

Cholesterolosis ('strawberry gallbladder')

Cholesterolosis ('strawberry gallbladder')

Cholesterolosis (cholesterosis) is characterised by the accumulation of lipids (triglycerides, cholesterol precursors and cholesterol esters) in the mucosa of the gallbladder wall. These nodules are less than 1 mm in diameter in about two-thirds of cases, which gives the mucosa a coarse and granular appearance. The nodules in the remaining one-third of cases are larger and polypoid in appearance (polypoid form). The lipid accumulation creates yellow deposits on a background of hyperaemic mucosa ('strawberry gallbladder'). It may be associated with cholesterol stones (Figure 71.27).

3

Revision #1

Created 2025-12-31 15:26:37 UTC by Omar Ayman

Updated 2025-12-31 15:26:37 UTC by Omar Ayman