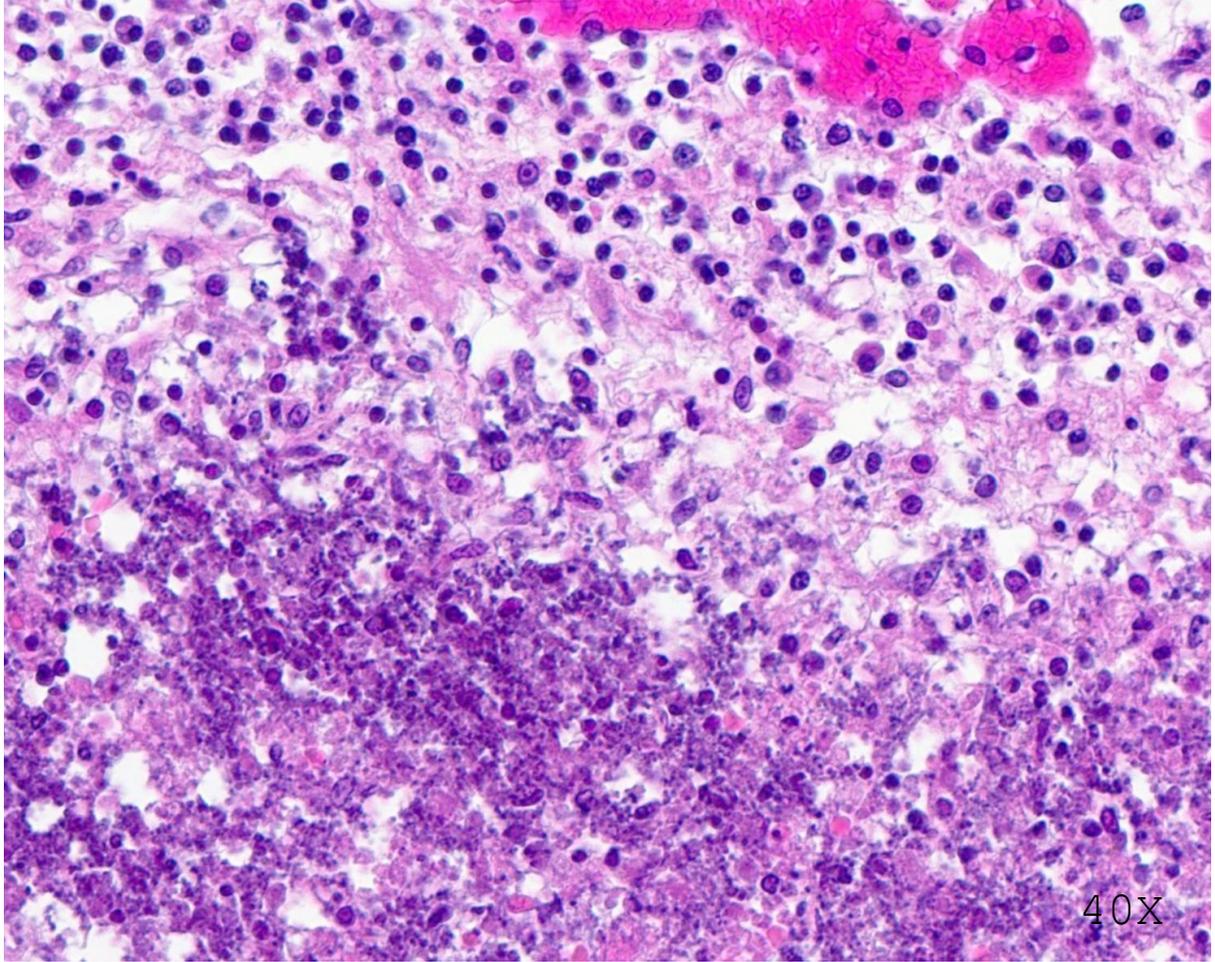
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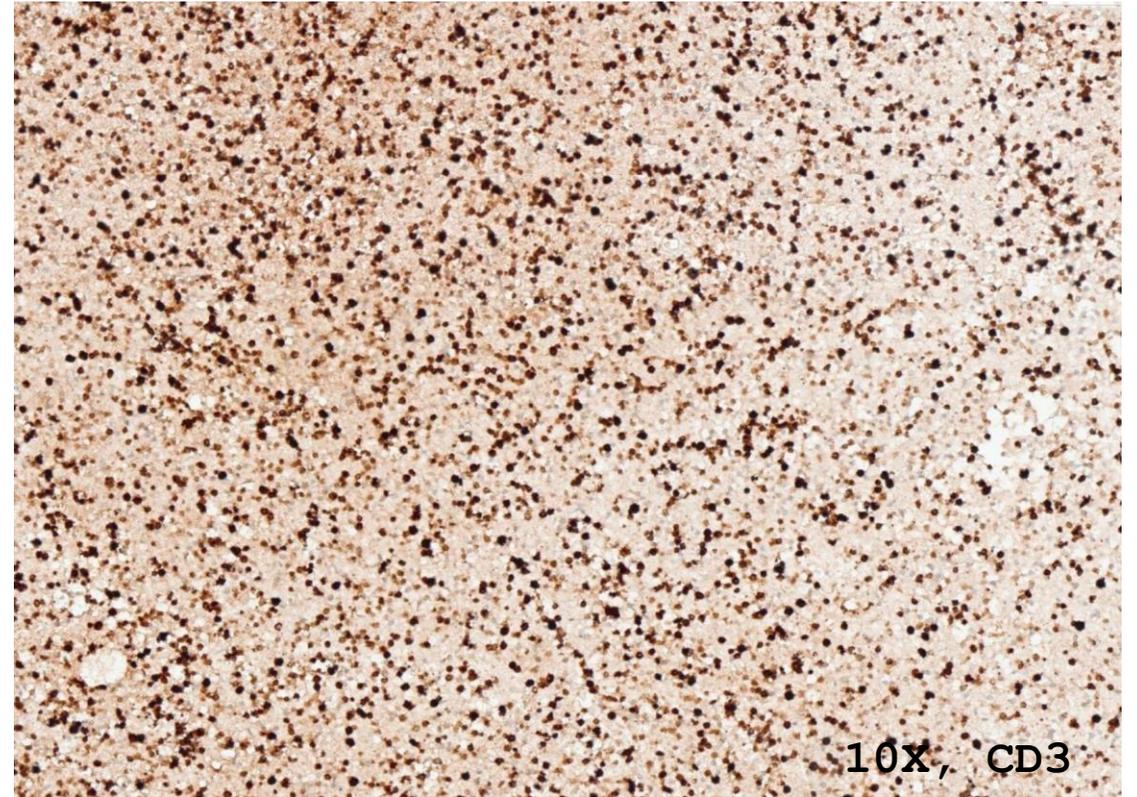
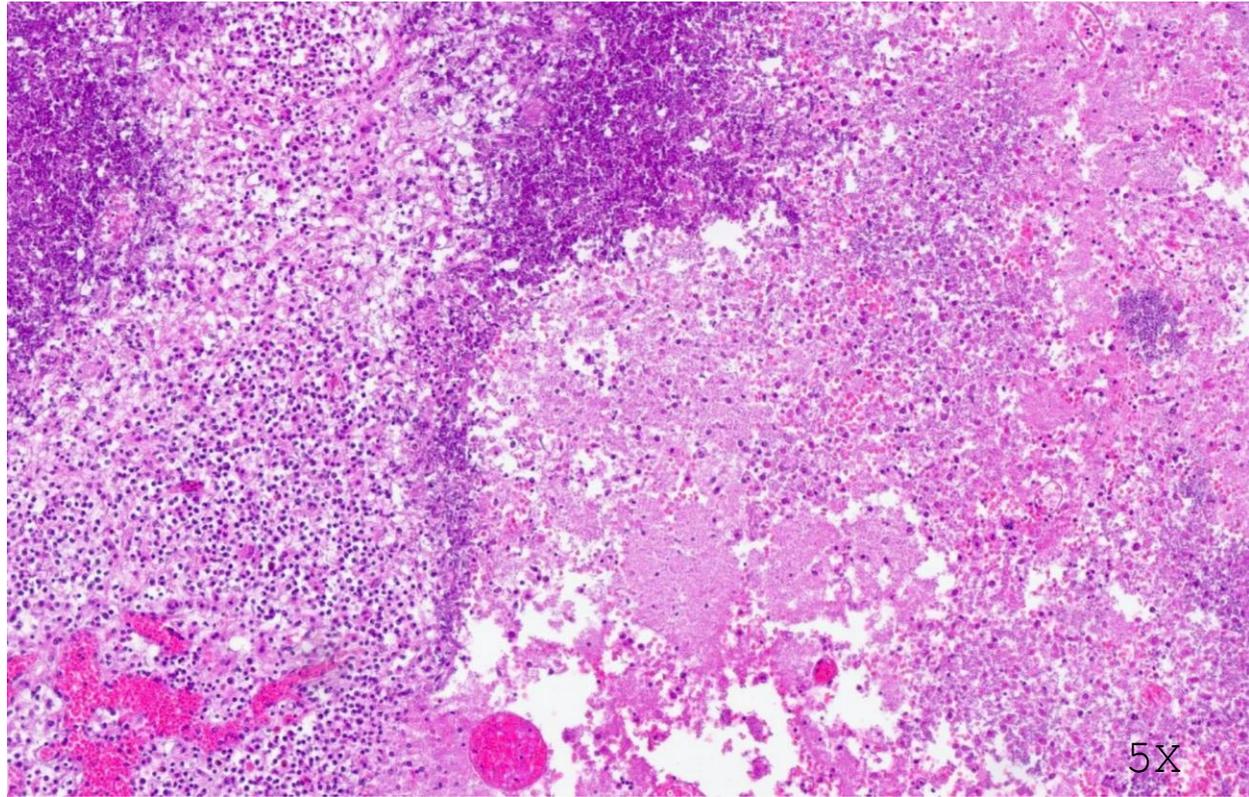
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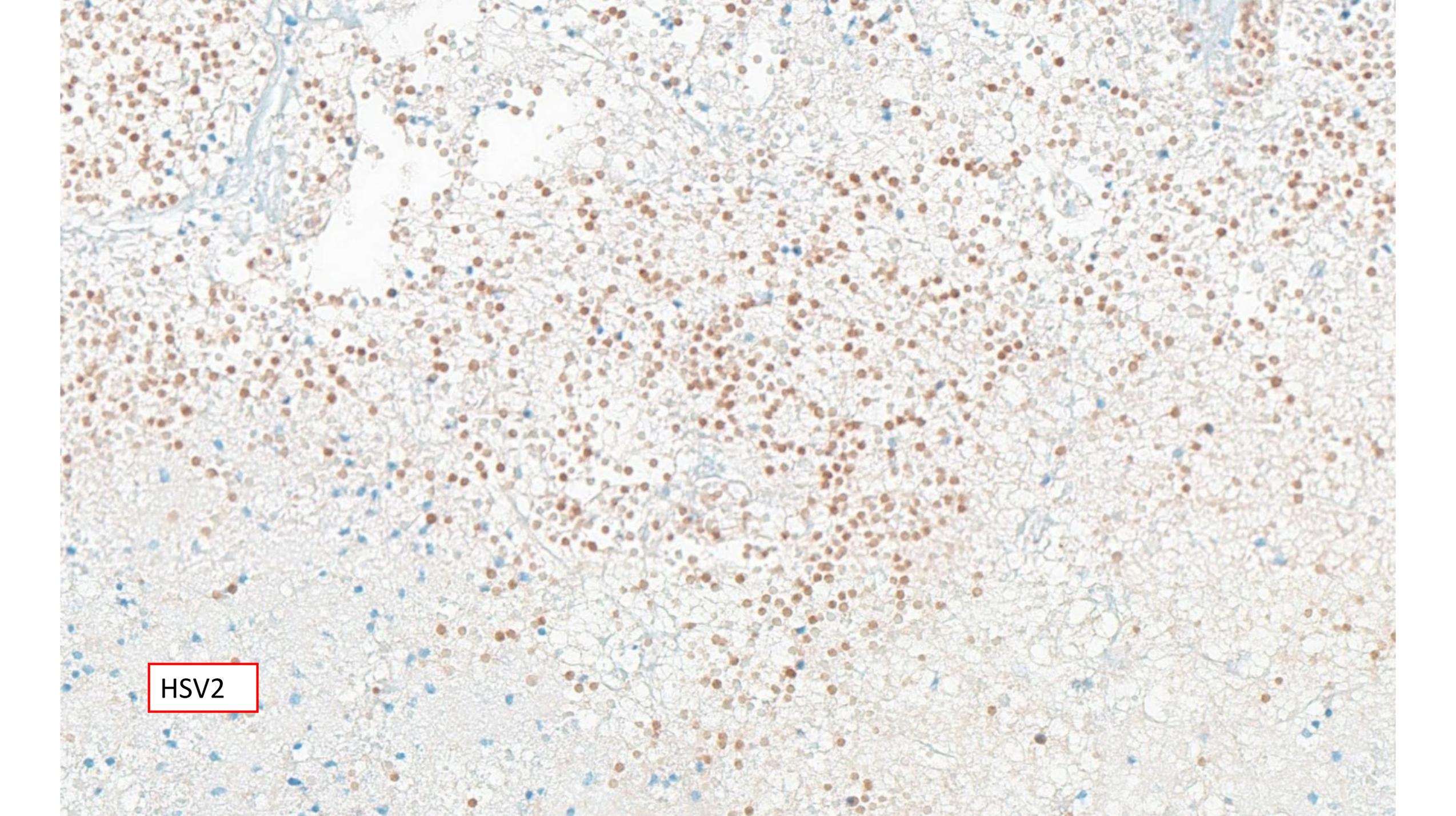
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40X





HSV2

A high-magnification micrograph of amniotic fluid. The field is densely populated with small, brown-stained particles, which are the PCR products of Herpes Simplex Virus type 2 (HSV2). The background is a light, granular matrix. There are also several blue-stained nuclei scattered throughout the field.

HSV2

Microbiologie
Amnionvocht

Herpes simplex virus - PCR

Positief voor het herpes simplex virus type II

Placenta

- Hypotrophic placenta (p3)
- FVM
- Acute + chronic chorioamnionitis
- No villitis
- HSV IHC focally weakly positive but no viral inclusions seen

Diagnosis: Congential **HSV2 infection in utero.**

- Mother-to-child transmission can occur ***in utero*** (5%)
 - *Estimated transmission rate of 1 in 300,000 deliveries*
- Peripartal (85%) and postnatal transmission (10%) are more common
- Found to occur with both primary and recurrent maternal HSV infections
- Nearly 80% of women who deliver an HSV-infected infant **have no known history of genital HSV lesions**

► J Pediatric Infect Dis Soc. 2014 Sep;3(Suppl 1):S19–S23. doi: [10.1093/jpids/piu050](https://doi.org/10.1093/jpids/piu050)

Mother-to-Child Transmission of Herpes Simplex Virus

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A Report of Three Cases and Review of Intrauterine Herpes Simplex Virus Infection

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HSV infection

- *In utero* HSV: distinct clinical entity characterized by the **triad** of :
 - cutaneous findings,
 - neurologic manifestations present at birth.
 - eye abnormalities
- Disseminated form : hemorrhagic necrosis, lymphocytic infiltration, destruction, calcifications
 - liver, adrenals, lungs, brain, and heart. Hemorrhagic necrosis is the predominant

Congenital infections

- Major cause of premature birth, maternal and fetal morbidity and mortality
- Can be bacterial, viral, fungal or parasitic
- TORCHES: toxoplasmosis, rubella, CMV, herpes, syphilis
- Fetal infection can occur by:
 - Hematogenous spread
 - Extension from urogenital tractus or iatrogenous spread

Table 22.7 Viruses that may cause congenital or perinatally acquired infection or disease

DNA viruses

- Cytomegalovirus
- Herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2
- Varicella-zoster virus
- Human parvovirus B19
- Hepatitis B virus
- Variola virus (smallpox virus)
- Human papilloma viruses

RNA viruses

- Rubella virus ZIKA
- Mumps virus Covid
- Measles virus 19
- Enteroviruses (coxsackie virus, echo virus, polio viruses)
- Hepatitis C virus
- Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus
- HIV

Congenital infection

- When to think about it?:
 - IUGR
 - Cutaneous lesions
 - Hepatosplenomegaly, thymus hypoplasia
 - Calcifications or necrosis
 - CNS abnormalities
 - Etc.
- Importance of Placental examination !!!

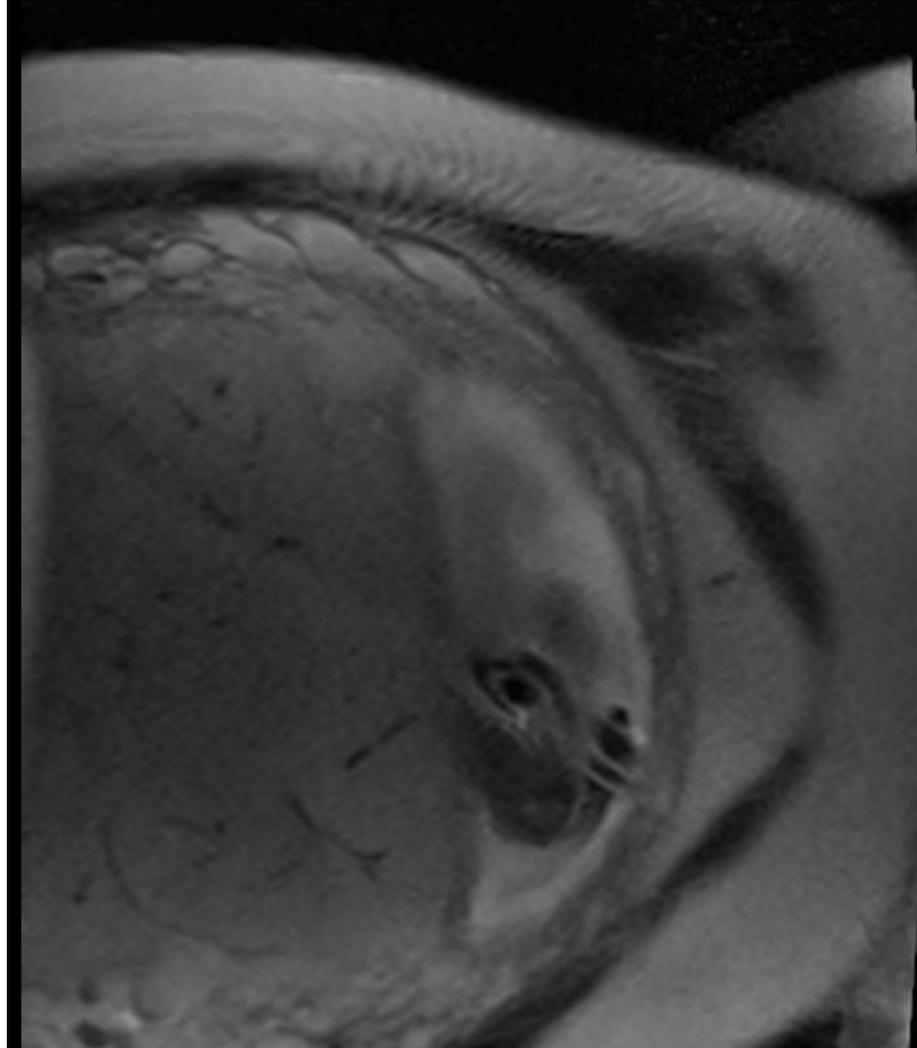
Clinical case

- 29-year-old Polish
- G1P0
- Well controlled hypothyroidism
- 2nd opinion for multiple complex congenital malformations

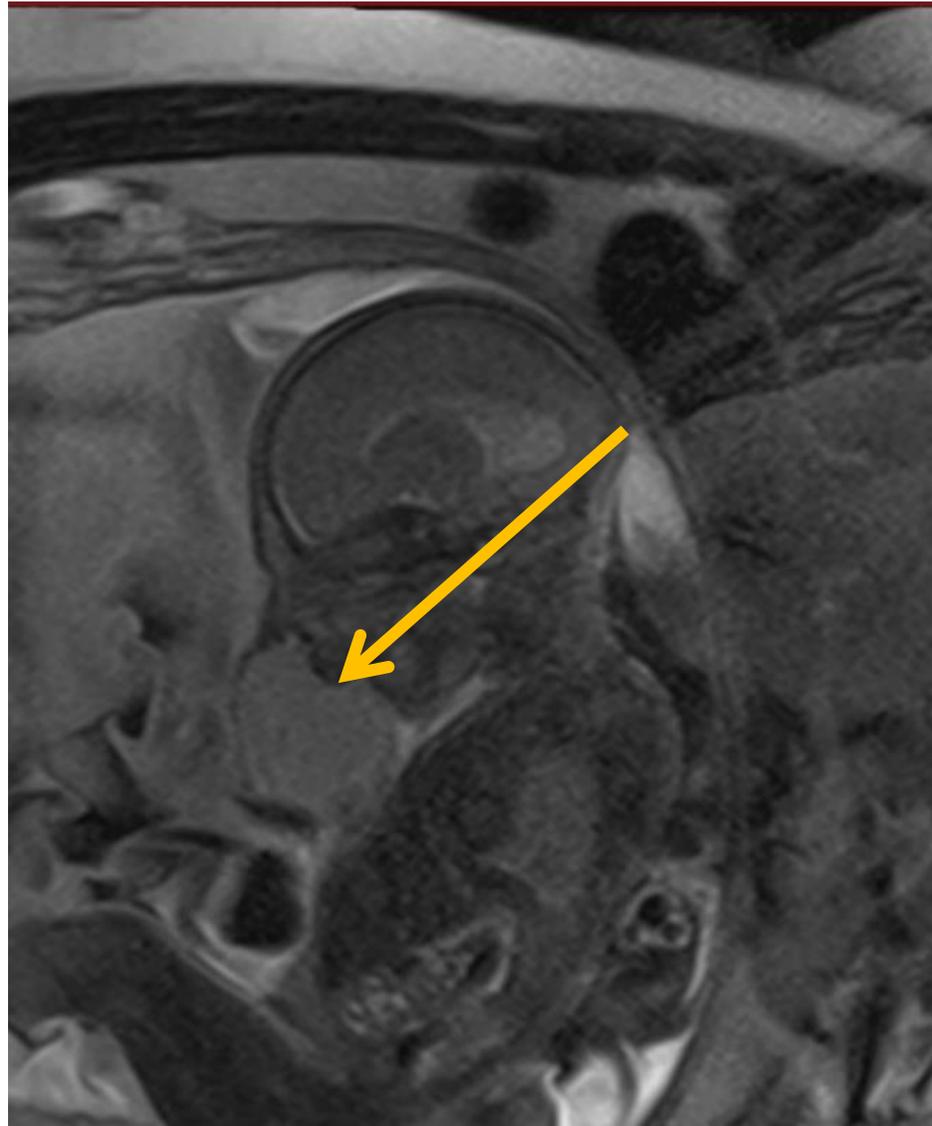
Clinical Case

- 1st trimester scan and NIPT : normal
- 2nd trimester scan 21 WG:
 - Large anechoic cystic structure with internal solid elements
 - Protruding from the fetal mouth
 - Appeared to be connected to the intracranial space
 - Via a defect in nasopharynx.

Pre termination MRI 28WG



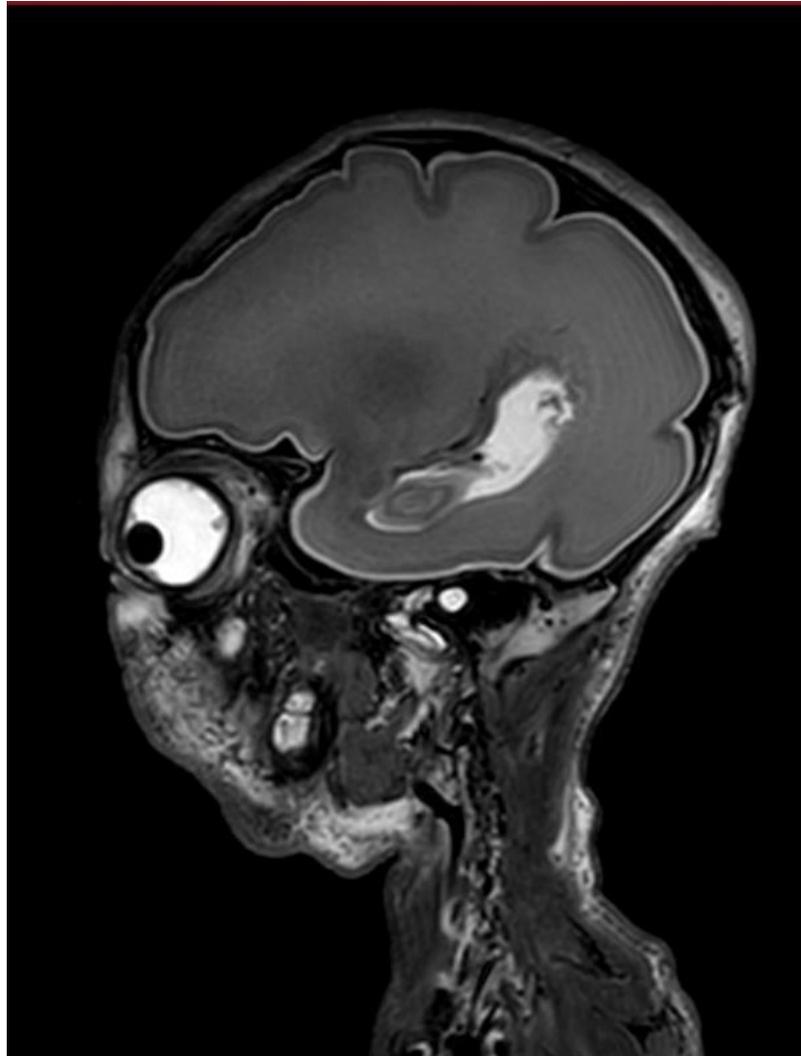
Pretermination MRI



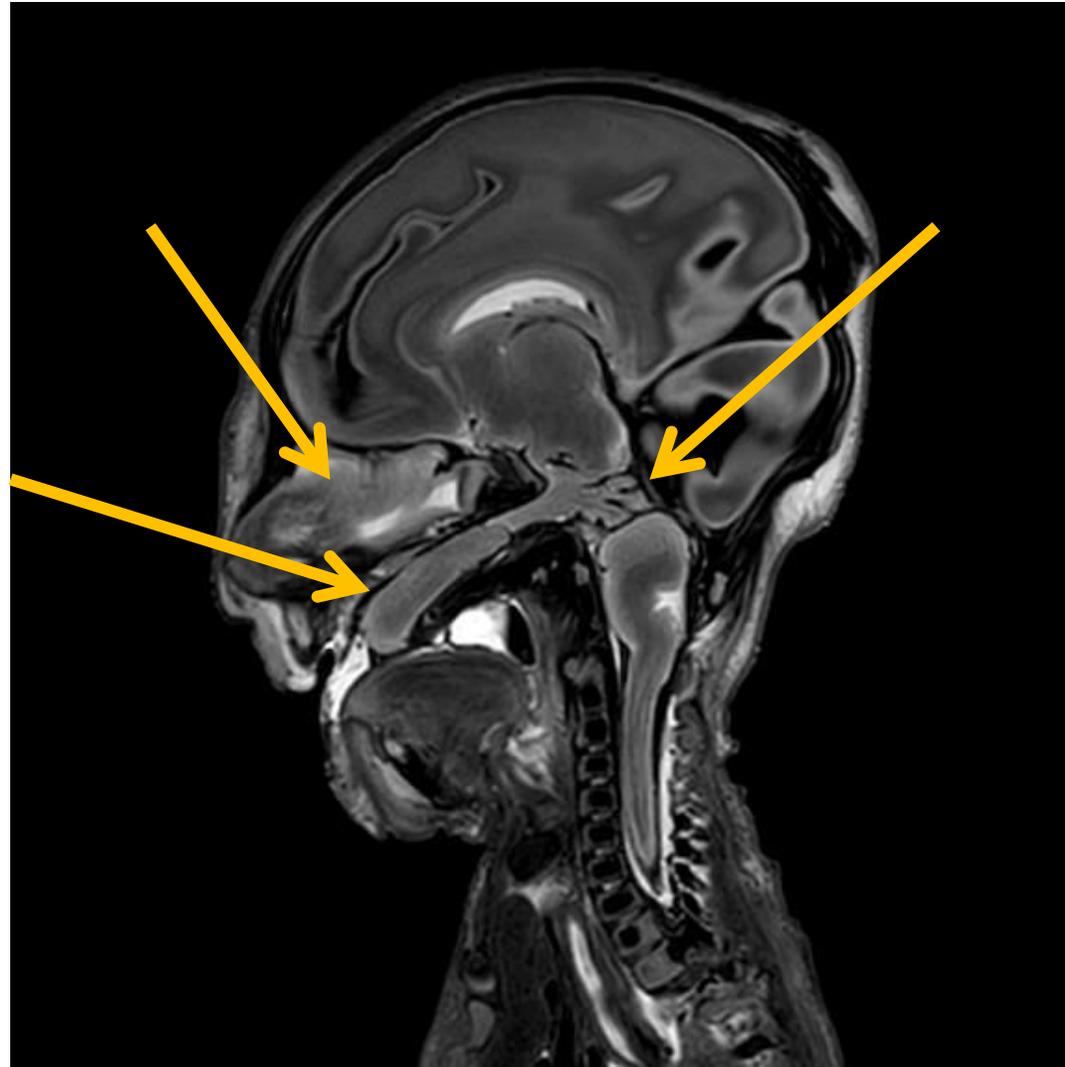
Clinical case

- Other abnormalities
 - Polyhydramnios
 - Cleft palate
 - Micrognathia
 - Hypoplastic and abnormally positioned cerebellum
 - Thin corpus callosum

Postmortem MRI



Postmortem MRI



External examination



External examination



External examination



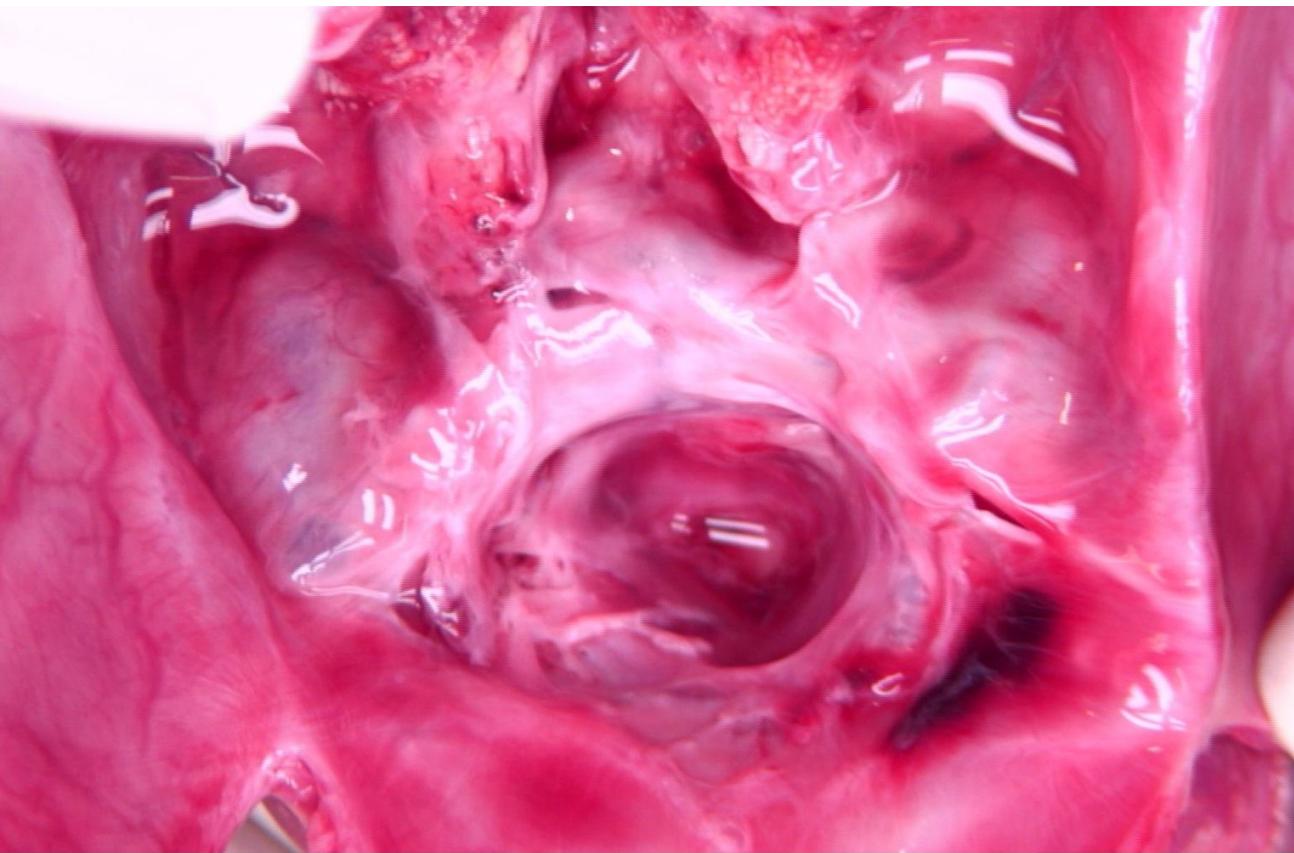
- Sloping forehead HP:0000340
- Low set ears, posteriorly rotated
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- Hypertelorism HP:0000316
- Exophthalmia HP:0000520
- Large based nose HP:0012811
- Long philtrum HP:0000343
- Microretrognathia HP:0000308
- Microglossia HP:0000171

External examination

- Intranasal mass HP:6000997
- Cleft palate HP:5201003
- Abnormal midnasal cavity HP:0010641



Skull examination



Skull examination



Other findings

- Arachnodactylie
- Cryptorchidism
- Long eyelashes

HP:0001166

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HP:0000527

Trans-sphenoidal meningo (encephalo/myelo) coeles

- Cephalocoeles = herniations of cranial contents through skull defects
- Incidence of 1 in 3500-5000 live births
- M/F : 1/1
- Associated with other abnormalities in 30% of cases
- Classification according to their contents and location.

Trans-sphenoidal meningo (encephalo/myelo) coeles

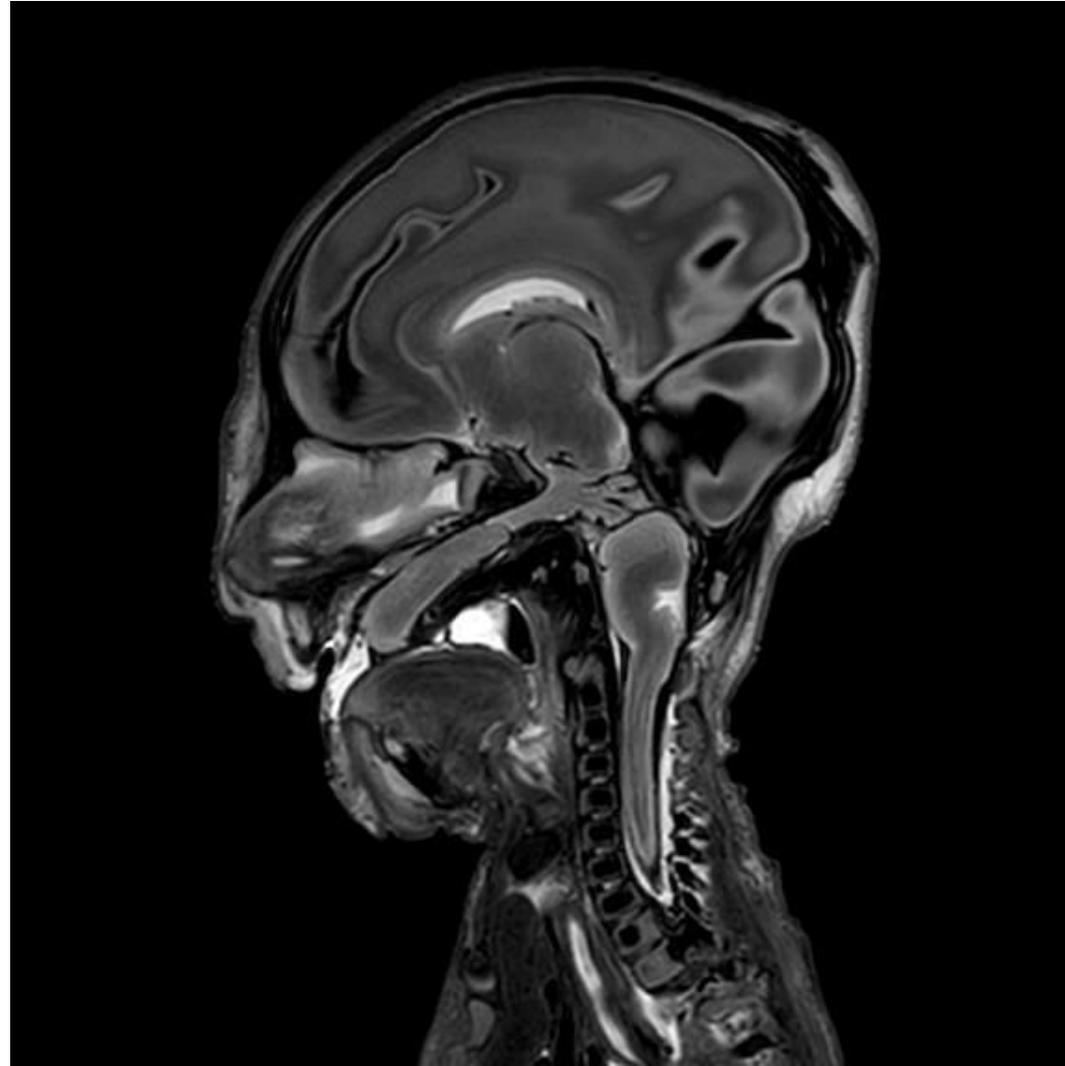
- Cranial meningocoeles = meninges
- Meningoencephalocoeles = meninges and brain tissue
- Meningoencephalomyelocoeles = meninges and brain tissue and spinal cord

Trans-sphenoidal meningo (encephalo/myelo) coeles

- The modified classification system of Suwanela
- Based on location
 - Occipital (70%, the most)
 - Frontal
 - Ethmoid
 - Basal subtypes
 - Transsphenoidal (1/700.000)
 - Spheno-orbital
 - Sphenomaxillary
 - Spheno-ethmoidal



Postmortem MRI



Report:

MTP at 26 WG for anterior
meningocele

Malformations

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Deformations

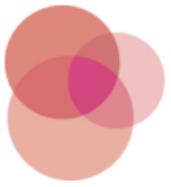
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Genetics

- Amniocentesis revealed a normal molecular karyotype
- No abnormal variants detected on whole exome sequencing (WES).

TOM

- Use and abuse of post mortem imaging
- Always keep in mind that death and/or delivery can modify your findings at the autopsy
- Be cautious when writing your report



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The hidden mole

DR. MARIE-LUCIE RACU (CHU-BRUGMANN)

Clinical history

25 year old ♀

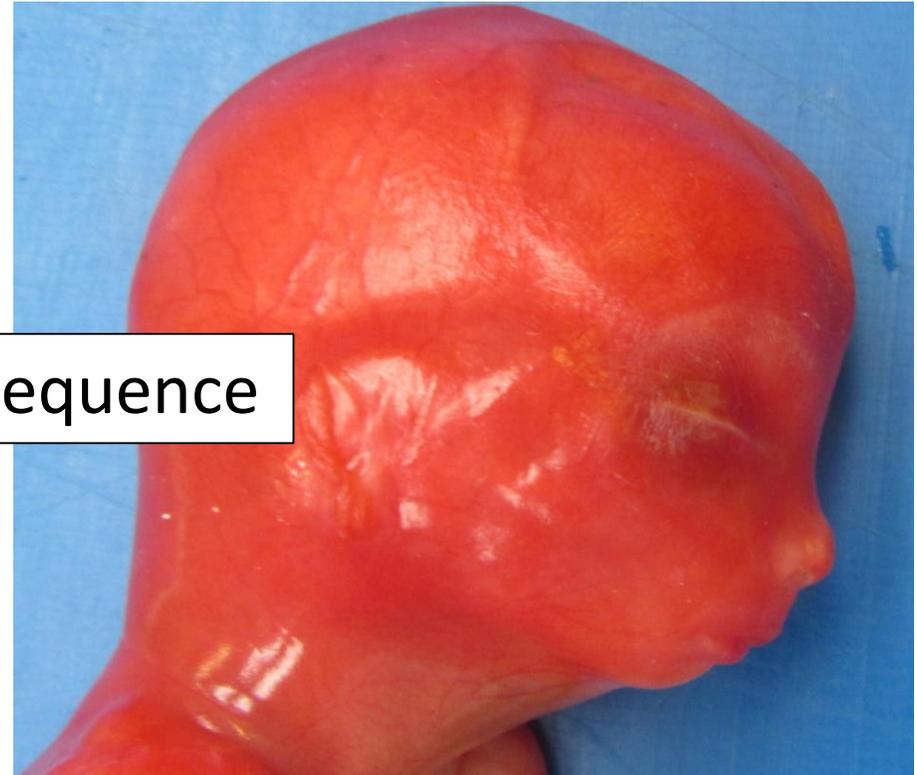
- G2P1 (1 vaginal birth)
- Brought in by the emergency services because of heavy bleeding with abdominal pain
- Currently 16 weeks pregnant (T1 US nl)
- Light bleeding for the last two weeks → under 200mgx2/day of progesterone
- Fetal US : oligoamnios with suspicion of premature rupture of the membranes (PROM), image of marginal placental abruption involving a 4th of the placental surface

Interruption of pregnancy at 17 weeks

Fetal external exam



Male 15-16w



Potter sequence

Potter sequence

- Short neck
- Dolichocephaly
- Excess of skin
- High and wrinkled forehead
- Marked infraorbital folds +/- upslanting palpebral fissures
- **Large and flat nose**
- **Microretrognathia**
- **Low set ears, posteriorly rotated, flattened, misfolded**
- Excess skin on the lower part of the face (cheeks)





Khung Suonavy

La dysmorphie de Potter

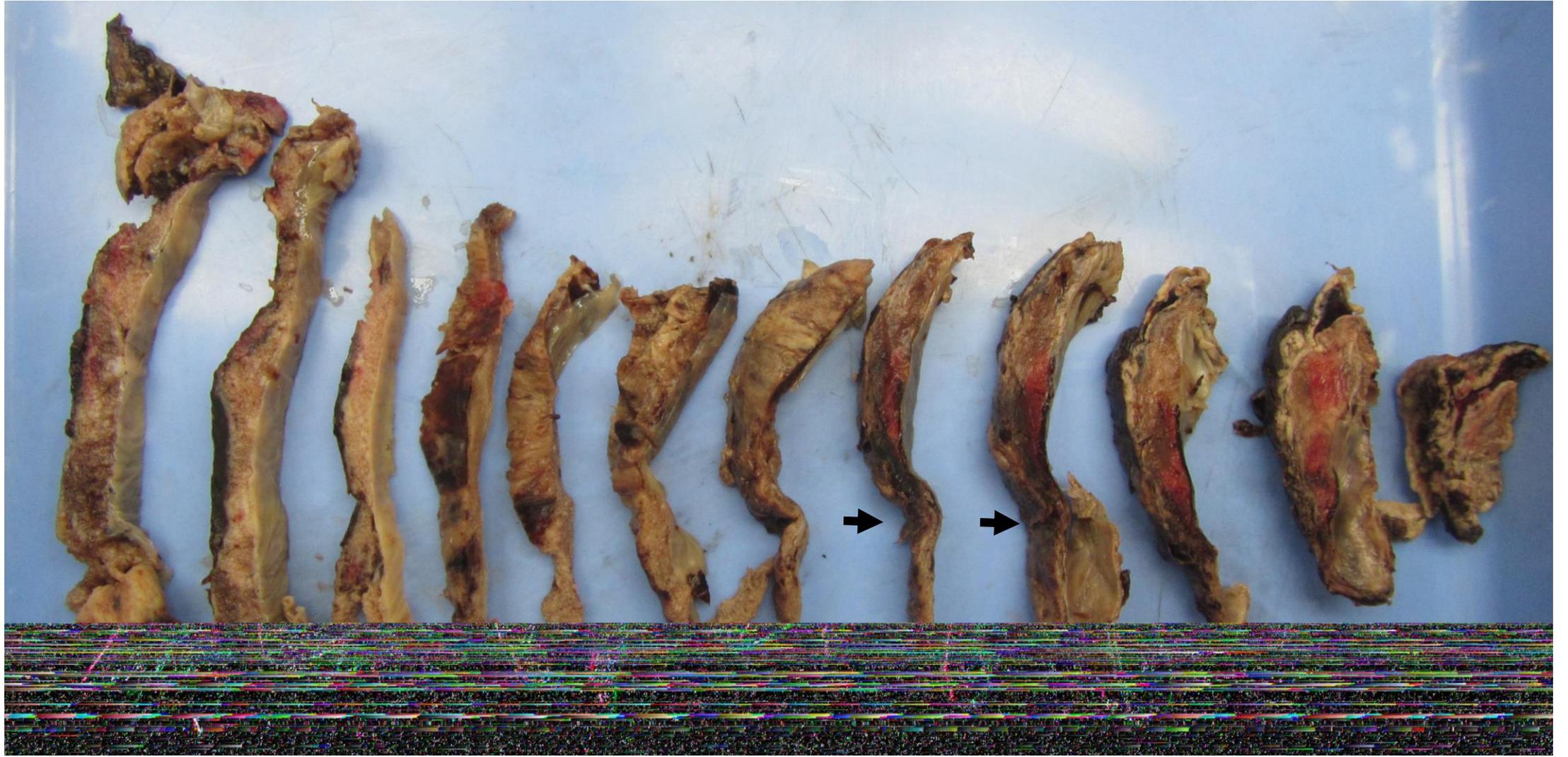
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHsGA2KcHyo>

« Aller le plus loin possible avec un collant sur la tête »

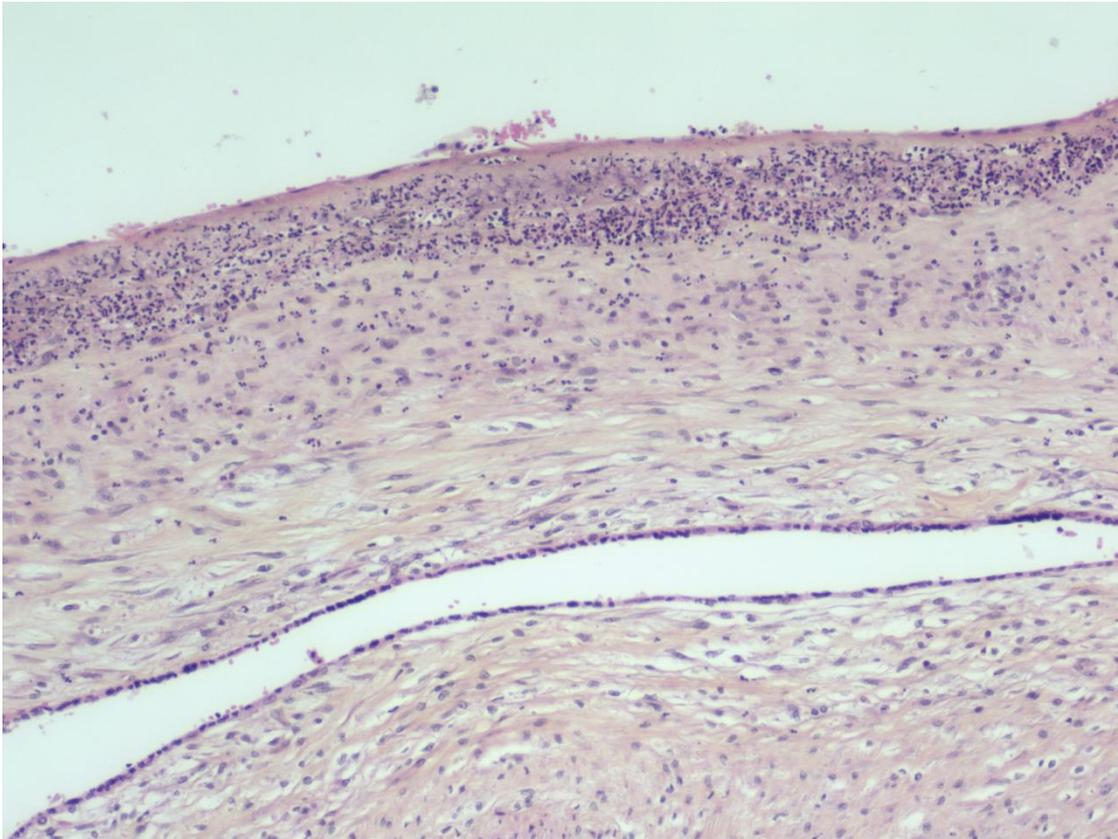


Placenta analysis

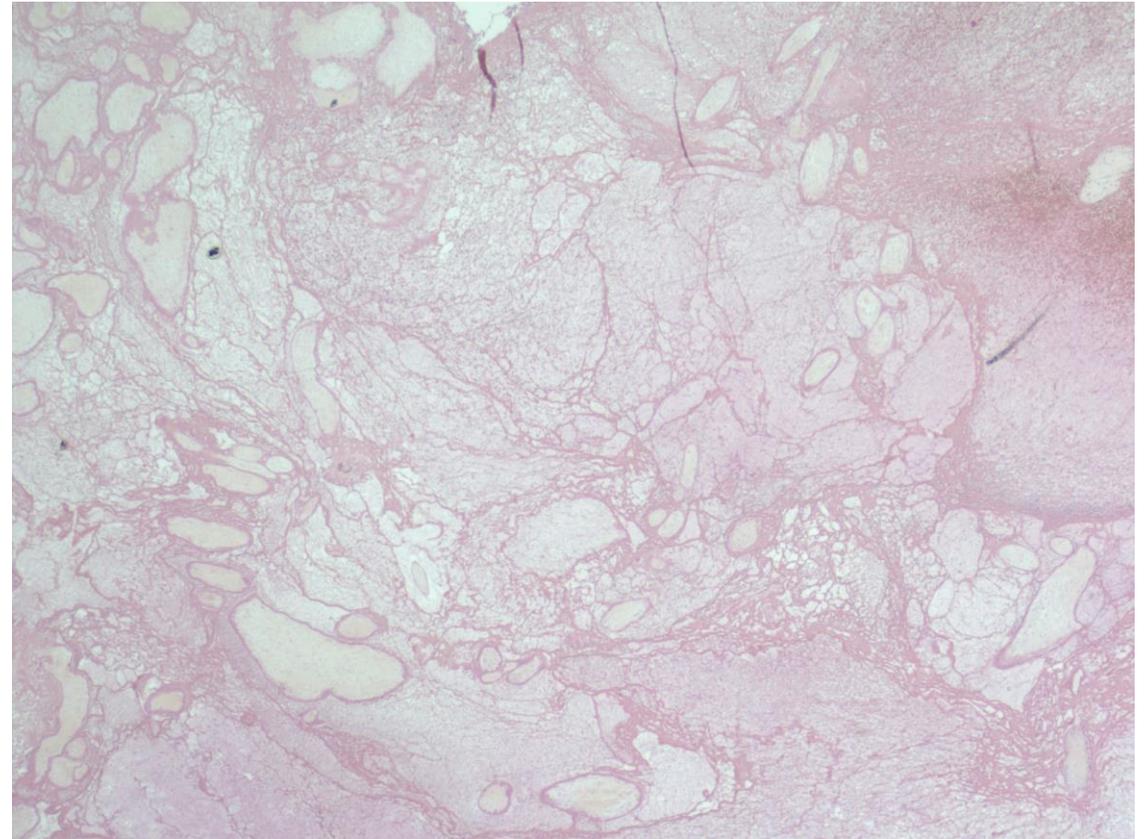




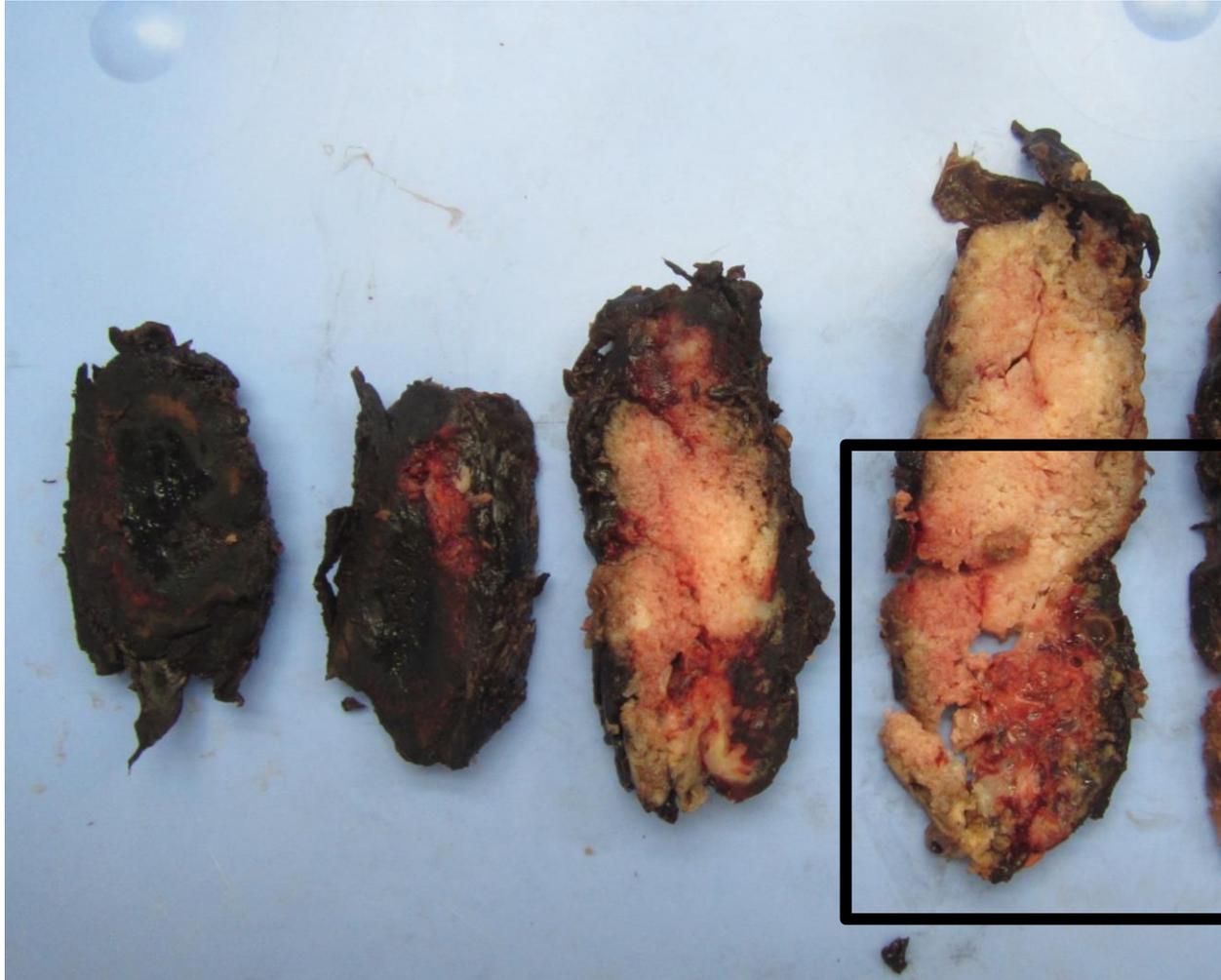
Microscopic analysis



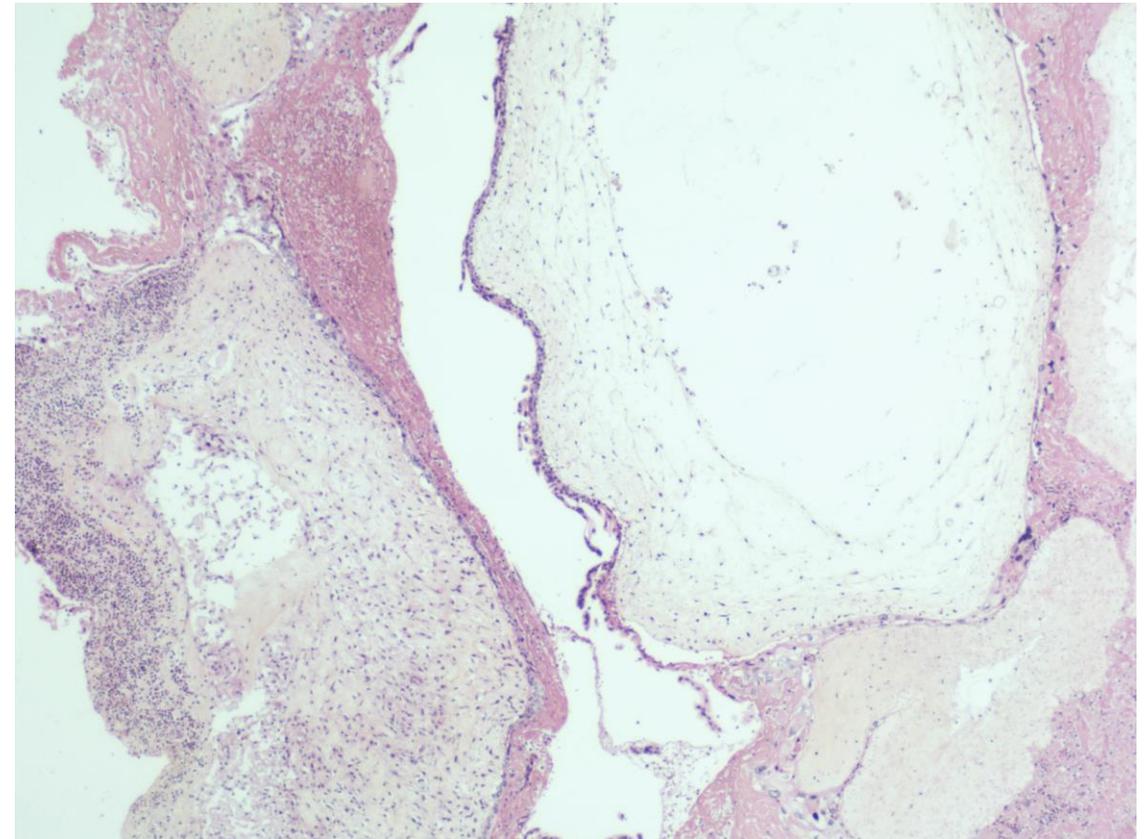
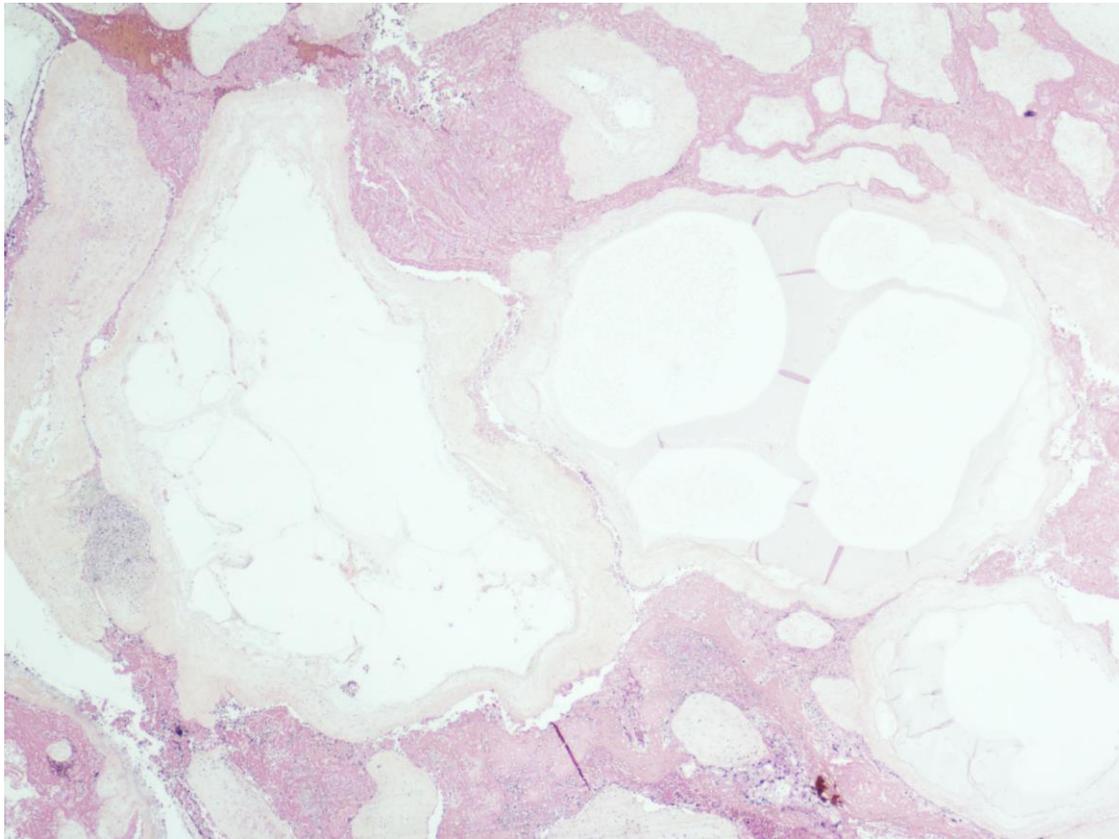
Acute chorioamnionitis



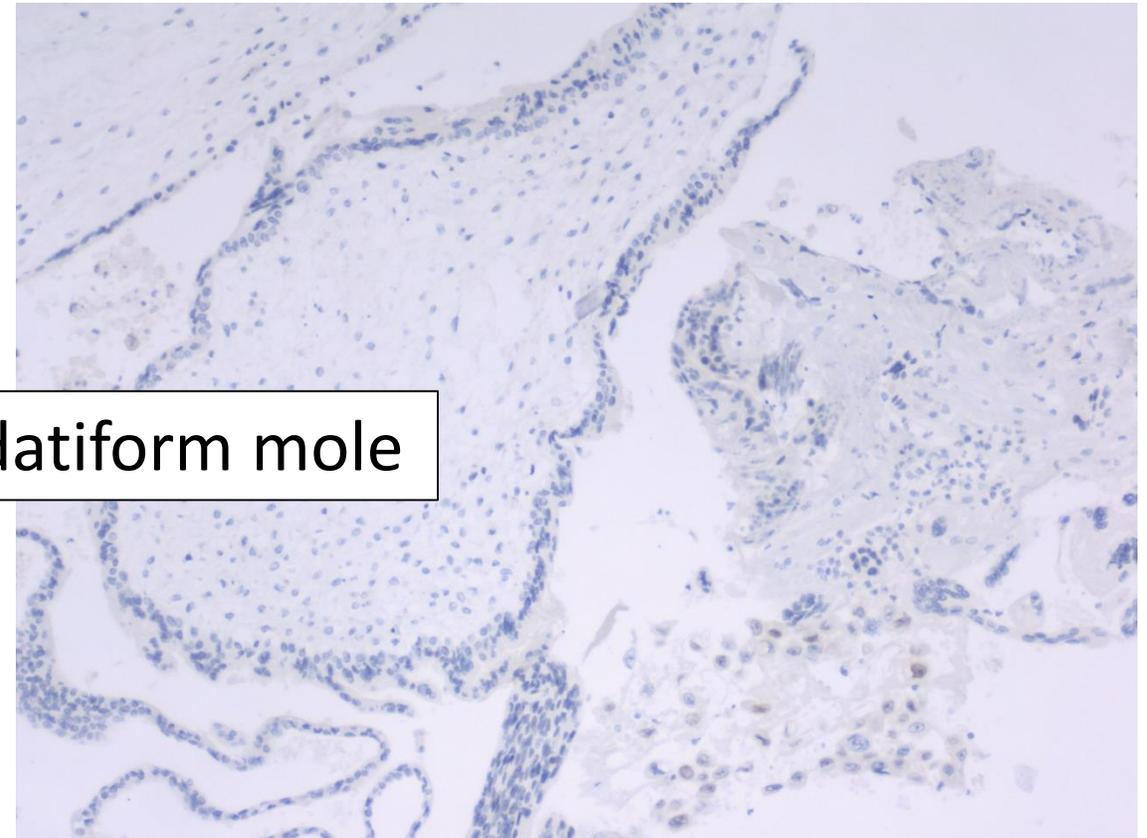
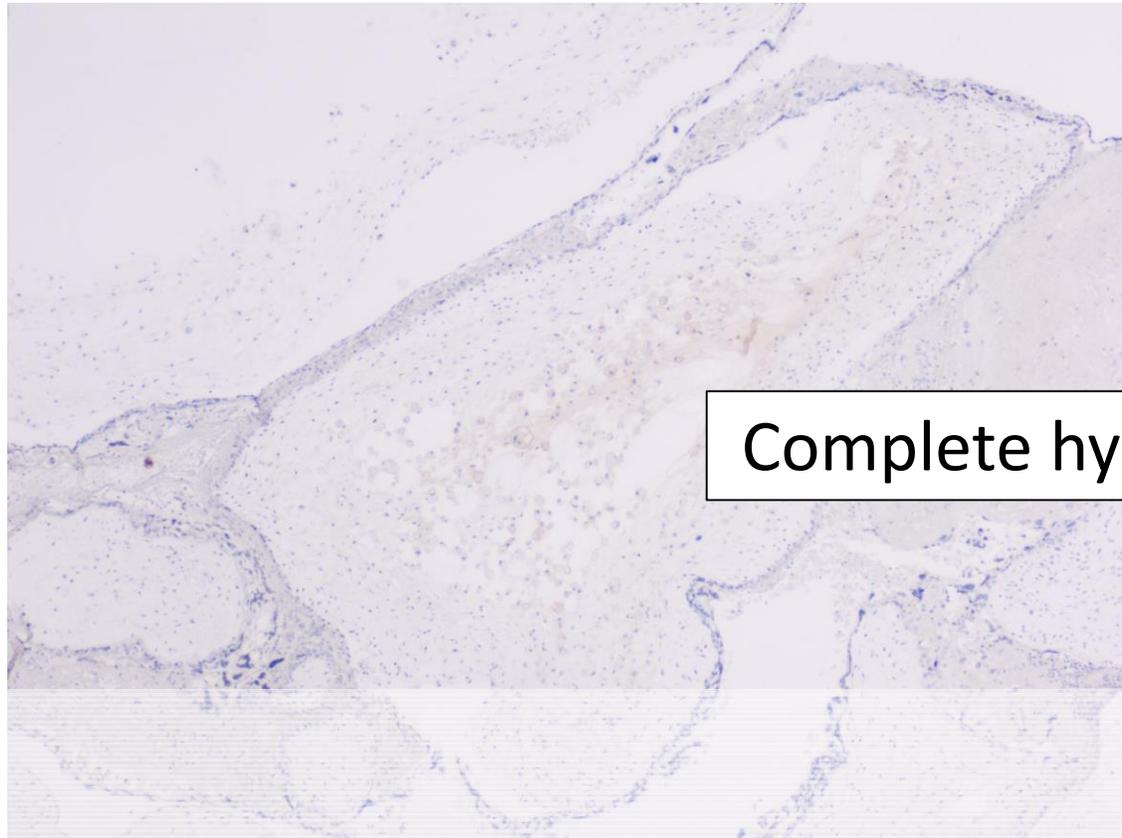
Large infarction of the placenta



Microscopic analysis



Microscopic analysis



Complete hydatiform mole

Negative p57 immunohistochemistry

Conclusion

Male fetus, 15-16w:

- Potter sequence in the context of oligoamnios << PROM

Placenta:

- **Twin pregnancy with a complete mole**
- Placental abruption with retroplacental hematoma and infarction of the parenchyma
- Associated signs of chronic hypoxia
- Acute chorioamnionitis with villitis >< PROM

Complete hydatiform mole (CHM)

Diploid 46 XX or 46XY

All chromosomes are **paternal in origin**
→ **NO EMBRYON**

Clinical presentation:

- Uterus too big for gestational age
- HCG too high for gestational age
- US: « snowstorm », heterogenous, multilacunar
- Usually diagnosed at 6-8w
- Hemorrhage 11-25w
- **Rarely an incidental finding**



Fresh tissue



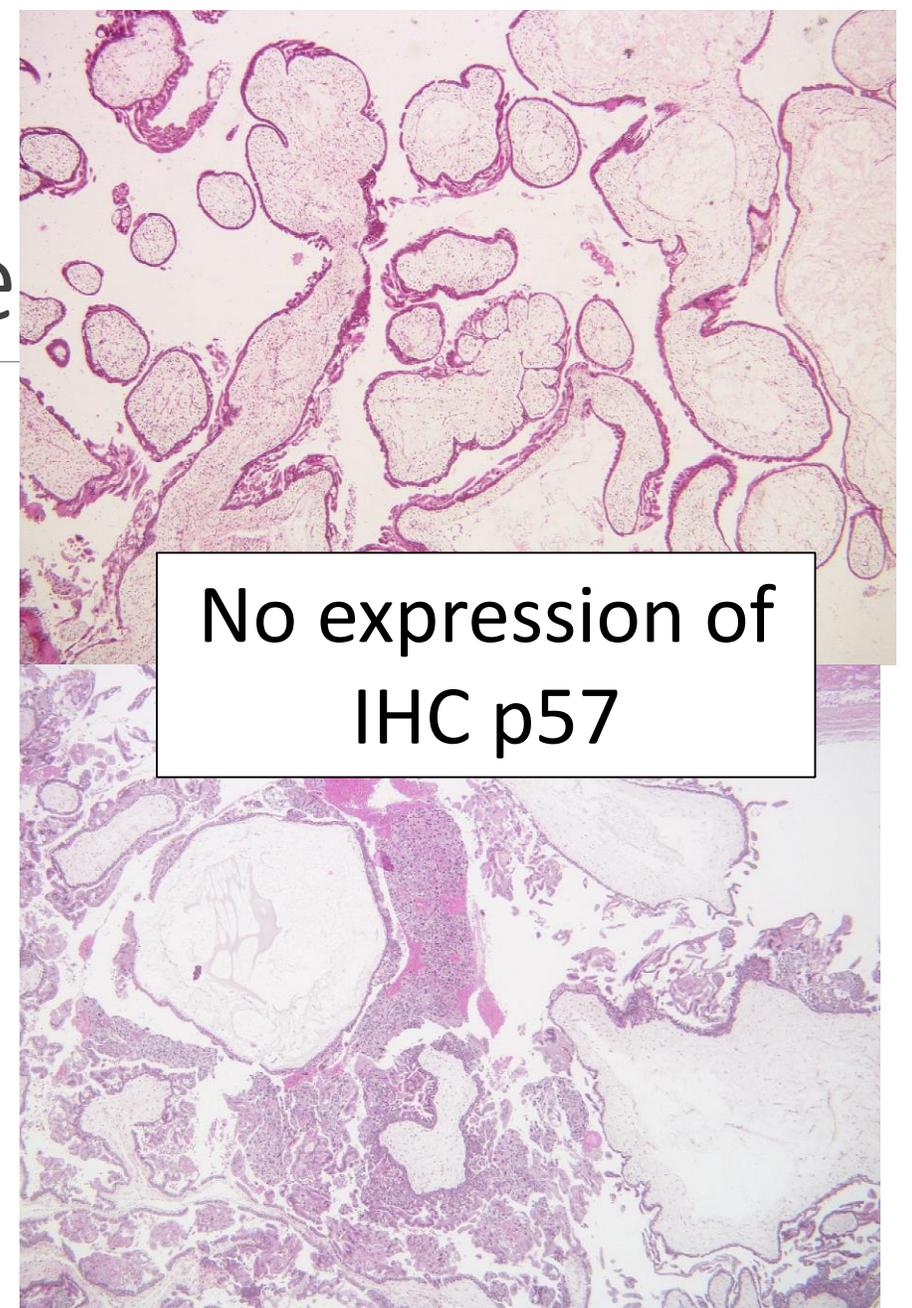
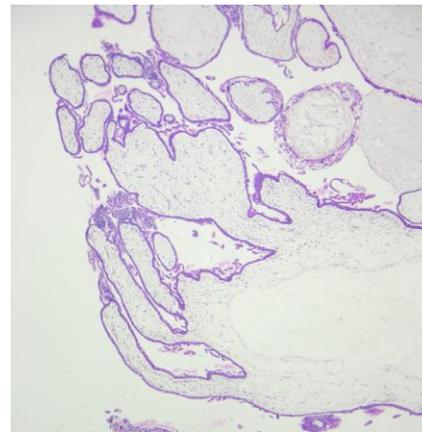
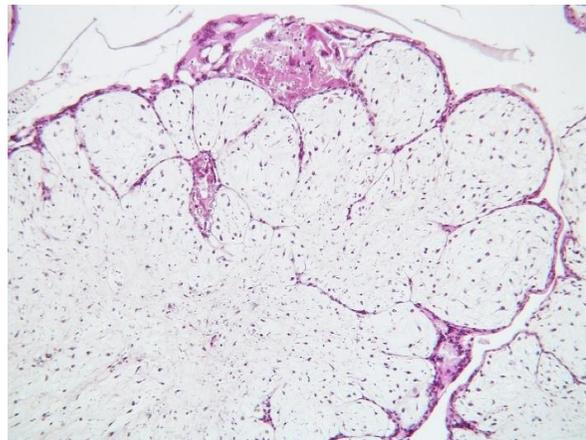
Fixed tissue



Complete hydatiform mole

Microscopic exam:

- One population of large type villi
- Oedema of stroma with a pseudocystic aspect
- No signs of embryonal development (no nucleated blood cells, no embryonic tissue...)
- Irregular villi (cauliflower, polypoid)



Evolution and prognosis

Recurrence risk for developing subsequent molar pregnancy after first CHM : 1-2% (10-20x higher than normal risk!)

- After 2 : 25%

Increases risk of gestational trophoblastic disease (GTD) and neoplasm (GTN):

- When trophoblastic activity persists after aspiration : 15-20% with CHM (<1% with partial mole !)
- 2-3% of CHM evolve into choriocarcinoma/50% of choriocarcinoma follow CHM

Most regress after aspiration and HCG levels decrease

95% of cases will have a low risk of GTD/GTN, 100% survival

Twin pregnancy with complete mole

- **Rare (1/20 000 to 100 000 pregnancies)**
- Coexisting complete mole and a living fetus
- Usually missed
- Typical complications of late complete moles → increased fatal complications:
 - Hemorrhage
 - Pre-eclampsia
 - Hyperthyroidism
 - 55% incidence of GTN, 22% of metastatic disease
- DD: partial mole, placental mesenchymal dysplasia

Thank you
Questions?





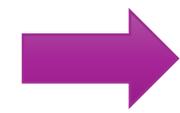
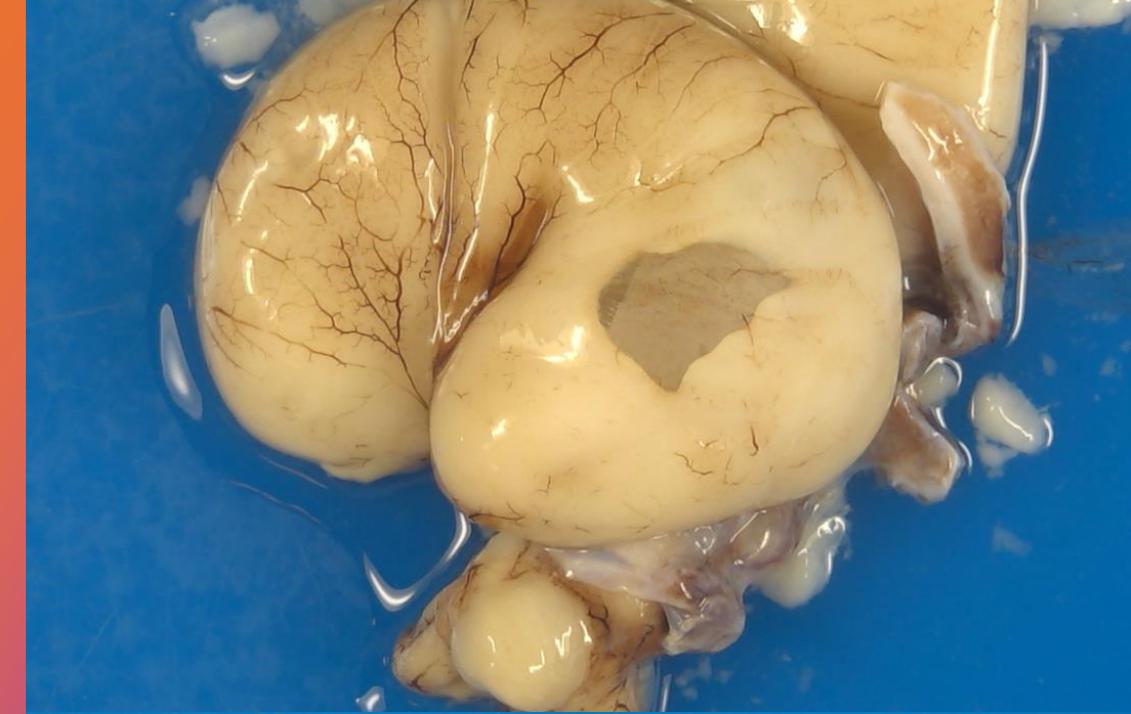
X-linked hydrocephaly



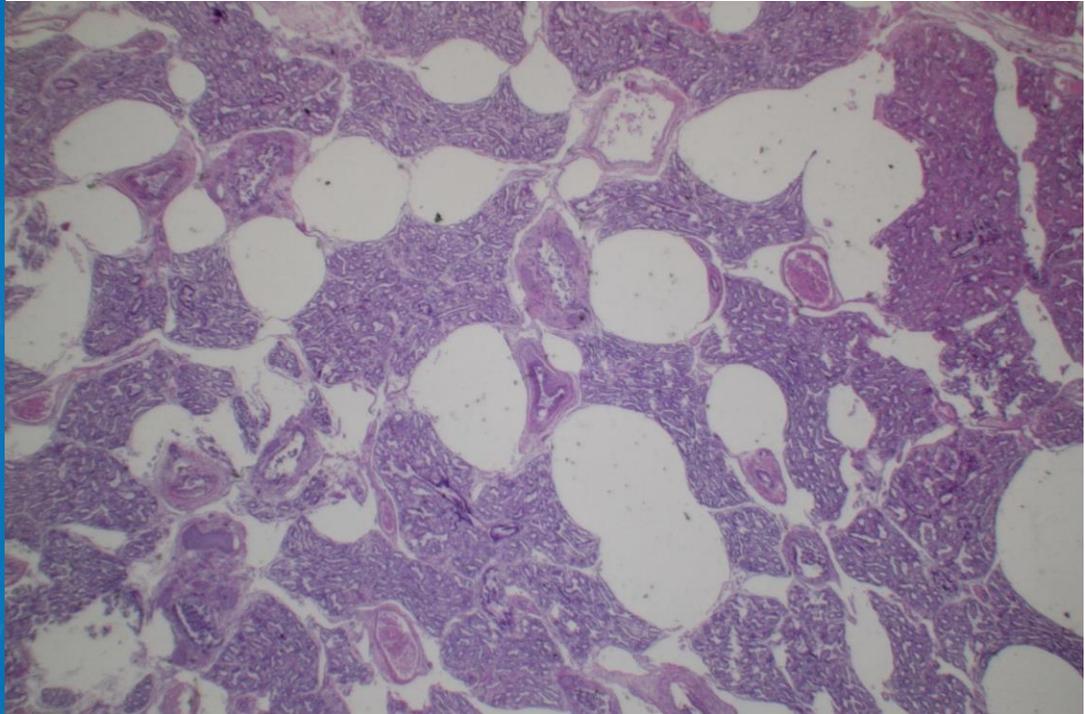
- US : triventricular dilatation (17mm).
- Corpus callosum agenesis.

- TOP 23 WG
- Eutrophic male fetus

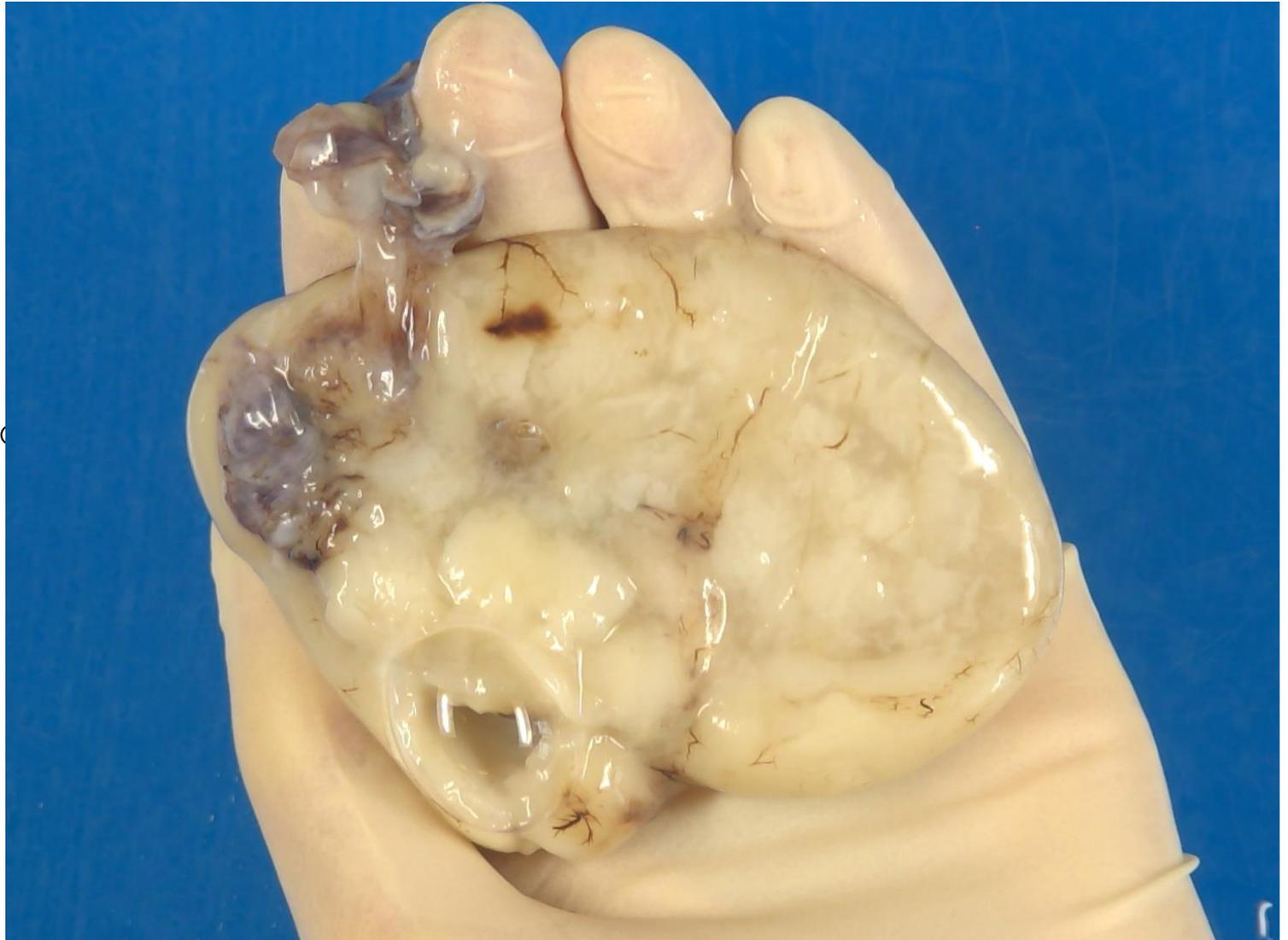
- Adductus thumbs

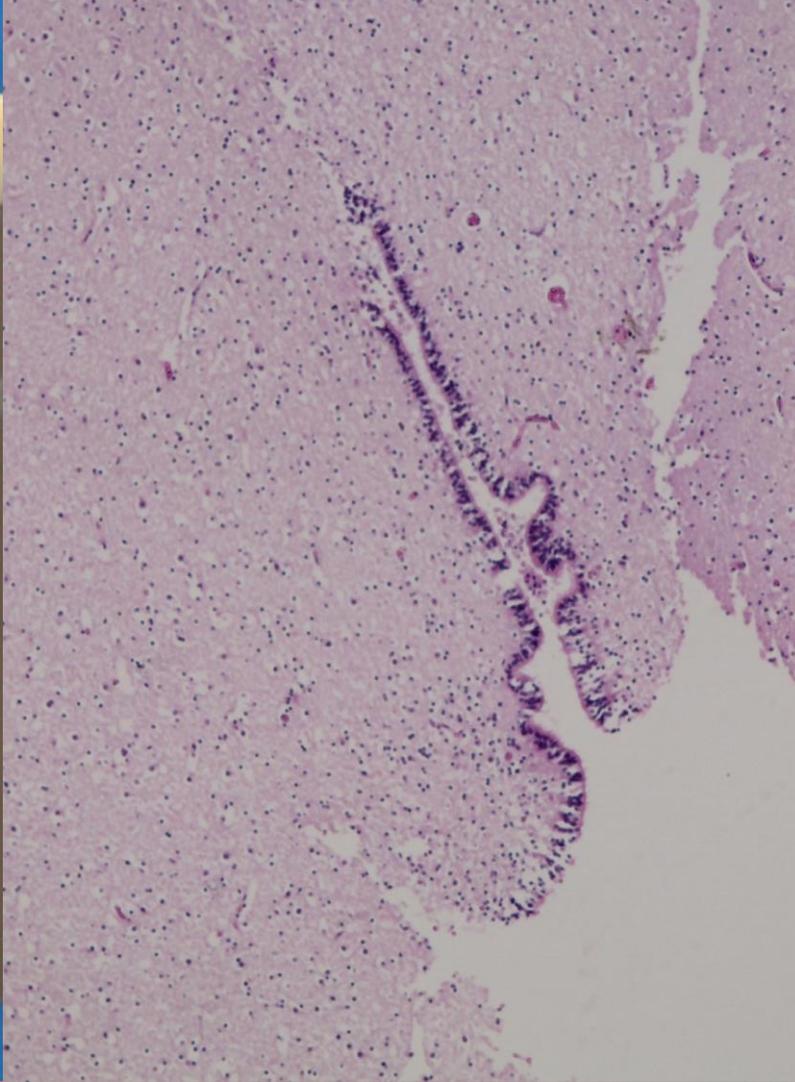
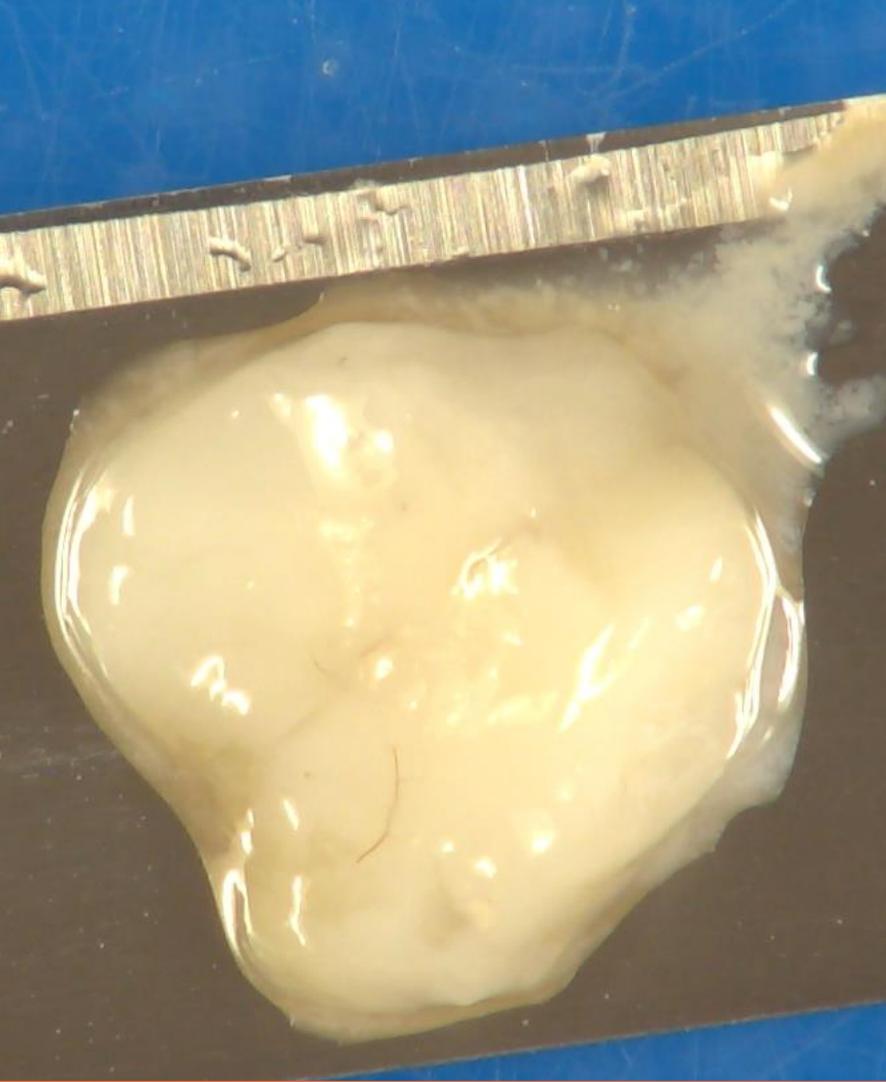


TOP with intra cardiac air injection.....



- Corpus callosum??
- No corpus callosum neuro
at microscopy, but...

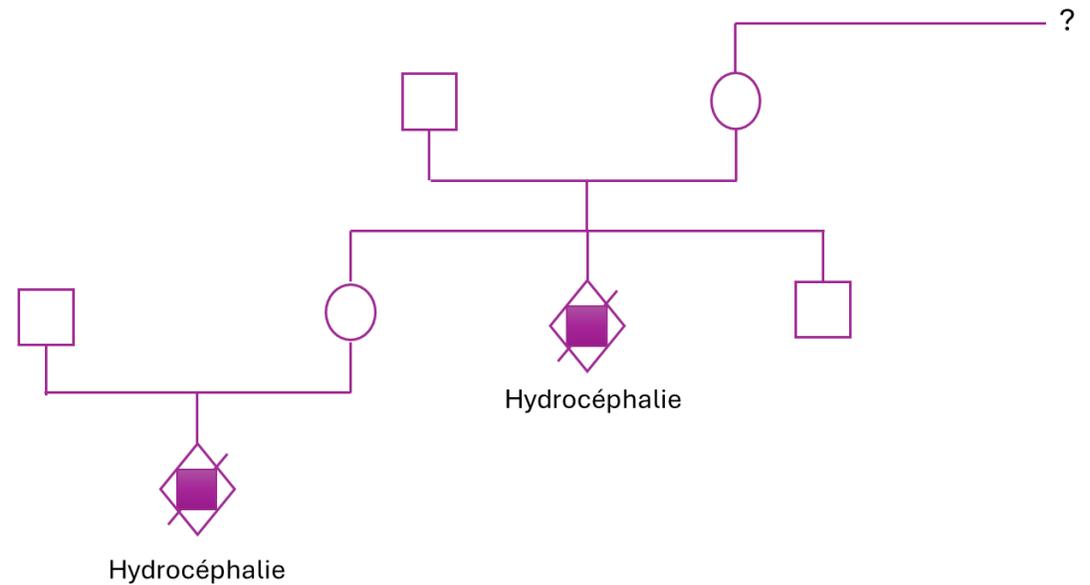




Mesencephalon : small aqueduct of Sylvius

Microscopy : pyramids hypoplasia

- Male fetus
- Hydrocephaly
- Adductus thumbs
- Aqueduct of Sylvius stenosis
- Pyramidal agenesis
- Corpus callosum agenesis

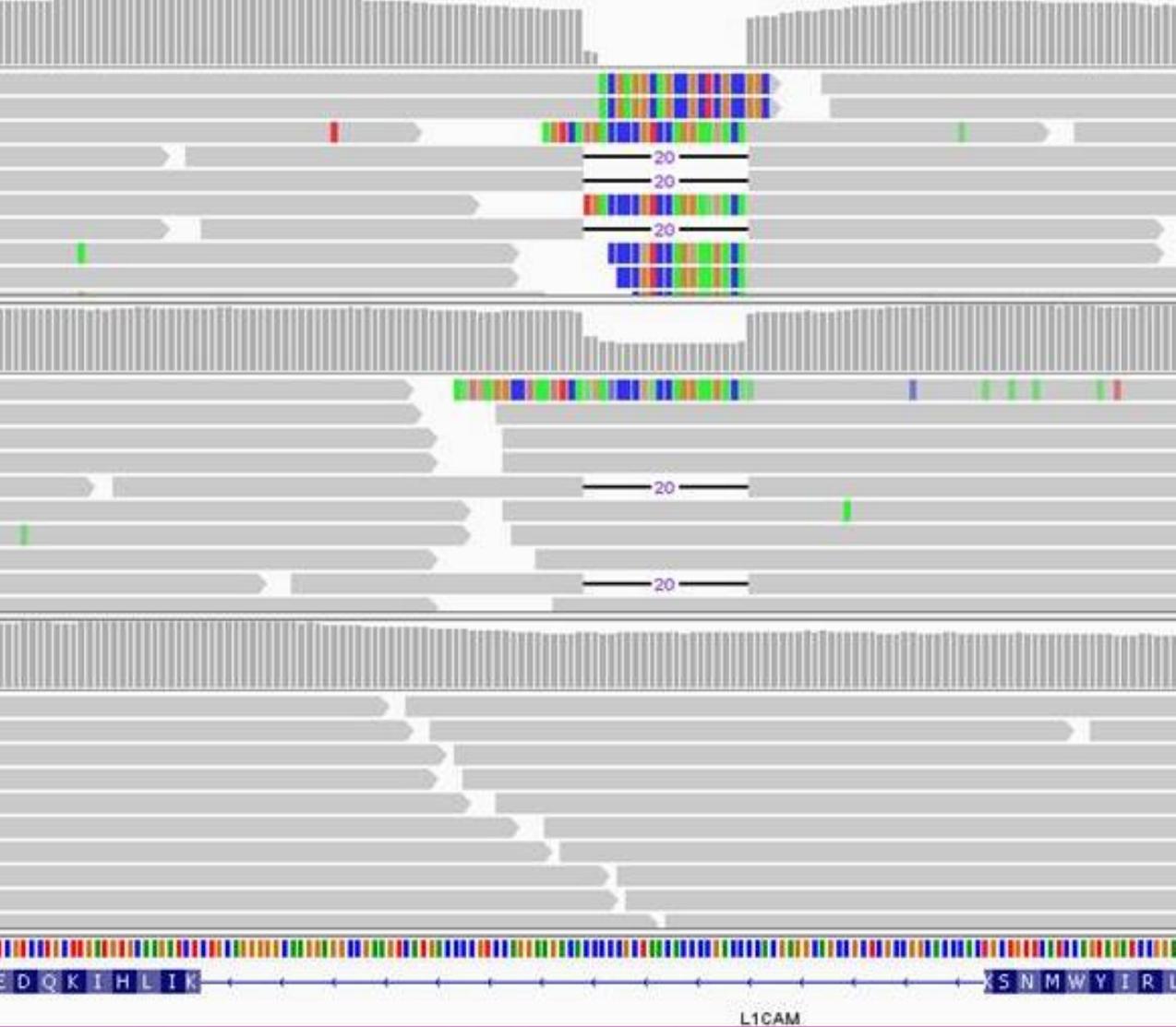


L1CAM



Genetic analysis

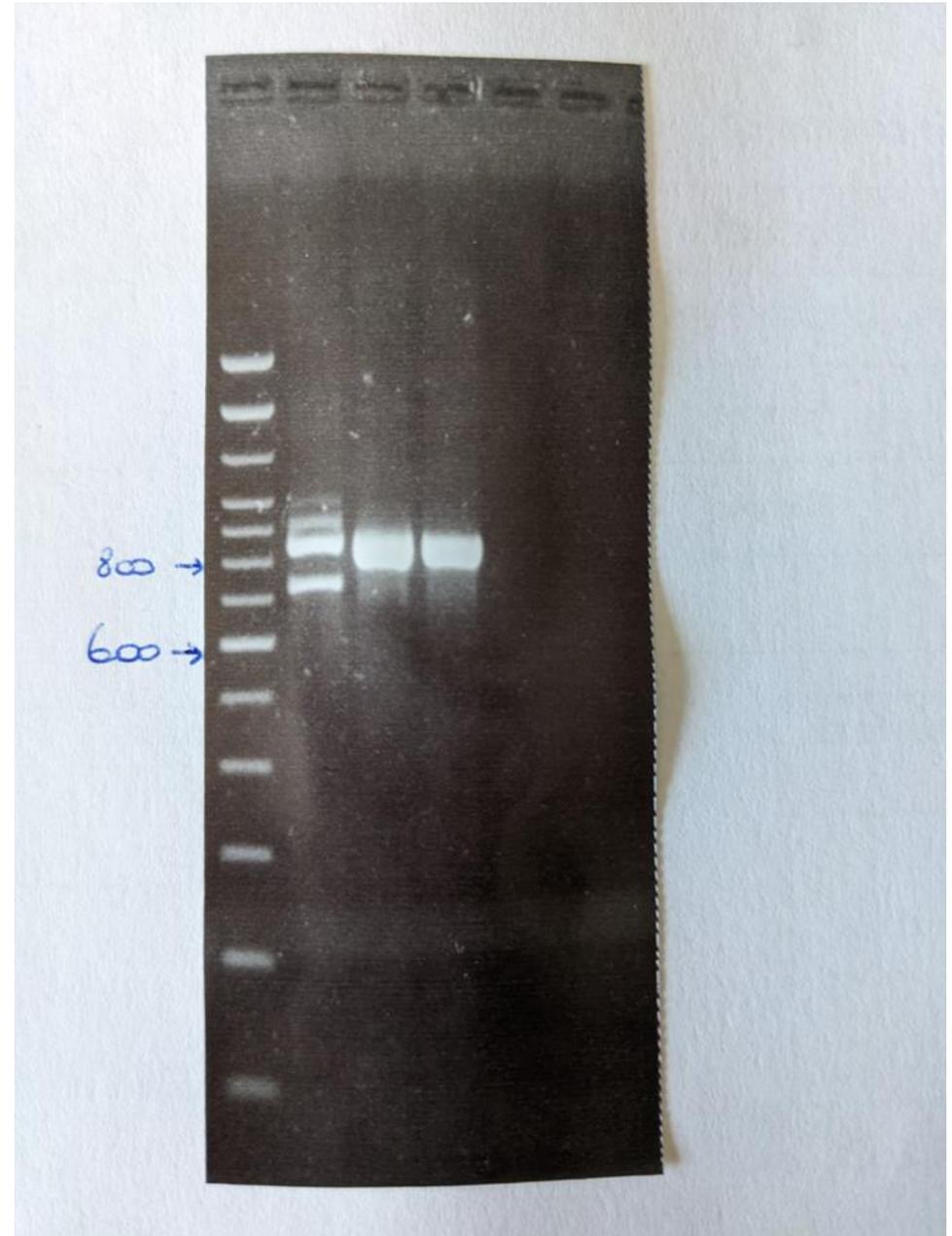
- Spastic paraplegia panel
- No pathogenic variant in *L1CAM*
- WES
- No pathogenic variant in *L1CAM*
- No other pathogenic variant



Deep intronic deletion *L1CAM* (20pb)
NM_001278116.1: c.523+30_524-48del (classe 3)

Transcript analysis

splicing defect with a shorter transcript, absent in controls



Deep phenotypic
necessary in
multiomics era

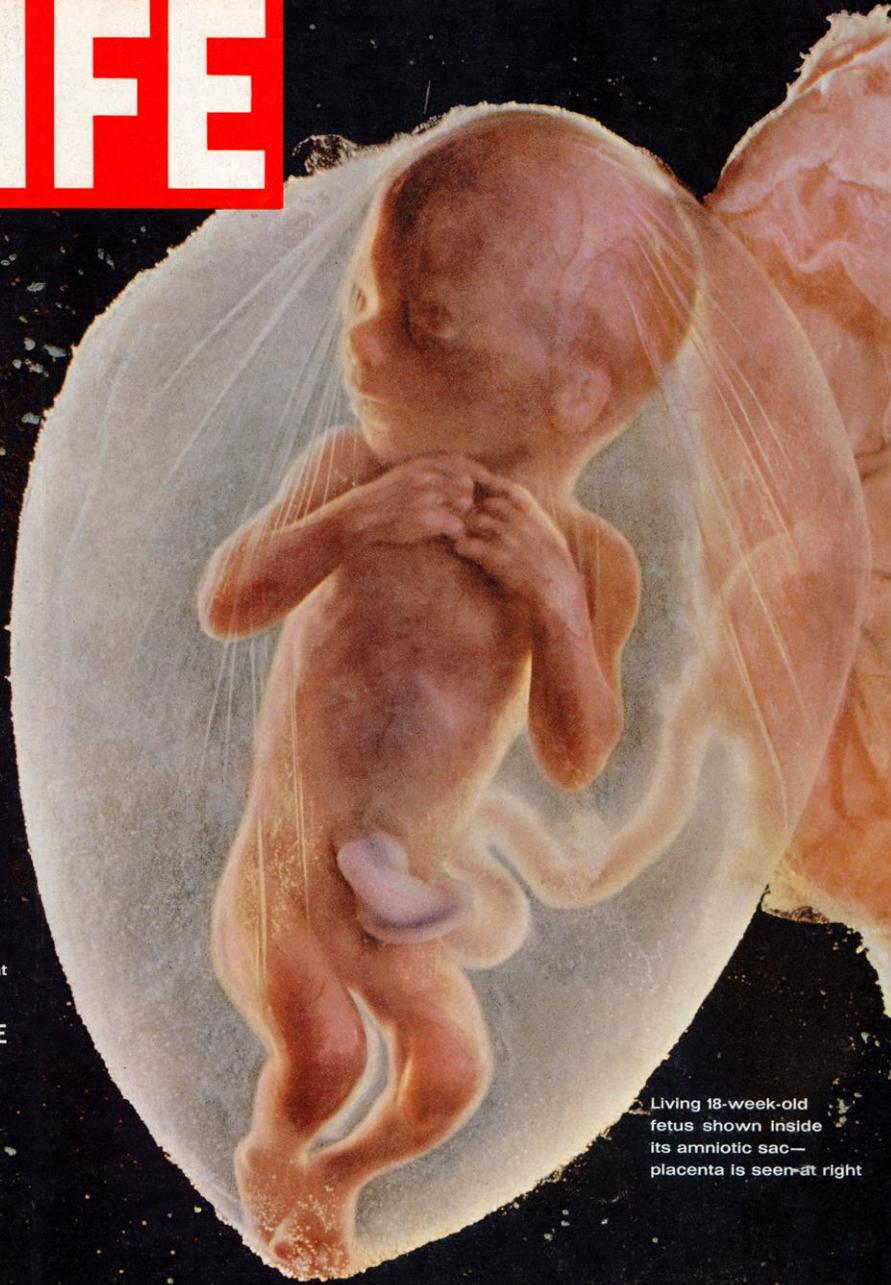
Help to understand
pathophysiological
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Multidisciplinary work



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Unprecedented
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**DRAMA OF LIFE
BEFORE BIRTH**

Living 18-week-old
fetus shown inside
its amniotic sac—
placenta is seen at right

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