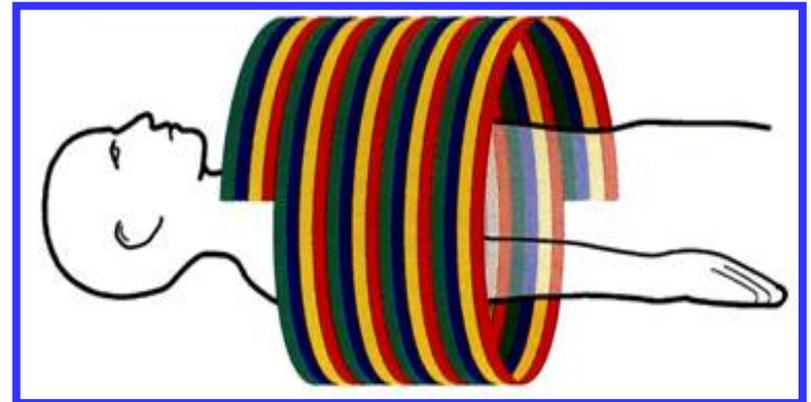
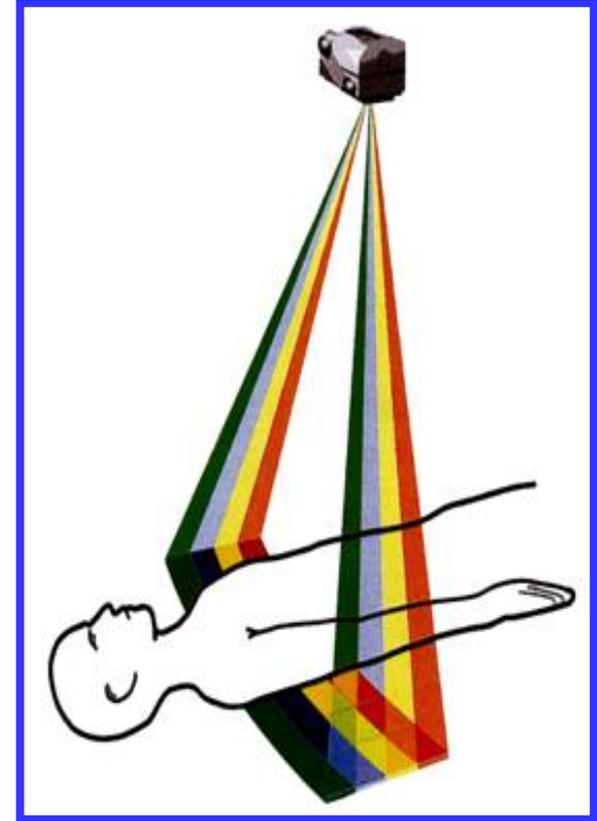


# CT of Thoracoabdominal Involvement in Erdheim- Chester Disease

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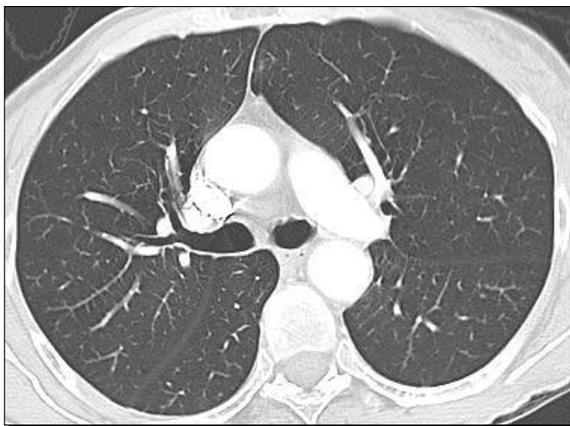
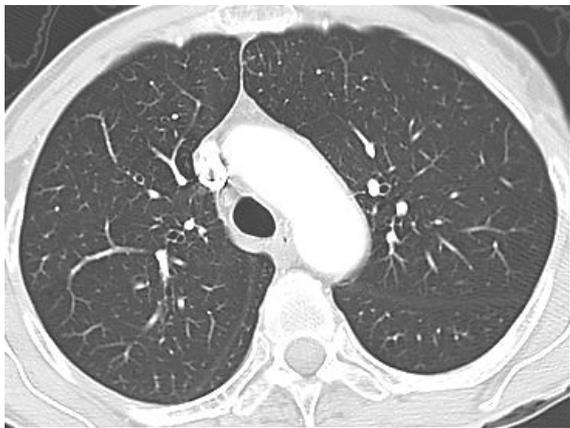
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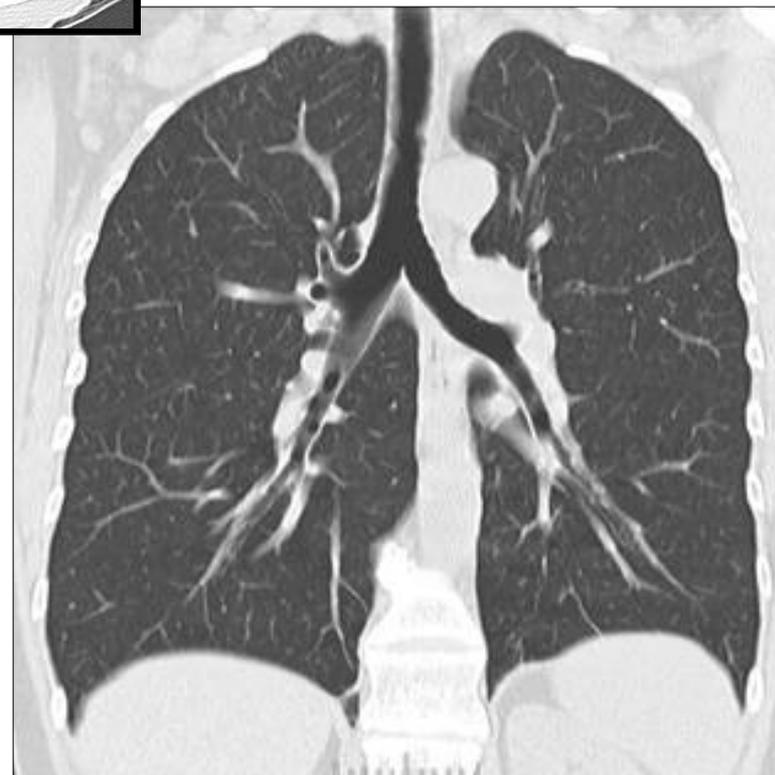
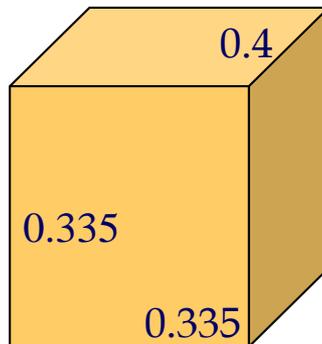
Rydborg et al. Radiographics 2000; 20:1787-1806

# Volumetric Thin Collimation MDCT



0.625 mm detector size  
Axial thickness 0.8 mm  
Reconst. increment 0.6 mm  
High frequency algorithm  
512<sup>2</sup> matrix  
325 FOV

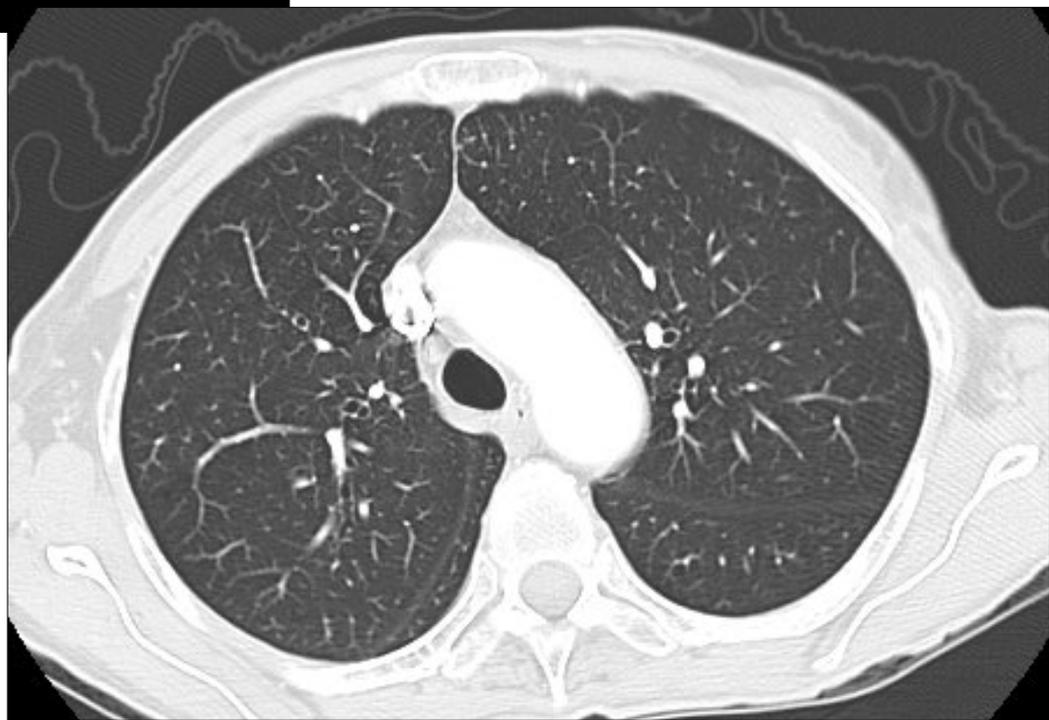
120 Kv  
80-160 mAs





Smooth reconstruction algorithm  
Mediastinal window settings (40 HU / 400 HU)

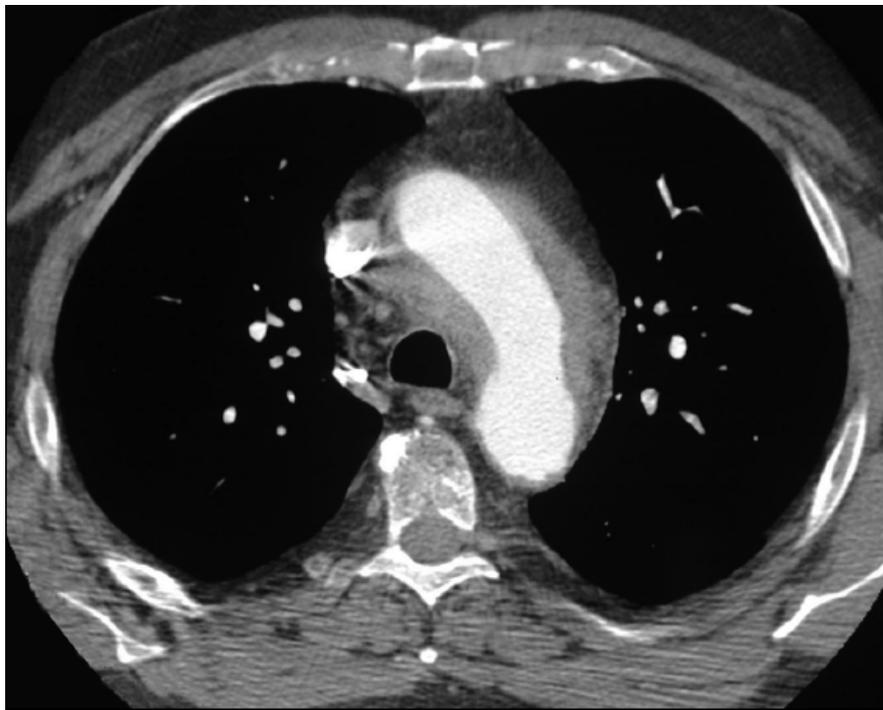
High resolution reconstruction algorithm  
Lung window settings (- 600 HU / 1600 HU)





Periaortic infiltration (coated aorta) extending from aortic arch to abdominal aorta

*Periaortic sheathing extends upward to proximal portion of supraaortic trunks and inferiorly involves proximal portion of intercostal arteries*

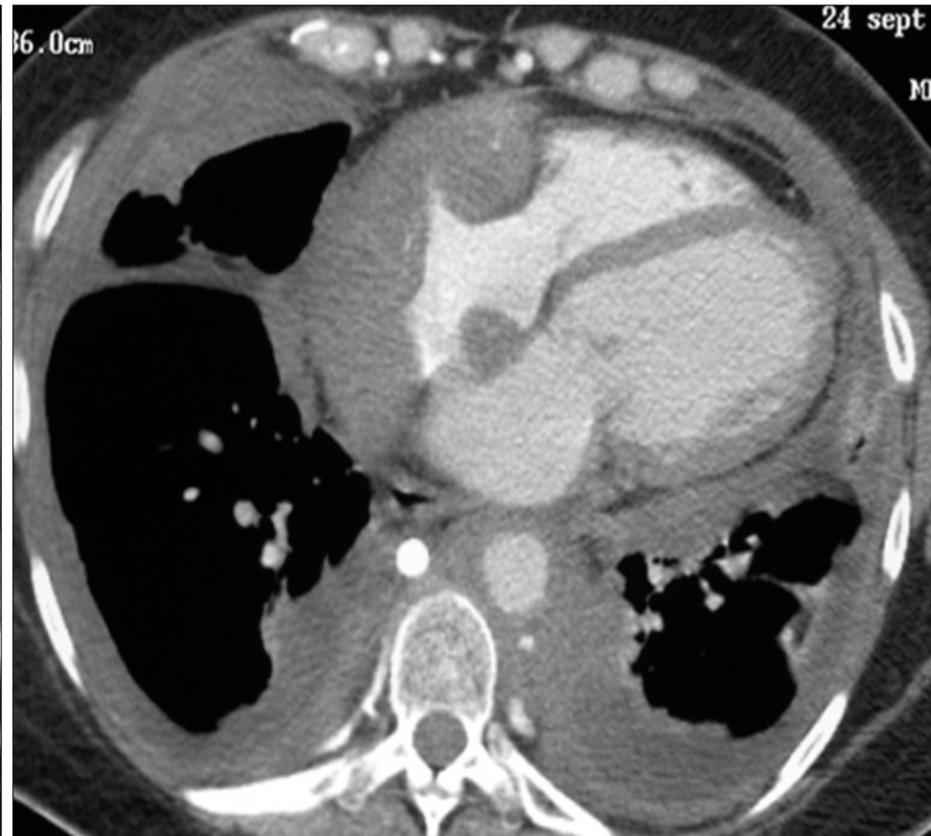


# Mediastinal infiltration with a pseudotumoral appearance

Diffuse mediastinal infiltration with narrowing of the superior vena cava and right pulmonary artery

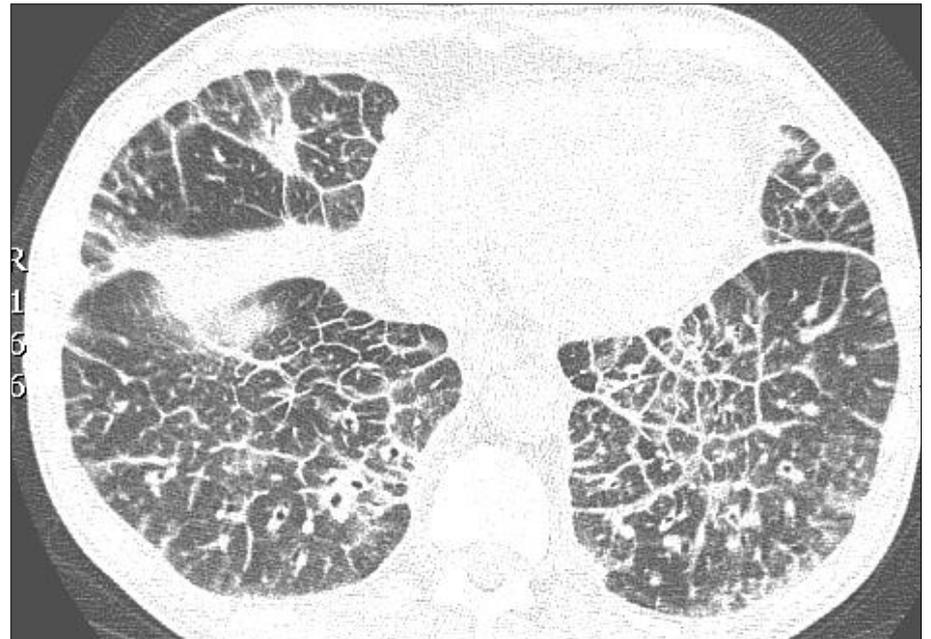
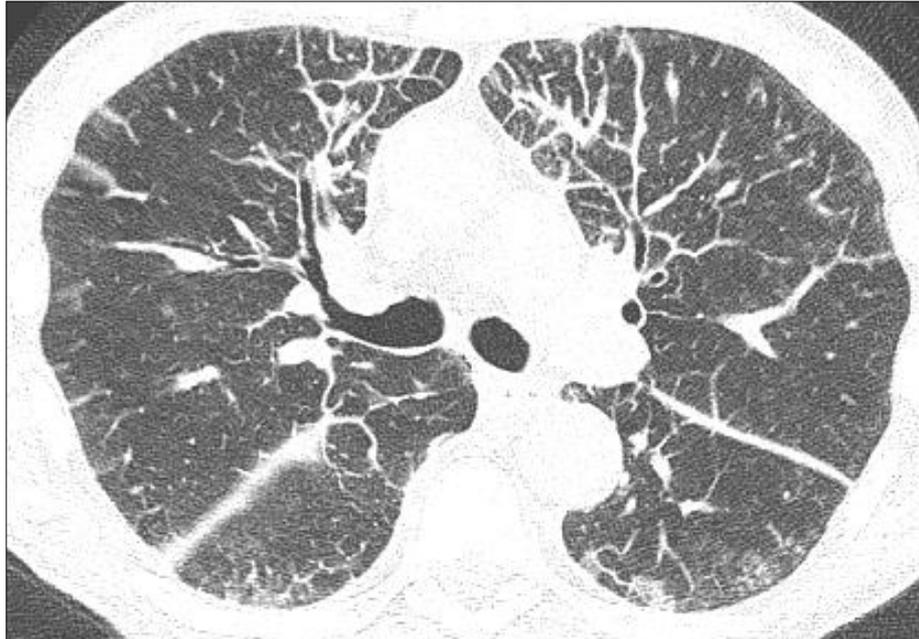
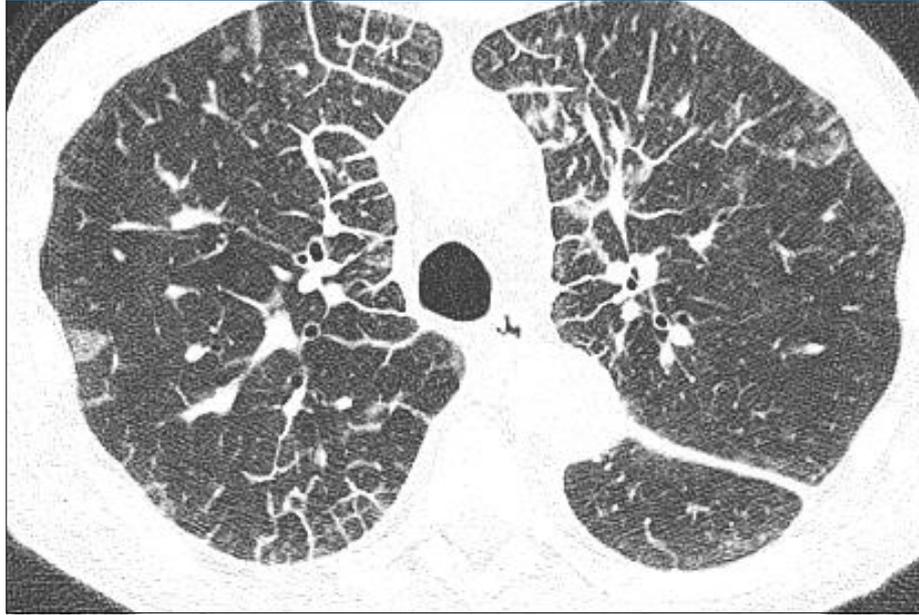


Bilateral pleural thickening and effusions  
Infiltration of the right atrium wall and right coronary sulcus

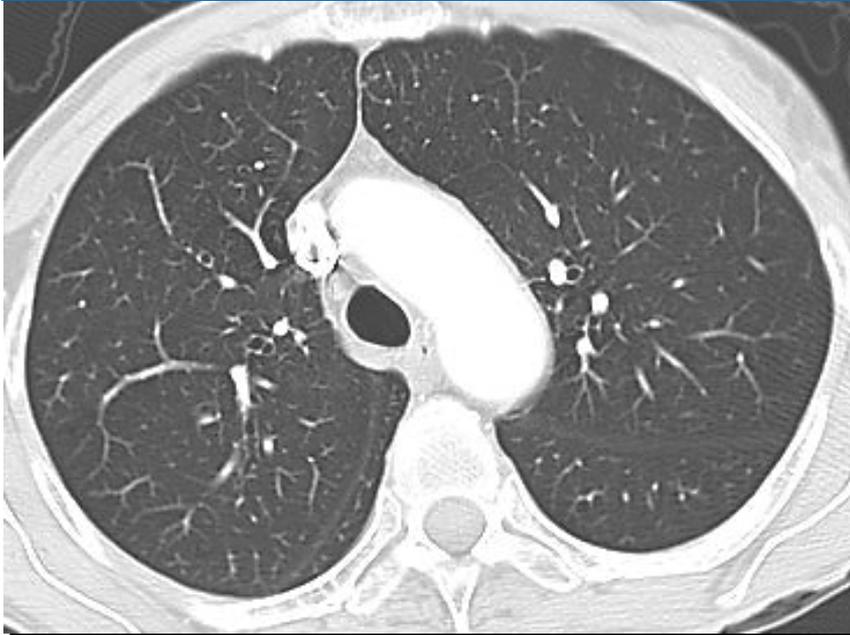


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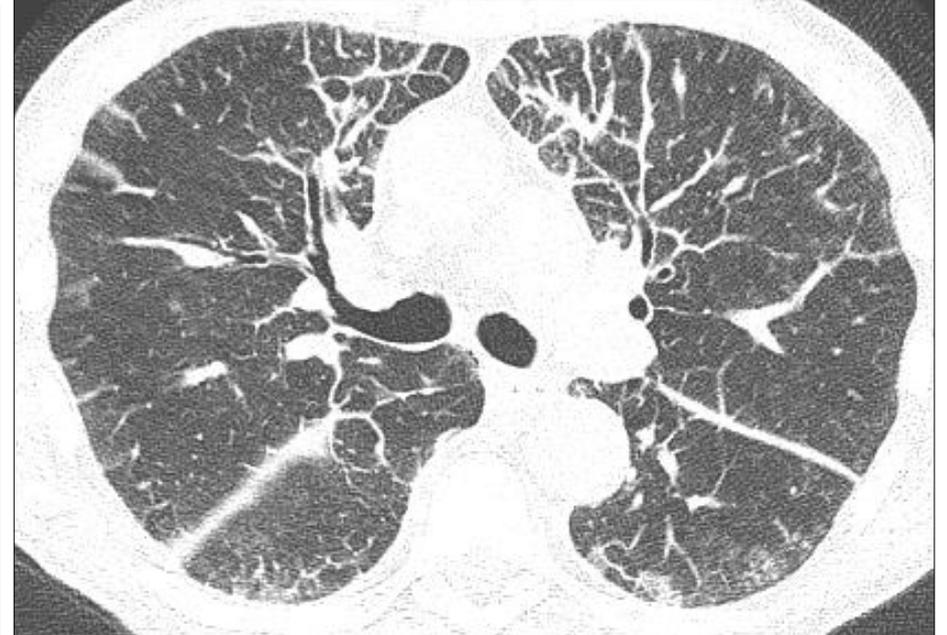
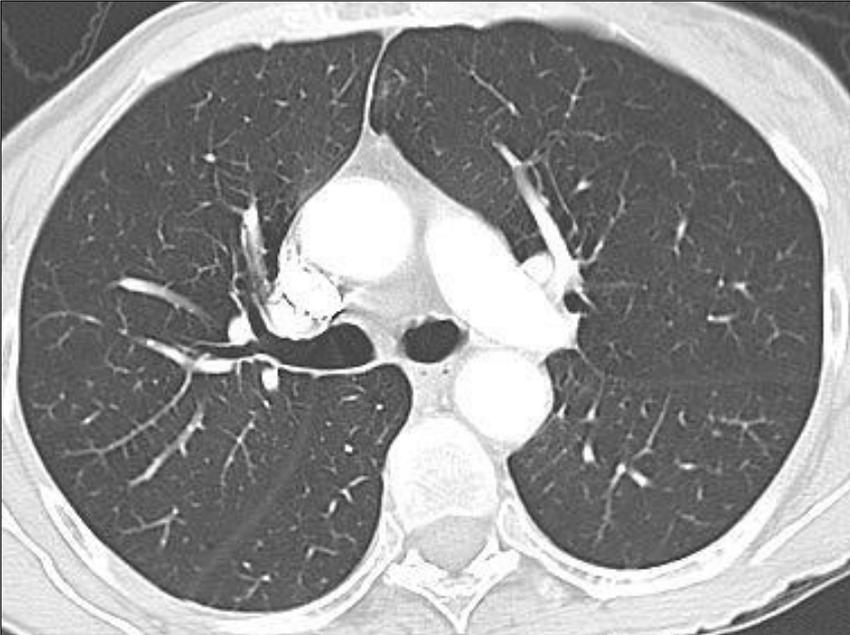
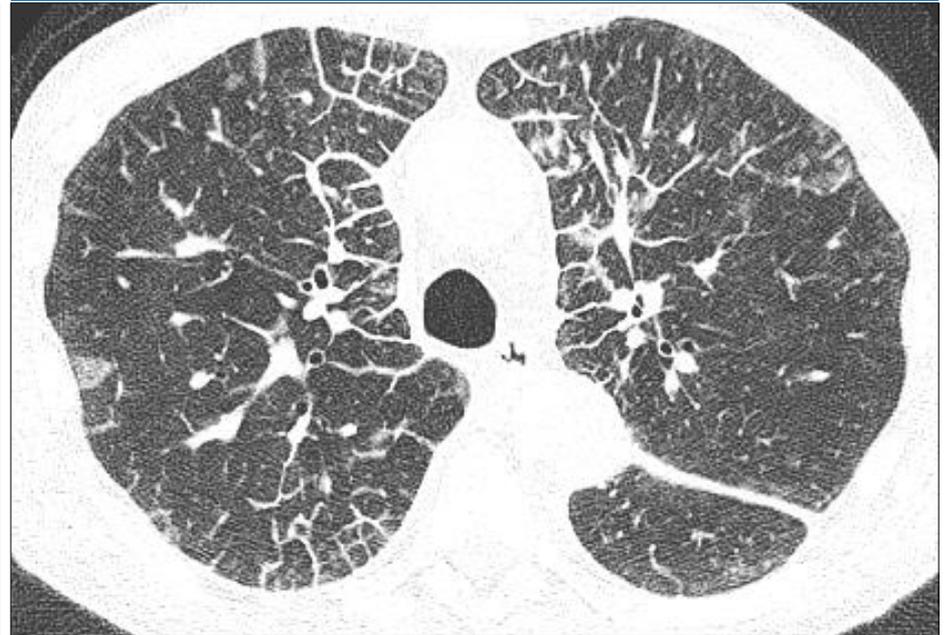
# Bilateral smooth thickening of the interlobular septa Thickening of the fissures

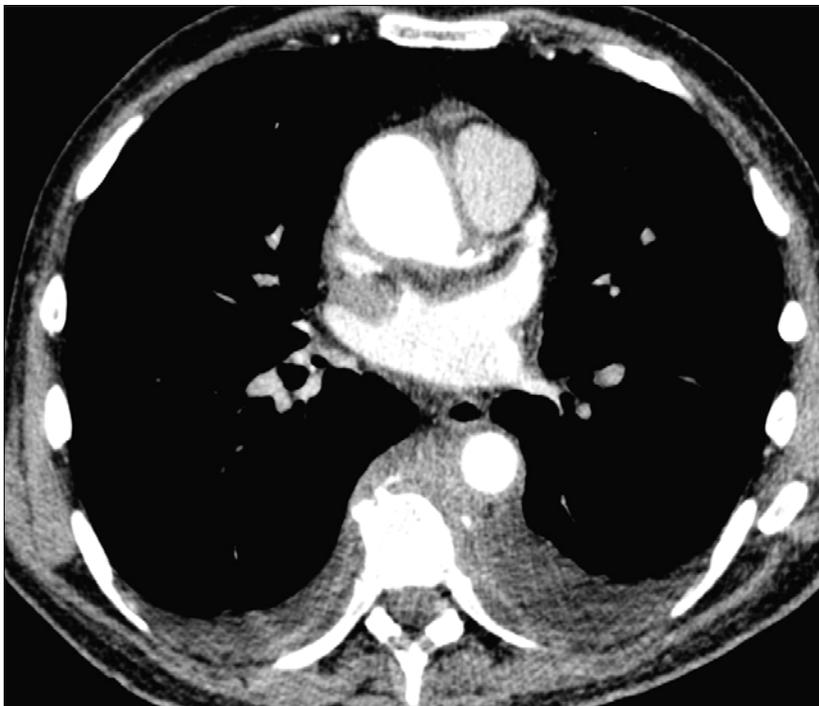
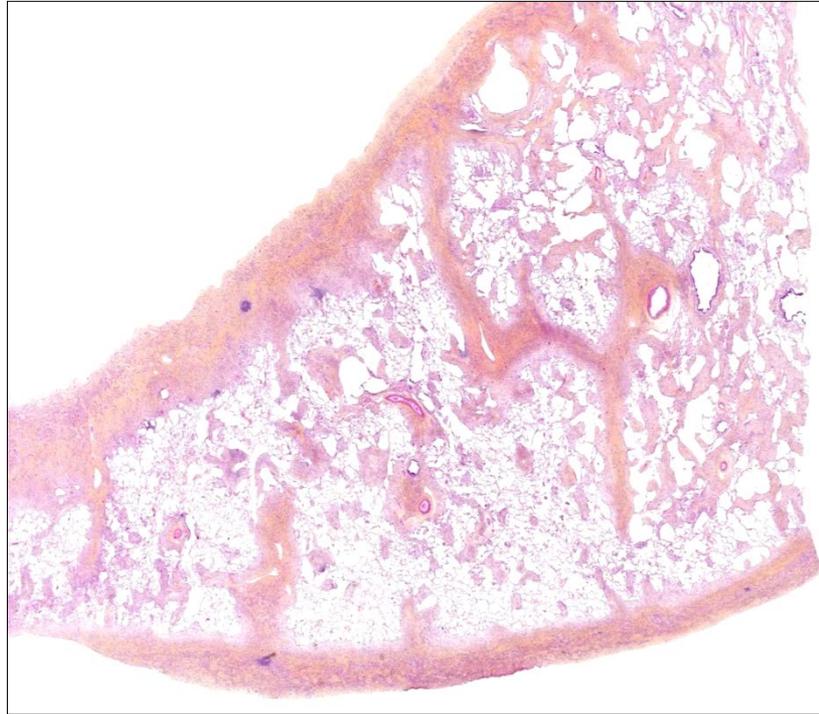


Normal Appearance

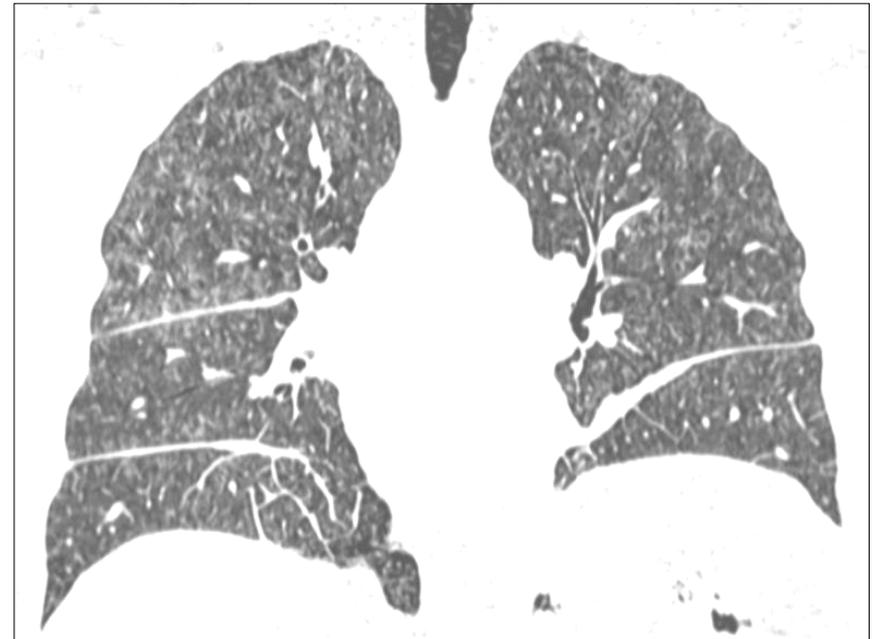
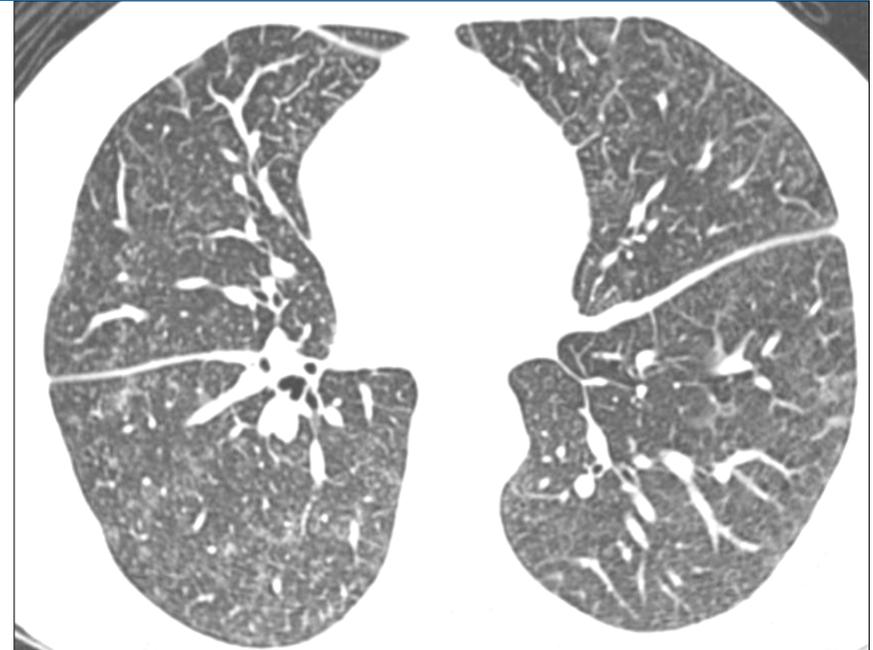


Erdheim Chester Disease

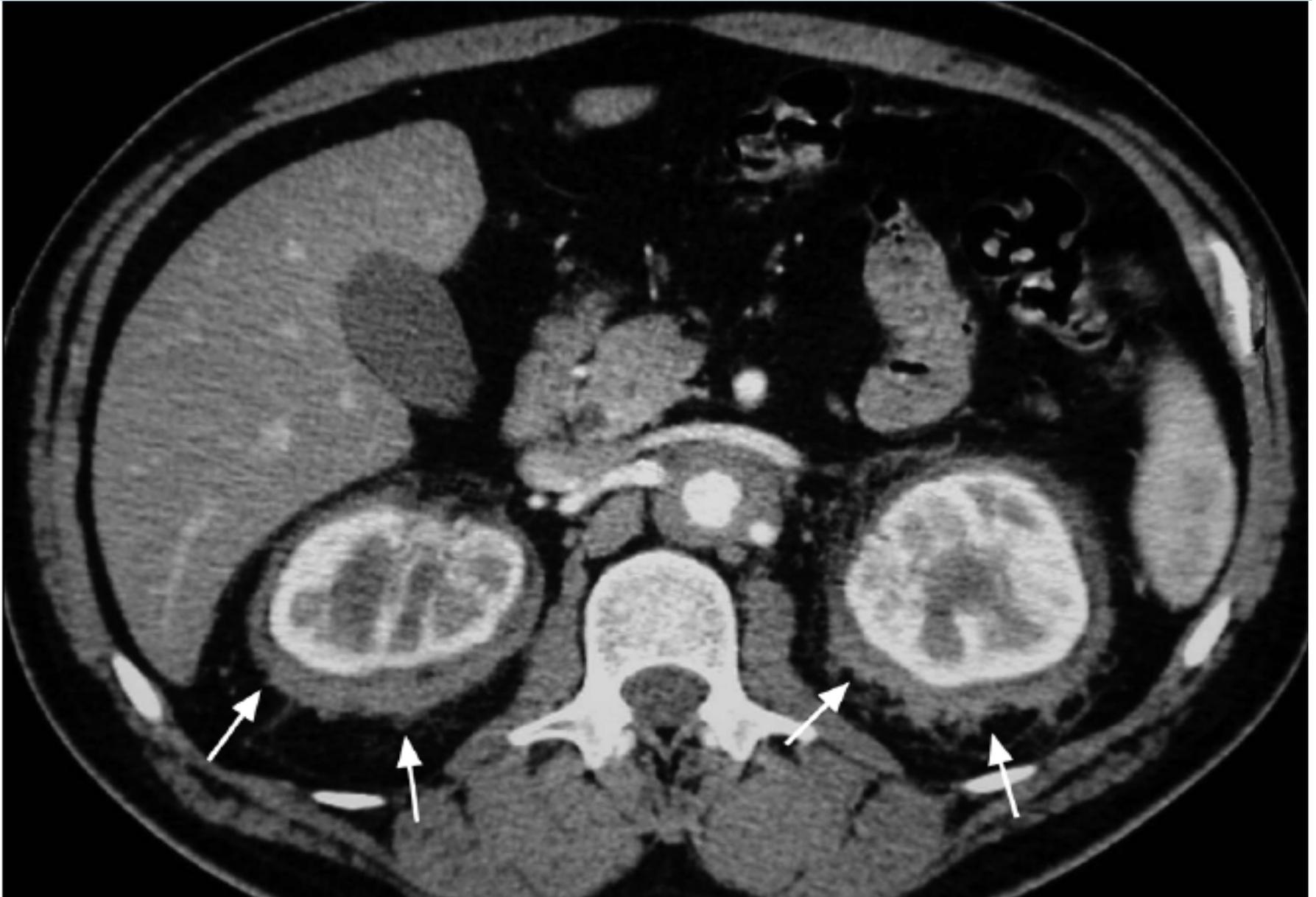




# Small nodular opacities and GGO / Thickening of the fissures



Bilateral and symmetric perirenal infiltration with irregular bands (hairy appearance) / Circumferential sheathing of aorta



Bilateral and symmetric perirenal infiltration with irregular bands (hairy appearance)



ECD confirmed by perirenal biopsy

Distal portion of left renal artery and superior mesenteric artery infiltrated and sheathed



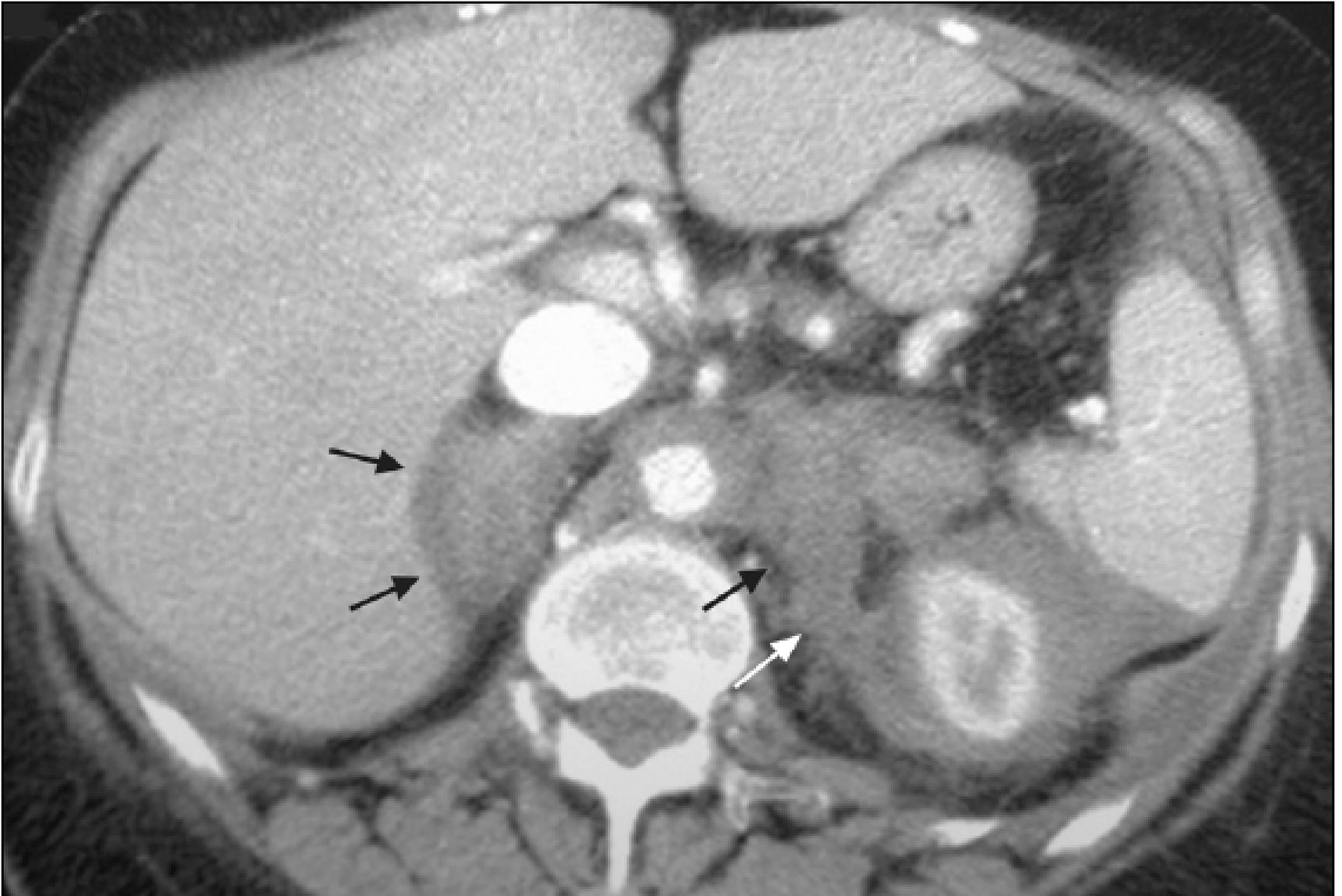
Bilateral asymptomatic perirenal infiltration extending  
and expending sinus of left kidney  
Homogeneous circumferential periaortic infiltration



ECD diagnosis obtained from perirenal biopsy  
Bilateral pelvocaliectasis due to obstruction of upper portion  
of ureters / Perirenal infiltration



Extension of perirenal infiltration into adrenal fossae and surrounding adrenal gland; left perirenal infiltration extending into anterior pararenal space





CT and MR Imaging  
Findings of Cerebral, Facial,  
and Orbital Involvement in  
Erdheim-Chester Disease

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# Cerebral, Facial, and Orbital Involvement in Erdheim-Chester Disease

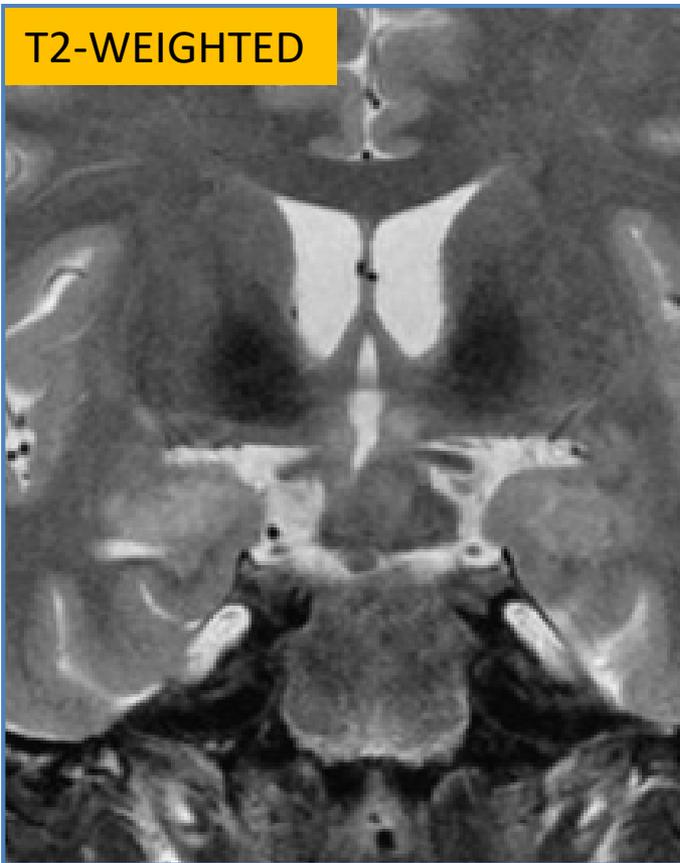
- Hypothalamic-pituitary axis involvement
- Meningeal Lesions
- Intraaxial Lesions
- Vascular Involvement
- Orbital Involvement
- Sinus and Skull Involvement

# Hypothalamic-pituitary axis involvement

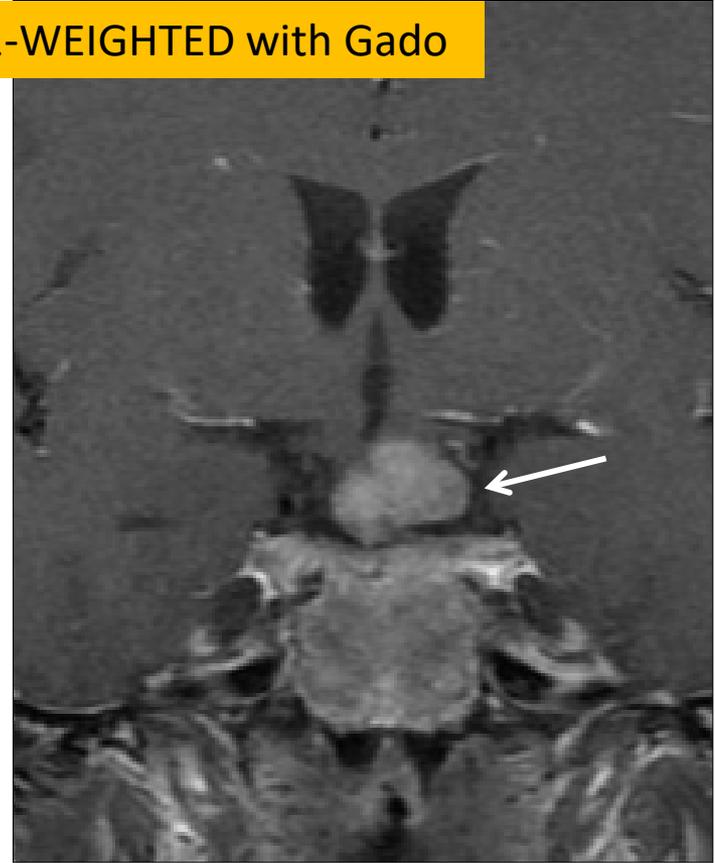
*MR images in 30-year-old man with diabetes insipidus*

Nodular mass of infundibular stalk, with homogeneous intense enhancement after gadolinium-based contrast material

T2-WEIGHTED



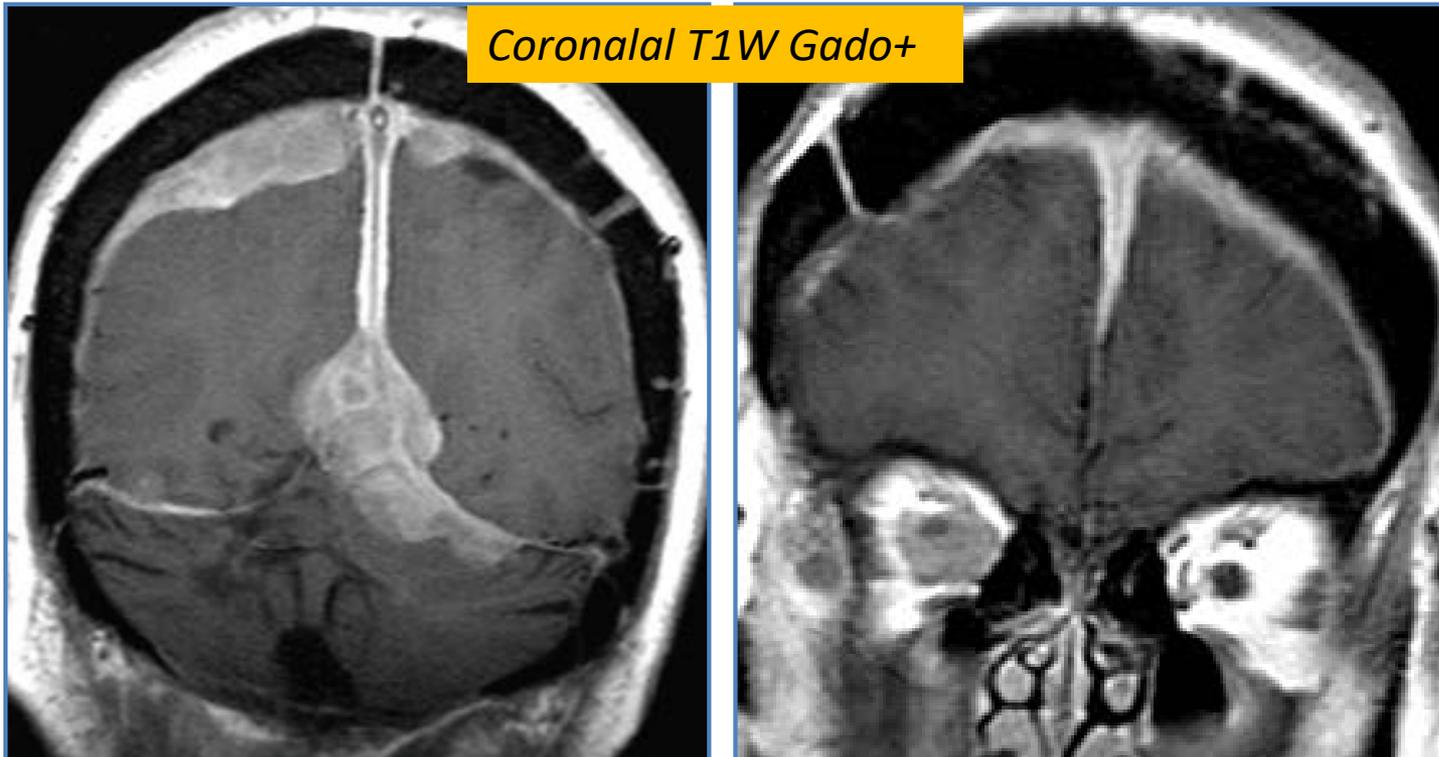
T1-WEIGHTED with Gado



# Meningeal Lesions

*Coronal T1-weighted gadolinium-enhanced MR images in 62-year-old woman*

Multiple enhancing dural masses with diffuse enhancing dural thickening and diffuse skull bone thickening  
Diffuse linear dural thickening and enhancement



Meningioma-like mass lesions / Diffuse perimeningeal thickening

## Intraaxial Lesions

Multiple enhancing intraaxial (supratentorial or infratentorial) focal nodules or masses having isointense signal on T1W images, an iso- or hypointense signal on T2W images, and intense homogeneous enhancement on gadolinium-enhanced T1W images

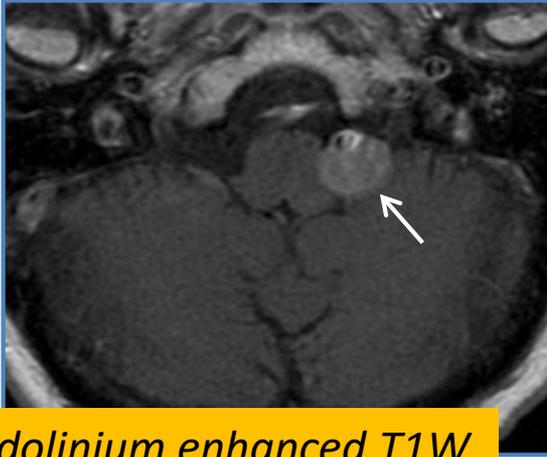
Axial images in 44-year-old man with cerebellar ataxia: Symmetric hyperintense signal on T2W images in peridentate regions



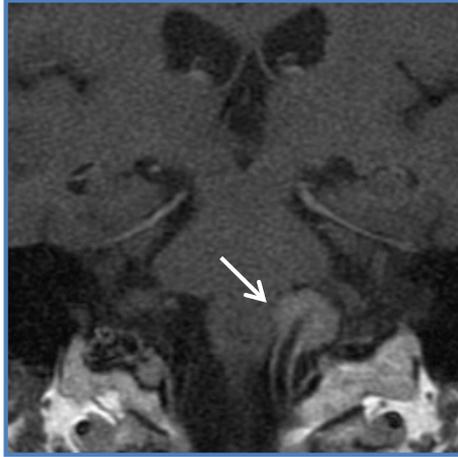
Bilateral symmetric high signal intensity in the dentate nucleus areas on T2W images and corresponding low signal intensity on T1W images

# Vascular Involvement

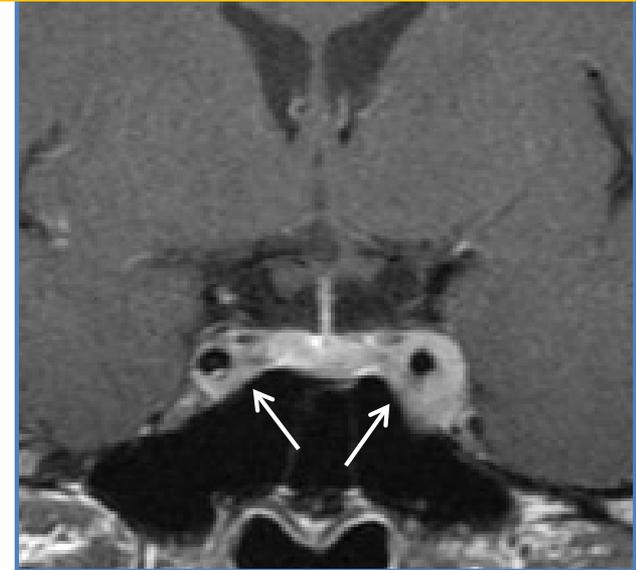
Encasement of the left vertebral artery by a homogeneously enhancing mass



*Gadolinium enhanced T1W*



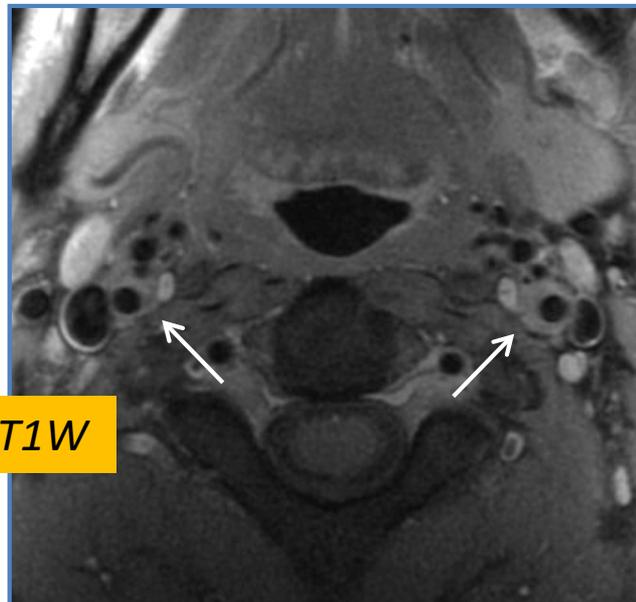
*Coronal Gadolinium enhanced T1W*



Intracranial extension of perivascular infiltration along both internal carotid arteries

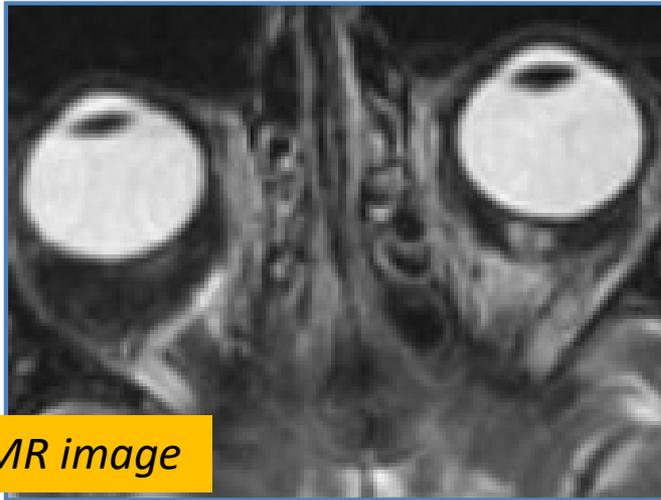
Bilateral cervical pericarotid infiltration

*Axial Gadolinium enhanced T1W*

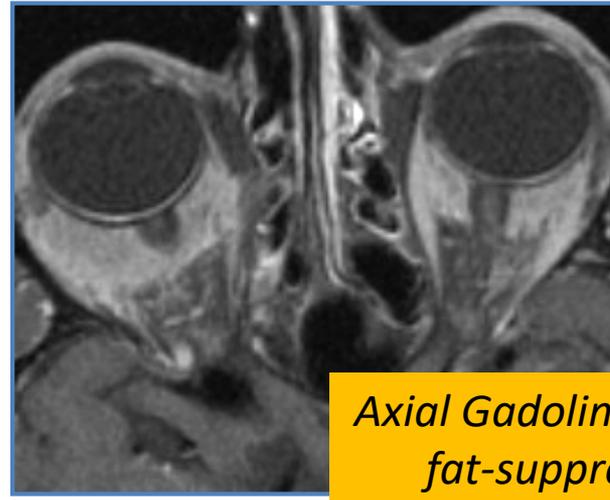


## Orbital Involvement

MR images in 40-year-old man with exophthalmos:  
Bilateral retro-ocular intraconal infiltration having  
low signal intensity and being enhancing



*Axial T2W MR image*

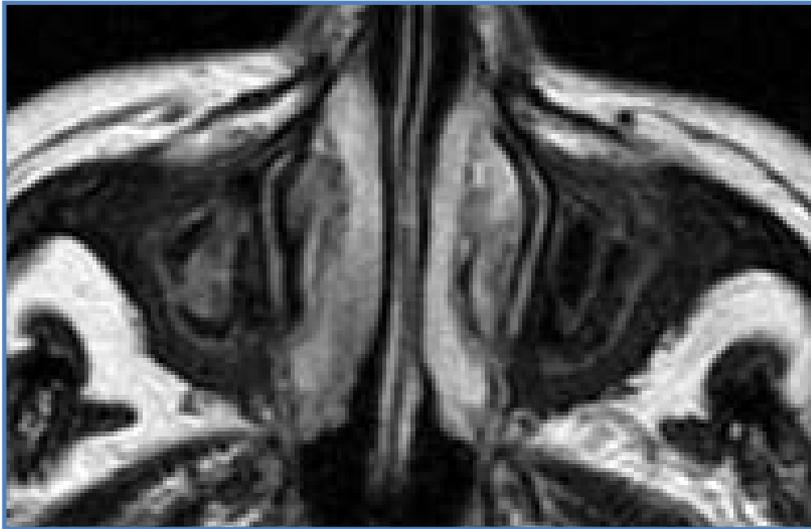


*Axial Gadolinium enhanced  
fat-suppressed T1W*

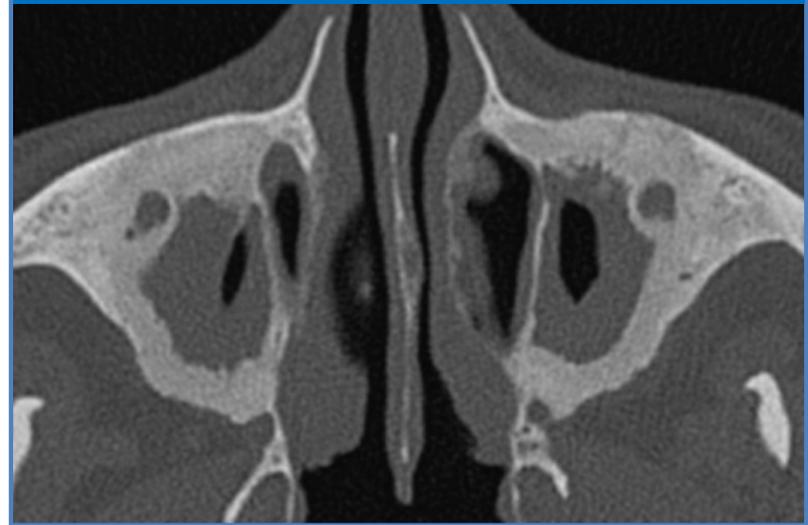
Bilateral or unilateral intraconal masses. Some large masses  
may extend to extraconal space

## Sinus and Skull Involvement

T2-W MR: Bilateral maxillary sinus wall thickening with low signal intensity



Corresponding CT scan:  
Bilateral osteosclerosis



Bilateral maxillary and sphenoid sinus wall osteosclerosis with a hypointense signal on both T1 and T2-weighted MR images  
Bilateral ethmoidal cells osteosclerosis

