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Preface

There has been a growing interest in toxicologic pathology, particularly as related to its impact on the safety assessment of pharmaceuticals and chemicals, and in general drug development. The language of toxicologic pathology is unfamiliar to a broad range of safety scientists involved in the safety evaluation of pharmaceuticals and chemicals. Thus, there is a growing need for an Illustrated Dictionary of Toxicology Pathology and Safety Science (IDTP) that this publication aims to fill. The IDTP format provides the brevity, clarity, and conciseness that the user is unlikely to receive in a toxicologic pathology textbook, even if adequately indexed. With the inclusion of descriptions of terms used in general toxicology, drug metabolism/pharmacokinetics, safety pharmacology, genotoxicity, reproductive toxicology, and regulatory science, the scope of the IDTP is considerably broadened and decidedly unique in its appeal to all safety scientists. It is meant to be a one-stop, ready reference within arm's reach as a textbook, or as an e-book.

At over 600 pages and with more than 800 color images to provide visual context, an important aim of the IDTP is to present pathological changes as reference examples of terminology, nomenclature, and descriptions for all safety scientists including the entry-level as well as seasoned toxicologic pathologists. It will also aid non-pathology specialists such as study directors, contributing scientists, senior toxicology report reviewers, scientific management of contract research organizations, regulatory agencies, and drug development companies to better understand the biological significance of tissue changes. These users are often left with the task of translating pathology findings to Maximum Tolerated Doses (MTD), No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL), and Highest Non-Severely Toxic Dose (HNSTD) levels, and are then asked to justify these designations. The IDTP provides a single reference volume for these users to further their understanding and appreciation of biologically significant pathology findings in toxicology studies.

The IDTP will also be of interest to students in the biomedical sciences as well as non-scientists (e.g., individuals serving on animal care committees) to better understand the terminology used by the toxicologic pathologist and safety scientist, particularly as related to risk assessment. Students in the pharmaceutical and medical sciences have for generations referred to medical dictionaries, but essentially have had nowhere to go for practical toxicologic pathology and safety science terminology—until now.

The IDTP consists of four major areas:

1. A–Z Dictionary of Toxicologic Pathology (~70%) encompassing all organ systems, and non-pathology (~30%) terms supported by references in a “For Further Reading” section.
2. Appendix 1: Overview of Drug Development, Nonclinical Safety & Toxicologic Pathology, and Important/Special Topics with emphasis on the role of toxicologic pathology and current topics of interest (e.g., Adversity/NOAEL, Digital Pathology, Image Analysis, Developing Biologics, Vaccines).
3. Appendix 2: Diagnostic Criteria of Proliferative Lesions in Rodents (Rat and Mouse) and Selected Non-Rodent Laboratory Species with illustrations, detailed references, and links to source material.
4. Appendix 3: Mini-Atlas of Organ System Anatomy and Histology by organ system to help re-acquaint the non-pathology safety scientist with normal histology.

All rodent and non-rodent terms are described in the main alphabetized section of the book. In addition, rodent lesions and diagnostic criteria for proliferative lesions (neoplastic and non-neoplastic) are included in Appendix 2. Published international guidelines for diagnostic criteria for proliferative lesions are currently only available for rodents (e.g., International Harmonization of Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria [INHAND]); thus, there are no published international guidelines for non-rodents. As such, non-rodent proliferative terms described herein are based upon a review of the scientific literature.

Any book of this nature is only as good as the contributors who prepare the specific sections; thus, their selection was given careful consideration. Contributors were chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and focused interest on a topic or organ system. While multiple potential authors may be able to develop a treatise on a topic based on literature reviews, extensive knowledge and expertise based on the personal experience of navigating tough toxicologic pathology issues that often do not appear in the literature add a critical dimension. Therefore, the IDTP was designed to present important information, both published and unpublished, as gained through personal experience, so this knowledge can be used by others to improve the quality of drug safety evaluation. The IDTP editors and over 70 contributing scientists (board-certified veterinary pathologists, board-certified toxicologists, allied health safety scientists, health regulatory representatives) have experience from bench-level pathology and other safety sciences to managing global preclinical safety units in leading pharmaceutical companies. They all have considerable experience mentoring pharmaceutical industry project team members, interacting with industry clinicians and representatives of decision-making bodies within the industry, as well as with global health authorities, such as the FDA and EMA. These activities convinced the editors of the necessity for and usefulness of the IDTP. As experts in their field, they have undertaken the hard work of writing and compiling the information,

making the IDTP a one-of-a kind resource. We are indebted to all the contributors for organizing and summarizing the most current information available in the literature, for sharing their expertise and knowledge on the subject matter, and for incorporating all this into this one volume, the IDTP.

All procedures used to prepare macroscopic and microscopic images of animal specimens for the IDTP were performed in accordance with regulations and established

guidelines for humane treatment of research animals, and were reviewed and approved in advance by an institutional animal care and use committee.

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As a seminal work in the area of toxicologic pathology and the allied safety sciences, the IDTP required careful thought and planning in collating the vast amount of necessary information. Moreover, it was essential that the material be presented in a clear and concise manner that would best suit a broad readership. In this regard, the editors would like to formally recognize the IDTP Advisors who provided the guidance to achieve this goal: Shayne C. Gad, Peter Greaves, Ramesh C. Gupta, Jerry F. Hardisty, Charlotte M. Keenan, and James A. Popp. These individuals provided sage advice on developing general guidelines for the contributors who generated the A–Z term descriptions, and on preparing guidance in the preparation of the Appendices. In particular, the editors would like to acknowledge Shayne C. Gad for his contributions in the writing of Appendix 1 and to Charlotte M. Keenan for sharing her expert advice on the use of INHAND and Standard for Exchange of Nonclinical Data (SEND) terminology with the IDTP contributors and editors. The editors would also like to thank Charlotte M. Keenan for her support in obtaining photomicrographic material of proliferative lesions from various external sources; review of several sections of the IDTP, and valuable contributions to the General Pathology and Appendix 2 teams. We additionally want to thank Dr. Phil Long for his expert review of the Bone/Muscle/Tooth terms and descriptions. We are grateful to all our advisors for making themselves available to the editors during planning, preparation, and finalization stages of the IDTP.

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AAALAC is an acronym for Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, whose duties are to promote the humane treatment of animals in science.

AAAS is an acronym for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

AACT is an acronym for the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology.

ABC-binding cassette transporters are a family of active transporters that have an ATP binding site (ATP-binding cassette) and are responsible for the transport of drugs both into and out of cells. Effects of the latter on transporters are studied to understand the factors affecting the distribution of a drug candidate and to predict potential drug-drug interactions through effects on transporter activity. Important ABC-binding cassette transporters are MDR1, BCRP, and BSEP. See **Drug transporters** for further information.

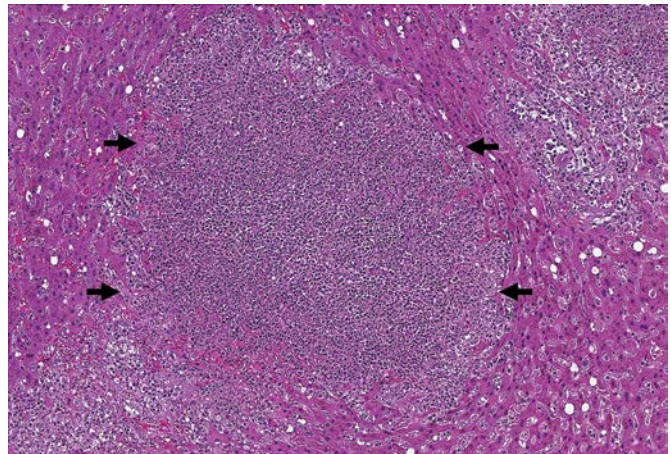
Abnormal base analogs are nucleic acid bases that are not the native ones in DNA (adenine, cytosine, guanine, thymine) or RNA (adenine, cytosine, guanine, uridine). These nucleic acid bases can be incorporated during cell replication and lead to mutation or cell death. They are used therapeutically for tumor or viral therapy.

Abnormal embryo-fetal development is related to mortality, dysmorphogenesis (structural abnormalities), alterations to growth (growth retardation) and/or functional impairment (behavioral teratology).

Abrikosoff's tumor, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, granular cell tumor, benign**.

Abscess is a circumscribed accumulation of inflammatory cells with necrotic cell debris and fluid (pus) within a tissue. Abscesses may be visible grossly or may be noted only microscopically (microabscess). Acute abscesses are dominated by neutrophils that arrive within minutes at the site of infection. The combined activity of the pathogen with the release of the neutrophil's lysosomal contents, oxygen-derived free radicals, neuropeptides, and chemokines results in localized tissue damage that may escalate the inflammatory response or may eliminate the infection to allow resolution with restoration of normal tissue function. If the infection is persistent, peripheral fibroblastic proliferation and chronic inflammatory infiltrates (lymphocytes, plasma cells, macrophages) become major components of the lesion. The latter may become isolated within fibrous tissue (walled-off abscess) or may resolve

by scar formation. Although abscesses are most commonly associated with infectious agents, sterile abscesses may be associated with irritants, such as subcutaneously applied drugs or foreign material. Abscesses associated with fungal or parasitic infections may have a significant eosinophilic inflammatory cell component in conjunction with the neutrophils.



Abscess in the liver of a nonhuman primate, H&E. There is accumulation of inflammatory cells and necrotic cell debris within the liver as outlined by the arrows.

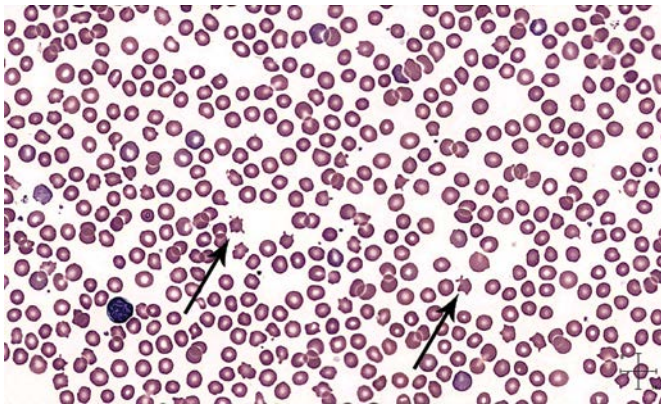
Absolute bioavailability is the amount of a nonintravenously administered drug (e.g., oral, inhaled, intramuscular, subcutaneous, etc.) which reaches the systemic circulation as active drug compared to the amount of active drug in the circulation following intravenous administration of the same dose. Absolute bioavailability is calculated by dividing the dose-corrected integral drug systemic exposure (area under the plasma concentration time curve [AUC]) via the non-intravenous route, by the integral drug systemic exposure via the intravenous route. For example, for oral administration:

$$F = 100 \times (AUC_{0-\infty})_{\text{oral}} / (AUC_{0-\infty})_{\text{iv}} \times (\text{dose})_{\text{iv}} / (\text{dose})_{\text{oral}}$$

Absorption is the process of uptake of a drug into the systemic circulation from the site of application; for example, uptake from the gastrointestinal tract after oral intake. Passive absorption is a function of the physiochemical properties of the drug (lipophilicity, solubility, etc.). Drugs may also be subject to active uptake, which is also a function of the affinity for the respective drug transporter.

Acanthocyte is an abnormally shaped red blood cell in which the erythrocytes are densely contracted and have irregularly placed horny projections or spikes of varying lengths. They

have also been called spur cells. The mechanism of acanthocyte formation involves alteration of the red cell membrane lipid composition and fluidity. Classically, they are associated with abetalipoproteinemia (Bassen-Kornzweig syndrome) and spur cell hemolytic anemia of severe liver disease. However, they are less frequently found in a number of other conditions including alcoholic cirrhosis, anorexia nervosa and other malnourished states, vitamin E deficiency in the newborn, hypothyroidism, hypopituitarism, the McLeod phenotype in individuals of the Kell blood group system, and in individuals with the Rhesus (Rh) null blood type. It is important to distinguish true acanthocytes from echinocytes or schistocytes, as they are produced by differing mechanisms.



Acanthocytes, rabbit. The image shows the variable length and width and uneven distribution of spicules found on true acanthocytes (arrows).

Acantholysis is the loss of cell-cell junctional integrity by keratinocytes, resulting in loss of intercellular cohesion. Keratinocytes that have undergone acantholysis are often referred to as acantholytic cells. Acantholysis and the presence of acantholytic cells is a characteristic of immune-mediated dermatoses that disrupt epidermal junctional attachments such as pemphigus vulgaris and pemphigus foliaceus. Acantholysis is also seen in some forms of skin cancer.

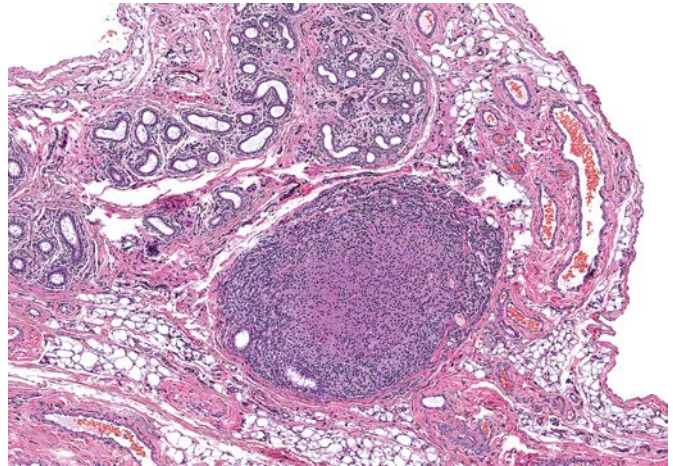
Acanthoma, infundibular, keratinizing, see the preferred term **Keratoacanthoma**.

Acanthosis, see the preferred term **Epidermal hyperplasia**.

Acceptable daily intake (ADI) is the amount of an agent found in food or drinking water which may be consumed per day throughout a lifetime without an appreciable risk to health. The concept was originally developed for food additives that were deliberately included in foodstuffs but was later extended to include residues in the food from pesticides, pharmaceuticals, veterinary drugs, and pollutants in drinking water. The ADI is estimated from the no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) in toxicity studies. A similar approach is taken for the qualification of impurities in drug substance or drug product in the pharmaceutical industry, where the permitted daily exposure (PDE) is estimated.

Accessory adrenal cortical tissue is the presence of normal adrenal cortical tissue outside of the adrenal gland capsule or in the adjacent tissues. It may be surrounded by a fibrous capsule and may lack the normal zonal arrangement of the adrenal cortex and medullary cells. It is most commonly found in the fat surrounding the adrenal gland and kidney, although may be found anywhere in the peritoneal cavity.

Synonym(s): **Adrenal gland, ectopic; adrenal rest; adrenocortical tissue, ectopic; adrenocortical rest; adrenal extracortical nodule; adrenocortical choristoma.**



Accessory adrenal gland in the epididymis, cynomolgus monkey, H&E.

Accessory male sex organ acinar cystic dilation, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, acinar/vesicle dilation**.

Accessory male sex organ acinar distension, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, acinar/vesicle dilation**.

Accessory male sex organ acinar/vesicle dilation (prostate, coagulating gland, seminal vesicle, ampullary gland, bulbourethral gland, and preputial gland) is characterized by focal or diffuse acinar/vesicle distension due to the accumulation of secretory fluids. Treatment-related hyperprolactinemia and hyperandrogenism cause diffuse acinar or vesicle dilation due to increased secretory activity accompanied by a varying degree of thinning of acinar/vesicular walls. Changes in organ weight are the most sensitive method to detect treatment-related acinar/vesicular dilation. Acinar/vesicle dilation of the seminal vesicle and coagulating gland is a common age-related finding in rodents, possibly due to the accumulation of secretory contents associated with sexual inactivity, and declining testosterone levels. Acinar/vesicle dilation may be associated with urethral obstruction in rodents, and in mice occurs secondary to ascending urinary tract infections. The modifier “cystic” is used when dilatation is associated with reduction or loss of epithelial papillary folds, flattening of epithelium, and compression of the adjacent structures. Cystic dilation of acini/vesicles has been described in the prostate and bulbourethral gland of aging

rodents. See **Prostate**, **Coagulating gland**, **Seminal vesicle**, **Ampullary gland**, **Bulbourethral gland**, and **Preputial gland** for further information.

Synonym(s): **Accessory male sex organ acinar distension; accessory male sex organ acinar cystic dilation.**



Dilated (cystic) acinus, seminal vesicle, F344/N rat, H&E. (Image courtesy of the U.S. National Toxicology Program; National Institutes of Health.)

Accessory male sex organ adenoma (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) is an uncommon (prostate or seminal vesicle) or rare (coagulating gland) group of benign neoplasms arising from the glandular epithelial cells of these organs. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organ apoptosis, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ single cell epithelial necrosis**.

Accessory male sex organ arteritis, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ vascular/perivascular necrosis/inflammation**.

Accessory male sex organ atrophy (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is characterized by the partial or complete absence of secretions in an acinar/vesicle lumen that may be cystic and/or have crowding of acinar/vesicle epithelial folds. The epithelial surface is attenuated or flattened, and epithelial cells have reduced or absent cytoplasmic secretory droplets. Atrophy is generally associated with decreased androgen levels as seen with aging, castration, or chronic androgen depletion. Decreased androgens result in reduced size and weight of the end organ, the latter being a better indicator of atrophy than histologic correlates. Atrophy due to aging is often associated with increased stroma, presence of epithelial lipofuscin pigmentation, acini/ducts with intraluminal proteinaceous fluid and cellular debris, and/or complete absence of secretions.

Differential diagnosis: **Accessory male sex organ hypoplasia.**

Accessory male sex organ concretions (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) are a

very common, age-related change in rodents associated with acinar atrophy of accessory male sex organs. Concretions are round and homogenous or concentrically laminated bodies that are usually eosinophilic but may be basophilic and mineralized. They form because of compaction of small hyaline masses of degenerate cells. They are more common in the lumen of the prostate.

Synonym(s): **Accessory male sex organ corpora amylacea.**

Accessory male sex organ corpora amylacea, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ concretions**.

Accessory male sex organ epithelial vacuolation (prostate, coagulating gland, seminal vesicle, ampullary gland, bulbourethral gland, and preputial gland) may stem from the accumulation of secretory fluids, lipids, phospholipids, or glycoproteins. Vacuolation is characterized as either macro- or microvesicular. Microscopically, the epithelial cell morphology is distorted, and the nucleus is displaced. Phospholipidosis can induce diffuse vacuolation of the seminal vesicles and prostate.

Synonym(s): **Accessory male sex organ vacuolar degeneration; accessory male sex organ vesicular or hydropic degeneration.**

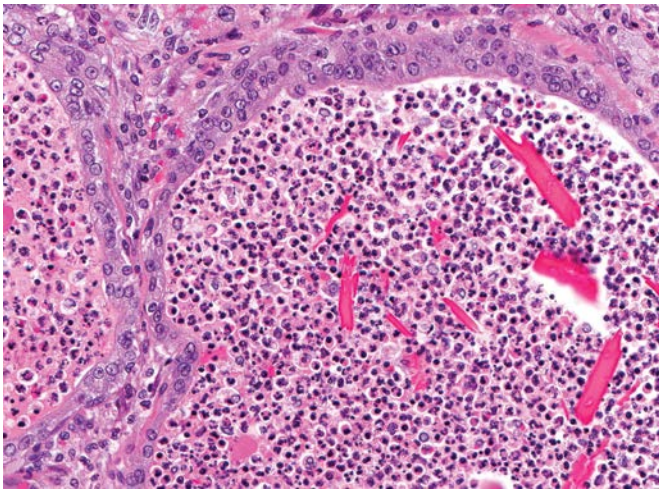
Accessory male sex organ hypoplasia (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is a rare congenital abnormality consisting of the underdevelopment of organ(s). It has been observed in transgenic rodent strains such as the 5alpha-reductase type 2 knockout mouse (prostatic hypoplasia), as well as in male Sprague-Dawley rats exposed in utero to di-*n*-butyl phthalate (prostate and seminal vesicle hypoplasia). There is a macroscopic size reduction relative to the animal's overall body size and state of reproductive maturity. Lobe malformation may occur, as well as reduced secretions.

Differential diagnosis: **Accessory male sex organ atrophy.**

Accessory male sex organ inflammation (prostate, coagulating gland, seminal vesicle, bulbourethral gland, and preputial glands) is a common, spontaneous, age-related background finding in rats and mice. It is generally due to tissue injury or necrosis because of ascending bacterial urogenital infections. Underlying causes include fighting with cage mates, and/or infections with *Staphylococcus aureus* or *Pasteurella pneumotropica*. In transgenic mice, urinary stasis and/or immunologic or inflammatory alterations have been known to result in prostatic inflammation. Hyperprolactemia or hyperestrogenemia can result in prostatic inflammation, and the former is sometimes correlated with an increased incidence of pituitary gland tumors in aging rodents. Different accessory glands and regions vary in their susceptibility to inflammation; the dorsolateral prostate lobe is the most susceptible, followed by the ventral lobe, coagulating gland, and then the seminal vesicle. Macroscopically, perineal enlargement may be noted due to swelling of the bulbourethral glands. Microscopic features include focally extensive to diffuse purulent or pyogranulomatous inflammation that may

be accompanied by epithelial squamous metaplasia or vacuolar degeneration and interstitial fibrosis.

Differential diagnosis: Accessory male sex organ inflammatory cell infiltrate.



Neutrophilic inflammation, prostate, rat, H&E. (Image courtesy of the U.S. National Toxicology Program; National Institutes of Health.)

Accessory male sex organ inflammatory cell infiltrate (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) consists of small focal accumulations of inflammatory cells, most commonly composed of lymphocytes, which may reside in the interstitium, perivascularly, and may also be intraluminal. Microabscesses composed of mixed inflammatory cells may be noted as a background finding in the adipose tissue adjacent to the epididymis. The pathogenesis is often unknown, but may represent an early stage of inflammation, and could indicate sperm stasis. Inflammatory cell infiltration is the preferred diagnostic term when other inflammatory changes (degeneration/necrosis, edema/congestion/hemorrhage, fibrosis, regeneration) are not observed.

Differential diagnosis: Accessory male sex organ inflammation.

Synonym(s): Accessory male sex organ lymphocytic infiltrate; accessory male sex organs mononuclear cell infiltrate.

Accessory male sex organ lymphocytic infiltrate, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ inflammatory cell infiltrate**.

Accessory male sex organ metaplasia (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is characterized by replacement of the normal secretory epithelium by mucinous, squamous, or transitional cells. Metaplasia may be incidental or result from inflammatory-mediated tissue damage, nutritional deficiencies, or hormonal perturbations. As background lesions, metaplastic changes have been noted most commonly in the prostate of mice, especially transgenics. Treatment with estrogens (e.g., zearalenone) results in squamous metaplasia of the coagulating gland (i.e., anterior prostate), dorsal prostate, and seminal vesicle of rodents, and prostatic squamous metaplasia in dogs. Experimentally

induced hypovitaminosis A in rats and mice results in squamous metaplasia of the accessory sex glands, beginning as a layer of squamous epithelium overlying the original luminal epithelium of the seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, ductus deferens, and dorsal prostate.

Accessory male sex organ mononuclear cell infiltrate, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ inflammatory cell infiltrate**.

Accessory male sex organ periarteritis, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ vascular/perivascular necrosis/inflammation**.

Accessory male sex organ perivascular inflammation, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ vascular/perivascular necrosis/inflammation**.

Accessory male sex organ polyarteritis nodosa, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ vascular/perivascular necrosis/inflammation**.

Accessory male sex organs include the prostate, coagulating gland or anterior prostate, seminal vesicle, ampullary gland, bulbourethral gland, urethral gland, and preputial gland in mammals. All these glands are present in rats and mice. The prostate and ampullary gland are the accessory sex glands in male dogs. The prostate, seminal vesicles, and bulbourethral glands are the accessory sex glands of male monkeys. The secretions of these glands nourish and activate sperm, clear the urethral tract prior to ejaculation, transport the sperm in the female tract, and create a copulatory plug to help ensure fertilization. The accessory organs are sex-hormone dependent, and their detailed histological examination often reflects changes in spontaneous aging or treatment-related hormone status. See Appendix 3 and **Prostate, Coagulating gland, Seminal vesicle, Ampullary gland, Bulbourethral gland**, and **Preputial gland** for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, adaptive hyperplasia, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, hyperplasia, functional**.

Accessory male sex organs, adenocarcinoma (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) is an uncommon (prostate or seminal vesicle) or rare (coagulating gland) group of malignant neoplasms arising from the glandular epithelial cells of these organs. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, adenomatous hyperplasia, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, atypical hyperplasia**.

Accessory male sex organs, agenesis, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, aplasia**.

Accessory male sex organs, angiectasis (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is a spontaneous age-related change characterized by irregularly dilated urethral vessels filled with blood, and lined by a single layer of normal endothelium. These lesions may occur secondary to occlusion, thrombosis, or hypertension.

Accessory male sex organs, aplasia (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is a developmental disorder with the absence of an organ due to failure of the development of its primordium during embryonic development. Congenital aplasia is an uncommon finding in rodents, but reported in some transgenic mice. Examples include prostatic aplasia in 5α -reductase type 2, p63, and Sox9 knockout mice, seminal vesicle aplasia in Pax2 and Emx2 knockout mice, and bulbourethral gland aplasia in Hoxa-10 and Hoxa-11 knockout mice. Heterozygote and homozygote Hoxa-13 knockout mice, and rodents exposed in utero to 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) and di(*n*-butyl) phthalate (DBP) show aplasia of multiple accessory male sex organs.

Differential diagnosis: **Accessory male sex organ hypoplasia.**

Synonym(s): **Accessory male sex organs, agenesis.**

Accessory male sex organs, atypical hyperplasia (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is the focal or multifocal proliferation of the glandular epithelium in the ventral prostate, dorsolateral prostate, seminal vesicle, or coagulating gland. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, benign myoblastoma, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, granular cell tumor, benign.**

Accessory male sex organs, carcinosarcoma (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is a rare, locally invasive neoplasm composed of spindle cells, pleomorphic cells, and/or homogenous large polygonal, epithelial-like cells within an adenocarcinoma. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, dysplasia, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, atypical hyperplasia.**

Accessory male sex organs, focal hyperplasia, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, atypical hyperplasia.**

Accessory male sex organs, granular cell tumor, benign (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) is a rare, benign tumor in the rat and mouse, which may originate from the Schwann or mesenchymal cell. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, granular cell tumor, malignant (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) is a rare, malignant tumor in the rat and mouse, which may originate from the

Schwann or mesenchymal cell. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, hyperplasia, functional, (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) occurs in response to increased functional demand and consists of epithelial hypertrophy and hyperplasia. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organ single cell epithelial necrosis (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating glands, bulbourethral glands) is a form of programmed cell death (i.e., apoptosis) due to a series of intracellular signals and events. It is not accompanied by inflammation. Individual necrotic epithelial cells contain condensed or fragmented nuclei and reduced amounts of hyper-eosinophilic cytoplasm. Acute androgen reduction may be a causative factor. Application of terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase dUTP nick end labeling (TUNEL) can be employed to confirm the presence of epithelial single cell necrosis.

Synonym(s): **Accessory male sex organ apoptosis.**

Accessory male sex organs, mesenchymal proliferative lesion (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, and/or bulbourethral gland) is usually a spontaneous, benign, subepithelial, decidual-like reaction composed of collections of large epithelial cells with peripheral fibrocyte- or smooth muscle-like spindle cells and mononuclear cells. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, mesenchymal tumor, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, mesenchymal proliferative lesion.**

Accessory male sex organs, reactive hyperplasia (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland) is a particularly common change in dorsolateral lobes of mice prostate and is commonly associated with inflammatory lesions resulting from urogenital infections. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, simple hyperplasia, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, hyperplasia, functional.**

Accessory male sex organs, squamous cell carcinoma (prostate, coagulating gland, preputial gland) is a malignant tumor derived from metaplastic epithelial cells in the glands or ducts. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organs, squamous cell papilloma (prostate, coagulating gland, preputial gland) is a very rare benign tumor that arises from metaplastic epithelium in the glands or ducts, and can be associated with keratinization. Refer to **Reproductive System and Mammary Gland** in Appendix 2 for further information.

Accessory male sex organ stromal fibrosis (prostate, coagulating gland, seminal vesicle, ampullary gland, bulbourethral gland, and preputial gland) is a relative increase in the ratio of stromal to glandular tissue due to an accumulation of interstitial collagen, or wide bands of dense connective tissue that may completely disrupt normal tissue architecture. In rodents, stromal fibrosis is associated with administration of estrogenic compounds, loss of androgen support, chronic inflammation, or alterations in growth factors and/or extracellular matrix. In the case of chronic estrogen administration, additional findings include decreased secretion, epithelial atrophy, and hyperplasia in the prostate and squamous metaplasia in the prostate and coagulating glands. In older men, stromal fibrosis is associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia and decreasing androgen levels.

Accessory male sex organs, vegetative lesion, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organs, mesenchymal proliferative lesion**.

Accessory male sex organ vacuolar degeneration, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ epithelial vacuolation**.

Accessory male sex organs, vascular/perivascular necrosis/inflammation (prostate, seminal vesicle, coagulating gland, bulbourethral gland, and/or preputial gland) is generally a spontaneous and age-specific progressive degenerative lesion of the vascular walls. Medium-sized vessels are the primary site in the testis, and small arterioles are mainly affected in the prostate, seminal vesicles, coagulating gland, and bulbourethral gland. Affected vessels have a fragmented and hyalinized (referred to as fibrinoid change or necrosis) tunica media which may be thickened (i.e., hypertrophy) and infiltrated by inflammatory cells (usually lymphoplasmacytic). Vascular changes may reflect a systemic condition such as systemic hypertension or immune complex disease. The type and quantity of the diet impacts the incidence of this spontaneous disorder. Vasoactive compounds such as nitrofurantoin may also effect an increased incidence. In beagle dogs, perivascular necrosis/inflammation in the testes and epididymides is observed in idiopathic canine polyarteritis.

Synonym(s): **Accessory male sex organ vasculitis; accessory male sex organ arteritis; accessory male sex organ perivascular inflammation; accessory male sex organ periarteritis; accessory male sex organ polyarteritis nodosa.**

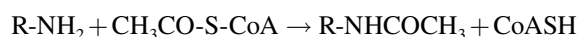
Accessory male sex organ vasculitis, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ vascular/perivascular necrosis/inflammation**.

Accessory male sex organ vesicular or hydropic degeneration, see the preferred term **Accessory male sex organ epithelial vacuolation**.

Accessory spleen is a small version of a spleen, containing all of the anatomic and functional elements of splenic white pulp and red pulp, which is found in an anatomic location

outside the normal anatomic location for the spleen (left anterior quadrant of the abdominal cavity). Common locations for an accessory spleen are within the pancreas, attached to the splenic capsule, and within the gastrosplenic omentum, although accessory spleens may be found nearly anywhere within the peritoneal cavity. An accessory spleen can arise as either a congenital anomaly or secondary to splenic trauma.

Acetylation is the addition of acetyl groups; a reaction catalyzed by liver enzymes belonging to the *N*-acetyl transferase (NAT) family (e.g., NAT-1 or NAT-2). The acetylation reaction uses acetyl CoA as a substrate:



Acetylation reactions are important in the disposition of amine-containing drugs, particularly aromatic amines and sulfonamides. Some sulfonamide acetyl metabolites are less soluble than the parent drug and may cause toxicity by crystalizing in the kidney upon concentration of the urine. Acetylator phenotype is polymorphically distributed in the population, with approximately 50% of the Caucasian and African American population having a slow acetylator phenotype, which is caused by reduced levels of NAT in the liver. Slow acetylators may have decreased rates of metabolism of some amine-containing drugs (e.g., isoniazid, dapsone, hydralazine, and caffeine).

Acetylator phenotype is a polymorphism that results in either slow or fast acetylation of drugs containing aromatic amines, sulfonamides, and hydrazines, caused by a deficiency of the hepatic enzymes *N*-acetyl transferase. See **Rapid acetylators** and **Acetylation** for further information.

Acylesterases (EC 3.1.1.6) are enzymes that catalyze the hydrolysis of acetyl esters to acetic acid and the corresponding alcohol. See **Esterases** for further information.

Achlorhydria is a clinical condition where there is absence of hydrochloric acid in the gastric secretions as a result of loss of acid-producing parietal cells, gastrin deficiency, and/or proton pump inhibition. The inhibition of the proton pump in the gastric parietal cell by blocking the final step in the gastric acid secretory pathway causes this condition. Very high doses of omeprazole (a medication that belongs to a group of drugs called proton pump inhibitors is used to treat symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease [GERD] and other conditions caused by excess stomach acid) in laboratory animals results in achlorhydria and hypergastrinemia. Achlorhydria also predisposes to bacterial overgrowth, and nitration of dietary components in the presence of nitrite has been linked to gastric carcinogenesis in man.

Acid glycoprotein binding is the non-covalent association of a drug to plasma α -1 acid glycoprotein, an acute-phase protein synthesized mainly by the liver and found in the plasma.