

影像判讀繼續教育課程

肺部感染症及呼吸道疾病之影像判讀

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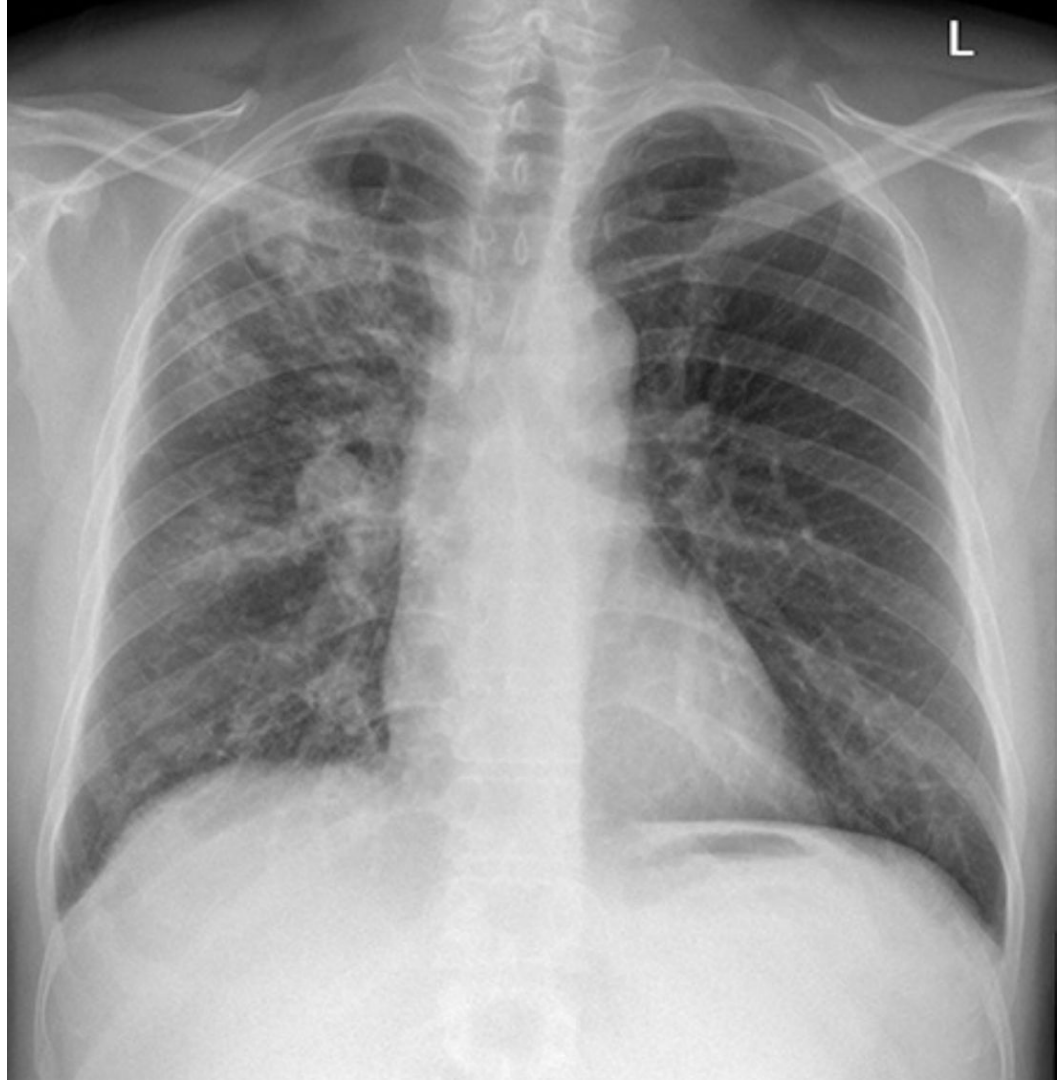
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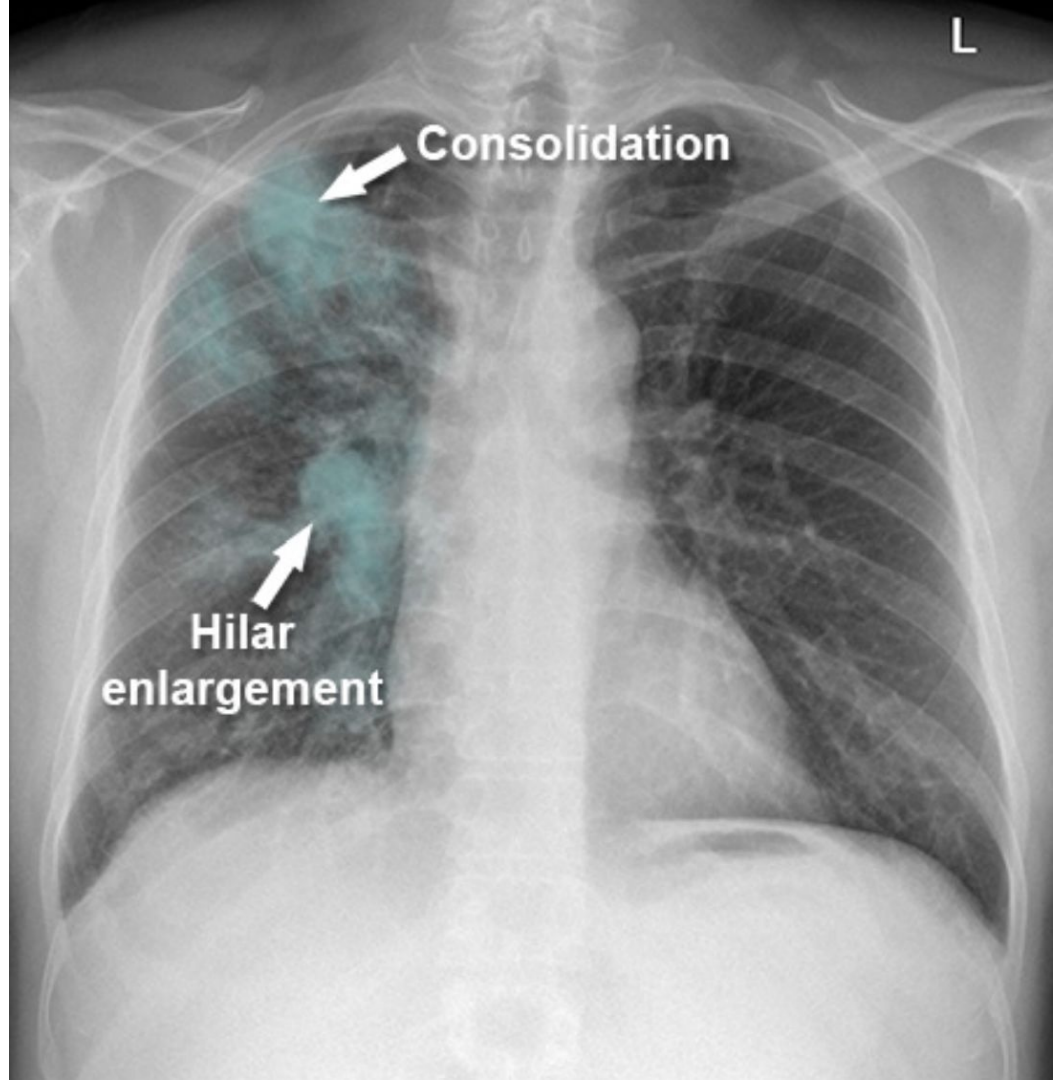


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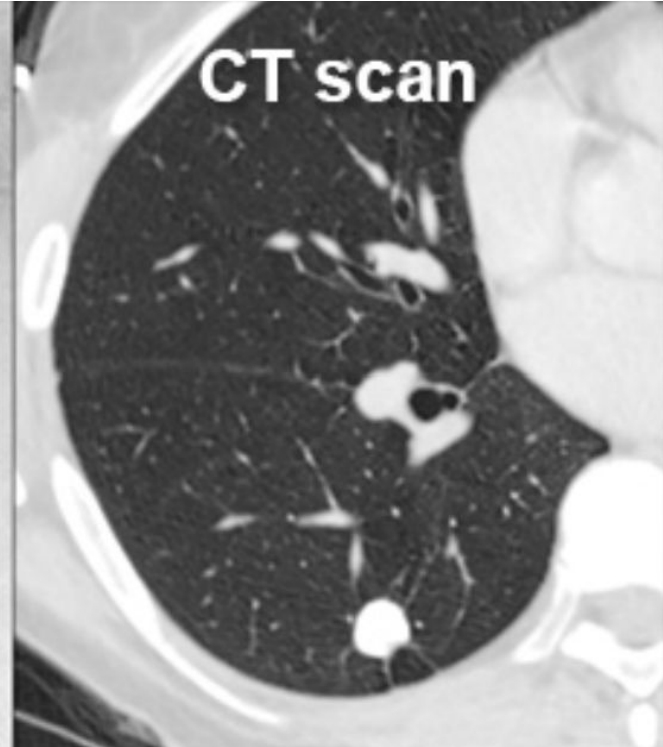


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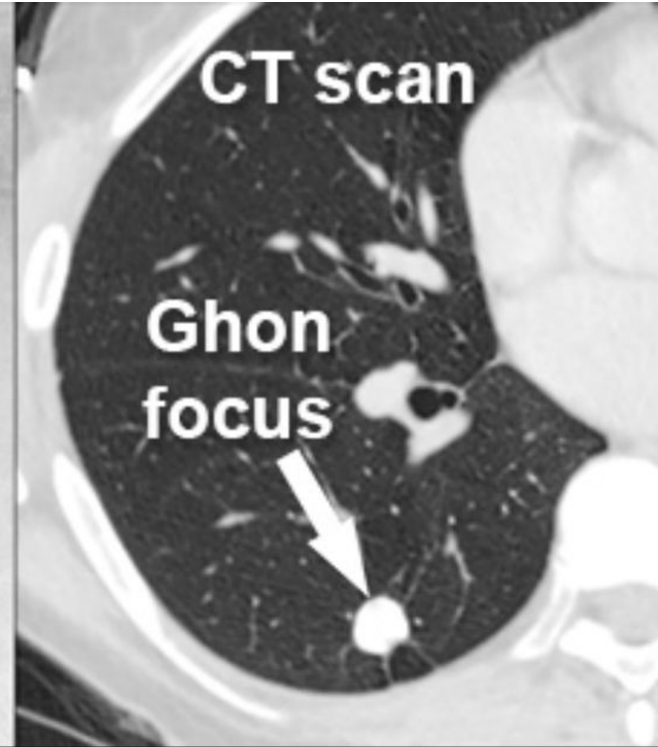
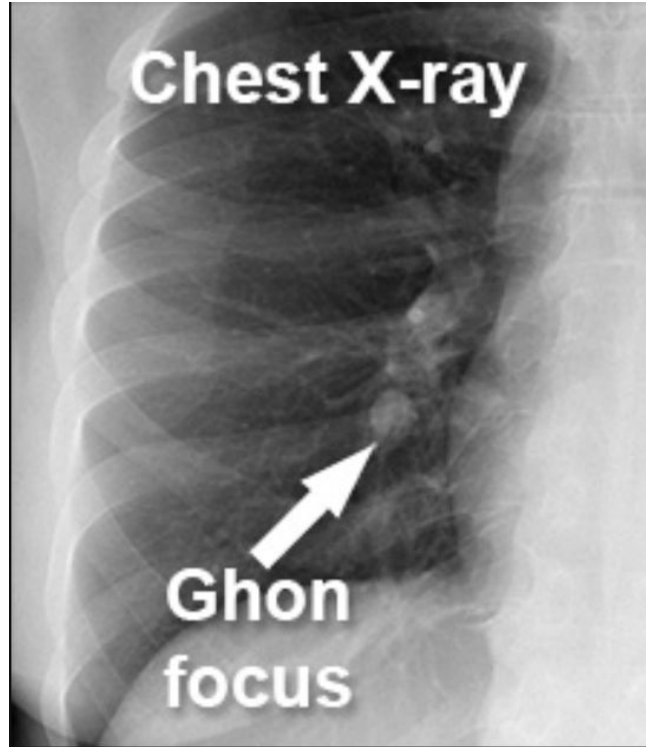


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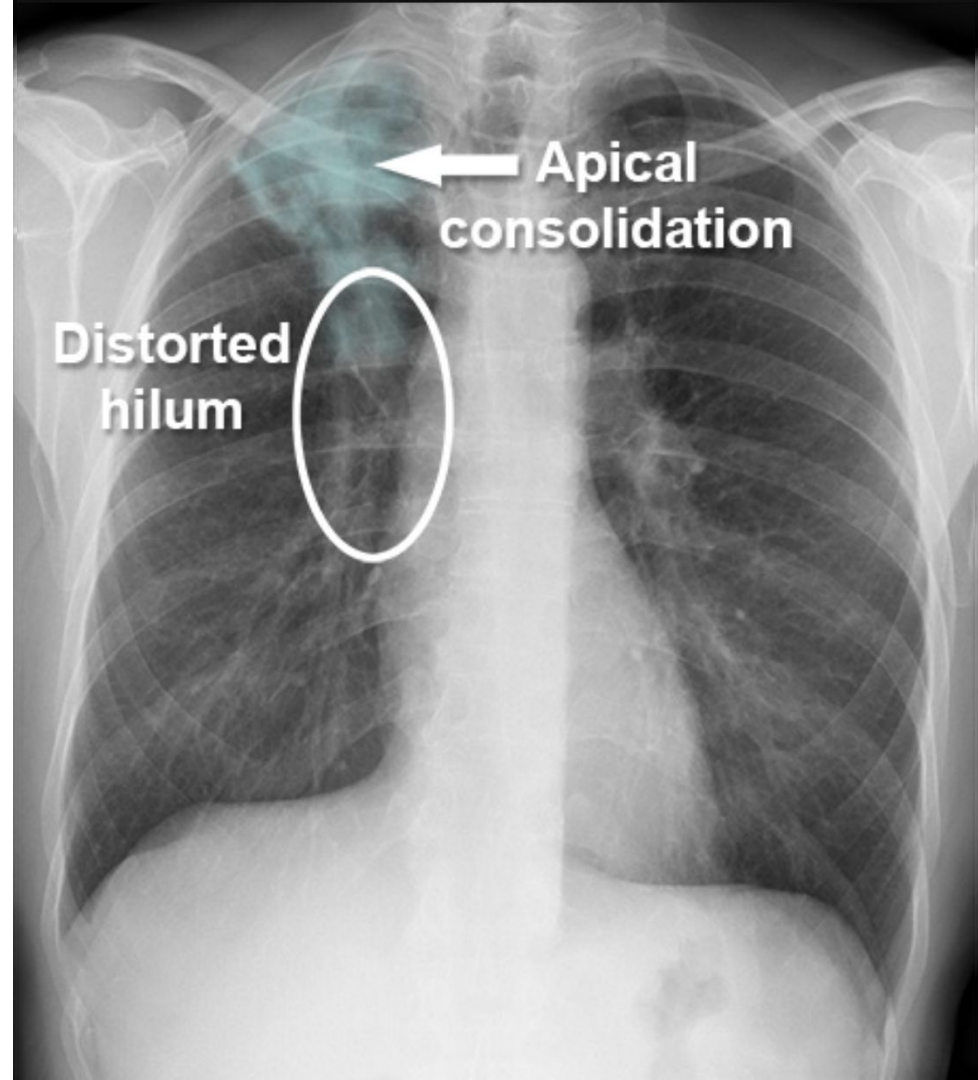


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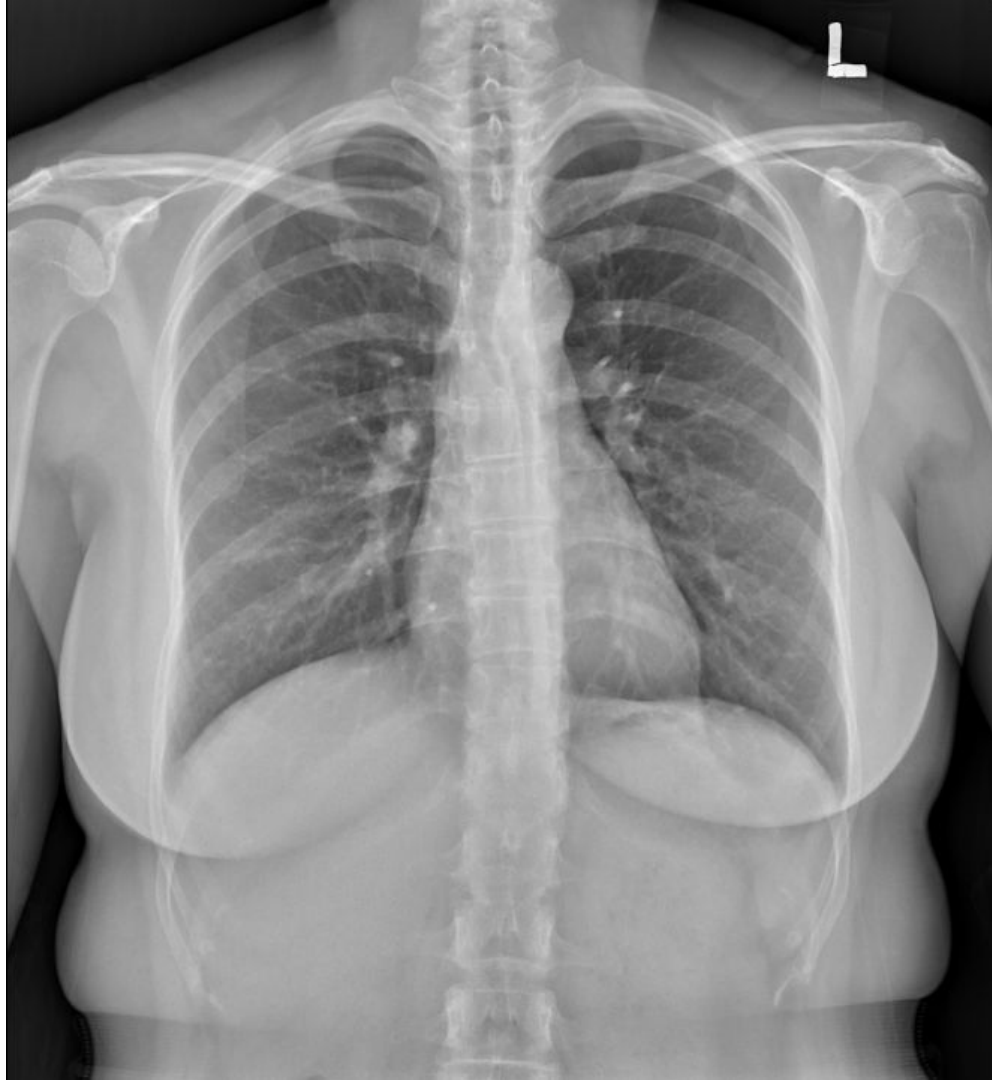
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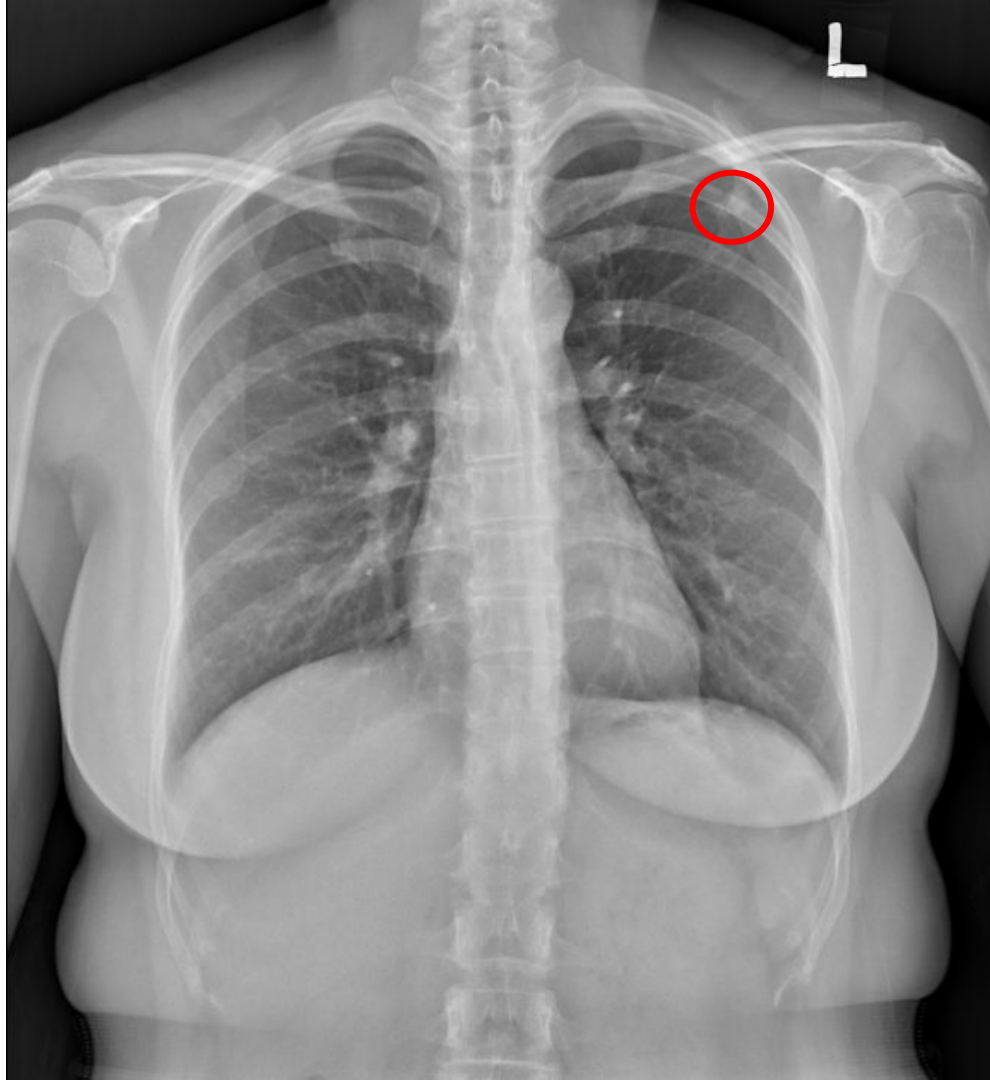
Post primary TB

49F husband with active TB



Post primary TB

Nodular lesion



Post primary TB

Lung, left upper, excision:
Granulomatous inflammation with
Mycobacterial infection

TB culture + (all sensitive)



Healed TB

Following an immune response to post-primary infection, the affected area often becomes scarred (fibrotic) and calcified => 'fibro-calcific change'



Healed TB (fibro-calcified lesion)

Before treatment



After treatment

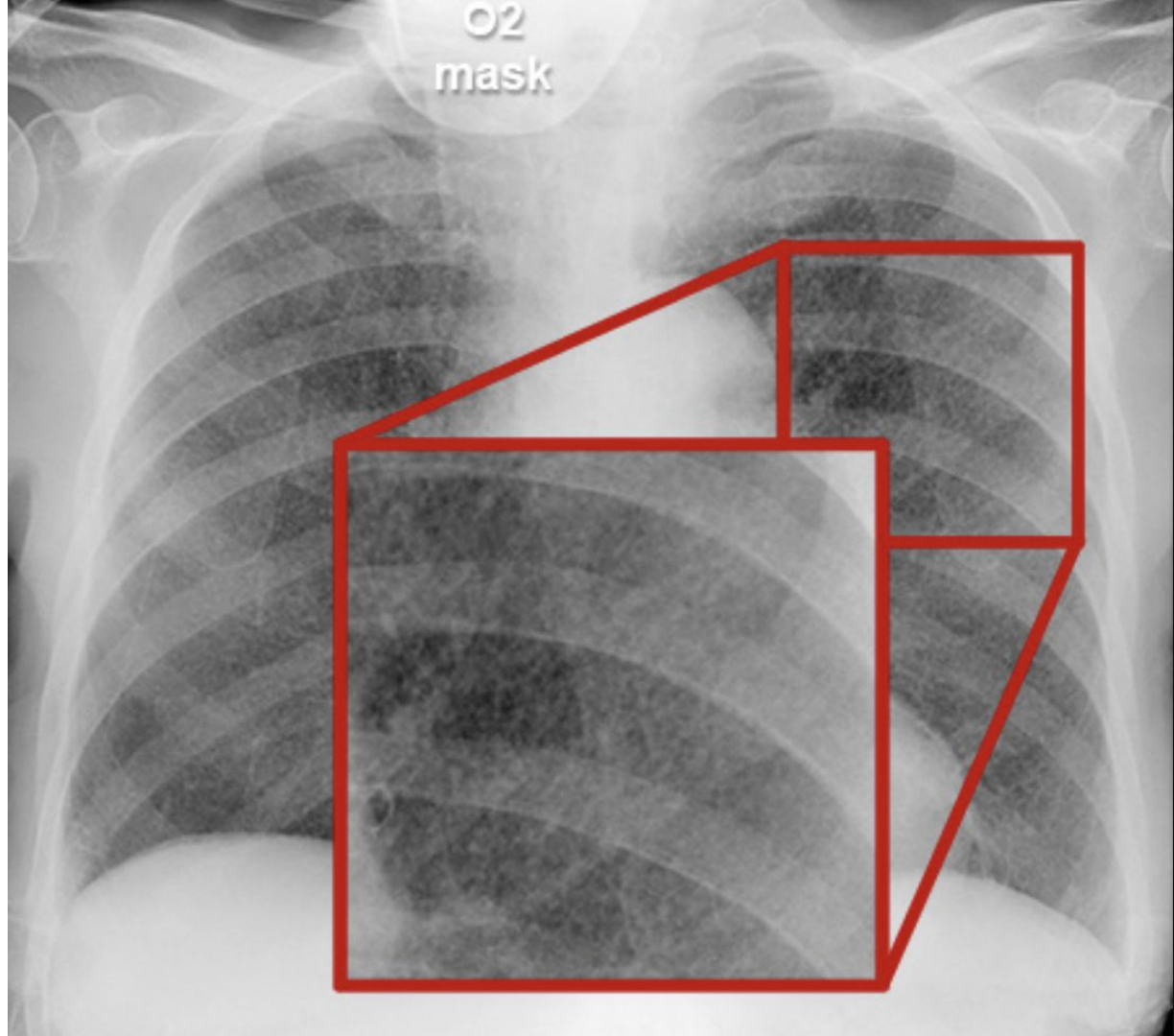


Miliary TB

Miliary TB is due to disseminated spread of mycobacterial infection

It can occur either at the time of primary infection or on disease reactivation – prognosis is poor

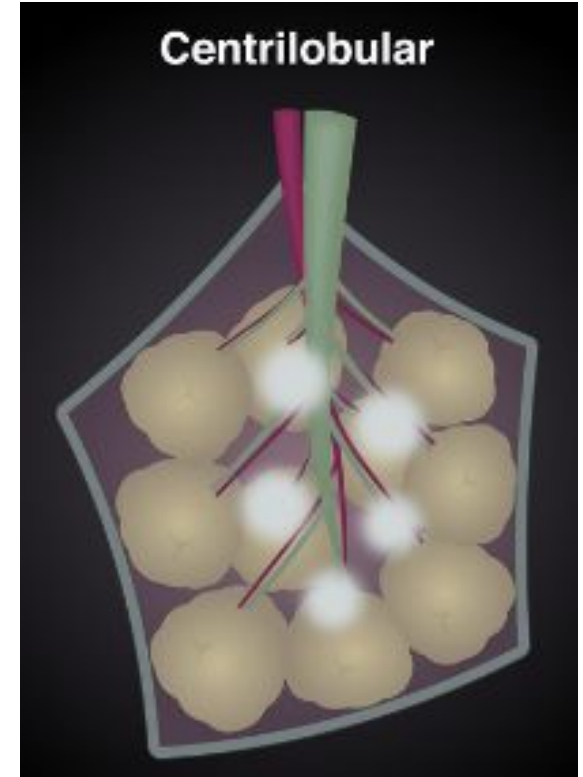
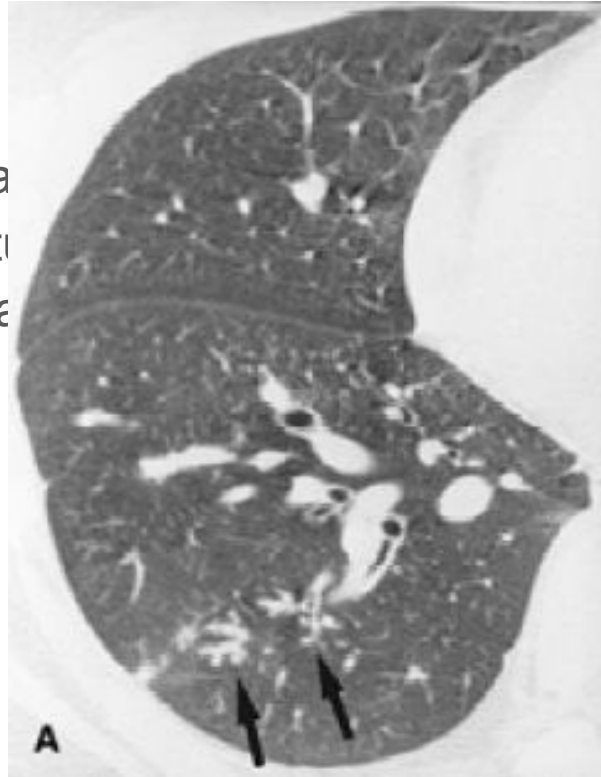
Very fine nodules are typically seen scattered throughout the lungs



CT Image

Typical TB image

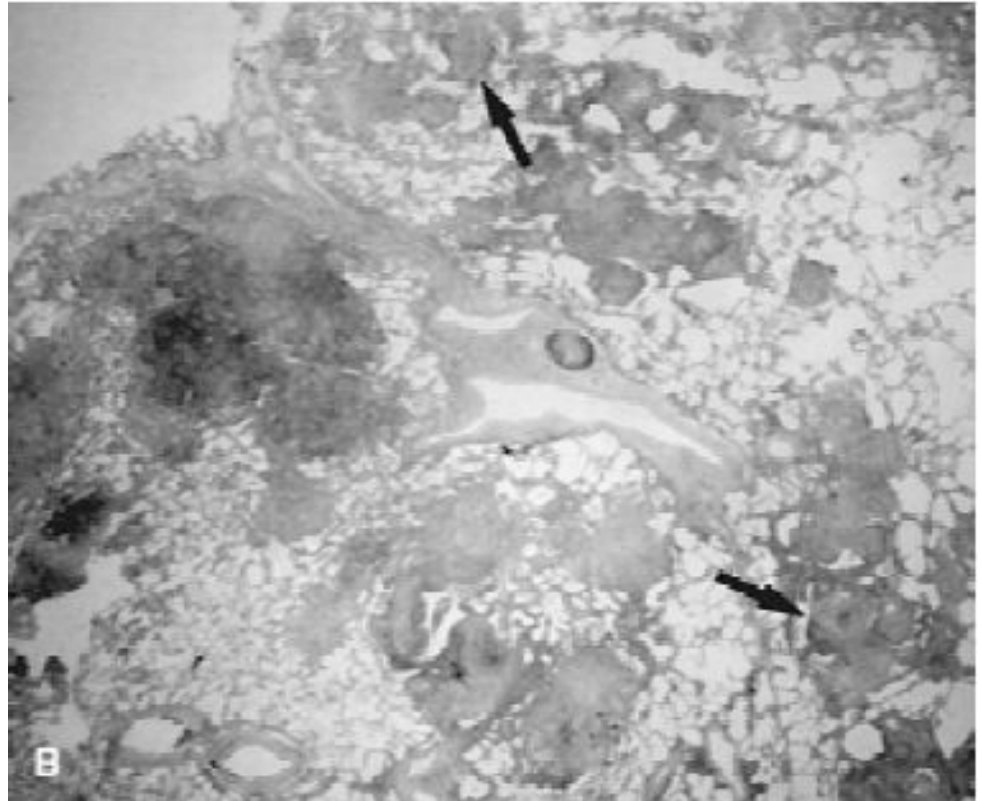
- centrilobular nodules and branching linear structures
=> tree-in-bud appearance



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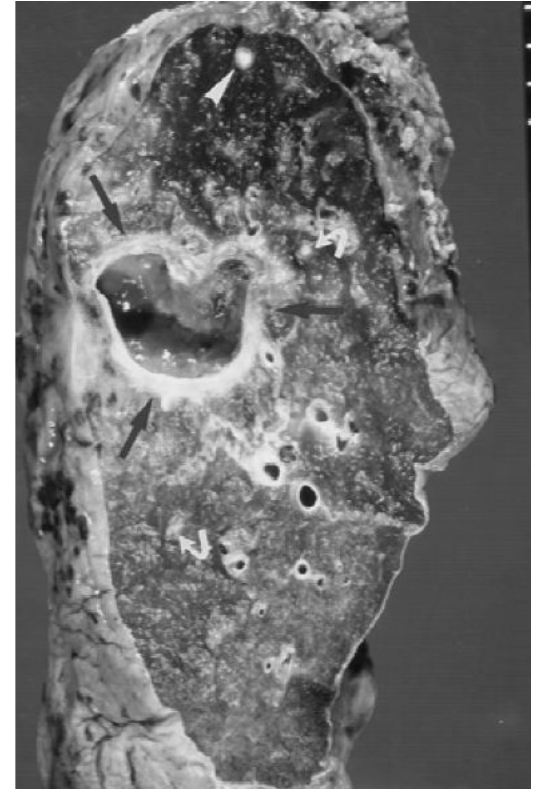
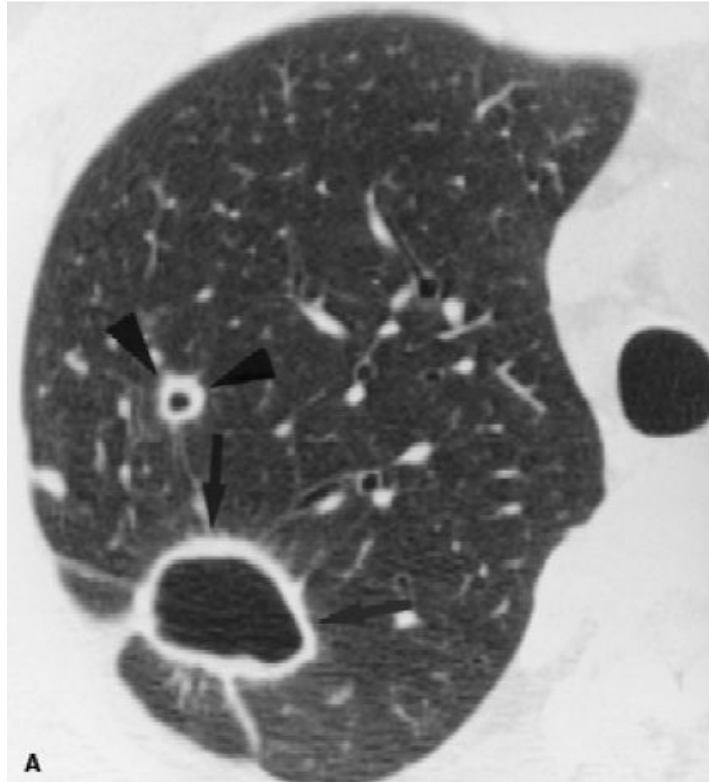
- 組織意義: granulomas of various sizes in the peribronchiolar interstitium (centrilobular) and in bronchiolar lumens (branching linear)



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- cavitation
(thin walled)
- Satellite lesion
(granulomas)



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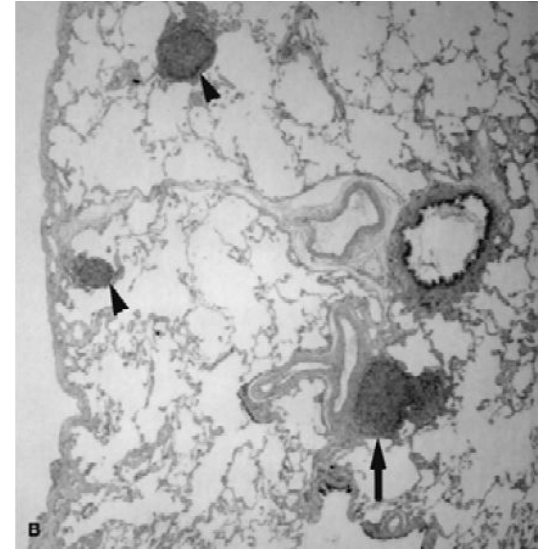
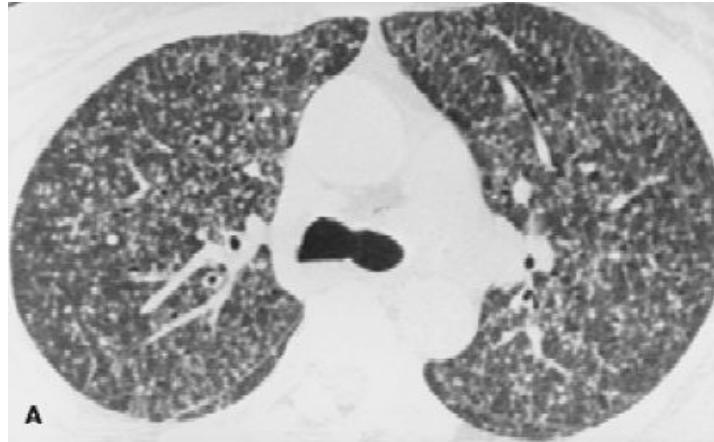
- discharge of caseous material containing tubercle bacilli (from caseous lymph nodes or tuberculous cavities) into a large airway



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- 組織意義: granulomas along arteriole and in alveolar walls



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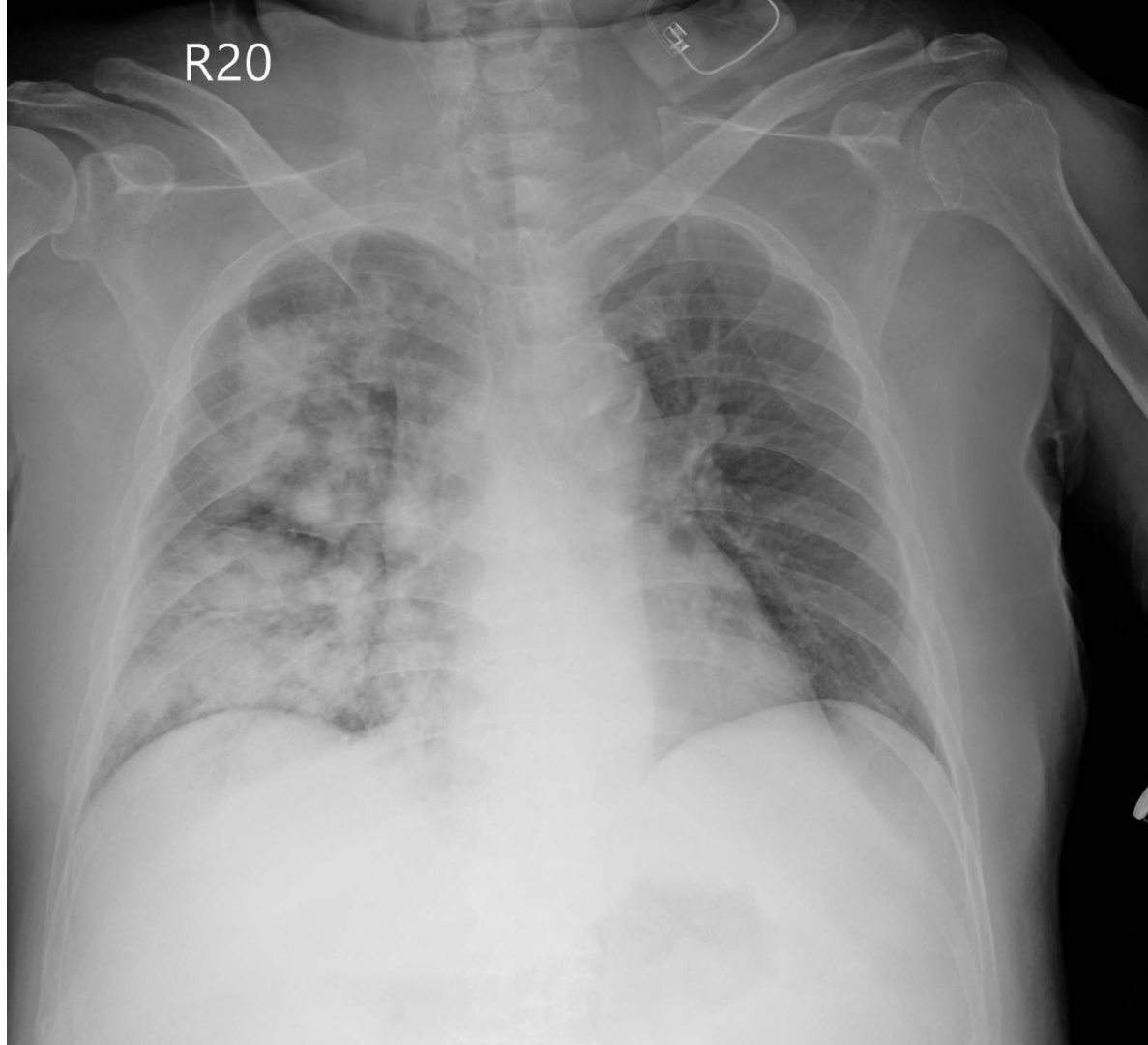
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Influenza

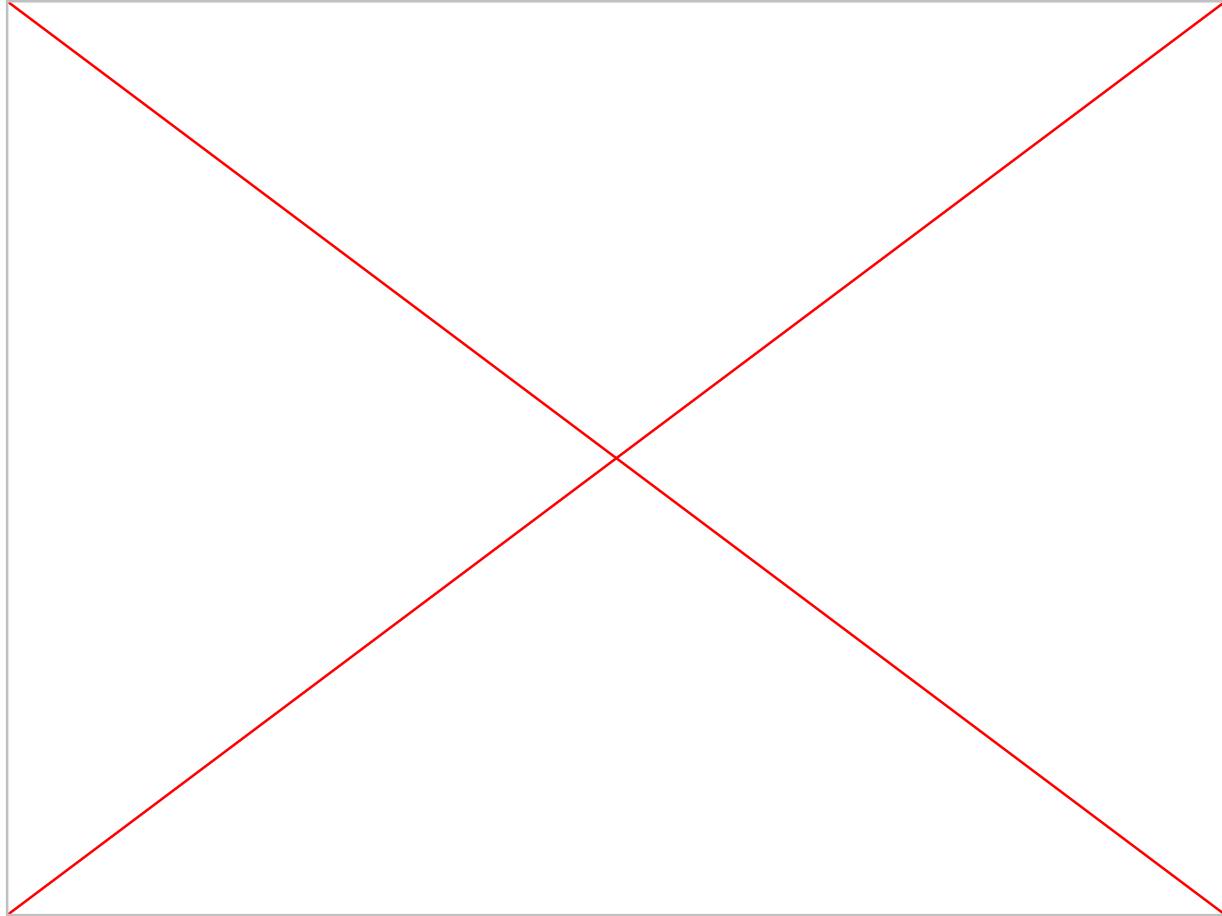
68M

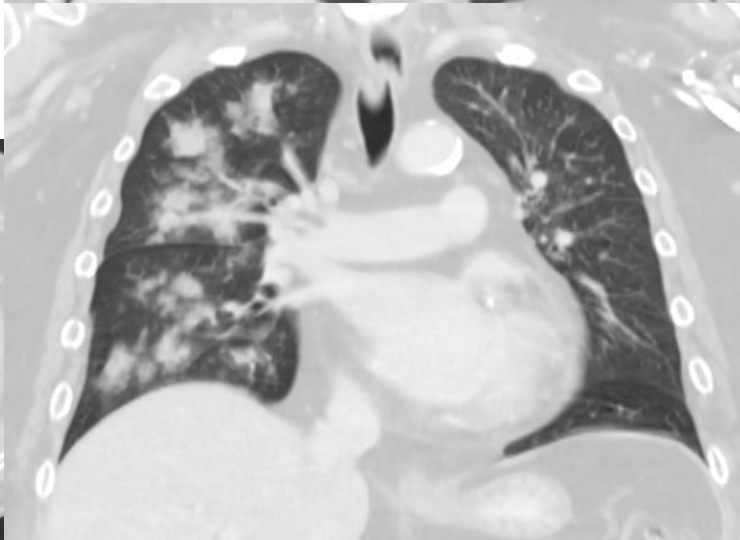
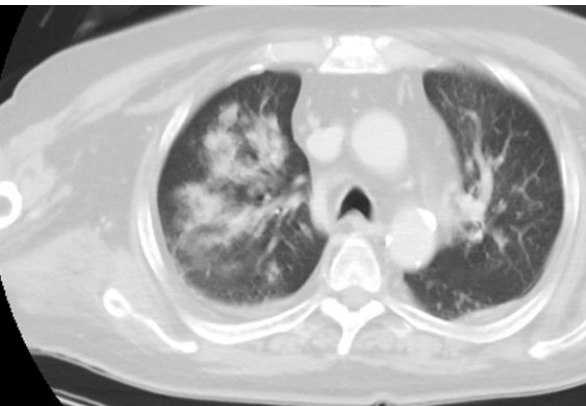
Striking fever, sweating
chest pain



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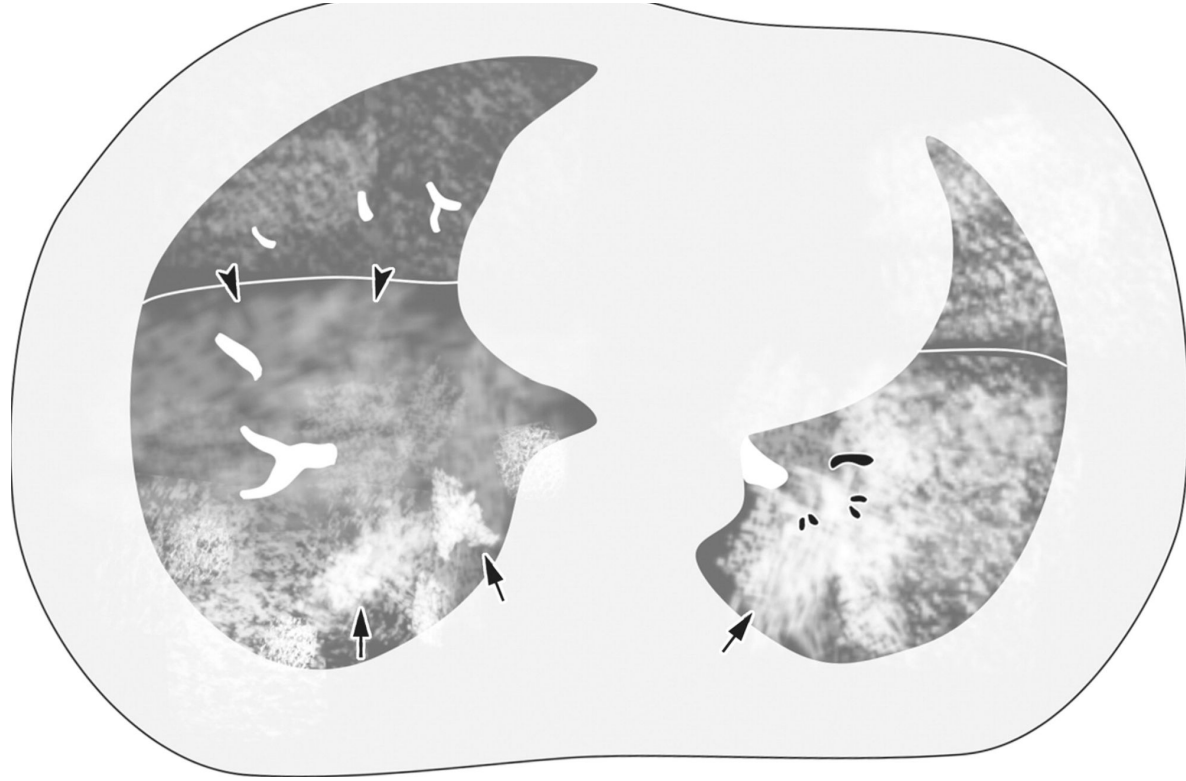
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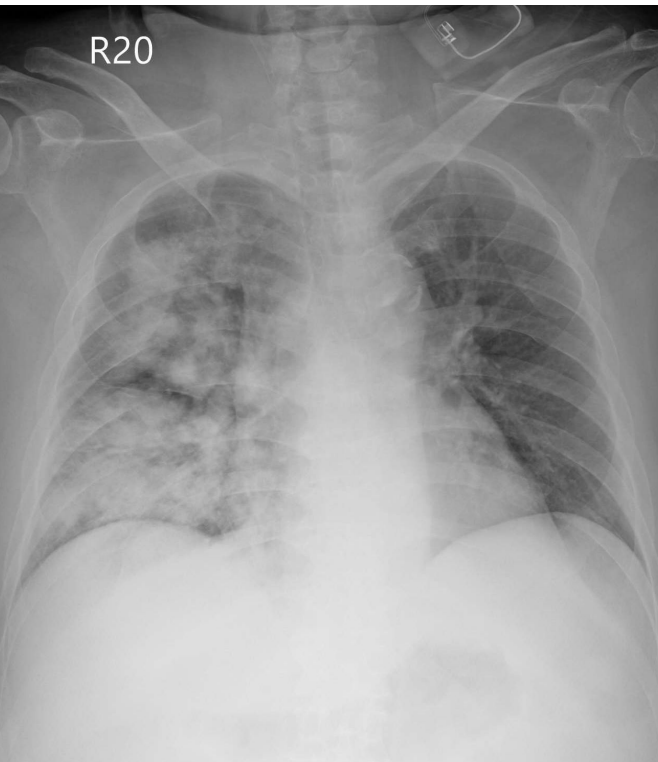
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Influenza Pneumonia s/p Tamiflu

D1



D3



D5

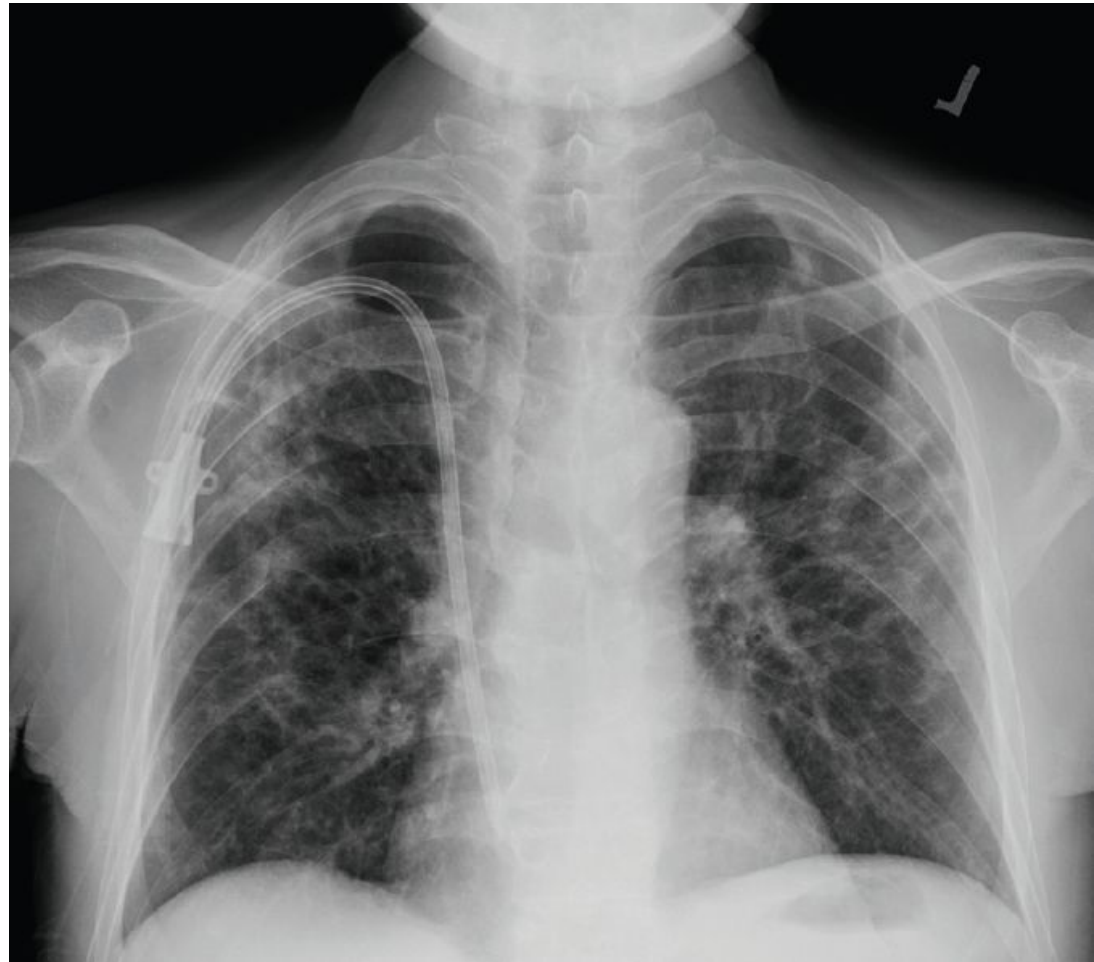


CMV pneumonia

70M under iHD

Fever

Bilateral ill defined GGO



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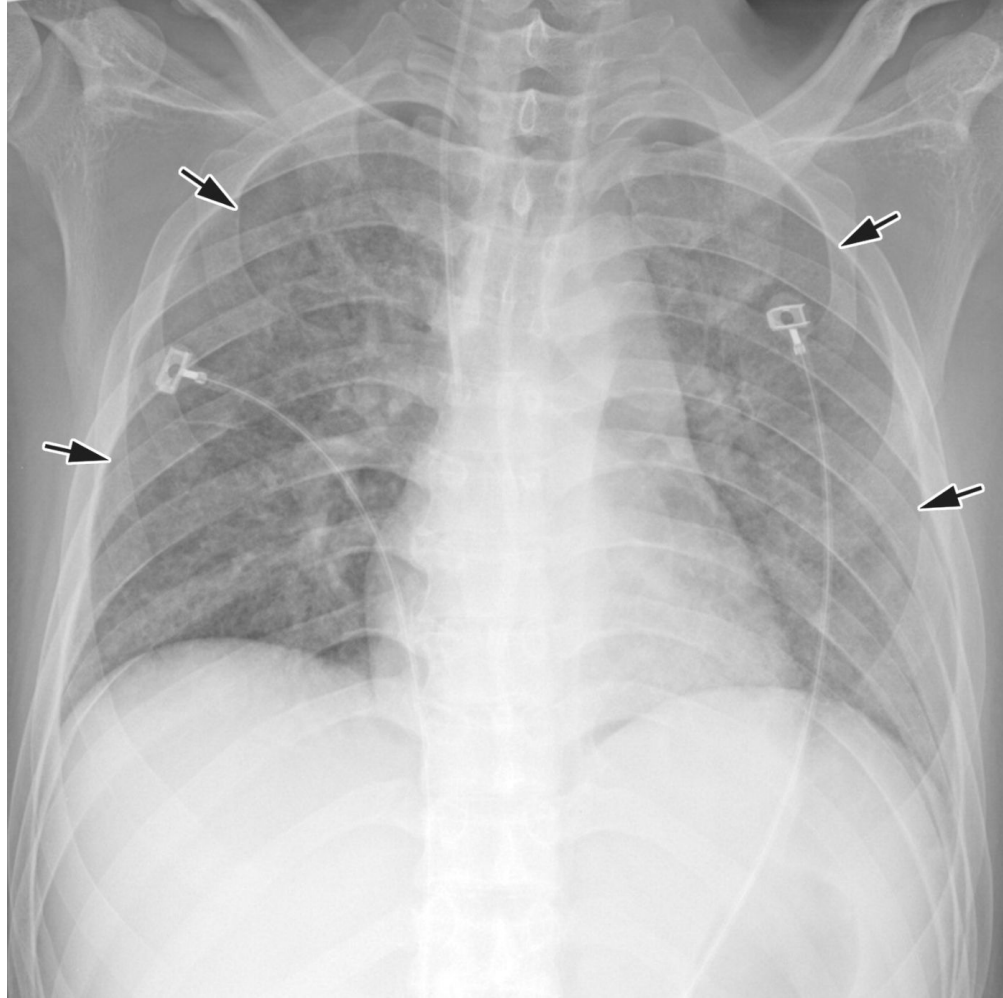
interlobular septal
thickening over bilateral
lung fields

Immunocompromised host



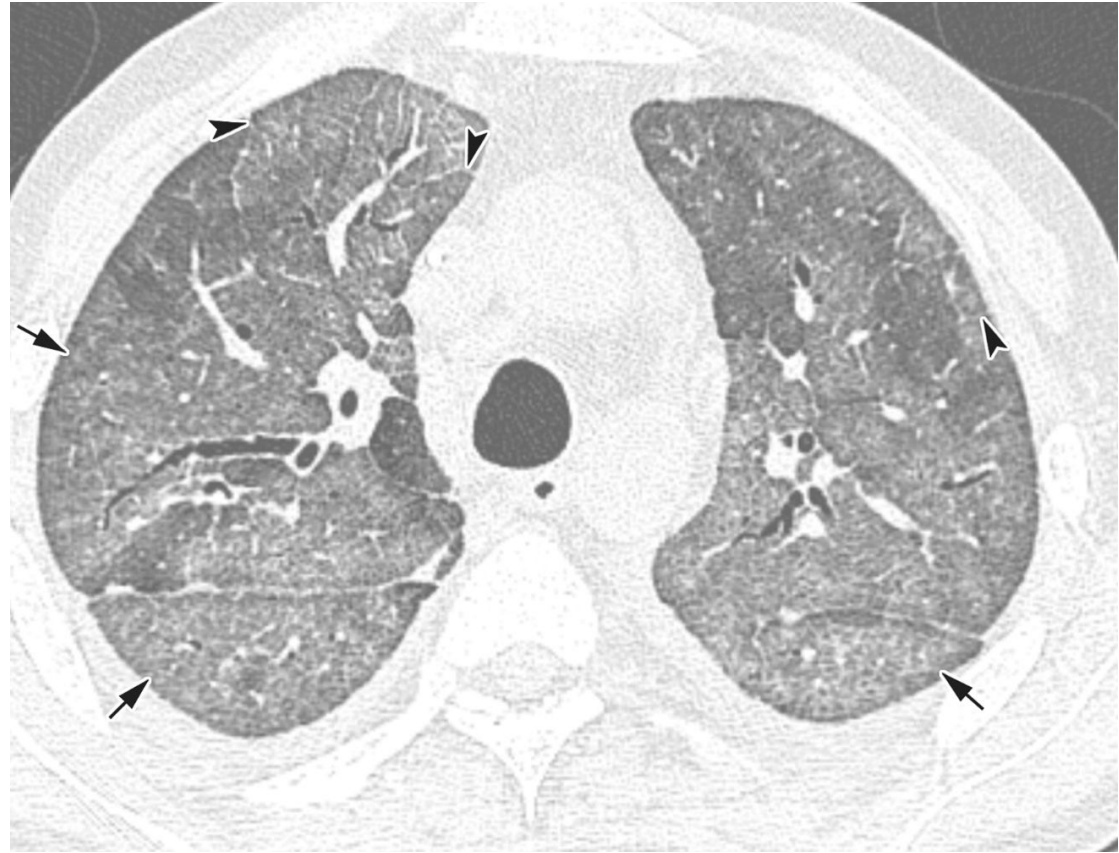
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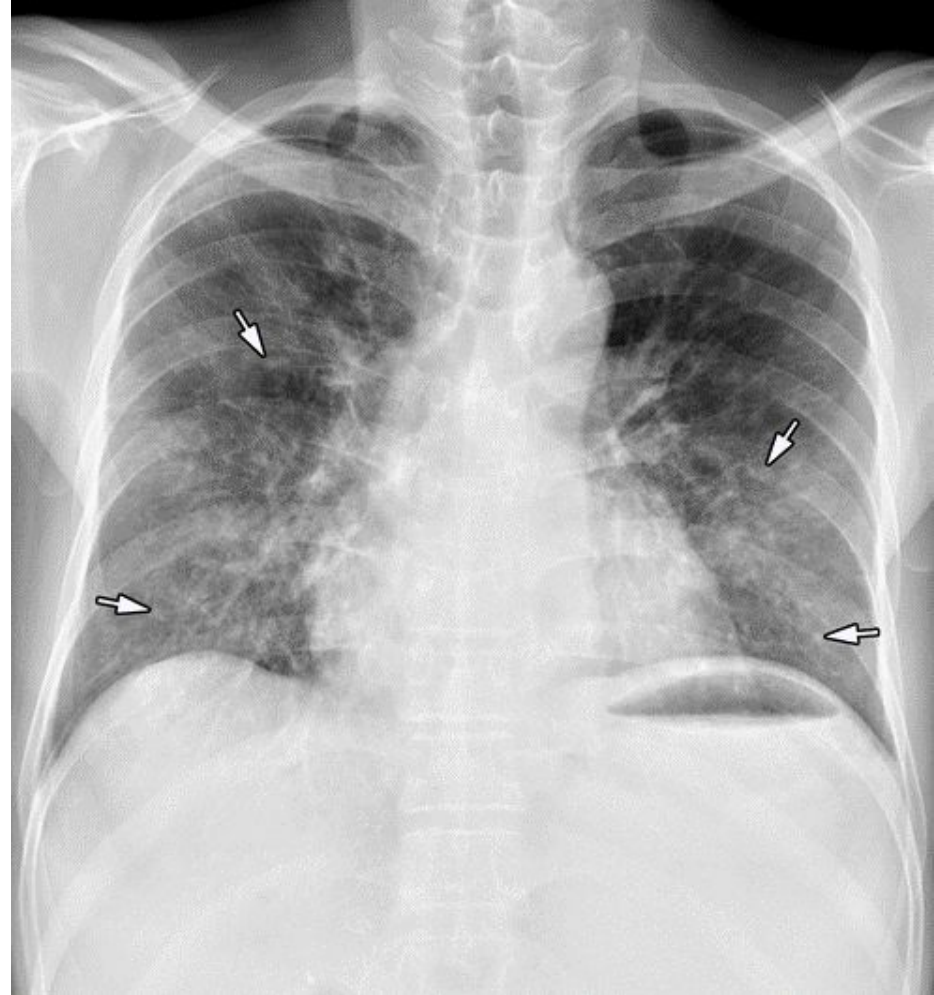
ill-defined GGO nodules,
interlobular septal thickening
(arrowheads), and diffuse GGO
(arrows) in both lungs



Varicella-zoster virus

53-year-old man who underwent liver transplantation 5 months before contracting the disease

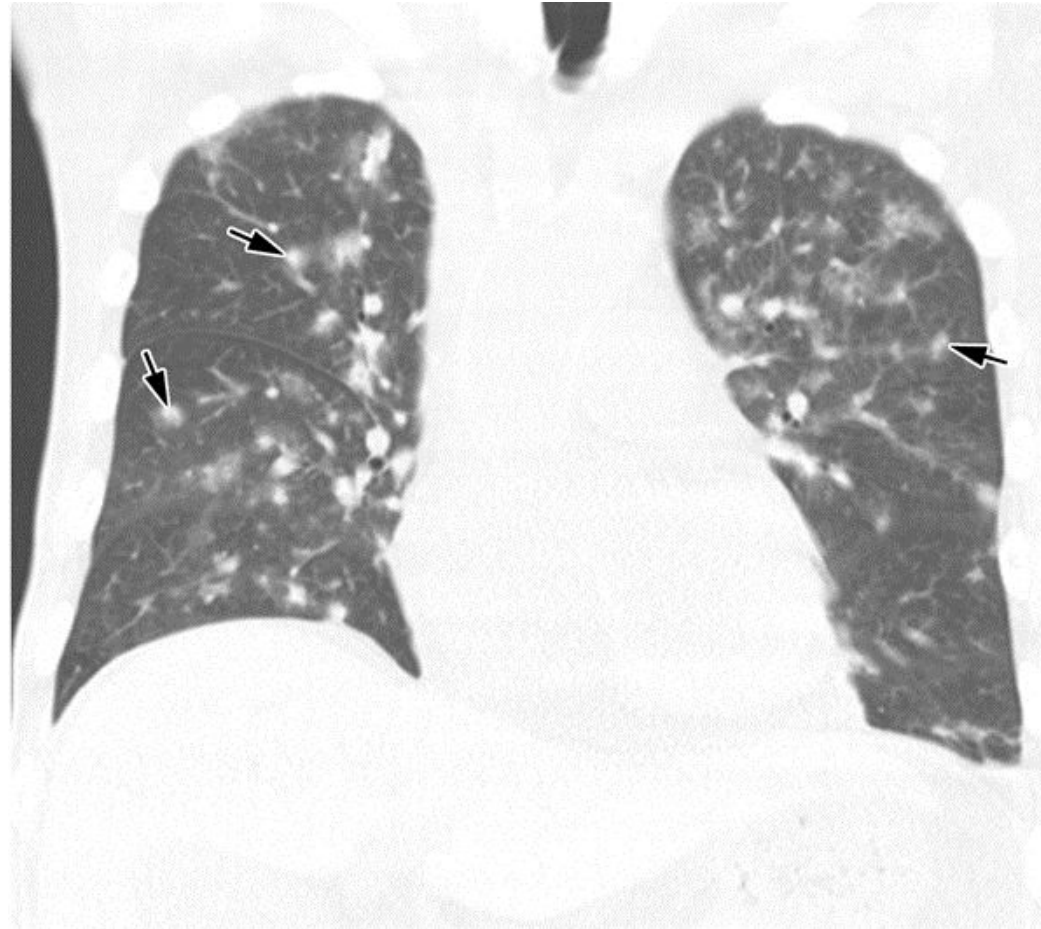
multifocal reticulonodular infiltrations (arrows) in both lungs



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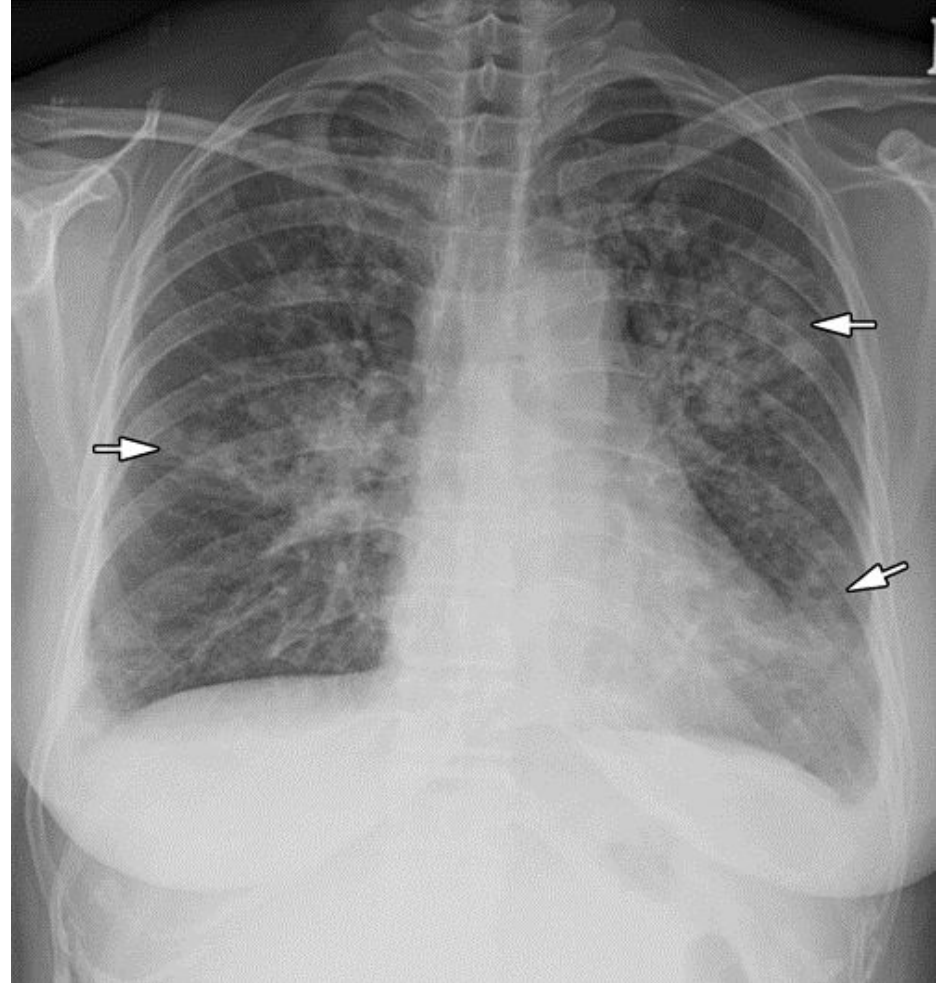
multifocal ill-defined small areas of nodular opacity (arrows) with the GGO halo sign in both lungs



RSV pneumonia

58F acute myeloid leukemia who presented with fever

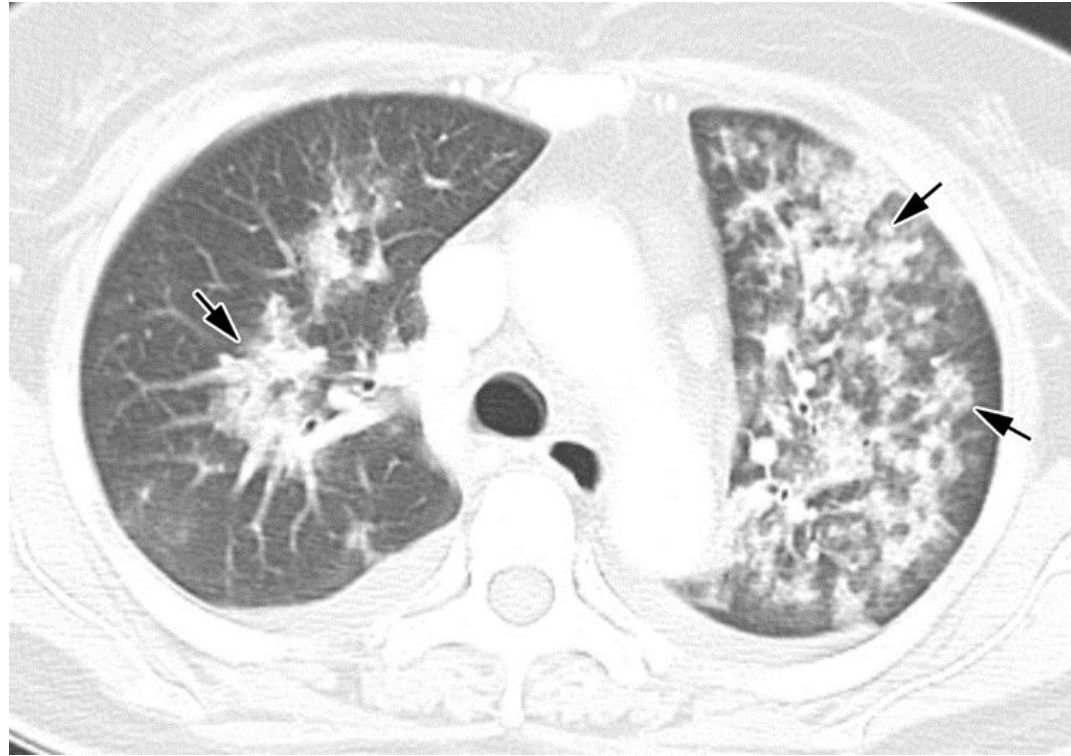
multiple irregular nodular peribronchial air spaces or GGO (arrows) in both lungs and a small amount of bilateral pleural effusion



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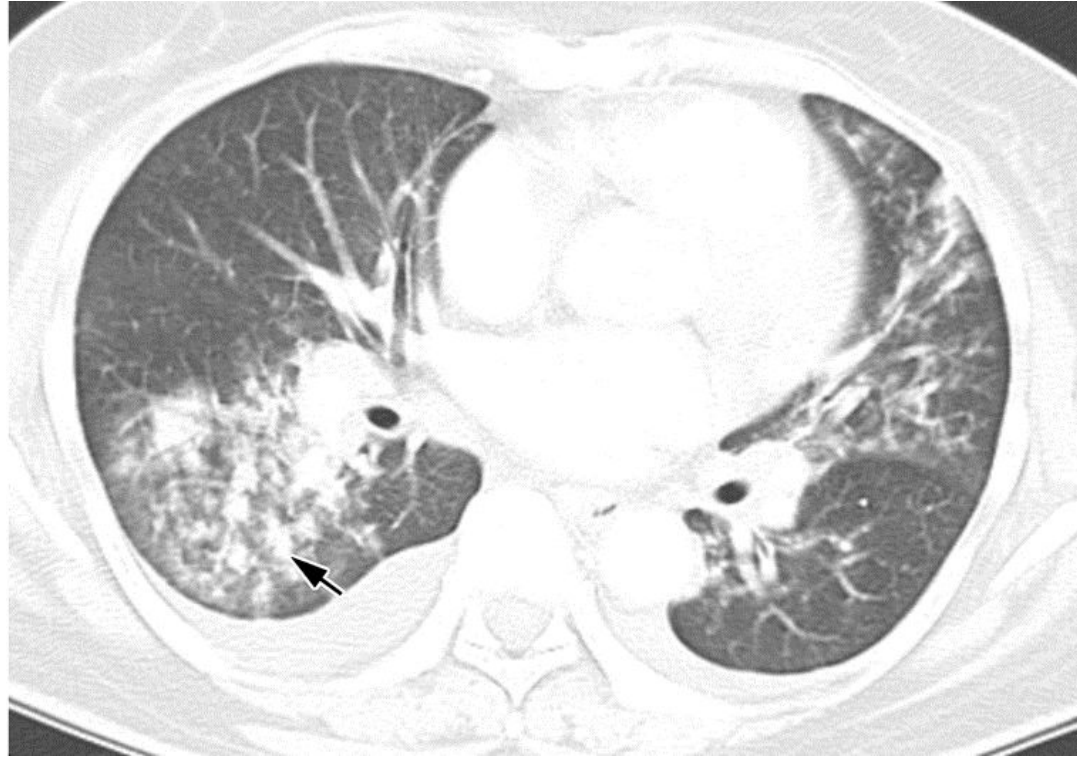
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Cryptococcal pneumonia

46F autoimmune thyroiditis

Fever, with persisted left lower lung pneumonia, no response to curam and azithromycin

Serum Cryptococcus Ag: 1:2 (+)



Cryptococcal pneumonia

Pathology: yeast like
fungal organism showing
thick cell wall

Repeat serum
Cryptococcus Ag 1:2
positive

BAL Cryptococcus Ag (-)



Cryptococcal pneumonia

Complete 6 months fluconazole treatment

Cryptococcus Ag turned negative at 3th month



Cryptococcal pneumonia

55M Physician of family medicine

Cough

RUL mass lesion with cavity
formation



Cryptococcal pneumonia

Multiple consolidations over right lung fields

Pathology: Granulomatous inflammation with cryptococcus like microorganisms

Serum Cryptococcus Ag 1:80 (+)

BAL Cryptococcus Ag 1:10 (+)

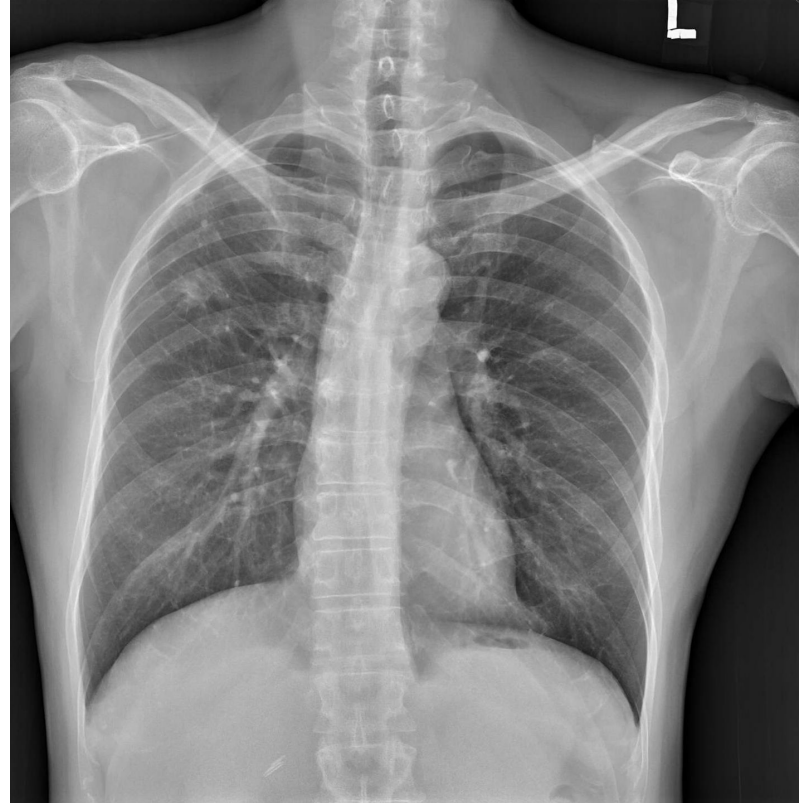


Cryptococcal pneumonia

Before



After fluconazole 6 months



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- clustered nodular pattern: most prevalent
- solitary pulmonary nodule or mass with or without cavitation
- scattered nodules
- peribronchovascular consolidation

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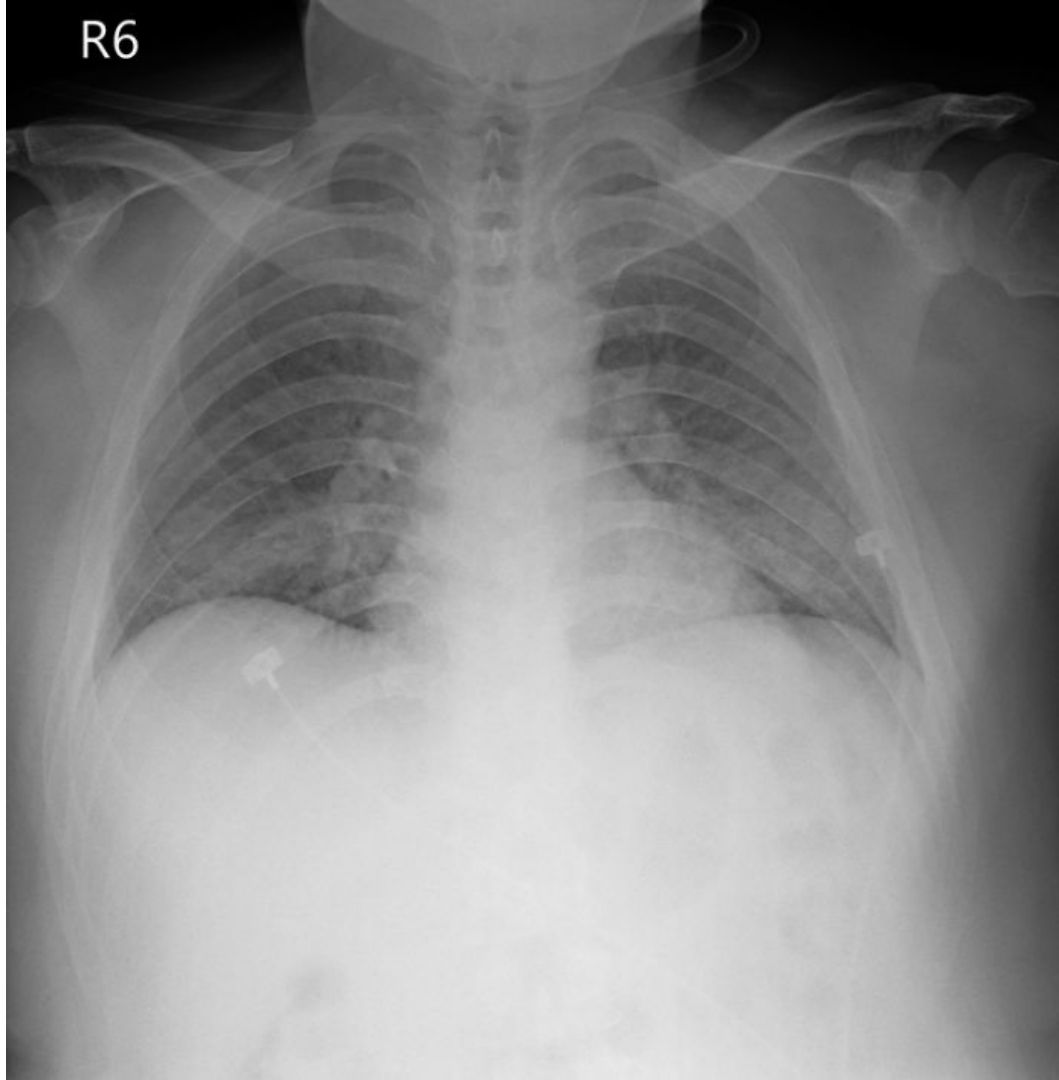
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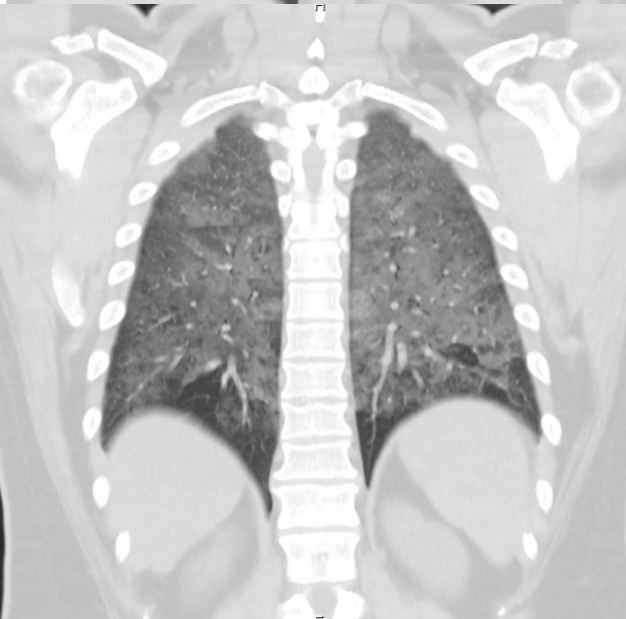
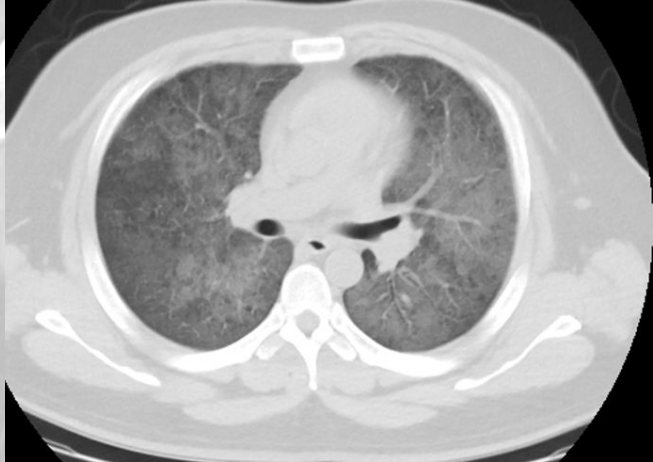
34M 詐欺犯曾被關, single(曾有過女友)

denied underlying disease

dyspnea on exertion for two weeks,
worsen these days

OPD medication: ampicillin,
methylprednisolone 4mg BID





PJP

HIV(+)

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檢驗項目	檢驗值	單位	參考值
Pneumocystis jirovecii DNA PCR	207460	copies/mL	Undetectable。(備註：本項檢驗屬定量PCR，敏感度1000 copies/mL，分析測量範圍1000-5000000 copies/mL)
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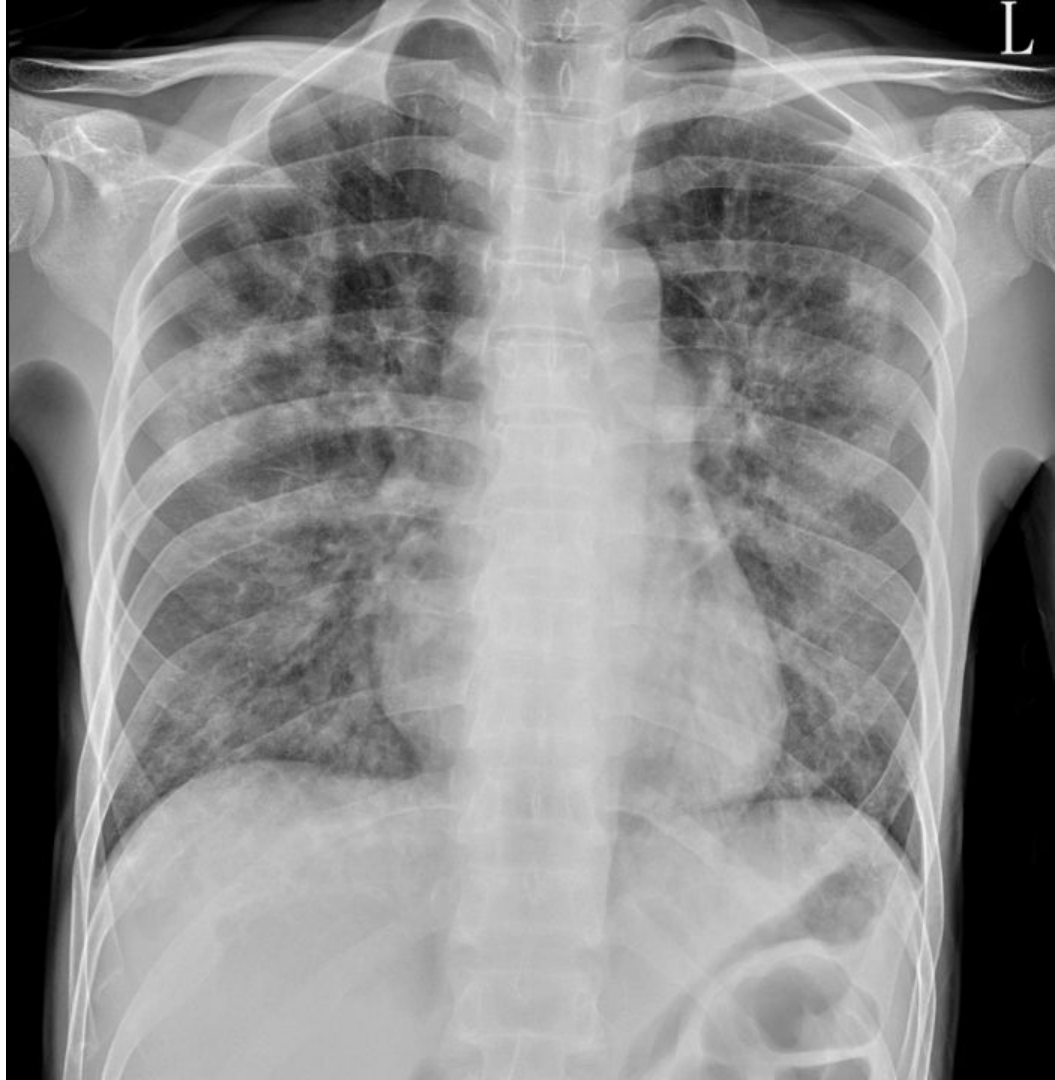
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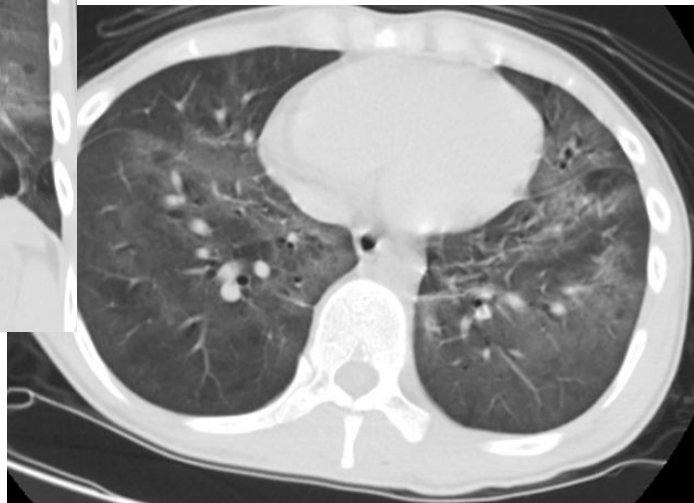
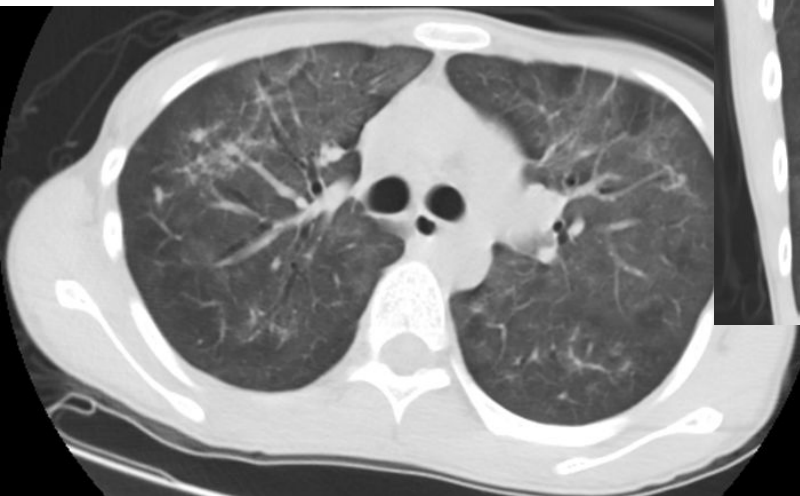
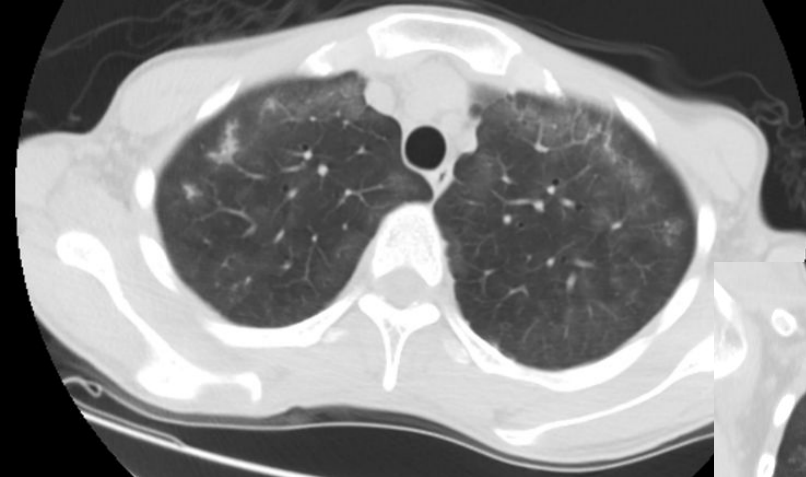
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29M Single, with boy friend

Dyspnea and cough





PJP

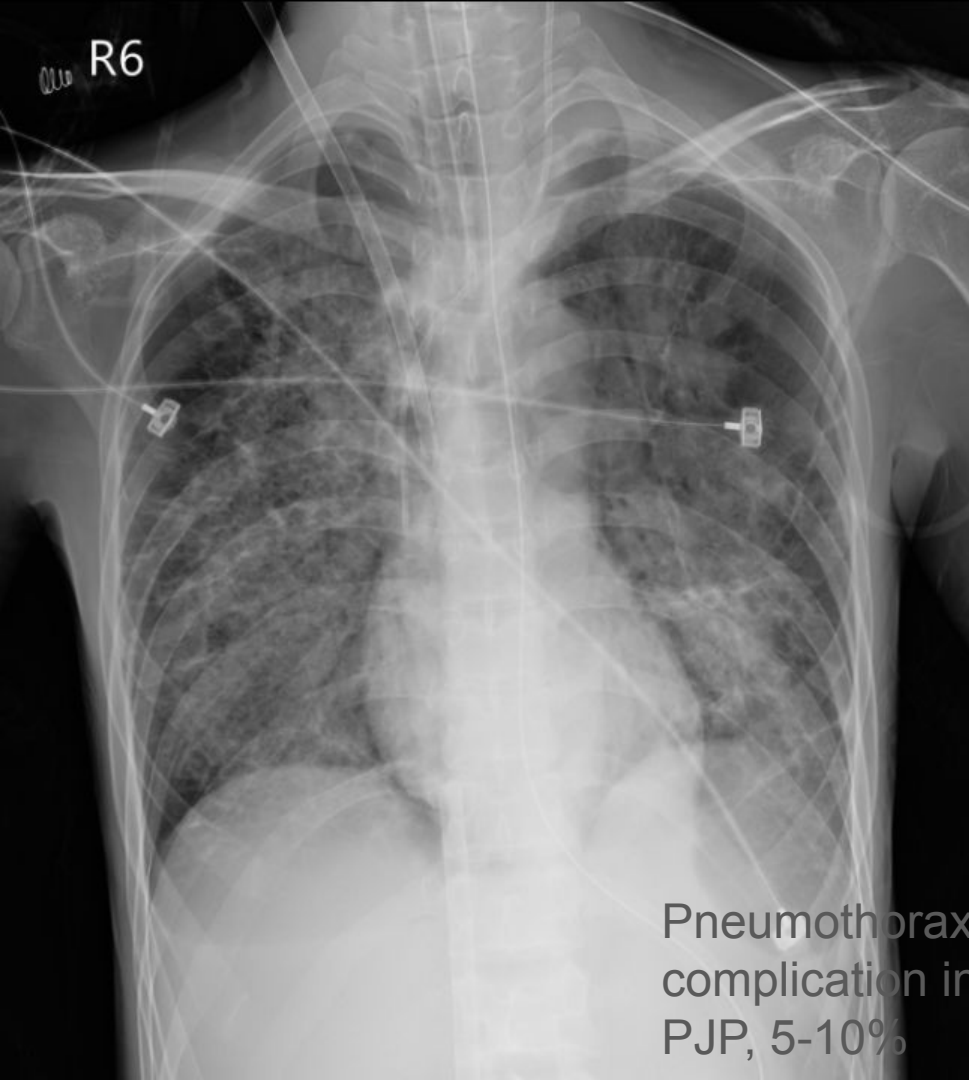
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HIV Viral Load
(cp/mL)

1770000

Bronchial wash

	CMV viral load(IU/mL)
2026/03/19 13:21	50000
2026/03/25 14:52	150000



Pneumothorax, common
complication in HIV associated
PJP, 5-10%



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Pulmonary aspergillosis

Different forms

Invasive aspergillosis (IA)

Angio-invasive

Airway-Invasive

Allergic broncho-pulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA)

Chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA)

Simple aspergilloma

Chronic cavitary pulmonary aspergillosis (CCPA)

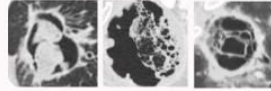
Chronic fibrosing pulmonary aspergillosis (CFPA)

Aspergillus nodule

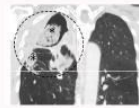
Subacute invasive pulmonary aspergillosis (SAIA), aka chronic necrotising / semi-invasive aspergillosis

CPA examples

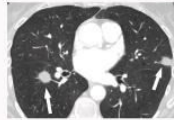
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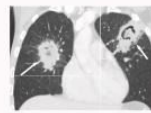
CCPA



Aspergillus nodules

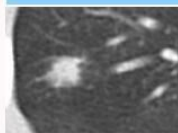


SAIA



CT findings in IA

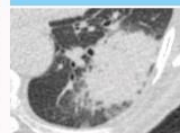
Nodules with halo sign



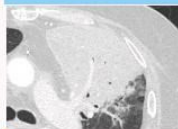
Wedge shaped infiltration



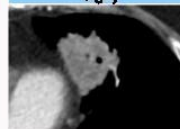
Mass like Infiltration



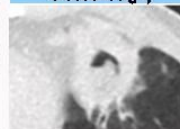
Consolidation



Necrosis (hypodense sign)



Cavitation (with air-crescent sign)



Making the diagnosis: IA

Risk factors



Fever of unknown origin

Clinical symptoms of lower respiratory tract infection

Unresponsive to broad spectrum antibiotics

HRCT – modality of choice

CTA, MRI

BAL (microscopy, culture), biopsy

Serological tests (galactomannan, B-D-glucan), PCR

- Chemotherapy
- Prolonged and high-dose corticosteroid therapy
- Prolonged neutropenia
- Transplantation
- Haematological malignancy
- AIDS

• COPD

CPA

Mild immunosuppression/ normal immune status

Underlying lung disease

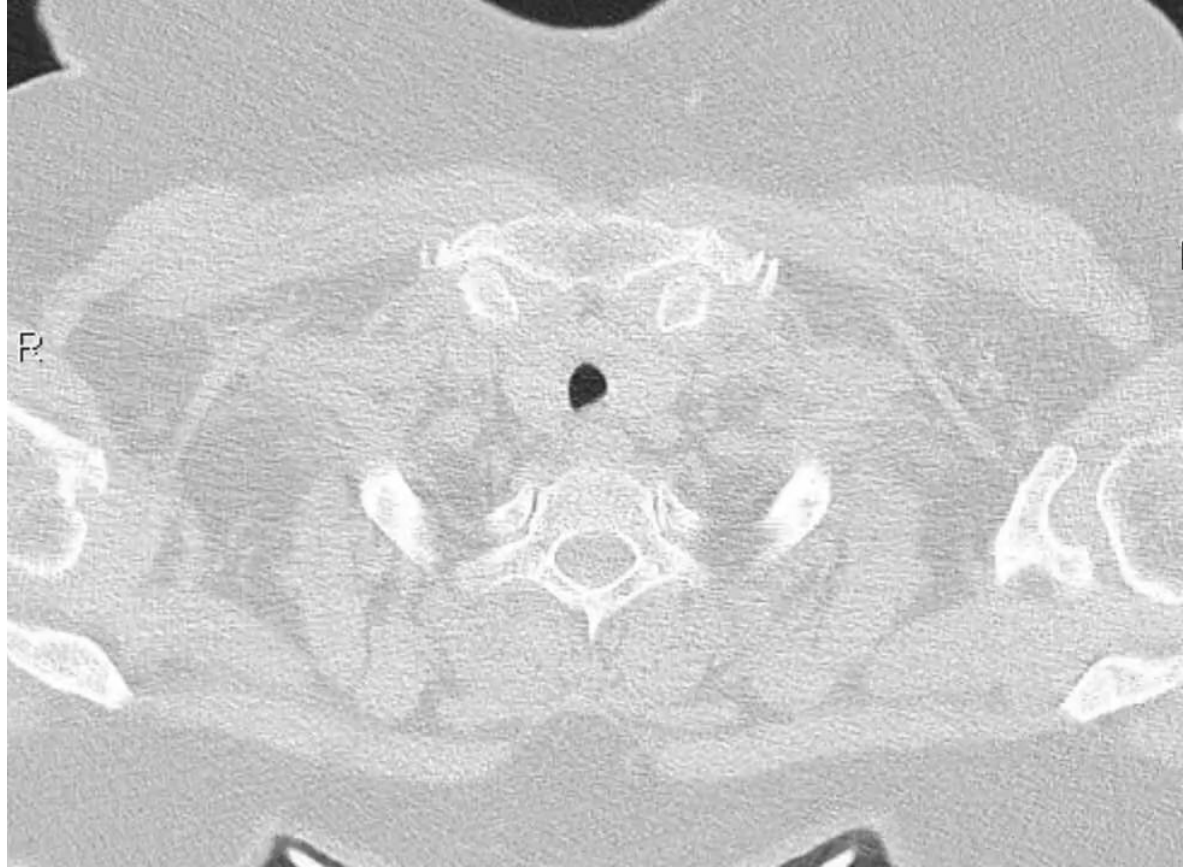
CT/ MRI

Microscopy/culture/ immunological tests

Duration of symptoms

Aspergilloma

A localized "fungal ball" growing in a pre-existing lung cavity.



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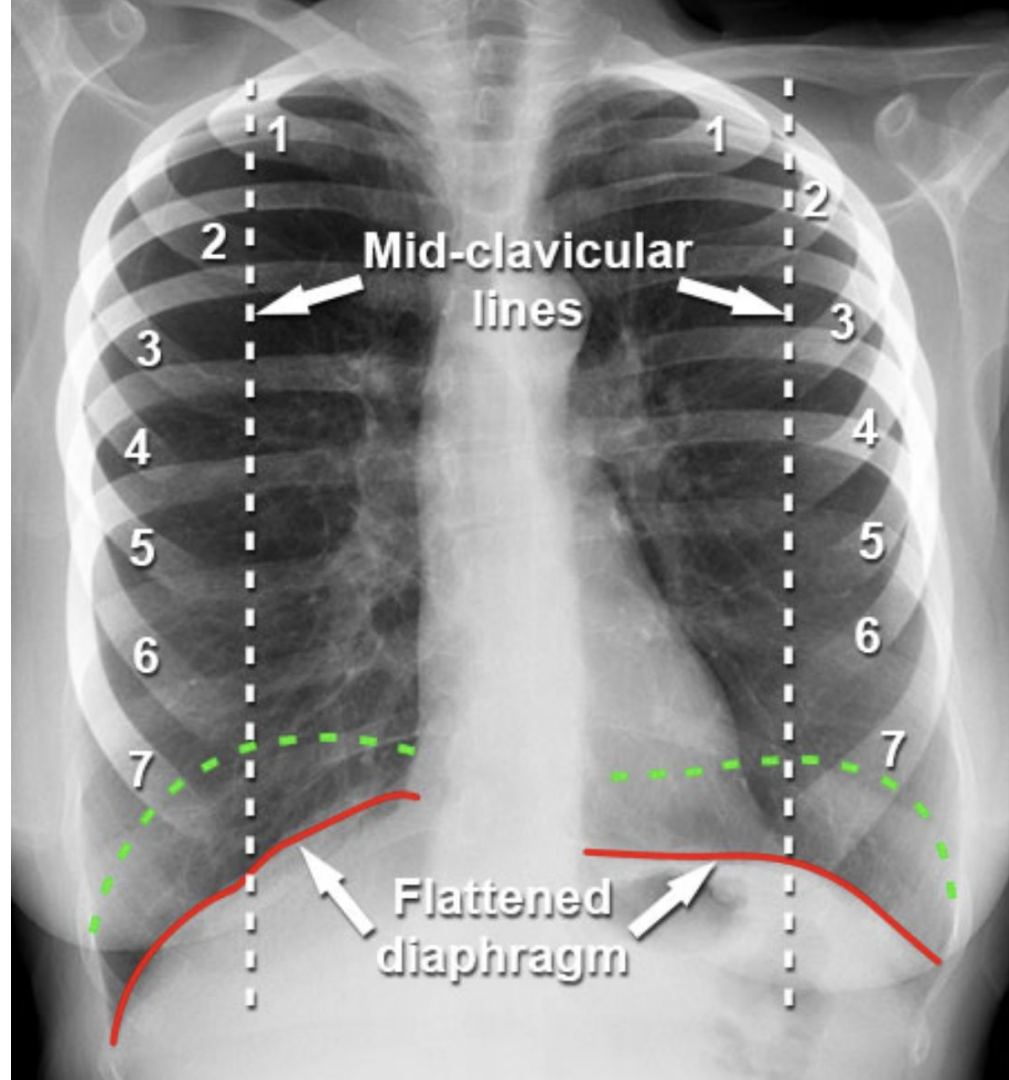
Hyperextension



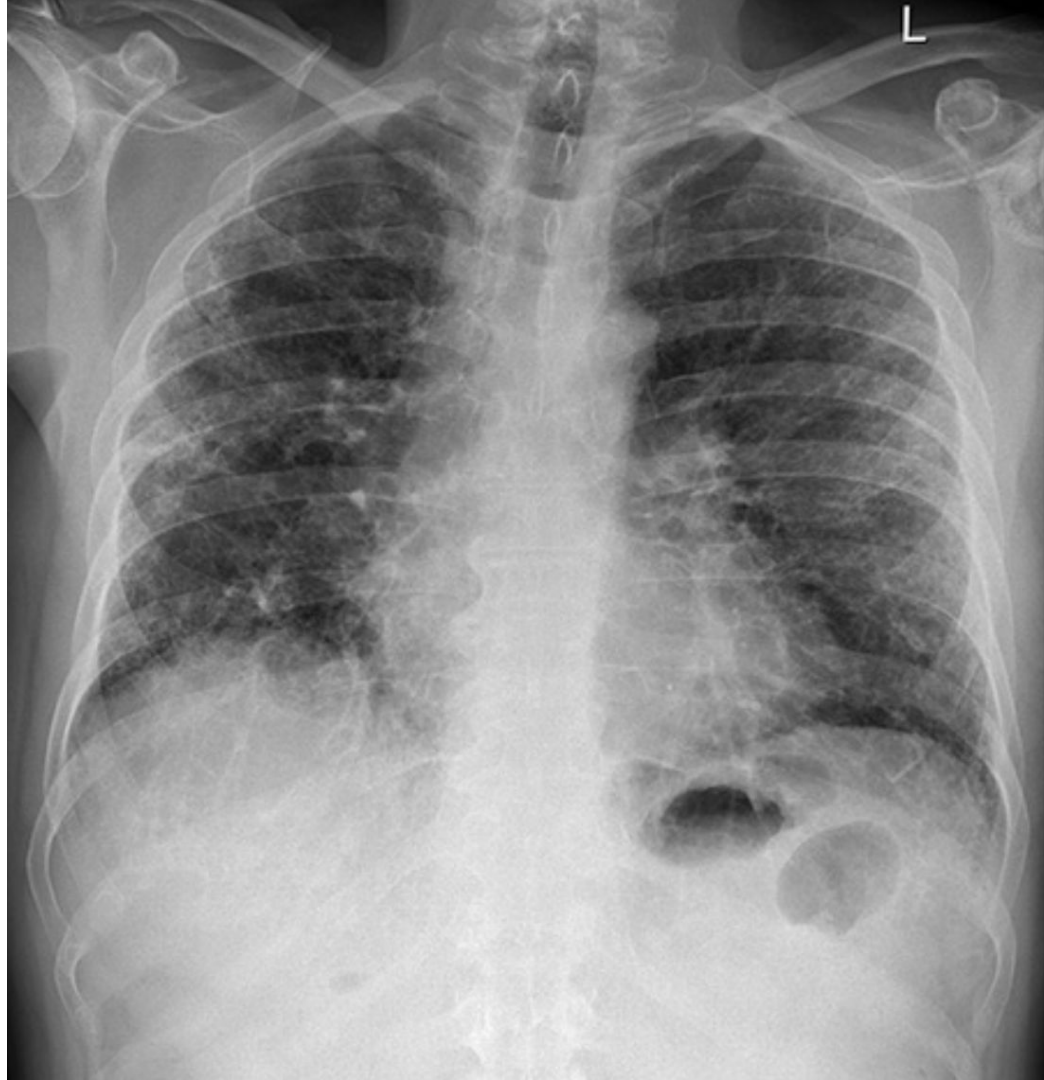
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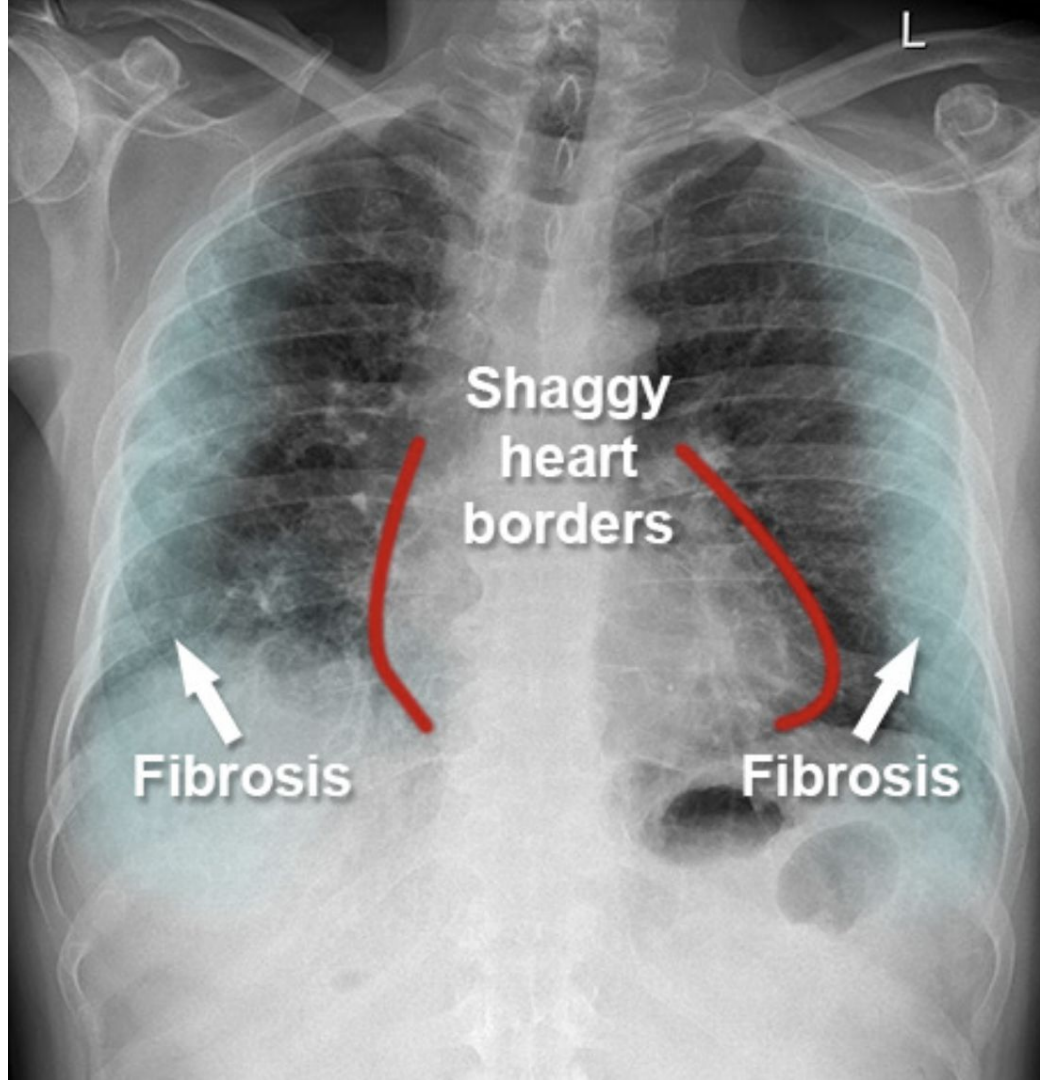
- In normal subjects the diaphragm is intersected by the 5th to 7th anterior ribs in the mid-clavicular line
- It is often difficult to see the ribs in patients with COPD as they are osteopenic due to long term steroid use - as in this patient
- In this image, the 7th ribs, which are only just visible, intersect the diaphragm (**red lines**) level with the mid-clavicular line – so are the lungs hyperexpanded?
- Patient positioning and use of accessory muscles of respiration can influence the anatomical positioning of the ribs on a chest X-ray
- Flattening of the diaphragm (**red lines**) is often a more reliable feature of lung hyperexpansion
- The **green dotted lines** indicate the predicted normal diaphragm shape and position



比較: pulmonary fibrosis



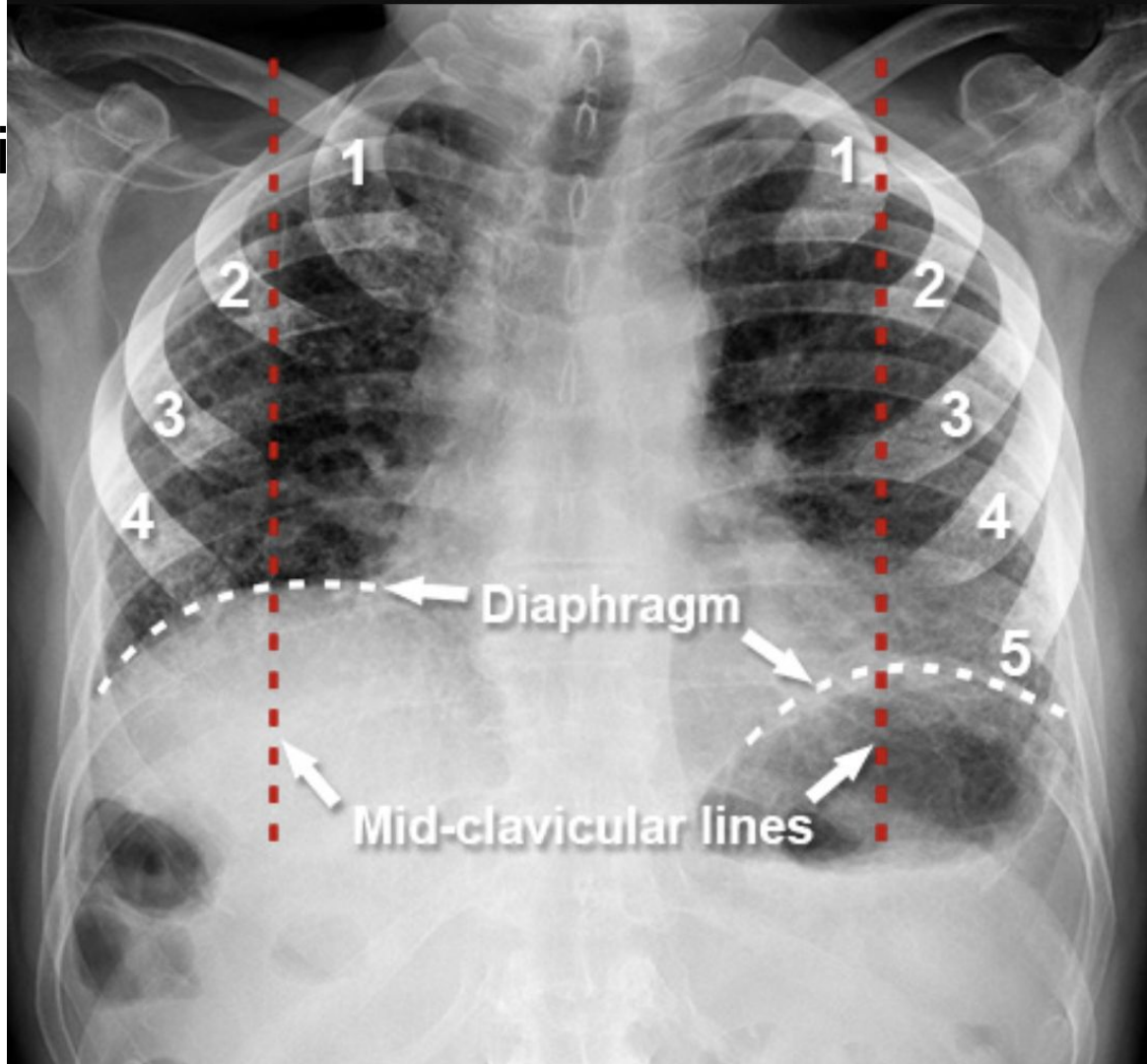
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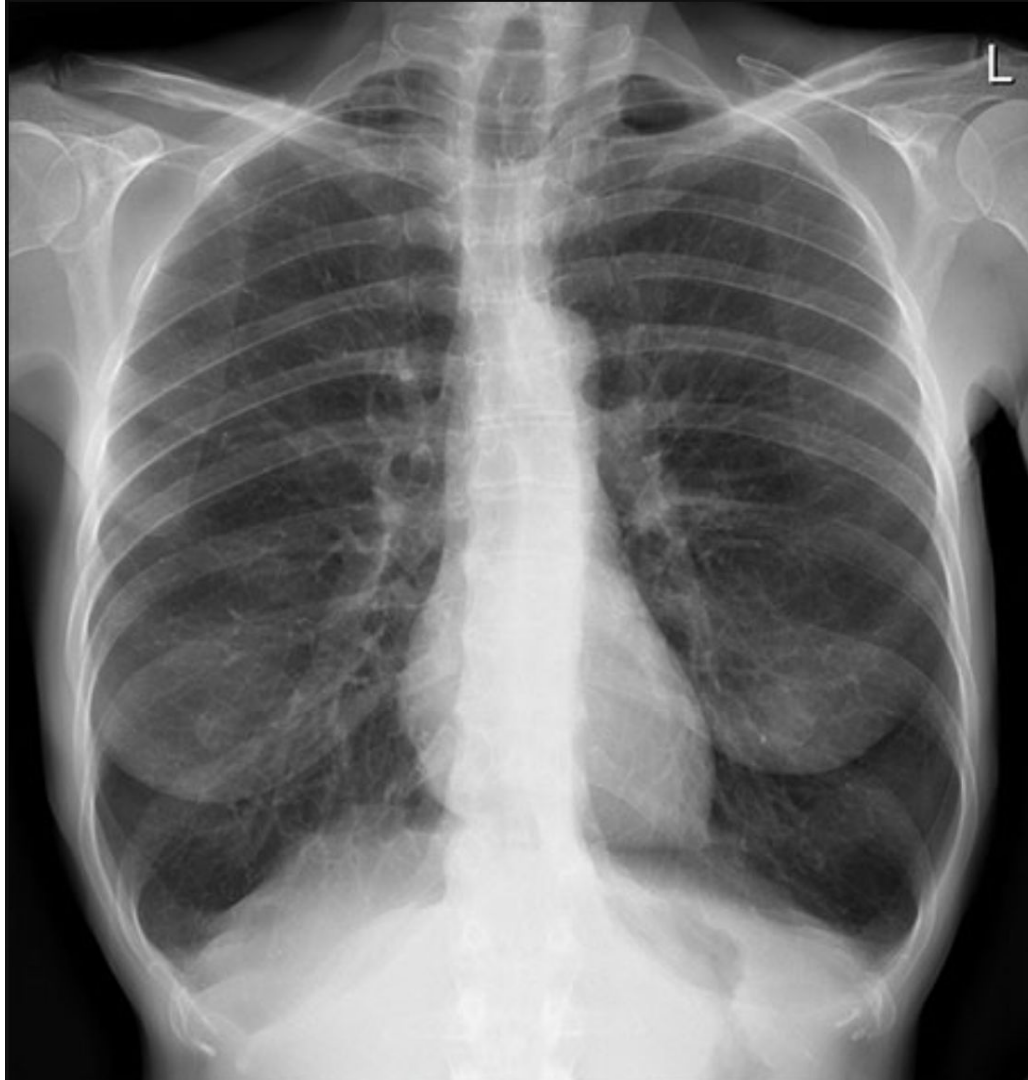
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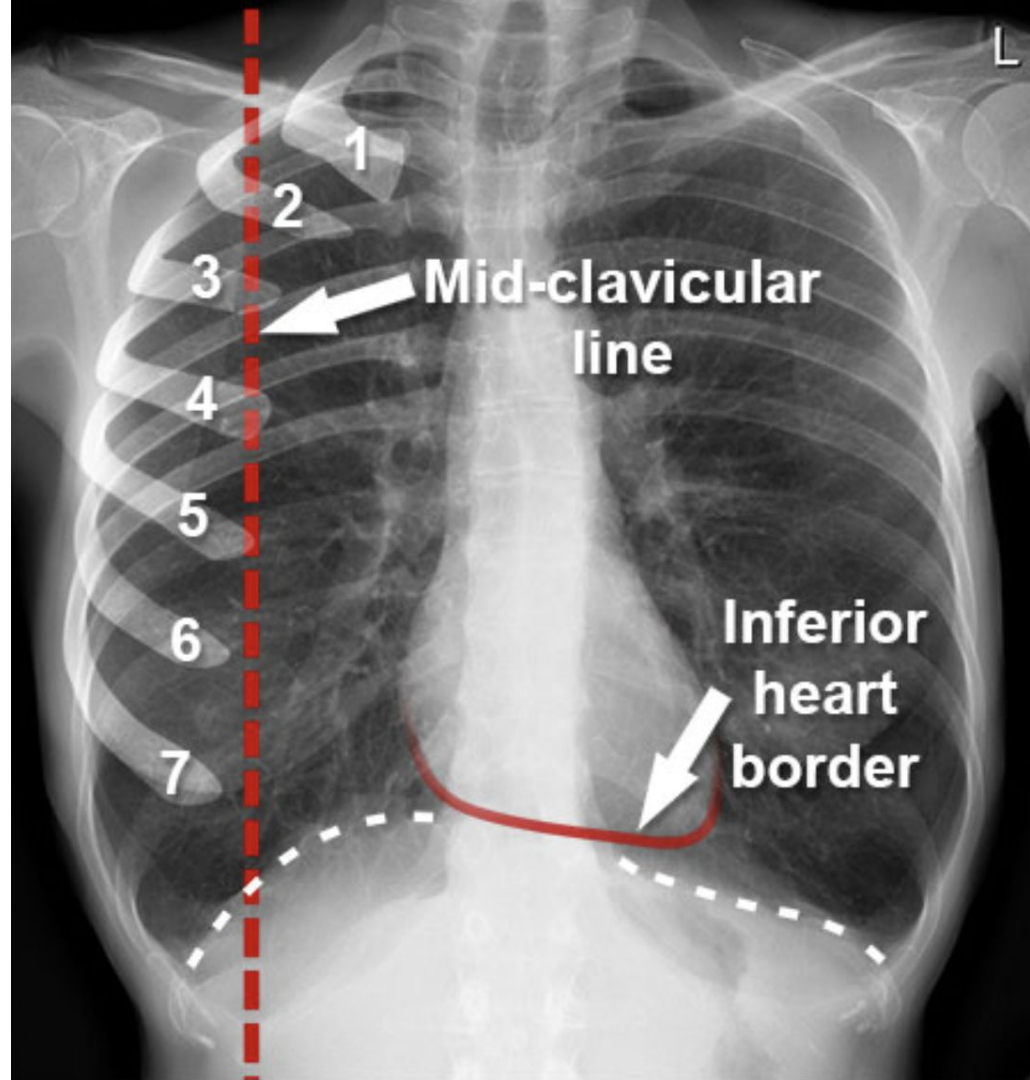
Floating heart sign



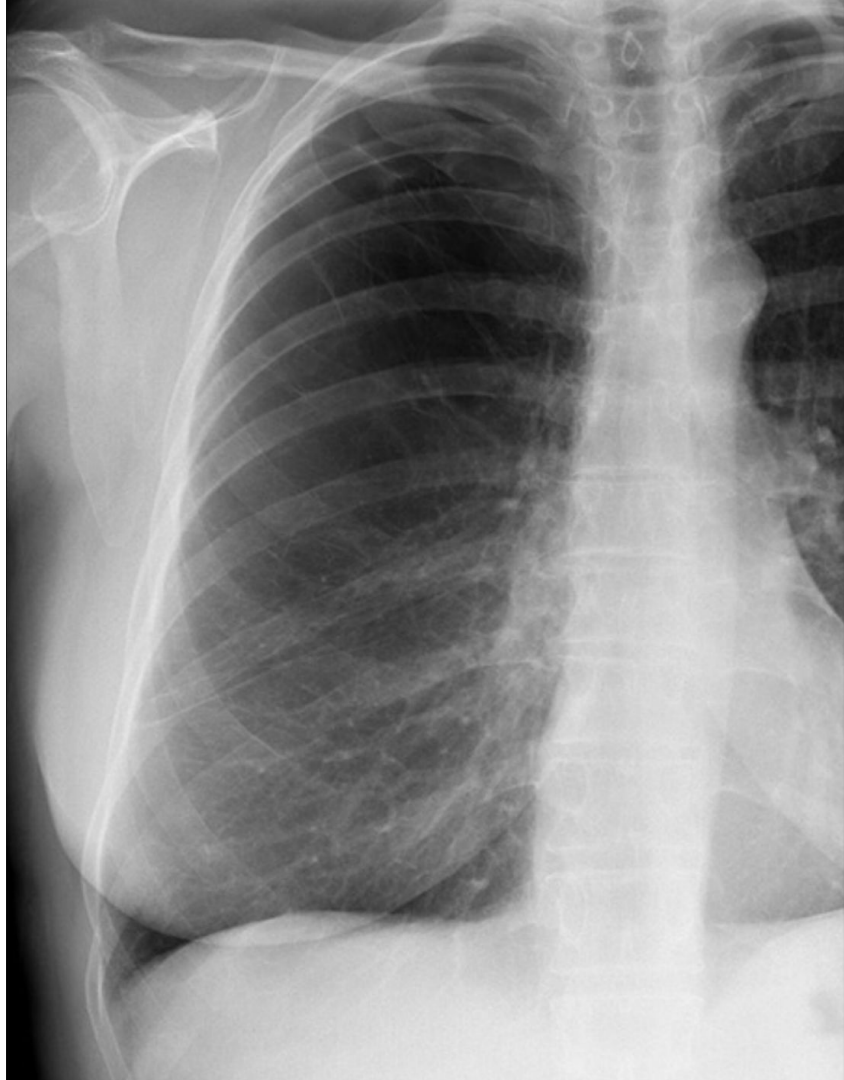
Floating heart sign

The lungs may be so hyper-expanded that the inferior border of the heart becomes visible – the heart appears to float above the diaphragm

Note the flattened hemidiaphragms (white dotted lines)



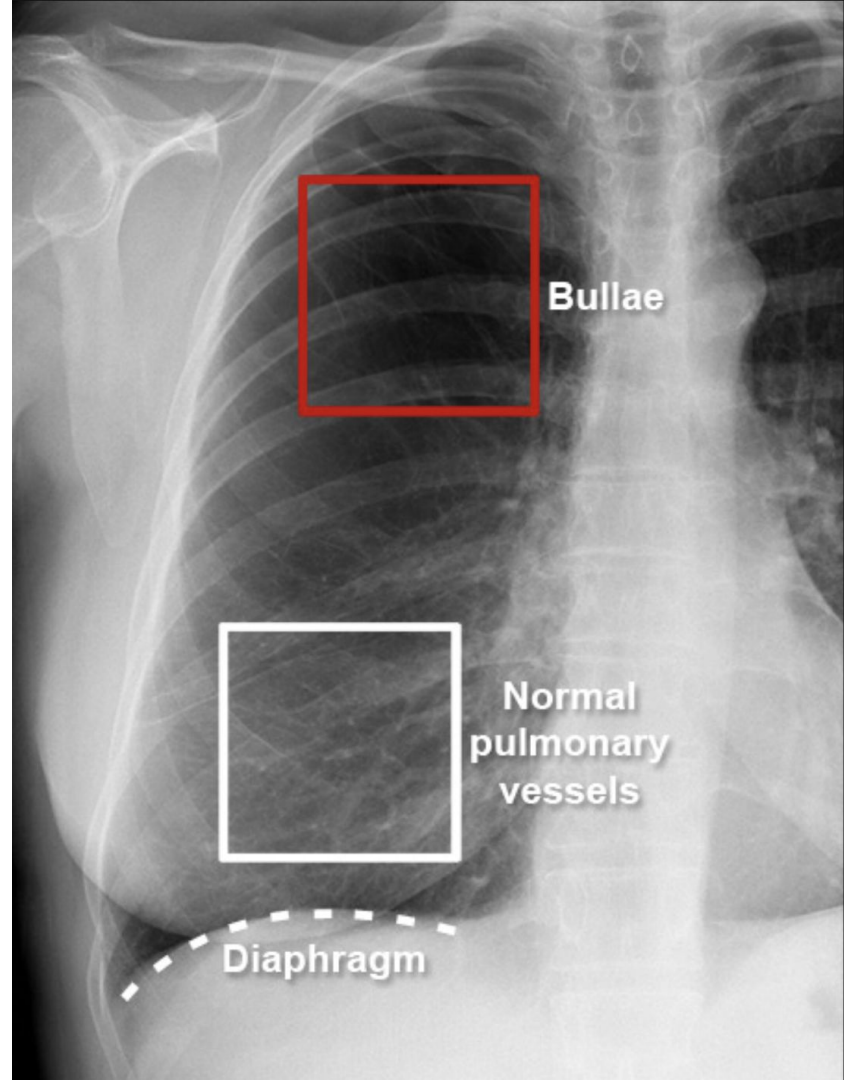
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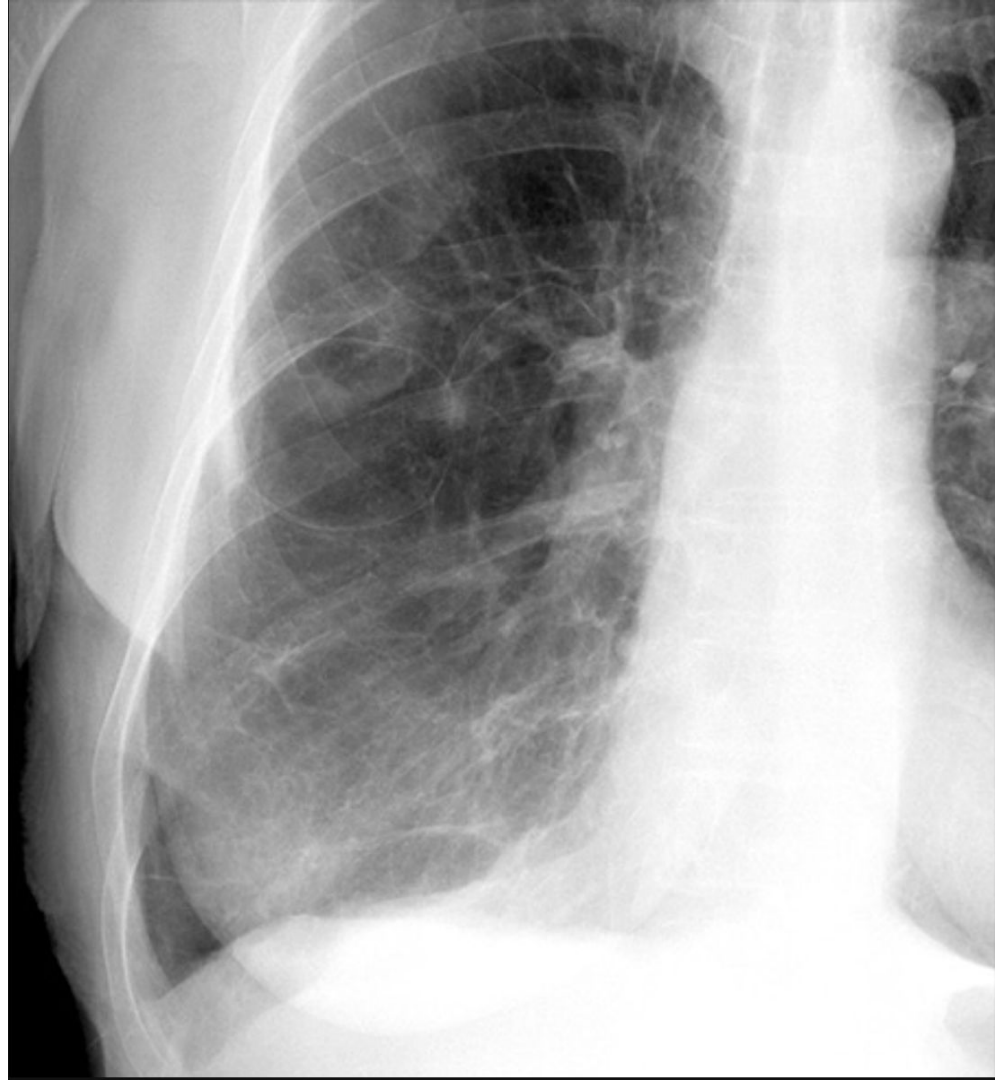
Bullous emphysema manifests on a chest X-ray with areas of low density (black) with thinning of the pulmonary vessels, predominantly affecting the upper zones

The lower part of the lungs may appear denser (whiter) in normal subjects because of overlying breast tissue, but in this individual the pulmonary vessels appear normal in this area



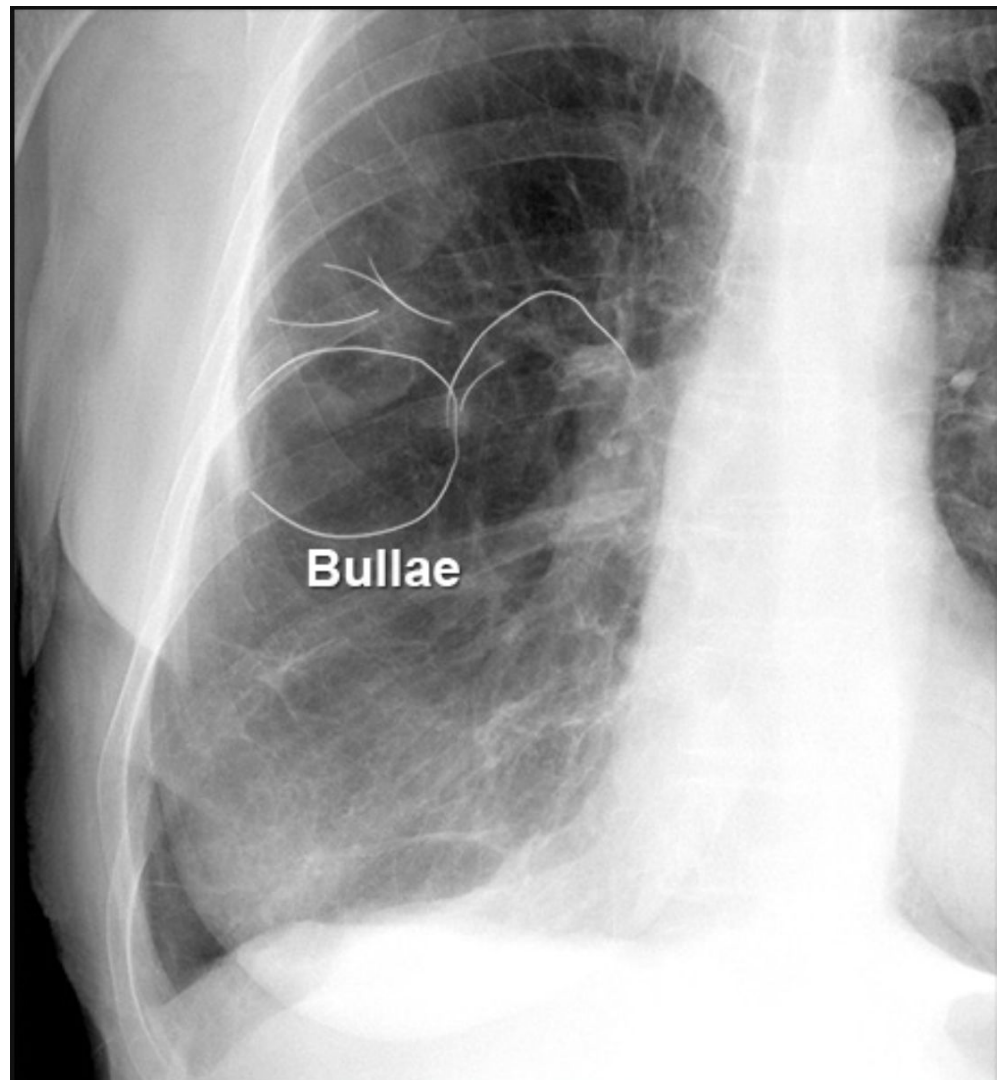
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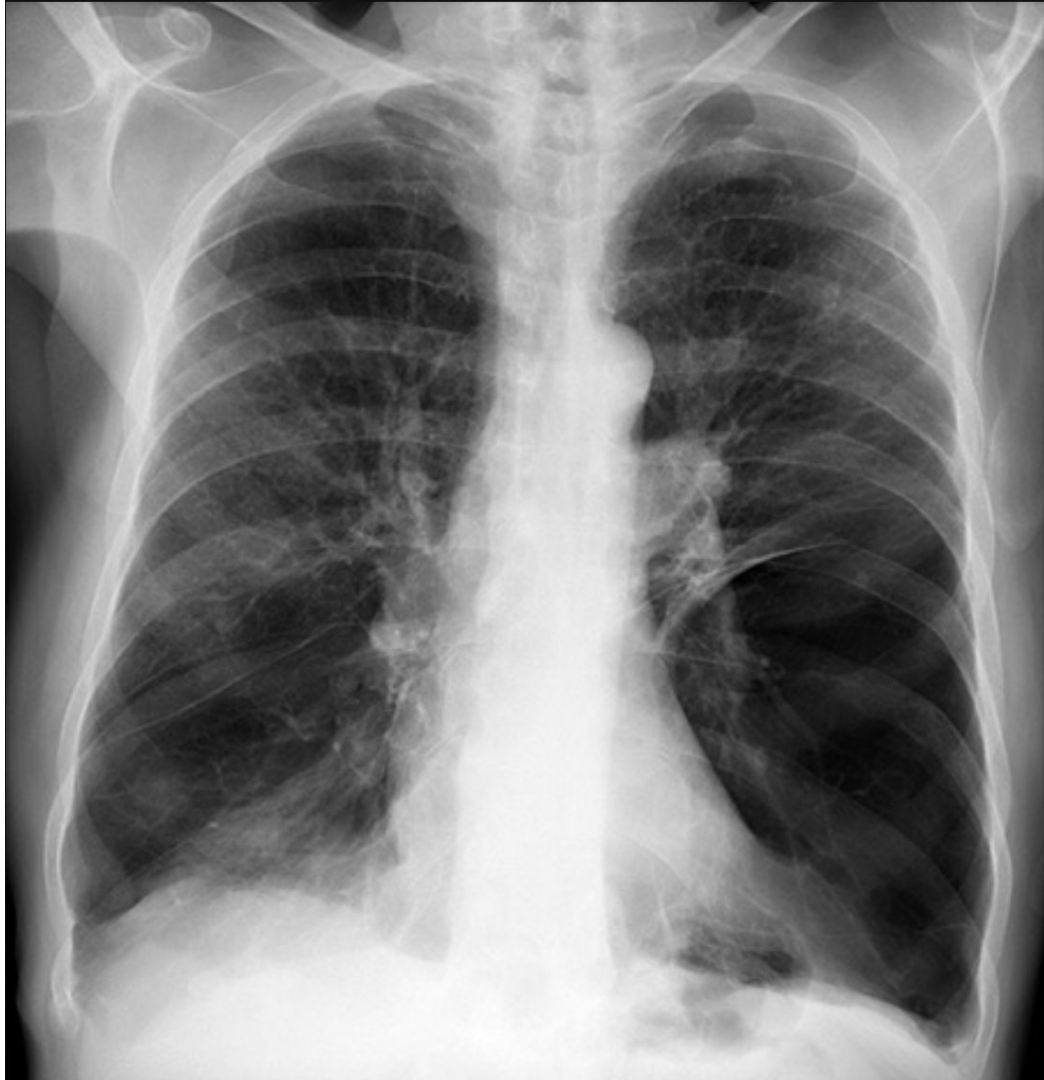


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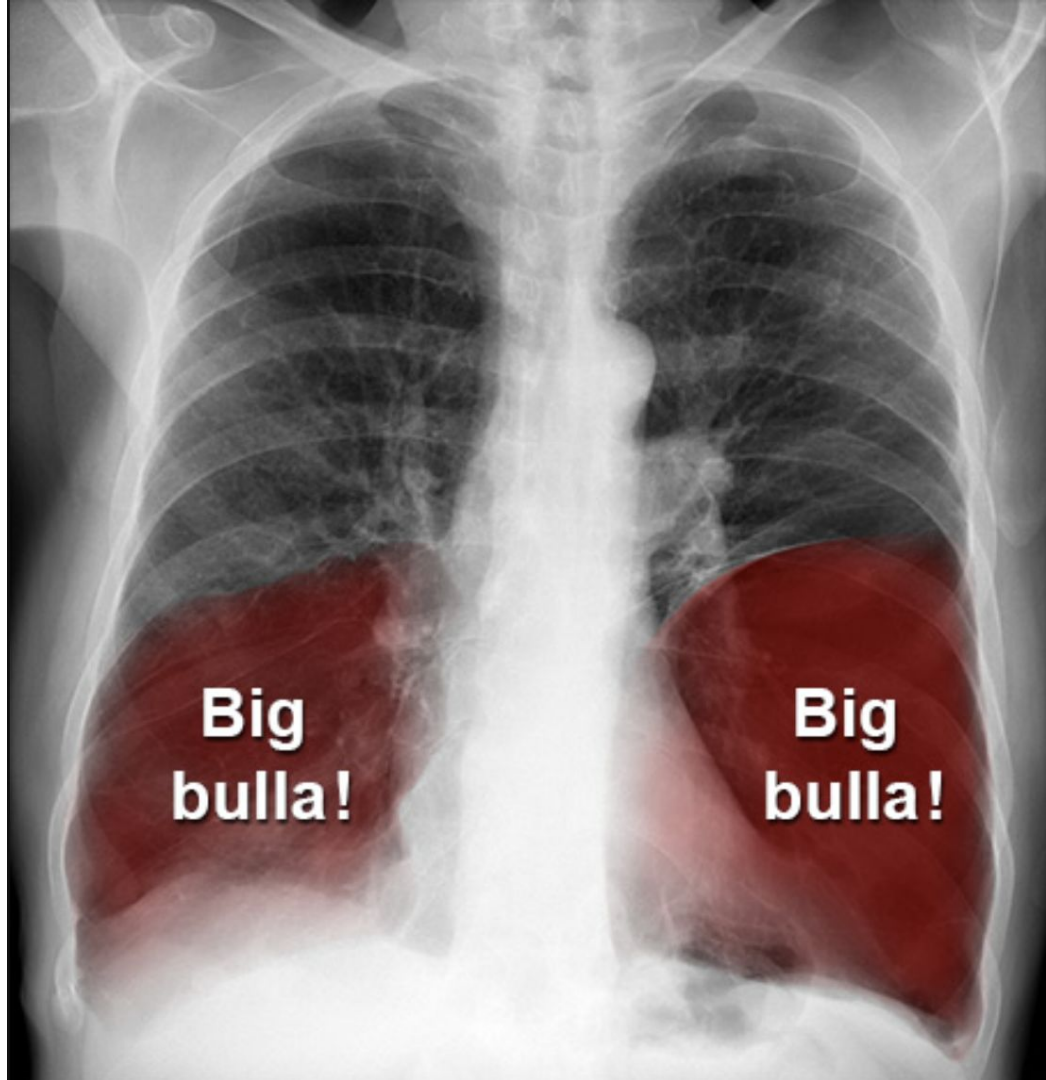


Large bullae



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Bullae can get very large and must not be mistaken for a pneumothorax – inserting a chest drain can have catastrophic consequences in this setting



infective exacerbation

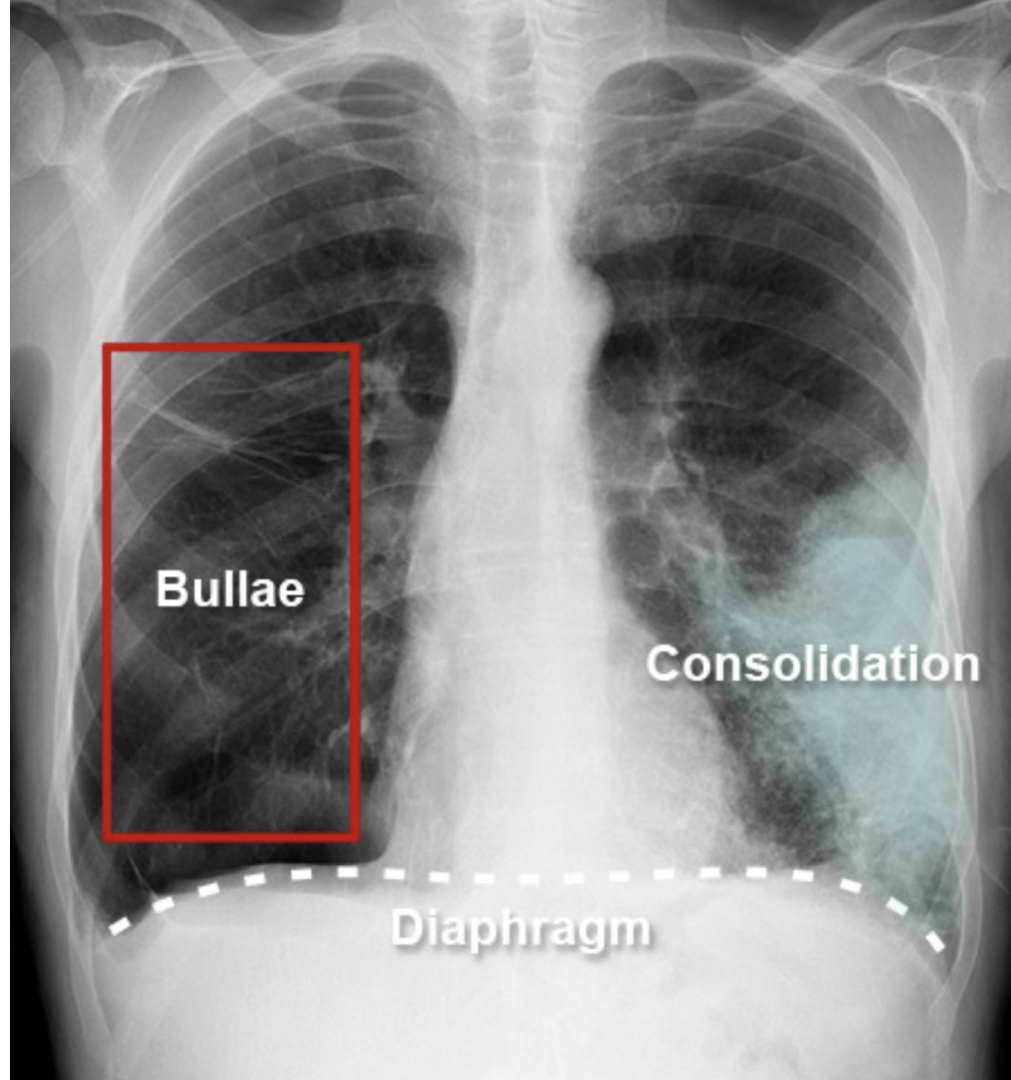


infective exacerbation

The lungs are hyper-expanded – the diaphragm is flattened and too low

There are large areas of black due to bullae

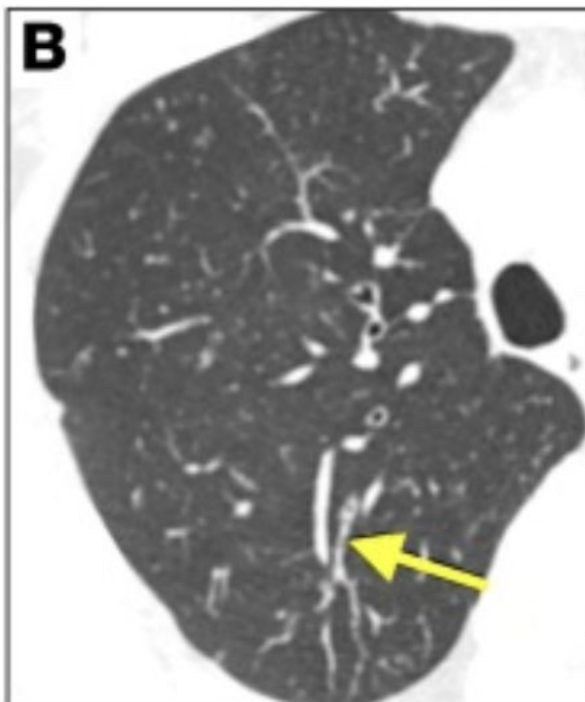
A large area of consolidation in the left lung is due to pneumonia



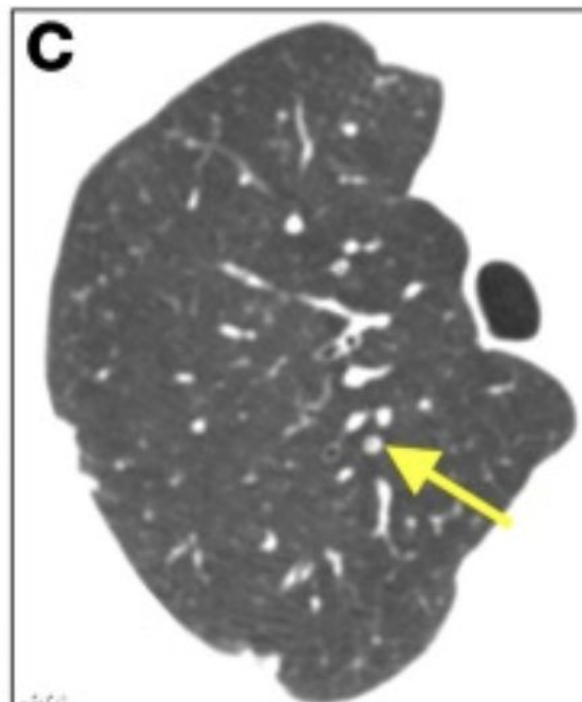
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Frontal Plane

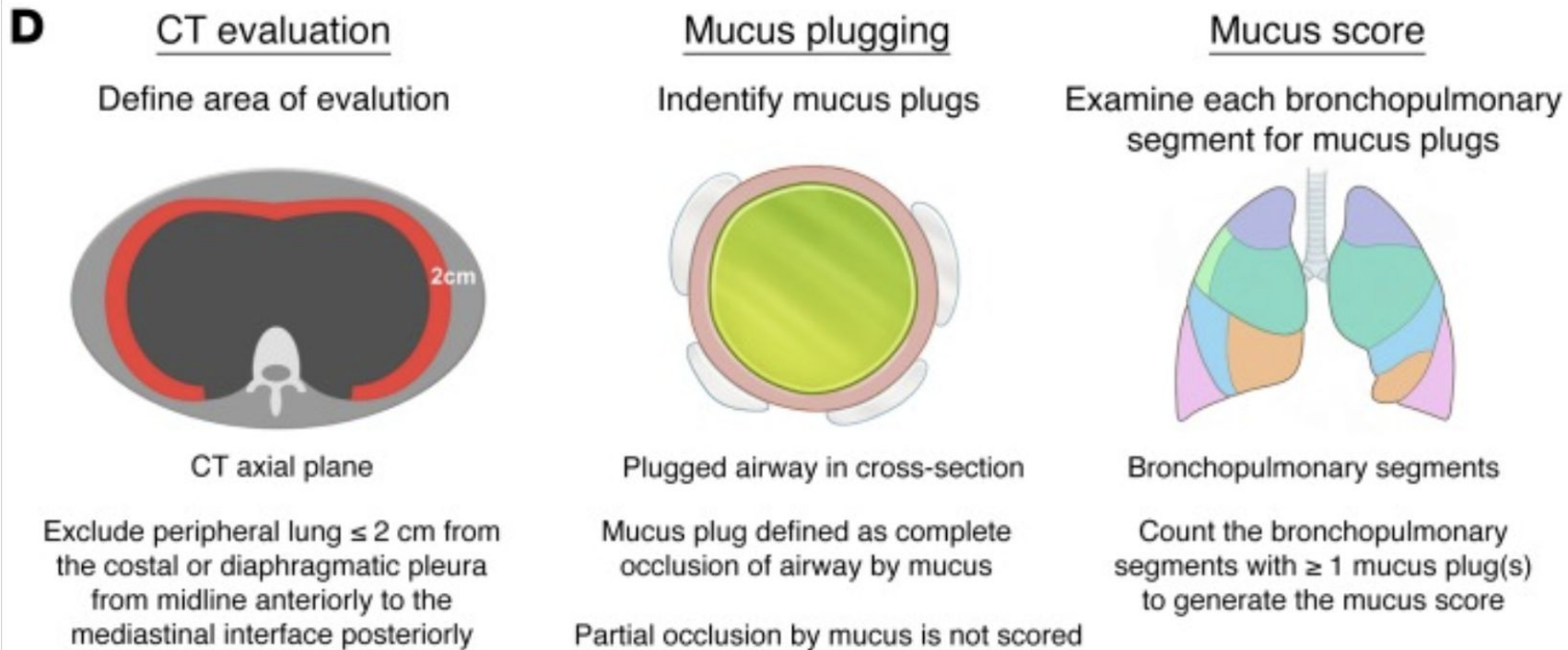


Transverse Plane



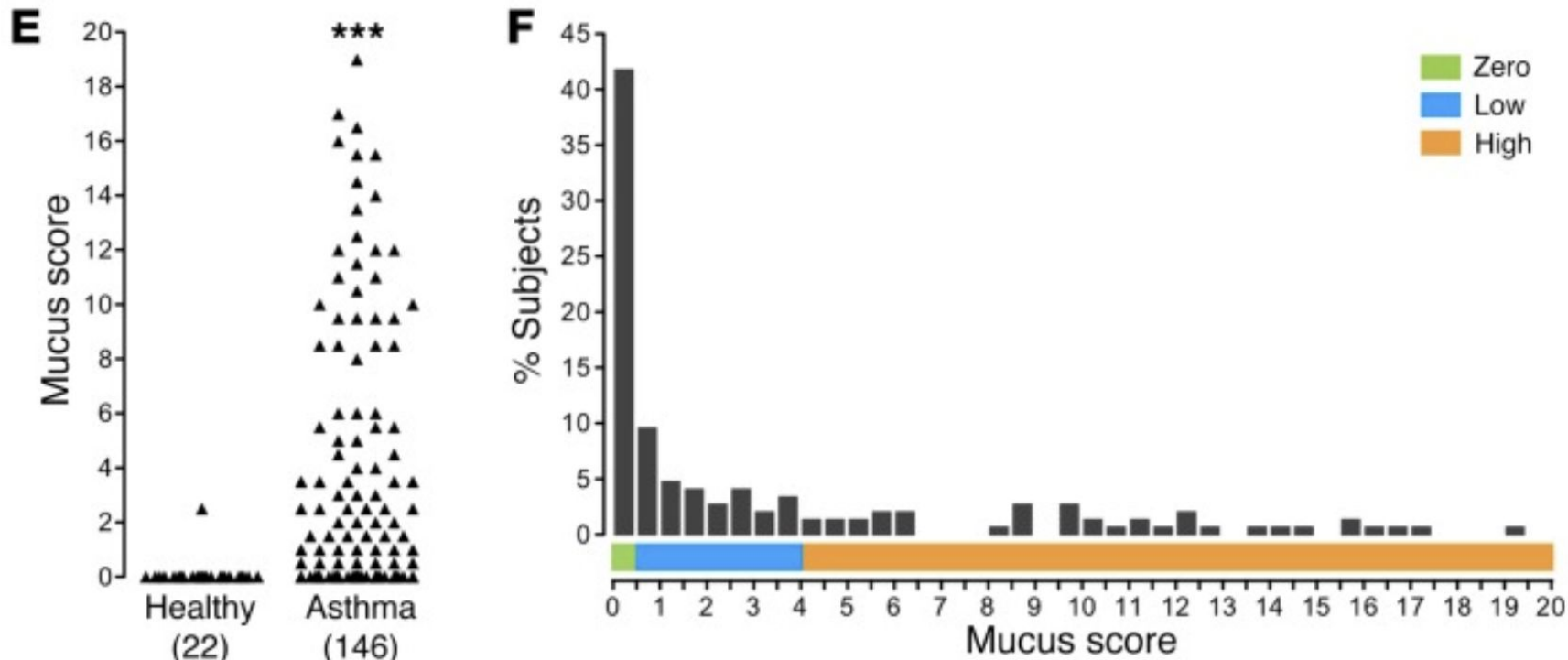
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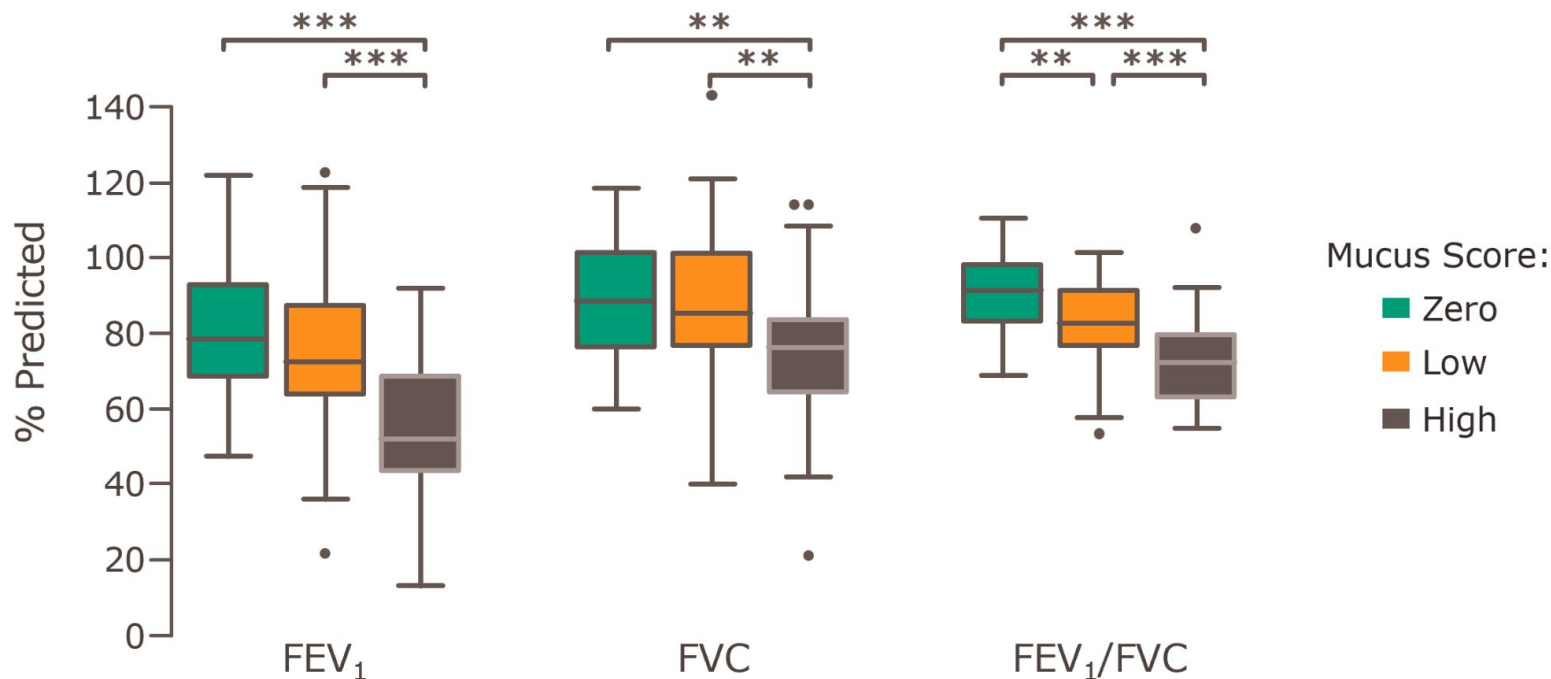


Mucus score 分數越高越不好... Asthma病人有不少low to high mucus score

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Mucus Plugging Is Associated With Poor Lung Function and Airflow Obstruction



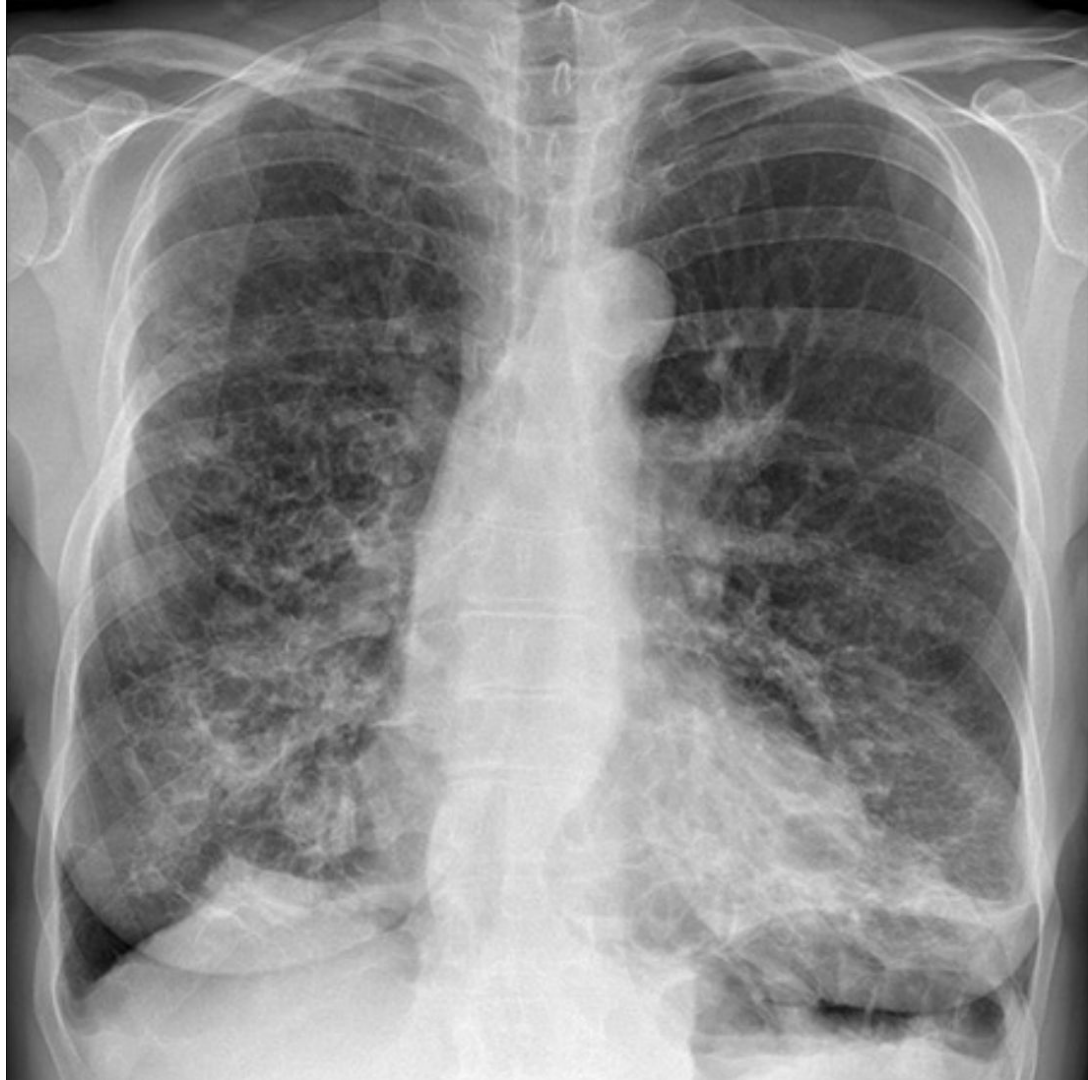
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***p < 0.001; **p < 0.01

FEV₁=forced expiratory volume in 1 second; FVC= forced vital capacity; SARP=Severe Asthma Research Program.

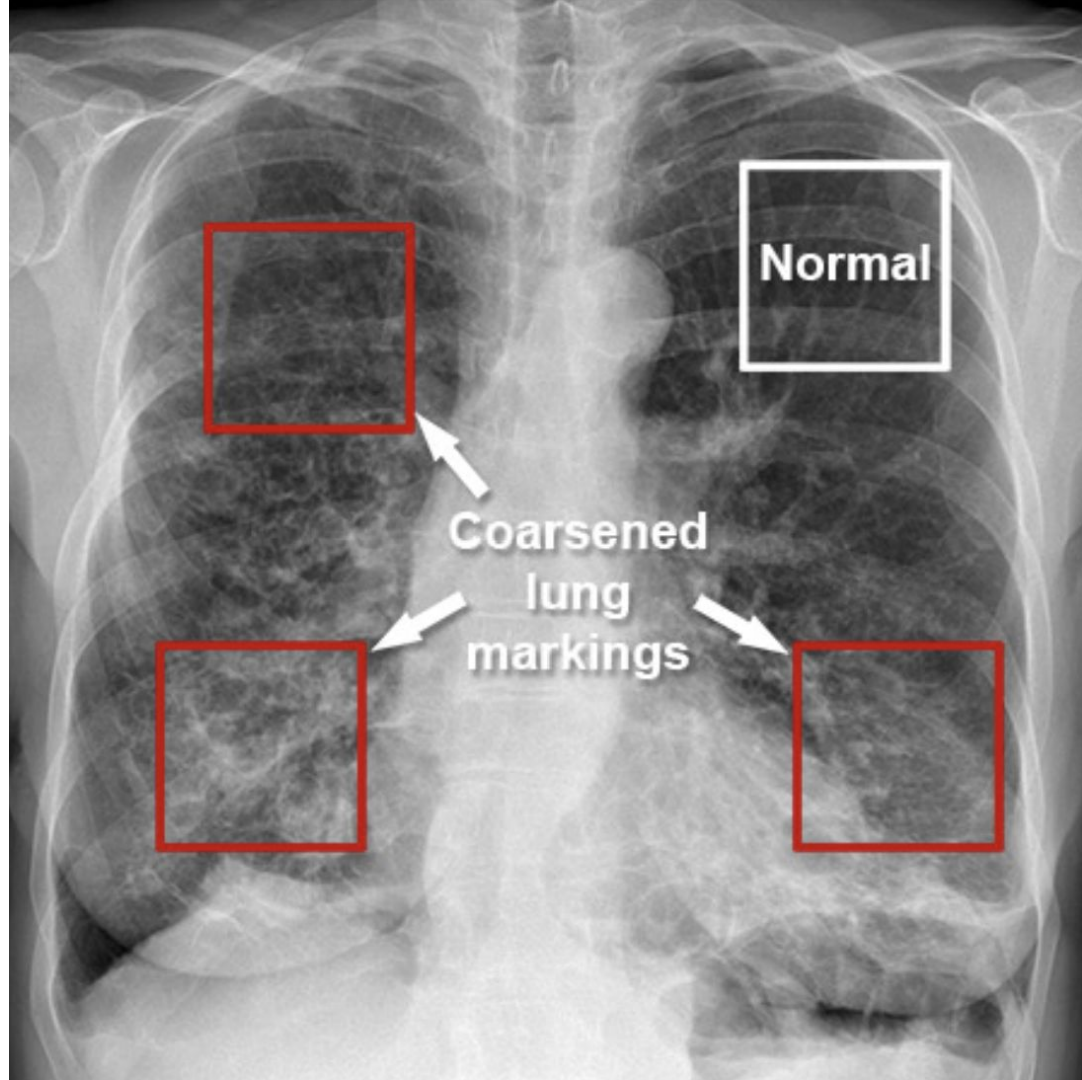
N=146 adults with asthma.

Dunican EM, et al. J Clin Invest. 2018 Mar 1;128(3):997-1009.



Bronchiectasis may be present even if the X-ray is normal – most patients suspected of having bronchiectasis will need a high resolution CT to confirm the diagnosis

Severe bronchiectasis causes coarsening of the lung markings – very extensive in this case



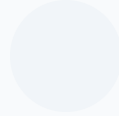
Modified Reiff Score

Radiological Severity

Assesses bronchiectasis severity based on the number of lobes involved and the degree of bronchial dilatation.

** Note: The lingula is considered to be a separate lobe.*

MAX
MAXIMUM SCORE
18 Points



0

No Bronchiectasis

Normal bronchial caliber and wall thickness



1

Tubular

Mild dilatation with parallel bronchial walls (tram-track sign)



2

Varicose

Moderate dilatation with beaded or irregular bronchial outline

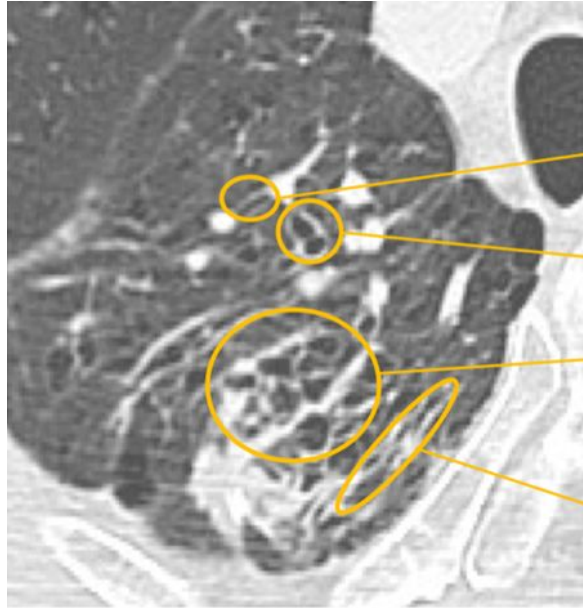


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Cystic

Severe dilatation presenting as balloon-like air spaces

Different types

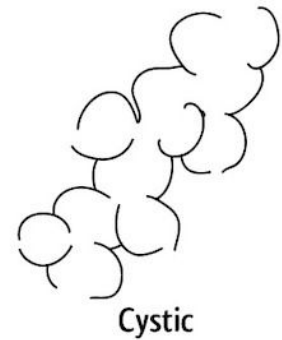
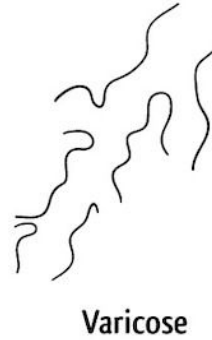


tram-track =

signet-ring

cluster of

string of beads



Bronchiectasis progression

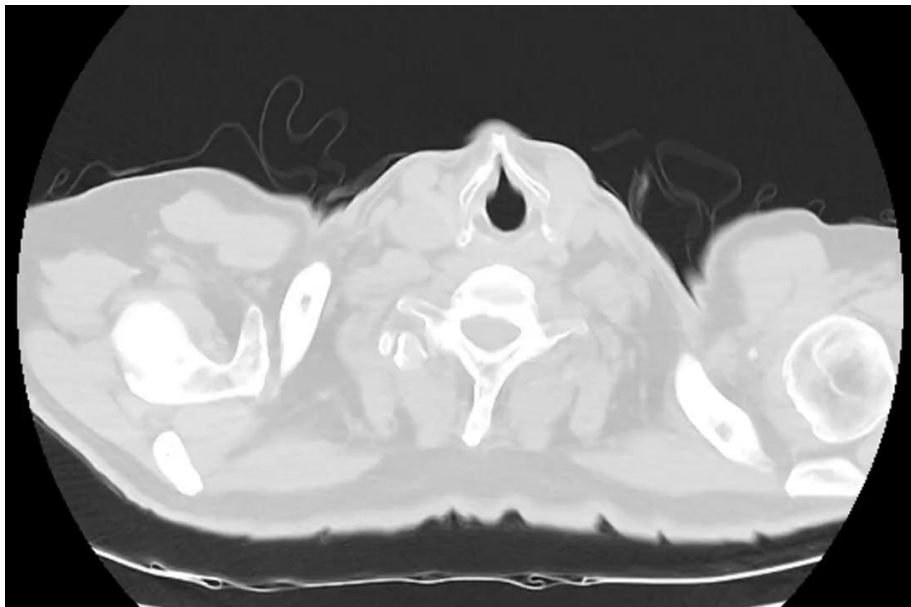
Old TB

Childhood asthma

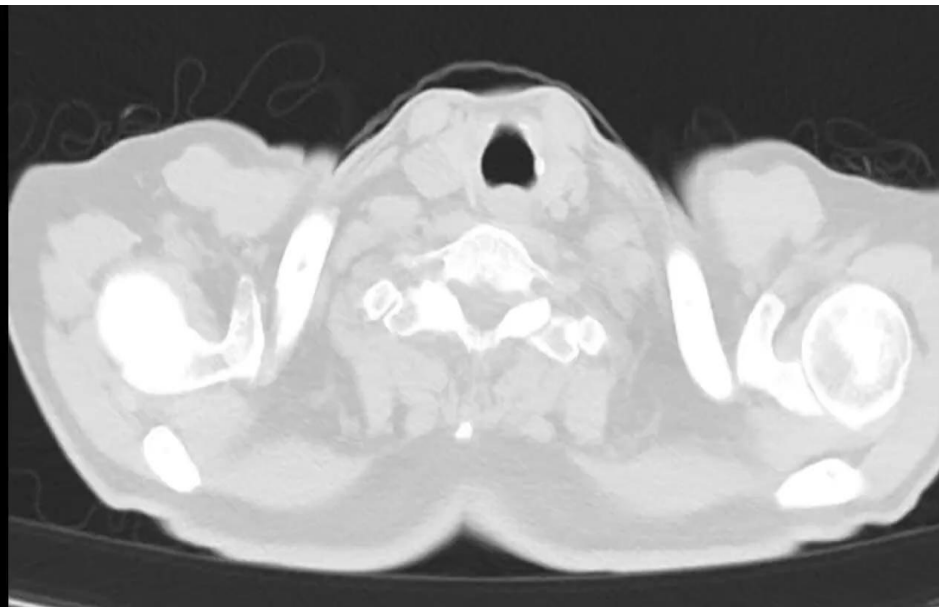


Bronchiectasis progression

Baseline



Progression



Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis

必要條件(兩項都要)

- 有**氣喘(須懷疑)**或 cystic fibrosis (**Childhood asthma**)
- 證據顯示對 Aspergillus 過敏:**Aspergillus 特異性 IgE 陽性** 或 皮膚 prick test 陽性

其他支持條件(至少 2 項)

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- **總 IgE > 500–1000 IU/mL (多數 >1000)**
- Aspergillus-specific IgG 或 precipitin 陽性
- **嗜酸性球 > 500 / μ L (未用 steroid 時)**
- 影像學異常: 中央型支氣管擴張、**mucus plugging**

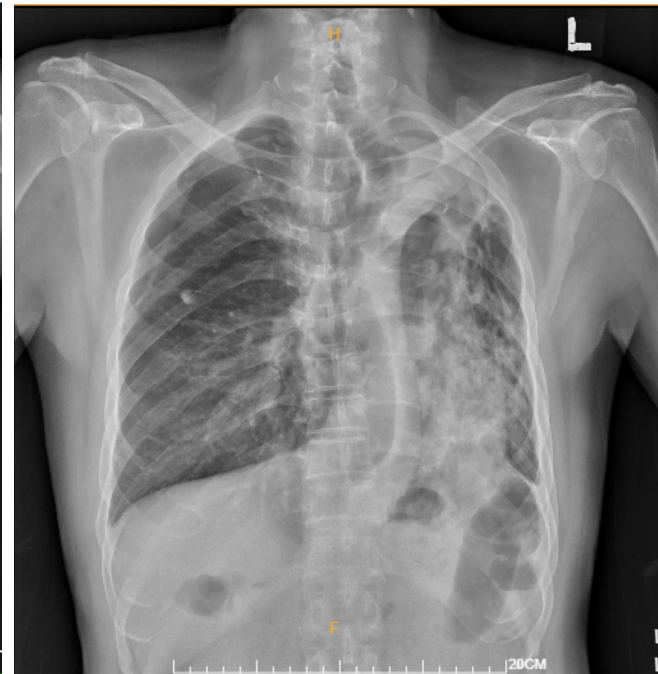
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檢驗項目	檢驗值	單位	參考值
IgE 免疫球蛋白E	1926	KU/L (IU/mL)	<114
Allergen(定性)	9.31	PAU/L	0~0.349

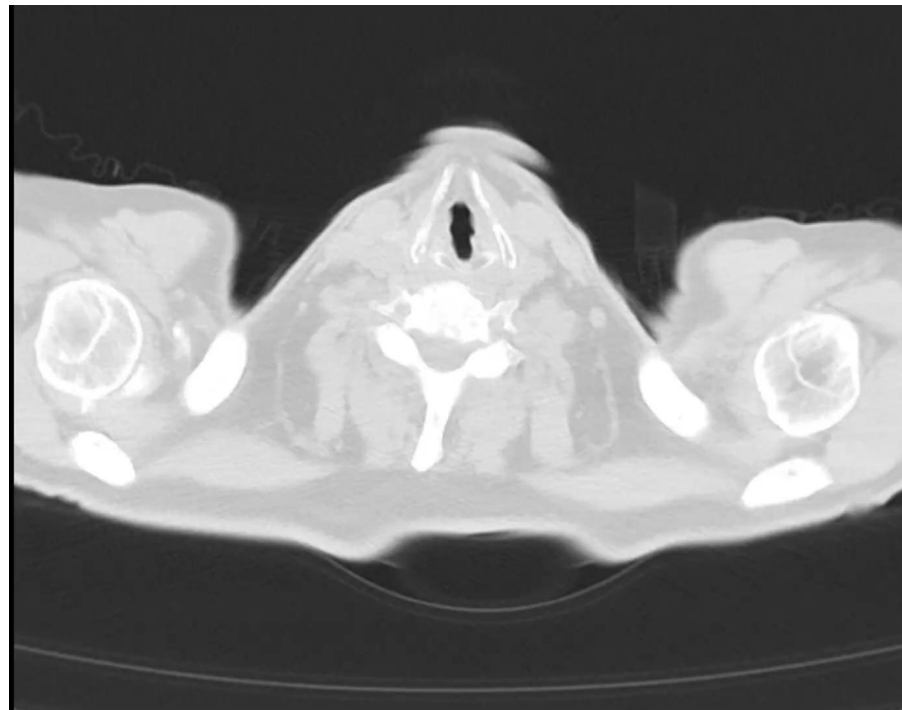
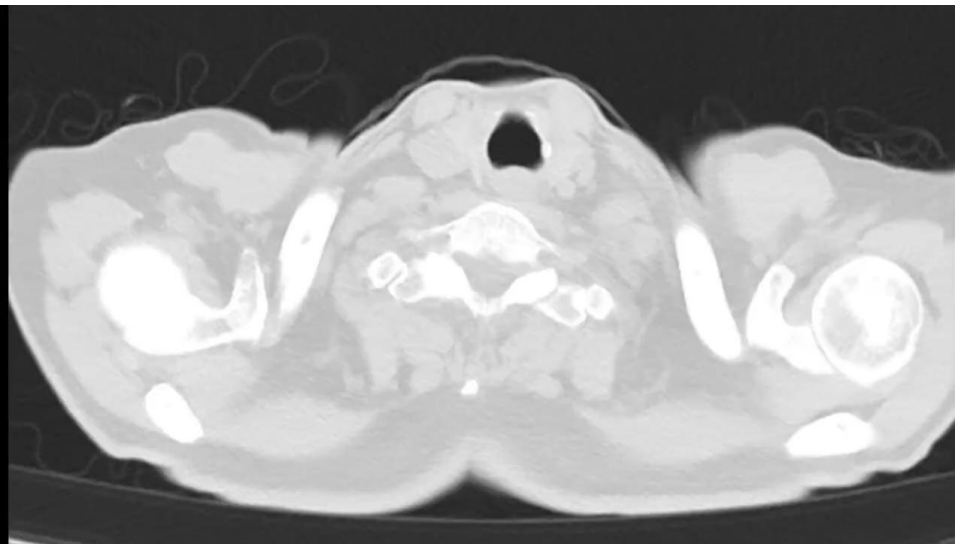
Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis

Current treatment: oral corticosteroid 0.5mg/kg*2weeks, then taper

sputum幾乎沒有了



Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis



Diffuse panbronchiolitis

71M Chronic cough and dyspnea on exertion

Phx: recurrent *Pseudomonas* infection



Diffuse panbronchiolitis

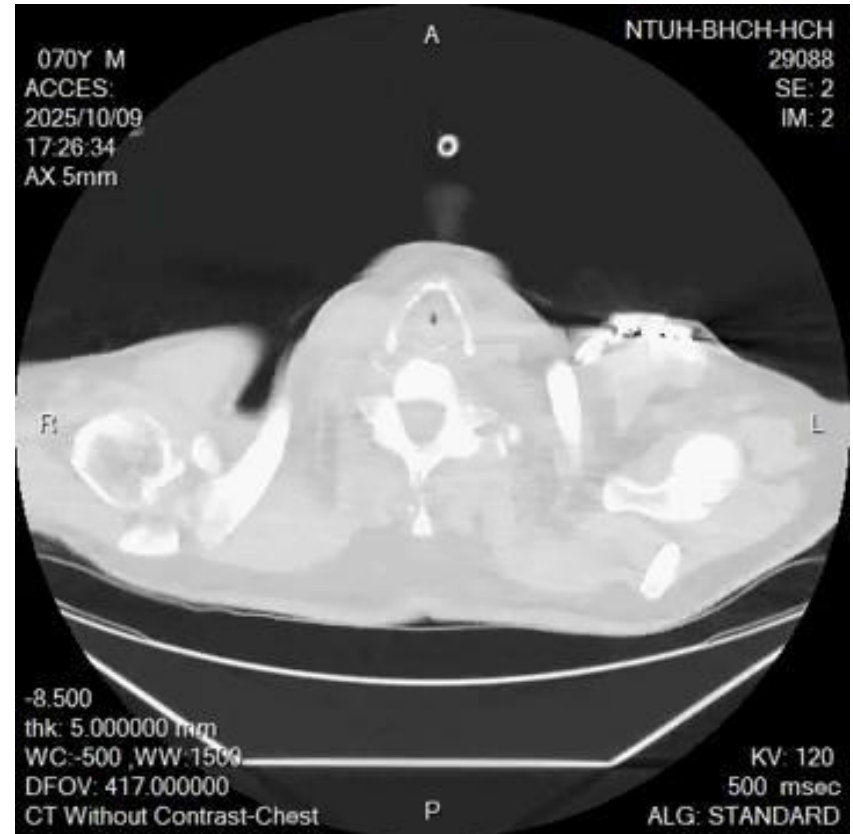
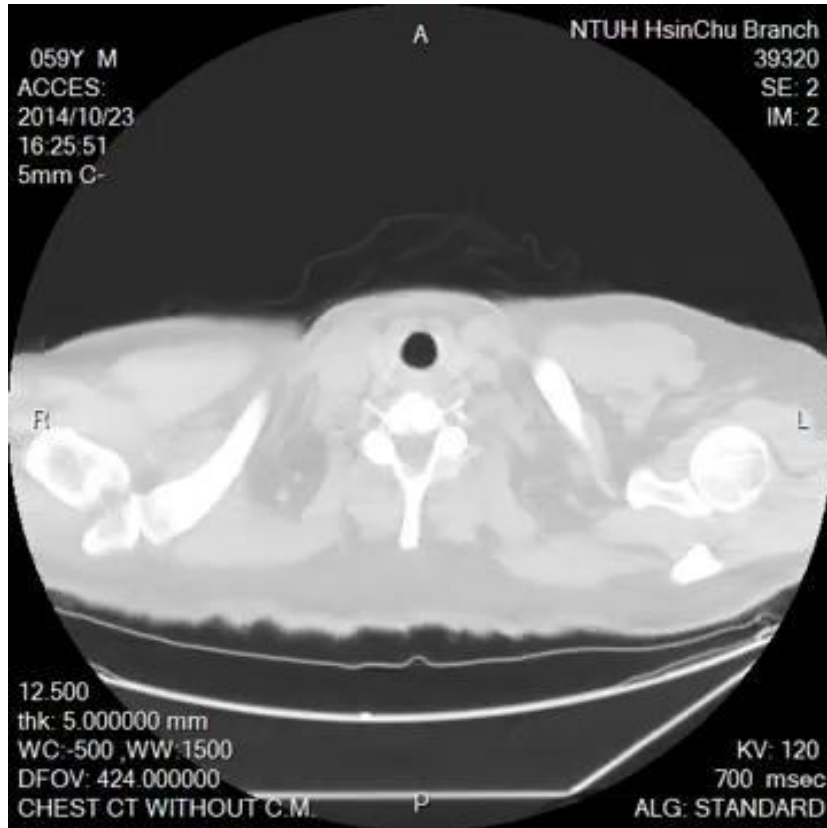
10 years later

Frequent CV comorbidities

(complete AV block s/p
pacemaker)



Diffuse panbronchiolitis



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