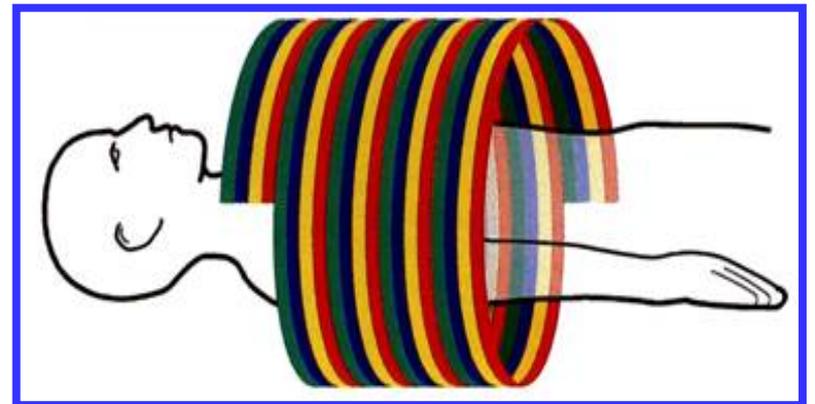


CT of Thoracoabdominal Involvement in Erdheim- Chester Disease

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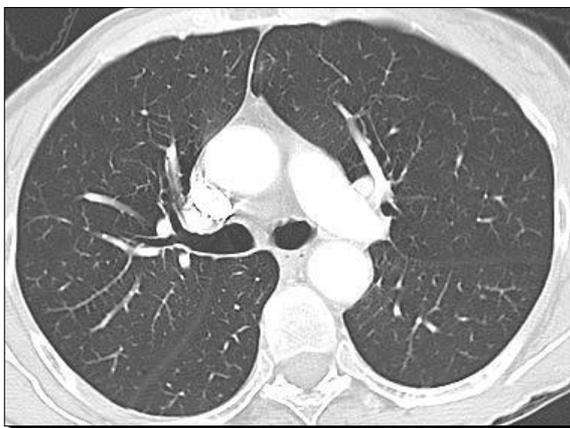
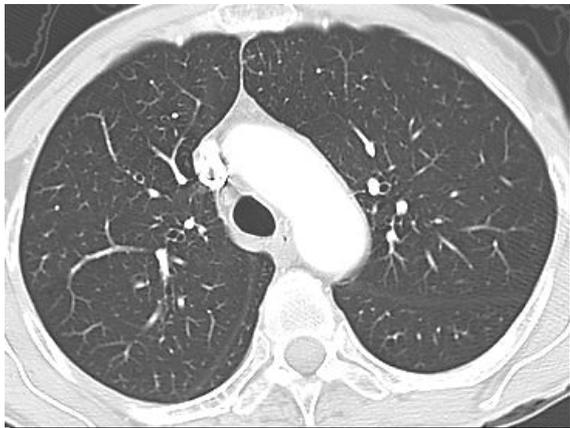
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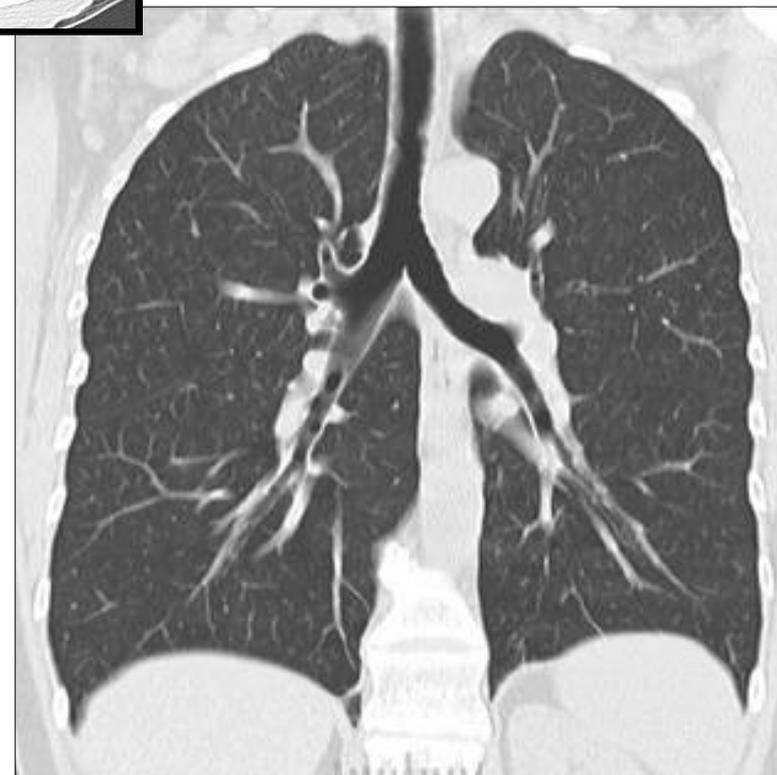
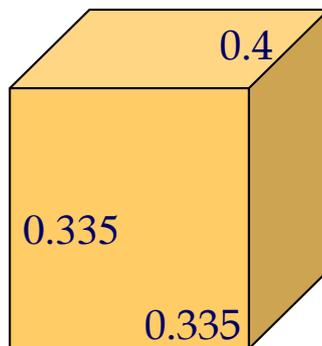
Rydborg et al. Radiographics 2000; 20:1787-1806

Volumetric Thin Collimation MDCT



0.625 mm detector size
Axial thickness 0.8 mm
Reconst. increment 0.6 mm
High frequency algorithm
512² matrix
325 FOV

120 Kv
80-160 mAs





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

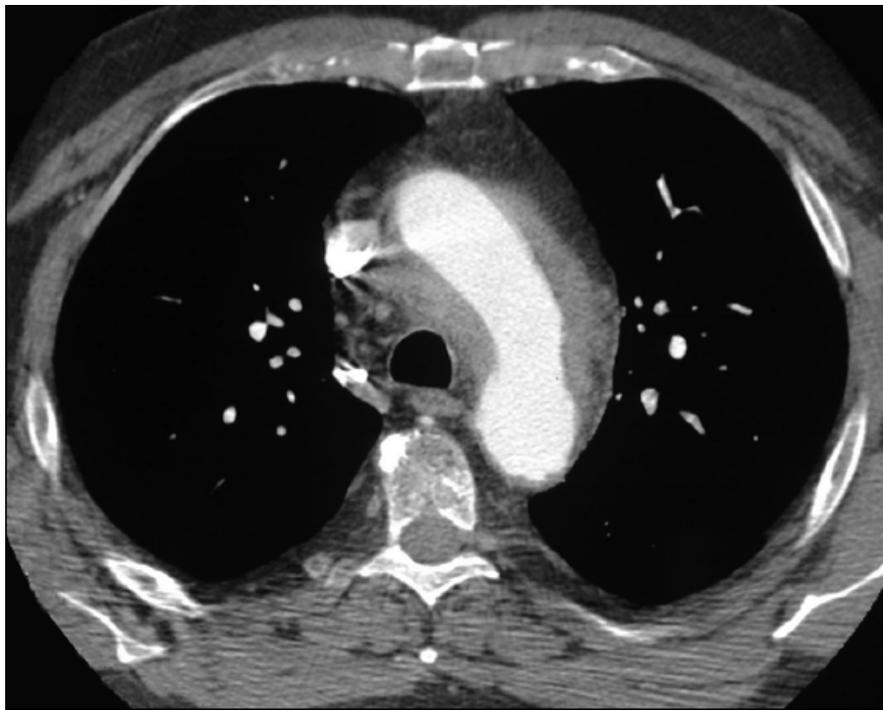
High resolution reconstruction algorithm
Lung window settings (- 600 HU / 1600 HU)





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

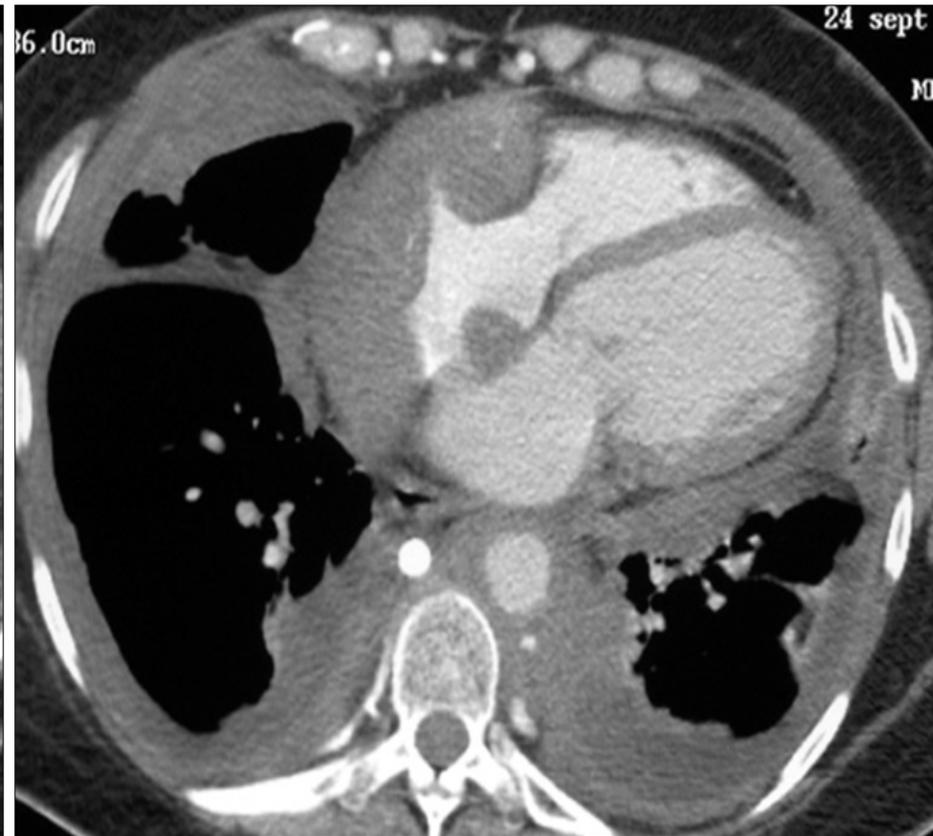


Mediastinal infiltration with a pseudotumoral appearance

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

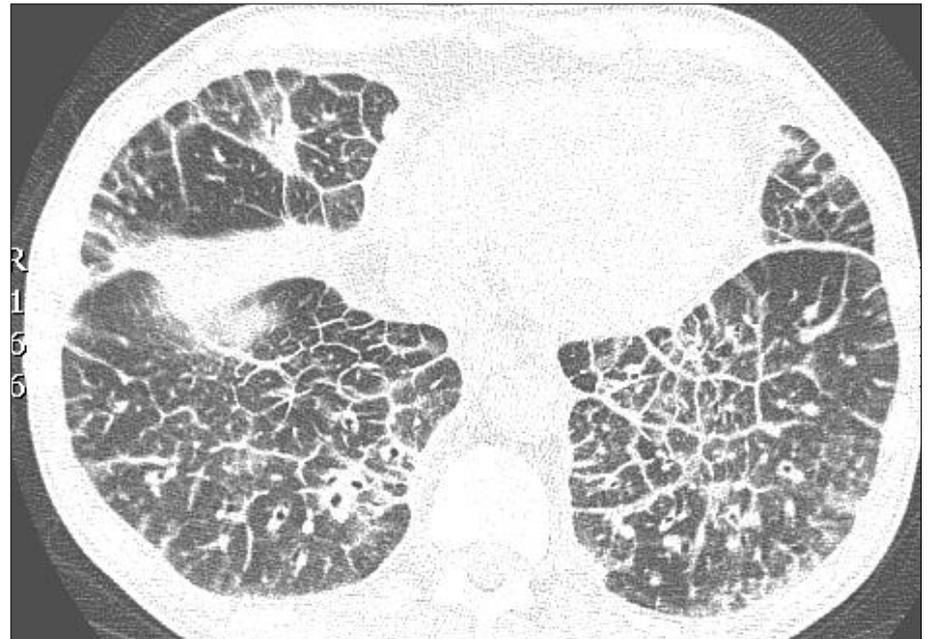
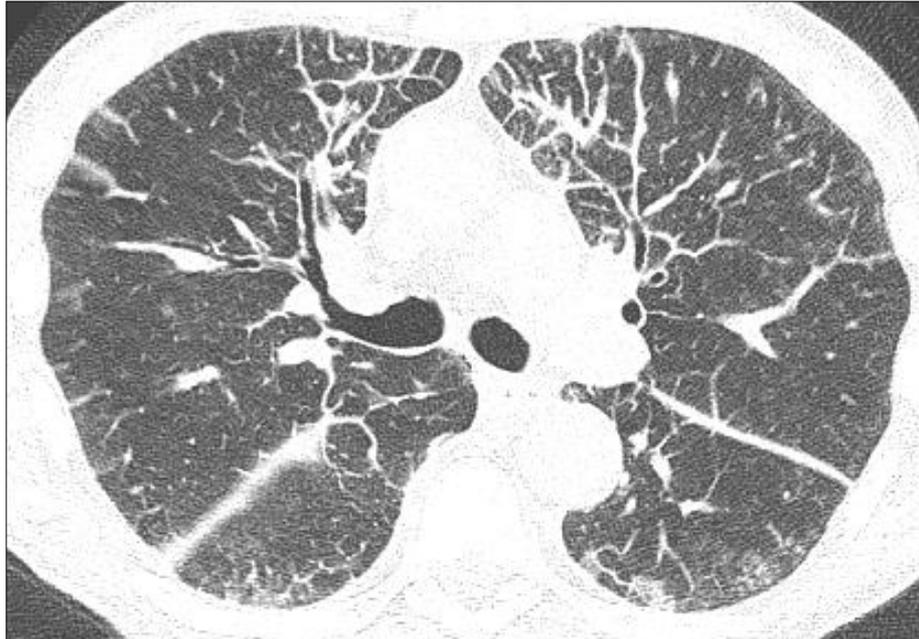
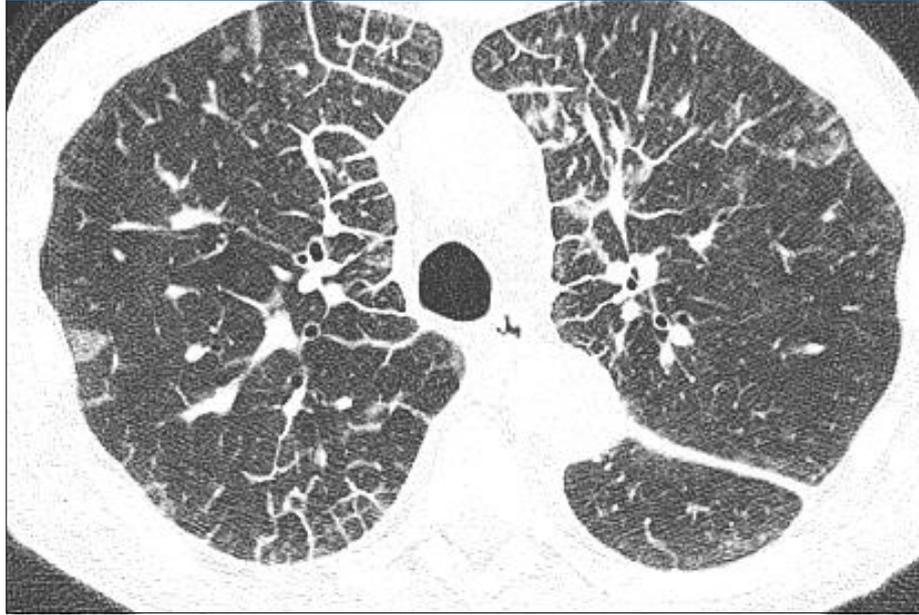


Bilateral pleural thickening and effusions
Infiltration of the right atrium wall and right coronary sulcus

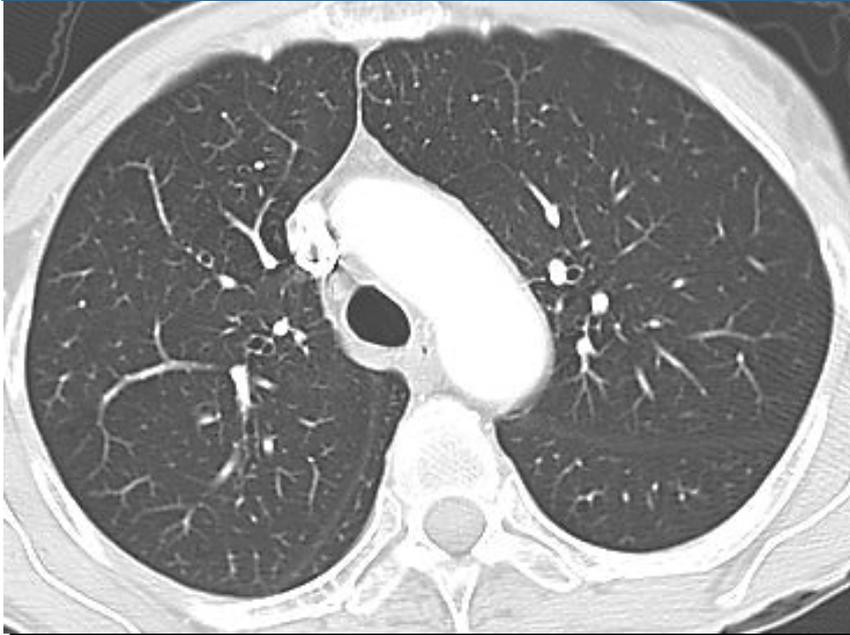


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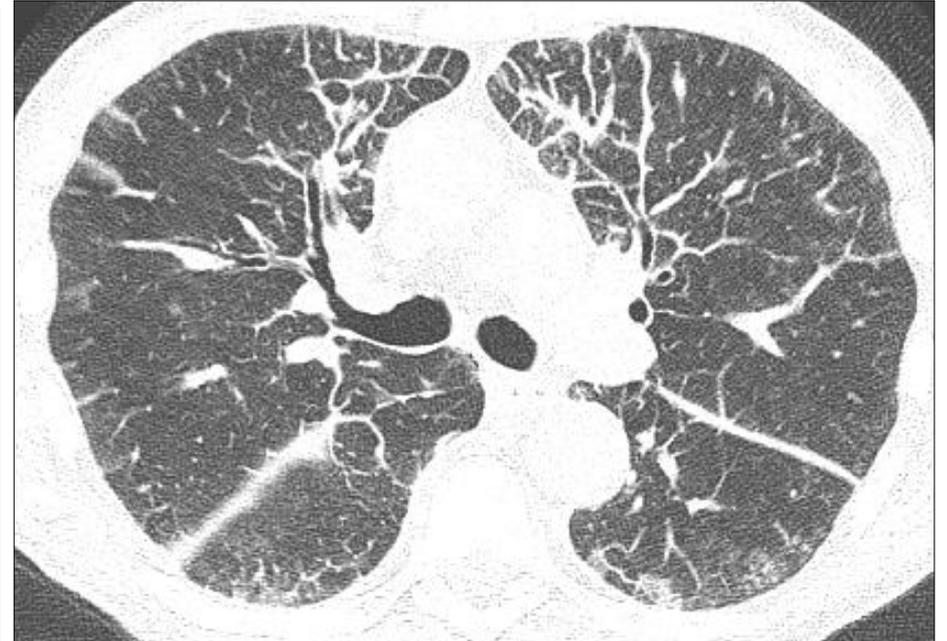
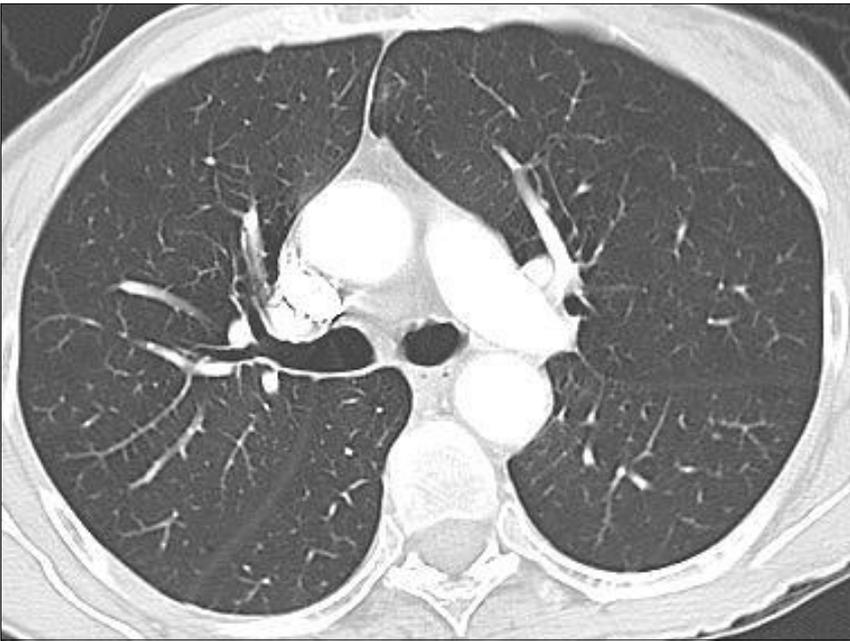
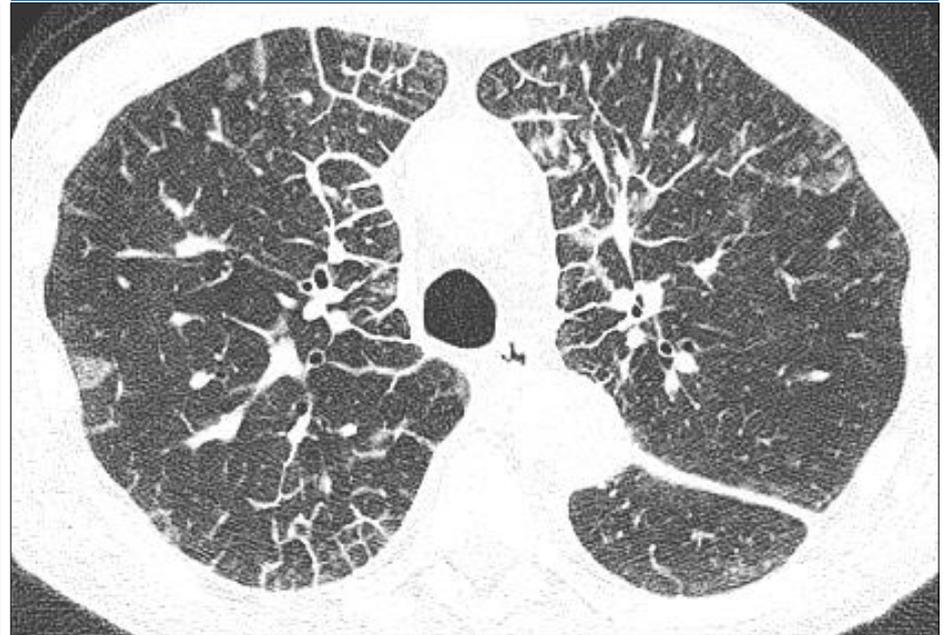
Bilateral smooth thickening of the interlobular septa Thickening of the fissures

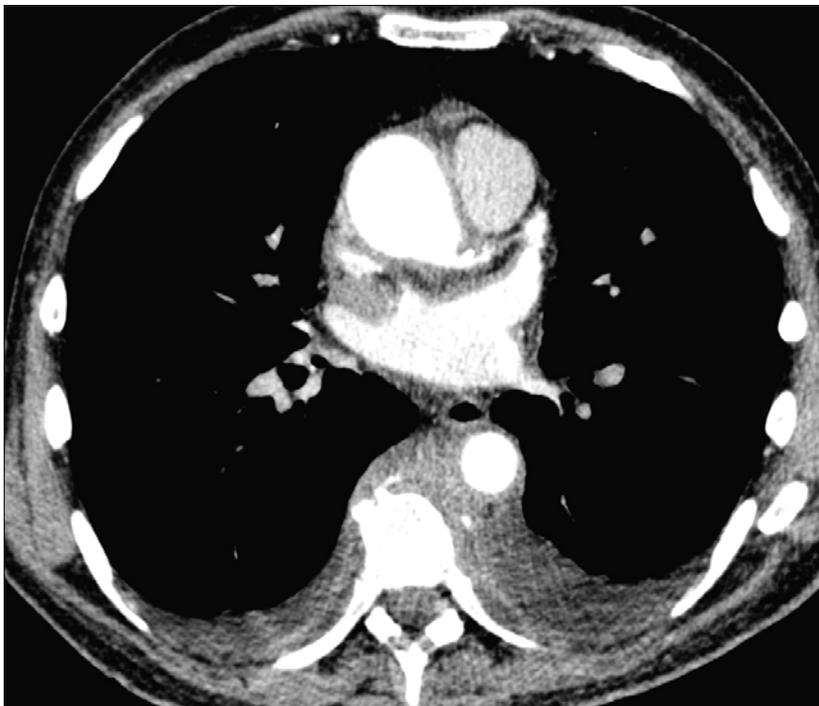
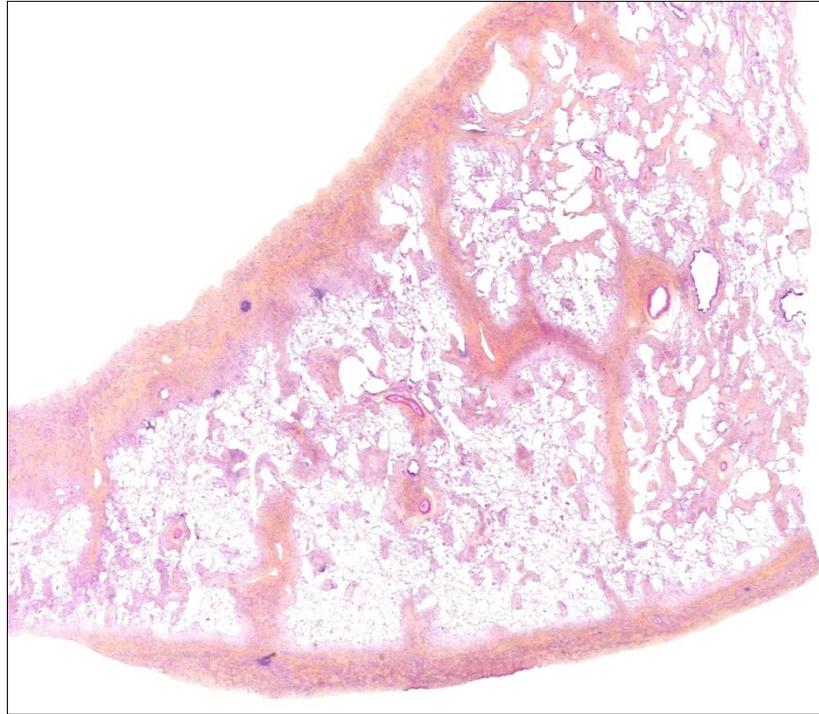


Normal Appearance

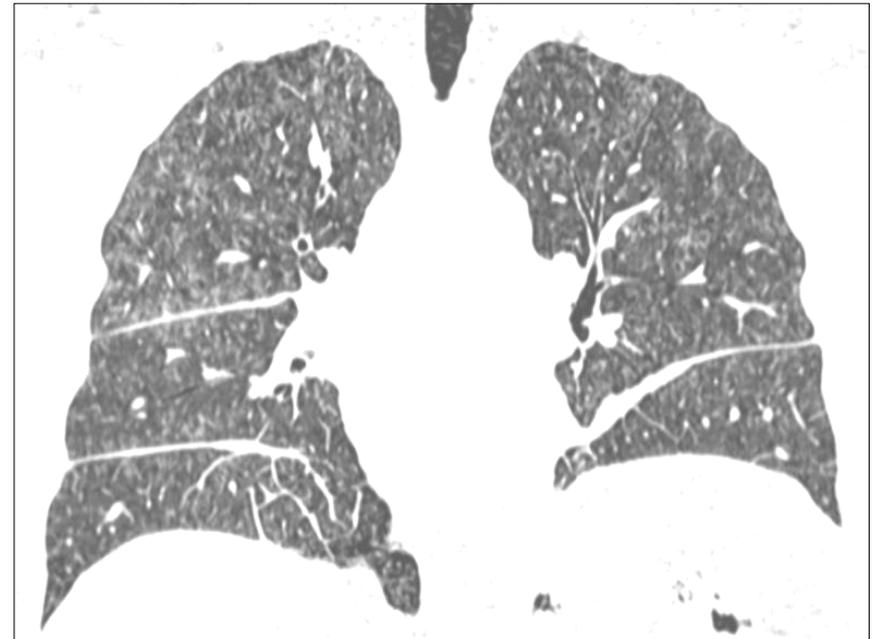
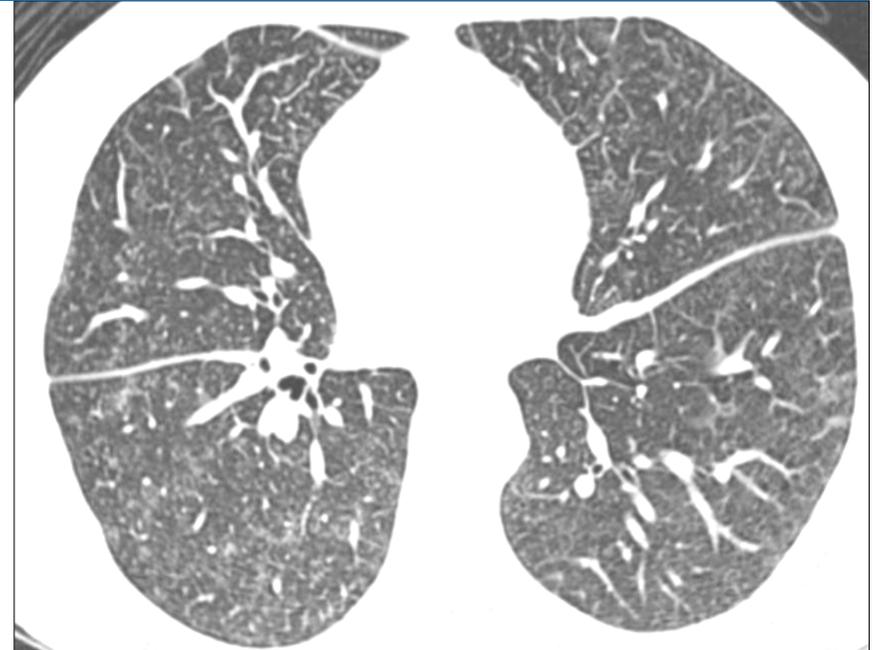


Erdheim Chester Disease





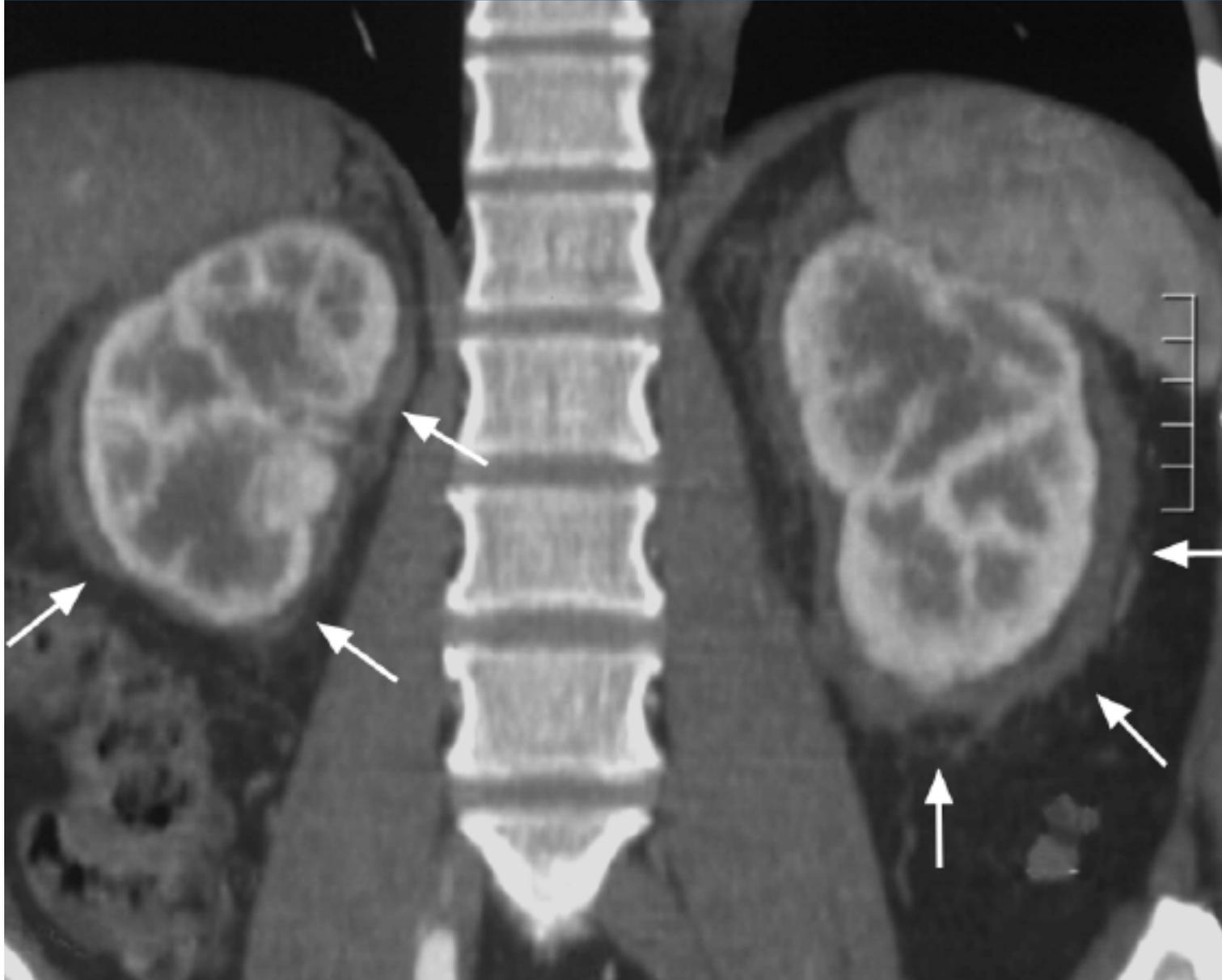
Small nodular opacities and GGO / Thickening of the fissures



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



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



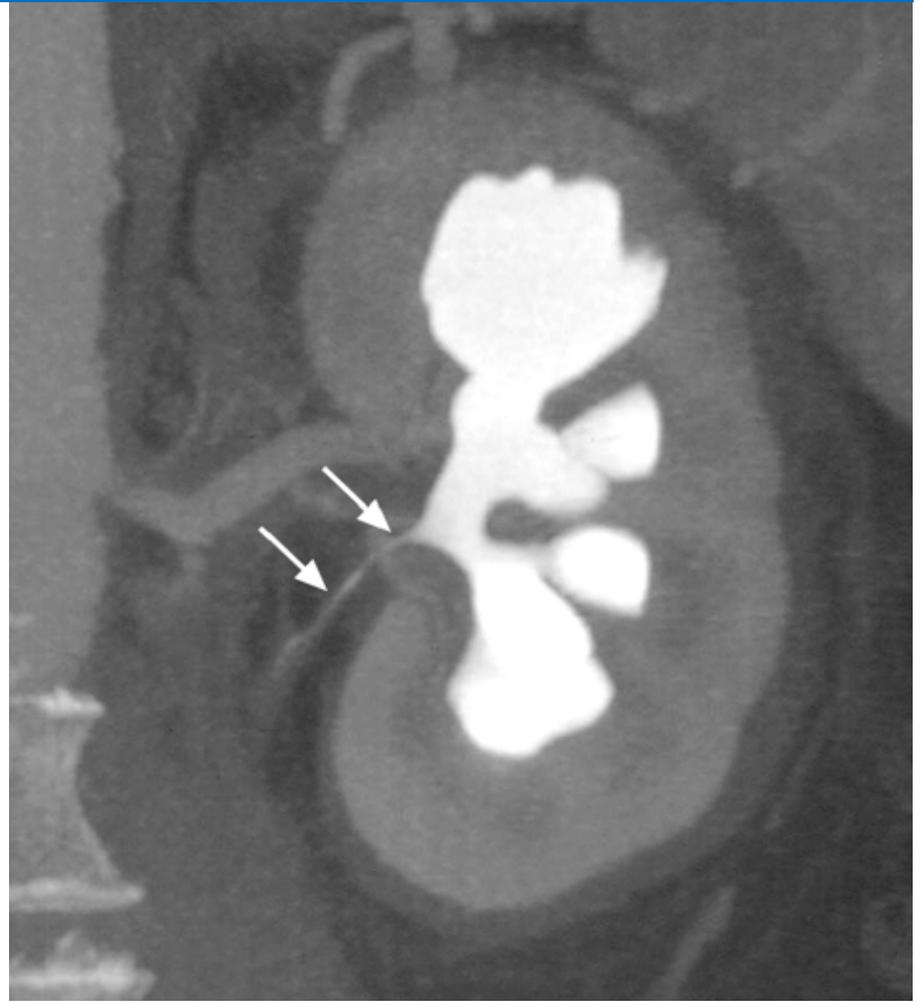
ECD confirmed by perirenal biopsy
Distal portion of left renal artery and superior mesenteric
artery infiltrated and sheathed



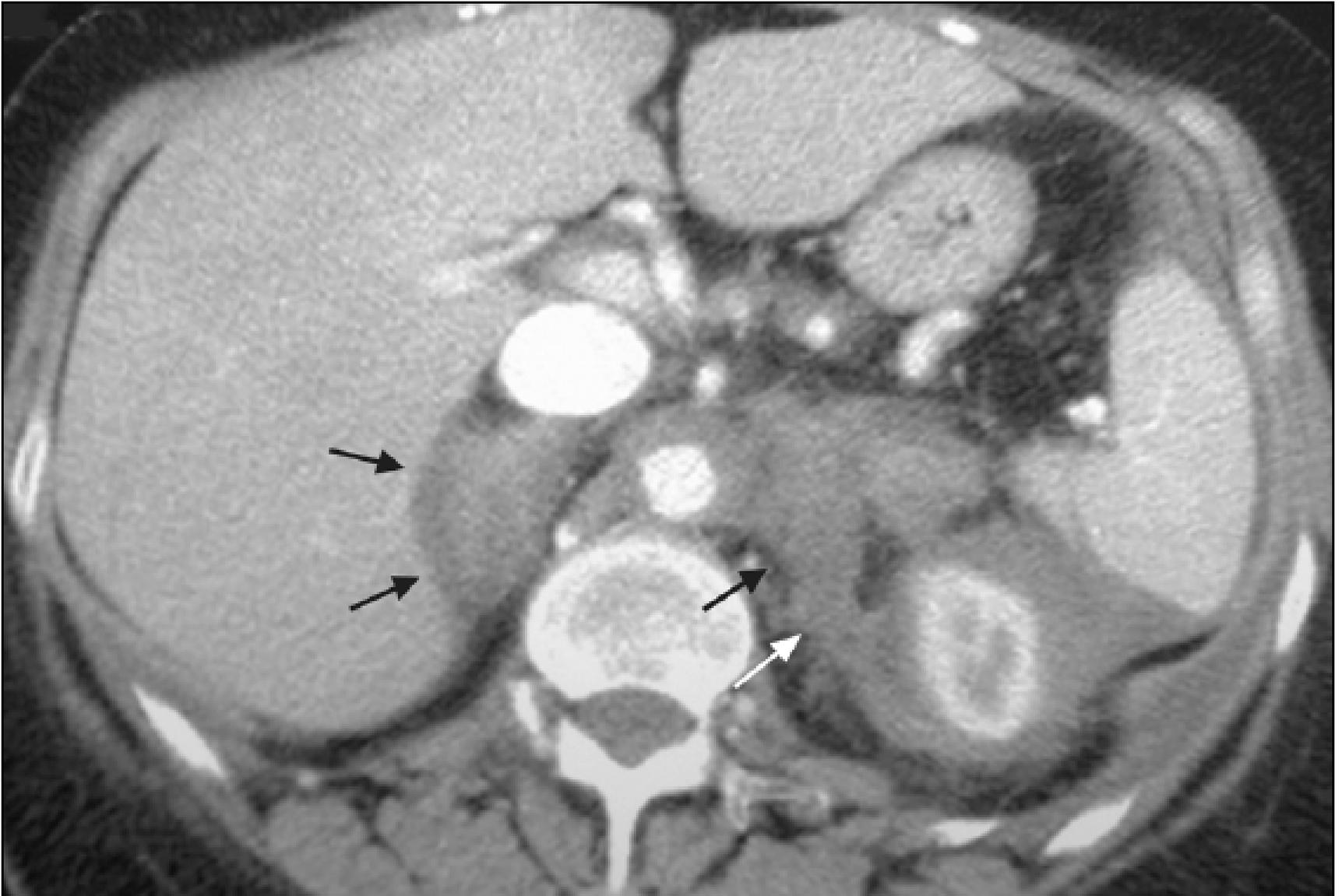
Bilateral asymptomatic perirenal infiltration extending
and expending sinus of left kidney
Homogeneous circumferential periaortic infiltration



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

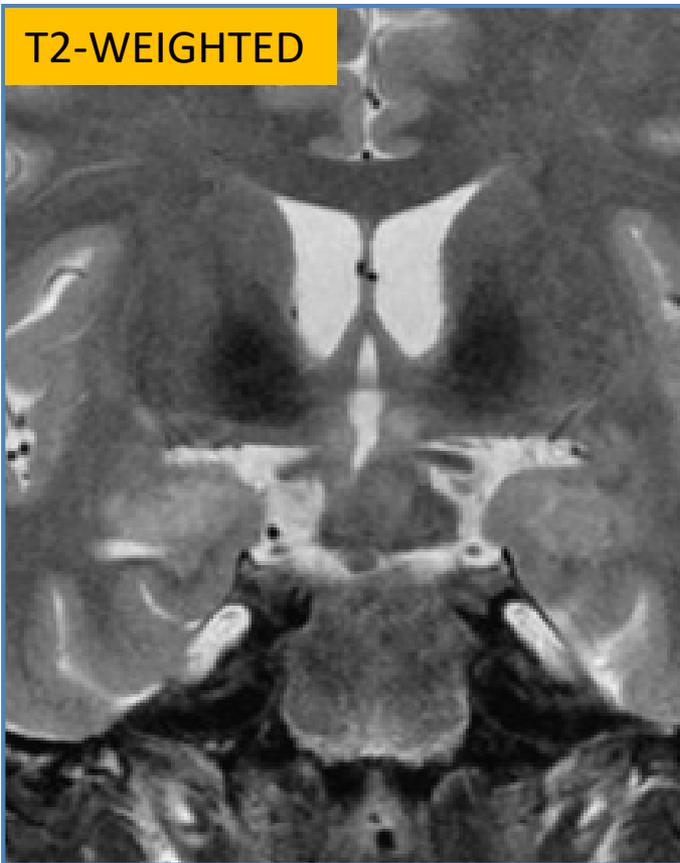
- Hypothalamic-pituitary axis involvement
- Meningeal Lesions
- Intraaxial Lesions
- Vascular Involvement
- Orbital Involvement
- Sinus and Skull Involvement

Hypothalamic-pituitary axis involvement

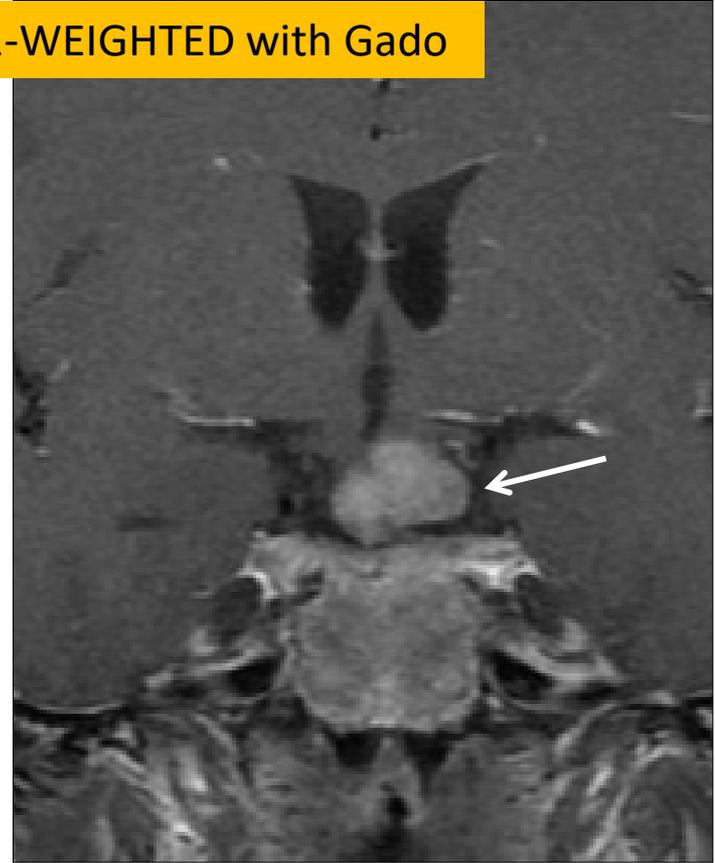
MR images in 30-year-old man with diabetes insipidus

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

T2-WEIGHTED



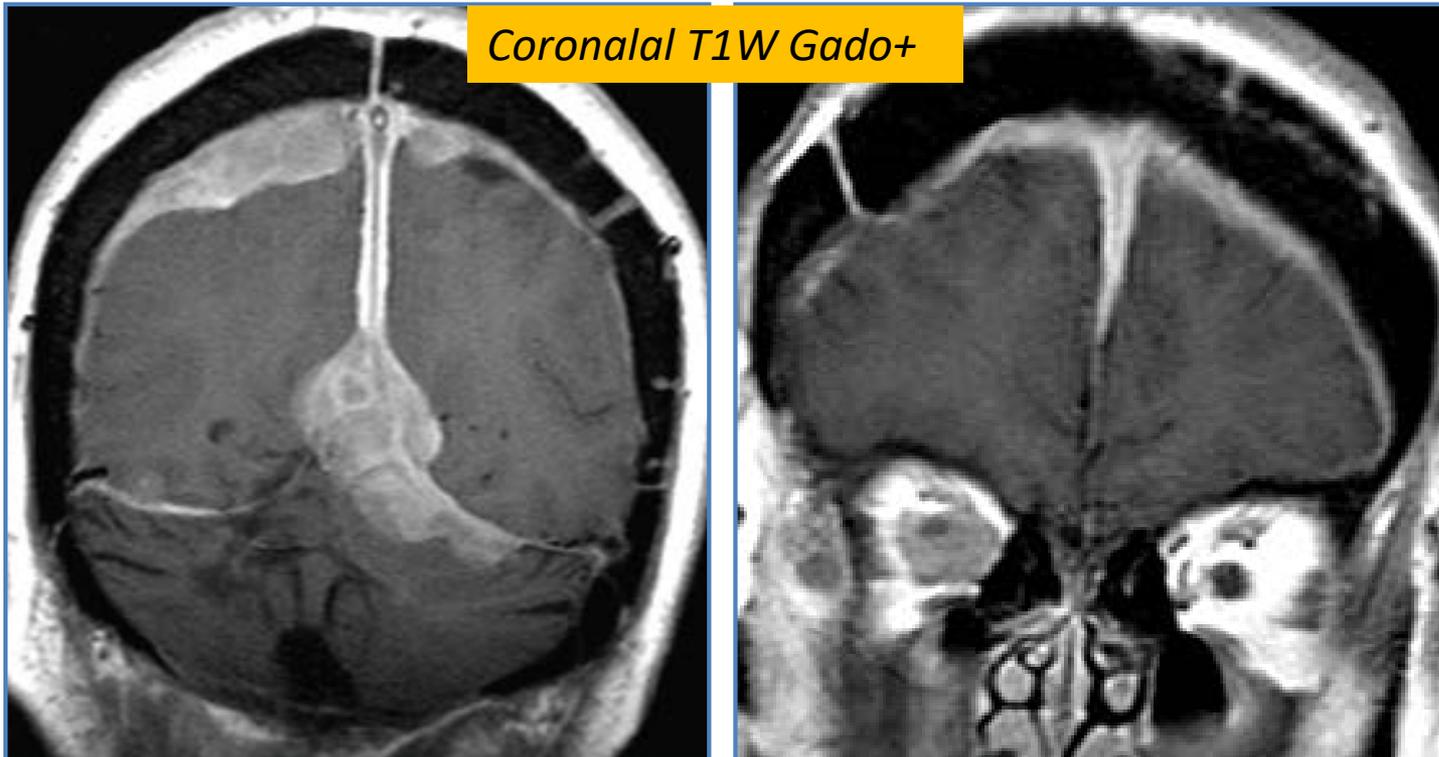
T1-WEIGHTED with Gado



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

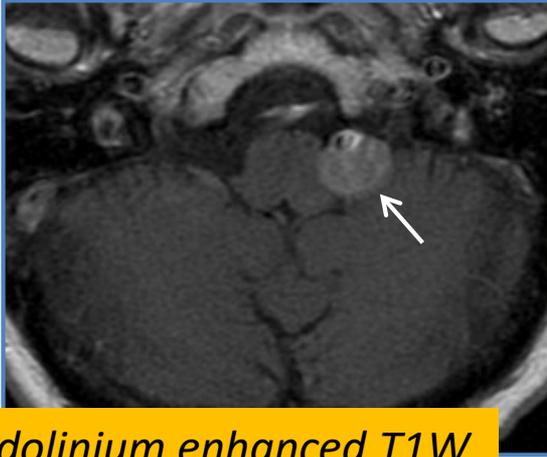
Axial images in 44-year-old man with cerebellar ataxia: Symmetric hyperintense signal on T2W images in peridentate regions



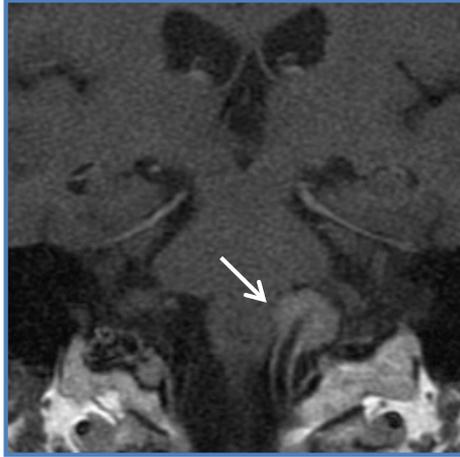
Bilateral symmetric high signal intensity in the dentate nucleus areas on T2W images and corresponding low signal intensity on T1W images

Vascular Involvement

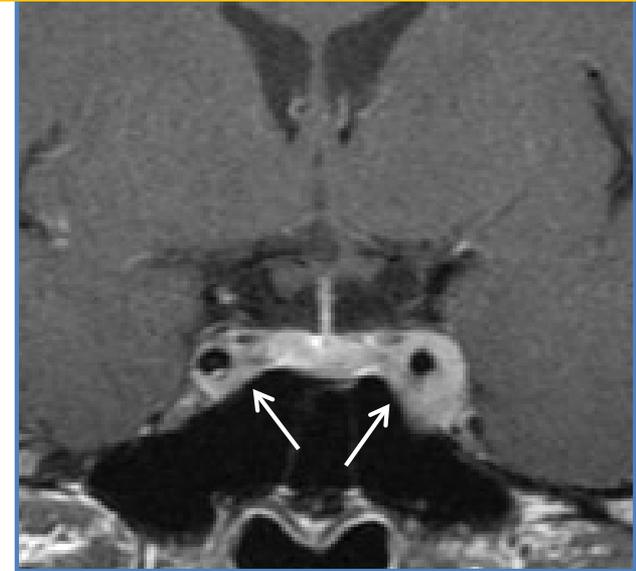
Encasement of the left vertebral artery by a homogeneously enhancing mass



Gadolinium enhanced T1W



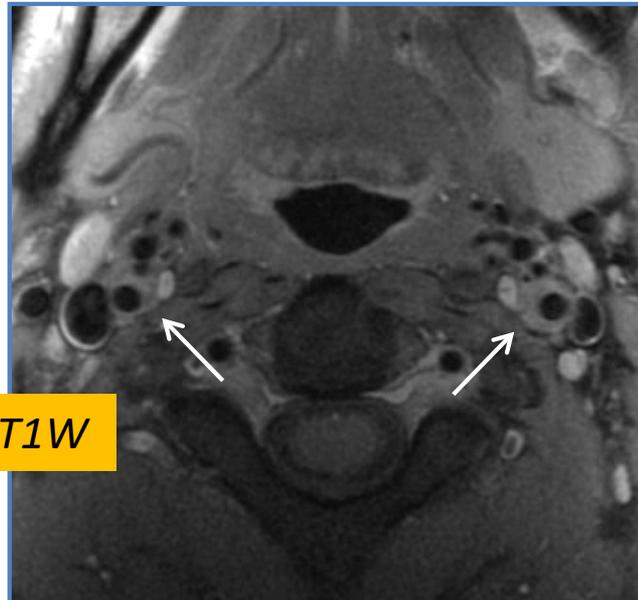
Coronal Gadolinium enhanced T1W



Intracranial extension of perivascular infiltration along both internal carotid arteries

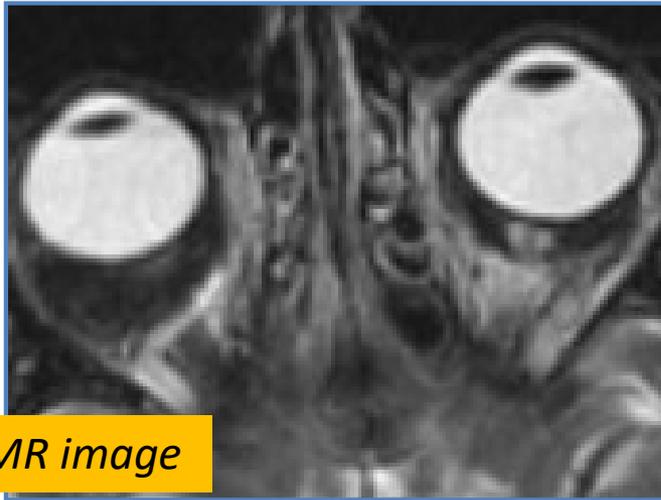
Bilateral cervical pericarotid infiltration

Axial Gadolinium enhanced T1W

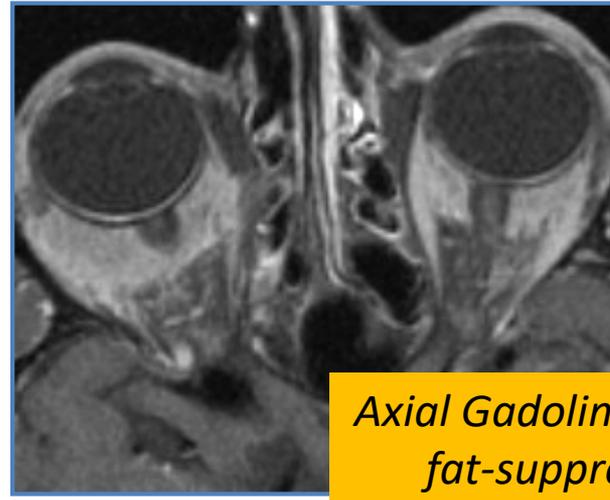


Orbital Involvement

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

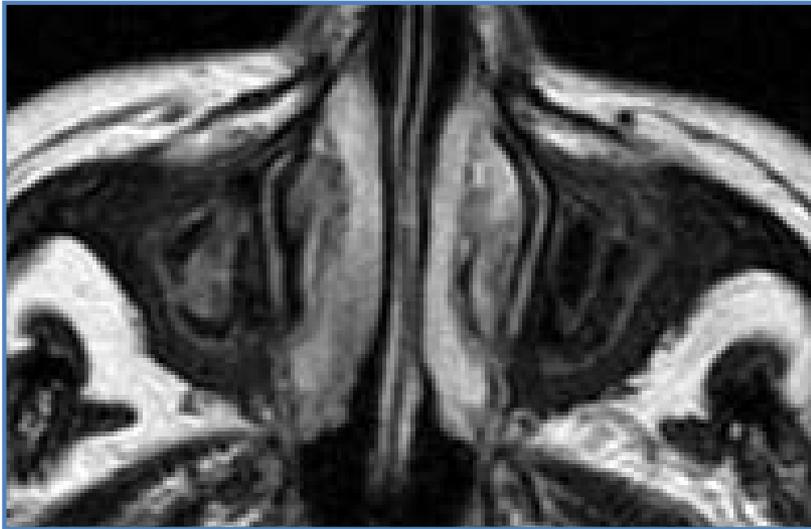


*Axial Gadolinium enhanced
fat-suppressed T1W*

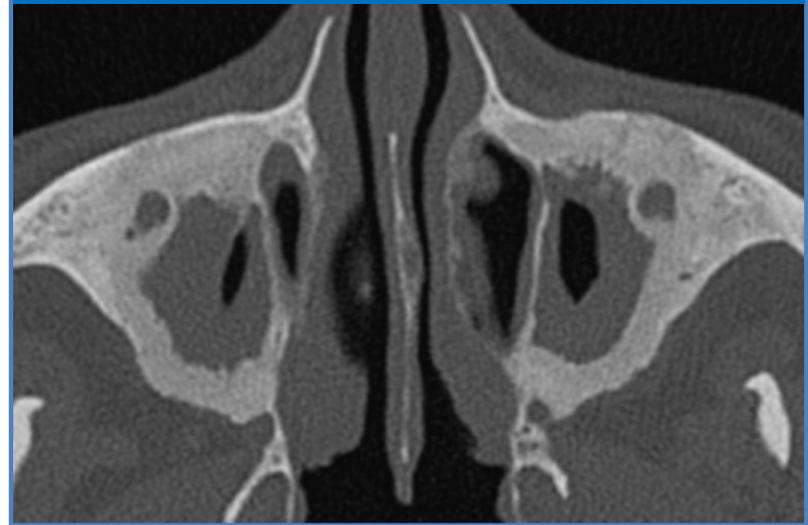
Bilateral or unilateral intraconal masses. Some large masses
may extend to extraconal space

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

