

Question 27 – Week of August 18

Pancreatic serous cystadenomas have a unique epithelium characterized by the presence of:

- A. Mucin secretion
- B. Malignancy
- C. Intracellular glycogen
- D. Histocytes

Answer: C

Serous cystadenomas have a simple, thin, cuboidal epithelium that does not secrete mucin. The epithelial cells in a serous cystadenoma stain positive for PAS and this represents the presence of glycogen.

Reference:

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