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MEDICAL IMAGING IN PNEUMOLOGY



Homework

1. Name the indications of the imaging methods used in pneumology.

- 2. Explain the radiological signs (12).
- 3. Explain the radiological syndromes (4).



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- to be aware of the role of modern diagnostic imaging modalities
- to be familiar with main radiological signs and syndromes
- tips and tricks in chest imaging



IMAGING MODALITIES





IMAGING MODALITIES

- Conventional Radiography
- Computed Tomography
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Ultrasonography
- Angiography
- Scintigraphy, Positron Emission Tomography, SPECT/CT



PLAIN CHEST X-RAY FILM



- Is the most frequently requested examination
- Visualization of the lungs is excellent because of inherent contrast of the tissues
- Lateral films shouldn't be undertaken routinely
- Comparison of the current film with old films is valuable
- Is mandatory before proceeding to more complex investigations



CT SCANNING MAIN INDICATIONS

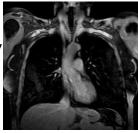


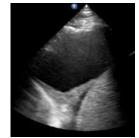
- Staging malignancy
- Detecting pulmonary metastases
- Far superior in assessing chest wall and pleural lesions, lung mass, the hilum and mediastinum
- High value in the diagnosis of diffuse lung disease
- Evaluation of bronchiectasis (surgery is undertaken without preoperative bronchography)

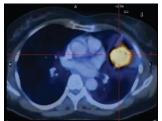


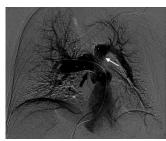
OTHER MODALITIES

- MRI helpful in the diagnosis of hilar masses, lymphadenopathy and mediastinal lesions
- Ultrasonography investigation of the chest wall and pleural lesions
- Radionuclide scanning useful in staging malignancy
- Pulmonary angiography gold standard for the diagnosis of pulmonary embolism











RADIOLOGICAL SIGNS

- Air bronchogram
- Air crescent
- Air trapping
- Beaded septum sign
- Signet ring sign
- Tree-in-bud pattern

- Ground-glass opacity
- Halo sign
- Honeycombing
- Milliary pattern
- Silhouette sign
- Reticular pattern

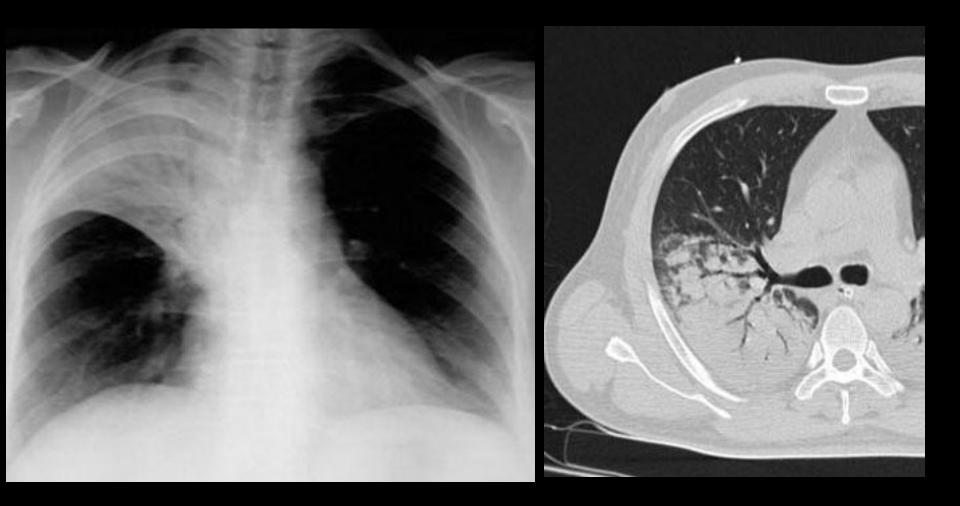


AIR BRONCHOGRAM

- An air bronchogram is a pattern of air-filled (low-attenuation) bronchi on a background of opaque (high-attenuation) airless lung
- The sign implies patency of proximal airways and evacuation of alveolar air by means of absorbtion (atelectasis) or replacement (eg, pneumonia) or a combination of these processes.



AIR BRONCHOGRAM





AIR CRESCENT

- is a collection of air in a crescentic shape that separates the wall of a cavity from an inner mass
- is characteristic of either Aspergillus colonization of pre-existing cavities or retraction of infarcted lung in angioinvasive aspergillosis



AIR CRESCENT SIGN





AIR TRAPPING

- Air trapping is retention of air in the lung distal to an obstruction
- is seen on end-expiration CT scans as parenchymal areas with less than normal increase in attenuation and lack of volume reduction
- Common conditions that lead to air trapping include asthma and bronchiolitis obliterans.



AIR TRAPPING



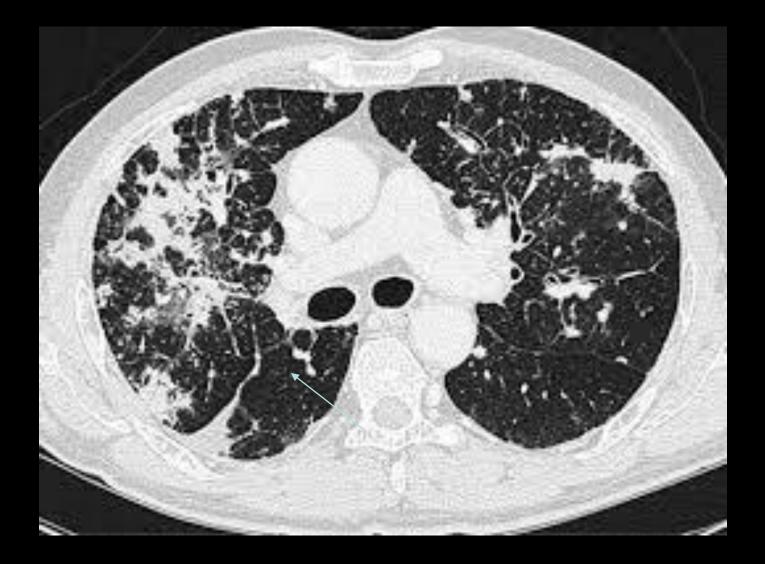


BEADED SEPTUM SIGN

- consists of irregular and nodular thickening of interlobular septa reminiscent of a row of beads
- It is frequently seen in lymphangitic spread of cancer, sarcoidosis



BEADED SEPTUM SIGN



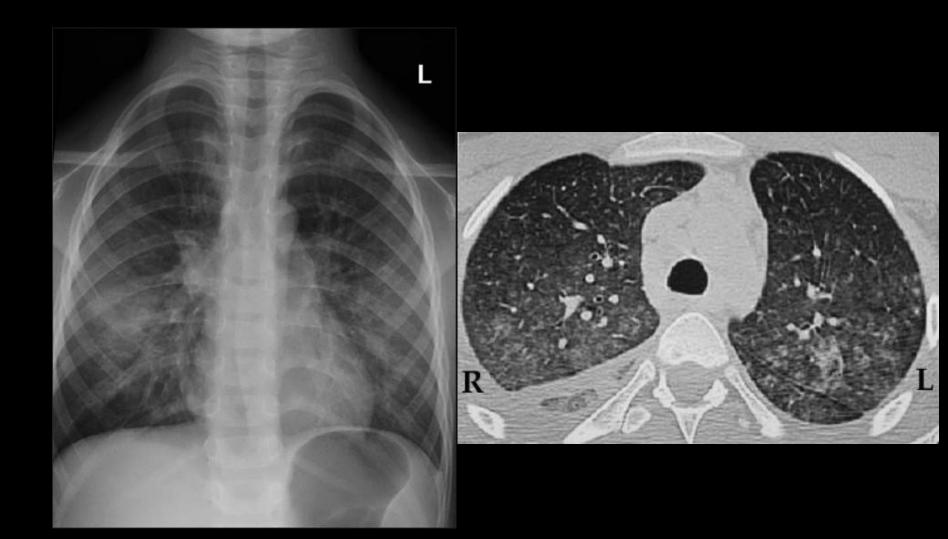


GROUND-GLASS OPACITY

- An area of hazy increased lung opacity, with preservation of bronchial and vascular margins
- Caused by partial filling of airspaces, interstitial thickening, partial collapse of alveoli, increased capillary blood volume, or a combination of these
- Less opaque than consolidation



GROUND-GLASS OPACITY





HALO SIGN

- The halo sign is a CT finding of groundglass opacity surrounding a nodule or mass
- May be caused by haemorrhage around foci of invasive aspergillosis or other types of nodules, or by local pulmonary infiltration by neoplasm



HALO SIGN





HONEYCOMBING

- The appearance is of clustered cystic air spaces, typically of comparable diameters on the order of 3–10 mm but occasionally as large as 2.5 cm
- Is considered specific for pulmonary fibrosis and is an important criterion in the diagnosis of usual interstitial pneumonia



HONEYCOMBING



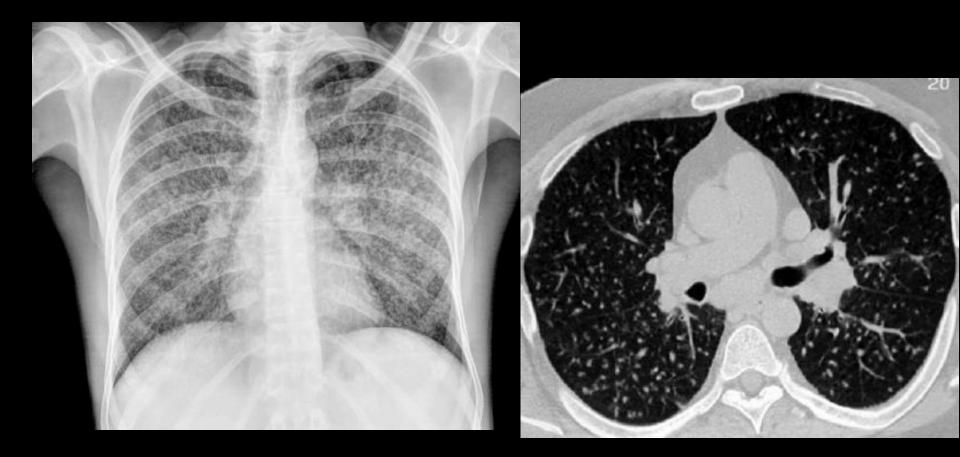


MILIARY PATTERN

- On chest radiographs, the milliary pattern consists of profuse tiny, discrete, rounded pulmonary opacities (<3 mm in diameter) that are generally uniform in size and diffusely distributed throughout the lungs
- CT scans show widespread, randomly distributed micronodules
- This pattern is a manifestation of hematogenous spread of tuberculosis and metastatic disease.



MILIARY PATTERN



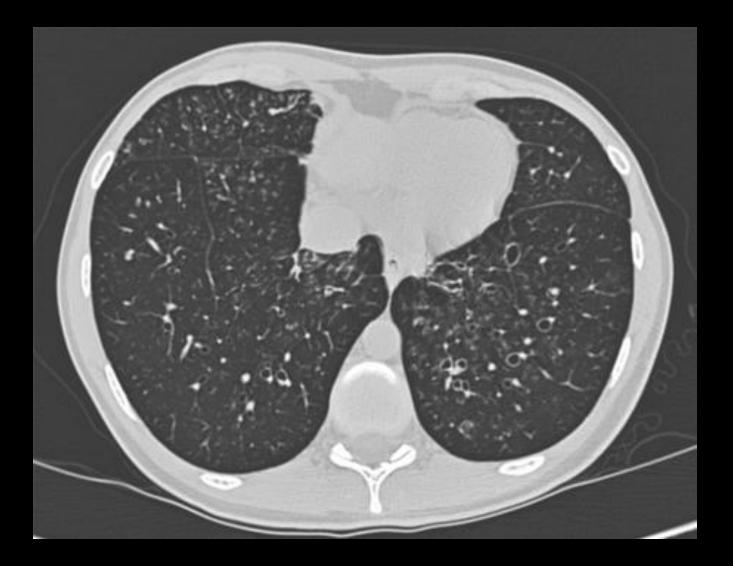


SIGNET RING SIGN

- This finding is composed of a ring-shaped opacity representing a dilated bronchus in cross section and a smaller adjacent opacity representing its pulmonary artery, with the combination resembling a signet (or pearl) ring
- Basic CT sign of bronchiectasis, asthma



SIGNET RING SIGN





SILHOUETTE SIGN

- The silhouette sign is the absence of depiction of an anatomic soft-tissue border.
- It is caused by consolidation and/or atelectasis of the adjacent lung, by a large mass, or by contiguous pleural fluid. The silhouette sign results from the juxtaposition of structures of similar radiographic attenuation



SILHOUETTE SIGN





TREE-IN-BUD PATTERN

- Represents centrilobular branching structures that resemble a budding tree. The pattern reflects a spectrum of endo- and peribronchiolar disorders, including mucoid impaction, inflammation, and/or fibrosis
- It is particularly common in diffuse panbronchiolitis, endobronchial spread of mycobacterial infection, and cystic fibrosis



TREE-IN-BUD PATTERN



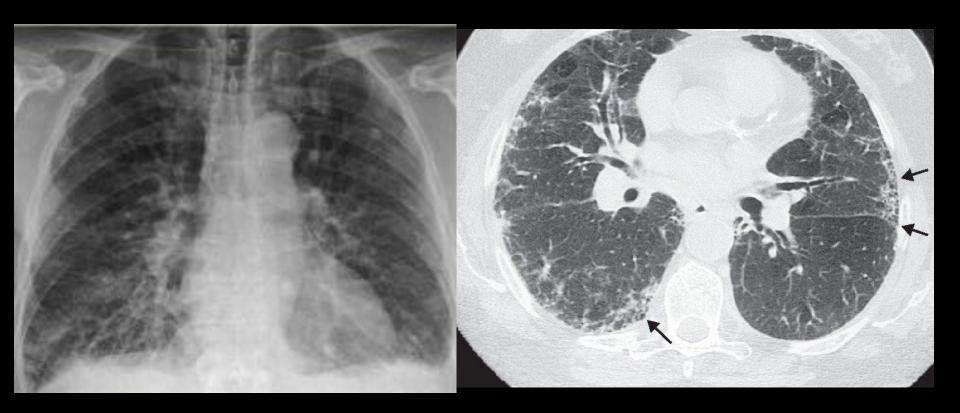


RETICULAR PATTERN

- Reticular pattern is a collection of innumerable small linear opacities that, by summation, produce an appearance resembling a net
- Represent interlobular septal thickening, intralobular lines;
- Represents interstitial lung disease, interstitial edema



RETICULAR PATTERN





RADIOLOGICAL SYNDROMES

- Consolidation
- Interstitial pattern
- Nodule or mass
- Atelectasis



CONSOLIDATION

NOTION

 Consolidation - any pathologic process that fills the alveoli with fluid, pus, blood, cells (including tumor cells) or other substances resulting in lobar, diffuse or multifocal illdefined opacities



CONSOLIDATION

CLASSIFICATION

- Lobar consolidation
- Diffuse consolidation
- Multifocal ill-defined consolidations



- BAC

Others

CONSOLIDATION

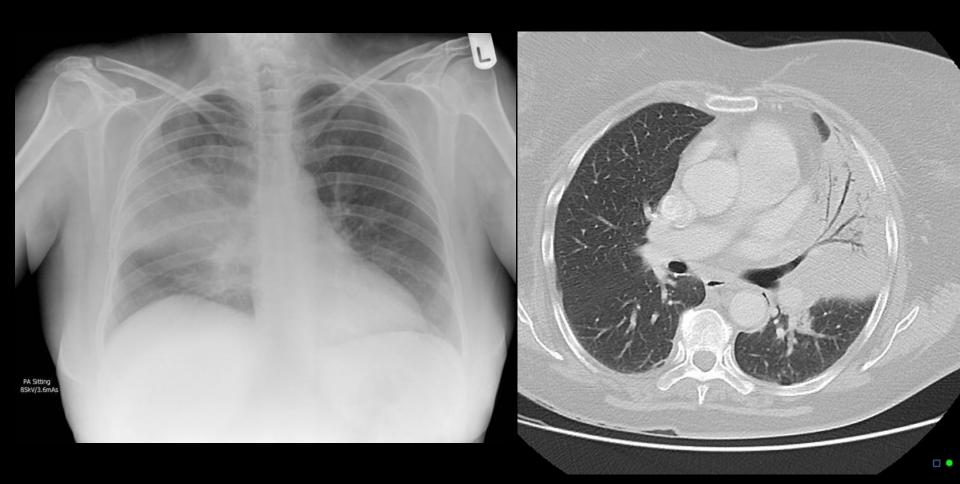
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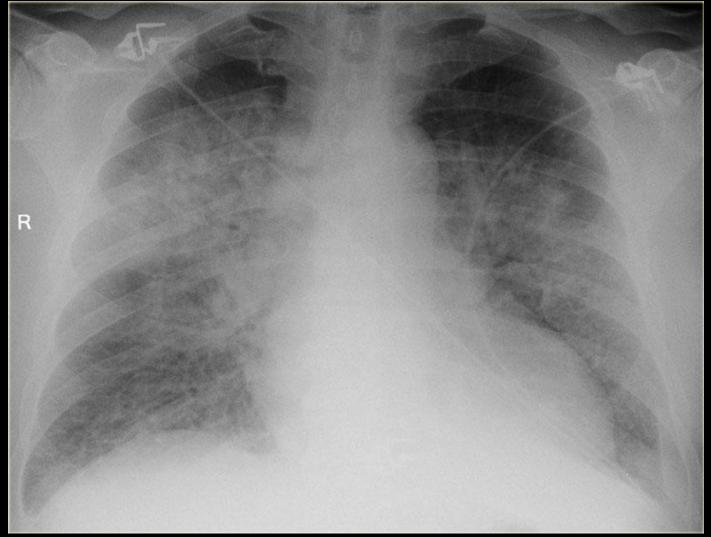
LOBAR CONSOLIDATION



Lobar pneumonia



DIFFUSE CONSOLIDATION



Pulmonary edema



MULTIFOCAL ILL-DEFINED CONSOLIDATIONS



Bronchopneumonia



INTERSTITIAL PATTERN

NOTION

 Interstitial pattern - involvement of the supporting tissue of the lung parenchyma resulting in fine or coarse reticular opacities or small nodules.



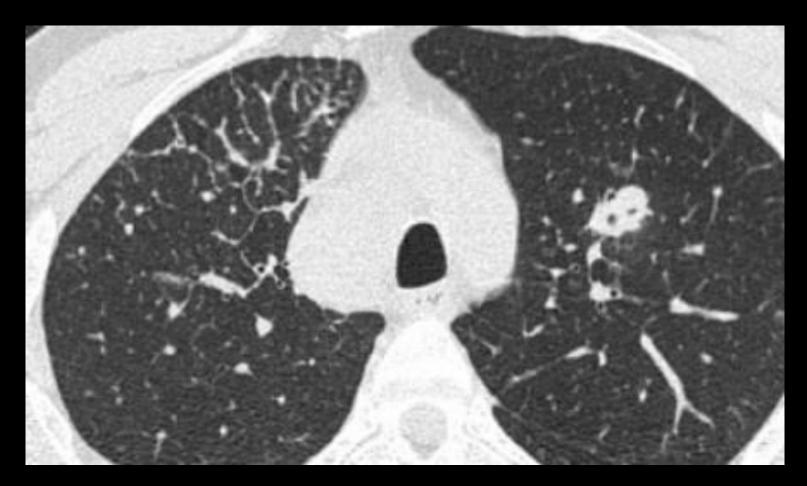
INTERSTITIAL PATTERN

CLASSIFICATION

- Reticular interstitial opacities
- Nodular interstitial opacities



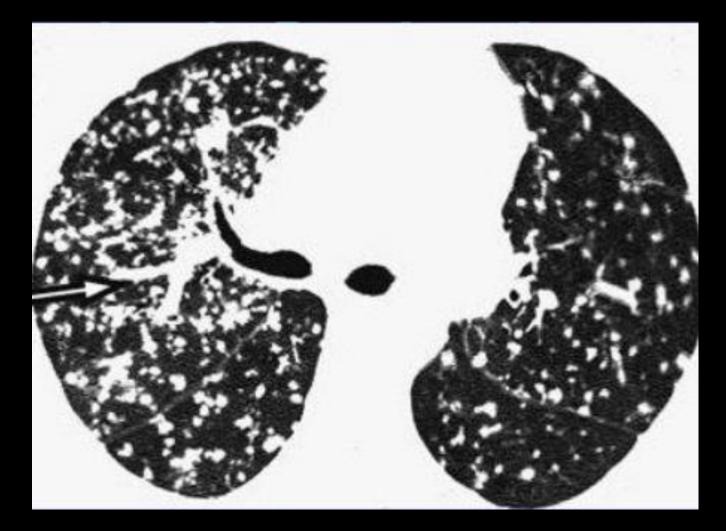
RETICULAR PATTERN



Lymphangitic carcinomatosis



NODULAR PATTERN



Sarcoidosis



NODULE OR MASS

- Nodule or mass any space occupying lesion either solitary or multiple.
- Solitary pulmonary nodule is defined as a discrete, well-marginated, rounded opacity less than or equal to 3 cm in diameter.



SOLITARY PULMONARY NODULE



Bronchial carcinoma



MULTIPLE PULMONARY MASSES



METASTASES



ATELECTASIS

NOTION

 Atelectasis or lung-collapse is the result of loss of air in a lung or part of the lung with subsequent volume loss due to airway obstruction or compression of the lung by pleural fluid or a pneumothorax.



ATELECTASIS

CLASSIFICATION

- linear atelectasis: a minimal degree of collapse as seen in patients with rib fracture
- lobar atelectasis: collapse of one or more lobes of a lung
- segmental atelectasis: collapse of one or more individual pulmonary segments
- subsegmental atelectasis
- round atelectasis: classically associated with asbestos exposure (comet tail sign).

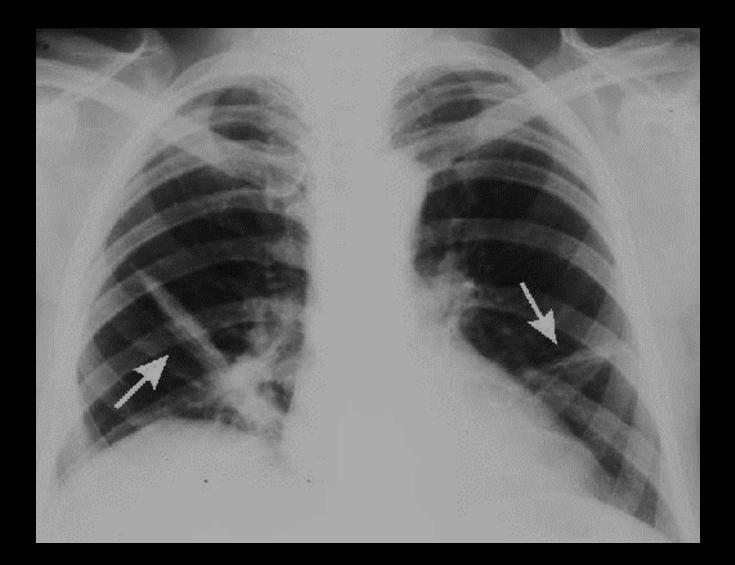


LOBAR ATELECTASIS



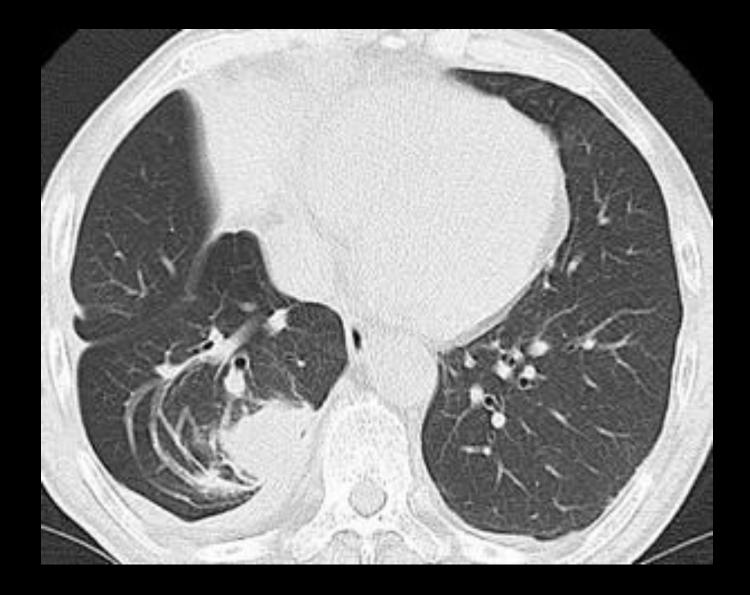


LINEAR ATELECTASIS





ROUND ATELECTASIS



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