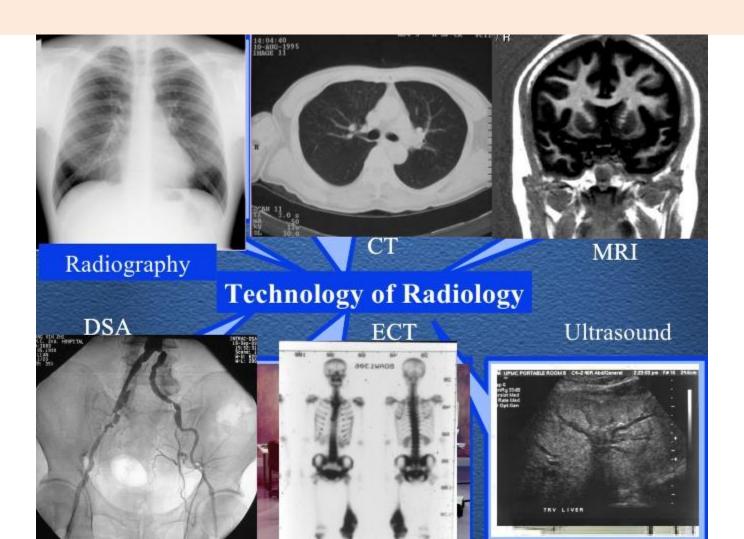
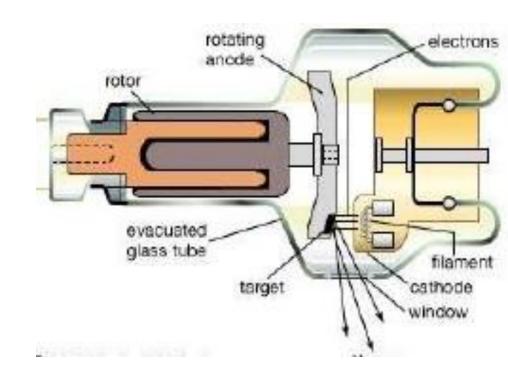
# Imaging modalities in medicine











#### PRINCIPLES OF IMAGE INTERPRETATION

Structures are seen when outlined by tissues of different xray attenuation



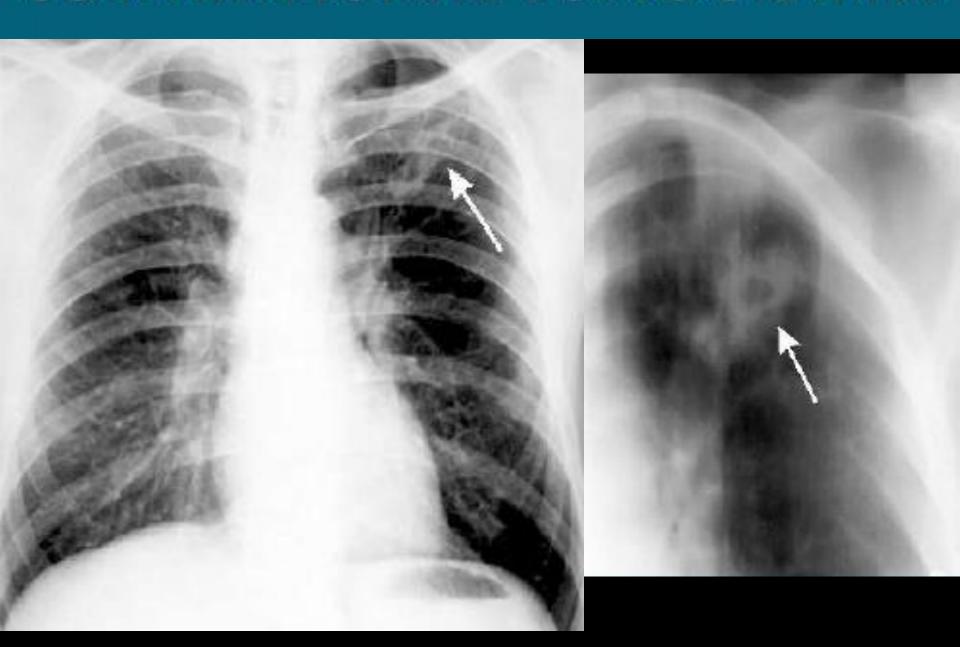


#### PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION

- 5 basic radiographic densities:
- ➤ Air little attenuation
- > Fat intermediate attenuation
- Soft tissue intermediate attenuation
- Bone high attenuation
- Metal/Contrast agents high attenuation

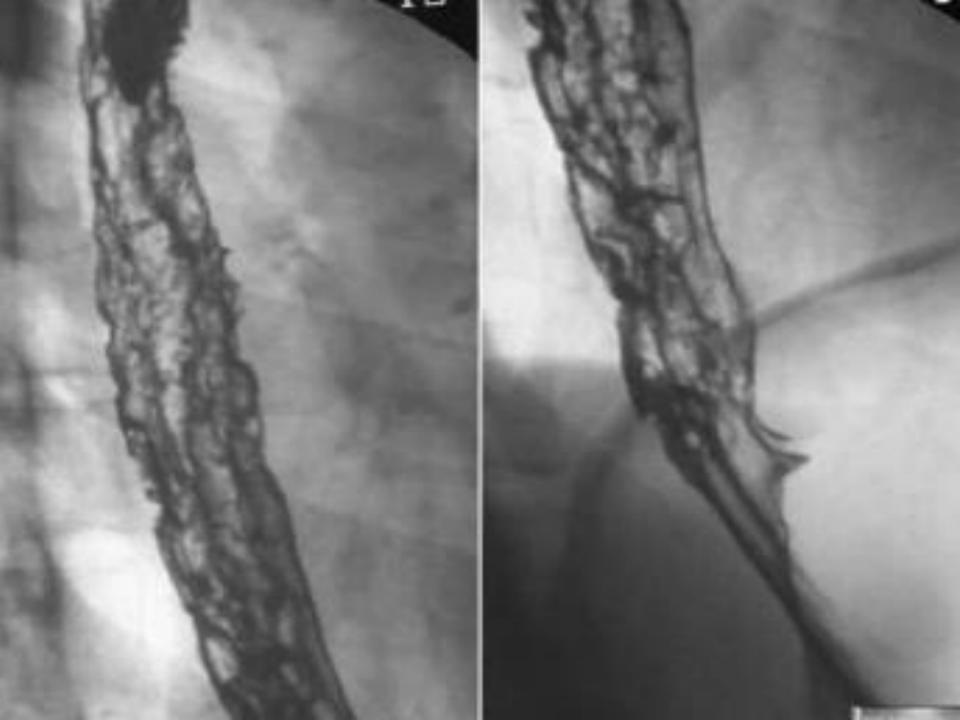


## **CONVENTIONAL TOMOGRAPHY**



# FLUOROSCOPY

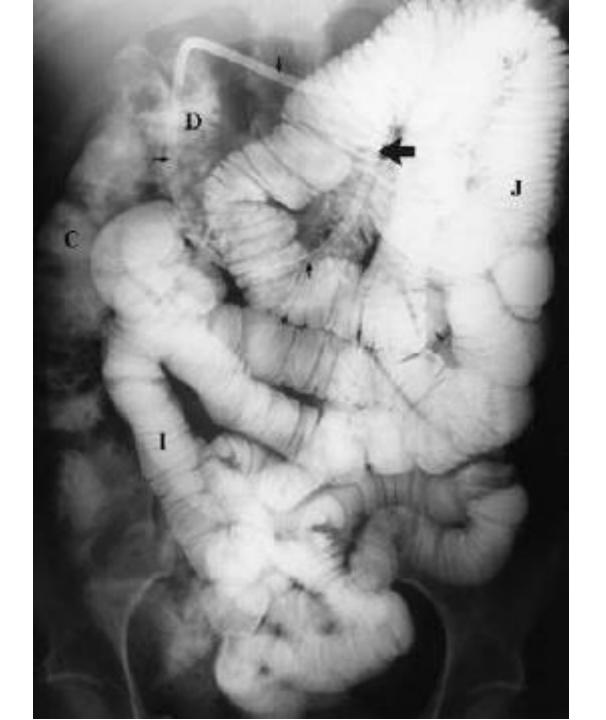


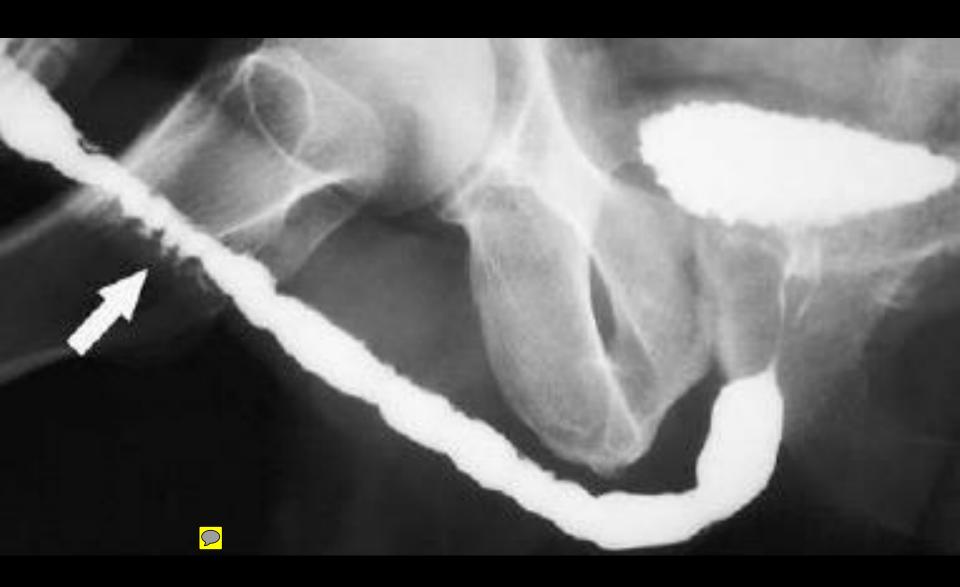


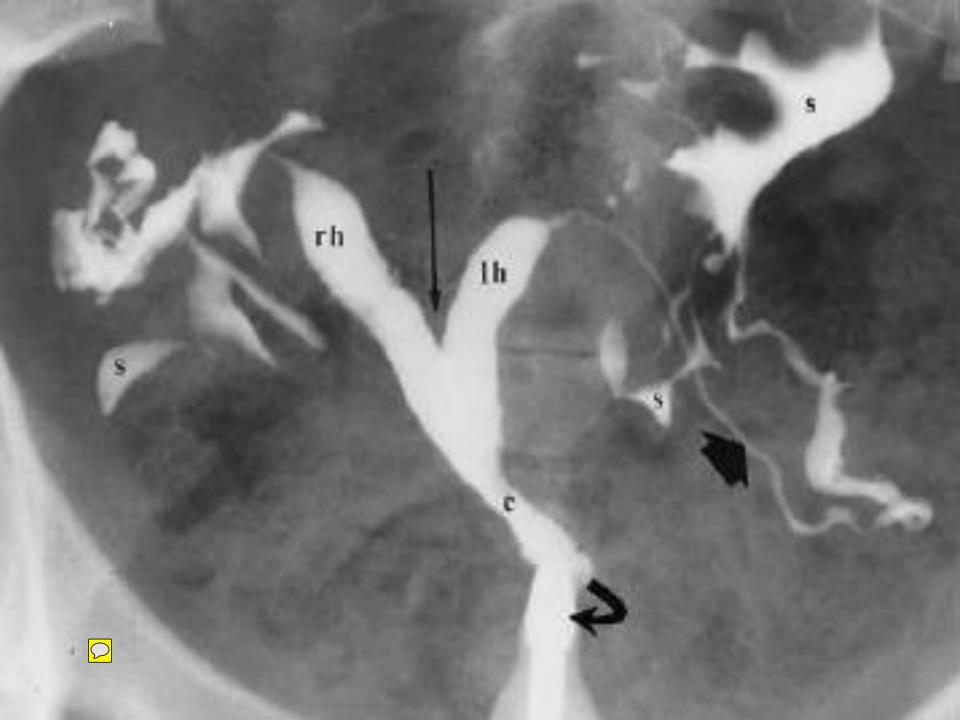












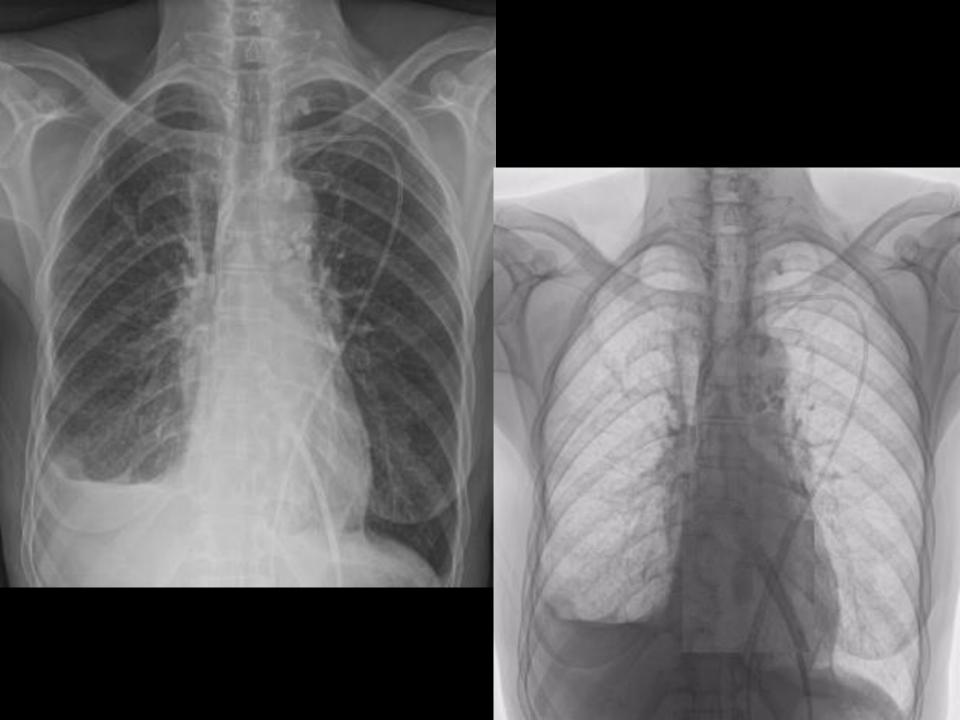


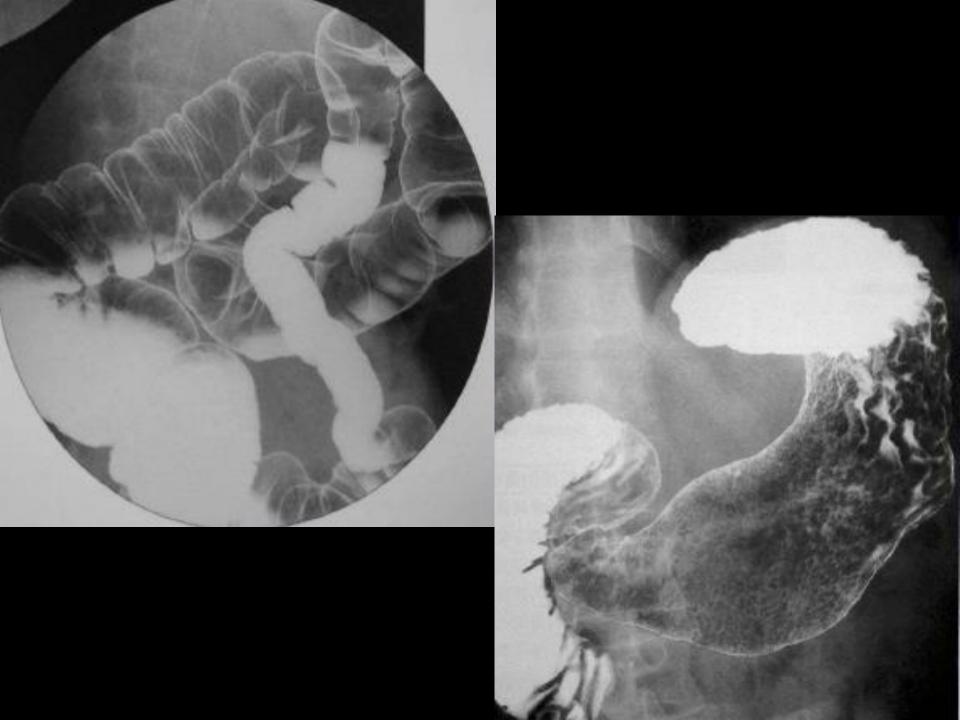


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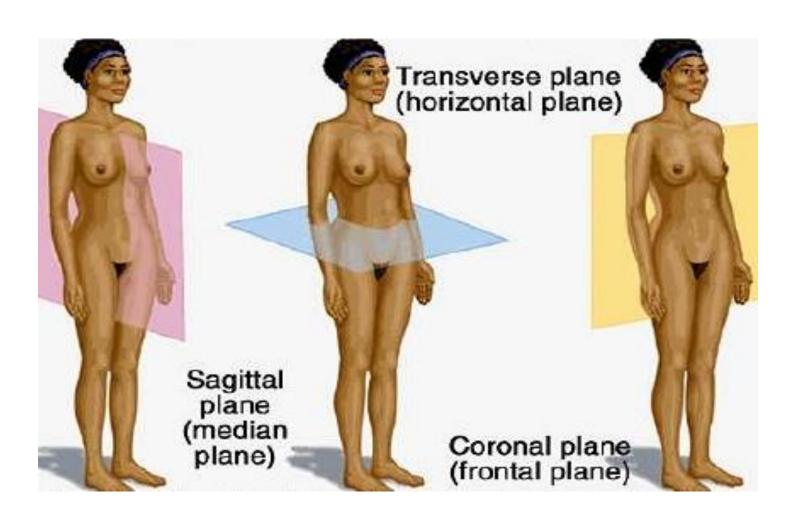
**RADIOGRAPHY** 





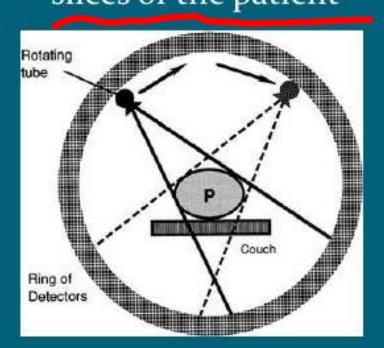


#### IMAGING PLANES



#### **COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY**

 Computer reconstruction of cross section of body from measurements of x-ray transmission through thin slices of the patient





#### COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

- Conventional CT
- Images obtained one slice at a time
- Helical/Spiral CT
- Patient table moves while xray tube rotates around patient
- Multidetector helical CT
- Multiple detectors allowing multiple slices per rotation of the xray tube

#### **COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY**

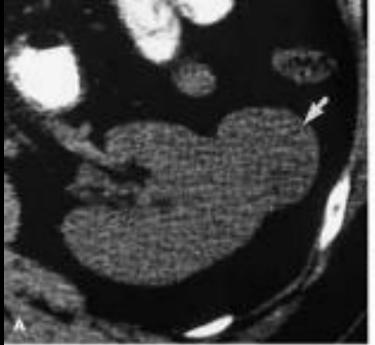
#### Contrast:

- Intravenous Enhance density differences between lesions and surrounding parenchyma, demonstrate vascular anatomy, and characterize lesions by patterns of contrast enhancement
- Oral Required to opacify the bowel to help differentiate between from tumors, lymph nodes, and hematomas

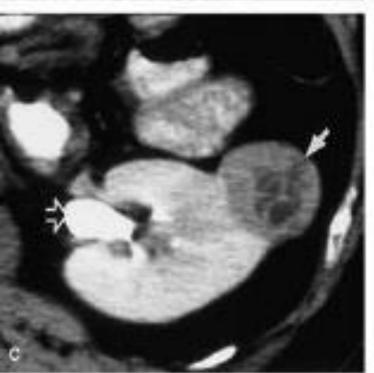




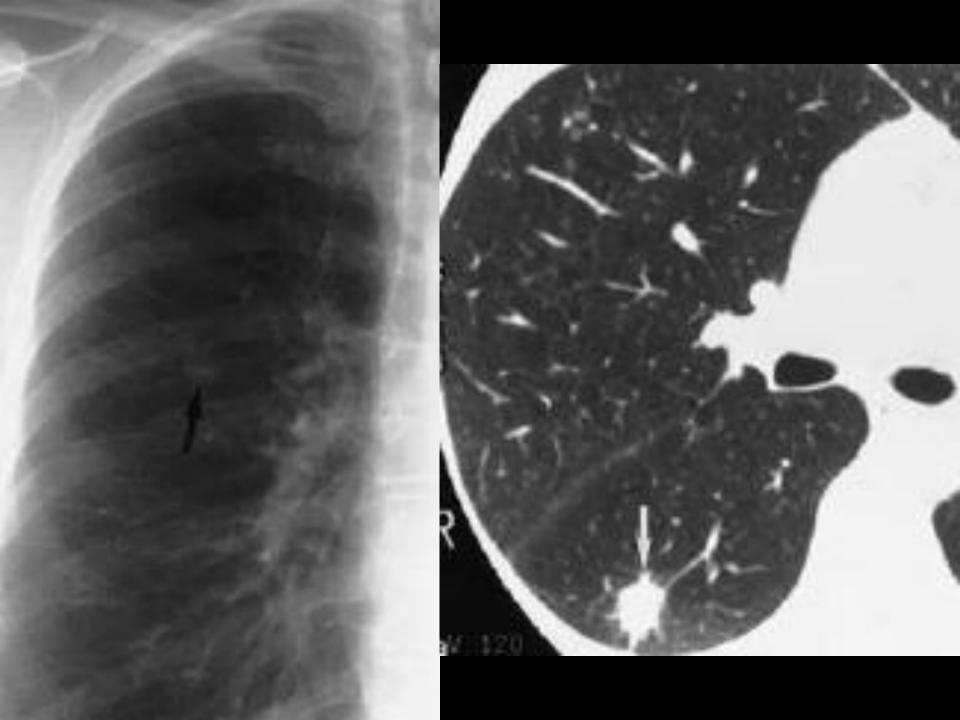




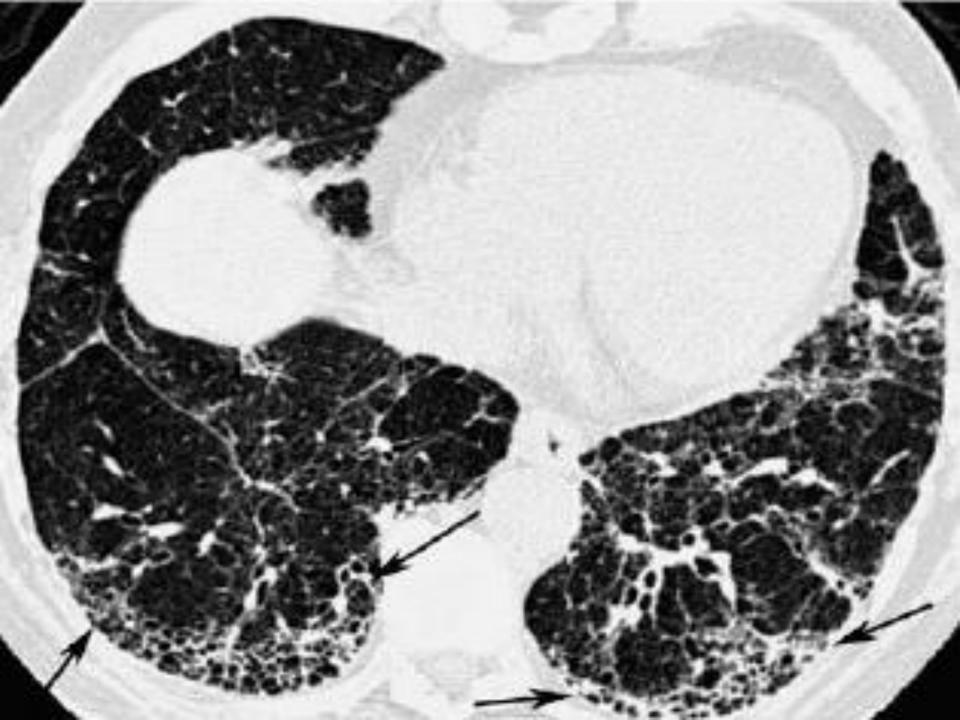




Triphazic CT

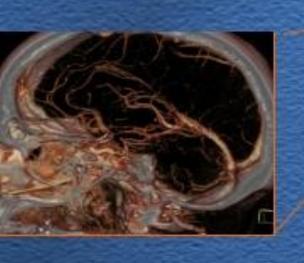


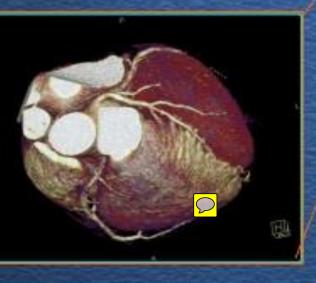






### 64 MDCT/MSCT

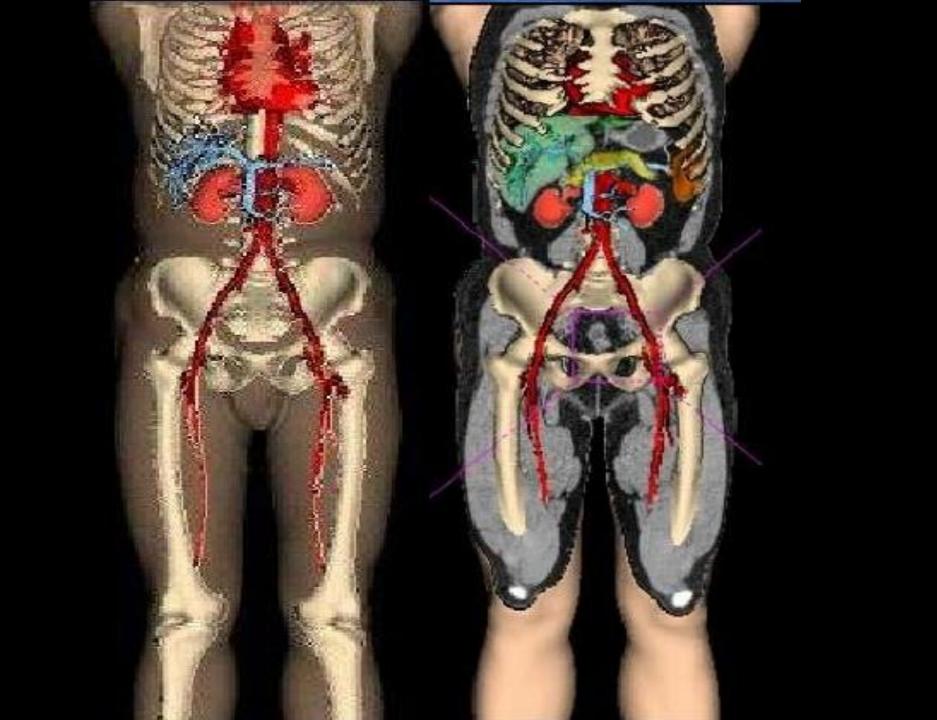






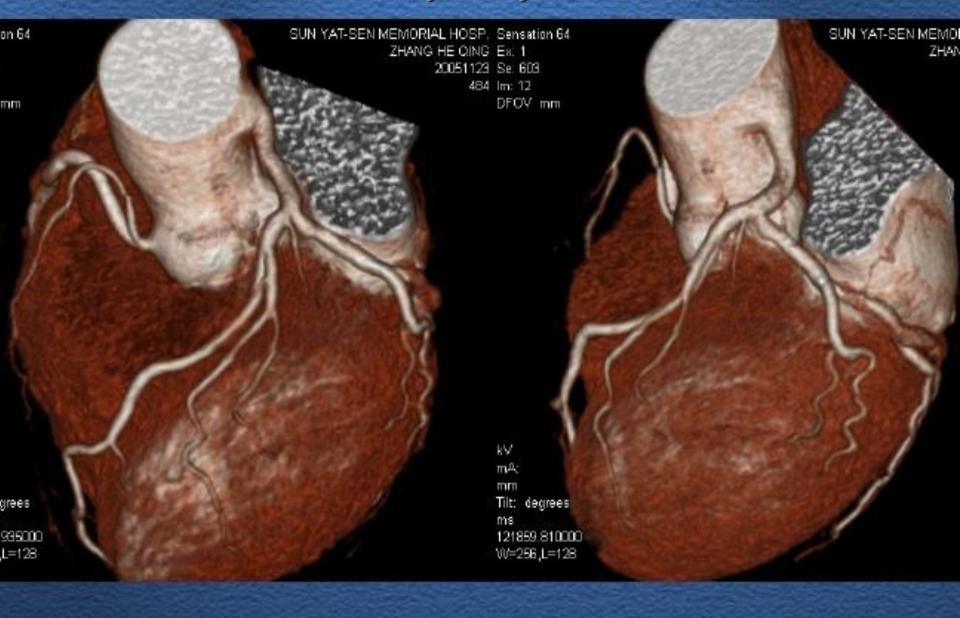








#### Normal coronary artery CT reconstruction



#### MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

- Based on the ability of protons in the body to absorb and emit radio wave energy when the body is placed in a strong magnetic field
- Multiple different pulse sequences used to emphasize different tissue characteristics
- Advantages: excellent soft tissue contrast resolution, provides images in any plane, absence of ionizing radiation
- Limitations: Inability to demonstrate dense bone detail or calcifications, long imaging times, limited spatial resolution compared with CT, expensive

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

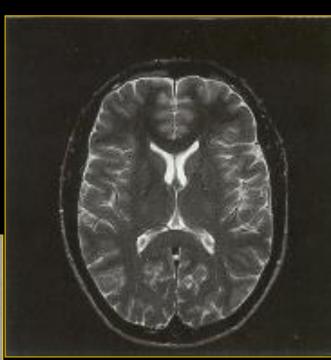




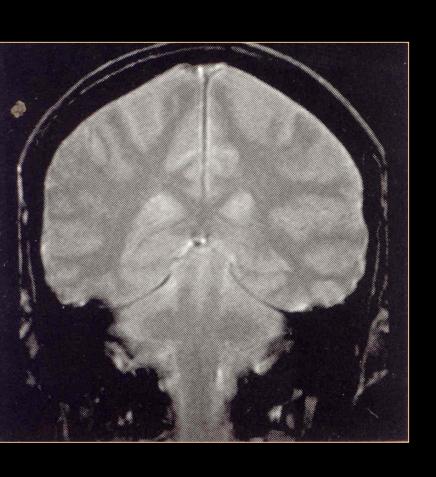
# Sequences at MR can vary







# Imaging planes are infinite

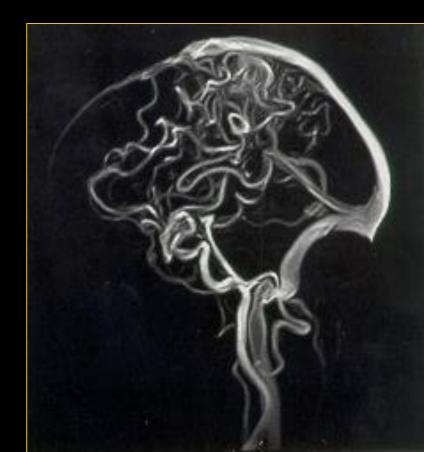




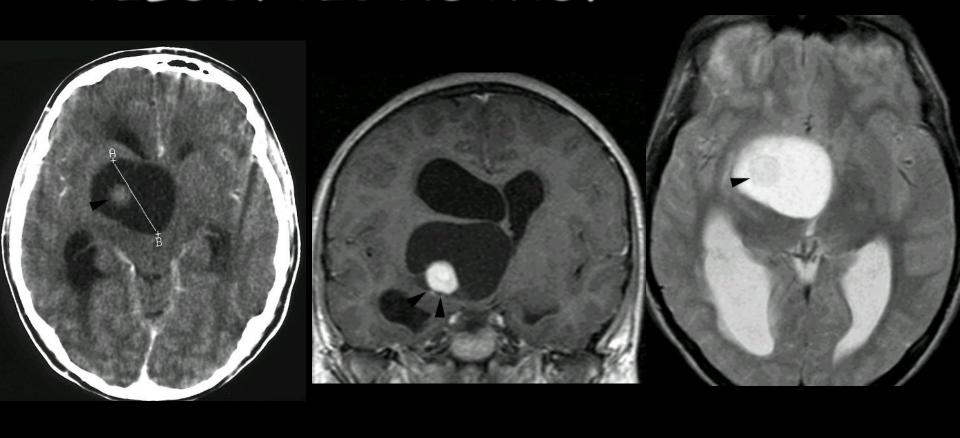
# Can see vessels without intravascular contrast agents







# PILOCYTIC ASTRO.



■ CECT T1Gd T2WI

■ 19YM. Pilocytic astro right basal ganglia

# Favored sites of JPA

- ❖ 60% are seen in the posterior fossa.
- The typical cerebellar astrocytoma in the pediatric age group is cystic in 60-80% of cases.
- Chiasmatic hypothalamic astrocytomas may present with the diencephalic syndrome characterized by weight loss, motor hyperactivity and euphoria.
- Talk of tots sucking on blow pops with a sugar buzz.



#### ULTRASONOGRAPHY

- Ultrasound transducer converts electrical energy to a pulse of high frequency sound energy, which reflects off of tissues, producing echoes which are used to generate images.
- Real time imaging of moving patient tissue
- Doppler ultrasound permits detection of blood velocity and direction
- Highly operator dependent

### ULTRASONOGRAPHY











# Pg with IUD.



# RUQ



# Pelvic scan.

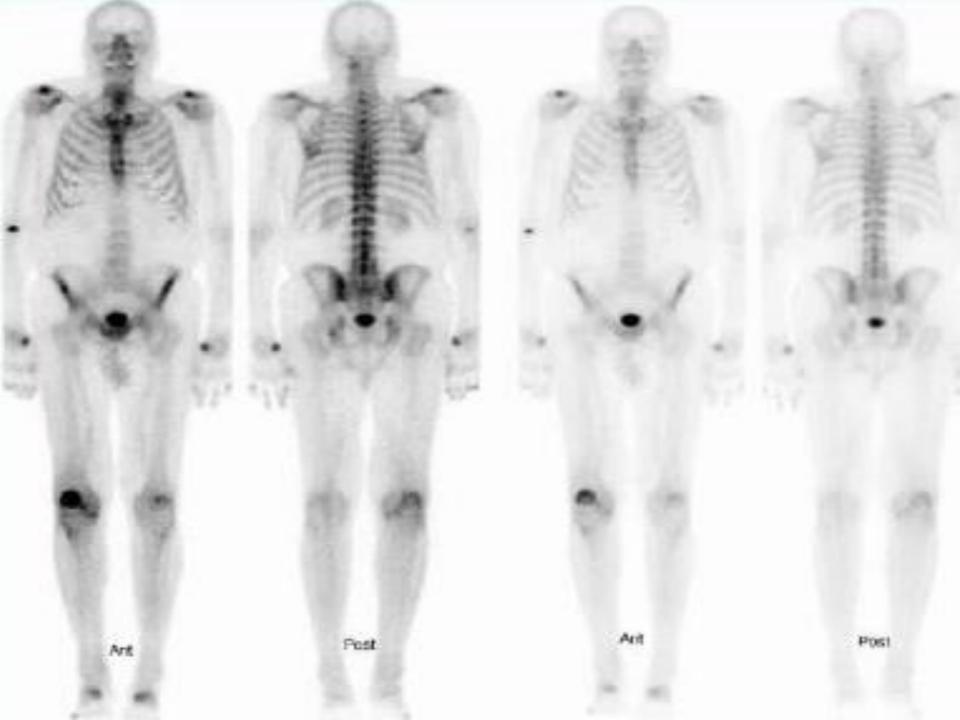


NUCLEAR MEDICINE

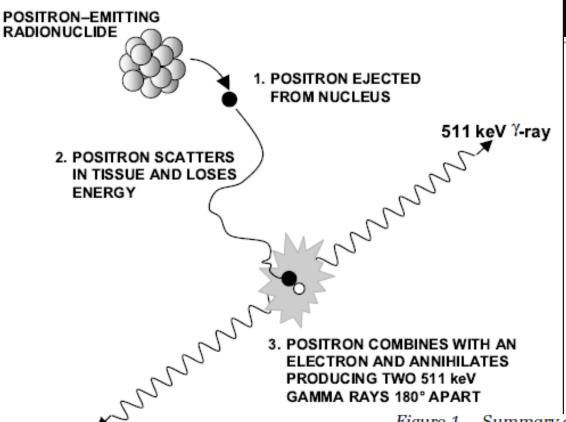
External detection and mapping of the biodistribution of radiotracers that have been administered to a patient.

Poor spatial resolution, but high functional resolution.

Examples: Ventilation perfusion scan, bone scan, biliary scan, white blood cell scan, renal scan, thyroid scan, brain scan, PET, liver spleen scan



# PET physics

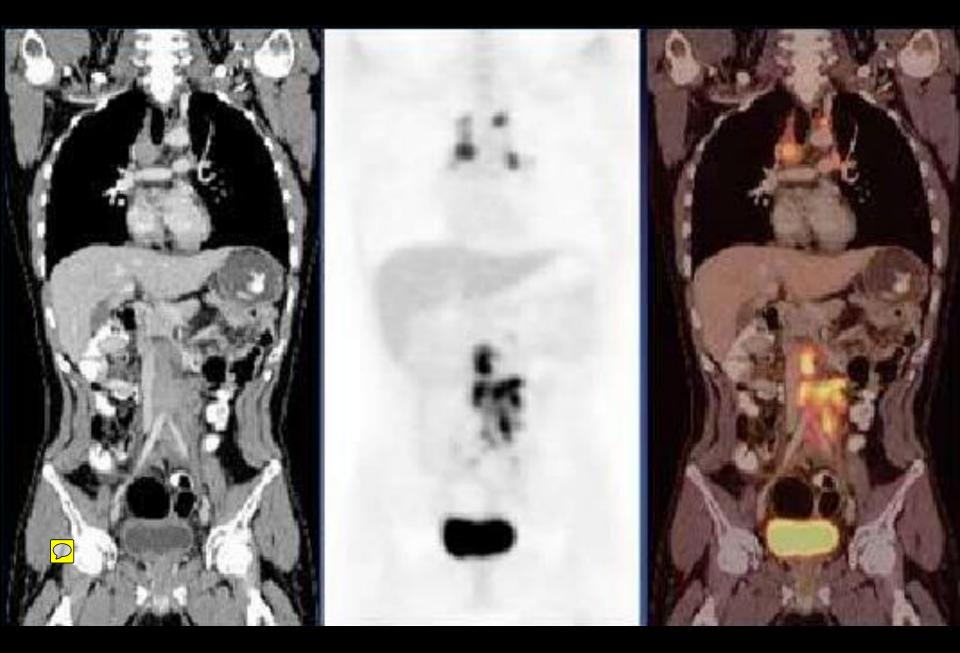


511 keV <sup>γ</sup>-ray

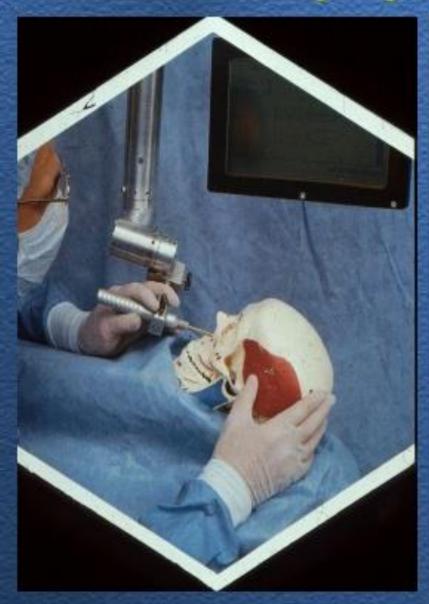
Figure 1. Summary of the physics underlying positron emission tomography (PET). A positron-emitting radionuclide ejects a positron from the nucleus as it decays. The positron travels a short distance in tissue (typically a few tenths of a mm), losing energy through interactions with atoms. Once it has reached thermal energies, the positron will combine with an electron in tissue and annihilate, simultaneously producing two 511 keV gamma rays that are emitted 180° apart.







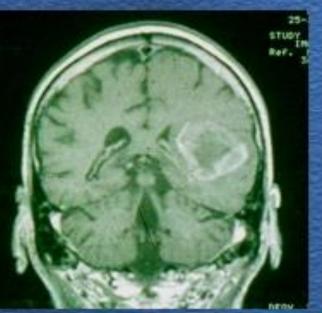
# Image-guided Surgery

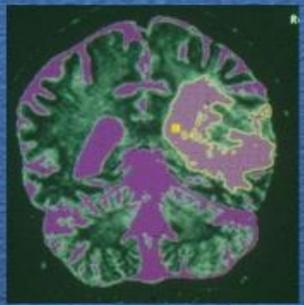


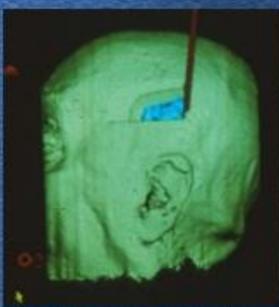


# MRI/Glioblastoma

Image-guided Surgery



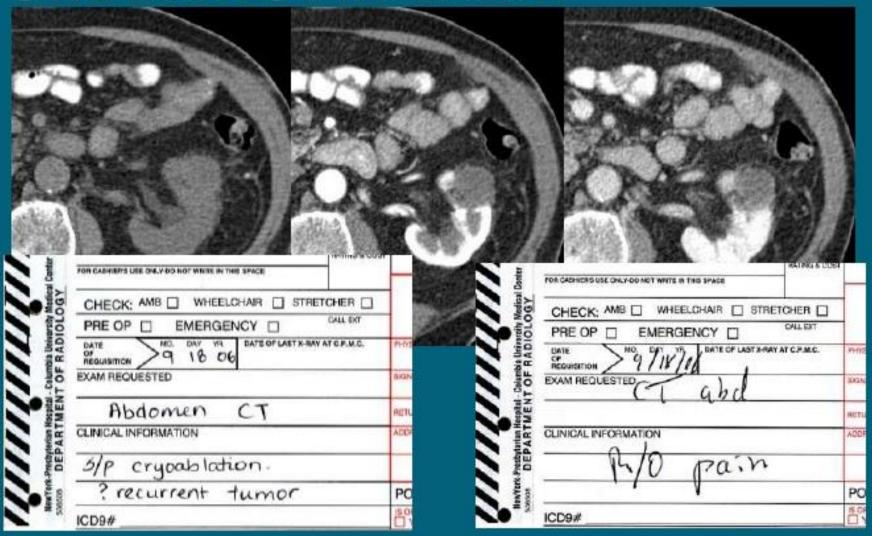








# ORDERING AN EXAM



## **NEUROLOGIC IMAGING: BRAIN**

#### SPECIFIC SITUATIONS

Acute Trauma: Noncontrast CT



Stroke: Noncontrast CT followed by MRI



Seizure: 1st Seizure, contrast-enhanced MR or CT

Postictal state or residual neurologic deficit, Noncontrast CT



Chronic seizure disorder, detailed MRI

Infection and Cancer: contrast-enhanced MRI



Headache: Acute headache, noncontrast CT

Chronic headache with no neurologic Sx, noncontrast MRI

Chronic headache with neurologic Sx, contrast-enhanced MRI



Dementia: noncontrast MRI



# **NEUROLOGIC IMAGING: SPINE**

Acute Trauma: Plain film, CT if plain film findings equivocal

Everything else: MRI

## THORACIC IMAGING

Mainstay: Posteroanterior (PA) and lateral chest radiographs

#### Special views:

- Lateral decubitus: Small effusions or small pneumothorax
- Expiratory radiograph: Focal or diffuse air trapping
- Apical lordotic view: Visualization of lung apices
- Chest fluoroscopy: Diaphragmatic paralysis

# LIVER

- Contrast-enhanced multidetector CT (MDCT):
   Primary imaging method
- MRI with contrast: Inability to give iodinated contrast or need for multiple repeat examinations
- US: Screening method for patients with abdominal symptoms and suspected diffuse or focal liver disease, assessment of hepatic vessels

### PHARYNX AND ESOPHAGUS

Barium Swallow/Esophagram: Swallowing disorders and mucosal lesions

CT: Cancer staging, extent of disease

MR: Cancer staging, extent of disease, preferred for evaluation of nasopharynx

# **URETHRA**

Retrograde urethrogram: Anterior male urethra



Voiding cystourethrogram: Anterior and posterior urethra

## **GENITAL TRACT**

FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

US: Primary imaging modality; Transvaginal vs Transabdominal

CT/MRI: Staging and follow up of pelvic malignancies



Hysterosalpingography (HSG): Congenital anomalies and causes of infertility

# **GENITAL TRACT**

**TESTES AND SCROTUM** 

Color US: Primary imaging method 💽

CT/MRI: Tumor staging and locating undescended testes

