

# Cornell Guided Notes

Genetics of Disease (Medical Interventions) | 2027-04-15

Name

Period

Date

Lesson

## Lesson focus

Microscopy image baseline

## Key words and questions

## Prepared details and student notes

**Essential question**  
**What is today's target?**

Use cell and tissue images to establish a baseline for normal versus abnormal morphology and a diagnostic workflow. Big idea: How does the shape and arrangement of cells under a microscope reveal whether cancer has begun to invade?

**My notes, examples, and questions**

**Key words**  
**What vocabulary unlocks the lesson?**

- cancer
- tumor
- benign
- malignant
- metastasis
- oncogene
- tumor suppressor

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**Must-know ideas**  
**What should I understand by the end?**

- Normal cells are uniform in size and shape and maintain orderly tissue architecture; cancer cells are pleomorphic with disorganized arrangement.
- Benign tumors grow locally without invading surrounding tissue; malignant tumors invade and can shed cells into the bloodstream or lymph.
- Metastasis is the spread of cancer cells from the primary site to a distant organ via blood or lymph; it is the leading cause of cancer mortality.

**My notes, examples, and questions**

**Process notes**  
**What happens during class?**

- 0-8: Hook micrographs; establish normal tissue as the baseline; review lab safety for image analysis
- 8-25: Open labeled images; identify normal tissue features; record cell size, shape, arrangement
- 25-45: Compare benign vs. malignant samples; record differences in two-column table
- 45-58: Mark metastasis image; write one-line explanation of how it differs from local tumor
- 58-72: Sketch three-step diagnostic workflow: image acquisition, classification, clinical report
- 72-80: Submit morphology comparison and workflow sketch; confirm break submissions complete

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#### Steps and evidence What do I do and turn in?

- Open the labeled microscopy images in the shell and identify normal tissue first.
- Compare a benign and a malignant sample, noting differences in cell size, shape, and arrangement.
- Mark one image showing metastasis and explain in one line how it differs from a local tumor.
- Sketch the diagnostic workflow from image to tumor classification in three steps.
- Submit your morphology comparison and workflow sketch as your daily evidence.

Evidence: Lab report - Two-column morphology comparison (benign vs. malignant), one-line metastasis explanation, and a three-step diagnostic workflow sketch.

#### My notes, examples, and questions

#### Checks for understanding How do I know I got it?

- You'll be able to tell normal from abnormal tissue morphology.
- You'll be able to outline a basic cancer diagnostic workflow.

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**Lab or safety notes**  
**What must I handle carefully?**

**Safety:**

- All materials are image-based; no wet lab hazards today.
- Microscopy images are de-identified patient tissue samples; treat them as clinical data and do not photograph or share beyond the class.
- If using a light microscope to view prepared slides, follow school lab safety protocol: carry microscope with two hands, report broken slides to the teacher immediately.

**Supplies:**

- Printed or projected labeled microscopy images (normal, benign, malignant, metastasis examples)
- Two-column comparison worksheet or blank paper for morphology table
- Colored pencils or highlighters (optional, for annotating image printouts)
- Ruler or scale bar reference if measuring cell size from prints

**My notes, examples, and questions**

## Summary

Today's lesson focused on Microscopy image baseline. The main target was: Use cell and tissue images to establish a baseline for normal versus abnormal morphology and a diagnostic workflow. The evidence of learning is Lab report: Two-column morphology comparison (benign vs. malignant), one-line metastasis explanation, and a three-step diagnostic workflow sketch.. In my own words, the most important idea from today is:

**My summary**

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**My final question or connection**