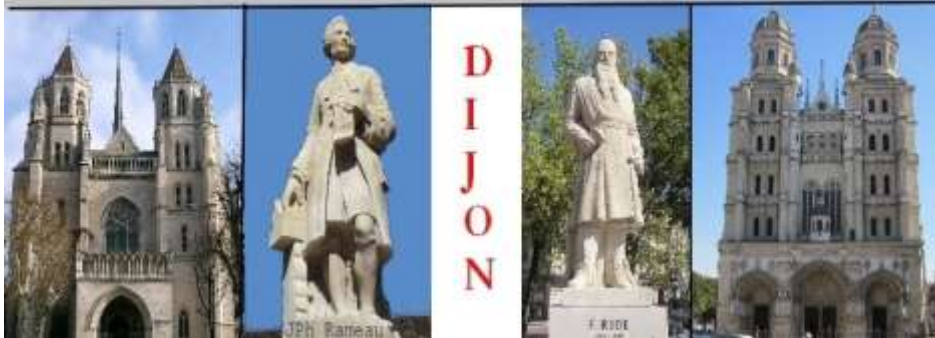


Drug-induced ILD: Epidemiology-classification

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Drug-Induced Lung Disease: The Price of Progress

- **Ca. 120 drugs**

Drug-induced and iatrogenic lung disease

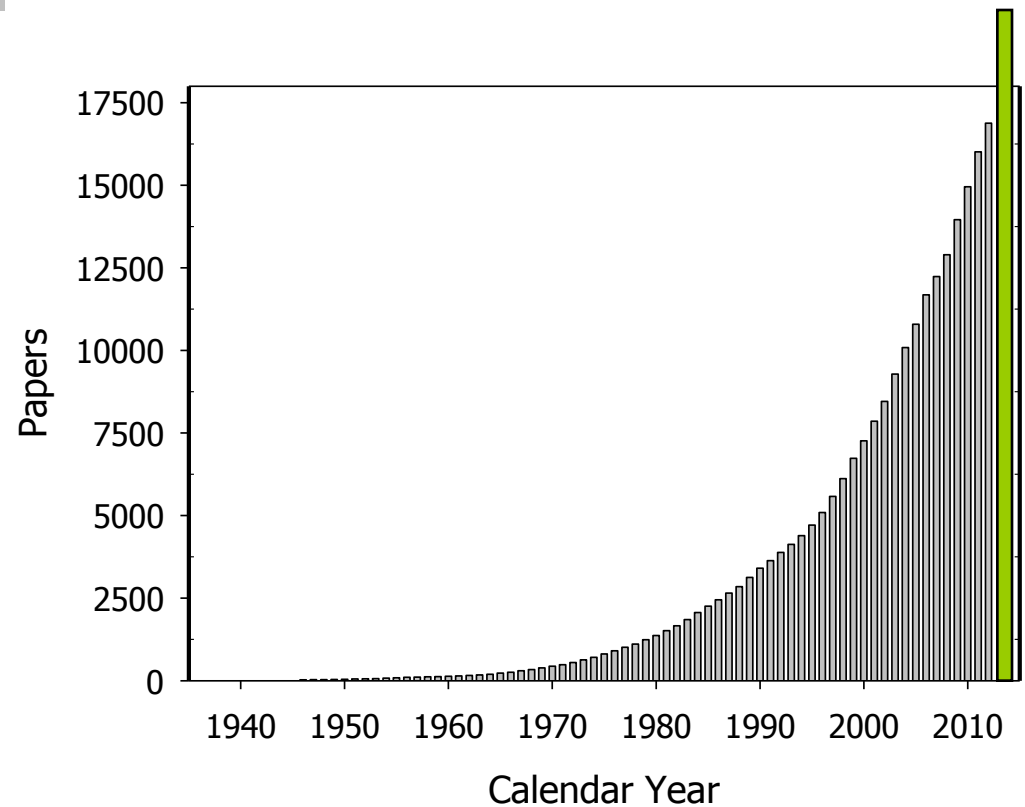
- ❑ **Therapy drugs**
- ❑ **Drugs of abuse (heroin, cocaine, meth-, MDMA)**
- ❑ **Blood & blood products**
- ❑ **Chemicals (paraquat, superwarfarins)**
- ❑ **Excipients (peanut-, castor oil, talc, crospovidone)**
- ❑ **Adulterants, curing agents: levamisole, warfarin**
- ❑ **Acrylate cement, hyaluronate, Hydrogel**
- ❑ **Gasses: O₂, NO**
- ❑ **Irradiation**
- ❑ **Herbal therapy**

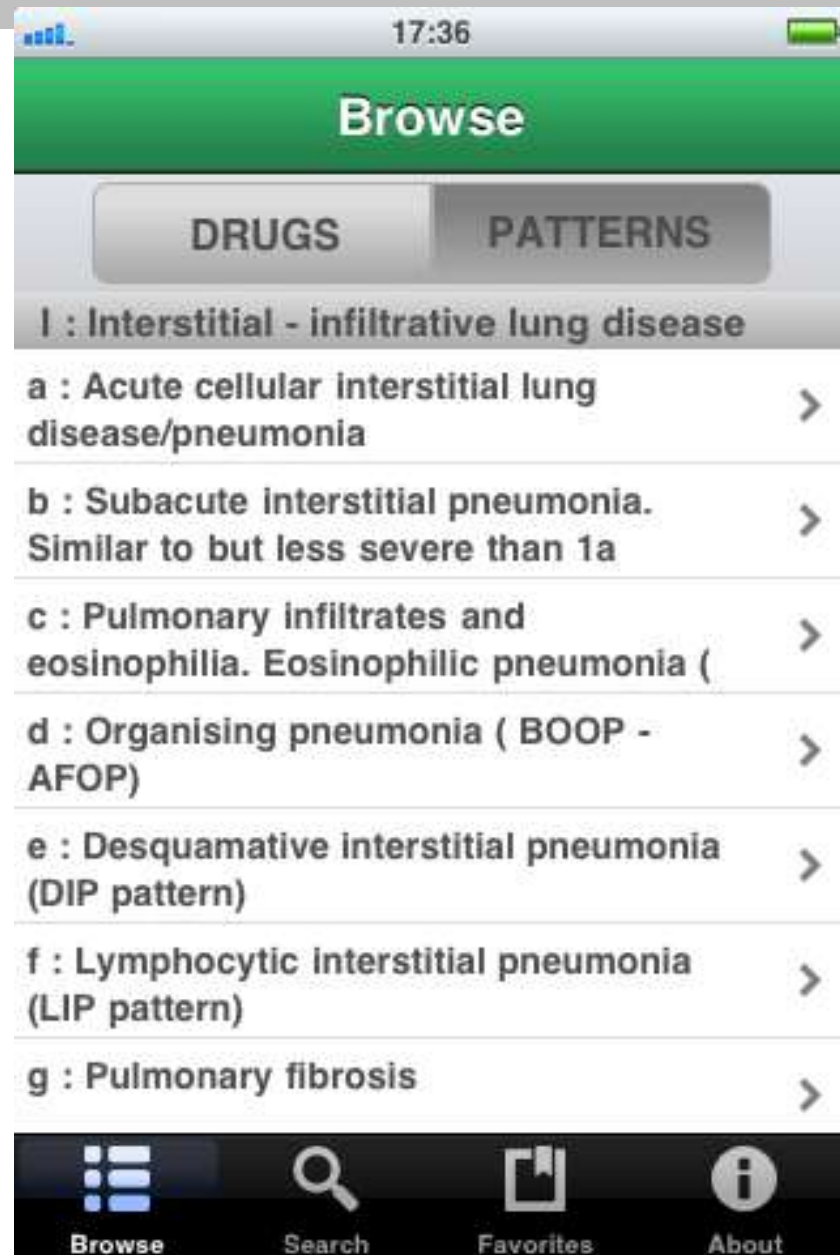
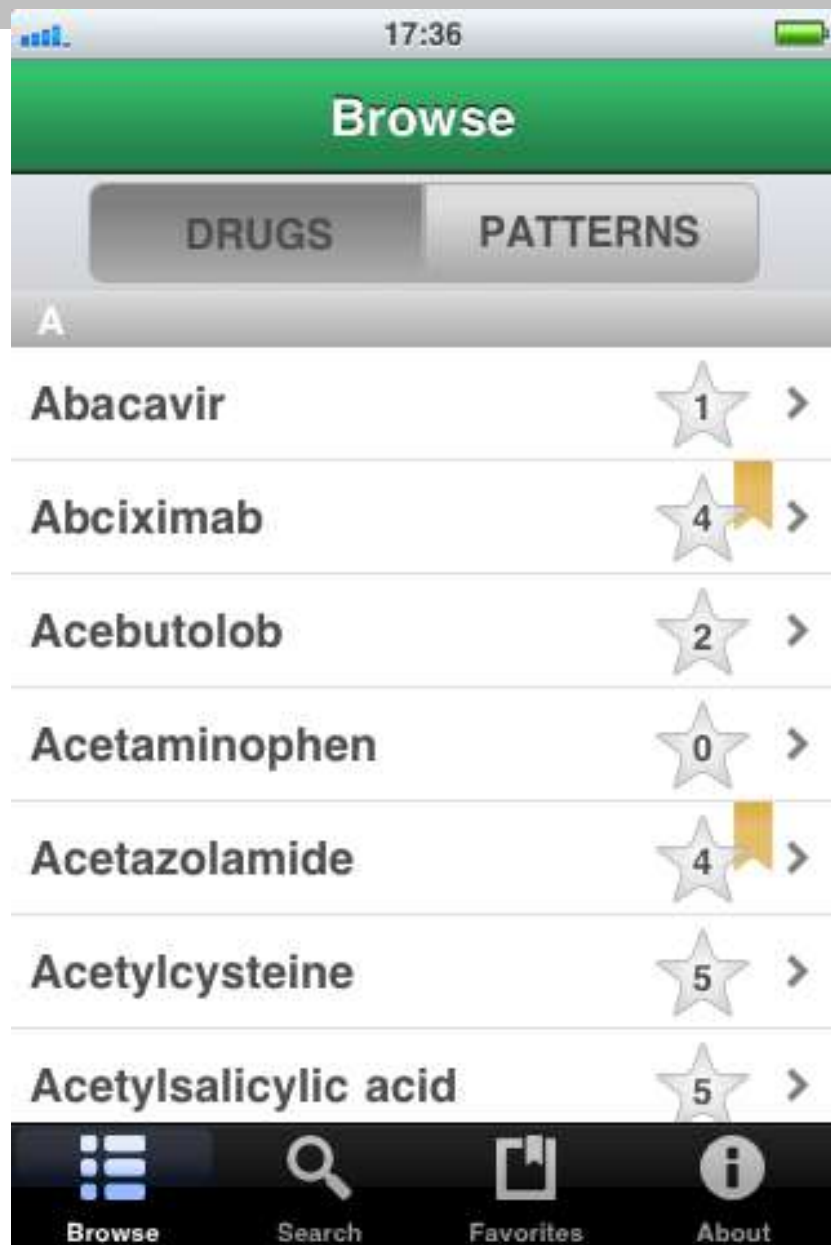
□ Literature

- 20.500 references
- ~9.000.pdf
- 1500 new papers/year

894 drugs/procedures

- 20 main patterns
- 220 sub patterns
- 33 ILD patterns





Classification

Lung parenchyma ~75%

NSIP (cellular/fibrotic)

DAD

Pulmonary edema

DAH

Opportunistic infection

Vasculopathy

PHT

Thromboembolism

Pleura

Effusion

Thickening

Chest pain

Pneumothorax

Central airway

Angioedema

Hematoma

Lower airways

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Myocarditis

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Hemoglobin

Methemoglobinemia

Neuromuscular

Acute respiratory failure



Upper airway angioedema

- ❑ Isolated UAO: ACE inhibitors
- ❑ UAO & anaphylaxis: antibiotics, NSAIDs, chemo agents, biologicals
- ❑ Maintain airway patency
- ❑ Icatibant - Epinephrine



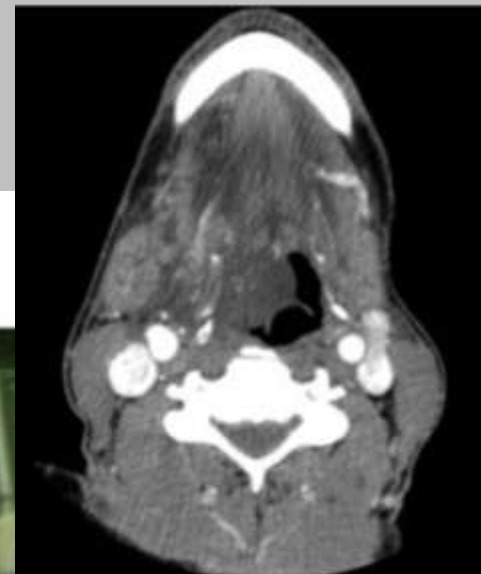


Figure 1. Example of life-threatening ACE inhibitor-induced angioedema with attempted emergency fiber optic nasotracheal intubation. The procedure was unsuccessful, and an emergency cricothyroidotomy was performed with great difficulty.

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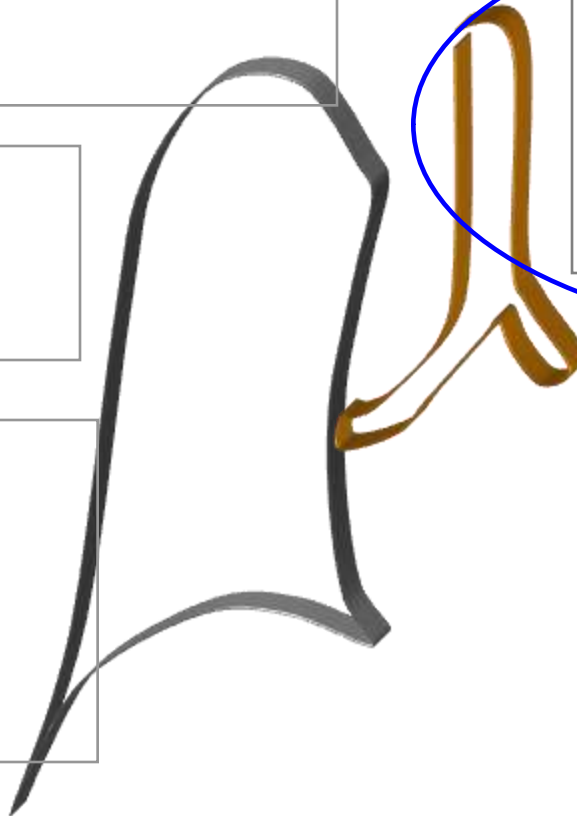
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Catastrophic bronchospasm - AAA

▣ Causal drugs

- ▣ Nonselective β -blockers: propranolol

- ▣ NSAIDs - ASA

- ▣ Abused substances

 - ❖ Heroin

 - ❖ Cocaine

 - ❖ Alcohol

▣ Dry cinnamon challenge









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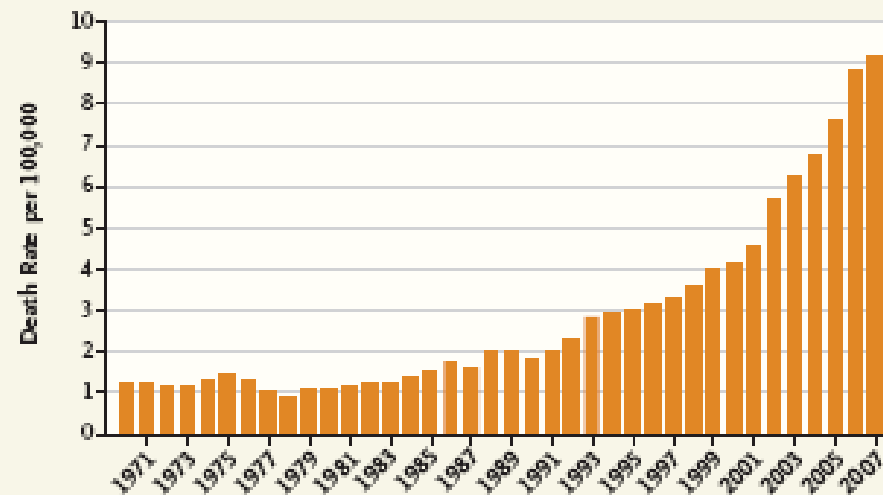
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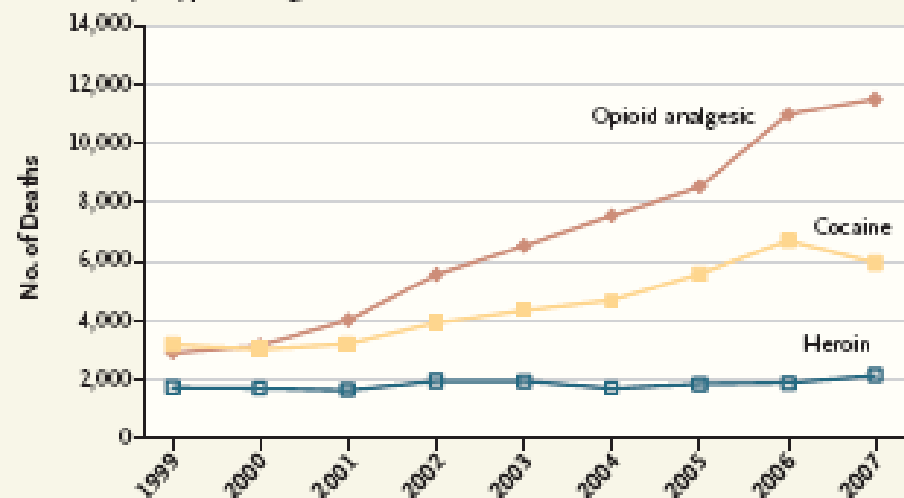
Acute respiratory failure



A Deaths from Unintentional Drug Overdoses in the United States, 1970–2007



B Deaths from Unintentional Drug Overdoses in the United States According to Major Type of Drug, 1999–2007



U.S. Rates of Death from Unintentional Drug Overdoses and Numbers of Deaths, According to Major Type of Drug.

Shown are nationwide rates of death from unintentional drug overdoses from 1970 through 2007 (Panel A) and the numbers of such deaths from opioid analgesics, cocaine, and heroin from 1999 through 2007 (Panel B). Data are from the National Vital Statistics System, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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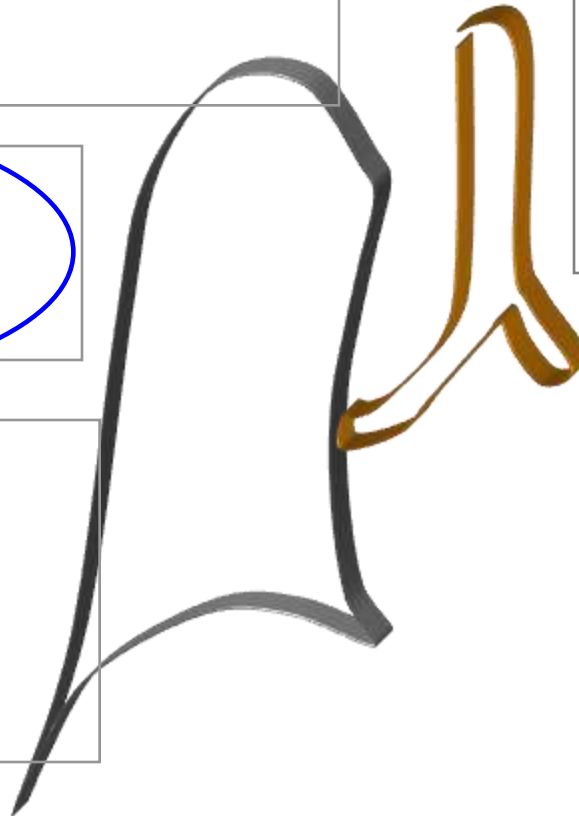
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Pulmonary vasculopathy

▣ Pulmonary hypertension

▣ Anorexigens

- ❖ Aminorex, fenfluramine, benfluorex
- ❖ Recreational aminorex
- ❖ Aminorex from levamisole

▣ Dasatinib

▣ Interferons

▣ Abused amphetamines

▣ Crushed tablets

▣ PVOD

▣ Mitomycin C

DI Interstitial lung disease

- ❑ **28% of publications**
- ❑ **Ca. 75% of DI cases**
- ❑ **Drugs may 'produce' virtually any known ILD pattern**
- ❑ **Drug withdrawal leads to improvement in a sizable fraction**

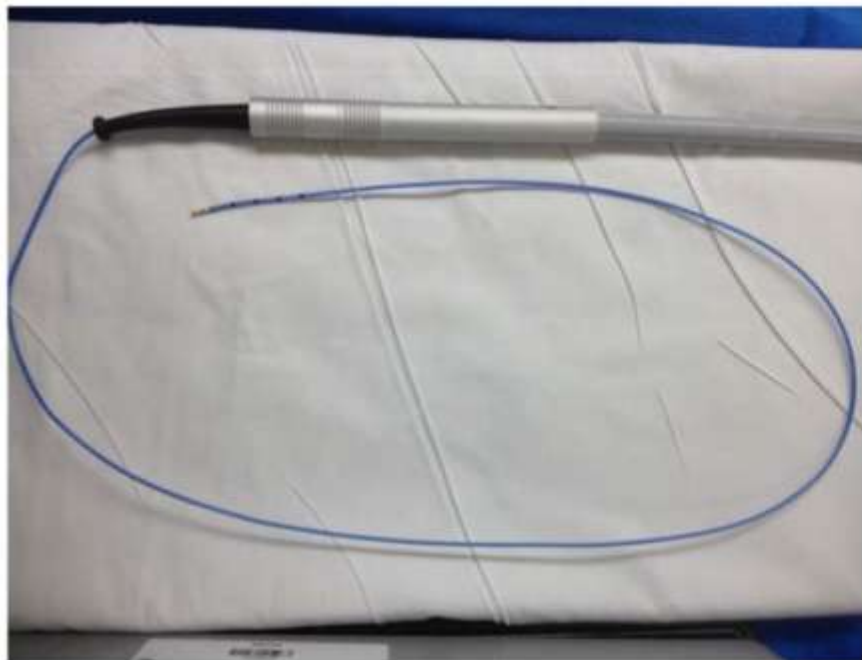
Pathology

- ❑ ***‘Regarding drug-related injury, no histopathologic changes are specific for any drug, despite any claims in the literature to the contrary’***

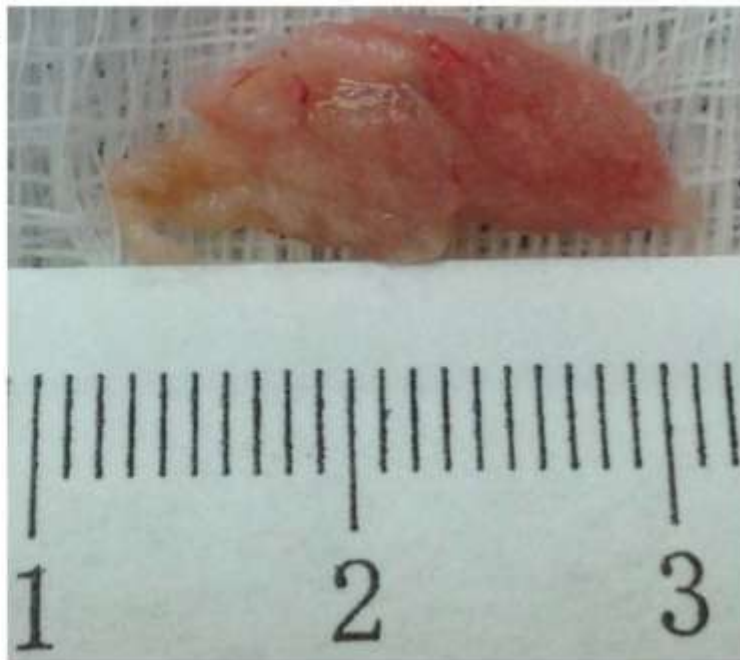
Leslie K Arch Pathol Lab Med, 2007; 131: 407

- ❑ **TBLB ‘unreliable’**
- ❑ **OLB: 4.5-6.9%**
- ❑ **VATS: Mortality up to 2.1%**

A



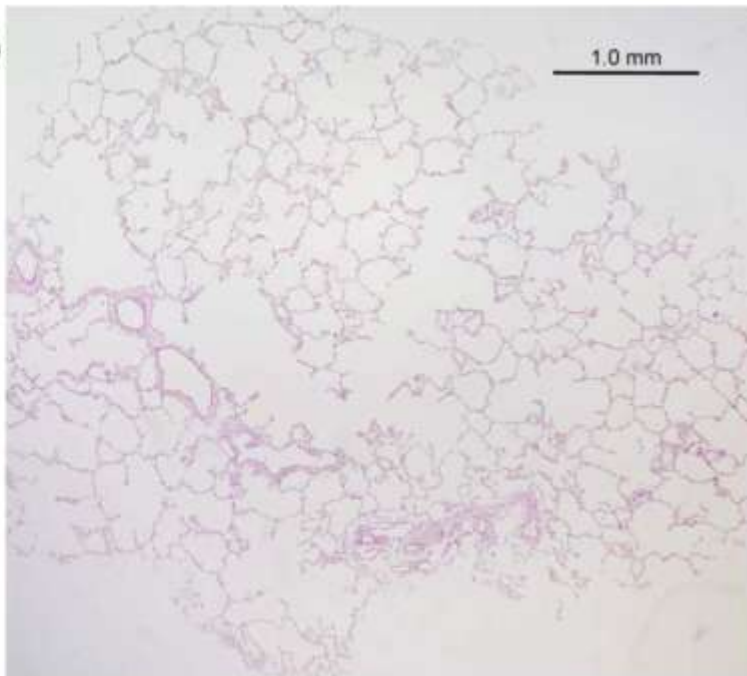
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C



D



Caution when relating imaging and pathology

❑ **Cleverley 2002: 20 ILD**

- ❑ Concordant: 45%

- ❑ Discordant: 55%

❑ **Blackhall 2013: 103 ILD**

- ❑ Concordant: 18.4%

- ❑ Discordant: 51.5%

- ❑ No diagnosis: 30.1%

❑ **Kayatta 2013: 194 ILD**

- ❑ Concordant: 15%

□ EPIDEMIOLOGY

ILD fraction attributable to drugs/radiation

■ Netherlands: Thomeer 2001

Table 1. – Comparison of distribution of interstitial lung diseases in different registries

	Flanders*		Germany [#]	Italy		New Mexico ^{\$}	
	Prevalent	Incident	Incident	Prevalent [†]	Prevalent ⁺	Prevalent	Incident
Total number	362	264	234	4169	1138	257	202
Sarcoidosis	112 (31)	69 (26)	83 (35)	2199 (53)	344 (30)	30 (12)	16 (7.8)
IPF (UIP, DIP, LIP)	62 (17)	50 (19)	76 (32)	805 (19)	417 (37)	58 (23)	63 (31)
BOOP	10 (2.3)	9 (3.4)	16 (6.8)	26 (0.6)	57 (5)	0	1 (0.5)
(C)EP	9 (2.5)	7 (2.7)	0	42 (1.0)	27 (2.3)	3 (1.2)	1 (0.5)
Connective tissue disease	27 (7.5)	19 (7.2)	5 (2.1)	125 (3.0)		33 (13)	18 (8.9)
Goodpasture, Wegener, Churg Strauss	5 (1.4)	4 (1.5)	2 (0.8)	62 (1.5)	25 (2.2)	2 (0.8)	7 (3.5)
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis	47 (13)	32 (12)	25 (11)	162 (3.9)	50 (4.3)	0	3 (1.5)
Drug/radiation [‡]	12 (3.3)	12 (5)	6 (2.6)	87 (2.1)	21 (1.8)	6 (1.9)	7 (3.5)
Eosinophil granuloma/histiocytosis X	13 (3.6)	7 (2.7)	0	34 (0.8)	73 (7.2)	2 (0.8)	0
Pneumoconiosis**	19 (5.0)	18 (6.8)	6 (2.6)	417 (10)		36 (14)	21 (10)
Fibrosis (postinflation, not defined)	33 (9.1)	27 (10)	12 (5.1)			83 (32)	61 (30)
Others	13 (3.6)	10 (3.8)	0	210 (5.0)	124 (11)	5 (1.9)	4 (1.9)

■ Denmark: Hylgaard 2014: 5%

■ India/Turkey: Yoh 2010: 1.08%; Musellim: 1.7%

- **Nonchemo drugs**

- Amiodarone: 3.8% vs. 1.5% in CTR (1.43% p-y)
- Leflunomide: 1.2% (8.1/10,000 p-y)
- Lenalidomide: 3.4%
- Methotrexate: 0.43-9%
- Nitrofurantoin: 0.02% (acute/chronic 1/5)
- I-mTOR (sirolimus, everolimus): 6-36%

- In SOT recipients: ~3%

Chemotherapy drugs

- **BCNU: 2%**
 - intensive: 19.3% (44% mortality)
- **CCNU: 1%**
- **ATRA: 7.8%**
- **Bleomycin 1-11% (Fatal in 10-60%)**
 - + radiation: 42%
- **Busulfan high dose: 3.6%**
- **Docetaxel 2-4.6% (25.9% if preexisting ILD)**
- **Erlotinib: 0.4%**
- **Fludarabine: 8.6%**
- **Gefitinib: 3.2-4.5% (1% in the west)**
- **Gemcitabine: 0.2%**
- **Paclitaxel: 3%**

Drug regimens +/- radiation (average: 1-6%)

- ▣ Cyclophosphamide+methotrexate+etoposide: 24%
- ▣ Gemcitabine + bleomycin: 22%
- ▣ Gemcitabine/Pemetrexed + platinum: 5.8%
- ▣ Weekly gemcitabine + docetaxel: 23%
- ▣ Gemcitabine + RTE: 31.6%
- ▣ Vinorelbine, MMC, h GCSF: 11%

- ▣ Breast: 14.6%
- ▣ Hodgkin: 0.8%
- ▣ Lung cancer: 5.4%

All are probable underestimates

- ▣ **Underreporting**
- ▣ **Subclinical involvement**
 - ▣ **Chemotherapy**
 - ▣ **Amiodarone pulmonary toxicity**
 - ▣ **Longterm cancer survivors**

Subclinical effects

▣ **Rivera 2009**

- ❖ 87 patients
- ❖ Gemcitabine plus carboplatin, paclitaxel, or cisplatin
- ❖ Volumes/flows: no significant change
- ❖ DLCO: -8.7% pred (-10% baseline)
- ❖ Clinical pulmonary toxicity: n=1 (1.1%)

▣ **Cerfolio 2009**

- ❖ 132 patients
- ❖ No change in lung volumes
- ❖ DLCO -6.4%
- ❖ Drop in DLCO >8% predicted major postoperative respiratory morbidity

▣ Leo 2010

❖ 10 patients cisplatin + gemcitabine

▣ Diffuse lung damage in 8

▣ Postoperative pulmonary complications 6/10

❖ vs. 10 nonchemo controls

▣ Diffuse lung damage 0/10

▣ Postoperative pulmonary complications 0/10

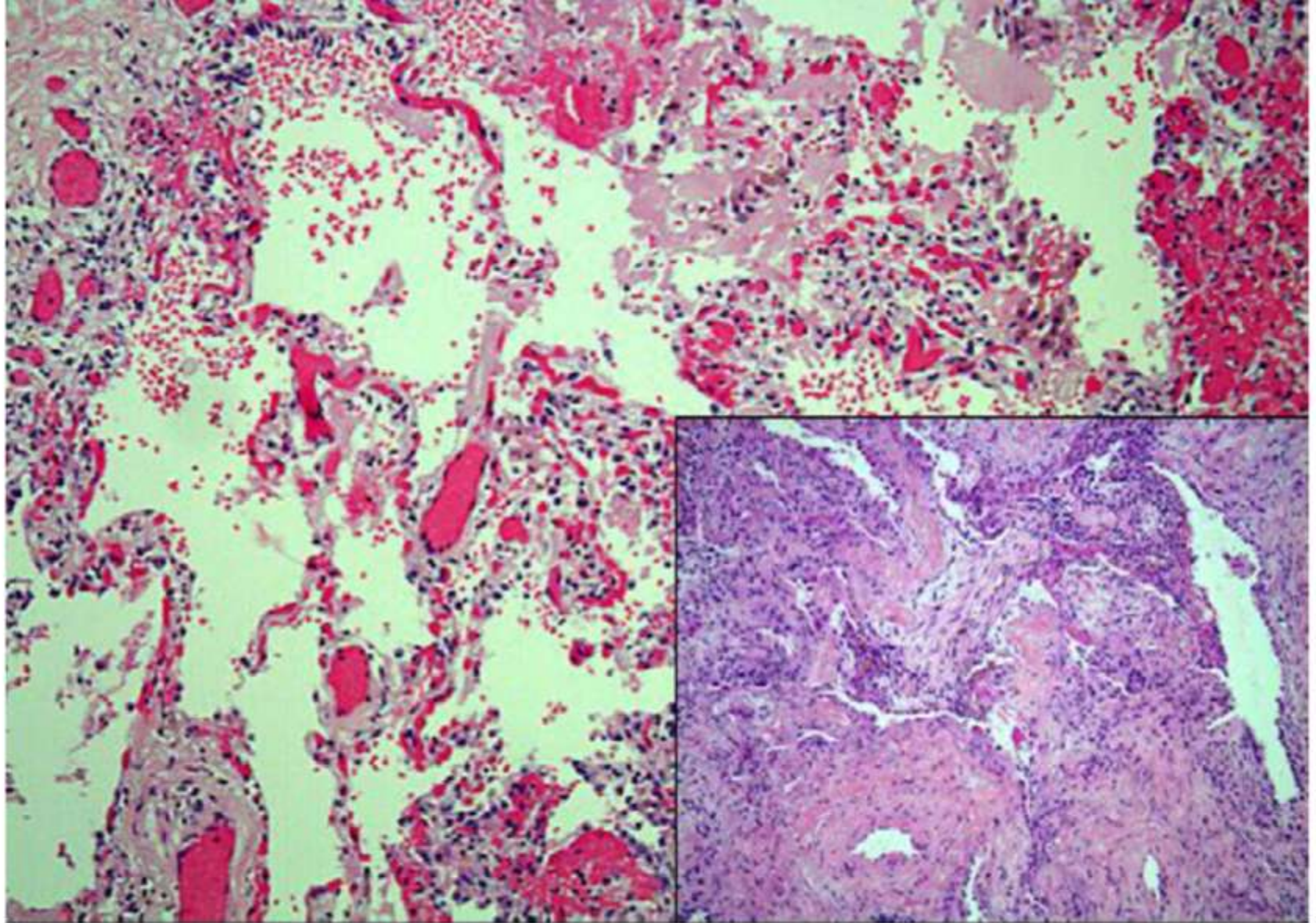
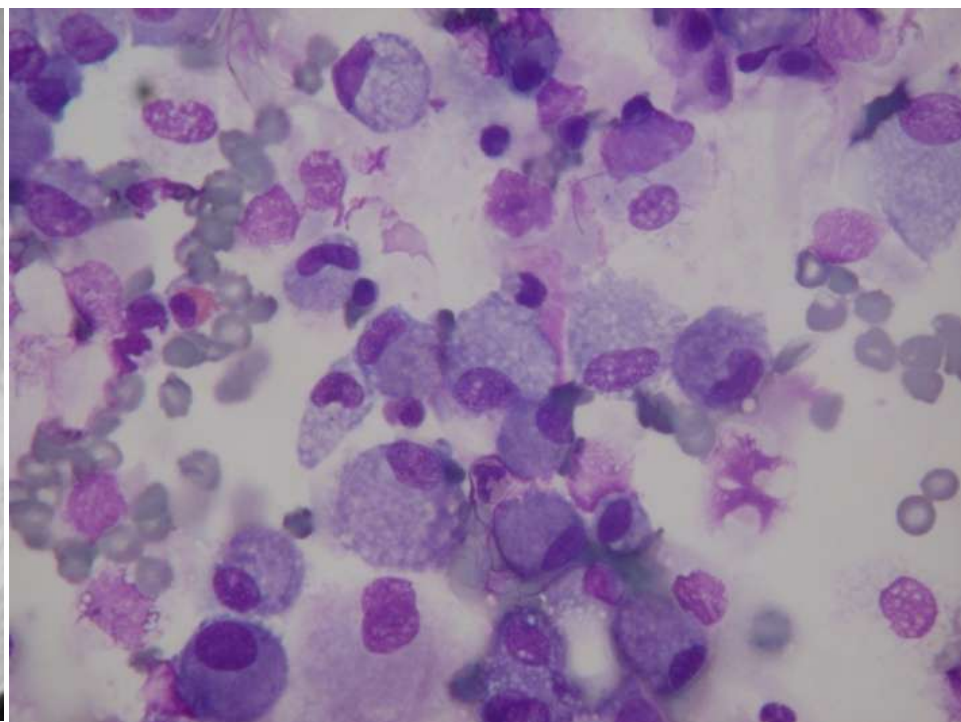
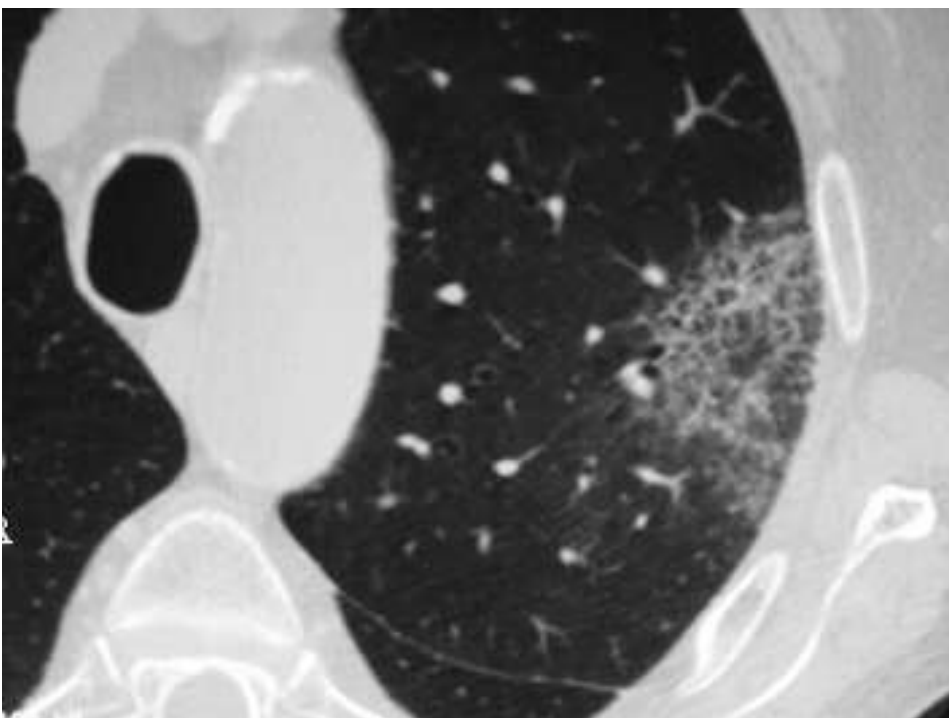


Fig. 2. Diffuse alveolar damage (DAD): interstitial and alveolar oedema and/or fibroblastic proliferation in association with epithelial and endothelial damage and alveolar fibrin laminar accumulation in the form of hyaline membranes.



By patterns

- **ARDS: 9.5%-13.6%**
- **DAH: 11-18%**
- **OP: 28%**
- **PIE: 10-18%**
- **PIE children: 18.2%**
- **A BAL with increased eosinophils: 12%**
- **TRALI: 1/5000; 10% fatal**

- **AAA: 14%**

The 2013 ATS/ERS classification

▣ Major idiopathic interstitial pneumonias

- ▣ Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis **Y**
- ▣ Idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia **Y**
- ▣ Respiratory bronchiolitis–interstitial lung disease **y**
- ▣ Desquamative interstitial pneumonia **y**
- ▣ Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia **Y**
- ▣ Acute interstitial pneumonia **Y**

▣ Rare idiopathic interstitial pneumonias

- ▣ Idiopathic lymphoid interstitial pneumonia **y**
- ▣ Idiopathic pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis **Y**

▣ Unclassifiable idiopathic interstitial pneumonias **Y**

- ❑ **Pulmonary fibrosis**
- ❑ **NSIP (cellular > fibrotic)**
- ❑ **Eosinophilic pneumonia & AEP**
- ❑ **BOOP, AFOP**
- ❑ **Diffuse alveolar damage - ARDS**
- ❑ **Pulmonary edema**
(Cardiac, noncardiogenic, TRALI, ATRA)
- ❑ **ILD with a granulomatous component**
- ❑ **Amiodarone pulmonary toxicity**

DI pulmonary fibrosis (72 drugs)

▣ Background influence of cigarette smoking (SRIF)

▣ Onset

- ▣ De novo (amiodarone)
- ▣ Following subacute or acute DI-pneumonitis (bleo, chemo)

▣ Localizes

- ▣ Bases or diffuse
- ▣ Irradiated area

▣ Progression

- ▣ Slow: amio, cyclophosphamide, nitrofurantoin
- ▣ Rapid: bleo, paraquat, TNF antagonists

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The Drug-Induced Respiratory Disease Website

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Chronic Nitrofurantoin–Induced Lung Disease

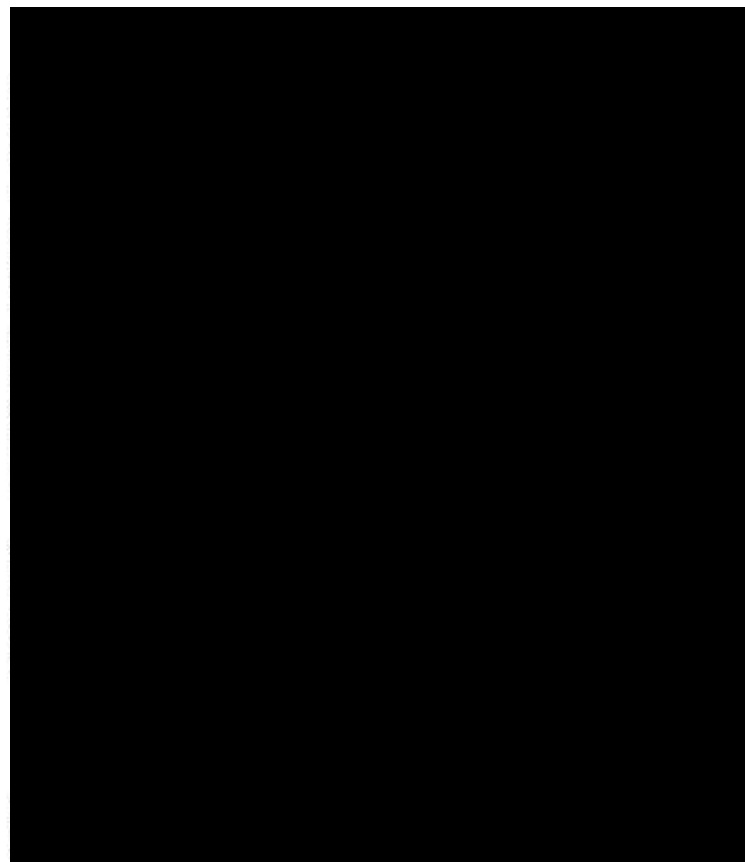
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OBJECTIVE: To reassess the clinical and radiological features of chronic nitrofurantoin–induced lung disease and eventual clinical outcome.

PATIENTS AND METHODS: We retrospectively reviewed the medical records of 18 patients with chronic nitrofurantoin–induced lung disease who were seen at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn, from January 1, 1997, to December 31, 2002.

RESULTS: The median age of the 18 patients was 72 years (range, 47–90 years) at the time of diagnosis; 17 (94%) were women. Onset of symptoms occurred after a median interval of 23 months (range, 10–144 months) following the initiation of nitrofurantoin therapy for the prevention of recurrent urinary tract infections. All patients presented with persistent dyspnea and cough associated with lung infiltrates detected on chest radiography. Ten computed tomograms were available for review and revealed bilateral areas of ground-glass opacities in all cases and showed subpleural irregular linear opacities and patchy consolidation in some cases. Nitrofurantoin therapy was discontinued in all patients, and most improved subsequently; 9 patients received corticosteroid therapy.

CONCLUSIONS: Chronic nitrofurantoin–induced lung disease is seen predominantly in older women who present with respiratory symptoms after a year or more of nitrofurantoin therapy. Associated radiological features are relatively nonspecific but usually include bilateral areas of ground-glass opacities on computed tomography of the chest. Cessation of nitrofurantoin therapy leads to improvement and suffices in the management of some patients, although corticosteroid therapy may be helpful in those more severely affected.



- 18 patients 17W
- Average time of onset: 23 months
- Time to diagnosis: 4 months
- Eosinophilia: 17%
- Lung biopsy: NSIP + fibrosis, OP giant cells
- Withdrawal: 18/18
 - ❖ Improved: 16
 - ❖ Stable: 2
 - ❖ Residual disease 12



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RECURRENT UTI IN NON-PREGNANT WOMEN

Is “nitrofurantoin lung” on the increase?

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Gupta and Trautner suggest using nitrofurantoin as prophylaxis for recurrent urinary tract infections (UTIs) in non-pregnant women.¹ They mention the risk of pulmonary toxicity (“nitrofurantoin lung”) associated with prolonged treatment but suggest that this occurs after years of treatment.

In Grampian we have identified 13 patients in the past four years with nitrofurantoin lung, 12 of whom were non-pregnant women receiving prophylactic treatment for recurrent UTI. Ten of them had been treated with nitrofurantoin for 18 months or less before diagnosis (mean treatment duration 14 months). None had been aware of potential lung toxicity, and the prescribing clinicians were surprised by the diagnosis. All patients were advised to stop taking nitrofurantoin, and six also received empirical oral steroids. Serial spirometry (available in nine patients) showed dramatically improved lung function after nitrofurantoin was stopped (mean predicted forced vital capacity 78% at diagnosis, 110% after cessation); serial chest radiographs also showed improvement.

Data from Prescribing Information System for Scotland show that community prescribing of nitrofurantoin more than tripled from 2008 to 2012—from 3.4 to 11 prescribed items per 1000 patients. We believe this change in prescribing, advocated in current guidelines,^{2,3} is reflected in our local experience and elsewhere in the UK.^{4,5} We anticipate a continued increased in

the incidence of nitrofurantoin lung and worry that many clinicians have forgotten the potential for lung toxicity.

Nitrofurantoin lung was initially misdiagnosed as cardiac failure, pneumonia, and, in one case, metastatic cancer. Patients should be advised to report any respiratory symptoms—such as worsening cough or breathlessness—that develop. Current guidelines and primary care prescribing systems should emphasise the potential for toxicity, which is reversible if the association is recognised early.

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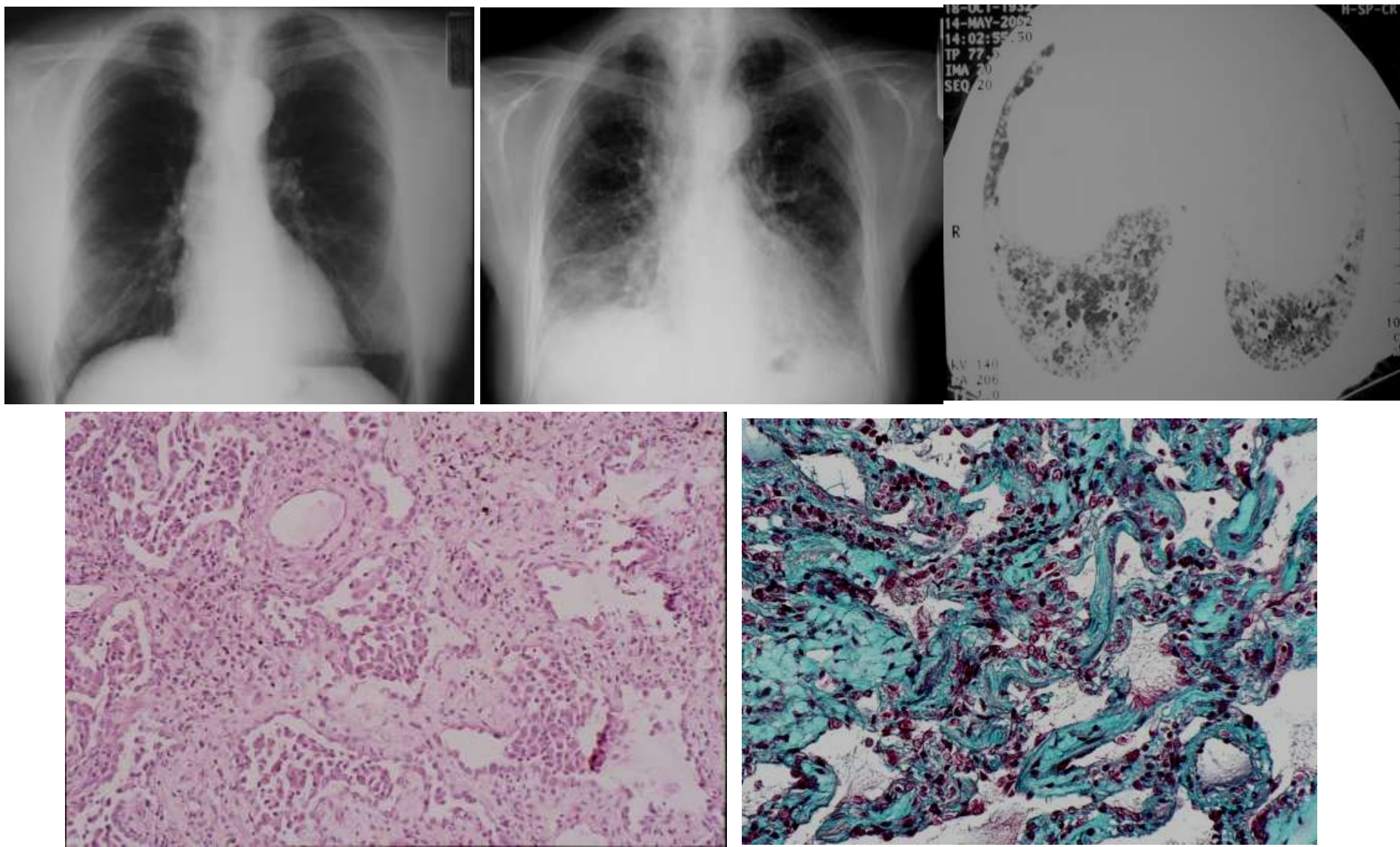
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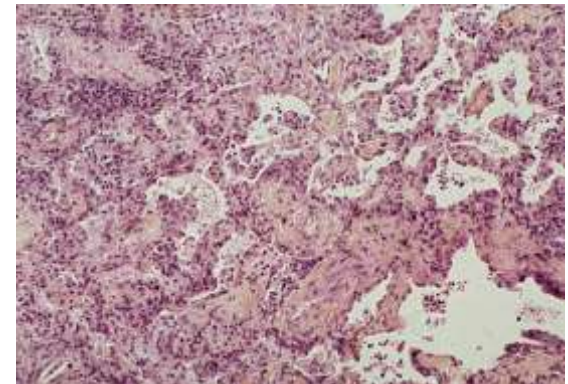
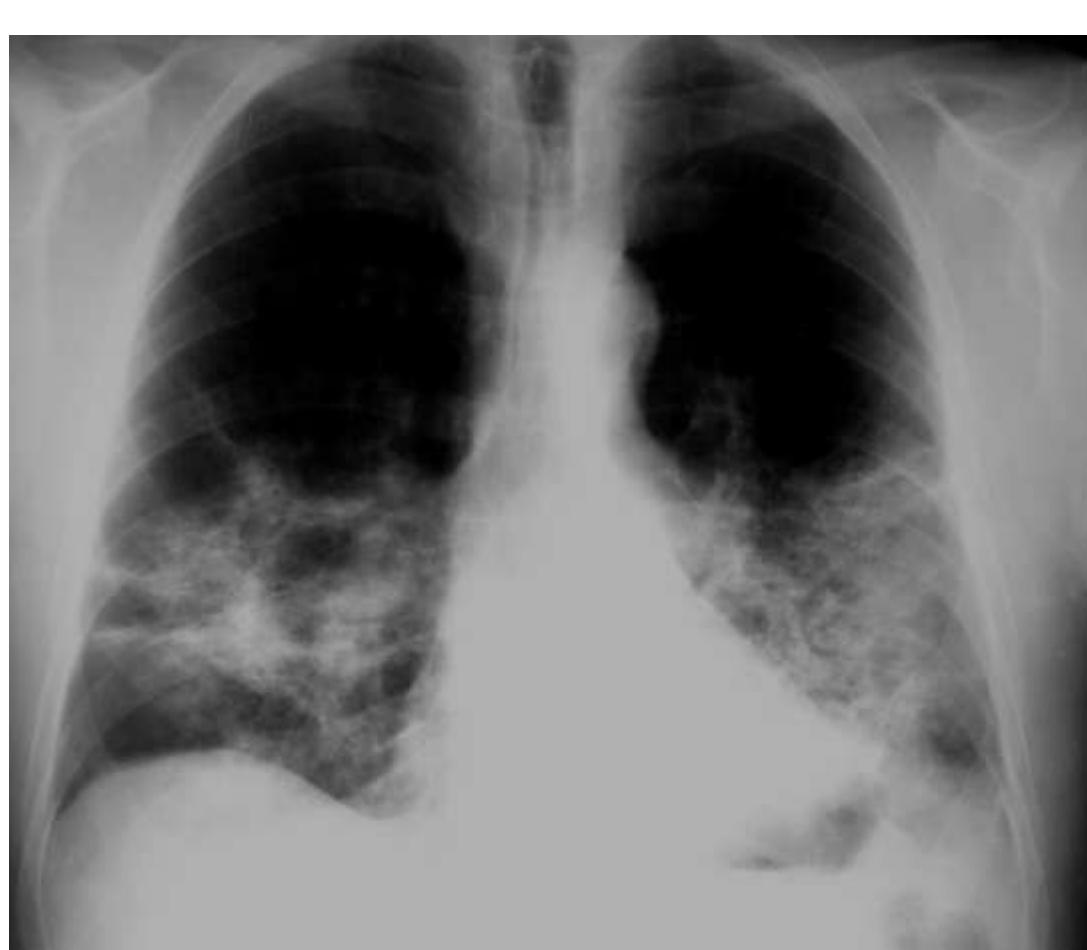
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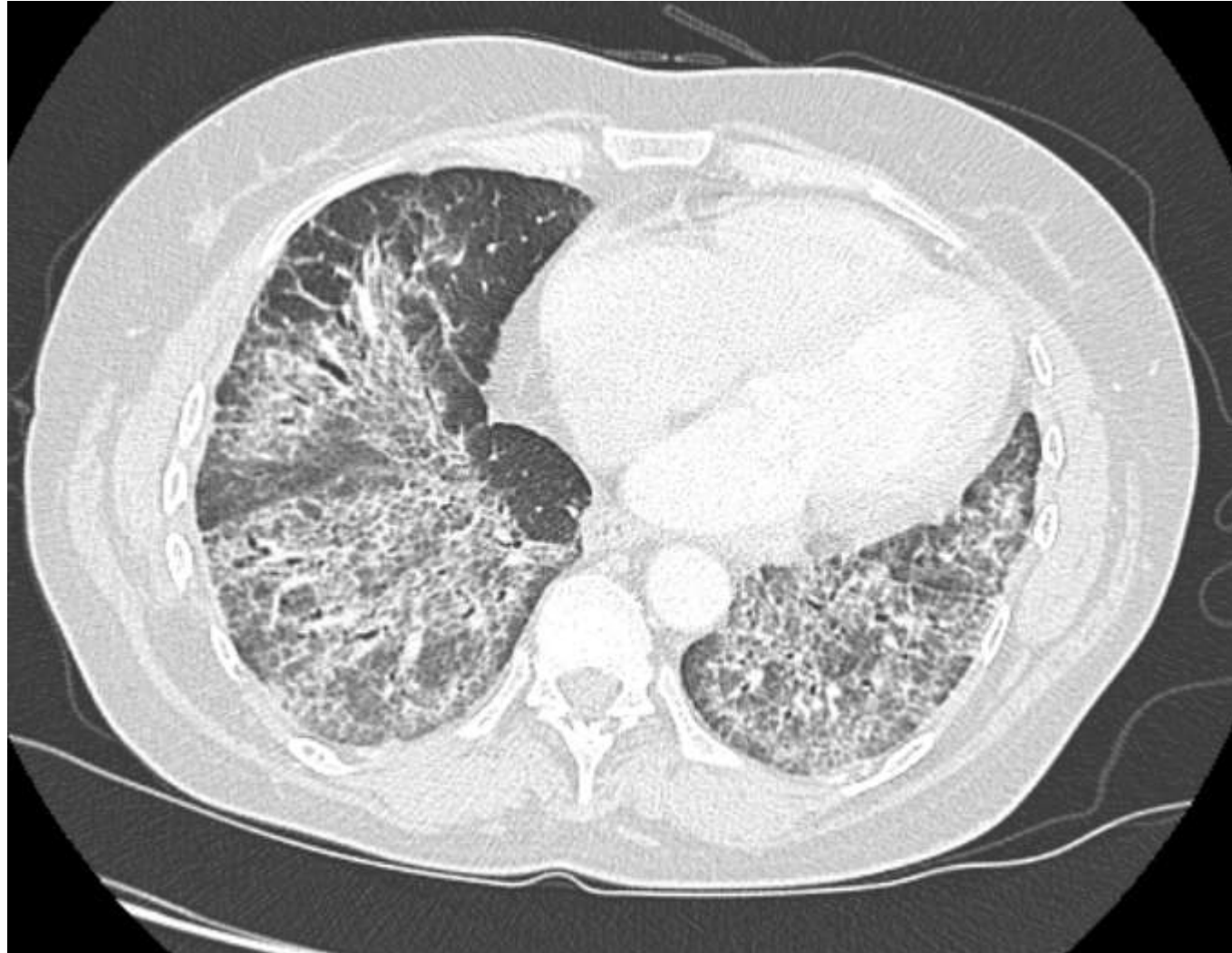
▣ Amiodarone-induced fibrosis

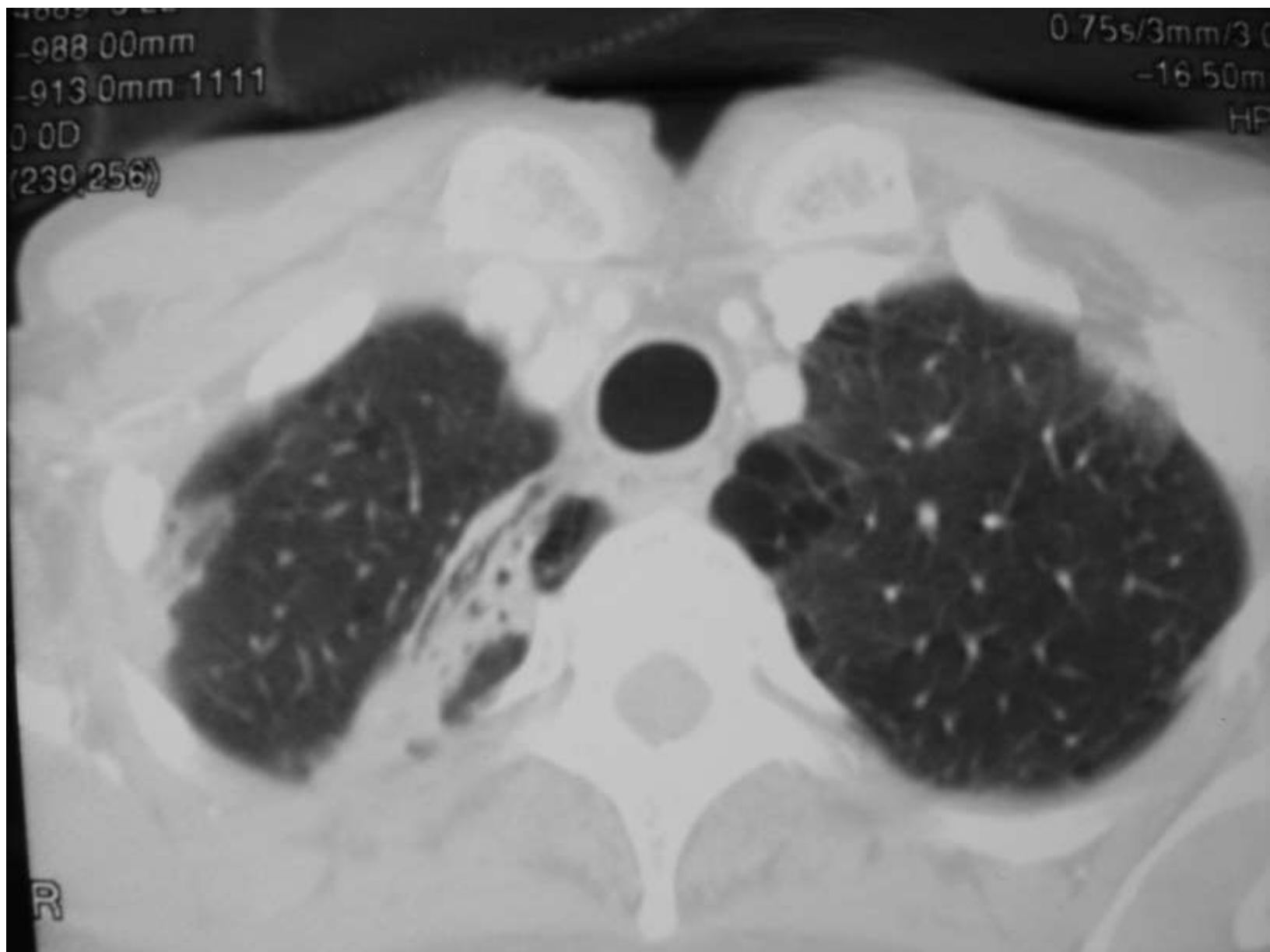


- ▣ Fibrosis as a late pattern of chemotherapy lung
 - ❖ Bleomycin, busulfan, cyclophosphamide, MMC, nitrosourea



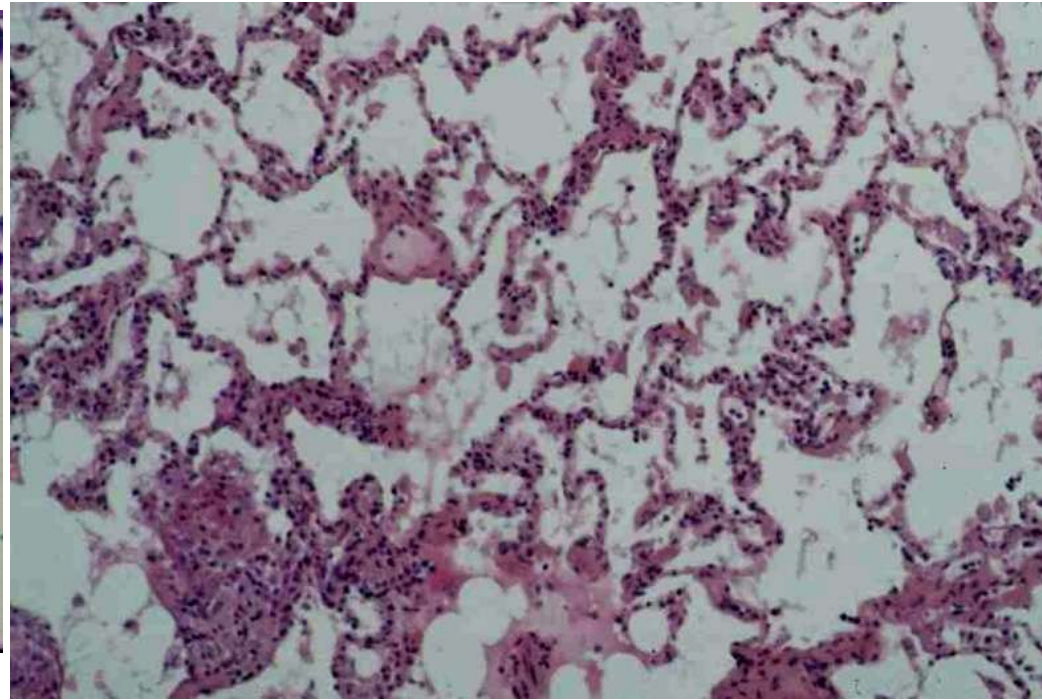
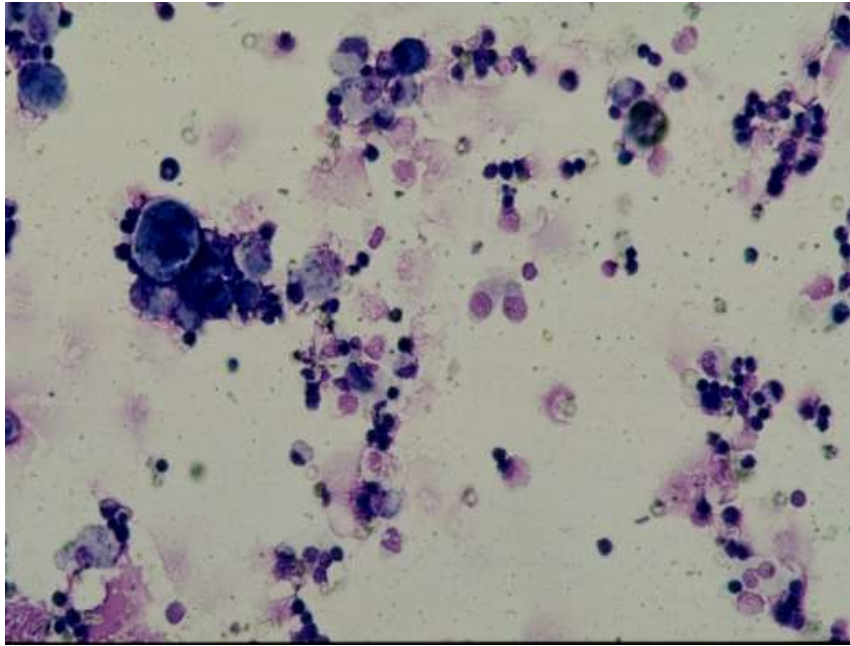
▣ Post-MTX pneumonitis in RA





DI-NSIP (250 drugs)

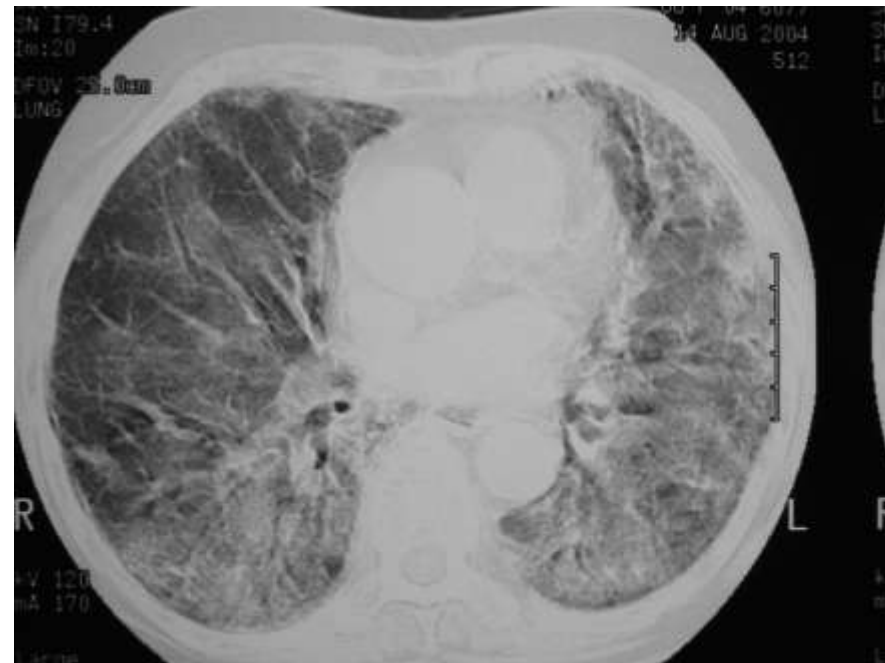
- ▣ Common
- ▣ Cellular ILD



- ▣ Causal drugs: cyclophosphamide, flecainide, fludarabine, lefunomide, methotrexate, m-TOR inhibitors, nitrofurantoin, TKI
- ▣ BAL unpredictable (D'Elia 2014) 47 cases
 - ❖ Ly 21%, LN 23%, LE 21%, LNE 23%, N 9%
 - ❖ Rule out *Pneumocystis*
- ▣ Rechallenge -> relapse, sometimes fatal
- ▣ Pneumotox database
 - ❖ Rechallenge 549 papers
 - ❖ With relapse 328
 - ❖ Without relapse 88

▣ Acute NF pulmonary toxicity

- ❖ <2 weeks
- ❖ Chest pain, fever, cough
breathlessness
- ❖ Pleural effusions
- ❖ Mild peripheral eosinophilia
- ❖ Resolves with cessation
- ❖ Relapses with reexposure



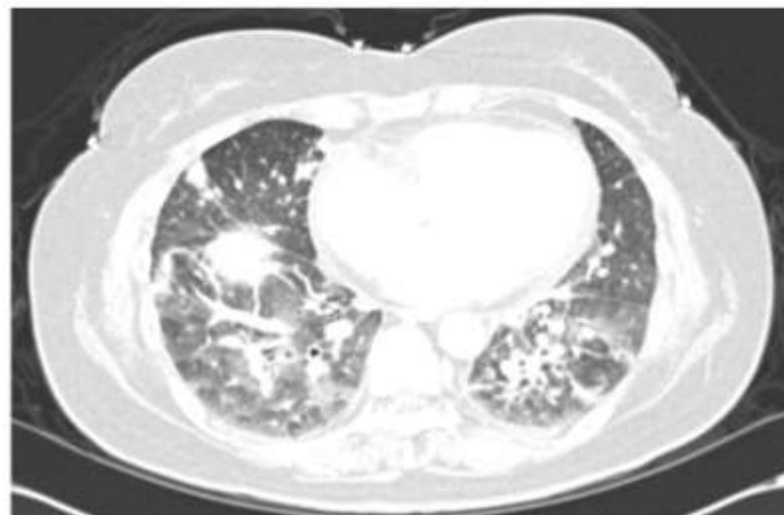
Successful Erlotinib Rechallenge After Erlotinib-Induced Interstitial Lung Disease

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CASE REPORT

A 56-year-old nonsmoking Korean woman was diagnosed with stage 4 lung adenocarcinoma. Computed tomography (CT) scan showed a dominant left lung mass (Figure 1) with pulmonary, mediastinal, liver, adrenal, bone, and brain metastases. Erlotinib 150 mg daily and whole brain irradiation were started, and an epithelial growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 mutation was detected. Symptoms improved until week 5 when she developed a new fever, worsening skin rash, and nonproductive cough. Erlotinib was held, and topical cleocin and oral doxycycline 200 mg daily were begun. Over the next 4 days, cough and dyspnea worsened with fall of O₂ saturation to 92%, prompting repeat CT scan. This revealed a tumor response; however, new extensive bilateral ground glass opacities consistent with erlotinib-induced in-

terstitial lung disease (ILD) were noted (Figure 2). No further



CASE REPORTS

Successful reintroduction of methotrexate after pneumonitis in two patients with rheumatoid arthritis

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Abstract

Two patients are described with severe and progressive rheumatoid arthritis in whom methotrexate was reintroduced despite previous methotrexate related pneumonitis. In both patients a marked improvement in disease control occurred without a recurrence of the pneumonitis.

In the treatment of severe erosive arthritis, a limited number of disease modifying drugs are available. When all avenues of treatment have led to intolerance or inefficacy in the patient with progressive disease, the question arises as to whether a previously useful but poorly tolerated drug can be safely reintroduced. Factors influencing this decision include the nature of the toxicity previously encountered, the severity of the patient's disease, and the current state of knowledge with respect to the agent in question.

We report here two patients with methotrexate pneumonitis in whom the drug was subsequently reintroduced and in whom pneumonitis did not recur.

Patients and methods

PATIENTS

For the purpose of diagnosis in this study, we used the criteria for methotrexate pneumonitis described by Searles and McKendry.¹

METHODS

Gallium-67 scintigraphy was used to monitor the patients during rechallenge with methotrexate. This is a very sensitive but non-specific test for pulmonary inflammation which has been shown to correlate well with other indices of disease activity in inflammatory disorders of the lung, such as sarcoidosis and pulmonary fibrosis.²⁻⁴ A ⁶⁷Ga scan may be abnormal before symptoms develop or before clinical or radiological signs are apparent.^{5,6}

The ⁶⁷Ga index used was based on the method described by Line *et al*.⁷ the maximum possible gallium index is 400 U and a scan is considered to be abnormal if the index is greater than 50 U.

Results

PATIENT 1

A 69 year old woman with a 40 year history of rheumatoid arthritis characterised by widespread joint erosion and high concentrations of rheumatoid factor and antinuclear antibodies was treated with methotrexate, 2.5 mg intra-

muscularly once a week, beginning in May 1983, and increasing to 7.5 mg a week over three months. Previous disease modifying drugs included gold salts, cyclophosphamide, sulphasalazine, D-penicillamine, azathioprine, and levamisole, all of which had been discontinued because of side effects or lack of efficacy. This patient was unable to tolerate prednisolone. Methotrexate was tolerated and its use was accompanied by marked symptomatic improvement.

In April 1985, she was admitted to her local hospital with a three week history of fever, malaise, dyspnoea, and dry cough. She had never smoked but had a past history of mild asthma controlled by regular use of salbutamol. Examination showed respiratory rate 35/minute, pulse rate 120/minute, blood pressure 140/80 mmHg, temperature 37.8°C (subsequently peaking at 38.1°C). Auscultation showed widespread pulmonary crepitations. A chest radiograph (fig 1) showed diffuse pulmonary infiltrates. Laboratory studies showed a haemoglobin concentration of 111 g/l, white cell count of $4.5 \times 10^9/l$ (neutrophils 76%, lymphocytes 16%, monocytes 8%), and an erythrocyte sedimentation rate of 22 mm/hour. No bacteria were cultured from three sets of blood cultures.

The patient was treated with intravenous ampicillin, gentamicin, and nebulised salbutamol. Her condition deteriorated and she was transferred to an intensive care unit where her arterial blood gas tensions were: PCO_2 30 mmHg, PO_2 48 mmHg on 14 l oxygen/min (pH



Figure 1 Chest radiograph of patient 1 on presentation in an erect position.

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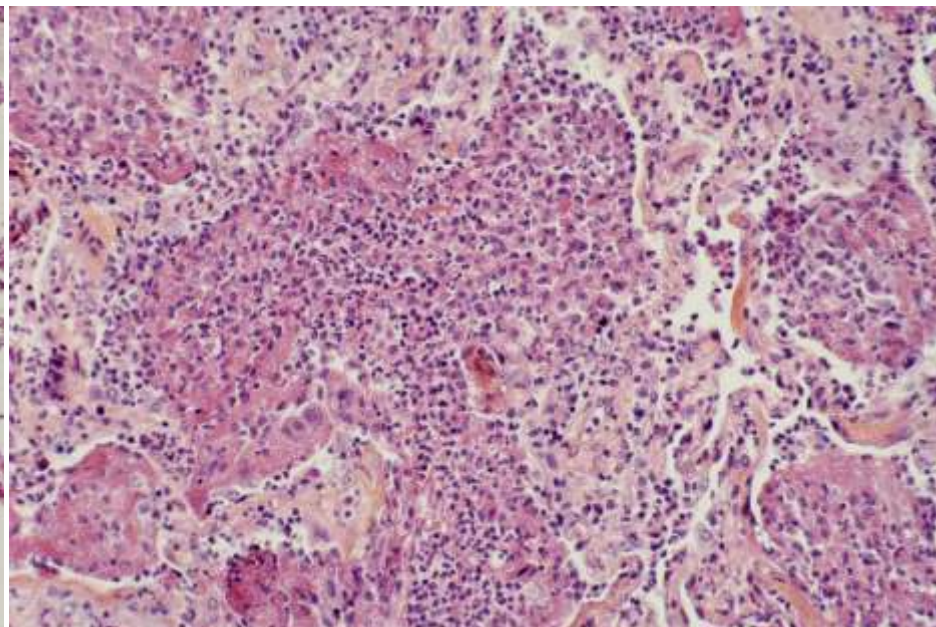
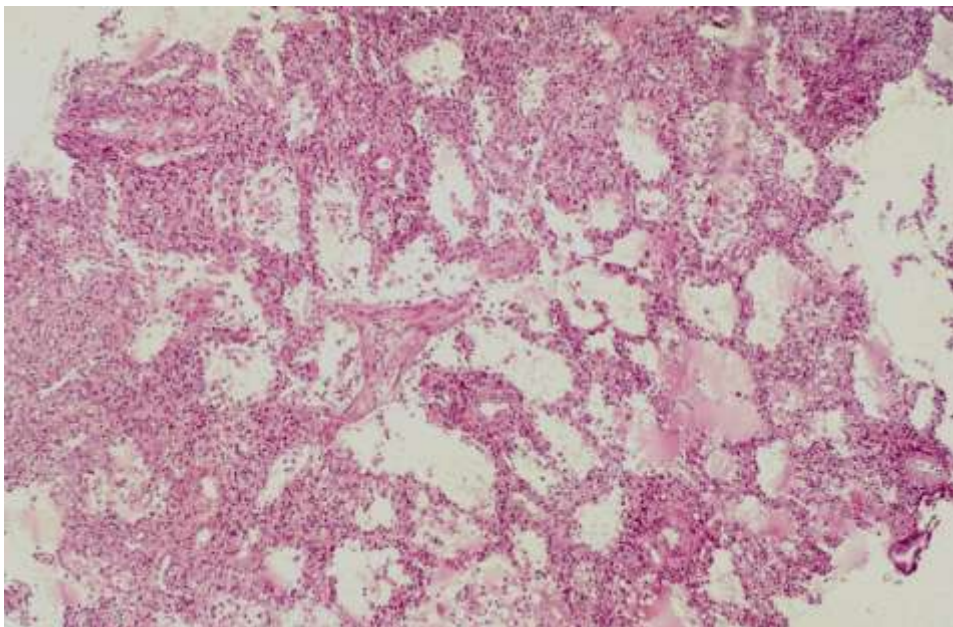
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■ Eosinophilic pneumonia

- ❖ 157 implicated drugs
- ❖ Antibiotics, NSAIDs
- ❖ Eosinophils in blod, BAL, tissue
- ❖ Relapses with rechallenge





■ 3-Substance-related

- Adolescent boy

- Cannabis & tobacco

- Eosinophilia

 - ❖ Blood 3,100/uL

 - ❖ BAL: 21%

- AEP

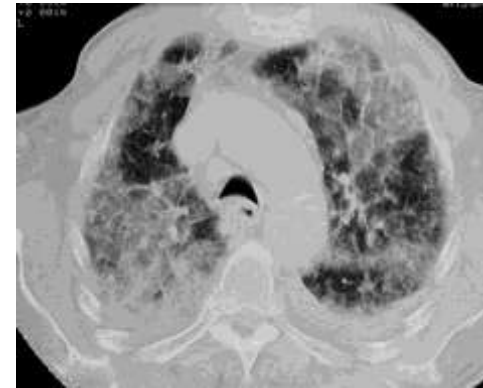
- ECMO x48hrs

- Extubated: day 5



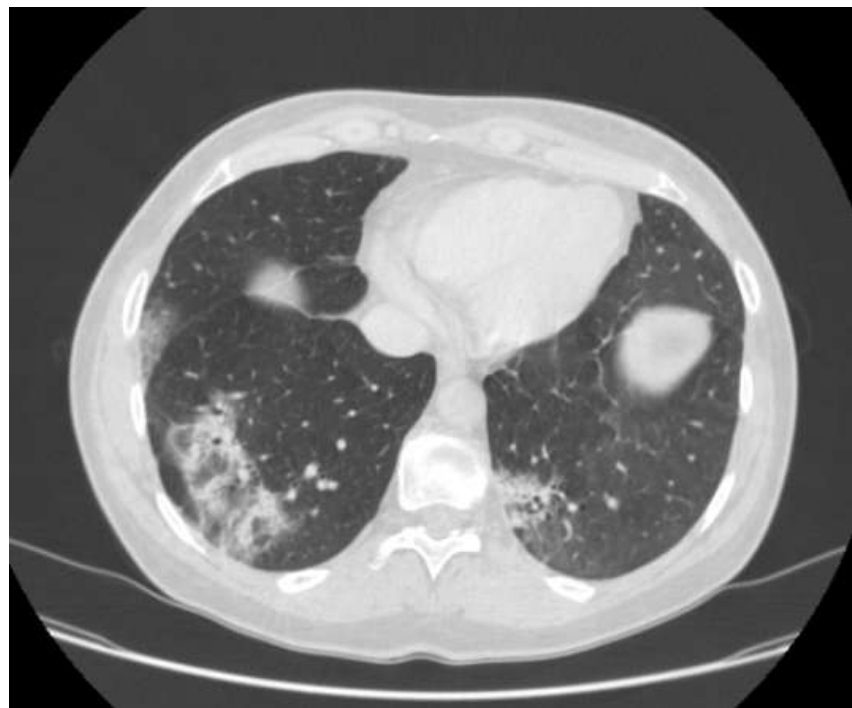
■ **Acute eosinophilic pneumonia (AEP)**

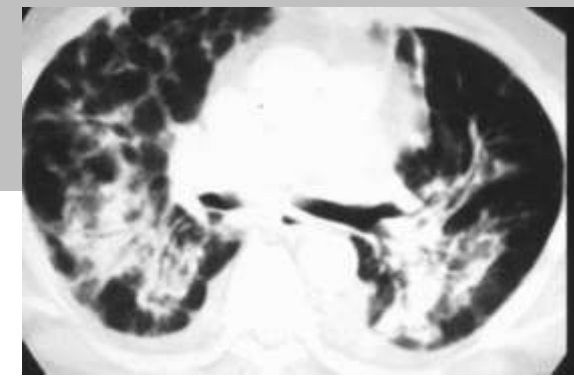
- Minocycline, daptomycin, sulfa, antidepressants, NSAIDs
- Inhaled- tobacco smoke, cocaine, marijuana
- Pleural effusion common
- Eosinophilis in the BAL
- MV can be required
- Withdrawal + corticosteroids



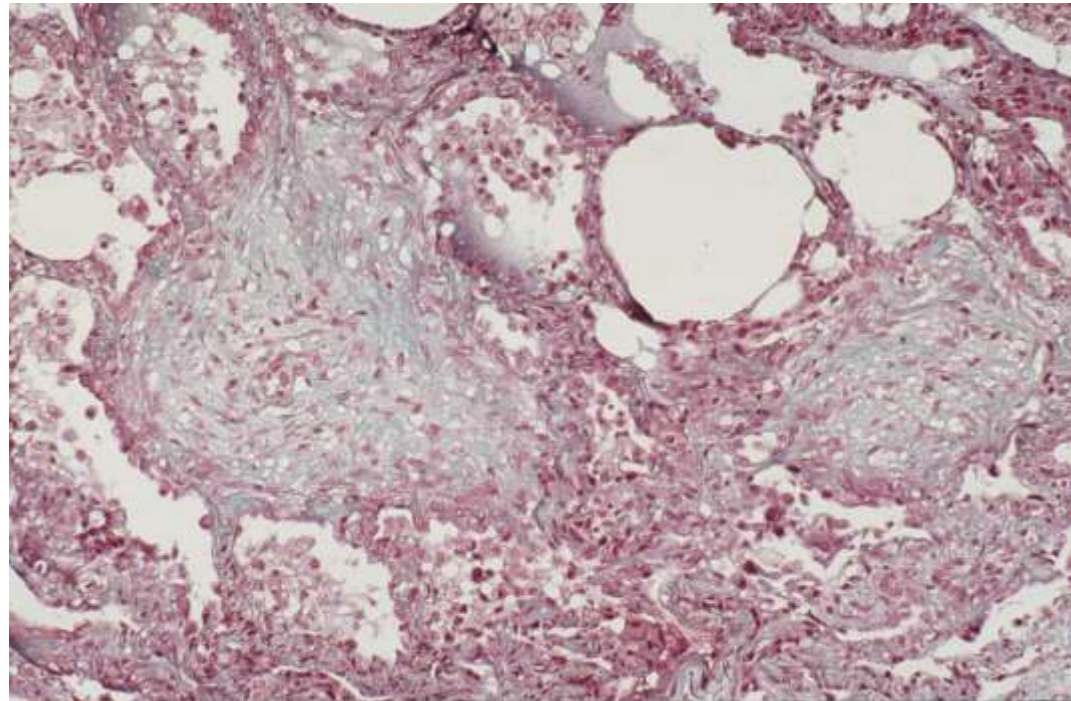
BOOP: 90 drugs







- ▣ Causal drugs: Amio, chemo agents (bleo, cyclophosphamide), ImTOR, nitrofurantoin radiation therapy, rituximab
- ▣ BOOP *sine* pathology
- ▣ Withdrawal +/- empiric CST



▣ AFOP

❖ Amio

❖ Statins

❖ FOLFOX

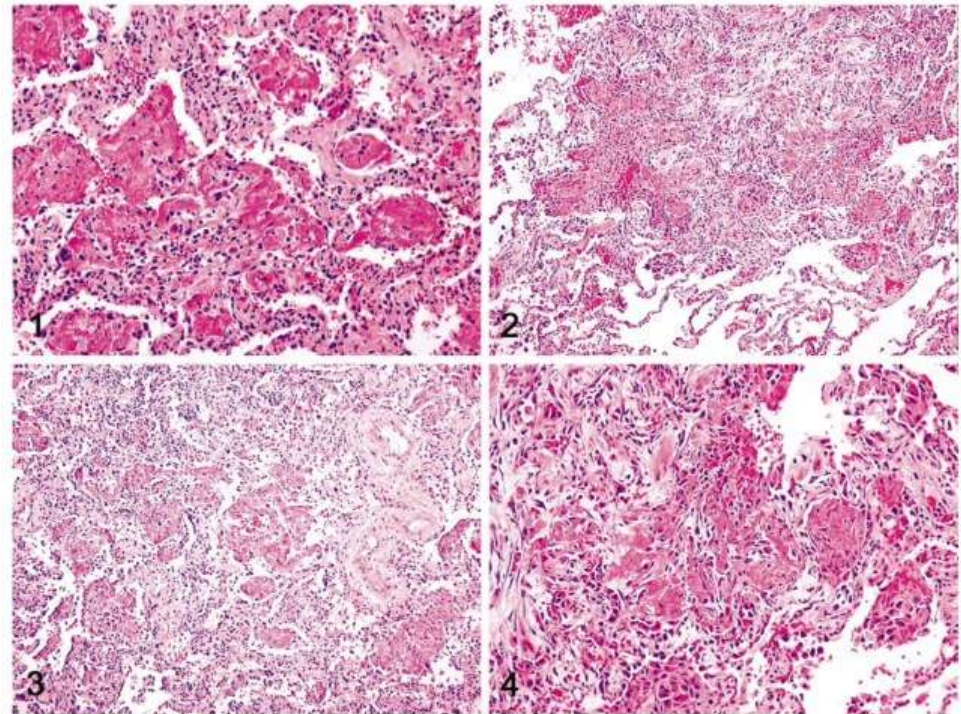
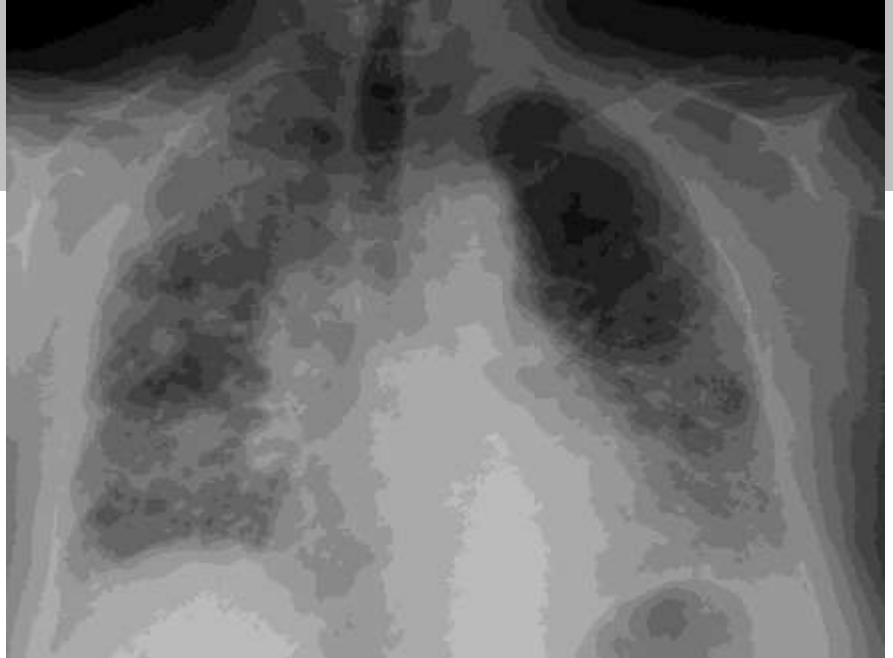
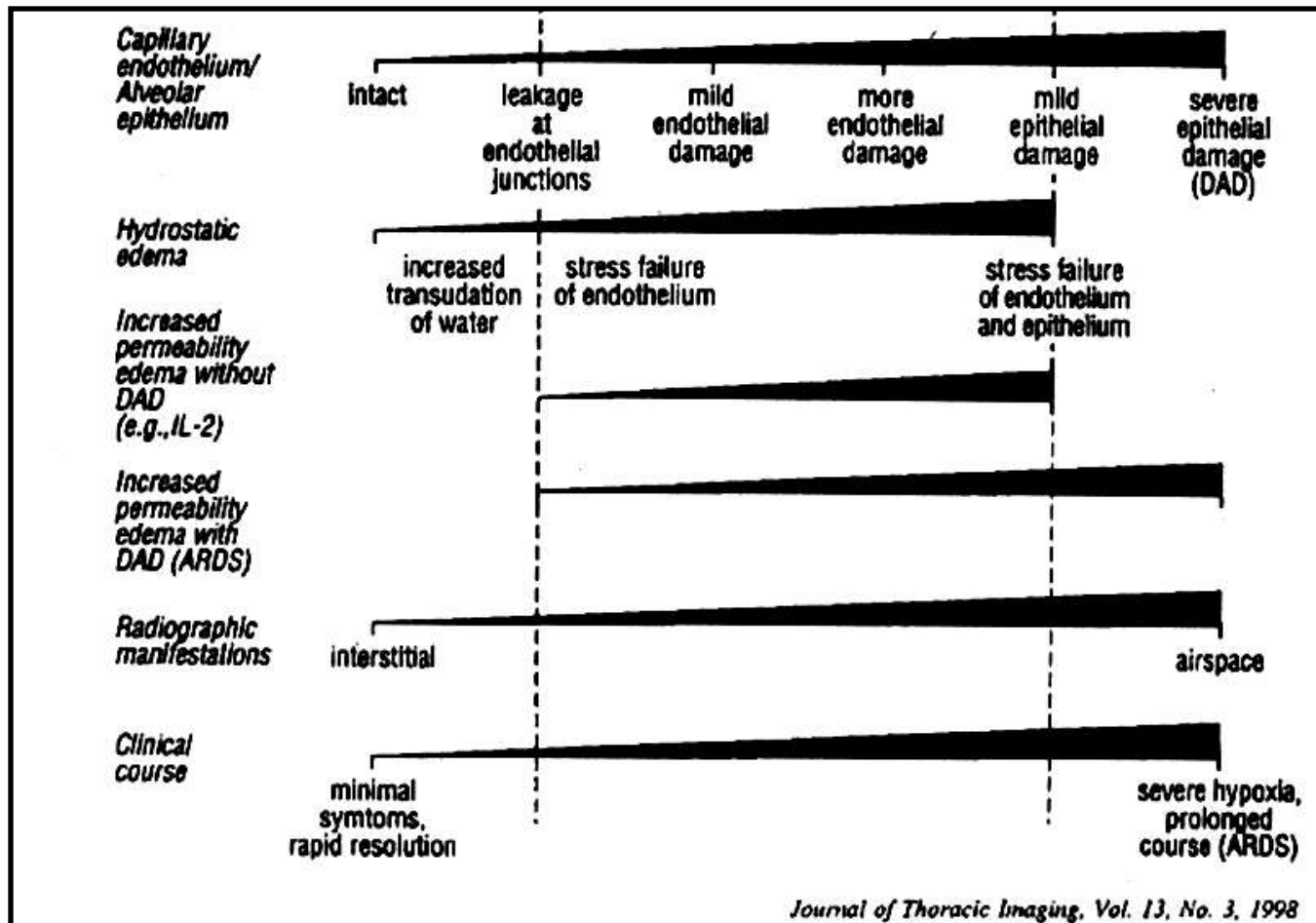
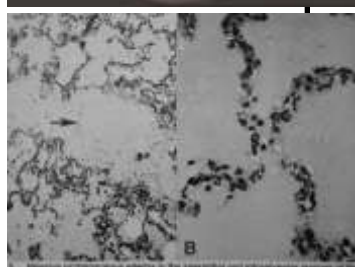


Figure 1. Intra-alveolar fibrin in the form of "fibrin balls" without formation of hyaline membranes (hematoxylin-eosin, original magnification $\times 160$).

■ Transient pulm. infiltrates \leftrightarrow NCPE/DAD complex

TPI NCPE DAD ARDS





TPI NCPE DAD ARDS

Capillary endothelium/
Alveolar epithelium

intact leakage at endothelial junctions mild endothelial damage more endothelial damage mild epithelial damage severe epithelial damage (DAD)

Hydrostatic edema

increased transudation of water

stress failure of endothelium

stress failure of endothelium and epithelium

Increased permeability edema without DAD (e.g., IL-2)

Increased permeability edema with DAD (ARDS)

Radiographic manifestations

interstitial

airspace

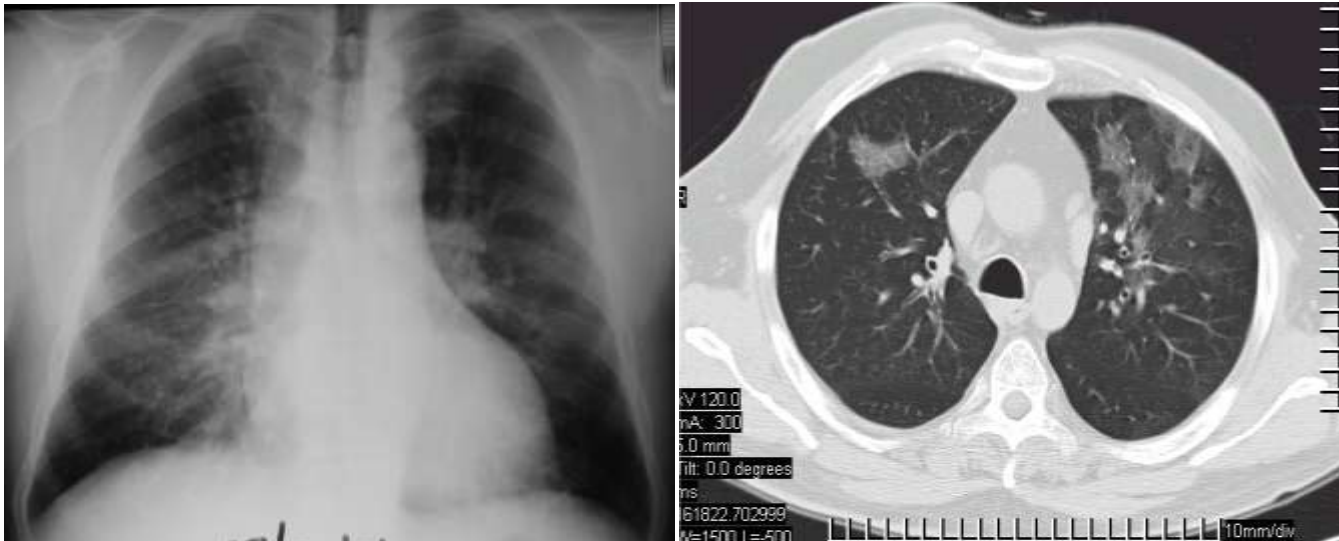
Clinical course

minimal symptoms, rapid resolution

severe hypoxia, prolonged course (ARDS)

■ Transient pulmonary infiltrates

- ❖ Gemcitabine, docetaxel/paclitaxel, GM-CSF
- ❖ Most mild and unreported
- ❖ Pathology unknown (?PE-?DAD)
- ❖ Resolve > drug withdrawal \pm CST
- ❖ Rechallenge -> risk of more severe episode



▣ NCPE

- ❖ Blood transfusion, docetaxel, gemcitabine, mitomycin, vinblastine

▣ DAD

- ❖ Blood transfusion Chemo (Bleo, Cyclophosphamide, Erlotinib Fluorouracil Gefitinib Gemcitabine Mitomycin C Nitrosoureas) IM-TOR...

■ NCPE - DAD

- Cough, tachypnea, low-grade fever, hypoxemia

- CXR

 - ❖ Haze - consolidation

 - ❖ Pedicle size / soft tissue swelling (CLS)

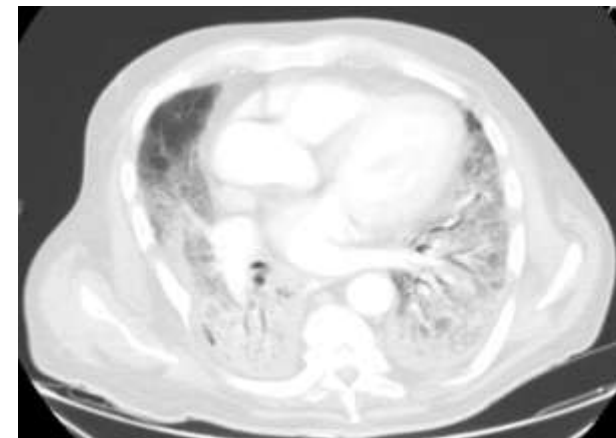
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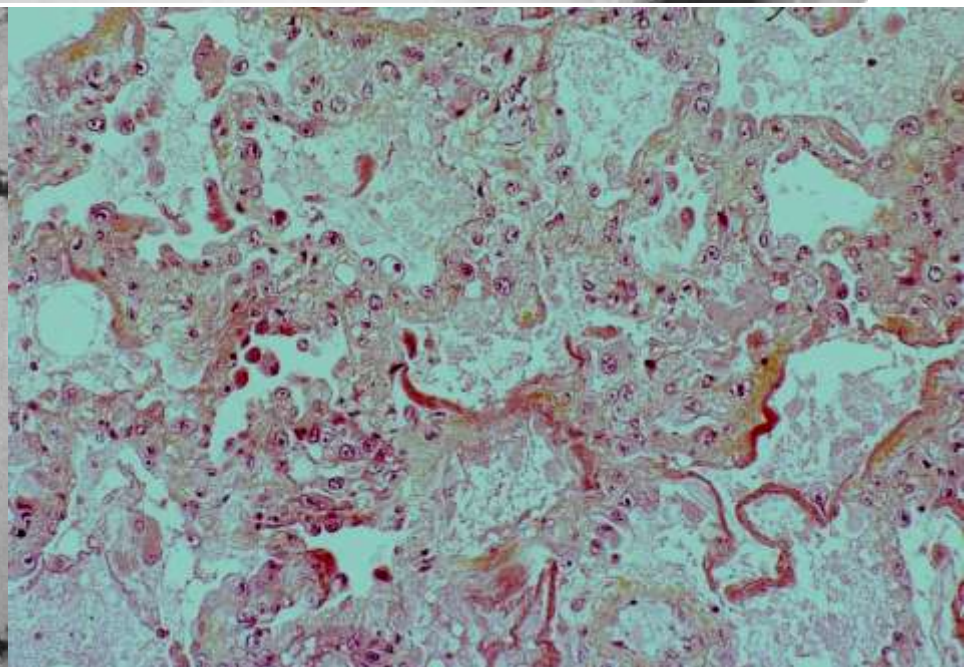
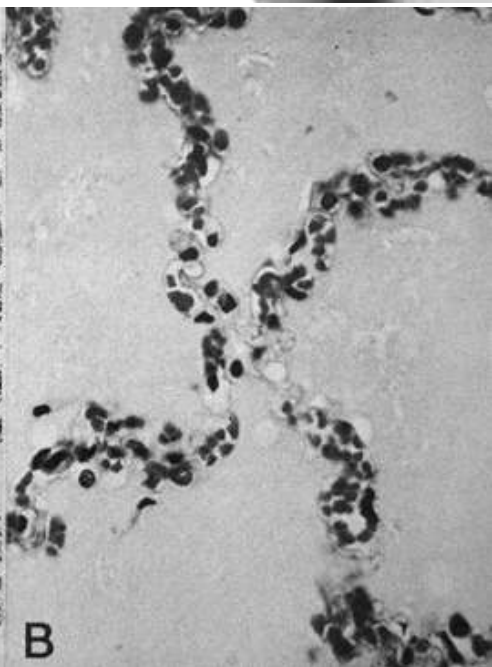
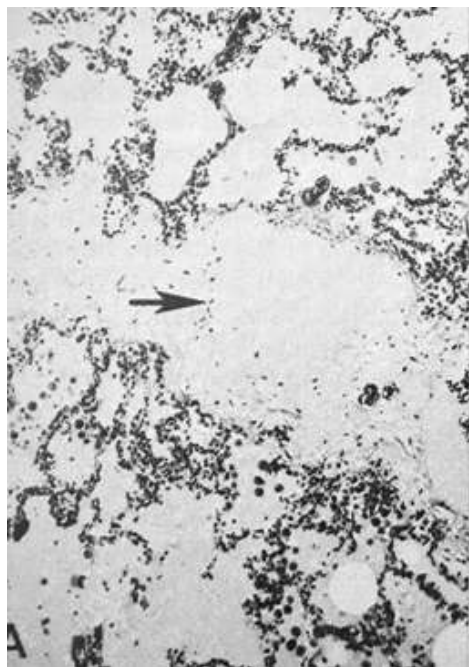
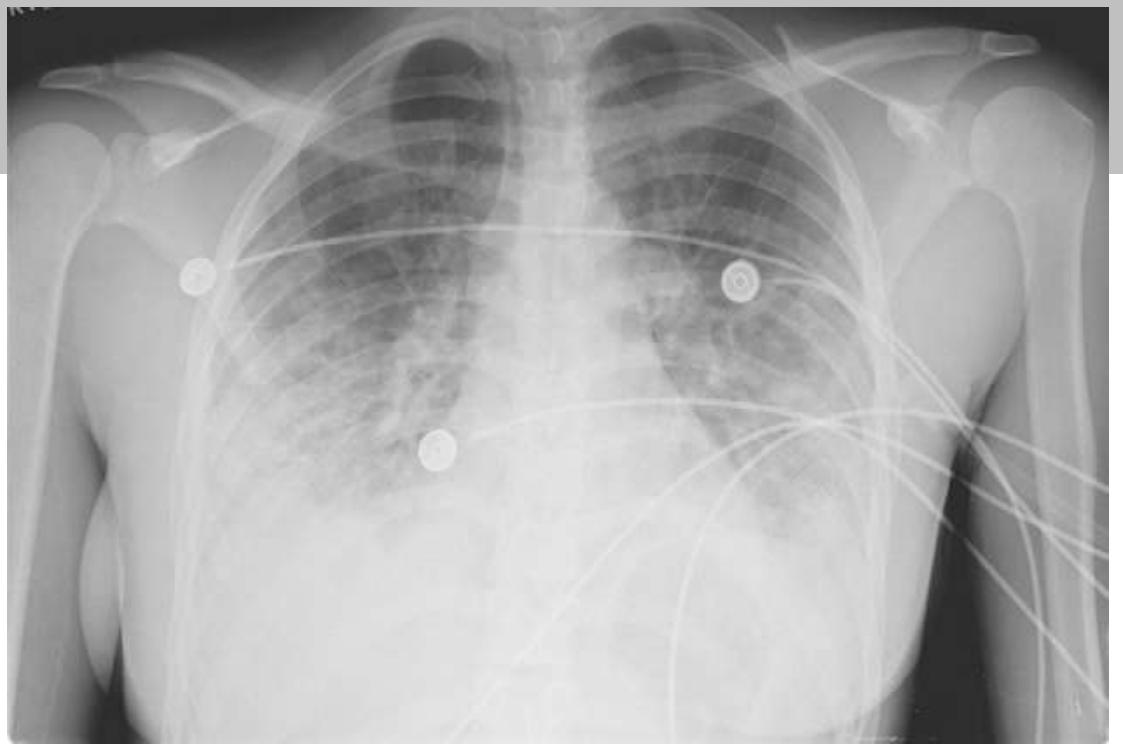
 - ❖ Interlobular thickening

 - ❖ Confluent alveolar shadowing

 - ❖ Diffuse white-out

 - ❖ Pleural effusion





▣ NCPE

- ❖ Closely follows drug administration
- ❖ Intralobular thickening, pleural effusion
- ❖ Mild-moderate ARDS
- ❖ Resolution 90%

▣ DAD

- ❖ Time of onset tends to be longer
- ❖ Parenchymal rigidity
- ❖ Resolution 30-40%

▣ Management

- ❖ Cessation of the implicated agent
- ❖ Search for an alternative explanation
- ❖ CST, supportive care MV

Hemotherapy

□ TRALI

- ▣ Blood, platelets, IVIG, FFP
- ▣ ARDS within 6hrs of T°
- ▣ Risk factors
 - ❖ Plasma-rich product
 - ❖ Recent surgery/sepsis (two-hit)
 - ▣ 75% immune-mediated anti-HLA:II HNA3
 - ▣ Nonimmune in 15-25%
- ▣ Seperate from TACO
- ▣ Male-only policy
- ▣ Grossly underreported (30%)

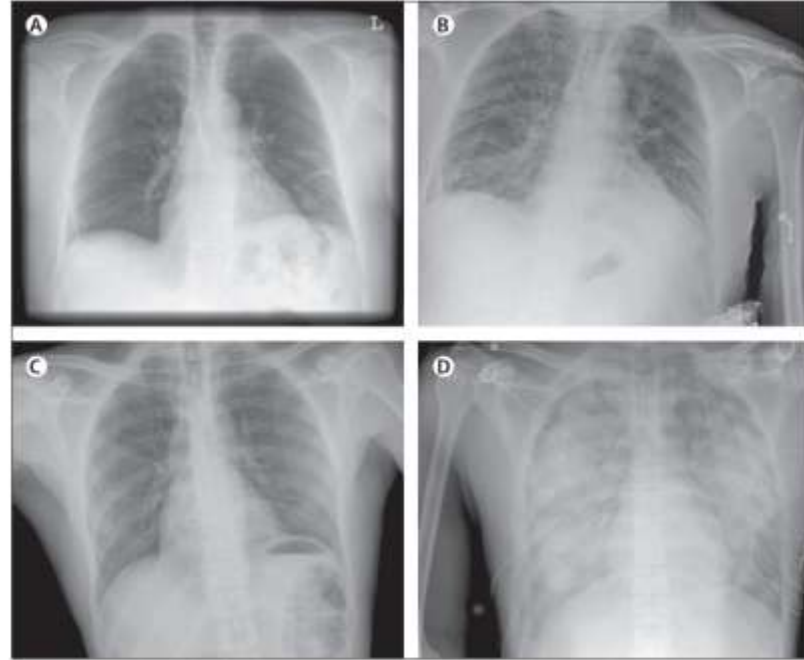


Figure 3: Chest radiographs of patients presenting with transfusion-related acute lung injury (TRALI)

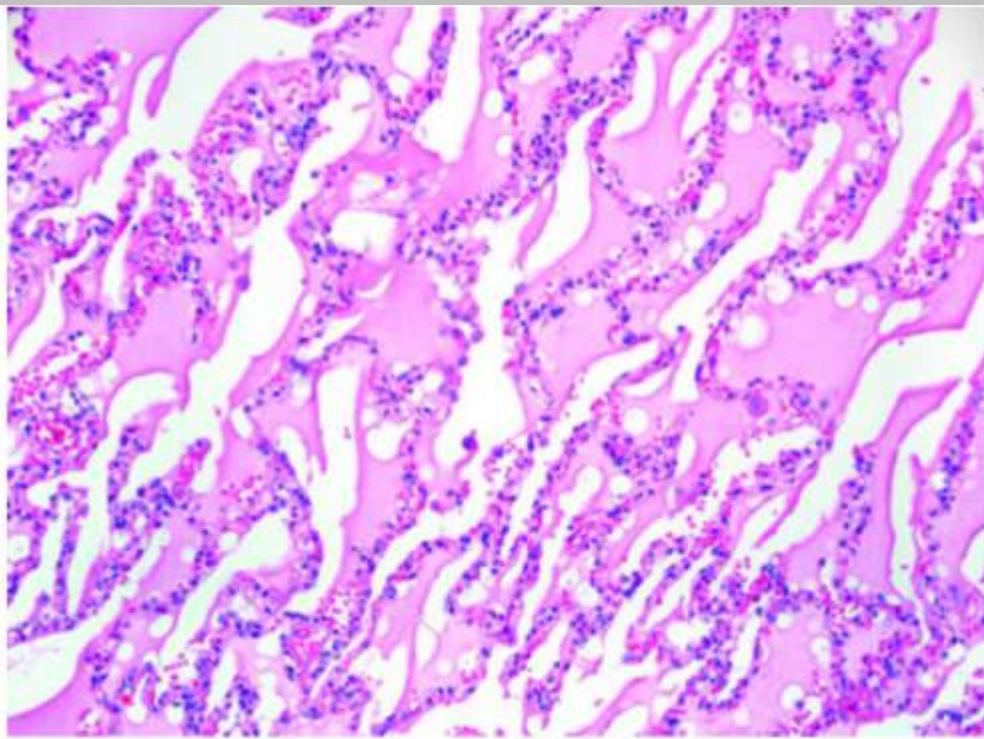
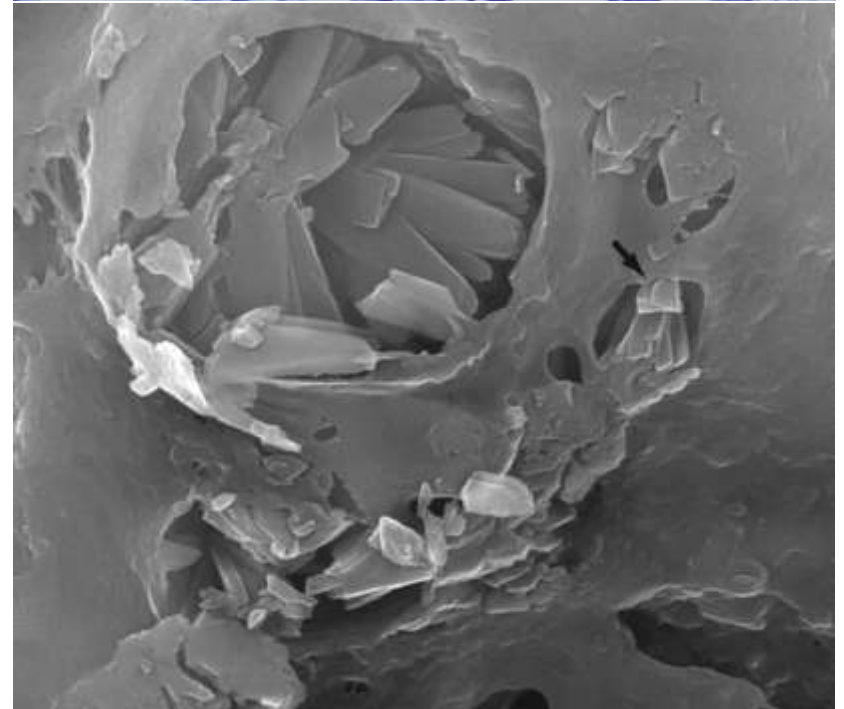
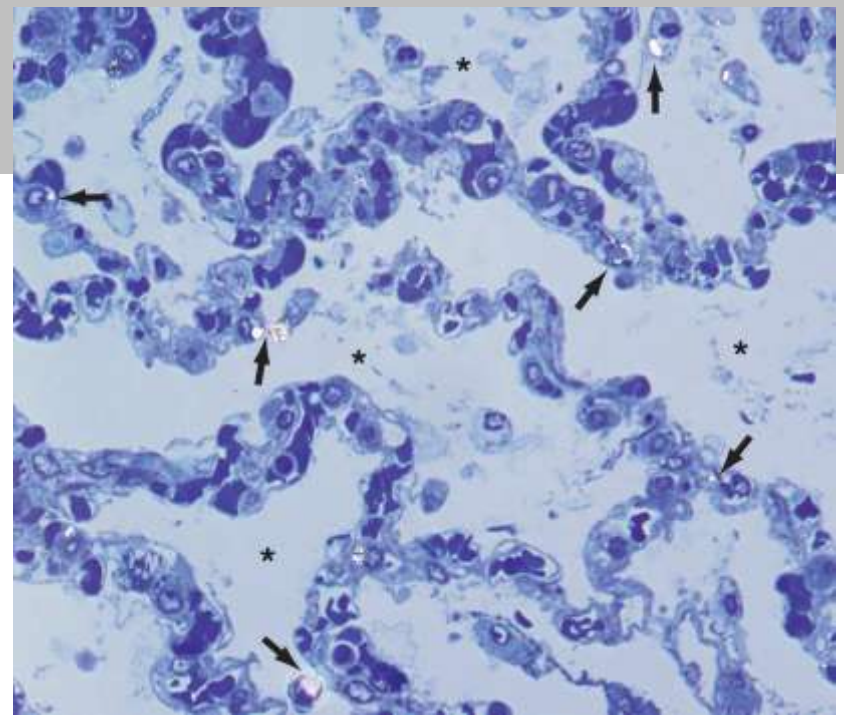


Fig. 1. 100-fold magnification of a hematoxylin and eosin-stained section of parenchymal lung tissue from Patient 1. Patchy pulmonary edema is evident as eosinophilic proteinaceous alveolar material. Although the alveolar capillaries are markedly congested with PMNs and RBCs, there is no WBC accumulation within the alveolar spaces.



Pulmonary Complications of Cocaine Abuse


Chest pain

Airway injury


Pneumothorax

Pneumomediastinum


Pneumopericardium


Pulmonary edema 

Exacerbation of asthma

Pulmonary hemorrhage 

Bronchiolitis obliterans

Crack lung 

Eosinophilic lung disease 

Focal airspace disease and atelectasis

Pneumonia

Emphysema

Pulmonary hypertension

Pulmonary infarction

Enlarged lymph nodes

Abused drugs

❑ Heroin

❑ Methamphetamine

- ❑ Pulmonary edema
- ❑ Alveolar hemorrhage
- ❑ Ventilatory depression
- ❑ Vasculopathy & PHT
- ❑ Coronary vasospasm
- ❑ Myocardial infarction

❑ Propofol



Figure 5. Mushroom plume from pulmonary oedema. This may be seen in opiate deaths.

■ Additives, incense, adulterants, cutting agents

Case Reports

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"Smoking Wet"

Respiratory Failure Related to Smoking Tainted Marijuana Cigarettes

Reports have suggested that the use of a dangerously tainted form of marijuana, referred to in the vernacular as "wet" or "fry," has increased. Marijuana cigarettes are dipped into or laced with other substances, typically formaldehyde, phenylcyclidine, or both. Inhaling smoke from these cigarettes can cause lung injuries.

We report the cases of 2 young adults who presented at our hospital with respiratory failure soon after they had smoked "wet" marijuana cigarettes. In both patients, progressive hypoxemic respiratory failure necessitated rescue therapy with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. After lengthy hospitalizations, both patients recovered with only mild pulmonary function abnormalities.

To our knowledge, this is the first 2-patient report of severe respiratory failure and rescue therapy with extracorporeal oxygenation after the smoking of marijuana cigarettes thus tainted. We believe that, in young adults with an unexplained presentation of severe respiratory failure, the possibility of exposure to tainted marijuana cigarettes should be considered. (*Tex Heart Inst J* 2013; 40(1):64-7)



Fig. 2 a and b Spice composites submitted by the patient's family for analysis, all of which contained AM-2201. Spice, K2, and similar SC agents are sold in colorful, deceptively packaged 1-3-g mixtures containing dried plant products which have been sprayed with one or more

synthetic cannabinoids [17]. These products are marketed with deceptive labels such as "herbal incense" or "potpourri" and packets are labeled "not for human consumption"



Fig. 1 Patient 1. Chest radiograph at the time of ECMO cannulation shows diffuse pulmonary infiltrates bilaterally.



Fig. 2 Patient 2. Chest radiograph at the time of ECMO cannulation shows diffuse pulmonary infiltrates bilaterally.

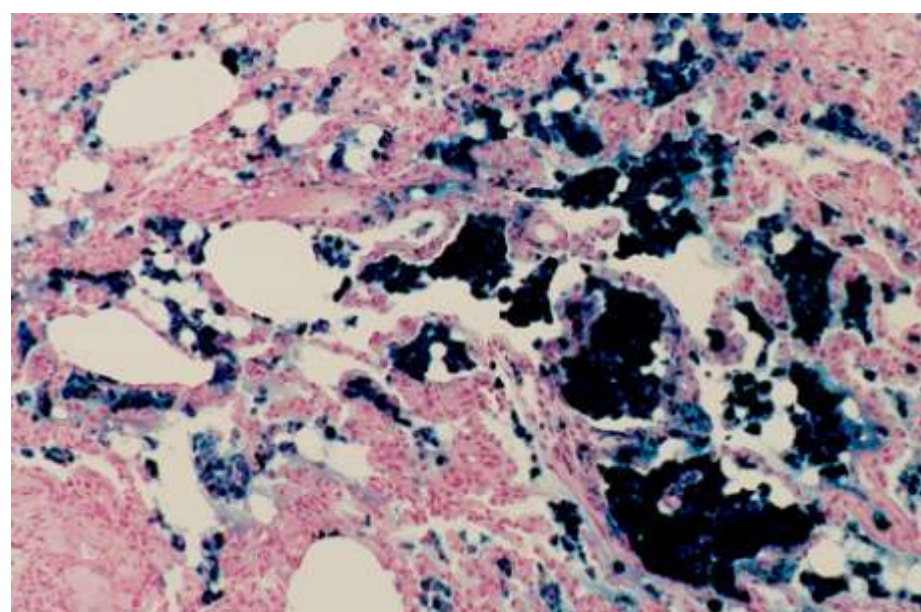
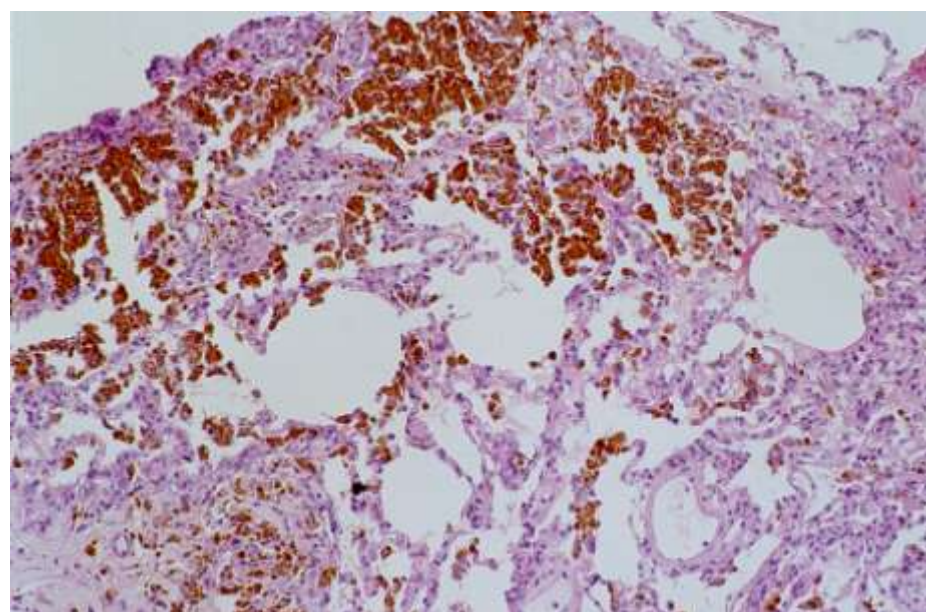
Alveolar hemorrhage

▣ Causal agents

- ❖ Oral anticoagulants, superwarfarins
- ❖ Antiplatelets
- ❖ Direct anticoagulants
- ❖ Heparin, SK, UK, alteplase
- ❖ mTOR inhibitors (sirolimus)
- ❖ Propylthiouracil
- ❖ Cocaine - levamisole

▣ Can be fatal





ILD with a granulomatous component

- ▣ Causal drugs: BCG, IVDU
etanercept, everolimus
interferons, methotrexate
- ▣ Rule out an infection (TB, PJ)
 - ❖ BAL
 - ❖ IGRA

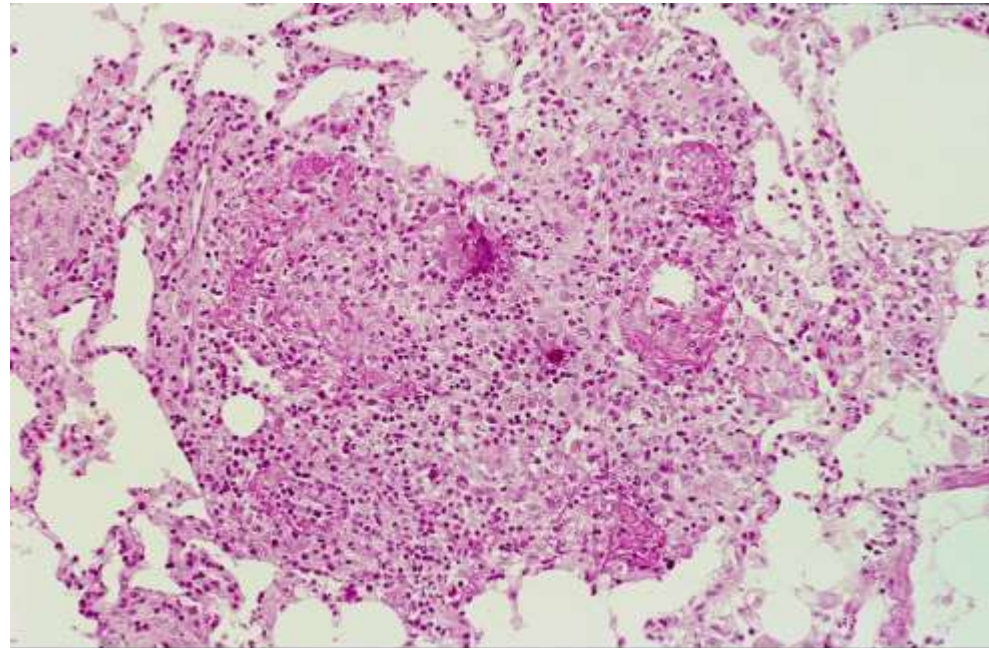
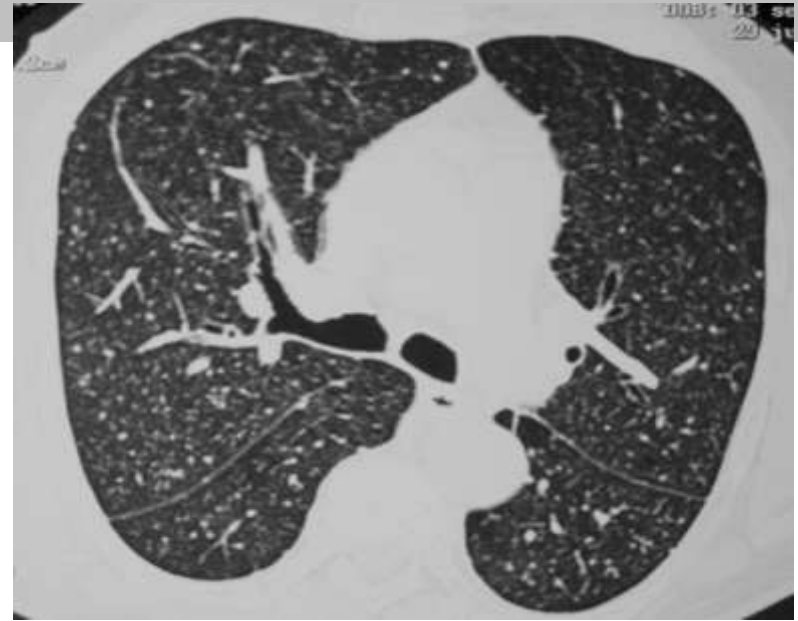


Table 1

Frequently used additives/diluents to adulterate street drugs [22].

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Mannitol
Lactose
Glucose
Procaine
Caffeine
Inositol
Lidocaine
Starches
Methapyrilene
Sucrose
Acetylprocaine
Dextrose
Scopolamine
Paracetamol
Phenobarbital
Methaqualone



FIGURE 1. Fundoscopic image of the retina.

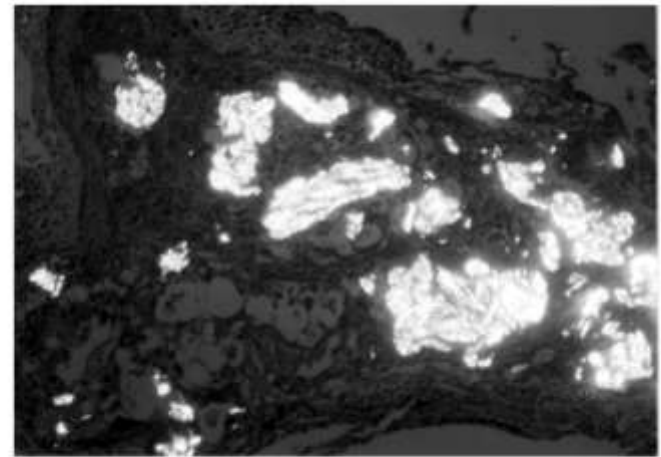
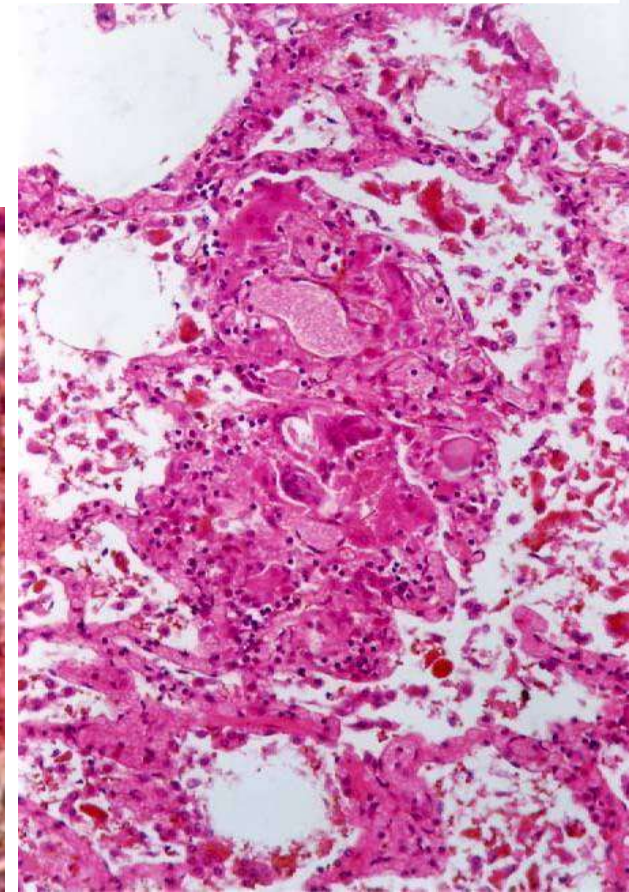
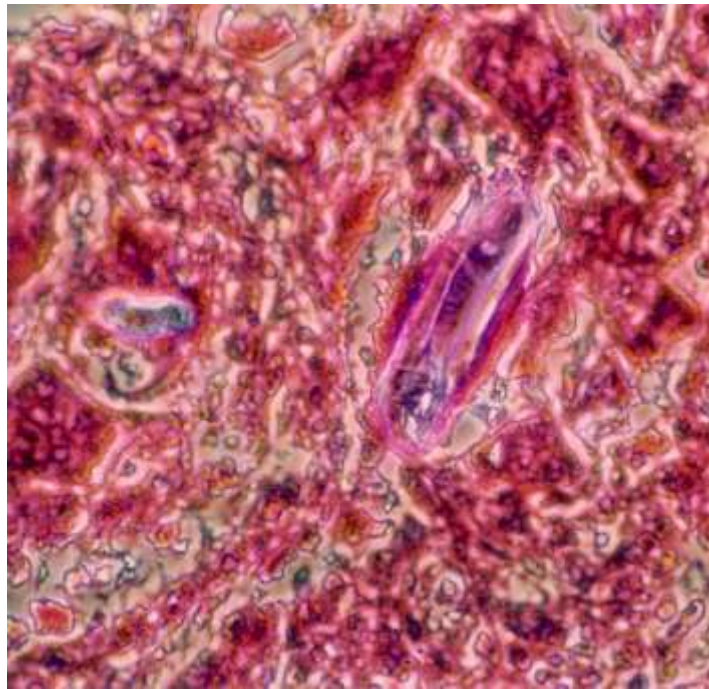


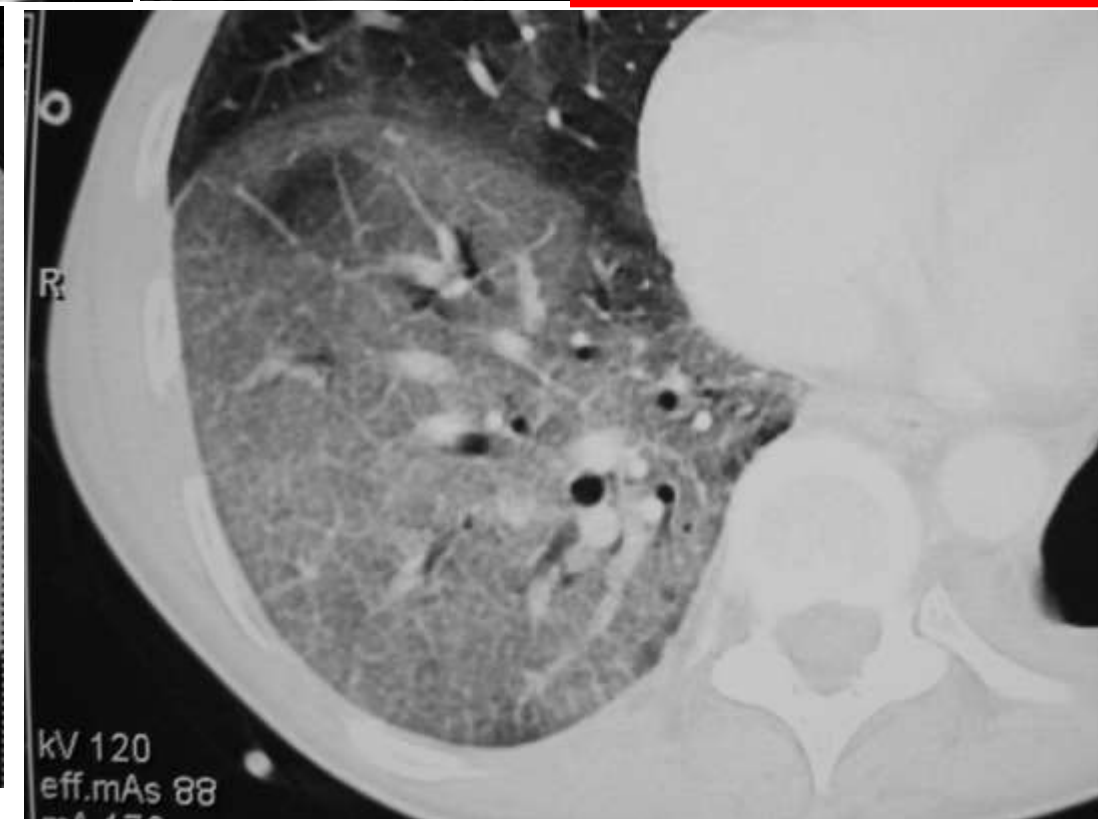
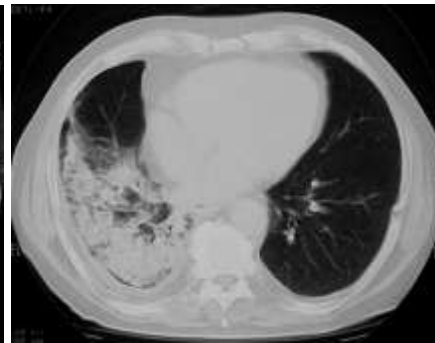
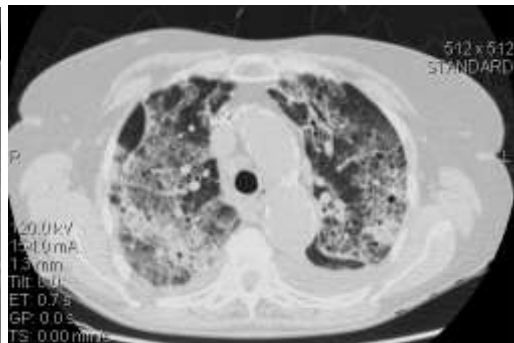
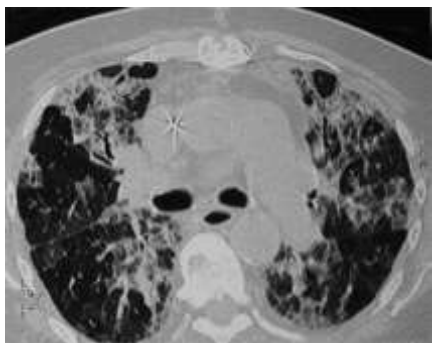
FIG. 3 The embolic material in the pulmonary arteries shows intense birefringence when examined under polarized light. $\times 400$.

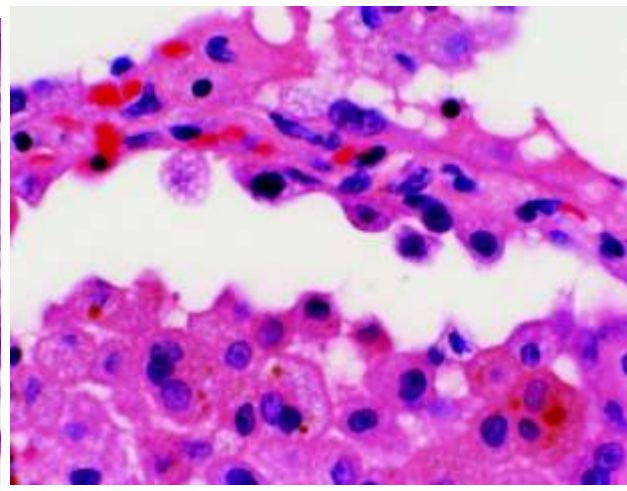
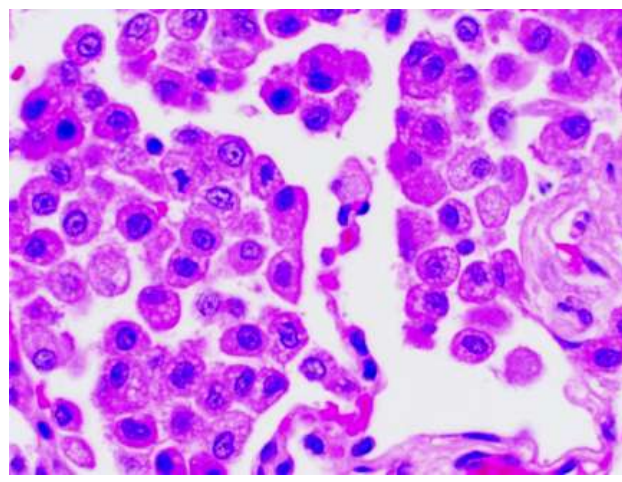
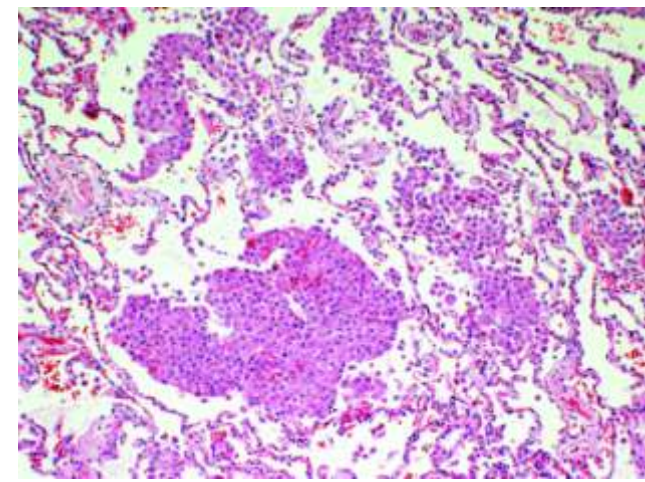
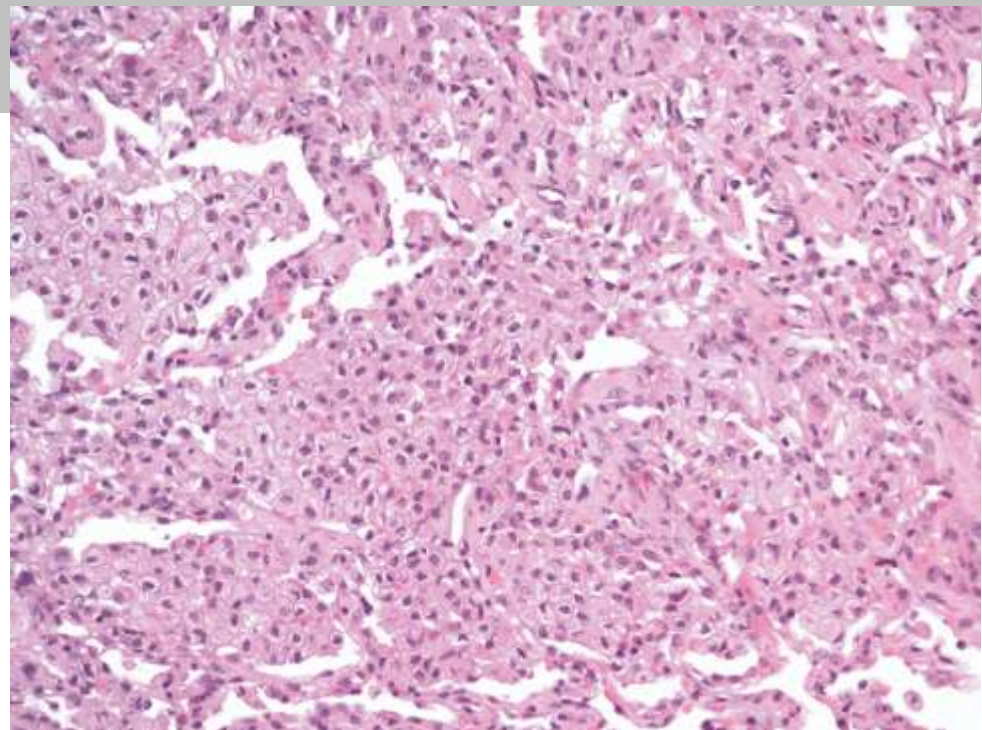
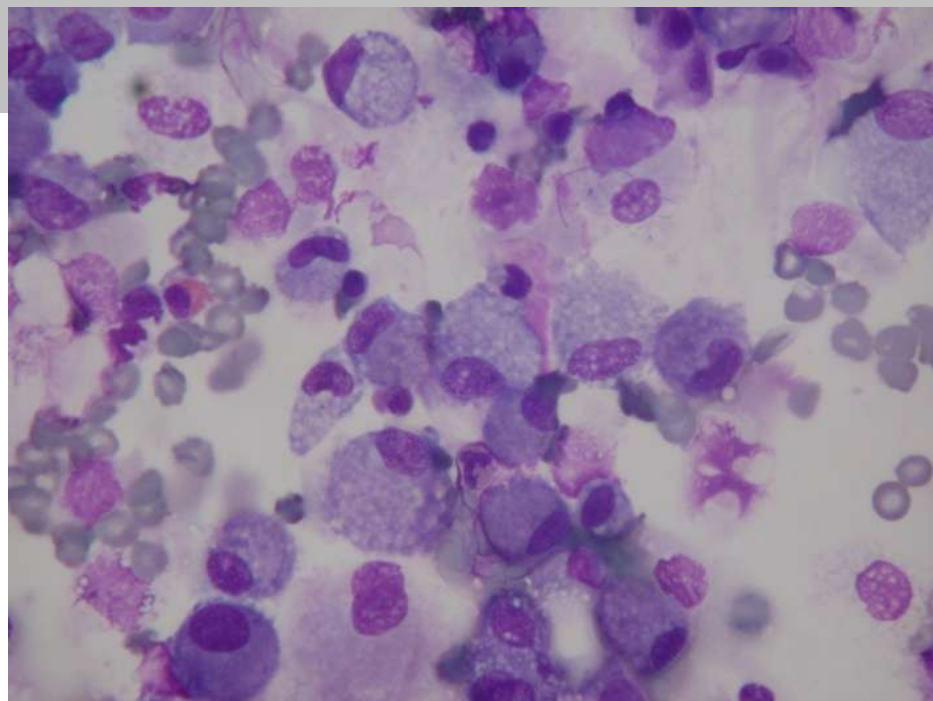


Amiodarone pulmonary toxicity (APT)

- ▣ Typical age >60
- ▣ 6-12 mo into treatment (150-180 g)
- ▣ Insidious onset (weeks-months)
- ▣ Dyspnea, cough, moderate fever, pleuritic chest pain
- ▣ Multiple possible presentations

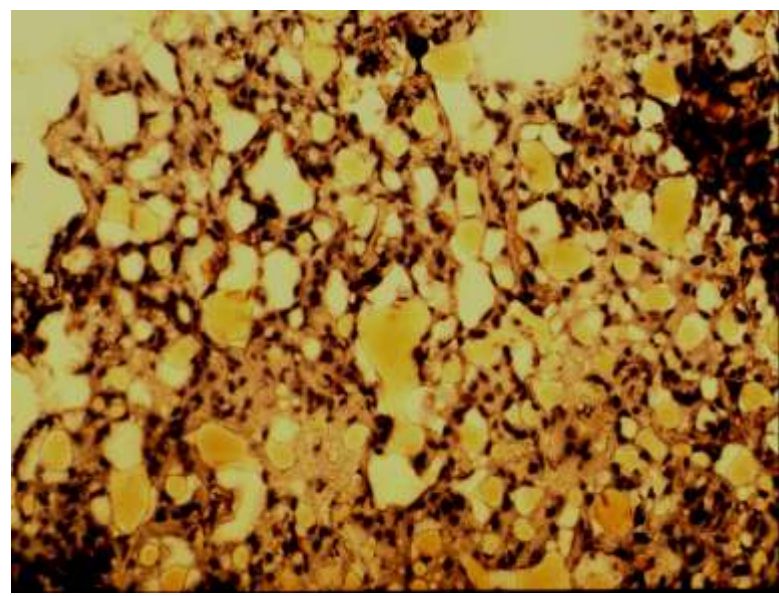
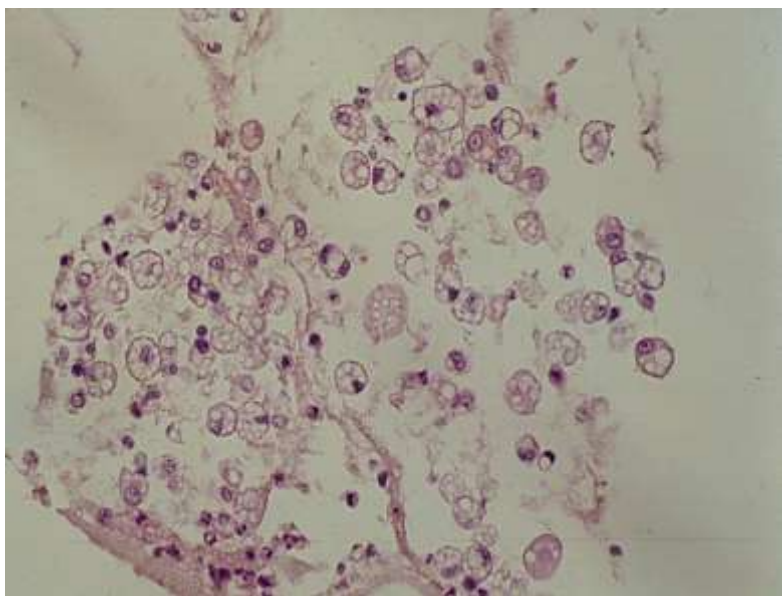


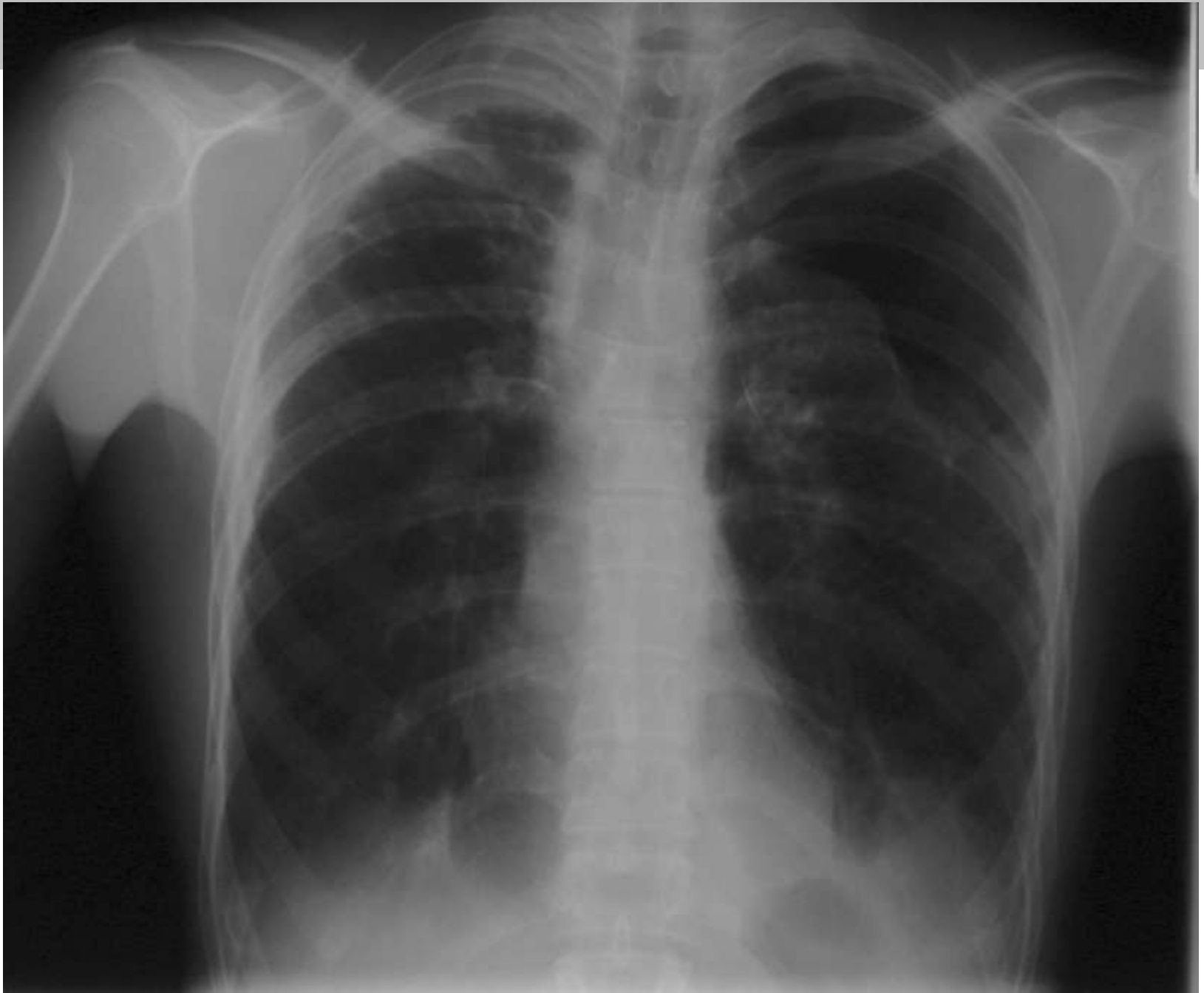




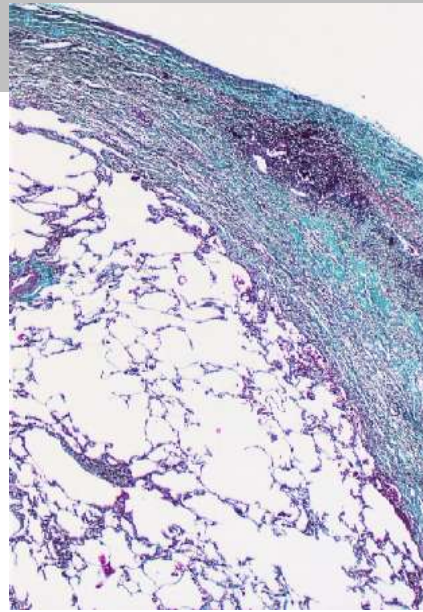
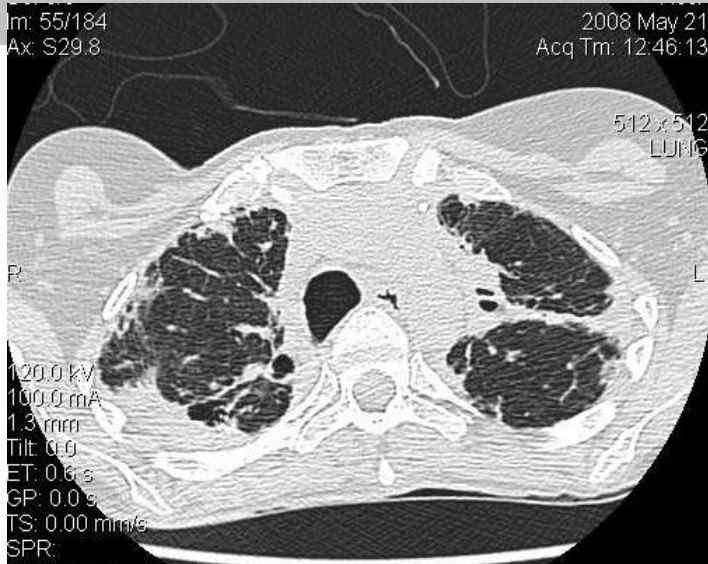
Rare distinctive patterns

- ▣ Exogenous lipoid pneumonia
- ▣ Fire-eater's lung
- ▣ Pleuropulmonary fibroelastosis PPFE
- ▣ Lung nodules
- ▣ DIP
- ▣ Nonthrombotic pulmonary embolism
- ▣ PAP-pattern
- ▣ Diffuse calcification
- ▣ LAMM

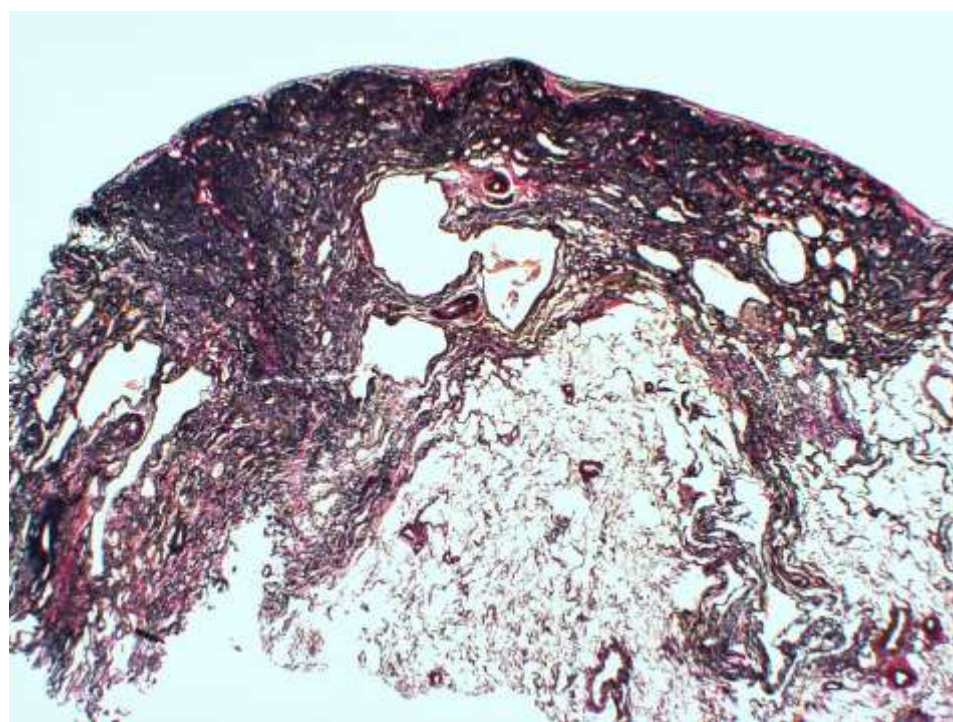
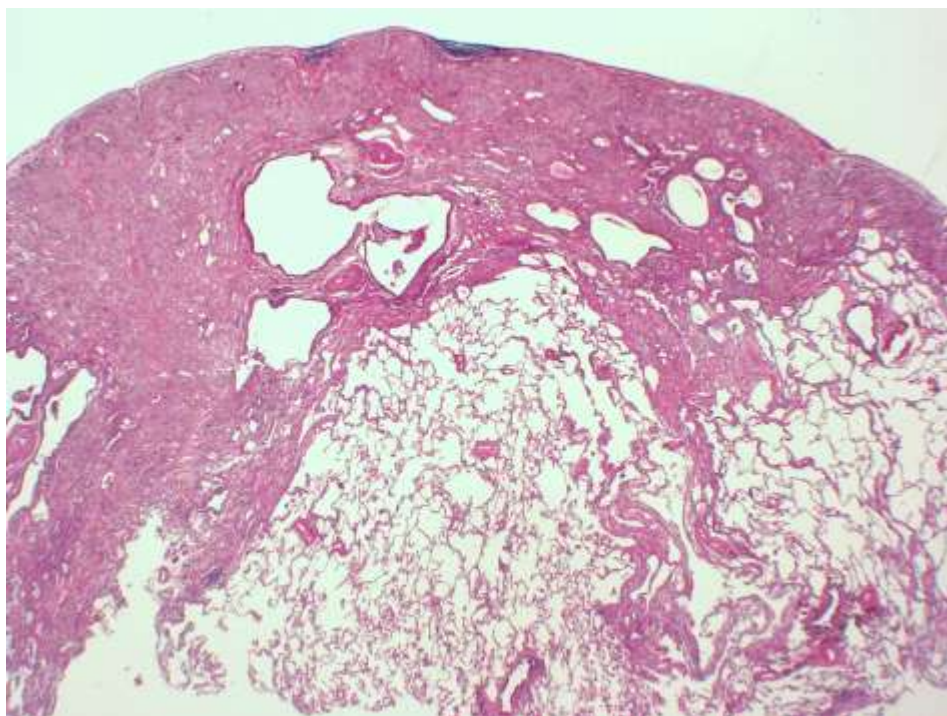




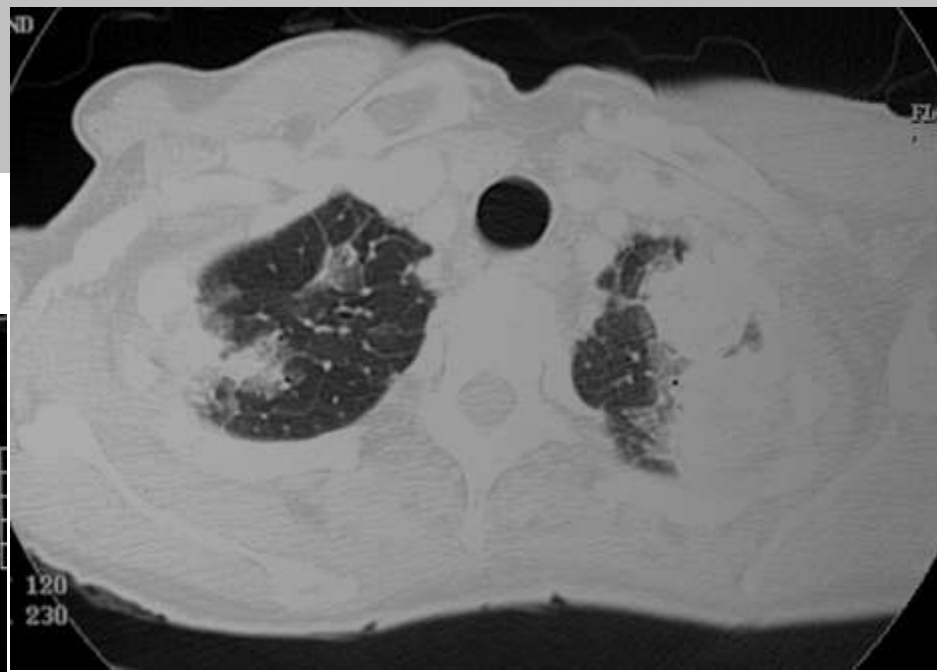
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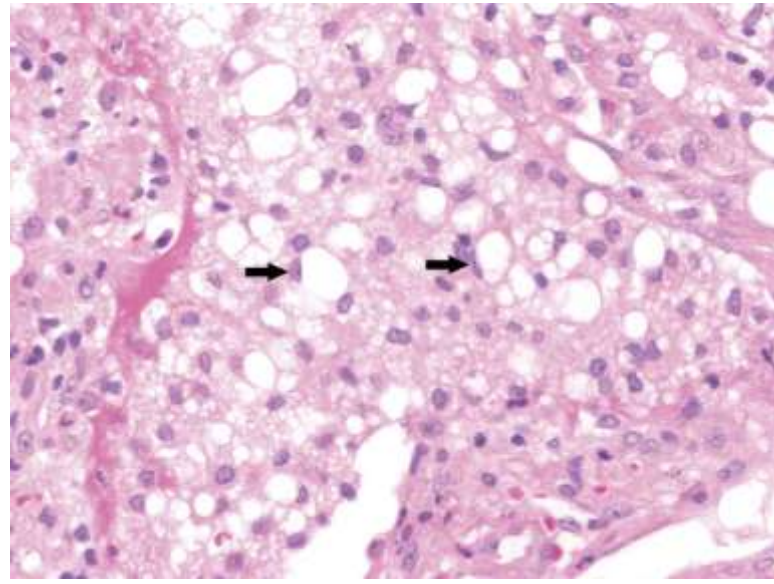
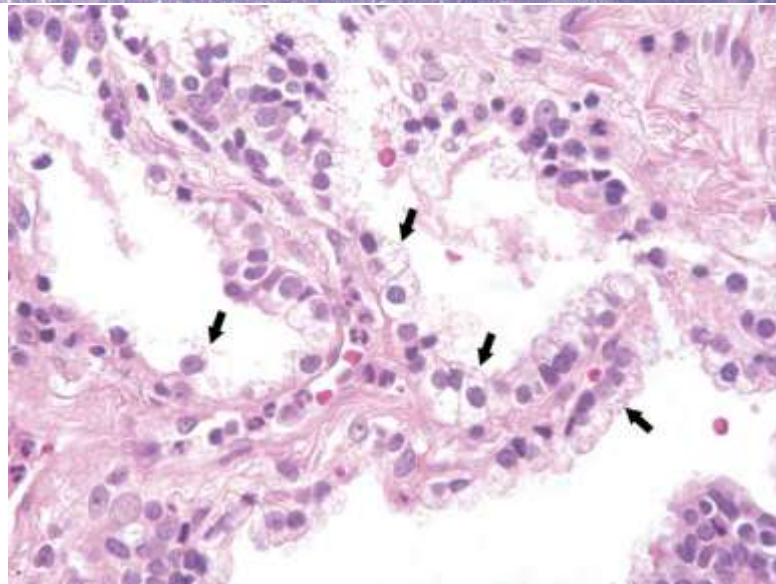
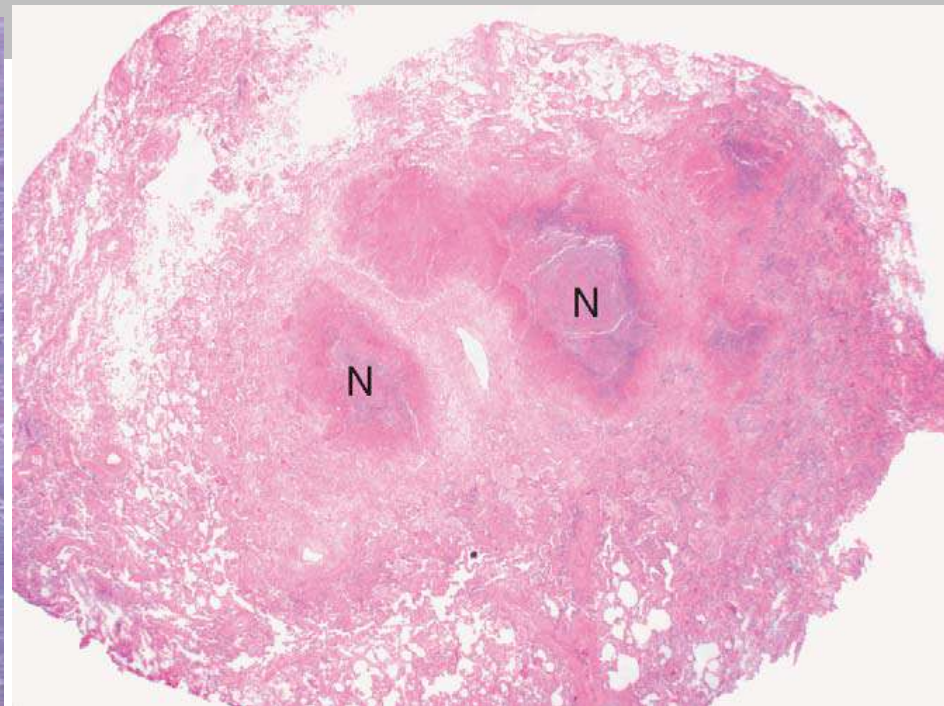
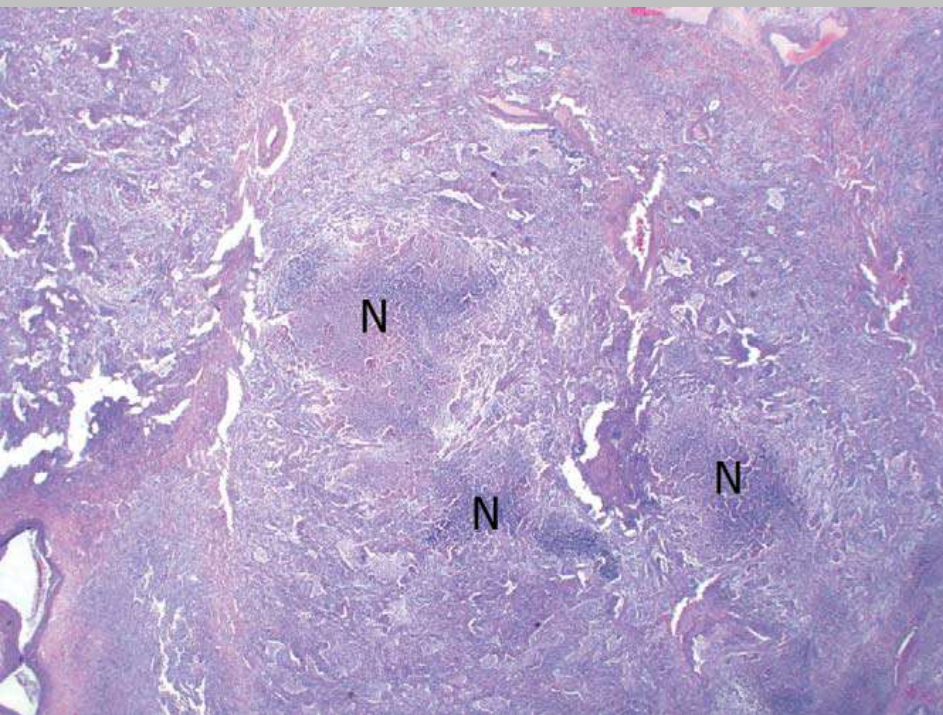


- ▣ Dyspnea, chest pain
- ▣ Platythorax
- ▣ Restrictive lung function defect, often severe
- ▣ Distinctive imaging
- ▣ Significant Hx: Lung Tx 50%. Exposure to cyclophosphamide 10%



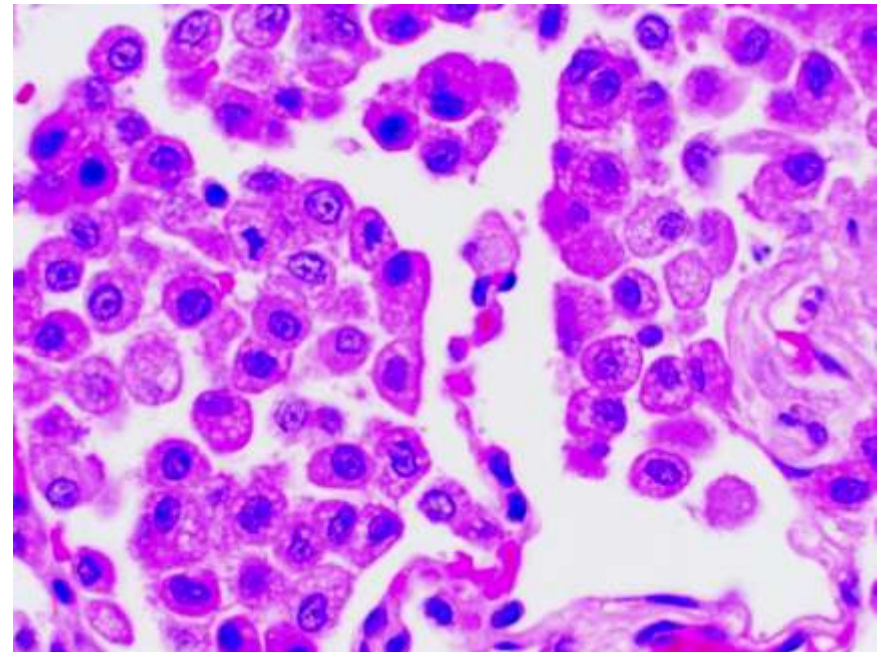
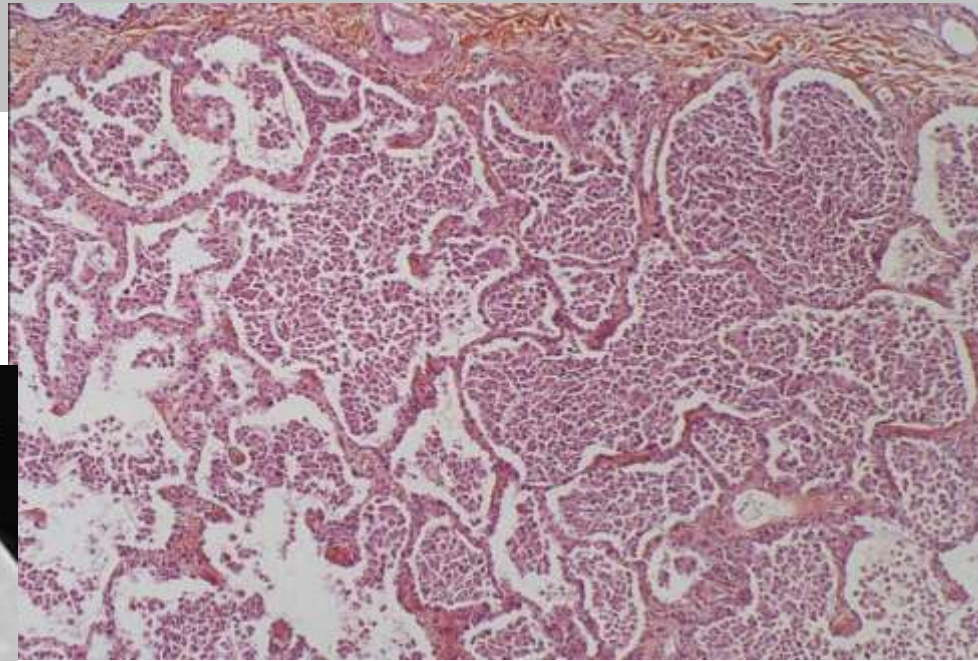
Lung nodules





DIP (7 drugs)

□ Nitrofurantoin



□ Amio

Nonthrombotic pulmonary embolism

▣ Fluid silicone (Schmid 2005)

▣ Hypoxemia: 92%

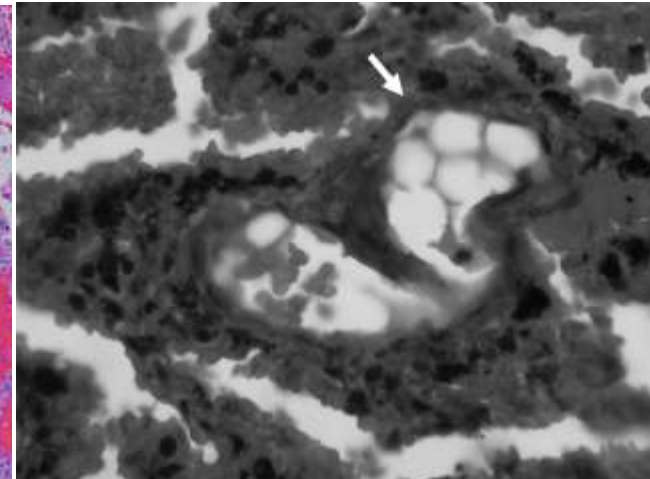
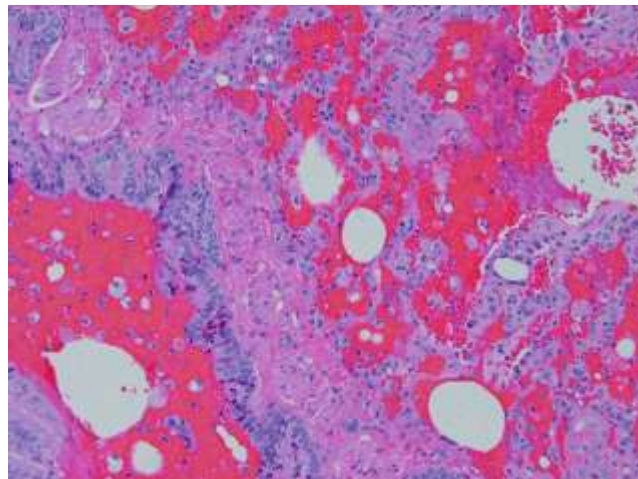
▣ DAH: 64%

▣ Hemoptysis: 3

▣ Fatality rate

❖ 8/33

❖ 6/6 if neurological
symptoms
present



□ Acrylate cement

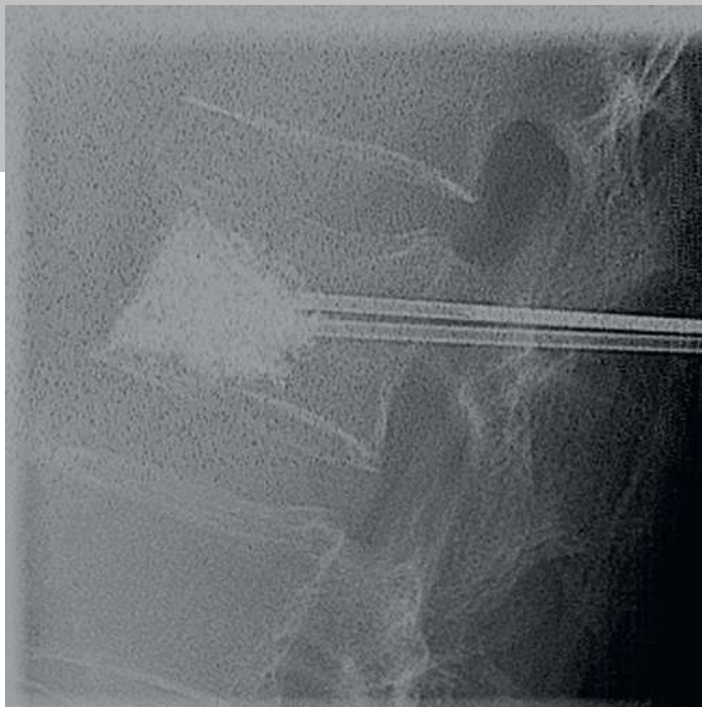
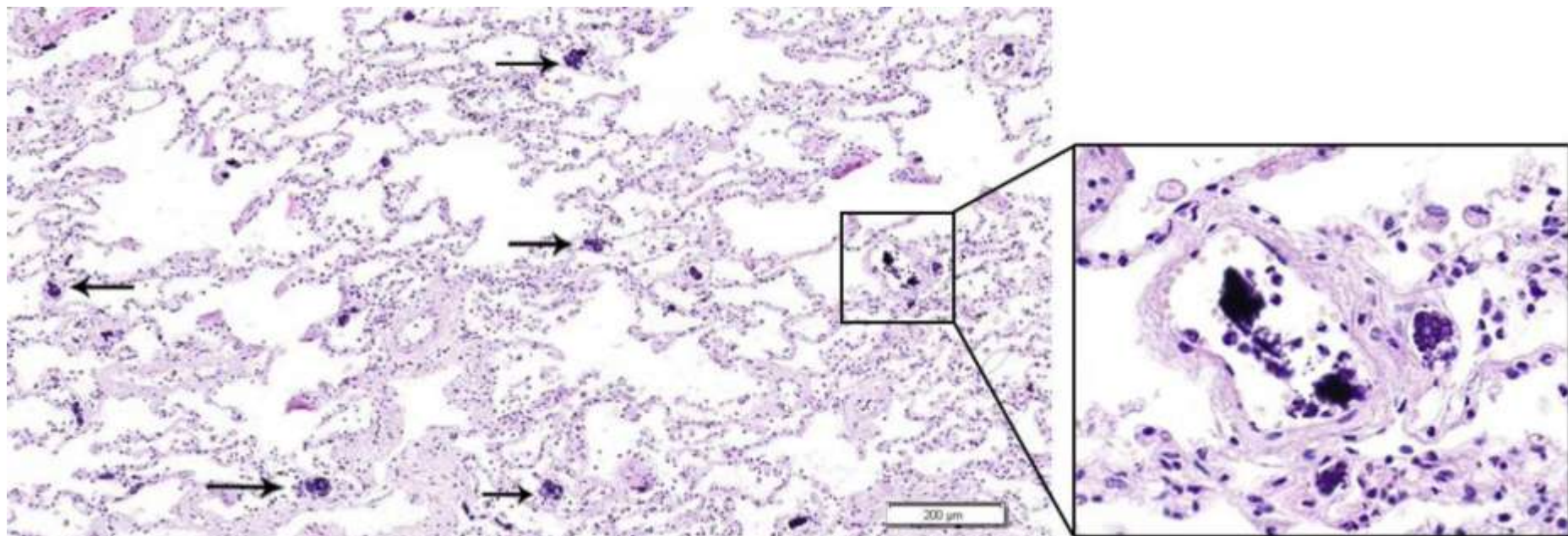
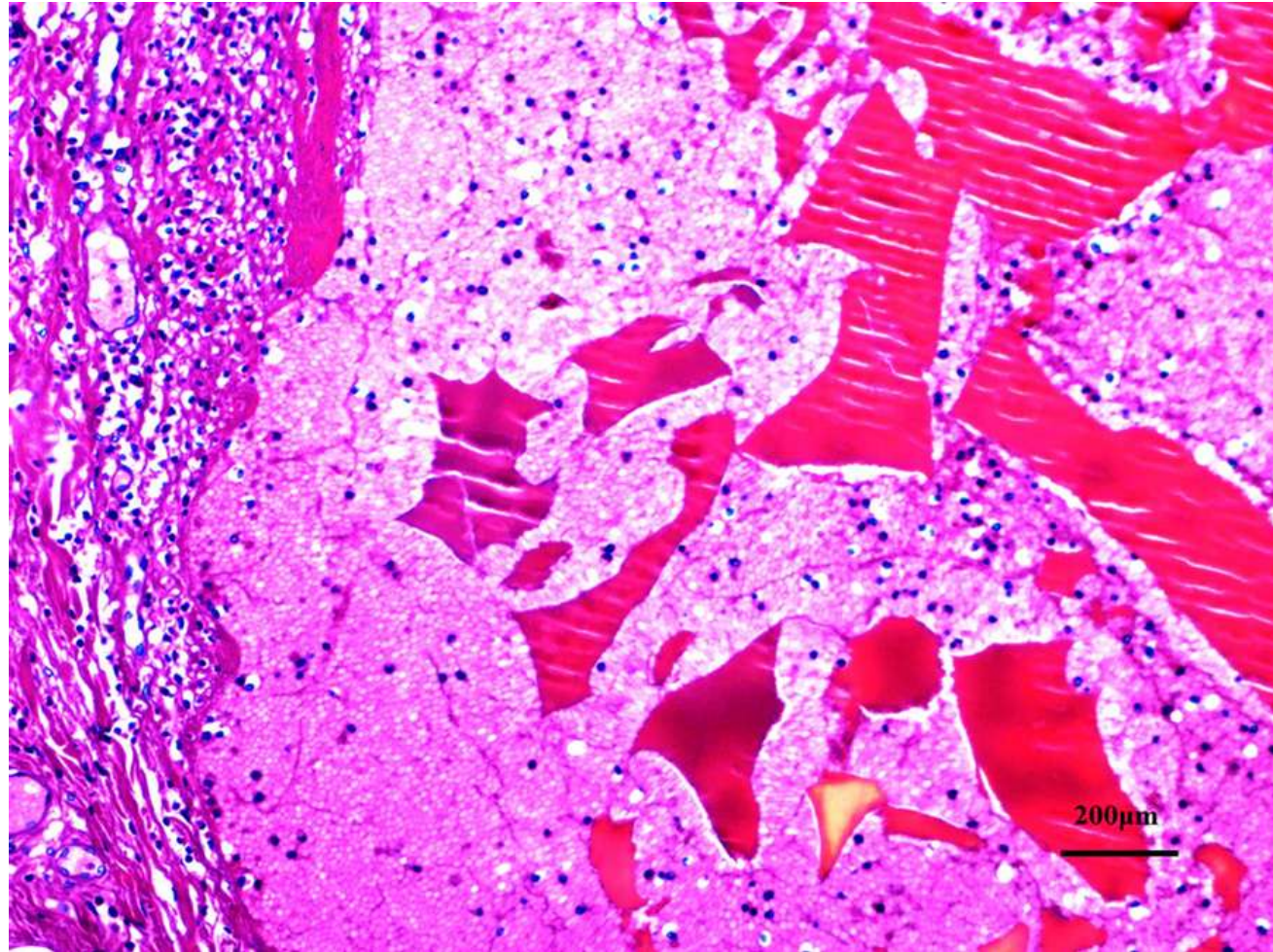




Fig. 1. Cement material in the pulmonary arteries.



- Hydrogel
- Hyaluronate



DI systemic conditions with possible ILD

□ Goodpasture's

- ▣ Lazor *et al.*, Medicine 2007: 28 cases

- ▣ Tobacco 89%

 - ❖ Cocaine 4

 - ❖ Marijuana 3

 - ❖ Heroin 1

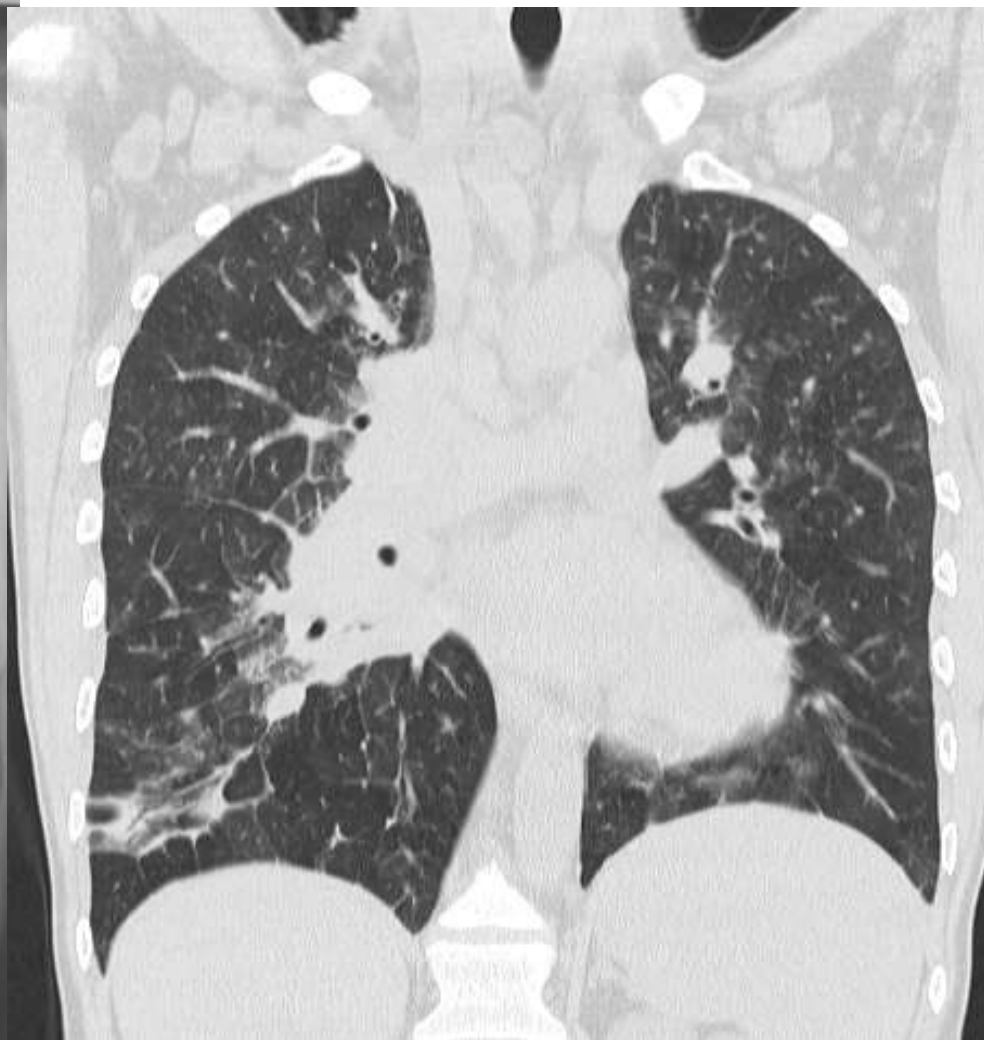
 - ❖ Diesel 1

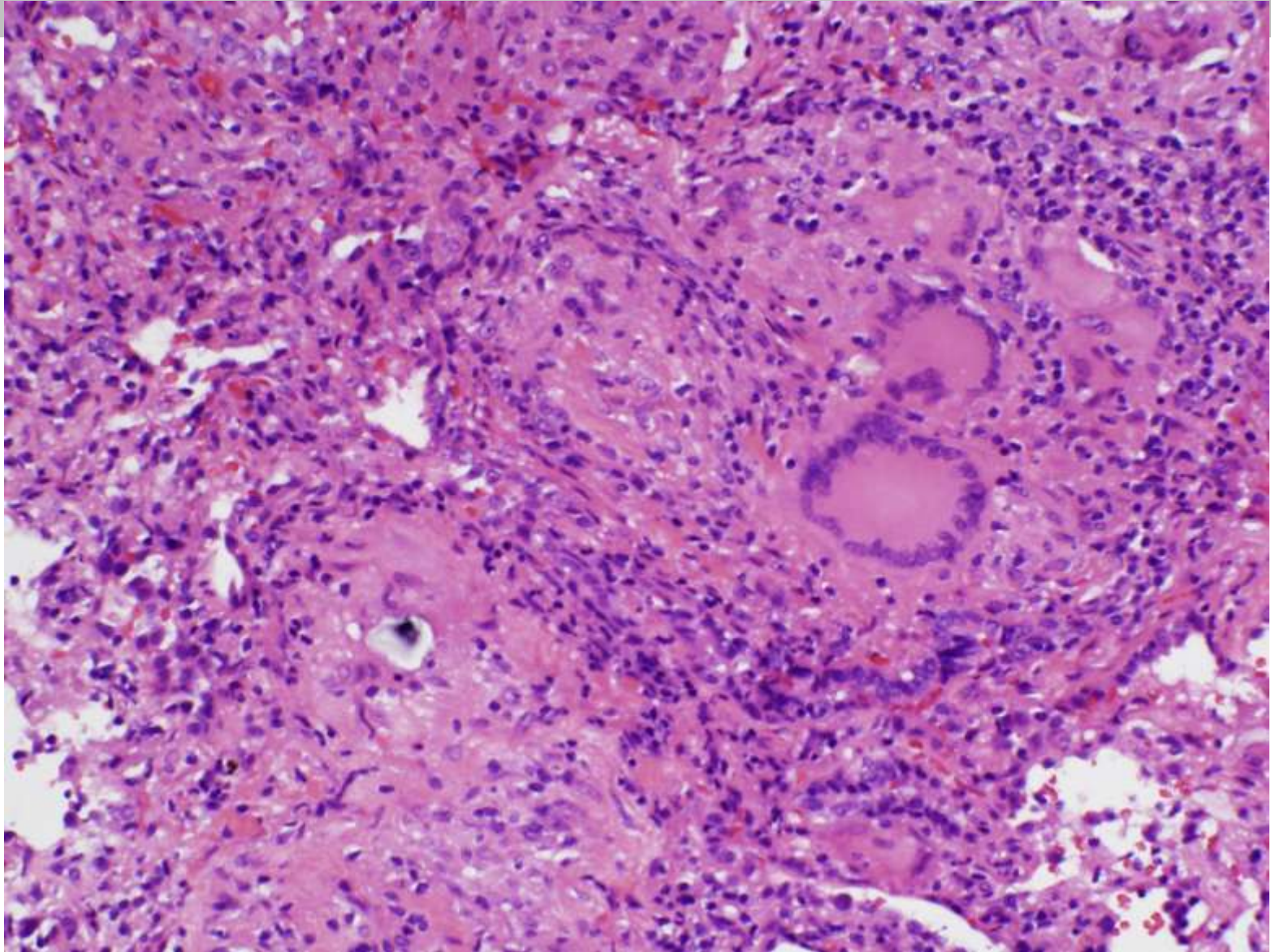
 - ❖ Insecticide 1

 - ❖ Tear gas 1

■ Sarcoid-like condition

- May mimic sarcoidosis (Chest, deep-seated organs, skin, hypercalcemia)
- Anti-TNF agents: etanercept
- Interferon alpha, beta





❖ Courtesy TV Colby



□ DI-ANCA-related systemic conditions

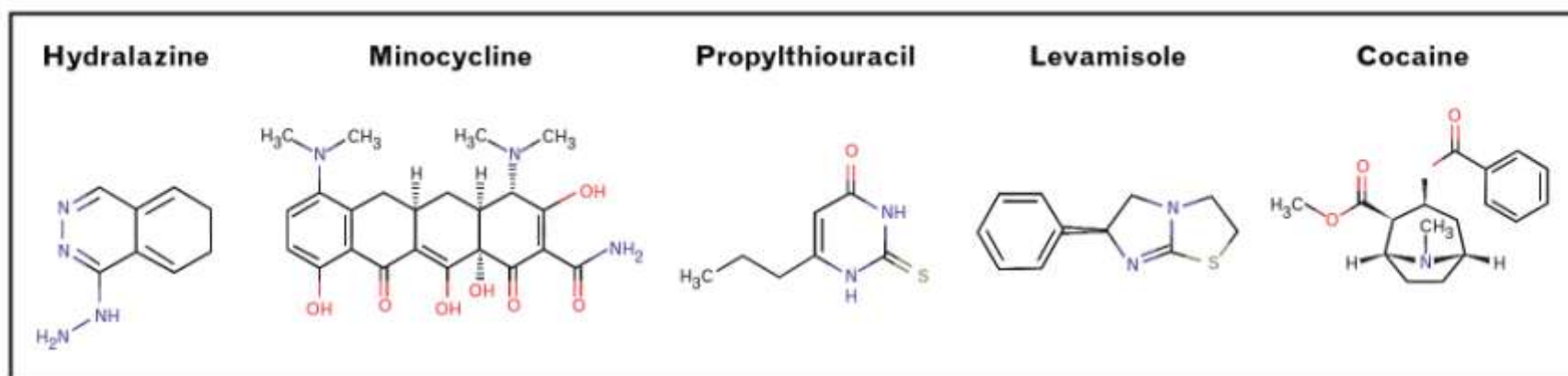


FIGURE 1. Chemical structures of hydralazine, minocycline, propylthiouracil (PTU), levamisole and cocaine. There is a paucity of information regarding structural similarities and differences of these compounds in the literature; therefore, they are represented here for visual review (created using DrugBank).

	Hydralazine	Minocycline	PTU	Levamisole-adulterated cocaine
ANCA serotype	MPO-ANCA	MPO-ANCA	MPO-ANCA	MPO-ANCA and PR3-ANCA
ANCA IF pattern	Perinuclear	Perinuclear	Perinuclear	Perinuclear
MPO-ANCA and PR3-ANCA double positivity	Rare	Rare	Rare	Very common

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Table 1. Clinical characteristics of ANCA vasculitis associated with hydralazine, minocycline, propylthiouracil (PTU) and levamisole-adulterated cocaine

	Hydralazine	Minocycline	PTU	Levamisole-adulterated cocaine
Indication for use	Hypertension Heart failure	Acne vulgaris Tick-borne disease	Hyperthyroidism	Illicit euphoric agent
Mechanism(s) of action	SM relaxation	Inhibits bacterial protein synthesis	Prevents TG iodination and T4 → T3 conversion	Serotonin-norepinephrine-dopamine reuptake inhibitor ^a
Sex most affected	M ~ F	M ~ F	F > M	M ~ F
Age most affected	Middle-aged to elderly	Adolescents, young adults	Young to middle-aged adults	Middle-aged
Drug duration at time of disease onset	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable
Signs and symptoms	Arthralgias, rash, dyspnea	PAN	Fever, arthralgias, rash, agranulocytosis ^b	Fever, arthralgias, myalgias, painful and purpuric rash
Organs involved	S, L, K	S, A	S, J, L, K, H ^{PMN}	S, J, UA, L, H ^{PMN} , K
ANCA serotype	MPO-ANCA	MPO-ANCA	MPO-ANCA	MPO-ANCA and PR3-ANCA
ANCA IF pattern	Perinuclear	Perinuclear	Perinuclear	Perinuclear
MPO-ANCA and PR3-ANCA double positivity	Rare	Rare	Rare	Very common
Antinuclear Abs (ANA)	+	+	+	+
Anti-dsDNA Abs	+	–	–	+
Antihistone Abs	+	–	+ / –	Unknown
Antiphospholipid Abs	+ / –	–	+ / –	+
Other ANCA autoantigens	HNE, lactoferrin	HNE, cathepsin G, BPI	HNE, lactoferrin, BPI, azurocidin, cathepsin G	HNE, cathepsin G, lactoferrin
Treatment ^c	Withdrawal Extensive	Withdrawal Variable	Withdrawal Variable	Withdrawal Variable
Continue drug?	No	No	No	No
Use drug in future?	No	No	No	No
Alternative agents	Any other class	Doxycycline	Methimazole	Not applicable
Biomarkers	None	None	None	Urine cocaine and levamisole

❖ Levamisole (ANCA-positive cutaneous vasculopathy)

Toxic Effects of Levamisole in a Cocaine User

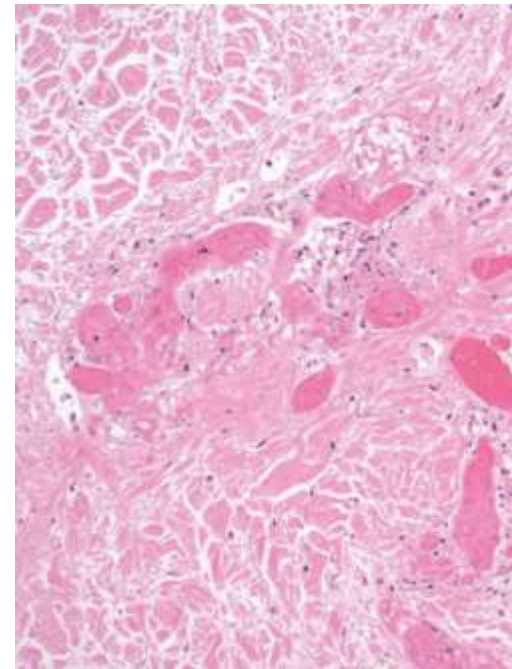






FIGURE 1. Cutaneous defects 4 and 16 days from allegedly smoking free-base co



FIGURE 2. Cutaneous defects 16 and 28 days from allegedly smoking free-base cocaine.

Conclusions

- ❑ **Drugs are a common consideration in ILD**
 - ▣ Extend in bizarre and systemic conditions
- ❑ **Diagnosis more often raised than proved**
- ❑ **Pathology not necessary in every case**
 - ▣ Diagnostic of: rarely
 - ▣ Consistent with: quite often
 - ▣ Noncontributory: often
 - ▣ May help exclude any incidental condition
- ❑ **Careful exclusion of an infection**
- ❑ **Prudent drug withdrawal indicated**
- ❑ **Watch cryotherapy development**