



Nuovi approcci dell'imaging nel paziente neutropenico febbrile

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*tools:
(almost yesterday...)*

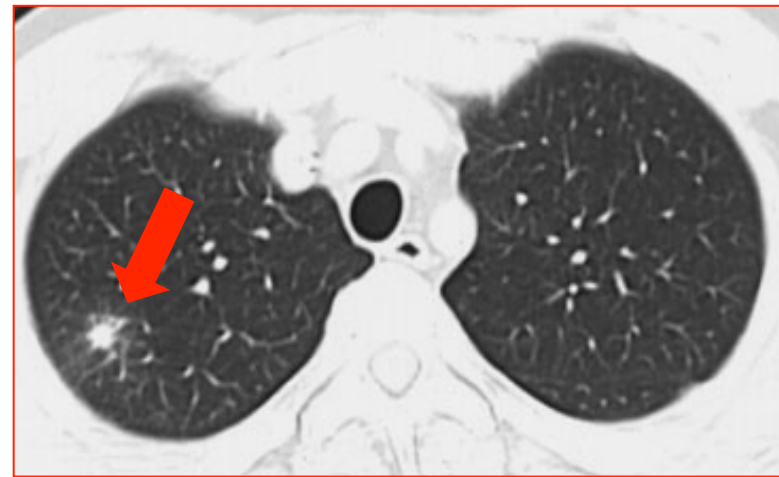
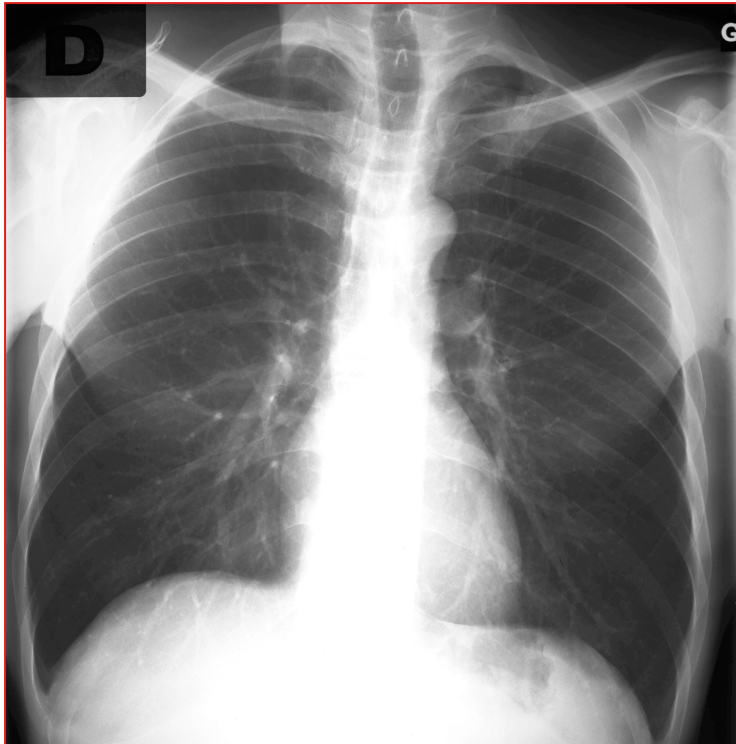
1. Chest radiography (CXR)
2. High Resolution CT (HRCT)

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RX -

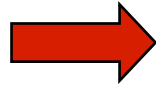


HRCT + (60%)

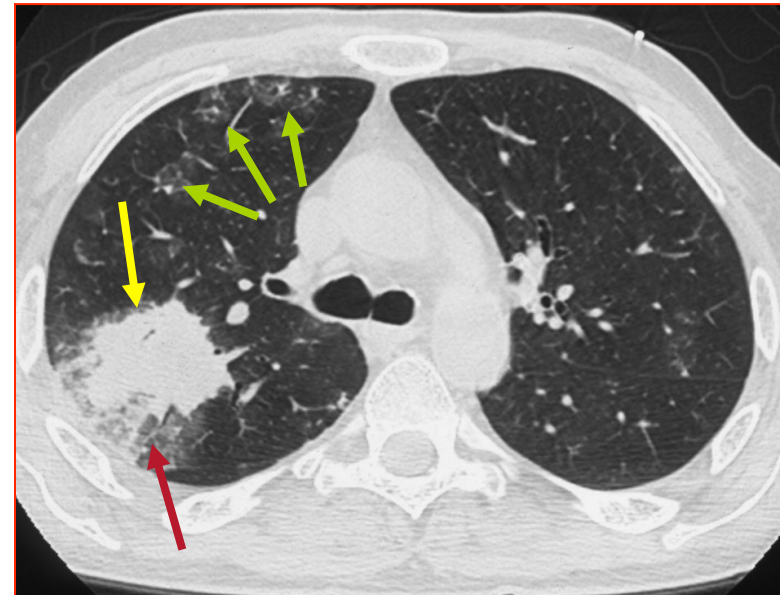
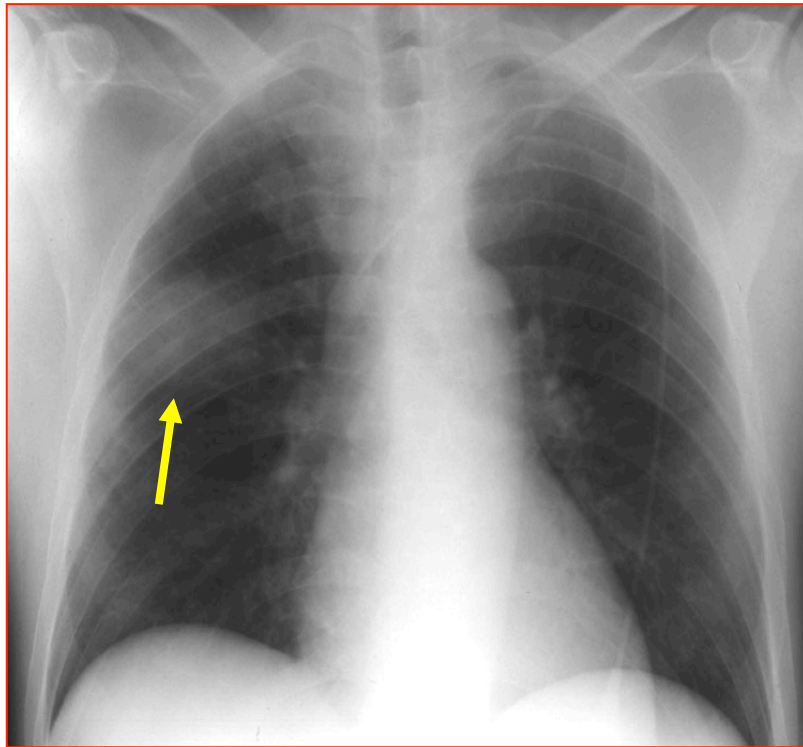


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RX +



HRCT: more findings



- Nodule
- Halo sign
- Ground-glass



HRCT patterns & signs

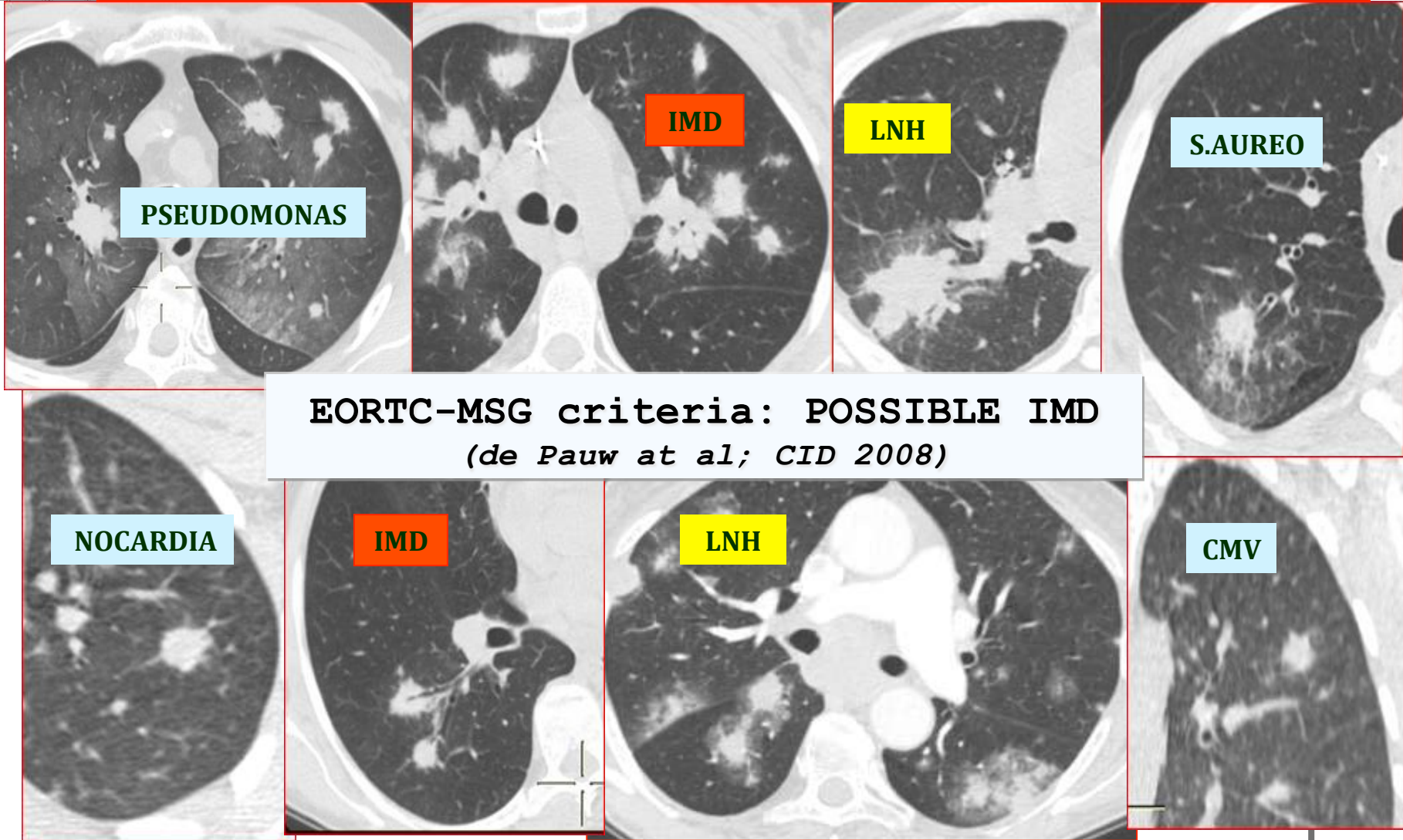
- Ground-glass (gg)
- Halo sign
- Consolidation
- Reversed-halo sign
- Nodule (< o > 1 cm)
- Septal thickening
- Air-crescent sign
- Tree in bud
- Crazy paving
- other (adenopathy, pleural effusion...)

NONE PATHOGNOMONIC!



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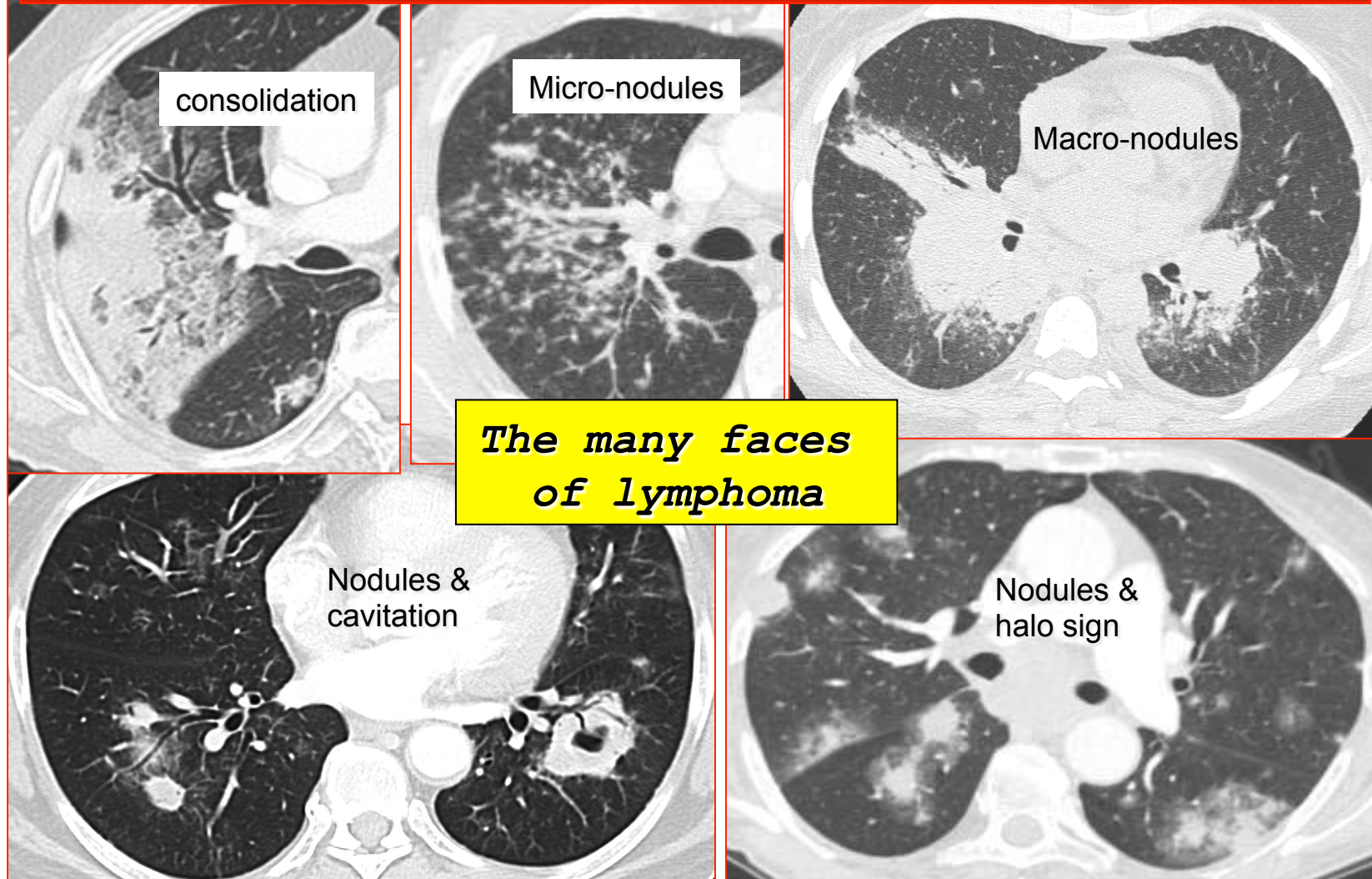
HRCT: same pattern x different etiologies





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HRCT: different patterns x same etiology



Bae, Radiol Clin North Am 2008 - Lee, Clin Radiol 2009 - Chung, 2011



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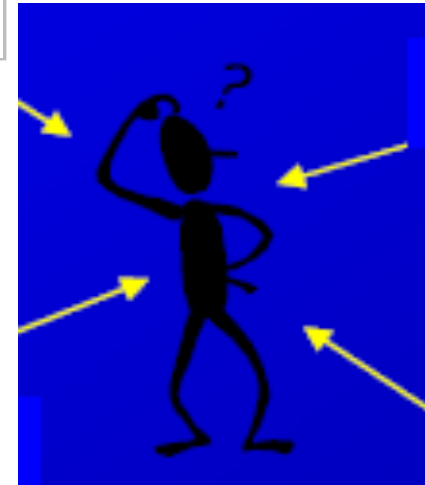
- Clinical course of the disease
- Patient's immune status
- Therapy / prophylaxis



affect the radiologic
appearance

&

afflict the radiologist



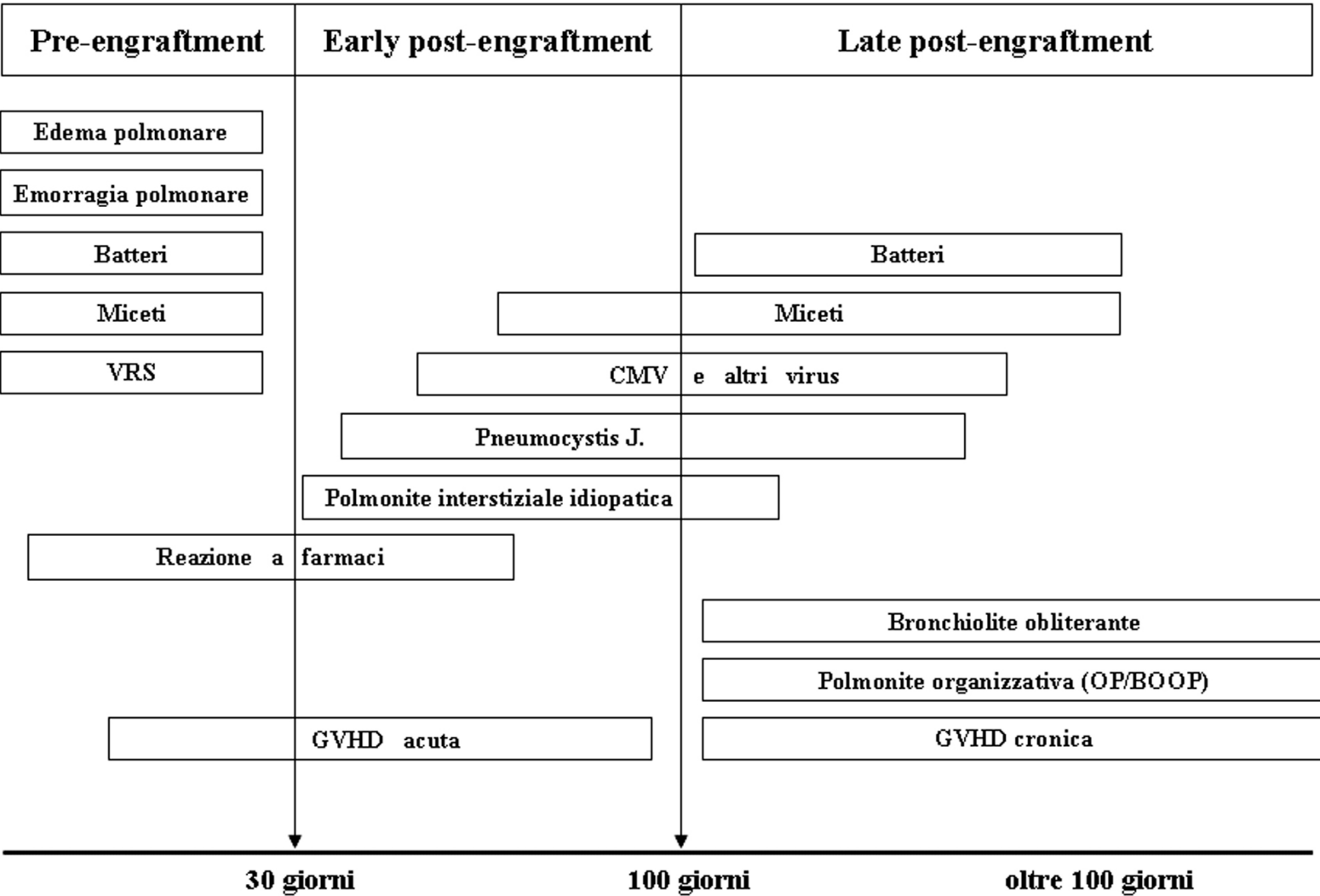


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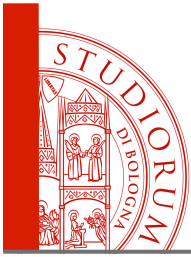


INTERVALLO TEMPORALE da TMO

(diverso grado e tipo di deficit immunitario)



Tanaka, Jpn J Radiol 2011



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...today tools...

1. Chest RX

2. High Resolution CT (HRCT)

3. CT Pulmonary Angiography (CTPA)



CT Pulmonary Angiography (CTPA)

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Wolfgang Steinbrich¹

AJR:185, March 2005

Direct Detection of Angioinvasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis in Immunosuppressed Patients: Preliminary Results with High-Resolution 16-MDCT Angiography

CONCLUSION. High-resolution MDCT angiography has been shown to be a feasible technique to depict directly vessel occlusion in the setting of suspected fungal infections especially for early diagnosis of angioinvasive pulmonary aspergillosis in immunosuppressed patients.

MAJOR ARTICLE

Stanzani et al. *Clin Infect Dis* 2012;54(5):610-6.

Computed Tomographic Pulmonary Angiography for Diagnosis of Invasive Mold Diseases in Patients With Hematological Malignancies

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EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Herbrecht R, Roedlich MN. *Clin Infect Dis* 2012;54(5):617-20.

Earlier Diagnosis of Angioinvasive Pulmonary Mold Disease: Is Computed Tomography Pulmonary Angiography a New Step?

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aspergillosis [12]. The vascular occlusion sign probably deserves a place among the criteria defining invasive mold disease.

MAJOR ARTICLE

Clinical Infectious Diseases® 2015;60(11):1603-10

High Resolution Computed Tomography Angiography Improves the Radiographic Diagnosis of Invasive Mold Disease in Patients With Hematological Malignancies

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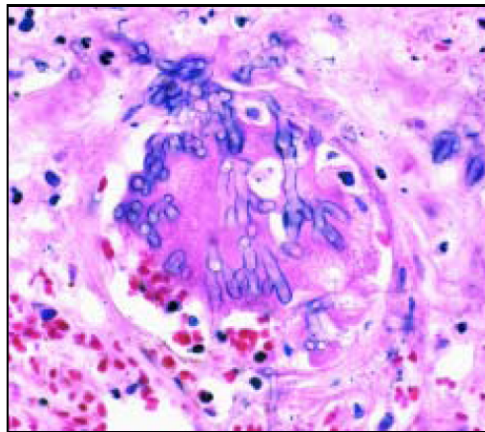
CTPA improves the sensitivity, and possibly the specificity of HRCT diagnosis of invasive mold diseases in the high-risk patients with hematological malignancies.



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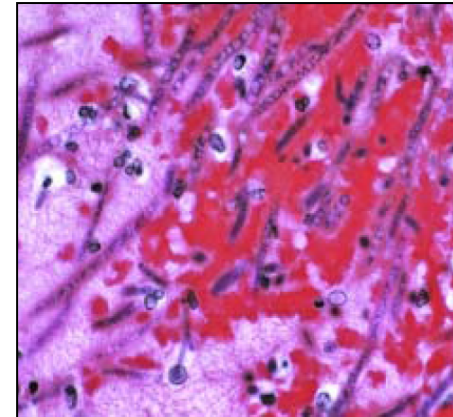
Host-Dependent Patterns of Tissue Injury in Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis

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Infarto emorragico

Emorragia alveolare



neutrophils, hyphae elongate and invade lung parenchyma and pulmonary blood vessels. The result is thrombosis of blood vessels, hemorrhagic infarction, and intra-alveolar hemorrhage. Perhaps the thrombosis of blood vessels can also be induced by the ability of *Aspergillus* to stimulate endothelial cells to become prothrombotic by expressing thromboplas-

Am J Clin Pathol 2007;127:349-355



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Methods :

Hematologic febrile neutropenic patient

STEP 1

Chest HRCT

dense, well-circumscribed lesion(s) :

- ✓ $\emptyset > 10$ mm ($> 12-15$ mm if subpleural)
- ✓ with or without a *halo sign*
- ✓ WITHOUT *cavitation/air crescent sign*

YES

NO

STEP 2

CTPA

Follow-up

Stanzani et al. *Clin Infect Dis* 2015



Methods:

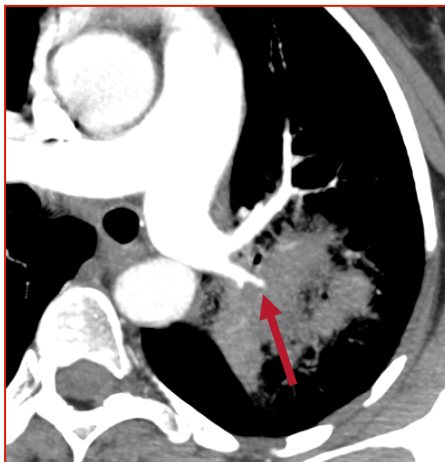
Step 2: Pulmonary Angio-CT (CTPA)

- I.v. administration of 70-75 mL of iodinated CM; flow rate: 3.5-4 mL/sec
- Chest scan: dedicated start-delay for pulmonary angiography

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- *allergy to iodinated CM*
- *renal failure*

Step 3: post-processing



- ✓ the radiologist performs 2D MPR and MIP multiplanar reformatted images using a dedicated workstation.

DON'T
DISTURB!
Radiologist
at work



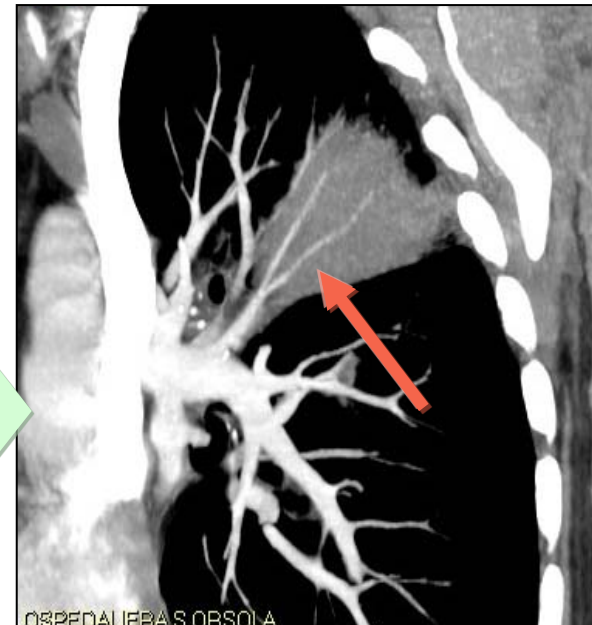
CTPA & occluded vessel sign

ANGIO-INVASIONE



PRESENTE

ASSENTE



OCCLUSO

1. amputato, irregolare
2. Assenza

Vaso tributario:

1. vaso afferente
2. vasi interni

NON-OCCLUSO

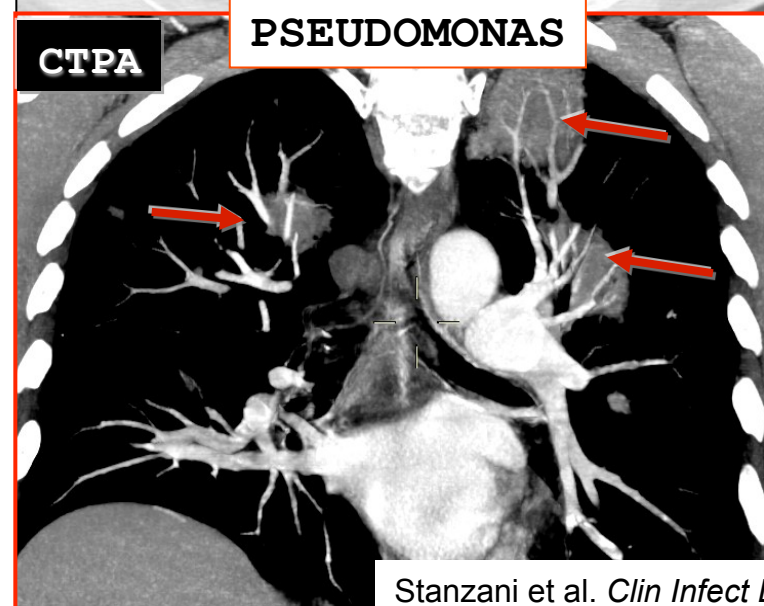
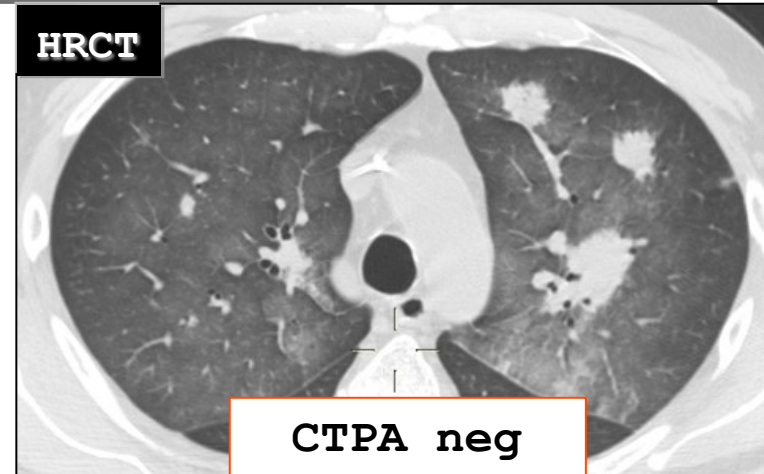
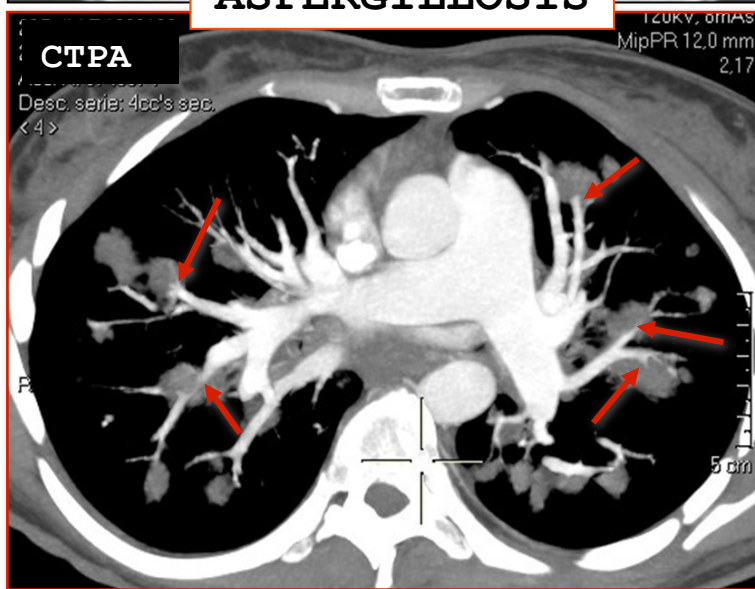
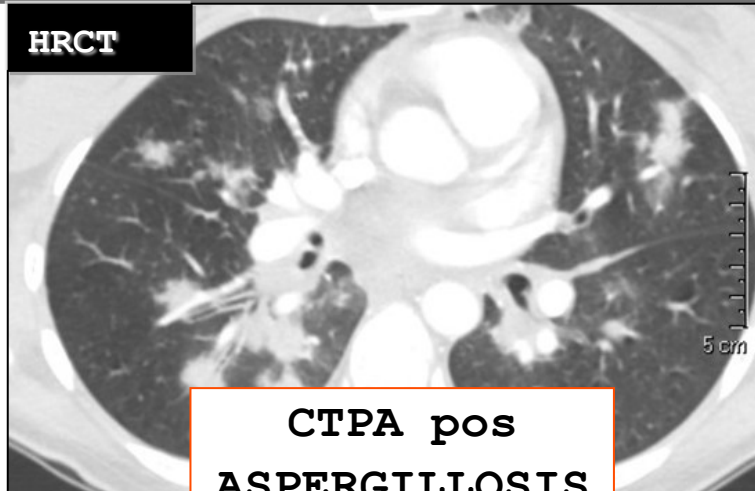
1. continuo, irregolare
2. Presenza

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CTPA discriminates IMD from NO-IMD diseases

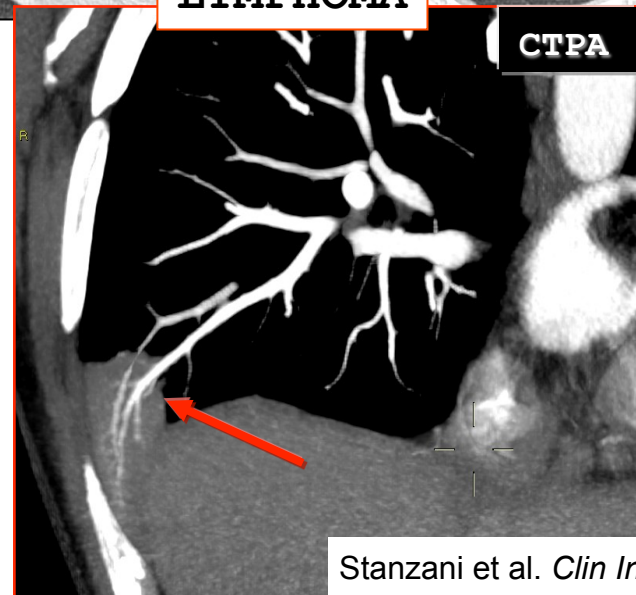
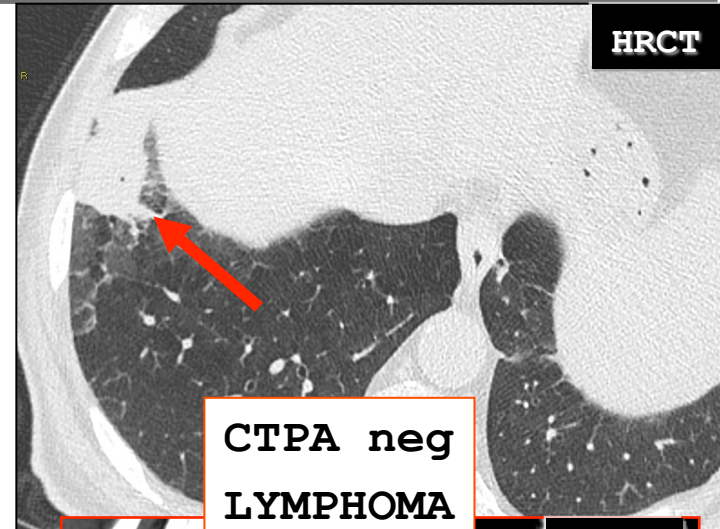
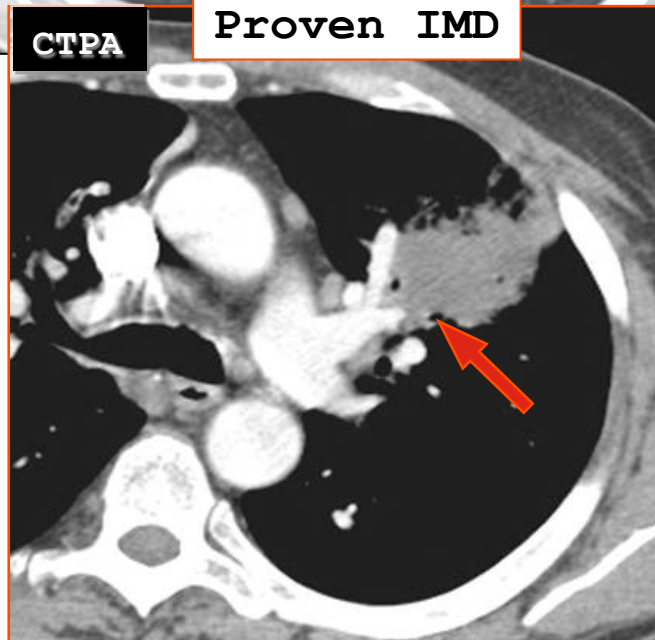
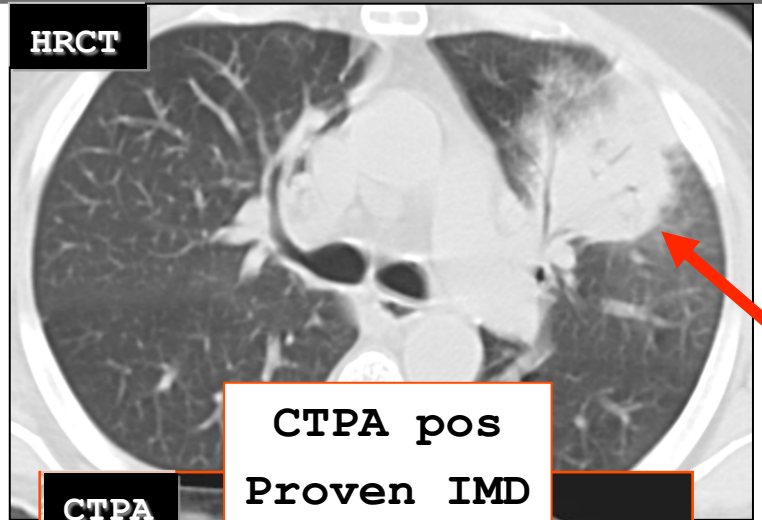


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CTPA discriminates IMD from lymphoma

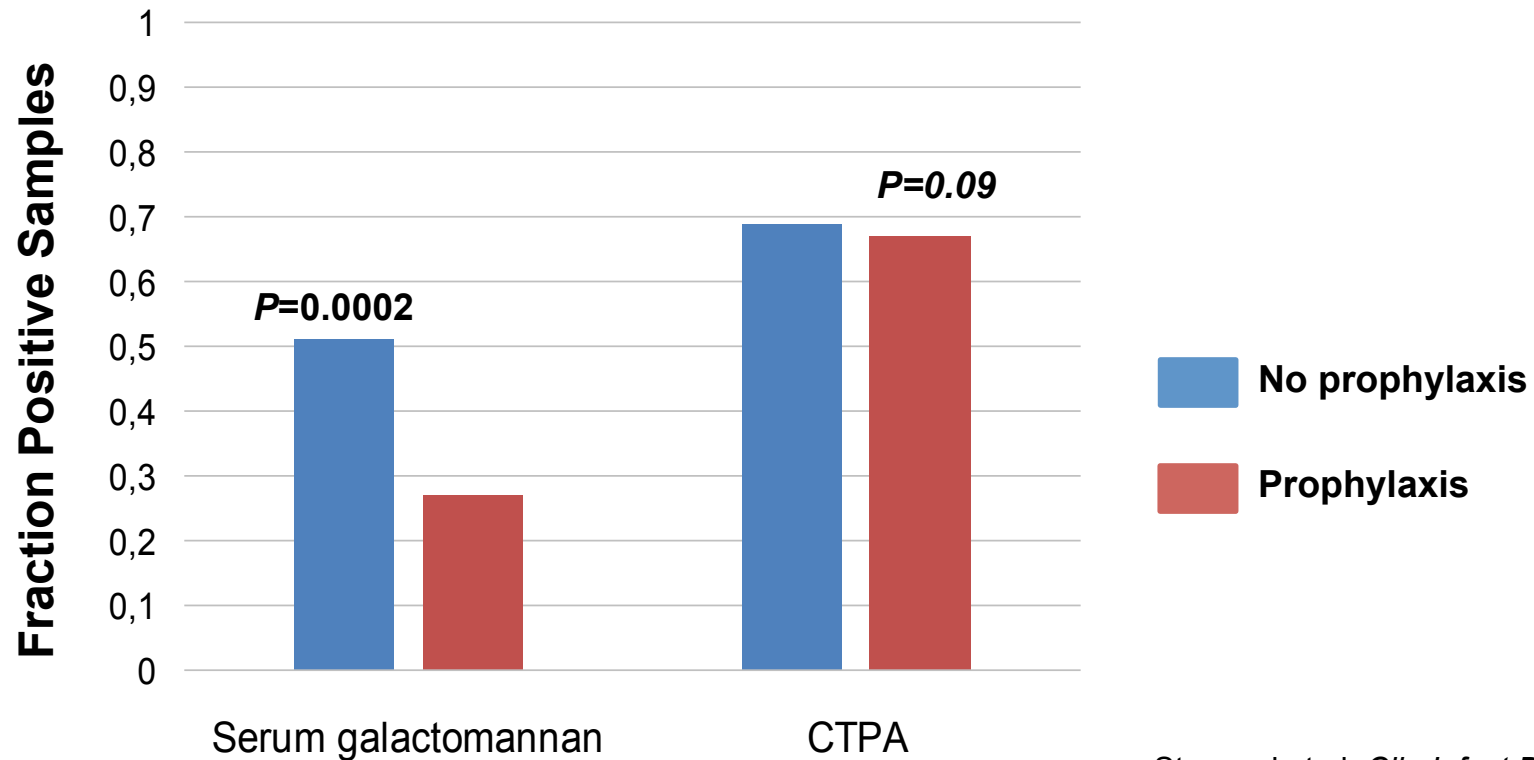


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CTPA vs GM-test: impact of mold-active prophylaxis on sample positivity



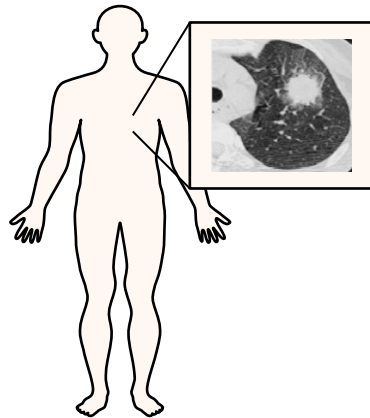
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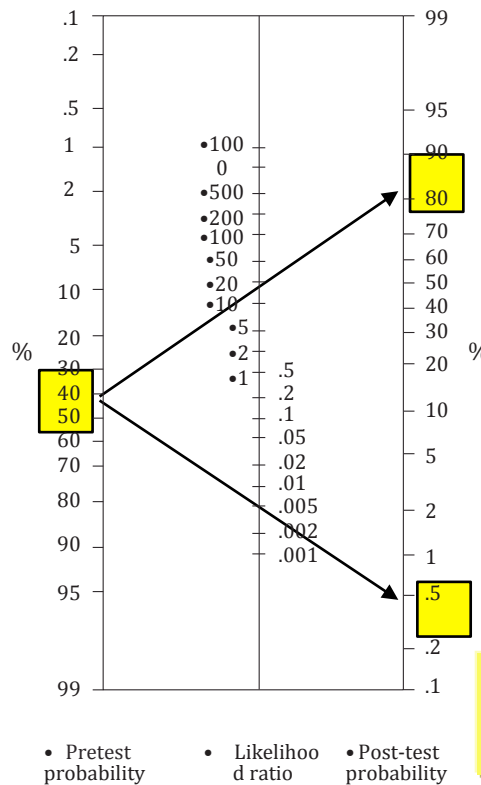
CTPA & clinical management of febrile neutropenic pts.

- Proven, probable, highly possible mold
- Current study: + LR 8.86; - LR 0.02

- High-risk
- hematology patient



- 40-50% pre-test
- Probability
- (i.e. EORTC possible cases)



UPGRADE
possible IFI to "probable IFI"

CTPA pos. (probability >80%)

CTPA "probably deserves a place among criteria defining IMD"

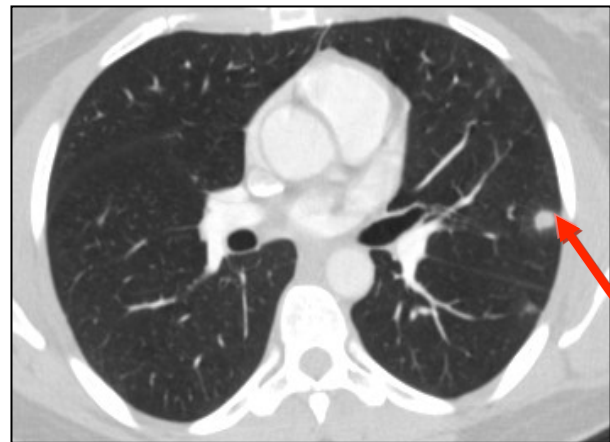
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CTPA neg. (probability < 1%)

DOWNGRADE
possible IFI to "probably NO-IFI"

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CTPA technical limits & unreadable cases



10 mm

Small (<12mm) peripheral lesions

Sonnet S et al. *AJR* 2005;184:746-751; Stanzani et al. *Clin Infect Dis* 2015



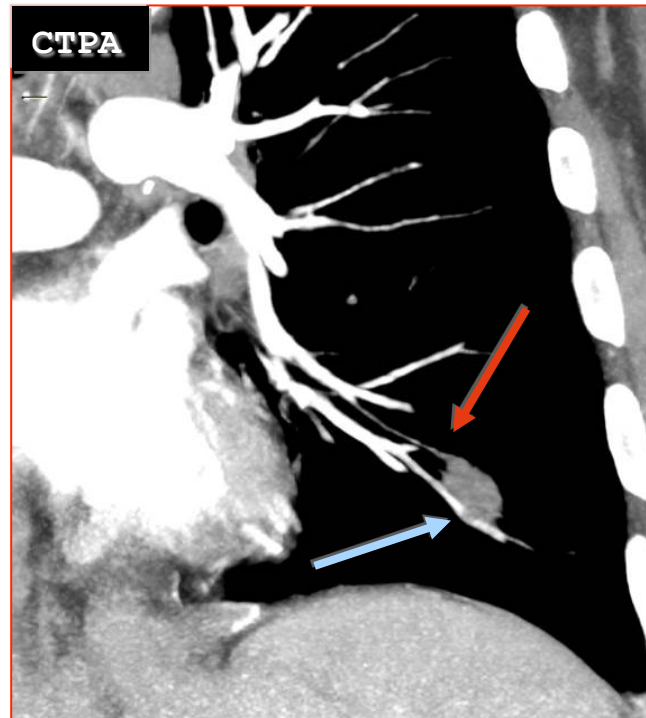
CTPA need training

- Technical execution
- Post-processing MPR reconstructions
- Partial vessel occlusion

■ ARTERIA
■ VENA

- B.A., 44 ys, M
- Lymphoma; relapse
- Prophylaxis: fluconazole
- Serum GM pos

Probable IMD



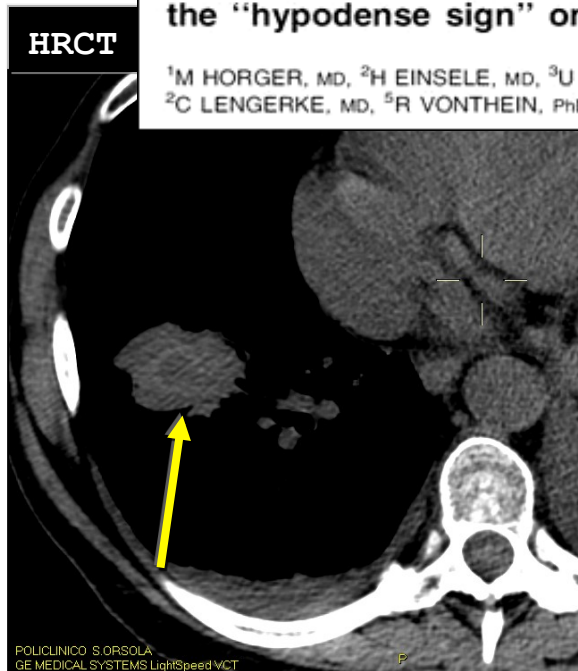


Il segno nel cassetto

The British Journal of Radiology, 78 (2005), 697-703 © 2005 The British Institute of Radiology
DOI: 10.1259/bjr/49174919

Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis: frequency and meaning of the "hypodense sign" on unenhanced CT

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HRCT & Hypodense Sign:

- specificità 100%
- sensibilità 30%



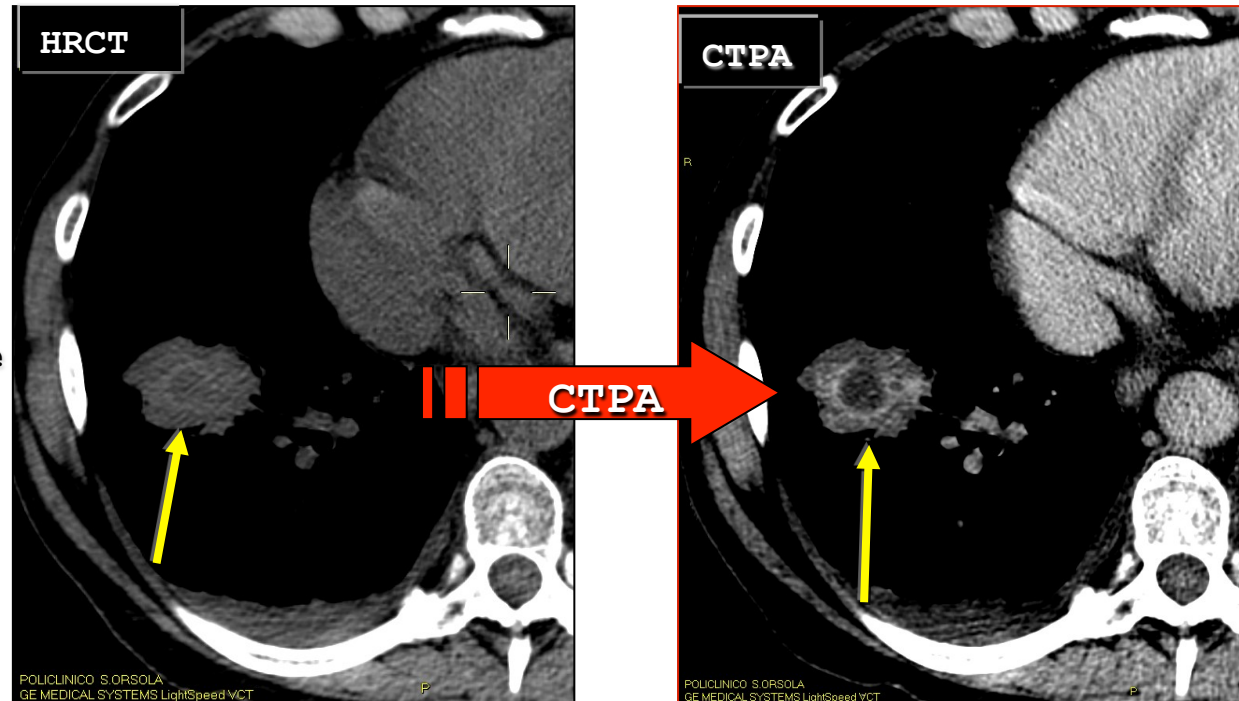
CTPA & Hypodense Sign

in patients who receive iv CM, the sensitivity of hypodense sign improves from 30.2% to 80%

Hypodense sign

- 54 ys, F
- AML; resistance
- Profilaxis: fluconazole
- Serum GM pos

**ASPERGILLUS
NIGER**



Sassi et al, submitted



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CTPA disadvantages:

- **Technical limits**
(small and/or peripheral
 - ✓ Training
 - ✓ Hypodense sign

- **Iodinated CM sommini**
 - ✓ No adverse reactions
 - ✓ No renal failure

- **Additional radiation**
 - ✓ LOW-DOSE protocol

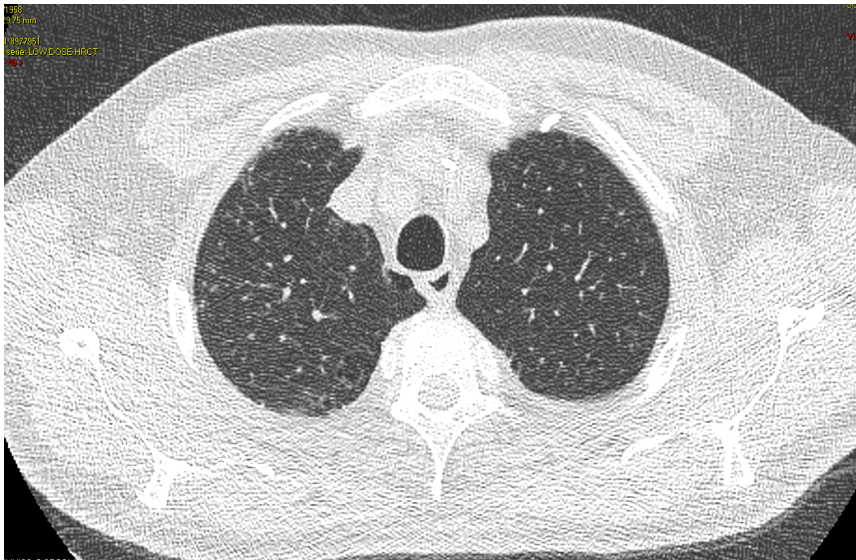
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Bologna: Studio prospettico monocentrico
*Impiego della TC del torace a bassa dose
nel paziente neutropenico febbrile*

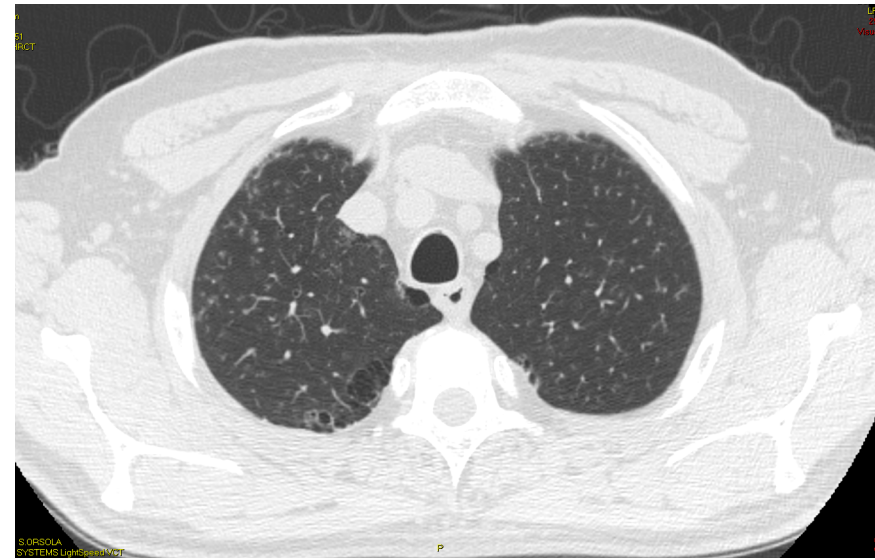
Bologna: LOW-DOSE CT (LDCT)

LOW dose



CTDI: 2.13 mGy
DLP: 71.10 mGy

STANDARD dose

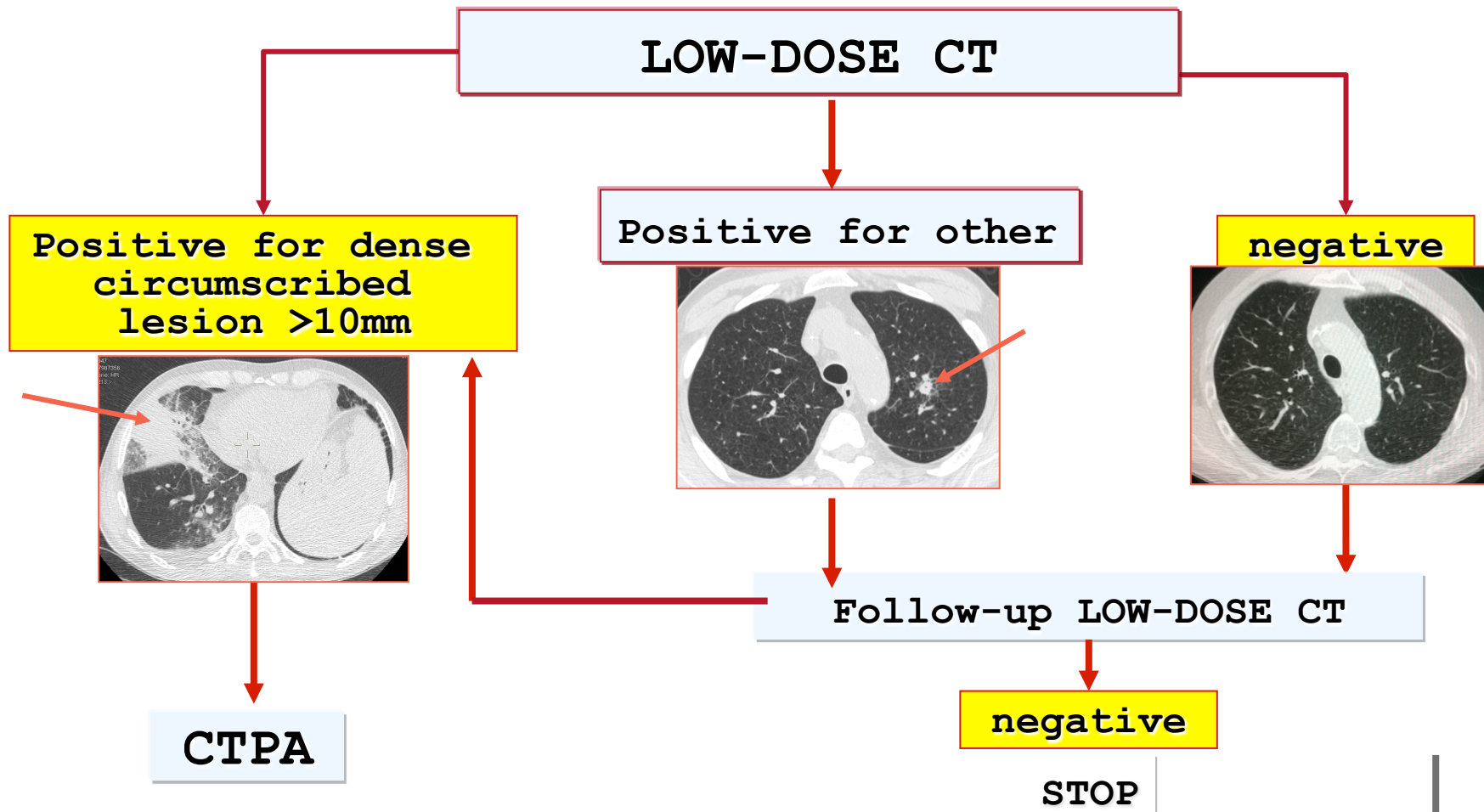


CTDI: 6.14 mGy
DLP: 227.80 mGy



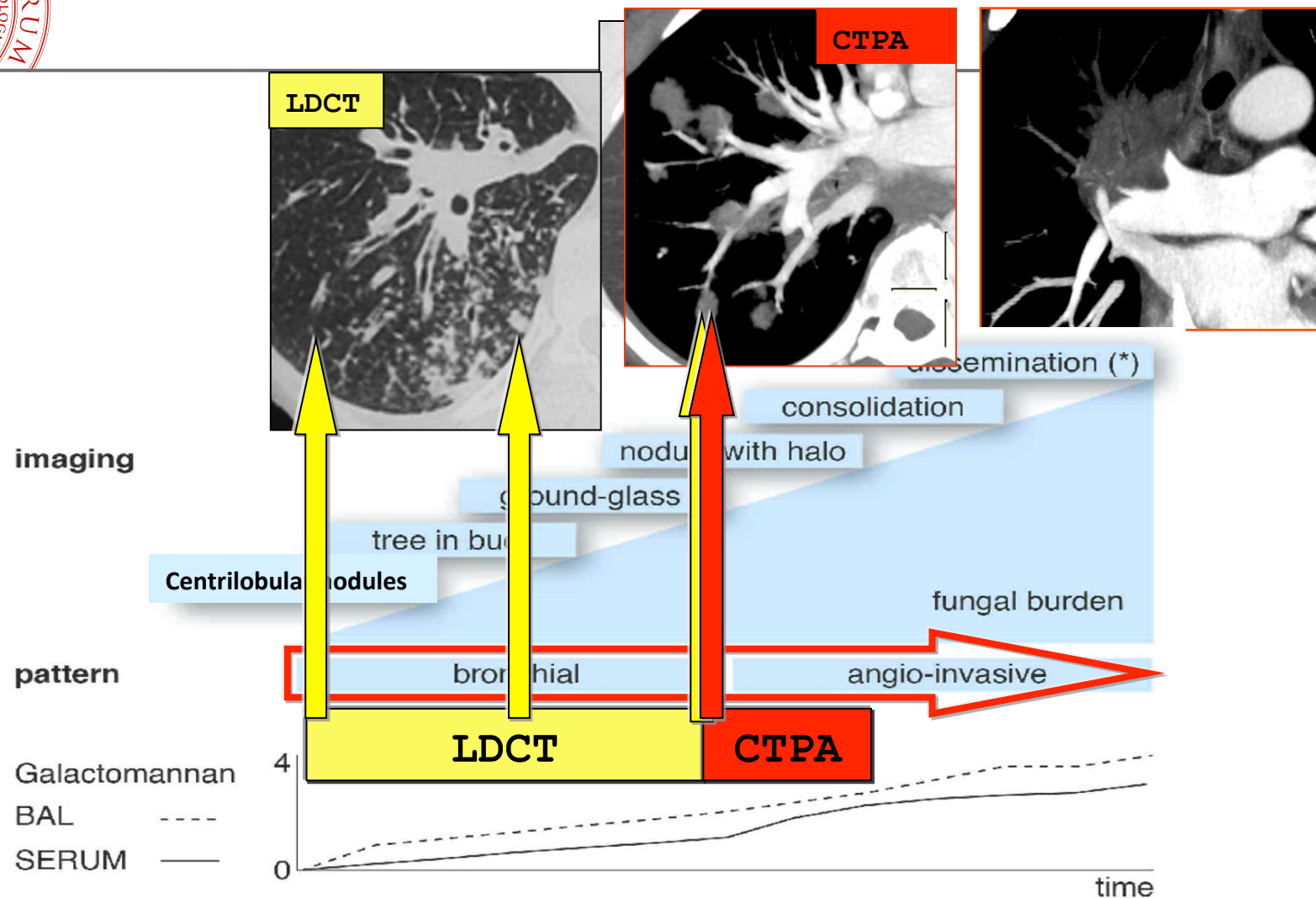
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Bologna: low-dose CT in febbrile neutropenic pts.





The clinical & radiological evolution of IMD in neutropenic pts.



* lesions evolve to air crescent and cavity when neutrophils recover
BAL: bronchoalveolar lavage.

Modificata da M.Nucci et al. Haematologica 2013;98:1657-1660



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**The role of diagnostic imaging
in the management of febrile neutropenic pts.**

is changing:

➤ **Screening: LDCT**

Low-dose CT should replace chest-XR in high risk pts

➤ **Characterization: CTPA**

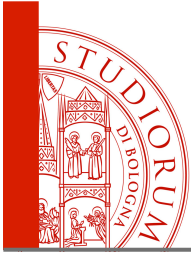


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Tomorrow tools.....

1. Low-dose CT (LDCT)

2. CT Pulmonary Angiography (CTPA)



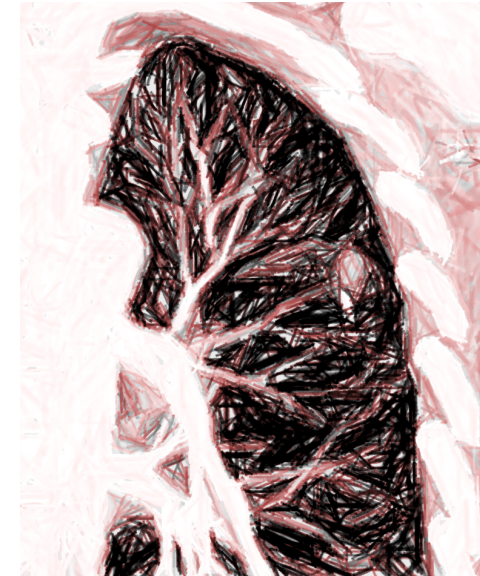
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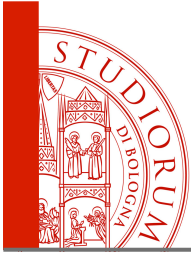
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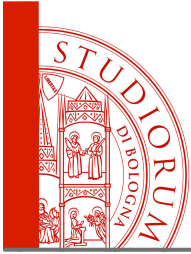
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CASO 1

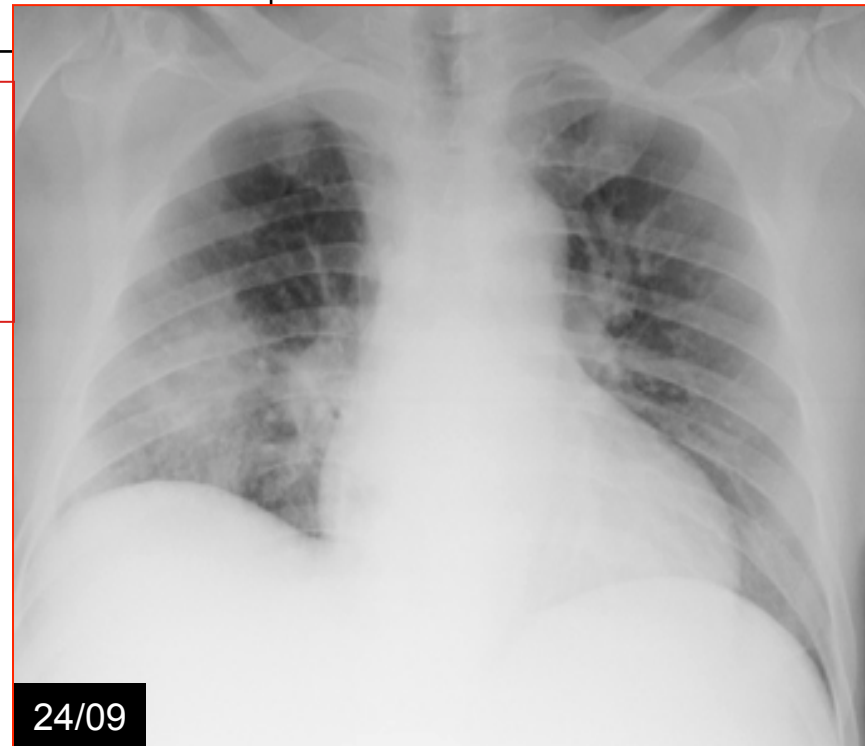
CASO CLINICO n.1

- M – 66 aa
- 1995 = Leucemia a cellule capellute / 1996 = RC
- 1999 / 2001 / 2004 / 2007 = I-II-III-IV relapse-RC
- 2007 = apicectomia polmone dx (BAC)
- 08/2008 = V relapse (Rituximab)

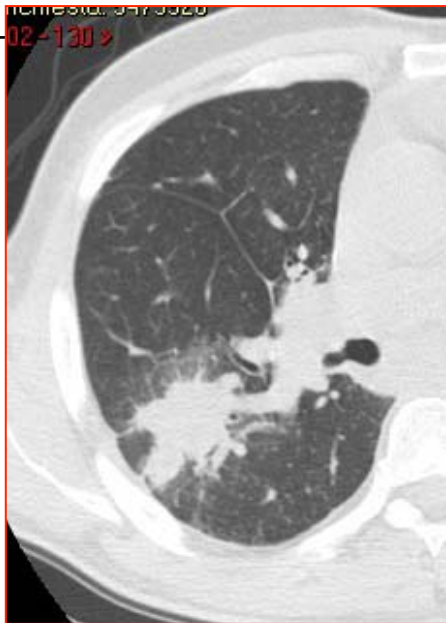
- ricovero in altro ospedale per CT:
pancitopenia, febbre:
- TC “focolaio bp base dx”
- Terapia antibiotica 1° linea – 2° linea

- BAL (15/09) = negativo per
cellule neoplastiche,
microrganismi PAS- positivi e
bacilli alcol-acido resistenti

EMATOLOGIA SERAGNOLI

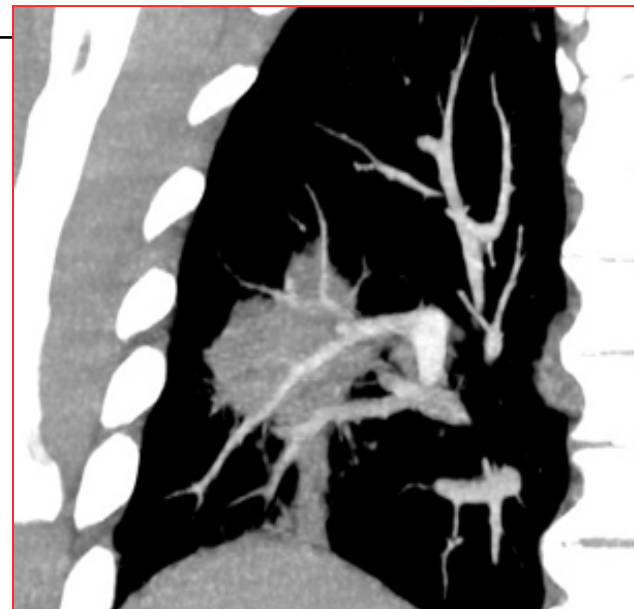


- ***“Addensamento parenchimale nodulare con sfumato GG periferico, al segmento ... Gli aspetti della lesione sono compatibili con IFI ...”***



25/09

CTPA



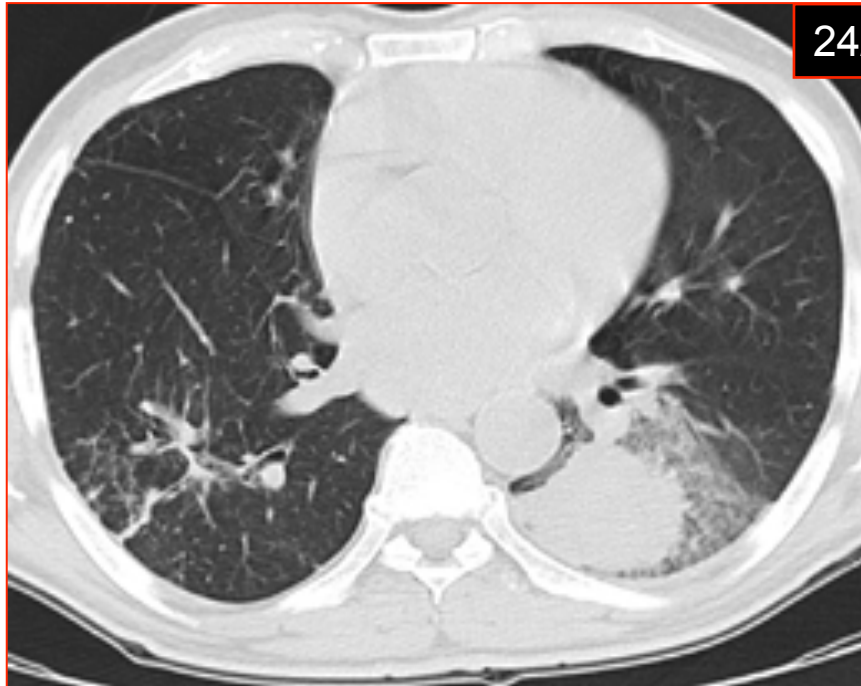
- ***“... tuttavia lo studio angio-TC non documenta occlusione vascolare, non avvalorando l’ipotesi segnalata. Considerata la discordanza dei dati, anche in rapporto agli elementi clinico-laboratoristici (GM -, pregresso BAC), si consiglia approfondimento diagnostico mediante biopsia”.***

- Istologico: *“localizzazione polmonare di linfoma di derivazione dai linfociti B periferici, tipo Hairy Cell Leukemia”*



- Episodio di emoftoe.
- Controllo a 3 h: *“circoscritti fenomeni di ingorgo endobronchiale a probabile natura ematica in sede perifocale ...”*
- Controllo 1/10: riduzione degli aspetti segnalati.
- 3/10 dimissione

- Dal 13/10 terapia salvataggio con IFN-Alfa 1.5 MUI
- 24/10 = iperpiressia (39.5), con brivido e dolore toracico posteriore sx / neutrofili 200 totali



24/10

- *TC "... addensamento al lobo inferiore sx, in regione posteriore".*

- **Interpretazione clinica (?)**
"verosimile localizzazione secondaria alla base del polmone sx"

- 25/10 = ricovero (altra sede) / + terapia antibiotica
- 29/10 **BAL = negativo** per cellule neoplastiche, microrganismi PAS positivi e alcol-acido resistenti
- Persiste febricola

31/10



- TC: *“Aumento volumetrico della lesione segnalata nel segmento postero-basale del LIS; all’interno della massa sembra di intravedere un’area centrale piuttosto ipodensa di incerta natura”.*

- 1/11 = + G-CFS
- 4/11 BAL (negativo) + agoaspirato (“...**aggregati di ife** fungine frammentate da miceti verosimilmente del genere **Aspergillus**. Non cellule con caratteri citologici di malignità”).
- + Voriconazolo
- 5/11 = TC “Aumento volumetrico della lesione ... inoltre, epatizzazione del parenchima sottostante la lesione ... versamento pleurico sx”.
- 6/11 = EMATOLOGIA SERAGNOLI

5/11



7/11

CTPA



- **CTPA: Presenza di ampio addensamento senza broncogramma aereo con segni di angioinvasione e hypodense sign, riferibile ad IFI.**
- **Inizia terapia con voriconazolo.**

