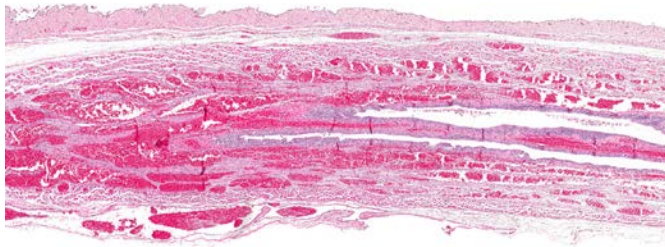
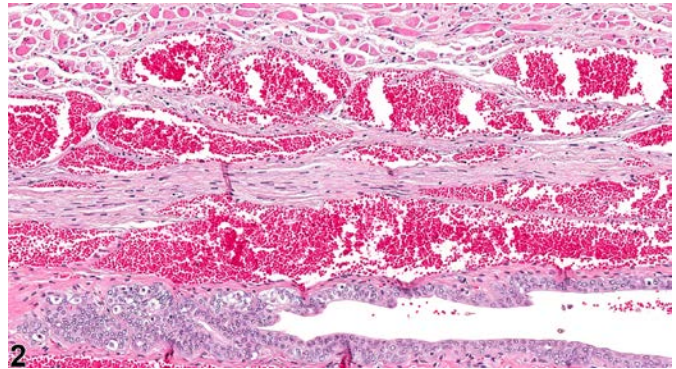


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Figure Legend: **Figure 1** Vagina - Angiectasis in a female F344/N rat from a chronic study. Dilated blood vessels are present in the wall of the vagina. **Figure 2** Vagina - Angiectasis, in a female F344/N rat from a chronic study (higher magnification of Figure 1). There are dilated, endothelium-lined vessels in the wall of the vagina.

Comment: Dilated vessels in the rat vagina are rarely observed. When present as angiectasis, they are usually a collection of prominent dilated blood vessels lined by a single layer of endothelium with flattened nuclei (Figure 1 and Figure 2). A distinction between angiectasis and hemangioma should be attempted, although the distinction is not always obvious. Hemangiomas tend to be well-circumscribed, unencapsulated masses composed of tightly packed, dilated vascular spaces. Each vascular space is enclosed and lined by a single layer of normal-appearing endothelial cells aligned on collagenous septa, which are usually thin, although some have broad collagenous stroma. In contrast, angiectasis does not usually present a well-circumscribed mass: the dilated vascular channels course irregularly through the tissue.

Recommendation: Vagina - Angiectasis should be diagnosed and graded whenever present.

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