

TBILISI LUNG HEALTH CONFERENCE 2024 / 18 – 20 OCTOBER 2024

# HRCT: Case Discussion

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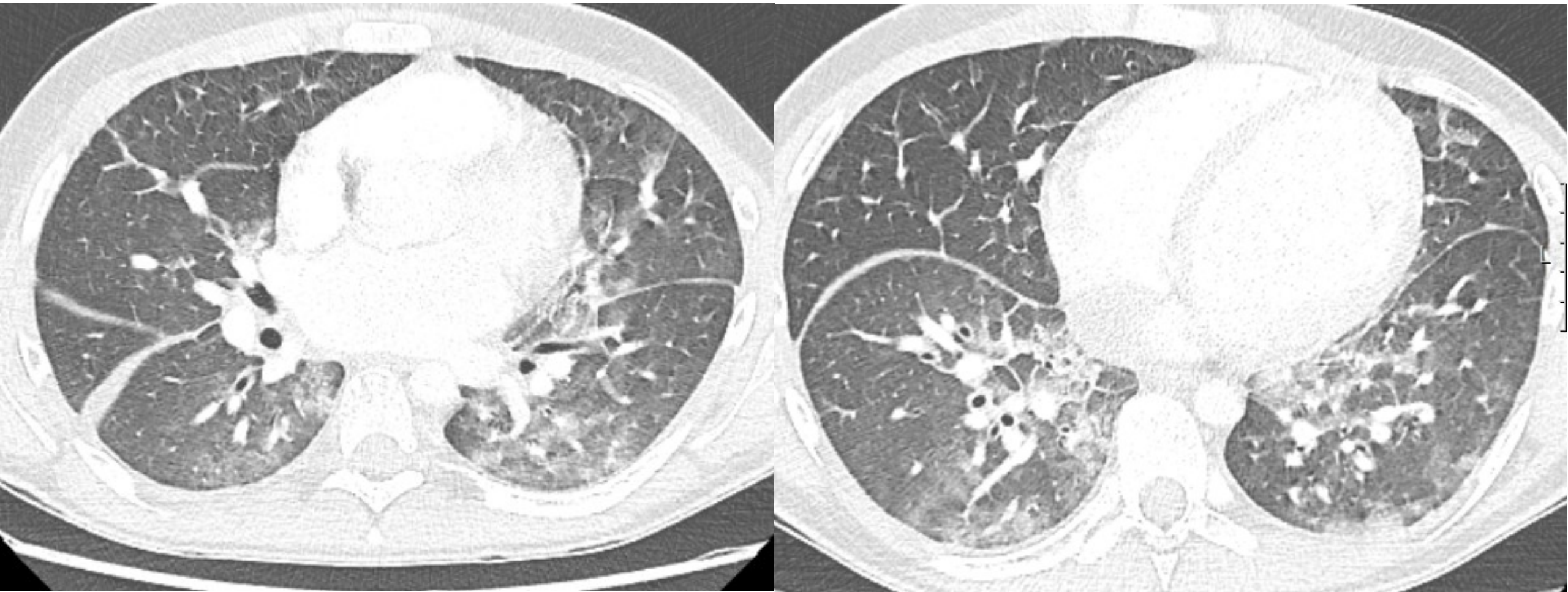
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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Radiological anatomy of the lung
- Interpreting current CT findings
- Approach to diagnosis with different cases

# Case 1

- 18-year-old male, AML patient
- Dyspnea started in the last week
- Pulmonary thromboembolism? Fungal pneumonia?
- HRCT examination requested



CT- Lung parenchymal window

Ground glass appearance and interlobular septal thickening in both lungs

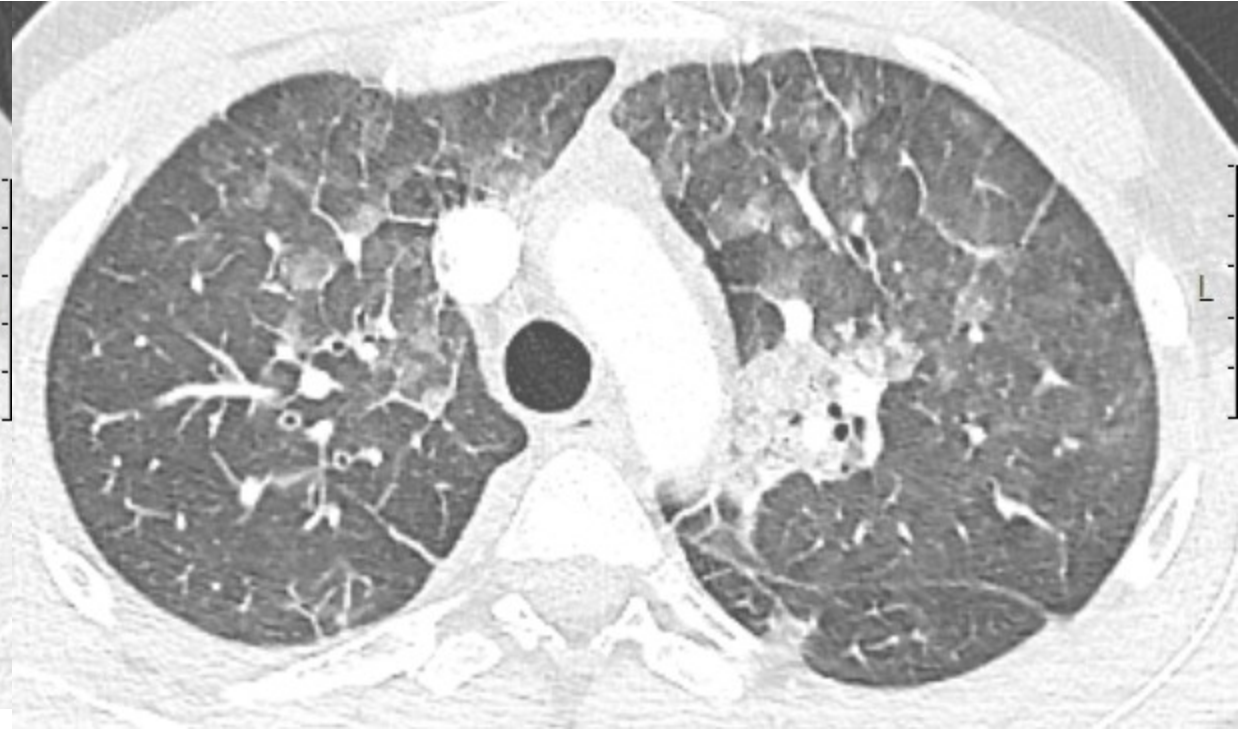






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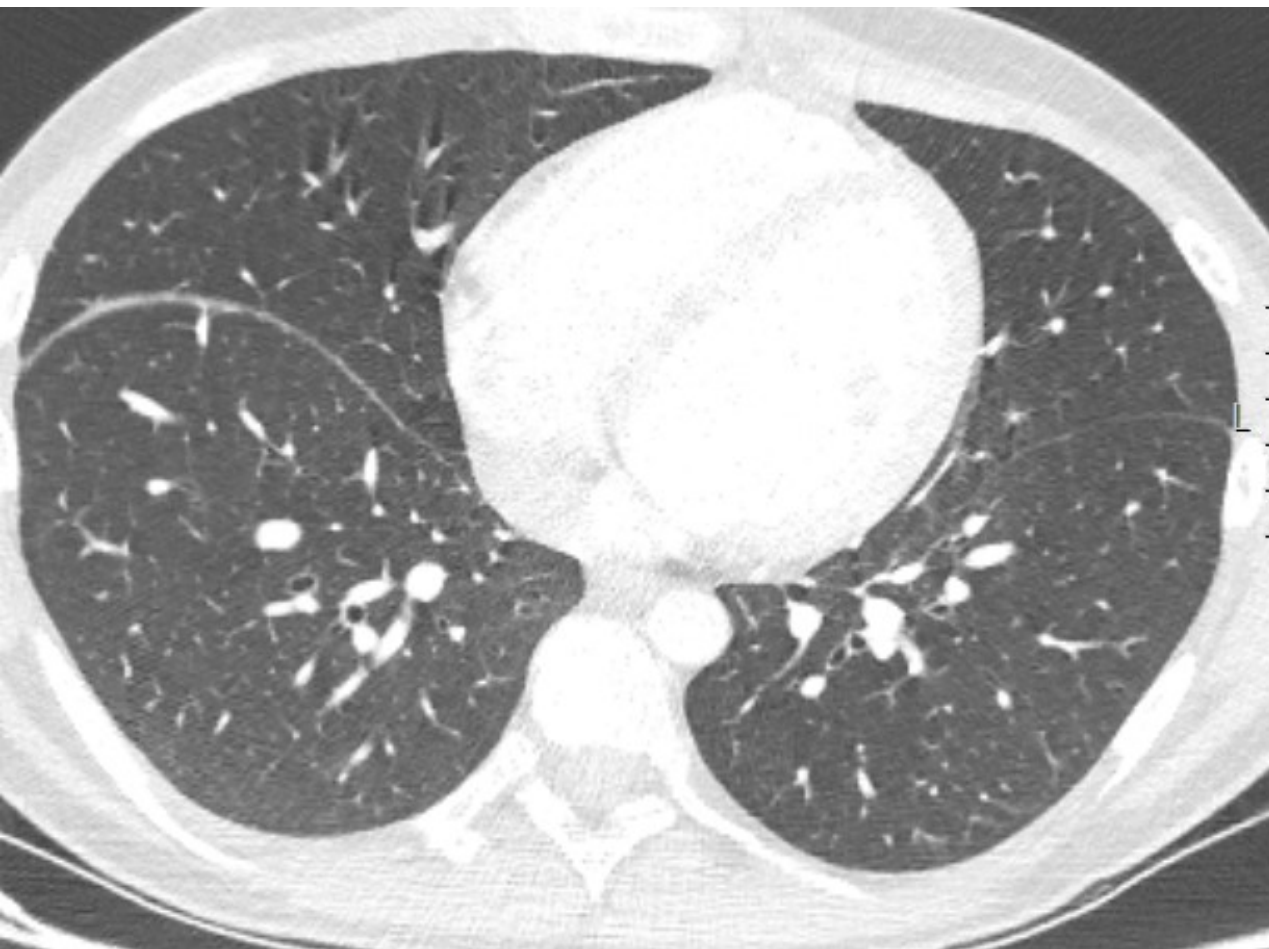
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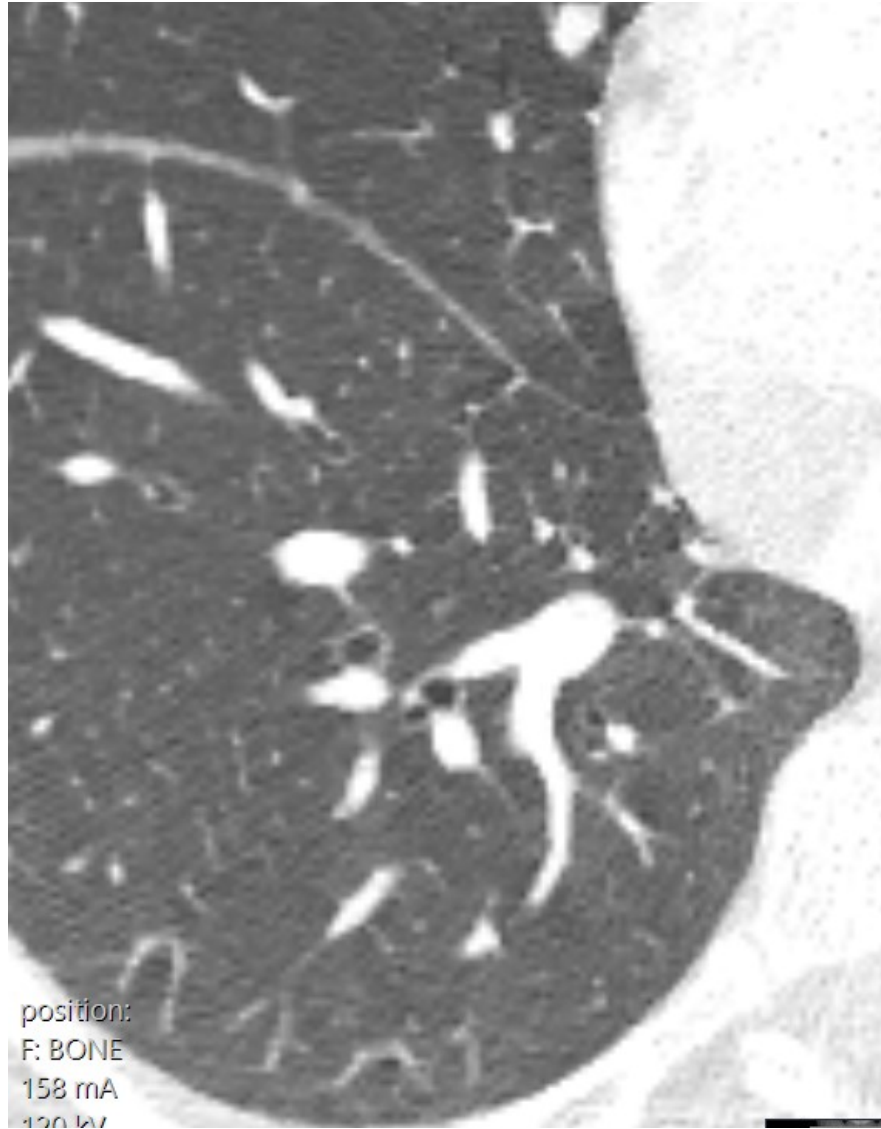


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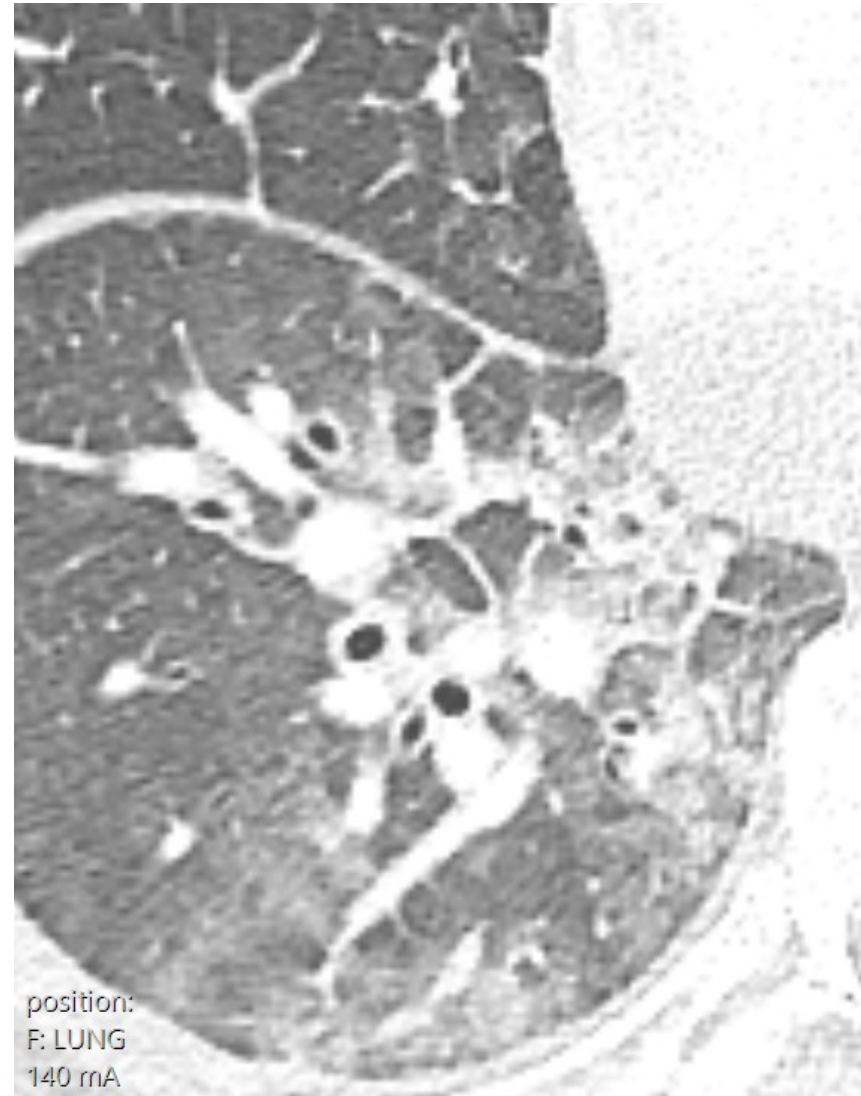
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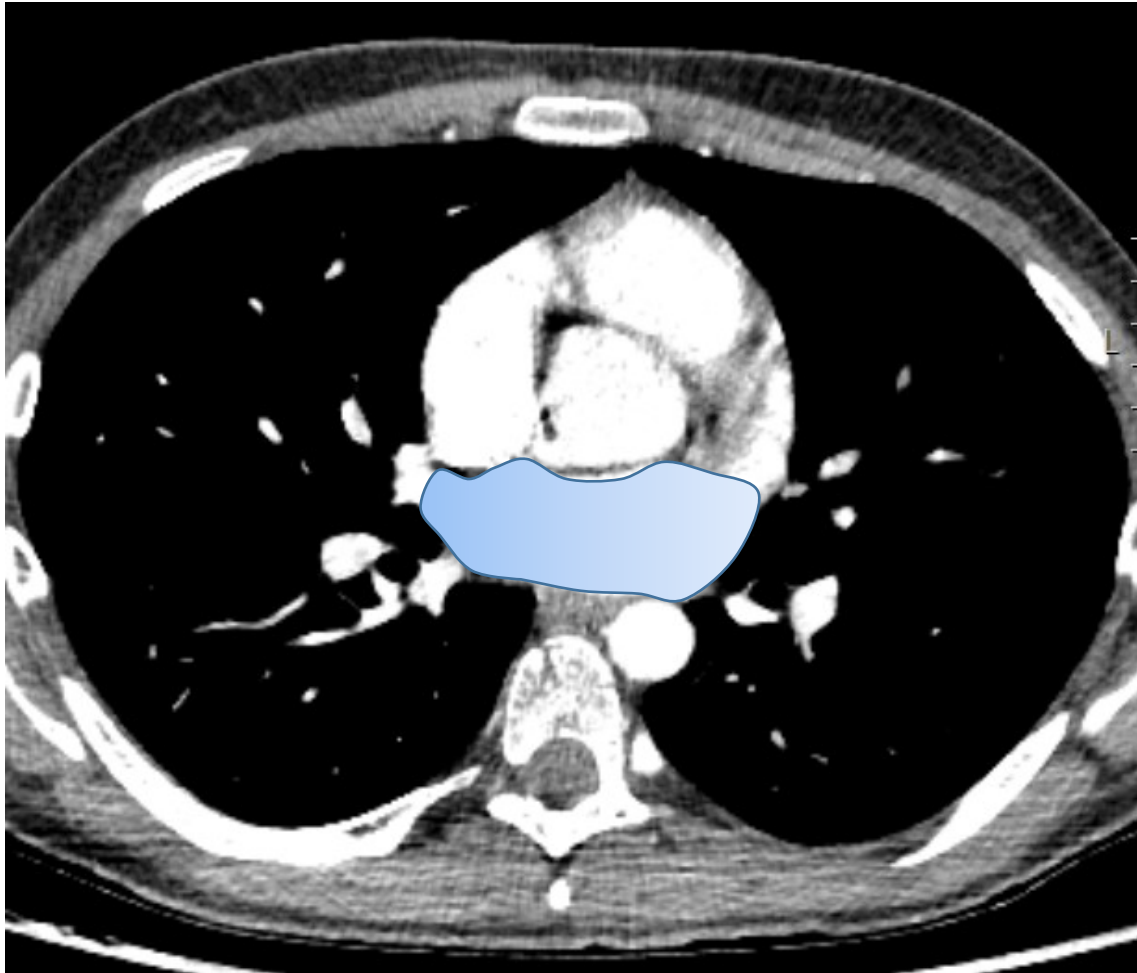
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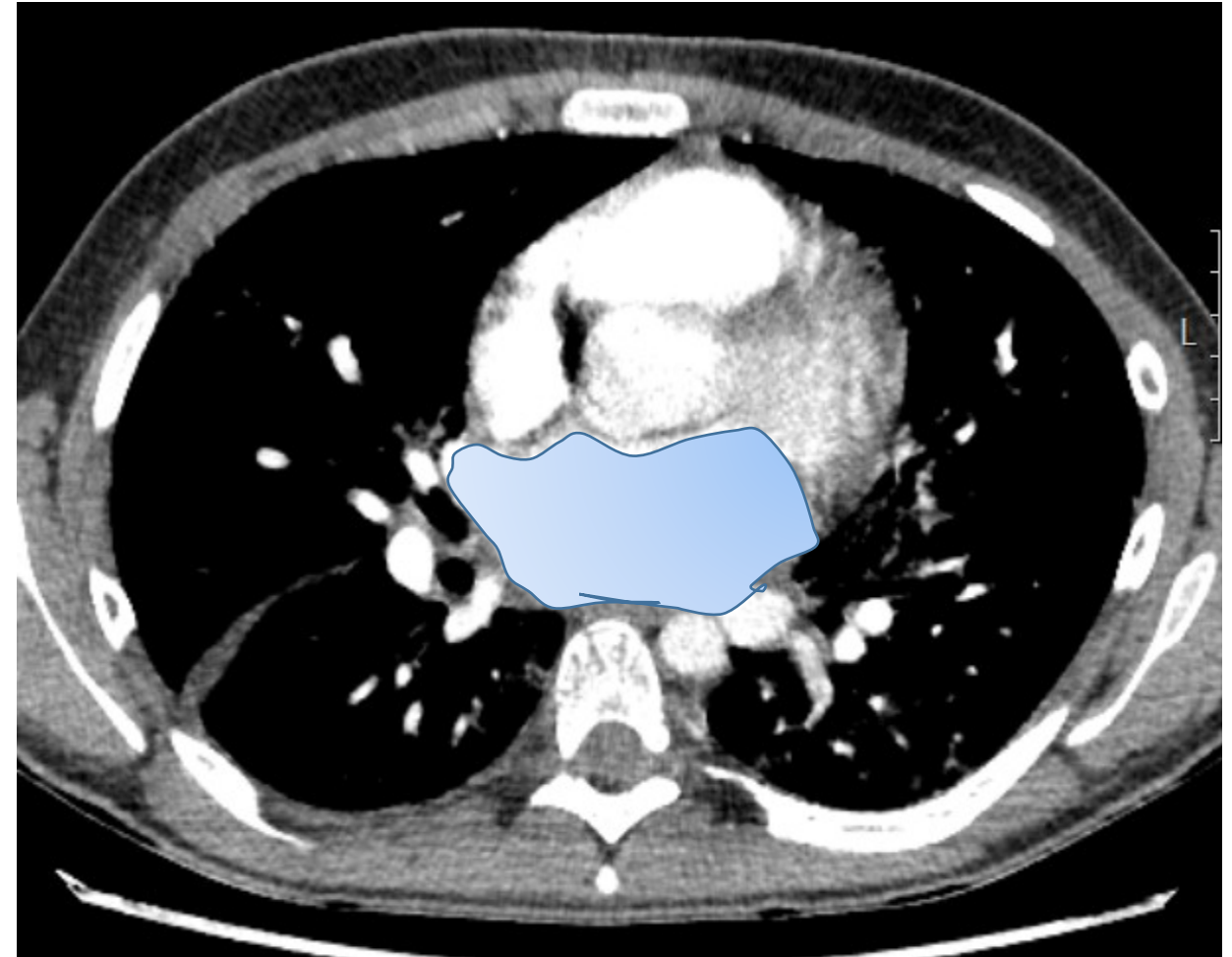
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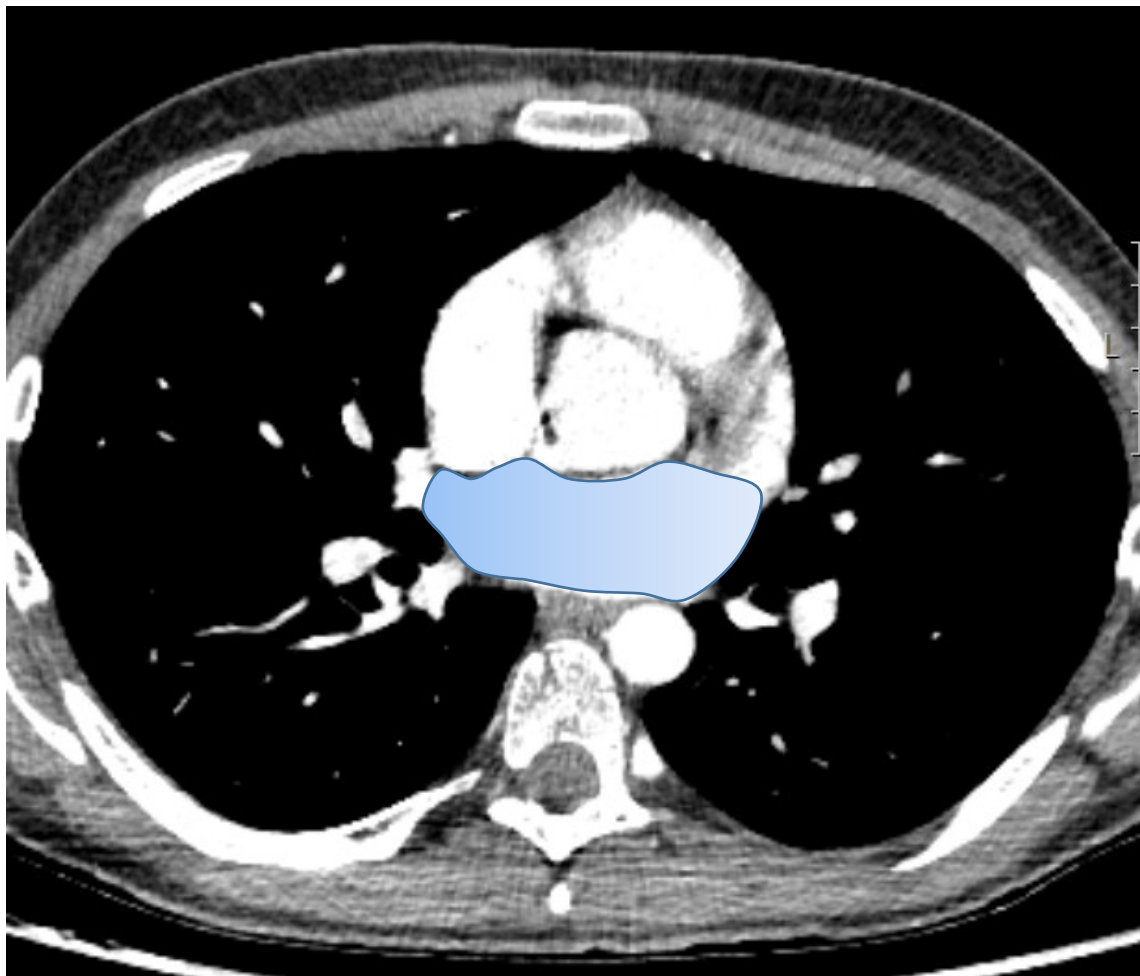


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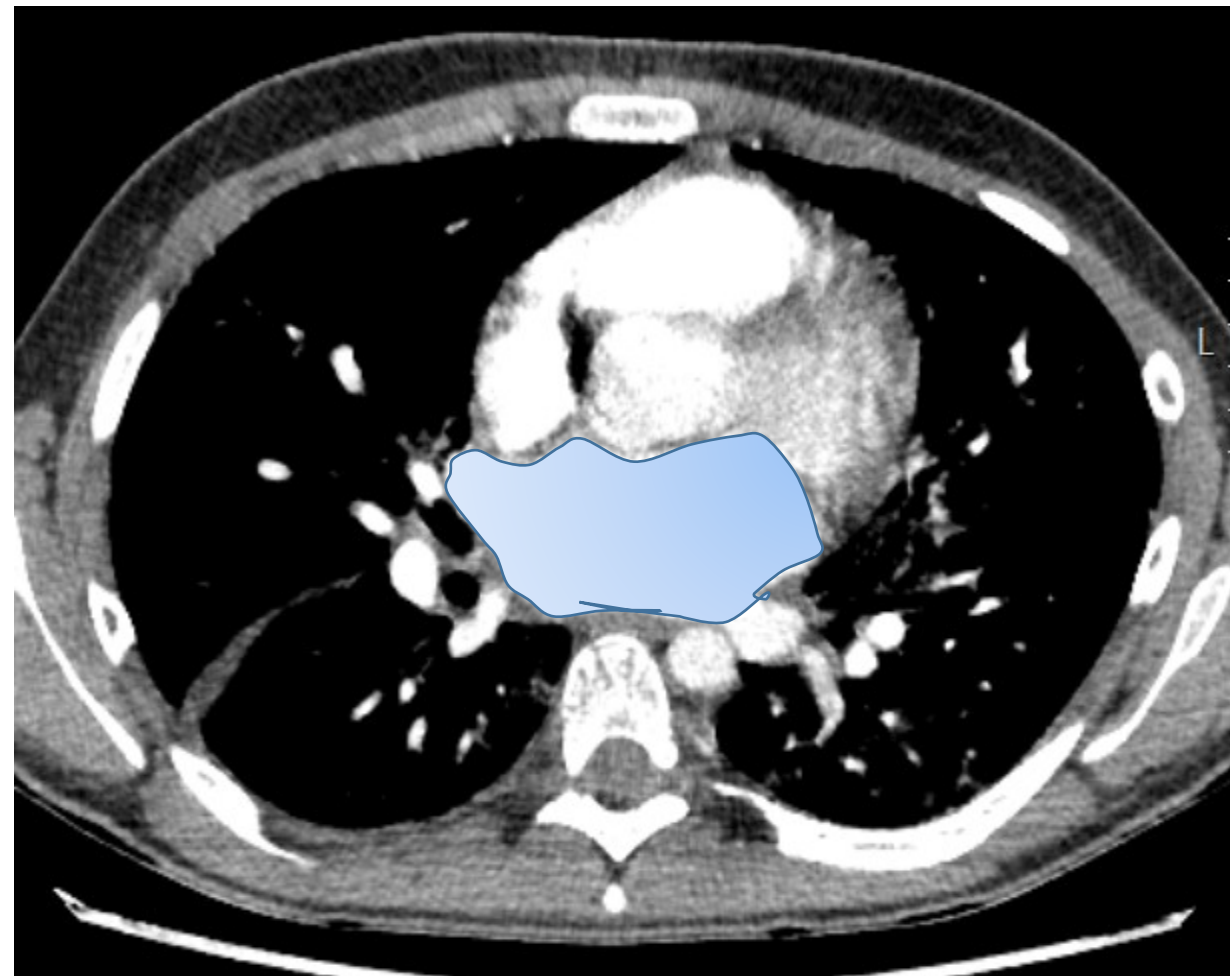
**Left atrium enlarged**



EF value in echocardiography is 25%



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CT diagnosis

Pulmonary edema and cardiac  
failure



Clinical diagnosis

**Anthracycline-induced  
cardiotoxicity**

# Anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity

- Anthracycline is a class of commonly used agents for the treatment of solid and hematologic cancers.
- Anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity (AIC) accounts for greater than 30% of cardiotoxicity from cancer-related therapy.
- When symptoms and signs of cardiotoxicity such as congestive heart failure are identified early, discontinuation of anthracycline, initiating appropriate medical management followed by frequent monitoring of cardiac function can help to alleviate further decline of cardiac function.

Chong EG, Lee EH, Sail R, Denham L, Nagaraj G, Hsueh CT. Anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity: A case report and review of literature. *World J Cardiol.* 2021 Jan 26;13(1):28-37.

# INTERSTITIUM



# PULMONARY INTERSTITIUM

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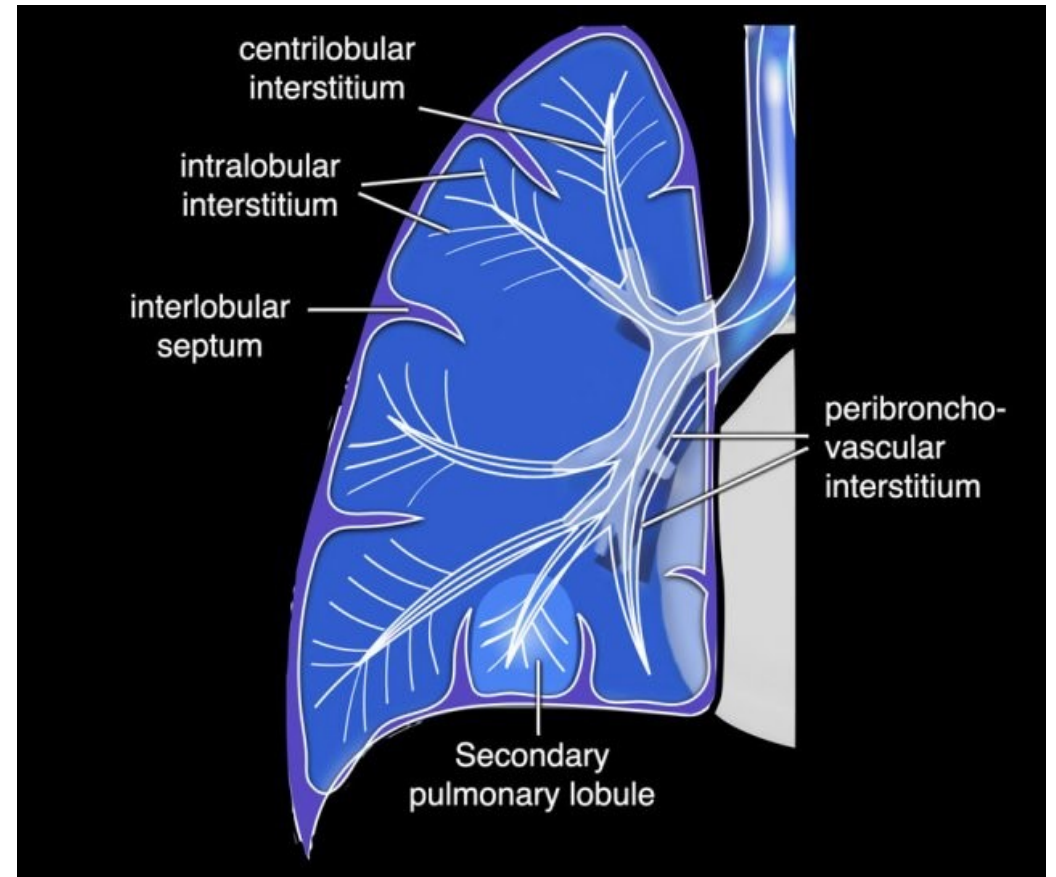
surrounding the bronchovascular tree

## 2. Peripheral:

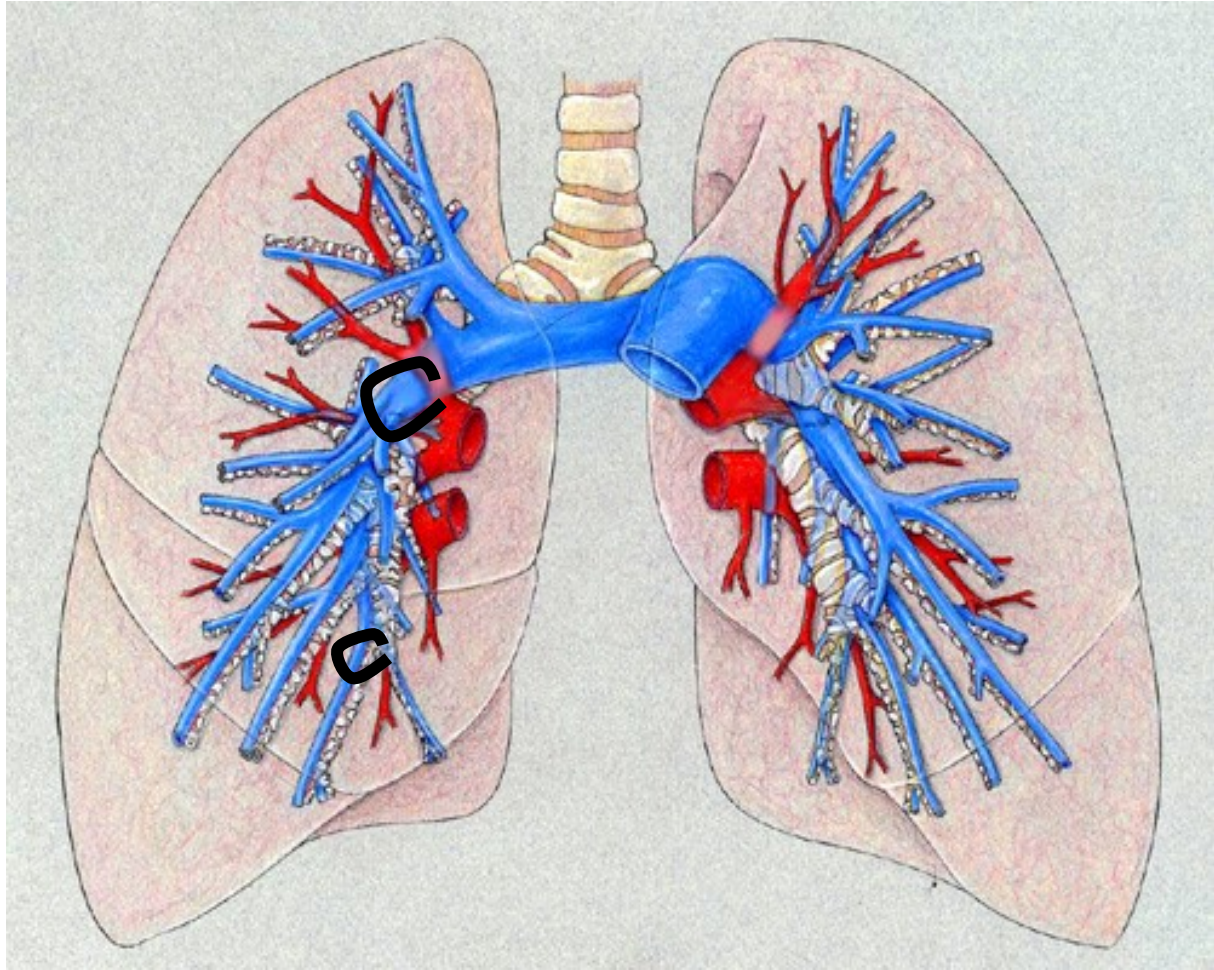
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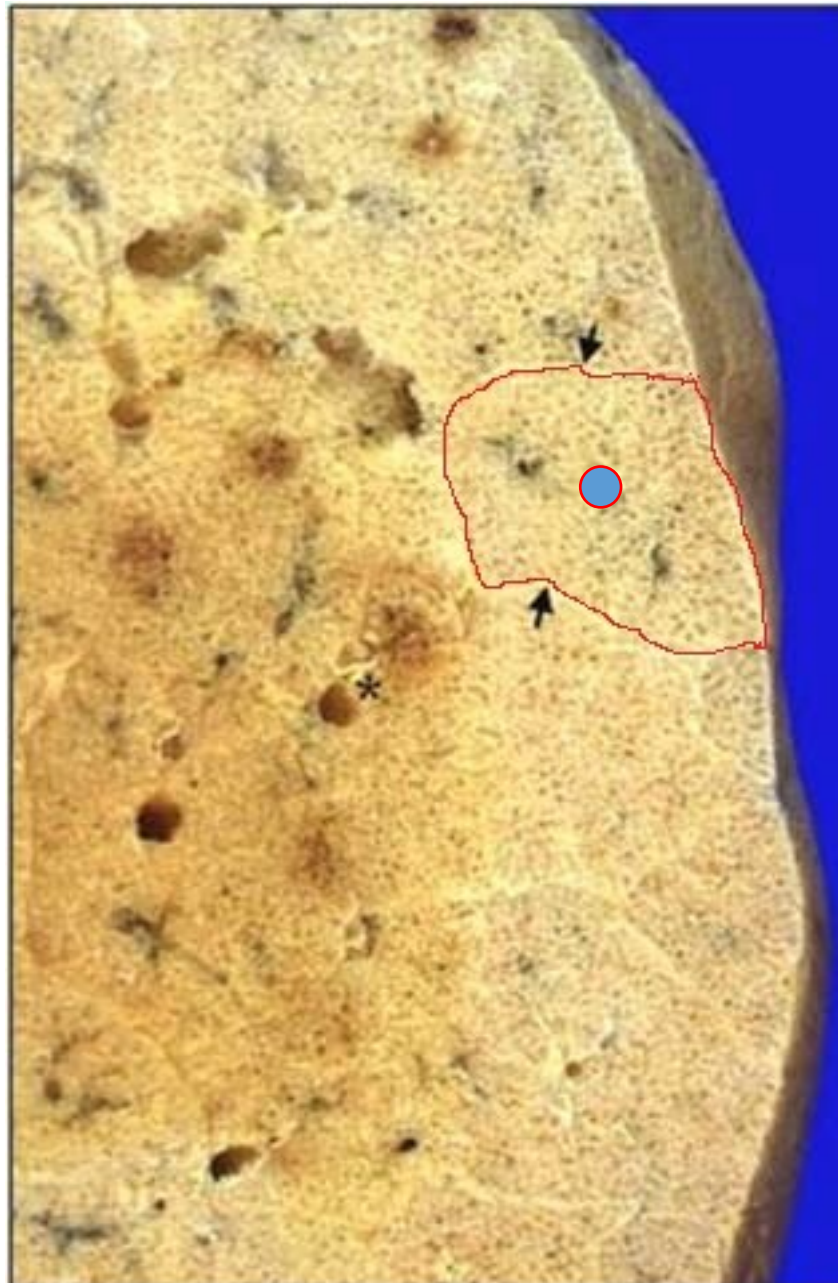
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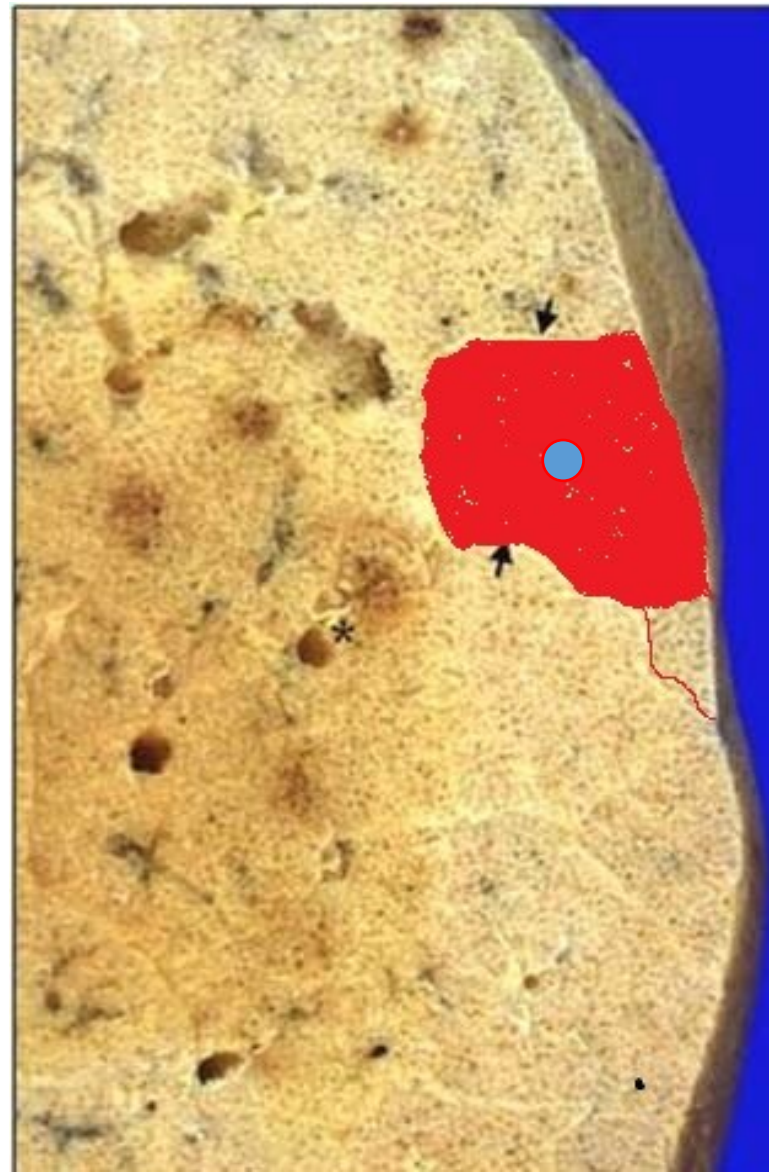


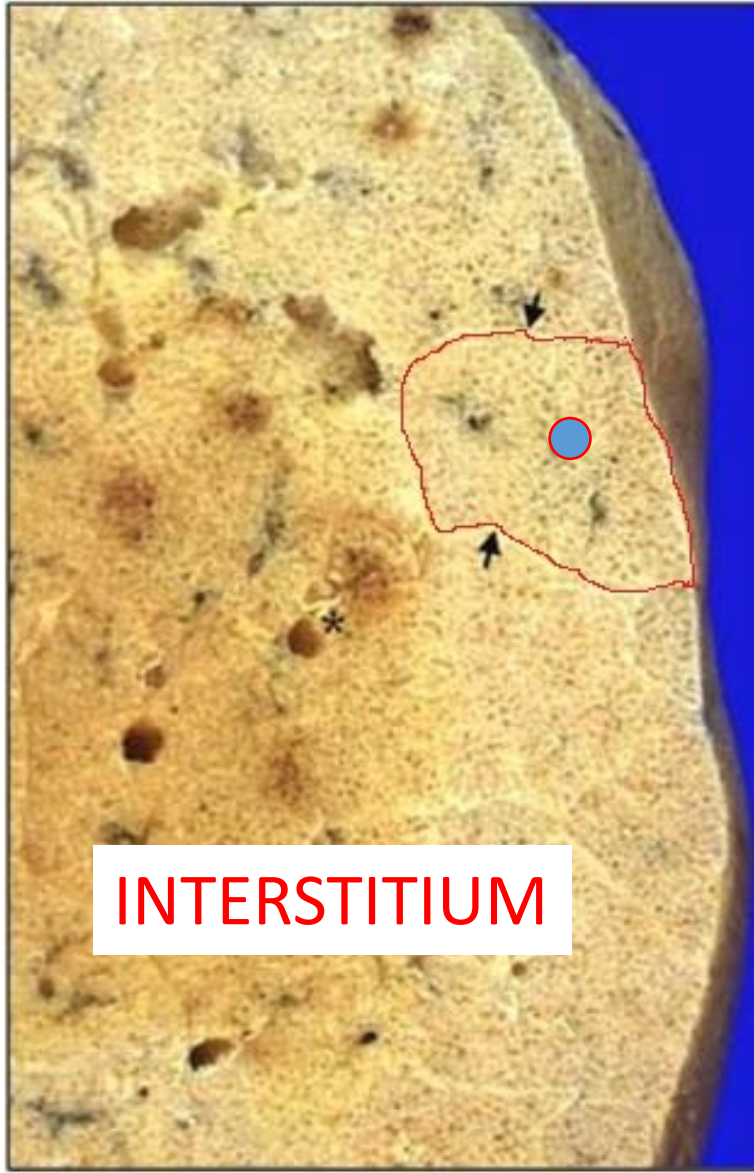




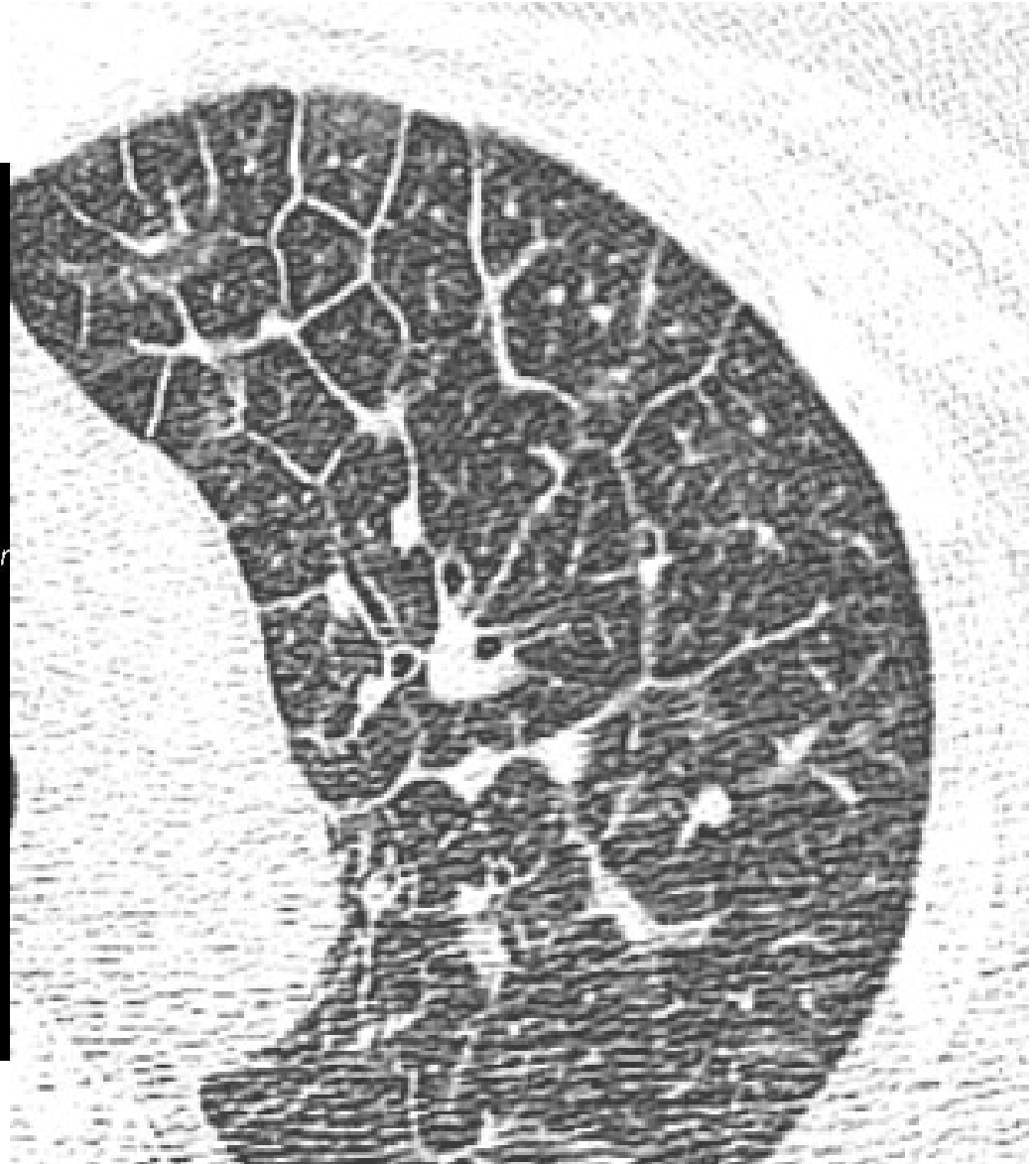
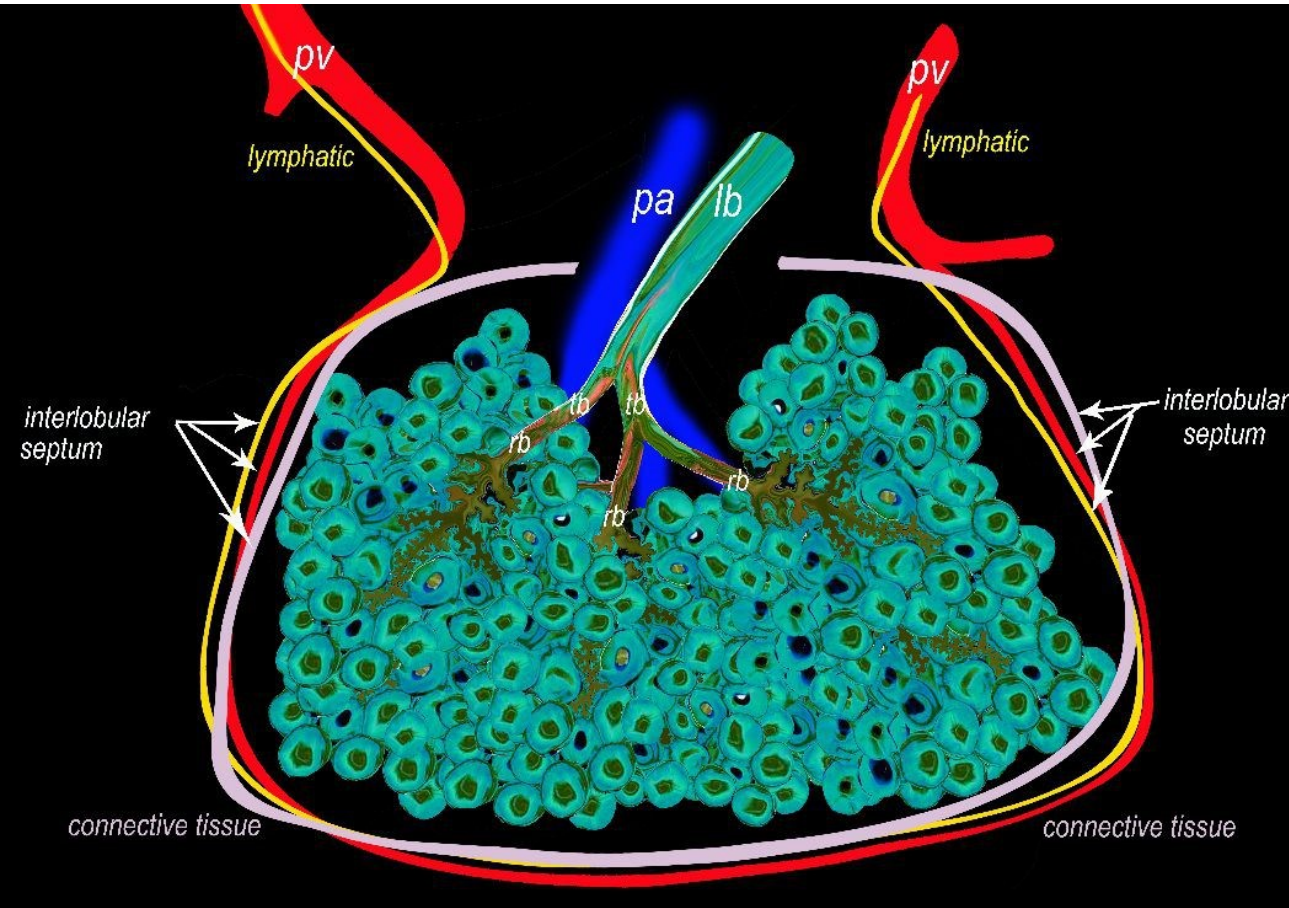


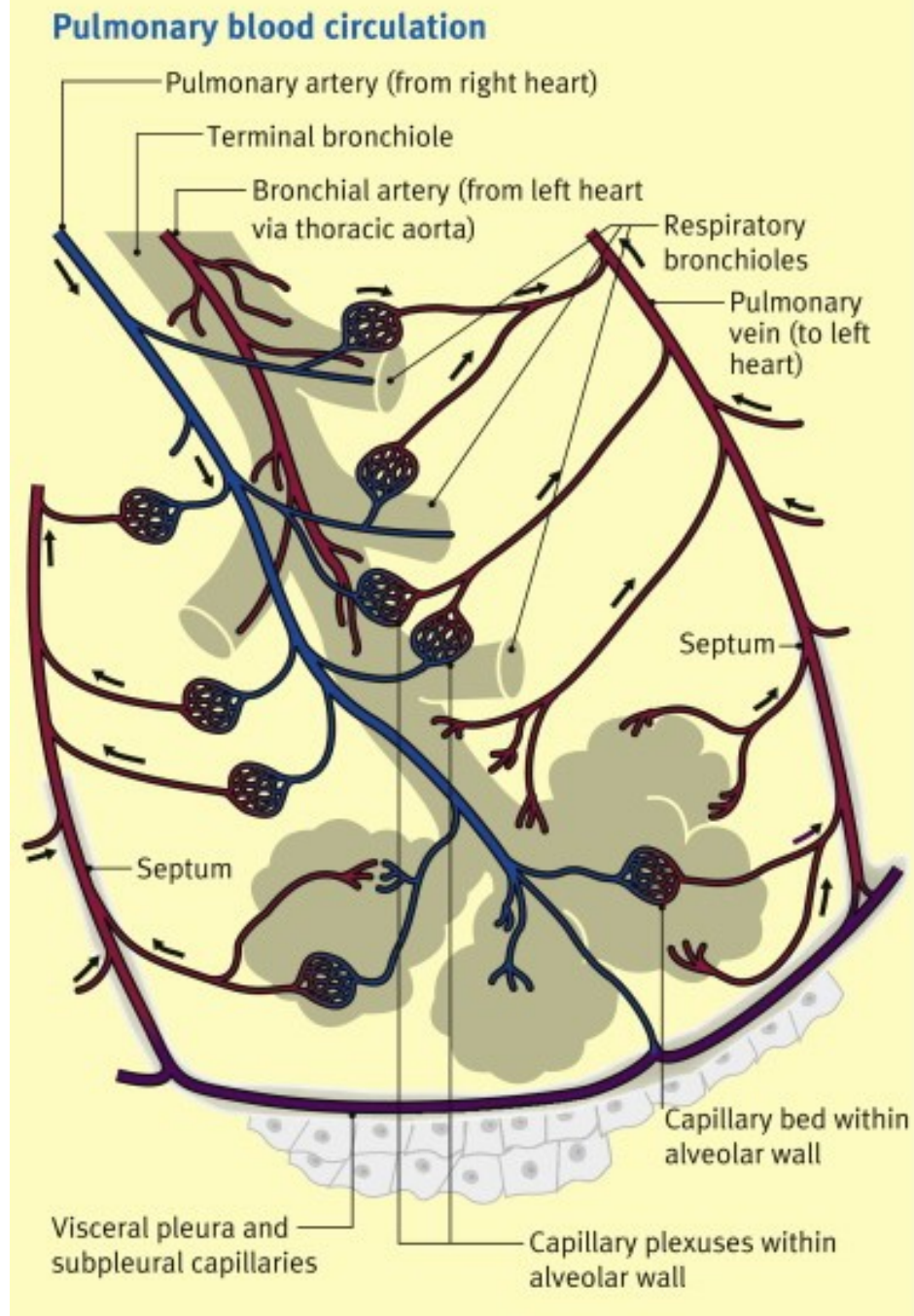
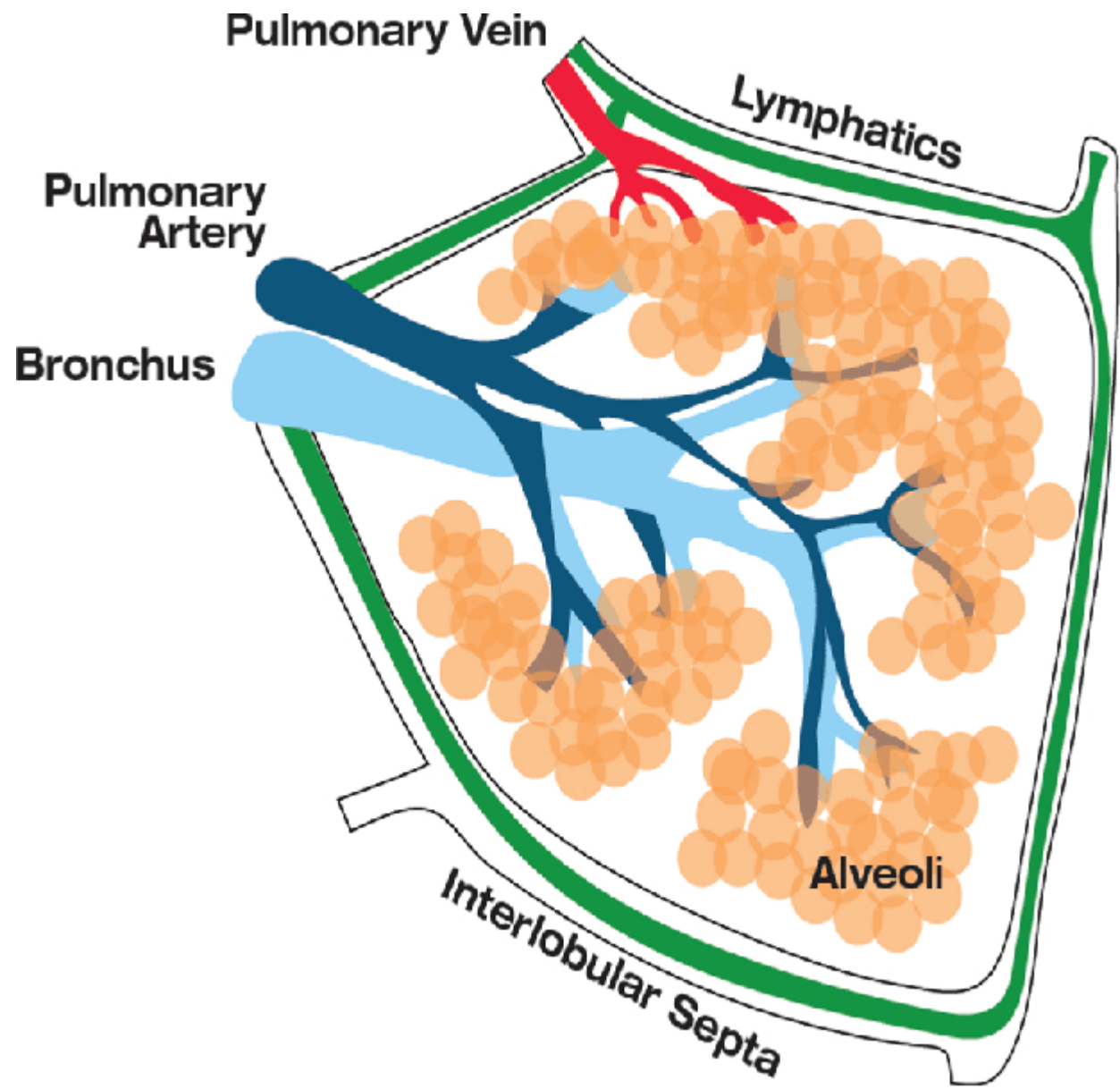




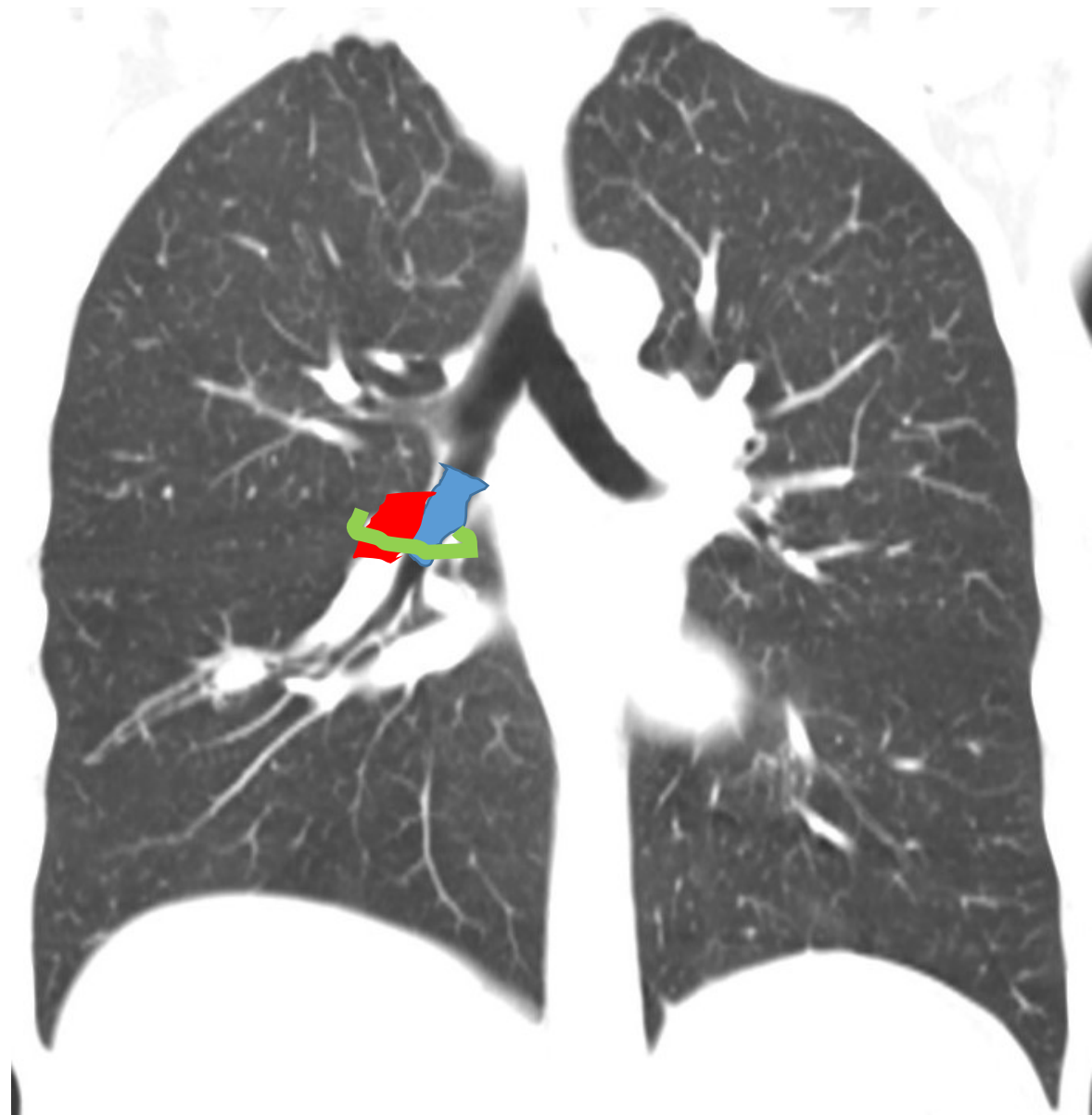
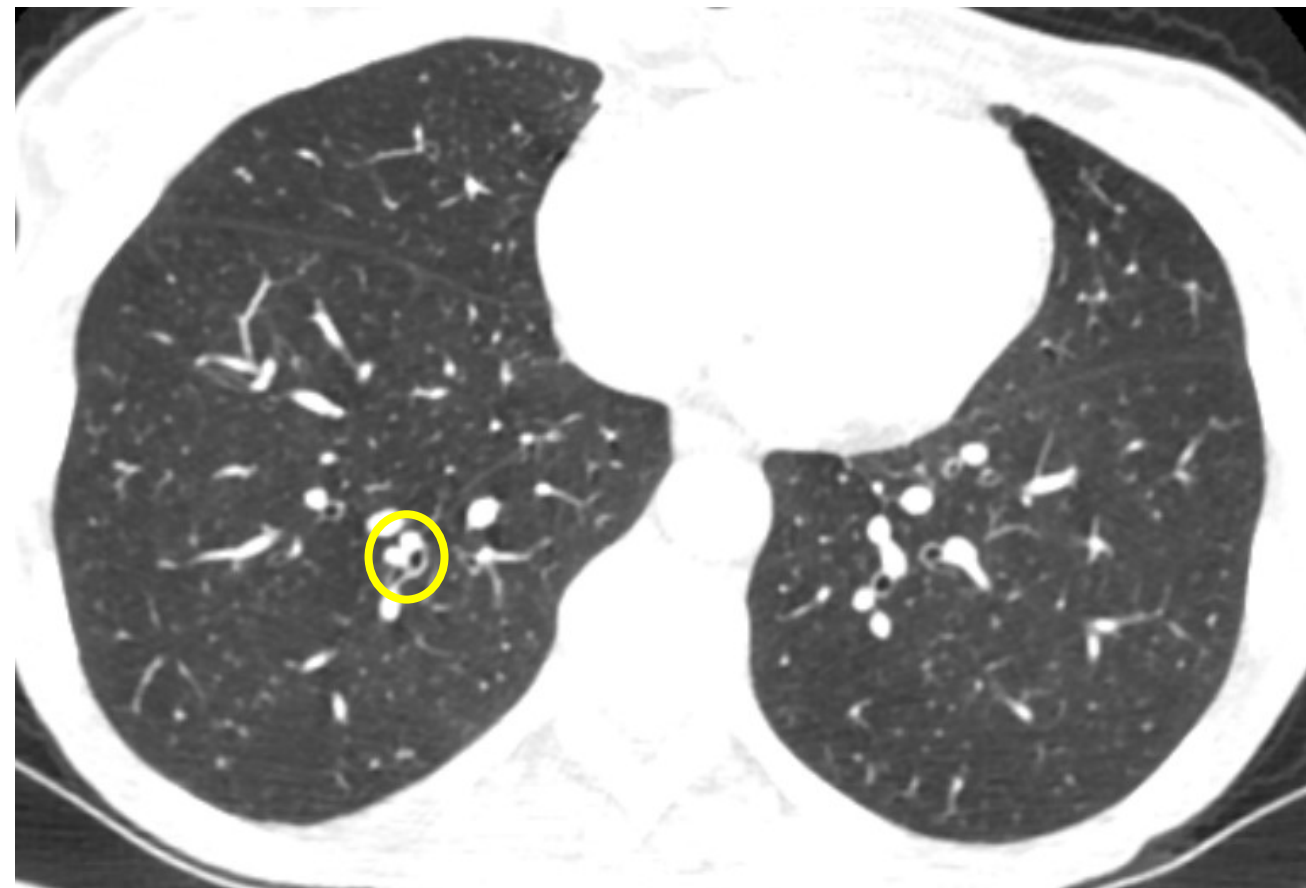


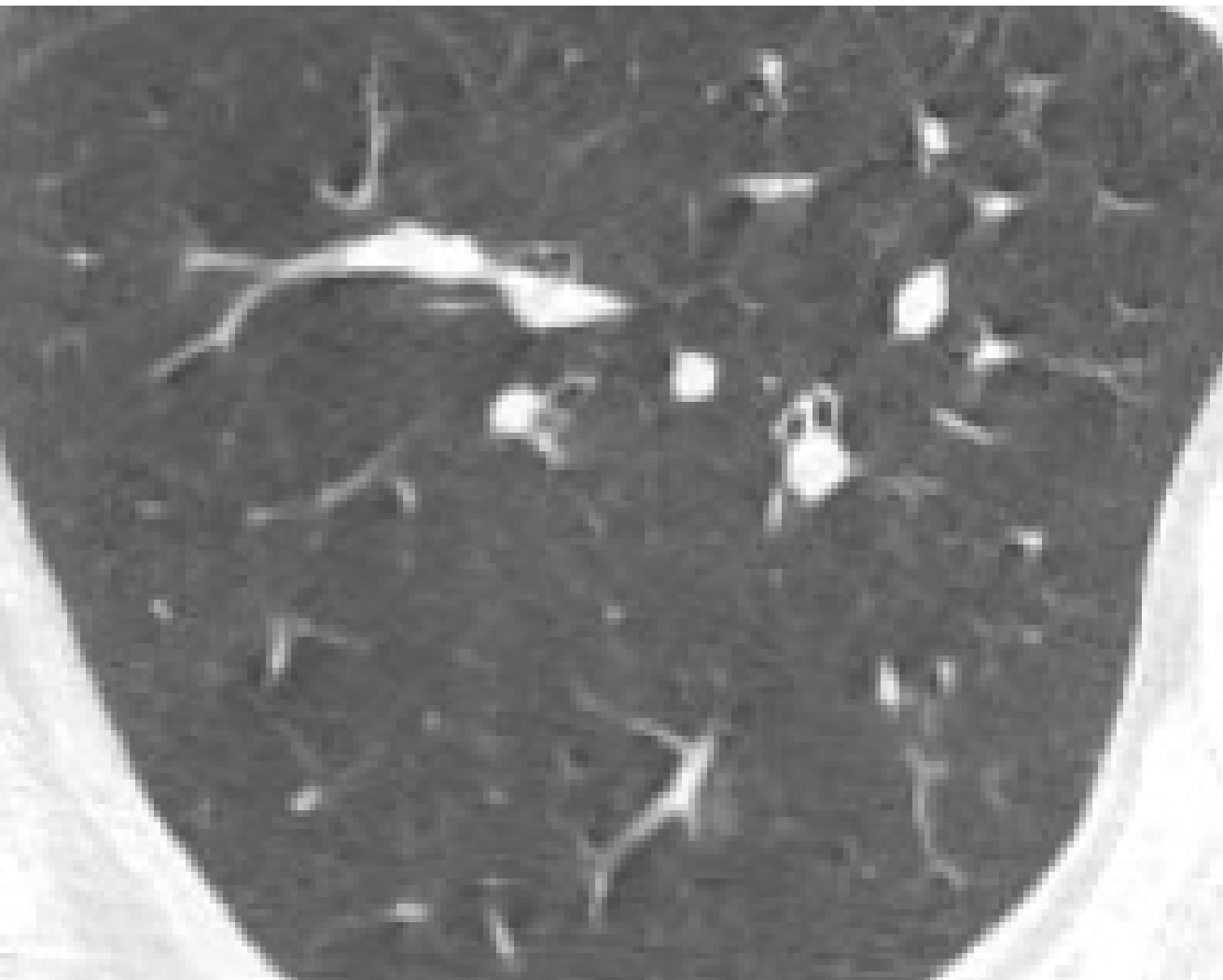




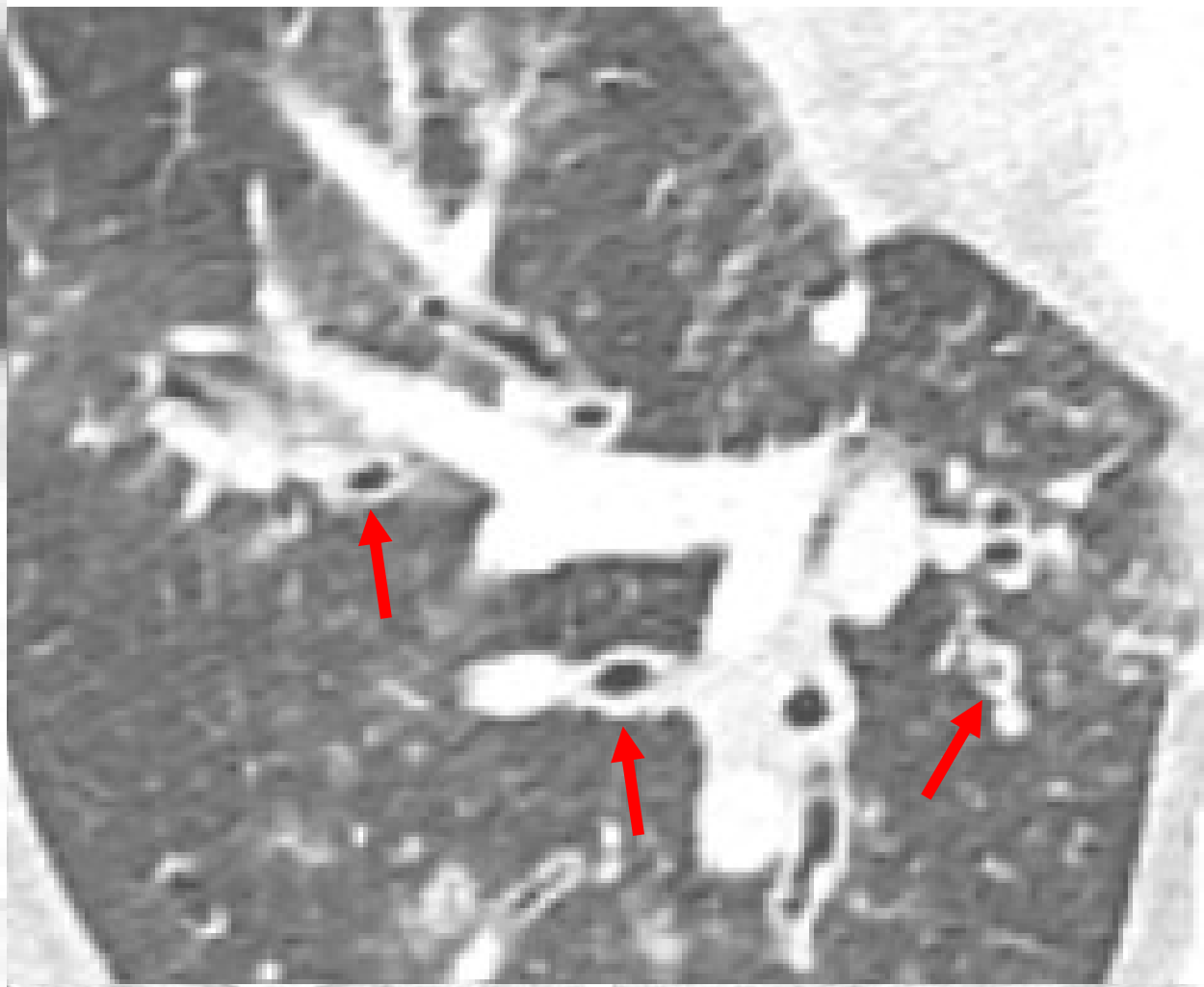




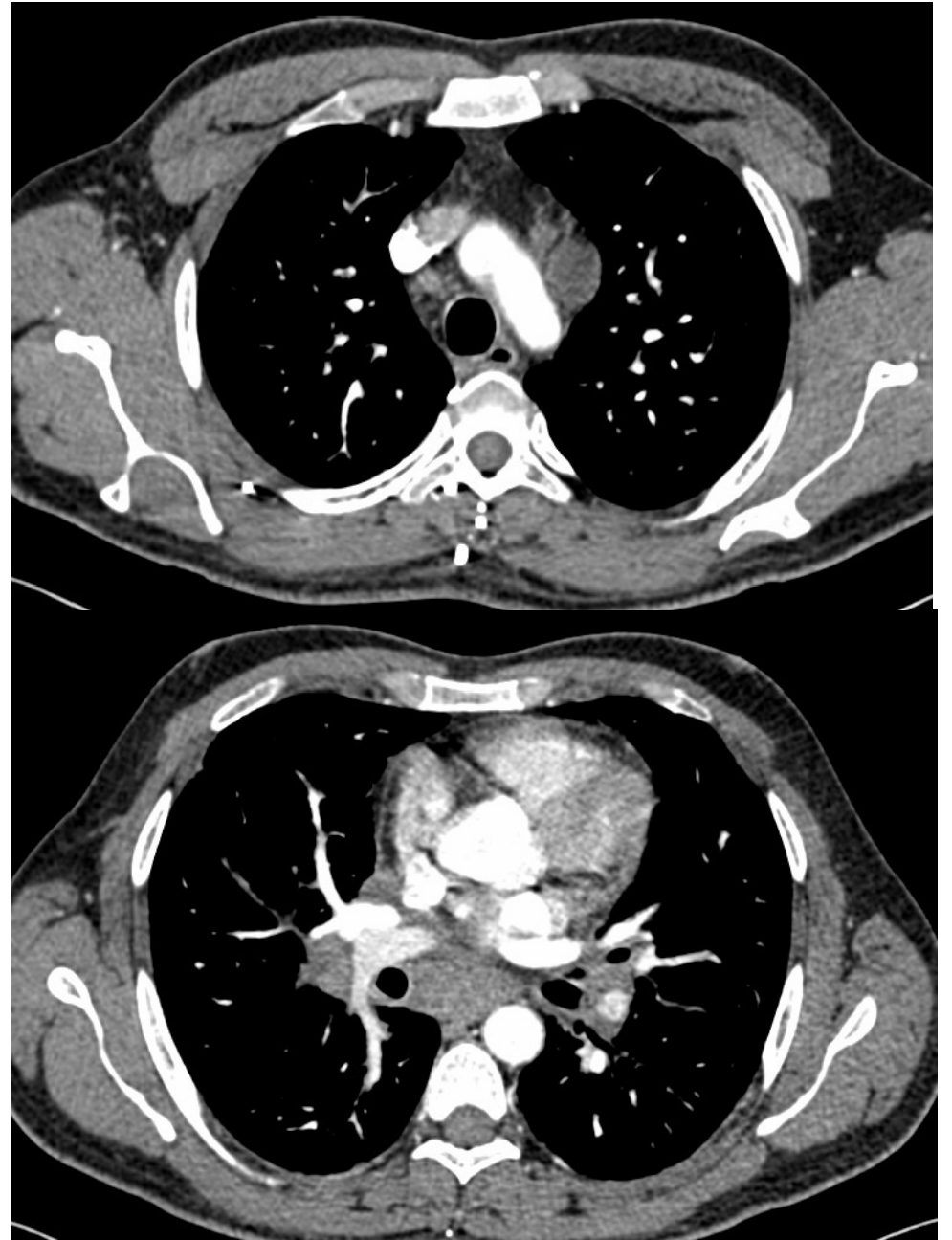


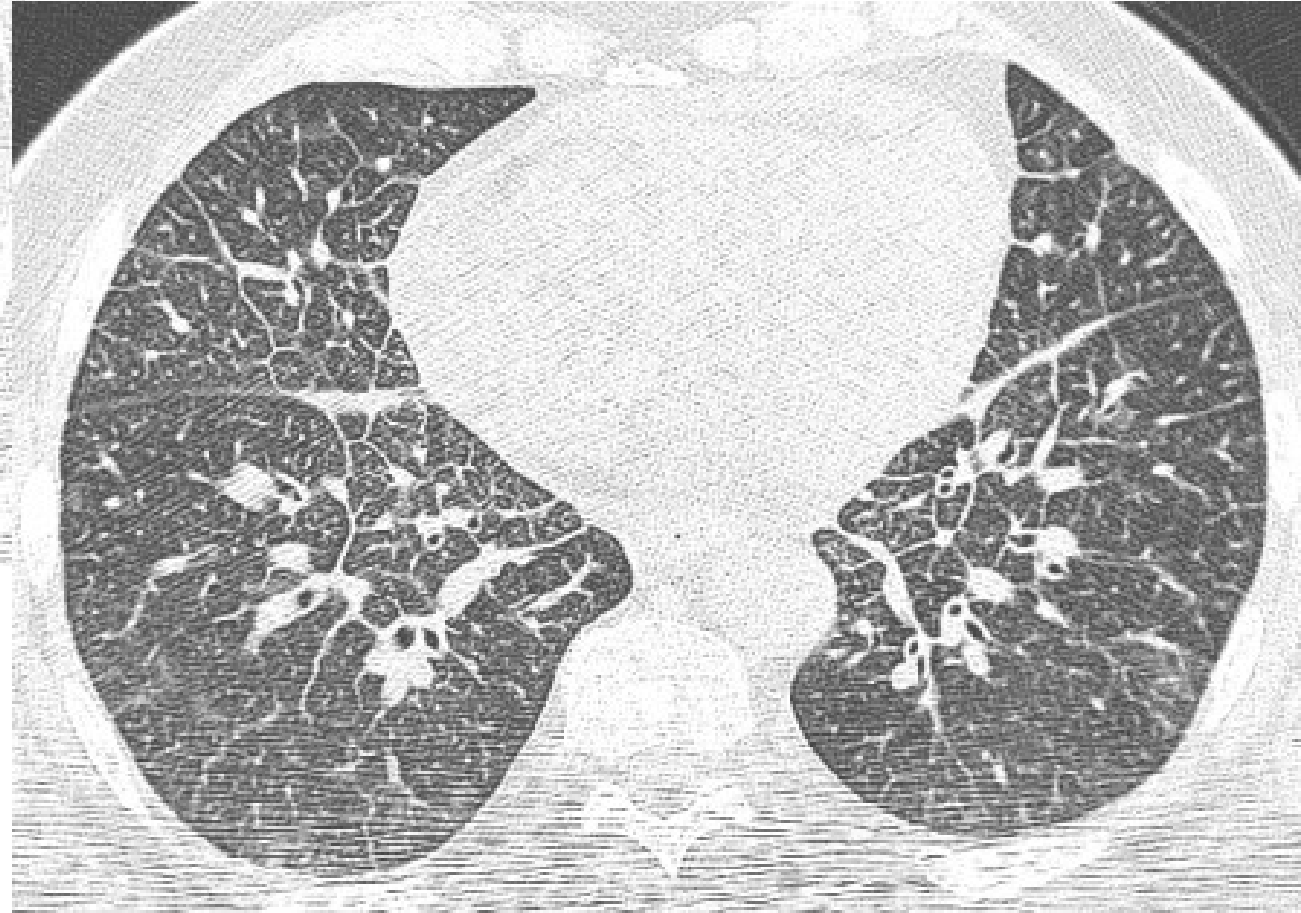
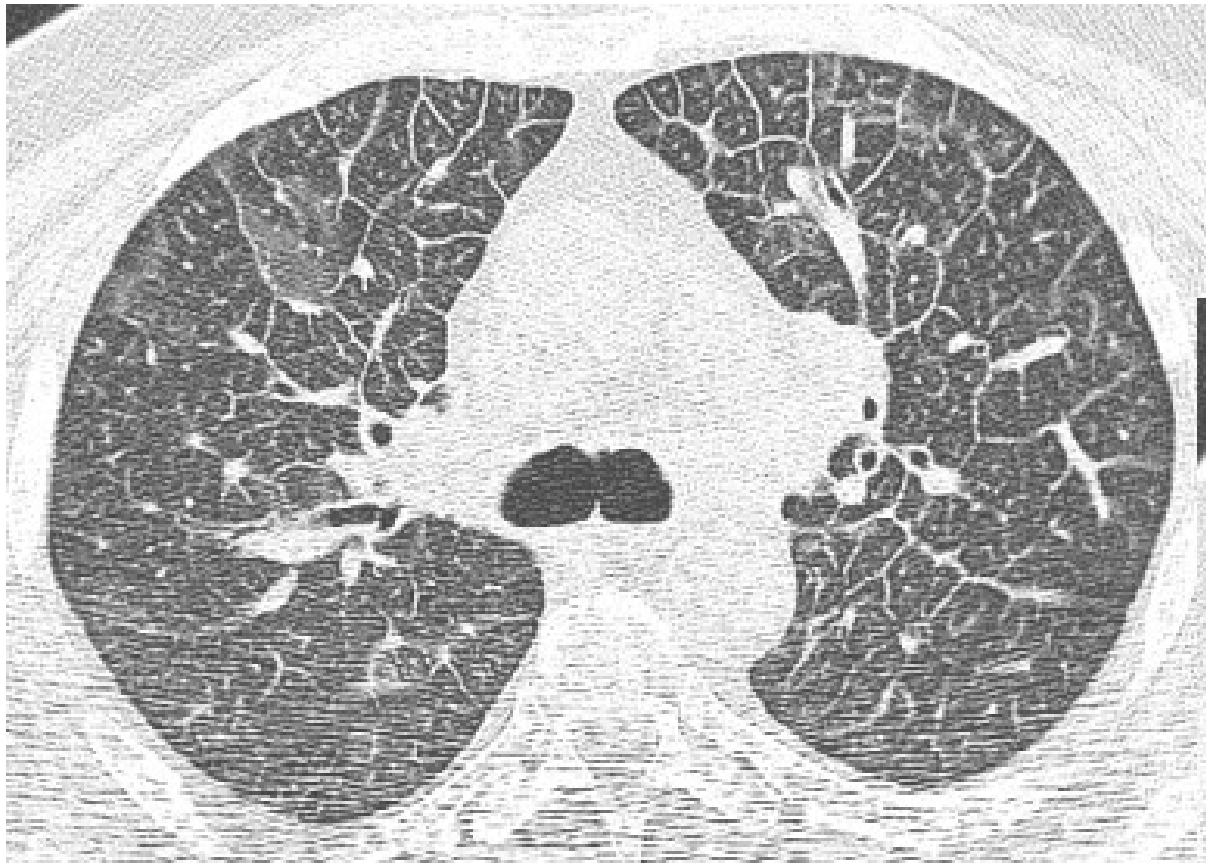


Normal



Bronchovascular bundle thickening





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# Causes of interlobular and bronchovascular bundle thickening

- Pulmonary edema
- Lymphangitic carcinomatosis
- Lymphoma, leukemia
- Sarcoidosis
- UIP and NSIP
- Asbestosis, silicosis, coal worker's pneumoconiosis (CWP)
- Amyloidosis
- Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia (LIP), et al ...

## Case 2

- 40 year old female patient
- Prolonged cough and dyspnea
- Crackles on bilateral auscultation







Ground glass appearance, inter- and intralobular septal thickening



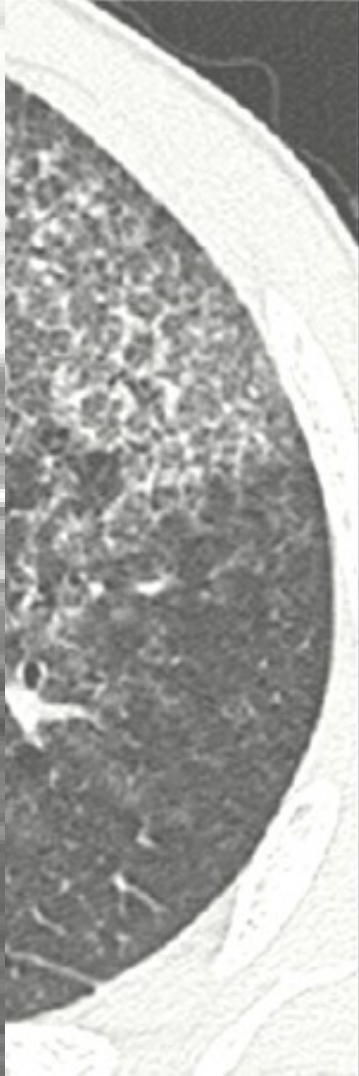
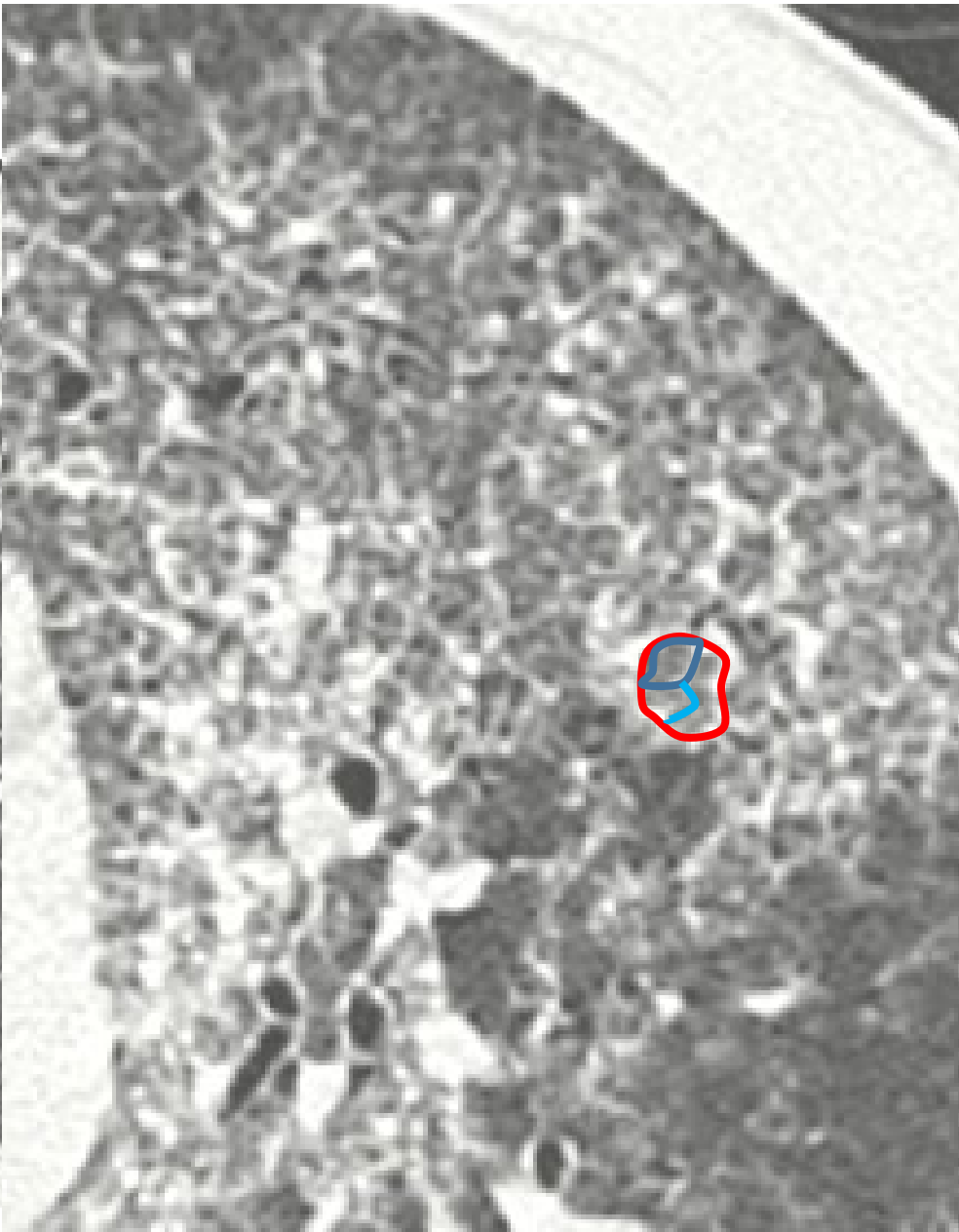
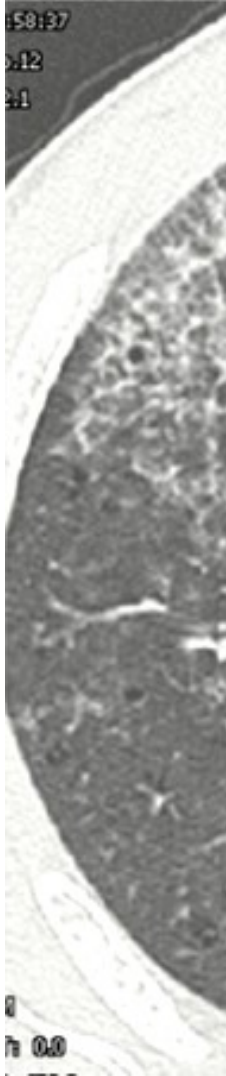


Crazy paving pattern on CT

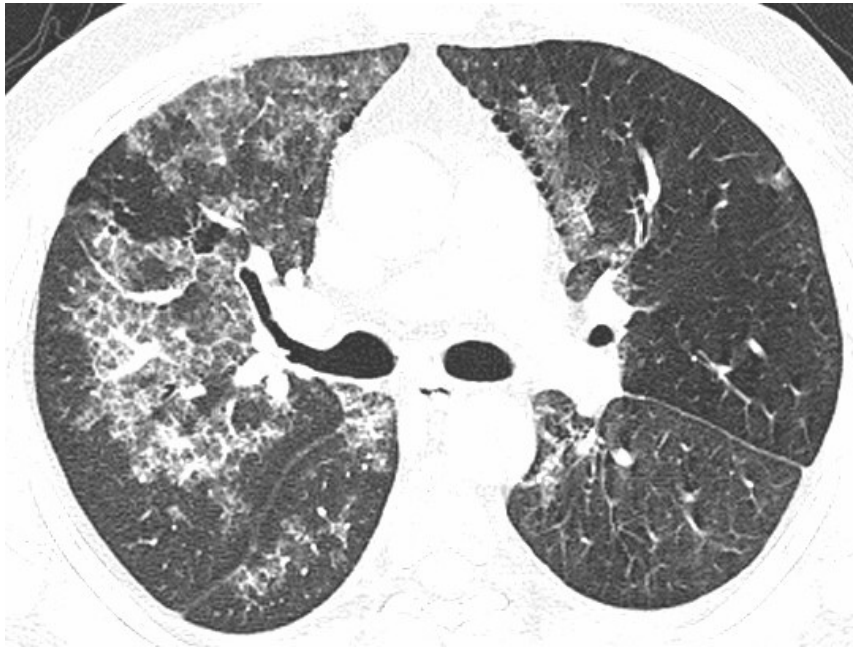
# “crazy-paving” pattern

- It consists of scattered or diffuse ground-glass attenuation with superimposed interlobular septal thickening and intralobular lines.









Pulmonary alveolar proteinosis (PAP)

# Pulmonary alveolar proteinosis (PAP)

- Lung disease characterized by an abnormal intra-alveolar accumulation of surfactant-derived lipoproteinaceous material.
- Lung changes are of either patchy or geographic distribution and may have a slightly lower lobe predilection
- Ground glass opacity typically resolves after therapeutic bronchoalveolar lavage, although septal thickening may persist .

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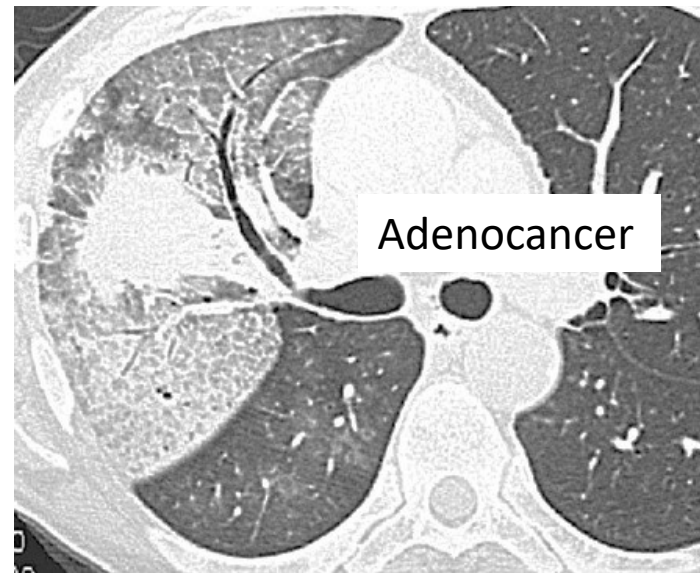
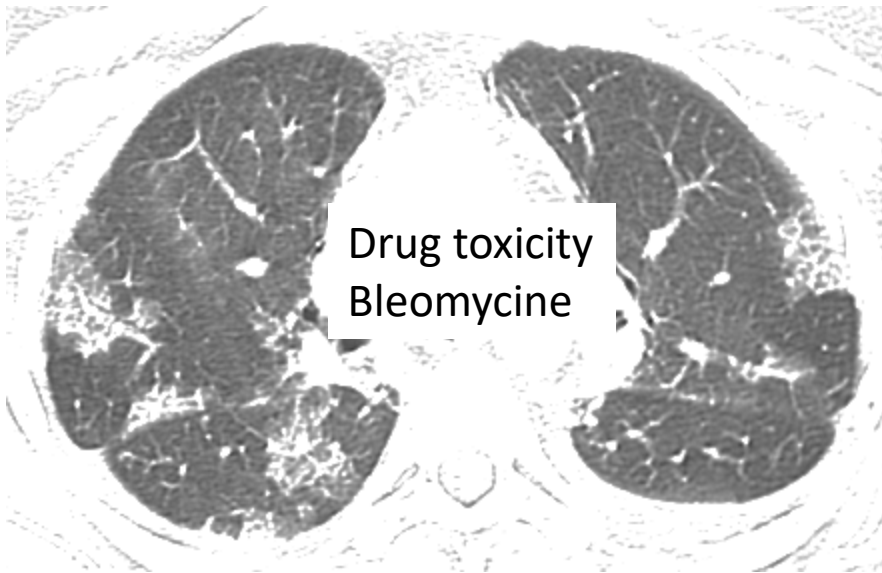
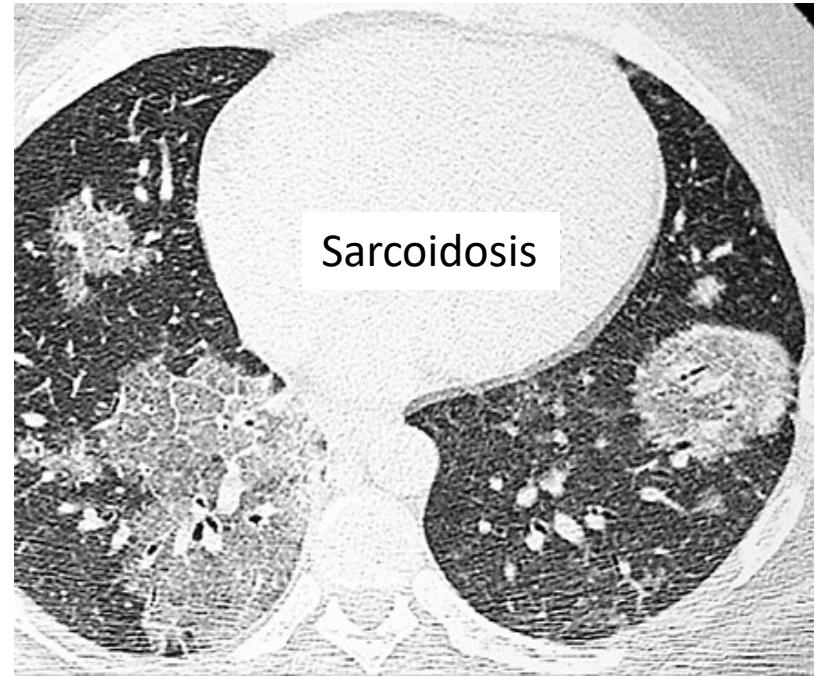
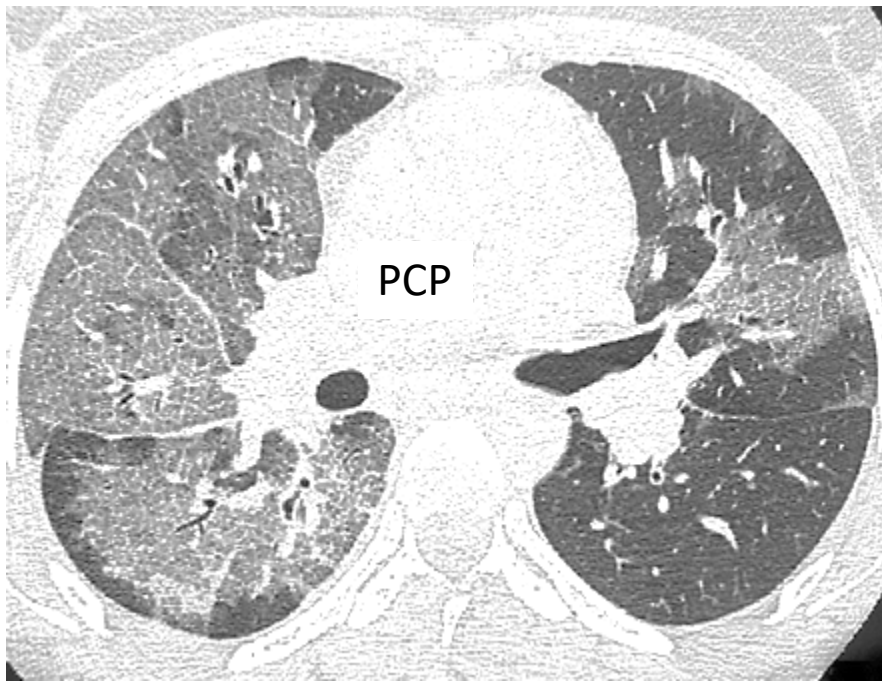
- Common causes:
  - pulmonary edema (most common)
  - acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)
  - bacterial pneumonia
  - acute interstitial pneumonia: ARDS of unknown etiology
  - pulmonary alveolar proteinosis (PAP): the great majority of patients with PAP demonstrate crazy paving



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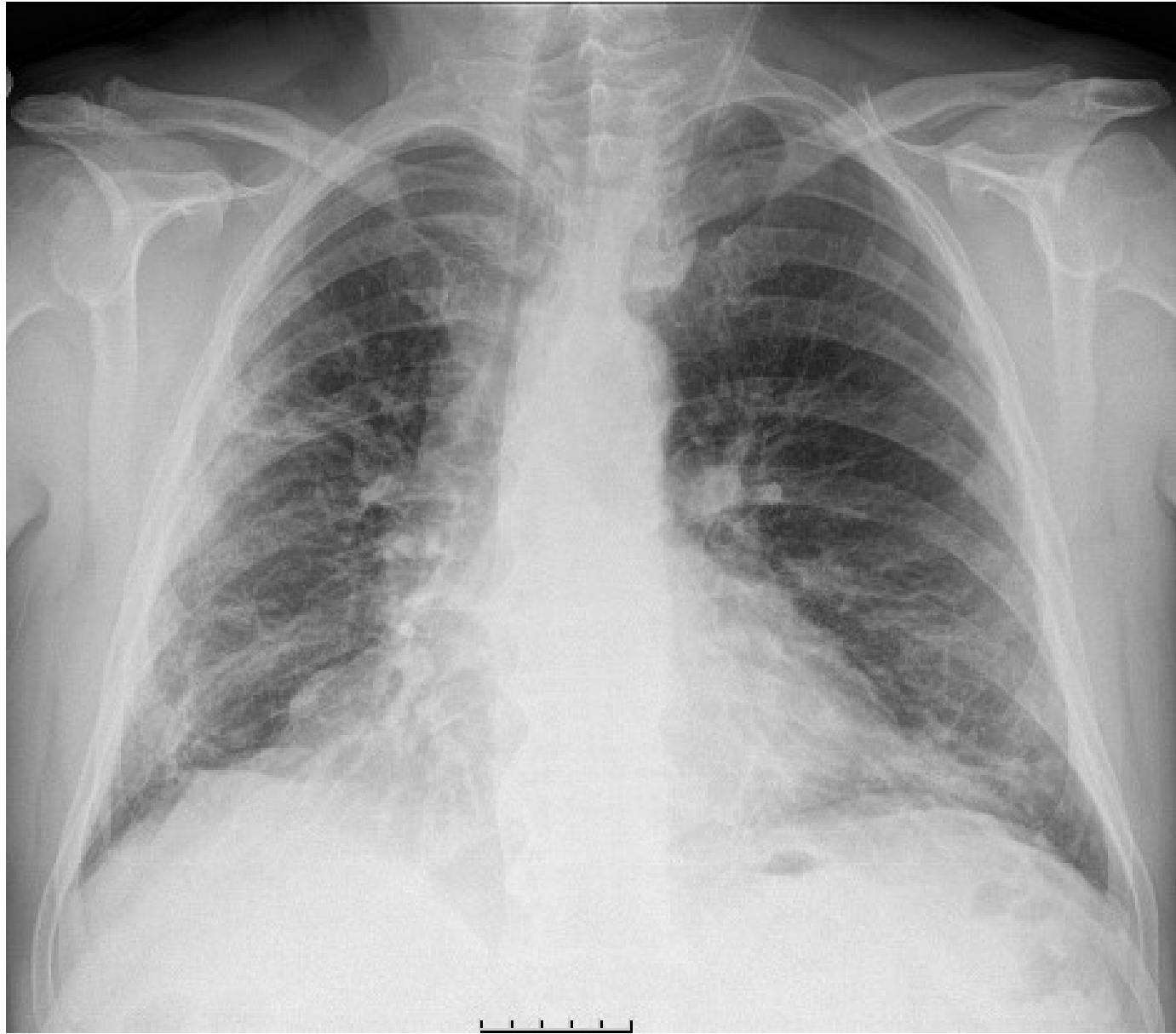
## Less common causes:

- drug-induced pneumonitis
- radiation pneumonitis
- pulmonary hemorrhage / diffuse pulmonary hemorrhage
- Goodpasture syndrome
- chronic eosinophilic pneumonia
- usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) with superimposed diffuse alveolar damage
- pulmonary infections
- mycoplasma pneumonia
- obstructive pneumonia
- tuberculosis
- Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia (PCP)
- COVID-19
- pulmonary cryptococcosis
- cryptogenic organizing pneumonia (COP, formerly BOOP)
- invasive mucinous adenocarcinoma of the lung (formerly mucinous bronchoalveolar carcinoma)
- sarcoidosis, especially alveolar sarcoidosis
- lipoid pneumonia

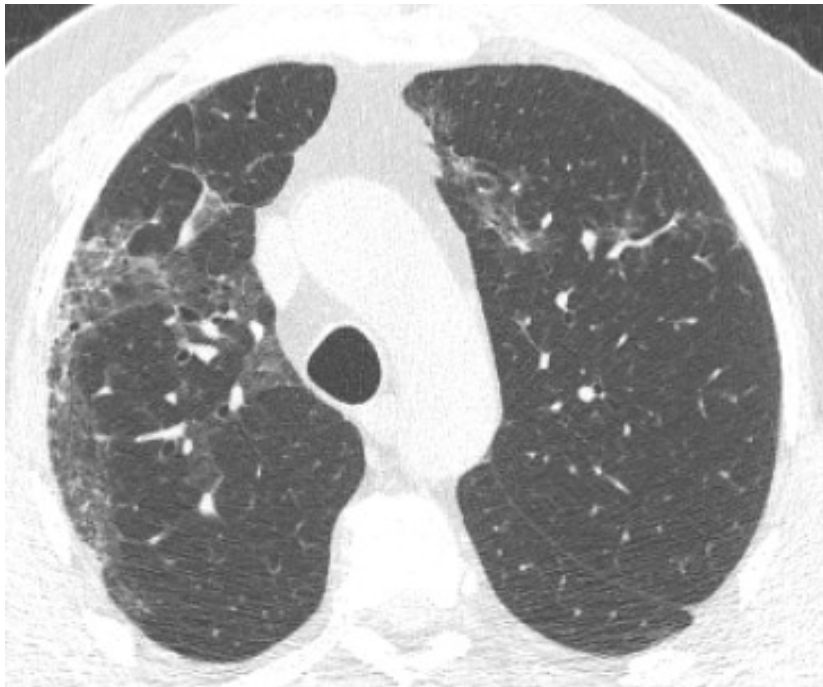


# Case 3

- 59-year-old male
- Diabetes Mellitus (+),
- PA chest X-ray and HRCT are performed due to persistent respiratory distress for 3-4 months.

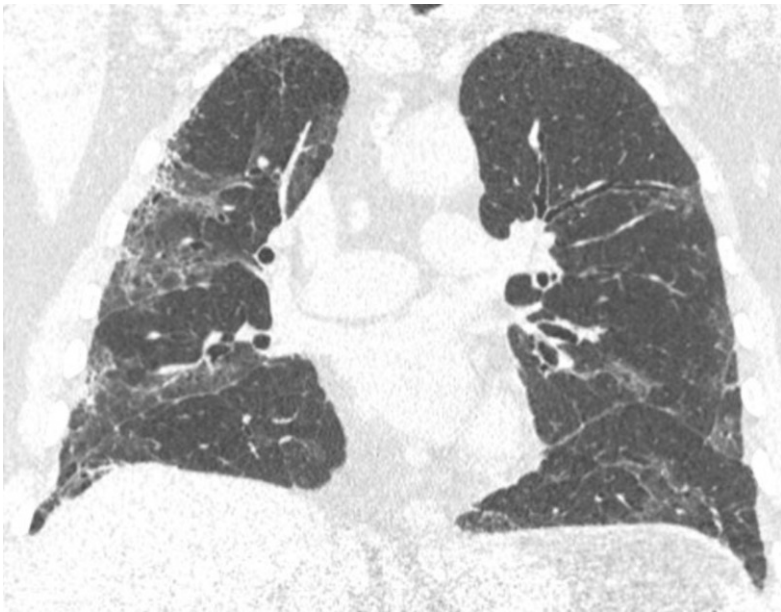
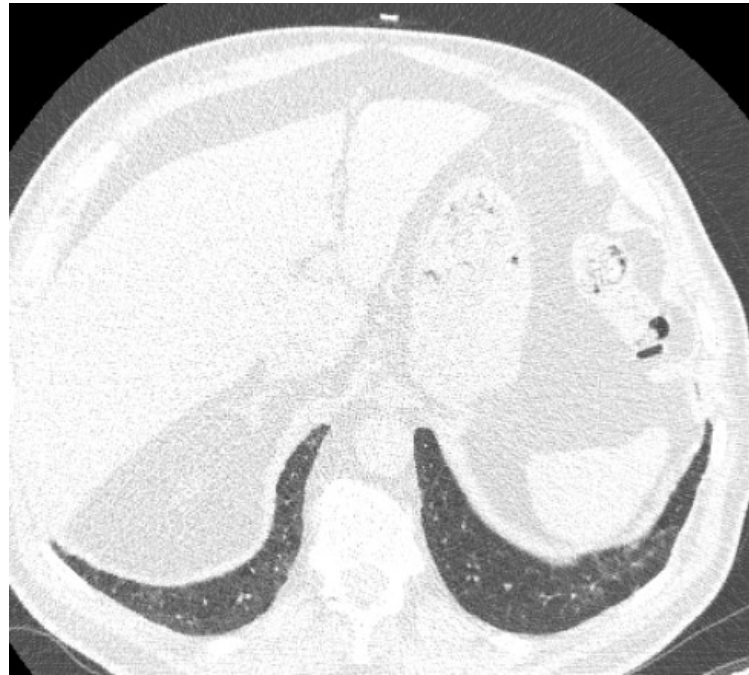
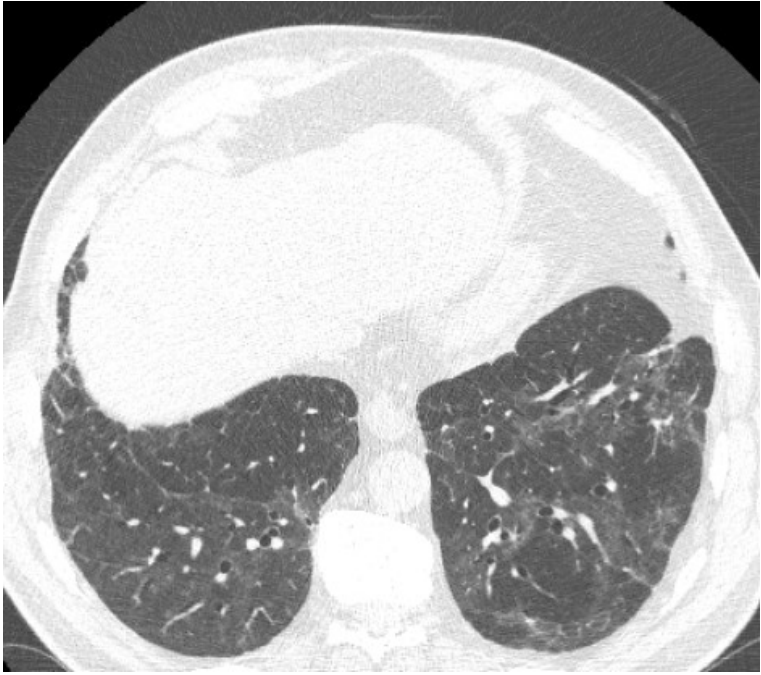


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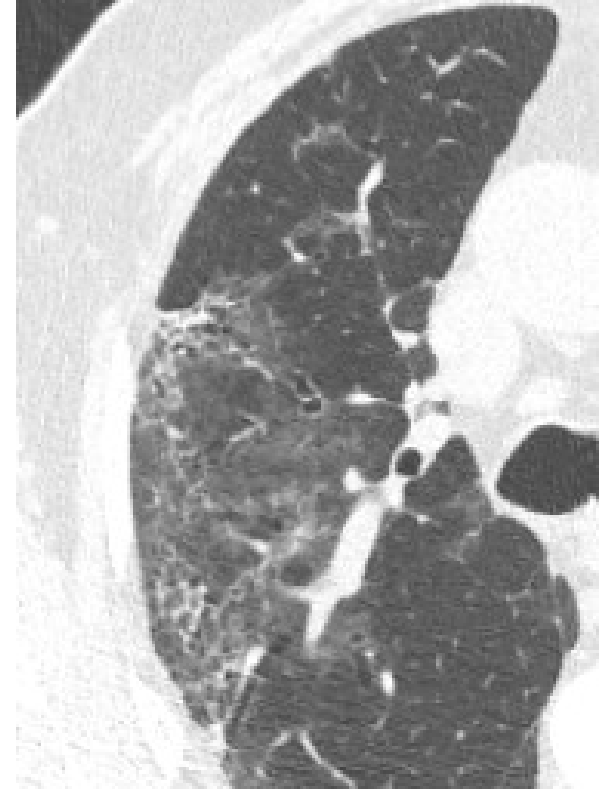




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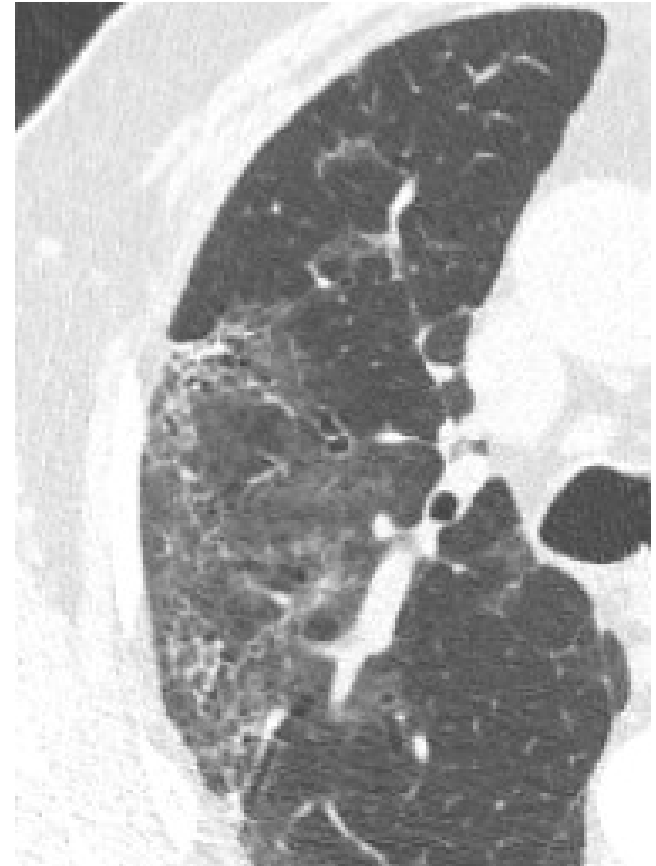
# CT findings:

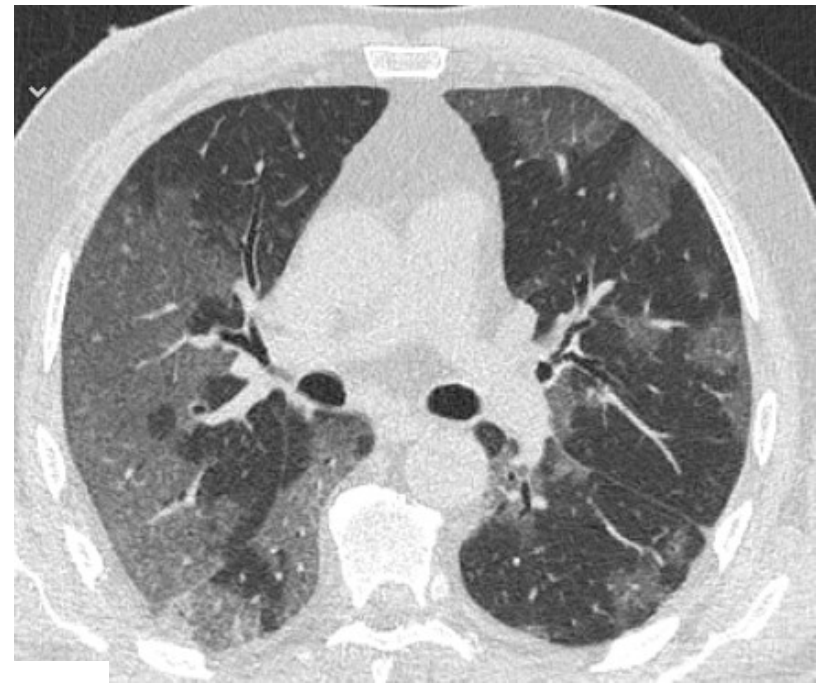
- Ground glass
- Peripheral reticulation
- Traction bronchiectasis



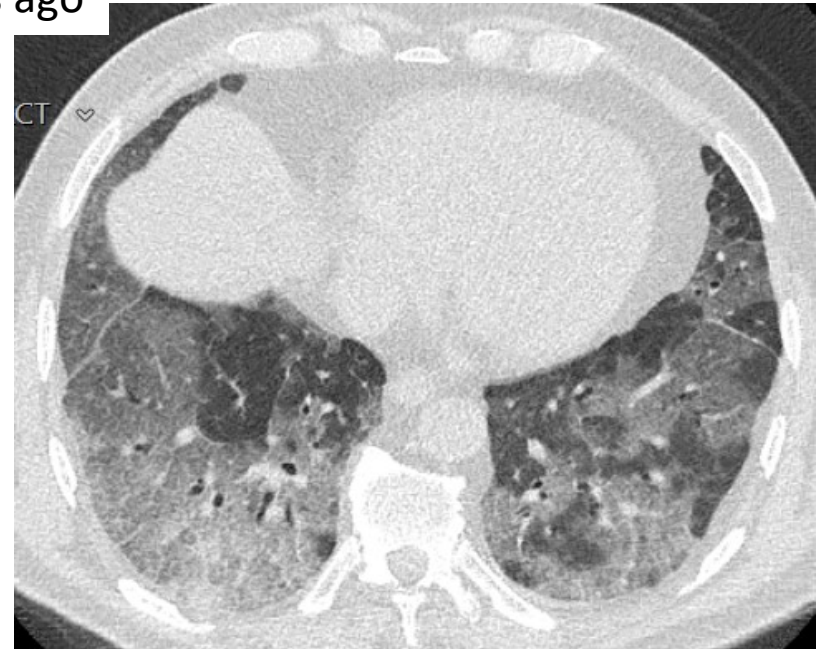
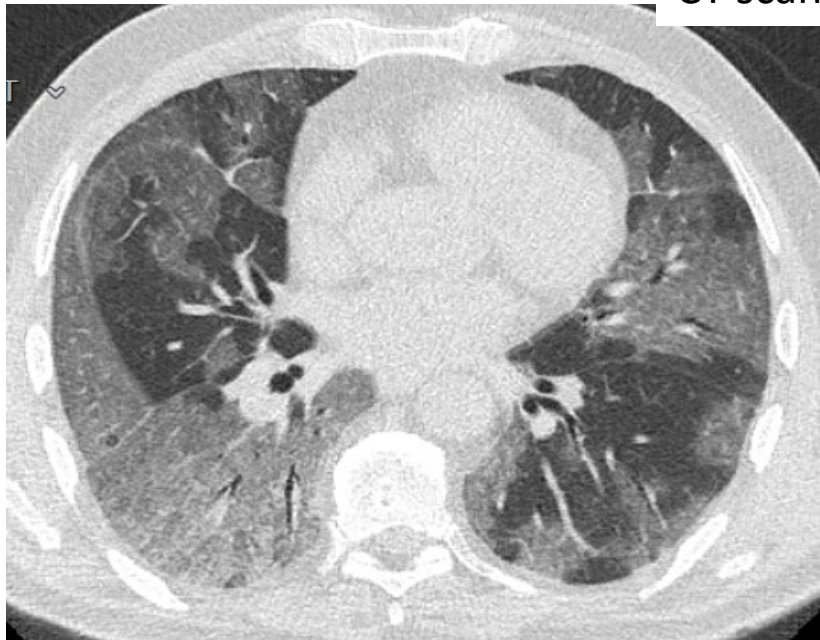
# What do you think would be the most likely diagnosis?

- a) Drug reaction
- b) Chronic eosinophilic pneumonia
- c) Connective tissue disease
- d) Possible UIP
- e) Postinfectious process





CT scan about 4 months ago

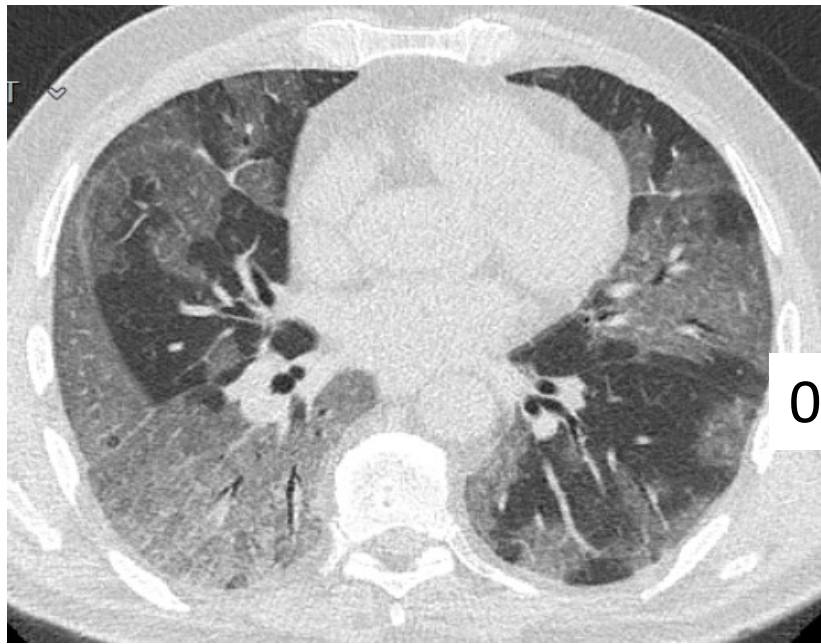


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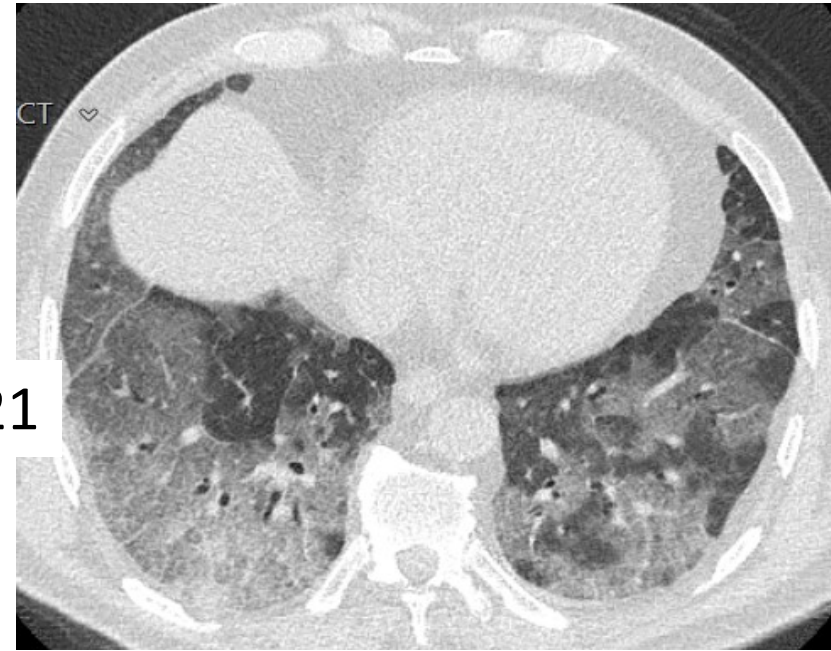


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# COVID 19

## LONG-TERM LUNG CT FINDINGS

- It may heal completely,
- Septal thickening, coarse reticular pattern,
- Fibrous band and irregular interface findings may be permanent,
- Bronchial dilatation,
- Mosaic attenuation,
- Volume loss may develop.
- Finally, traction bronchiectasis and rarely honeycombing
- The findings are most prominent in the lower lobes of both lungs.



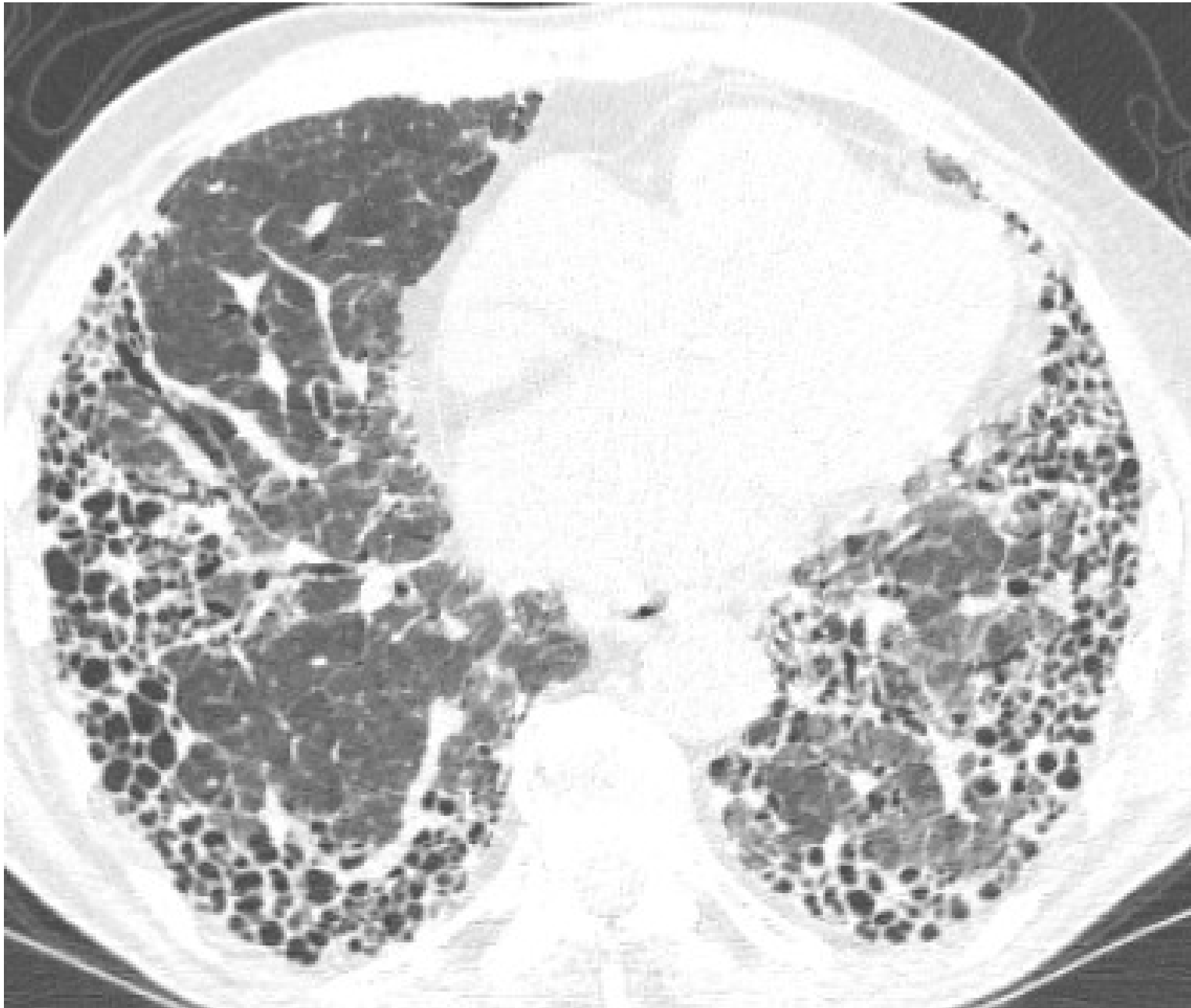
# COVID AND FIBROSIS FEATURES

- Fibrosis occurring in Covid 19 is either absent or very little honeycombing in the lung bases and peripheral areas
- COVID-19-induced fibrosis is characterized by parenchymal bands, traction bronchiectasis, volume loss and damage to the parenchymal structure and reticular opacities.

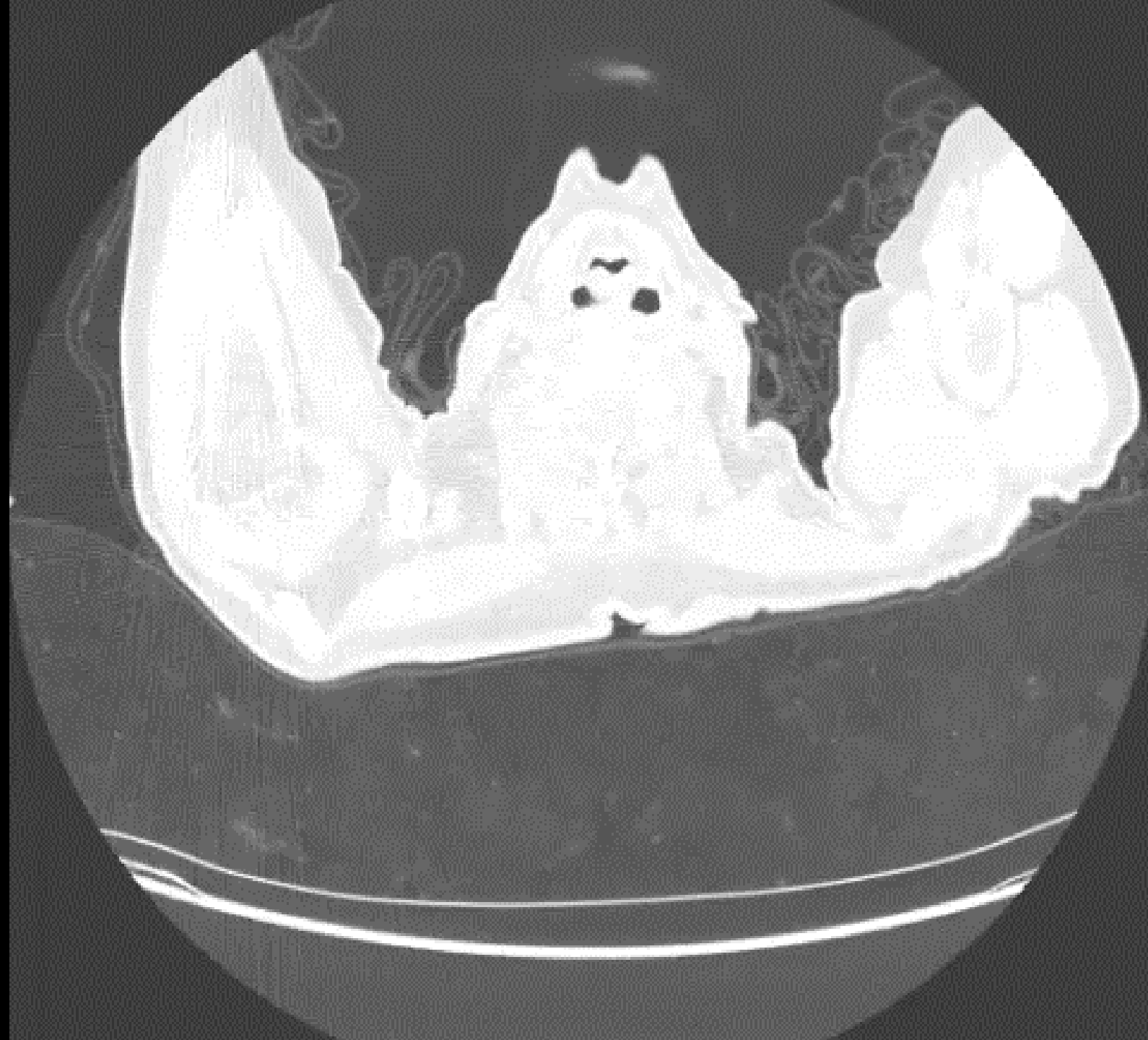
# Case 4

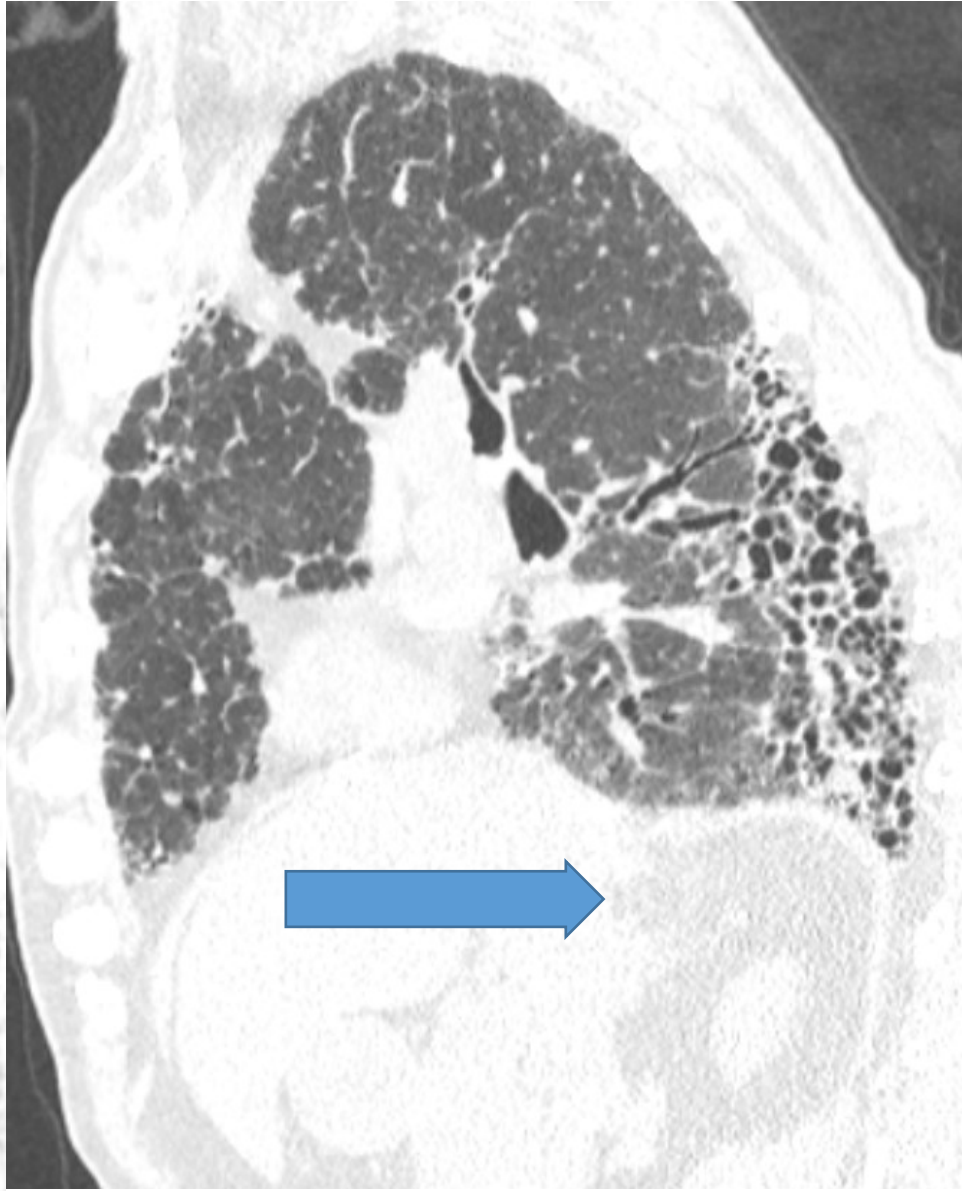
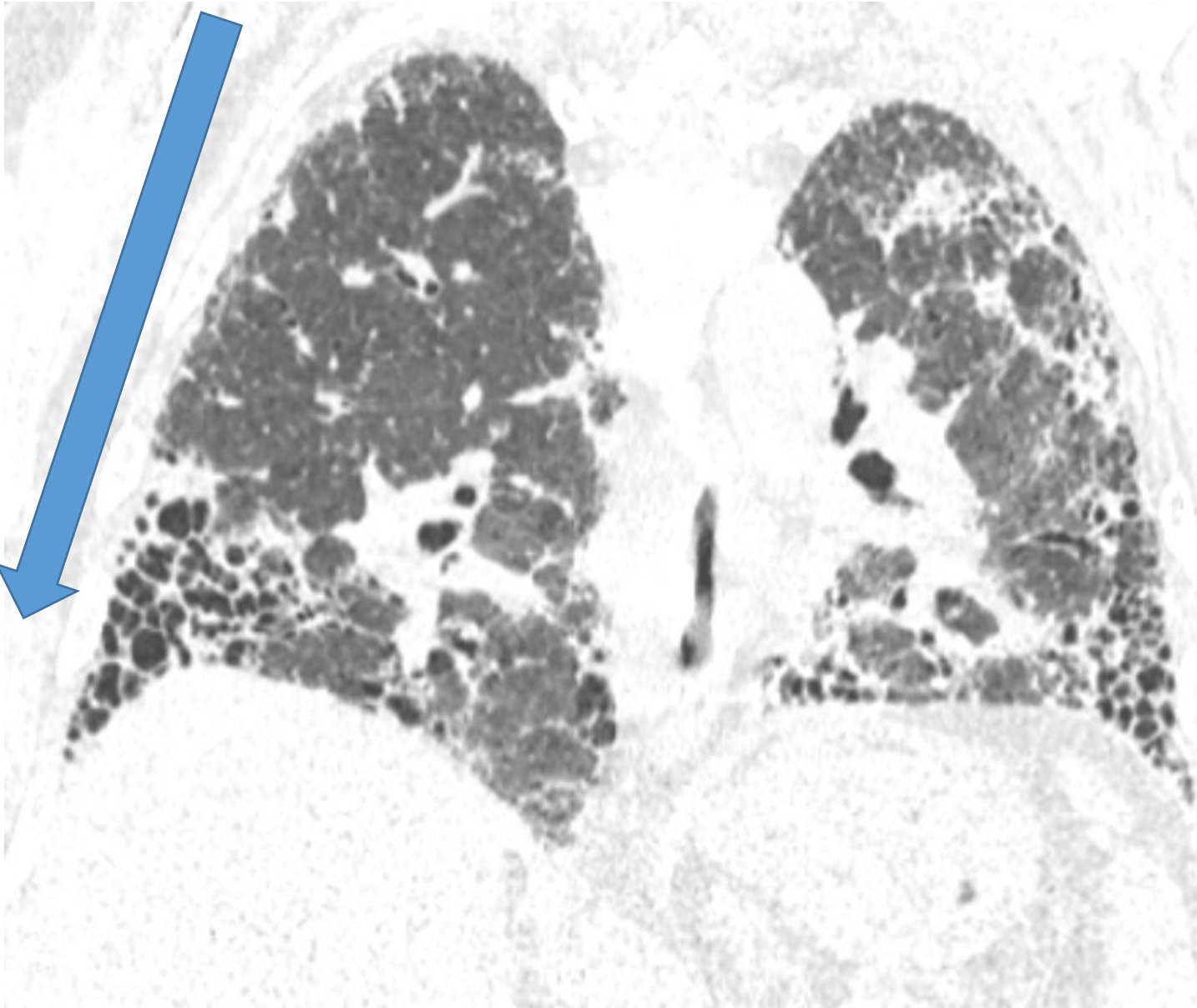
- 72 year old male
- Prolonged cough and dyspnea











# CT findings

- Honeycomb appearance increasing towards the lower zones
- Traction bronchiectasis
- Heterogeneous appearance with less ground glass
- Signs of volume loss
- Increase in findings from top to bottom and front to back

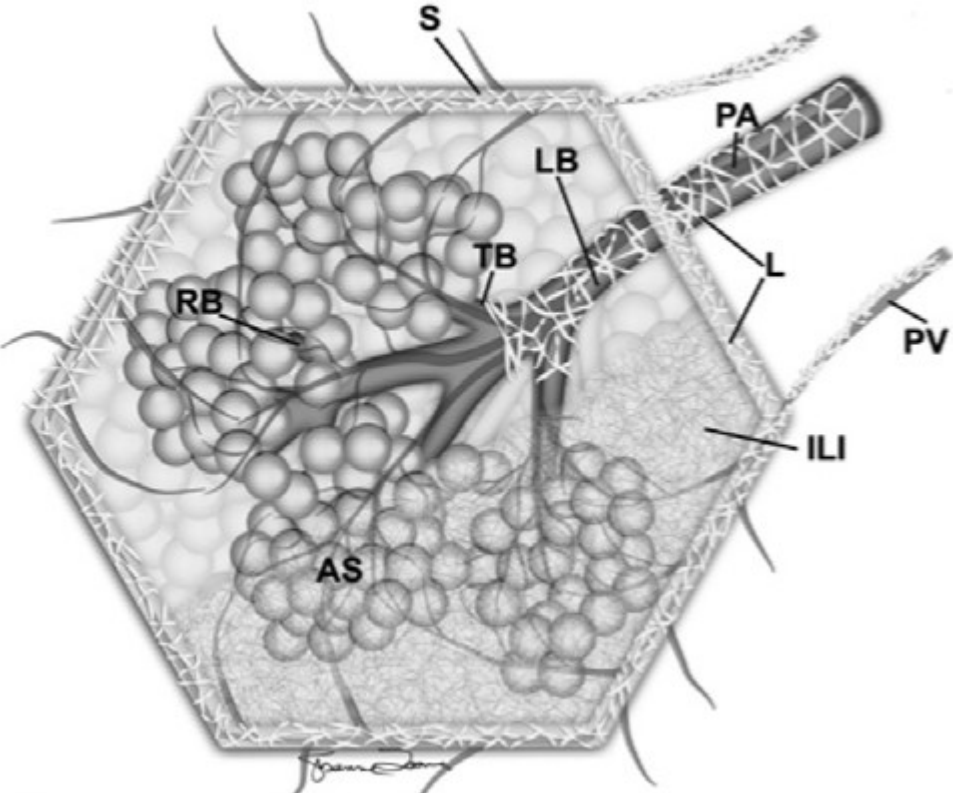
# HONEYCOMB APPEARANCE

- Terminal airway dilatation and
- Fibrotic alveolar septal collapse

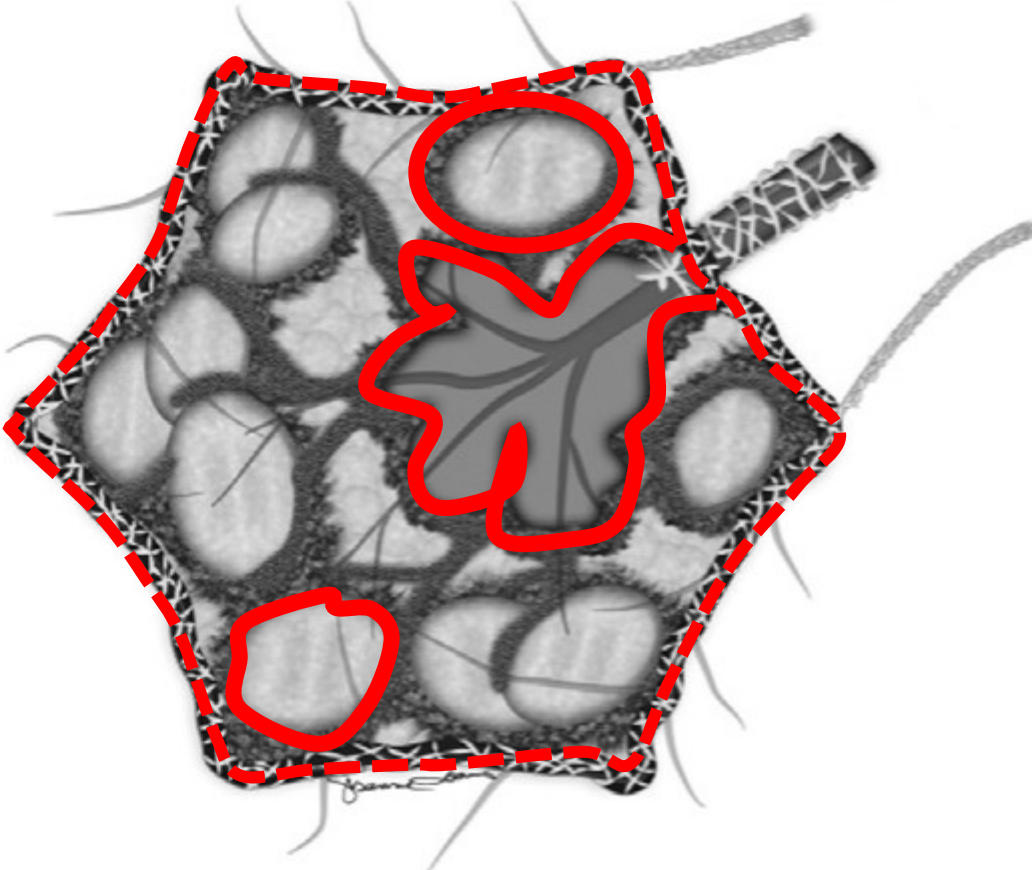
**Bronchiolar cyst** developing as a result of



Secondary pulmonary lobule



Normal



Honeycomb appearance

Irregularity and volume loss in the interlobular septum, dilatation and cysts in the centrilobular bronchioles

DISEASES THAT MAKE  
HONEYCOMB IN CT?

# Reasons for HONEYCOMB APPEARANCE

- **UIP-IPF**

- Lower zone
- Peripheral
- Small cysts

- **NSIP**

- **IPF DIŞI UIP**

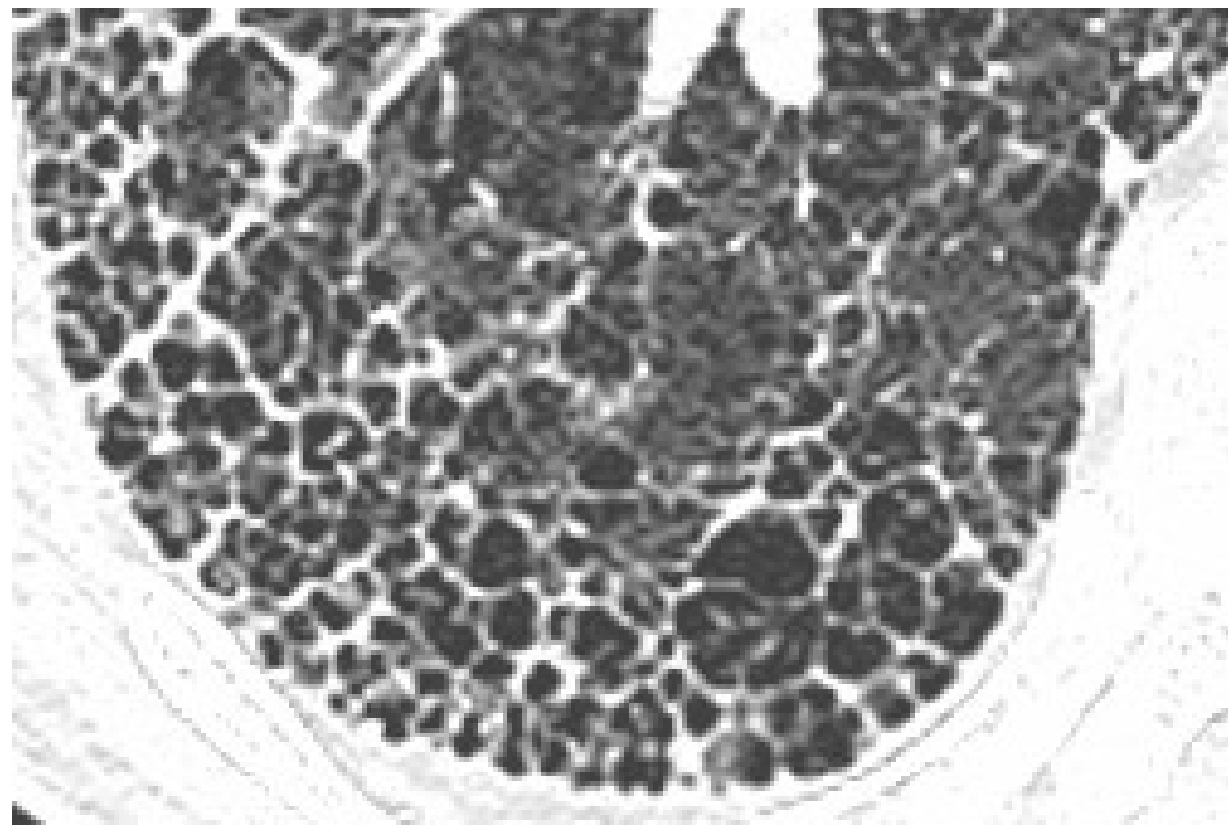
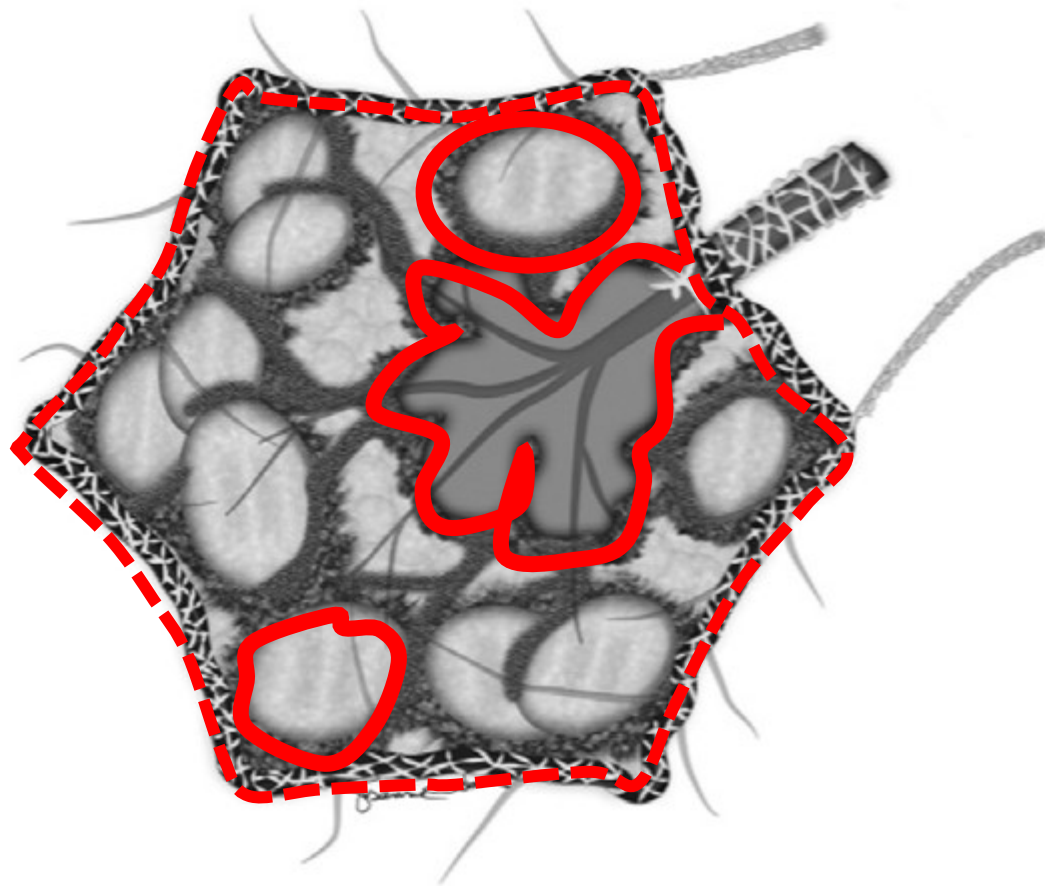
- Fibrotic HP
- Sarcoidosis
- Drug reactions
- Connective tissue diseases
- Vasculitis
- Asbestosis
- Chronic aspiration

	HRCT Pattern			
	UIP Pattern	Probable UIP Pattern	Indeterminate for UIP	CT Findings Suggestive of an Alternative Diagnosis
Level of confidence for UIP histology	Confident (>90%)	Provisional high confidence (70–89%)	Provisional low confidence (51–69%)	Low to very low confidence (≤50%)
Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subpleural and basal predominant</li> <li>• Often heterogeneous (areas of normal lung interspersed with fibrosis)</li> <li>• Occasionally diffuse</li> <li>• May be asymmetric</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subpleural and basal predominant</li> <li>• Often heterogeneous (areas of normal lung interspersed with reticulation and traction bronchiectasis/bronchiolectasis)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diffuse distribution without subpleural predominance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peribronchovascular predominant with subpleural sparing (consider NSIP)</li> <li>• Perilymphatic distribution (consider sarcoidosis)</li> <li>• Upper or mid lung (consider fibrotic HP, CTD-ILD, and sarcoidosis)</li> <li>• Subpleural sparing (consider NSIP or smoking-related IP)</li> </ul>
CT features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honeycombing with or without traction bronchiectasis/bronchiolectasis</li> <li>• Presence of irregular thickening of interlobular septa</li> <li>• Usually superimposed with a reticular pattern, mild GGO</li> <li>• May have pulmonary ossification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reticular pattern with traction bronchiectasis/bronchiolectasis</li> <li>• May have mild GGO</li> <li>• Absence of subpleural sparing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CT features of lung fibrosis that do not suggest any specific etiology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lung findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Cysts (consider LAM, PLCH, LIP, and DIP)</li> <li>◦ Mosaic attenuation or three-density sign (consider HP)</li> <li>◦ Predominant GGO (consider HP, smoking-related disease, drug toxicity, and acute exacerbation of fibrosis)</li> <li>◦ Profuse centrilobular micronodules (consider HP or smoking-related disease)</li> <li>◦ Nodules (consider sarcoidosis)</li> <li>◦ Consolidation (consider organizing pneumonia, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mediastinal findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Pleural plaques (consider asbestosis)</li> <li>◦ Dilated esophagus (consider CTD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

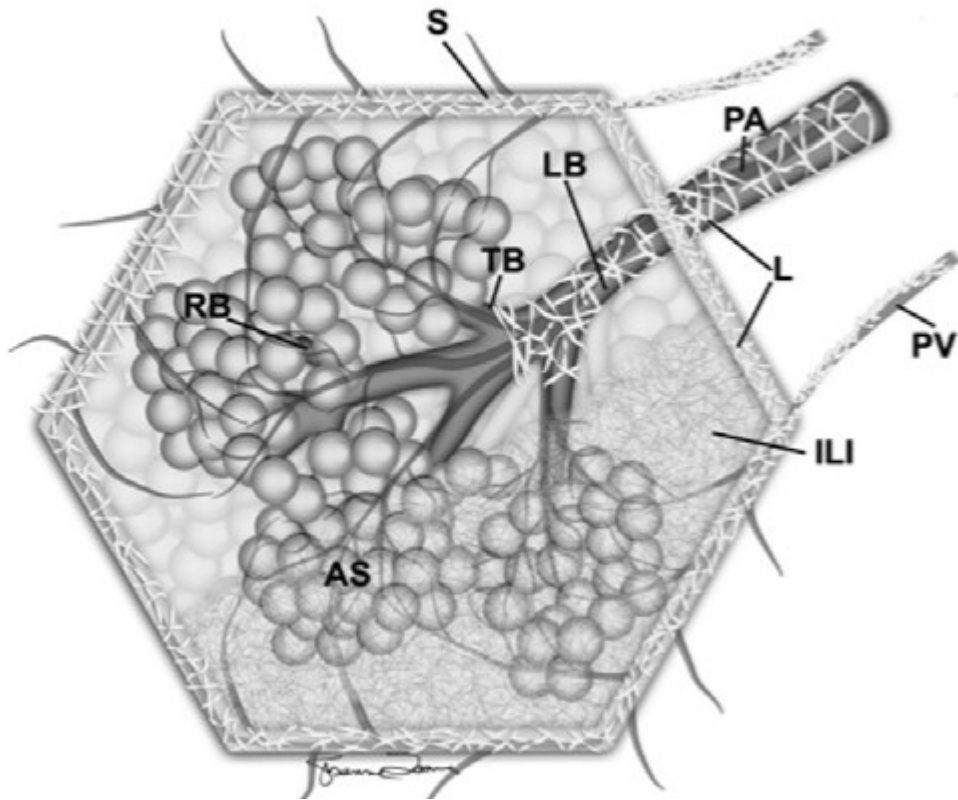
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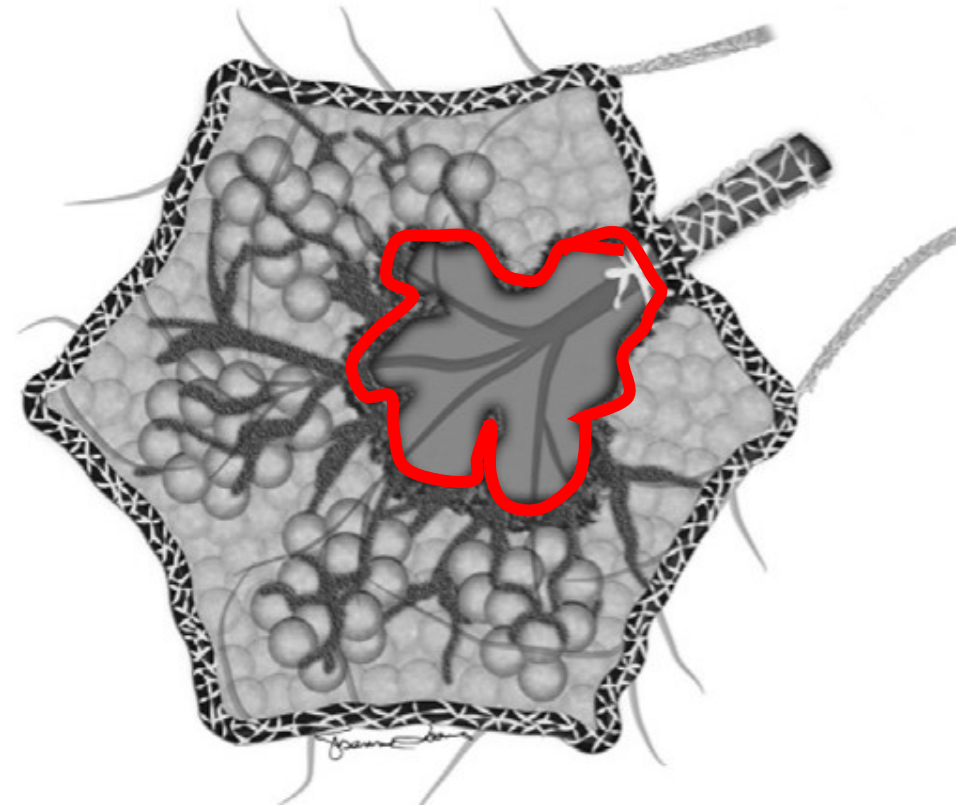




# Secondary pulmonary lobule

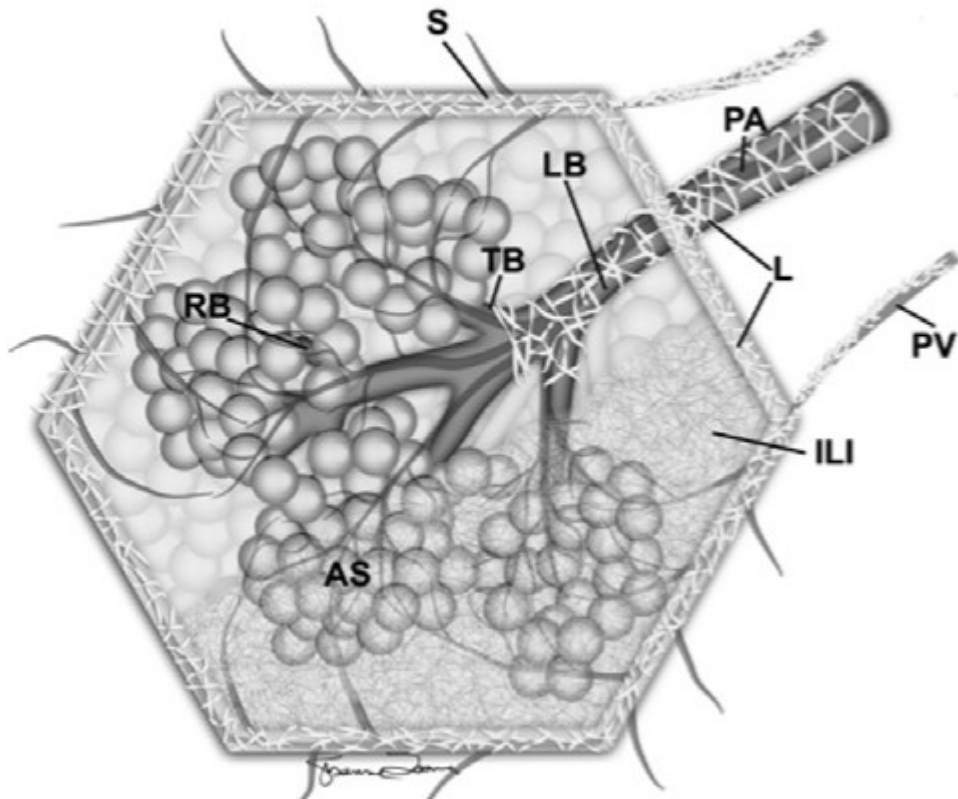


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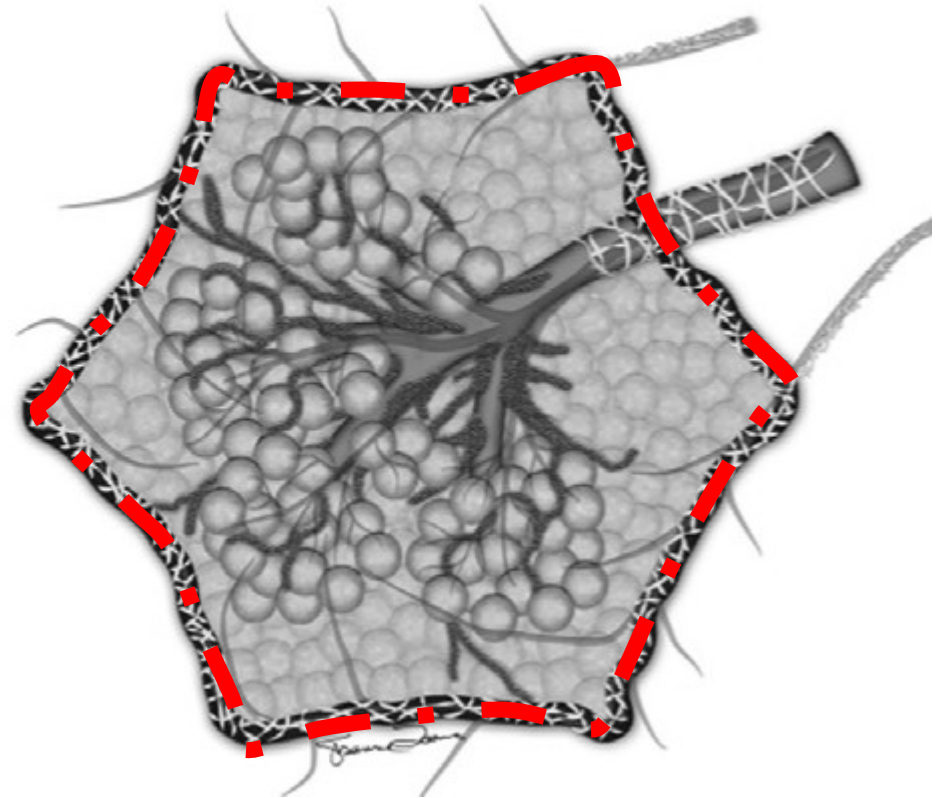


Traction bronchiectasis

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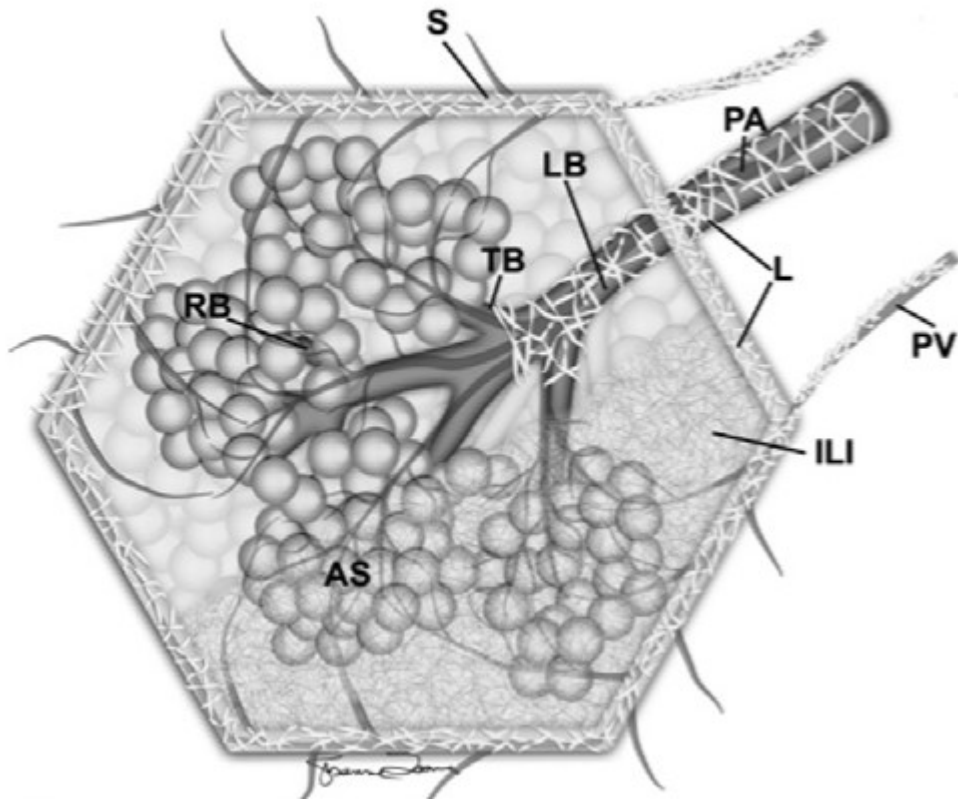


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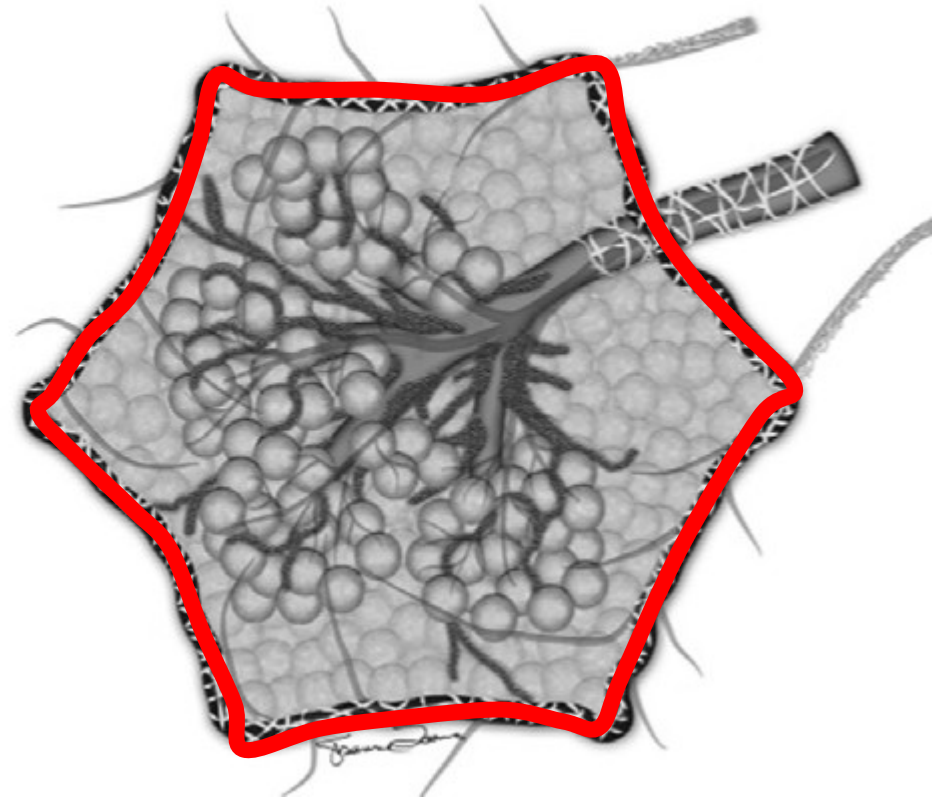


Reticulation

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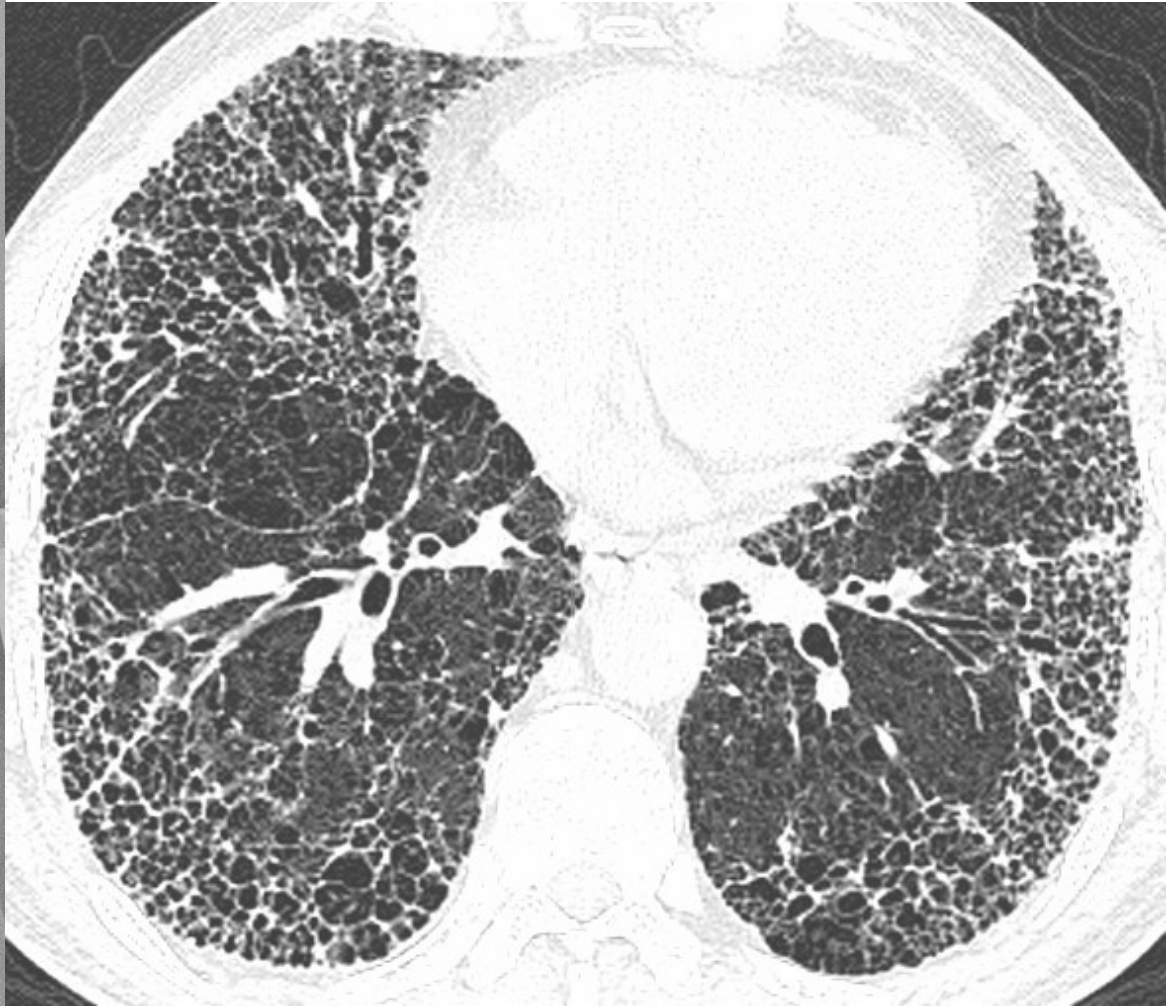
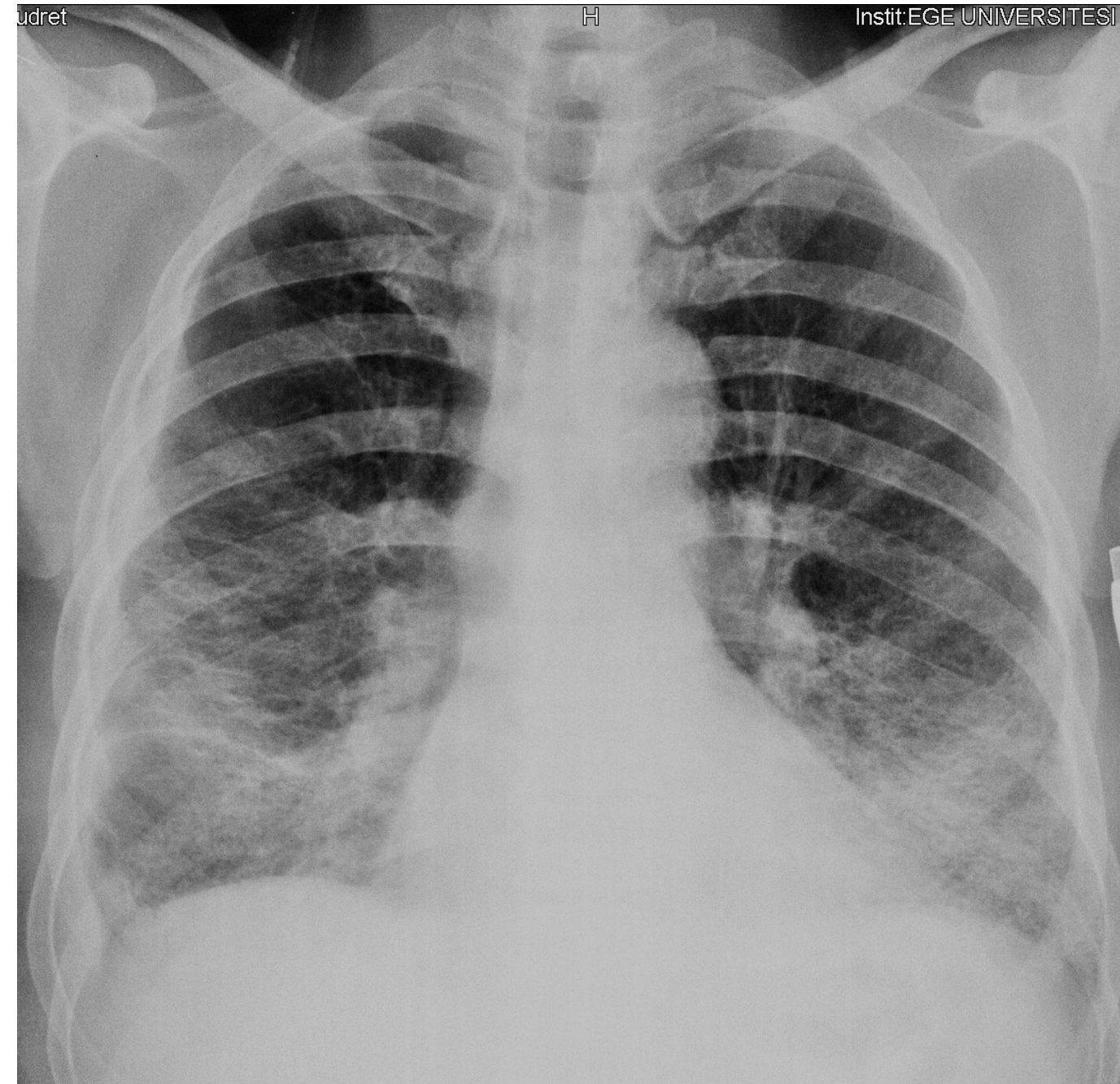


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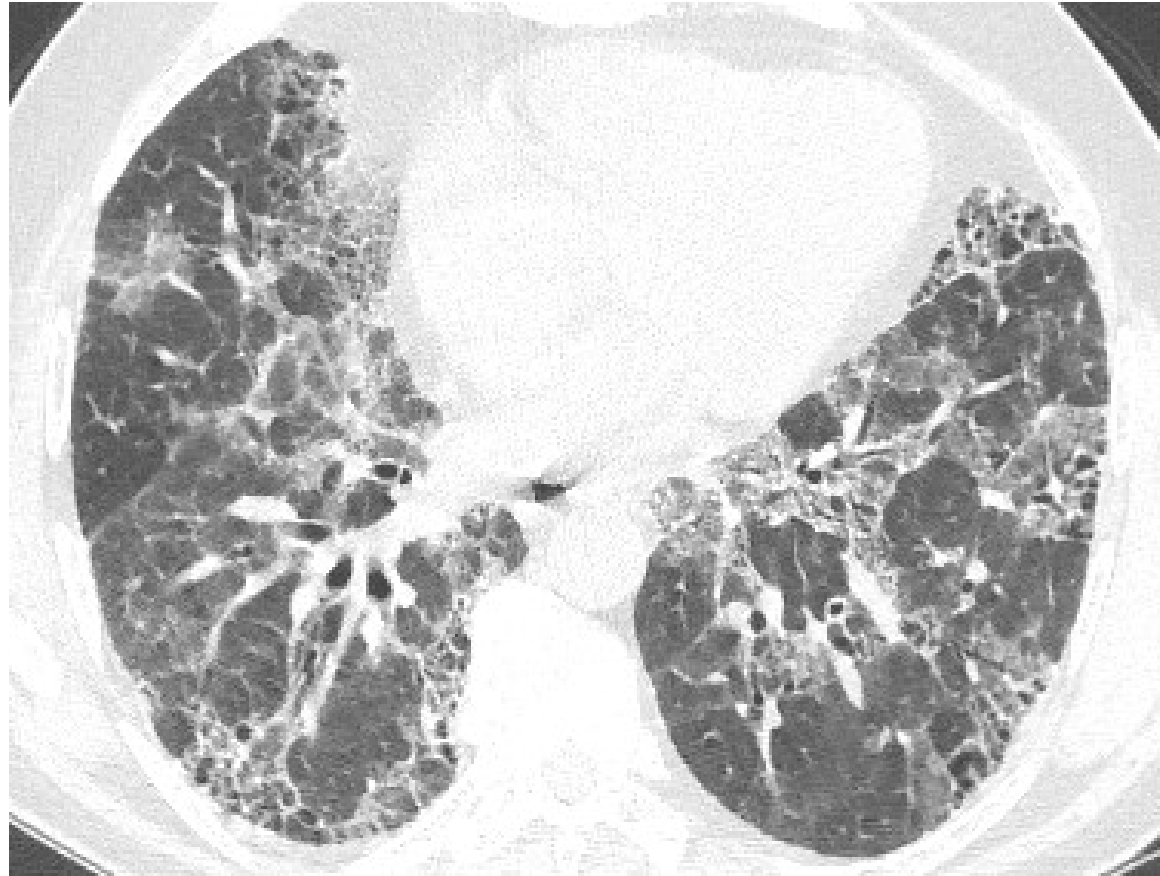
Septal thickening





Honeycomb pattern

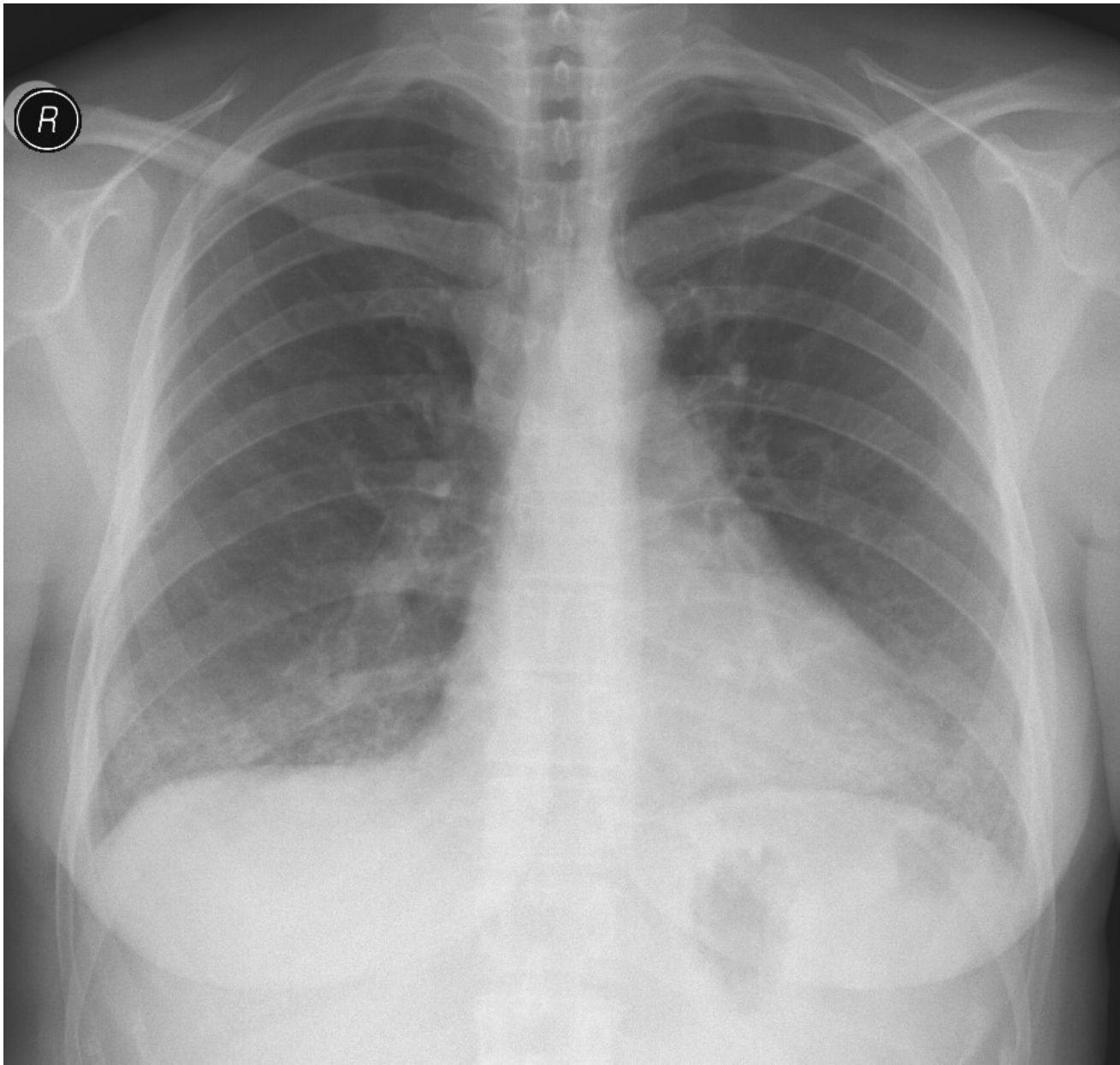
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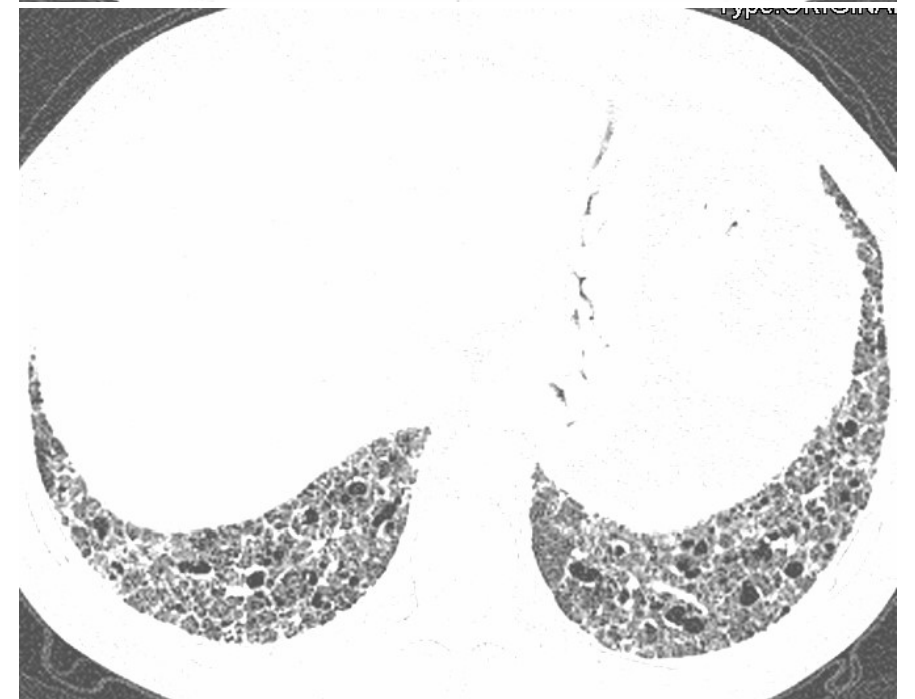
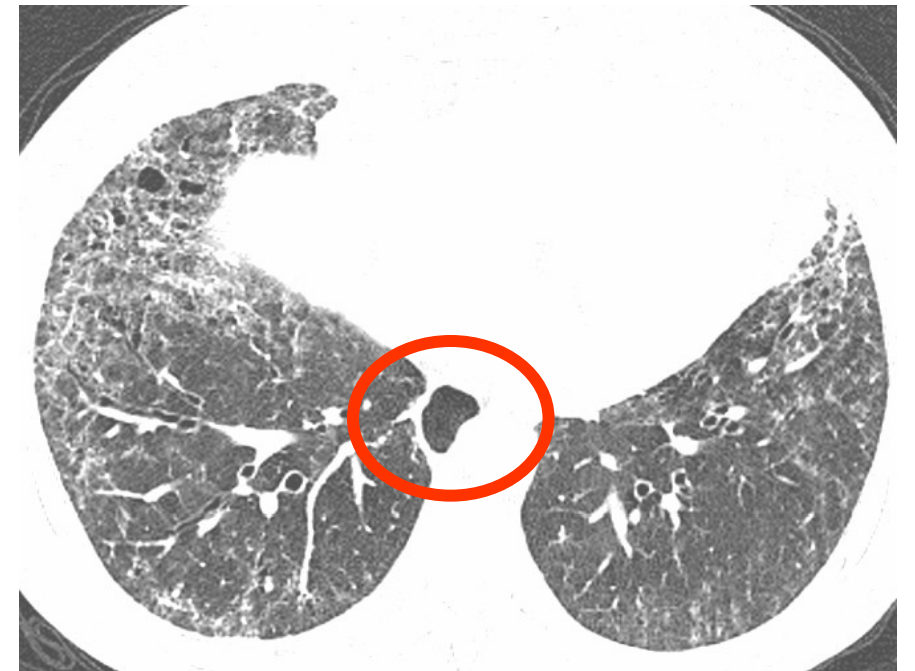
Marked mosaic attenuation

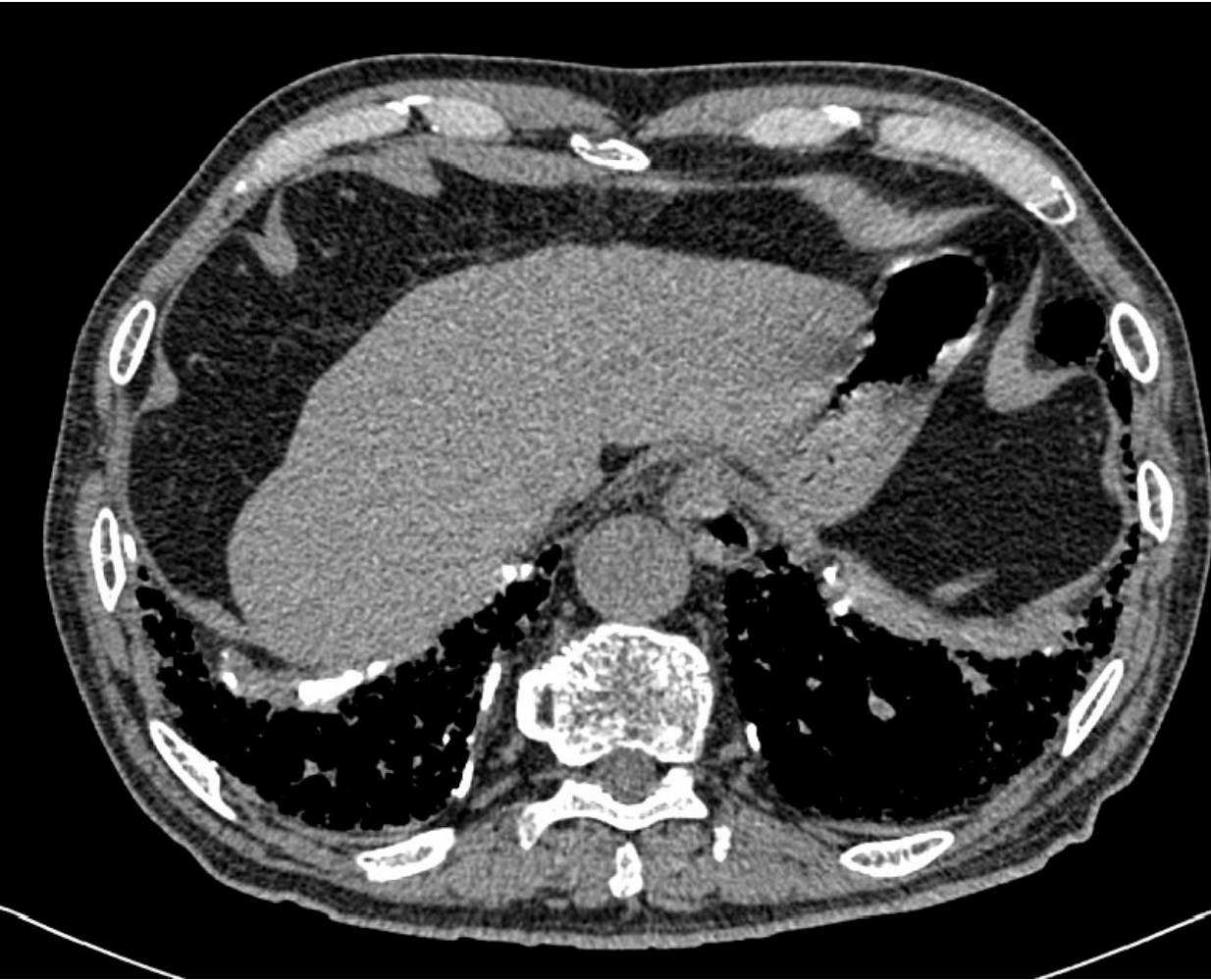
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**SCLERODERMA**





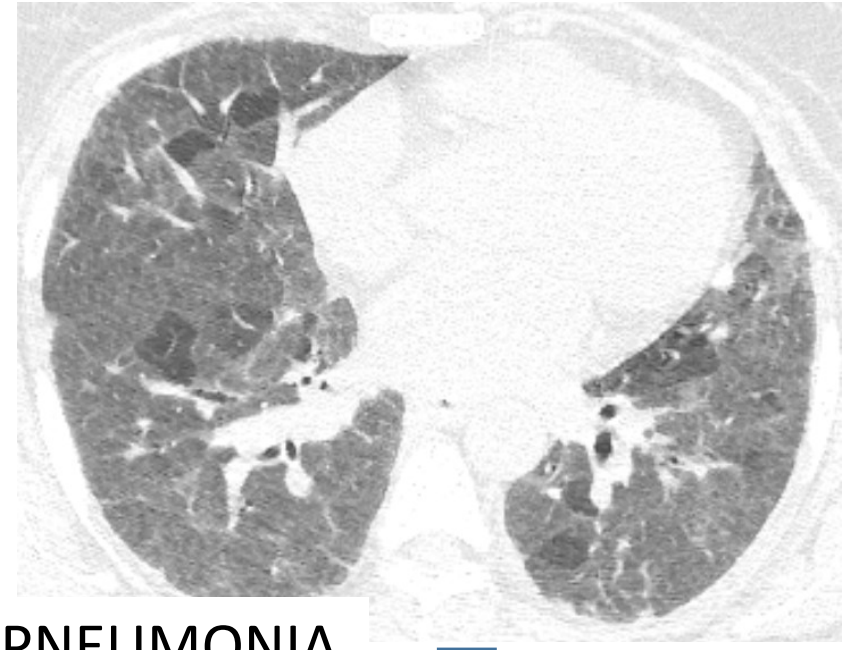
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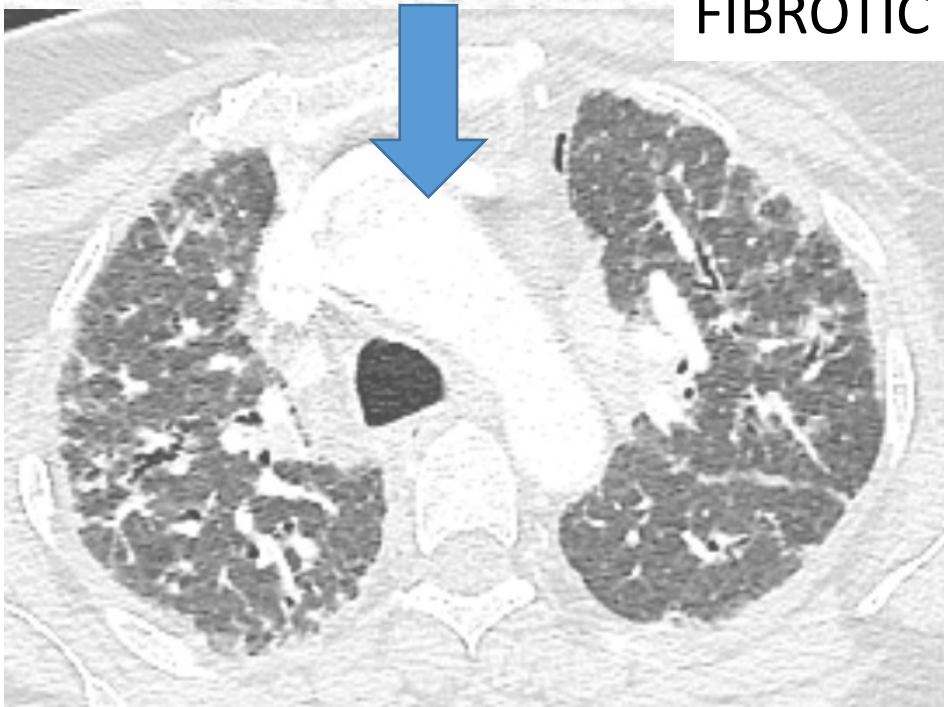




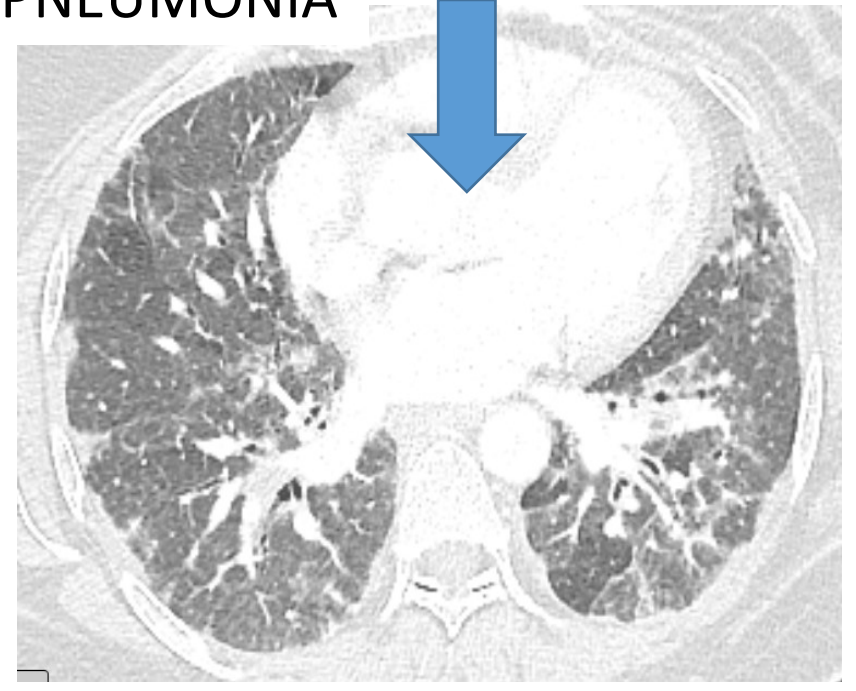
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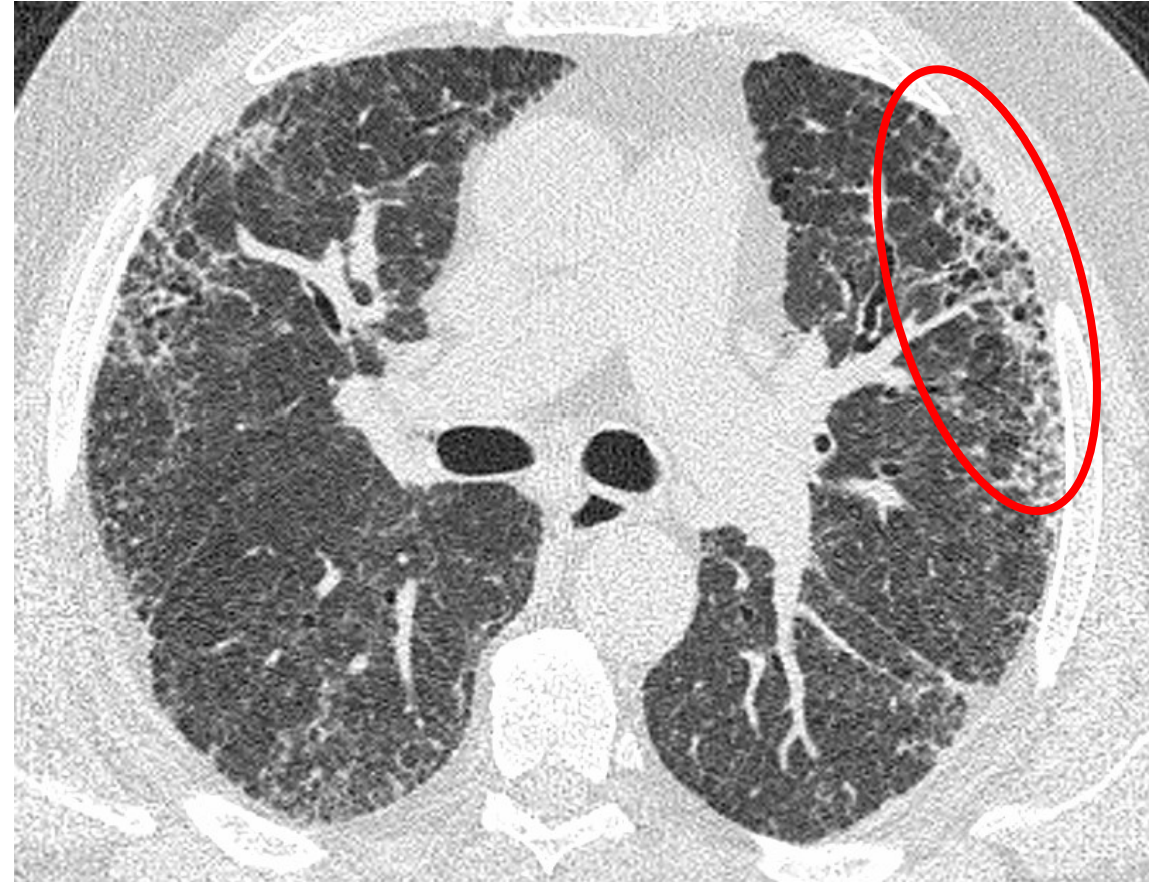
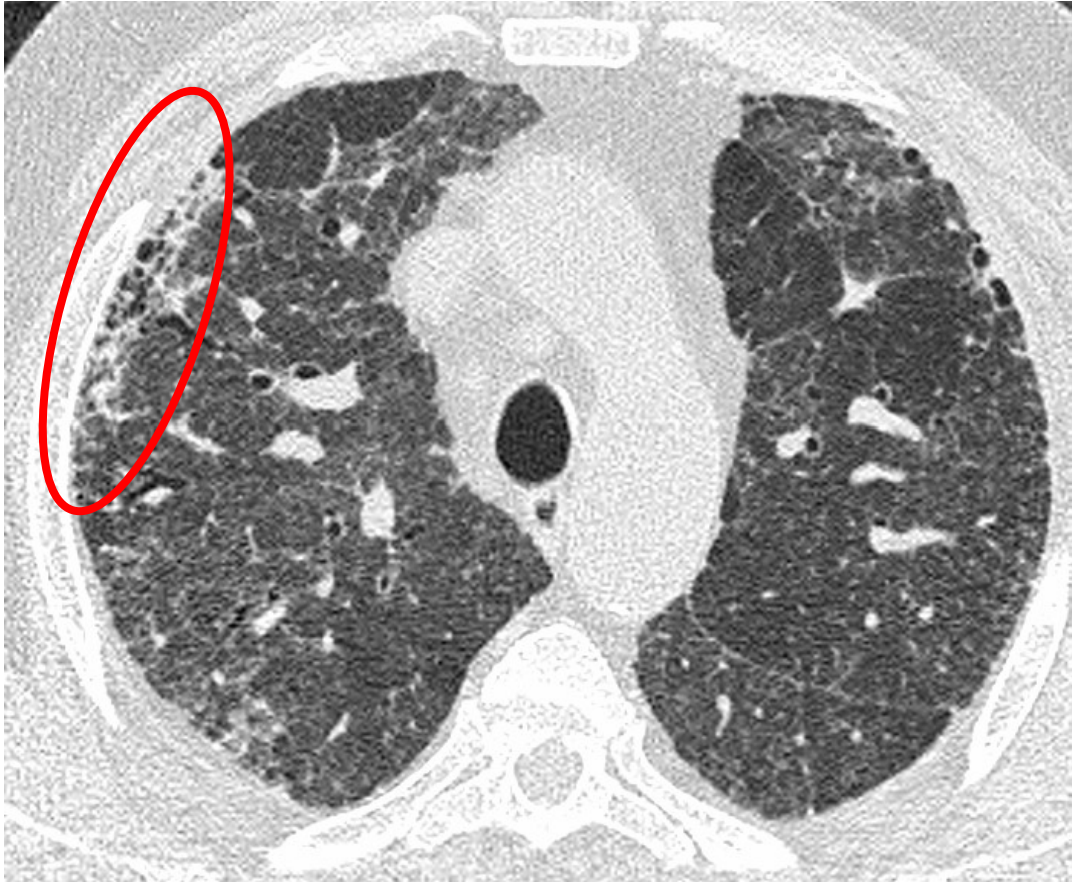
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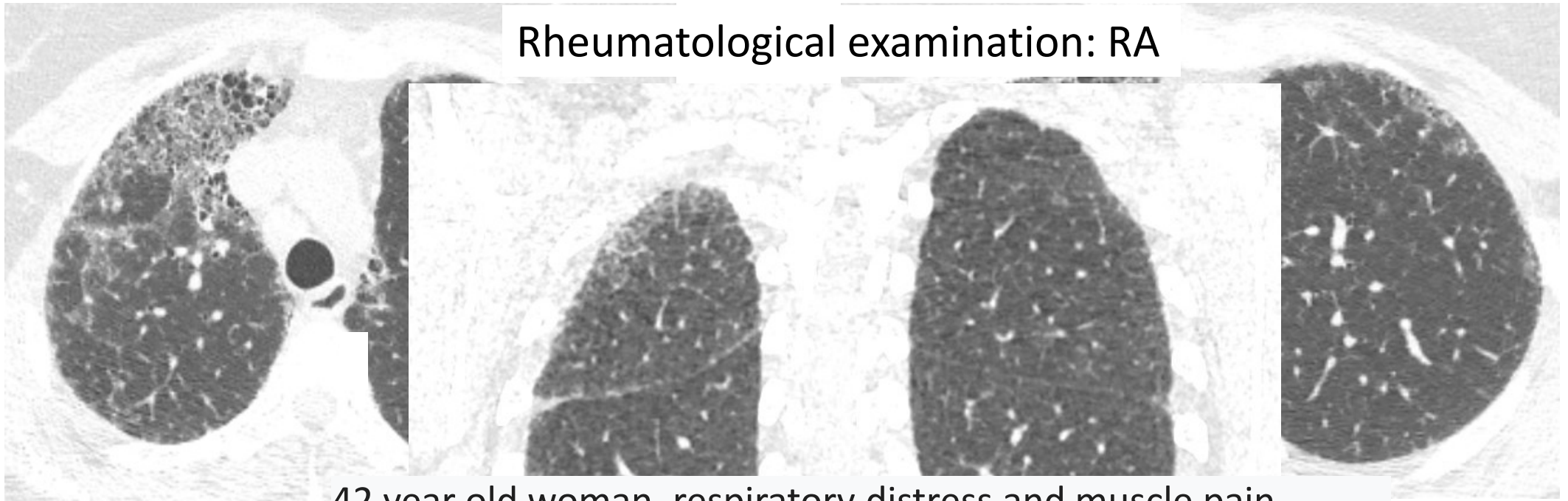




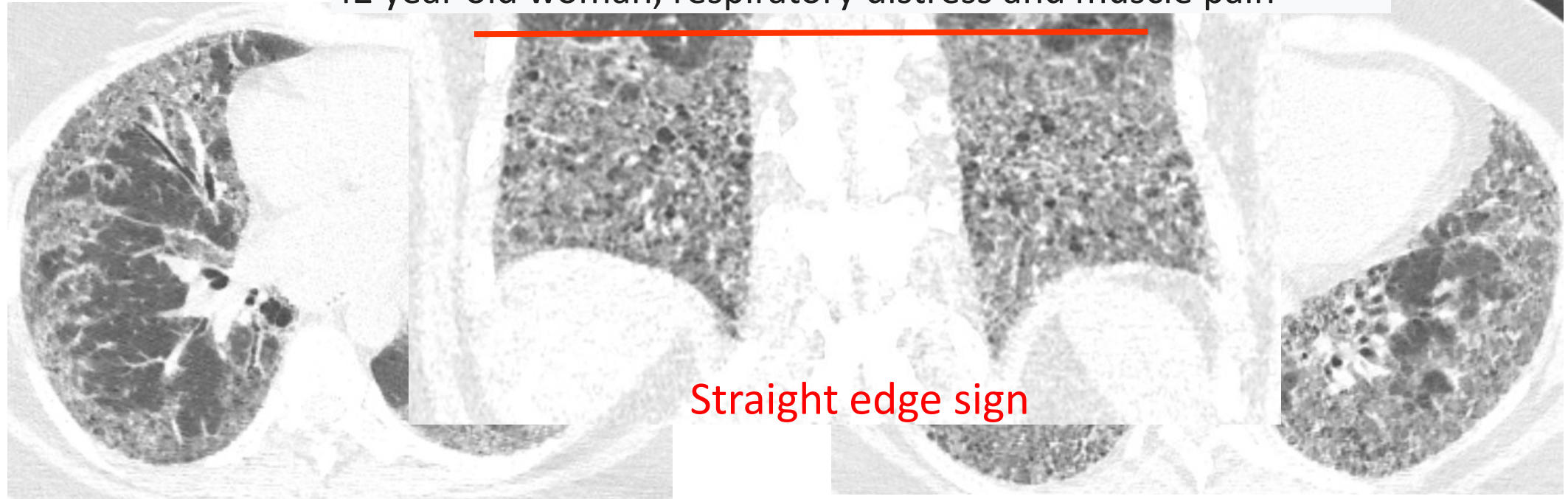


RITUXIMABA-INDUCED FIBROSIS

Rheumatological examination: RA

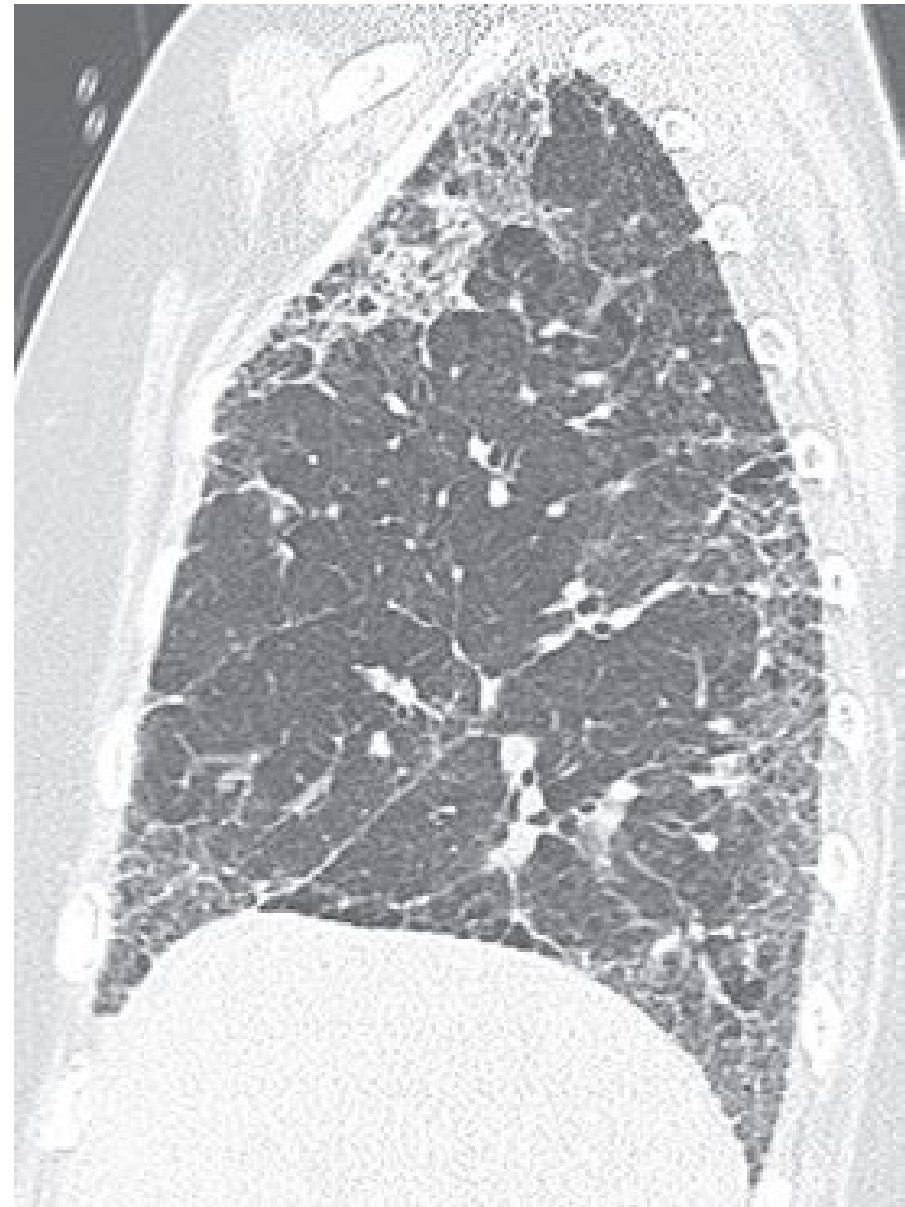
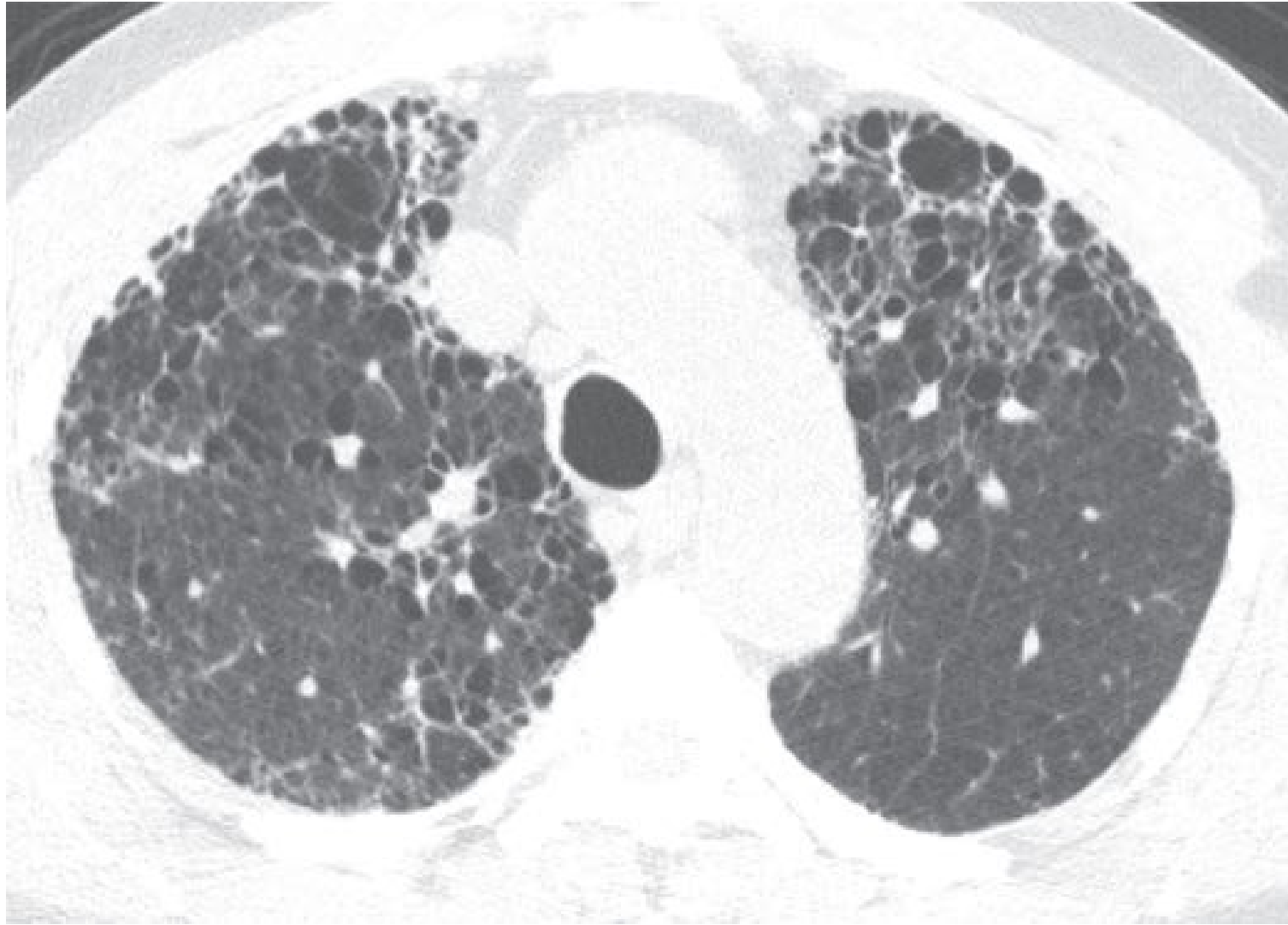


42 year old woman, respiratory distress and muscle pain

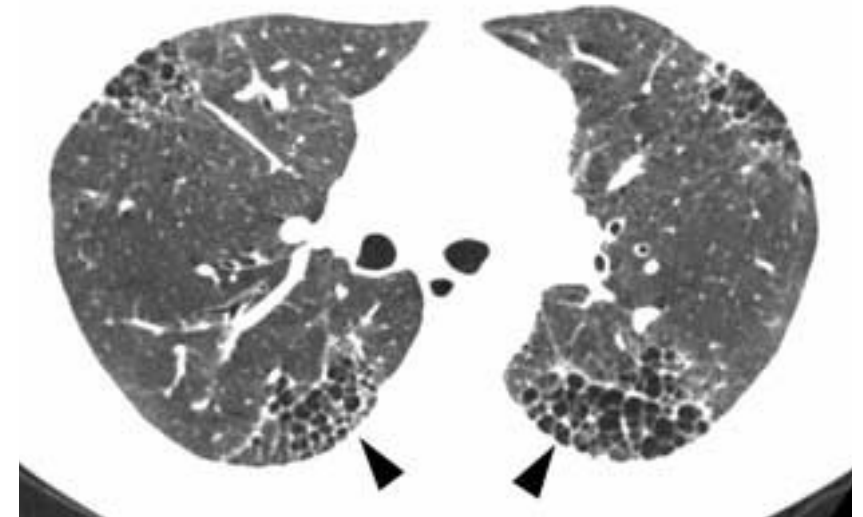
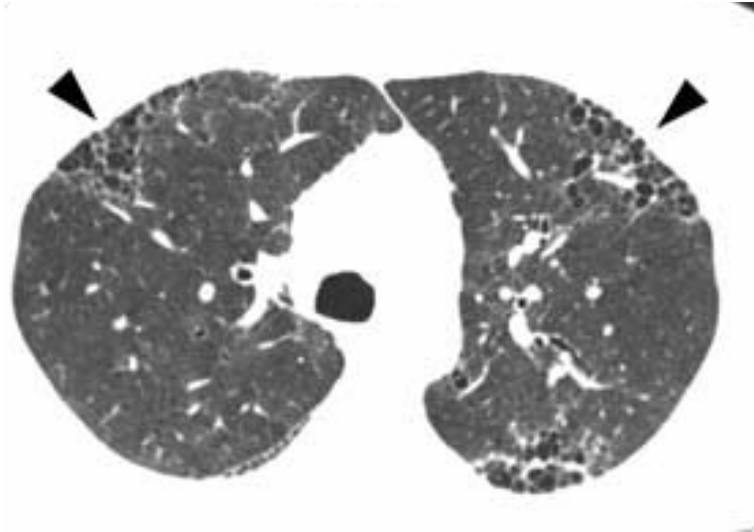
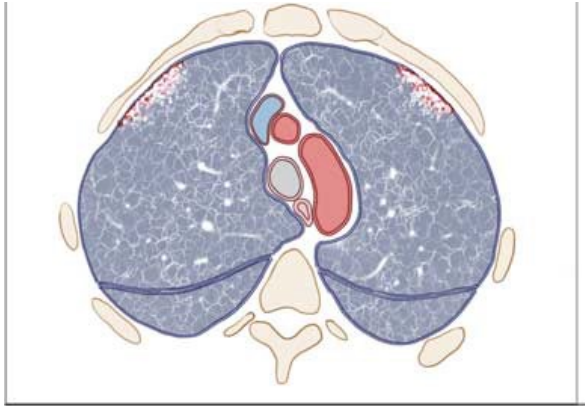


Straight edge sign





**ANTERIOR UPPER LOBE SIGN**

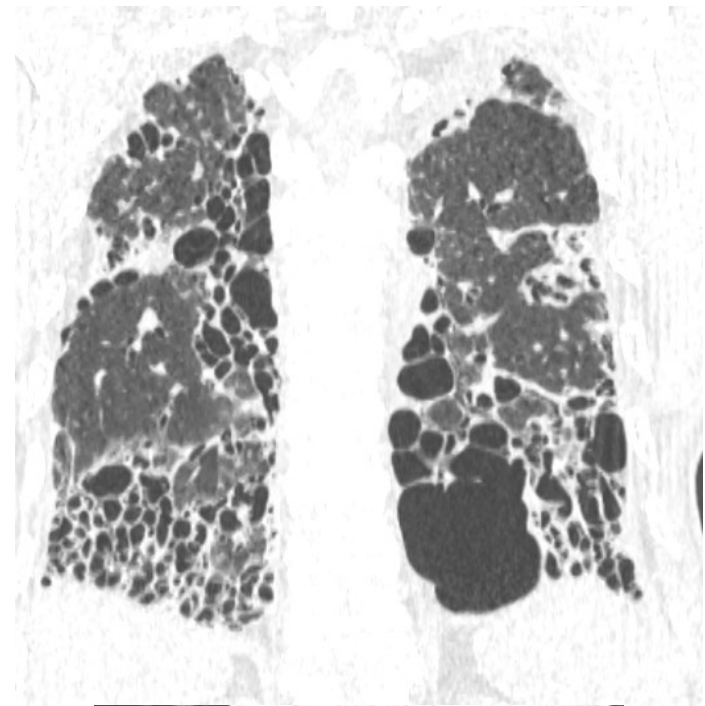


## FOUR CORNERS SIGN - SCLERODERMA

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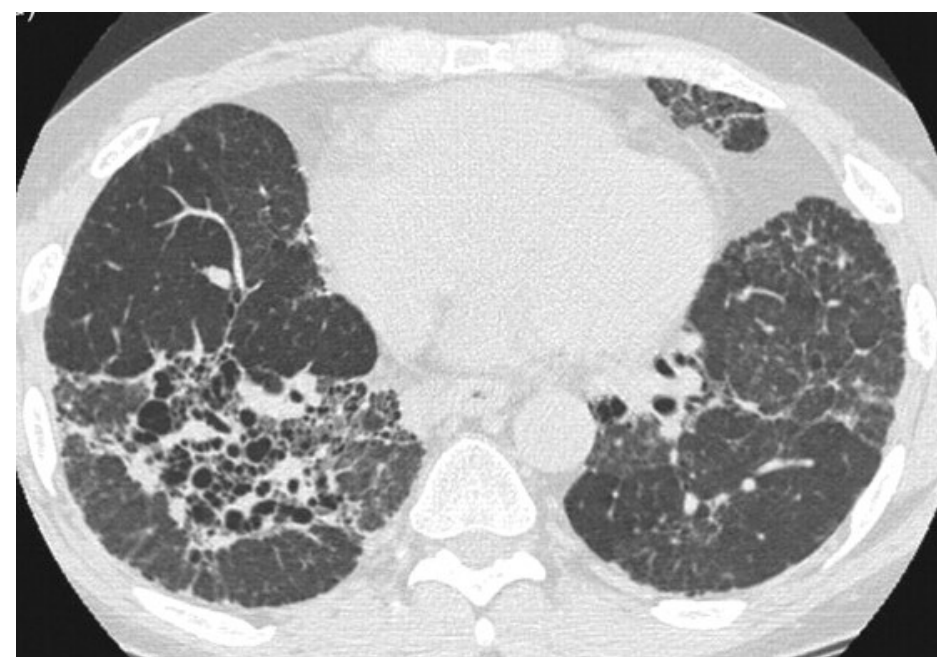
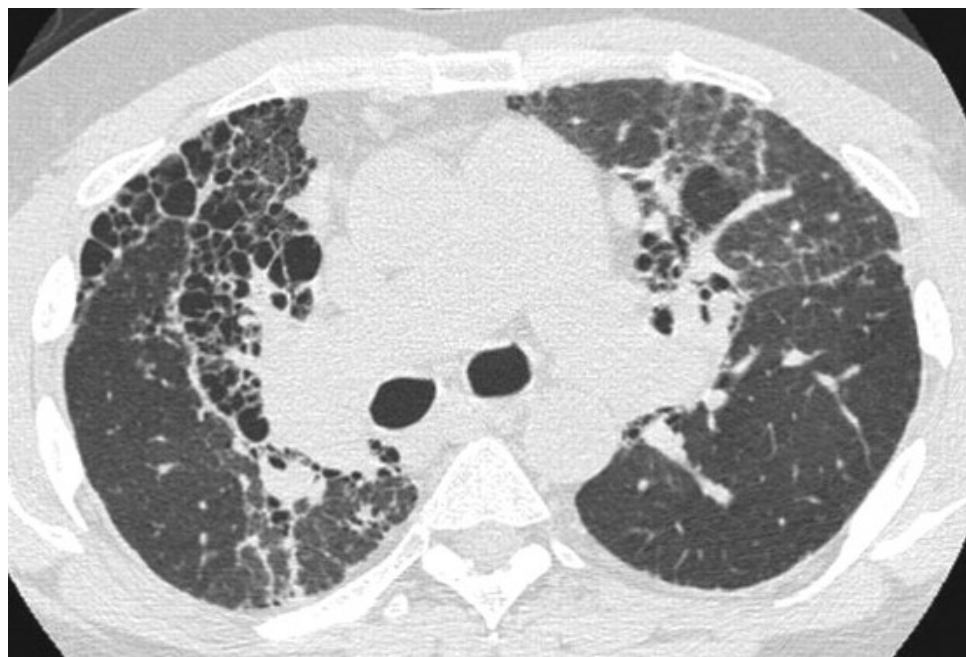
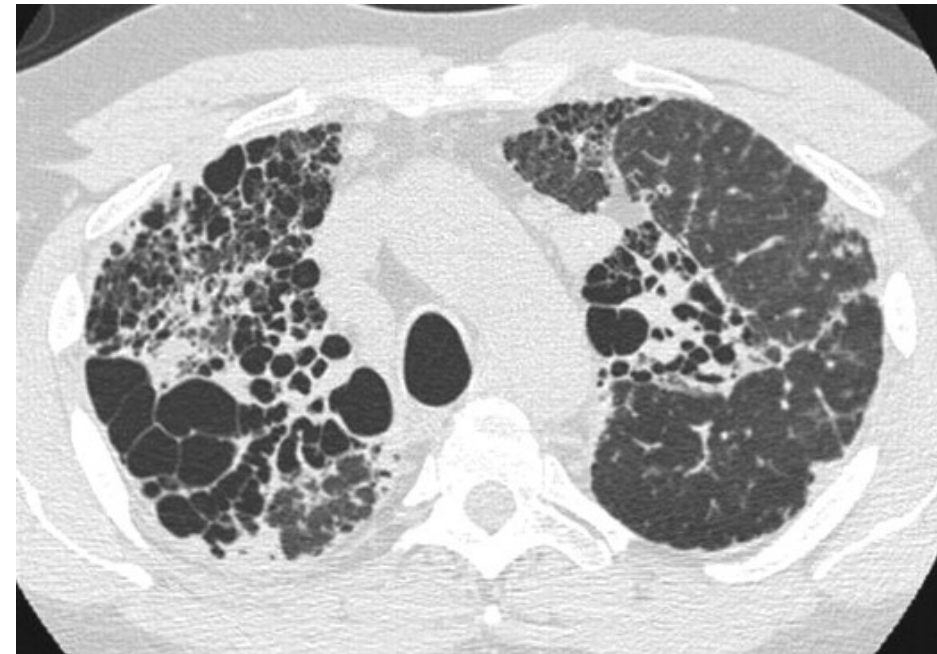
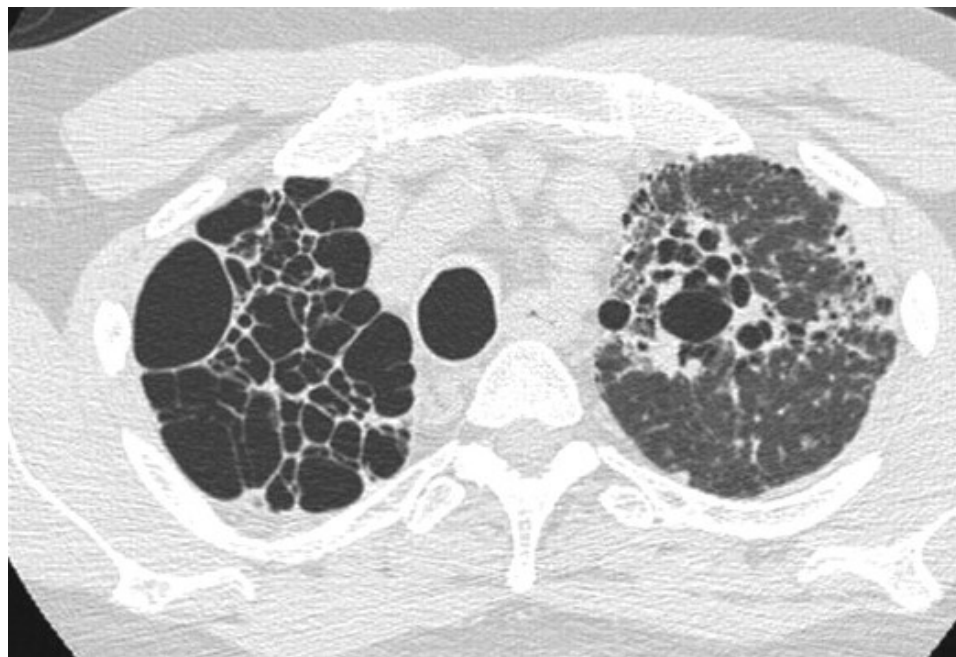


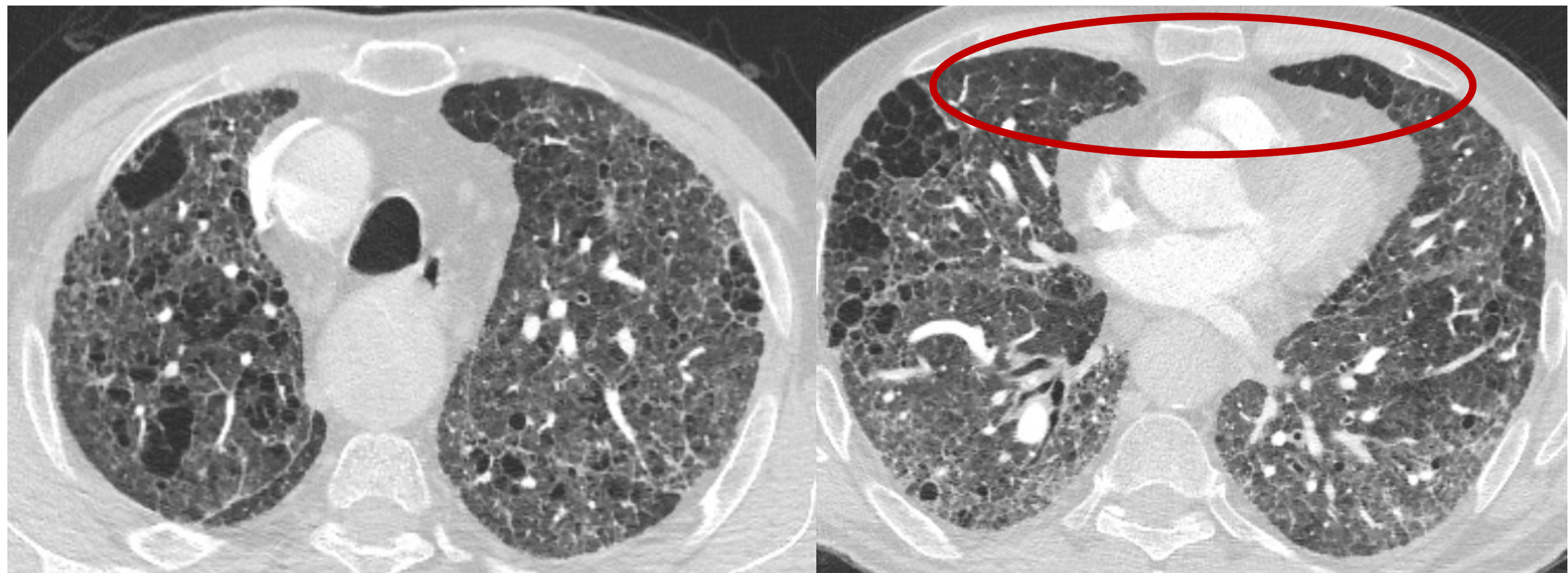
Exuberant honeycombing-RA





SARCOIDOSIS





FIBROSIS DUE TO LANGERHANS CELL HISTIOCYTOSIS



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