

# CHEST IMAGING

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- Chest imaging remains major component of diagnostic radiology.
- The chest x-ray is the most commonly performed **diagnostic x-ray examination.**
- A chest x-ray makes images of the heart, lungs, airways, blood vessels and the bones of the spine and chest.

# Anatomy of the lungs

**The Right lung** is larger than the left, because most of the heart encroaches on the left lung.

## □ The right lung has three lobes:

- upper lobe
- Middle lobe *lingula*
- Lower lobe

## □ The left lung has two lobes:

- upper lobe *lingular*
- lower lobe

# Anatomy of the lungs / 2

Adjacent lobes are separated by an interlobar fissure.

## In the right lung:

- ❑ The minor (transverse) fissure separates the upper lobe from the middle lobe.
- ❑ The major (oblique) fissure separates the upper and middle lobes from the lower lobe.

## In the left lung:

- ❖ The major or oblique fissure separates the upper lobe from the lower lobe.

In the Right Lung, there are:

- 1- Minor (Transverse) Fissure
- 2- Major (Oblique) Fissure
- 3- Azygus Fissure: around the Azygus vein at the Apex of the right Lung
- 4- Superior Accessory Fissure: in the right lower lobe, separating the Superior (Apical) segment from the four basal Segments

All Fissures consist of two layers ( parietal & Visceral ) Except the Azygus Fissure which consists of four layers ( 2 parietal & 2 visceral )

# *Segmental anatomy*

## Segments of the right lung

### Upper lobe segments:

- Apical segment
- Anterior segment
- Posterior segment

### Middle lobe segments

- Lateral segment
- Medial segment

# *Segmental anatomy / 2*

## Right lower lobe segments:

- Superior segment
- Medial basal
- Anterior basal
- Lateral basal
- Posterior basal

# *Segmental anatomy / 3*

## Left lung segments:

### Upper lobe

- Apical posterior segment
- Anterior segment
- Superior lingular segment
- Inferior lingular segment

The lingular segment in the left lung is similar in position to the right middle lobe.

# *Segmental anatomy / 4*

## Left lower lobe segments:

- Superior segment
- Medial basal
- Anterior basal
- Lateral basal
- Posterior basal

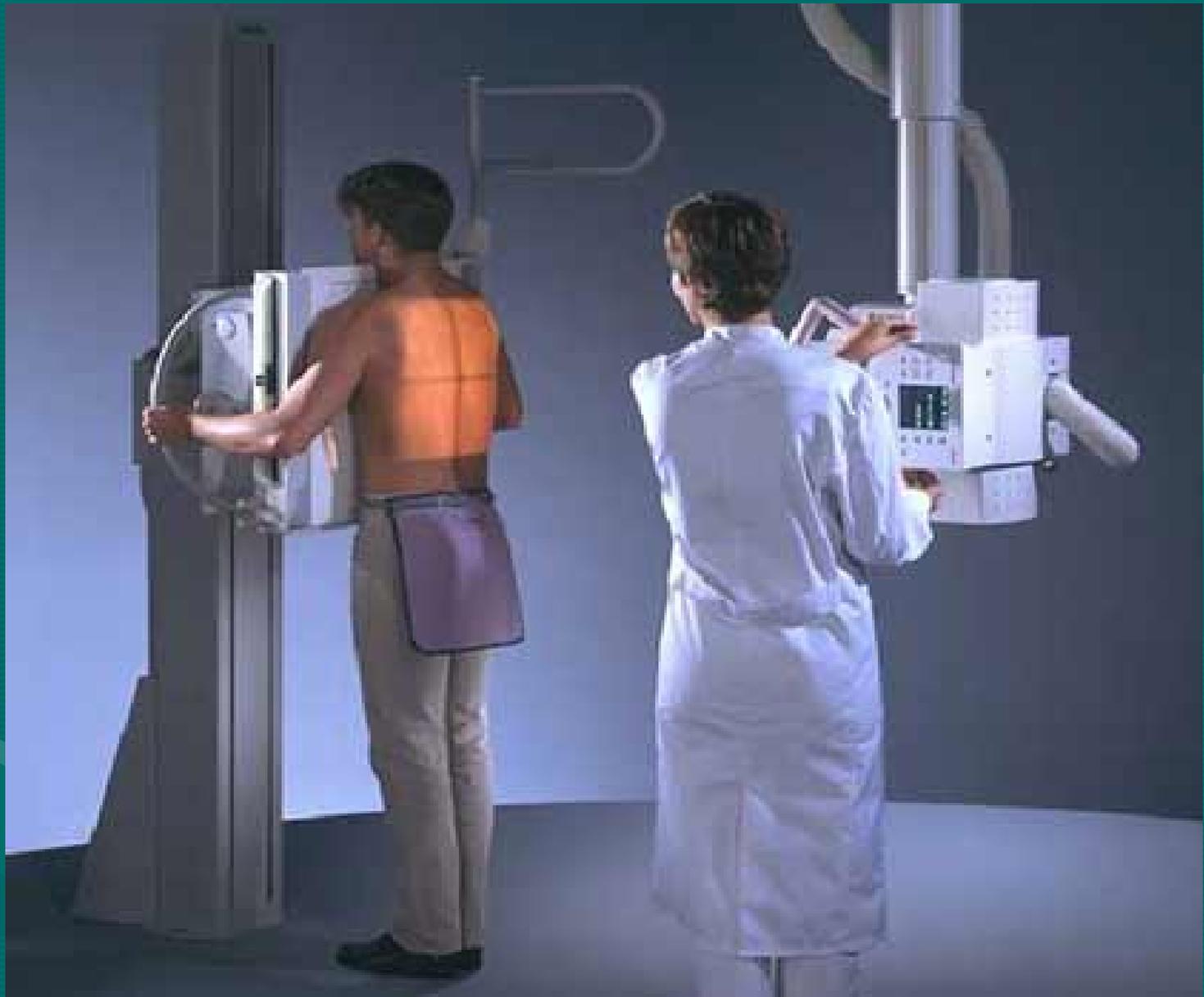
# Routine plain chest radiography:

❖ Postero-anterior view (PA)

❖ Lateral view.

Sometimes Lateral view is required and it can be:  
1- Left Lateral: the left side of the Pt close to the cassette  
2- Right Lateral the right side of the Pt close to the cassette

□ The term PA refers to the direction of the x-ray beam which traverses the patient from posterior to anterior.



lung apex will be above the clavicle.

# PA chest radiography is preferred to AP, why ?

Most of the time, CXR is taken PA in which the Pt is standing with the Xray cassette (film) in front of him, and the Pt is holding the cassette so that :

- 1- the heart is close to the cassette >>>The heart is normal in size
- 2- Clavicles go down below Apex
- 3- Scapulae pushed away from the lung fields

- ⊙ Less magnification of the heart.
- ⊙ More lung fields are visualized.
- ⊙ The PA projects the scapula away from the lung fields.
- ⊙ The apices of the lungs are closer to the film in the PA and appear more clear.

# Other plain chest radiography:

## ➤ Antero-posterior view (AP)

Good for follow-up  
NOT Diagnostic!!

- ★ very ill patients who are unable to stand.
- ★ infants and small children.

## ➤ Inspiration-expiration films

- ★ suspected bronchial foreign body aspiration.
- ★ suspected small pneumothorax.

Routinely, CXR should be done while the Pt is in deep inspiration. But sometimes expiratory films are required as in cases of suspected bronchial foreign body aspiration and suspected small pneumothorax.

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More lucent

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insp. exp.

# Before reading the x-ray film, the following should be checked:

## 1. Request form

- name, age, sex and date
- clinical information.

## 2. Technical factors:

- markers. right/left

- centering ( patient position).
- degree of inspiration.
- exposure (penetration). bones need lower exposure

Any CXR image without name, date, or markers should not be reported

In any CXR, you should check centering, degree of inspiration and exposure. If one of them is disrupted for example if the Pt is rotated (not centralized properly) you may ask to repeat the image with the Pt centralized, however you can interpret and report the image without repeating it to avoid exposing the Pt to radiation.

**1- Centering:** to ensure that the Pt is centralized, look at the spinous processes & trachea, they should be central in the midline and equidistant to both medial ends of clavicles

### 3- Exposure:

look at the retrocardiac disc spaces, they should be JUST VISIBLE

\* if the retrocardiac disc spaces are very clear + Lungs are dark black = Overexposure

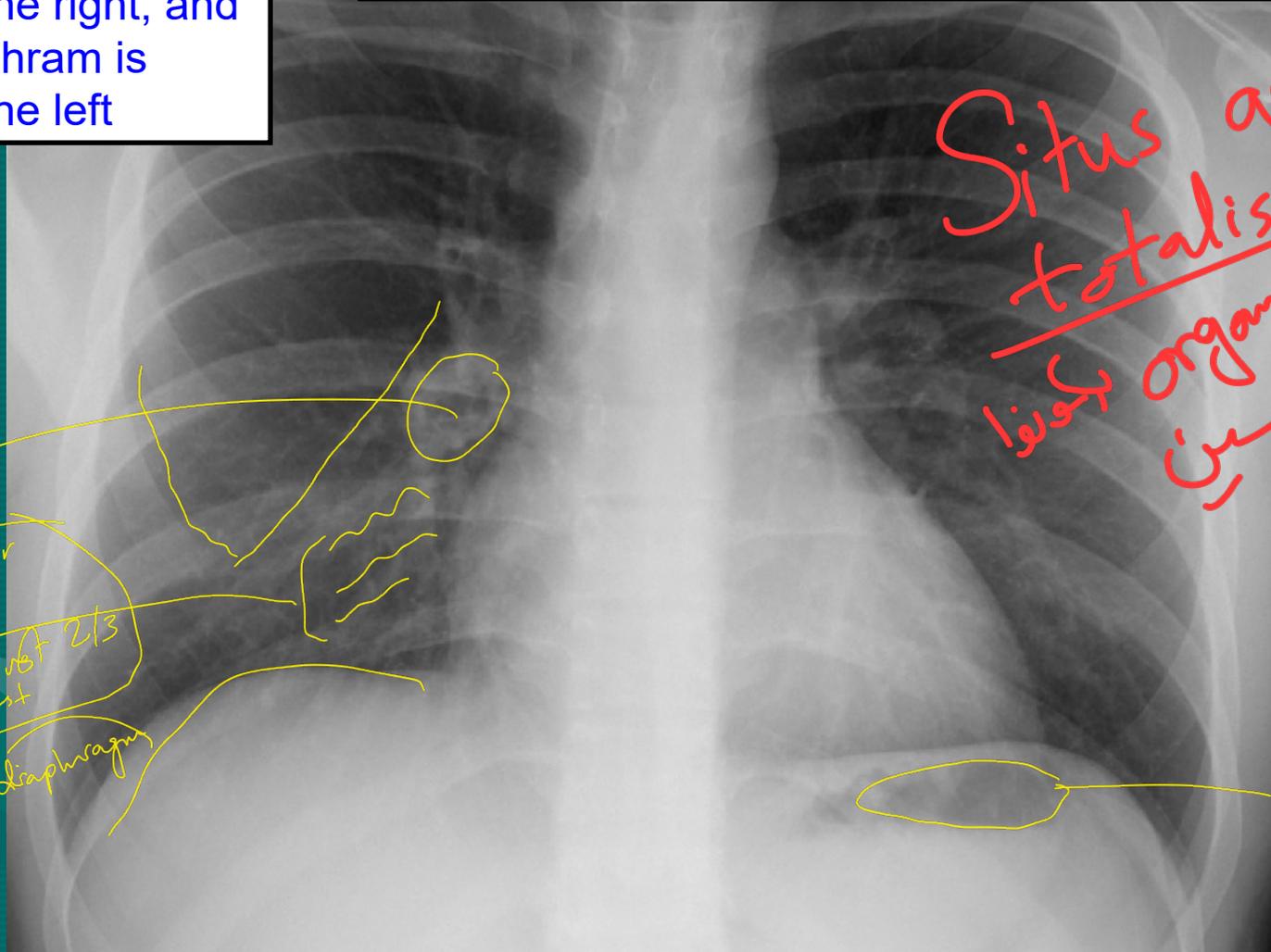
\* if the retrocardiac disc spaces are not visible + Lungs are bright white = Underexposure

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\* look

at any X-RAY, we look for  
 heart size  
 costophrenic angle  
 bones (fracture..)  
 normally: the left helium is  
 higher than the right, and  
 the right diaphragm is  
 higher than the left

**2- Degree of Inspiration:**  
 \* There should be 6 ribs anteriorly with the 6<sup>th</sup> one crossing the Diaphragm  
 \* the heart is normal in size in inspiratory films & enlarged in expiratory films  
 How can we judge whether the heart is normal in size or enlarged?  
 By calculating the Cardiothoracic Ratio; Normally, the widest diameter of the heart  
 should be 50% or less the widest diameter of the chest in adults and 60% or less the  
 widest diameter of the chest in children



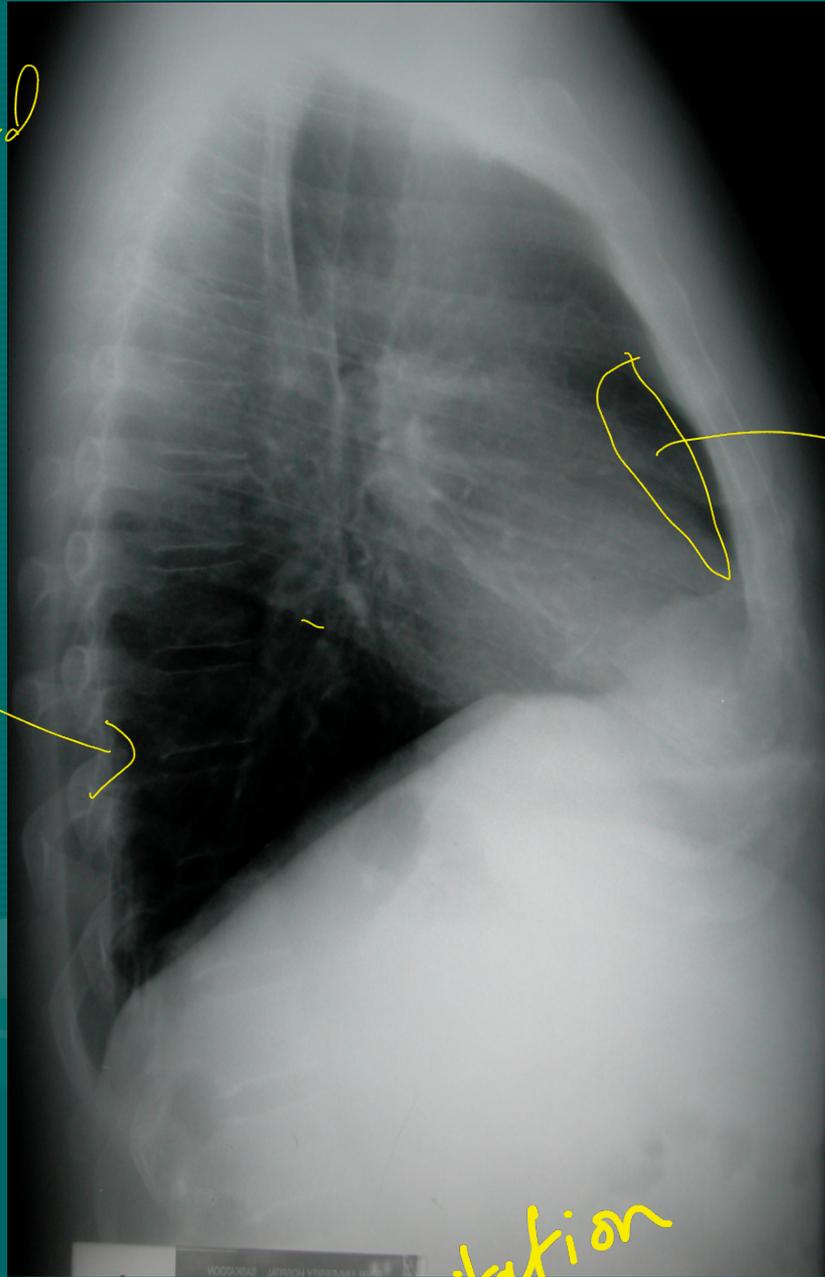
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 of the chest  
 Rt hemidiaphragm  
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at closure.

as we go downward  
↑ lucency



Retrosternal  
space  
should be  
clear.

1st  
ant. mediastinal  
pathology

cavitation

renal

# PNEUMONIA

- Is an inflammation of the lung, which can be caused by a variety of micro-organisms, including bacterias, viruses, and fungi.
- **Lobar pneumonia:** inflammation confined to a lobe of the lung.
- **Bronchopneumonia:** refers to bilateral multifocal areas of consolidation.

1- Lobar Pneumonia: may affect one or more segment , one or more lobe or the entire lung  
2- Bronchopneumonia: usually in the hilar region, unilateral or bilateral

## Pneumonia can be classified into:

- ❖ **Primary pneumonia** : arising in a normal lung.
- ❖ **Secondary pneumonia**  
result of a disease or abnormality already present in the lung.

Pneumonia can be primary or secondary,  
example: Lymphoma >>> LN enlargement >>> compression >>> secondary pneumonia

# Pneumonia / 2

- ❖ With treatment most types of bacterial pneumonia can be resolved within 2 weeks.
- ❖ Viral pneumonia may last longer.
- ❖ Mycoplasmal pneumonia may take 4 weeks to resolve completely.

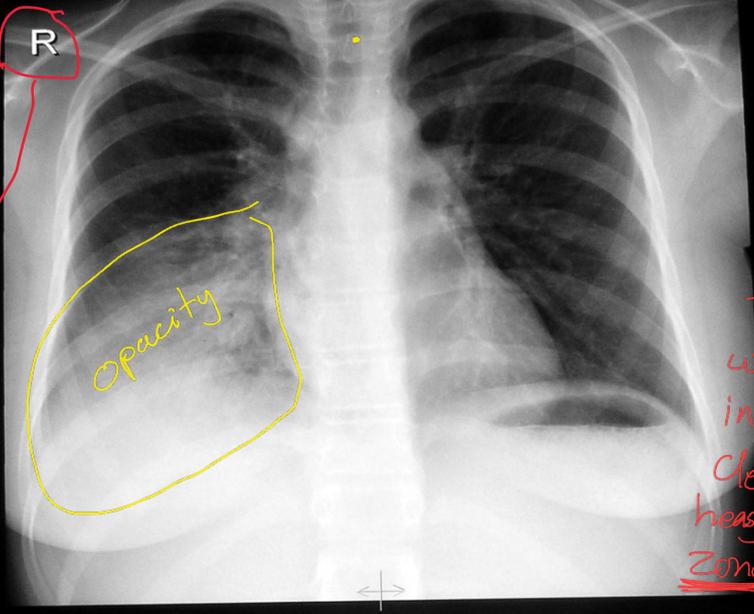
❑ What examinations should be considered in patients with pneumonia that does not resolve as promptly as it should ?

*Bronchoalveolar ca. => اللمفوما الرئوي*

- ✓ CT scan
- ✓ Bronchoscopy

On writing CXR report for a Pt with pneumonia, request a follow up CXR two weeks after starting treatment, mostly but not always, bacterial pneumonia resolves within 2 weeks, Viral pneumonia takes up to month, Atypical pneumonia ( example Mycoplasmal pneumonia ) takes 4-6 weeks  
if your pt doesn't improve with the follow up then you should consider CT to avoid other pathologies

CXR PA and Lateral view showing infiltration (consolidation) of the right lower lobe typical for lobar pneumonia

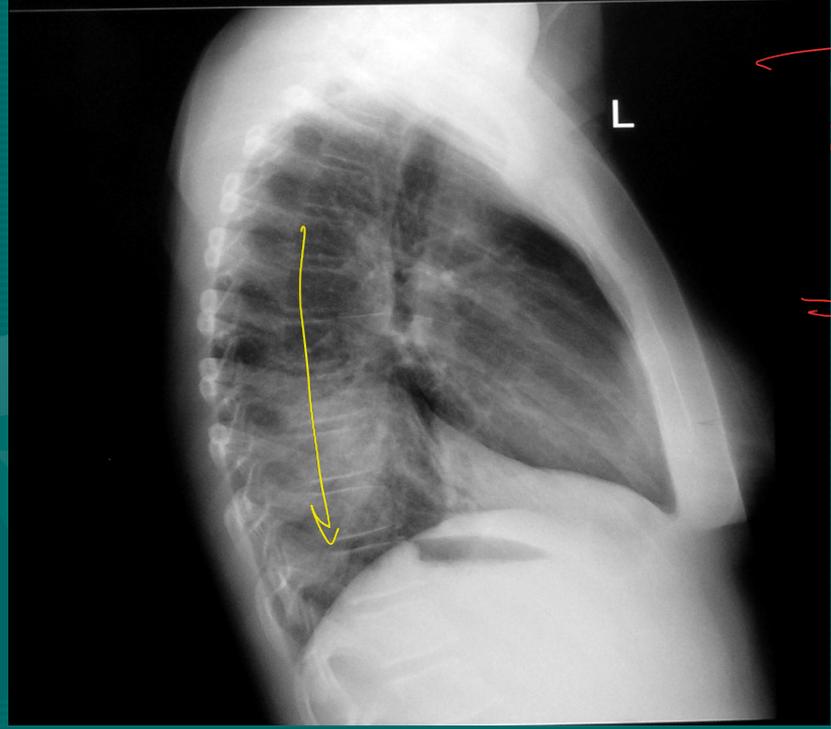


سَو بَدَن تَحْتِي بِهَال مَتَحَان  
→ this is plain chest X-ray  
the apex is above the clavicle so this is PA view.  
the pt. is well centralized with good exposure & fully inspiration. The left lung field is clear but the right lung field has heavy opacity located in the Rt lower zone

if you saw this R on the other side, this might indicate that the heart is on the other side - dextrocardia

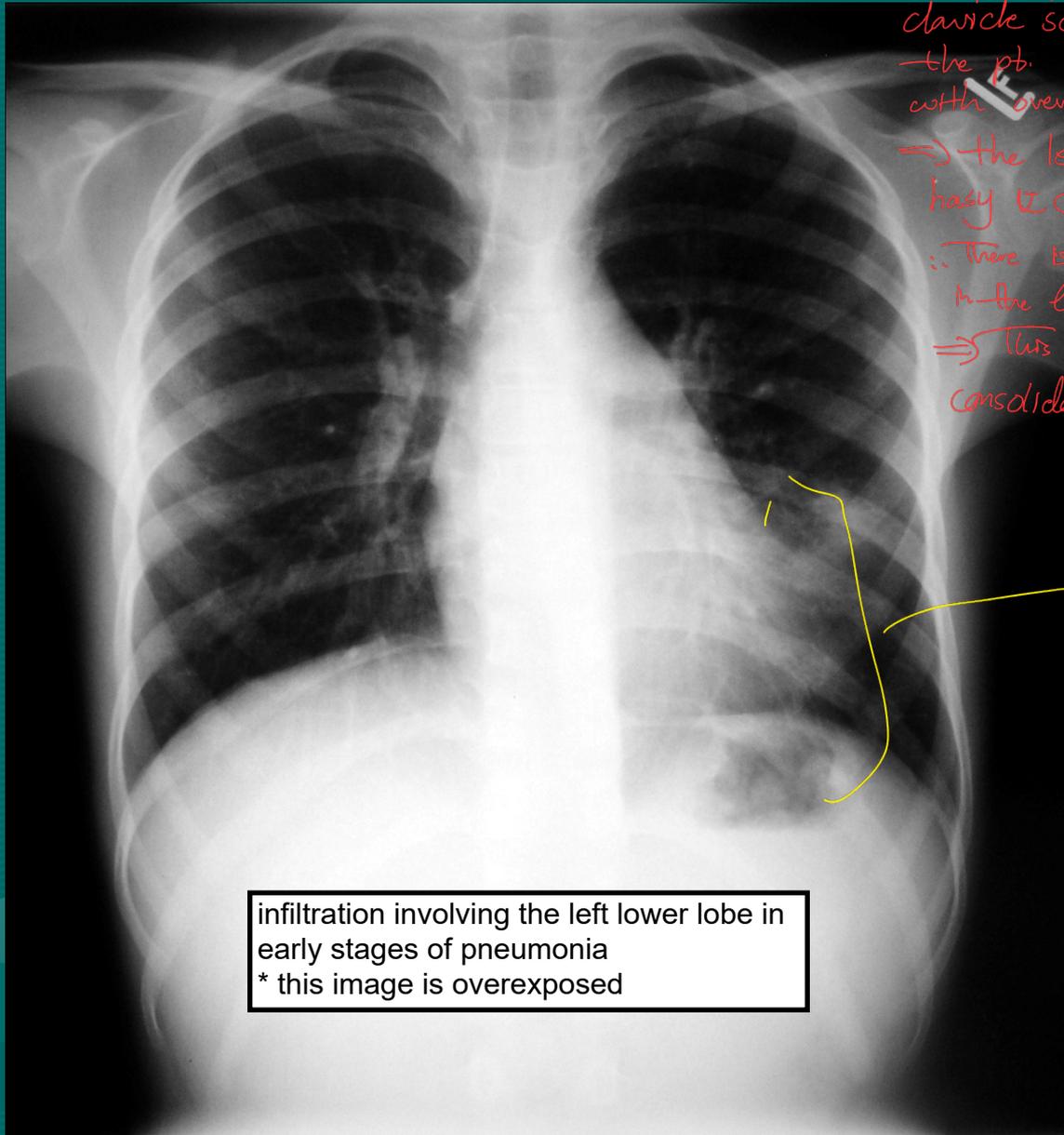
Situs inversus - when all organs are opposite

this take a risk for volvulus



→ this is lateral view.  
as we go downward we have opacity, triangular in its shape, located in the Rt. lower lobe posteriorly  
⇒ Mostly this is consolidation (pneumonia)

✖ This is plain chest X-ray.



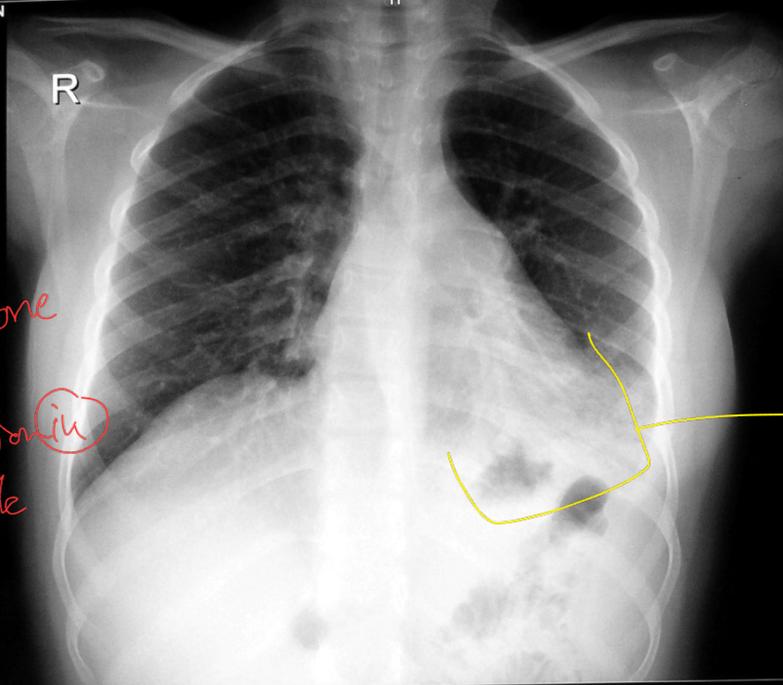
- the apex of the lung is above the clavicle so this is PA view.  
- the pt. is well centralized with over exposure.  
⇒ the left heart border is hazy & can't be sharply demarcated  
∴ there is haziness & opacity located in the left heart border  
⇒ this opacity could be consolidation & pneumonia

The heart border is not sharply demarcated  
ما يقترنا به  
تغير  
consolidation

infiltration involving the left lower lobe in early stages of pneumonia  
\* this image is overexposed

The left border of the heart is not clear & can't be sharply demarcated

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infiltration involving the left lower lobe plus obliteration of the costophrenic angle = pneumonia & effusion

⇒ there is opacity in the left lower lung zone obscuring Lt. heart border  
⇒ also there is obliteration of the Lt. costophrenic angle & silhouetting the diaphragmatic outline.

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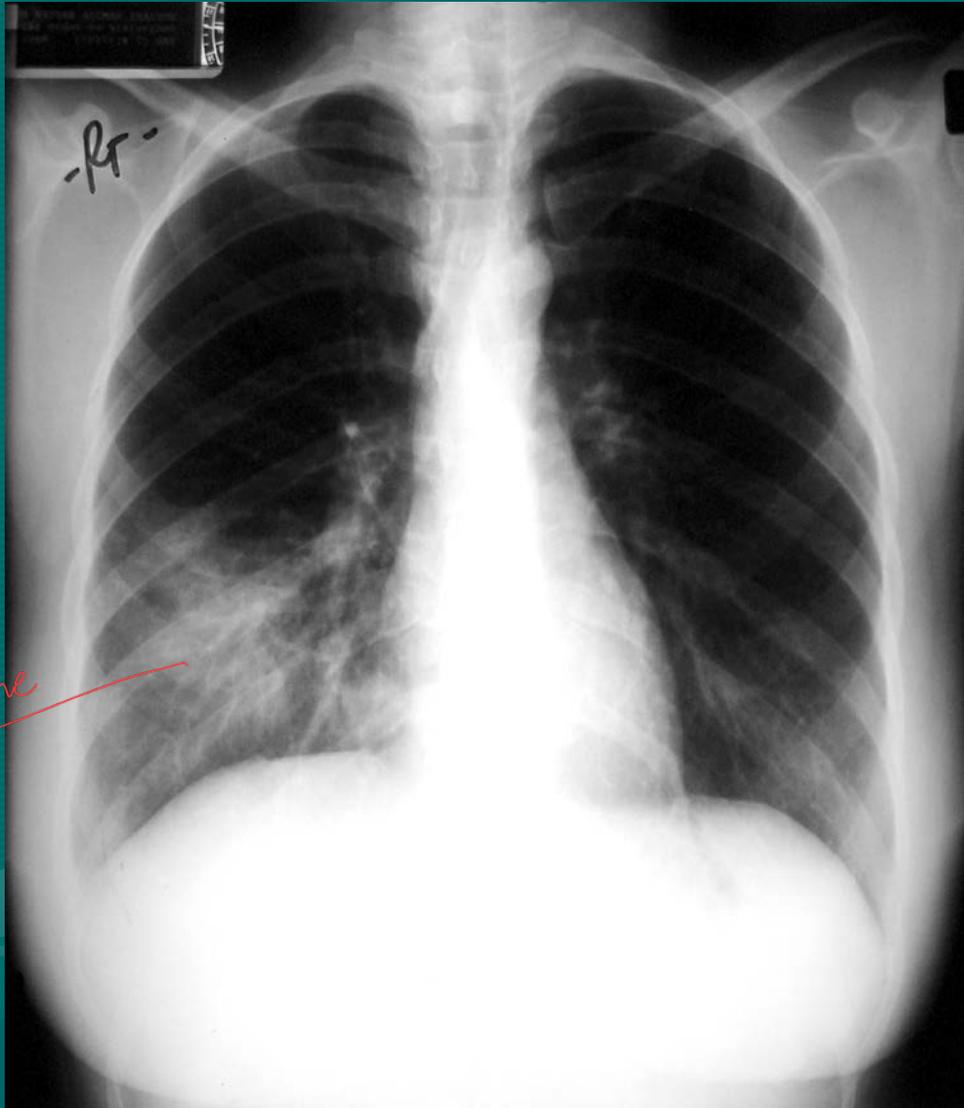
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heart not sharply demarcated.  
& costophrenic angle is obliterated  
& 1) لا  
diaphragm  
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effusion

∴ Pneumonia or effusion

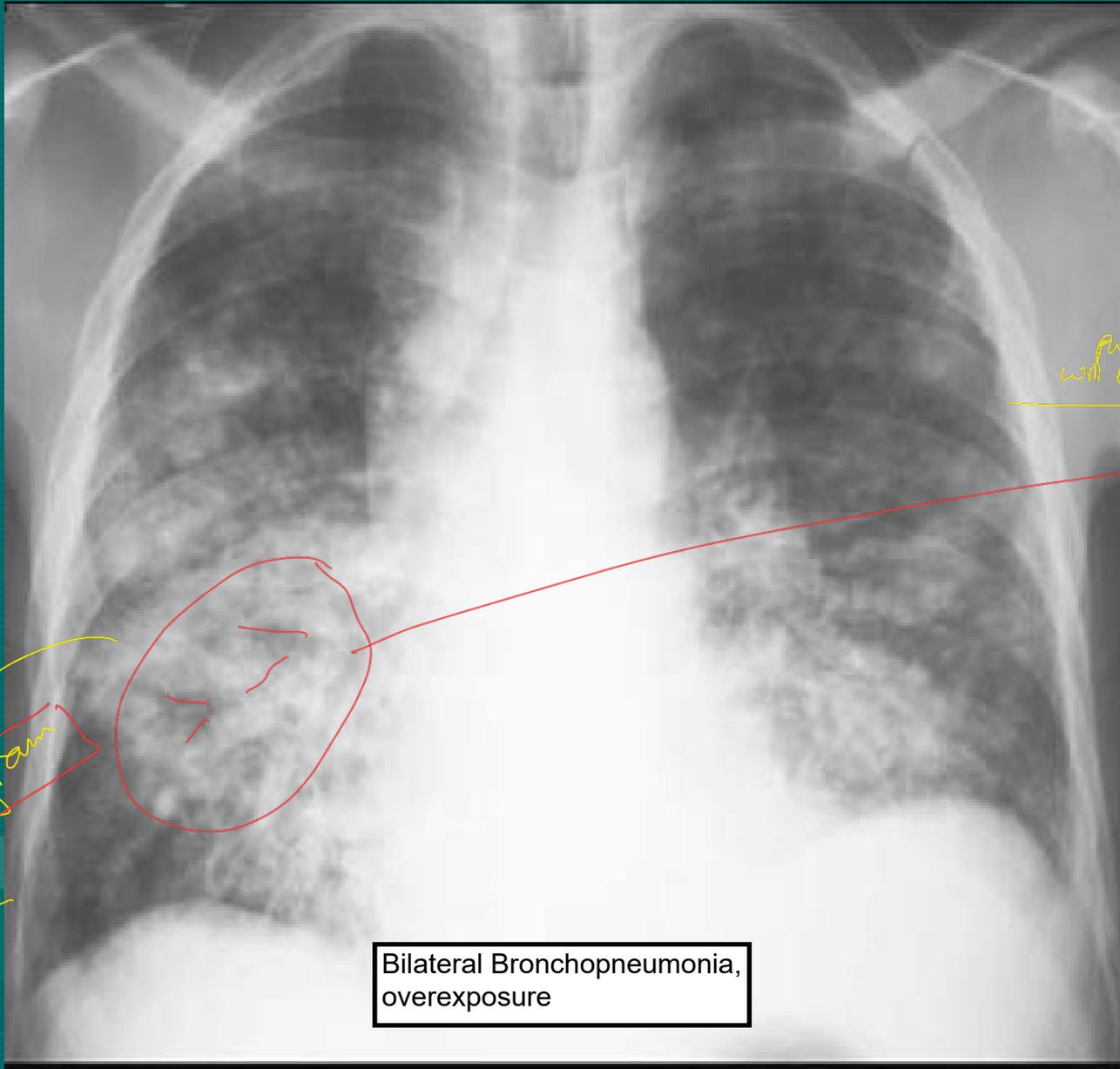
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Whenever there is an abnormal area of shadowing (increased density/whiteness) in the lungs, the diagnosis of infection or cancer should be considered likely causes



opacity in the  
Rt lower lung zone  
pneumonia

CXR alone is not sufficient for definitive Dx for example this image can be cancer so you should correlate your initial Dx with the Pt clinical data and CXR. and follow up the Pt if no improvement you do CT looking for cancer



Patchy infiltrations

\*opacity  
Patchy & bilateral  
Bronchopneumonia

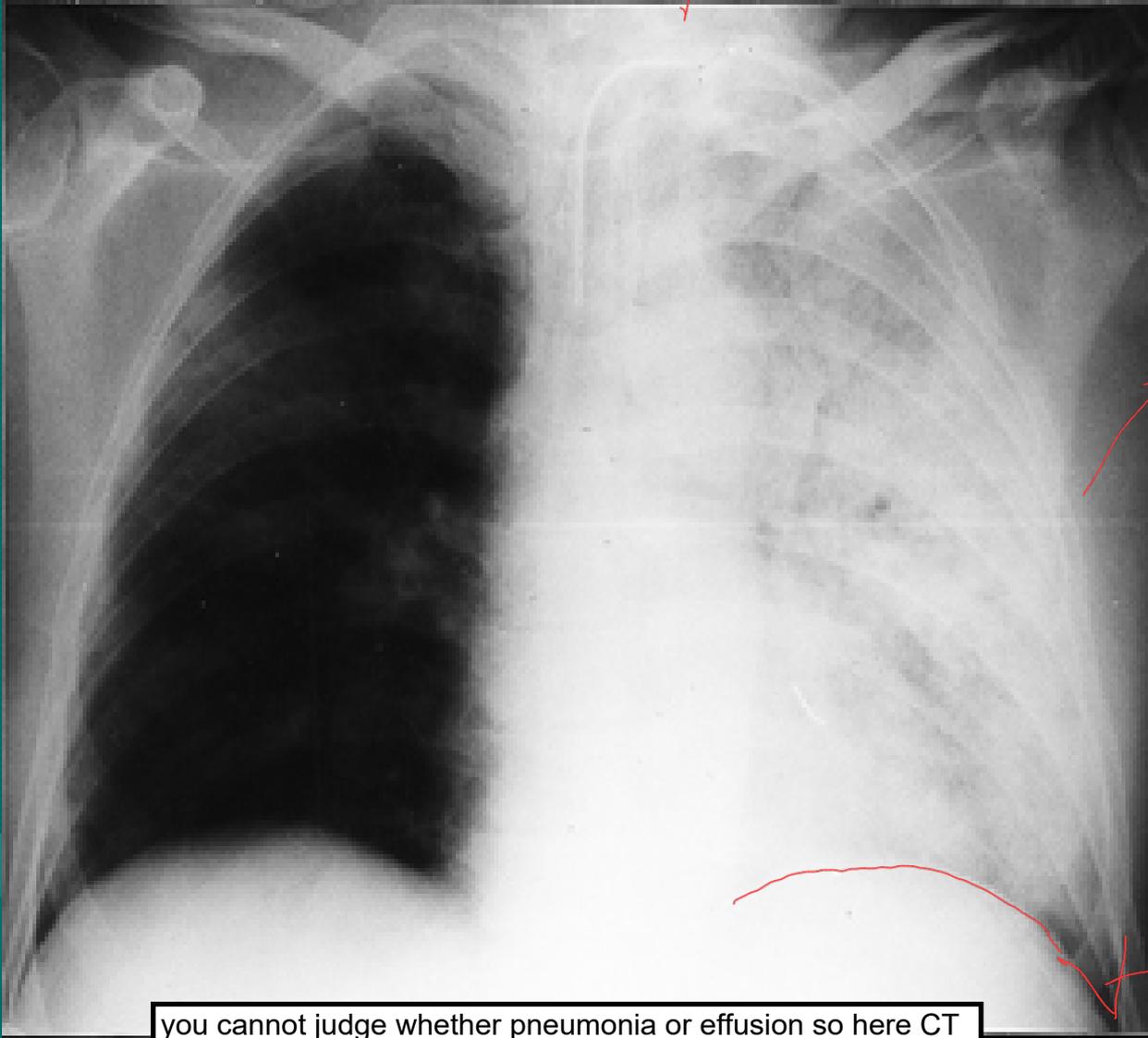
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Pulmonary edema  
Note in cardiogenic pulmonary edema you will see cardiomegaly

Here, there is lucent lines  
[these are bronchi that outlined by air]  
↳ these are called air bronchogram  
we can see it in pneumonia.

تضخم  
الخيوط السوداء  
Air bronchogram  
بين  
عروق تقيير

Bilateral Bronchopneumonia, overexposure

whole left lung is white



Here also we have air bronchogram

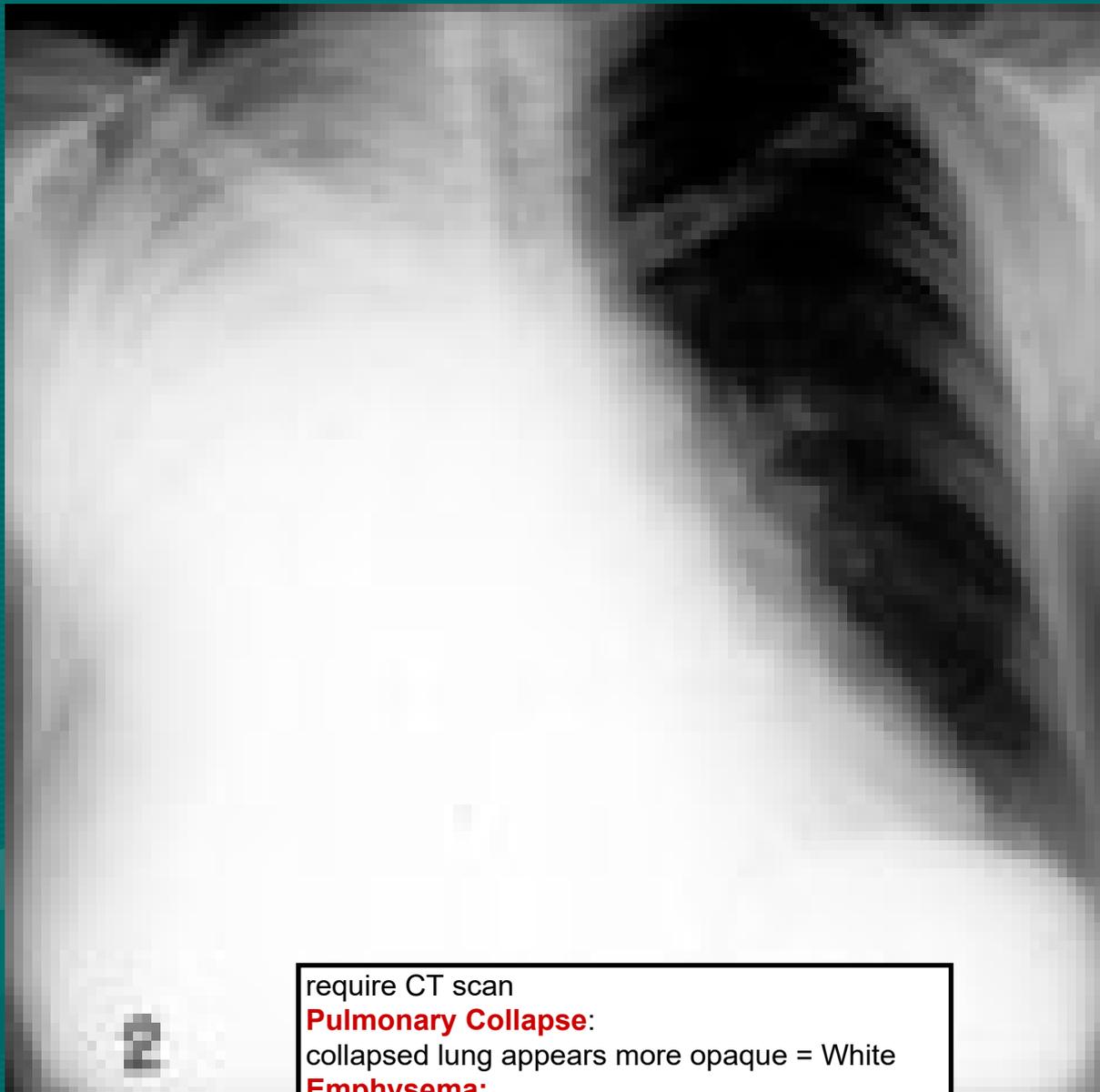


Costophrenic angle

you cannot judge whether pneumonia or effusion so here CT scan is a must since the management of Pleural effusion (Chest Tube) is totally different from the management of pneumonia  
P.S: the Pt has tube

diaphragm is ribs  
air in ribs  
is

effusion



require CT scan

**Pulmonary Collapse:**

collapsed lung appears more opaque = White

**Emphysema:**

the opposite of collapse; the lung is more translucent = Black

# Pulmonary collapse

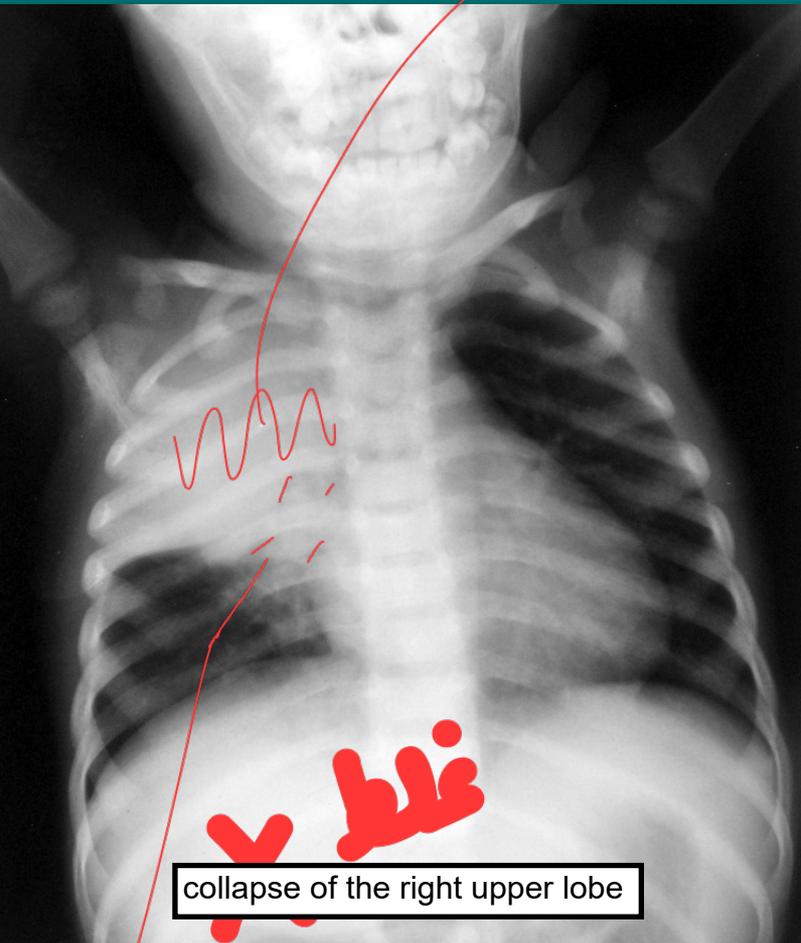
- ❖ Pulmonary collapse or atelectasis refers to a decrease in volume of a lung, lobe or segment.
- ❖ Obstruction to flow of air is the most common cause of collapse.
- ❖ Air in the alveoli is absorbed and because no further air enters the alveoli distal to the obstruction, the lung tissue collapses and becomes more opaque

# Pulmonary collapse / 2

- ❑ Common causes of bronchial obstruction causing collapse:
  - Bronchial carcinoma
  - Mucus plug (pneumonia, postoperative).
  - Foreign body.
  - Inflammatory bronchial disease (bronchial tuberculosis).
  - Extrinsic compression of airway by tumor or enlarged lymph nodes.

Pneumonia

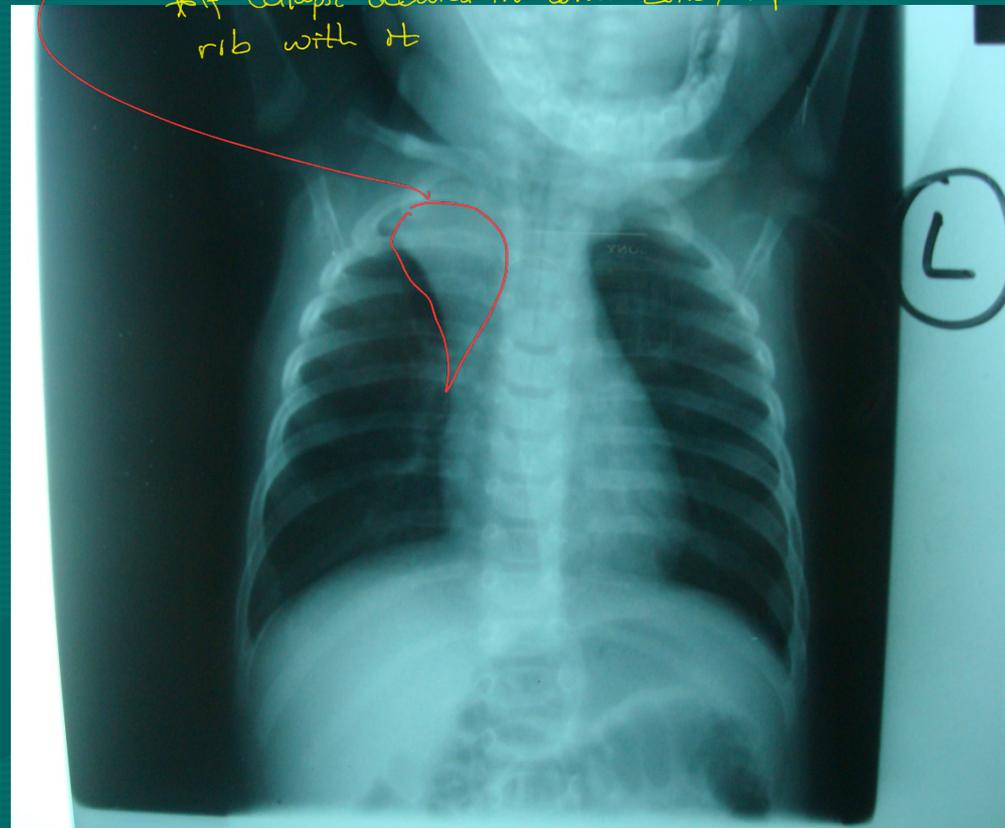
heaviness



no air bronchogram

Collapse

sharply demarcated opacity => atelectasis  
↓ volume → Rib crowdings  
\*if collapse occurred in lower zone, it pulls down the rib with it



No air bronchogram

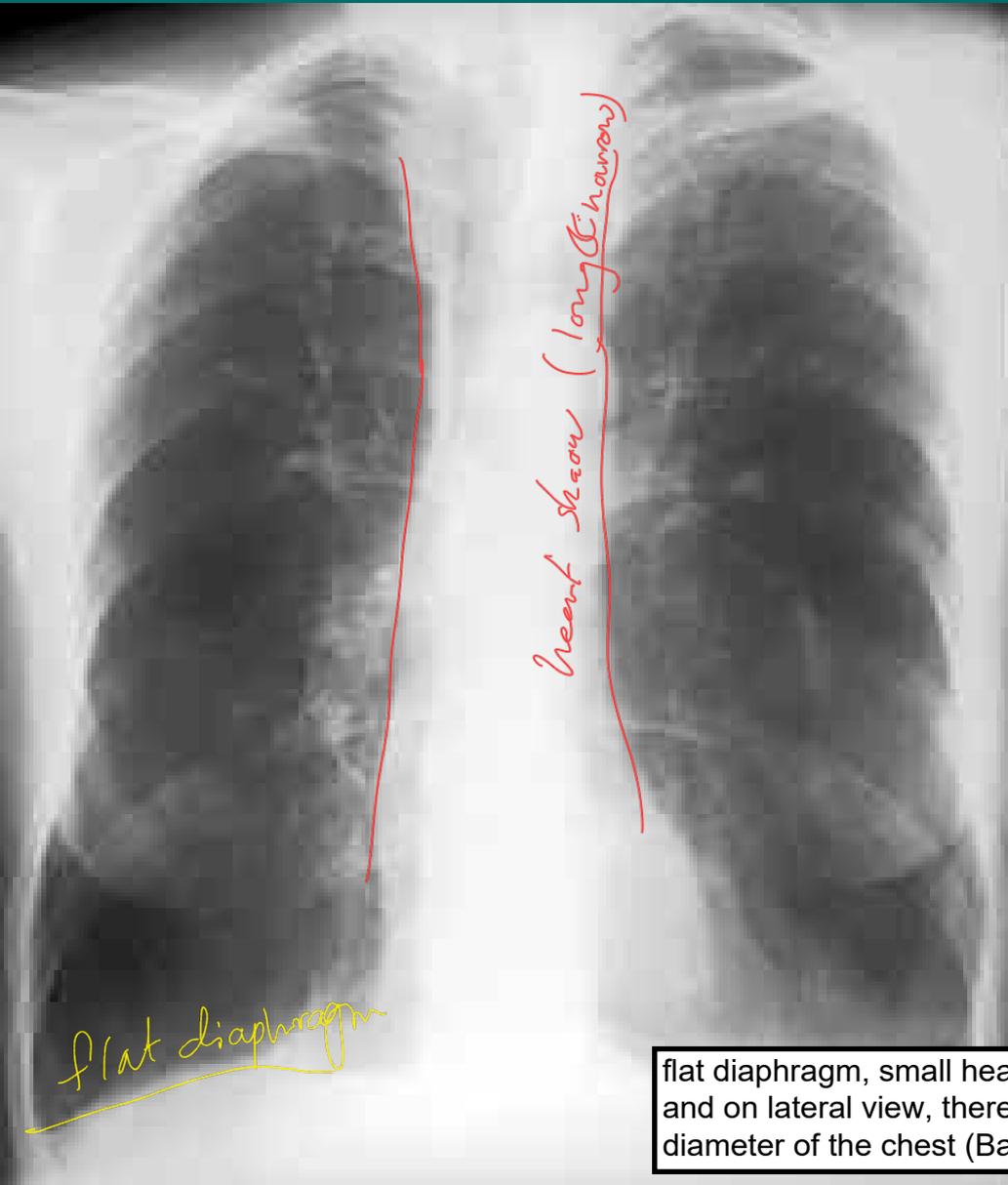
# Emphysema

1) hyperlucency  
2) Bronchovascular marking - عروقه  
مبینه

- Is an increase in the size of the air spaces distal to the terminal bronchioles, with dilatation or destruction of their walls.
- The lung appear more translucent with reduction in size and number of the small **vasculature markings**.
- The **diaphragms** are low and flat.
- The **heart shadow** is long and narrow.
- The postero-anterior diameter of the chest is increased in the lateral view resulting in barrel chest.

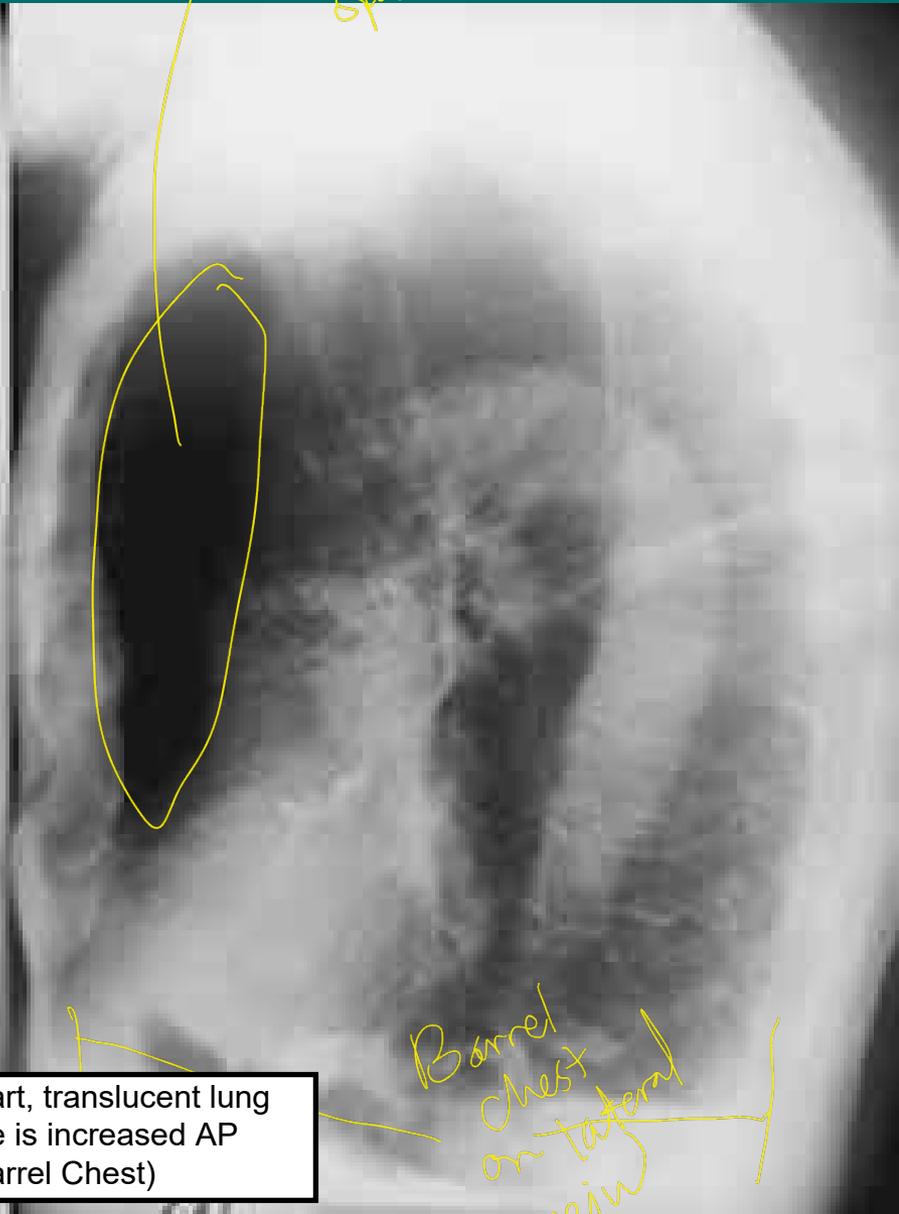
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سنگو فشره است  
2/3  
بیشتر  
من غای هوا  
صاف است  
عروق

lung



Heart shadow (long & narrow)

flat diaphragm



retrosternal space

Barrel chest on lateral view

flat diaphragm, small heart, translucent lung and on lateral view, there is increased AP diameter of the chest (Barrel Chest)

# Pleural effusion

Is fluid collection in the space between the parietal and visceral layers of the pleura, usually contains serous fluid, but may have differing contents.

- Haemothorax: blood, usually following trauma. *also w/ pneumonia pts.*
- Empyema: purulent fluid (pus). *→ with HF pts. or cardiomegaly*
- Hydropneumothorax: fluid and air. *- (you will see airfluid level post-surgery)*

## **Pleural Effusion**

is most common in the lower lobes but it can be:

- 1- Localized: between interlobar fissures
- 2- Localized Lateral: in the upper lobes

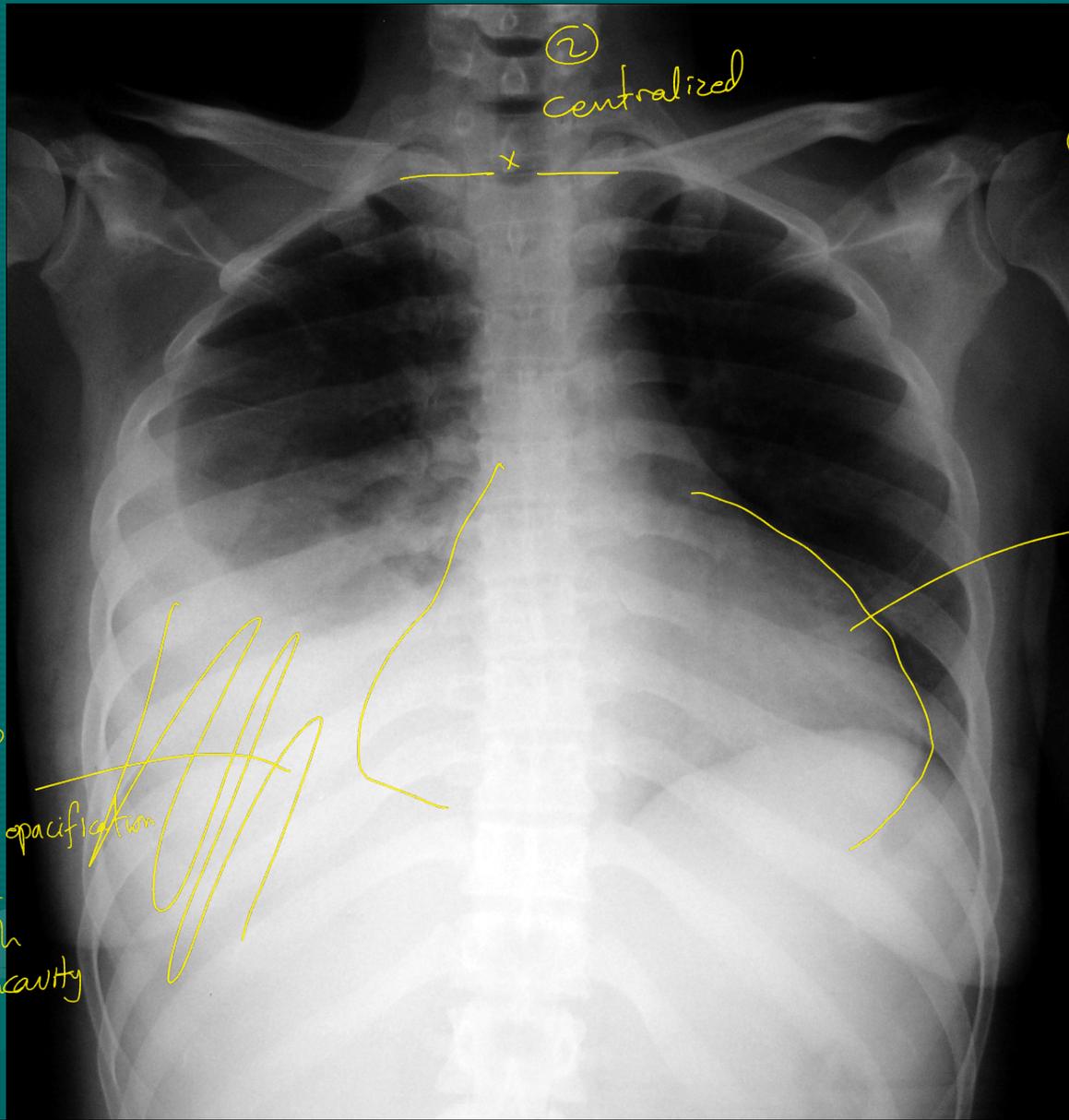
\* According to the amount of fluid, effusion may involve the whole lung or - if < 200 cc – not detected

# Pleural effusion / 2

## Radiological features of pleural effusion on a chest x-ray:

- Homogeneous opacification. *on costo-phrenic angle.*
- Loss of the diaphragm outline. *lung tissue*  
*diaphragmatic outline*
- No visible pulmonary or bronchial markings.
- Concave upper border which appear higher laterally.
- blunting or obliteration of the costophrenic angle.

①  
\* AP view  
apex 11<sup>th</sup> rib  
11<sup>th</sup> rib  
clavicle.



③ good exposure.  
④ 7 ribs. ⊖ Not full inspiration

⑤ the cardiothoracic ratio is increased which indicates cardiomegaly

⑥ there is homogenous opacification in the Rt lung field, causes obliteration in the Rt. CPA. silencing the Rt. hemidiaphragmatic outline.

⑦ I can't see broncho-vascular markings through this homogenous opacification

⑧ This large amount of opacification has high upper border with concavity (meniscus sign)

⑧ DPx  
cardiomegaly with large amount of fluid pleural

Loss of the diaphragm outline, loss of vascular markings, Homogeneous opacification, obliteration of the costophrenic angle  
How to differentiate between effusion and collapse?  
Put the Pt in Lateral decubitus position so if effusion, fluid will go up and if collapse it wont change

of R side  
effusion

① AP because I can't see the apex of the lung above the clavicle

② Not centralized

③ there is opacification in the Lt lung field

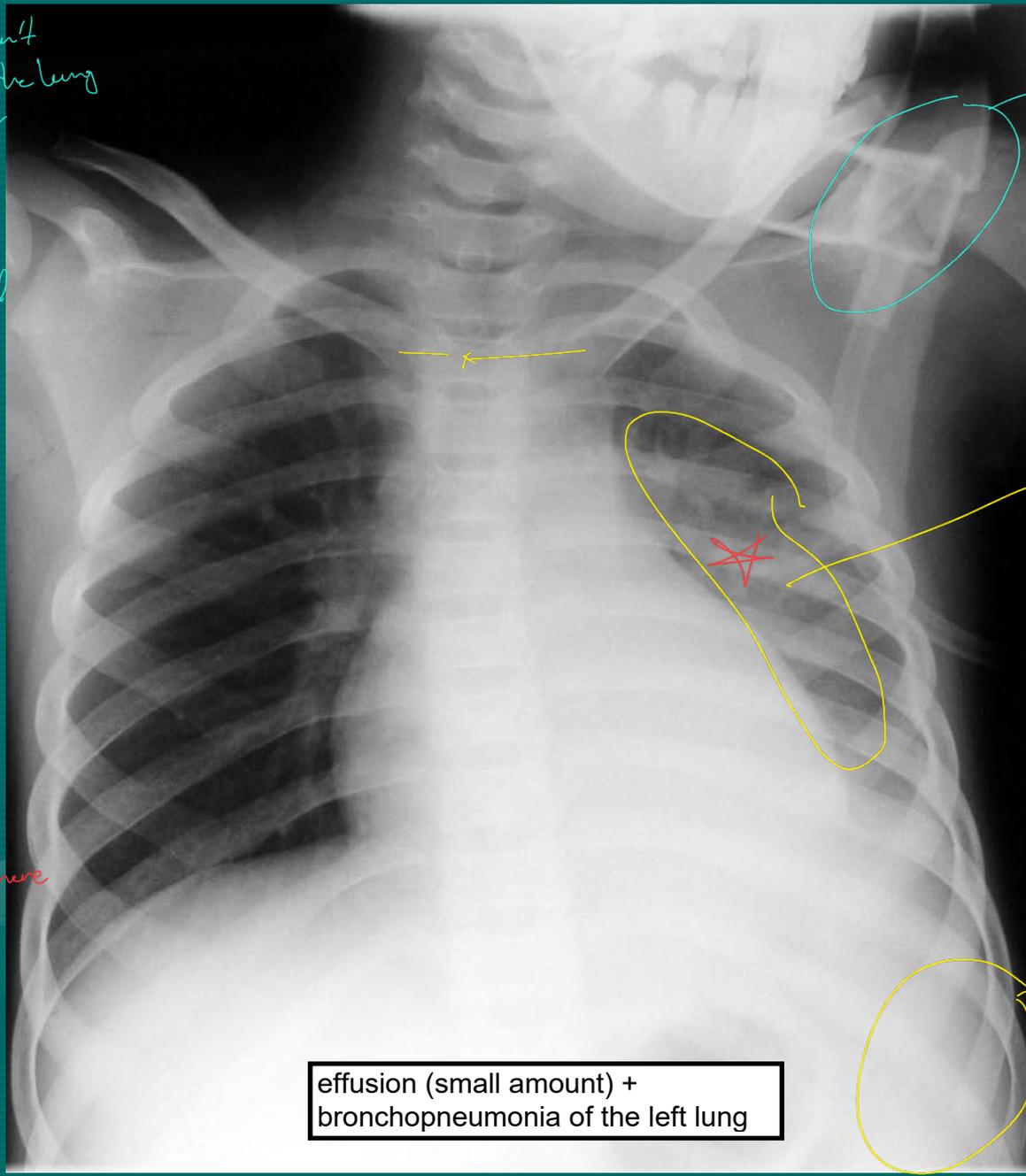
④ I & can't see the CPA which is blunted

⑤ this homogenous opacity caused silencing of the Lt diaphragmatic outline

⇒ ⑥ So DDX:-

This is pneumonia w/ parapneumonic pleural effusion.

\* Bronchovascular markings are seen <sup>there</sup> But can't be seen through out the homogenous opacity



1st time pt. lying down as lie is air mask

Pneumonia

Costophrenic angle obliteration

effusion (small amount) + bronchopneumonia of the left lung

# Pneumothorax

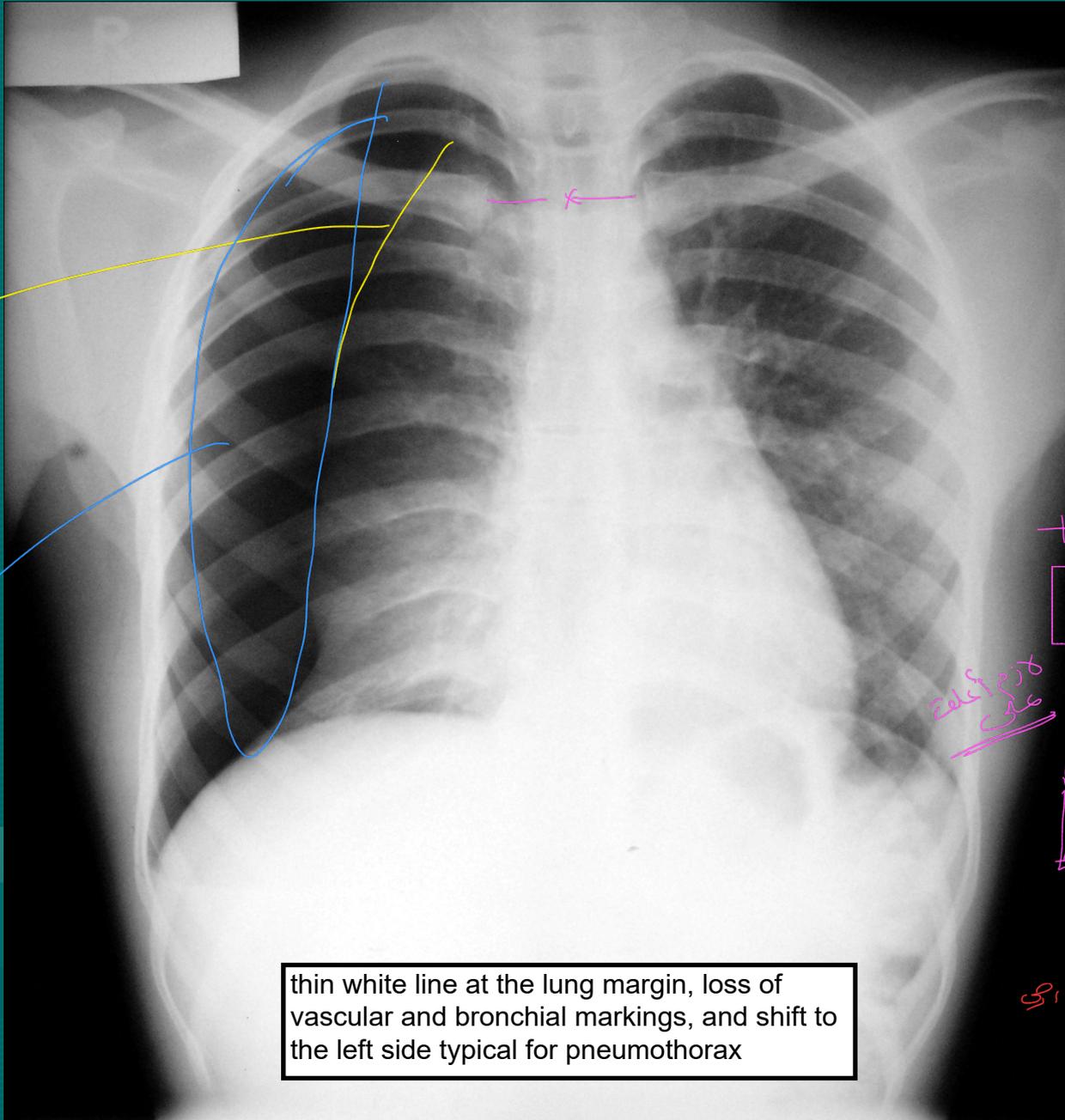
- Is the presence of free air in the pleural space, by a tear in either the parietal or visceral pleura.
- The most common cause of pneumothorax is **chest injury**, but the most common cause of **spontaneous pneumothorax is rupture of sub-pleural emphysematous bullae (bleb).**

# Radiological features of pneumothorax

- Lung edge: a thin white line at the lung margin, represent the visceral pleura.
- Absent lung markings between the lung edge and chest wall.
- Mediastinal shift: occur when a tension pneumothorax develops.

## **Chilaiditi Syndrome**

Displacement of large bowel in-between the liver and the diaphragm, gas in these bowel loops must be differentiated from air under diaphragm



wt. lung edge

wide lucency  
no  
markings  
of lung tissue

thin white line at the lung margin, loss of vascular and bronchial markings, and shift to the left side typical for pneumothorax

⊗ Chest X ray

⊗ PA

⊗ The pt is well centralized, with over exposure, and fully inspiration

⊗ There is large lucency occupying the Rt. lung field with white lung edge.

⇒ This lucency has no bronchovascular markings & I can't see the lung tissue through it.

⇒ I will think about pneumothorax

⇒ No mediastinal shift

⇒ Trachea: centralized

⇒ Heart: is in its right position, there is no shifting

⇒ Note tension pneumothorax shift trachea to the opposite side

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### Solitary Pulmonary Nodule

< 3 cm = nodule

> 3 cm = mass

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# WHAT IS SOLITARY PULMONARY NODULE ?

- It must be nodular or roughly spherical.
- Not larger than 3cm in diameter.
- About 40% of solitary pulmonary nodules are malignant.
- A nodule is assessed for its:

## - size

The larger the nodule, the greater the likelihood of malignancy.

## - Margins

Irregular contour or spiculated margins increase the probability of malignancy

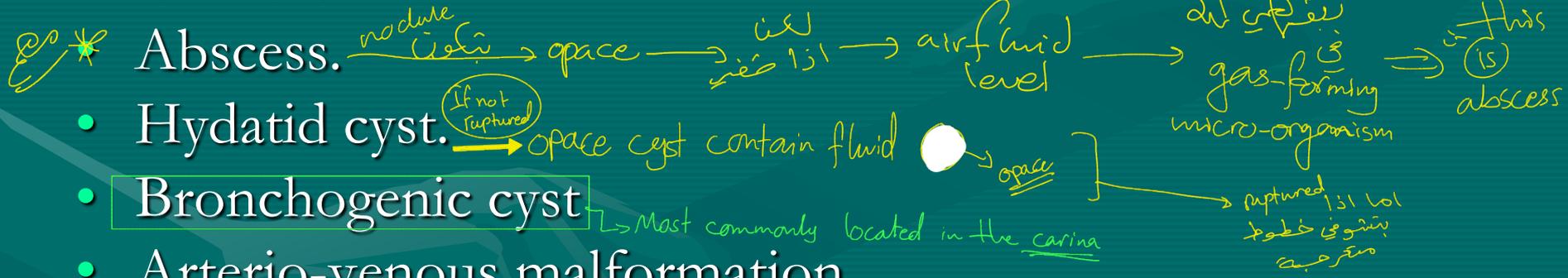
## - Calcification Benign

The presence of calcification within a nodule are in favor of benign lesion.

If the nodule has smooth well-defined outline, then it is more likely to be benign, so you should confirm your impression by CT , if on CT confirms, then send the Pt home and request follow up after 6 months

# CAUSES OF SOLITARY PULMONARY NODULE

- Bronchial carcinoma.
- Metastasis. → usually <sup>are</sup> multiple & bilateral
- Hamartoma. mostly due to trauma
- Bronchial adenoma.
- Granuloma. → calcification
- Abscess. <sup>nodular lesion</sup> → space → <sup>لكن اذا ضيق</sup> → air fluid level → <sup>دقيق في</sup> gas-forming micro-organism → <sup>هذا</sup> (15) abscess
- Hydatid cyst. <sup>If not ruptured</sup> → space cyst contain fluid  → space
- Bronchogenic cyst Most commonly located in the carina
- Arterio-venous malformation.
- Rheumatoid nodule.

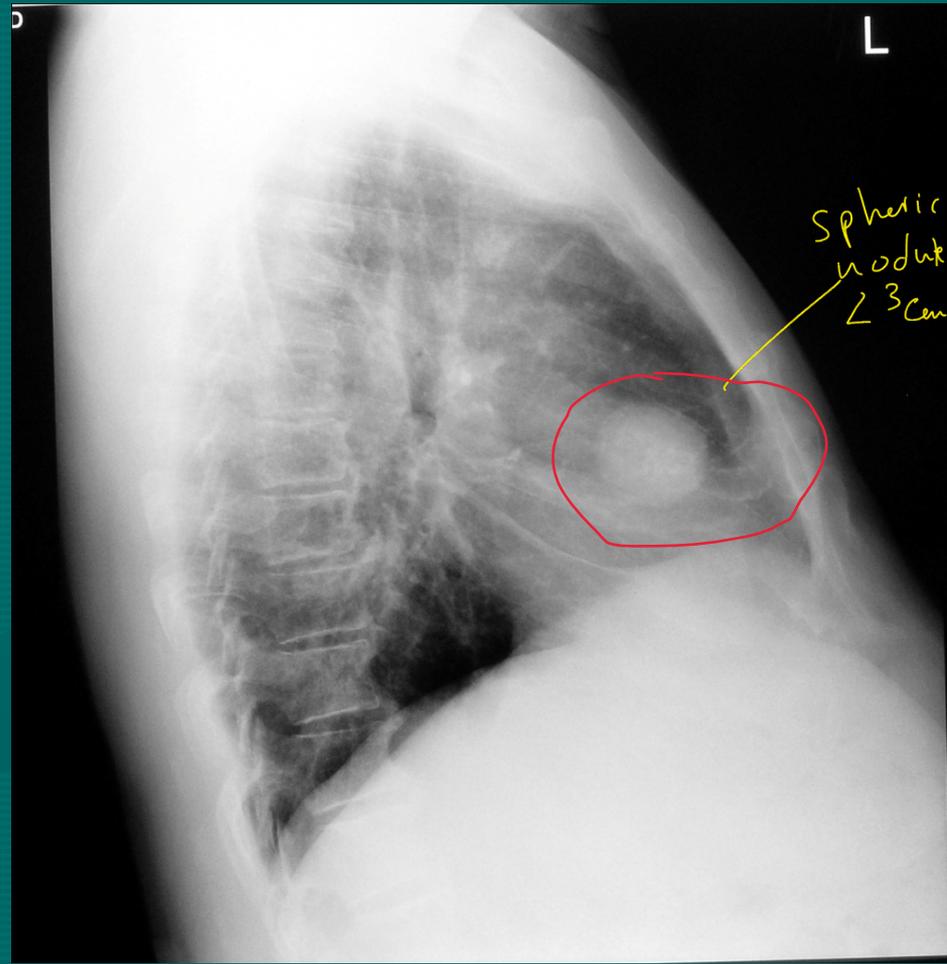
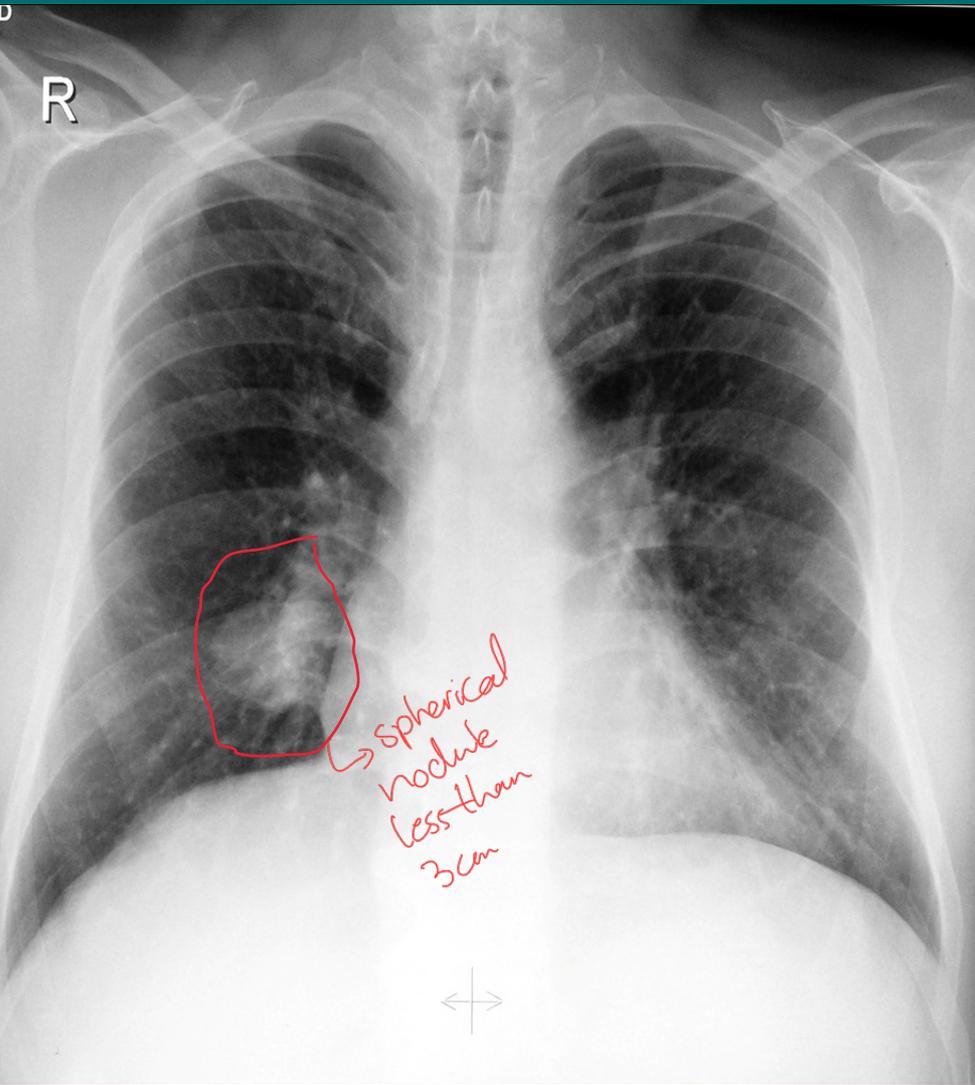


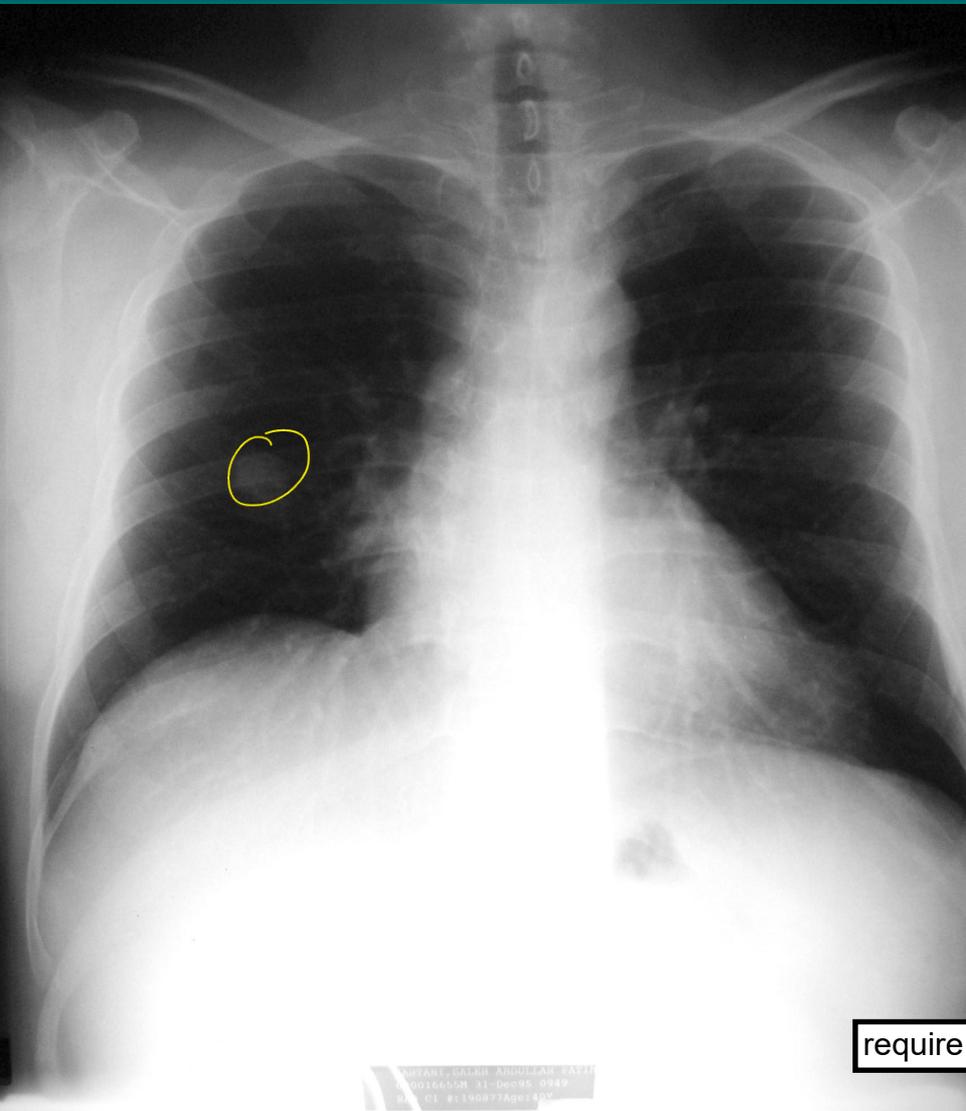
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نوع النodule هو ...

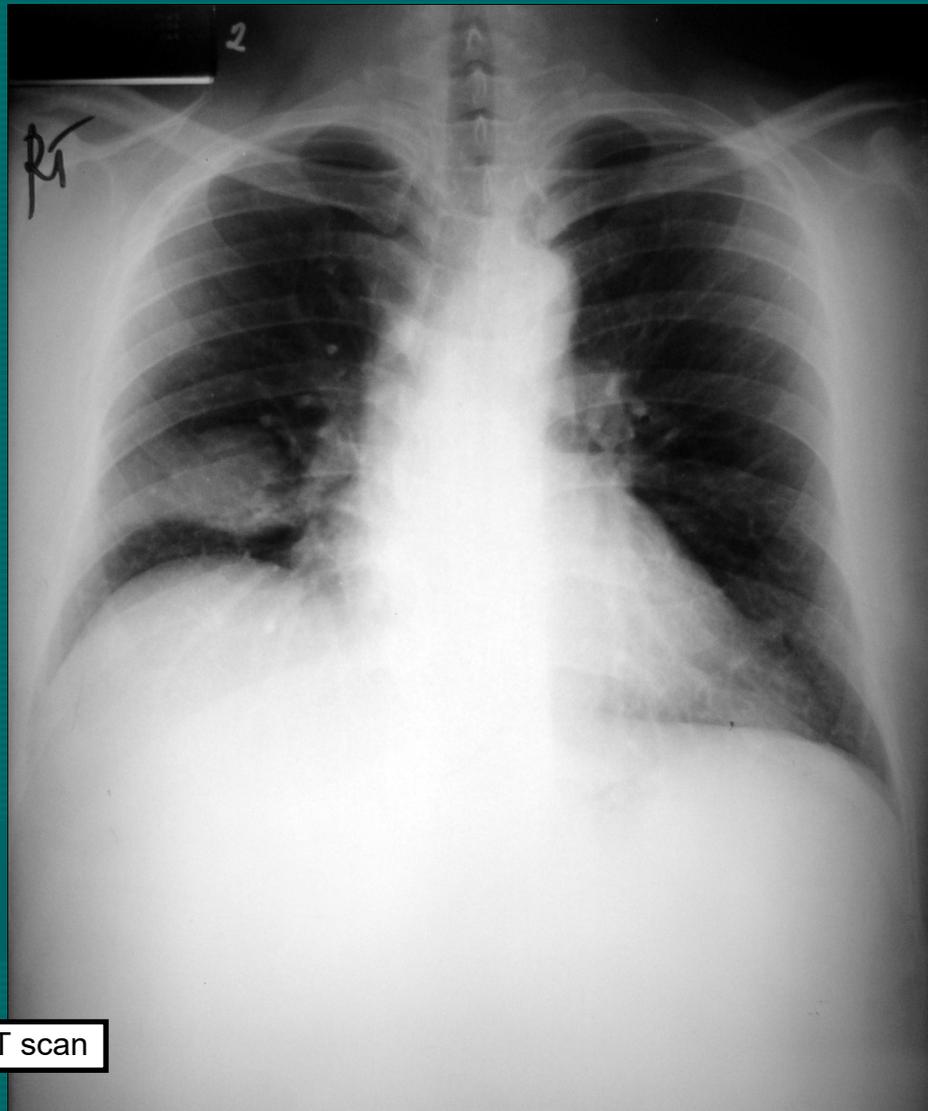
smooth well-defined pulmonary nodule = most likely benign >>> need CT

- 1 Margin
- 2 Regularity
- 3 Spherical or not
- 4 Smooth or not
- 5 Calcified or not





require CT scan



# THE MEDIASTINUM

The mediastinum is situated between the lungs and extends from the thoracic inlet superiorly to the diaphragm inferiorly.

The mediastinum is divided into three parts:

1- Anterior mediastinum

Is the space in front of the anterior pericardium and trachea.

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2- Middle mediastinum

Lies within the pericardial cavity.

3- Posterior mediastinum

Lies behind the posterior pericardium.

Mediastinum can be divided by two ways

- 1- Superior & Inferior Mediastinum the Inferior is divided into Anterior, middle, and posterior
- 2- The whole Mediastinum is divided into Anterior, middle, and posterior

*Retrosternal space*

# ANTERIOR MEDIASTINAL MASSES

- Lymphoma.
- Thyroid (Retrosternal goiter).
- Teratoma.
- Thymic tumor.
- Pericardial cyst.
- Diaphragmatic hernia (morgagni hernia).

## **DDX for Anterior mediastinal mass**

4 Ts 1- Thymus tumor

2- Thyroid

3- Terrible Lymphoma

4- Teratoma

Plus

Pericardial Cyst + Diaphragmatic hernia

## **Diaphragmatic Hernia**

1- Morgagni hernia: congenital, present as an anterior mediastinal mass

2- Bochdalek hernia: congenital, present as an posterior mediastinal mass, discovered soon after birth because of the associated distress Syndrome

Rule

Anterior masses obscure the outline

Posterior masses don't obscure the outline

# MIDDLE MEDIASTINAL MASSES

- Lymph node enlargement:
  - lymphoma
  - primary tuberculosis
  - sarcoidosis
- Bronchogenic cyst.
- Aneurysm of aortic arch.

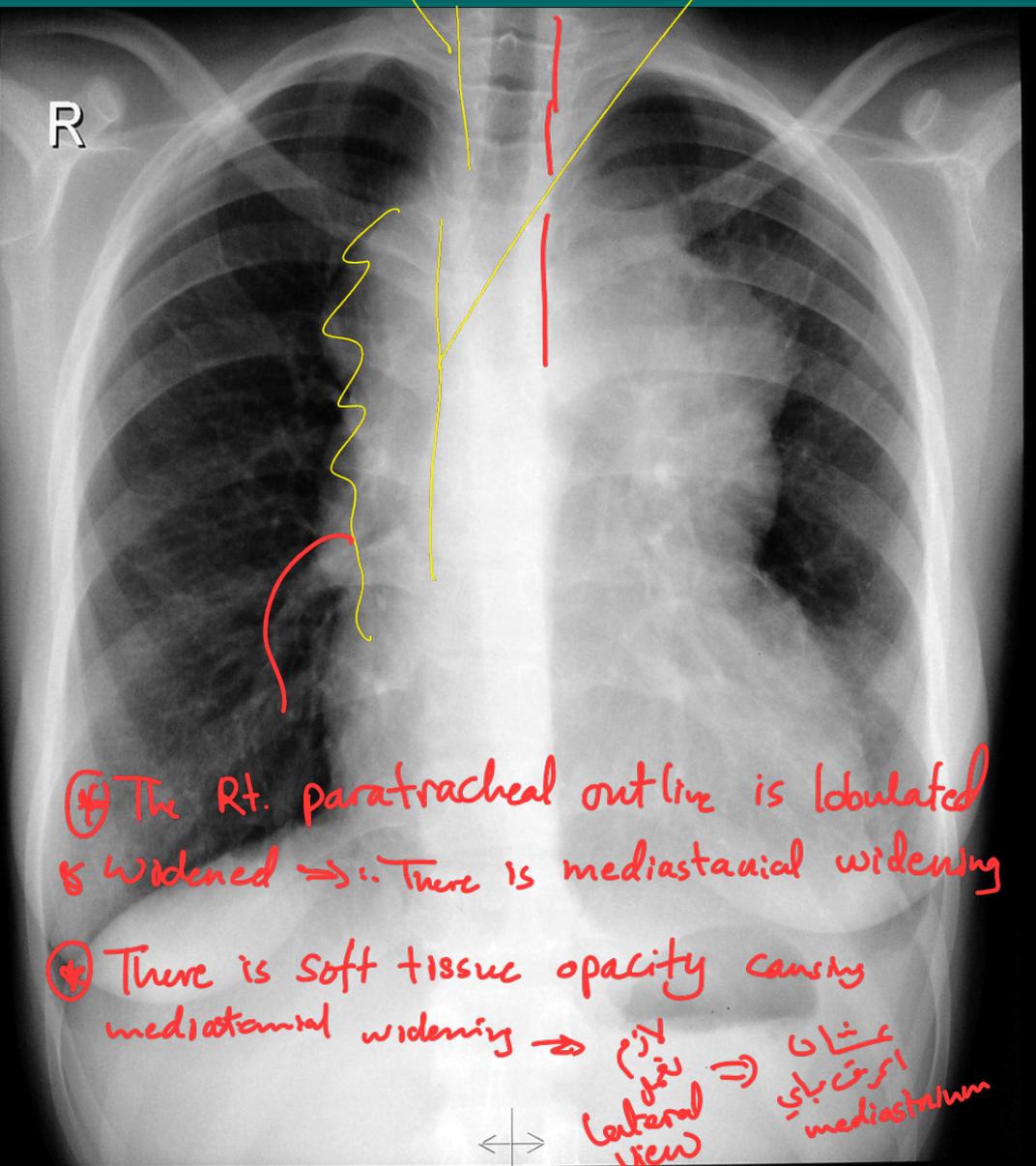


Para tracheal  
\* l.m.

الخط  
بين  
العمود الفقري  
المنقبض  
paravertebral  
line

\* Paratracheal lines & Paravertebral lines  
smooth (لا يوجد  
↳ not wide  
↳ if wide, this indicates mediastinal widening

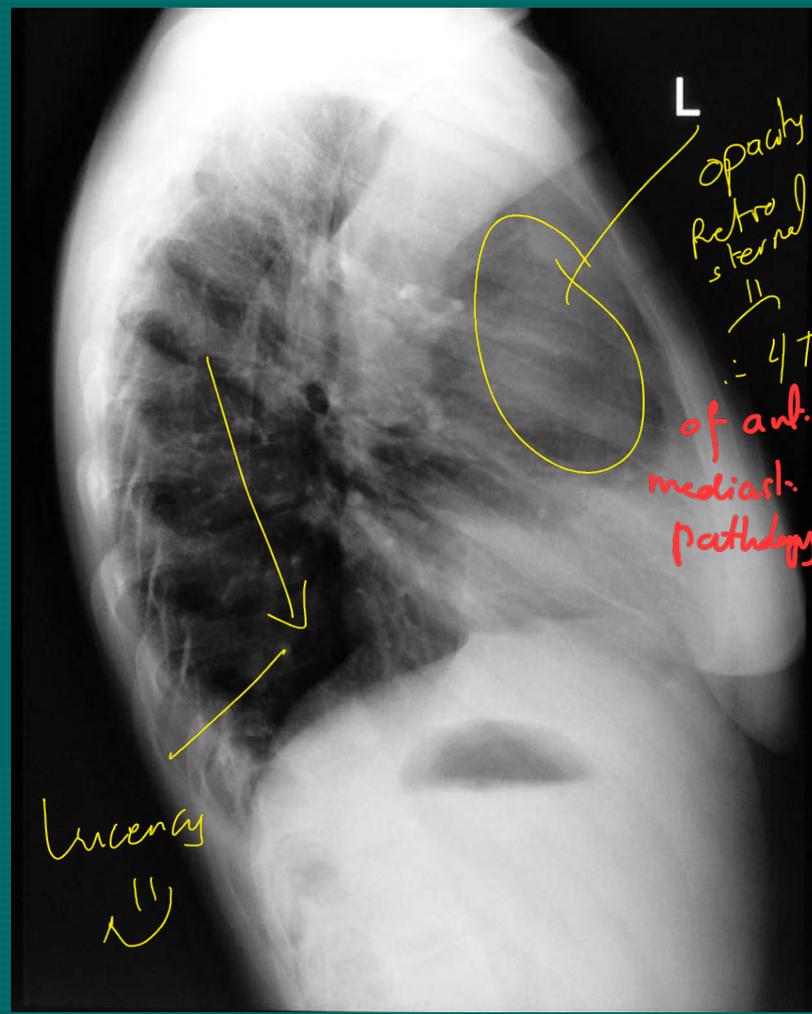
outline is not clear = anterior mass  
next step is CT: which shows soft tissue mass in  
the anterior mediastinum



⊕ The Rt. paratracheal outline is lobulated & widened ⇒ ∴ There is mediastinal widening

⊕ There is soft tissue opacity causing mediastinal widening ⇒ عشان امرت باي mediastinum  
لateral view

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الرجوع الى



opacity Retrosternal  
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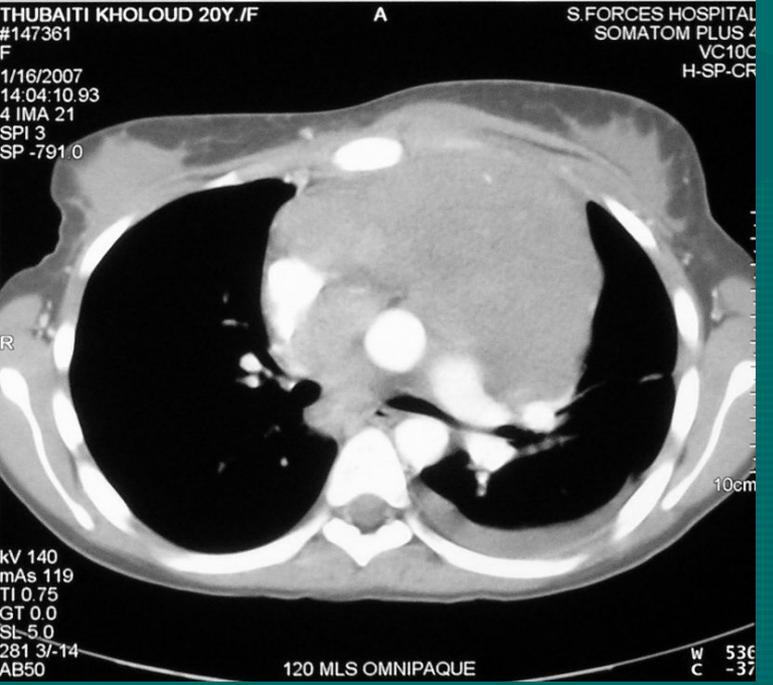
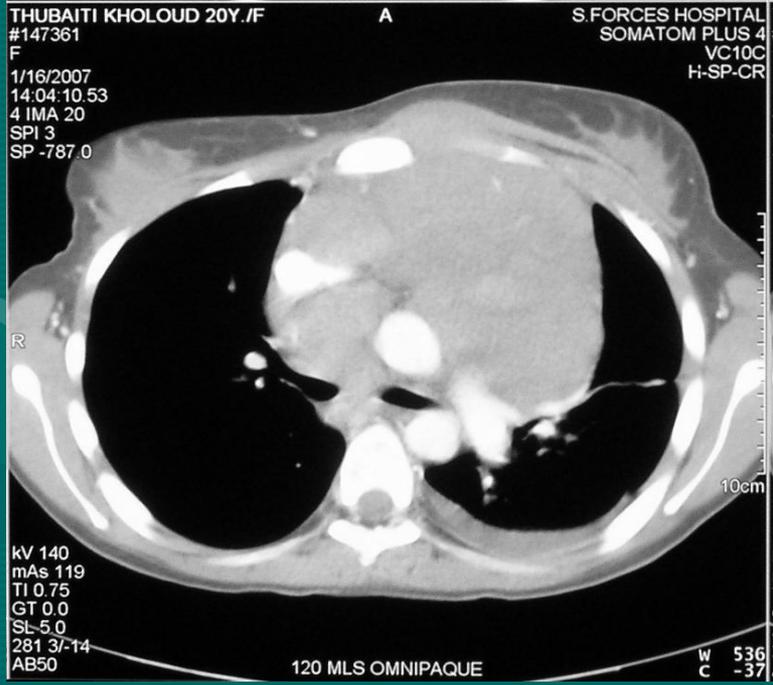
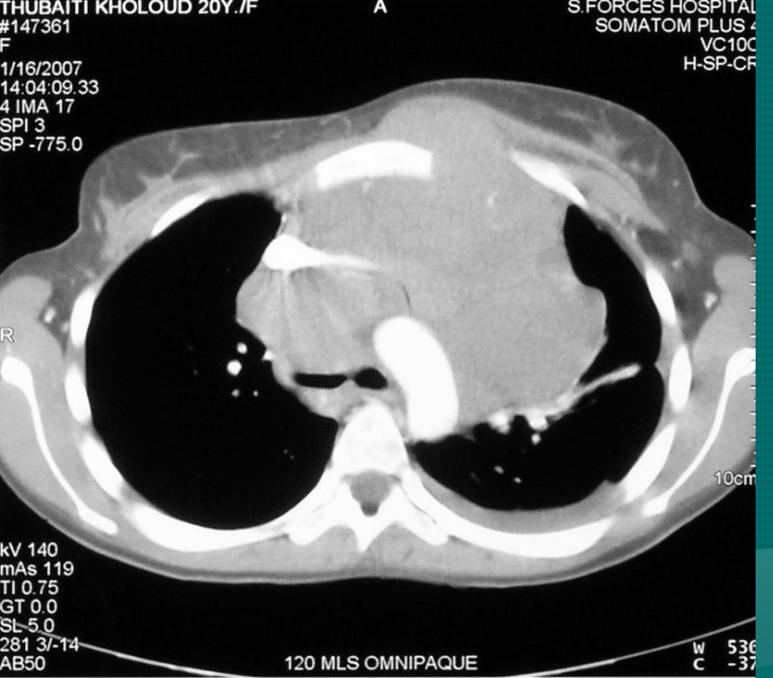
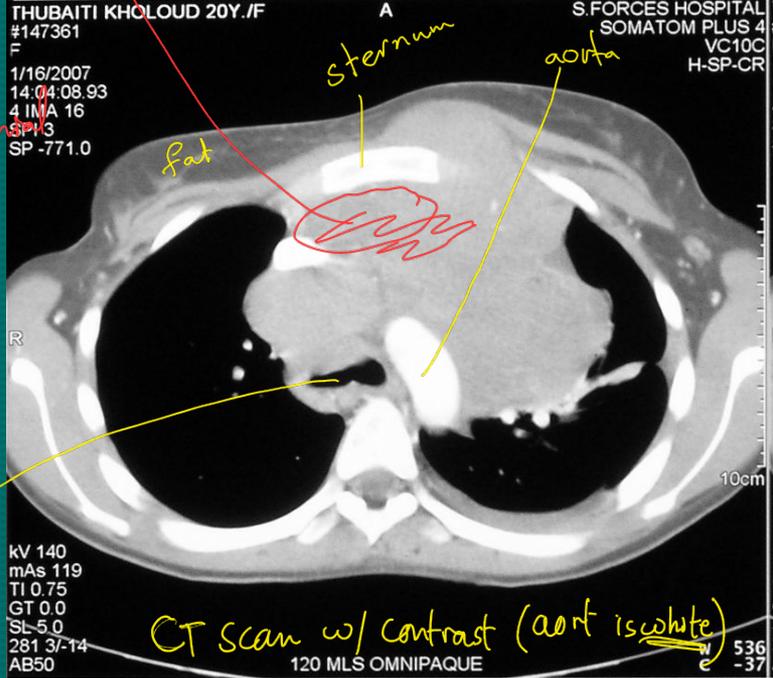
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mass  
in anterior  
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mass

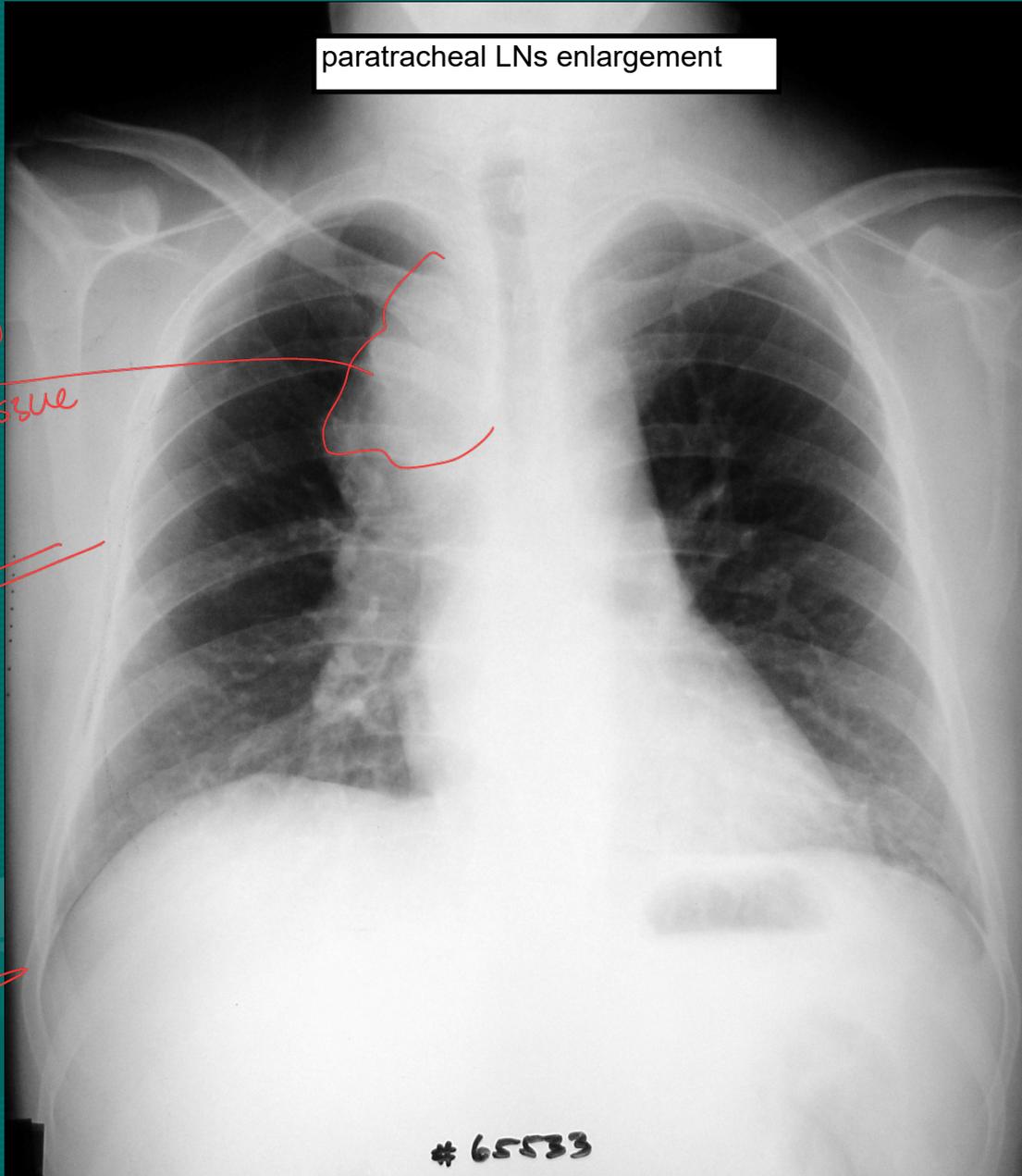
trachea

fat  
sternum  
aorta

CT scan w/ contrast (aorta is white)



paratracheal LNs enlargement



Mediastinal  
widening  
with soft tissue  
opacity

CT  
عشان اقول  
من انا  
mediastinum  
بي فيه انا  
# pathology

#65533



قدرات  
spines

# POSTERIOR MEDIASTINAL MASSES

- Neurogenic tumors
  - Neurofibroma
  - Ganglioneuroma
- Aneurysm of descending aorta.
- Hiatus hernia.
- Dilated esophagus (especially achalasia).
- Paravertebral mass or abscess.

\* Posterior mediastinum

1) descending thoracic aorta

2) esophagus

3) Paravertebral soft tissues

4) Nerves

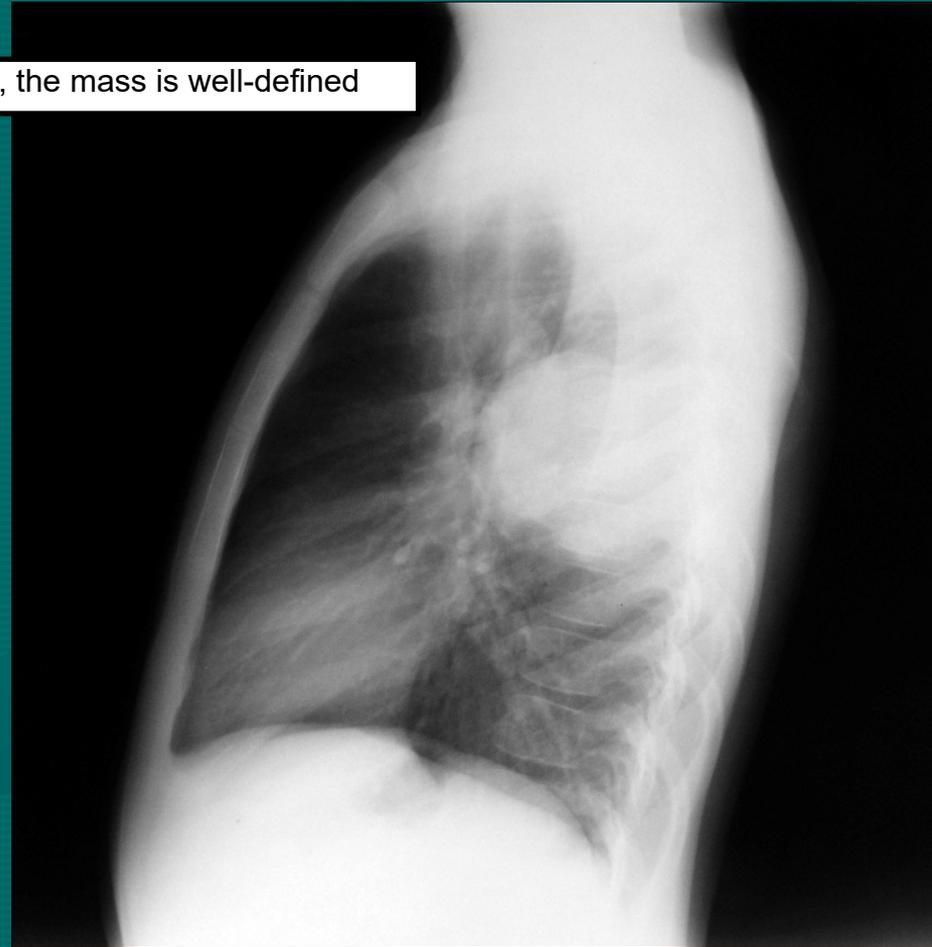
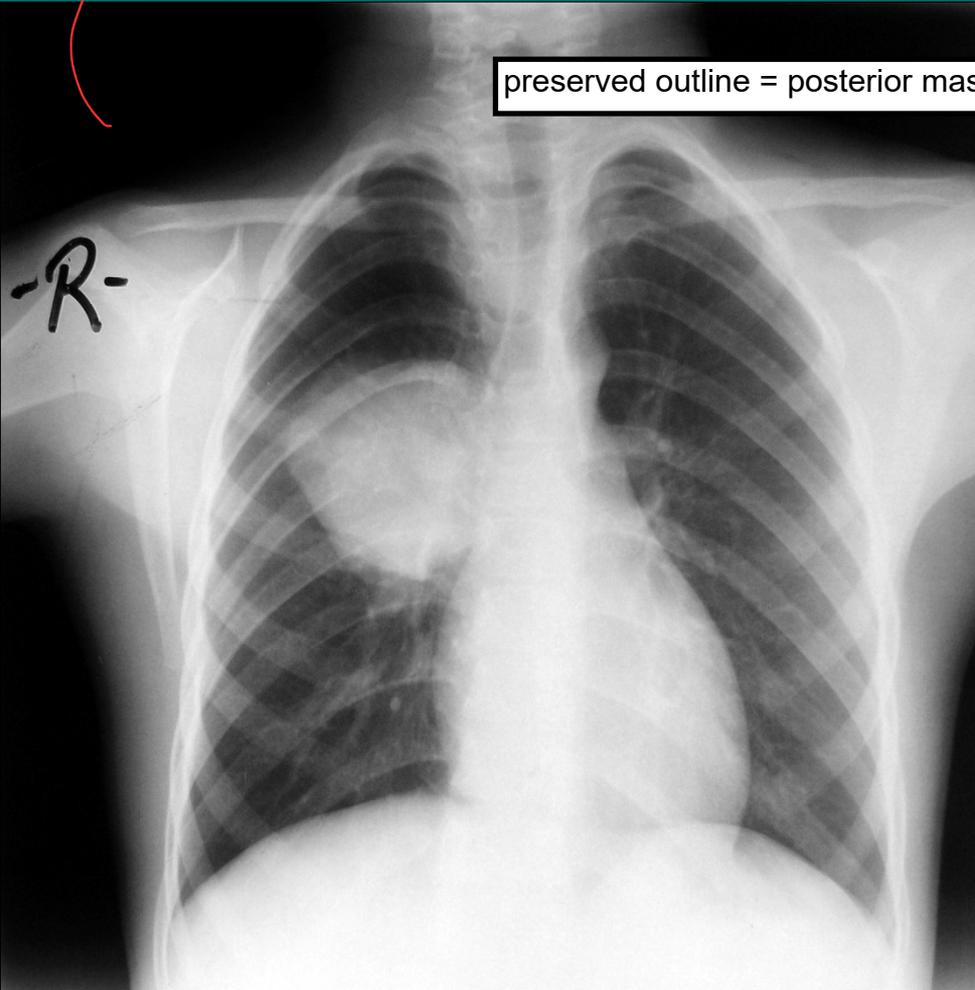
abscess

extramedullary lesions

\* Soft tissue opacity <sup>large</sup> located in the Rt. hilum

for further details ⇒ CT

preserved outline = posterior mass, the mass is well-defined



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Descending Aortic Aneurysm

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فشیون  
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CT

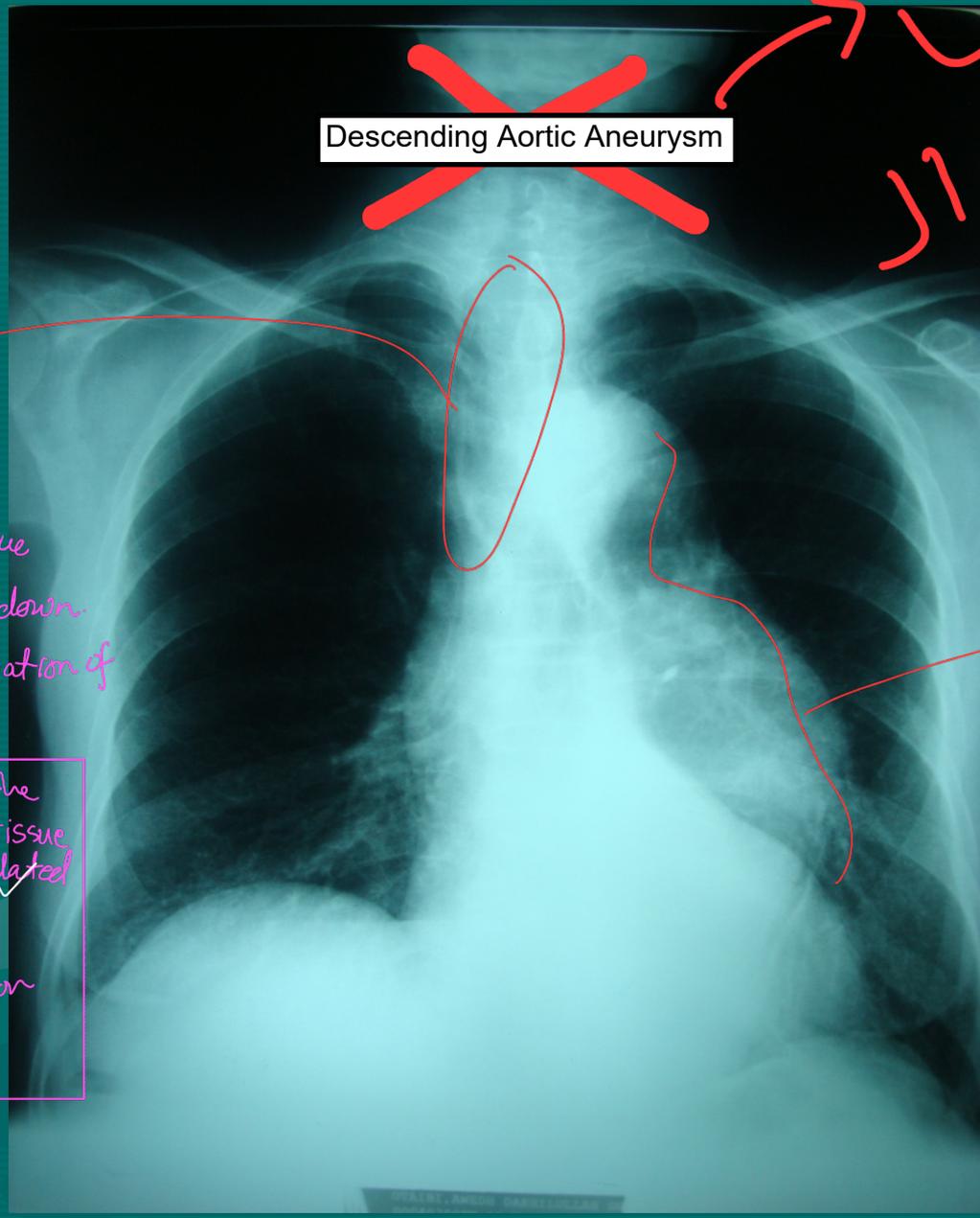
Tracheal  
deviation

\* Para vertebral soft tissue  
are opac all the way down.  
, lobulated, causing deviation of  
the trachea

→ There is widening of the  
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opacity which appear lobulated  
on the left side causing  
compression on the  
trachea leading to deviation  
of it to the Rt. side.

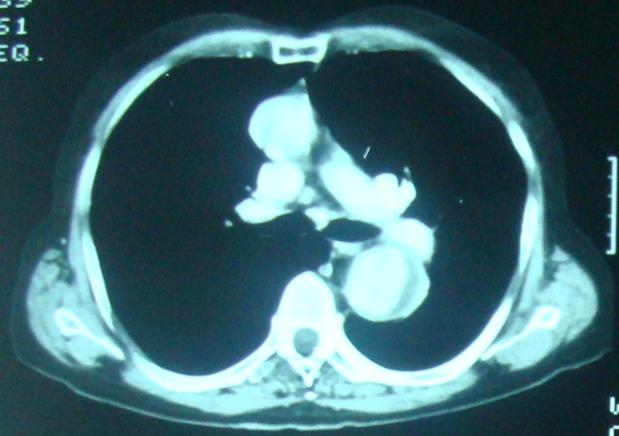
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mediasti  
lobulated  
with  
soft tissue  
opacity

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**Descending Aortic Aneurysm**

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 CAL.REQ.



LEFT  
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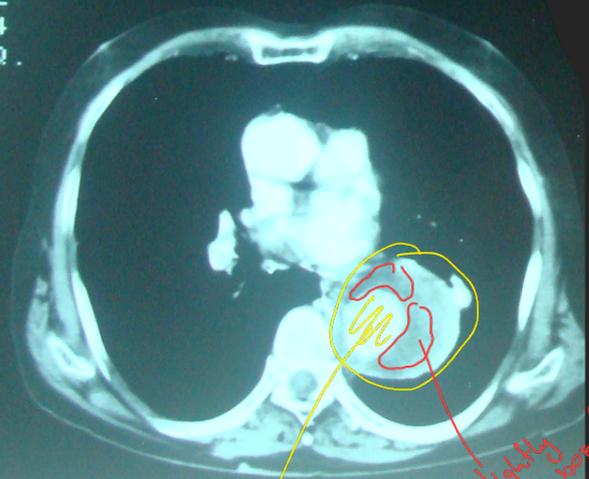
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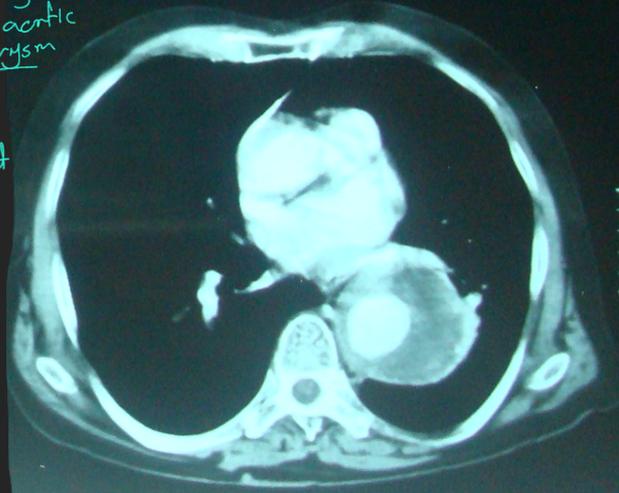


\*CT with contrast  
 \* Post. mediastinal mass  
 \* Contrast in dilated mass  
 ↳ = BV. → dilated = descending thoracic aortic aneurysm

Slightly thrombosed  
 (area w/ poor enhancement  
 by contrast)

Slightly thrombosed

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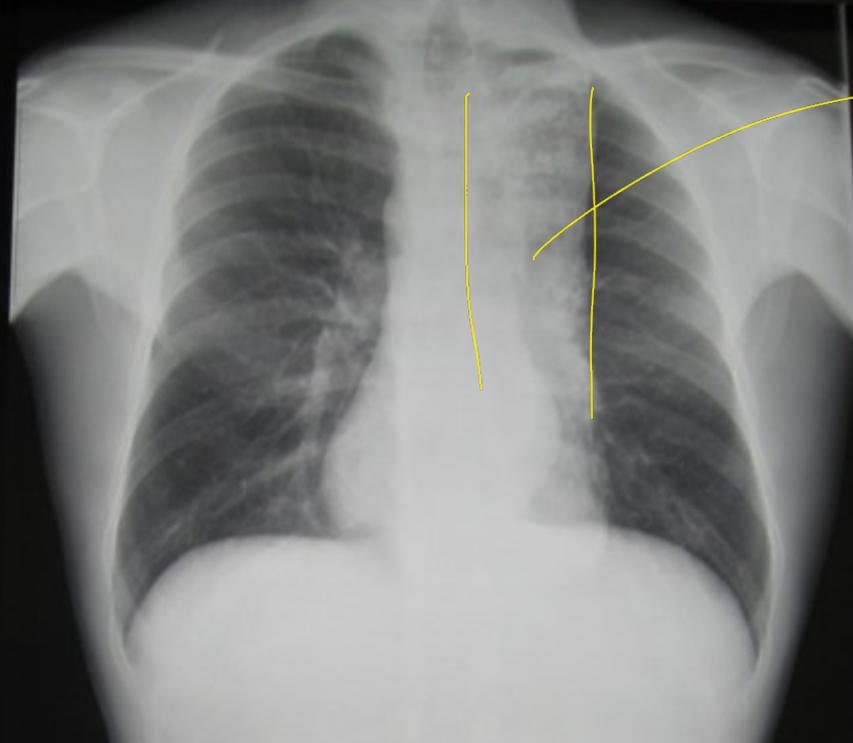


*with  
barium*



posterior mediastinal mass , on barium meal found to be hiatal hernia

*hiatal*



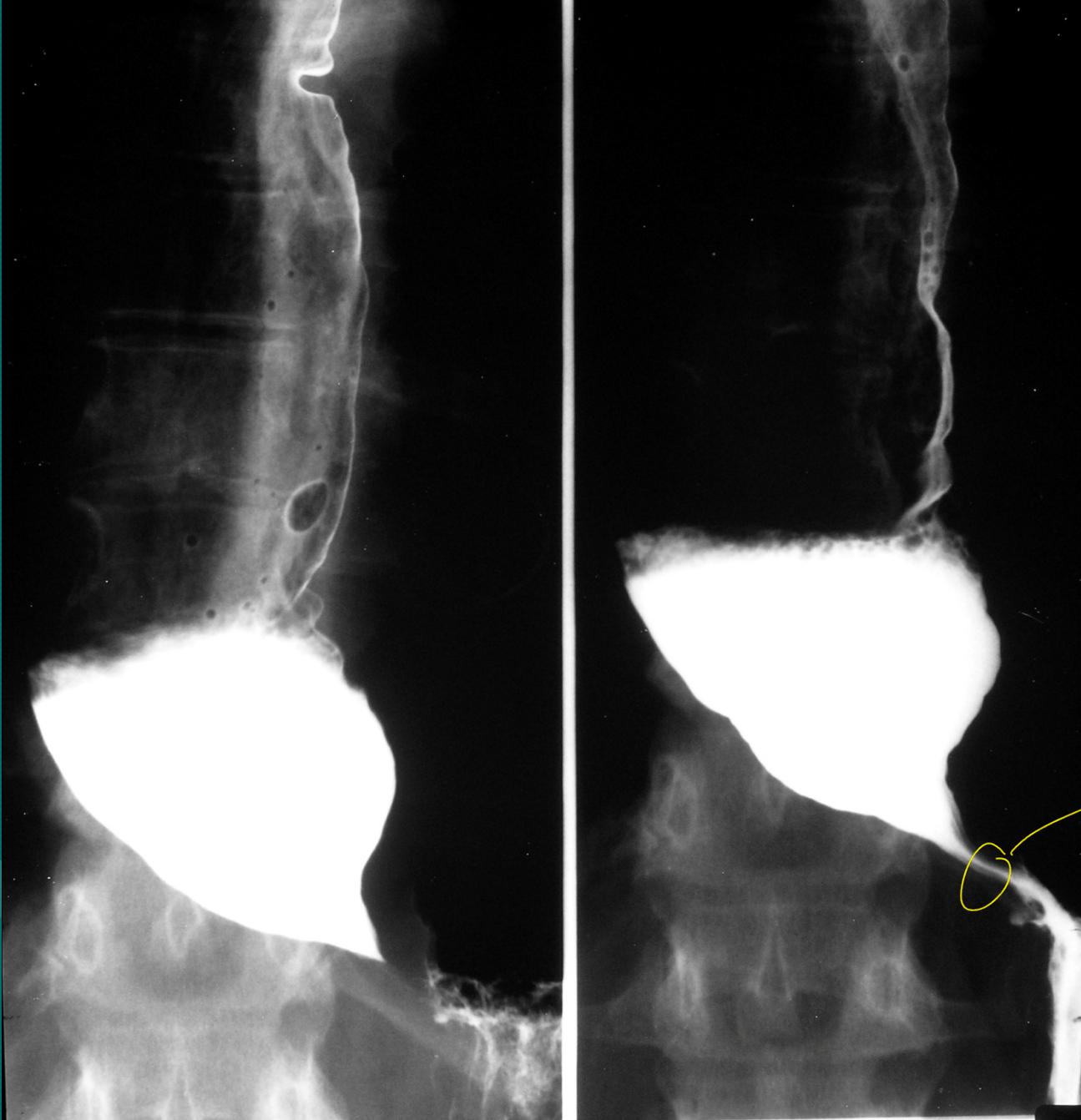
posterior mediastinal mass , on barium swallow found to be Achalasia



Widening of  
the mediastinum  
all the way  
along the left  
side.

⇒ Mediastinal  
widening &  
pathology

↓  
R 10 11 12 13 14  
lateral view  
↓  
Posteriorly there  
is opacity  
downward  
= postmediastinal  
pathology



←  
(1/1/20)  
Barium  
swallow

\* The esophagus  
is dilated

\* GES  
is  
narrow  
bird beak  
sign

∴ Achalasia

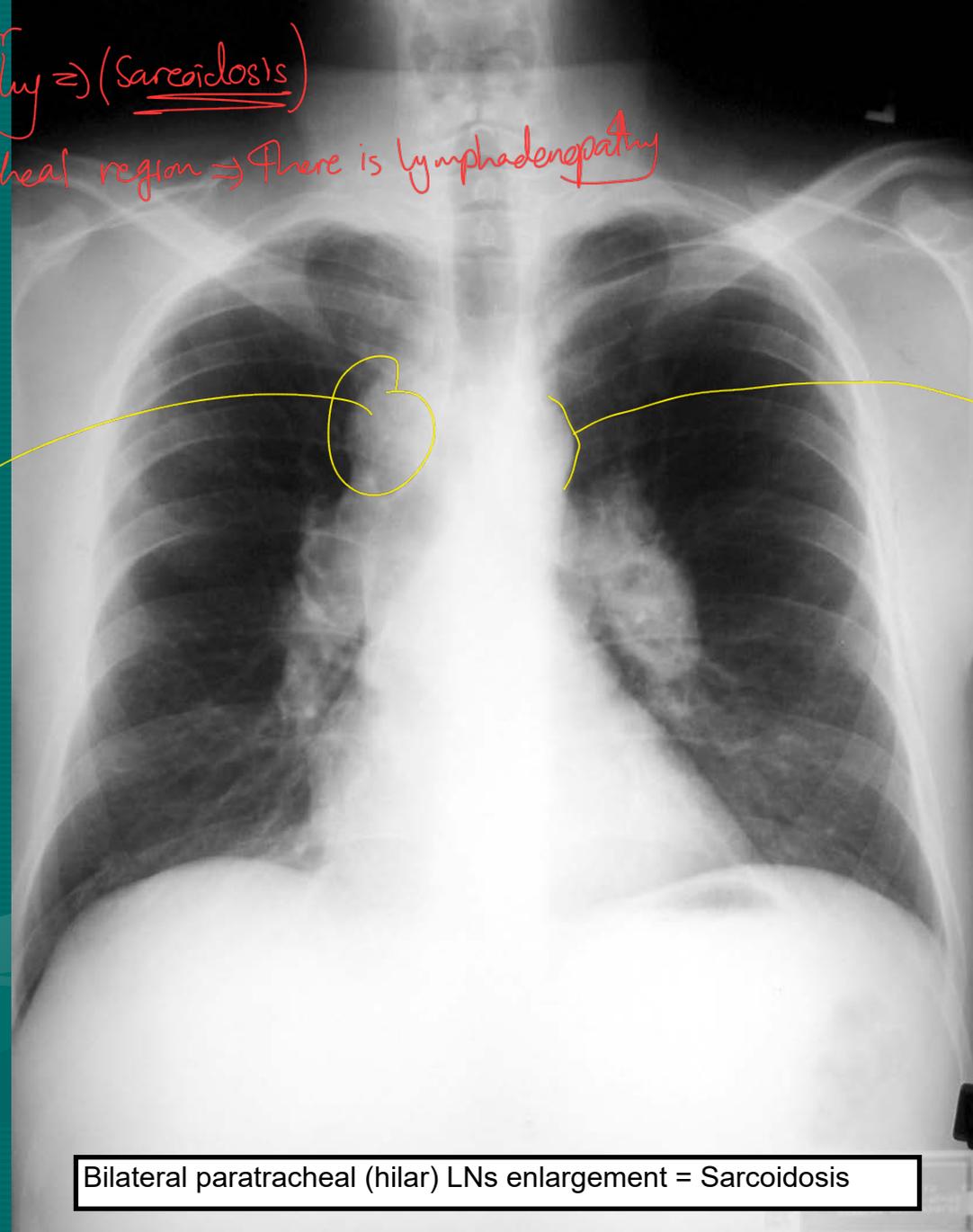
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\* Bilateral hilar lymphadenopathy => (Sarcoidosis)

\* on Rt. paratracheal region => There is lymphadenopathy

Rt. paratracheal

aortic knuckle (Knob)  
Normally located on  
Lt. side !!  
NOT RIGHT !!!



Bilateral paratracheal (hilar) LNs enlargement = Sarcoidosis

# TUMORS OF THE LUNG

- Lung cancer is the commonest fatal malignancy.
- The strongest risk factor is cigarette smoking.
- More than 95% of malignant tumors arise from the respiratory epithelium and are termed bronchogenic carcinoma.
- Less than 5% of lung cancers are of rare cell types, such as carcinoid tumors, lymphoma, or metastasis.

# Types of lung cancers

## 1- Adenocarcinoma

- ❖ Is the **most common type of lung cancer**, making up 30-40% of all cases.
- ❖ Usually arise **peripherally** as **solitary pulmonary nodule**.

The alveolar cell carcinoma is a subtype of adenocarcinoma and arise within the alveoli producing areas of consolidation and the appearance resemble **bronchopneumonia**.

بتسببه ال  
Bronchopneumonia  
في المرئيات  
هون عال علاج

# Types of lung cancers / 2

## 2- Squamous cell carcinoma

- They typically occur in **central** bronchi.
- Grow slowly and cavitate more often than other cell types.

radiopaque mass with a central cavity (radiolucent)

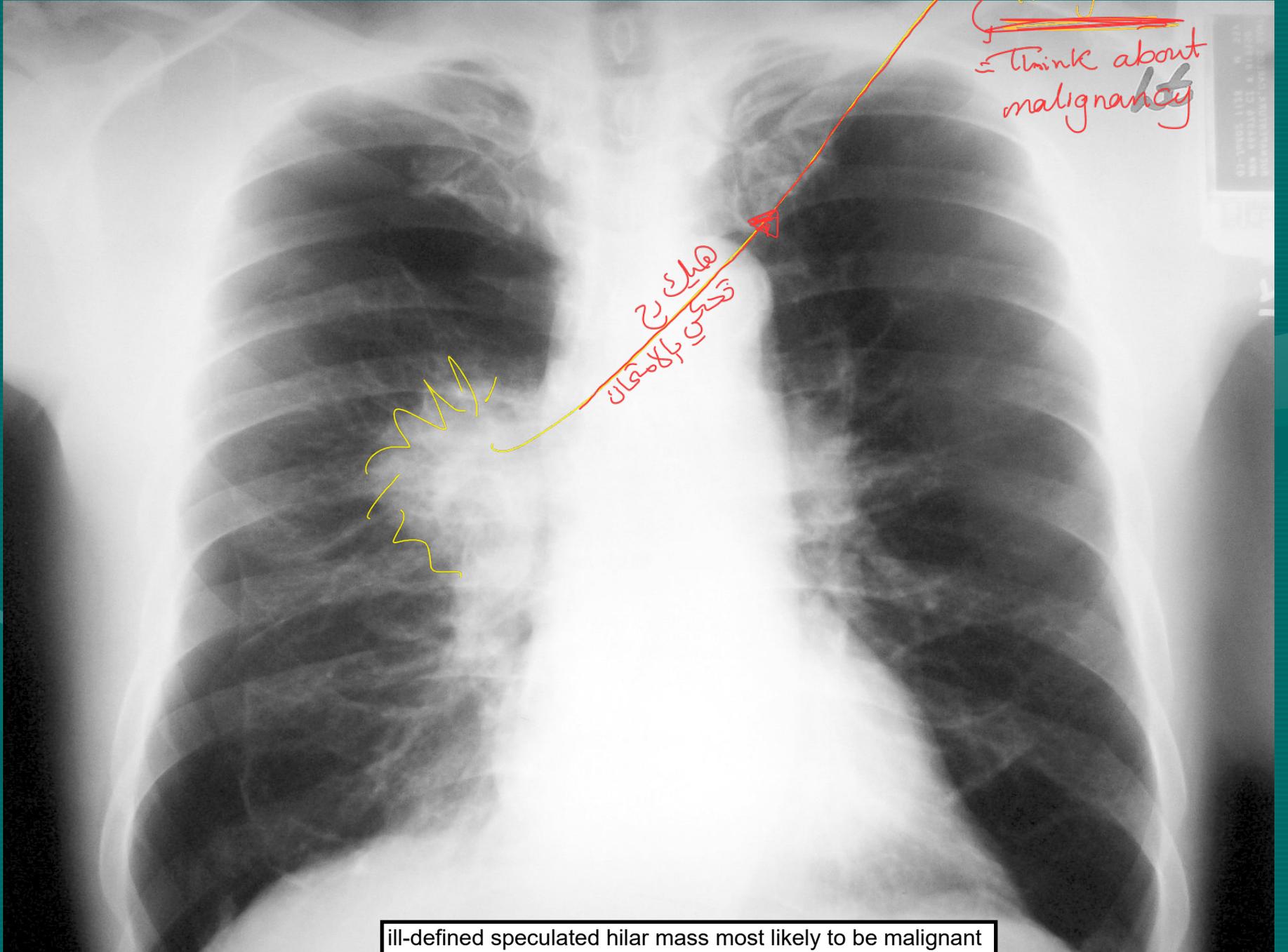
## 3- Small (oat) cell carcinoma.

- Are usually **central** in location.
- Have the fastest rate of growth.
- Typically associated with mediastinal adenopathy.

## 4- Large cell carcinoma.

- Usually arise at the **periphery** of the lung.
- The growth is relatively rapid.

\* Nodule on the  
RT. hilum  
speculated &



irregular  
Think about malignancy

هليلج تركي  
بالاصحاح

ill-defined speculated hilar mass most likely to be malignant

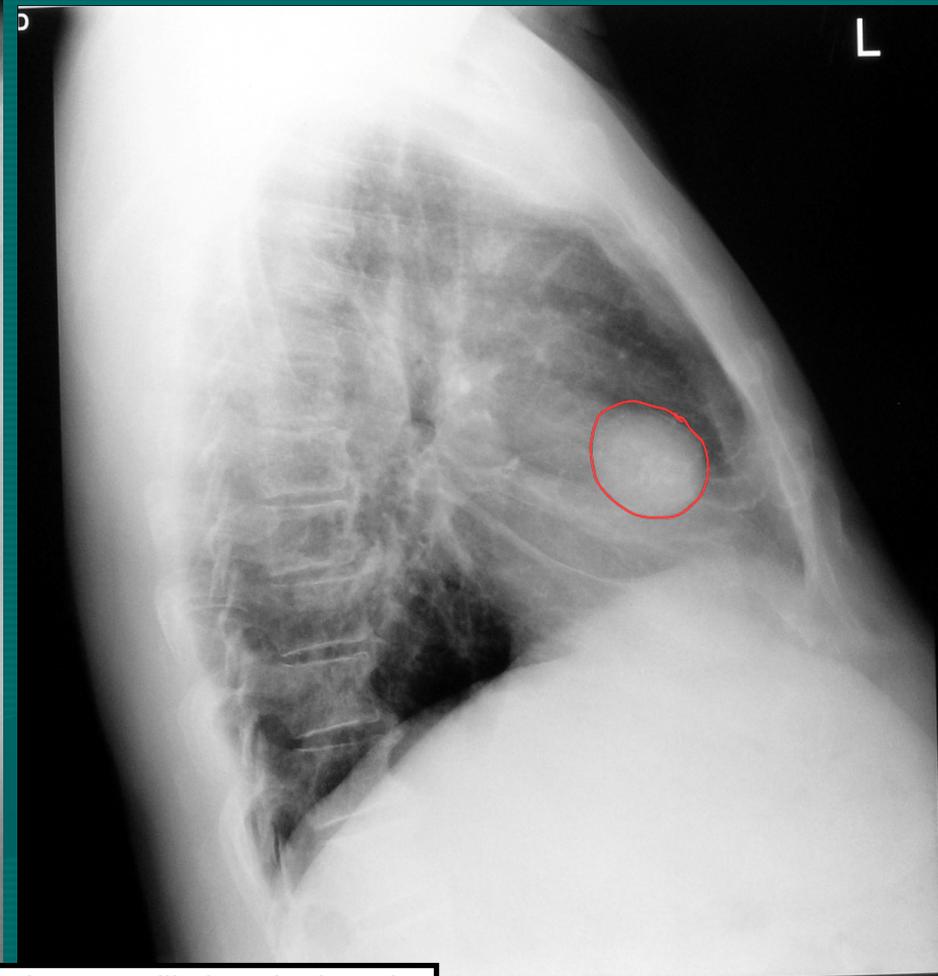
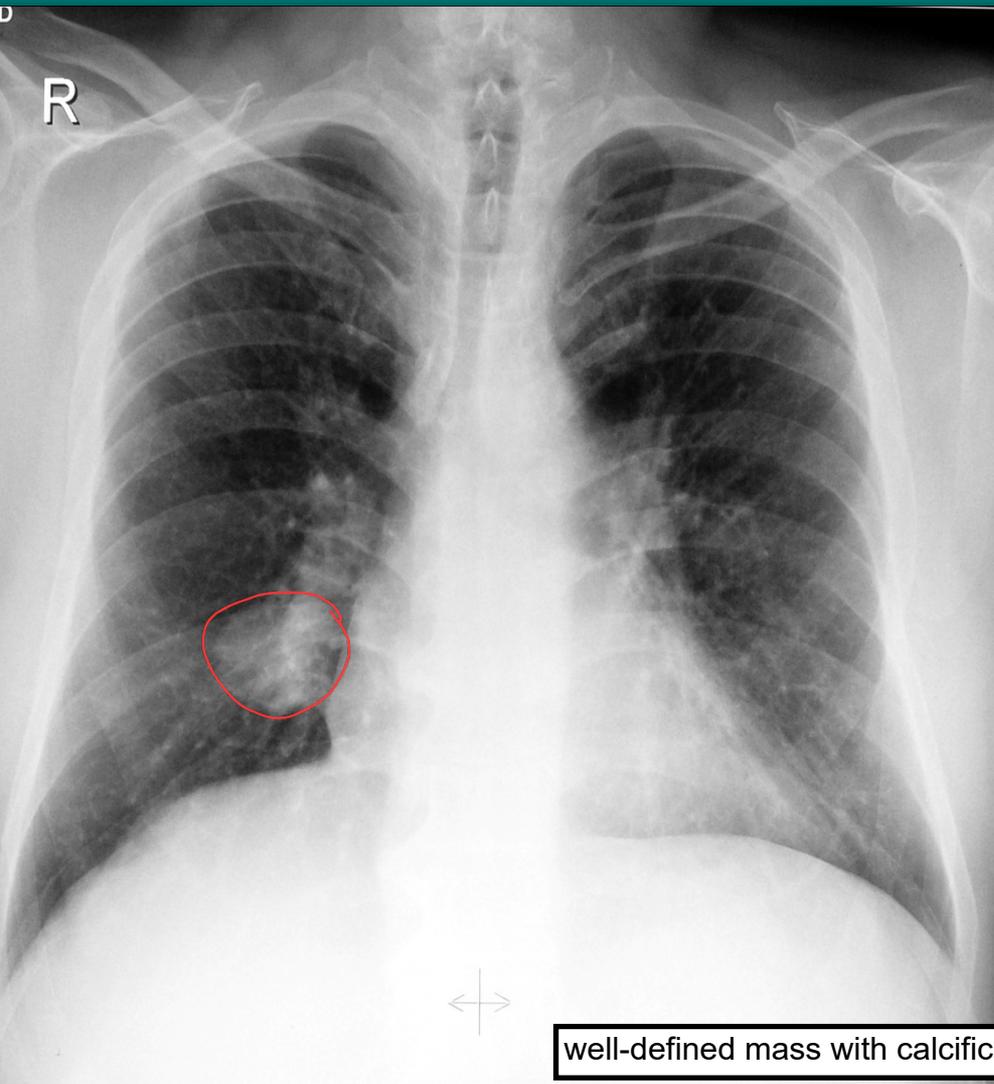
# BENIGN TUMORS OF THE LUNG

- Hamartoma.

- Is the most common benign tumor of the lung.
- Appear as solitary, well marginated, rounded mass.
- Calcification (popcorn) is present in 40% of cases.
- Fat is seen in up to 50% of hamartomas.

- Adenoma.

- The vast majority of cases occur around the hilum and appear as round, well-defined nodule.



*calcification  
antoma*

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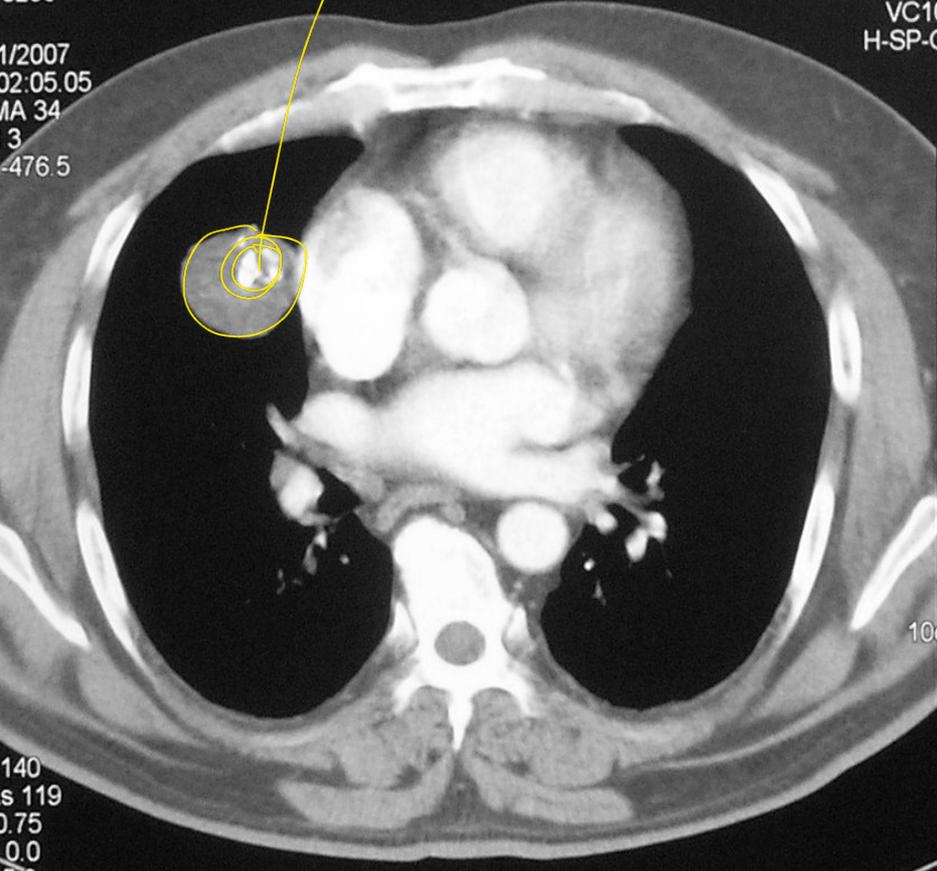
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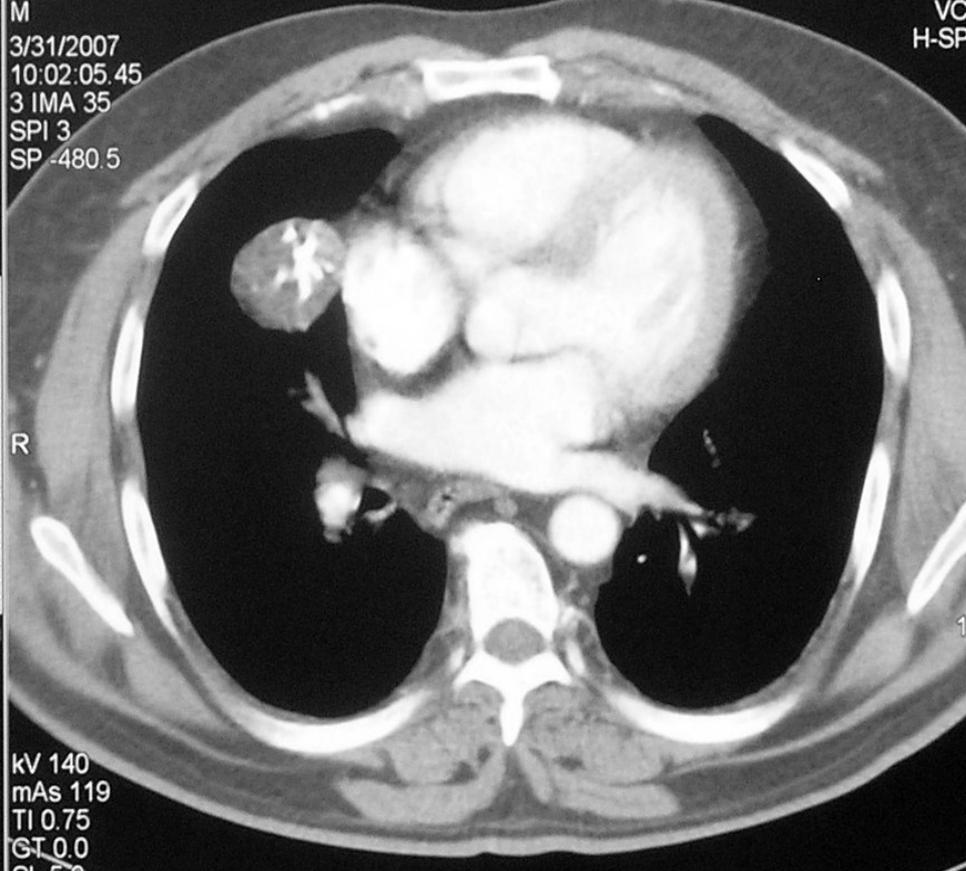


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well-defined mass with calcification most likely to be benign

*ham*

# Lung metastasis

## Lung Metastasis

well defined  
usually multiple  
usually bilateral  
variable in size and location

- The commonest primary tumors producing lung metastasis are **breast, renal tract, thyroid, bone, and testicular** tumors.

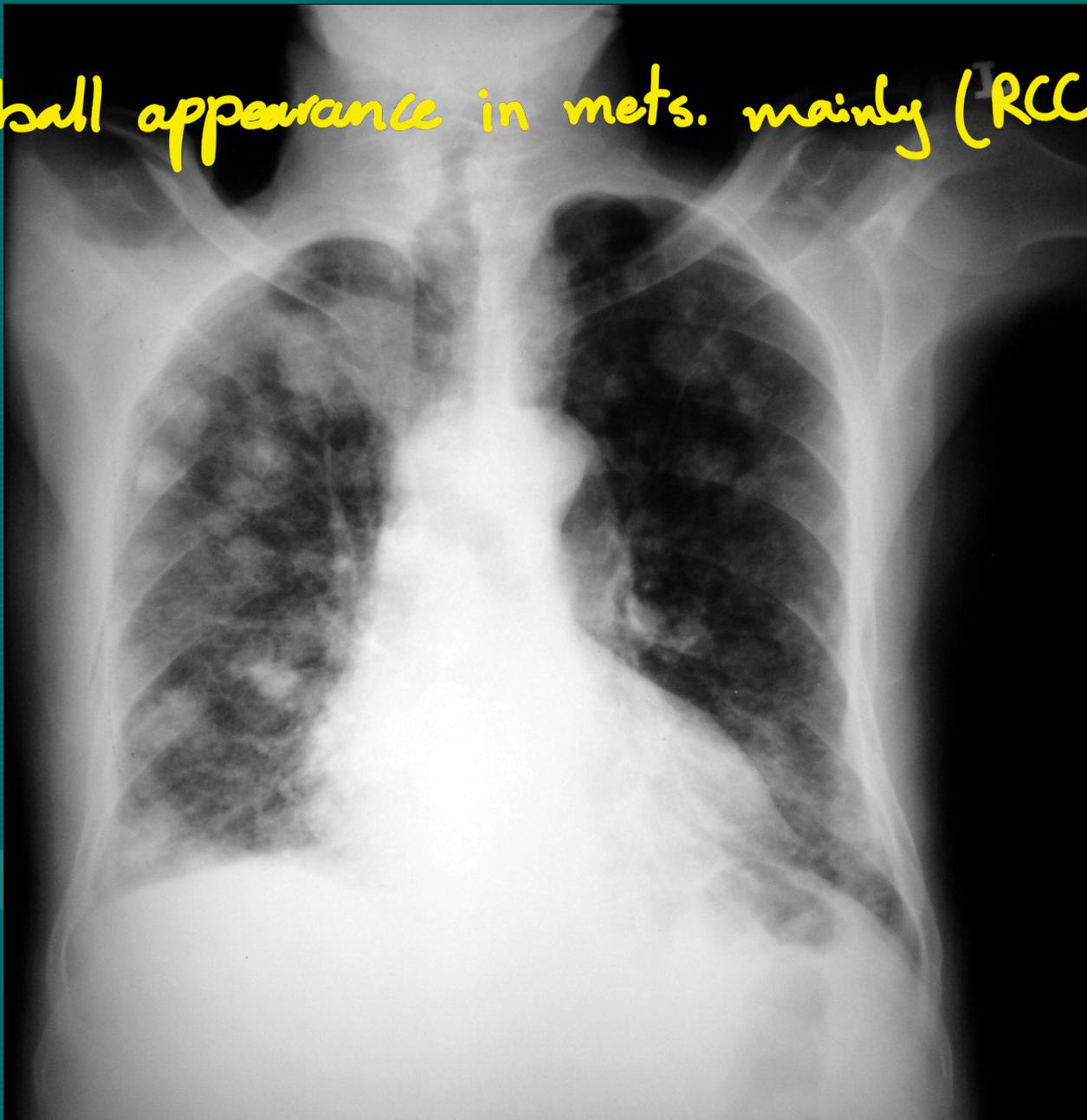
*↳ metastasis usually new vessels*

- Metastasis to the lung are usually **bilateral** and tend to be **peripheral** and more numerous at the **lung bases**.

- Lung metastasis are **spherical** in shape with a well-defined **margin**.



\* Cannon ball appearance in mets. mainly (RCC, chorio carcinoma)



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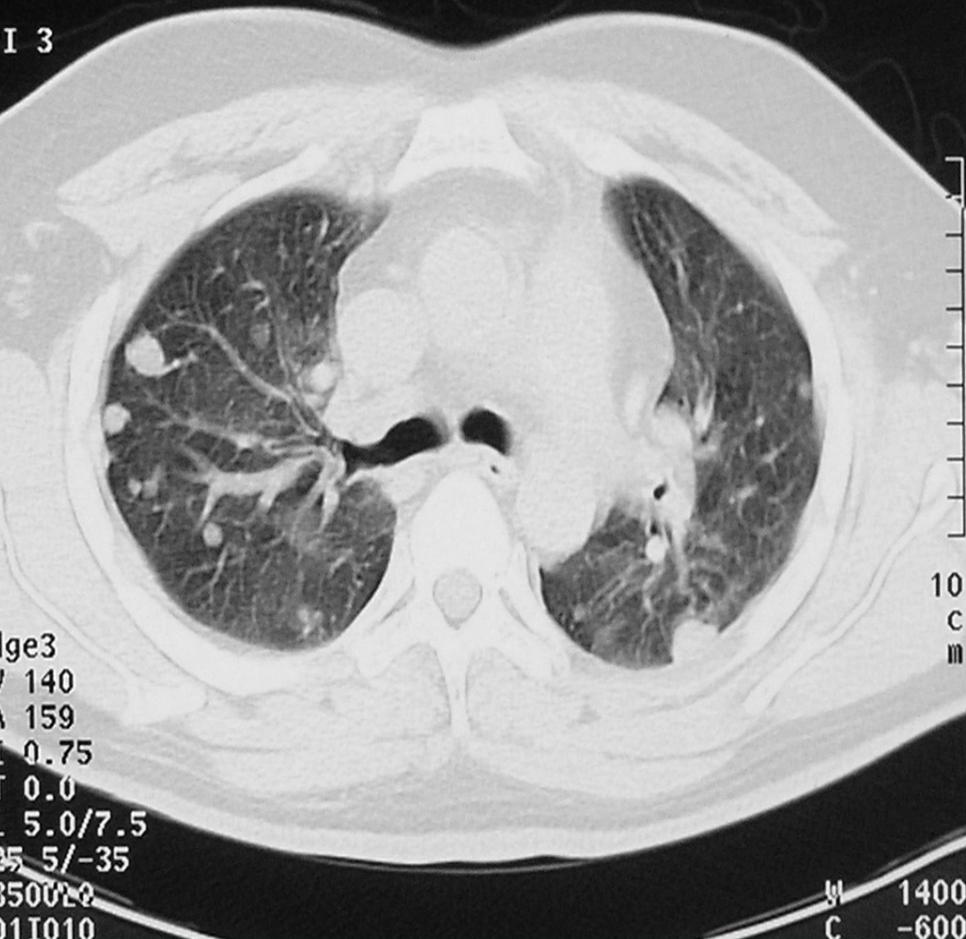
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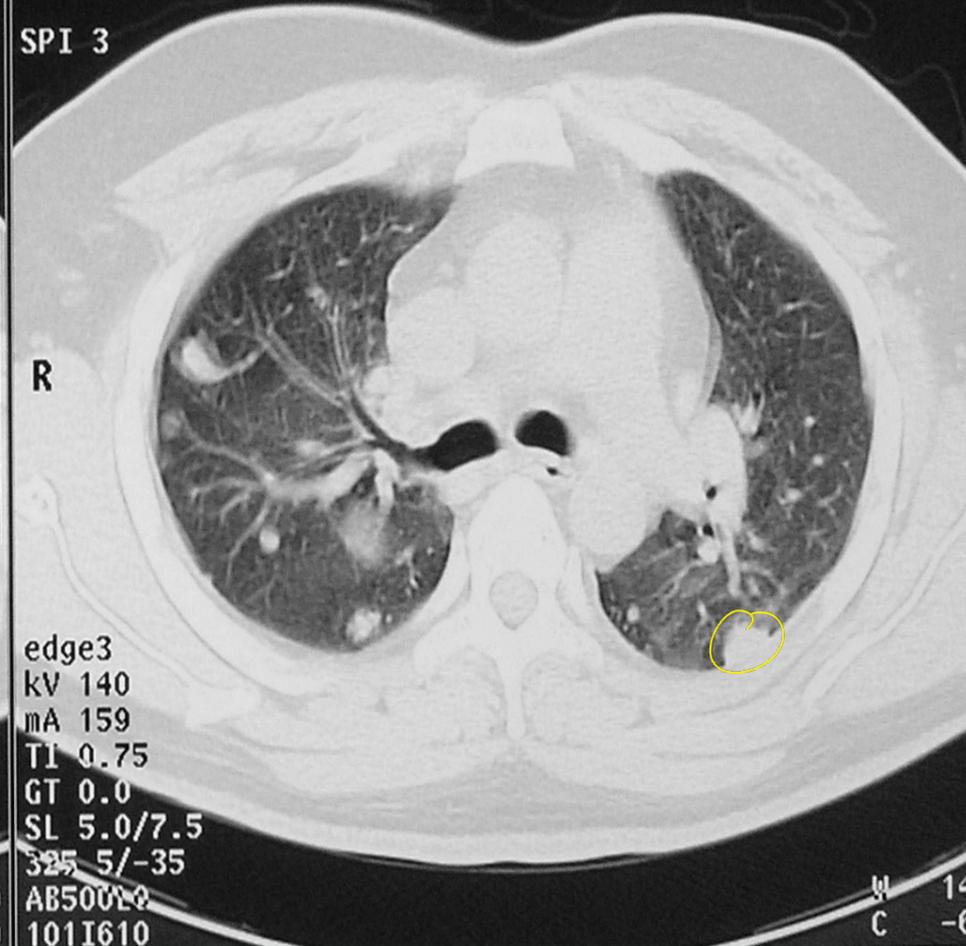
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## Chest Trauma

upper Chest Trauma carries risk of injury to vascular structures

Lower Chest Trauma carries risk of injury to liver, spleen & diaphragm

# Chest trauma

- ❑ Chest trauma can be as blunt or penetrating.
- ❑ Penetrating chest trauma can injure vital organs such as the heart and lungs.
- ❑ The common clinical problems associated with chest injury include pulmonary contusion, pneumothorax and hemothorax.
- ❑ Fractures of the lower ribs may be associated with diaphragmatic tears and spleen or liver injuries
- ❑ Fractures of the upper ribs can be associated with injuries to adjacent great vessels.

# Chest trauma / 2

What is the ABCDE approach to guide the radiographic search for thoracic injury ?

- Air : extra pulmonary ( pneumothorax, subcutaneous emphysema, pneumomediastinum).
- Bones – rib fracture, thoracic spine, scapula and sternum fractures.
- Contusions and lacerations in the lung.
- Diaphragm - rupture.
- Effusions – hemothorax.

\* There is continuous opacity & pneumomediastinum

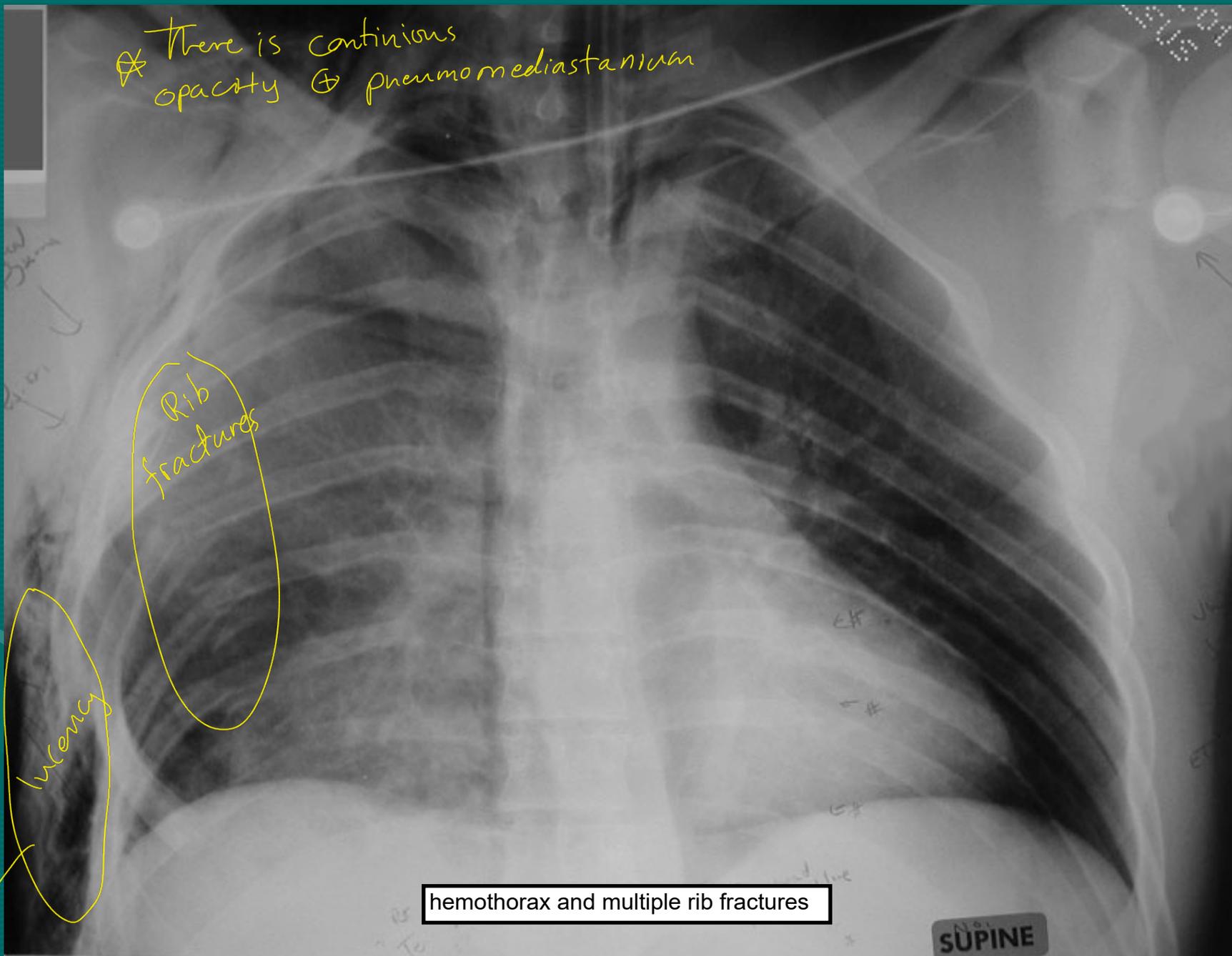
Rib fractures

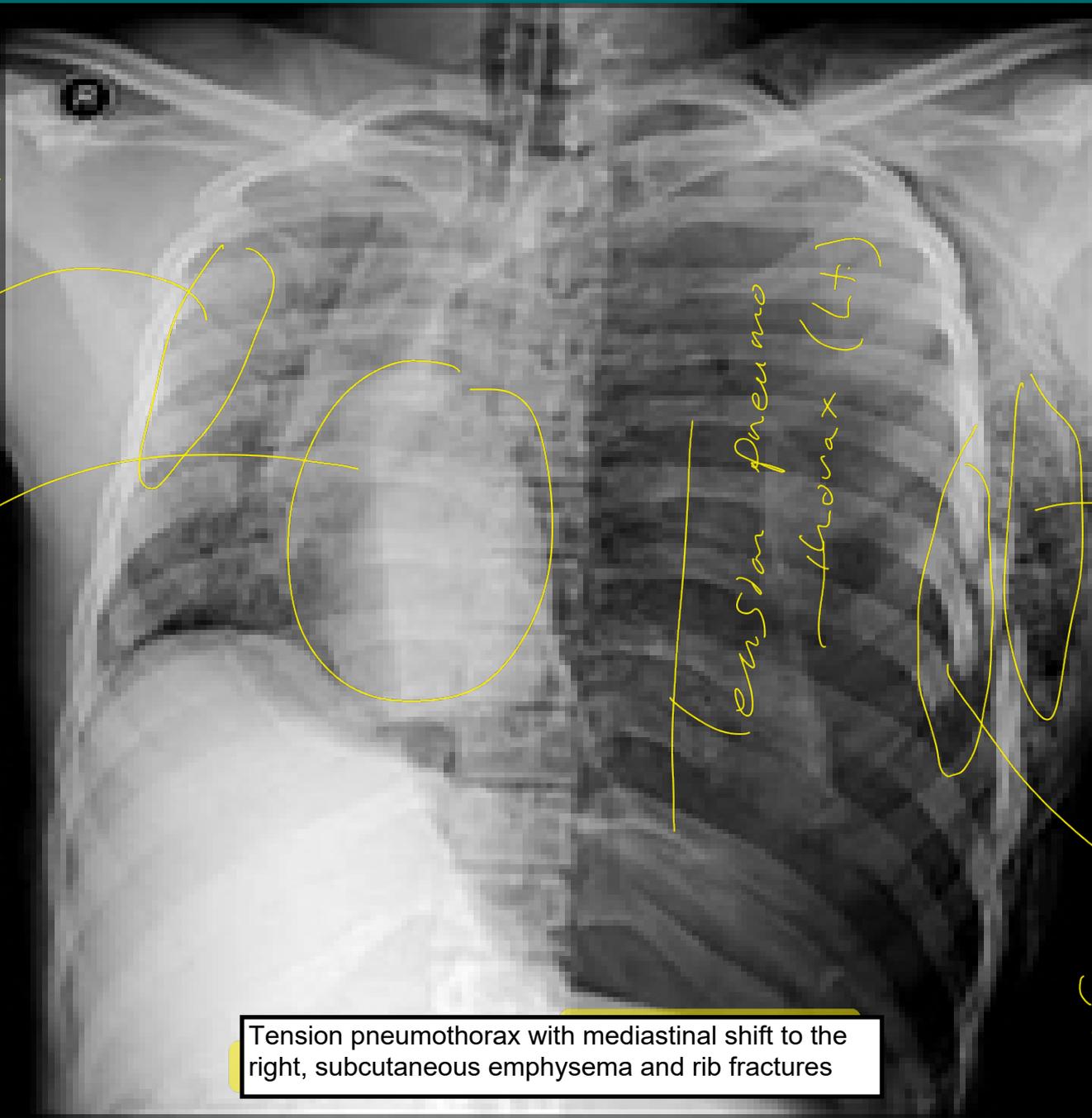
Intercy

hemothorax and multiple rib fractures

SUPINE

→ subcutaneous emphysema





Trachea is shifted to the Rt.

Soft tissue opacities

Heart is shifted to the Rt.

Left thorax (Lt.)

SC emphysema

flail chest

fractures in \*  
(2 ribs in  
Rib 15 &  
2 fractures

Tension pneumothorax with mediastinal shift to the right, subcutaneous emphysema and rib fractures

A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and snow-capped mountains in the background. The scene is framed by dark evergreen branches on the right and left sides. The text "Thank You" is overlaid in the center in a red, rounded font with a white outline.

Thank You

# NEURORADIOLOGY

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**Dr\_Ahmad .Abuain**  
**Radiologest .PHH**

4 ventricles: 2 lateral ventricles, connected to the 3<sup>rd</sup> by the foramen of monro.. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> connected by cerebral aqueduct of sylvius

White matter connecting 2 hemispheres: corpus callosum (rostrum, genu, body, splenium)

CT: you take axial, then reconstruction on the computer to get coronal section

MRI: multiplanar: axial, sagittal, coronal.. (T1, T2 or FLAIR)

Conventional angiography is invasive (like heart catheterisation), it's the gold-standard but is invasive..

So, Angiography using CT or MRI are good substitutes + are non-invasive

Ultrasound: hypo- or hyper- echoic (hyper is bright, hypo is dark)

X-ray: radio-opaque or radio-luscent

CT: hypo- or hyper- dense (bone is hyper-dense , white.. While fluid is hypo-dense)

MRI: signal intensity...

T1>> fluid is hypo-intense (black), WM is white, GM is grey

T2>> fluid is hyper-dense (white), WM is grey, GM is white

FLAIR>> same as T2 but fluid is black (Fluid-attenuated inversion recovery)

# Neuroradiology

- Neuroradiology is a subspeciality of radiology focusing on the diagnosis and characterization of abnormalities of the nervous system, spine, head and neck.
- The imaging modalities include:
  - **Plain radiography**
  - **CT scan**
  - **MRI**
  - **Angiography:** is being replaced in many instances by MRA
  - **Ultrasound:** is used in limited circumstances.

# Neuroradiology / investigation

## Plain film

### The plain skull film may reveal:

- Calcification
- Pituitary fossa enlargement
- Bone lesion or secondary deposit.
- Fractures

- In macroadenoma >1cm .. may cause bone erosions
- Bone lesions : as in pts of multiple myeloma → on lateral skull x-ray we may see bone lesions

Very limited role in imaging the brain  
We can use X-ray to rule out fracture but we typically use CT scan since it gives a clearer picture about the injury

# ULTRASOUND

❖ The neonatal brain can be scanned through the open anterior fontanelle for:

Neonates have the ant & post fontanelles + the mastoid process is cartilaginous – not ossified

➤ Hydrocephalous

➤ Interventricular or intracerebral hemorrhage

➤ Suspected intracranial pathology.

❖ Doppler studies are used for the diagnosis of carotid artery stenosis.

★ craniosynostosis : when the sutures or the fontanelle are prematurely closed in infants before the full formation of the brain

★ Treatment by opening the sutures, to allow the baby's brains an adequate space to grow and develop.

★ Doppler for carotid artery : in elderly a calcifications in the carotid artery occurs which lead to narrowing or stenosis in it

# CT and MRI

- CT is especially valuable in acute head injury (recent brain hemorrhage), stroke, and suspected subarachnoid hemorrhage.

In acute emergencies, CT is used rather than MRI bcz of it's availability, cost-effectiveness, rapid results + CT is enough in most acute cases

(( CT scan doesn't show ischemic changes in the first 6 hrs ))

BUT even in ischemic stroke, CT scan is important to exclude haemorrhage (helps the physician to decide whether it's ok to give anticoagulant..)

characterisation of the infarction

اح تبيرو عا سرع جي CT →  
مزيف ولا لاء بعين النظر عن  
(( CT scan doesn't show ischemic changes in the first 6 hrs ))  
اح بيبي بالقاصص الكمان : MRI  
ولكن فاد ما يهني بالطوارى

- MRI scan demonstrate the brain using a multiplanar facility in axial, coronal, and saggital planes, with excellent views for the posterior fossa.

Use CT for detection of haemorrhage in acute events, MRI for anything else... tumours, localisation & timing of ischemic strokes, pituitary lesions >> MRI is better

# CT and MRI / 2

## MRI is superior to CT in:

- Lesions of the pituitary fossa.
- Spinal cord abnormalities.
- White matter disease.
- Demyelinating plaques in multiple sclerosis.
- Differentiation of grey and white matter.

MRI indication:

Lesion in pituitary fossa :MRI for pituitary >>sagittal T1 with and without contrast

CT-scan, axial, normal...  
Bone is hyper-dense  
Fluid is hypo-dense



Annotation



## Normal MRI, axial



T1...  
WM is white  
GM is grey  
Fluid is hypo-intense (black)

T2...  
WM is grey  
GM is white  
Fluid is hyper-intense (white)

FLAIR...  
WM is grey  
GM is white  
Fluid is hypo-intense (black)

# Arteriography

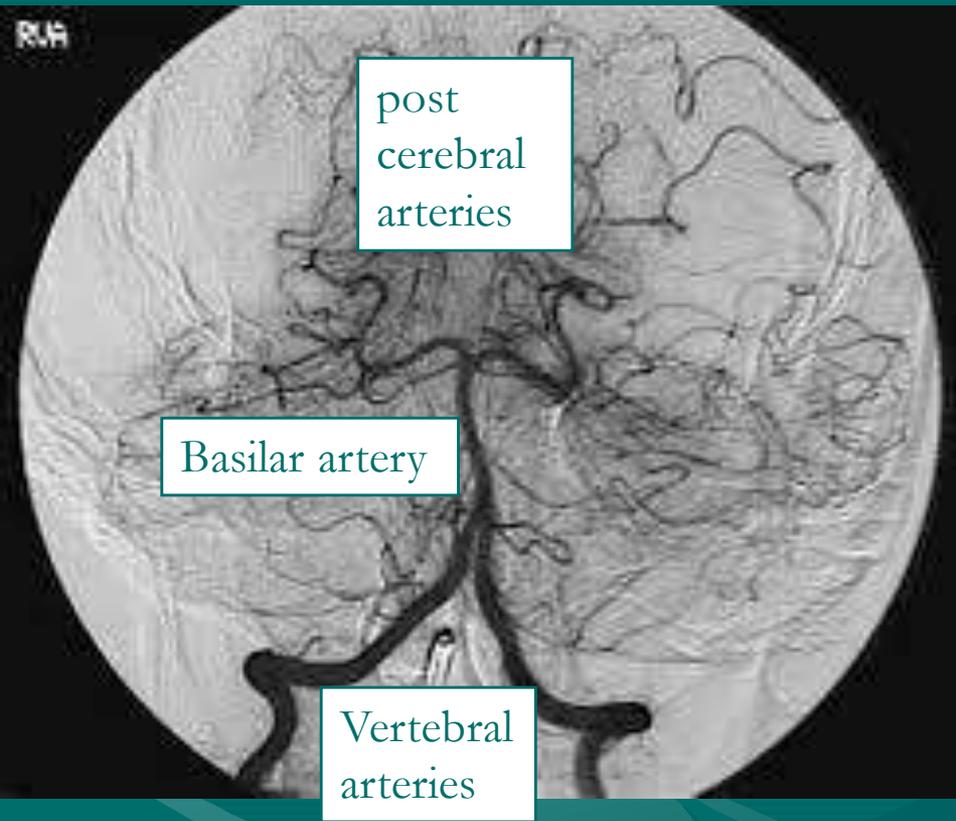
- ❖ Cerebral angiogram is useful in evaluation of aneurysm and arterio-venous malformations.

◆ Arteriography ... if I suspect brain aneurysm or AVM

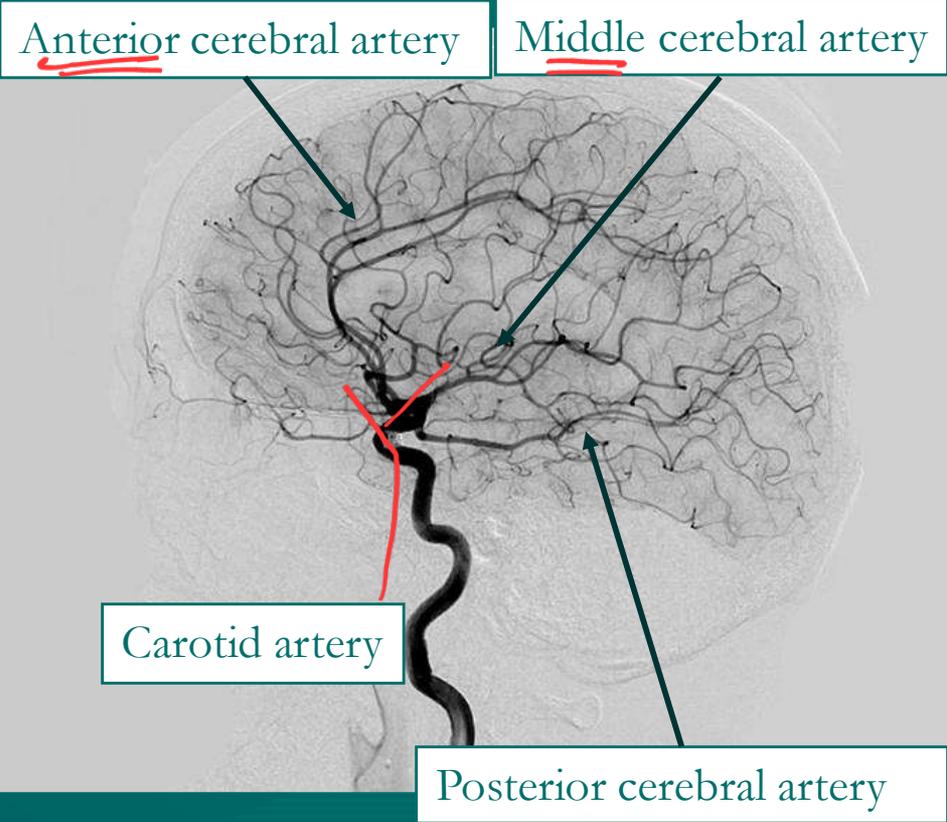
- ❖ CTA and MRA demonstrate cerebral arterial and venous circulation and has replaced conventional angiography in many situations.

MRA can be used without contrast

The posterior circulation – coronal plane



Sagittal plane



Circle of willis can only be seen on transverse plane

# BRAIN infarction

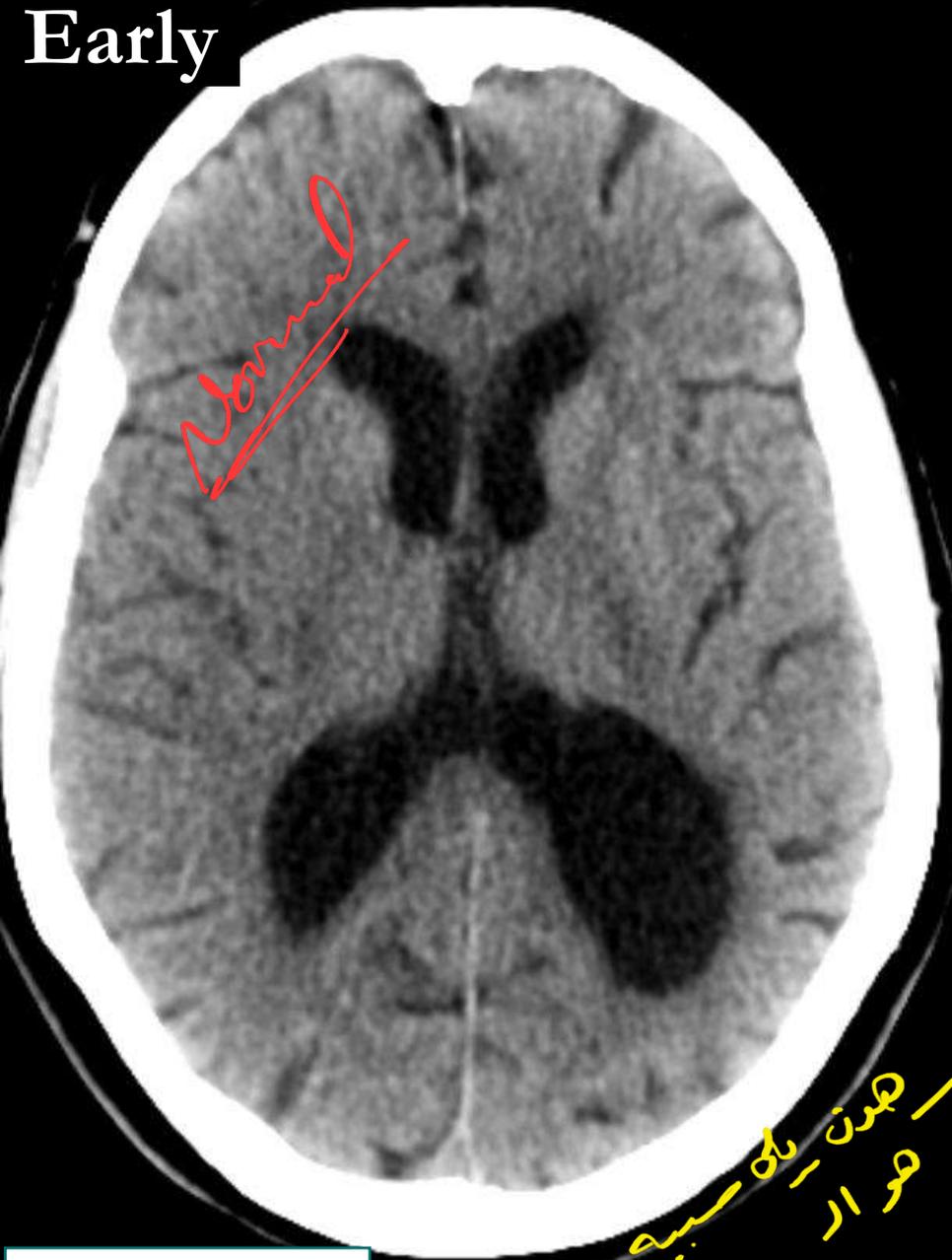
- Ischemic infarction of the brain result from interruption of the blood supply to a portion of the brain.
- The main sign of infarction is an area of decreased attenuation (hypodense) within the cerebral substance with effacement of the adjacent sulci.
- ❑ **Hemorrhage** may develop within the infarct, (about 10-15%), and is seen as an area of hyperdensity.

Haemorrhagic transformation >> stop the anticoagulant

Brain oedema involving the grey matter >> enlargement of GM >> loss of grey-white differentiation

Usually, the brain responds to triggers by oedema..  
Ischemic infarction >> oedema >> hypo-density on CT (but these changes are late, appear after 6hrs.)  
So, ischemia is hypo-dense while haemorrhage is hyper-dense

Early



*Normal*

Late



*Hypodensity  
w/ loss of  
wt. - gray  
matter differentiation*

*The artery which is  
involved in this infarction  
is Rt. middle  
cerebral artery*

*من ال  
ممن ال  
پت. پست.*

Area of hypo-density, loss of G-WM differentiation >> ischemic infarction

No early changes

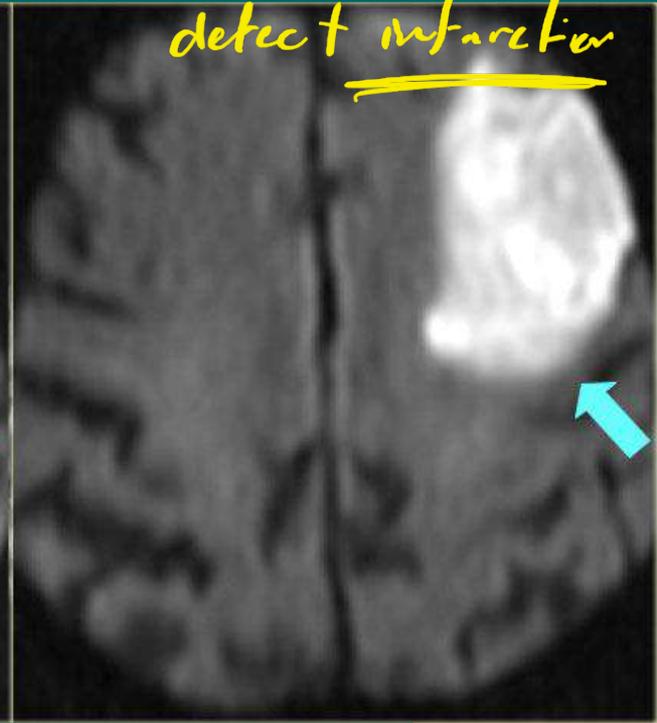
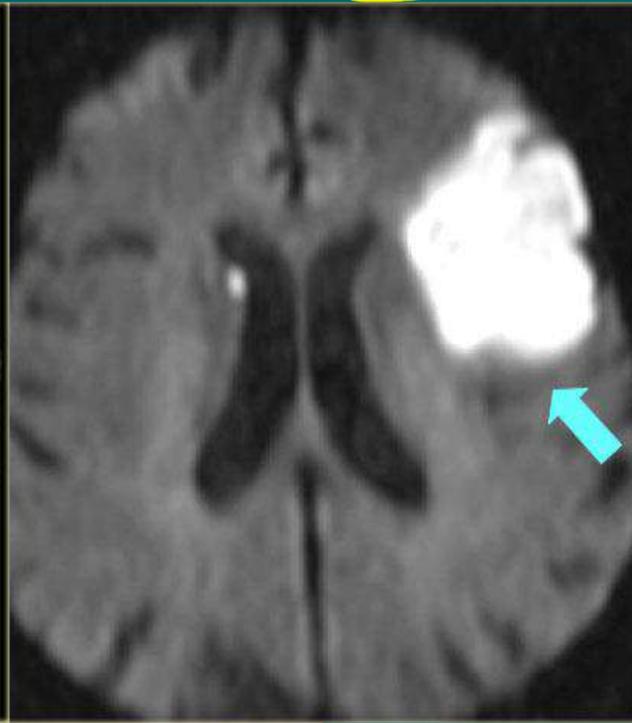
CT

vs

cerebral artery

Diffusion

Most sensitive sequence of MRI that is used to detect infarction



No early changes on CT

Diffusion is the most sensitive MRI sequence for detection of early ischemic changes (within minutes) >> shows areas of hyper-intensity

Important note

جگہوں اور infarction سے روتہ فعل الدماغ هو انہ بصیرت

fluid

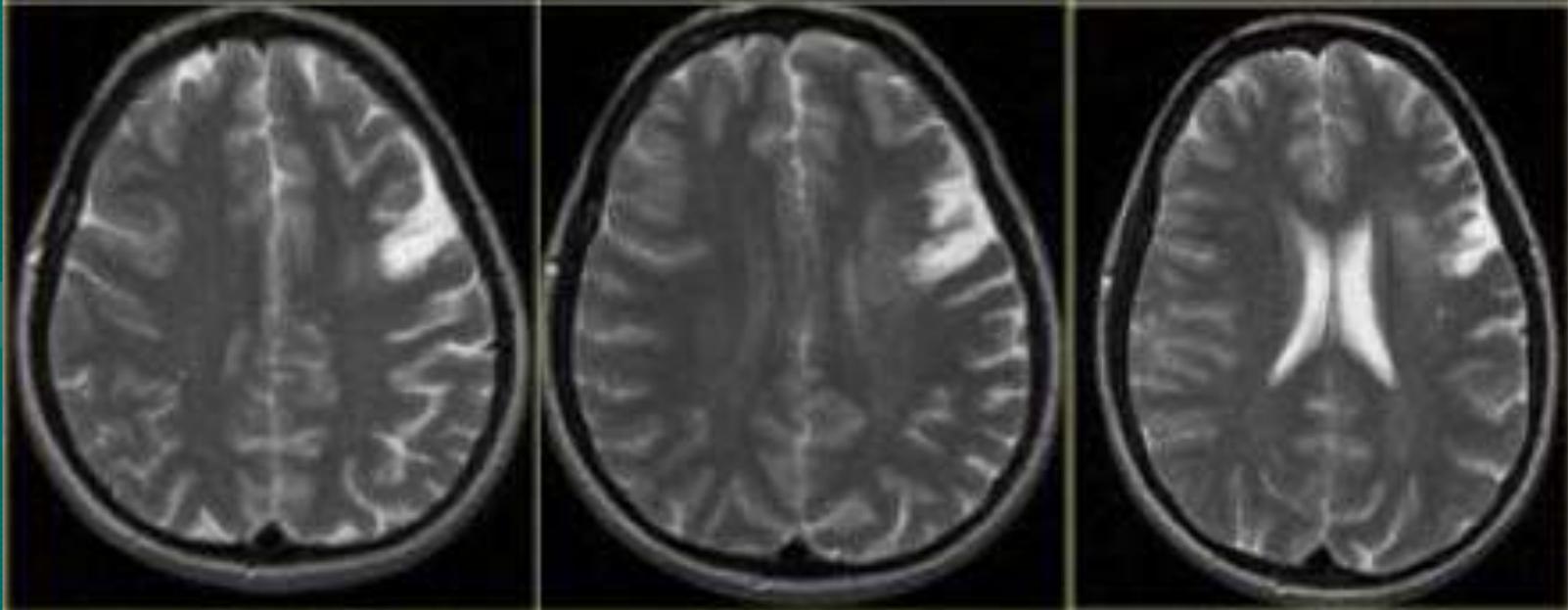
Diffusion

Very clear ischemic changes within mins



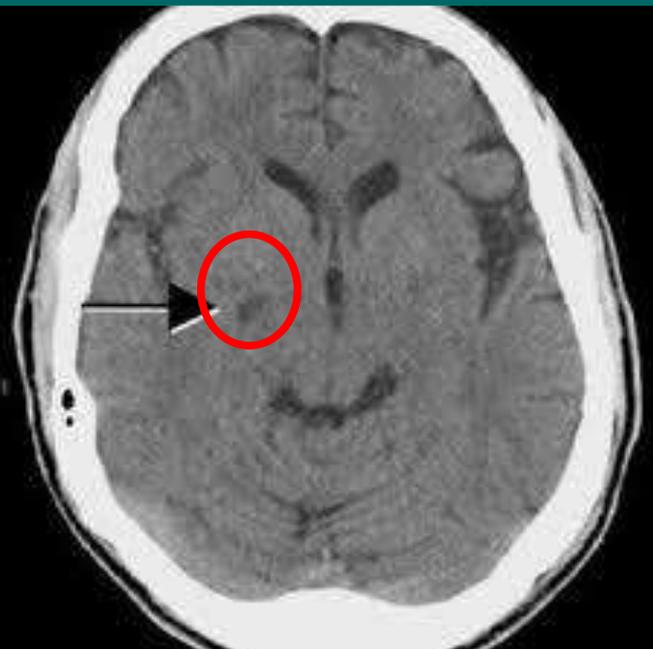
T2

Minimal early changes

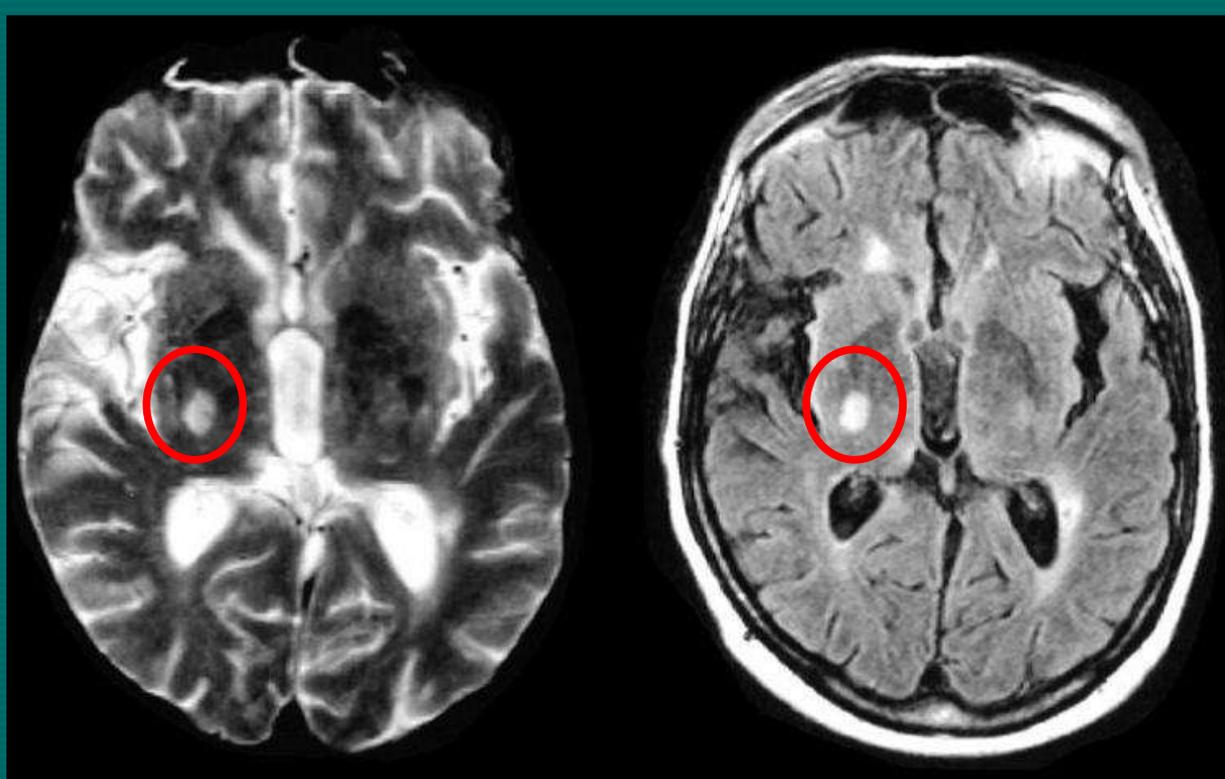


# Lacunar infarction

- Lacunar infarcts are small, deep cerebral infarcts, occur as a result of occlusion of small distal intracerebral arteries.
- Lacunar infarcts are usually less than 1cm in diameter and appear in the region of the internal capsule, basal ganglia, thalamus and brainstem. *deep areas*
- Lacunar infarcts are commonly seen in patients with small vessel disease. Small vessel dzs: HTN/DM/small vessel vasculitis



CT scan.. Late  
ischemic changes



MRI diffusion ??

*Lacunar infarct at basal ganglia*

# CT and MRI in brain infarction

Why CT is the modality of choice for the initial evaluation of stroke ?

- CT is superior to MRI in detecting recent brain hemorrhage, and the role of CT is to exclude the presence of intracerebral hemorrhage, because the treatment of an infarct will differ depending on whether hemorrhage is present or not.
- MRI is superior and more sensitive than CT in the evaluation of any kind of edema and for the detection of acute infarction.

# Brain hemorrhage

- Intracerebral hemorrhage:

Usually takes the shape of the structure affected

Is bleeding in the brain caused by rupture of a blood vessel.

- May occur in any part of the brain, but the frequent sites are: basal ganglia, thalamus and cerebellum.
- A third of intracerebral bleeds result in intraventricular hemorrhage.
- **Most common causes are:**

- Chronic hypertension

Usually affects basal ganglia, brainstem, cerebellum..  
Usually taking the shape of these structures

- Rupture aneurysm or arterio-venous malformation

You need to determine the cause for the management  
HTN >> treated medically  
Aneurysm/AVM >> treated surgically

On CT scan >> haemorrhage is hyperdense acutely, (hypo-dense later?)

basal ganglia

• Intracerebral hemorrhage



in the basal ganglia

of deep cerebral tissue

→ PBM

Smart BZ,  
بفعل صينية  
رطوبتي  
Intracerebral hemorrhage

CT scan  
Haemorrhage is hyper-dense.. Taking the shape of basal ganglia >> HTN

# Intracranial Hematomas Head injury

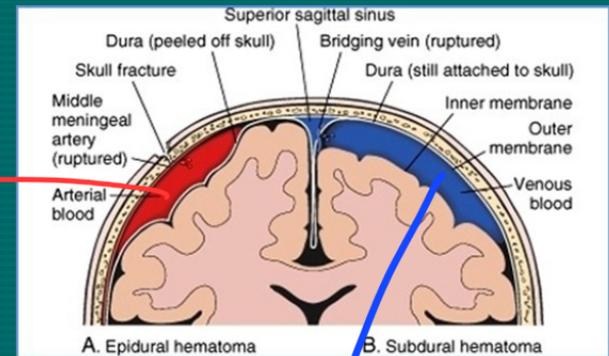
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 peripheral areas

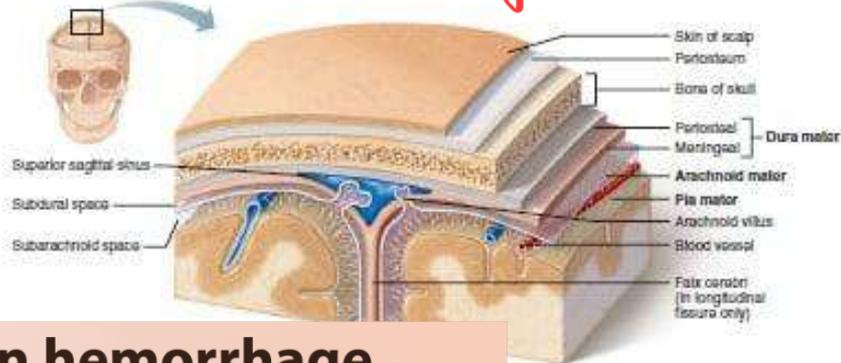
- Intra parenchymal hematoma
- Epidural hematoma
- Subdural hematoma
- Subarachnoid hemorrhage

Middle meningeal artery is mostly injured

→ غالباً associated trauma, fractures

Lenticular shape (Hyperdense) ← limited space (محدود) with high blood flow (arterial in its origin) (بار) (شرايين)





Wide space  
 \* Usually associated with trauma NOT fractures.

\* Venous in its origin  
 (∴ slow)

لحمية بياض  
 البيضاء  
 البيضاء

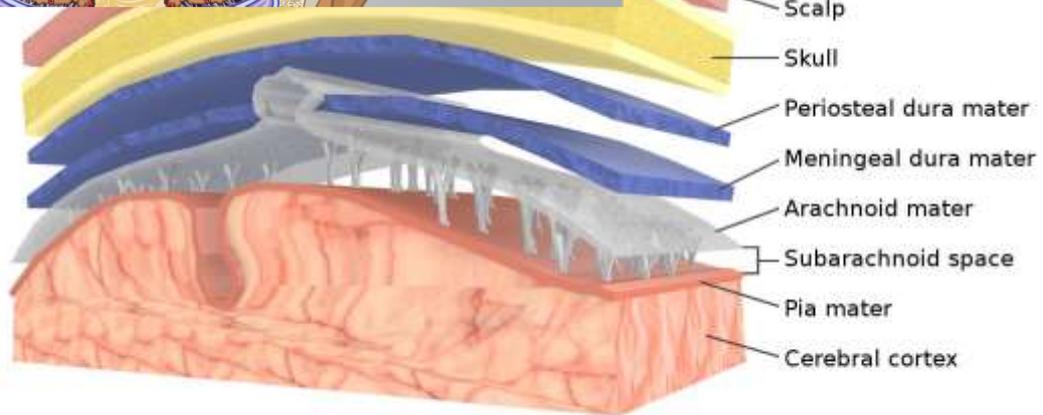
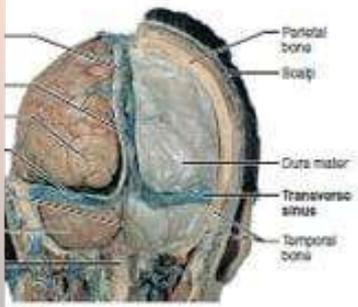
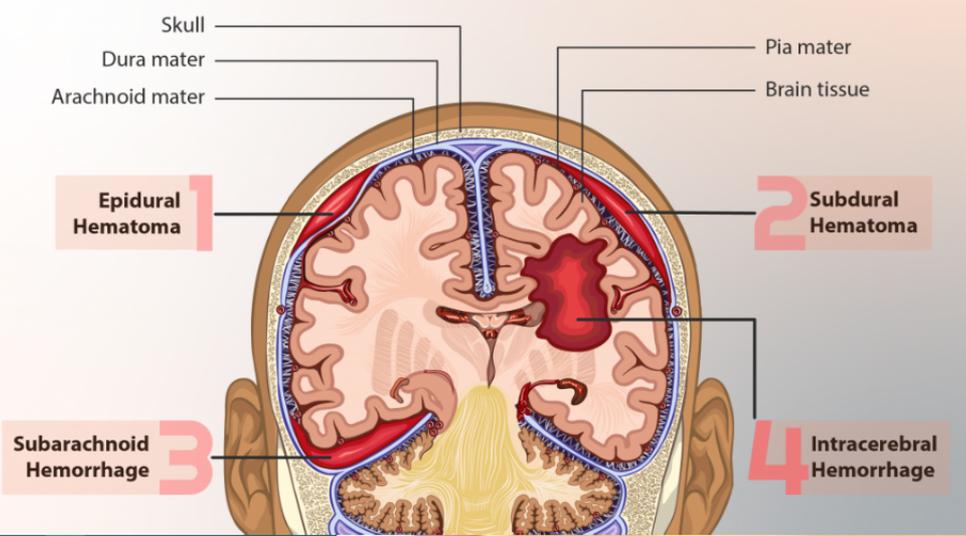
Crescent shape.

⊙ In chronic phase

Hypodense.  
 اللمبة البيضاء  
 liquification  
 (fluid)

\* In acute phase  
 ↳ Hyper dens.

## Types of brain hemorrhage



# Epidural Hematoma

- Collection of blood between the inner table of the skull and the dura
- Most often occurs as a result of an arterial injury, usually middle meningeal artery or one of its branches, and therefore are usually temporo-parietal in location.
- The typical CT appearances of epidural hematoma is biconvex or lenticular, high density lesion.

Dura is attached to sutures >>  
epidural haematoma is limited in that  
space >> appears biconvex  
It's usually caused by fractures/trauma  
Blood is arterial  
Most commonly temporo-parietal

\* Always. You should  
refer the pt. for CT  
hospital → لأنه النزيف قاعه  
بمسار شريان

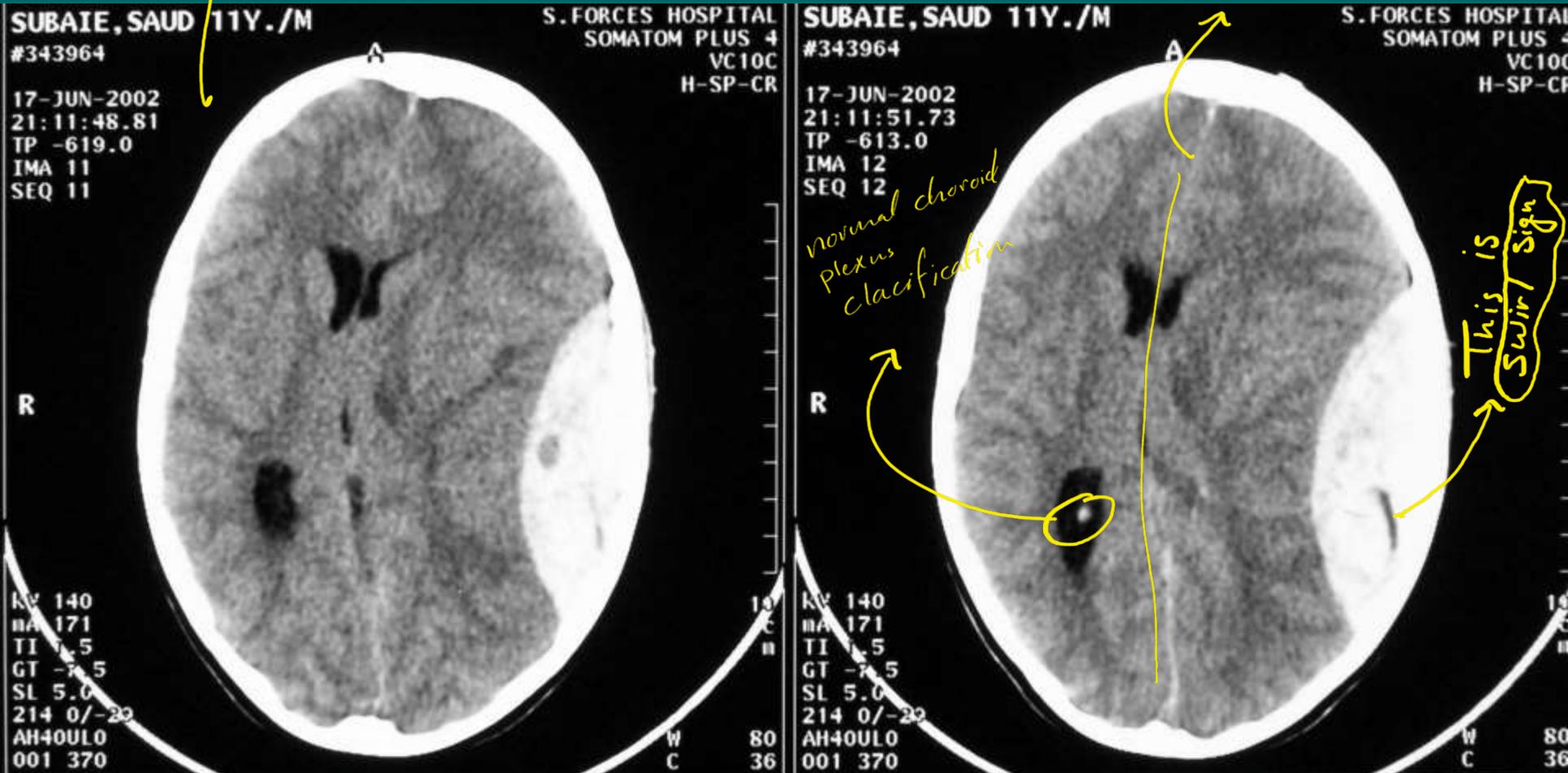
Haemorrhage is typically homogenous  
Sometimes it's not >> SWIRL SIGN  
Since the space is limited, and blood is  
arterial in origin (there's a high blood  
flow) >> blood swirls within this space  
These swirls appear as hypo-dense areas  
within the hyper-dense area of  
haemorrhage

high blood flow  
نمى من حالة ابريقى تسو سبرى



بالمخاضفة الدكنة  
قال غلط  
رخط اسم المرلفن  
عالمسورة  
مشرف  
سببش (K)

Epidural haemorrhage – arterial blood – high blood flow – actively bleeding lesions >> this may eventually cause herniation



This is brain CT scan, ventricular level, young male pt.. Well defined biconcave hyperdense area in the parieto-occipital lobe of the left side causing shifting of the midline to the right side and compression of the left-side structures. It is epidural haematoma

# Subdural Hematoma

- Collection of blood between the dura and arachnoid
- Result from venous injury, usually tear of the bridging cerebral veins within the subdural space.
- The characteristic appearance of acute subdural hematoma on CT is hyperdense crescent-shaped collection with concavo-convex configuration.

Occur in extremity of ages very old or very young

Very old: have brain atrophy and stretched veins may be spontaneous or due to minor trauma

In young, maybe a major trauma

Usually not related to fractures

Blood is venous

Not limited by the sutures >> crescent shape

in acute: hyperdense crescent shape

in chronic : hypodense due to liquefaction; all cells becomes in fluid status (bcz it's venous blood)

as patient is lying on bed so cells and fluid accumulate posteriorly >> the hematoma appears more hypo-dense anteriorly but more hyper-dense posteriorly

Hyperdense  
acute



Stretching  
of veins  
فقدان  
rupture  
دالة  
الكلاب  
والج  
غالباً  
بيجي  
المرقن  
يدون  
Symptoms

غالباً يكون المرقن  
old age



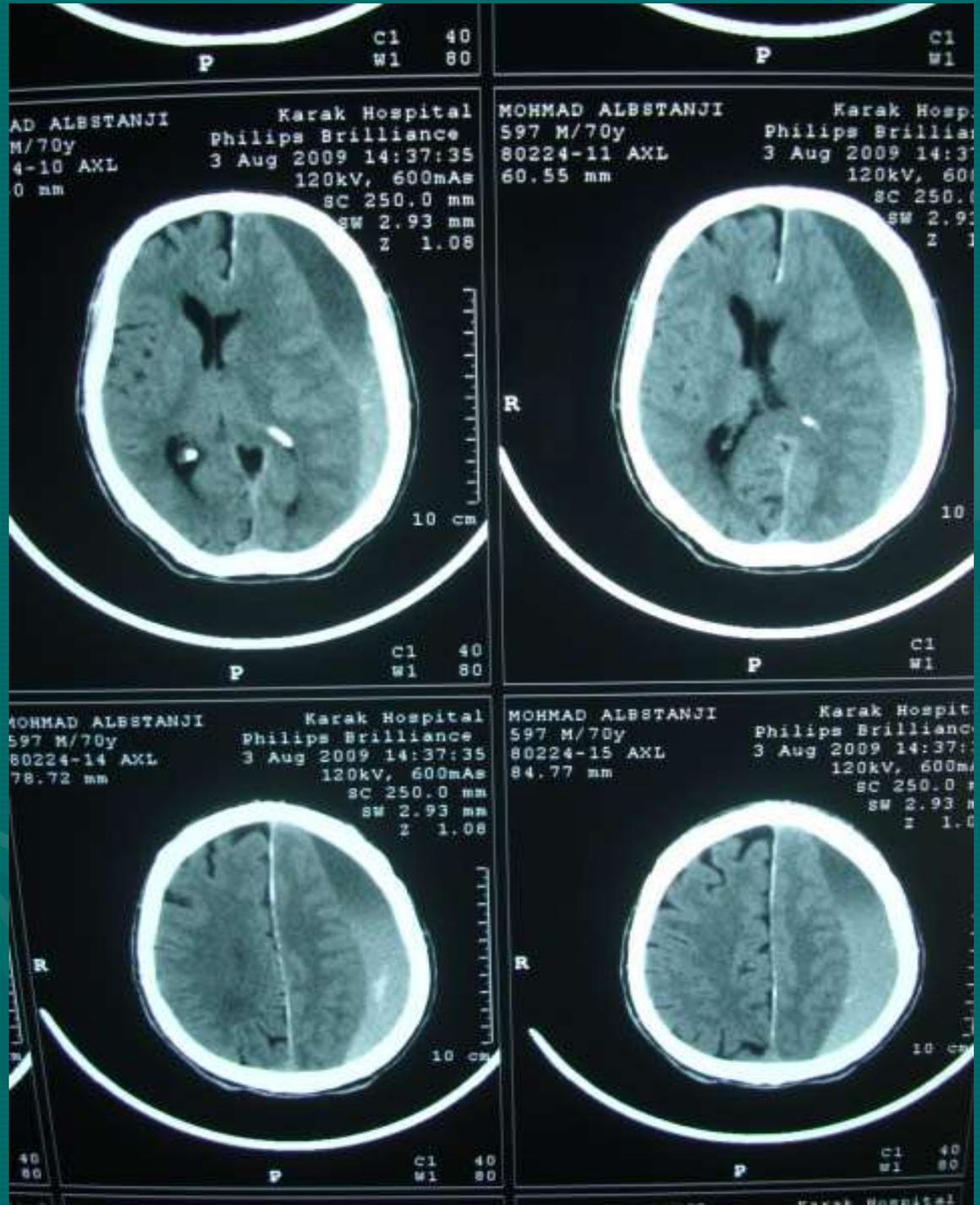
Epidural vs subdural haematoma...

Epidural must be immediately referred to tertiary centre with neurosurgery unit.. Bcz the blood is arterial (high flow) it may rapidly deteriorate.. Pt must be continuously monitored there, since at any moment a surgery may be required..

While subdural haematoma is venous, should be referred but we're not as much in a hurry.. Since it may progress rapidly but may also stop with proper medications and monitoring

Also subdural - late

Sub. arachnoid spaces  
17 btw sulci & gyr:  
21 basal cisterns  
وجود بين هوائين او  
brain cystern  
(Pons, medulla...)



# Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

- Hemorrhage into the CSF spaces, and frequently present in the acutely injured patient.
- SAH appear as hyperdensities filling the CSF spaces (basal cisterns, cerebral sulci, sylvian fissures and interhemispheric fissure).
- Subarachnoid hemorrhages are most often the consequence of penetrating injury, rupture aneurysm and systemic hypertension.

Most common cause is traumatic (penetrating injury)  
But most common non-traumatic is rupture aneurysm

Best seen using MRI T2 star sequence (hypo-intense).  
But it's quite expensive and not always available..

Signs of SAH: vomiting, meningeal (signs like neck stiffness) sever sudden headache → The worst headache ever had

On CT, CSF spaces normally appear hypo-dense.. In SAH, you find areas of hyper-density

⊗ Large aneurysm will cause  
subarachnoid  
⊕ inter cerebral

→ small peri aneurysms

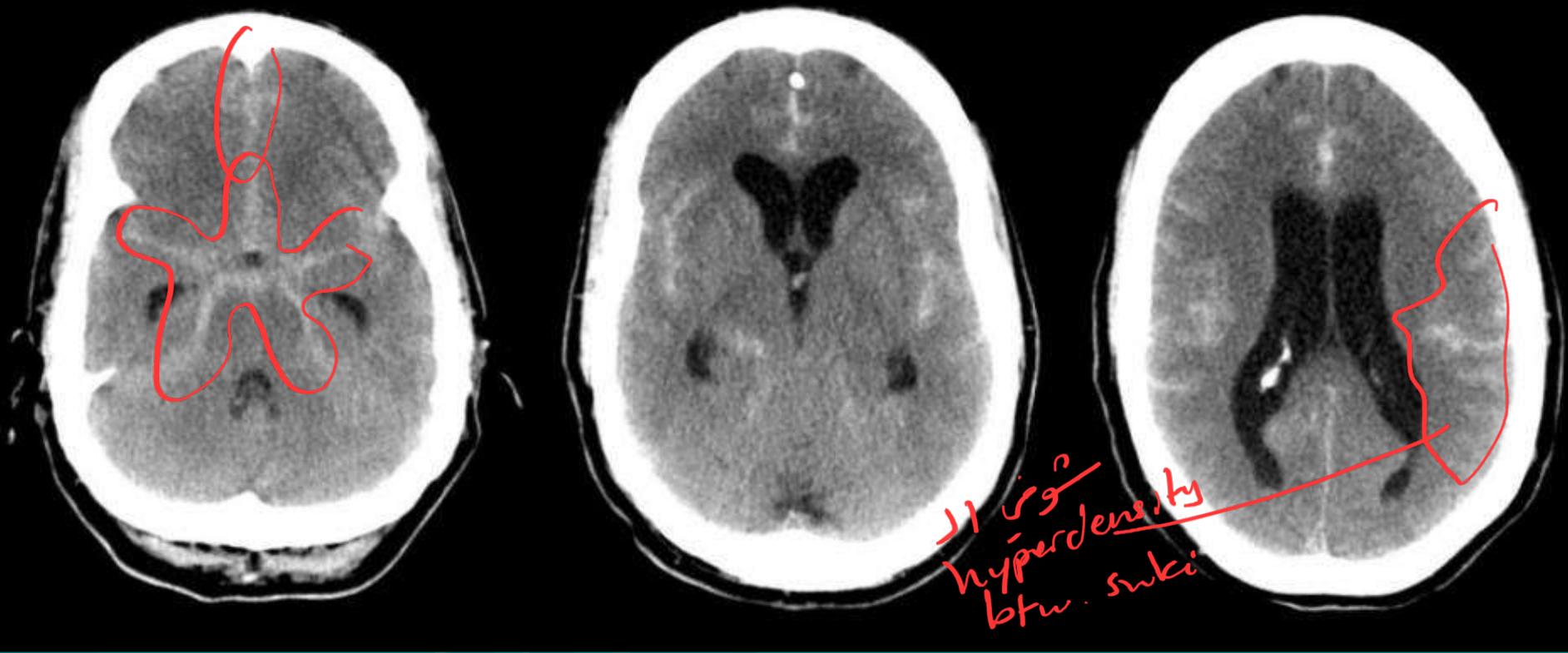
over rad.

hemorrhages

التنقيح الارتفاع  
Hyperdensity  
خارج السنج

contrast hemorrhage  
\* لا يتقبل contrast عشان

Muti-axial CT, multiple areas of hyper-density filling the sulci

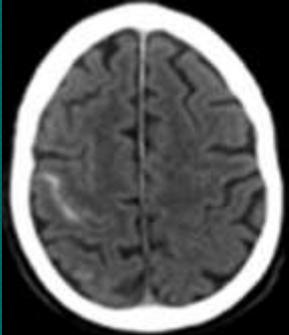


نوع ال  
hyperdensity  
btw. sulci

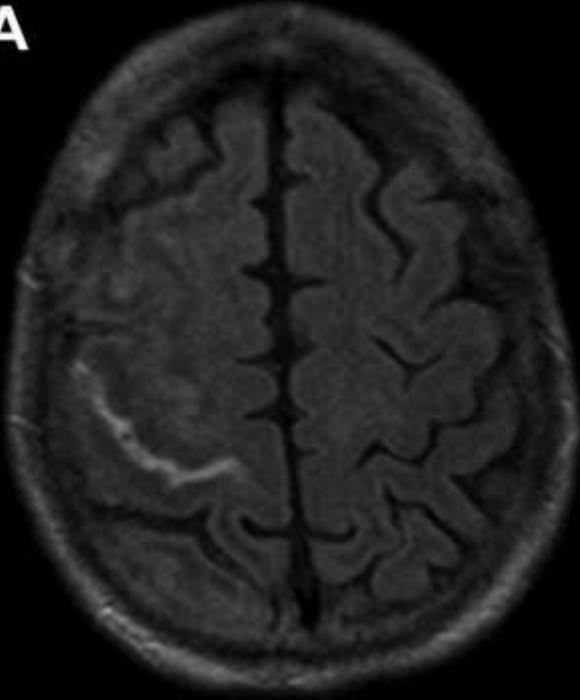
<http://casemed.case.edu/clerkships/neurology/Web%20Neurorad/SubarachnoidHemorrhage3.htm>

\* **T2 star** sequence is the most sensitive to pick subarachnoid hemorrhage. BUT in emergency  $\xrightarrow{\text{الطلب}}$  CT  $\xrightarrow{\text{الطلب}}$

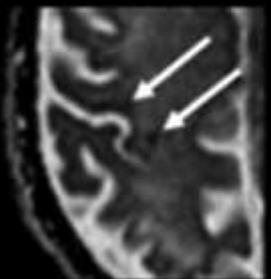
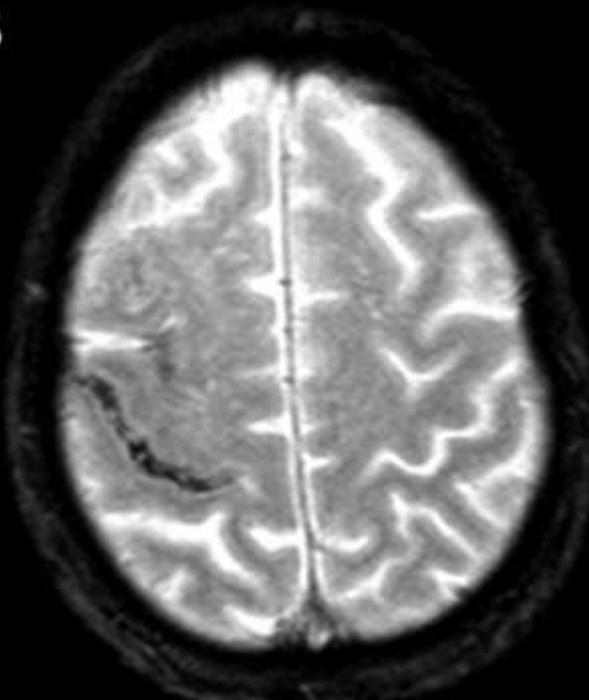
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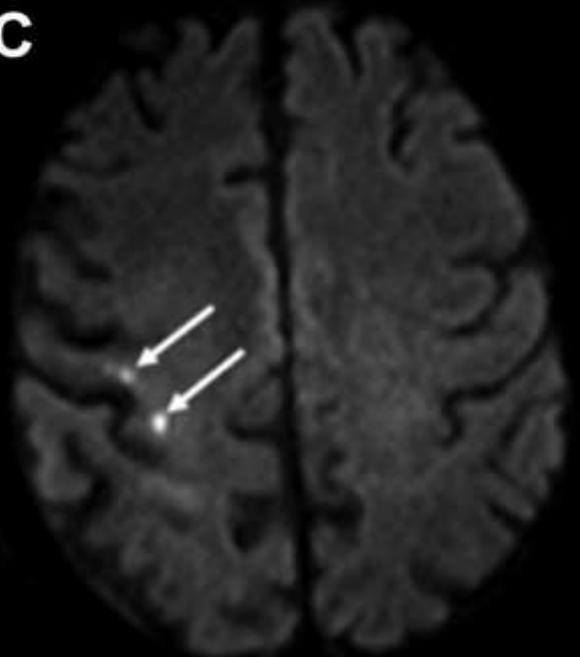
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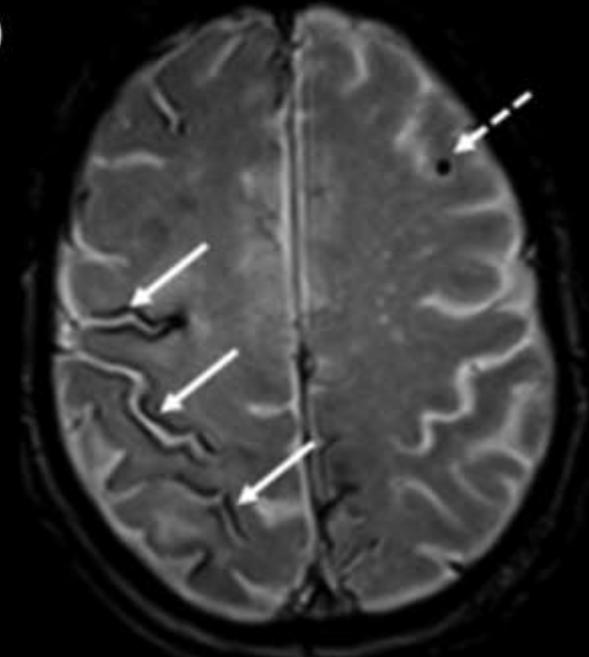
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MRI

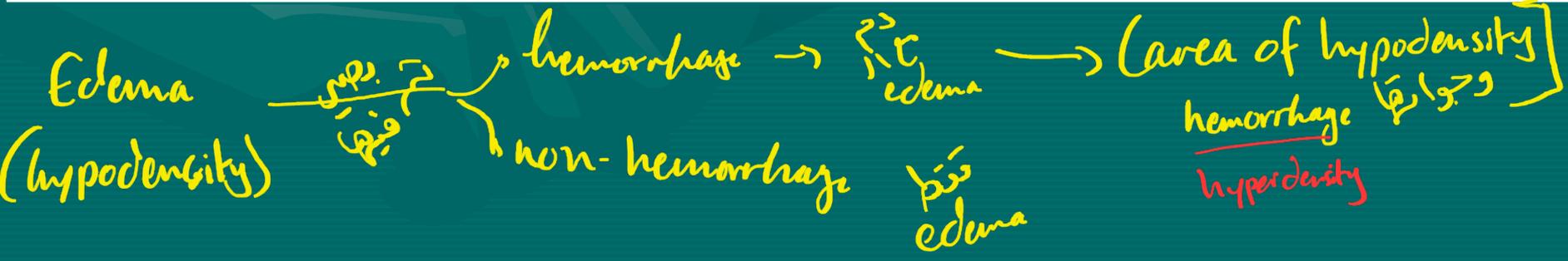
# Cerebral Contusion

Contusion ← ردة العقل هي تكون  
Edema ← تورم

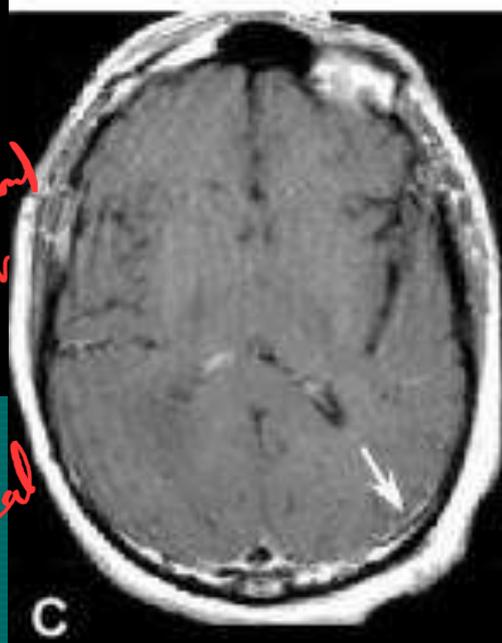
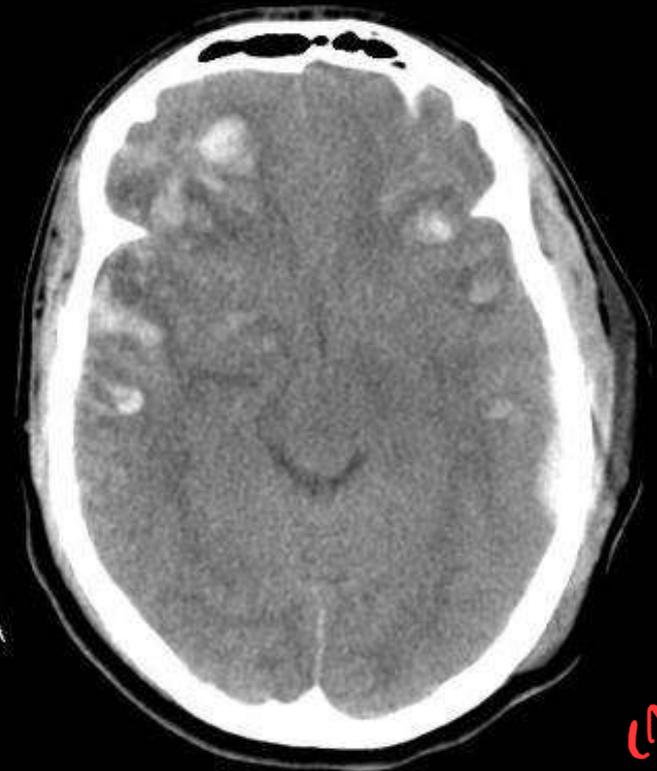
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- Bruising or crushing of brain tissue. *Resulting from brain trauma*
- Two types of cerebral contusion:
  - \* nonhemorrhagic (necrotic)
  - \* Hemorrhagic
- The hemorrhagic areas may not be evident in the very acute stage or in the first 24 hours.

Usually due to acceleration-deceleration like car accidents >> shearing of axons >> brain responds to triggers by oedema >> multifocal areas of hypo-density on CT >> within these areas there may be haemorrhage (haemorrhagic contusions) >> areas of hyper-density within hypo-density



Hyper- within hypo-density



! (Most common)  
① Peri-ventricular  
② sub-cortical

auto-immun ds  
white matter affecting the myelin sheath

The most common WM dz

# Multiple sclerosis (MS)

MRI is the most sensitive to pick it.

- MS is a white matter disease, affects areas of the brain and spinal cord, destroying the fatty layer (the myelin sheath) which wraps around nerve fibers, resulting in areas of demyelination.
- Most common in young people and about two thirds of patients are female.
- The demyelinating lesions (plaques) present with a characteristic relapsing and remitting course.

\* Most common form of MS is Relapsing

CT may not show lesions.. we should also do MRI for spinal cord.  
-Hyper-intensity lesions in the deep white matter/ subcortical white matter mostly periventricular and perpendicular to the lateral ventricles  
-Flair is the best sequence.. used with contrast to detect active lesions  
this is important in follow up during treatment

کینیسیزقہ  
hyperintense regions on T2  
& flair

# Multiple sclerosis / 2

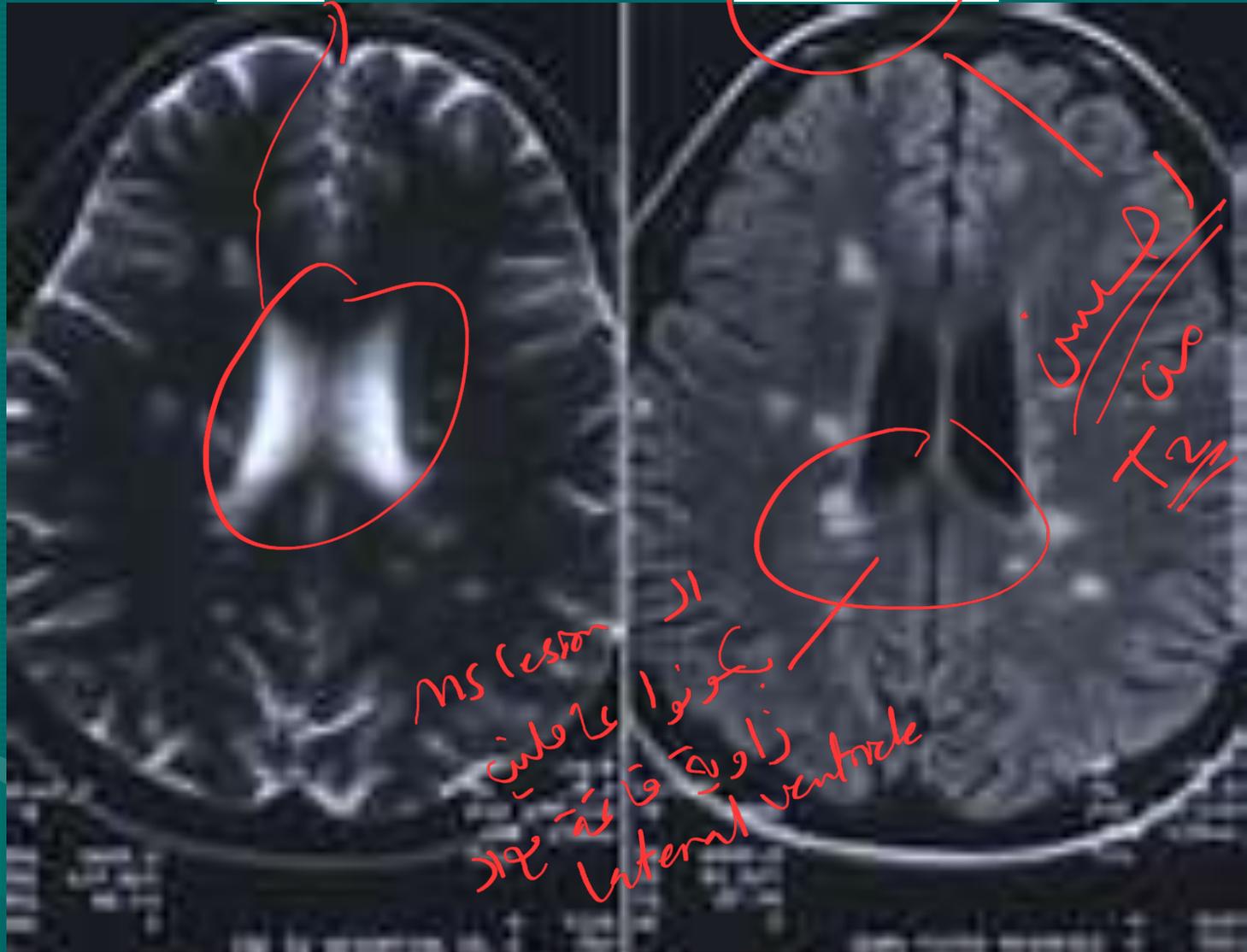
- **MRI is the investigation of choice.**
- The demyelinating plaques appear as focal discrete areas of abnormal high signal intensity on T2-weighted images.
- The common location of plaques are in the periventricular region, corpus callosum, and to a lesser extent in the brain stem, cerebellum, optic nerves and in the spinal cord.
- Contrast enhancement of the plaques indicate active disease.

*triangular  
intense*



T2

T2 - FLAIR

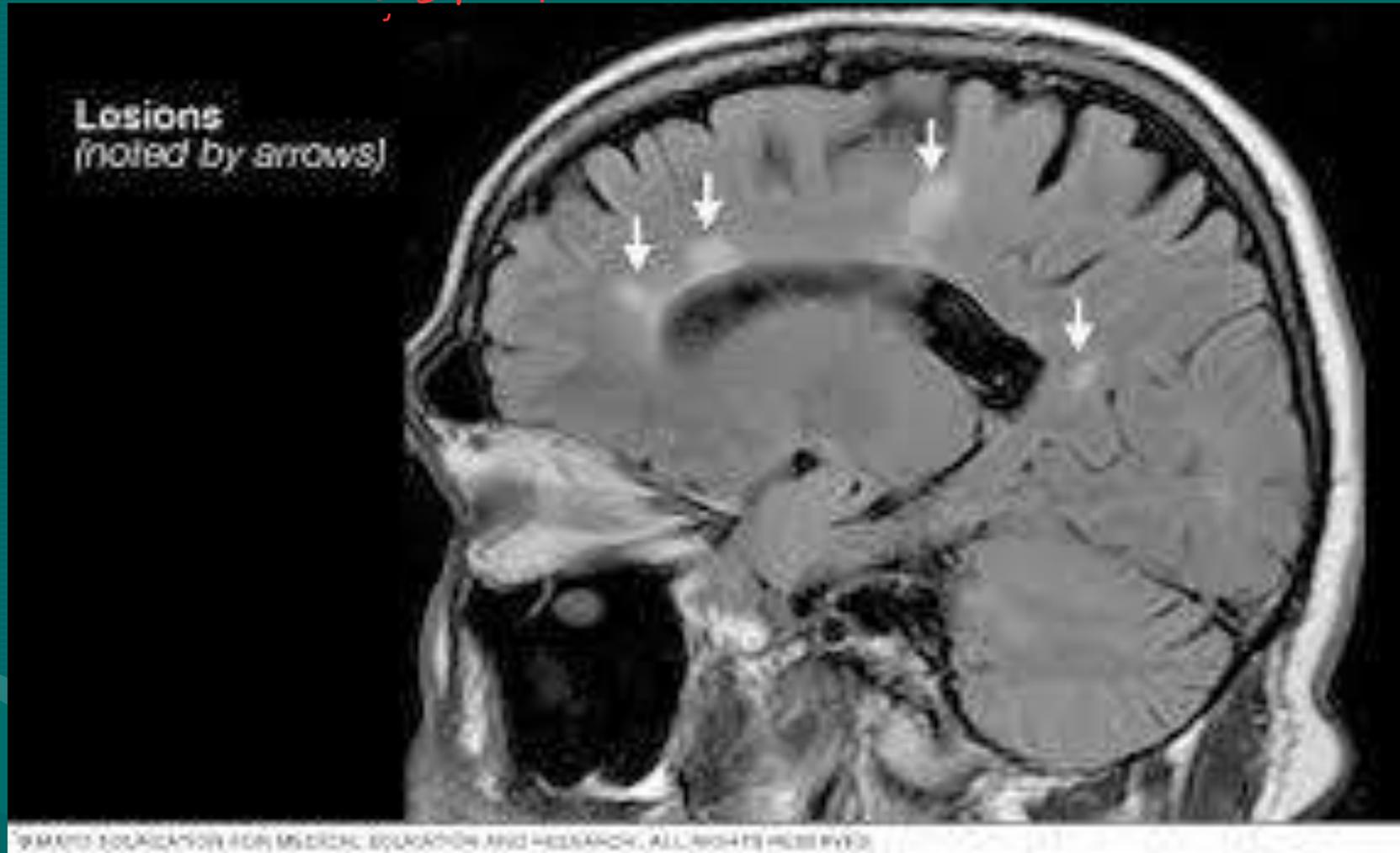


MS lesion  
 Lateral ventricle  
 بكونوا على طين  
 زاوية قائمة

T2  
 من  
 ال  
 T2

On T2, both CSF and the lesions are hyper-intense >> we may miss the lesion  
 That's why FLAIR is the sequence of choice for MS, as it supresses the CSF so we can see the lesions more clearly

\* Contrast is imp. in MS:  
to know if the lesion is active or not  
characteristic



# Brain Tumors

Metastasis can be intra- or extra- axial

Primary brain tumors can be classified as:

## Intra-axial tumors:

arising in brain parenchyma. [<sup>\*</sup>Glial tumors]

## Extra-axial tumors:

arise from cells outside the brain, such as the meninges and cranial nerves.

Most common primary brain tumours in adults : Supratentorial tumours

Most common primary brain tumours in children : infratentorial tumours

Tumours can be seen without contrast but we always use it to intensify the picture( low grade tumours there is no enhancement but grade 4 there is enhancement)

# Brain tumors / 2

## GLIOMAS:

More than 50% of primary intracranial tumors are gliomas, and constitute a heterogenous group of tumors including:

- Astrocytomas.
- Ependymomas.
- Oligodendrogliomas.

\* Hematoma → Hyper density  
\* infarction → Hypo density  
\* → Hypo density

تفرق عن  
طريق ال  
history

#  
||  
Bravo ❤️

On CT: appear as area of  
→ hypo density w/ loss

# Astrocytomas

\* Glioma

of white-gray matter differentiation.

- Arise from astrocytes
- Graded into four grades depending on the severity and prognosis (grade I favourable prognosis and grade IV worst prognosis)
  - ↳ is called Glioblastoma multiforme.
- The low grade astrocytomas are most commonly in young adults.
- The high grade astrocytomas (grade 1V) are called glioblastoma multiforme.

MRI is the best for brain tumours but we can use CT scan. Low grade gliomas on CT appear as areas of hypodensity. With no contrast enhancement & no oedema.

Areas of hypodensity could be infarction or tumour – diagnosis depends on history  
Acute onset of weakness/paraesthesia >> probably infarction  
History of headache for a long time >> tumour

*Loss of differentiation & Hypodens btw gray & wb. matter*



**Contrast**

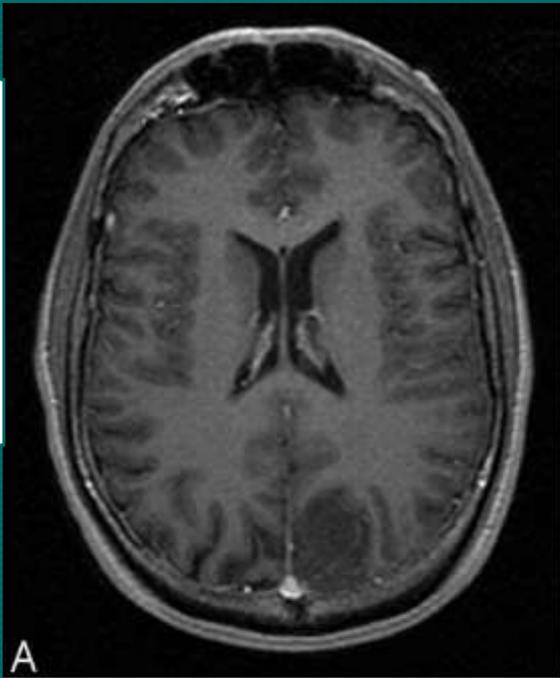
-the superior sagittal sinus with contrast is enhanced so there is no thrombosis if its not enhanced it will give empty delta sign  
-NEXT STEP is MRI

contrast CT shows low grade tumor- no shift, no enhancement, not haemorrhage, lesion is well defined

T1.. Hypo-intense..  
No contrast  
enhancement..  
Well-defined, no  
oedema >> low-  
grade glioma

*Low grade  
glioma.  
1.2 x 1.1 x 1.1*

FLAIR>> hyper-  
intense, no  
enhancement



T2>> hyper-  
intense, no  
enhancement

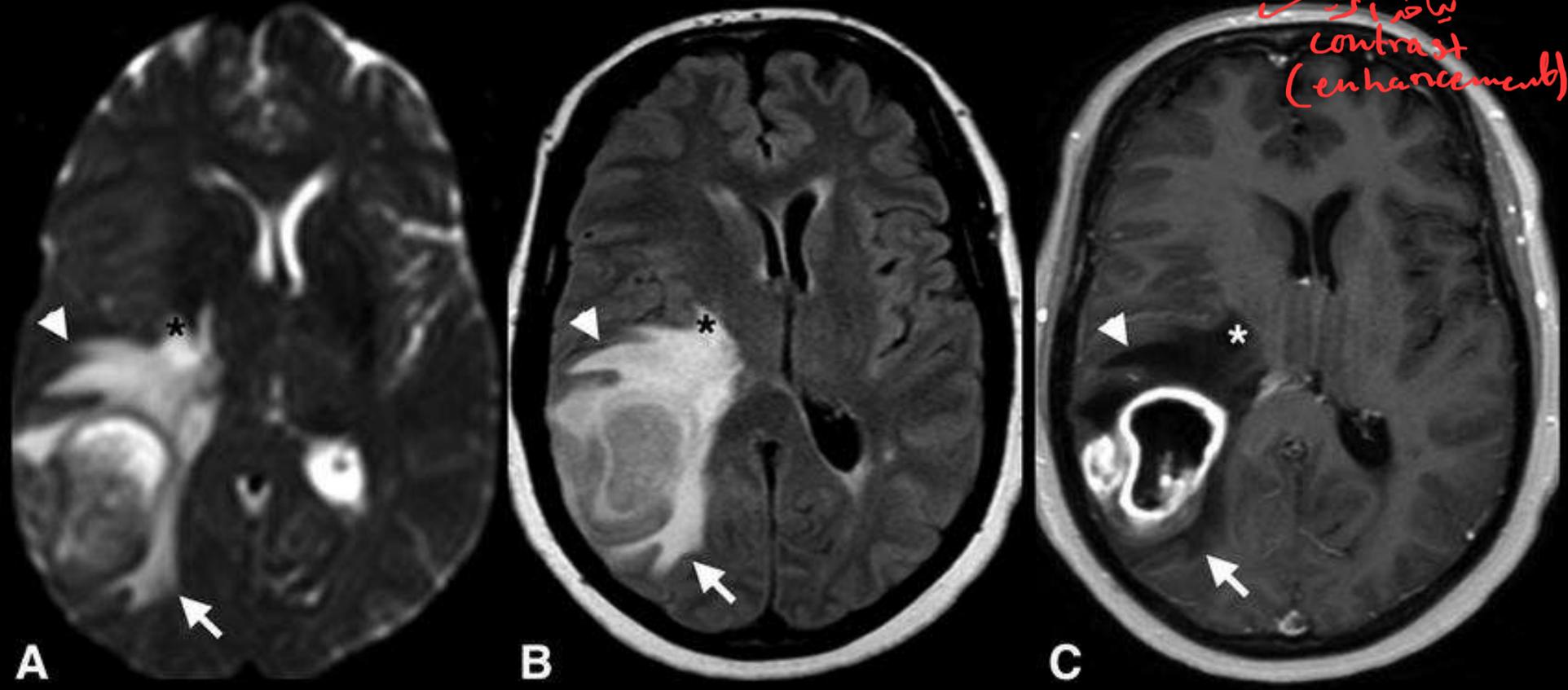
*Mass  
✓ No necrosis  
✓ Not surrounded  
by edema*



**GBM**

Glioblastoma multiforme

mass (كتلة)  
✓ Hg.  
✓ necrosis  
✓ edema  
✓ بيضاوي  
contrast  
(enhancement)



High-grade glioma >> Contrast-enhancement, with oedema, may have cystic or necrotic changes + pts are usually elderly



High-grade glioma affecting corpus callosum

Few lesions affect the **corpus callosum**.  
When you see a lesion there, it could be lymphoma, GBM, MS *demyelination*  
MS: hyper-intense lesions, multiple  
GBM: heterogenous enhancement, diffuse enlargement, >> butterfly glioma



is G that involve

axial

Butterfly glioma

# Cerebellar tumors (infratentorial tumors)

## In adults:

*until prove the other wise*

- The most common cerebellar lesion is a metastasis. Even if solitary metastatic lesion
- The second most common tumor is a hemangioblastoma.

## In children:

*The most common cerebellar T. in children*

- 1 Medulloblastoma: is the most common malignant brain tumor of childhood.
- 2 Astrocytoma.
- 3 Ependymoma.
- 4 Brain stem glioma.
- 5 Atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumour (ATRT)

*مكونان ال Case*

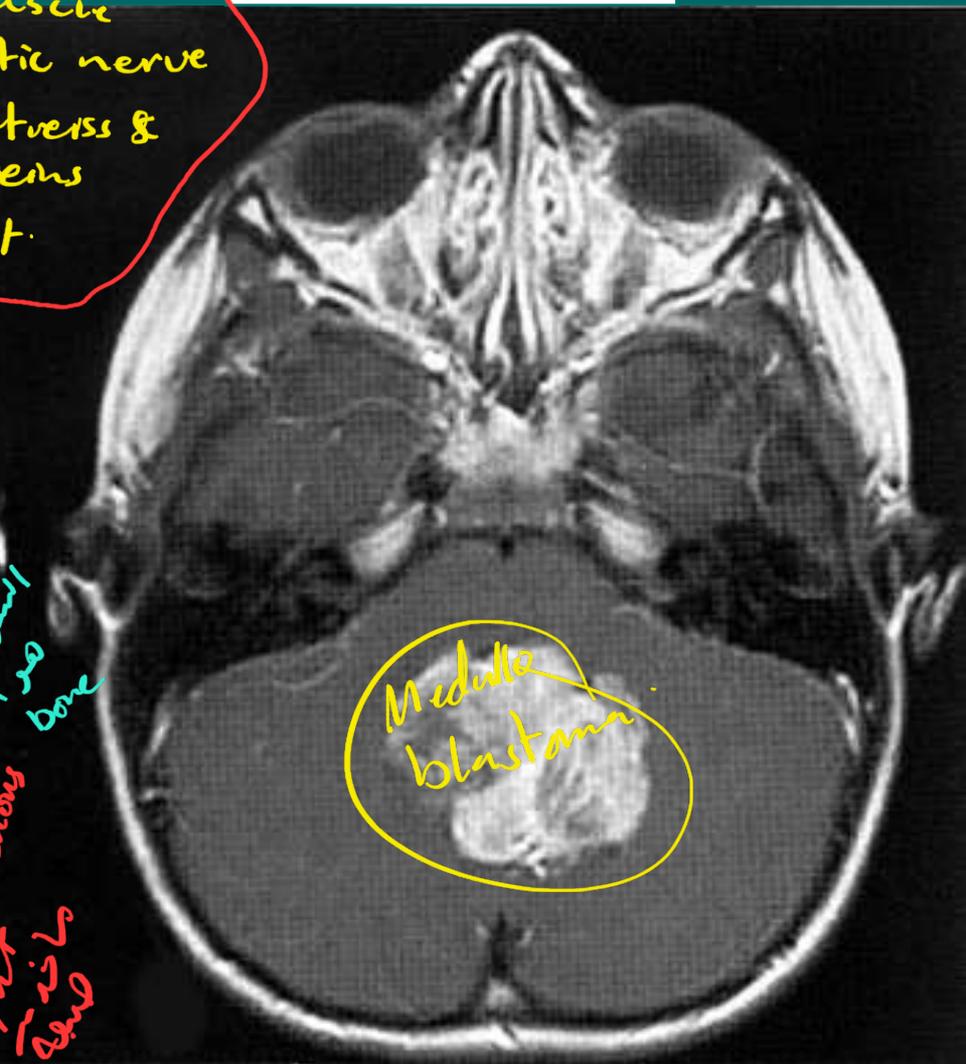
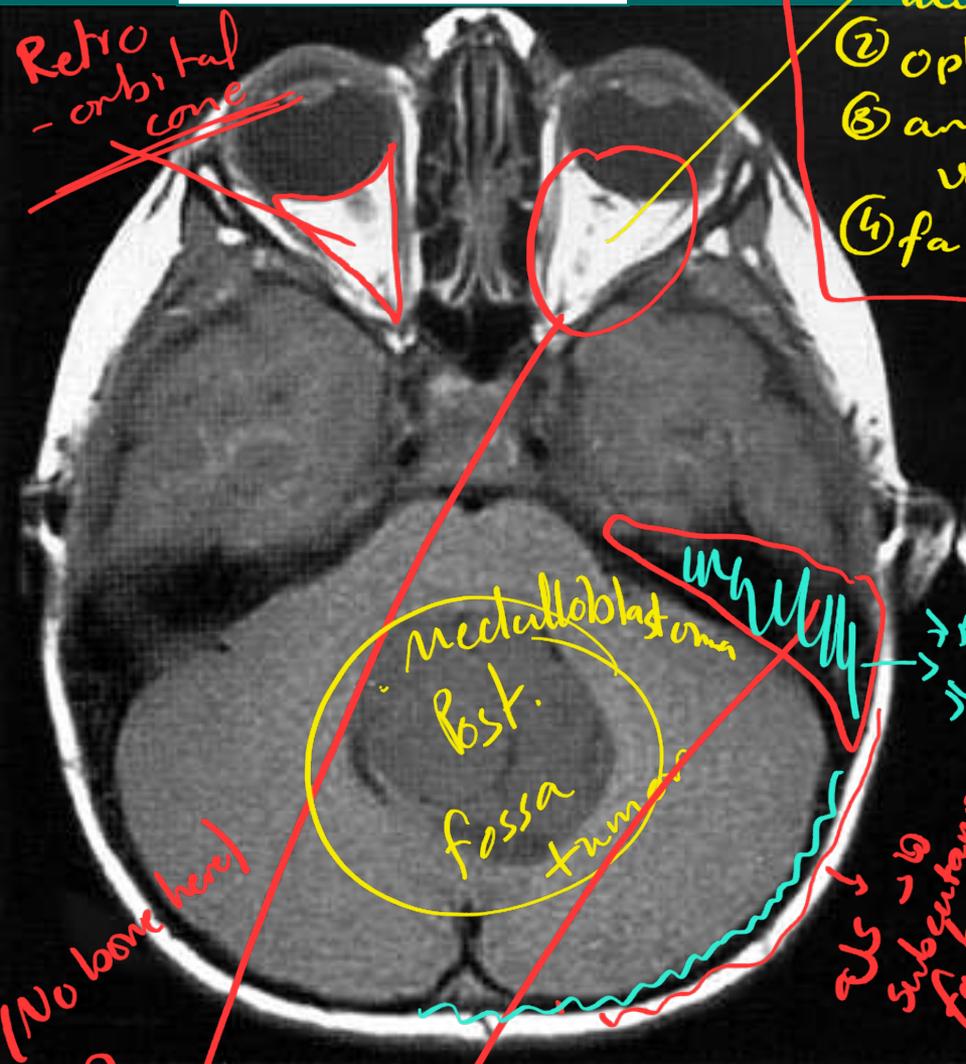
Mass occupying the 4<sup>th</sup> ventricle

T1- pre-contrast

T1- post-contrast

~~Retro-orbital cone~~

- ① extra ocular muscle
- ② optic nerve
- ③ arteries & veins
- ④ fat.



unilateral bone

subcutaneous fat  
muscle

If this pt is young >> medulloblastoma  
If pt is adult >> metastasis

~~Fat~~

Temporal bone

## What are the common extra-axial tumors ?

- Meningiomas
- Neuromas
- Metastasis
- Pituitary tumors

Extra-axial tumours could arise from meninges, BVs, skull, pituitary, nerve sheath neuromas (most commonly schwannomas) or metastasis

# Meningiomas

Most sensitive image is MRI

• Most commonly affect females.

- Represent 15-20% of primary brain tumors.
- They are benign, well circumscribed lesions, arising from any part of the meningeal covering of the brain, most commonly in the parasagittal region and sphenoid wing.
- Small punctate calcifications can be seen in 25% of tumors.
- CT or MRI show well defined lesions enhancing strongly and diffusely after intravenous contrast.

Extra-axial, well-defined, homogenously enhancing on MRI, sometimes with oedema  
May see calcifications within the lesion (25%)  
Typically affecting middle aged women  
MRI is better than CT scan

\* أهم شيء يتكون  
منزلة بار

Right frontal lobe convexity tumour (meningioma) with massive oedema causing compressing effect (we don't usually see as much oedema - this is atypical meningioma)



without contrast



w/ contrast

hyperintensity in the

# Pituitary tumors

MRI is the best => pituitary gland.

- The plain films show pituitary fossa enlargement or erosion.
- Adenomas smaller than 1cm are microadenomas, and larger adenomas are macroadenomas.
- MRI is superior to CT in detecting adenomas.

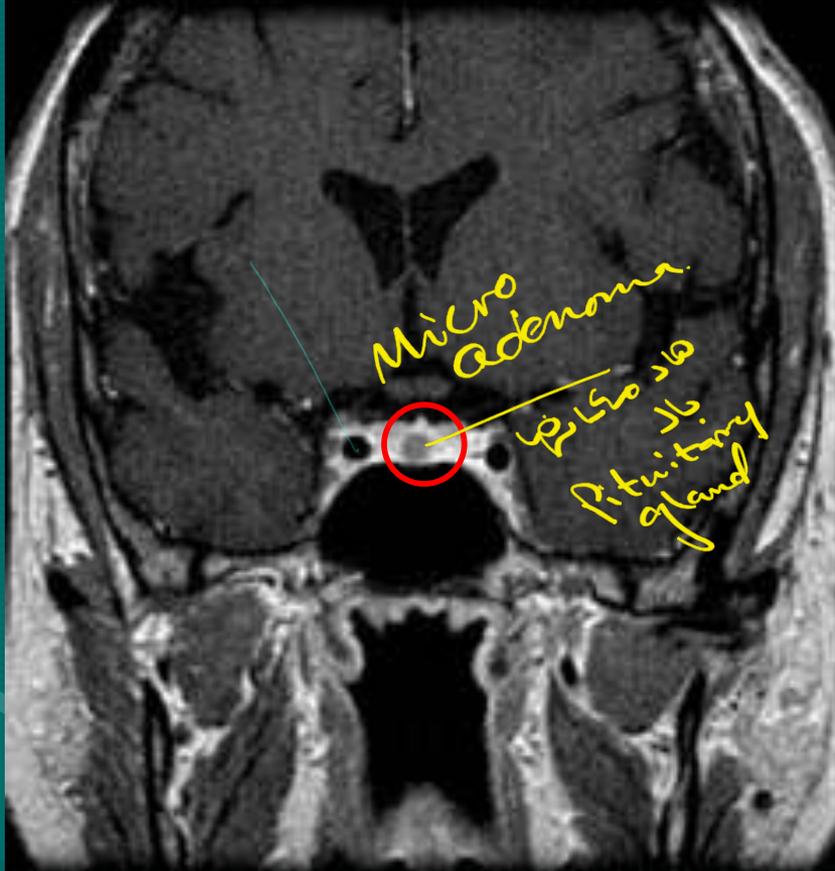
**Micro-** are usually functional, usually prolactinoma >> on imaging: well-defined area within the gland, less enhancing than the rest of the gland  
**Macro-** involve the whole gland, extending beyond the suprasellar area, compressing the optic chiasm >> bitemporal hemianopia, usually non-functioning. On imaging: large, homogeneously enhancing pituitary, on coronal section you see 'figure of 8'

## Acoustic neuroma:

- Arise in or near the internal auditory canal and may cause widening and erosion of the canal.
- MRI is more sensitive than CT in its detection.

Neuromas arise from nerve sheath, they follow the tract of the nerve  
Usually affects vestibulocochlear nerve >> called schwannoma, the nerve leaves the pons to enter the internal acoustic meatus through the cerebellopontine angle (CP angle) >> so, part of the tumour will be seen entering the internal acoustic meatus >> ice-cream cone shape  
Well-defined, homogeneously enhancing, may see cystic changes  
To differentiate meningioma & schwannoma, meningioma doesn't extend to the internal acoustic meatus >> no ice-cream cone shape

MRI T1>> Small, well-defined area within the pituitary, less enhancing than the rest of the gland >> micro-adenoma of the pituitary gland



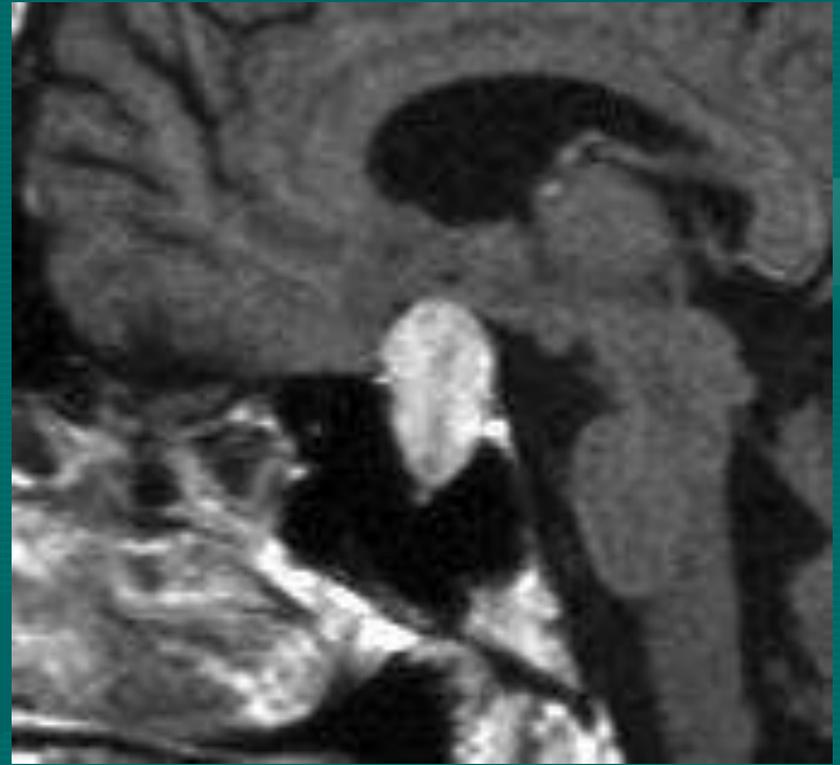
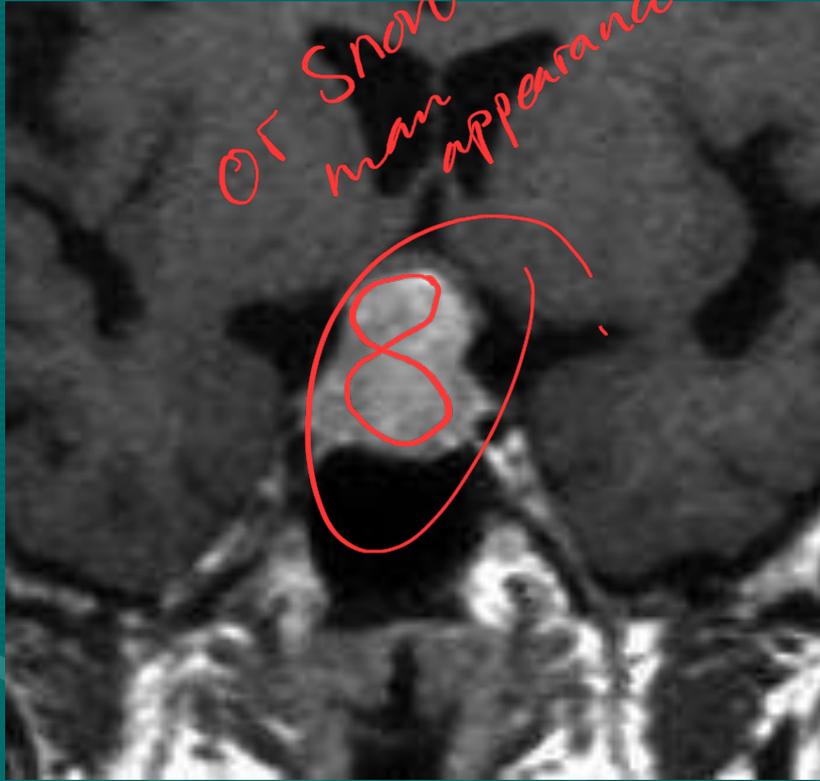
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T<sub>1</sub> w/ contrast

of Hypointensity in Pituitary gland

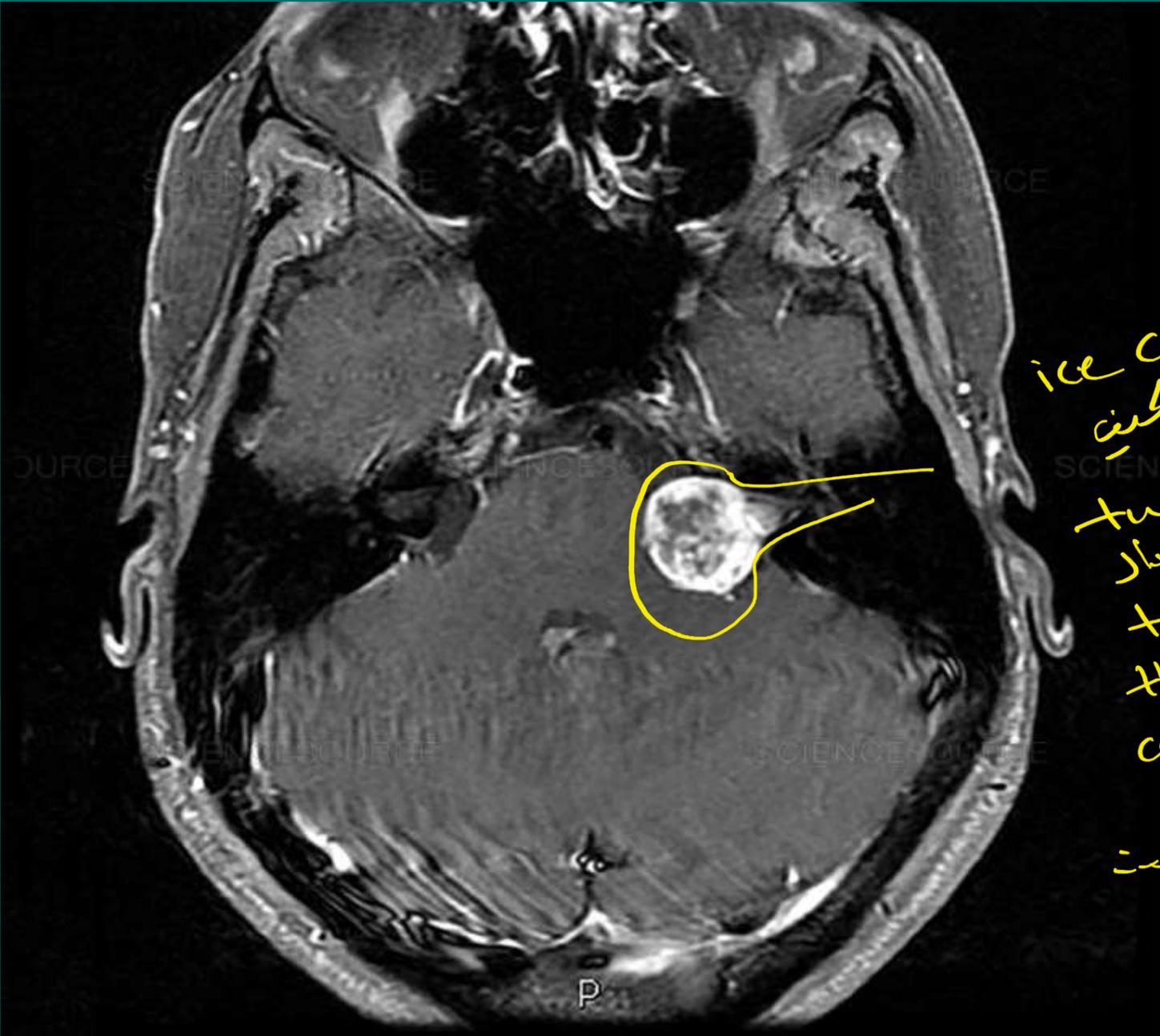
T<sub>1</sub> w/ contrast

MRI T1 >> large, homogeneously enhancing pituitary, 'figure of 8' on coronal section, involving the whole gland, extending beyond the suprasellar area, compressing the optic chiasm



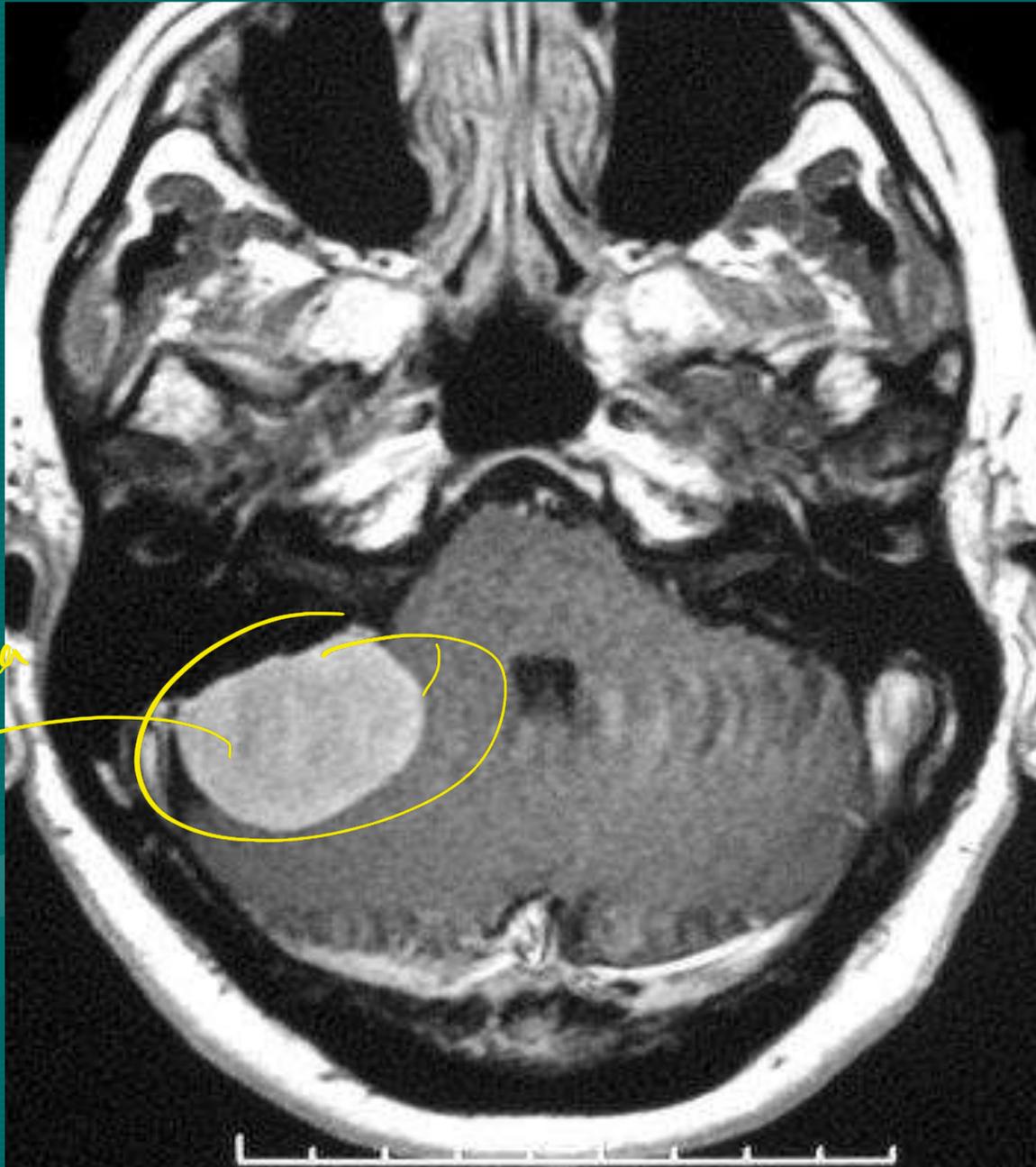
Macro adenoma

MRI FLAIR with contrast >> Well-defined, homogenously enhancing, ice-cream cone shape on CP angle >> schwannoma



ice cream  
تورم  
tumor  
ما  
tract of  
the vestibul.  
coclear  
nerve.  
Schwannoma

Well-defined, homogeneously enhancing, no ice-cream cone shape on CP angle >> meningioma



plain  
meningioma

Most commonly intra-axial  
but could be extra-axial

# Brain metastasis

\*Single lesion, adult, in post fossa  $\Rightarrow$  Metastasis is the 1<sup>st</sup> differential

- The majority are multiple (80%)
- They can occur anywhere in the brain, but the gray-white matter junction is the commonest site.
- Metastatic lesions are usually associated with a considerable amount of surrounding edema.
- Brain metastasis are commonly from bronchial, breast and gastro-intestinal tumors.

+ melanoma  
(melanoma produces  
haemorrhagic mets)

Radiologically  $\gg$  multiple, well-defined, ring-enhancing lesions, usually at grey-white matter junction, oedema out-proportional to the size of the lesion

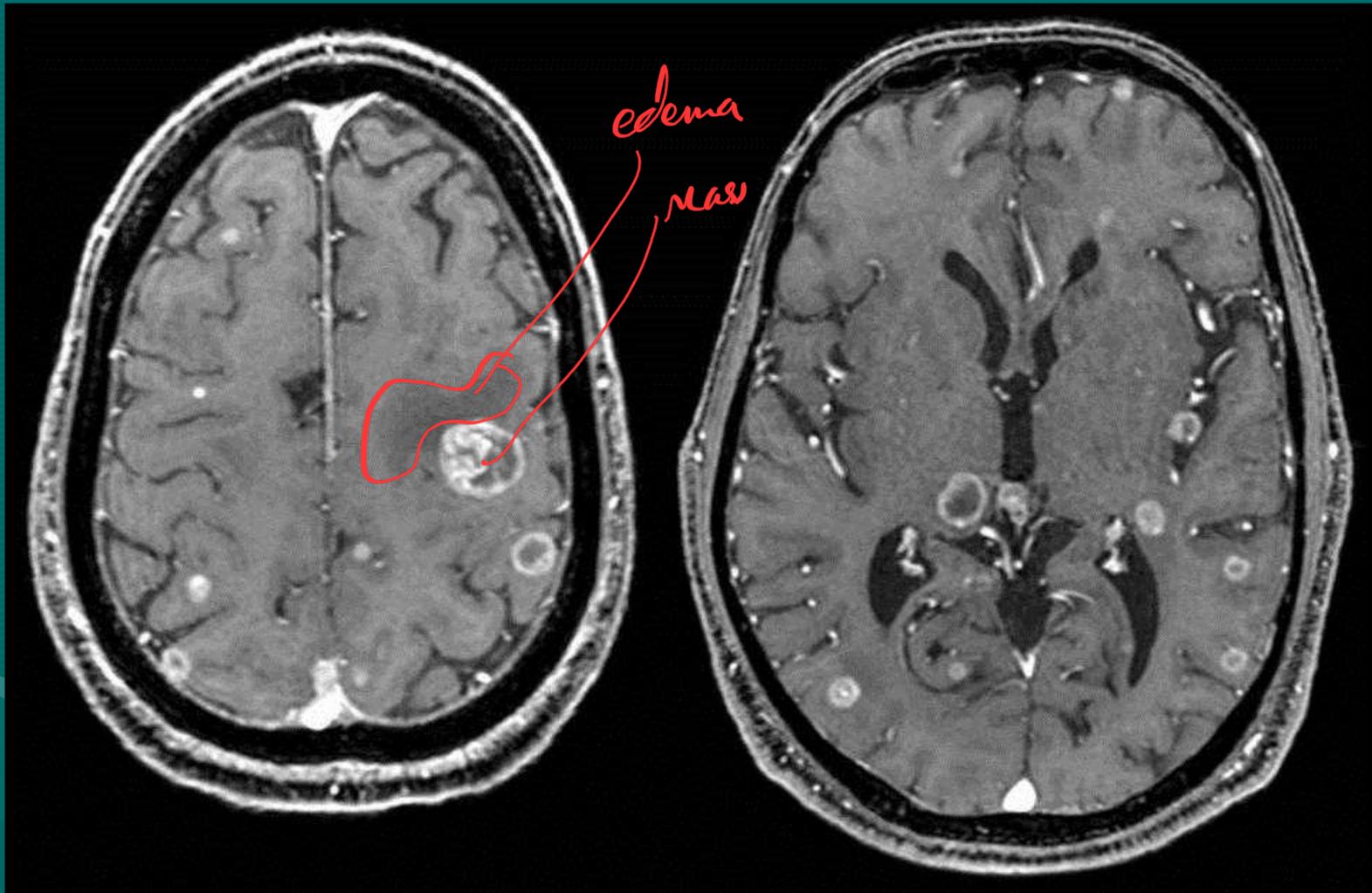
↳ lesion = ...

CT w/out contrast >> we may see the oedema but not the lesion itself  
With contrast >> ring-enhancing....

لا حظي كينه ار  
edema كثيرا كبر من ال mass



MRI T1 >> Multiple lesions, ring-enhancing



\*\*\*\* Notes after the first lecture :

● When writing a report for brain tumor It's imp to know :

- If it is supra or infra "in posterior fossa"

- Age

- Cystic or solid

- Calcifications : in some tumors it is rare to find calcifications and in others it is common >>>> as in the (craniopharyngioma) In childs 90%

Calcifications while in (medulloblastoma) it is impossible to find

calcifications → Knowing these things about the mass helps us to determine the type of it .

\*\*\*\* In the barium follow through >>> the abdominal films which are taken in the first hour the pt should be in prone position because by the compression that the table makes on the pt's abdomen , the ileum would be visualized clearly .. after the first hour the films taken in supine position.



Thank  
You

Shaden Fadda

# musculoskeletal system



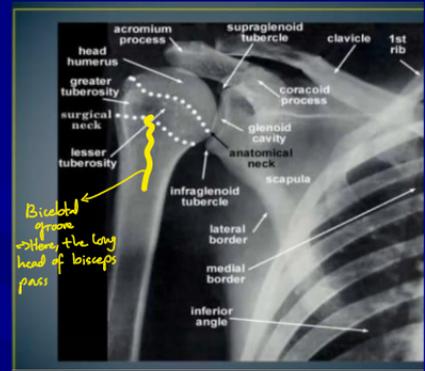
## Notes

\* Scaphoid bone is the most commonly injured bone of carpal bones.

1] Gleno humeral j.

\* 2 joints of shoulder

2] Acromioclavicular j.



\* In Knee joint

الموجودين تحت الفخروف

↳ Normally, you have some opacity in the subcondral bones (in medial & lateral tibial condyles) & femoral condyles opacification is NOT NORMAL

\* 2 joints of knee

1] Tibiofemoral j => you can see it on AP view

2] Patello femoral j => you see it on lateral view

الجو tendon ال  
ال bone ال  
also

\* The base of 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsal bone is one of the common sites of avulsion fracture  
→ The tendon which is attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsal (is) tendon for the peroneus previs muscle

\* ↑ pre-vertebral soft tissue thickness <sup>may</sup> => Reflect prevertebral hematoma which might

be caused by ligamentus injury

## ❑ What is the muscyloskeletal system ?

Is all of the bones in the body and the associated tissues such as muscles, tendons, ligaments and cartilage that connect them.

❑ The average adult human skeleton has around 206 bones.

· The largest sesamoid bone in the body is patella

# Imaging modalities

## ★ Plain film:

· views should always be obtained in two projections (AP / LATERAL)

- Plain films still remain the mainstay of radiological investigation of the skeletal system .
- views should always be obtained in two projections.

## Ultrasound:

- neonatal hip for congenital dislocation .
- soft tissue lesions and abscesses.
- joint effusions .
- Muscular and tendinous tears.

Handwritten notes in red: "First view is AP view", "ultrasound less than 3 or 6 months." (with '3' circled), and "also called developmental dysplasia of the hip." (in yellow)

Handwritten notes in red: "بما ان الفخذ لا يزال غضائرياً" (Bcs femoral hip is still cartilaginous), "بما ان الفخذ لا يزال غضائرياً" (ossification of femoral hip), and "بما ان الفخذ لا يزال غضائرياً" (ossification of femoral hip)

Ultrasound:  
1- in CDH : "congenital dislocation of hip" → any baby should have a pelvic plain x-ray at three months even if diagnosed by the ultrasound  
2- joint effusion → as if we suspect baker's cyst so we need US

Handwritten note in yellow: "ligaments injury"

initial > xray /  
best > CT

# CT in skeletal system

## CT is very helpful in :



- assessment of bone tumours prior to surgery .
- evaluation of certain fractures , such as the acetabulum, spine and calcaneum .
- study of the spinal column .

We need CT scan of the spine because the x-ray sometimes doesn't give the result of the definite fracture The doctor should define the area that should be scanned to avoid high exposure



# MRI / Skeletal system



❖ MRI assists the investigation of bone tumours, soft tissue masses and joint .

❖ MRI is extremely sensitive in injuries to cartilage , muscle , ligaments, menisci and tendons.

\* joint

أي التقاء بين  
عظام joint

fibrous (like sutures) ريشة تكتبي  
cartilaginous ريشة عظام  
synovial ريشة التاني



# ★ Osteoarthritis

(degenerative joint disease)

■ Is a degenerative condition affecting the articular cartilages and subchondral bone.

■ Is part of the normal **aging** process. Primary

to fracture  
infection  
tumor

■ **Secondary** osteoarthritis results from **previous trauma and joint infection.**

سبب الارتفاع  
weight bearing  
joint

■ Any joint may be affected, but the **knees**, **hips**, and **shoulders** are frequently involved. ★

ل في  
lots of movements

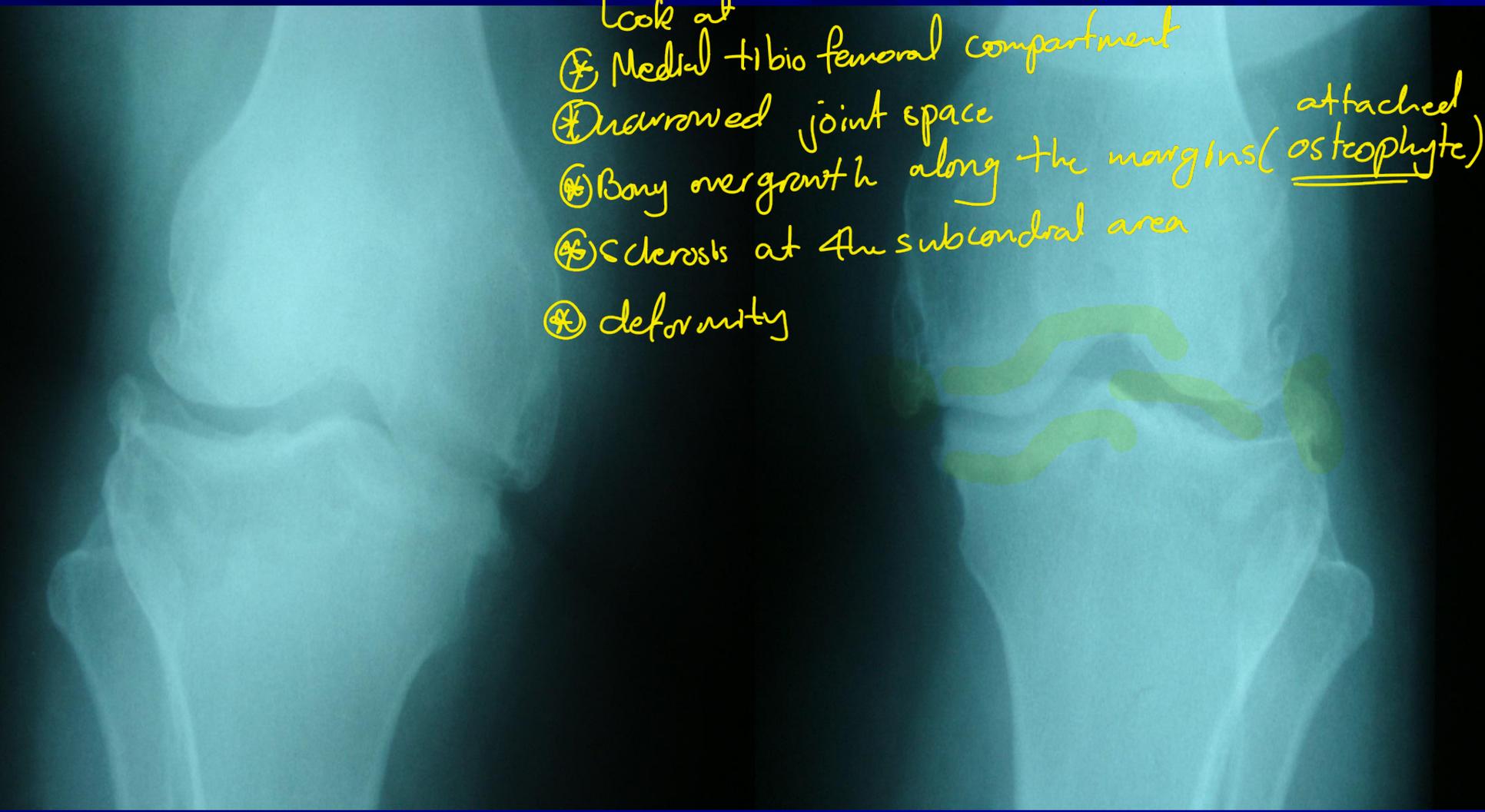
# Osteoarthritis / 2

## Radiological features:

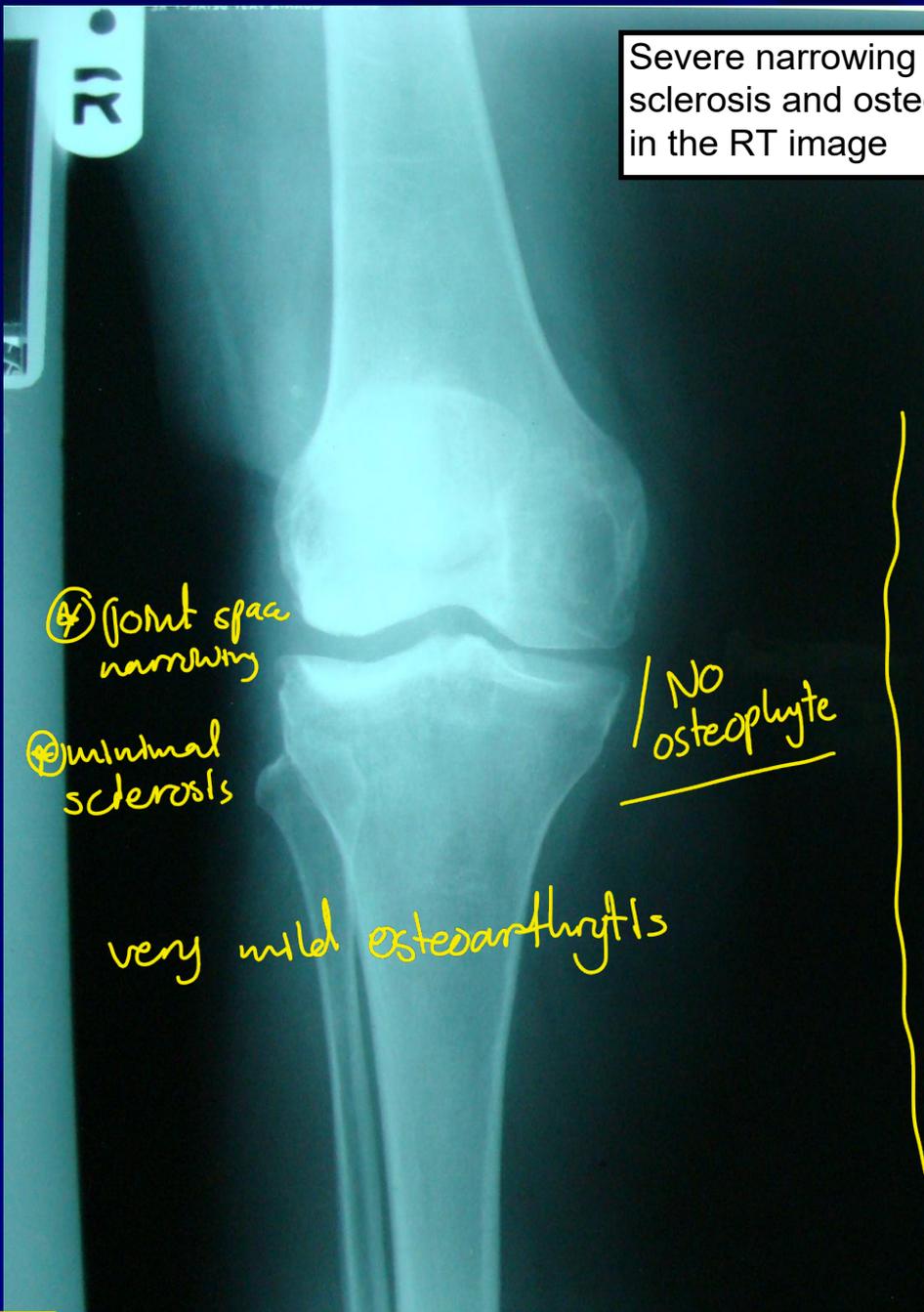
- ③ ❖ **Osteophytes** formation: are spurs of bone which forms at joint margin.
- ① ❖ Joint space **narrowing**.
- ② ❖ **Sclerosis** with Secondary degenerative **cysts** formation.
- ④ ❖ **Loose bodies**: result from separation of cartilage and osteophytes.
- ❖ **Articular chondral loss or thinning.**

⑤  $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  Deformity

- Look at
- ⊗ Medial tibio femoral compartment
  - ⊗ Narrowed joint space
  - ⊗ Bony overgrowth along the margins (osteophyte) attached
  - ⊗ Sclerosis at the subcondral area
  - ⊗ deformity



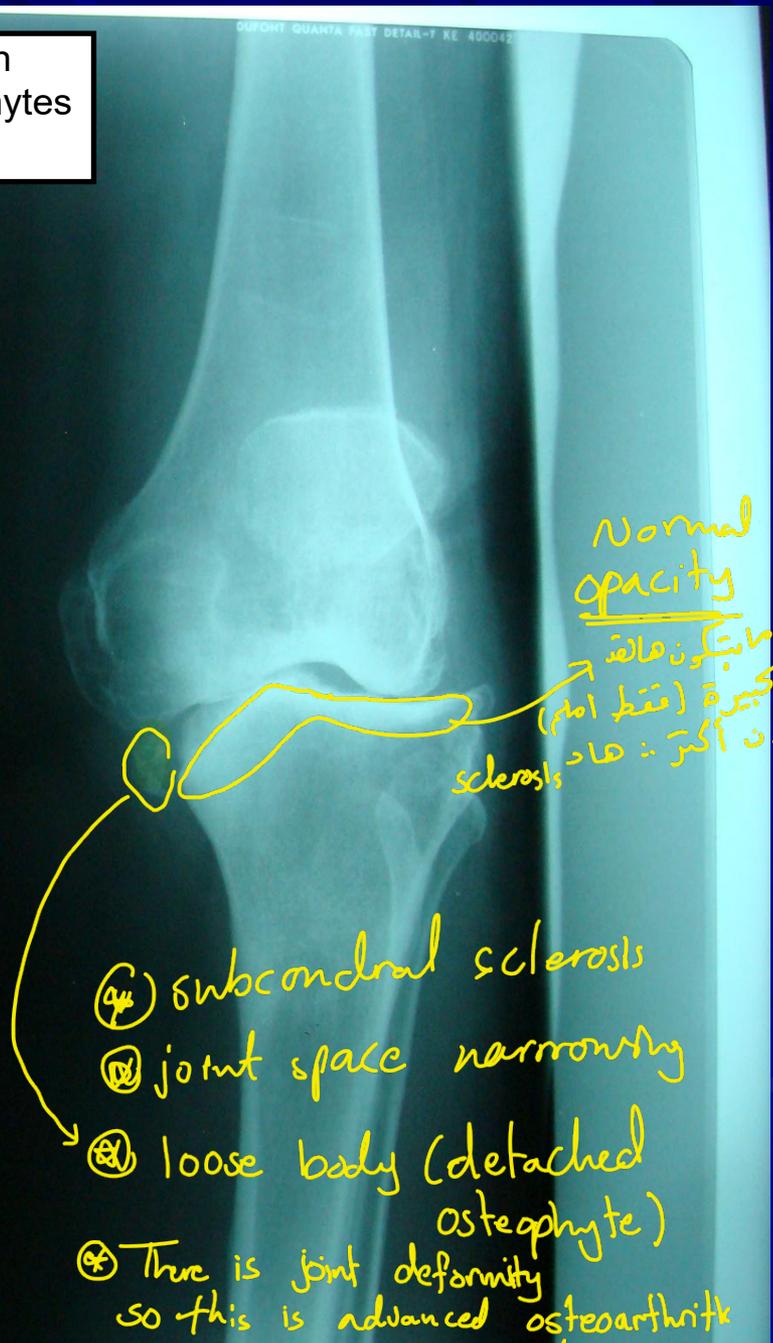
Severe narrowing with sclerosis and osteophytes in the RT image



④ joint space narrowing  
⑤ minimal sclerosis

NO osteophyte

very mild osteoarthritis



Normal opacity

ما يتكون عادة  
كبيرة (مقطر اتم)  
هرون أكثر: هاد

sclerosis

- ④ subchondral sclerosis
- ⑤ joint space narrowing
- ⑥ loose body (detached osteophyte)

⑦ There is joint deformity so this is advanced osteoarthritis changes

\* joints of vertebral column (articulations):

- 1) facet joints (synovial j.)
- 2) intervertebral discs (cartilaginous j.)

تضيق  
 التهاب على  
 Osteoarthritis\*

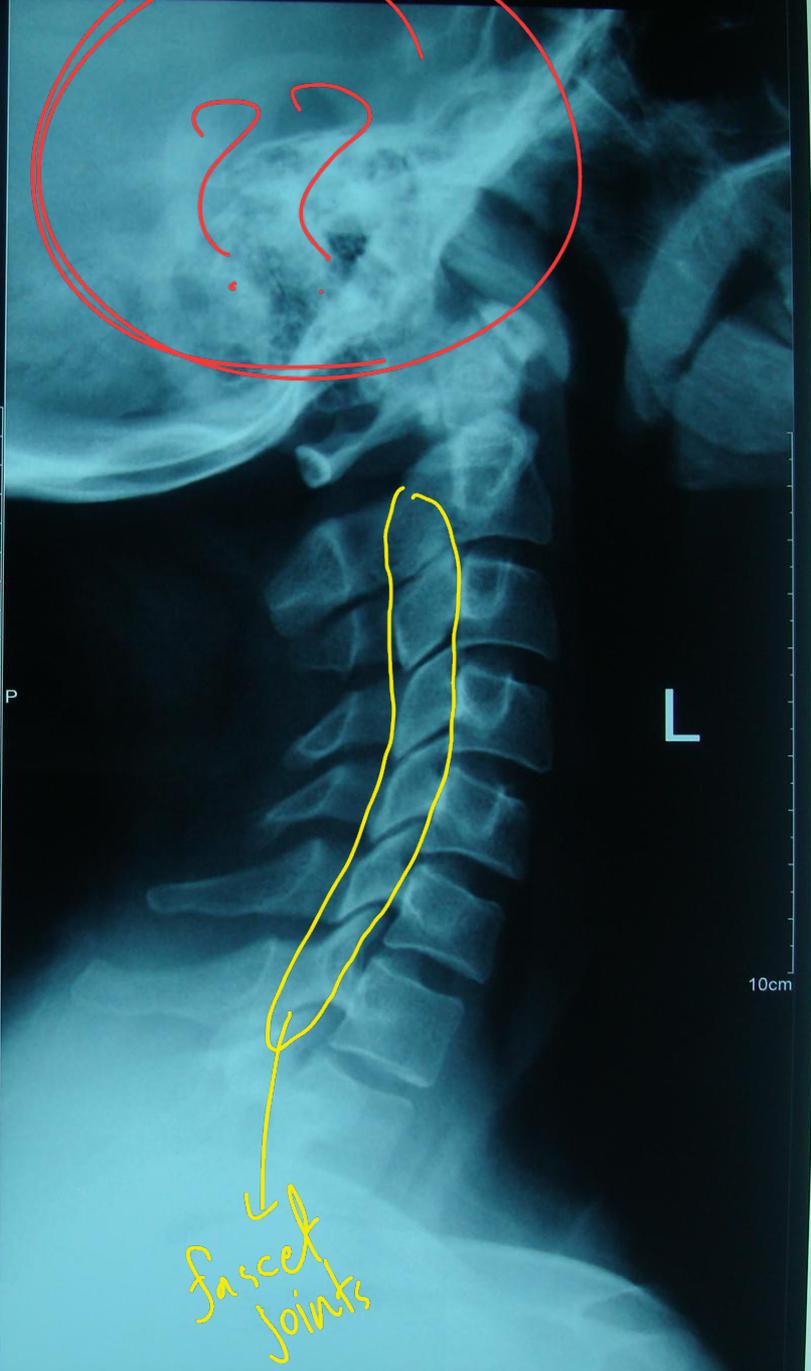
Look for

- 1) Narrowing in the intervertebral disc space
  - 2) Sclerosis in the bony endplates which are the bony margins that located around the intervertebral discs
  - 3) osteophytes at the margins of vertebral body (anteriorly or post.)
- May cause compression on spinal nerves

the bone is normal ★



12:05:44



facet joints

\* The intervertebral disc space btw C5 & C6 is narrow.

\* there is subcondral end plate sclerosis

\* we have also anterior osteophytes

C2

C3

C4

C5

C6

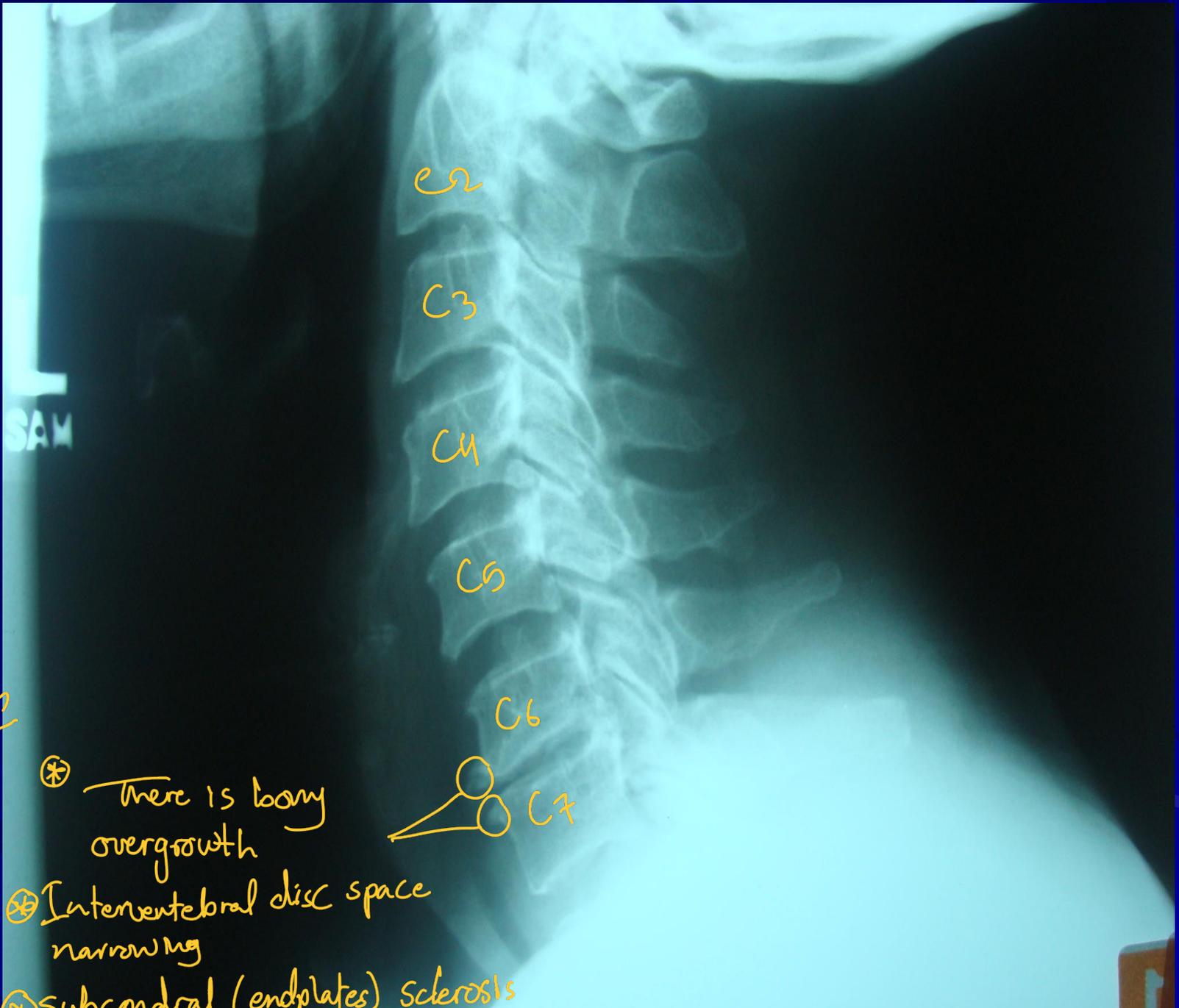


osteophytes



Narrowing with osteophyte formation





osteoarthritis

- ⊗ There is bony overgrowth
- ⊗ Intervertebral disc space narrowing
- ⊗ Subcondral (endplates) sclerosis



# Osteomyelitis ★

Most common in pediatric age group

associated w/ trauma / foreign body

Infection of bone tissue

\* **Hematogenous** vs **direct spread**.

\* **Staphylococcus Aureus** is responsible for the majority of cases.

✳ **neonates**: metaphysis and/or epiphysis

✳ **children**: metaphysis ★

✳ **adults**: epiphyses and subchondral regions

✳ بيش بار metaph. وبعدين

بروح لا epiphys. عن

طريقه الـ anastomosing vessels

هقول بيكرها after 18 month

usually associated w/ septic arthritis

(✱) مجرد ما وصل المريض للحمام  
 الاعراض - فقلت لها المريض  
 عنده chronic osteomyelitis  
 ما انا، مرض مزمن راجع بالازمة  
 كل حياتها



## Conventional Radiological features: ■

- May be normal in the first **10 days** or two weeks. ★
- The earliest sign is soft tissue swelling due to edema.
- **Periosteal reaction**
- **Bone destruction**

BM edema  
 ليه يكون في

On X-RAY

we don't see the BM edema

\* We see it only on MRI

·periosteal reaction :the outlines are irregular like the saw  
 ·osteomyelitis and malignancy "METS" have the same signs  
 on the bone so we can differentiate between them clinically

BM is soft tissue

The BEST modality to look for bone marrow edema. **THE BEST SEQUENCE IS** STIR

**MRI**

!! STIR # STIR sequence  
↳ fluid sensitive sequence!!

↑ pressure within the bone so the pus will try to escape out of the bone to the surrounding soft tissue

Bone marrow edema is the earliest sign. involucrum لا focal opening

The **cloaca** is an opening in an involucrum which allows drainage of purulent and necrotic material out of the dead bone.

(very thick periosteum) **Involucrum** is a complication of osteomyelitis and represents a thick sheath of periosteal new bone surrounding a sequestrum. نمو periosteum كشيء يتكون عدي

**Sequestrum** is defined as a piece of devitalised bone that has been separated from its surrounding bone during the process of necrosis.

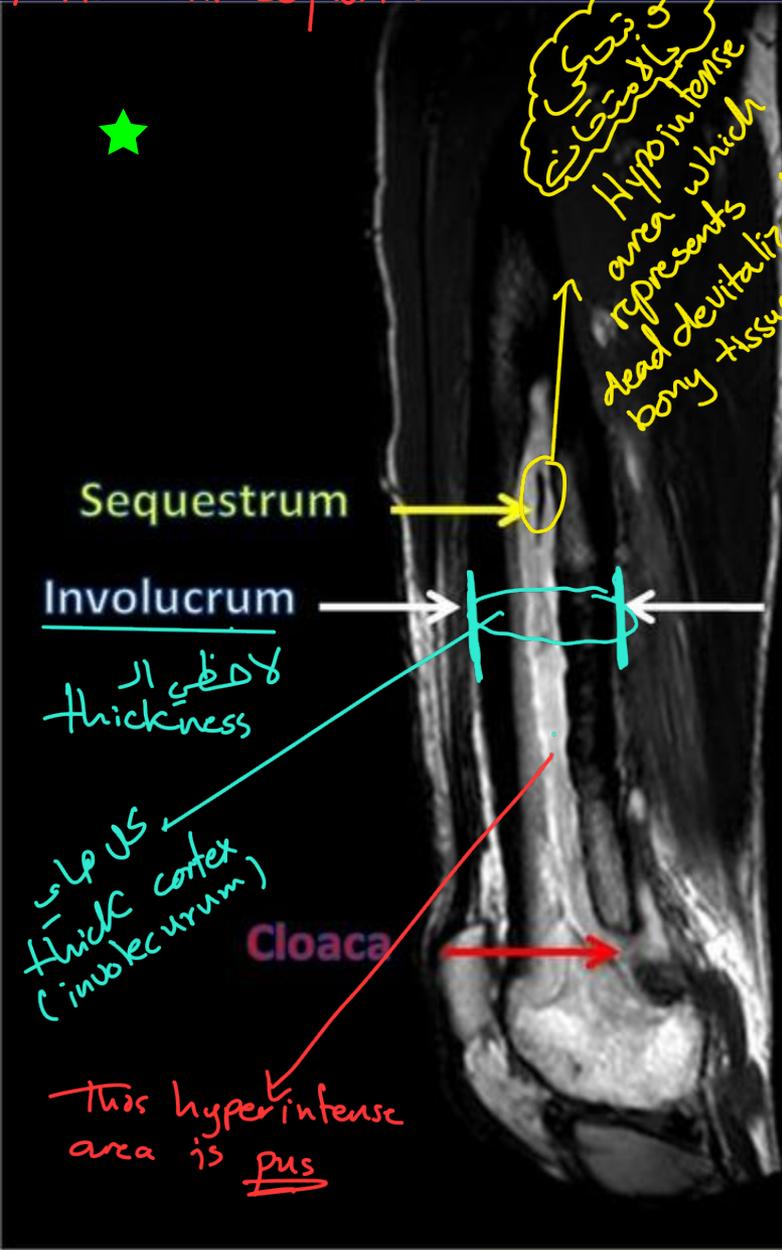
Necrotic tissue

you will see area of sclerosis found inside the bone marrow (on xray)

# MRI Stir sequence

# X-ray

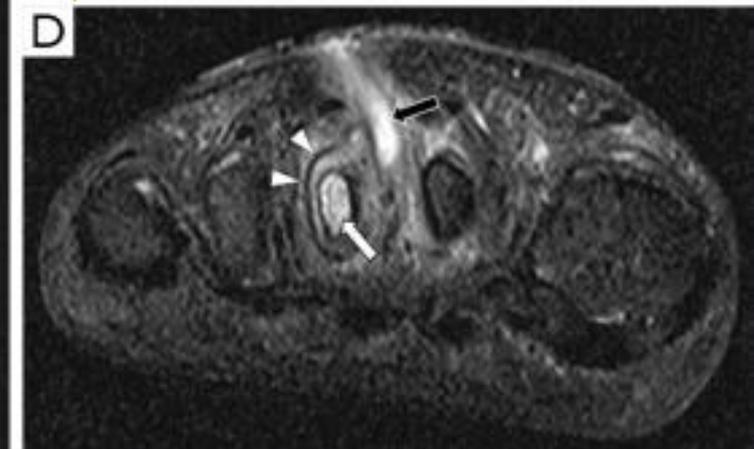
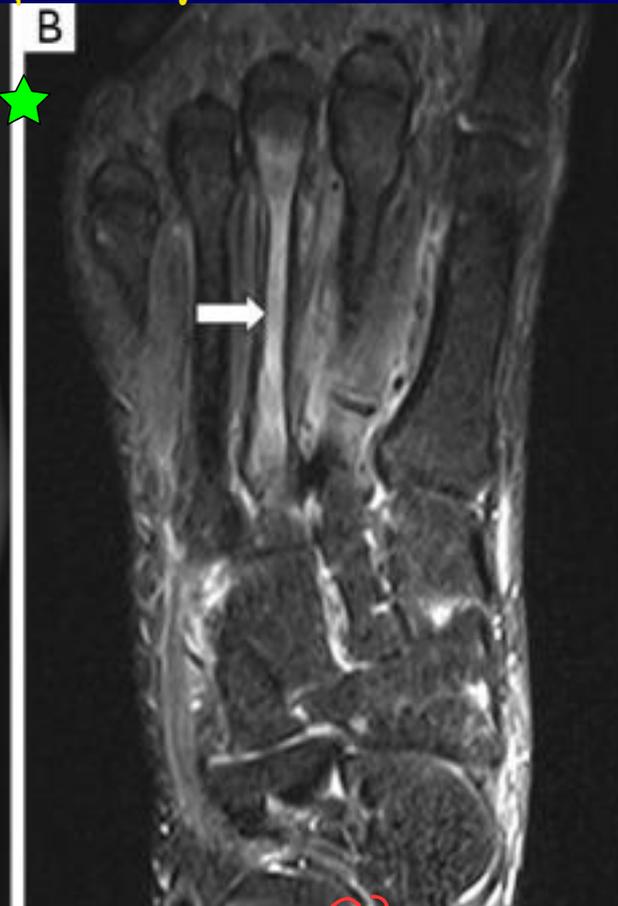
# x-ray



The arrow heads represents very thin periosteal bony overgrowth called periosteal reaction  
 لکن شش کثیر و واضح  
 لانہ های x-ray

لکن اقلی کین بار  
 MRI Stir sequence  
 => it is very easy to detect hyperintense area within the BM of 3rd metatarsal  
 -> it represents edema

The black spot in pic C is foreign body causes reaction and infection and direct spread if infection to the bone



\* Pic C I see area of hypo intense in the dorsum aspect of soft tissue in the 3rd metatarsal. surrounded by area of hyperintensity. It's most likely

that it is edema within the BM caused by foreign body  
 لکن بار می حوالیه ریاکشن و بار می  
 direct spread to the 3rd metatarsal

BM tumor

Soft tissue  
∴ MRI is the best

# Multiple Myeloma



↳ Plasma cell tumor — usually multiple lesions  
if single it is called plasmacytoma

- Is a tumor of plasma cells (malignant proliferation). ★ ★
- The most common bones involved are: the skull, spine, pelvis and ribs.
- The disease may occur in a disseminated form, or as a localized solitary mass

**(Plasmacytoma).**

The most common bones involved are the skull, spine, pelvis and ribs → so if we suspect a multiple myeloma in a Pt, we need to make a lateral skull, chest, spine, pelvis x-ray → lytic lesion (black) → if single called "plasmacytoma"

axial skeleton

\* Usually affects old ages  
↳ Bone ↓  
↳ spine ↓  
↳ Osteoporotic

# Multiple Myeloma / 2

\* Multiple lesions of well defined osteolytic lesions (lucency) usually within the BM.

## Radiological features:

- At time of presentation 80% have skeletal abnormalities.

### Plain films reveal:

So the bone is hypodense.

- Generalized **osteoporosis**.
- **Scattered lytic** lesions with **well defined margins**  
↳ lucency
- **Compression fractures of the vertebral bodies.**

Osteoporosis is a bone disease that occurs when the body loses too much bone, makes too little bone, or both. As a result, bones become weak and may break from a fall or, in serious cases, from sneezing or minor bumps

(There will be reduced or complete loss of height of the vertebral body)  
\* So, Usually the first presentation of multiple myeloma is compression fracture

pushed out lesions with sharp edges  
through cortex

للإمتحان

\*Skull Xray

\* There is multiple well defined lytic lesions through the skull  
→ it is most likely to be osteolytic lesions that may represent multiple myeloma

appendicular

Multiple myeloma

بجانبه  
axial  
سلي

Multiple lytic lesions



\* The most common bony part which is affected by mets

# Bone metastasis

(is) vertebral column

Because it is the most vascularized part of the skeleton

□ Are the most common malignant bone tumors.

\* The most common primary malignant bony lesion (is) osteosarcoma

□ Any primary tumor may metastasize to bone, but the most frequent are:

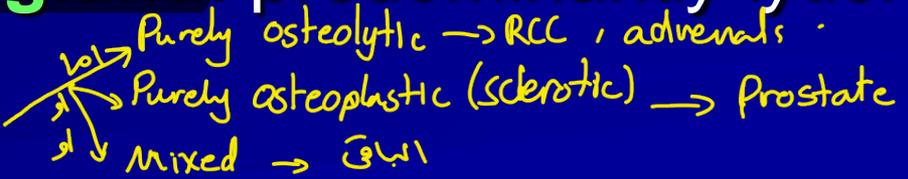
✓ **Breast:** usually lytic in nature but may be sclerotic or mixed.

✓ **Prostate:** the vast majority are sclerotic.

✓ **Lung, Kidney, thyroid,:** lytic lesions

✓ **Adrenal gland:** predominantly lytic.

\* Bony metastatic lesions





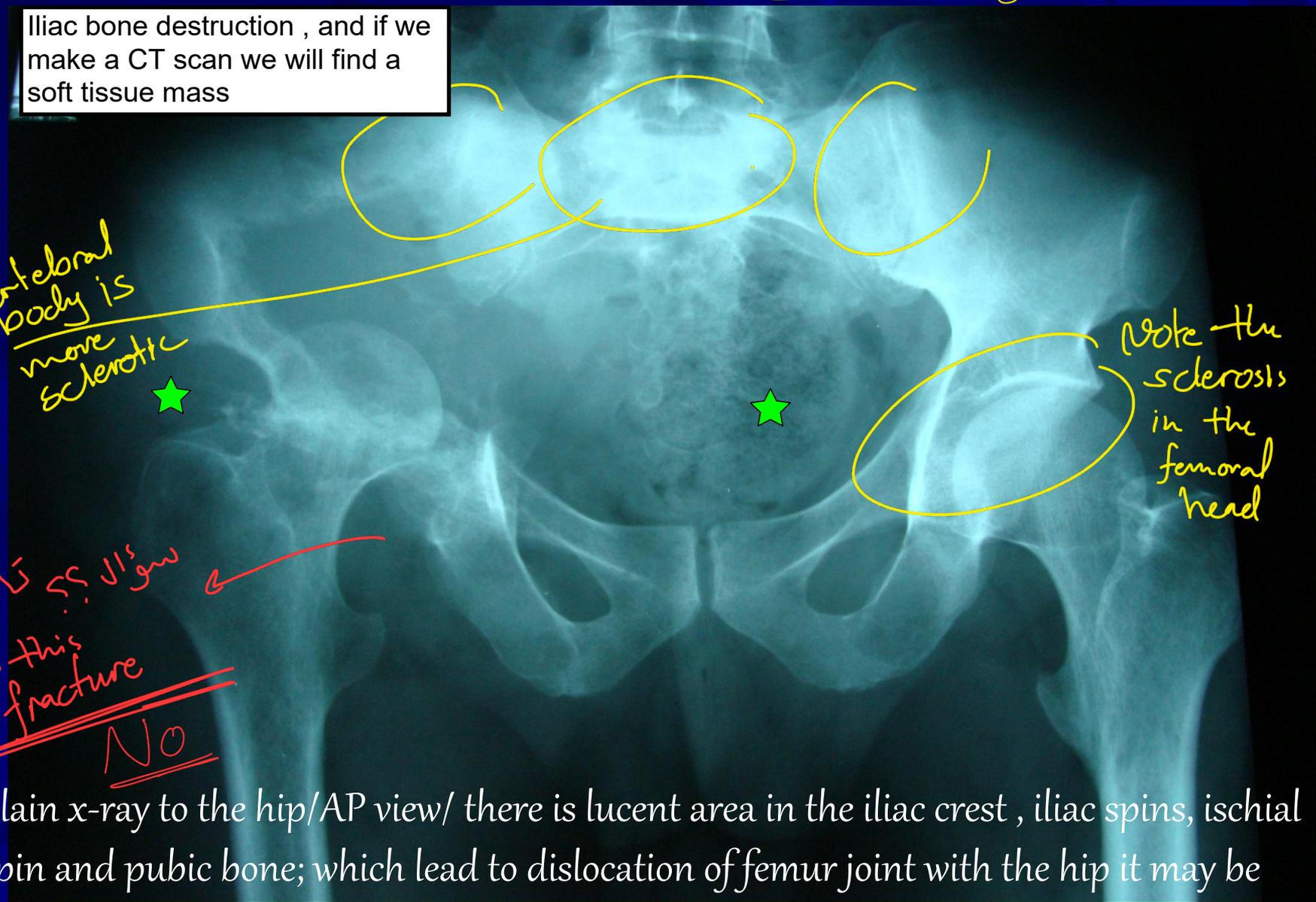
↳ to confirm multiple myeloma.

Iliac bone destruction , and if we make a CT scan we will find a soft tissue mass

vertebral body is more sclerotic

Note the sclerosis in the femoral head

Is this fracture  
~~No~~



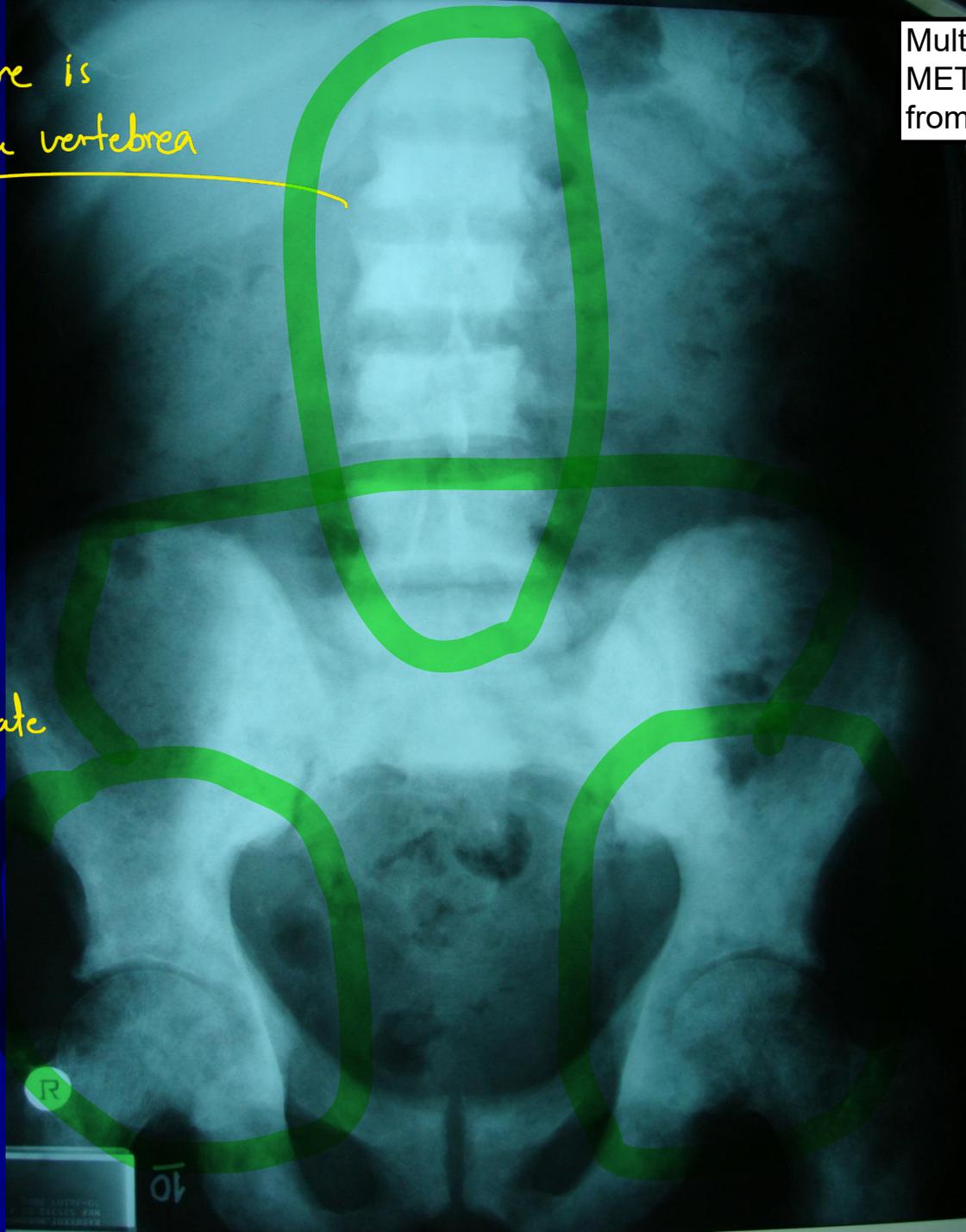
Plain x-ray to the hip/AP view/ there is lucent area in the iliac crest , iliac spines, ischial spin and pubic bone; which lead to dislocation of femur joint with the hip it may be caused by primary osteolytic or secondary metastasis

Multiple vertebral body  
METS → most commonly  
from prostate ★

Note how there is  
Sclerosis in the vertebrae

\* Note the punctate  
sclerosis in the  
femoral head  
around the  
acetabulum.

→ prostatic  
cancer



# Skeletal trauma

- ❖ **Plain films** are the initial evaluation of a patient with suspected skeletal trauma.
- ❖ At least two views (A.p, and lateral) should always be obtained.
- ❖ In any significant **head or spine injury, CT scan is the initial investigation.**
- ❖ CT will detect **fractures** as well as underlying intracerebral **hemorrhage** or **contusions.**

# FRACTURES

Fracture: is a break in the continuity of bone.

Closed fracture: Fracture with **intact skin**.

Open fracture: Fracture with skin and soft tissue wound connecting the fracture to the **external environment**.

Open fracture → penetrates the skin



# Types of fracture

- Linear fracture. *line that crosses the 2 cortices*
- Comminuted fracture: a fracture with multiple fragments *\* More than 3 fragments at the site of the fracture*
- Avulsion fracture: a fragment of bone is detached from the site of a ligament or tendon insertion.
- Pathological fracture: a fracture through diseased bone.  
*↳ normal load on ds. bone*

Pathological fracture → as if there is a cyst or a lesion and a fracture occurs there

# Types of fractures /2

line extended  
to one  
cortex only  
سما  
خطي  
lineal

→ one cortex is involved  
while the other  
cortex is intact

Greenstick fracture: Incomplete fracture that usually occurs in children. The bone may also buckle without an actual break.

height of  
the vertebral  
body  
سبب  
الارتفاع

Compression fracture: force is applied in the longitudinal axis of bone, usually occurs in the spine.

Usually  
affect  
flat bone  
Leg

Depressed fracture: usually occurs in the skull.

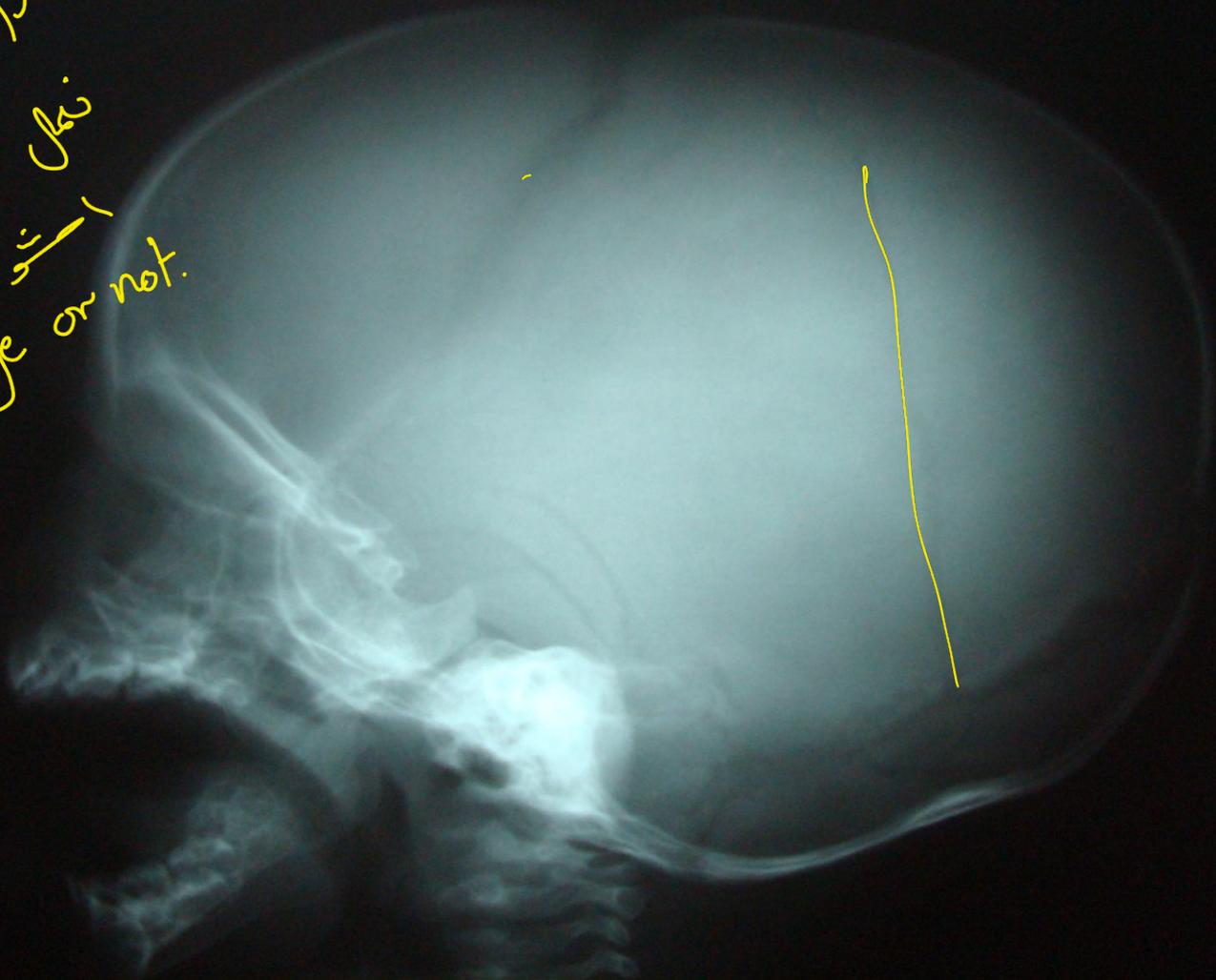
Green stick fracture : especially at the area of the radius in child's  
Boxer's fracture : usually at the base of the 4th or 5th metacarpal bone



linear fracture along parietal bone



لازم بس زنتوخوا  
X-ray  
نقل  
هستوف في  
hemorrhage or not.



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linear fracture  
involves the  
3rd metacarpal  
bone



\* index finger

\* Lateral view

\* Avulsion fracture (fracture at the site of tendon's insertion)

→ involves anterior part of the base of distal phalanx

\* The tendon which is inserted here is flexor digitorum profundus

~~extensor~~

(this is palmar aspect)



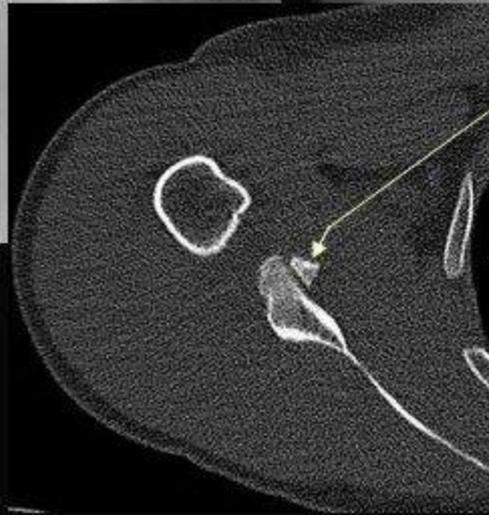
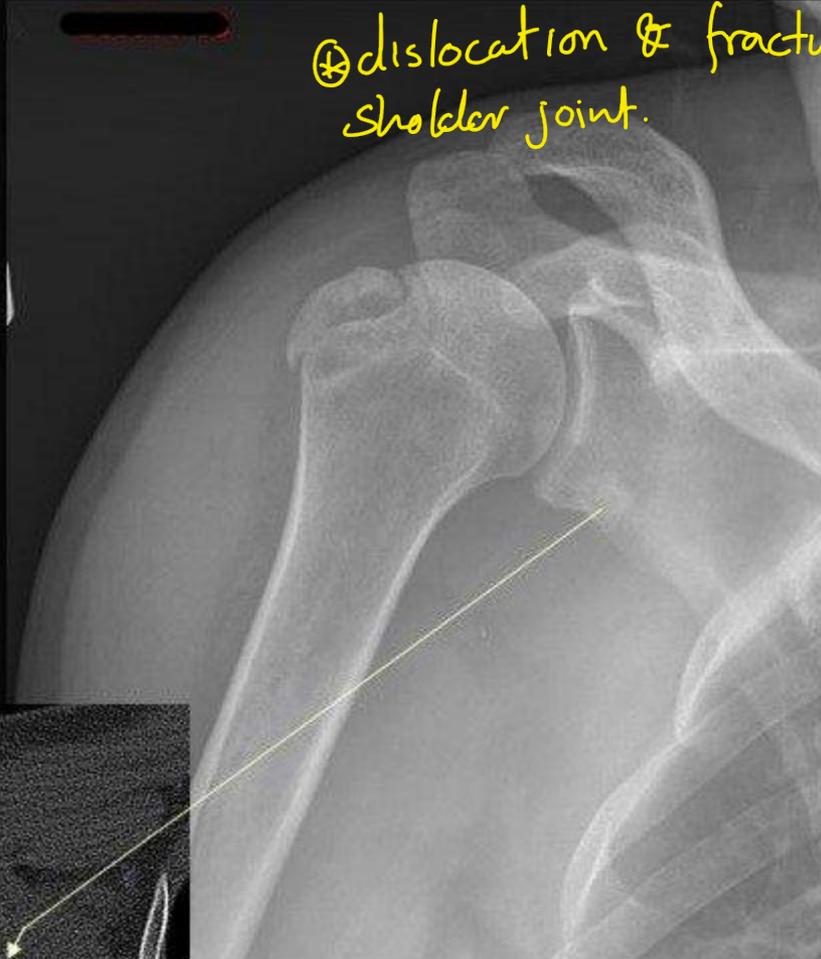
ant. ∴ frontal = palmar  
⇒ ∴ flexion

Avulsion fracture



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⊕ dislocation & fracture of shoulder joint.



# Scaphoid fracture



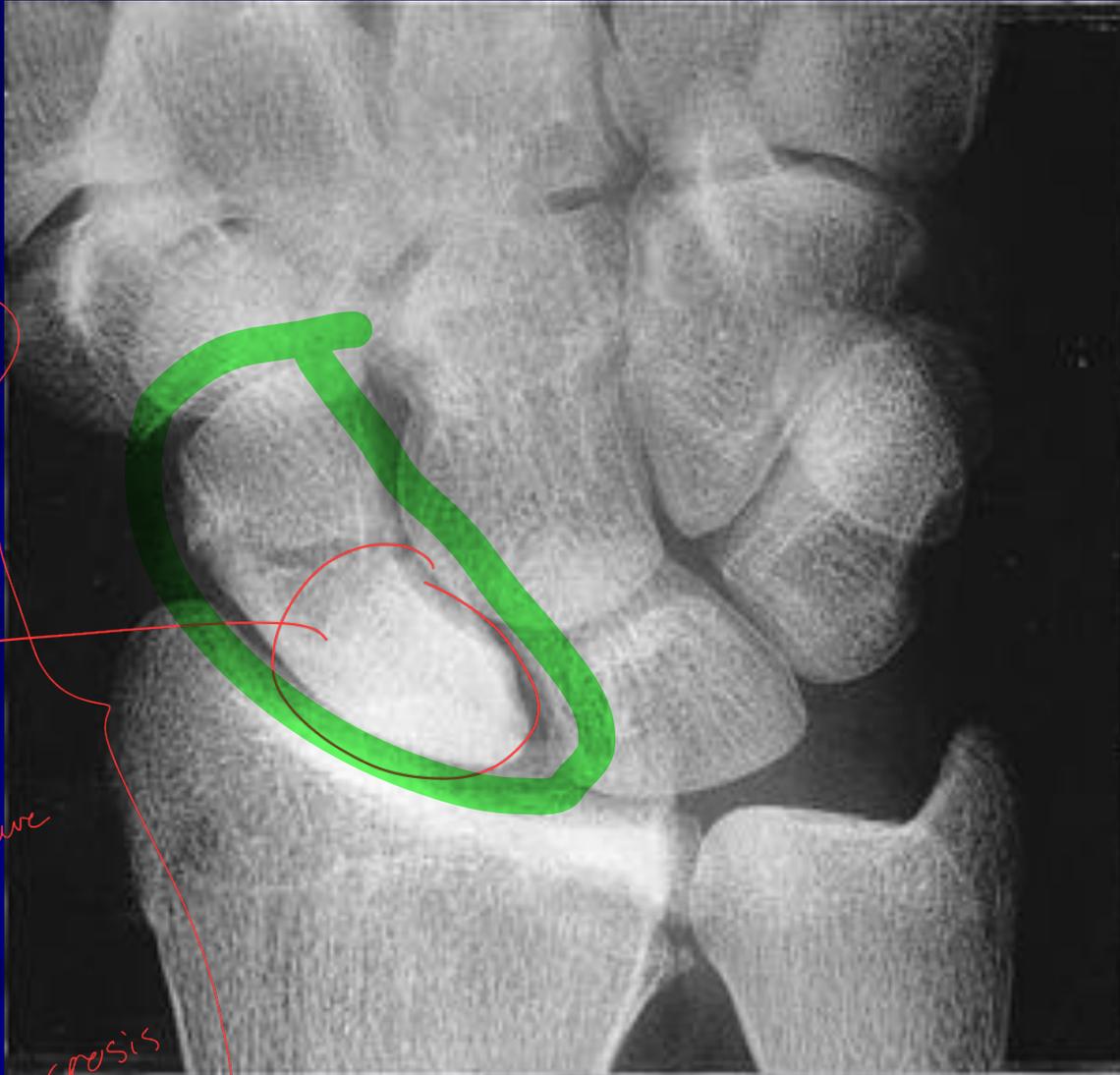
Scaphoid fracture → can be seen after 2 weeks of the fracture

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# Scaphoid fracture

Scaphoid F. كيف تعرف انه المرص عني  
Clinical picture من ال

\* Tenderness of the snuff box



↓ Here, normal x-ray doesn't exclude the fracture  
المرص عني fracture within the core of the bone

You have 2 options

CT or MRI to take definitive diagnosis

Treat it as scaphoid fracture  
المرص عني fracture

↓  
osteonecrosis  
المرص عني

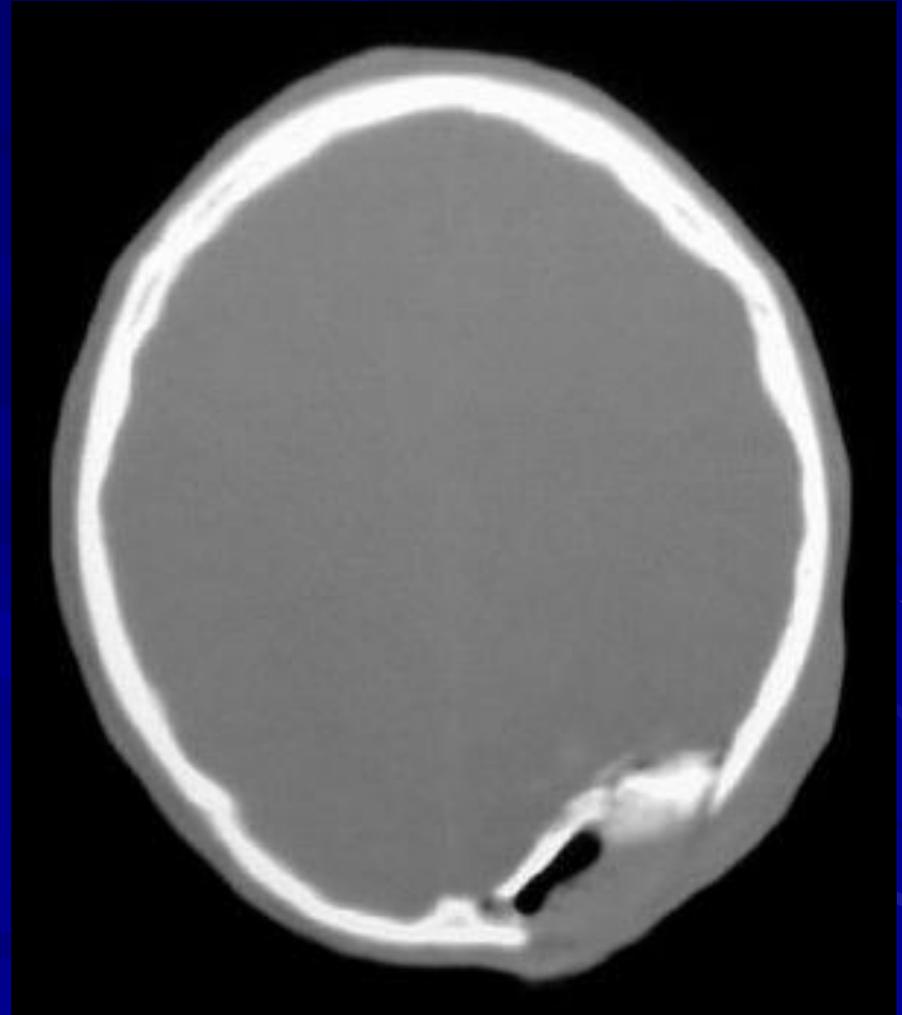
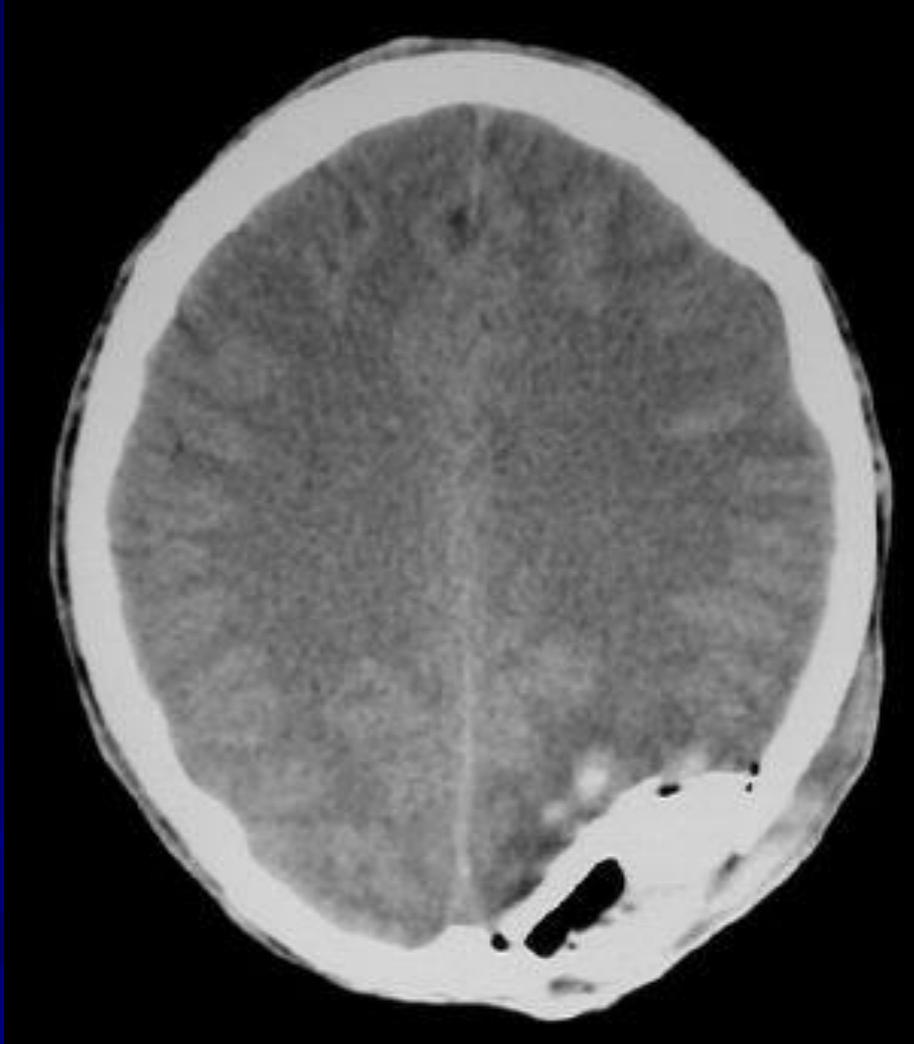
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Note  
من ال

sclerosis

← sclerosis  
osteonecrosis.  
المرص عني fracture  
sclerosis  
and osteonecrosis

Occipital depression >>  
depressed fracture



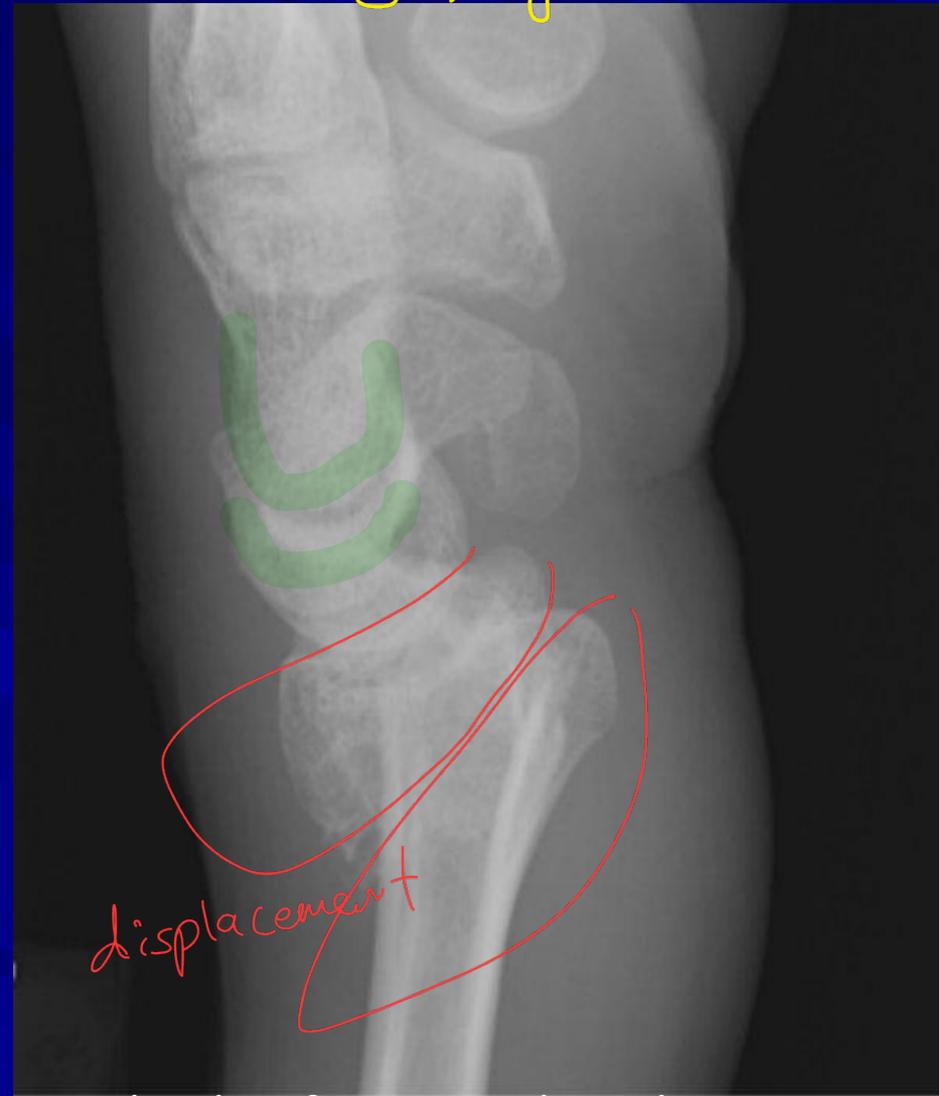
\* AP view of the wrist joint  
↳ there is fracture at the distal of the radius

displacement (جدا شده است)  $\frac{5}{6}$  91



\* lateral view

↳ dorsal displacement of bony fragment

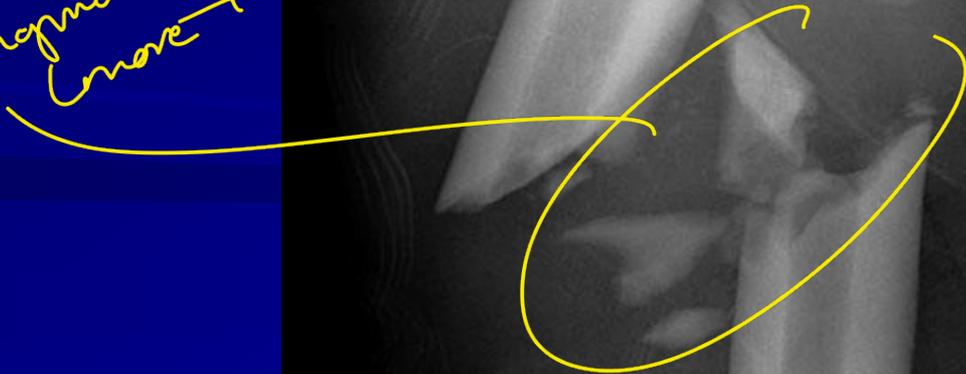


Distal radius fracture on lateral view

Comminuted fracture (open or closed depends on the skin)



Multiple bony  
fragments  
(more than 3)



Green stick fracture  
→ discontinuity of  
one cortex while  
the other is intact



ما في أي discontinuity  
عقطة بنشوف قطعة  
بار cortex

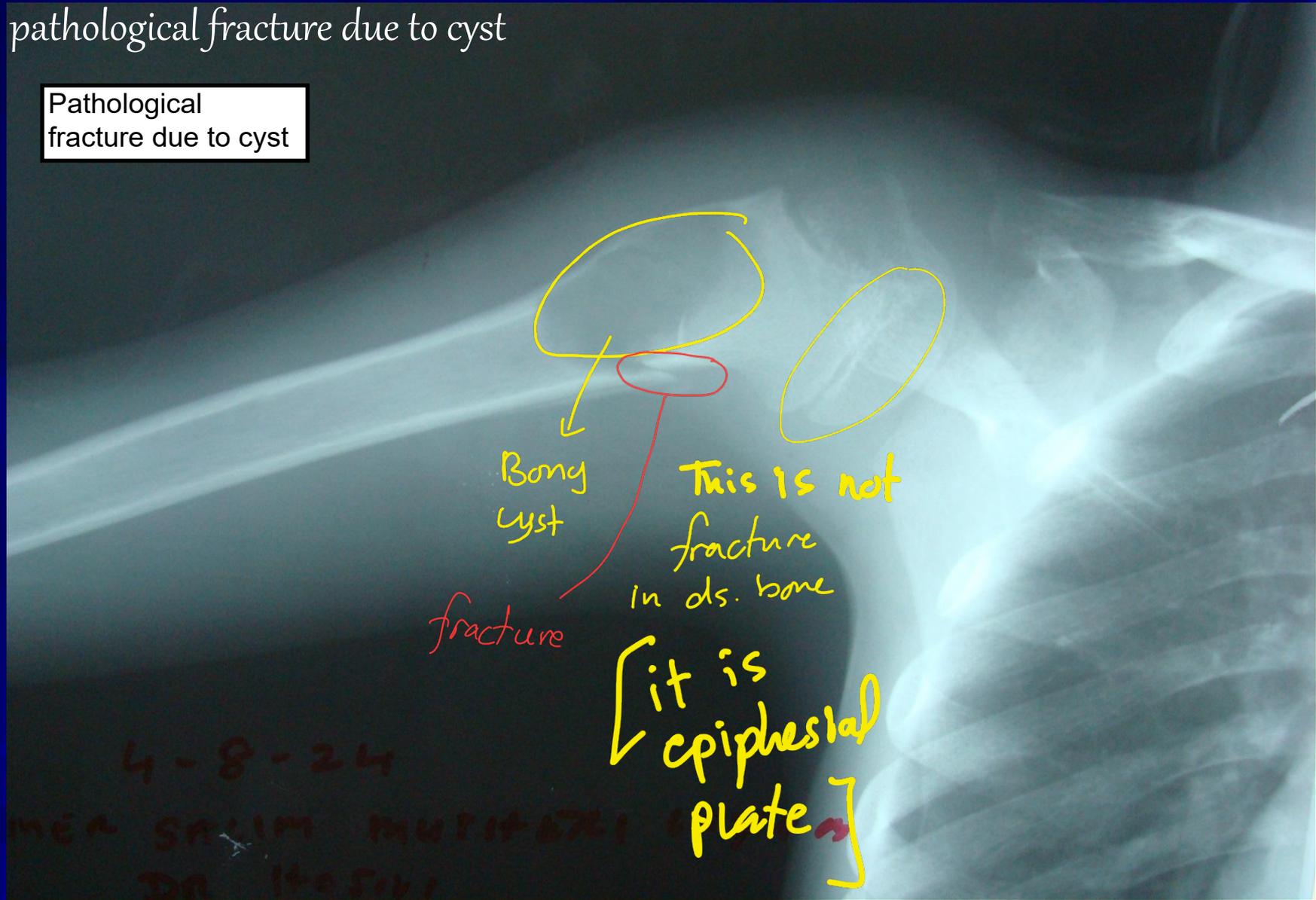
# Buckling fracture

Green stick fracture



pathological fracture due to cyst

Pathological fracture due to cyst



Bone cyst

fracture

This is not fracture in ds. bone

it is epiphyseal plate

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# SPINAL INJURIES

The spinal injury can be classified in three types:

1 - Compression fracture. ⇒ usually affect vertebral bodies → affect ant. vertebral column. So it will not affect the spinal canal & spinal nerves ⇒ so it is stable fracture

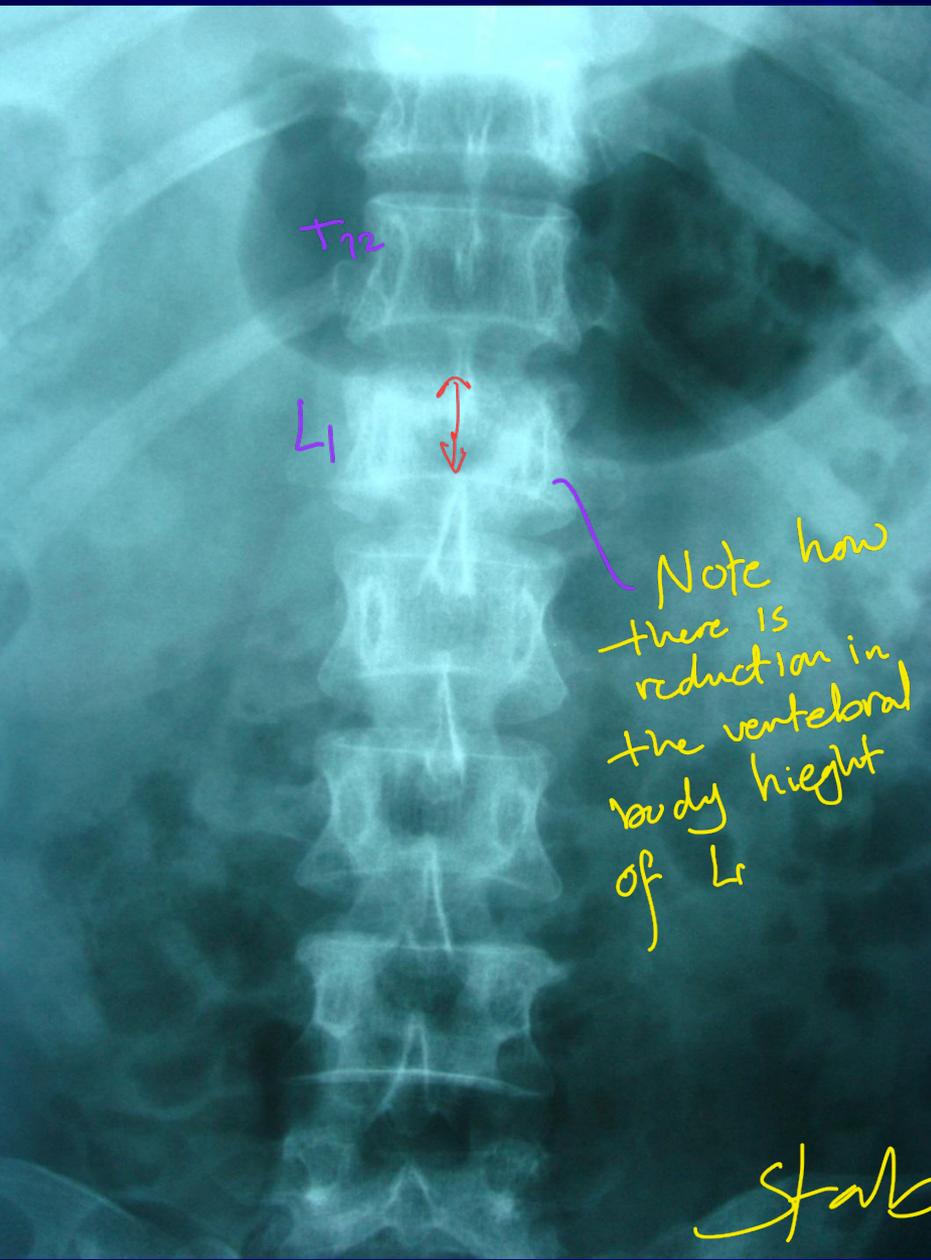
2 - Burst fracture. <sup>انفجار</sup>

3 - Fracture-Dislocation.

It involves ant. & middle vertebral column so it may affect spinal canal ∴ (unstable fracture)

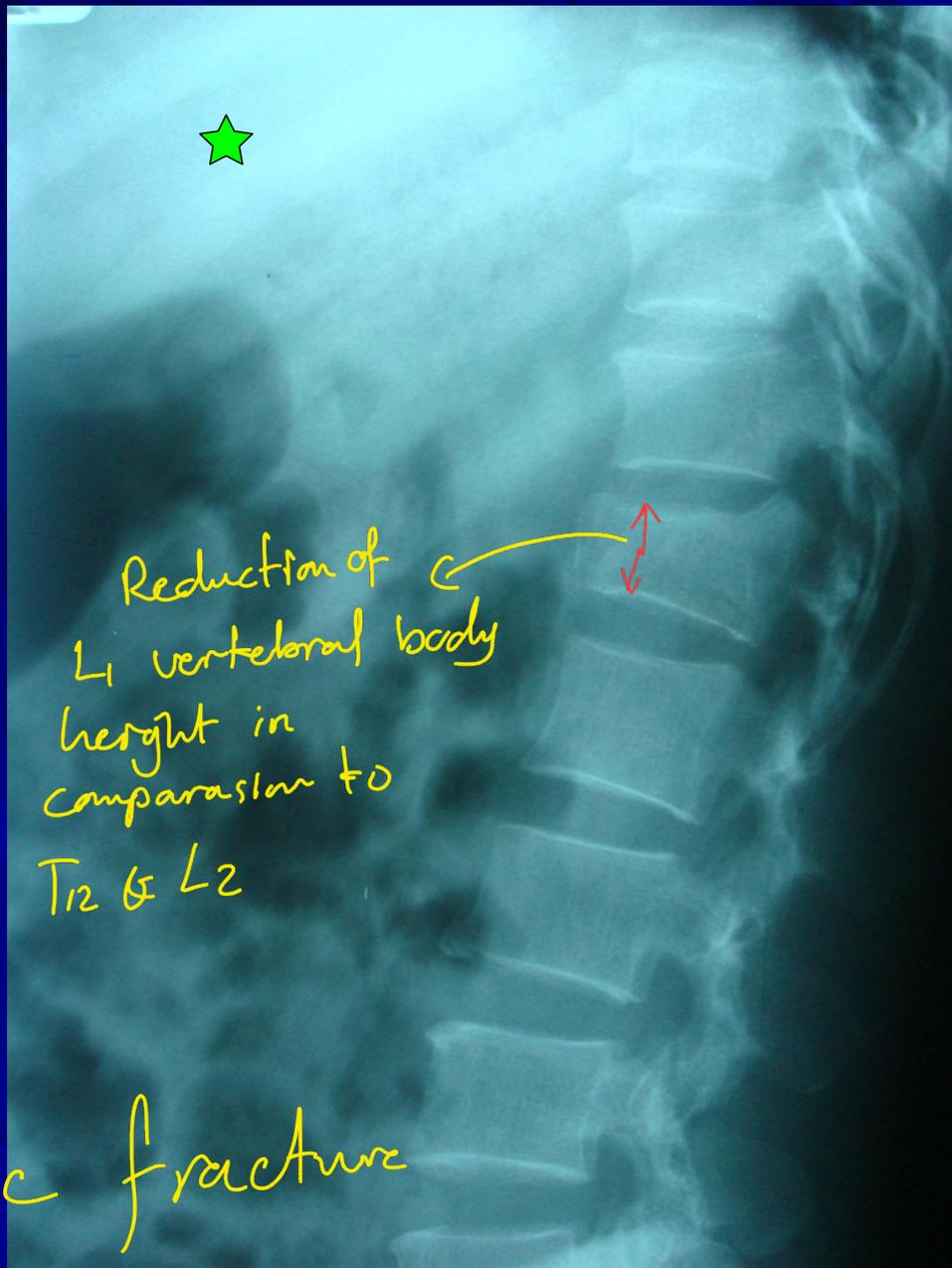
- fractures are 2 types : stable , unstable
- any fragment may compress on the spinal cord

عالباً بتسبب بسبب axial loading with rotation



Note how there is reduction in the vertebral body height of L1

stable fracture



Reduction of L1 vertebral body height in comparison to T12 & L2

سابقہ تصویر

Unstable F.

Burst F.

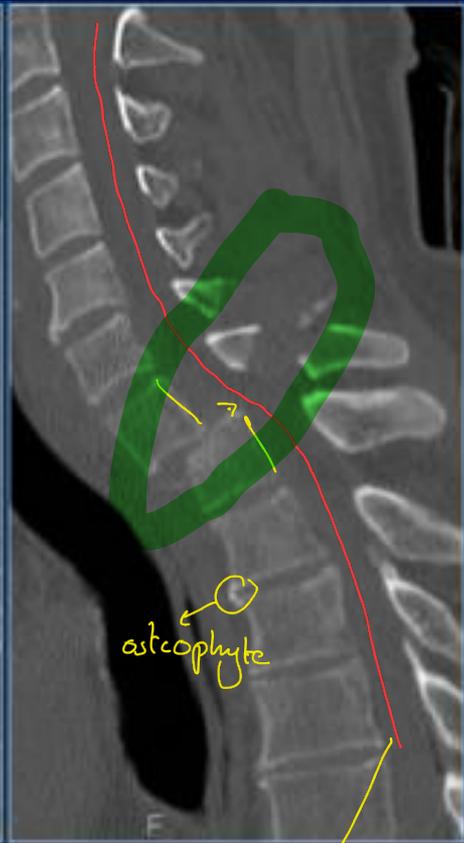
this is articular facet  
لازخ يكونوا كالم طبقتين على بعض

dislocation

Burst ← 



left



osteophyte



right

لازخ  
هون كيت  
بطلوا  
طبقتين  
على بعض  
(displacement)

← لا زخ كيت هون  
spinal canal  
is narrowed

# Benign bone tumour

- Are generally **well defined** and have a **sharp narrow zone of transition** between normal and abnormal bone. (where in malignant tumour is ill-defined)
- Benign lesions sometimes cause **thinning of the adjacent cortex**, however cortical destruction is more typical of malignant lesions.
- A well defined sclerotic margin is in favour of benign lesions and rare in malignant lesions.
- **Periosteal reaction**: **lamellated** (onion), **sun-burst** and **codman triangle** (interrupted).

ceinps  
Bone Tumors  
aggressive  
Benign  
Malignant

X-ray

Non aggressive (estoms)  
aggressive  
CT, MRI  
Most imp feature

multiple layers of overgrowth → Uninterrupted

interruption of layers of grade II

Most aggressive

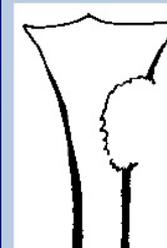
Grades  
① Mild  
one uninterrupted layer

of the presence of soft tissue component increase the likelihood of malignancy

# Benign bone tumours / 2

صحة

- ***Non-ossifying fibroma***
- ***Chondroma***
- ***Osteochondroma***
- ***Osteoma***
- ***Ostoid osteoma***
- ***Osteoblastoma***
- ***Simple bone cyst***
- ***Aneurysmal bone cyst***
- ***Haemangioma***
- ***Giant cell tumor***



Cortical erosion



**"Cortical Erosion"**  
destruction of cortex by a lytic or sclerotic process.

**"Endosteal Scalloping"**

Thinning of the cortex by an intraosseous process



\*well-defined lytic lesion  
with cortical thinning

⇒ There is no cortical  
destruction

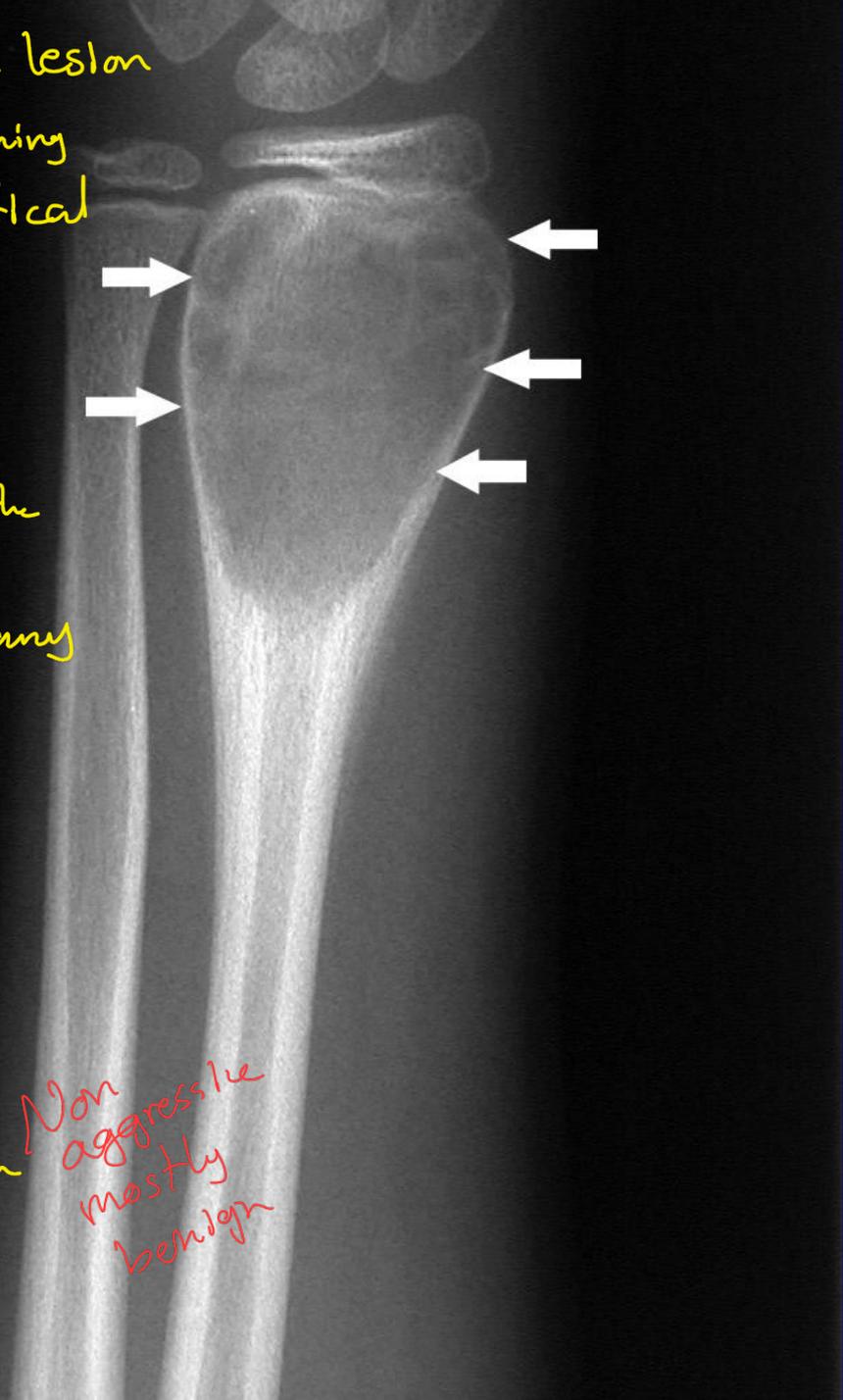
⇒ we have narrow  
zone of transition  
(I can easily draw the  
lesion)

⇒ we don't have any  
soft tissue opacity  
inside the lesion

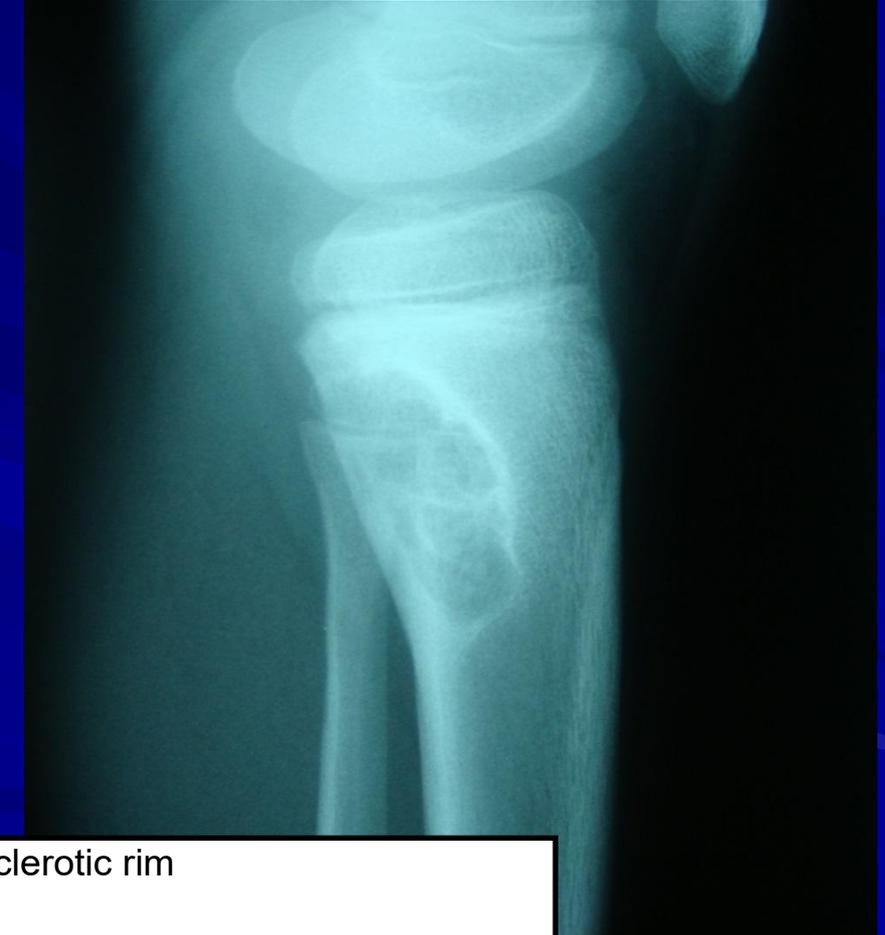
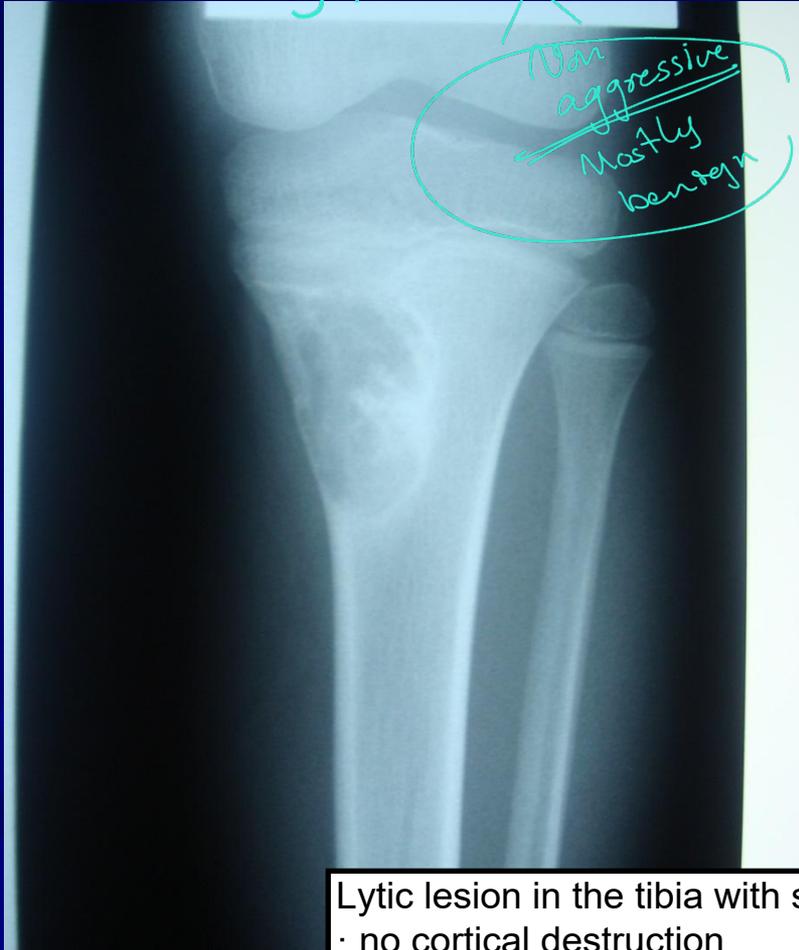
⇒ we don't have  
any periosteal  
reaction

⇒ So this is most  
likely to be benign  
bone tumor.

Non  
aggressive  
mostly  
benign



- \* well defined lesion that has narrow zone of transition
- \* It has sclerotic margins  $\Rightarrow$  So it is more likely to be non aggressive (More benign)
- \* No periosteal reaction
- \* No cortical destruction
- \* No soft tissue opacity inside the lesion
- $\Rightarrow$  - Most likely it is ~~benign~~ bony lesion



Lytic lesion in the tibia with sclerotic rim

- no cortical destruction
- no soft tissue mass
- there is a thinning in the cortex not destruction (intact cortex)

# ★ Malignant bone tumour



- Are destructive lesions , often associated with periosteal reaction , and have a wide zone of transition between normal and abnormal bone.
- Periosteal reaction: lamellated (onion), sunburst and codman triangle (interrupted).
- The most common malignant bone tumour is a metastasis and it's often solitary .

# Malignant bone tumors / 2

## Radiological features :

- Plain film: shows an area of bone destruction
- CT and MRI are the best imaging modalities to evaluate tumours and determine bone and soft tissue involvement
- Features that may be verified by CT / MRI:
  - tumour vascularity
  - infiltration of surrounding tissue
  - relationship to nerves and vessels

# Malignant bone tumours / 3

*The most common primary malignant bone tumors are:*

- ❖ *Osteogenic sarcoma* 
- ❖ *Ewings tumour*
- ❖ **Chondrosarcoma**
- ❖ **Fibro sarcoma**

Determined according to the age

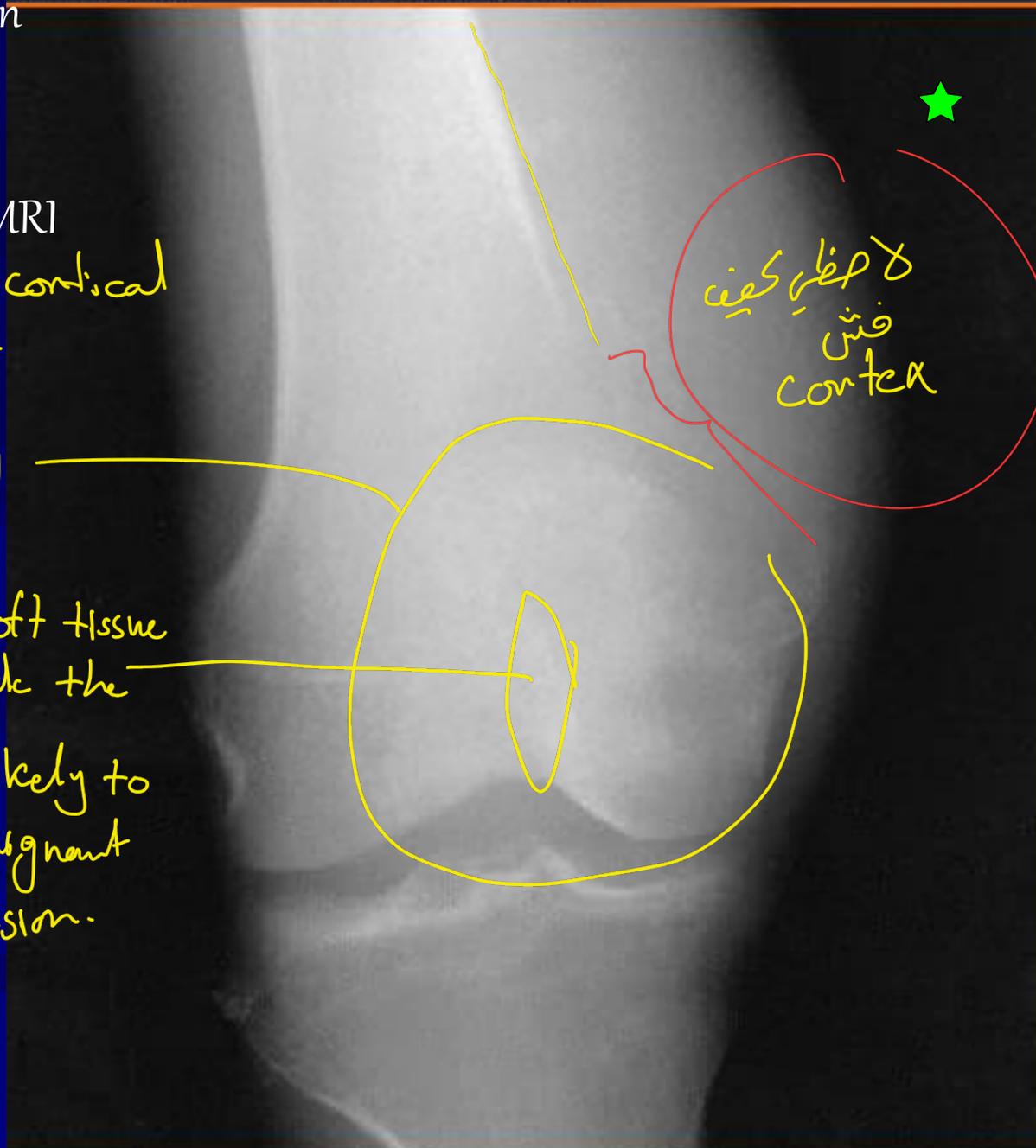
Destructive lesion  
and soft tissue  
swelling

wee need CT & MRI

\* We have cortical  
destruction

\* ill-defined  
sclerosts.

\* there is soft tissue  
opacity inside the  
lesion  
∴ Most likely to  
be malignant  
bony lesion.



لا يظهر كفاف  
فش  
Cortex

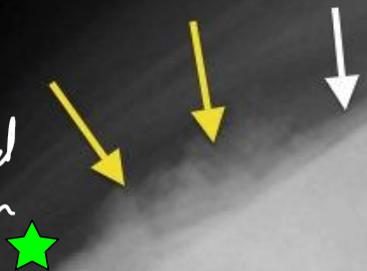
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بلي بالفديو  
اوضح يمكن  
من هاء

\* Yellow arrows & \*ill defined with wide zone

interrupted periosteal reaction

\* White arrow &

lamellated (multi-layer) uninterrupted periosteal reaction



There is sclerosis inside but it is ill-defined (wide zone of transition at the distal femur)

\* we have aggressive bony lesion, and it is most likely to be malignant.

\* We should assess the soft tissue component using MRI and CT to assess the



أهني عشان بس نفوز  
الجراح يعرف مشو  
نيسوي .

- ① Vascularity of this soft tissue
- ② its relation to the neurovascular findings

Thank  
You

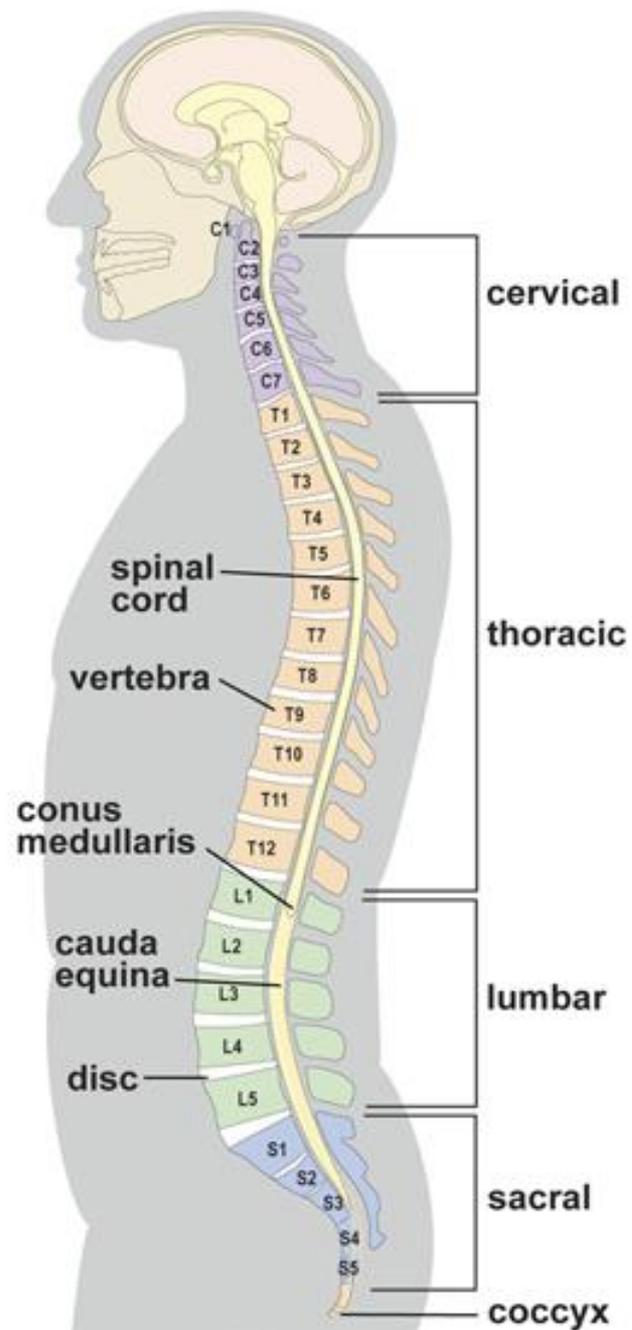
*Shaden Fadda* 😊

# SPINE IMAGING



# Spine anatomy

- ❖ The vertebral column forms the central bony axis of the spine, and is composed of 33 vertebrae.
- 7 Cervical vertebrae
- 12 Thoracic vertebrae
- 5 Lumbar vertebrae
- 5 Fused sacral segments
- 4 Fused coccygeal segments

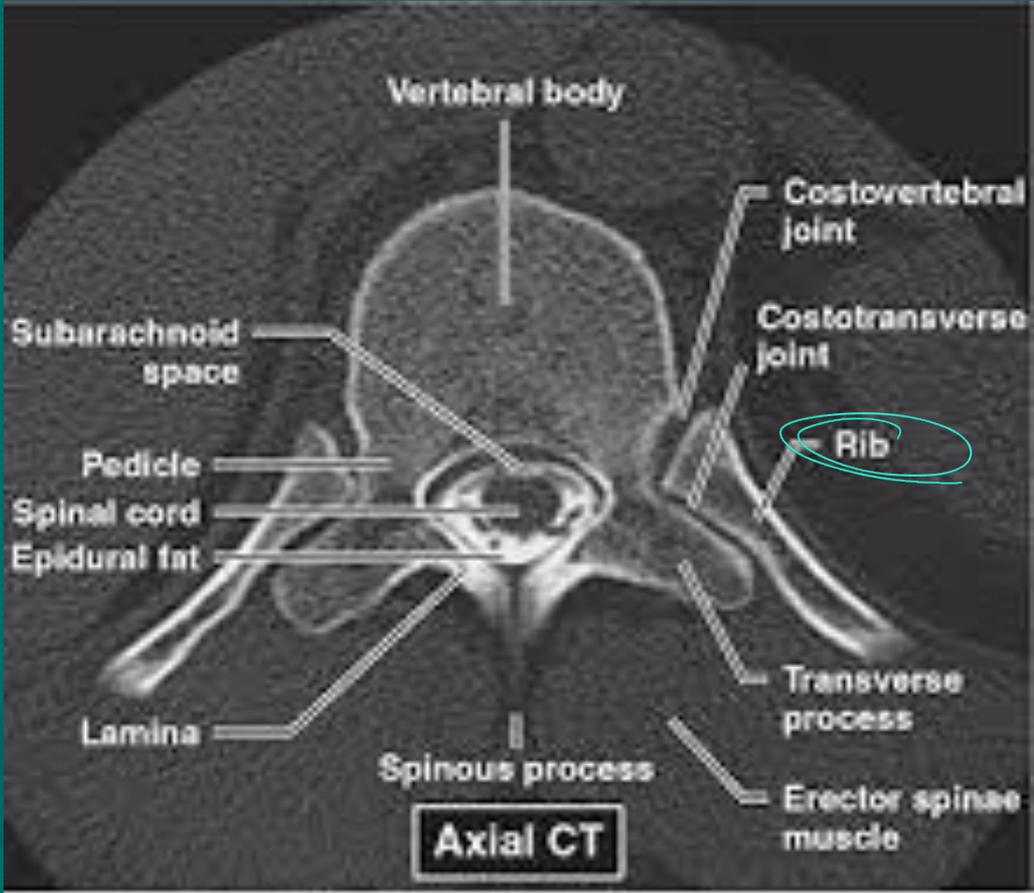
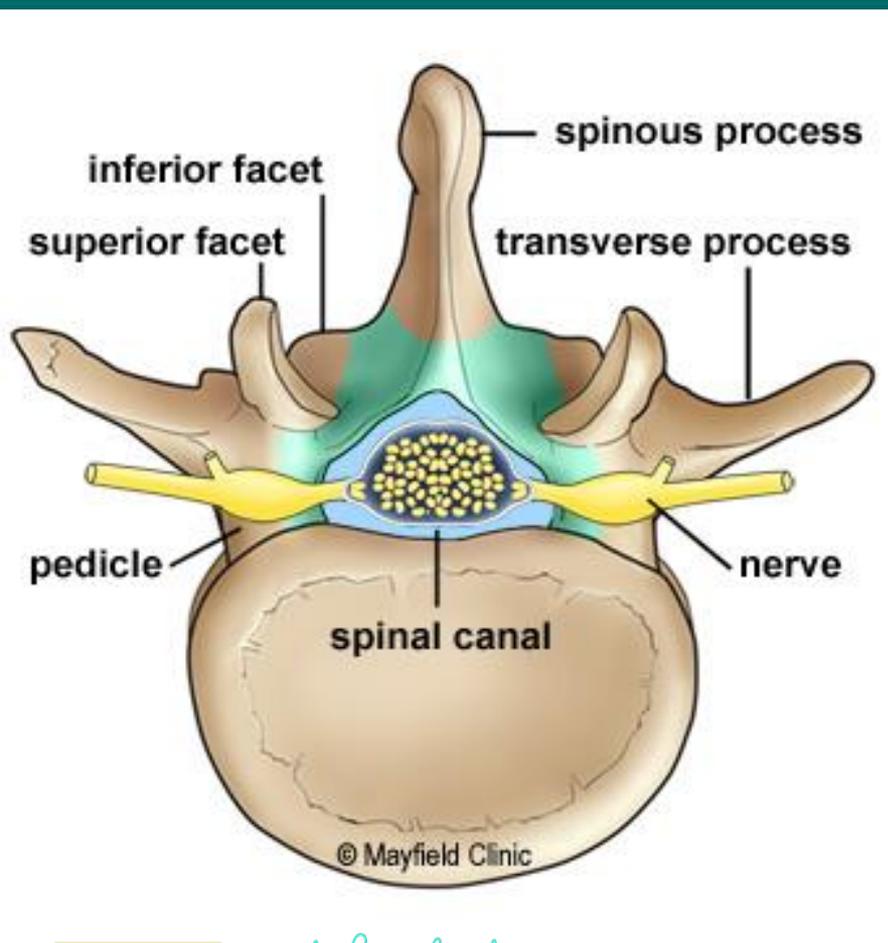


# Spine anatomy / 2

- A typical vertebra consist of two parts:
  - Anterior ( the body )
  - Posterior ( neural arch )
- The two parts of the vertebrae enclose the vertebral canal which contains:
  - The spinal cord.
  - The meninges.
  - The associated vessels.

\* Atypical vertebrae → C<sub>1</sub> (atlas), C<sub>2</sub> (axis)

→ This is pic of thoracic vertebra



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X-ray good for fractures

Hemorrhage associated w/ fractures ⇒ we use CT

US ⇒ Not used for spine imaging bcs the bone will cause totally reflection of sound waves RIT US can be used in infants bcs their bones are still cartilaginous

\* MRI  $\Rightarrow$  Good for assesment of the spinal cord & IVD  
& masses, wht. matter de.

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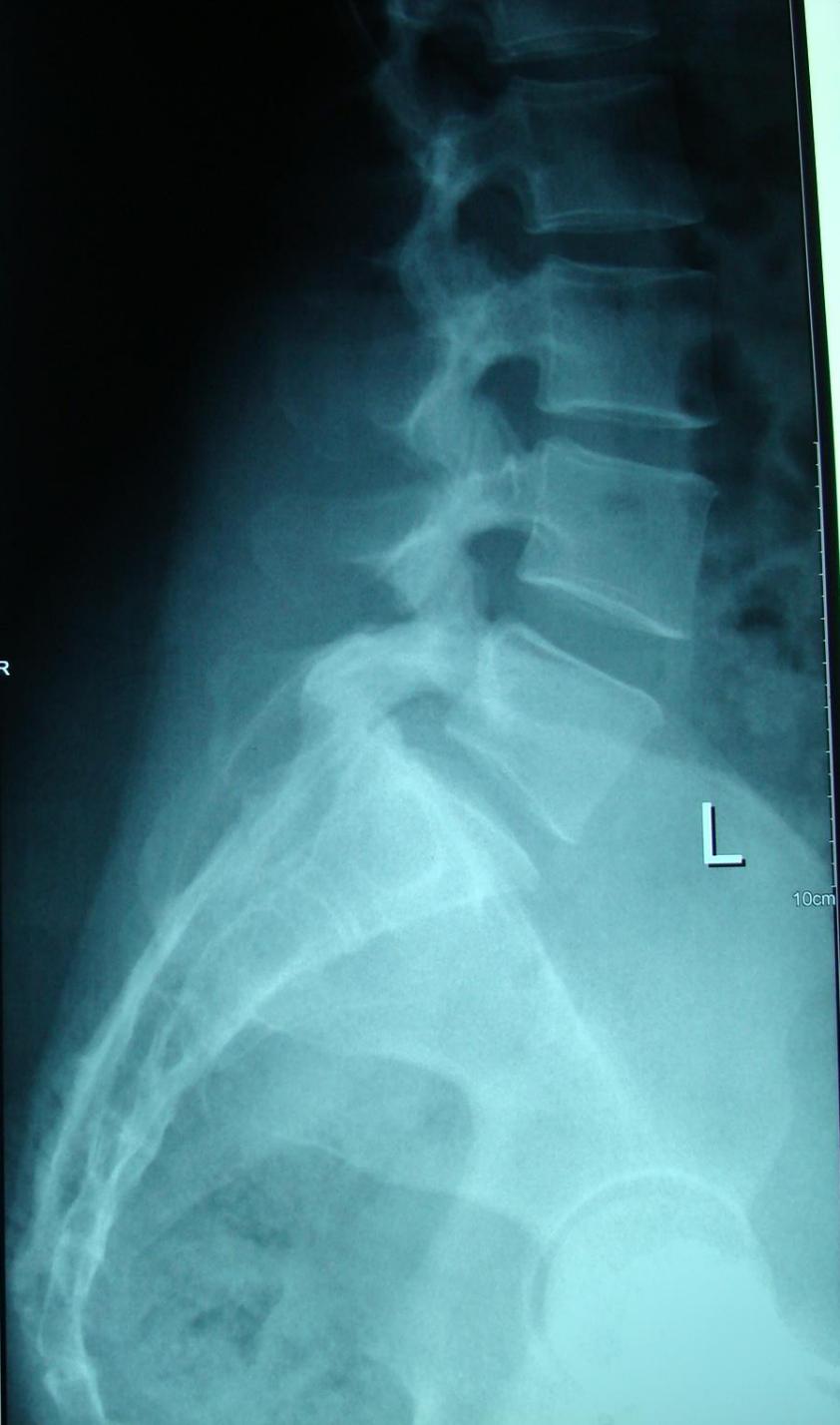
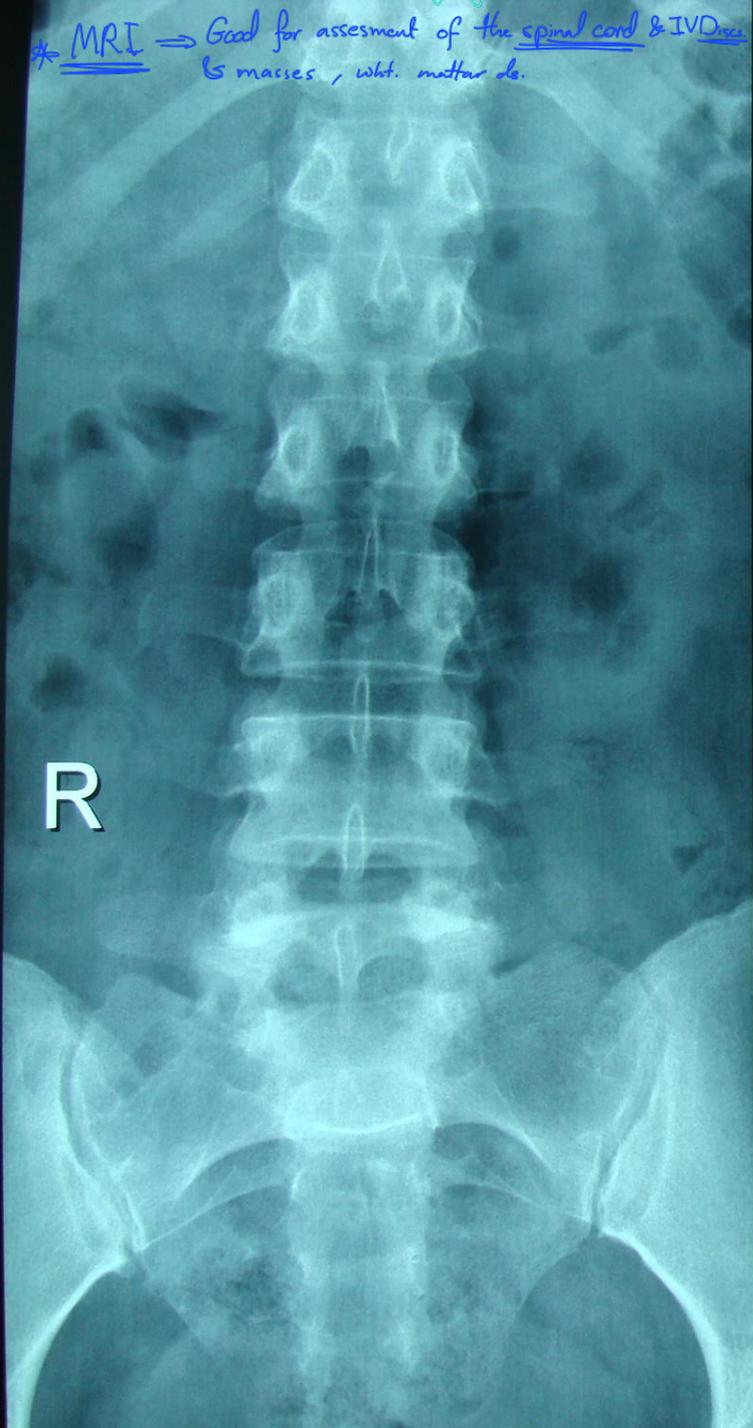
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10cm

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10cm



# Spinal cord

!! ملاحظات  
Both spinal cord & vertebral column are developing BUT " " develops faster than the cord  
بالنسبة الى spinal cord ينمو نسبيًا أسرع

• The spinal cord is approximately 45cm long and descends from the medulla oblongata at the level of the foramen magnum and terminates at the conus medullaris between L1-L2. لدى الأطفال (caelults) L3 → (Pediatrics)

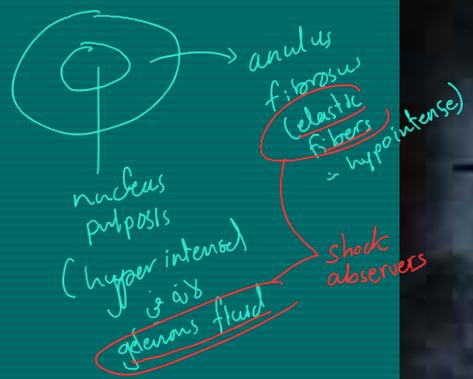
• The cauda equina is formed by the spinal nerves extending from the lowest portion of the spinal cord (conus medullaris). ▽ الشكل It ends at L1-L2

• The spinal nerves lie free in the subarachnoid space.

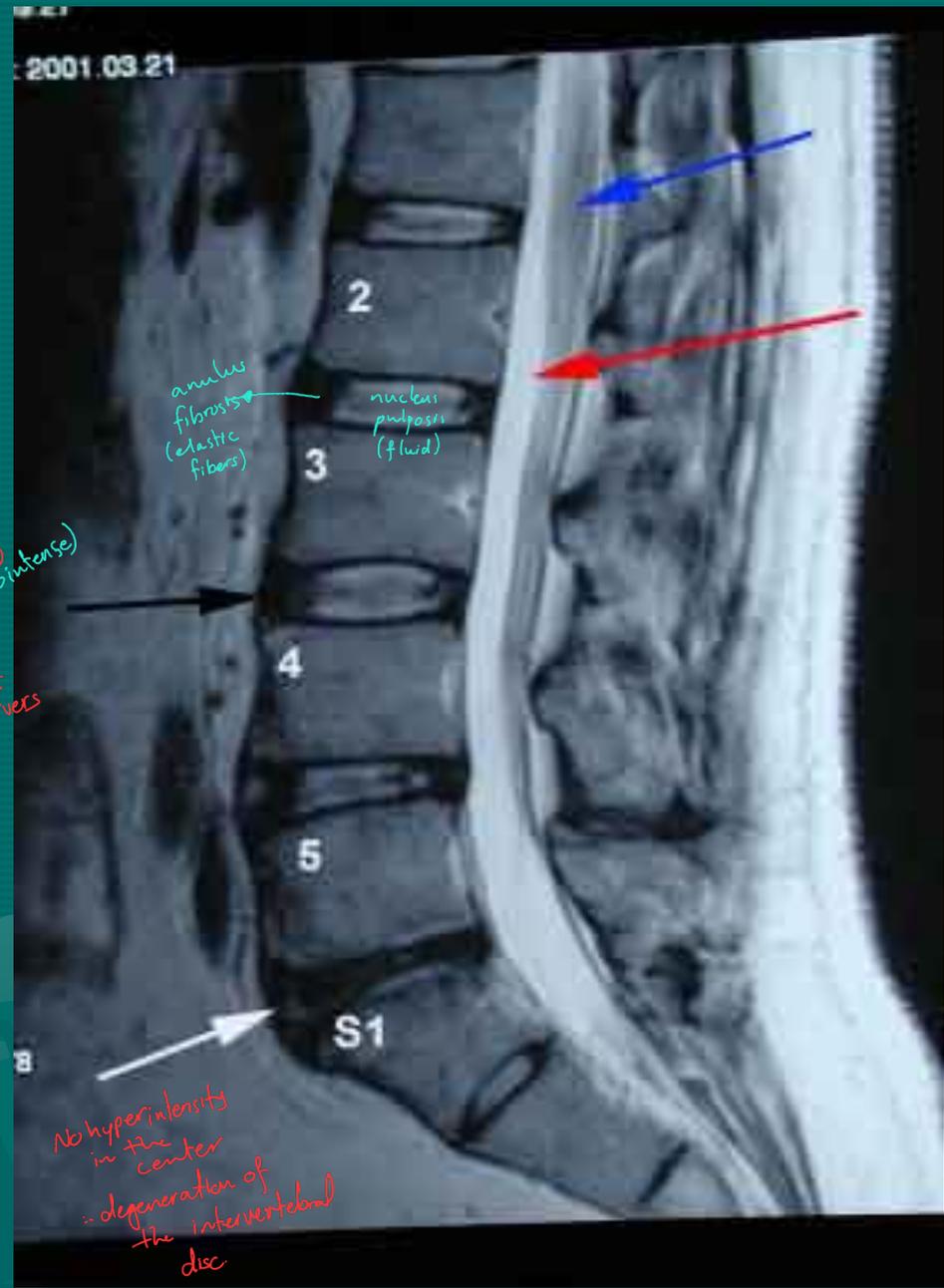
✳ MRI (T<sub>2</sub>)

\* Sagittal view of lumbar spines

\* Intervertebral disc



\* In aging  
 -> gelly like material within nucleus pulp.  
 -> elastic fibers of anulus fibrosus



# DEVELOPMENTAL ANOMALIES OF

## THE LUMBAR SPINE

\* Termination of the spinal cord at a lower level than expected (L1-L2) => S

\* Sacralization of L5  
 L => (4) S => (6)

\* Lumbalization of S1  
 Lumber => 5th Sacrum => four

• Sacralization or Lumbarization. [Transitional vertebra]

• Spina bifida. → defect in the post. neural arch

• Synostosis (Block vertebra)<sup>(fused)</sup>

• Hemivertebra.

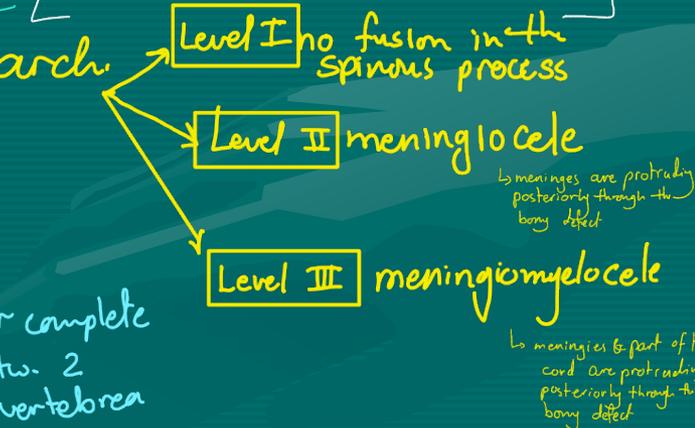
• Butterfly vertebra.

• Myelomeningocele.

• Tethered cord.

• Diastematomyelia.

→ \* splitting of the cord into 2 parts (you will see that the cord is composed of 2 segments → fibrous / bony separation)



↳ There is partial or complete fusion btw. 2 adjacent vertebra

\* a condition where half of a vertebra in the spine doesn't form.

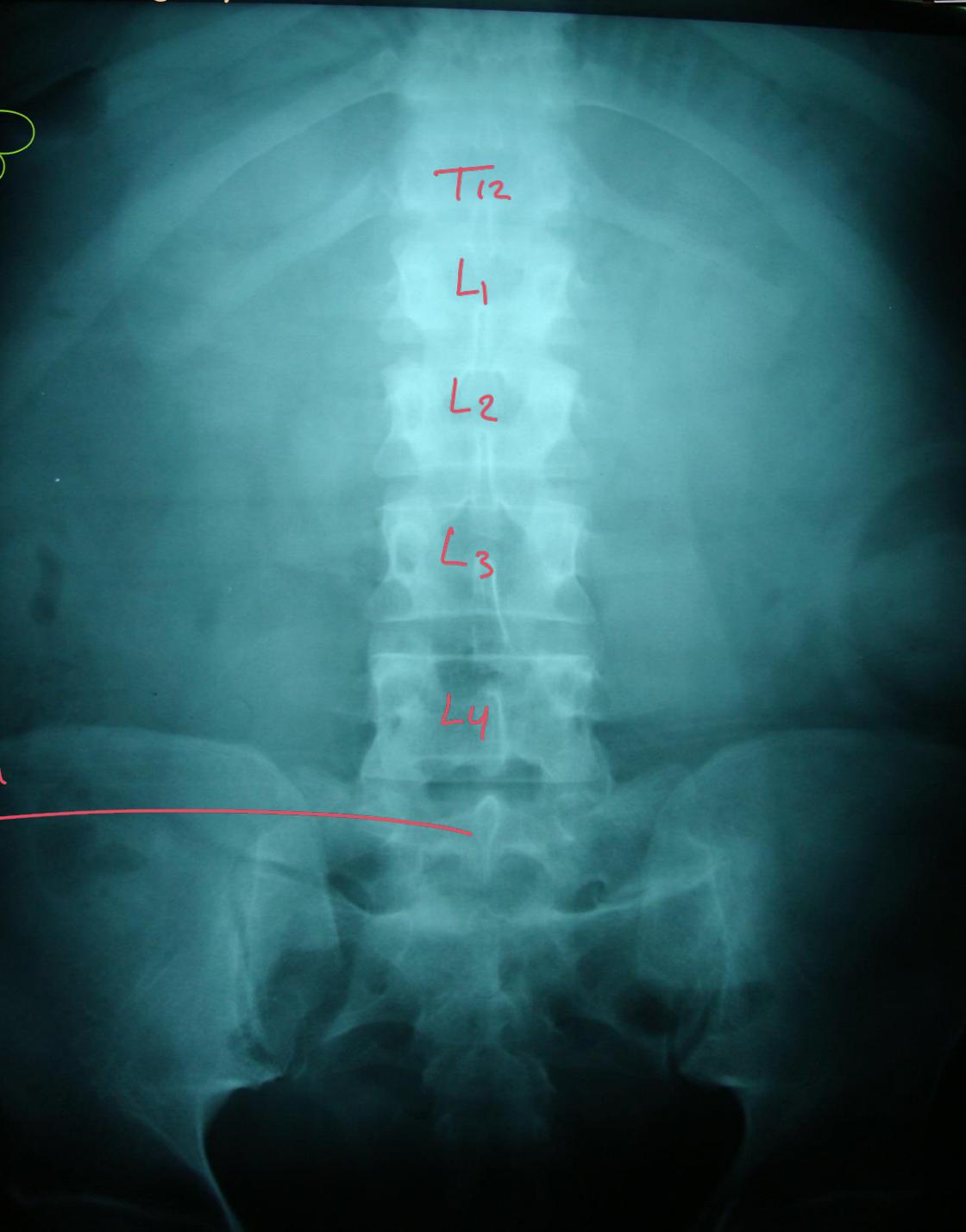
\* There is central depression of the vertebral body  
 ⇒ They result in Scoliosis



\* AP

☆ كيف يحدد الـ  
vertebrae

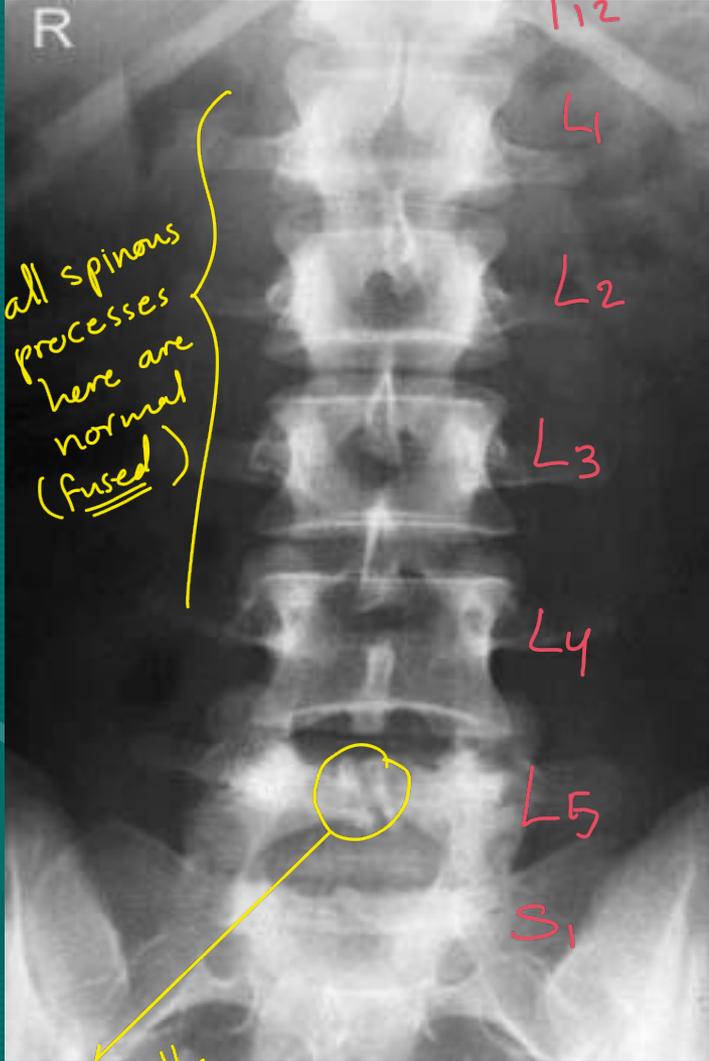
بندور على آخر Rib  
للم إذا ما سدد  
فيه T12



Sacralization  
of L5

المنعم

# of vertebrae  
⑤ Normal



T12  
L1  
L2  
L3  
L4  
L5  
S1

all spinous processes here are normal (fused)

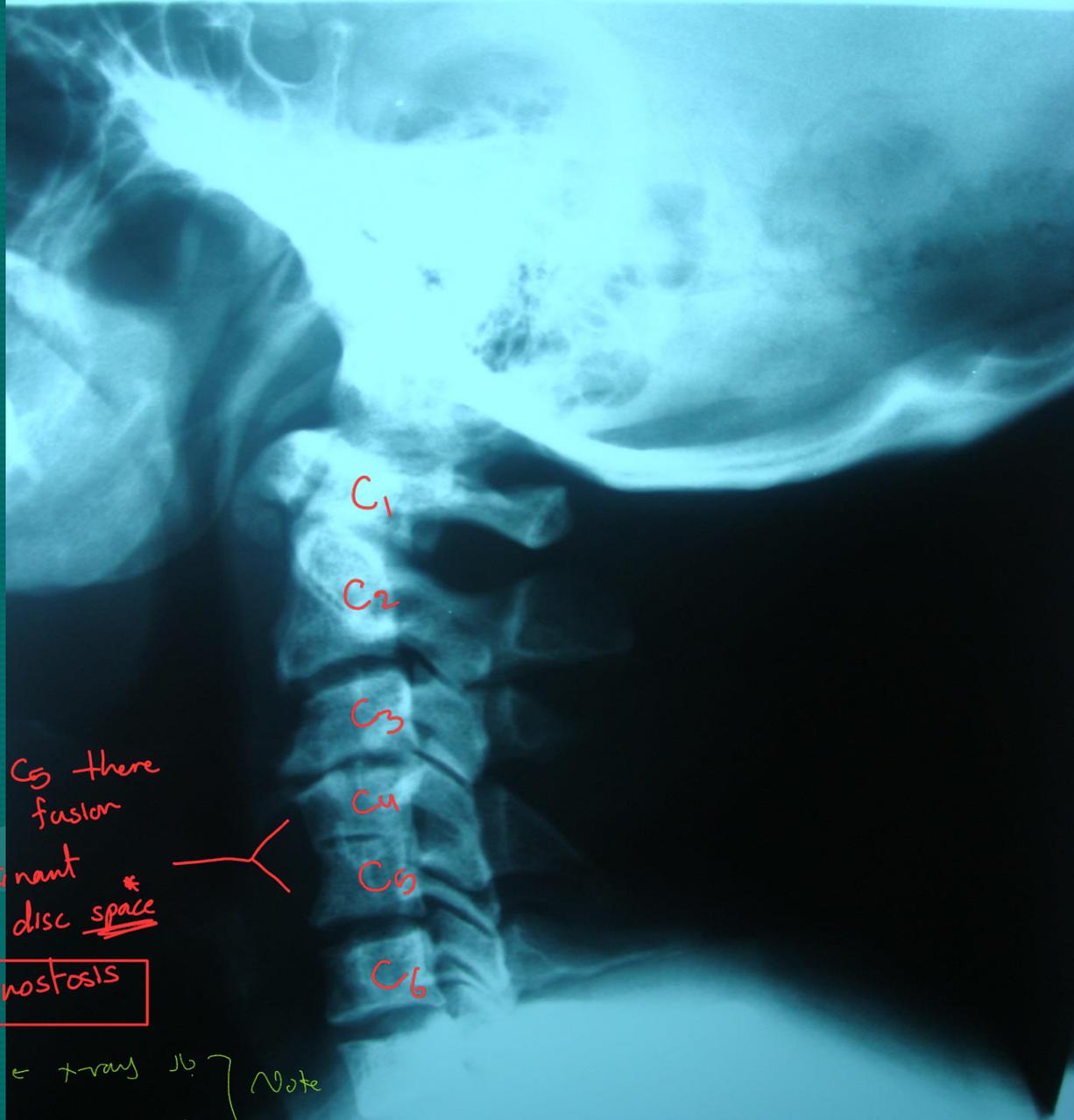
defect in the spinous process (Spina bifida)



T12  
L1

L2  
L3  
L4  
L5  
L6  
S1

Lumbarization of S1



Btw C4 & C5 there  
is partial fusion  
& I see remnant  
intervertebral disc space\*

Partial Synostosis



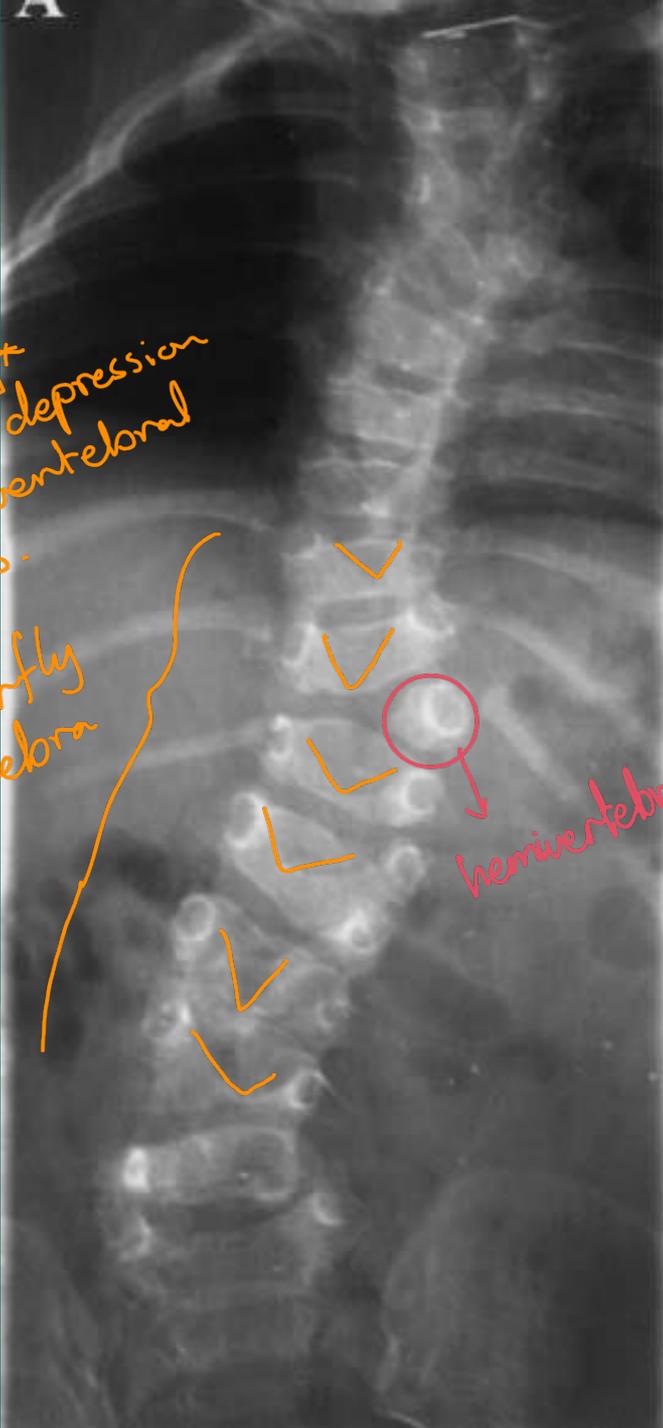
Intervertebral disc space → xray is } Note  
disc space → MRI is }

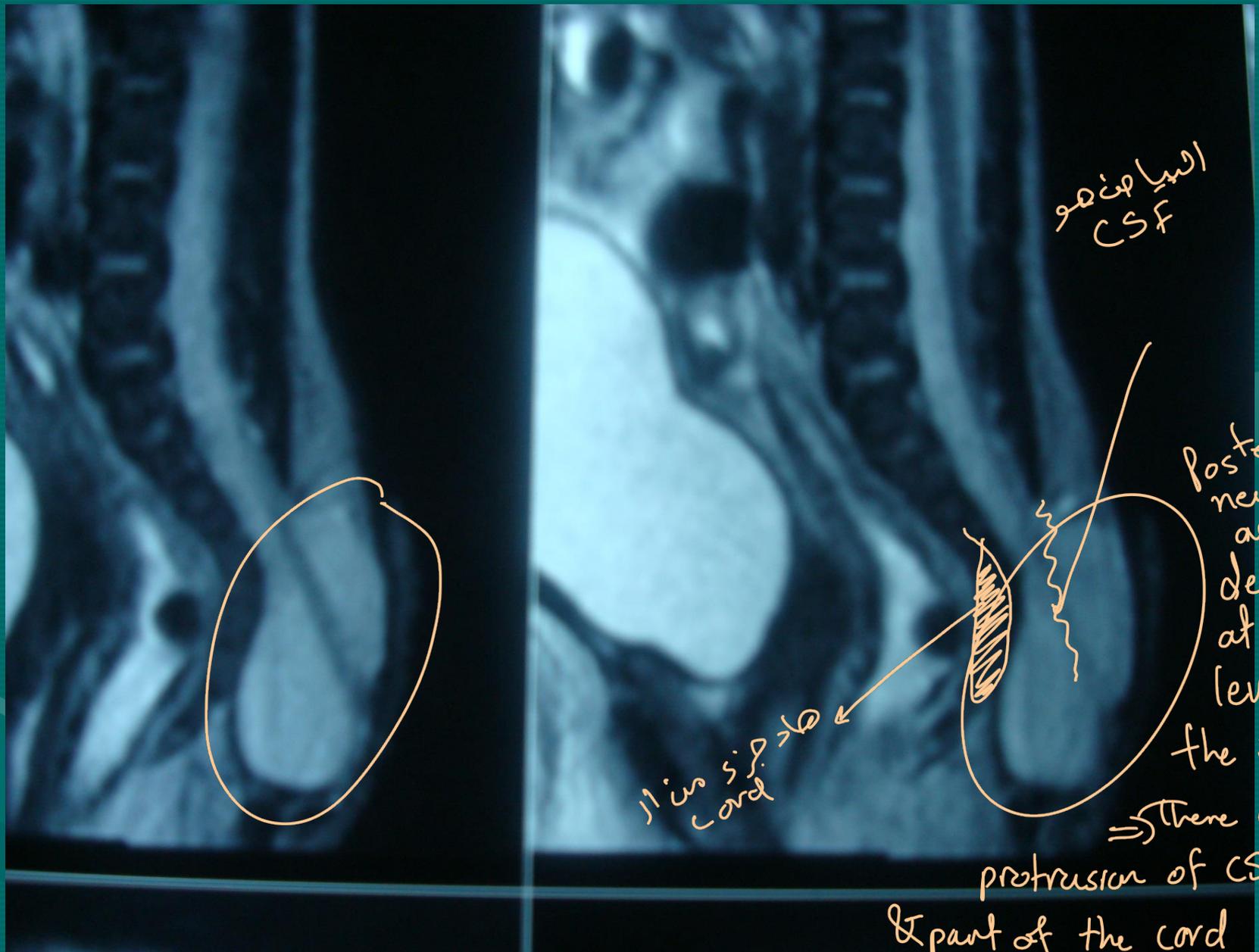
ICBP  
central depression  
in the vertebral  
bodies.

Butterfly  
vertebra

hemivertebra

Result  
is  
Scoliosis





السائل القطني  
CSF

Posterior neural arch defect at the level of the Sacrum

السائل القطني  
Cord

⇒ there is protrusion of CSF

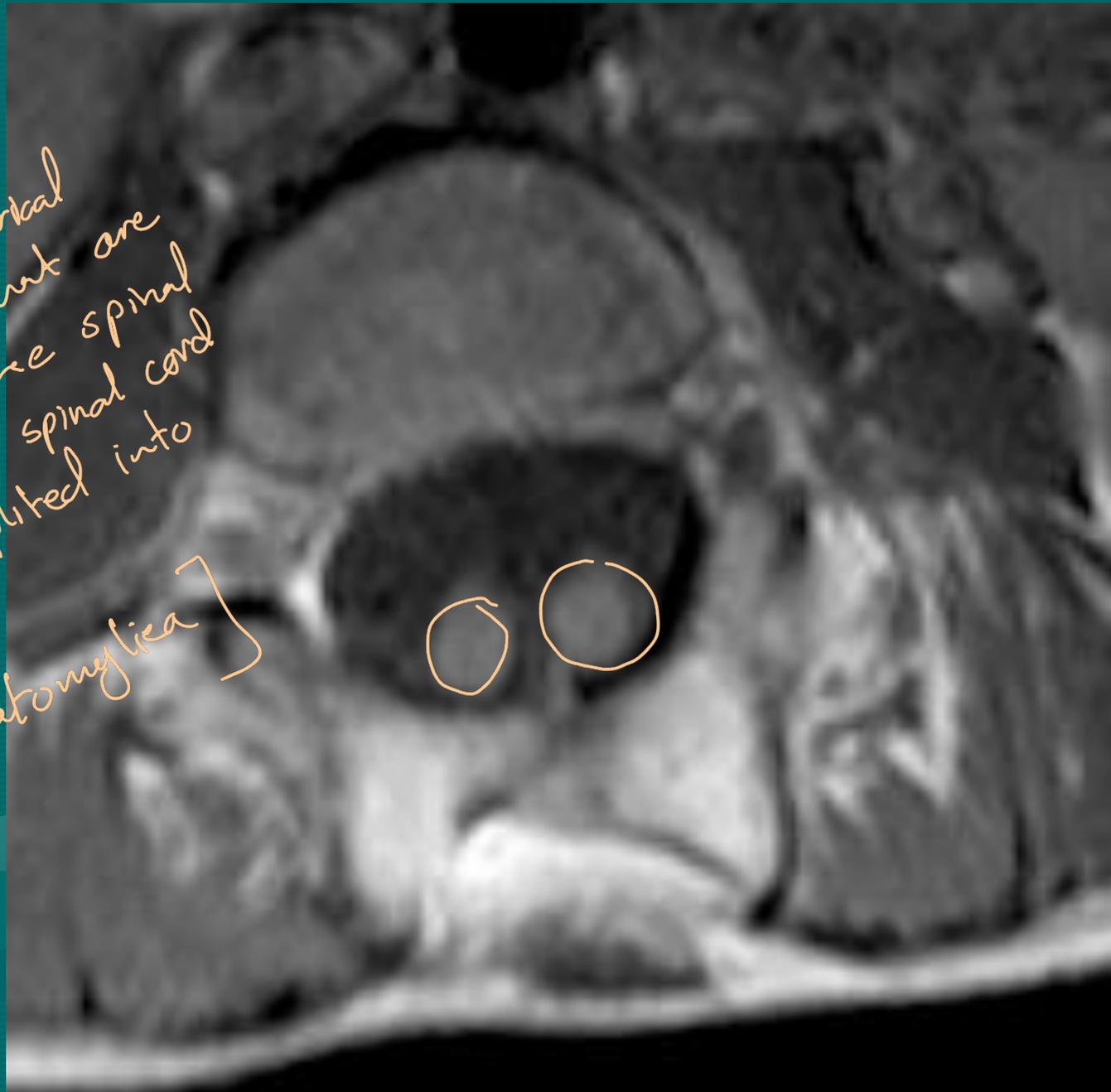
& part of the cord

∴ Meningocele



These 2 cylindrical  
structures found in the spinal  
canal are spinal cord  
that is split into  
2 parts

∴ [Diastematomyelia]



# SPONDYLOLISIS AND SPONDYLOLISTHESIS

fracture

## What is spondylolysis ?

\* لازم يكون  
Bilateral  
defect

- Is a defect in the region of the **pars interarticularis** of a vertebra, most commonly at the fourth and fifth lumbar level.
- This defect which was considered to be a congenital abnormality, is now thought to be almost always the result of unhealed stress fracture.

\* why do vertebral bodies are aligned to each others ?

① **Pars interarticularis**  
↳ it connects the vertebral

② **facet joints**

} any defect in ① or displacement in ② will result in ant.

body w/ posterior neural arch

displacement of the vertebral body to the vertebra below

## WHAT IS SPONDYLOLISTHESIS ?

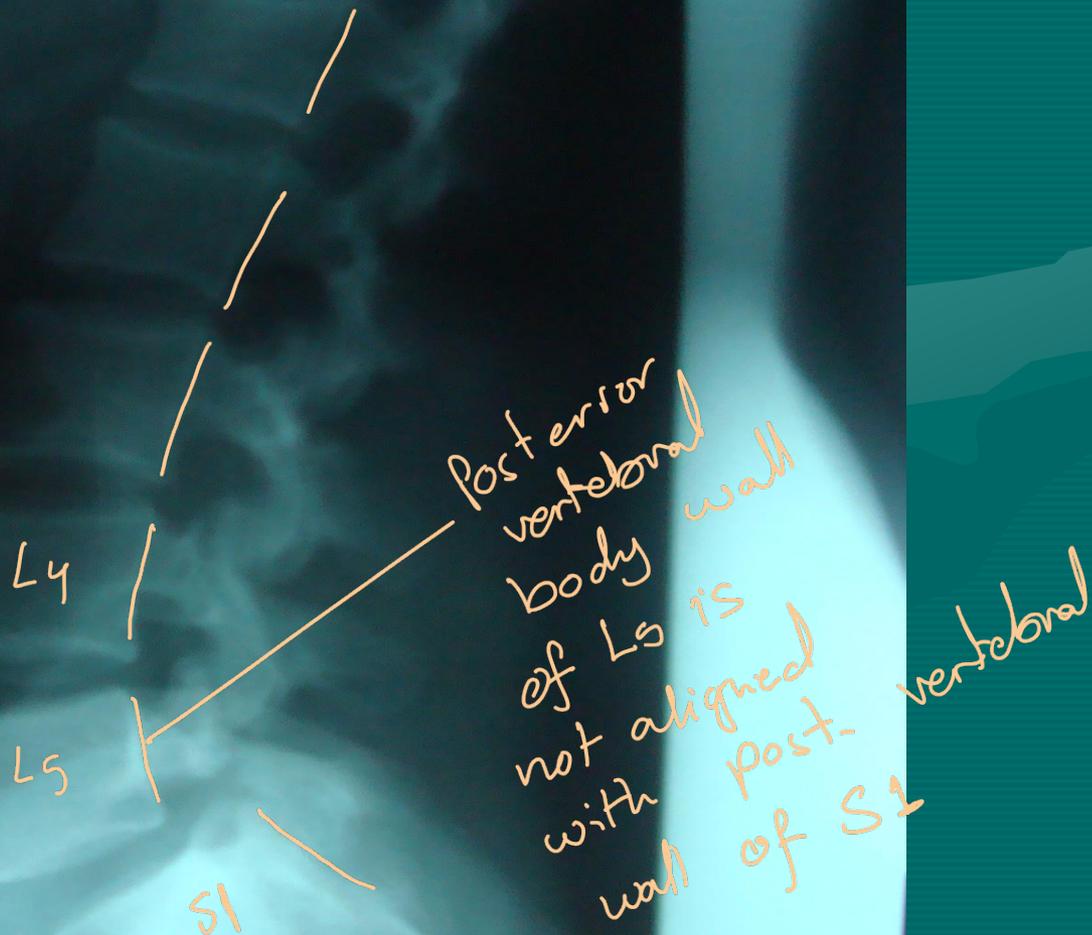
Is anterior slipping or subluxation of a vertebra (or the spine above) in relation to the vertebrae below.

The main causes of spondylolisthesis are:

- Spondylolysis, is the most common cause
- Degenerative disc disease and osteoarthritis of the facet joints.
- Fracture of the posterior elements of the vertebra



There is anterior displacement  
of L5 in relation to S1



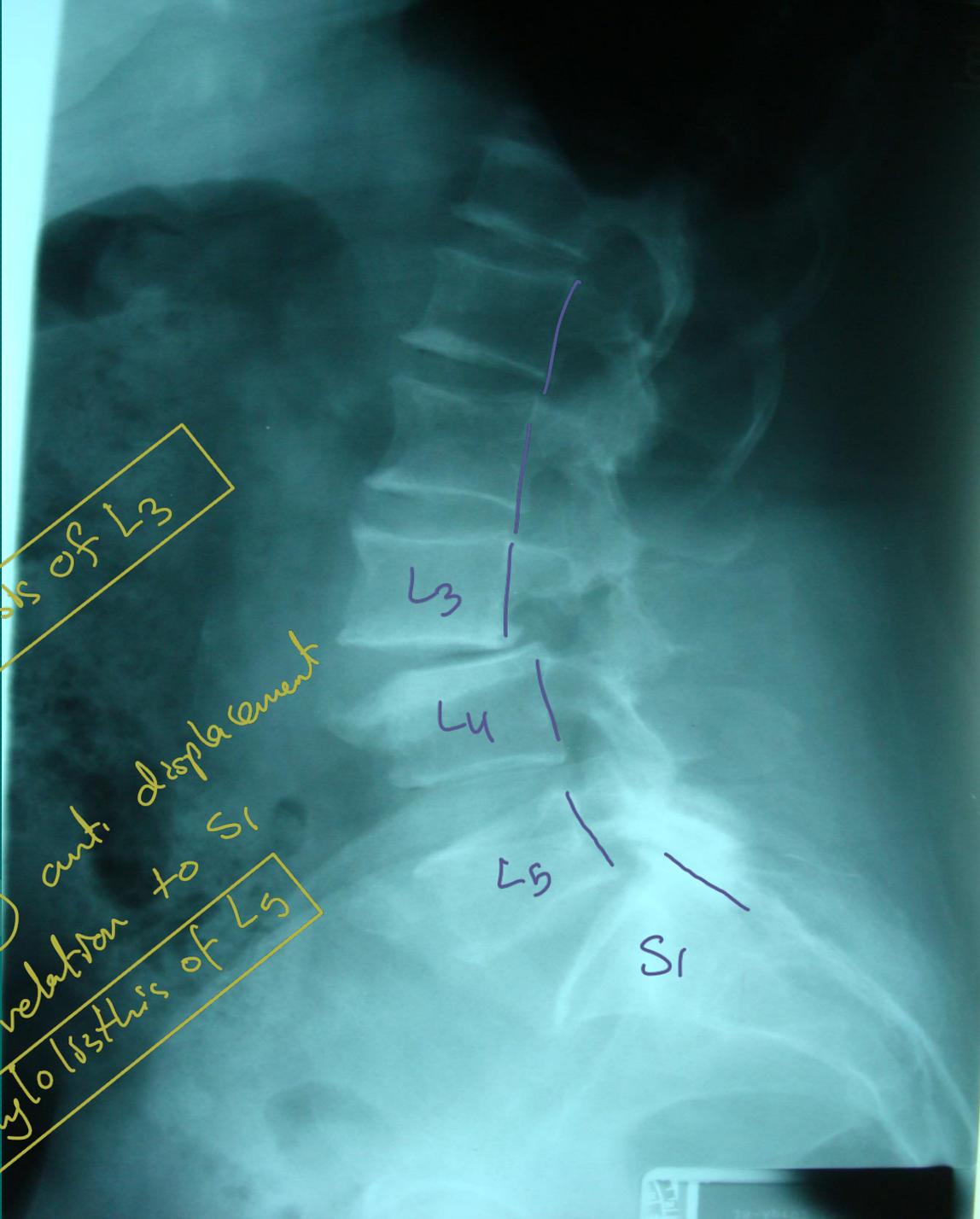
\* we have anterior displacement of L3 in relation to

L4

Spondylolisthists of L3

also there is ant. displacement of L5 in relation to S1

spondylolisthists of L5

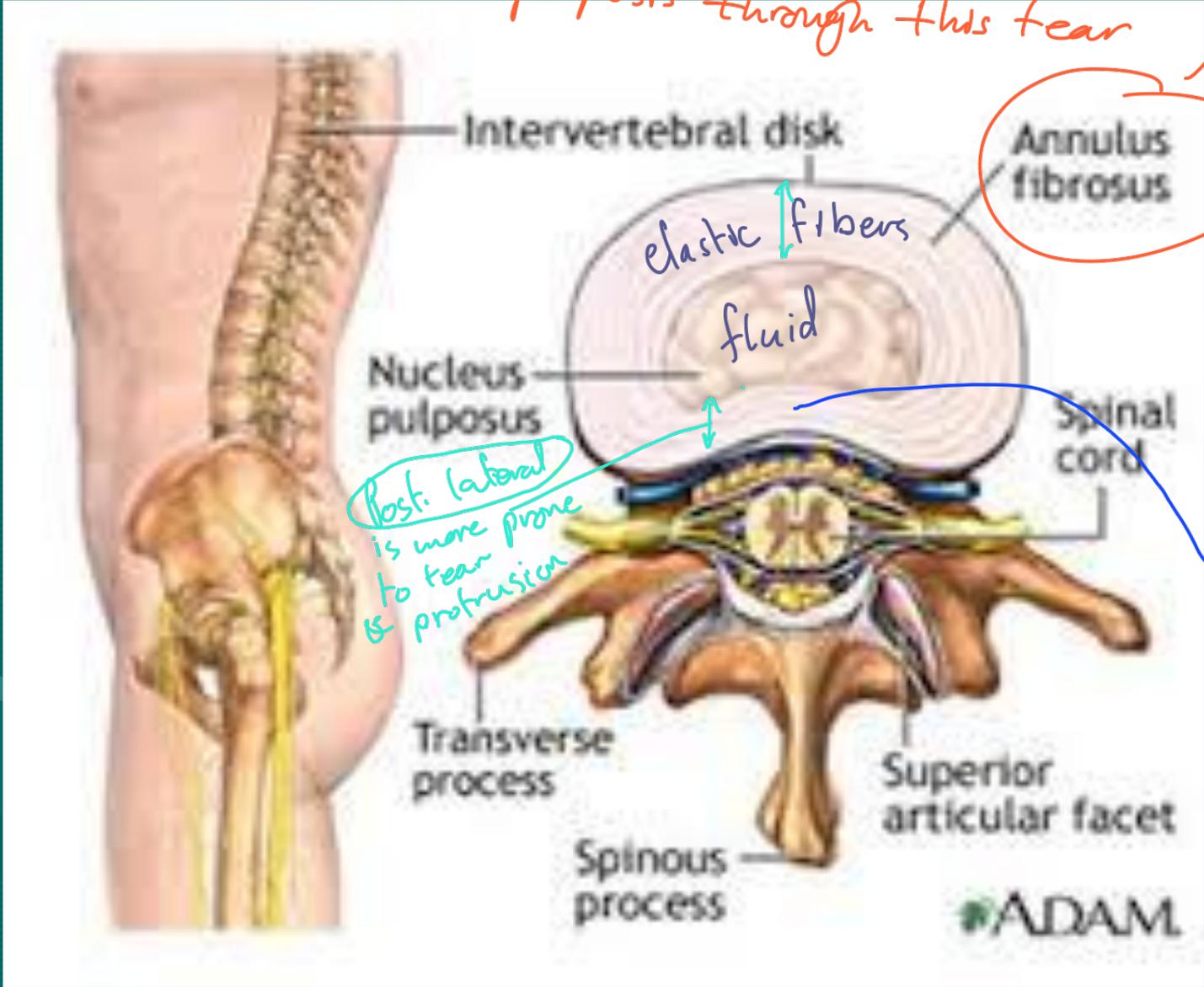


# INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PATHOLOGY

- The intervertebral disc which lies between each two vertebral bodies is composed of a central gelatinous core known as the nucleus pulposus and surrounded by fibro cartilage called annulus fibrosus.
- Most common articular disorders :
  - ❖ Degenerative disc disease.
  - ❖ Disc bulging and herniation.
  - ❖ Infection.

سواء الواعد يحمل شيء ثقيل فجأة

تلفق فيق tear فيق فيق  
Protrusion of nucleus  
pulposus through this tear



Post. lateral  
is more prone  
to tear &  
protrusion

Annulus  
fibrosus

annulus  
fibrosus  
Post. is more  
thin so  
tear tends  
to happen  
more  
posteriorly

RCs of the precense

is More on

# DEGENERATIVE DISC DISEASE

of ligaments centrally ← lateral not central

- ❖ Is not really a disease but a term used to describe the natural degenerative changes in the intervertebral discs .
- ❖ Disc degeneration is part of the natural process of aging, and is one of the most common causes of low back pain.
- ❑ The DDD is characterized by:
  - Disc space narrowing.
  - Osteophytes formation at the vertebral body margins.
  - Subchondral bone sclerosis ( mainly at the end plates ).
  - In some cases, collection of gas is seen in the intervertebral disc ( vacuum disc phenomenon ).

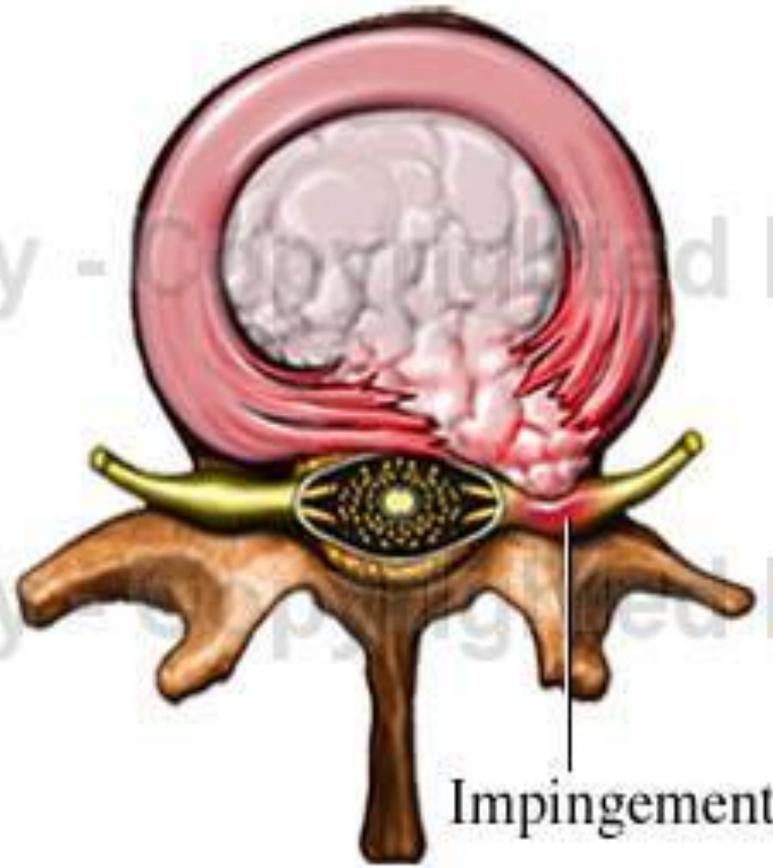
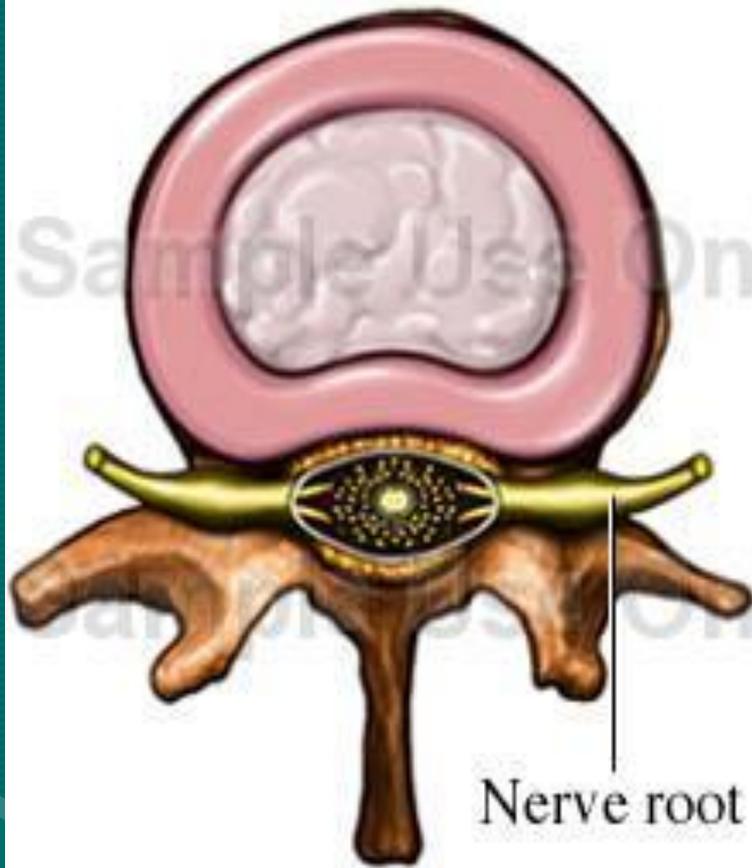


# DISC HERNIATION

- The herniated disc is a portion of the nucleus pulposus extends through a tear in the annulus fibrosus, resulting in a focal protrusion at the margin of the disc.
- About 90% of disc herniation occurs at L4–L5 and L5–S1, with most of the remainder at L3–L4.
- **Types of disc herniation:**
  - ✓ Prolapse.
  - ✓ Extrusion.
  - ✓ Sequestration.

Normal disc

Herniated disc



Nerve root

Impingement

Disc Protrusion

## DISC PROLAPSE

The herniated nucleus pulposus extends through a tear in some of the annular fibers, but still confined by the intact outer most annular fibers

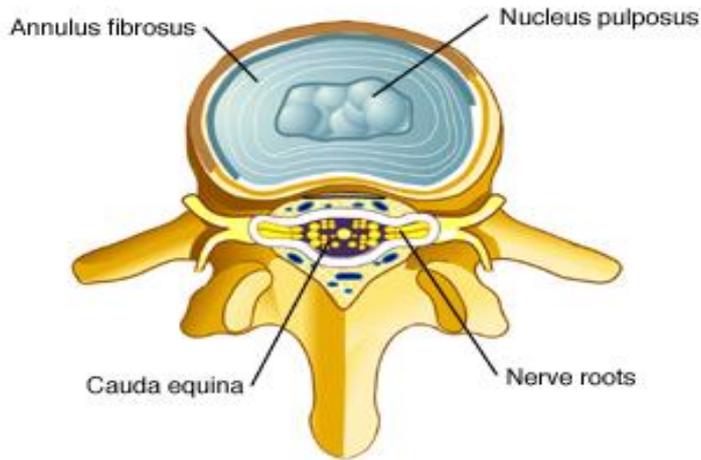
# DISC EXTRUSION

- The herniated nucleus pulposus penetrates through a complete tear of the annulus fibrosus.
- The extruded disc material may extend superiorly or inferiorly, but remain attached to the parent disc.

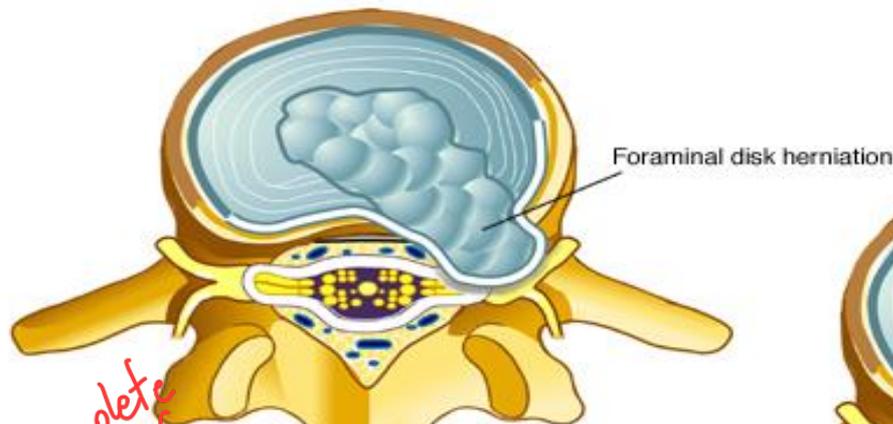
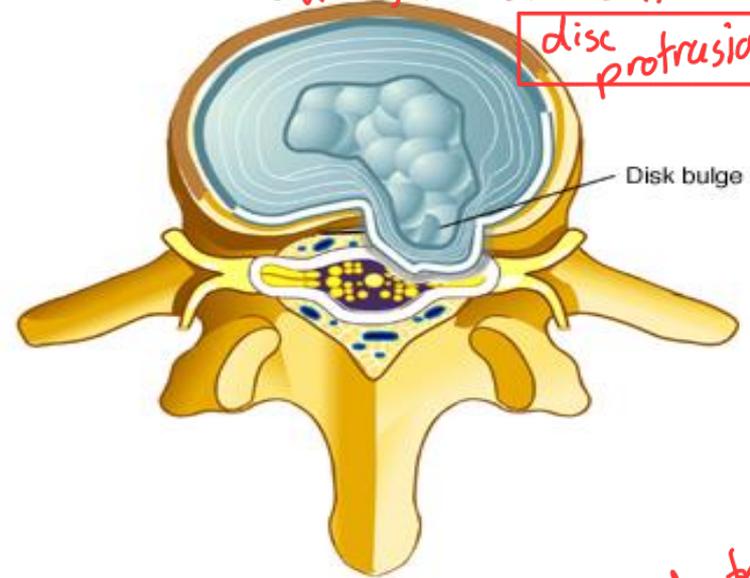
# DISC SEQUESTRATION

## (Free fragment)

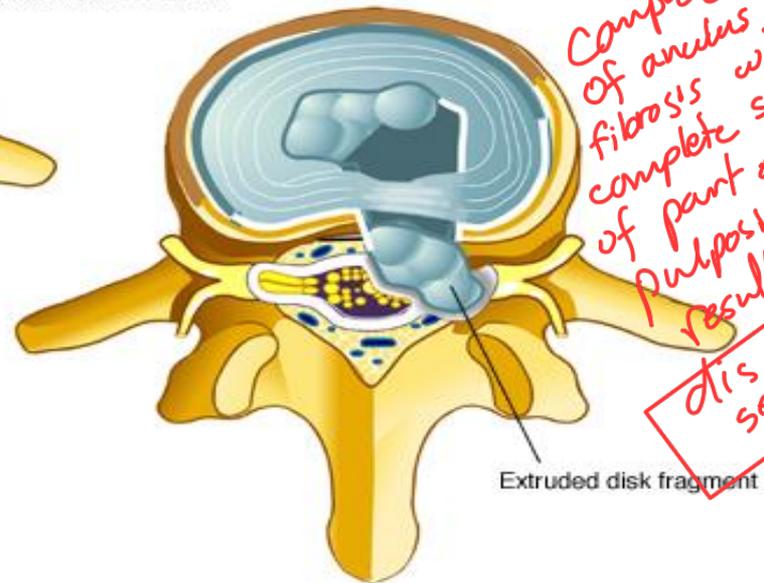
- The disc herniates through a complete tear and penetrates the posterior longitudinal ligament and lies within the epidural space.
- The herniated disc breaks free of the parent disc and can migrate superiorly or inferiorly within the epidural space or into the neural foramen as a separate fragment.



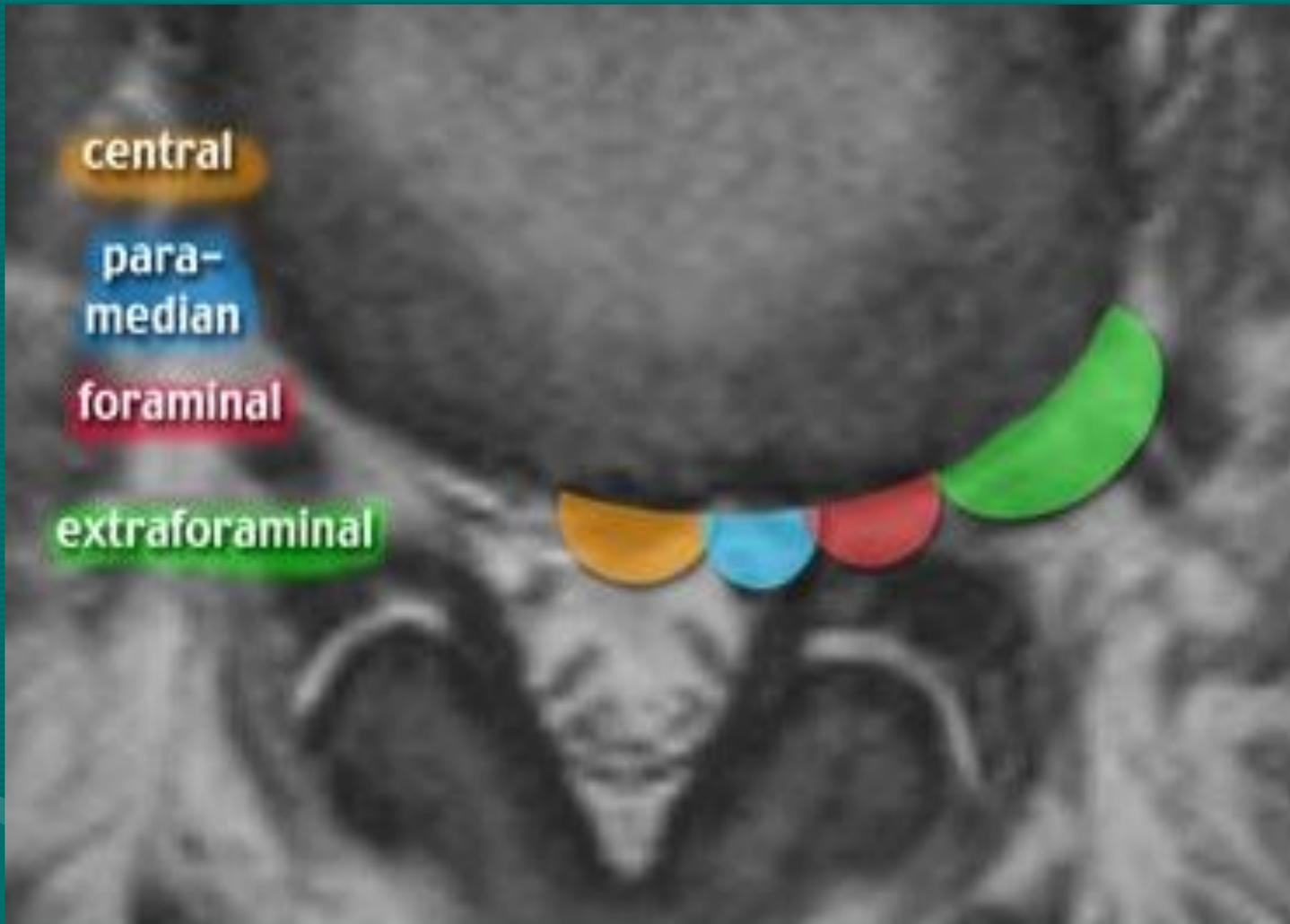
incomplete tear of annulus fibrosus result in disc protrusion



incomplete tear of annulus fibrosus resulted in extrusion  
 → Note that nucleus pulposus is still connected



Complete tear of annulus fibrosus with complete separation of part of nucleus pulposus resulted in disc sequestration



MRI (T<sub>2</sub>) sagittal view

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HFS  
+LPH  
STUDY 1  
10-Oct-06  
14:08:22  
2 IMA 8 / 1



Note that nucleus pulposus is not here.

L4, L5 dehydration

\* Between L4 and L5 there is dehydration of the disc. with protrusion of it into the CSF space causing compression on cauda equina  
=> This is herniated disc btw L4 & L5

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c 199 \*tse2d1\_25 / 150

Hospital: MCHUP

# Disc herniation / plain film

Can plain film be used to diagnose disc herniation ?

NO

**Then why are plain films routinely ordered for patients with low back pain ?**

Plain film is essential and may reveal the presence of one of the common causes of back pain such as:

- Degenerative disc disease.
- Sacralization
- Facet joint osteoarthritis.
- Spondylolisthesis.
- Neoplastic disease.

# LUMBAR SPINE TUMORS

Can be classified into two groups:

1- Bone Tumors.

2- Spinal Canal Tumors.

# TUMORS OF THE SPINE

## 1- Tumors of bone

- \* Hemangioma of Vertebral body. *The most common bony tumor arise in the spine*
- Osteoid osteoma *→ arise in the post. neural arch associated w/ painful scoliosis*
- Osteblastoma *→ arise in post. neural arch*
- Aneurysmal bone cyst
- Histiocytosis x (Eosinophilic granuloma)
- Multiple myeloma
- Metastasis

\* The most common site of bone metastasis is

SPINE !! bcs it is the most vascularized part of the skeletal system

# Tumors of the spinal canal

حفظاً

cord

- Intramedullary: occur inside the cord (T. arise from the neural cells itself)

① ❖ Ependymoma

② ❖ Astrocytoma

③ ❖ Lipoma

- Extramedullary-intradural:

Occur within the meninges covering the spinal cord:

① ➤ neurofibroma and schwannoma

② ➤ Meningiomas

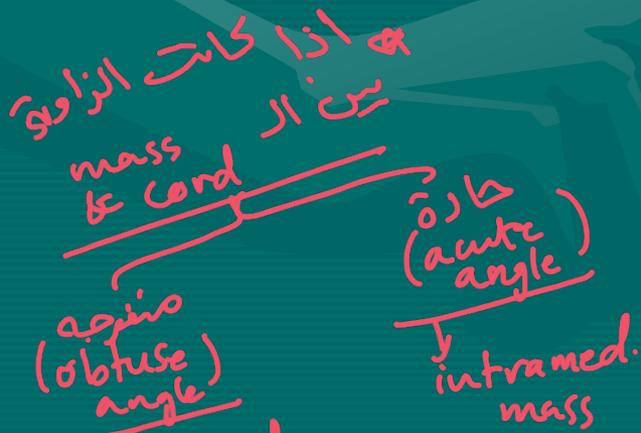
③ ➤ Dermoid and epidermoid

# Tumors of the spinal canal /2

## Extramedullary - Extradural:

Appear between the meninges and the bones of the spine:

- ① Metastasis:
- ② Meningiomas

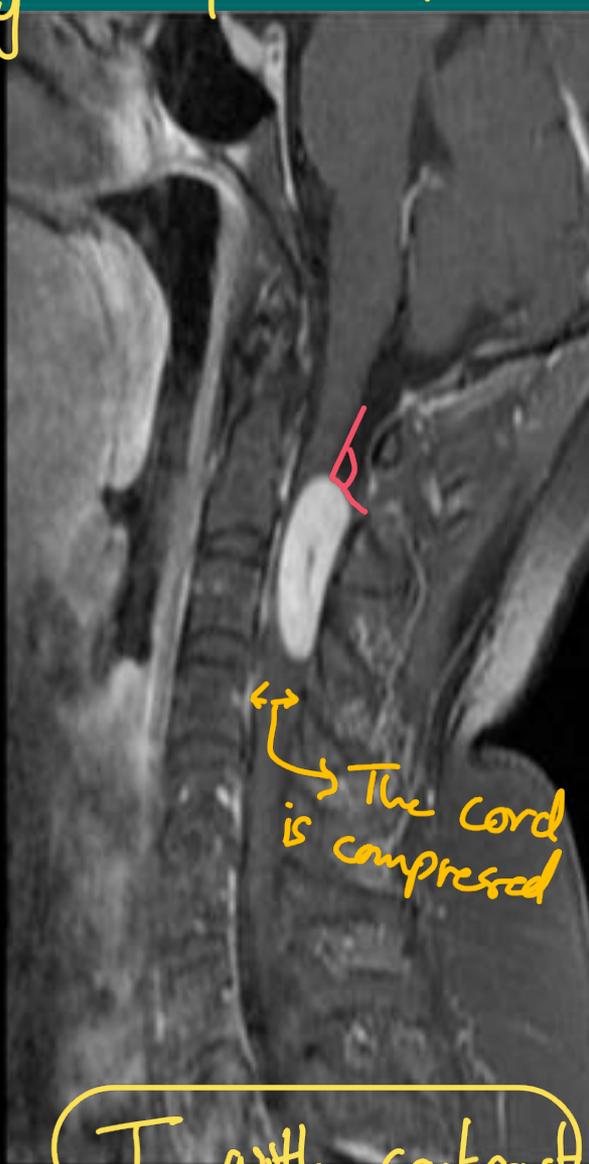


The tumor is compressing the cord anteriorly  
So lesion is coming from outside (extra medullary) and compressing the cord anteriorly  
\* If you see that the cord surrounds the T., this

The mass is hyperintense  
- so it is compressing the cord  
∴ Extramed.

↳ Extramed.  
mass

↳ Intra medullary



T<sub>1</sub> without contrast

T<sub>2</sub>

T<sub>1</sub> with contrast

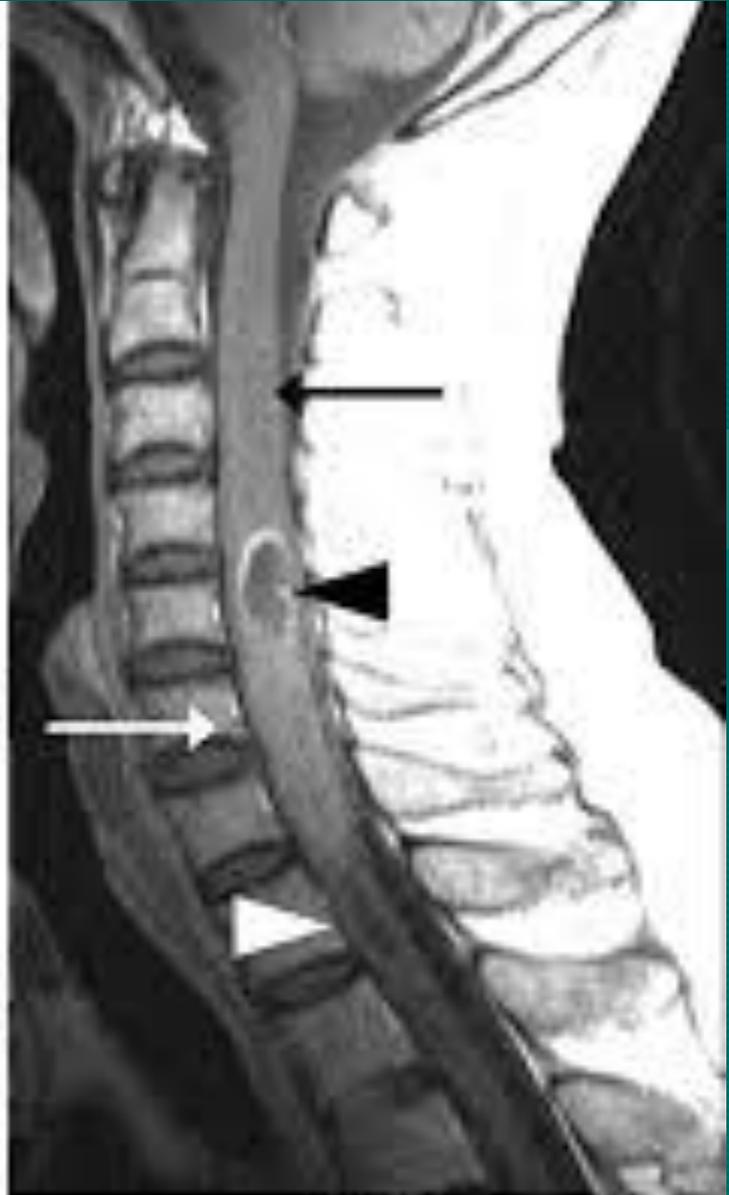
Cervical Spinal schwannoma.



The cord is expanded  
∴ intramedullary

The cord is compressed  
∴ extramedullary

(a)



(b)

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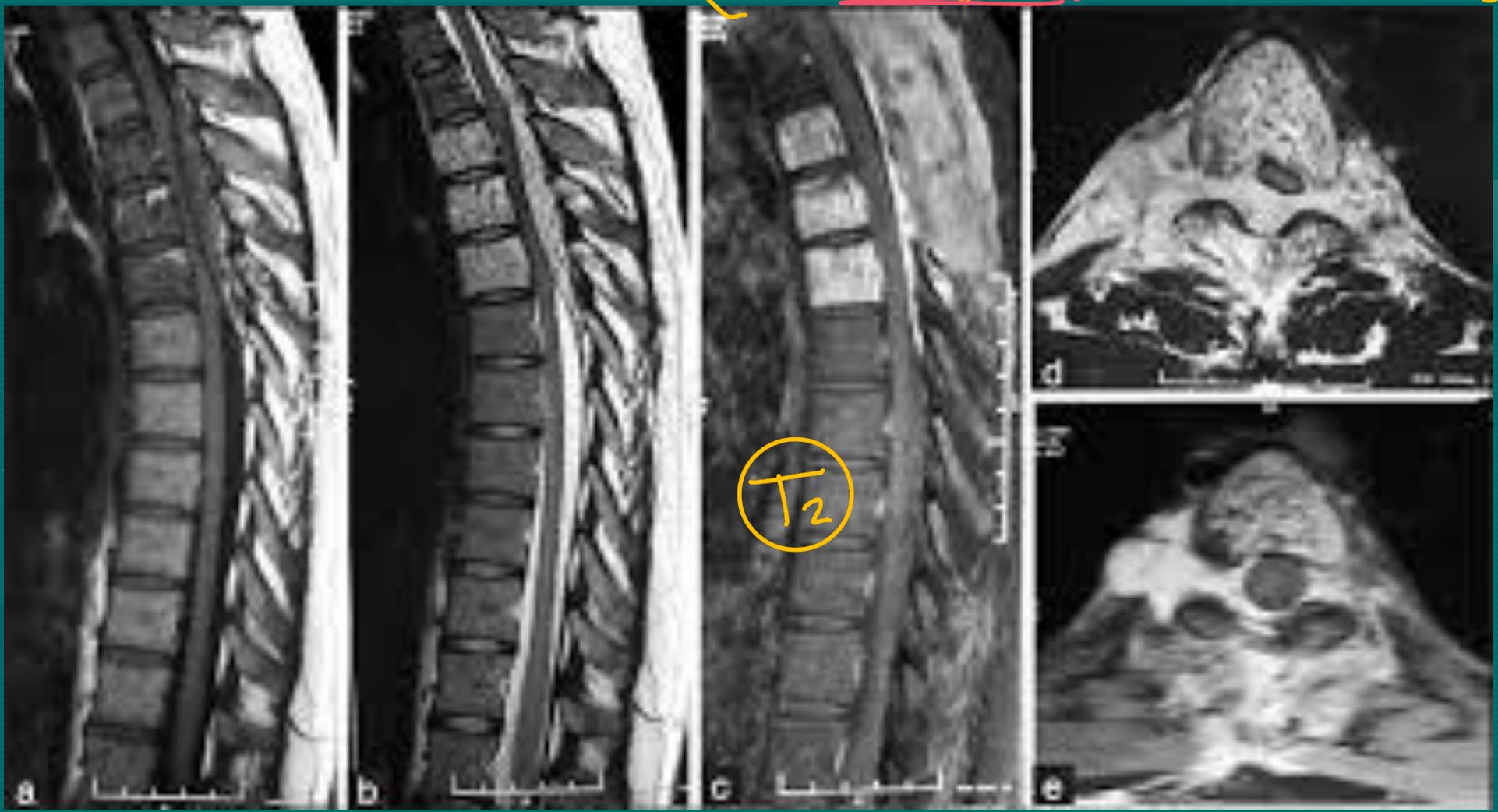
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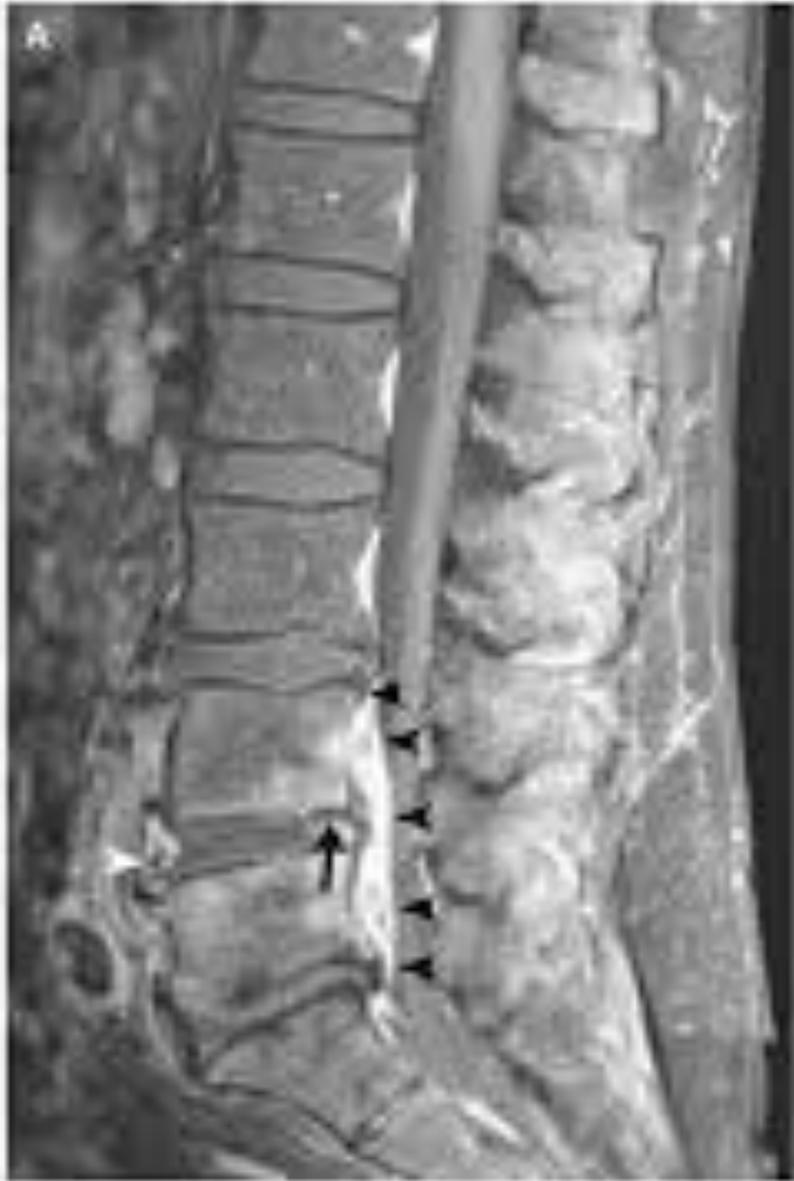
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which is the most  
common bony  
tumor of spine

There is hyperintense lesions  
within the vertebral bodies  
This is Hemangioma of vertebral body





## \* Infections of vertebral disc [discitis]

Pyogenic spondylo-  
discitis

↓  
mainly by  
Staph. aureus  
by hematogenous  
spread.

↳ \* it can affect 1 level

\* Intervertebral disc may  
be deconstructed

\* Not associated w/  
paravertebral abscess

Tuberculous spondylodiscitis [By TB]

↳ Cause Potts ds.

① \* it affect more than 2 levels

② \* with preserving the height of the disc (there is no  
destruction)

③ \* Also, usually Pott's  
ds is associated w/

paravertebral abscess

# Thank You

Most sensitive test to look for  
spondylo discitis is MRI