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DIAGNOSIS: LIVER – HAEMOCHROMATOSIS, SPLEEN – CHRONIC PERISPLENITIS

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/67. Haemochromatosis was diagnosed 5 years before death. The liver was enlarged and there was increased iron saturation. The patient was also diabetic for several years, and finally died of heart failure.

MACROSCOPIC: The liver was enlarged and a deep tan colour at autopsy. Micronodular cirrhosis is apparent. The pearly white thickening of the splenic capsule due to chronic capsulitis or perisplenitis was an incidental finding, unrelated to the haemochromatosis.

MICROSCOPIC: Regenerating nodules of liver are separated by fibrous bands containing proliferating bile ducts. Brown haemosiderin pigment is present in periportal hepatocytes and is also seen in histiocytes in the fibrous trabeculae. Abundant haemosiderin was also seen in the pancreas and myocardium.

