

Evaluation of treatment is difficult because of the rarity of the disease and the occurrence of spontaneous remissions. Pulmonary lavage as described by Ramirez and Campbell (1965) should be used only in acutely ill patients. Such technique has provided abundant material for histochemical and ultrastructural studies.

Although the pathogenesis of alveolar lipoproteinosis remains uncertain, most authors support the

concept that the alveolar filling is related to an insufficiency of pulmonary macrophages to clear surfactant.

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Averill A Liebow Pulmonary Pathology Collection

The Department of Pathology, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, La Jolla, California, is happy to announce that since January 1977 the Averill A Liebow Pulmonary Pathology Collection has been formally established as a permanent teaching collection within the department at La Jolla. This collection comprises nearly 10 000 cases of pulmonary pathology that have been gathered over some 40 active years by the late Dr Averill A Liebow, Professor Emeritus and former Chairman, Department of Pathology, UCSD School of Medicine. They include original histologic material, appropriate photomicrographs, radiographs, and clinical histories, along with Dr Liebow's personal consultation letters on the individual cases. In addition to the role of this collection in departmental research and teaching activities, it is our intent to make this material available to investigators and scholars interested in pulmonary pathology. We also hope to keep the collection active by continued receipt of interesting cases, which will be reviewed by the Curator of the collection. Those desiring more information about ways in which the collection can be utilised, or interested in submitting cases, should write to Drs Jerrold L Abraham (Curator), Kurt Benirschke, or Colin Bloor, Department of Pathology, UCSD School of Medicine, La Jolla, California 92093. We are pleased to acknowledge the encouragement and support of the Division of Lung Diseases, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, NIH, in maintaining the activity of the collection.