# Pathology of Renal Transplantation

# Objectives:

- Recognize the concept of renal allograft.
- Describe the pathology of rejection
- Differentiate between acute and chronic rejection.
- Recognize the principal infections inherent to renal transplantation.
- Recognize acute and chronic drug toxicity.



#### **Renal transplantation**

Note the two end-stage native kidneys in normal position, the atrophic first donor kidney (lower left), and the larger second donor kidney (lower right).

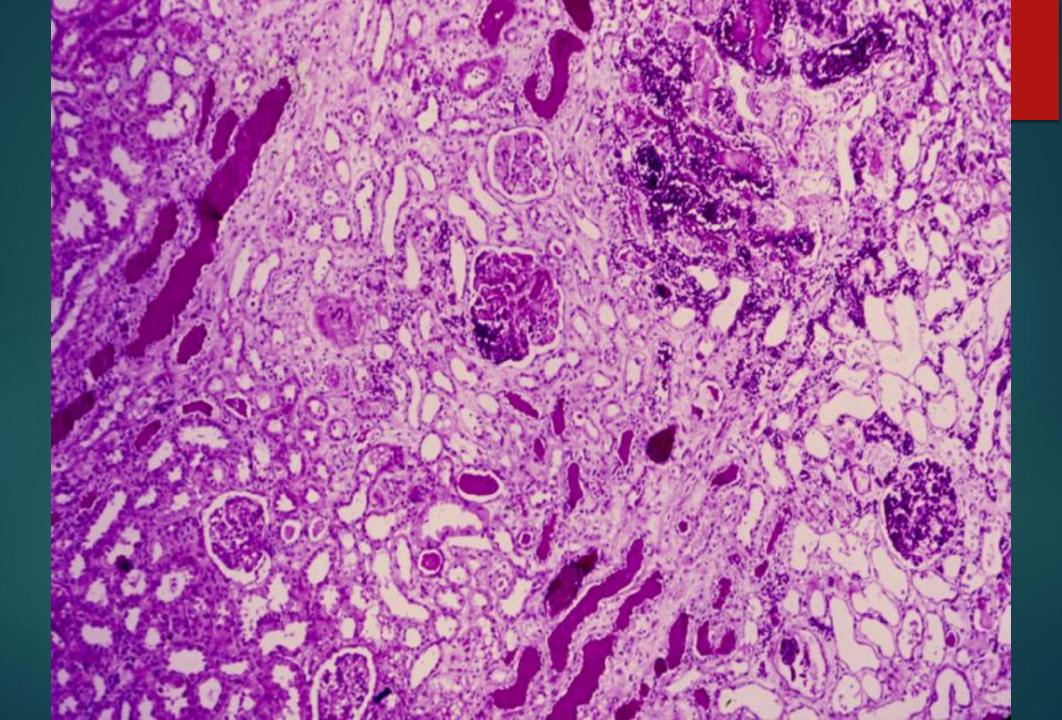
# The Banff classification:diagnostic categories

- Normal
- Hyperacute Rejection
- Borderline changes ("very mild acute rejection")
- Acute Rejection (Tcell, Antibody-mediated)
- Chronic Rejection
- Others





Subtotal renal infarction due to hyperacute (antibody-mediated) rejection.

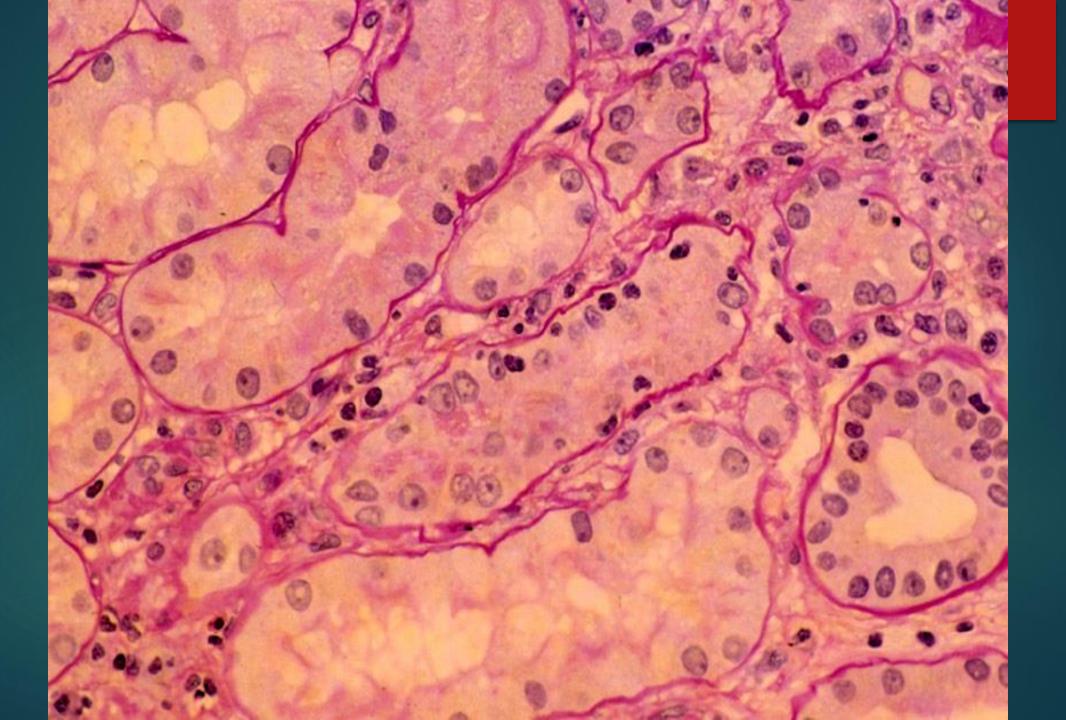




Severe acute rejection of donor kidney. Focal infarcts are present.

Borderline changes (Suspicious for Acute Rejection)

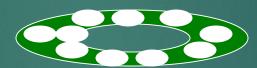




► Grade I A :→Mononuclear interstitial inflammation(>25%).

→+ Moderate tubulitis.(5 to 10)

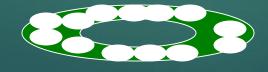


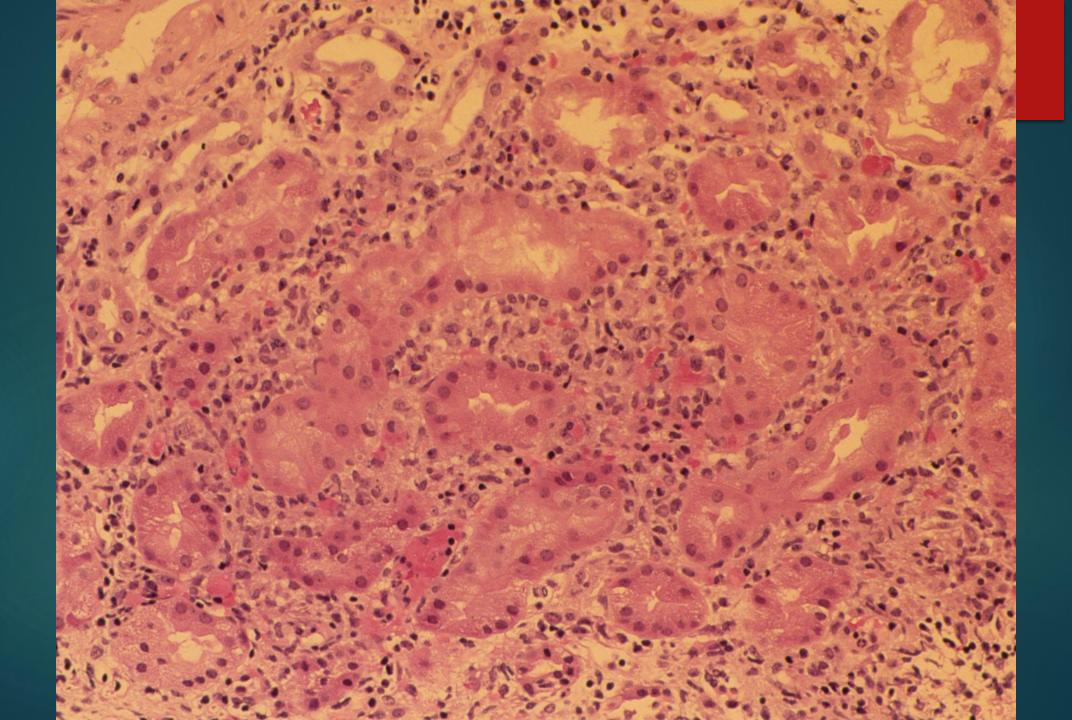


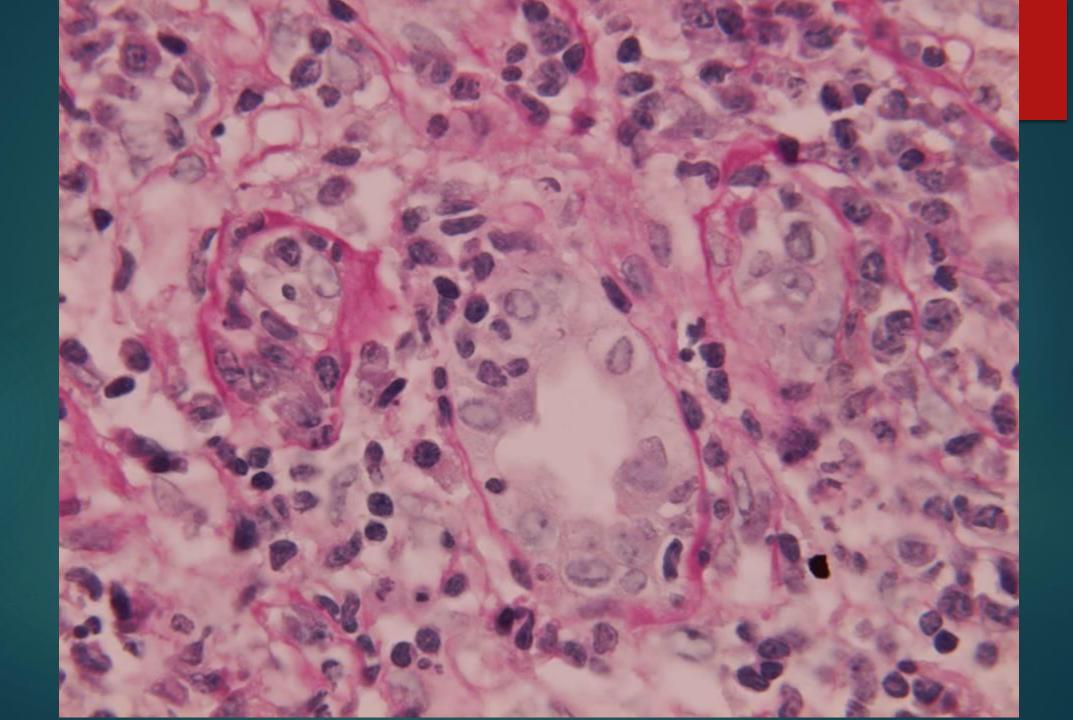
▶ Grade I B :→Mononuclear interstitial inflammation(>25%)

→+Severe tubulitis(>10)

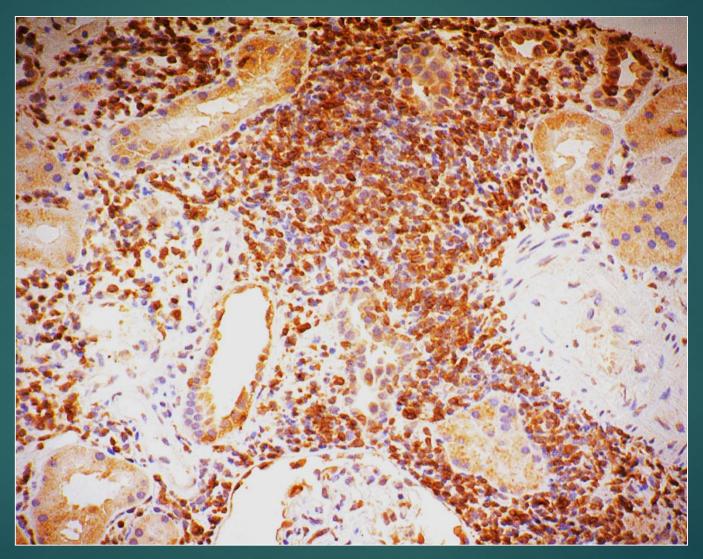








Acute rejection.
The interstitial infiltrate consists of T cells mainly.



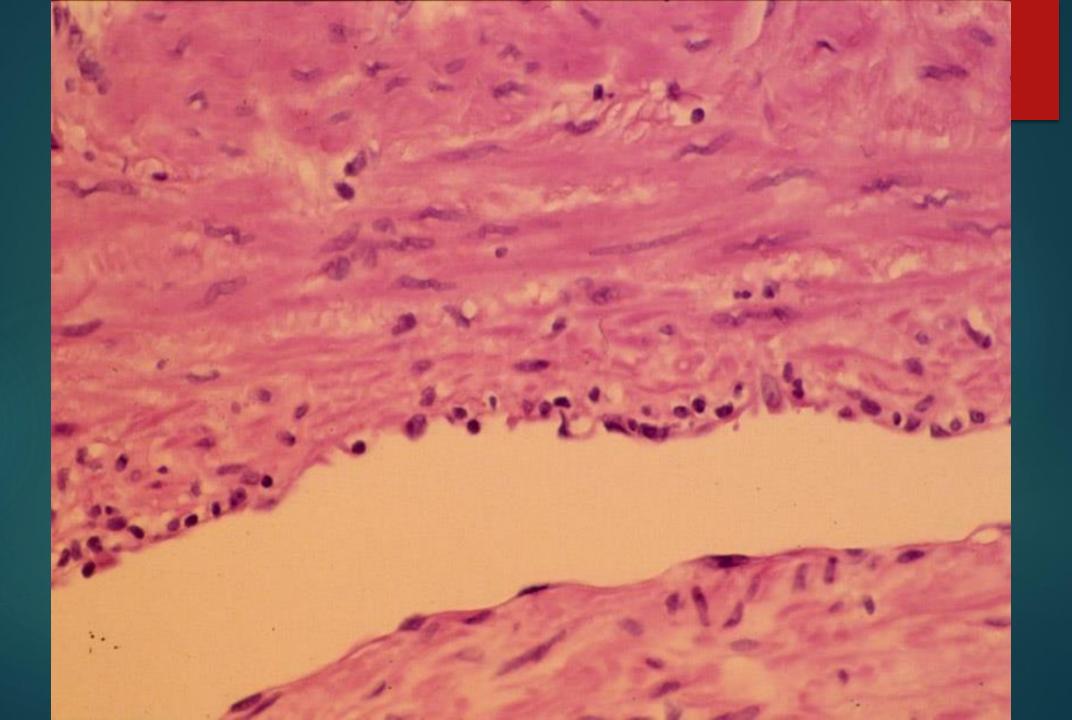
Grade II A

Mild to Moderate intimal arteritis:

Grade II B
Severe intimal arteritis







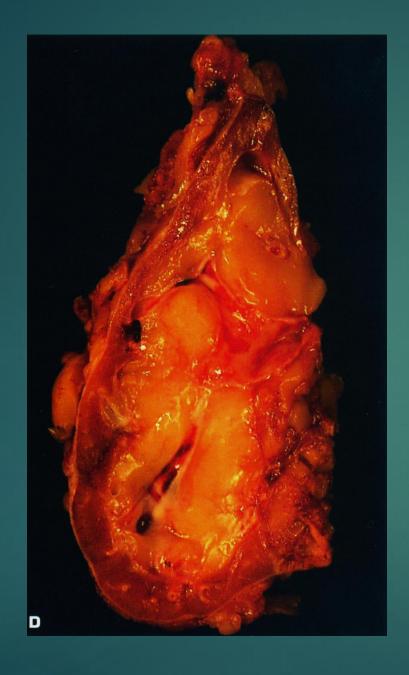
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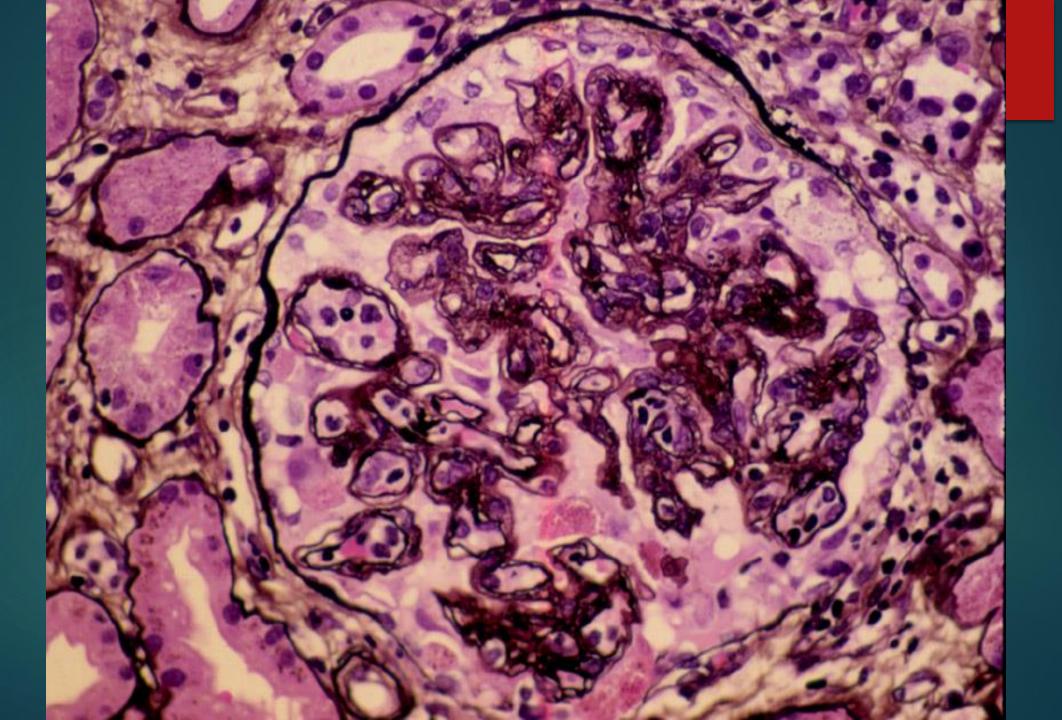


Chronic Allograft Nephropathy:

- ▶ Grade I (Mild)
- Grade II (Moderate)
- Grade III (Severe)

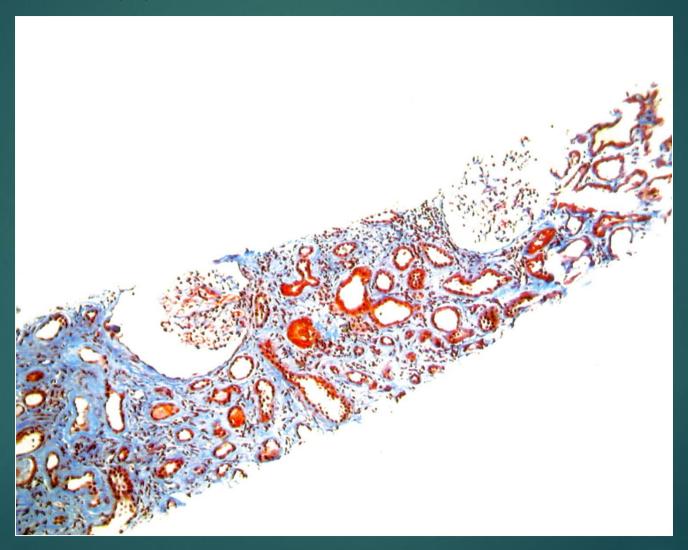


Severe chronic rejection. (graft arteriopathy). Note the severe parenchymal atrophy and the thick-walled arteries.



#### Chronic/ sclerosing allograft nephropathy.

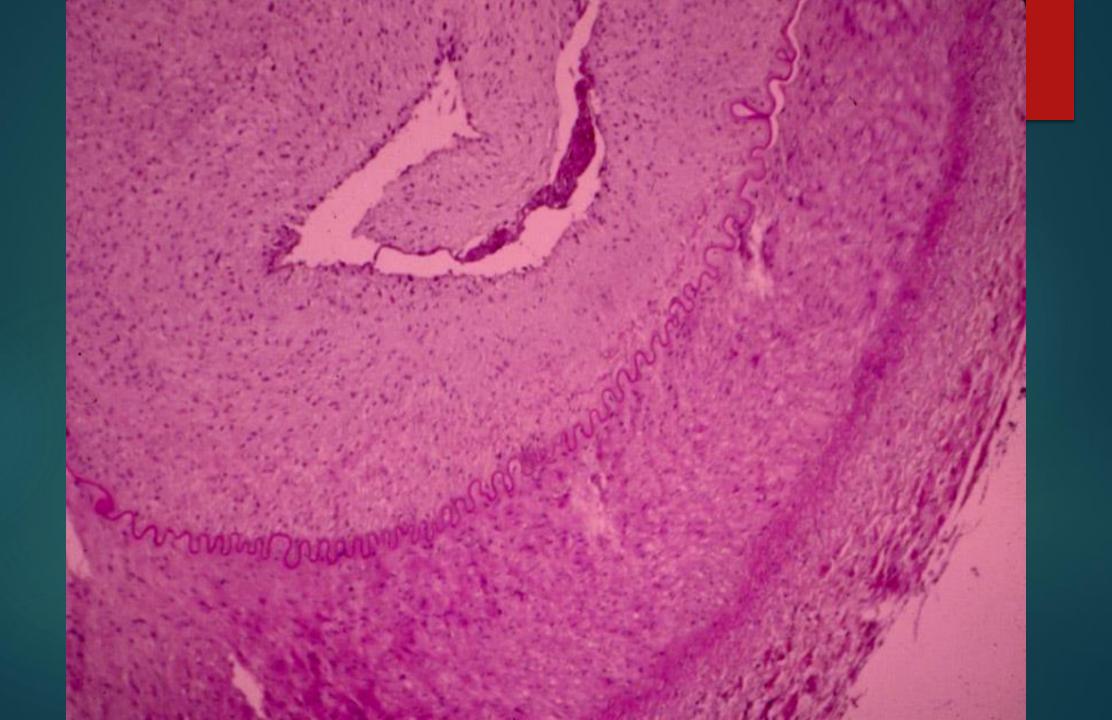
An example of Grade II-III is characterized by a diffuse increase in interstitial tissue and marked tubular atrophy as seen on this trichrome stain.



#### Chronic/ sclerosing allograft nephropathy.

The classical lesion of chronic transplant vasculopathy is a circumferential proliferation of myointimal cells with an intact internal elastic lamina.



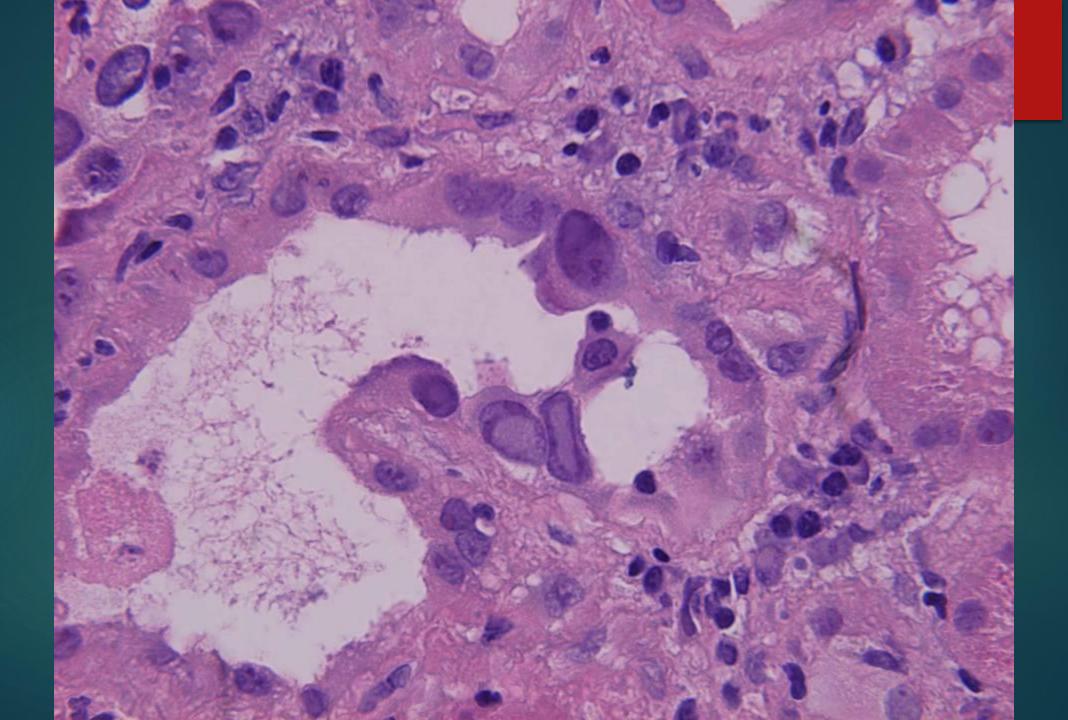


- ► Normal, Suspicious
- Grade I
- Grade II
- ▶ Grade III
- Cyclosporine toxicity
- Acute Tubular Necrosis
- ► Chronic rejection

- No Treatment
- Treat if clinical signs+
- Treat
- Treat or Abandon
- Reduce Cyclosporine
- Await recovery or treat
- ▶ Temporize

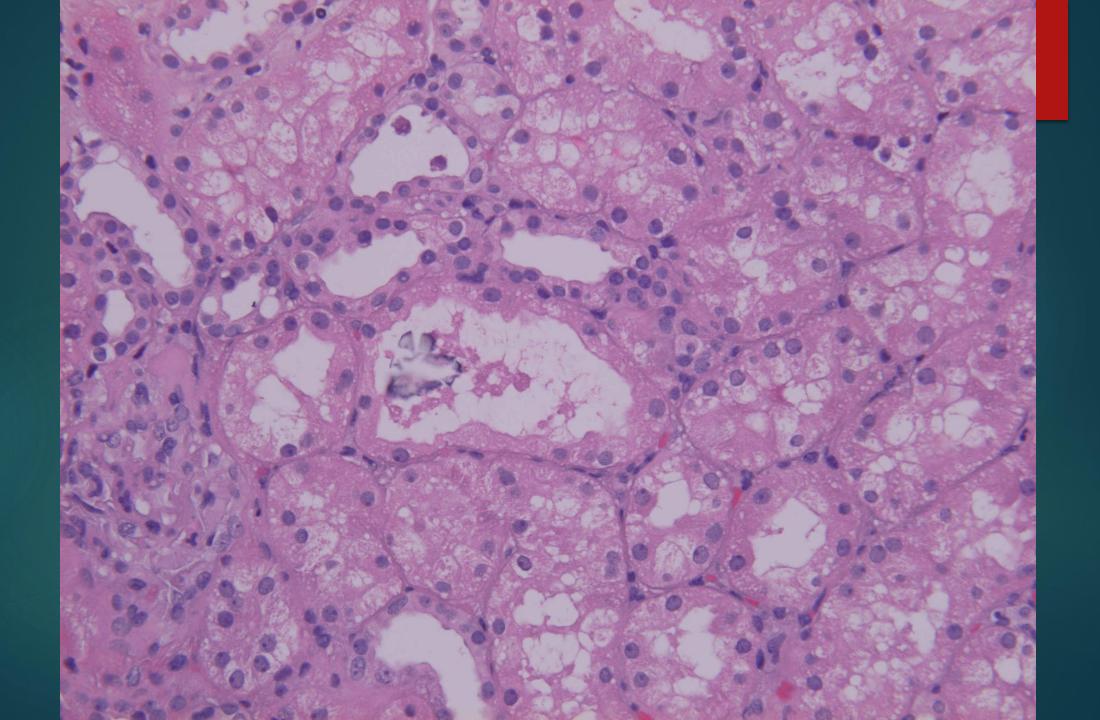
Infections

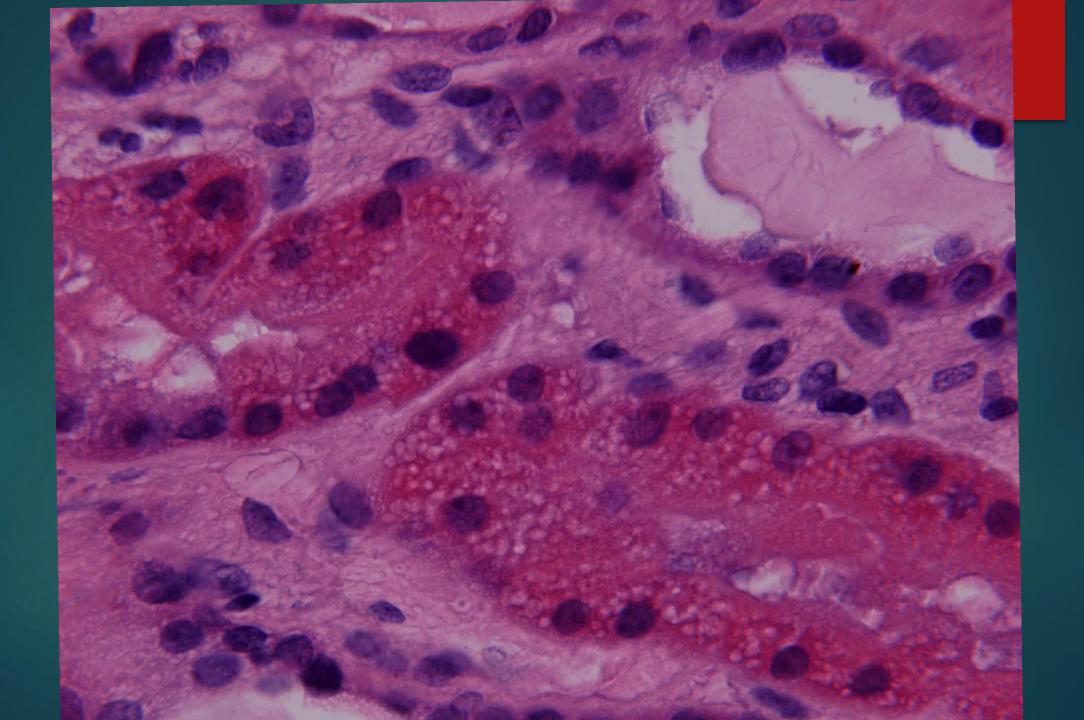
Recurrent or De Novo GN





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#### Conclusion

▶ The Banff classification has proposed a schema for interpretation and gradation of the histological findings in renal allograft biopsies that can be used as an indication for therapeutic consequences and expected graft survival.

