

# **Nuclear medicine in oncology**

- 1. Diagnosis**
- 2. Therapy**

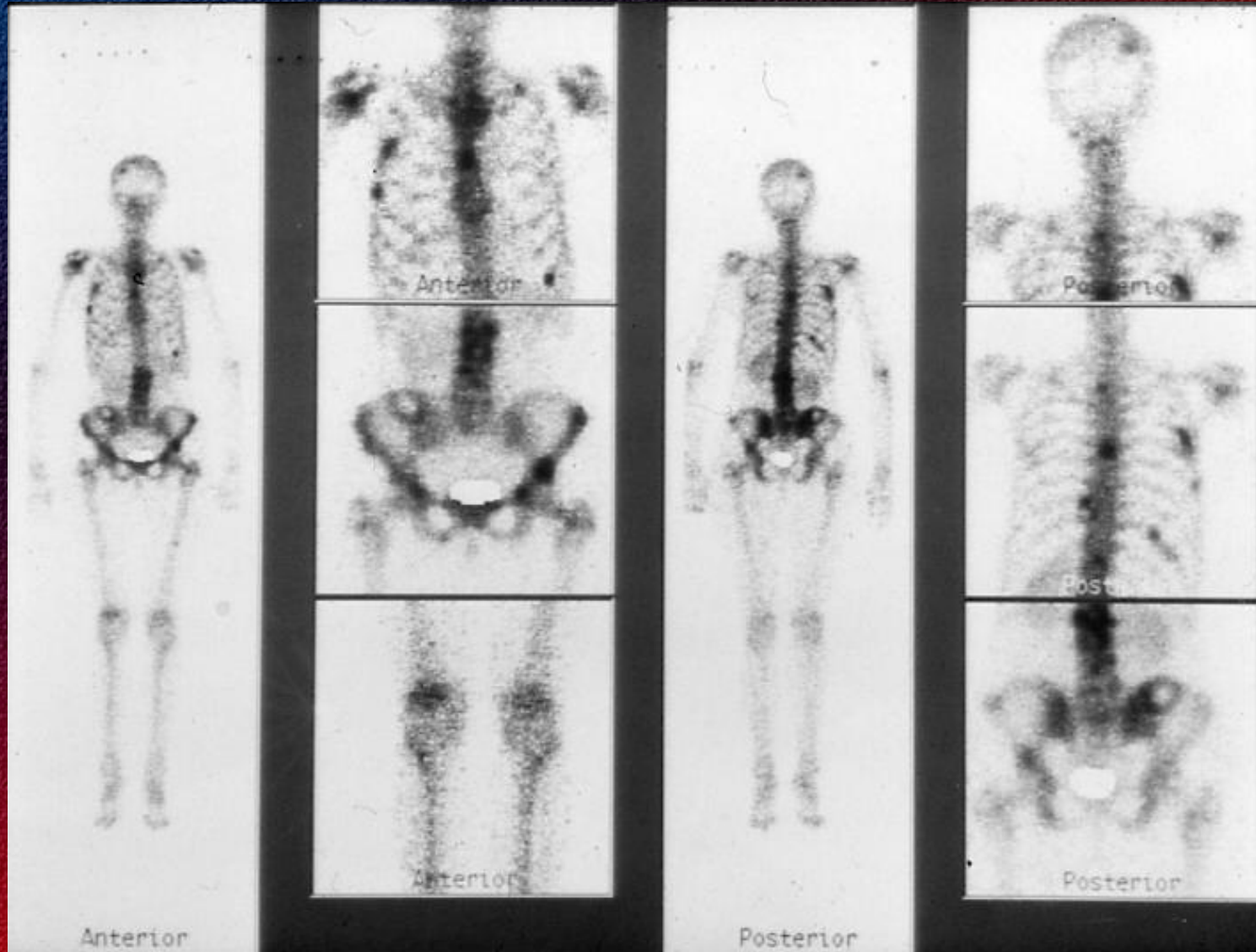


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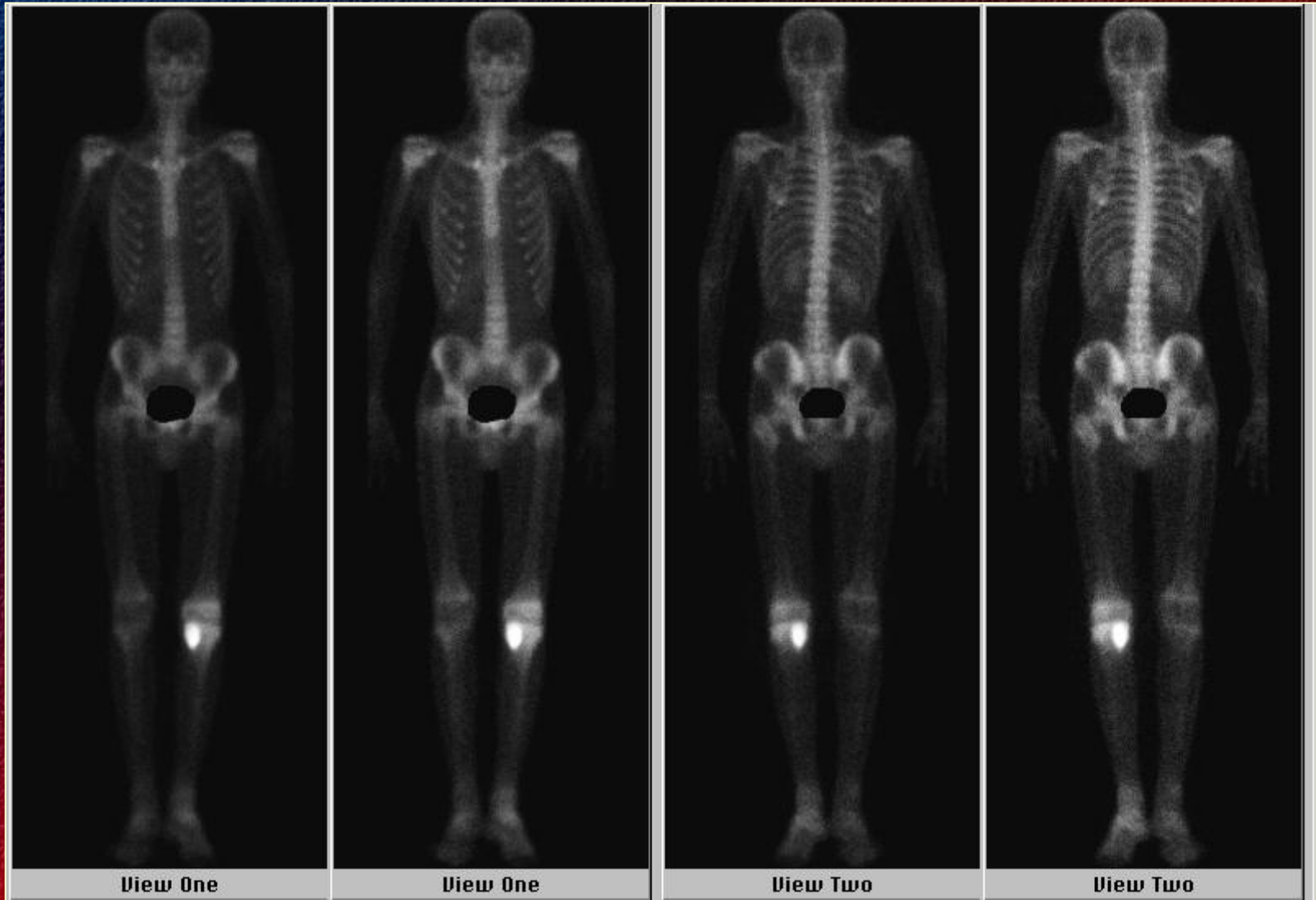


# Bone scan – multifocal metastases



# Bone scan – primary bone tumour

## Osteosarcoma tibiae l.s.



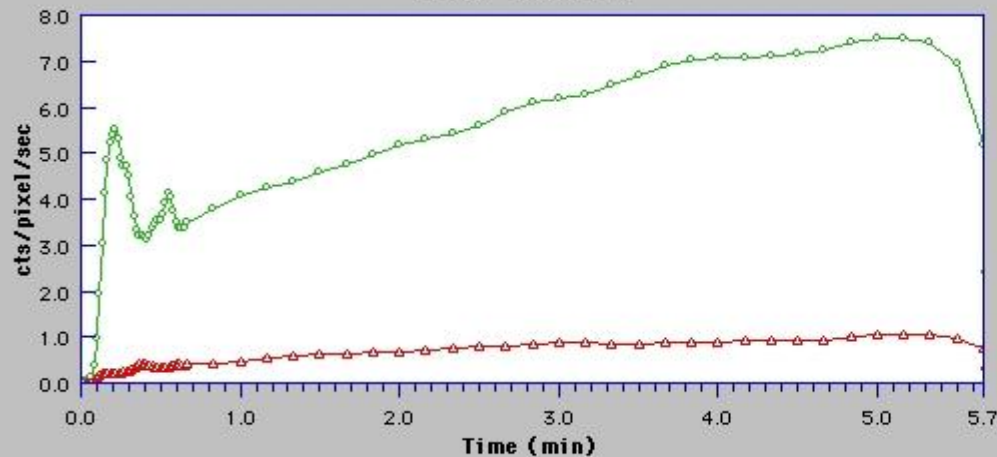


# Osteosarcoma tibiae l.s.

## three-phase bone scan



Time Activity



RATIO = LEFT/RIGHT

BLOODPOOL RATIO = 7.40

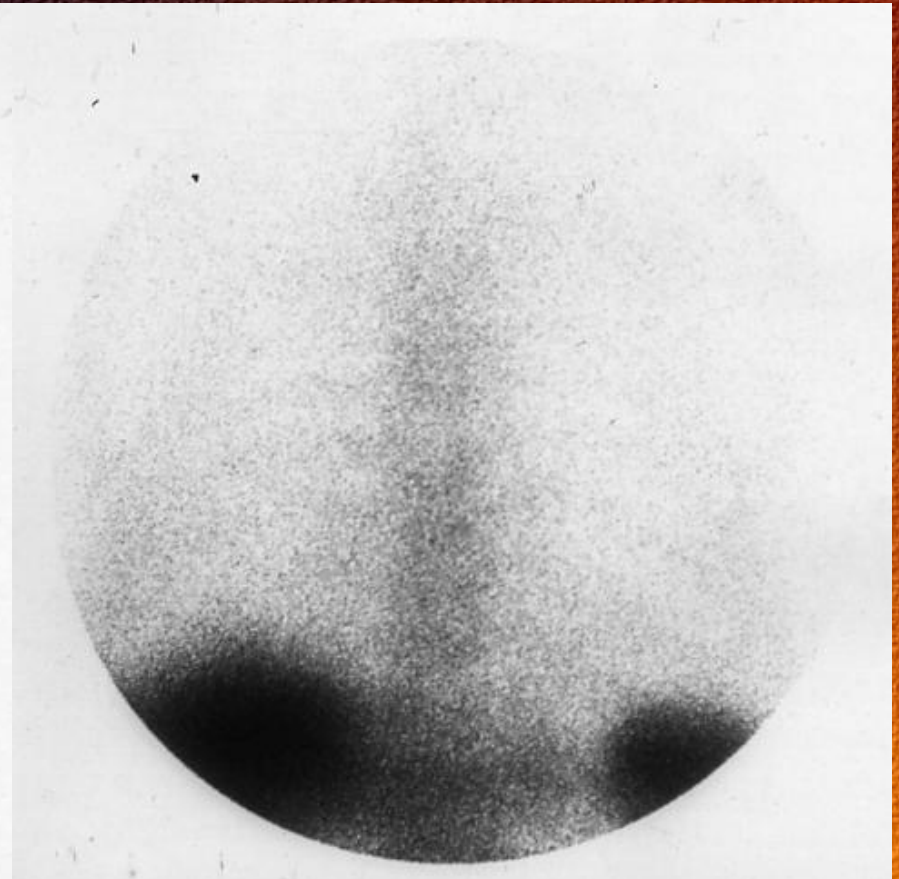
SKELETAL RATIO = 10.31

# Vertebra metastases

**Bone scintigraphy**



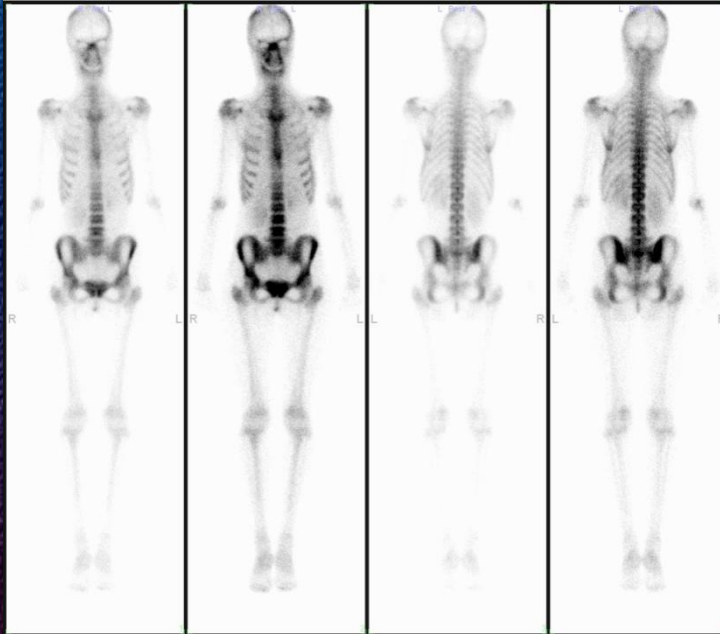
**Bone marrow scintigraphy**



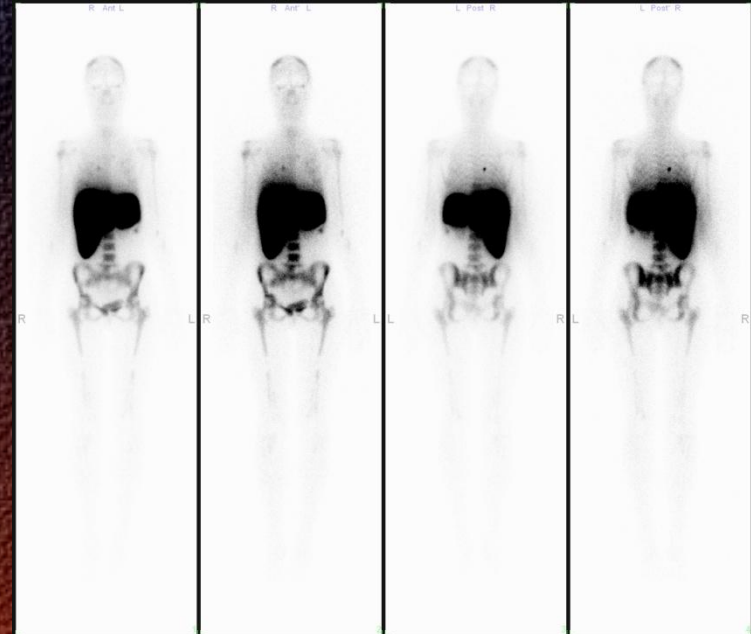


# Hodgkin disease

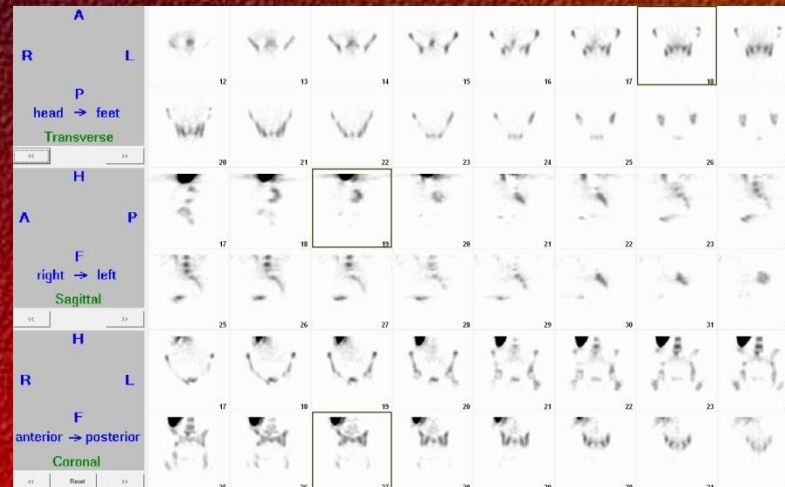
## Bone scintigraphy



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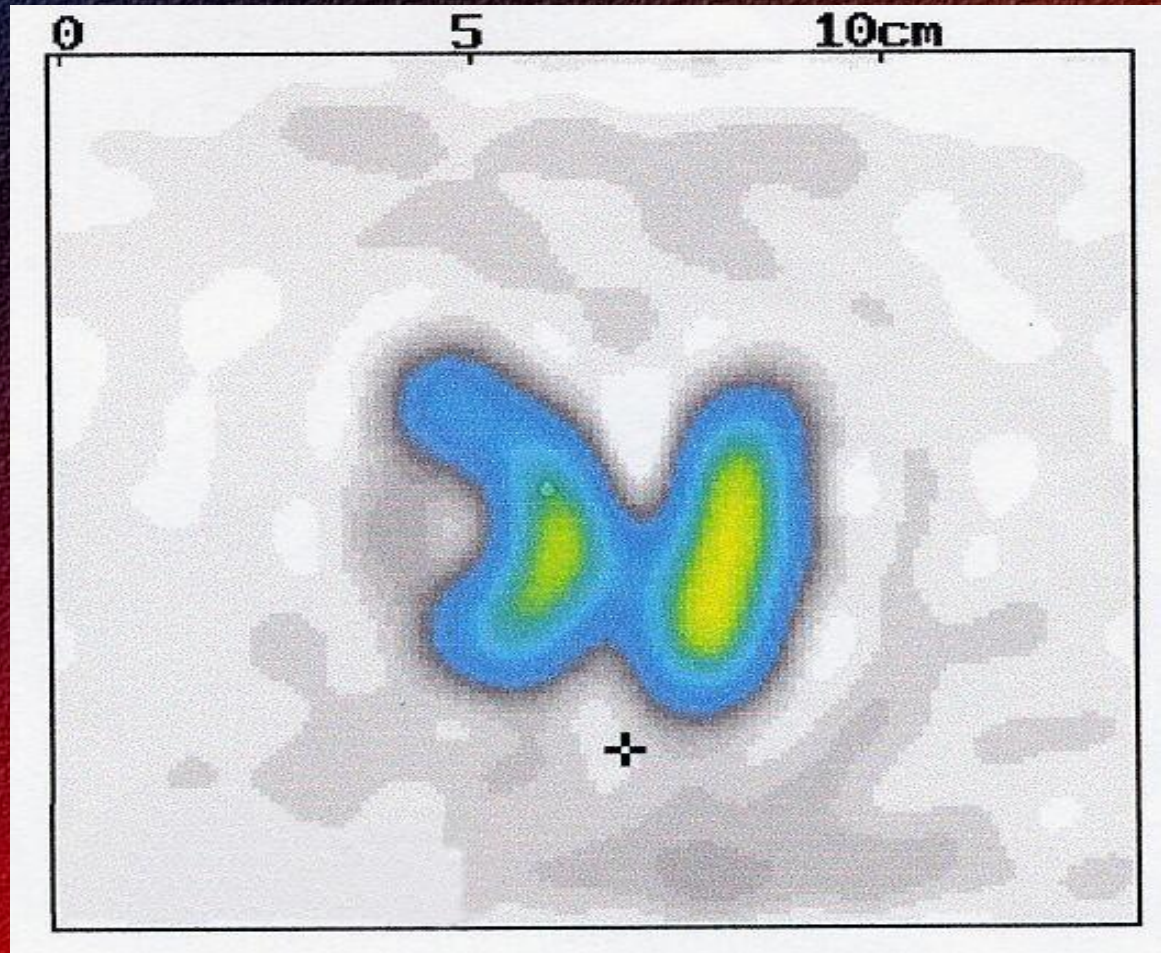
## Bone marrow scintigraphy (SPECT)





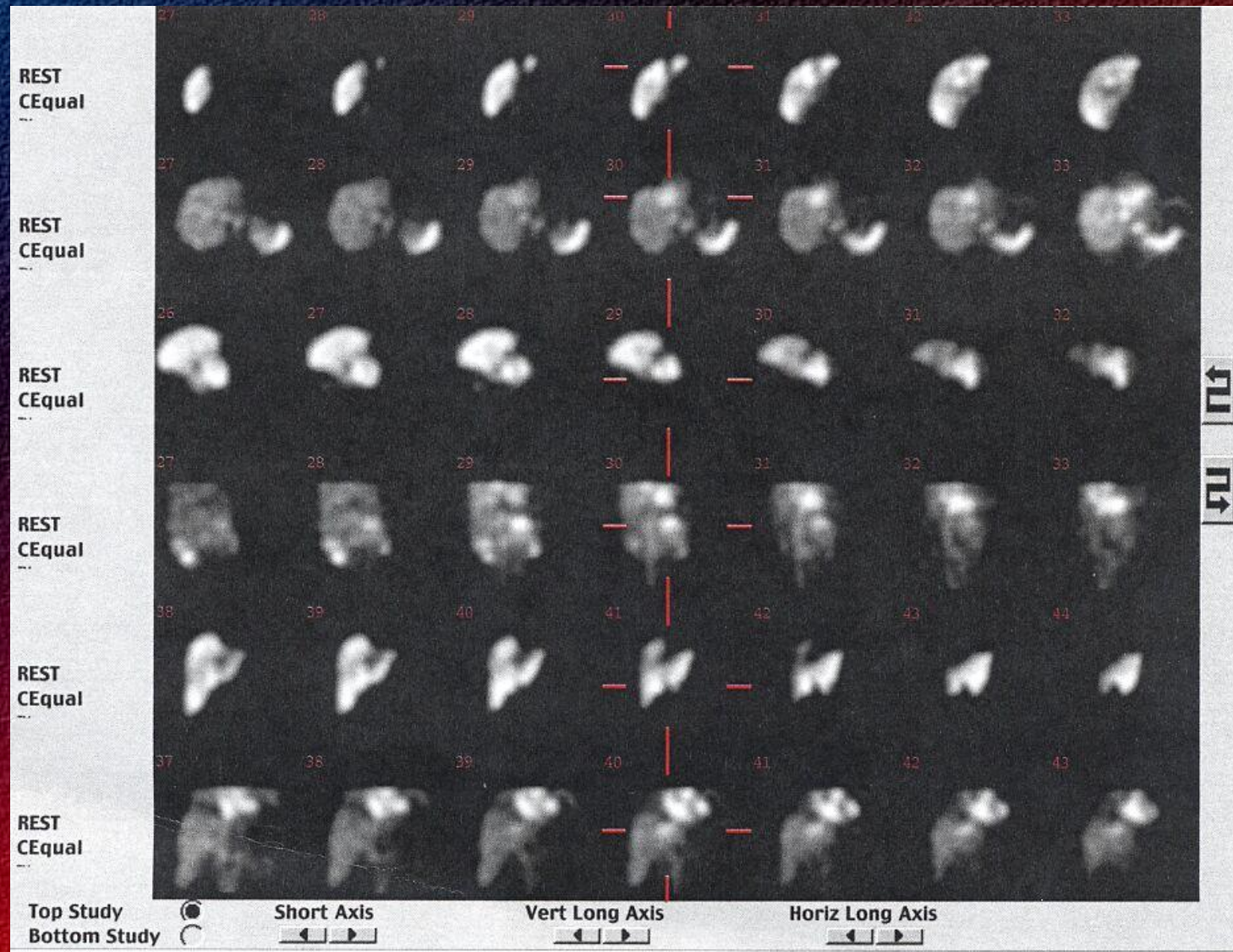
# Thyroid scintigraphy

## cold nodule



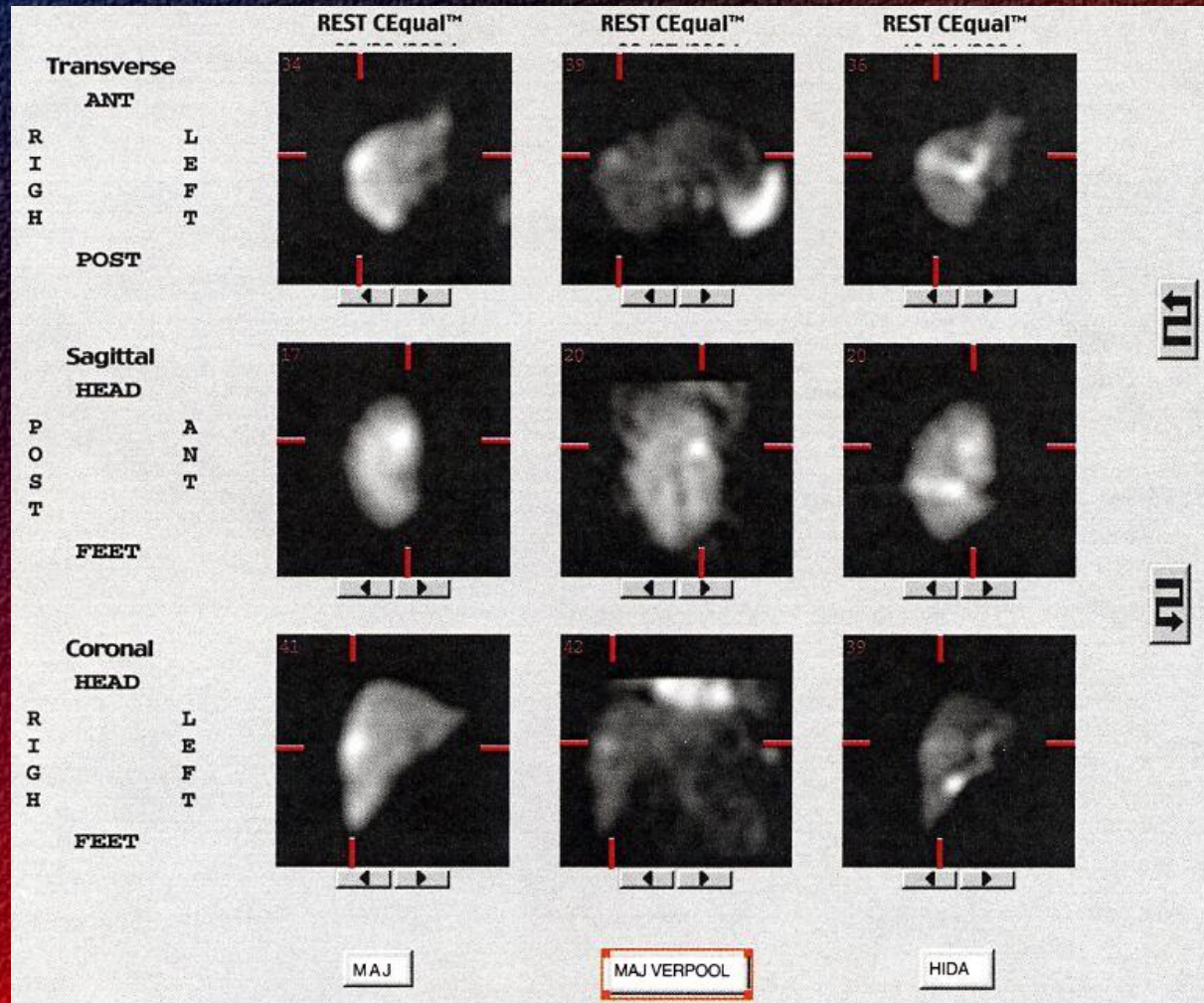


# Colloidal and blood pool liver scan





# Colloidal, blood pool and hepatobiliary (HIDA) liver scan (FNH)





# Perfusion lung scan

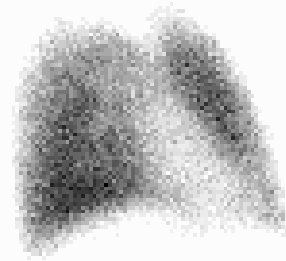
- **Perfusion lung scan shows the accurate regional perfusion of the lung**
- **Injected subject:  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -macroaggregate albumin with mean particles size of about 30 micrometer**
- **It blocks only less than 0,1 % of precapillary arterioles**



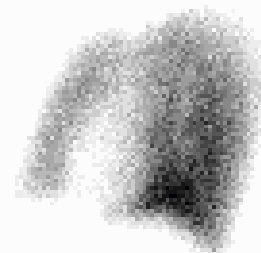
# Normal perfusion lung scan



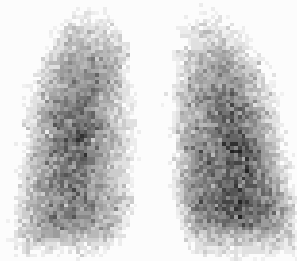
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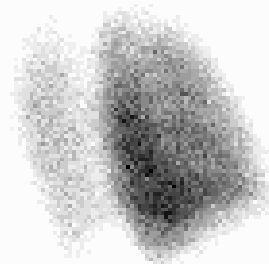
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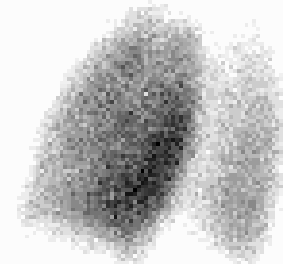
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RPO



LPO

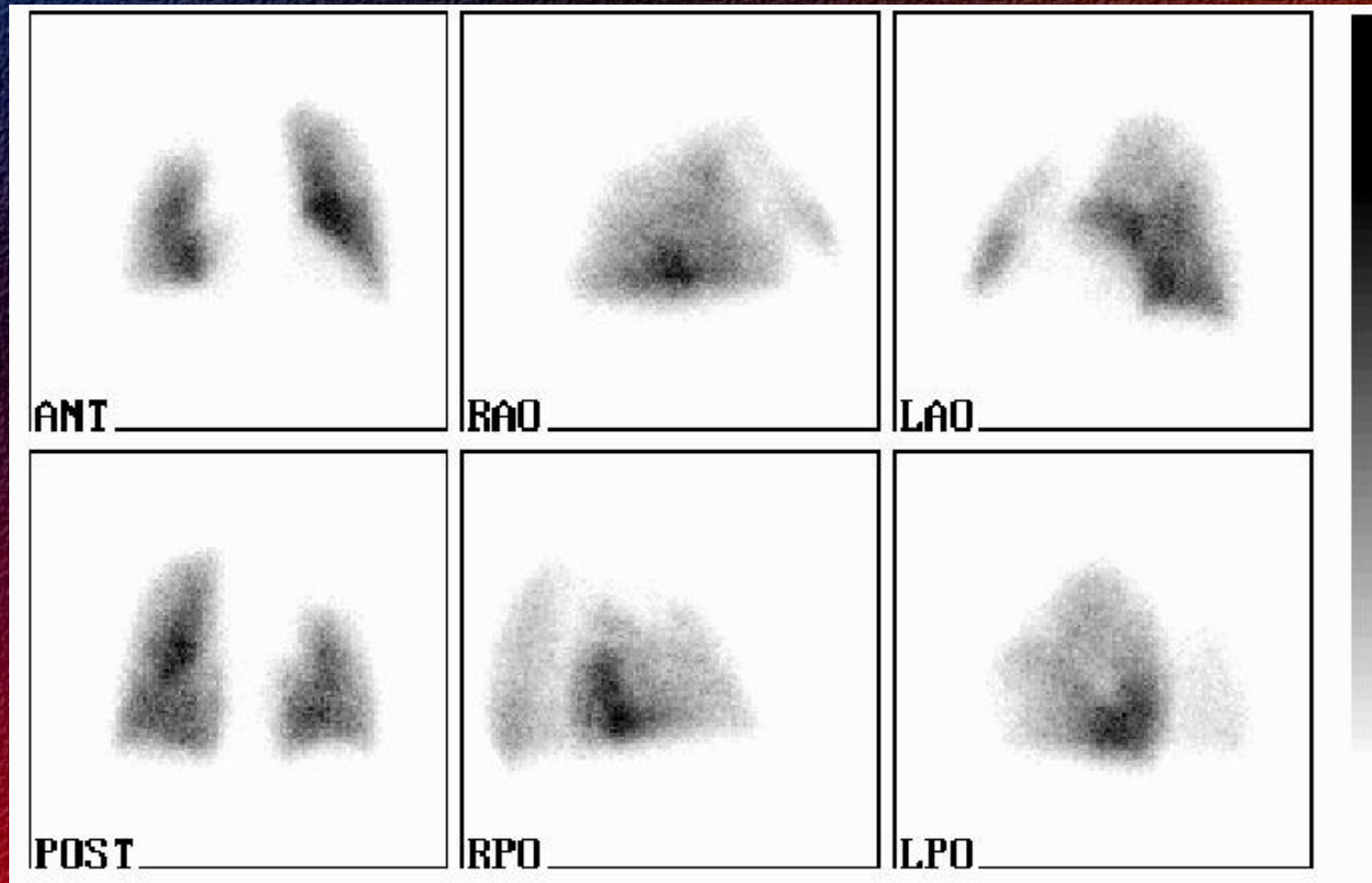


# Indication of the perfusion scintigraphy

- **The search for pulmonary embolism  
(couple of the chest X-ray!)**
- **The evaluation of regional lung function in  
patients with lung tumour before the operation**
- **The evaluation of regional lung function in  
asthmatic and obstructive lung diseases**
- **The assessment of regional lung function  
after the therapy**

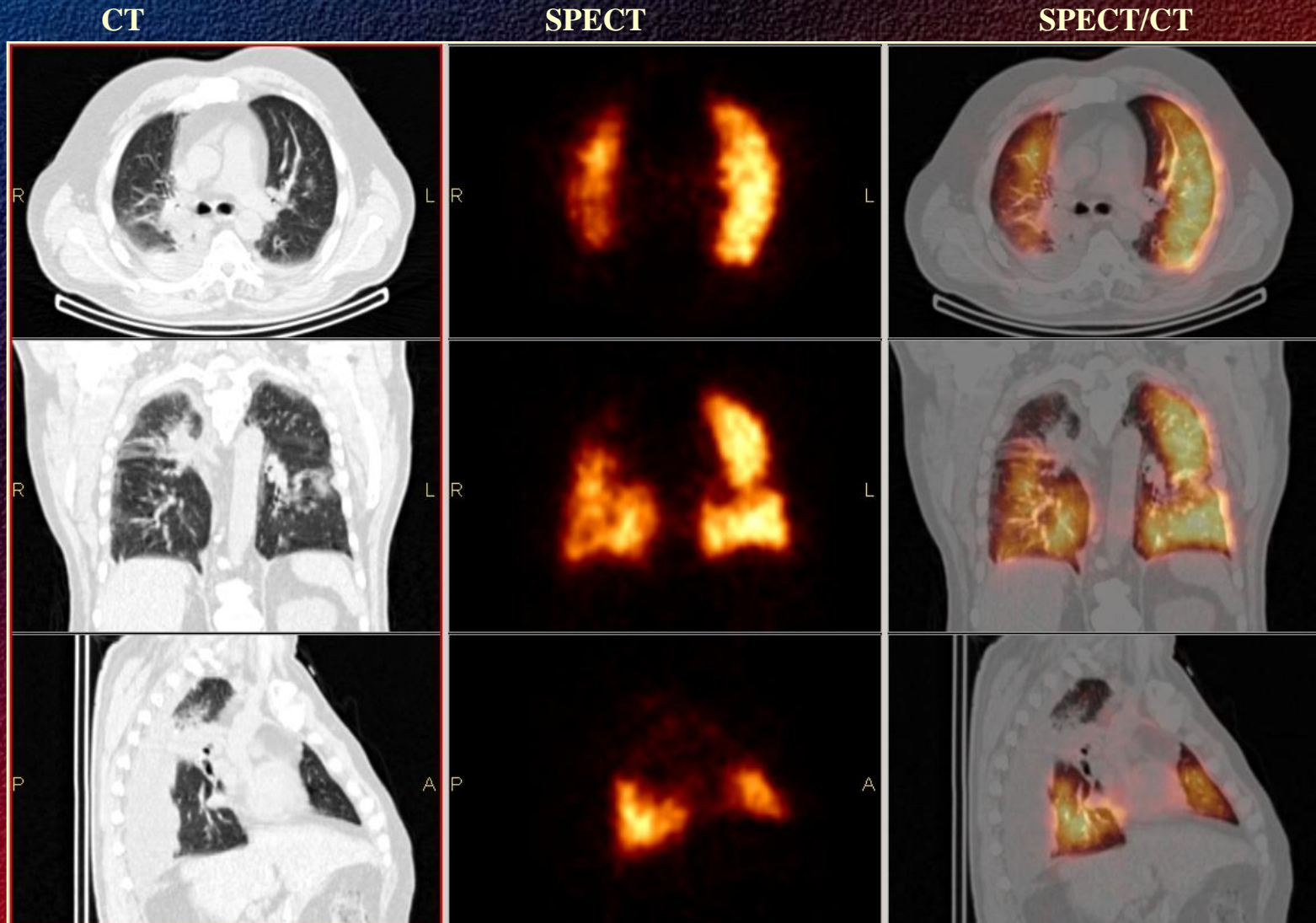


# Lung cancer in the right upper lobe and in the left lung





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# Evaluation of regional lung function

## Periferial tumour in the right lung

**The activity of the lung:**

**Both lung: 17216 cps**

**Left lung: 48.3 %**

**Right lung: 51.7 %**

**Left upper lobe: 2597 cps**

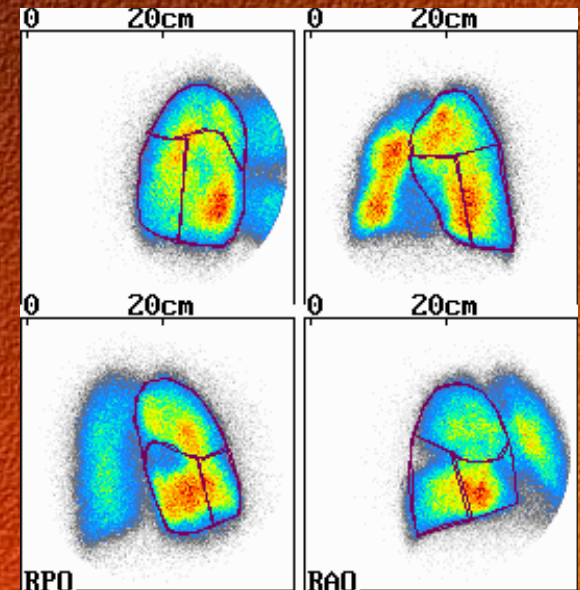
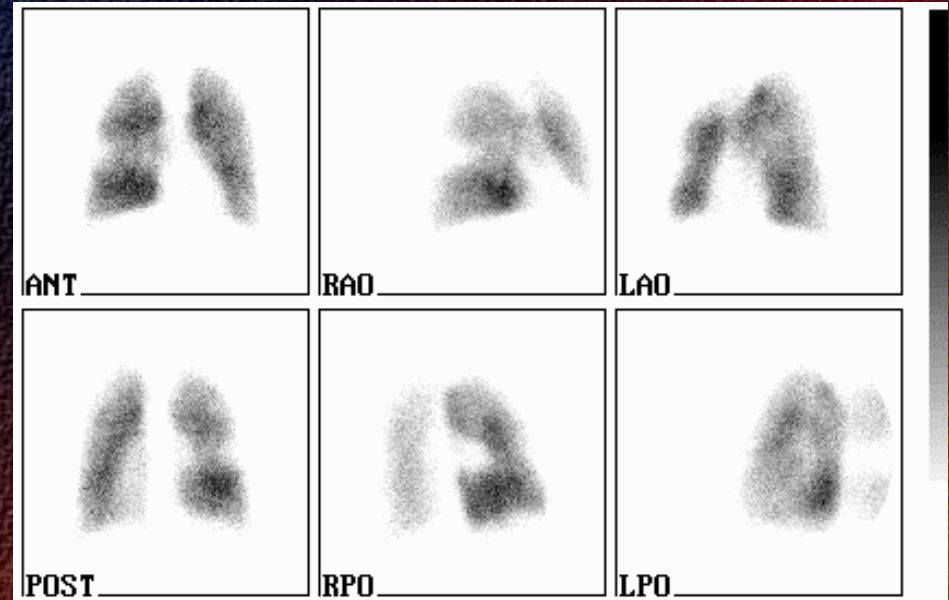
**Lingula: 2307 cps**

**Left lower lobe: 3766 cps**

**Right upper lobe: 3594 cps**

**Right middle lobe: 2423 cps**

**Right lower lobe: 3211 cps**





# Diagnosis

- **Conventional methods**
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# **Radiopharmaceuticals cumulating nonspecifically in tumours**

- **$^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI, (retentioned by mitochondrial membrane, primary role in the assessment of myocardial perfusion)**
- **$^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP (primary role in bone scintigraphy, tumor calcifications)**
- **$^{201}\text{TlCl}$  (biologic properties similar to potassium, primary role in the assessment of myocardial perfusion)**

**(e.g. brain, bone, lung, thyroid, parathyroid and breast tumours)**

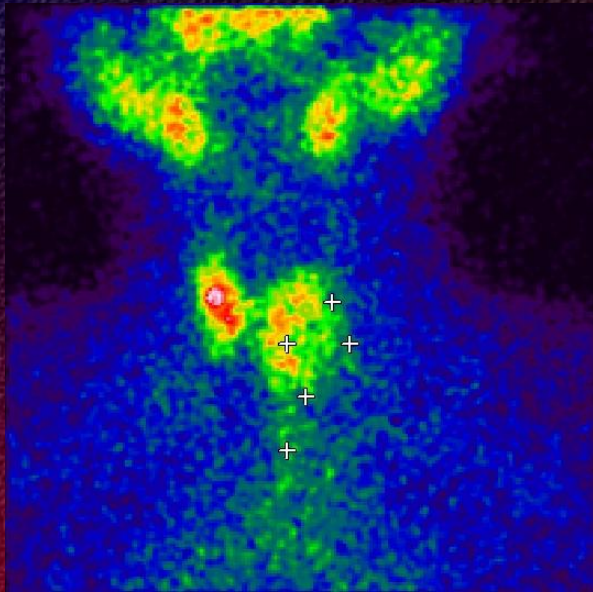
- **$^{67}\text{Ga}$ -citrate (similar to iron, binds to transferrin, e.g. lymphomas, lung and bone tumours)**
- **FDG, C-11 -methionine (PET) (the greatest importance in clinical practice)**

**PROBLEM: Not only tumour accumulation, positive in inflammatory diseases too!)**

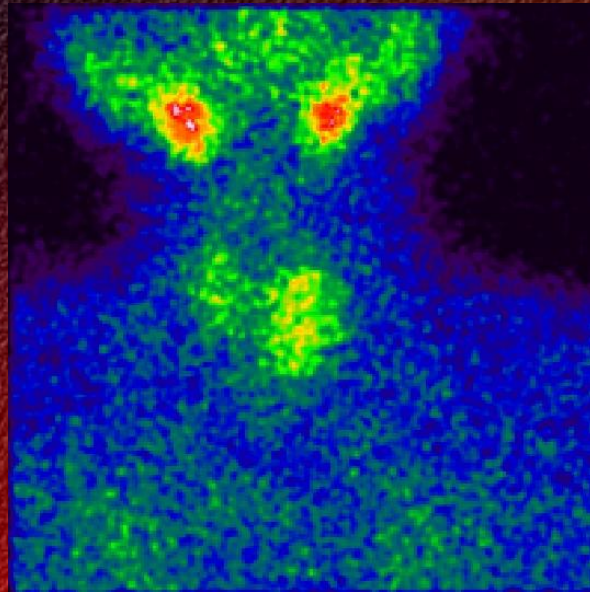


# Thyroid cc. - MIBI cumulation

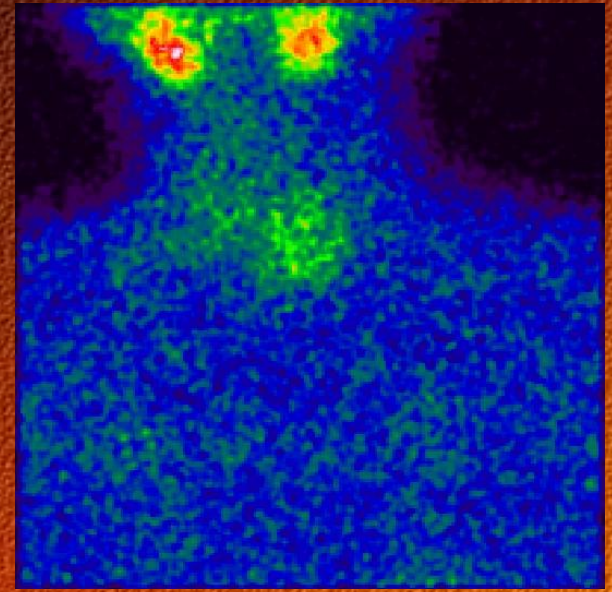
**$^{99m}\text{Tc}$**



**$^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI (early)**

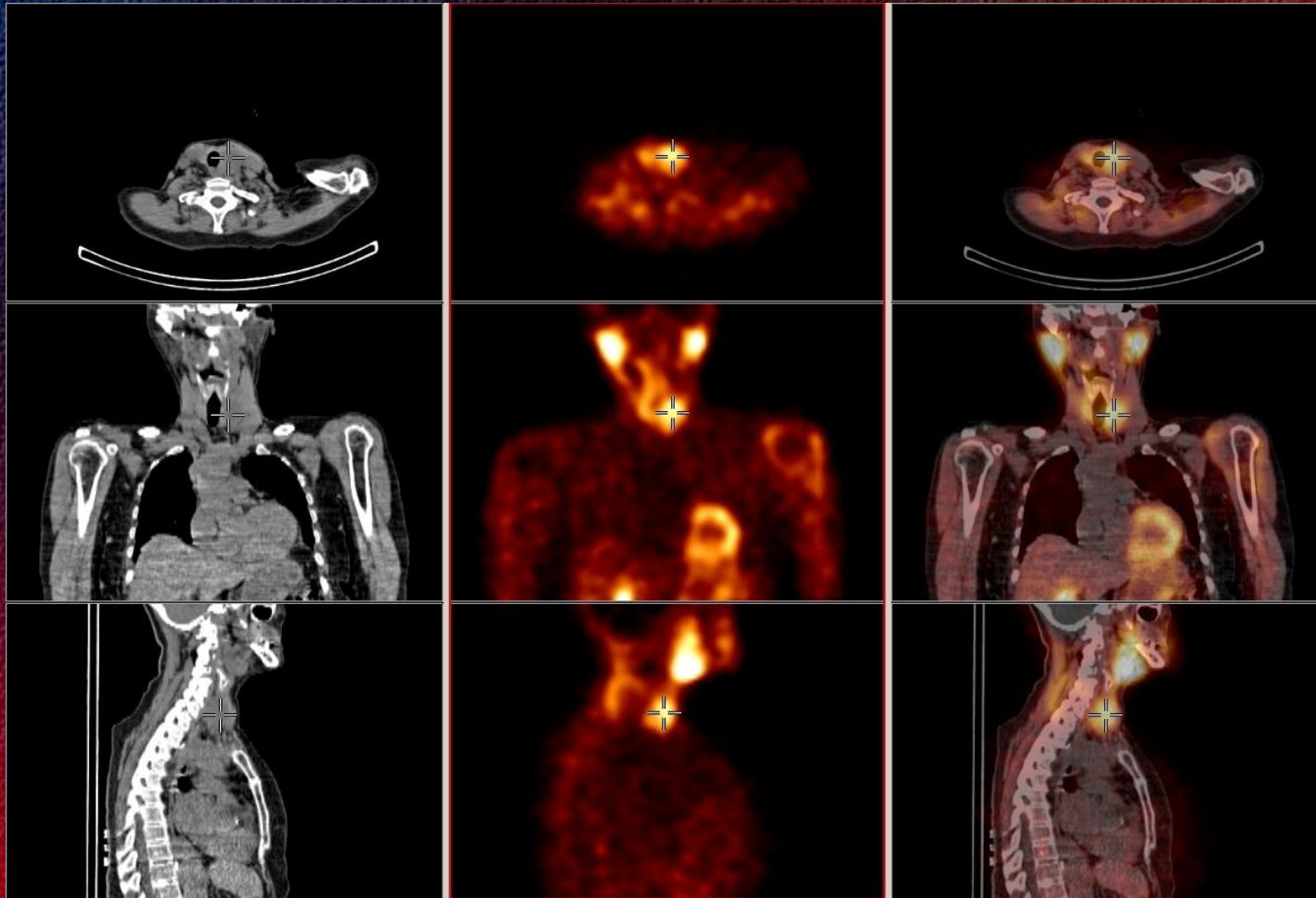


**$^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI (delayed)**



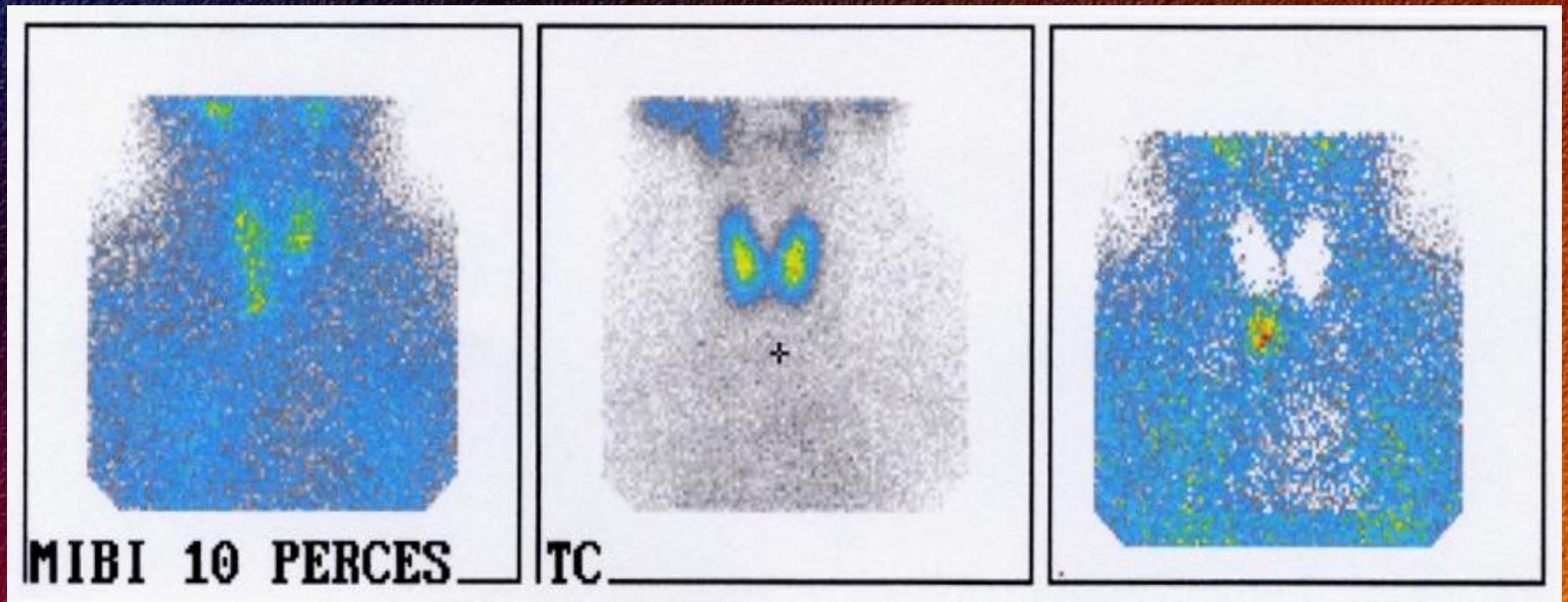


# Thyroid cc. $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI cumulation (SPECT/CT)



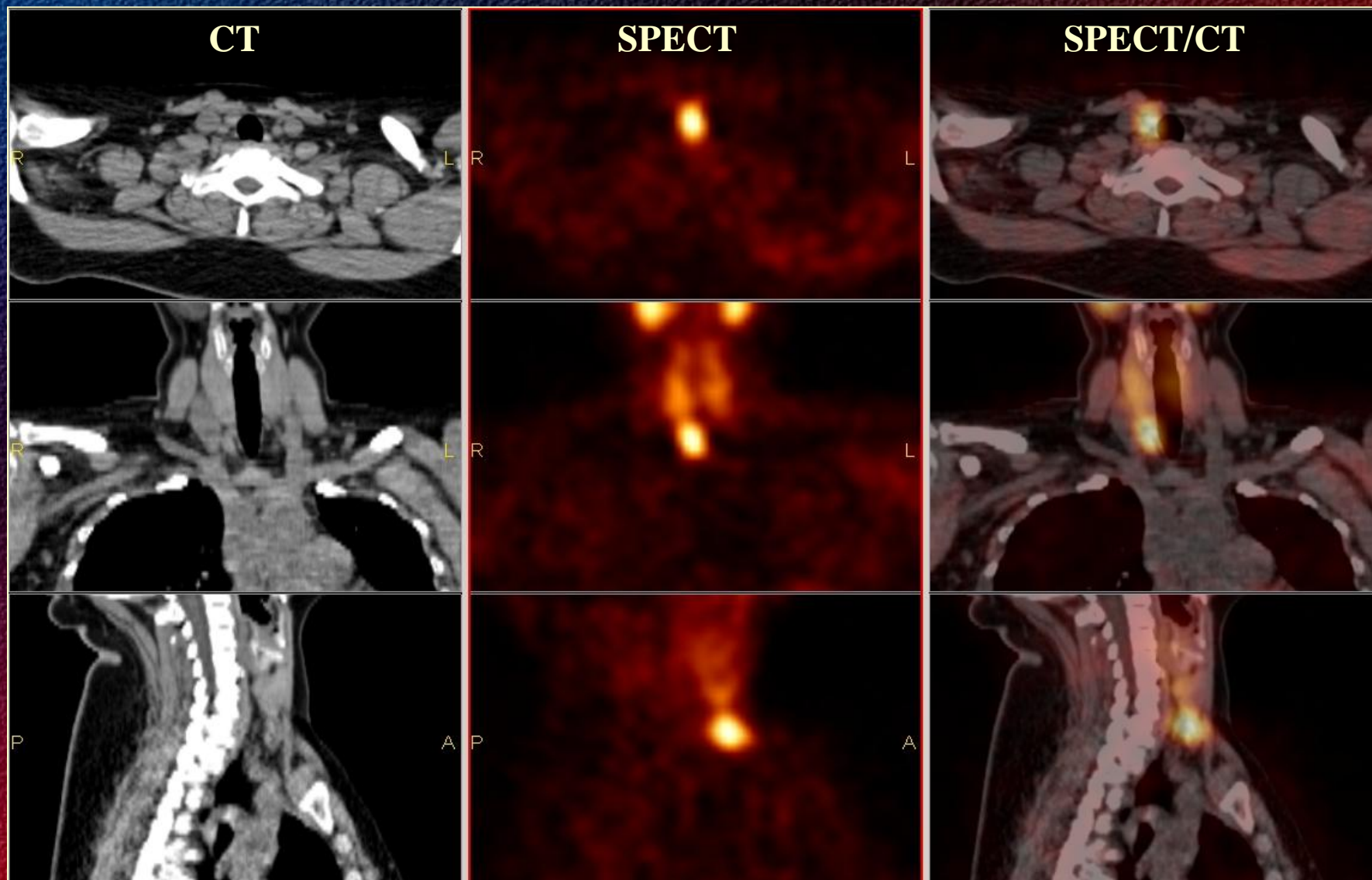


# Parathyreoid adenoma subtraction protocol



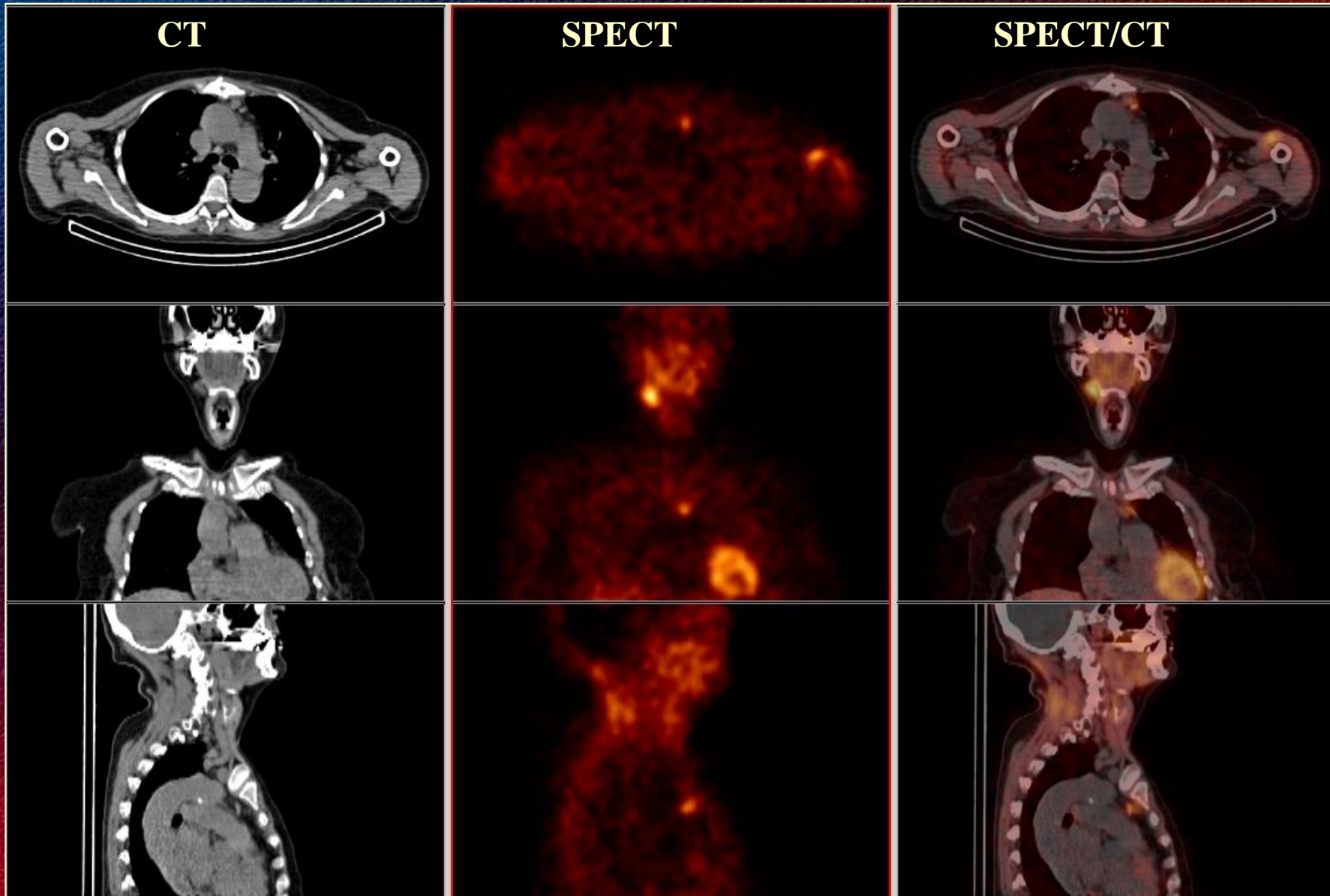


# Parathyreoid adenoma (SPECT/CT)



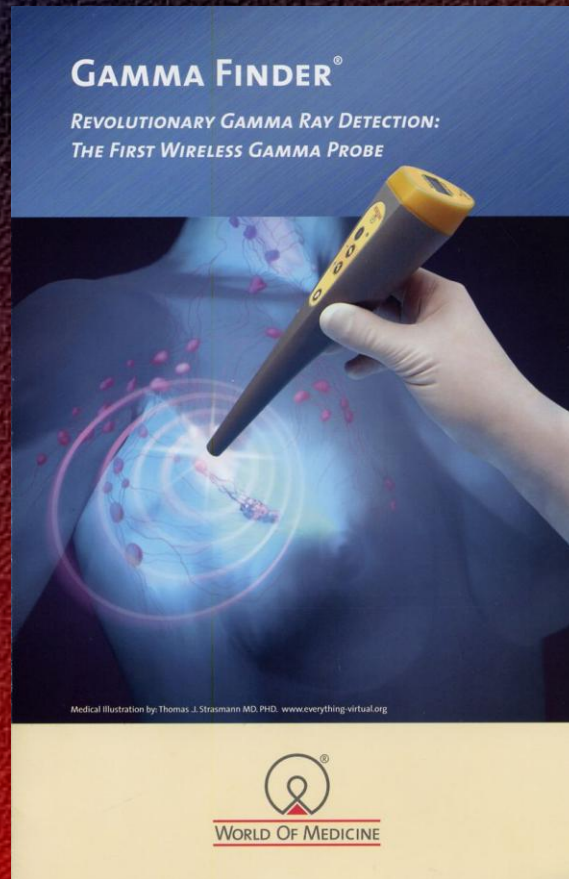


# Parathyreoid adenoma (SPECT/CT) (retrosternal)



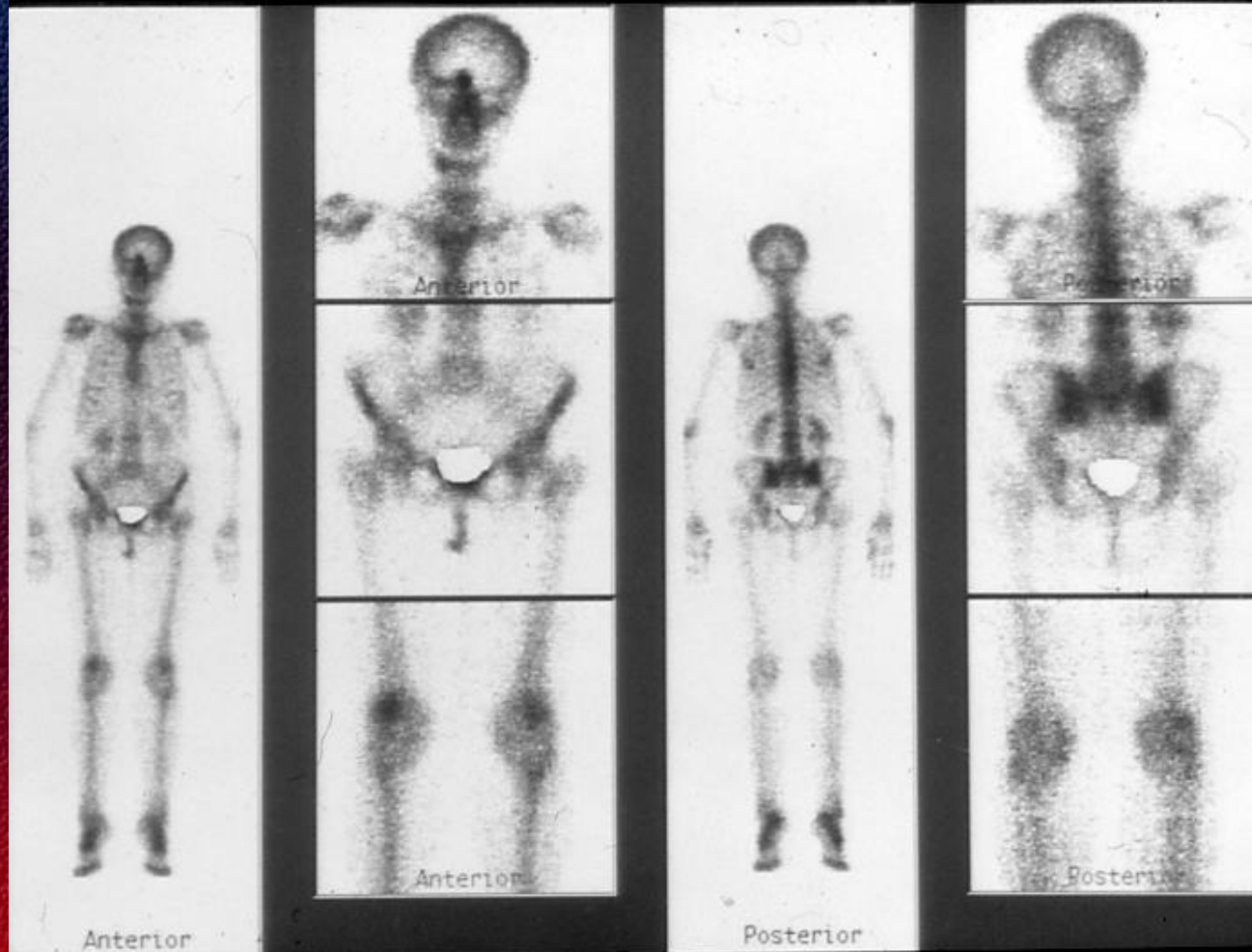


# Intraoperative Gamma Probe





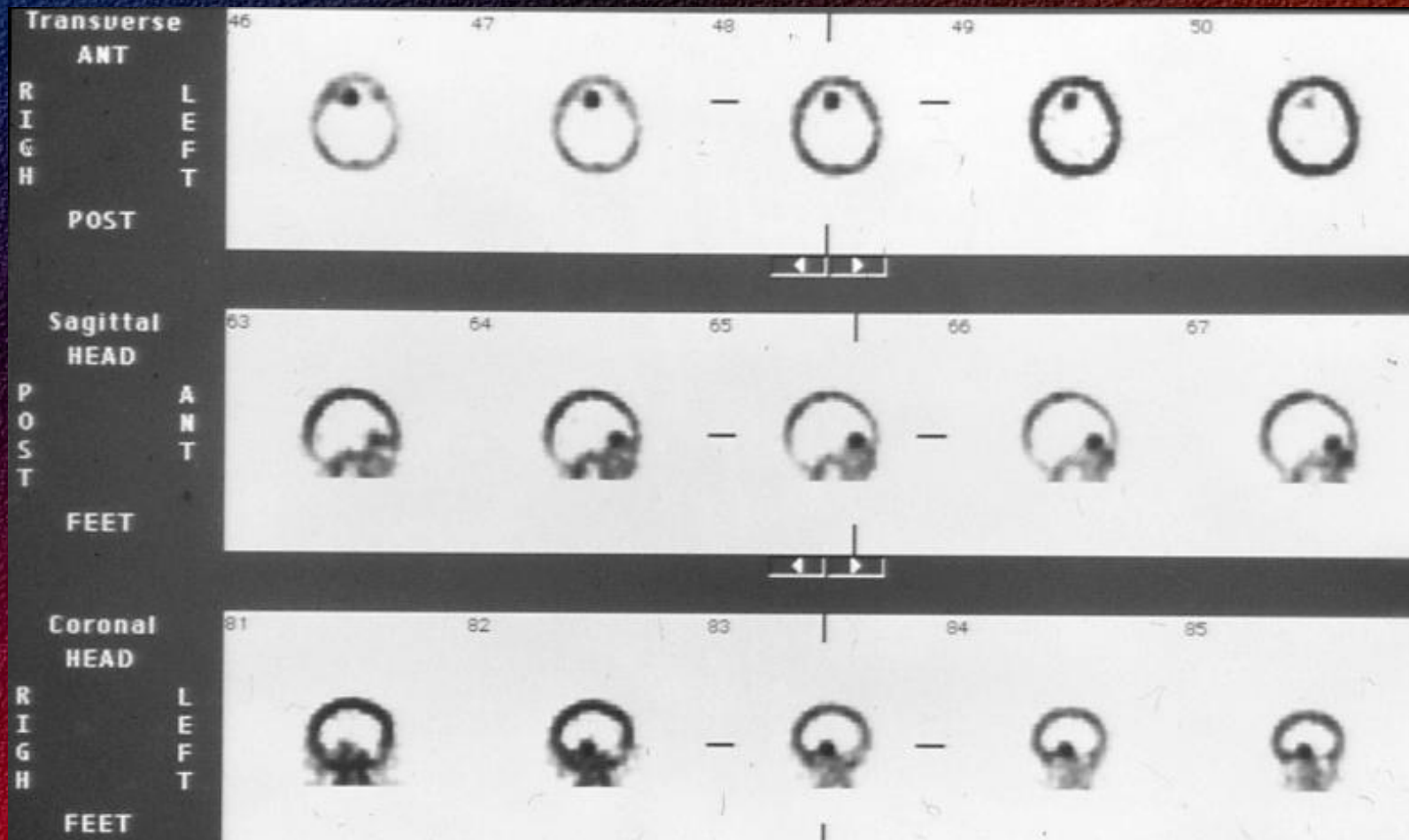
# Extraosseal phosphate cumulation





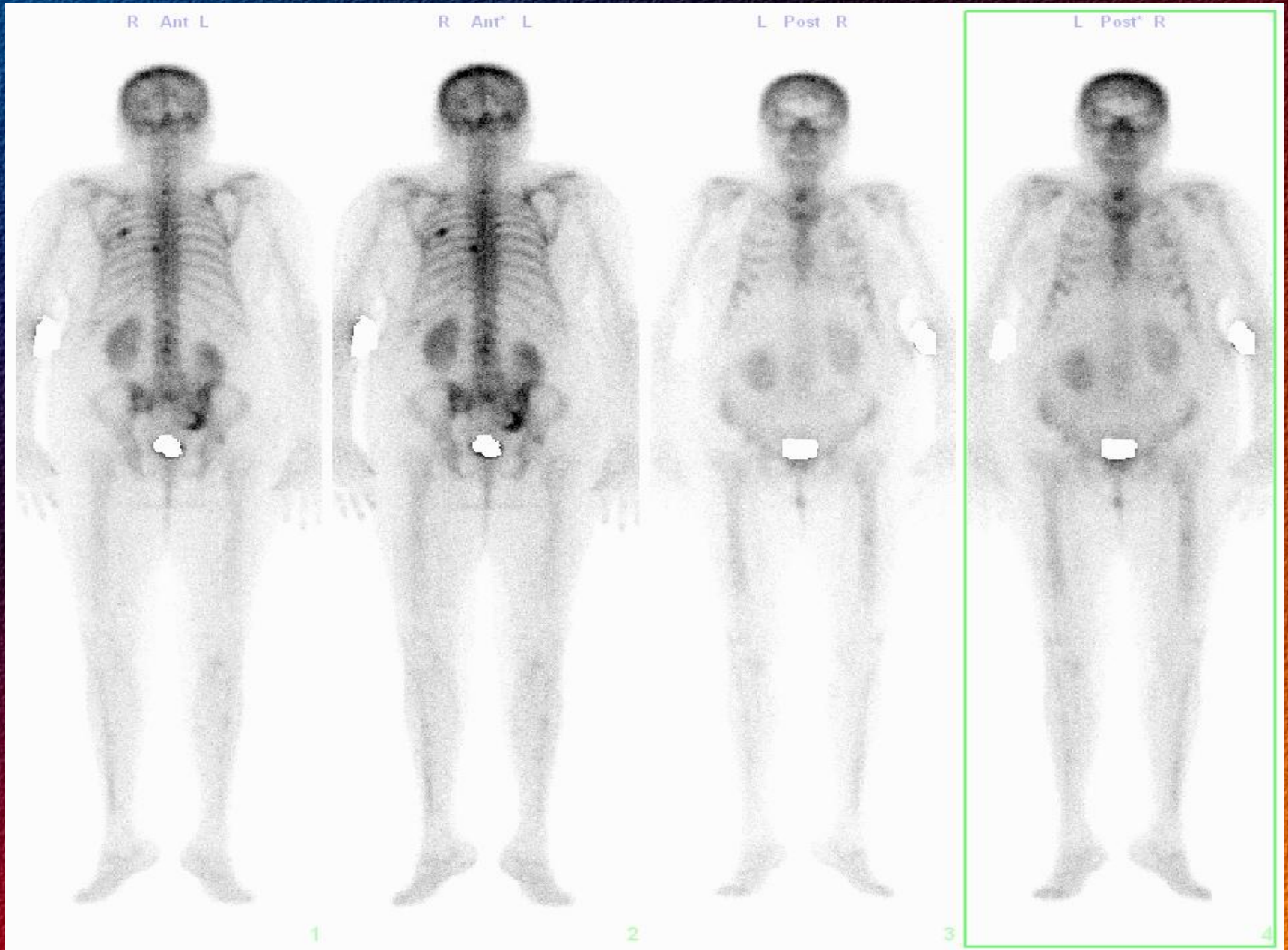
# Extraosseal phosphate cumulation (meningeom)

## SPECT-image of the skull



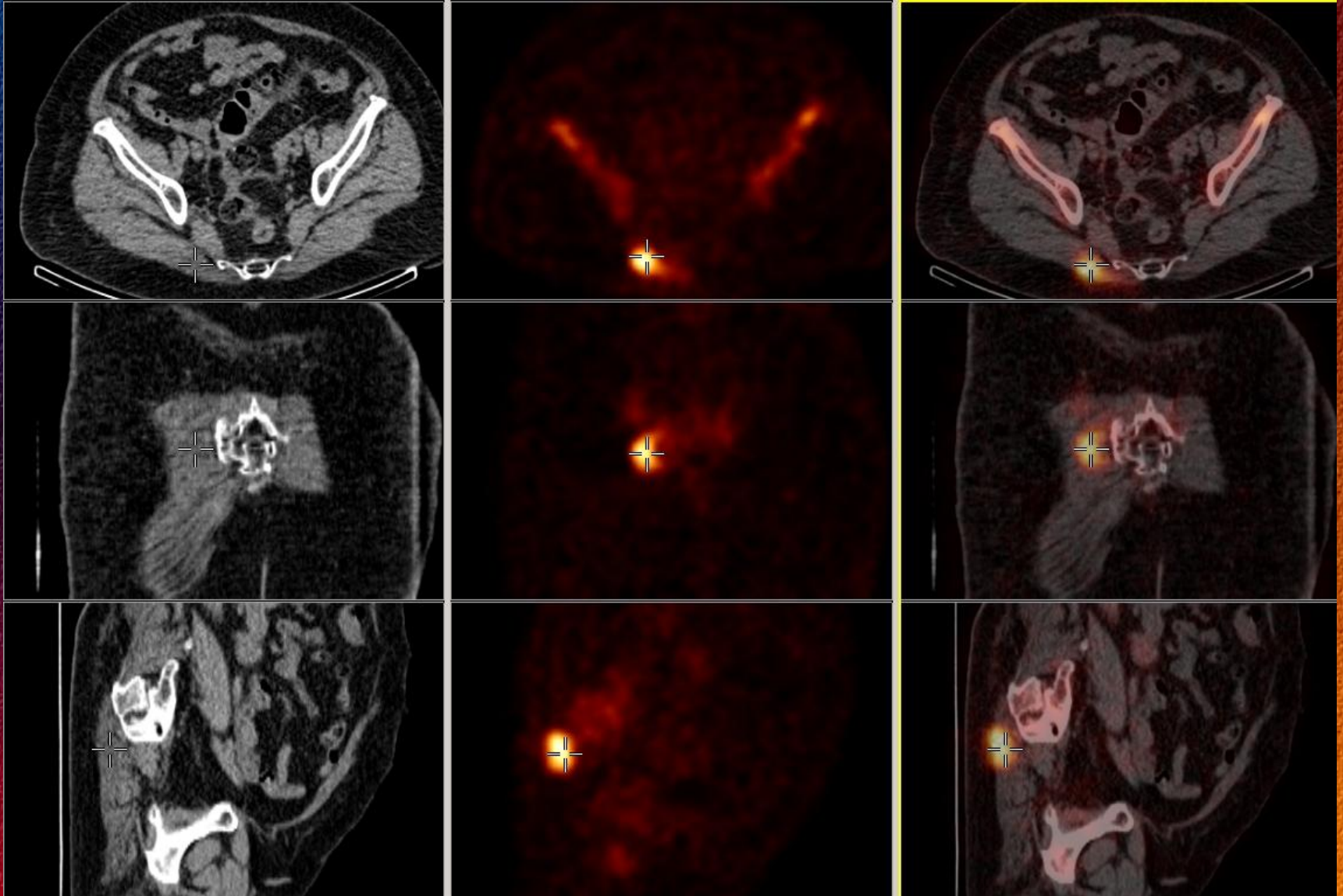


# Extraosseal phosphate cumulation



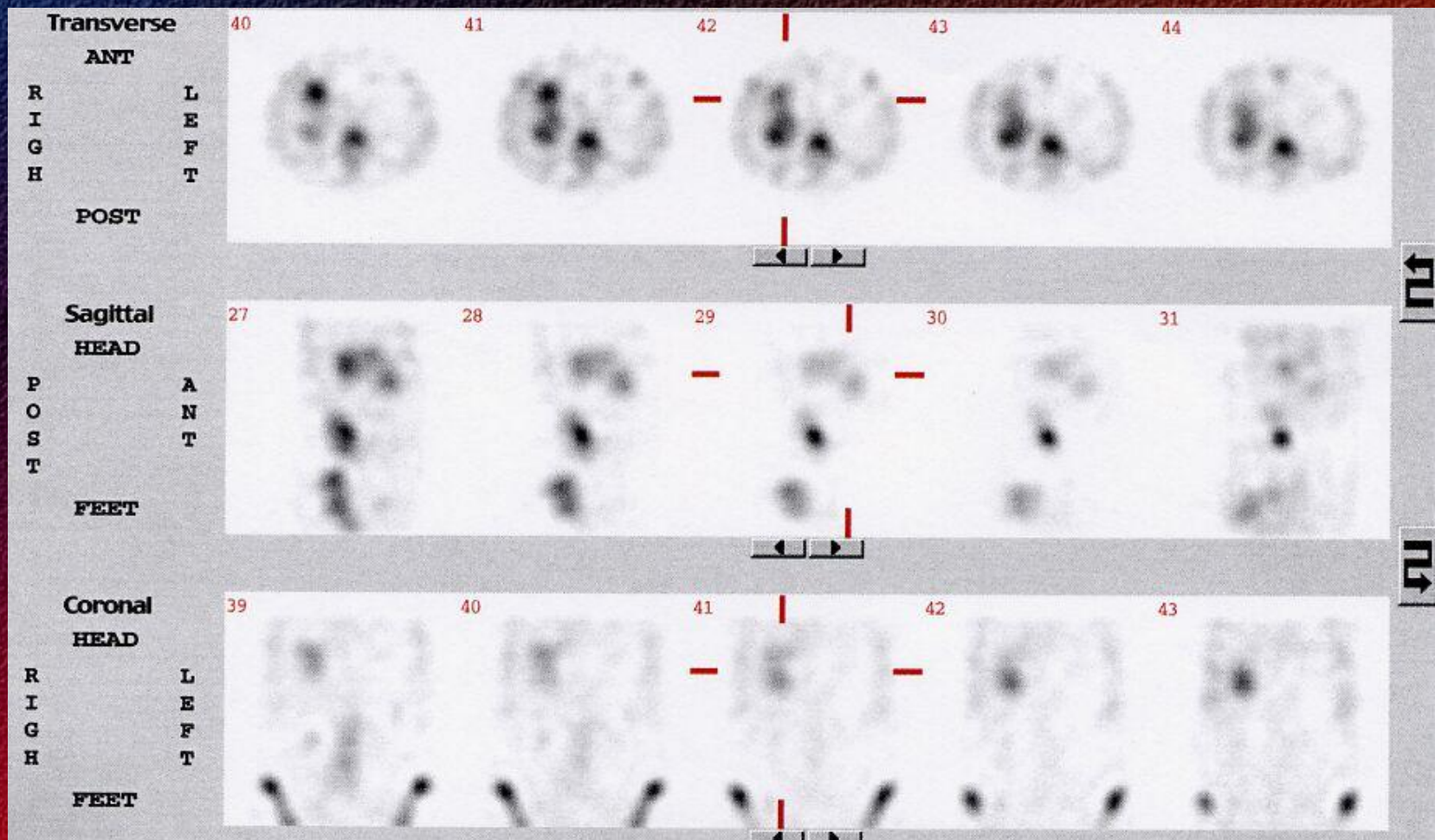


# Extraosseal phosphate cumulation in m. gluteus maximus





# Extraosseal $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP cumulation in liver metastases



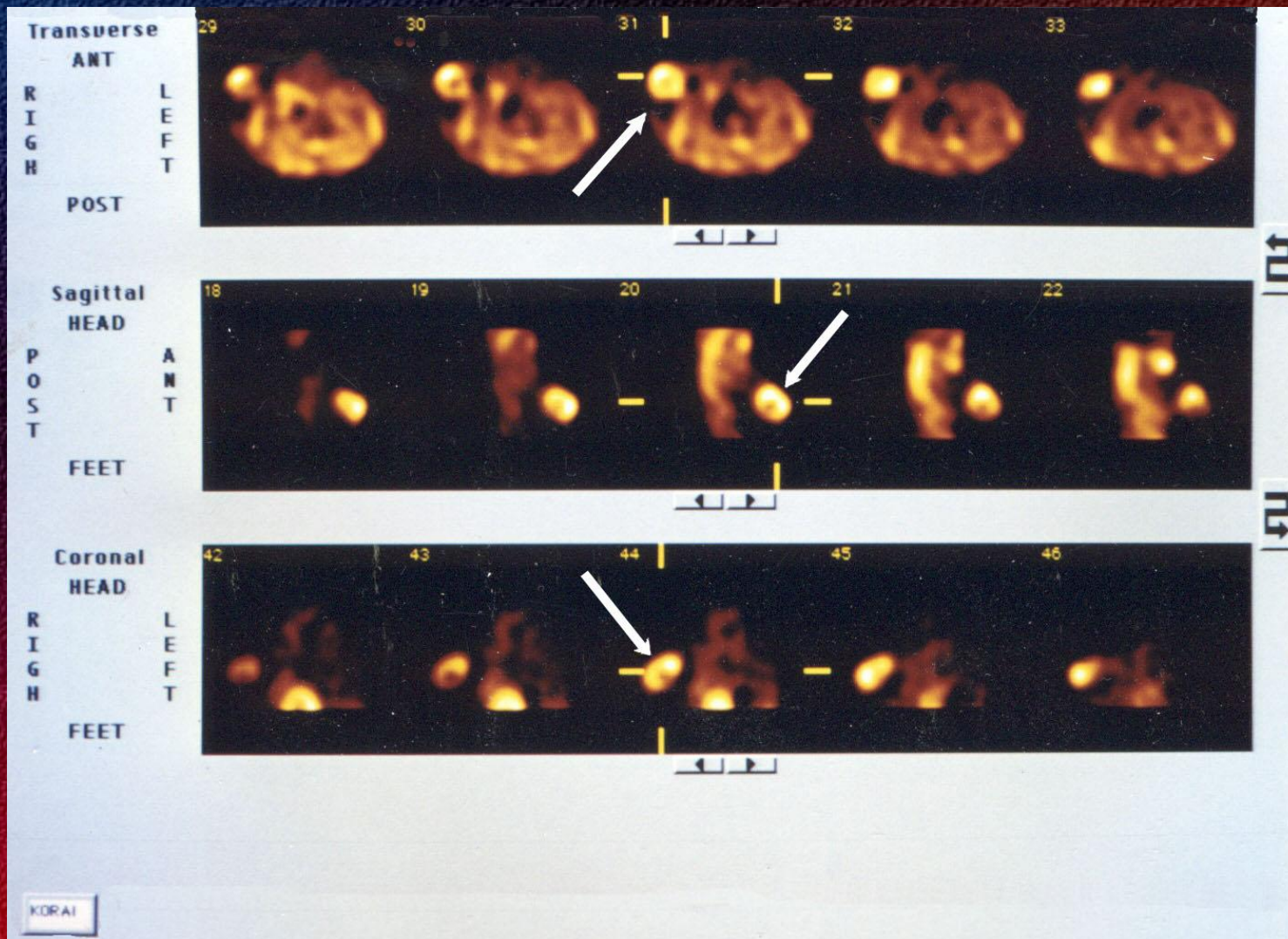


# Scintimammography

- Radiopharmakon: -  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI**  
**-  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP (together with bone scan!)**
- Taking early and delayed scans and SPECT image.**

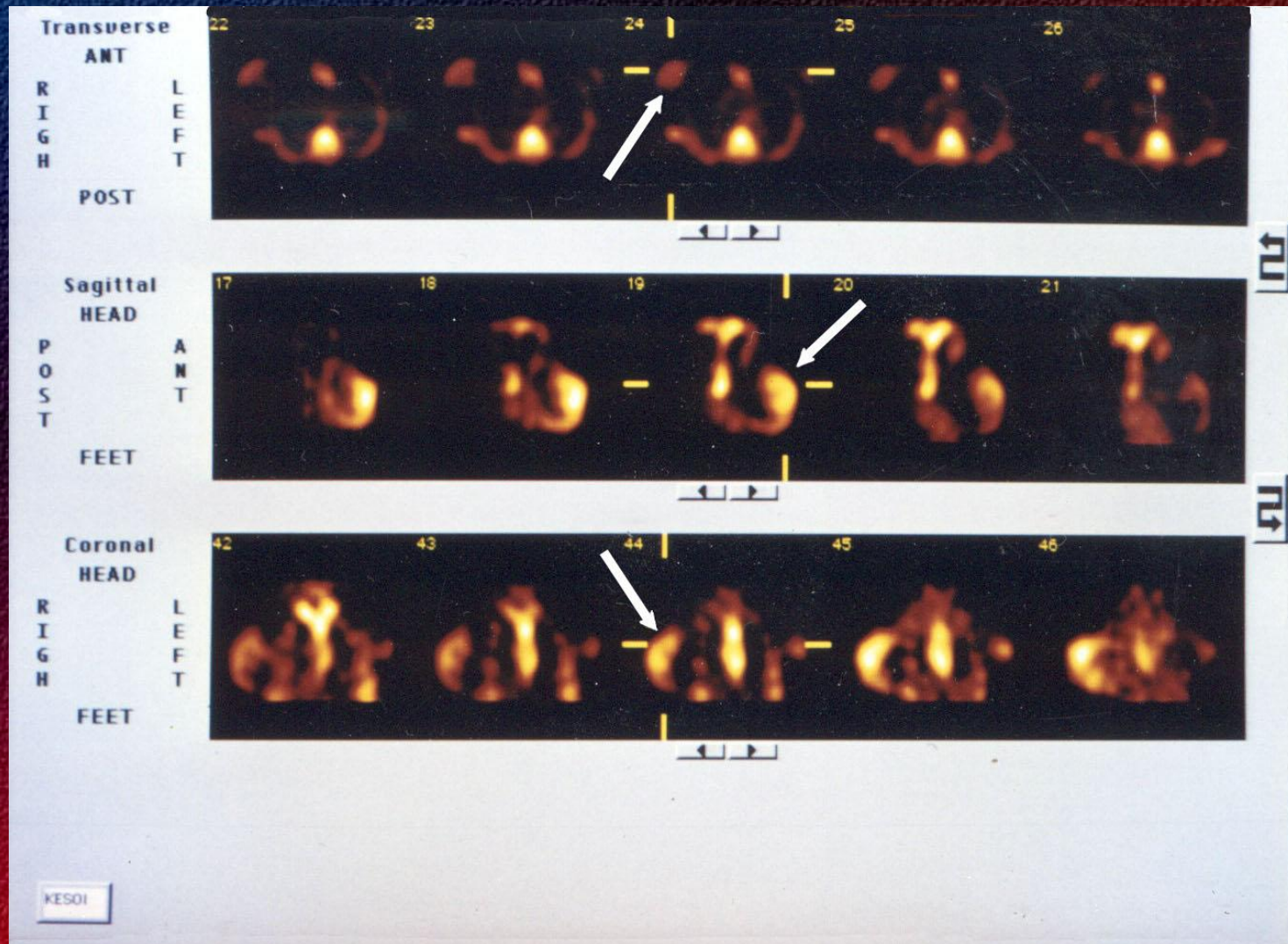


# Pathological $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI cumulation in the right breast (cc ductale l.d.)



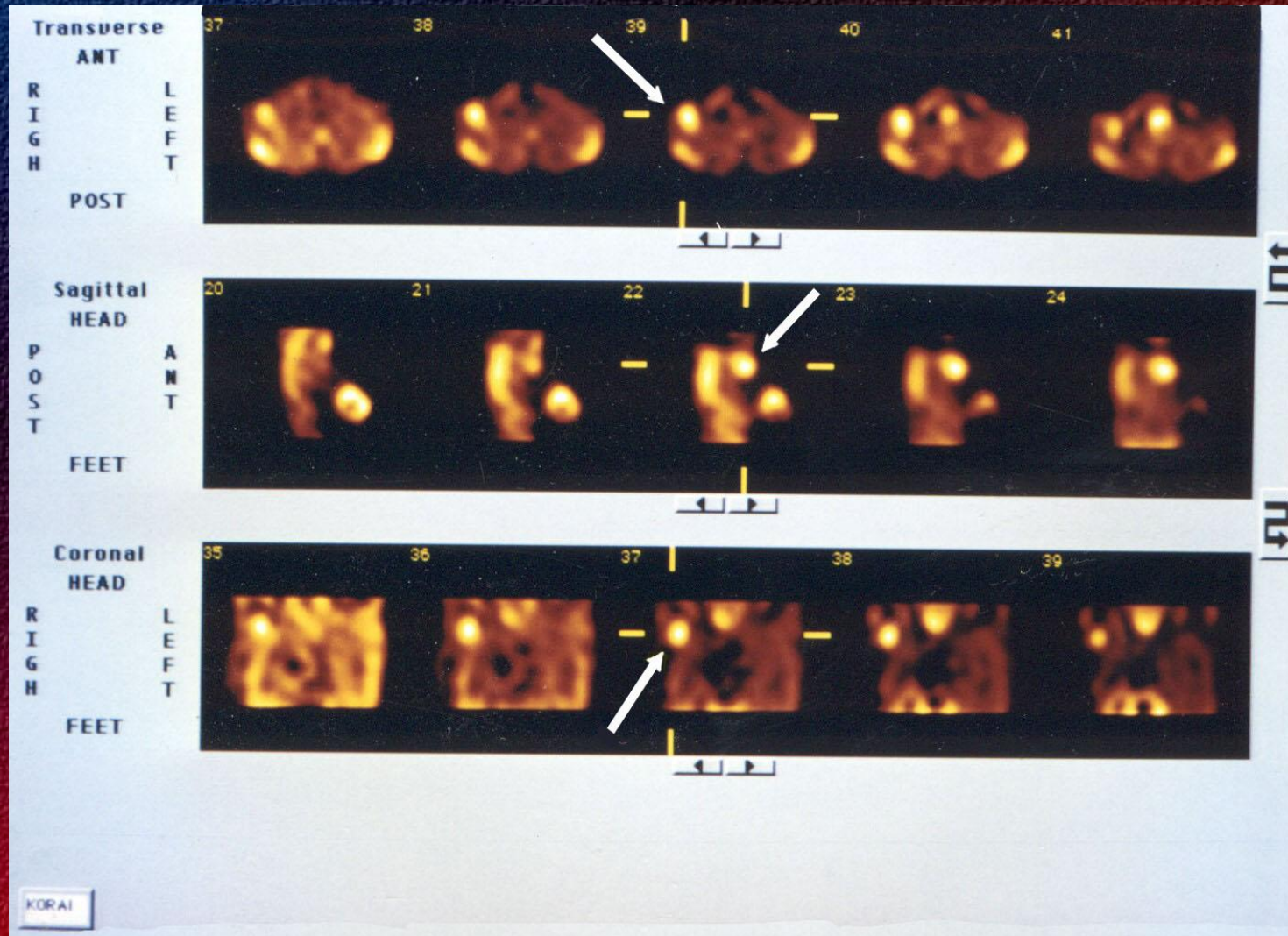


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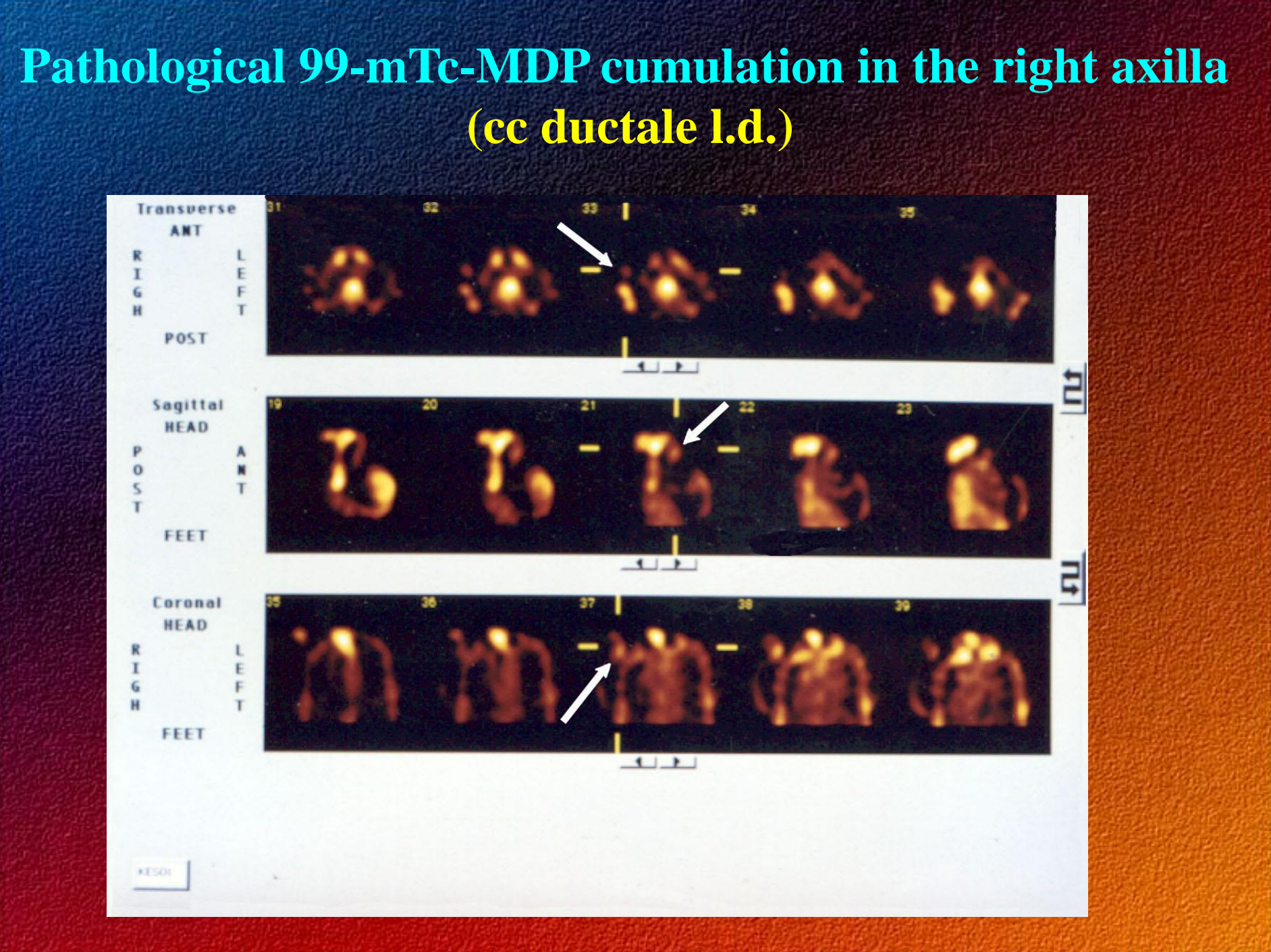


# Pathological 99-mTc-MIBI cumulation in the right axilla (cc ductale l.d.)





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# The diagnostic value of scintimammography according to histology

**99mTc-MIBI**

**99mTc-MDP**

<b>Sensitivity:</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Specificity:</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Validity:</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>79%</b>

**Today importance in „dens breast“**



# **Sentinel lymph node (SLN) scintigraphy**

- **The technical conception of sentinel lymph node biopsy is based on the process of lymphatic dissemination of tumour cells.**
- **The peritumoral injected radiopharmaceutical passes the same way as the tumour cells.**
- **The peritumoral injected tracer cumulates in the SLN, which is hereby detectable (gamma probe).**



# Why is SLN scintigraphy useful?

- Unnecessary total axillary dissection may be avoided.

(According to literature, if the SLN is negative, the other LN-s are in 97% negative too.)

- The first LN, belonging to the tumour will be removed by all means.

(According to literature the total axillary dissection gives in 10-30% false negative results!)



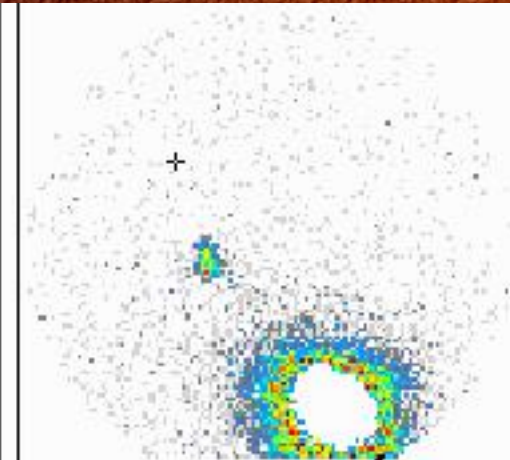
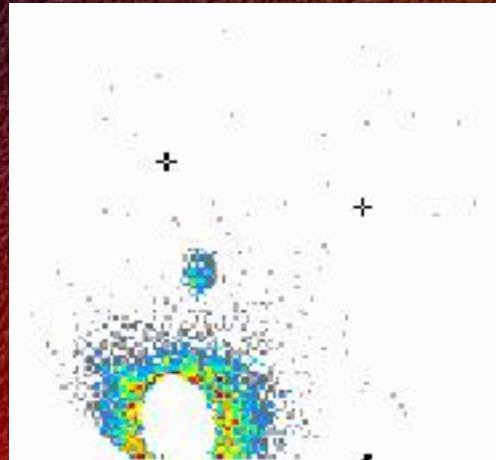
- **The indication of SLN scintigraphy:**  
early tumour stage (breast cancer, malignant melanoma, vulva cc.)
- **Method**
  - peritumoral injection in 4-8 portions, using  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -HSA colloid ( $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -Senti-scint)
  - scans will be performed right after the injections, and after 1 and 3 hours again
  - the projection of SLN-s will be marked on the skin
  - operation on next day



# SLN scintigraphy in breast cancer

**Antero-posterior**

**Lateral-right**

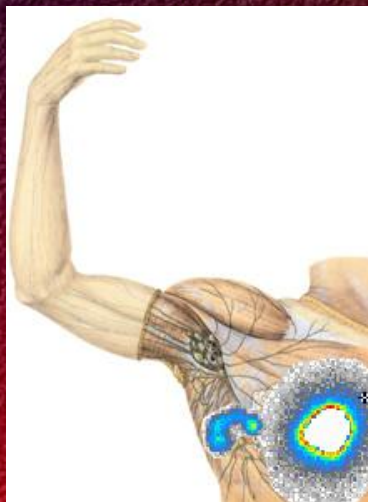
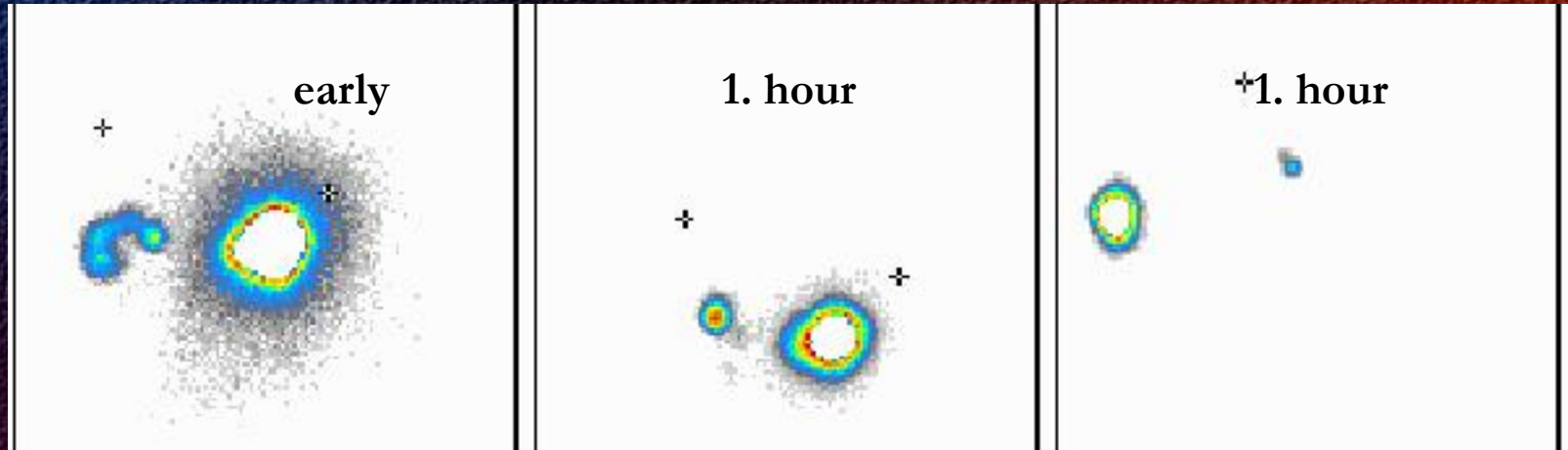




# SLN scintigraphy in malignant melanoma

**Antero-posterior**

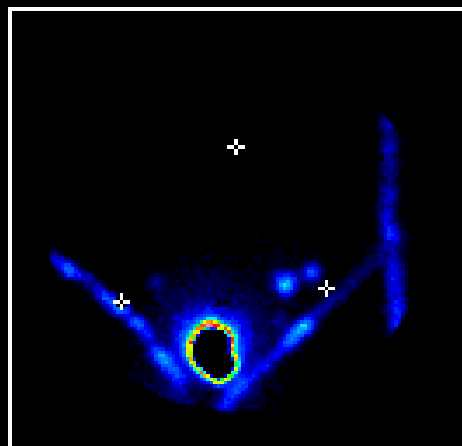
**Lateral-right**



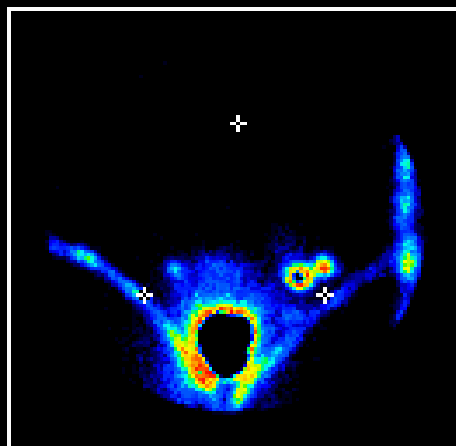


# SLN scintigraphy in vulva cc.

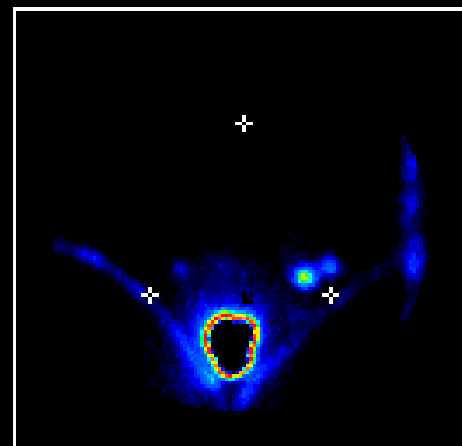
Anterior 1 hour



Anterior 3 hours

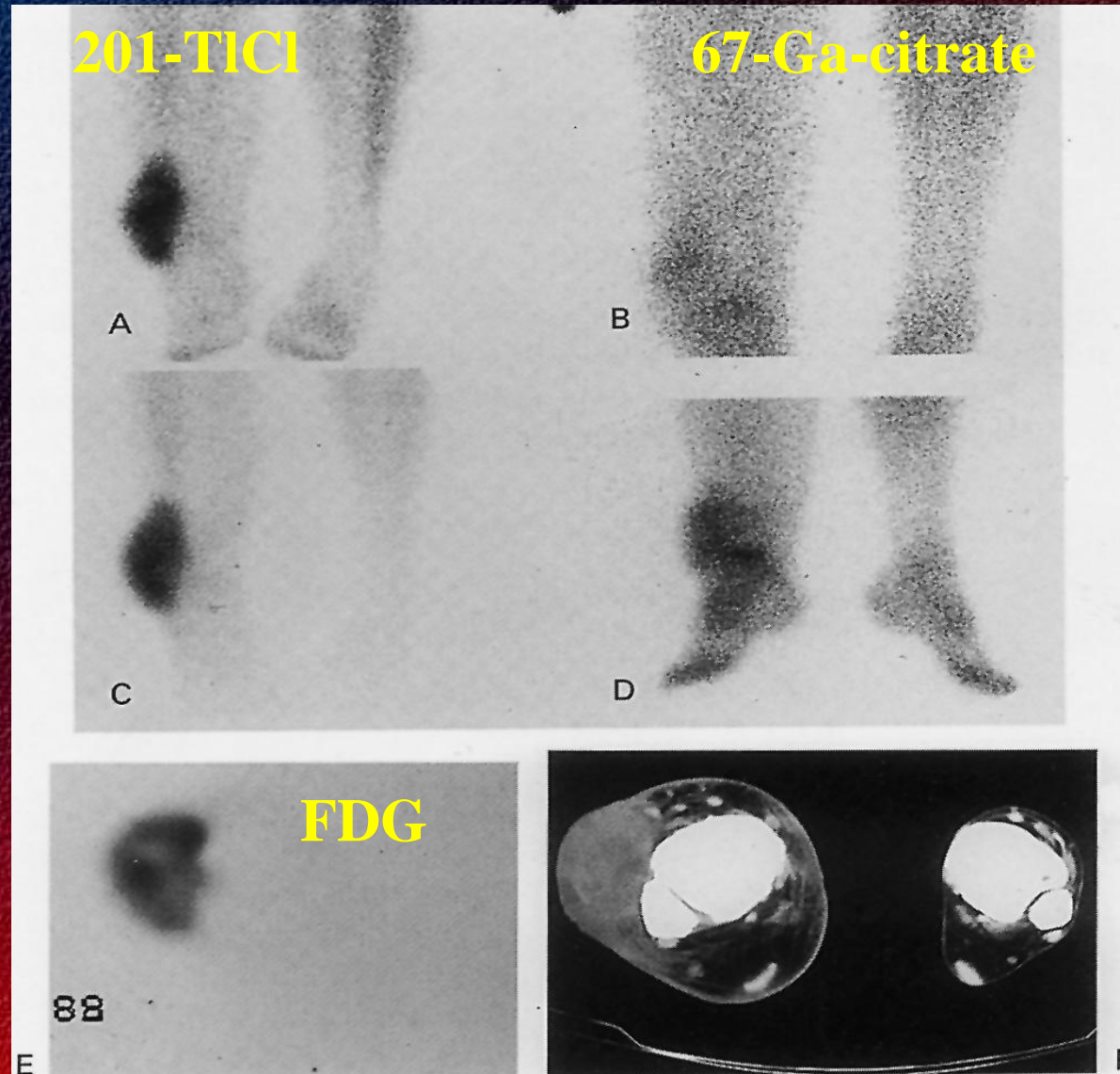


Anterior 24 hours



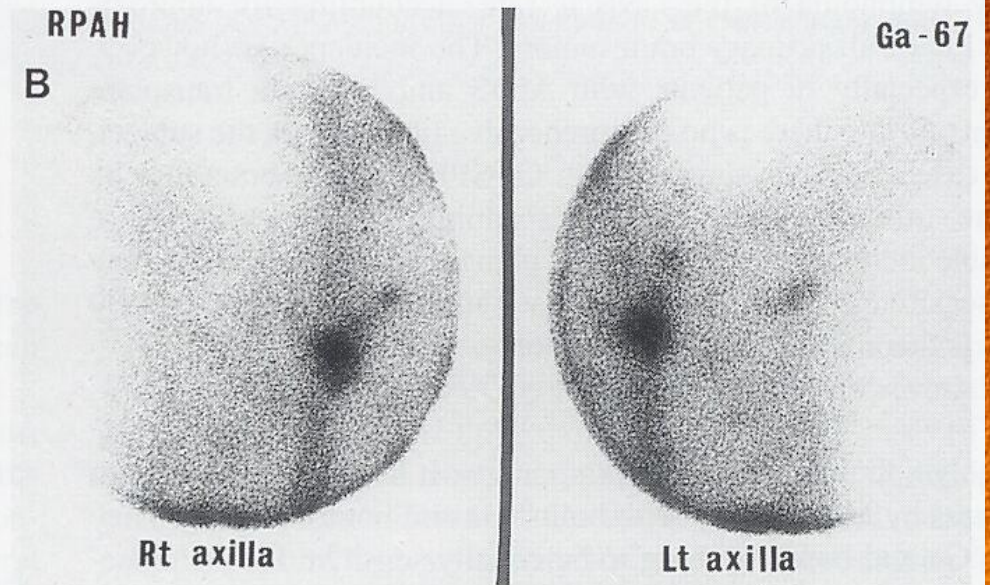
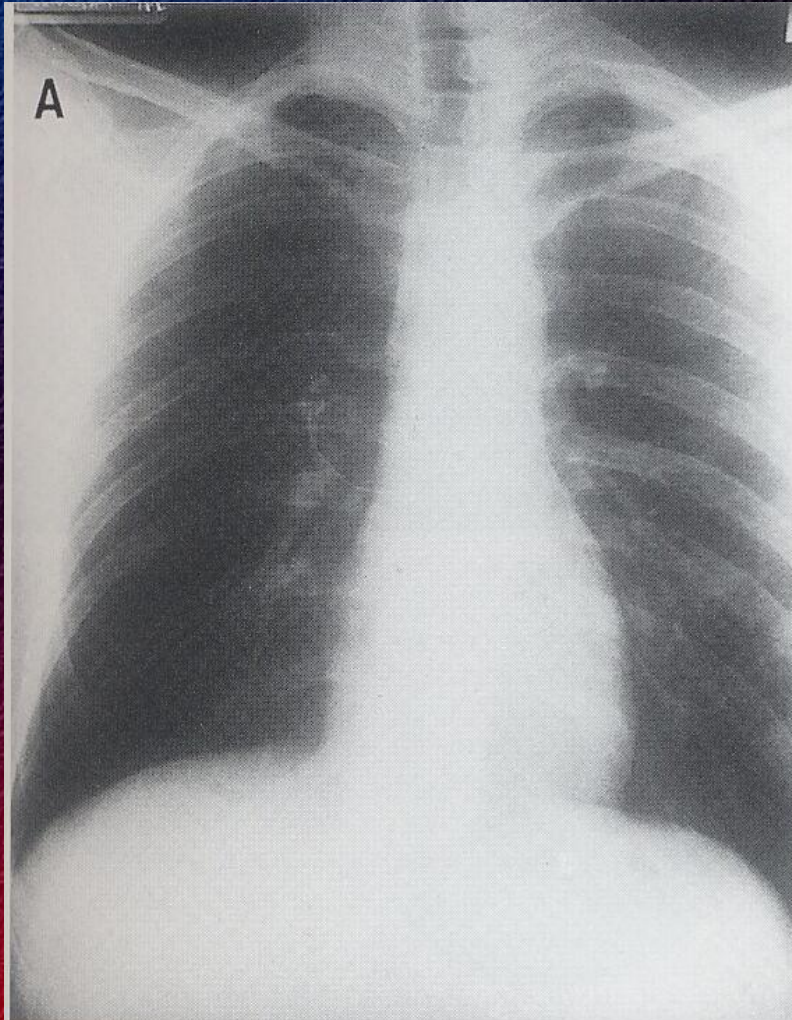


# Rhabdomyosarcoma of the soft tissues of the right ankle





# Ga-67 accumulation in NHL



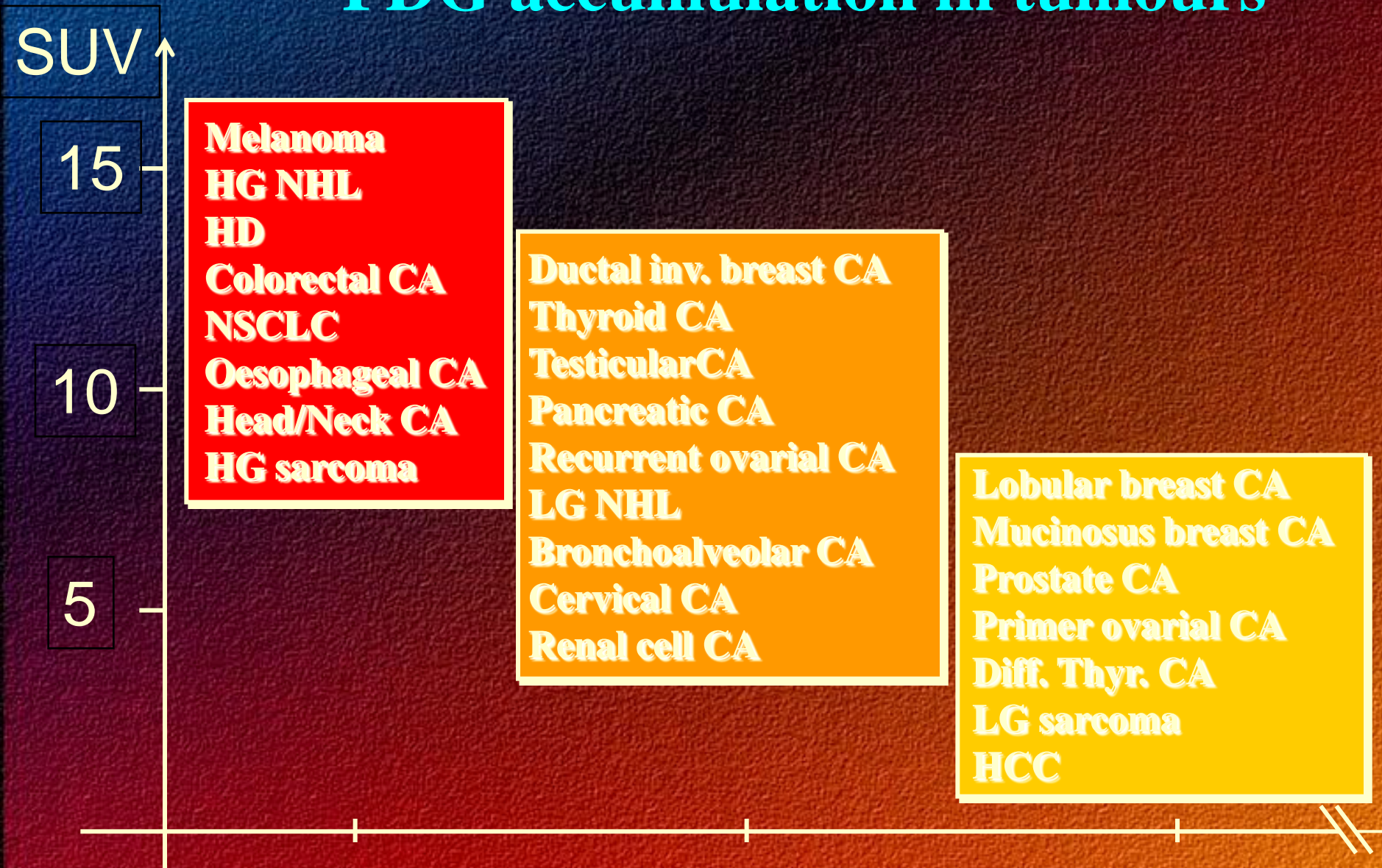


# PET radiopharmaceuticals in oncology

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Bloodflow                | $^{15}\text{O}$ -water        |
| • Glucose-transport        | $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG          |
| • Tumour-hypoxia           | $^{18}\text{F}$ -misonidazole |
| • Amino acid synthesis     | $^{11}\text{C}$ -methionine   |
| • DNA-synthesis            | $^{11}\text{C}$ -thymidine    |
| • DNA-synthesis analog     | $^{18}\text{F}$ -FLT          |
| • Tumour-receptor          | $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -SMS         |
| • Chemotherapeutical agent | $^{18}\text{F}$ -fluorouracil |
| • Thyroid function         | $^{124}\text{I}$              |



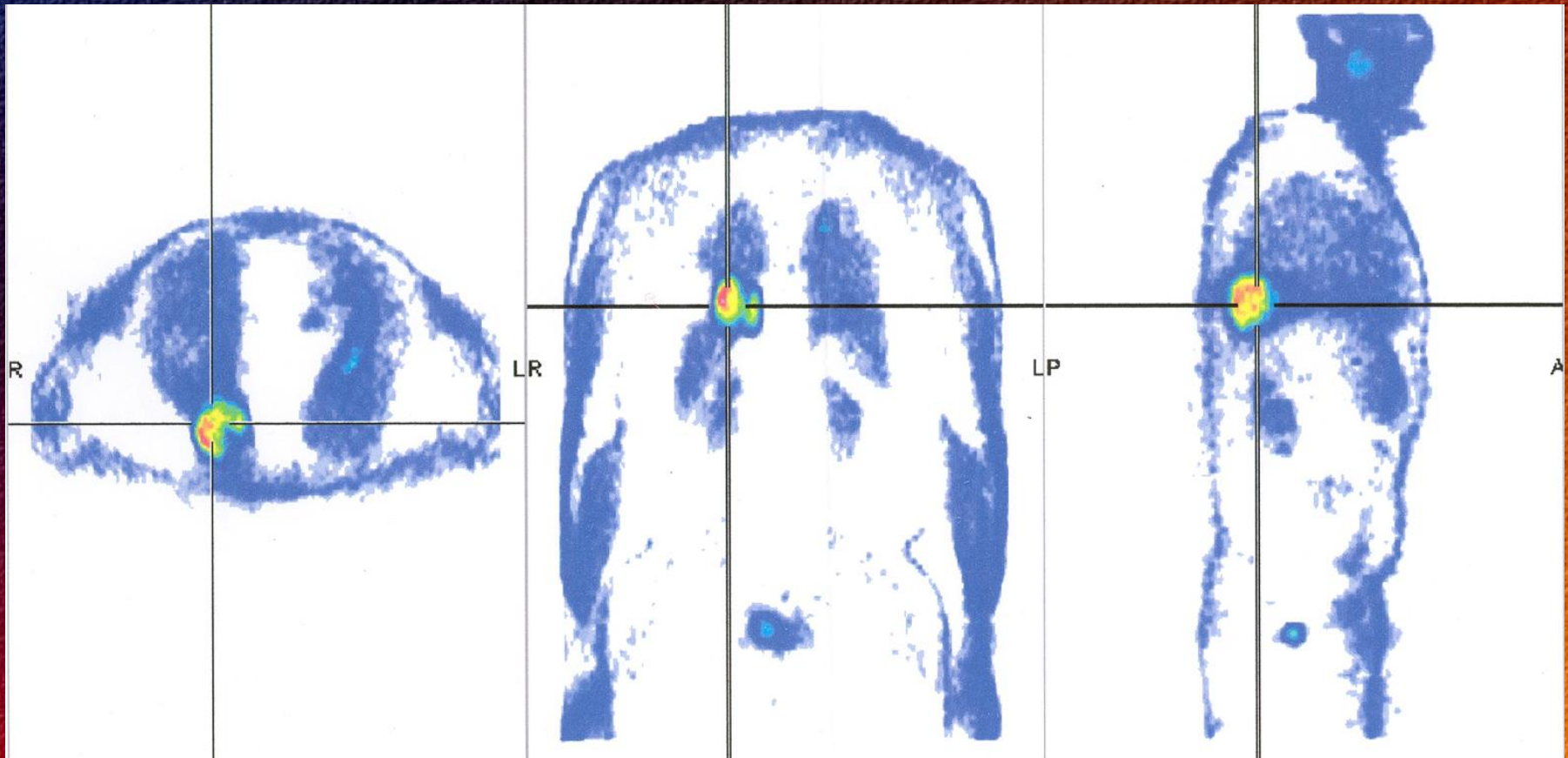
# FDG accumulation in tumours





# Adenocarcinoma in the right lung

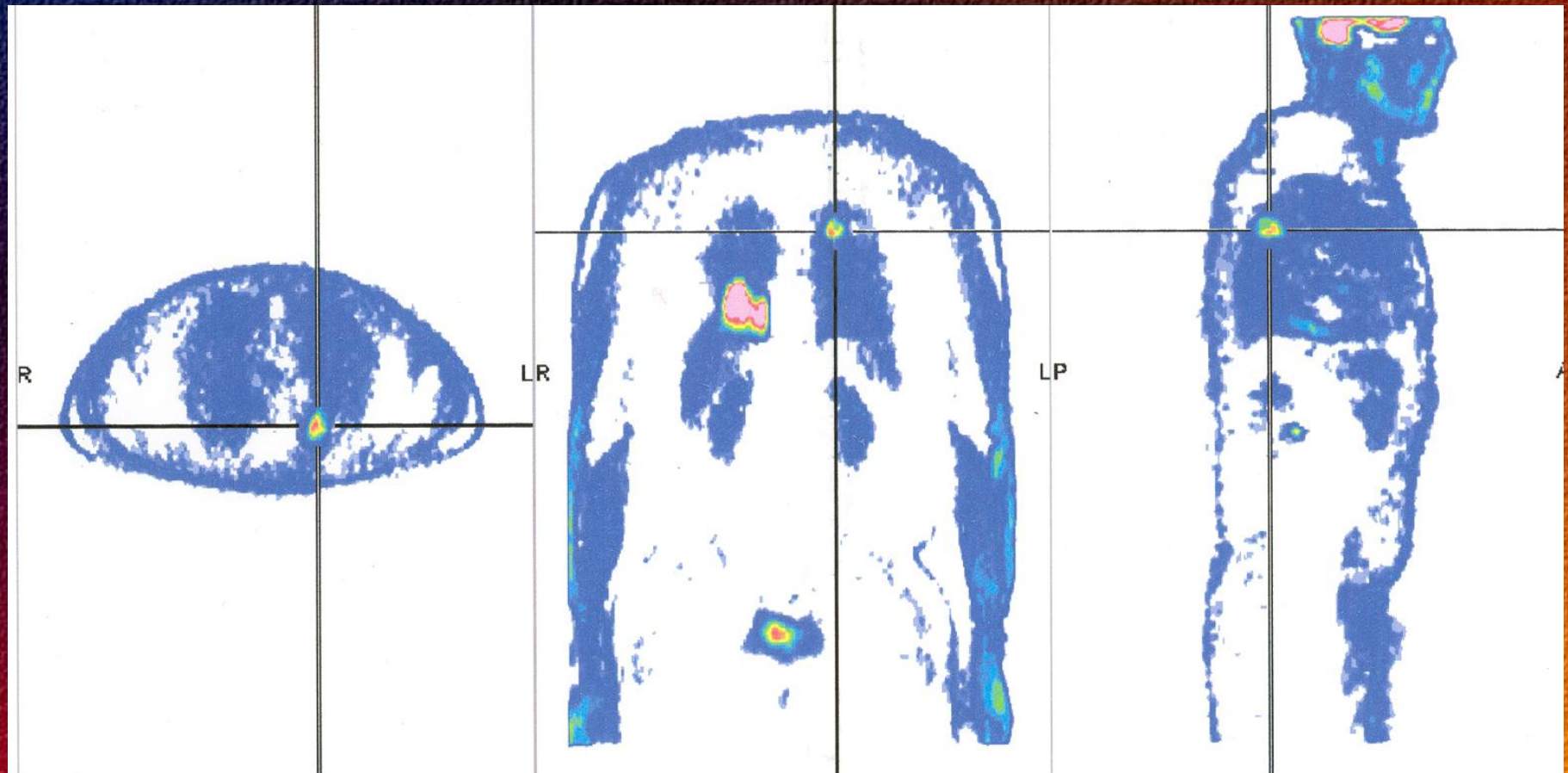
## PET (FDG)





# Adenocarcinoma in the left upper lobe

## PET (FDG)





# PET/CT

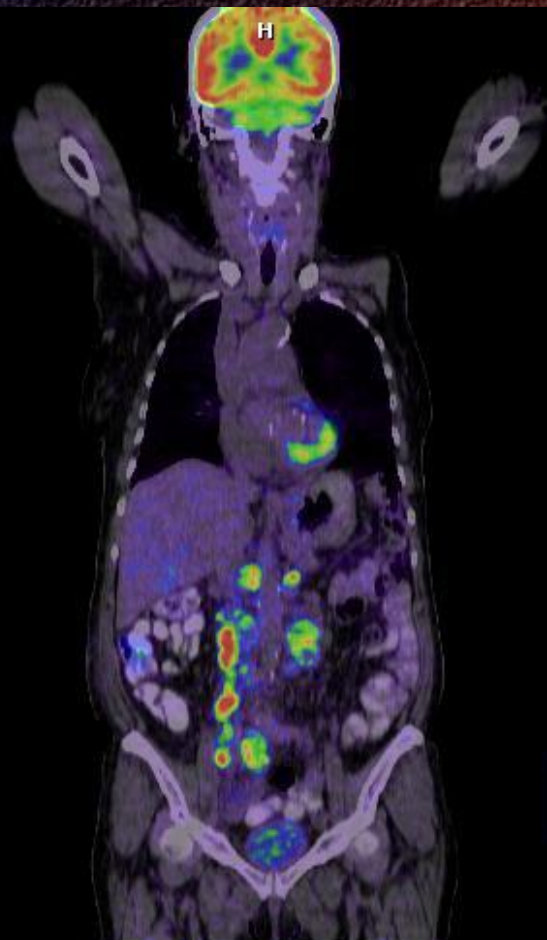
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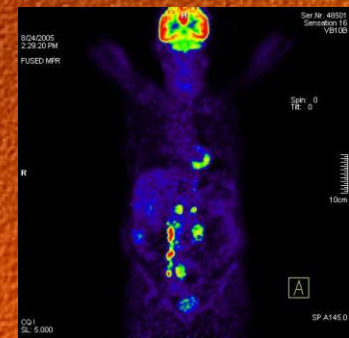


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PET





# The indications of PET/CT

- **Differentiation between malignant and benign lesions**
- **Residual tumor after radio- or chemotherapy**
- **Verification of tumour recurrence**
- **Staging (TNM)**
- **Optimization of biopsy**
- **Search of an unknown primary tumour**
- **Measuring of malignity**
- **Monitorization of the effectiveness of treatment**
- **Radiotherapy planning**

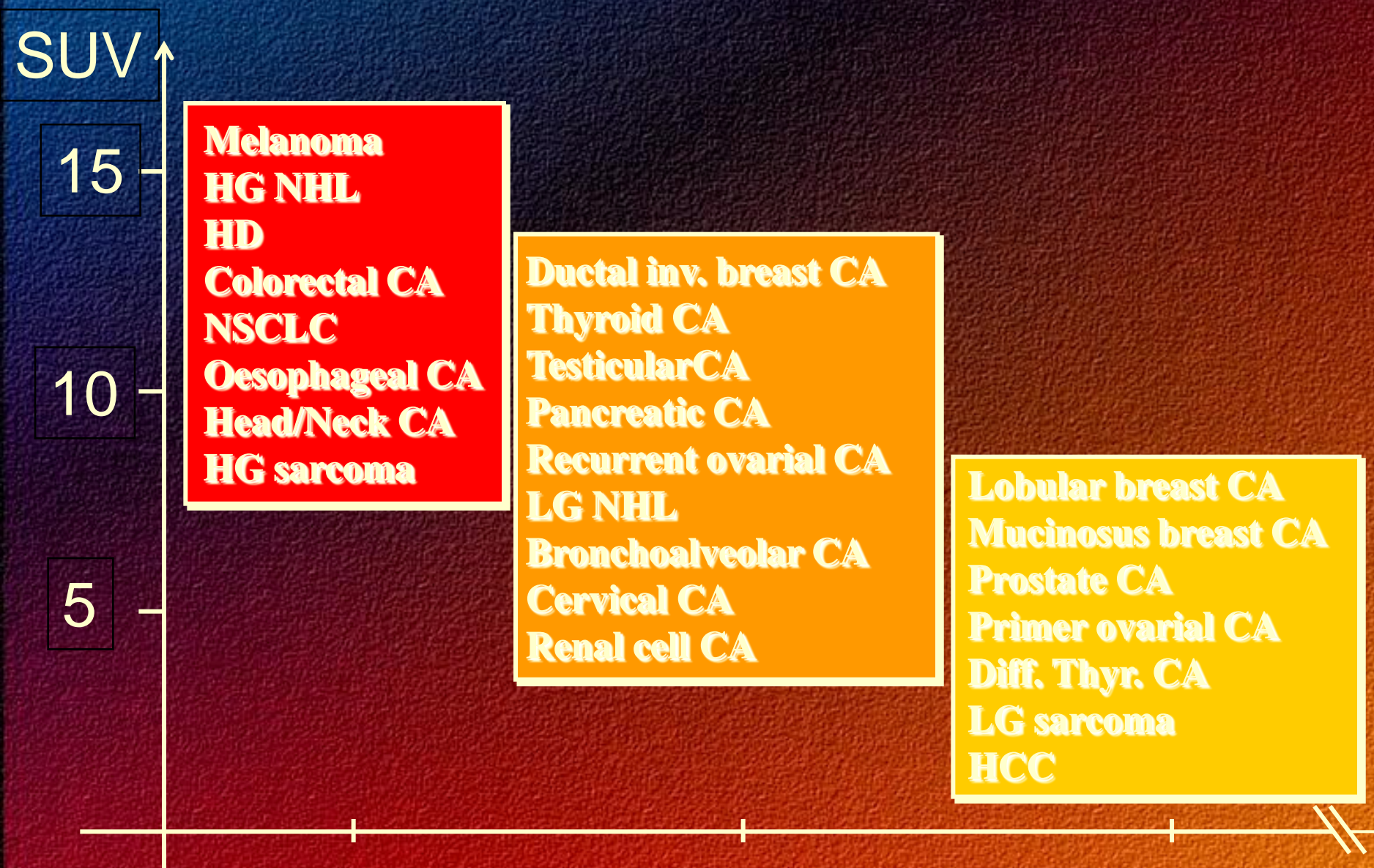


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**Radiotherapy: 3 months**



# FDG accumulation in tumours



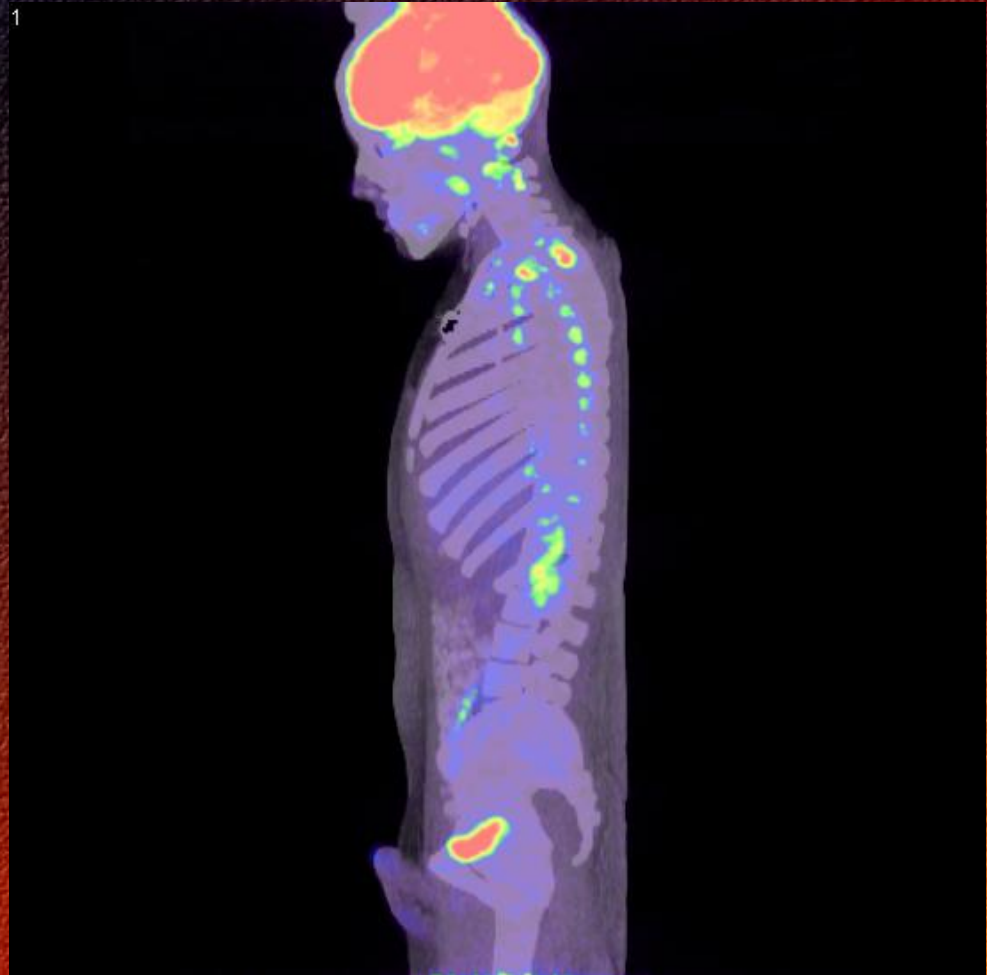
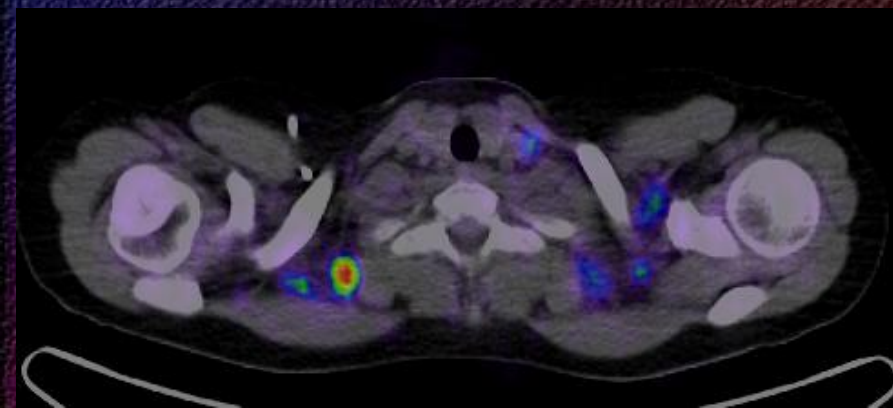
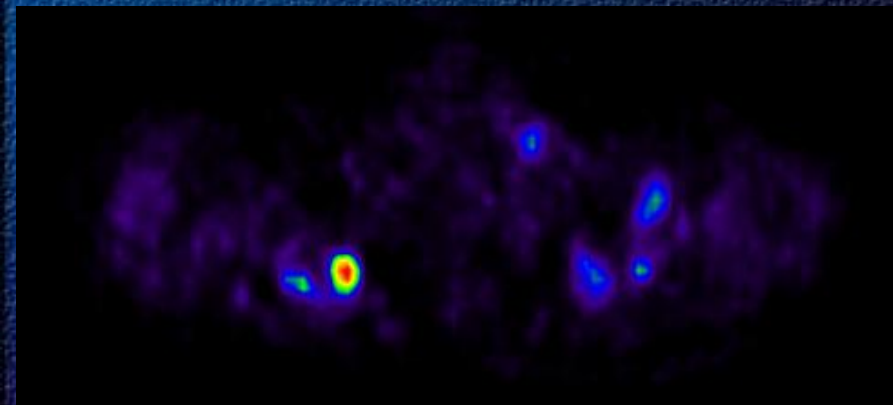


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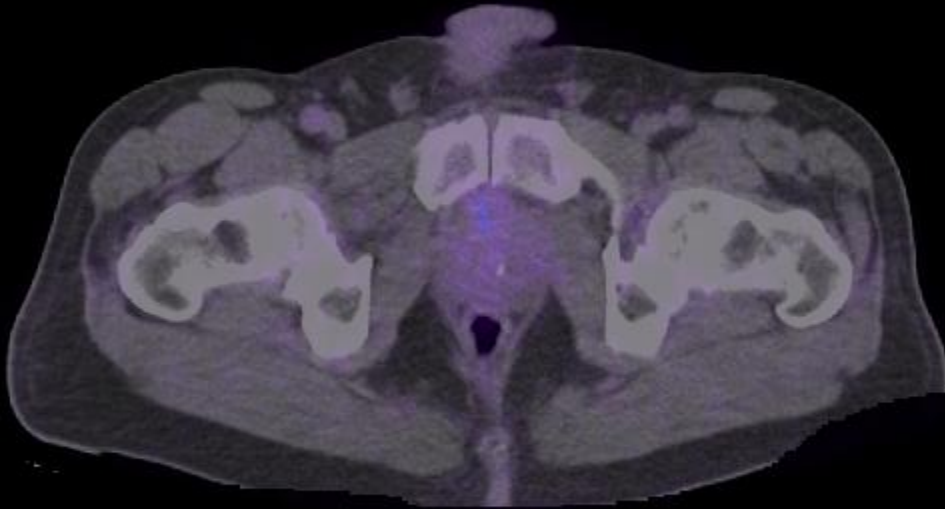
# FDG uptake in brown adipose tissue (hibernating fat)





# FDG negative tumours - Prostate CA

**$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG**



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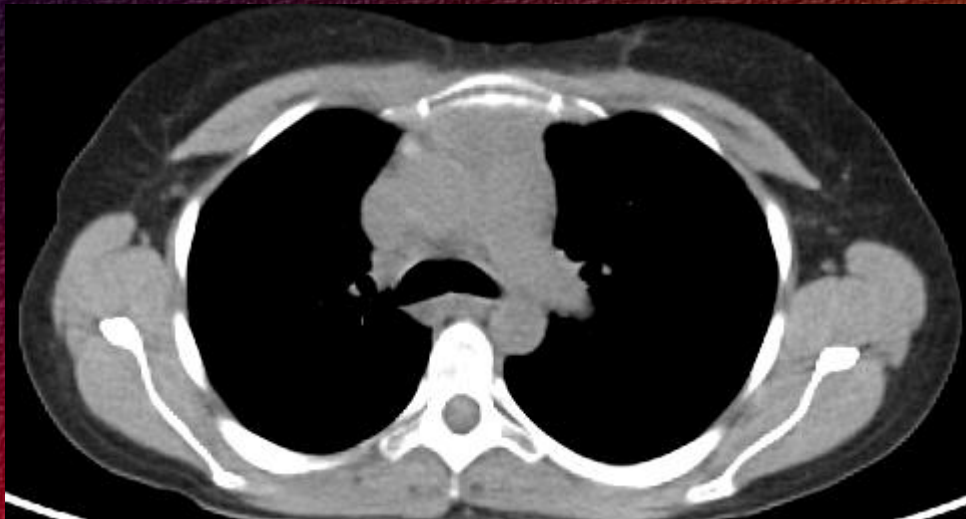
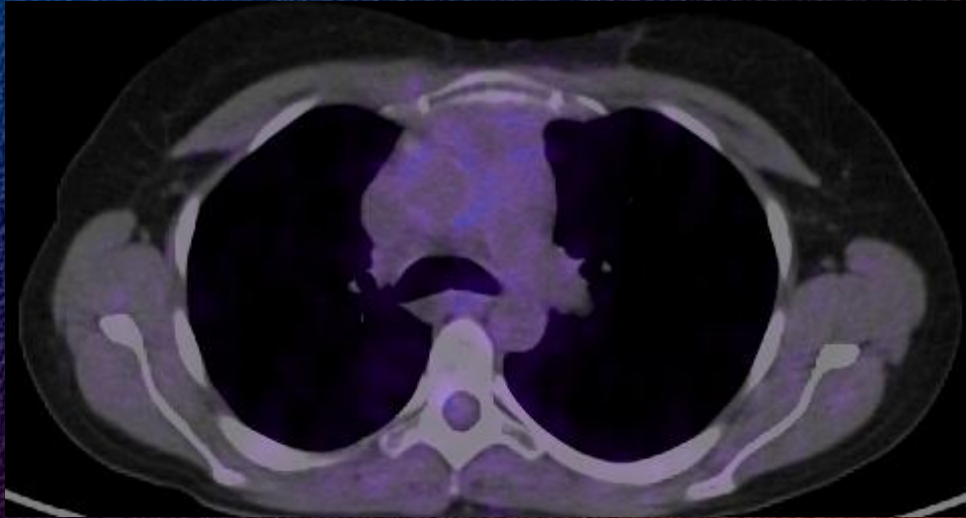
**$^{11}\text{C}$ -Acetate**



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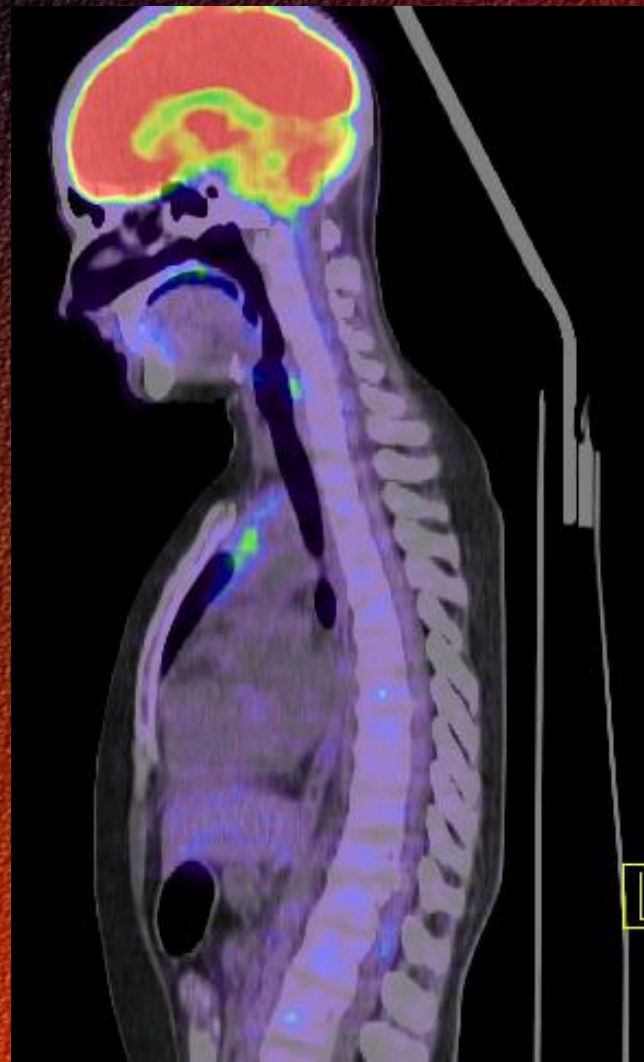
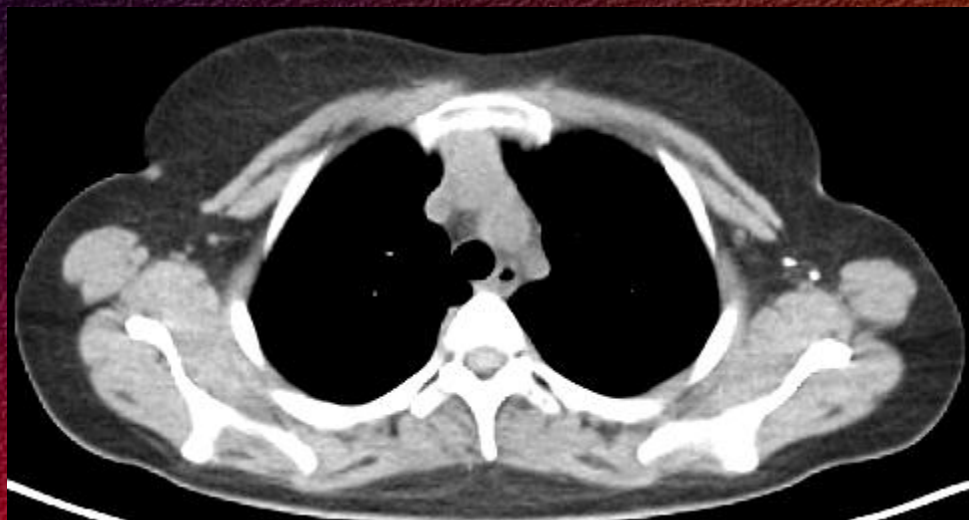
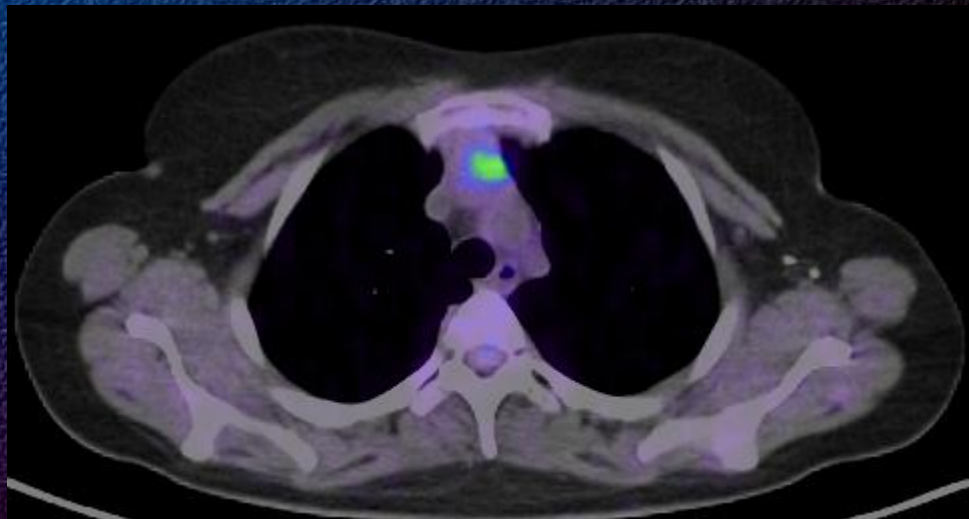
**FDG negative, no residue**



**NHL, 2,5 mounths after chemo- and radiotherapy**



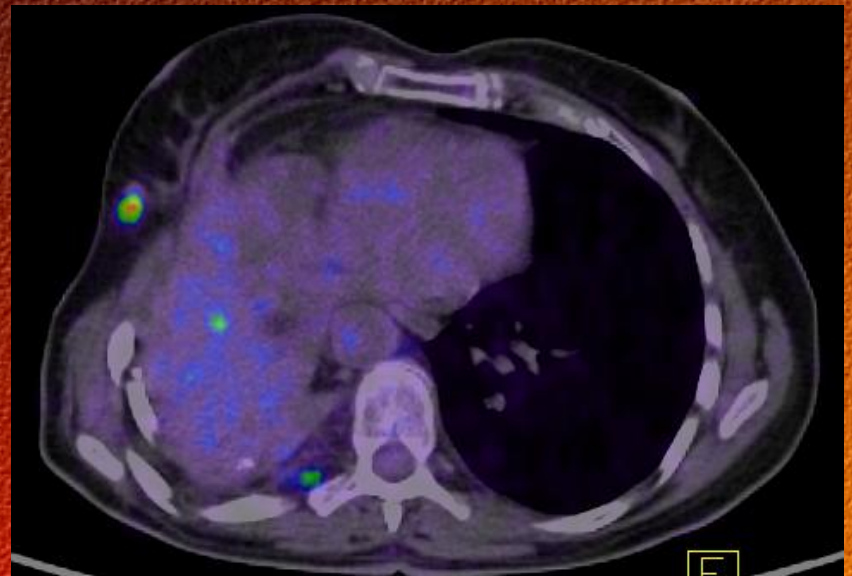
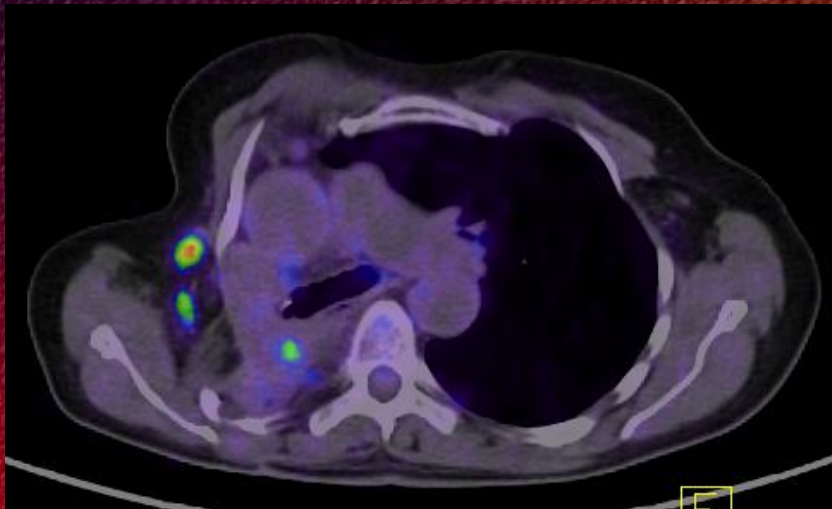
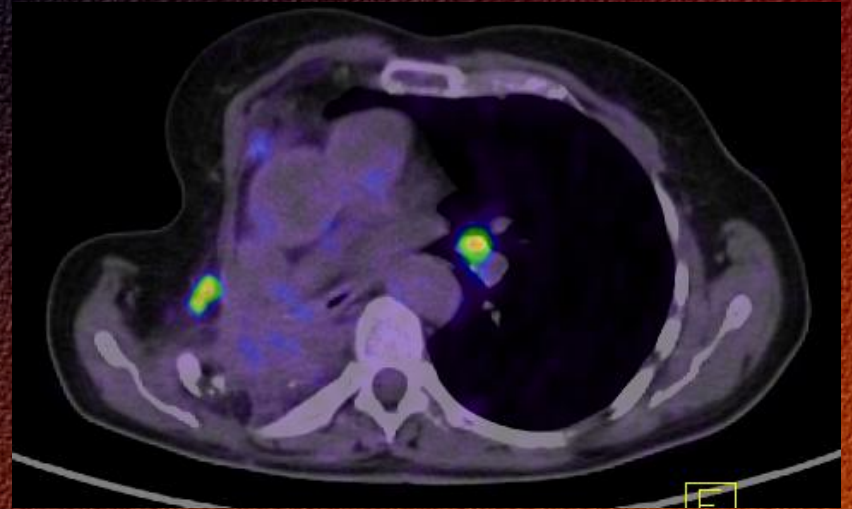
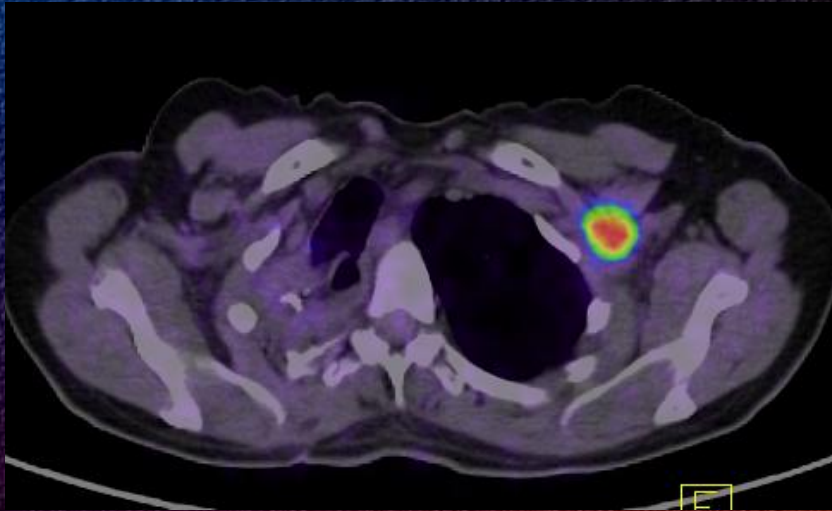
# FDG positive, residual tumour



**NHL, 6 months after chemotherapy and embryonic stem cell transplantation**

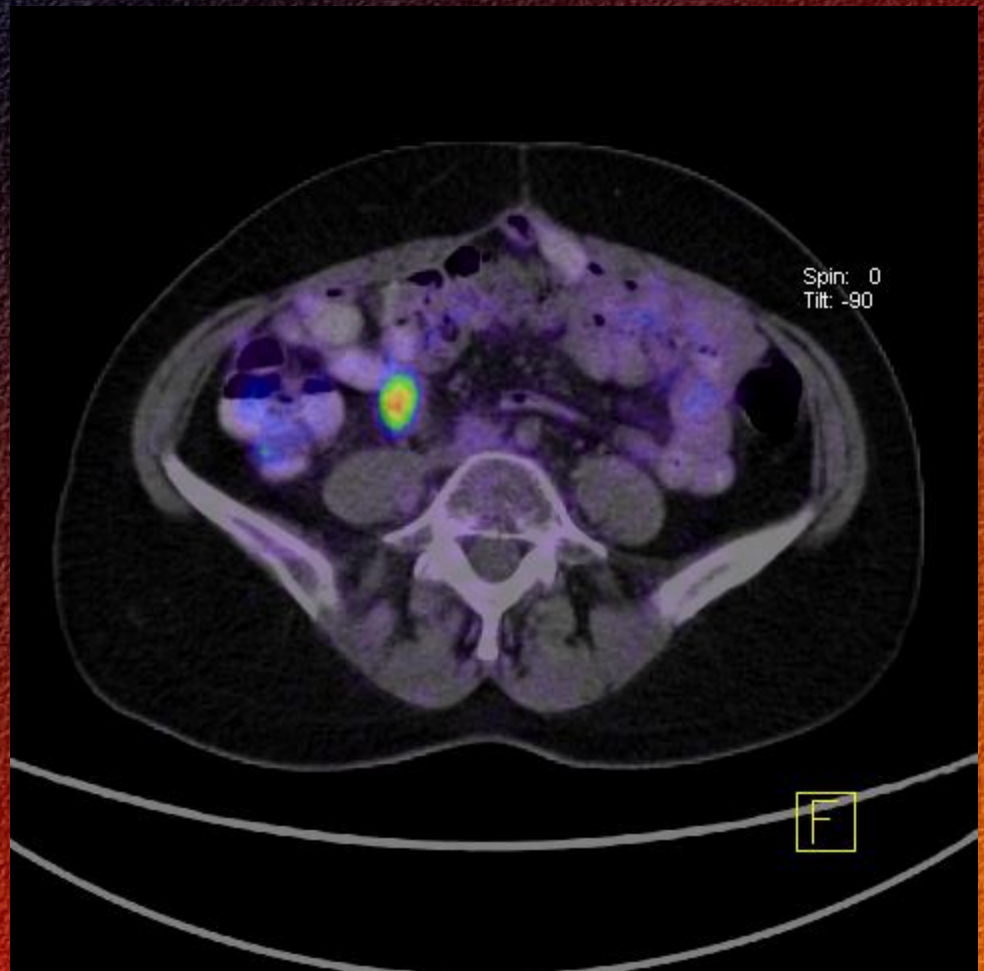
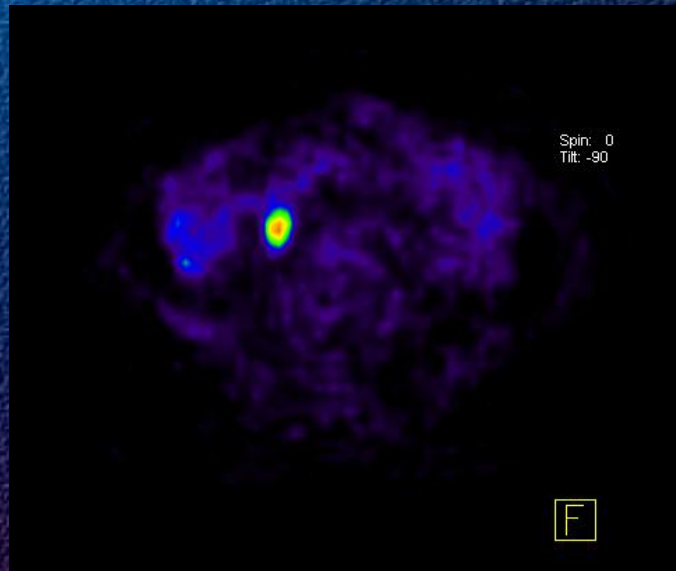


## Tumour recurrence – NSCLC St. post pneumonectomy



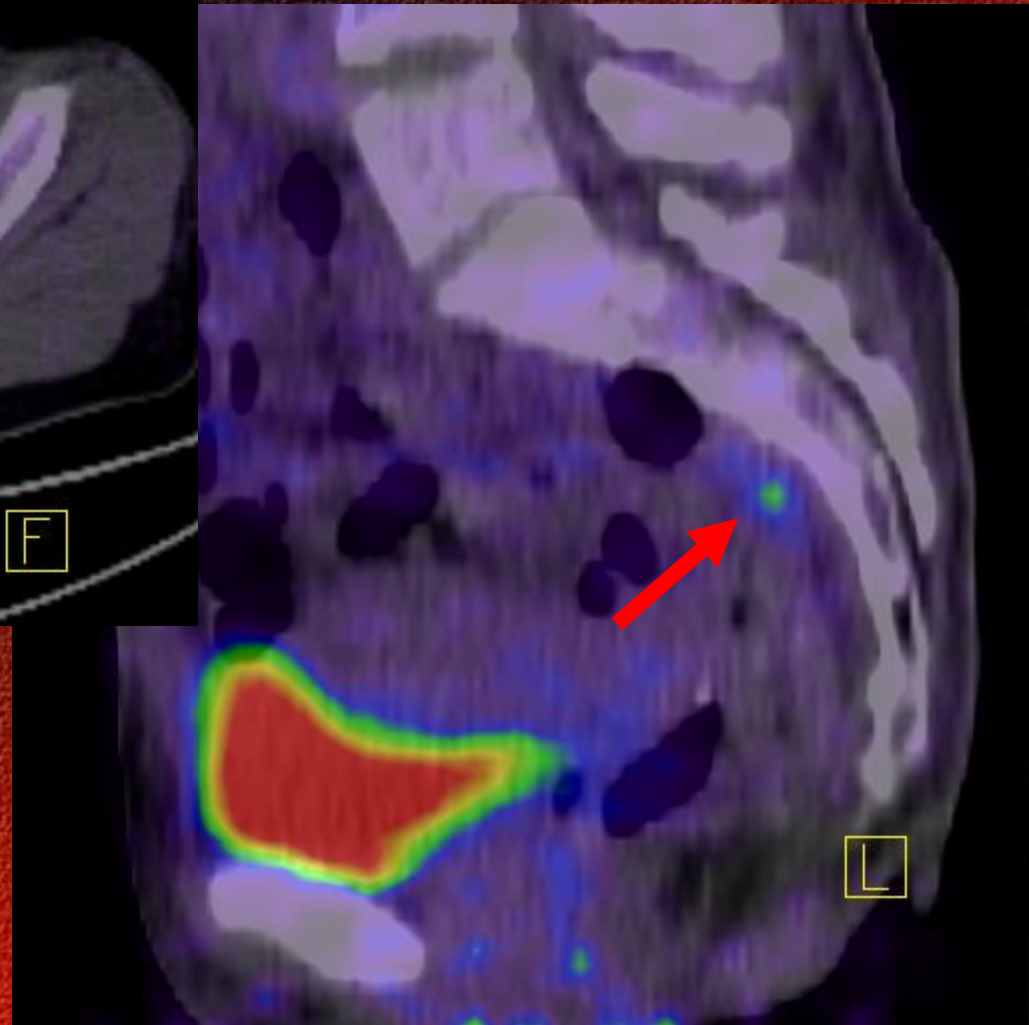
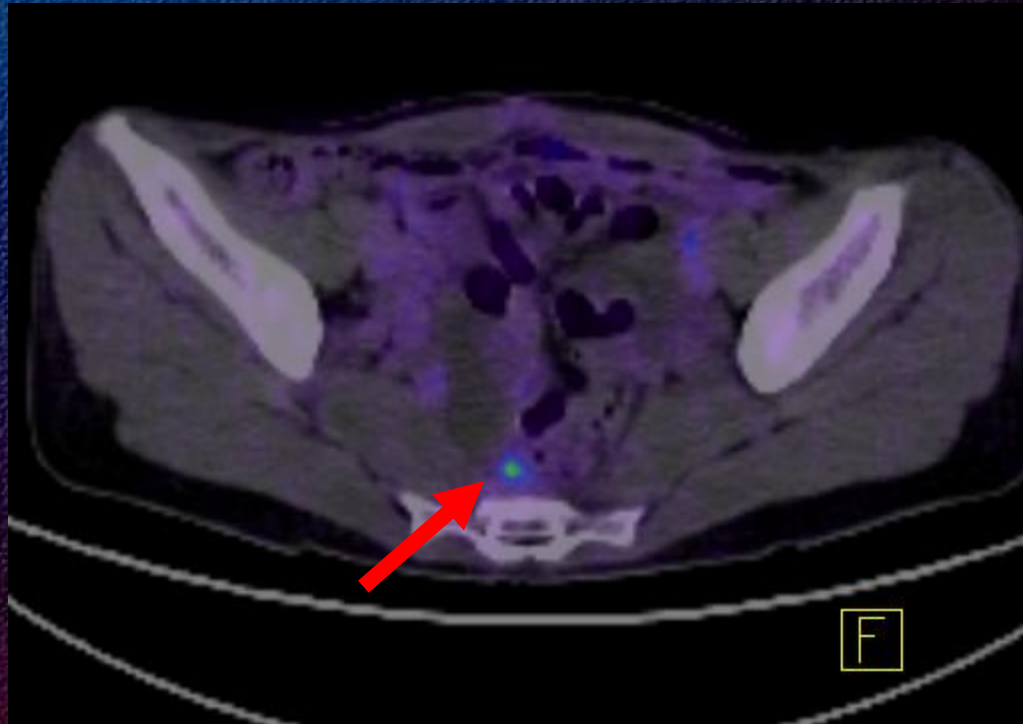


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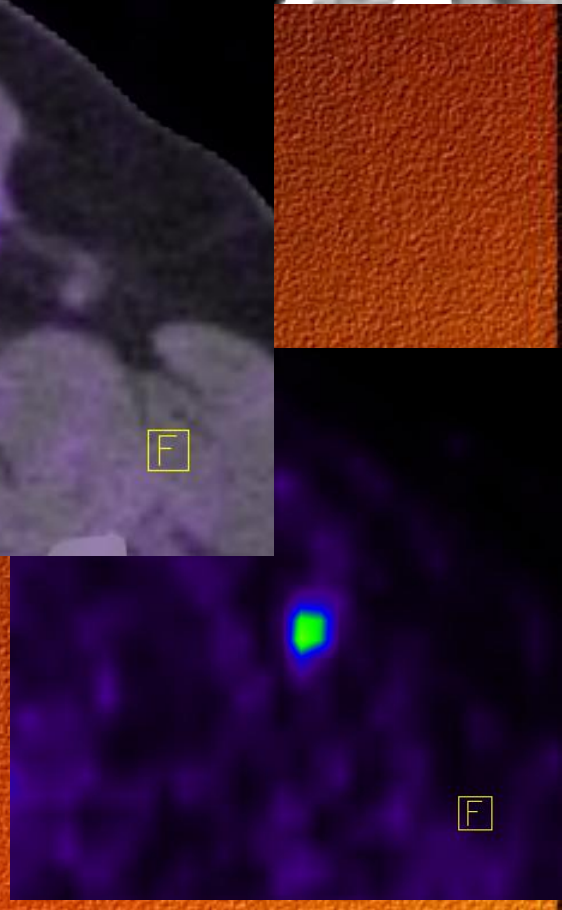
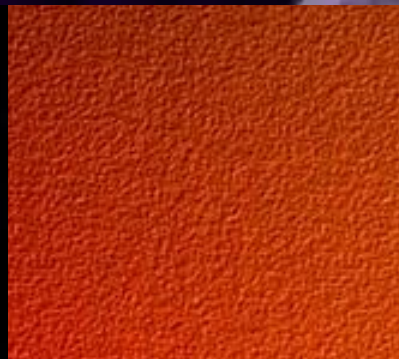
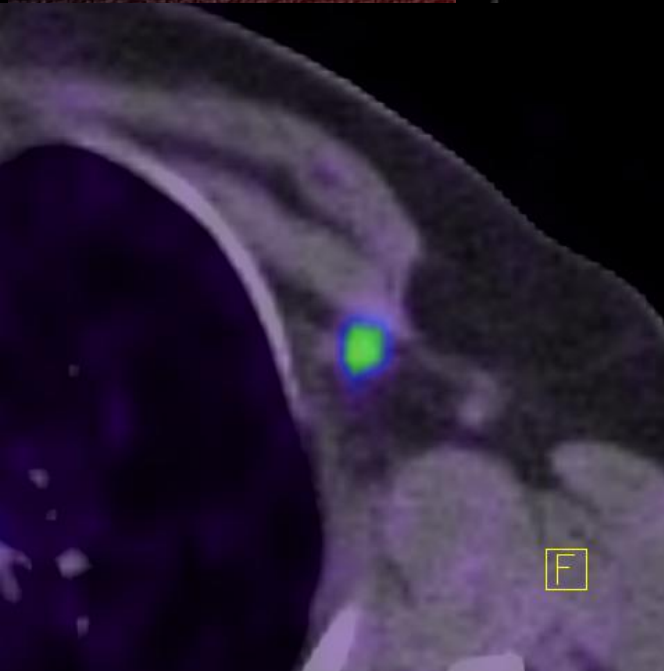
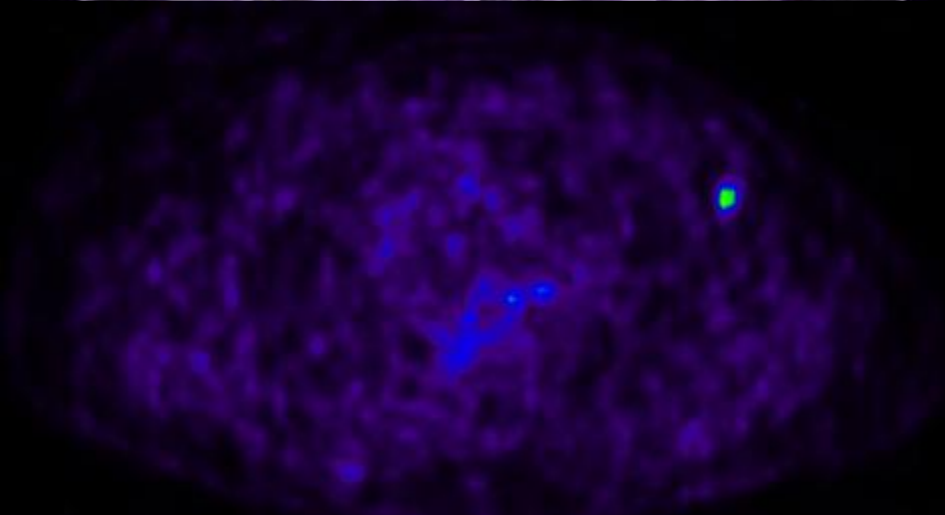
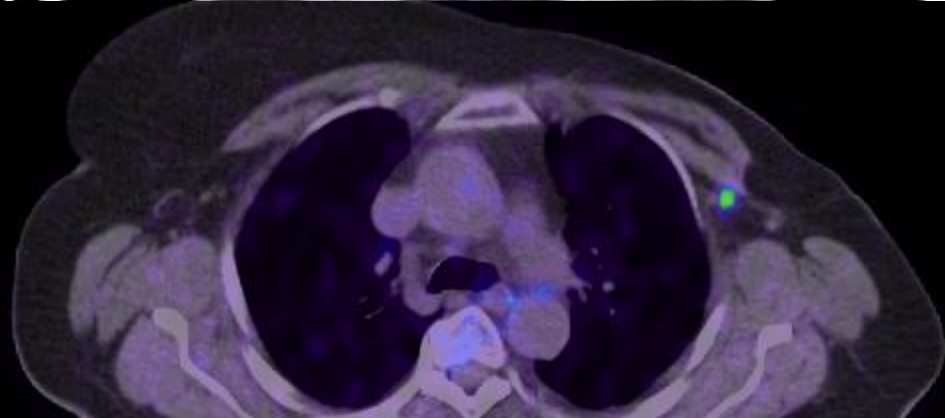
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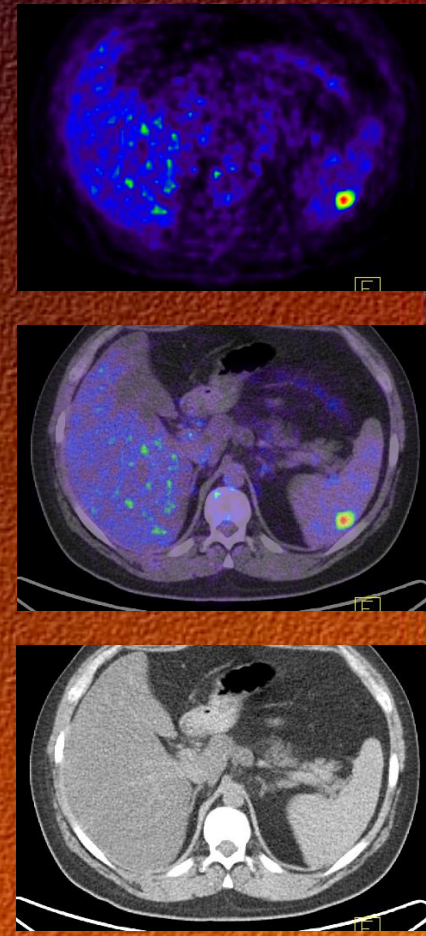
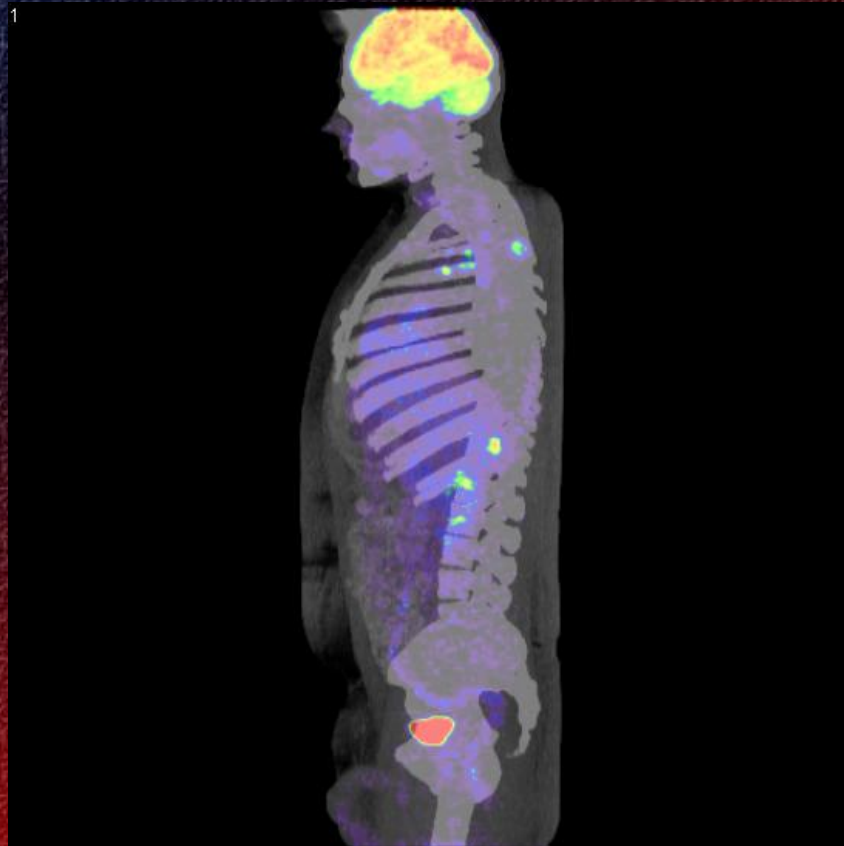
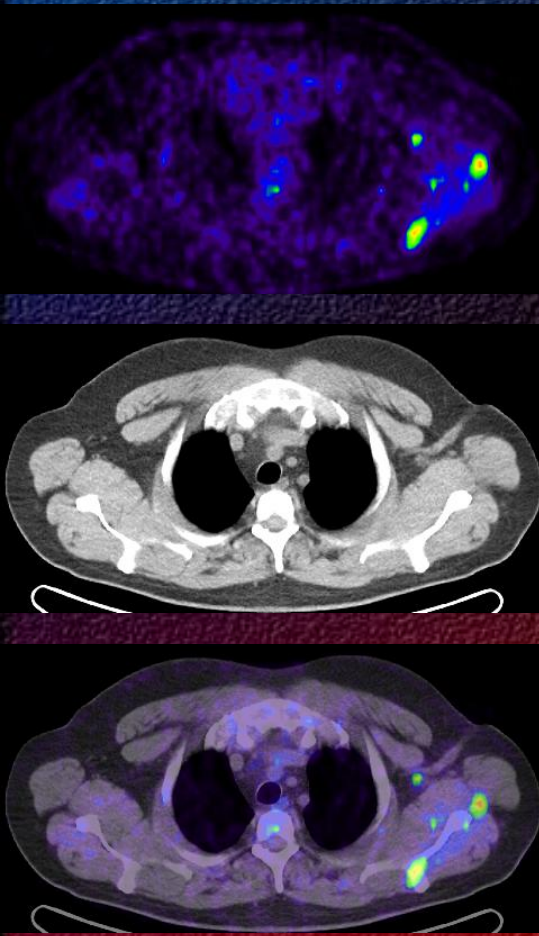
# Tumour recurrence

Breast CA -  
Lgl. Metast.





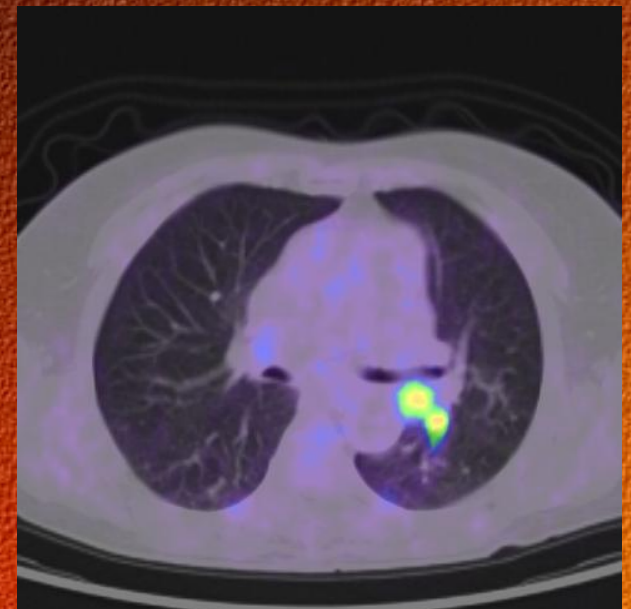
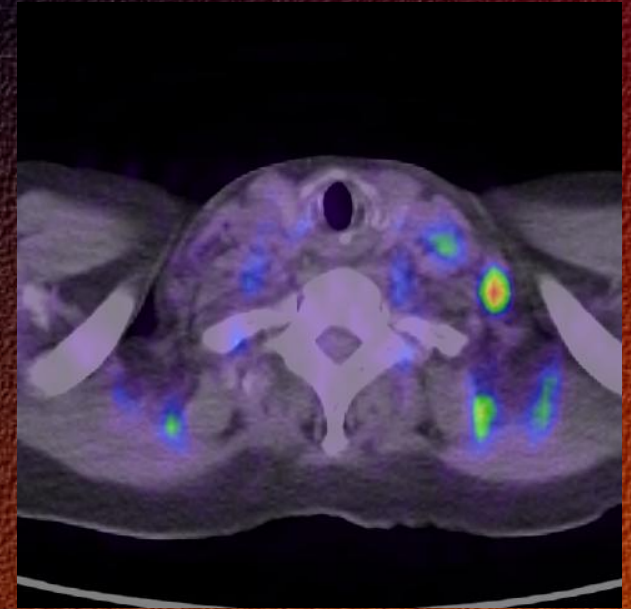
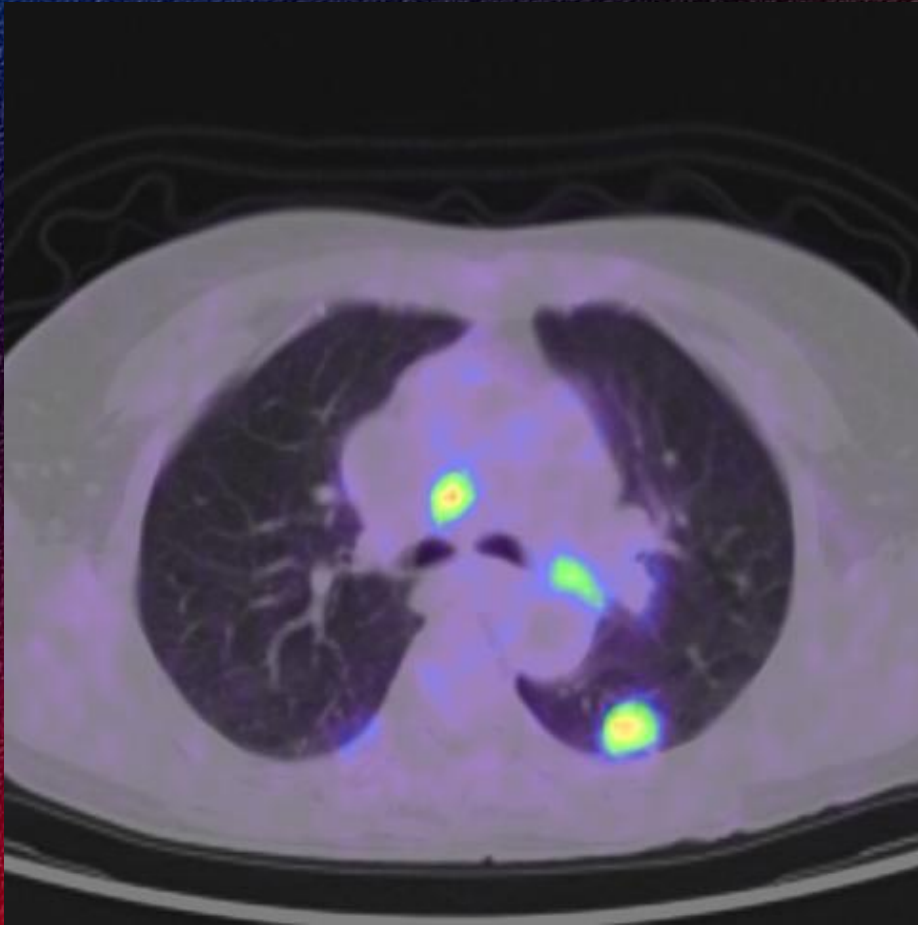
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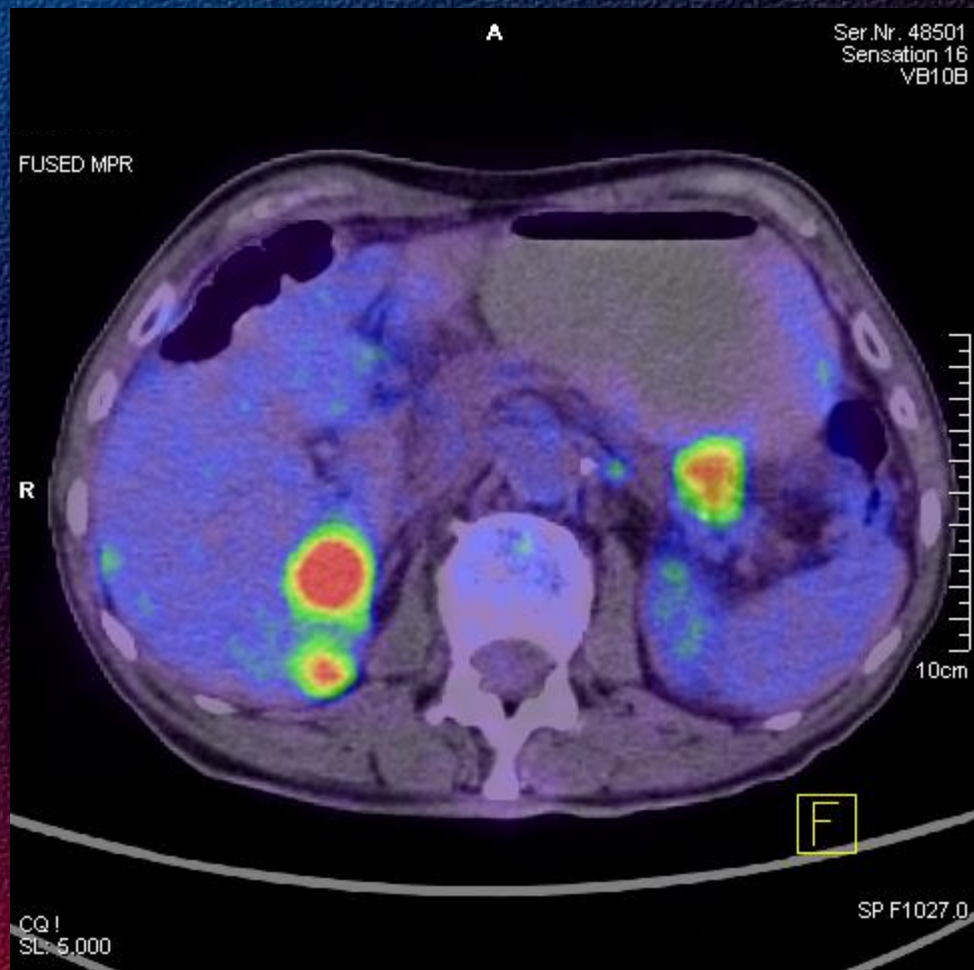
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# Staging - Adenocarcinoma pulm. l.s



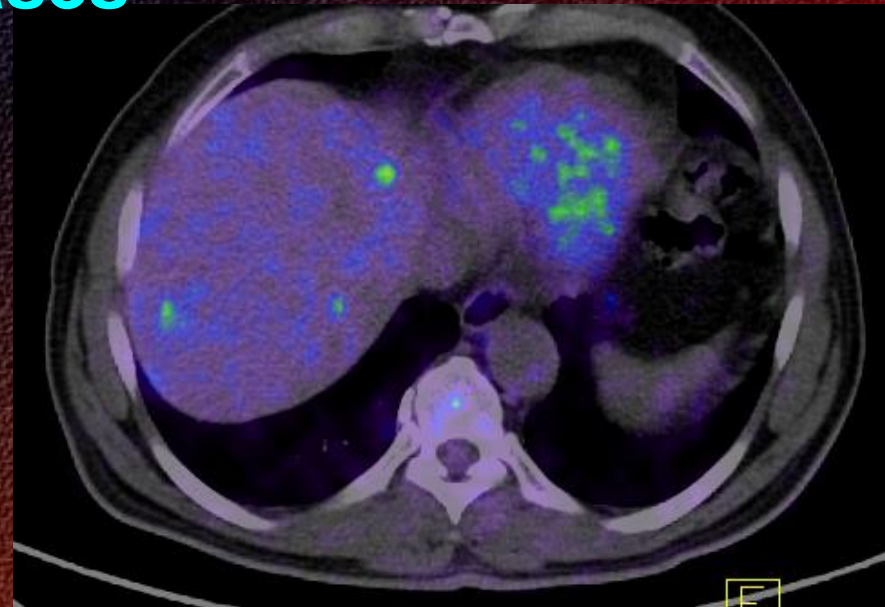
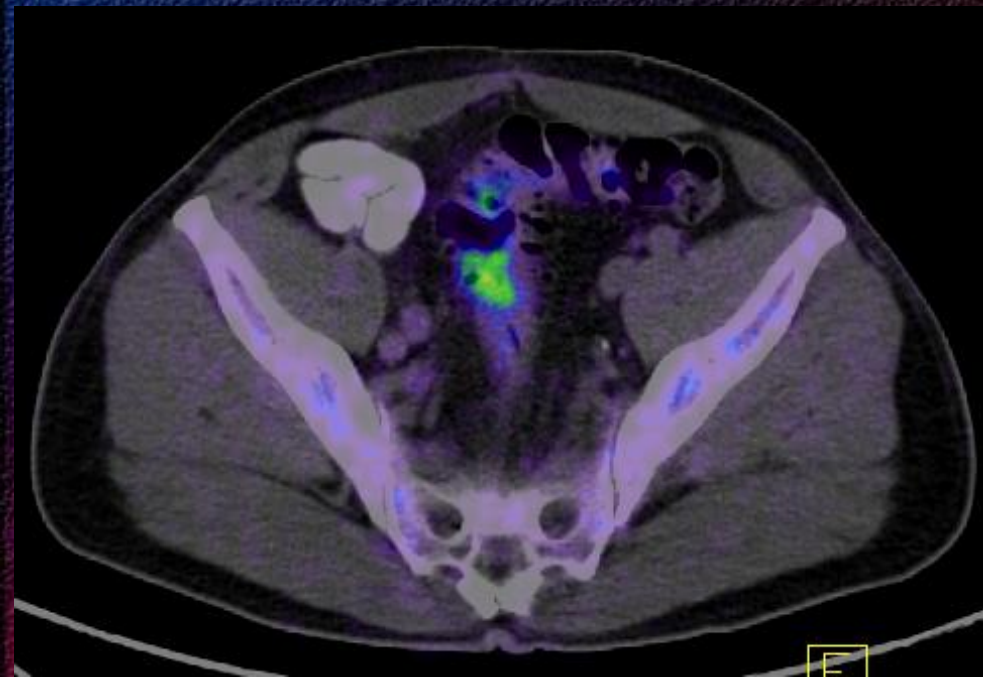




**Pancreas cc. - staging**

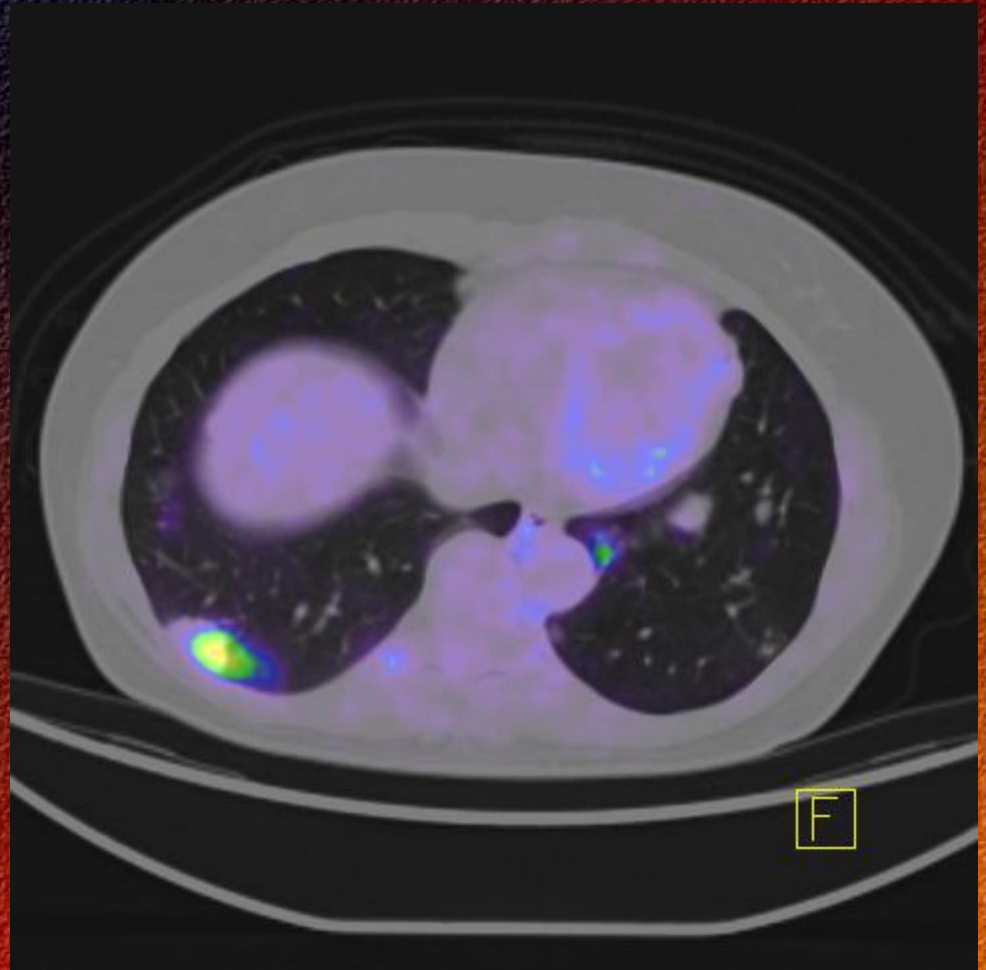
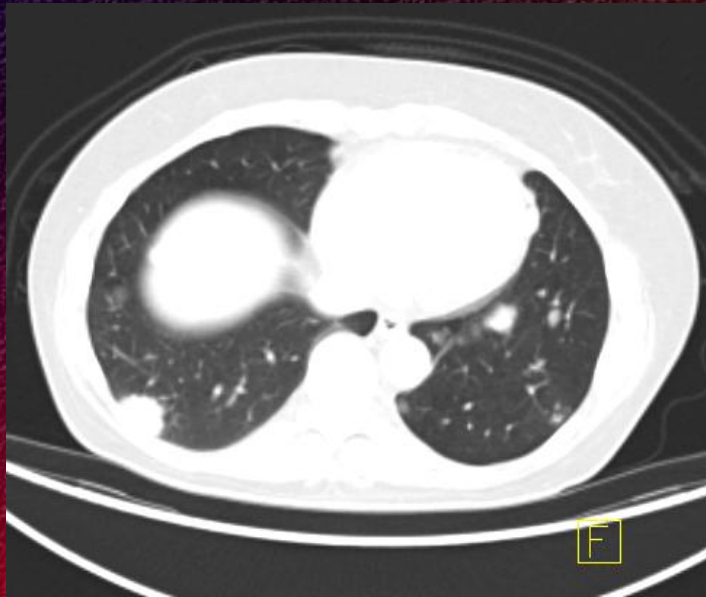
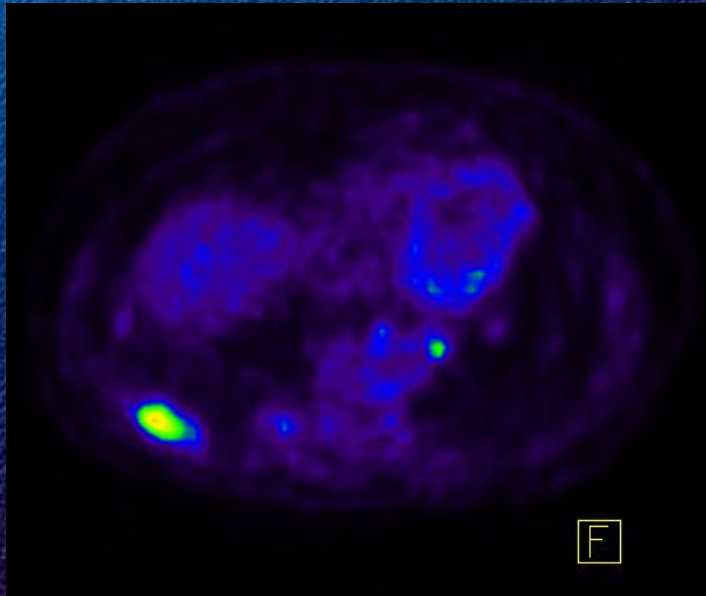


# Staging - adenocarcinoma sigmae - liver and lung mtastases



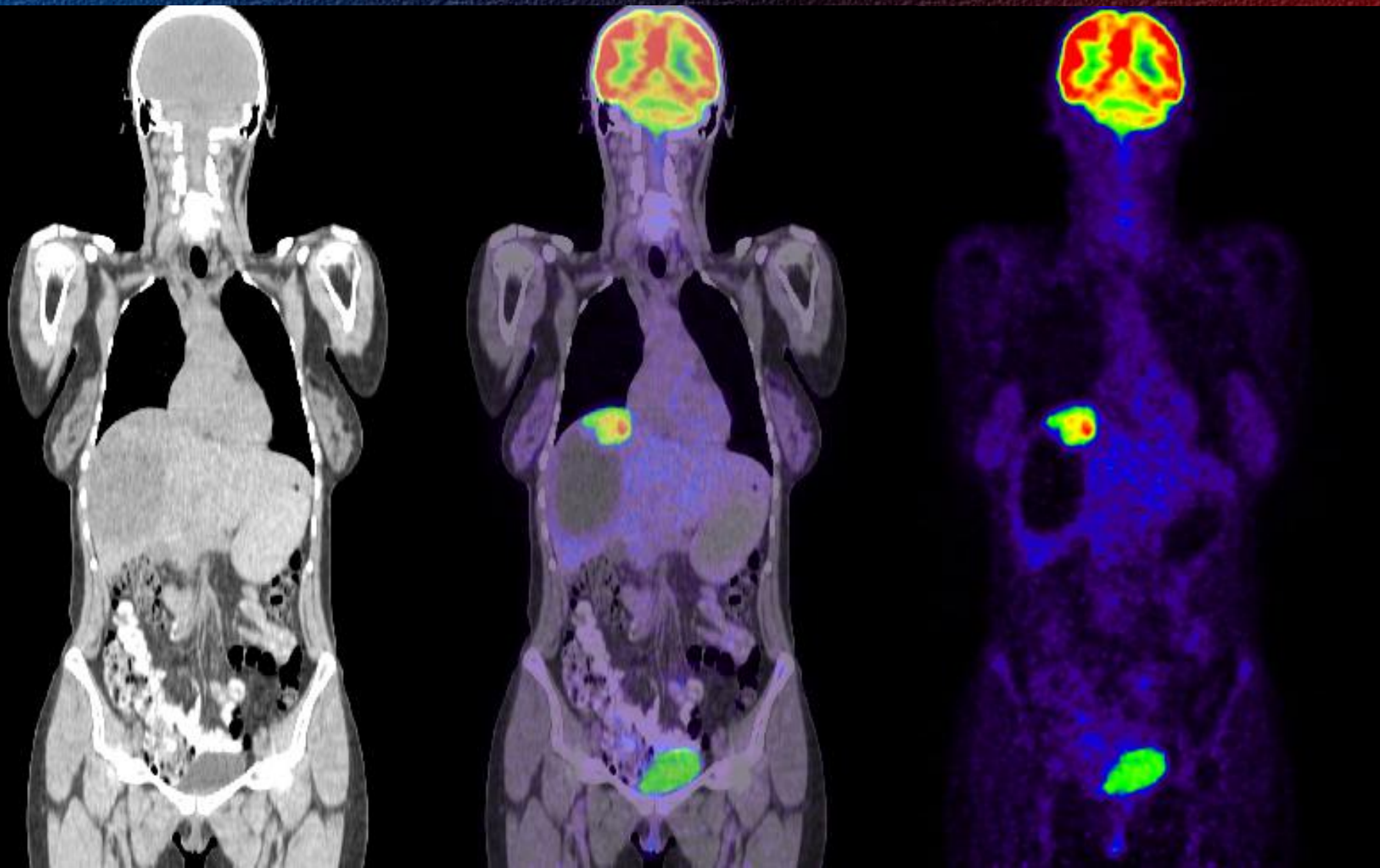


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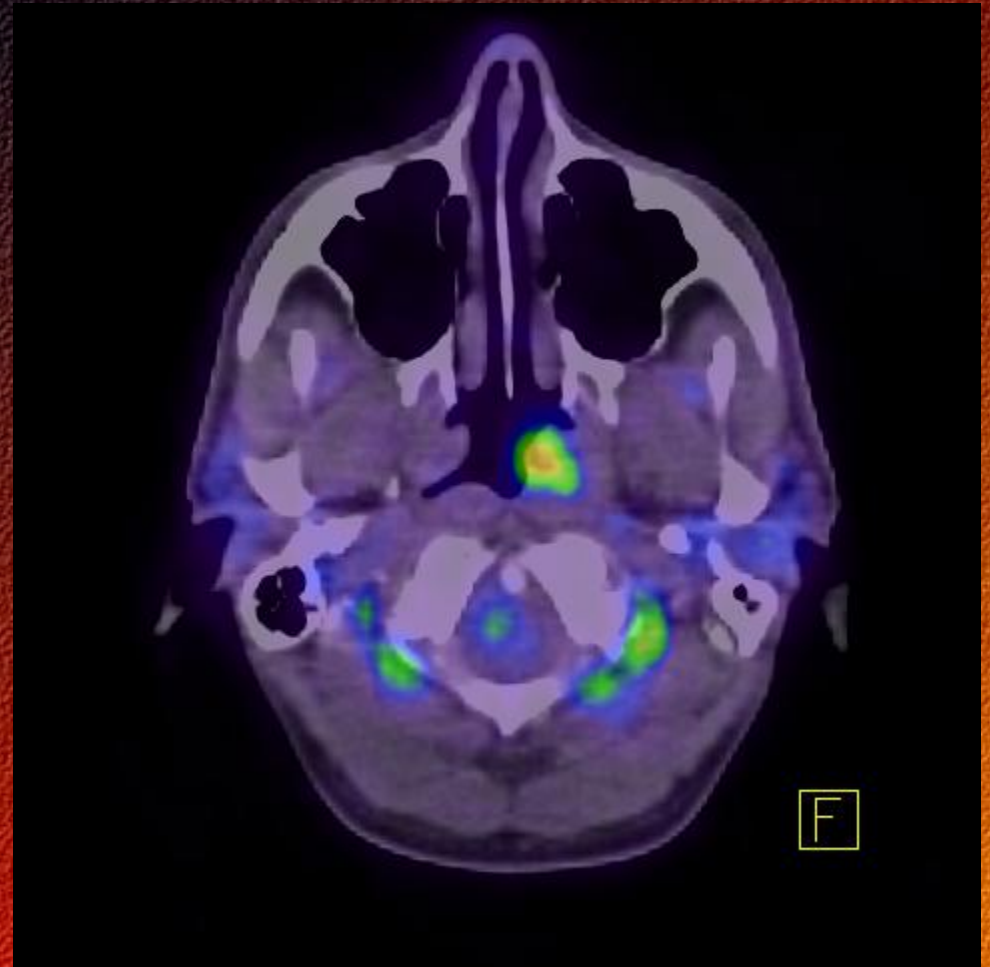
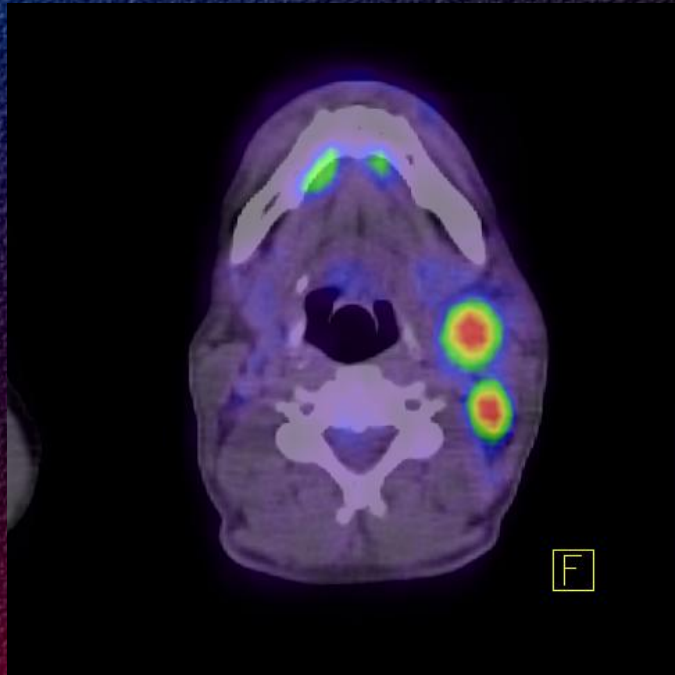


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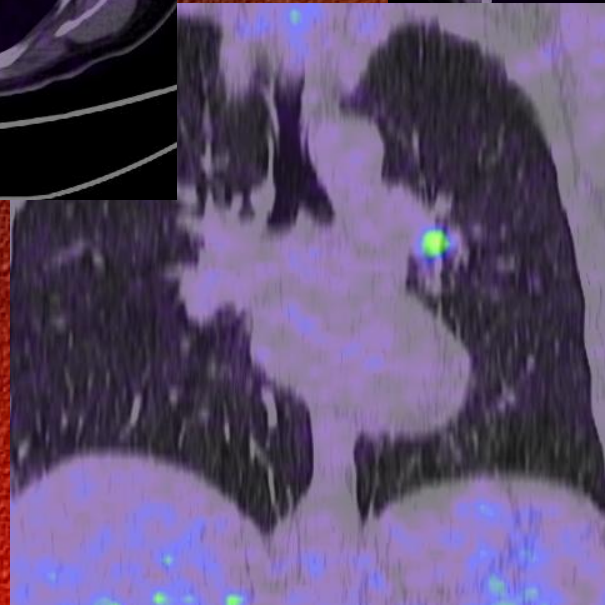
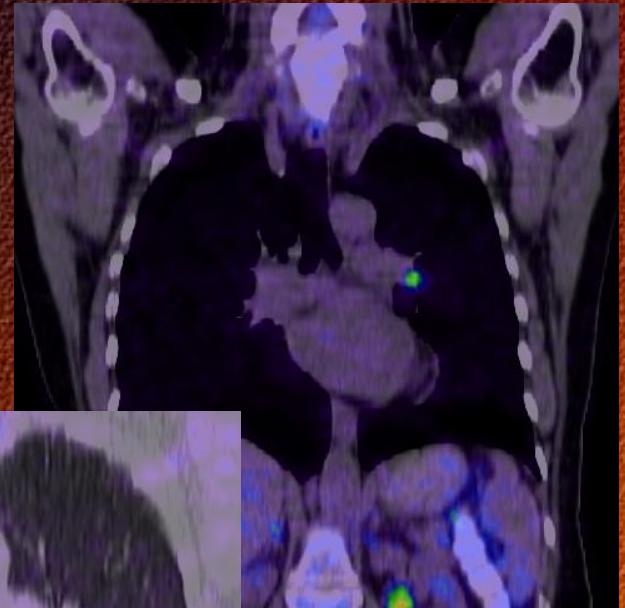
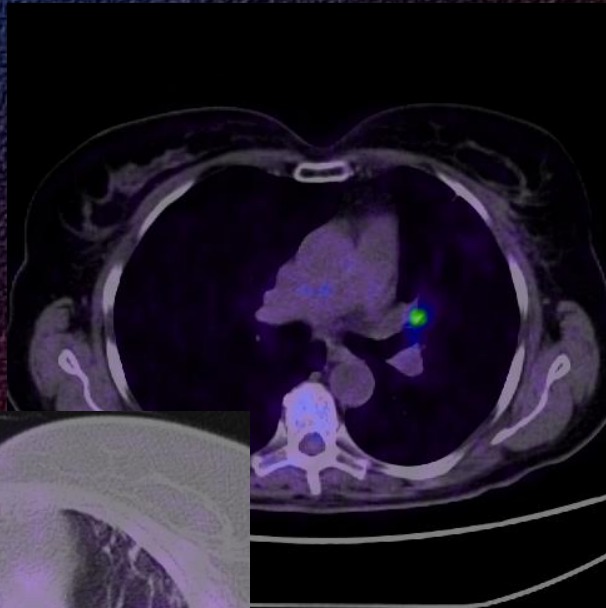


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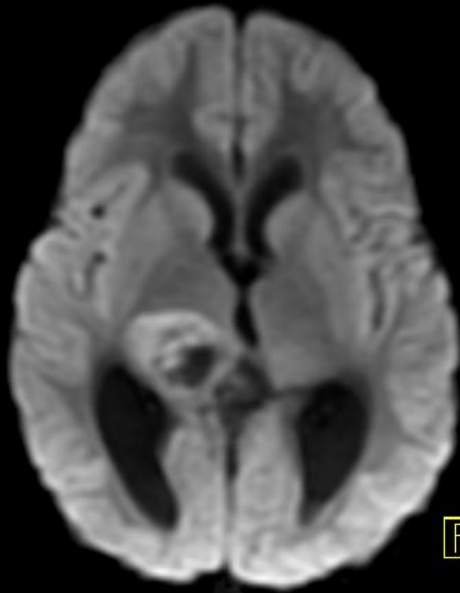
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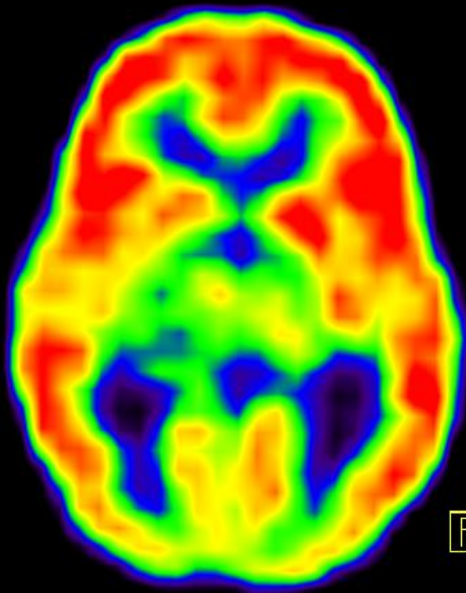
SCLC



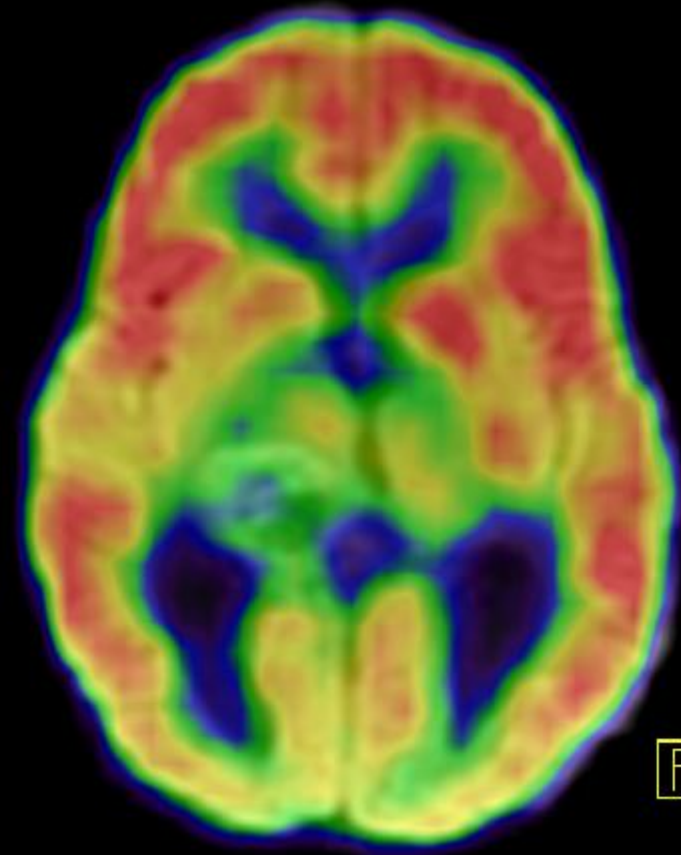
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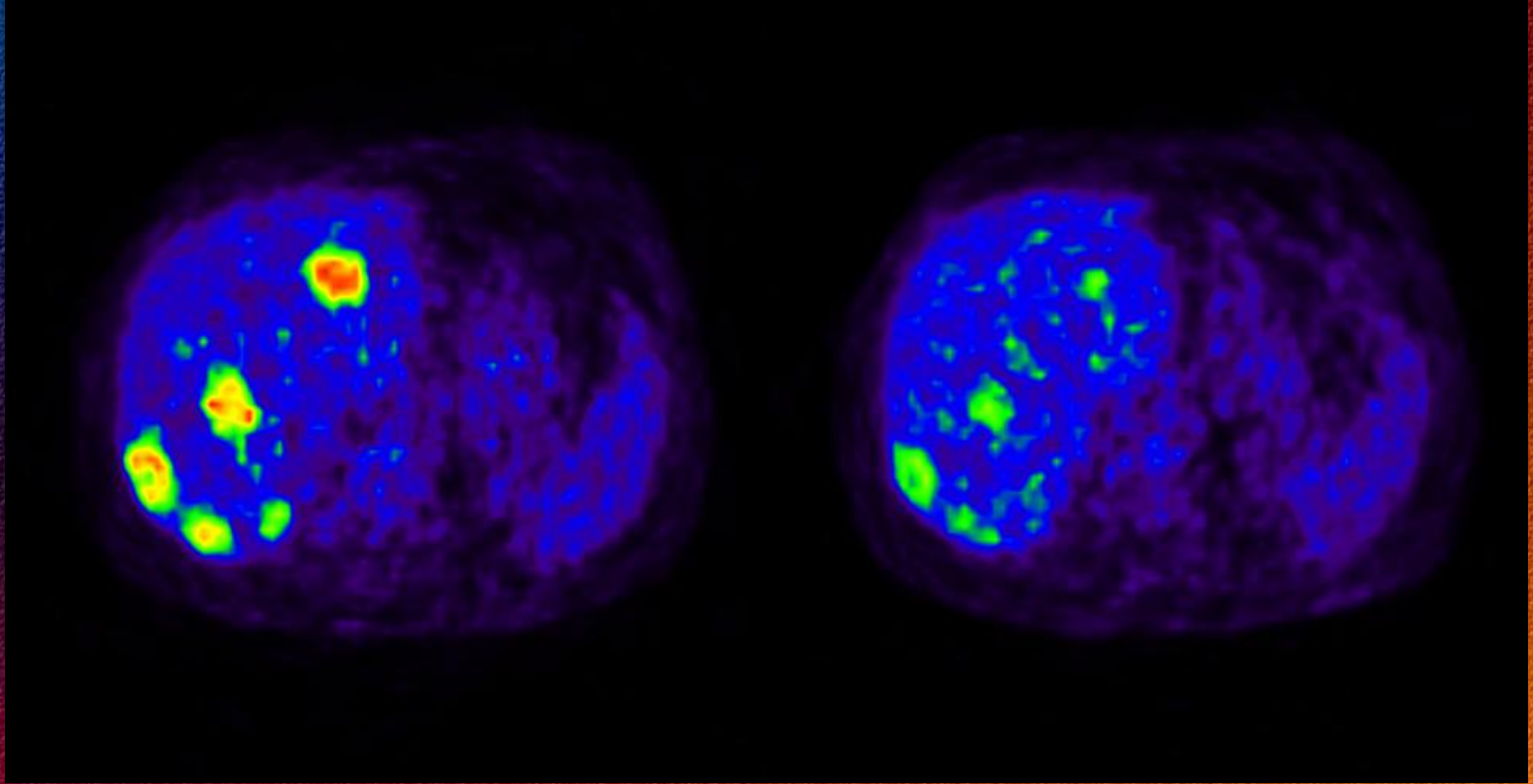
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# Monitorization of the effectiveness of treatment

before therapy

after therapy



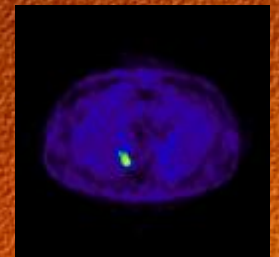
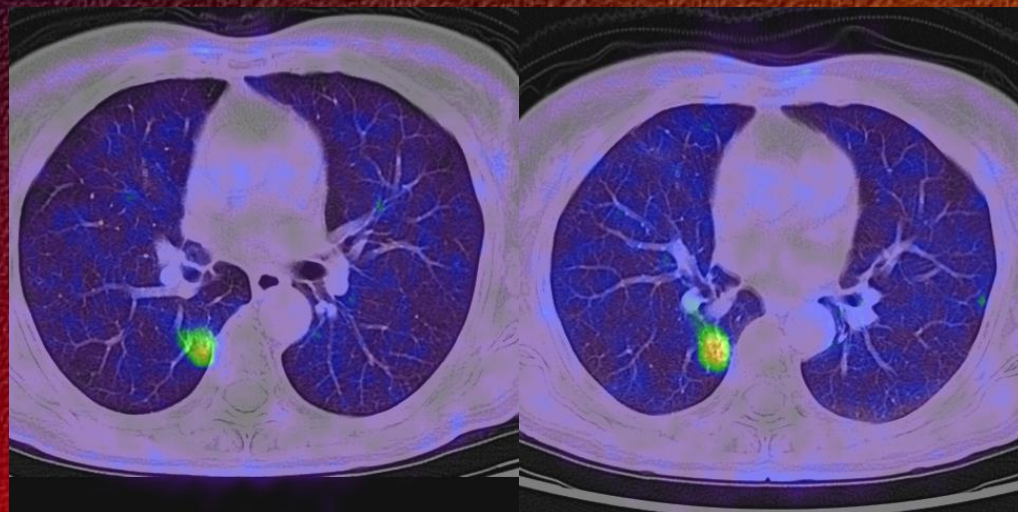
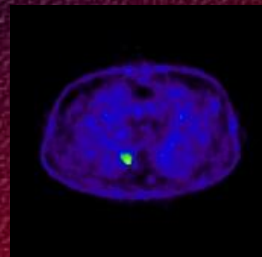
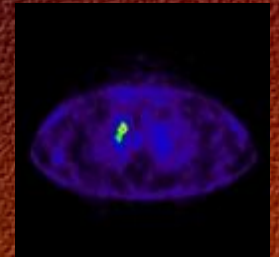
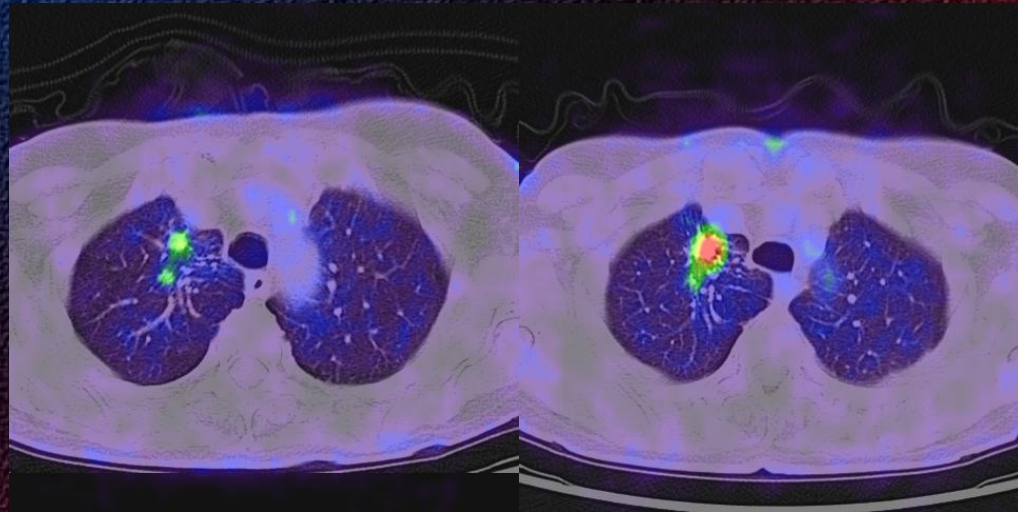
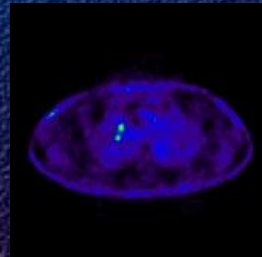
Sigma tumour, liver metastases, after therapy (2. cycle)



# Monitorization of the effectiveness of treatment

Before th.

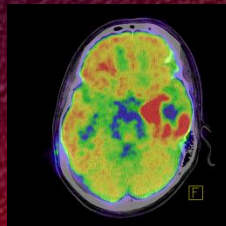
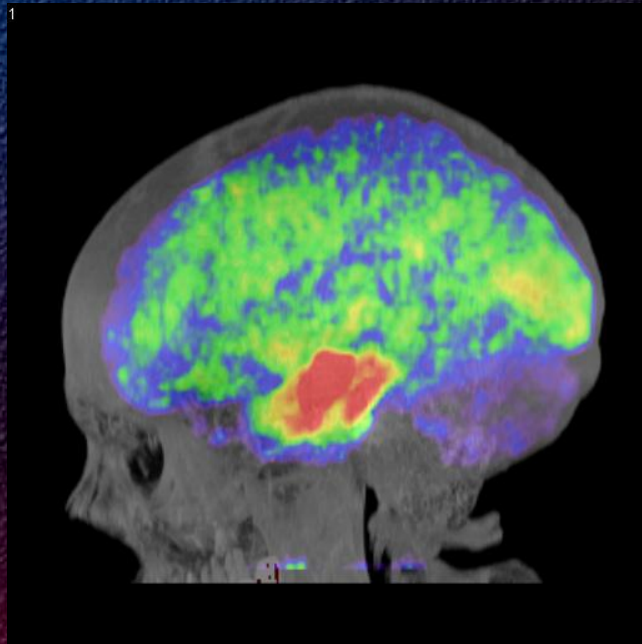
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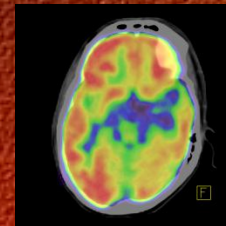
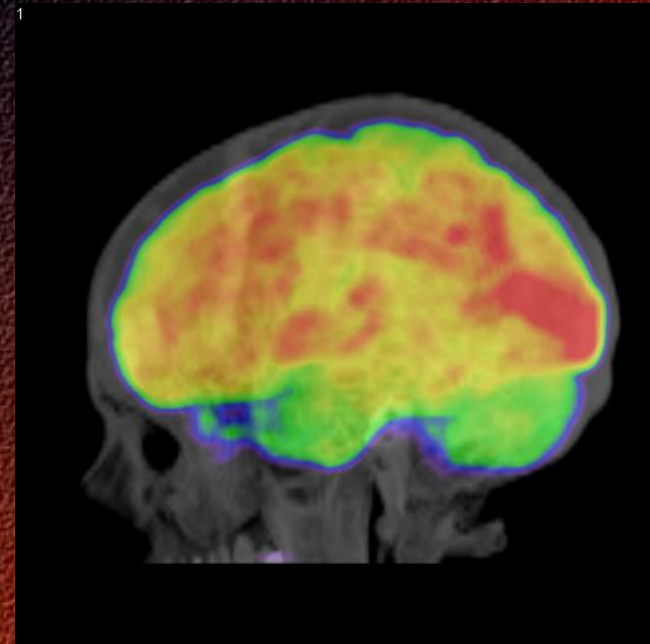
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# Monitorization of the effectiveness of treatment - NHL



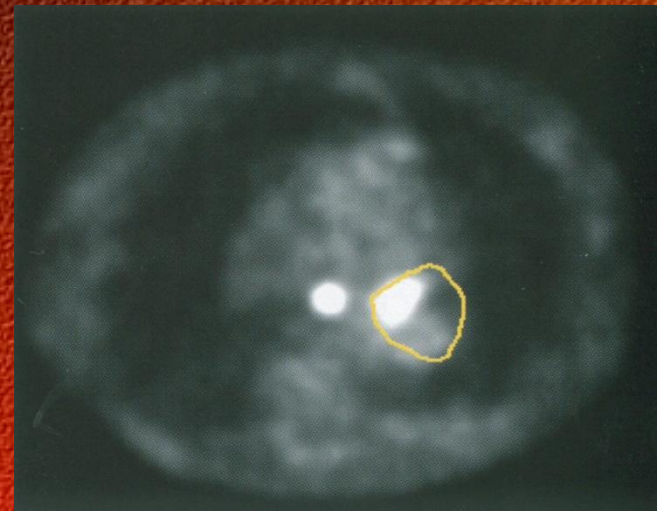
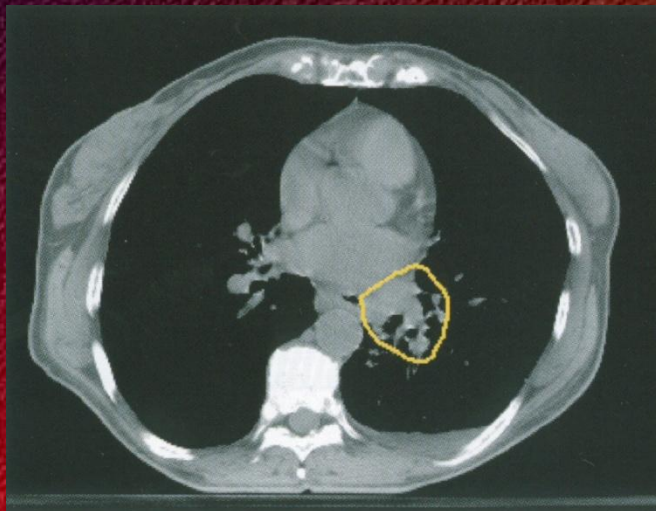
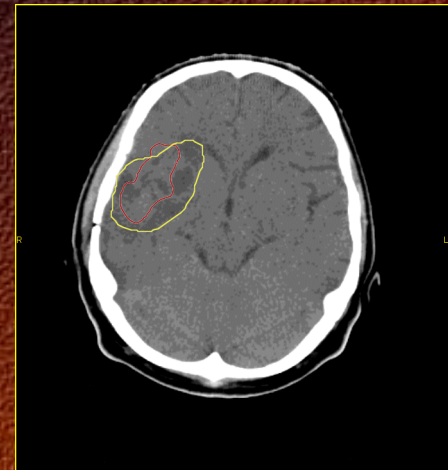
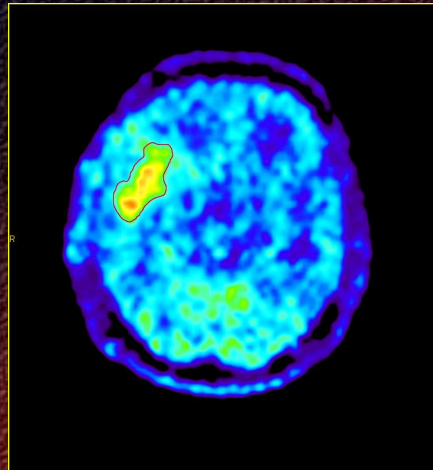
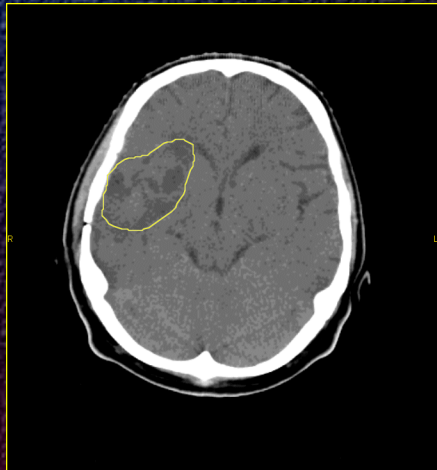
NHL -recurrence



after chemotherapy and  
embryonic stem cell  
transplantation



# Radiotherapy planning (correct focusing!)





# THANKS!







**Thanks for your attention!**