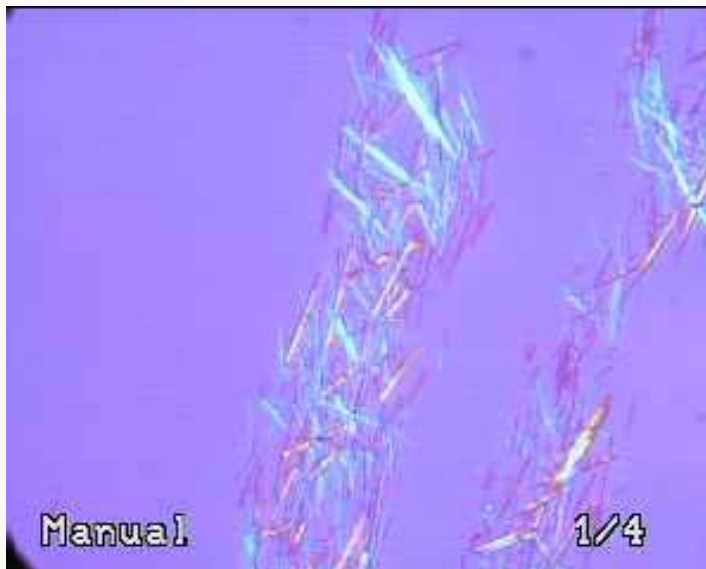




Gouty Tophi



Tophaceous material viewed under polarized microscopy with color compensator, demonstrating birefringence. Note that crystals orthogonal to each other are colored yellow rather than blue; crystals at angles midway between maximally bright crystals do not transmit the light (angle of extinction).