

Imaging of Chest & CVS

Anatomy Review

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OBJECTIVES & GOALS

Students at the end of the lecture will be able to:

Recognize the different modalities utilized in imaging the chest & cardiovascular system

Recognize the basic technical factors affecting image quality

Recognize the radiological anatomy of chest and cardiovascular system

MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Plain X-Ray

❖ Computed Tomography (CT)

❖ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

❖ Ultrasound

❖ Nuclear Medicine

❖ Angiography

Planar Myocardial Perfusion Image

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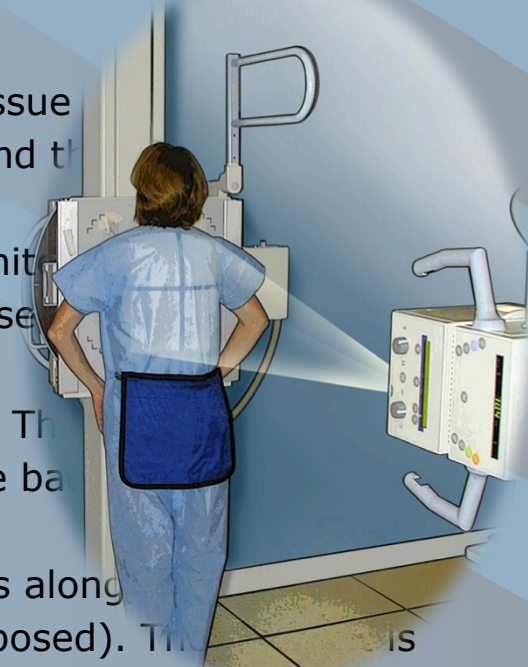
MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Plain X-Ray

X-ray:

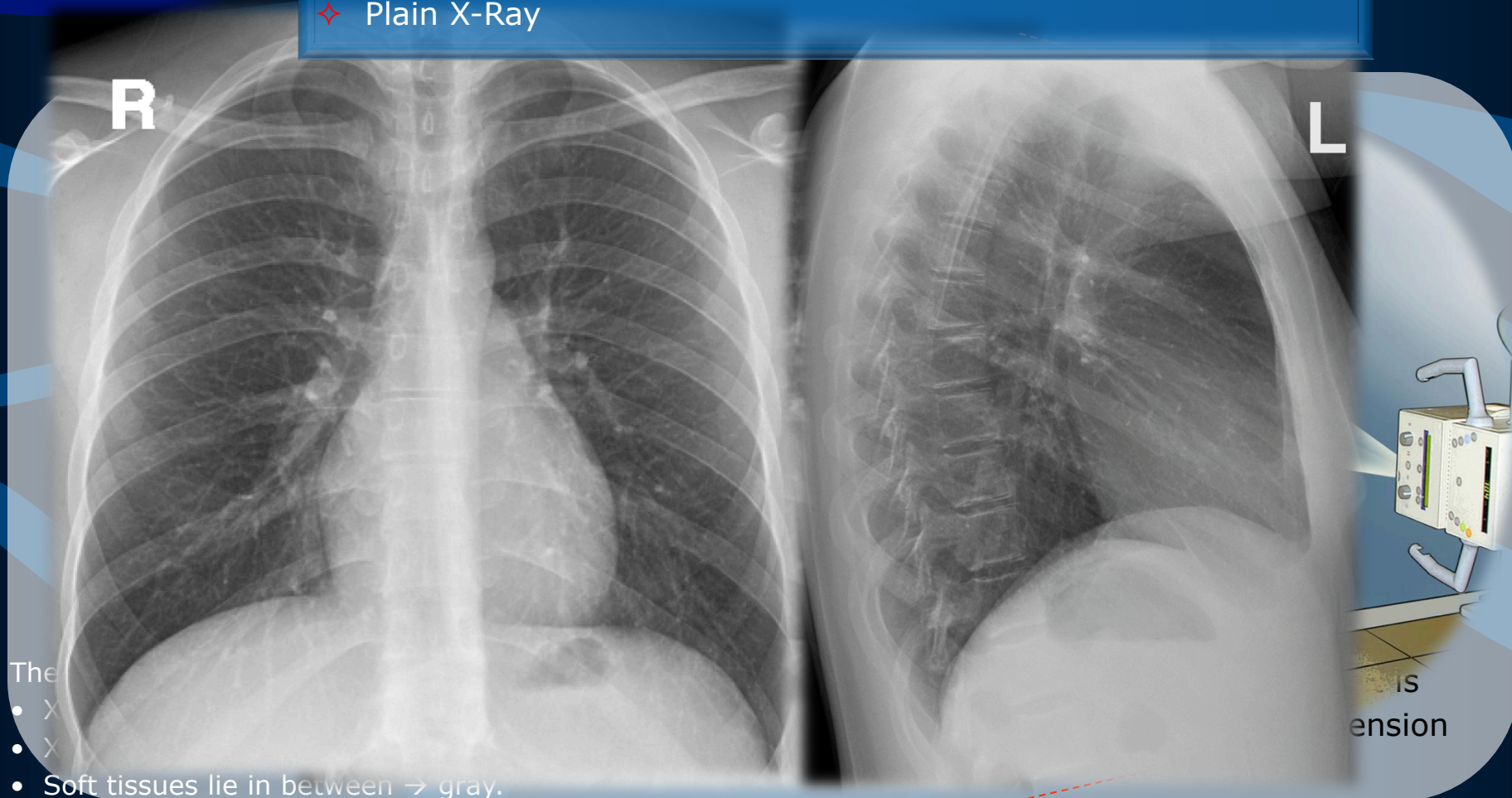
- Electromagnetic radiation
- The image is the result of interaction of X-ray beam and body tissue
- X-rays that pass through a structure easily are least absorbed and the blackening on the radiograph (air-lung).
- Whereas structure that absorbs or reflects x-ray most appear white
- Soft tissues lie in between → gray. According to thickness of these differ.
- Projections are usually described by the path of the x-ray beam. The (poster anterior) view designates that the beam passes from the back standard projection for a routine chest film.
- The image on an x-ray film is two-dimensional. All the structures along

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- X-rays pass through a structure → blackening on the radiograph (air-lung).
 - X-rays absorbed or reflected → white on radiograph (bone-metallic).
 - Soft tissues lie in between → gray.
- often necessary to take at least two views to gain information about the third dimension



MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Plain X-Ray



TECHNICAL FACTORS

WHAT IS A GOOD CHEST X-RAY

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CXR WITH ADEQUATE EXPOSURE

CXR WITH PROPER POSITIONING

CXR WITH ADEQUATE INSPIRATION

TECHNICAL FACTORS

WHAT IS ADEQUATE EXPOSURE?

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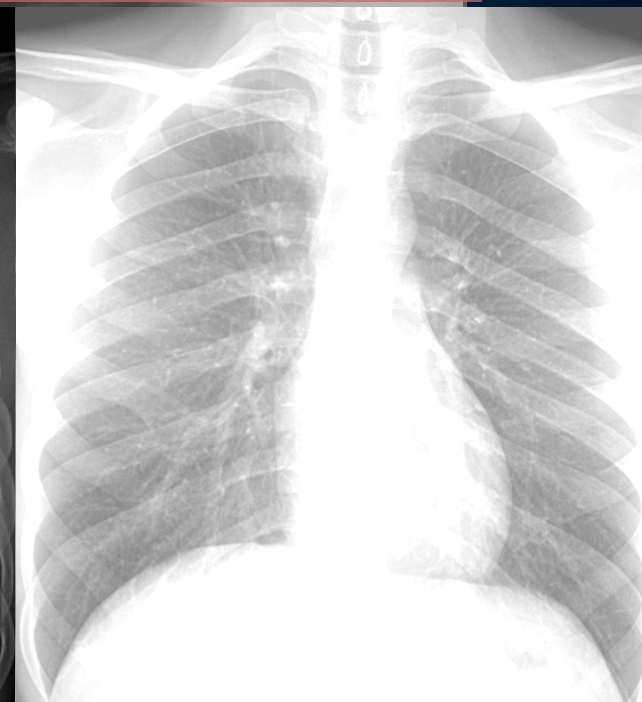
- Exposure that allow visualization of lung markings even through cardiac shadow
- Assessed by seeing spine through heart shadow



ADEQUATE



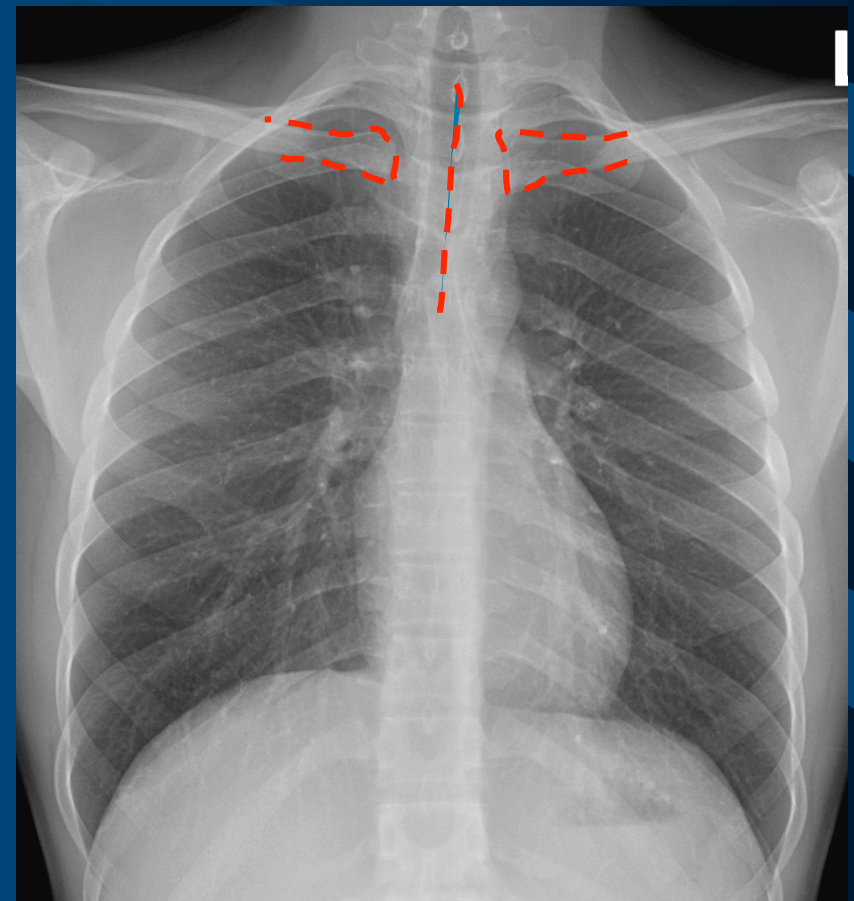
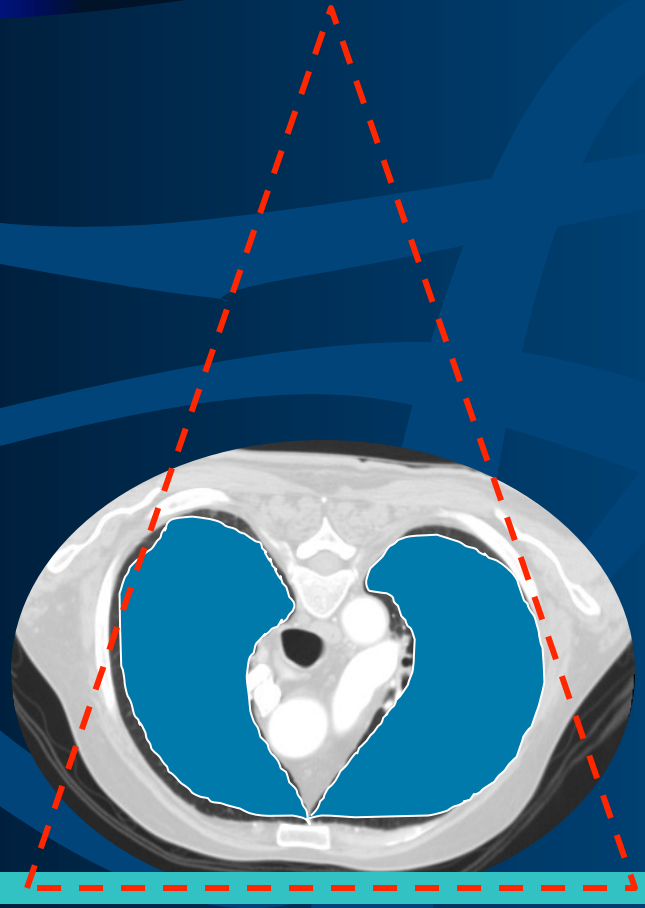
OVER



UNDER

TECHNICAL FACTORS

WHAT IS PROPER POSITIONING?

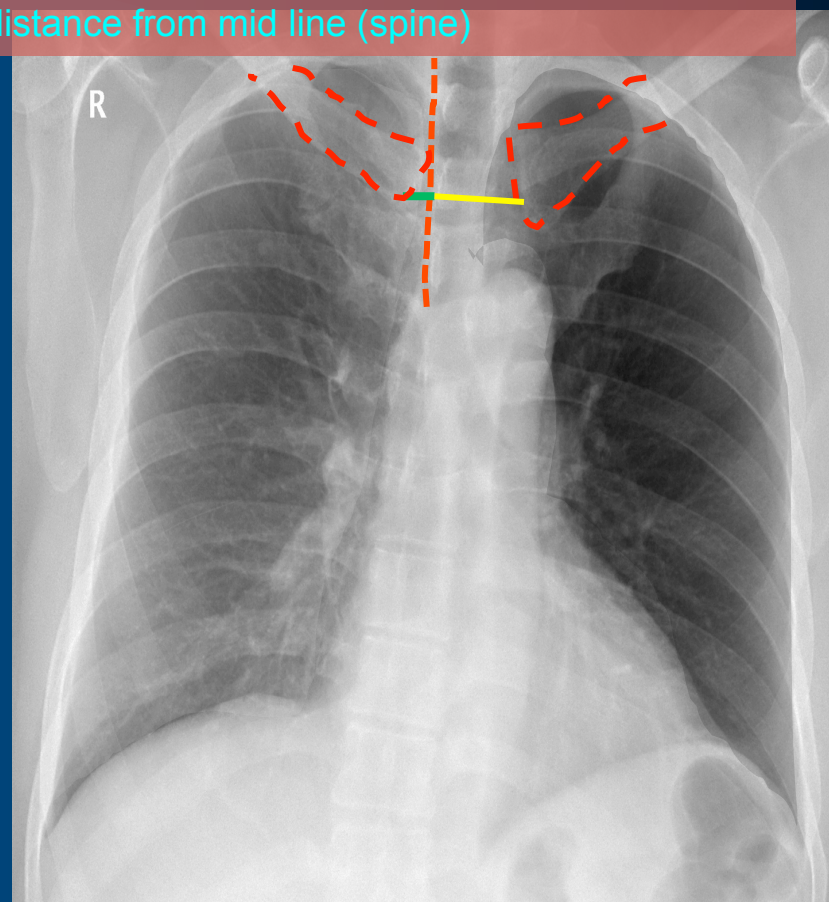
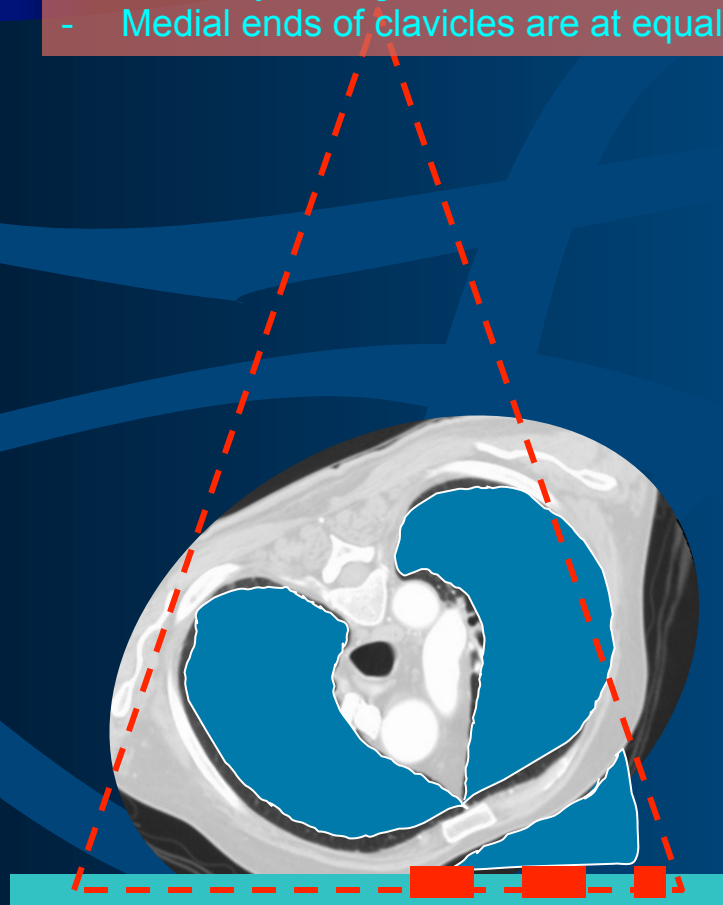


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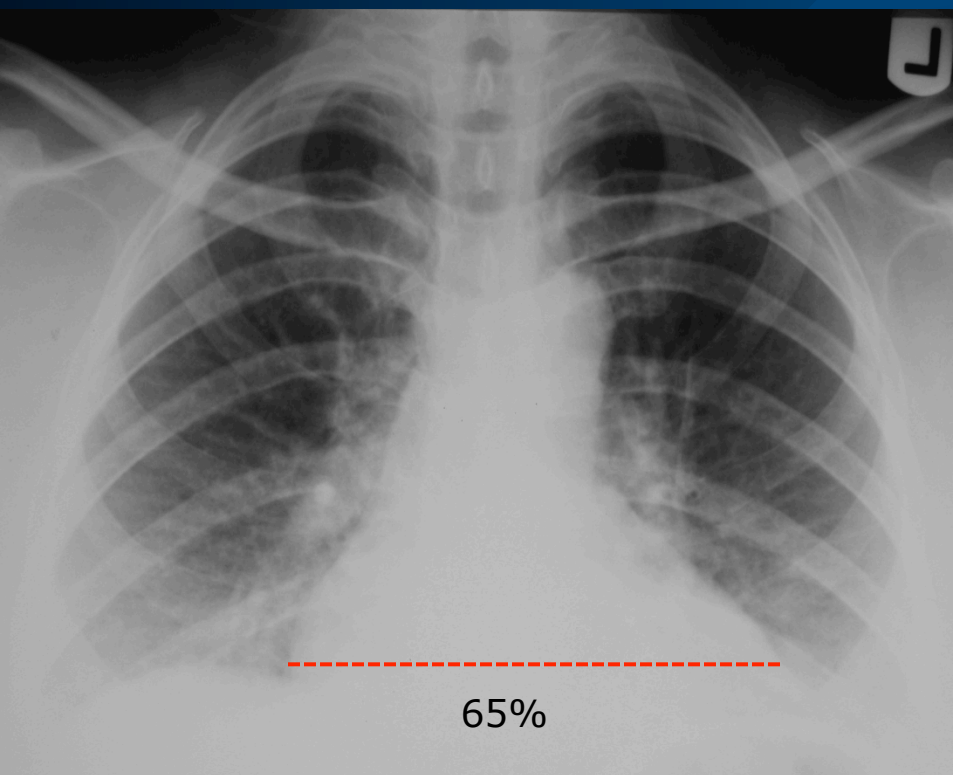
Assessed by seeing

- Medial ends of clavicles are at equal distance from mid line (spine)

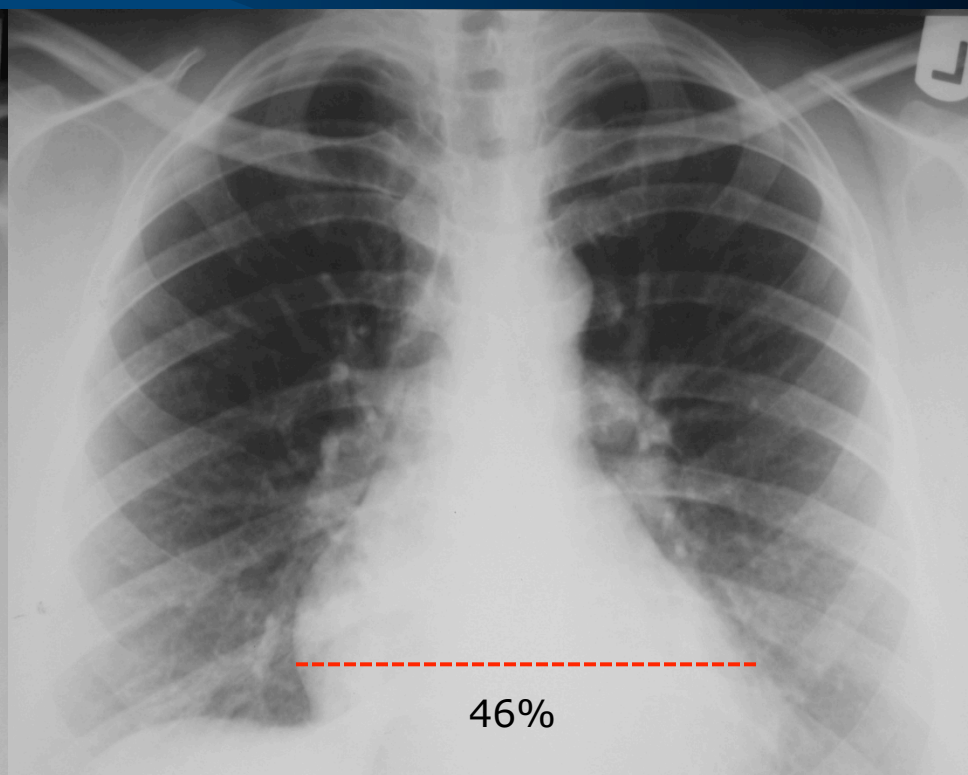


TECHNICAL FACTORS

WHAT IS ADEQUATE INSPIRATION?



Inadequate inspiration



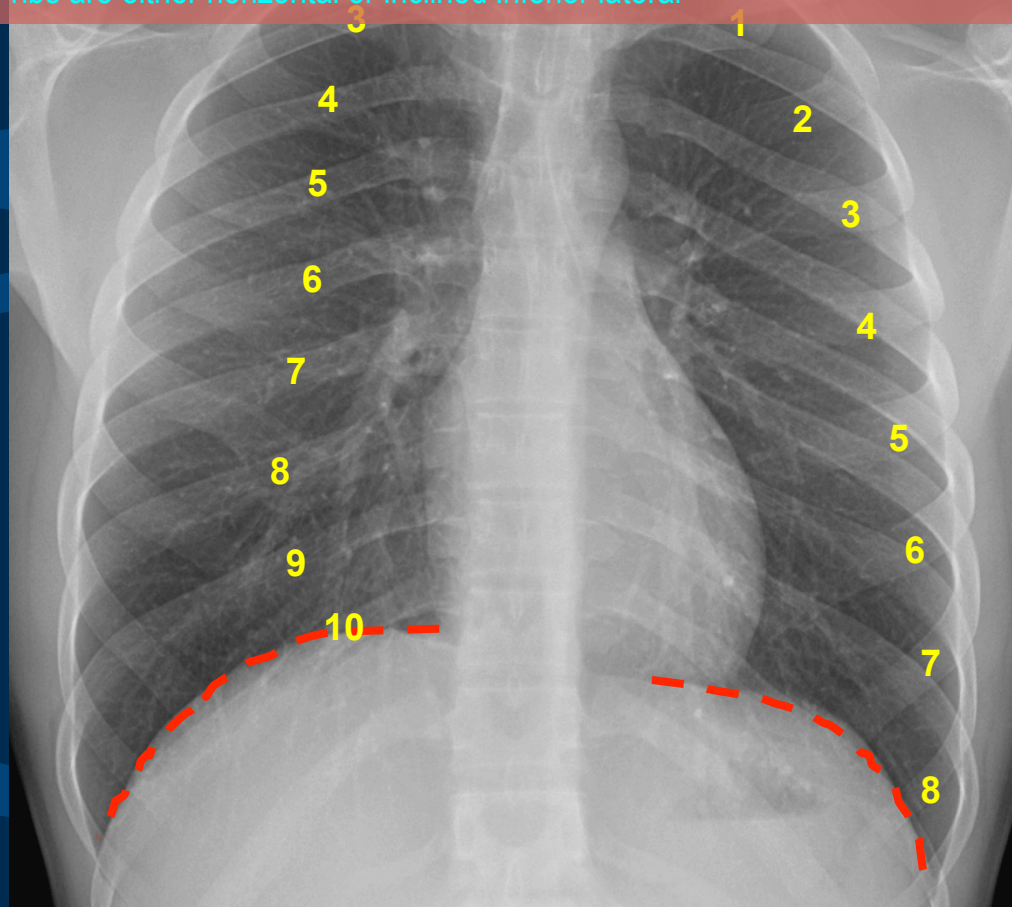
Adequate inspiration

TECHNICAL FACTORS

WHAT IS ADEQUATE INSPIRATION?

Assessed by seeing

- 6 anterior ribs above dome of diaphragm or 9 posterior ones.
- Anterior ribs are inclined inferior medial
- Posterior ribs are either horizontal or inclined inferior lateral



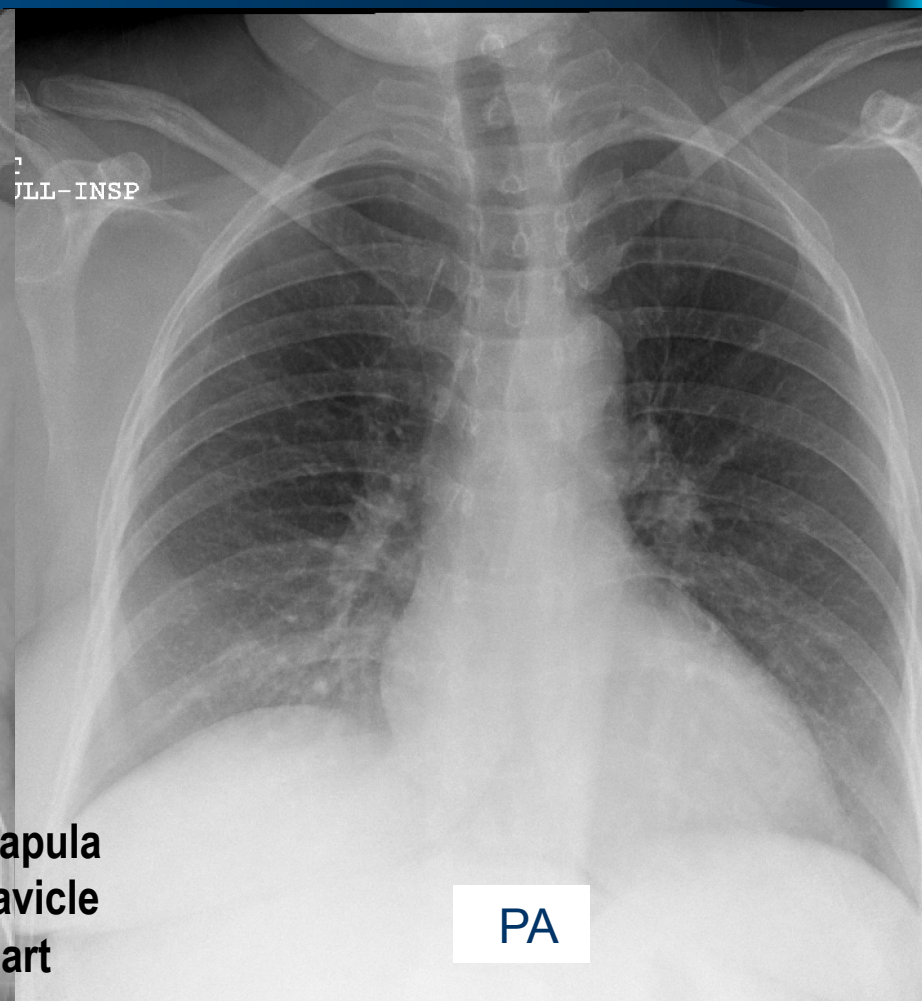
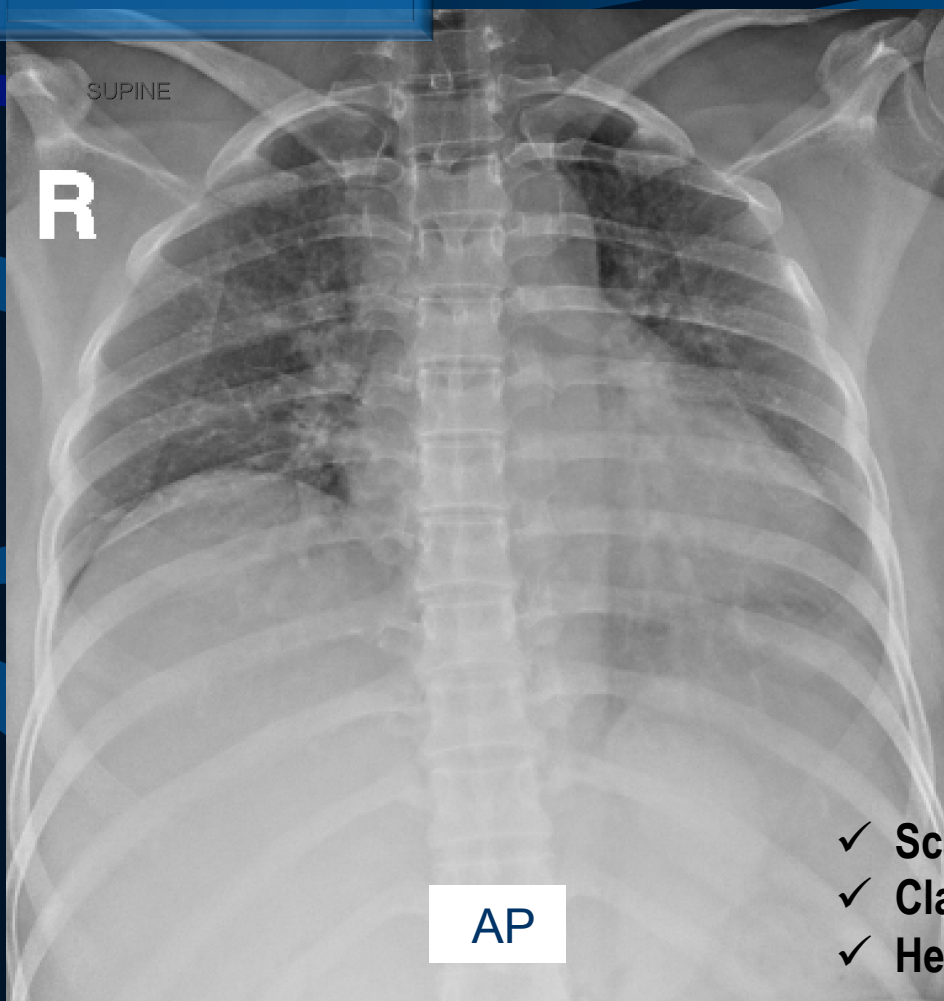
TECHNICAL FACTORS

WHAT IS DUAL ENERGY TECHNIQUE?



TECHNICAL FACTORS

AP VS PA TECHNIQUE?



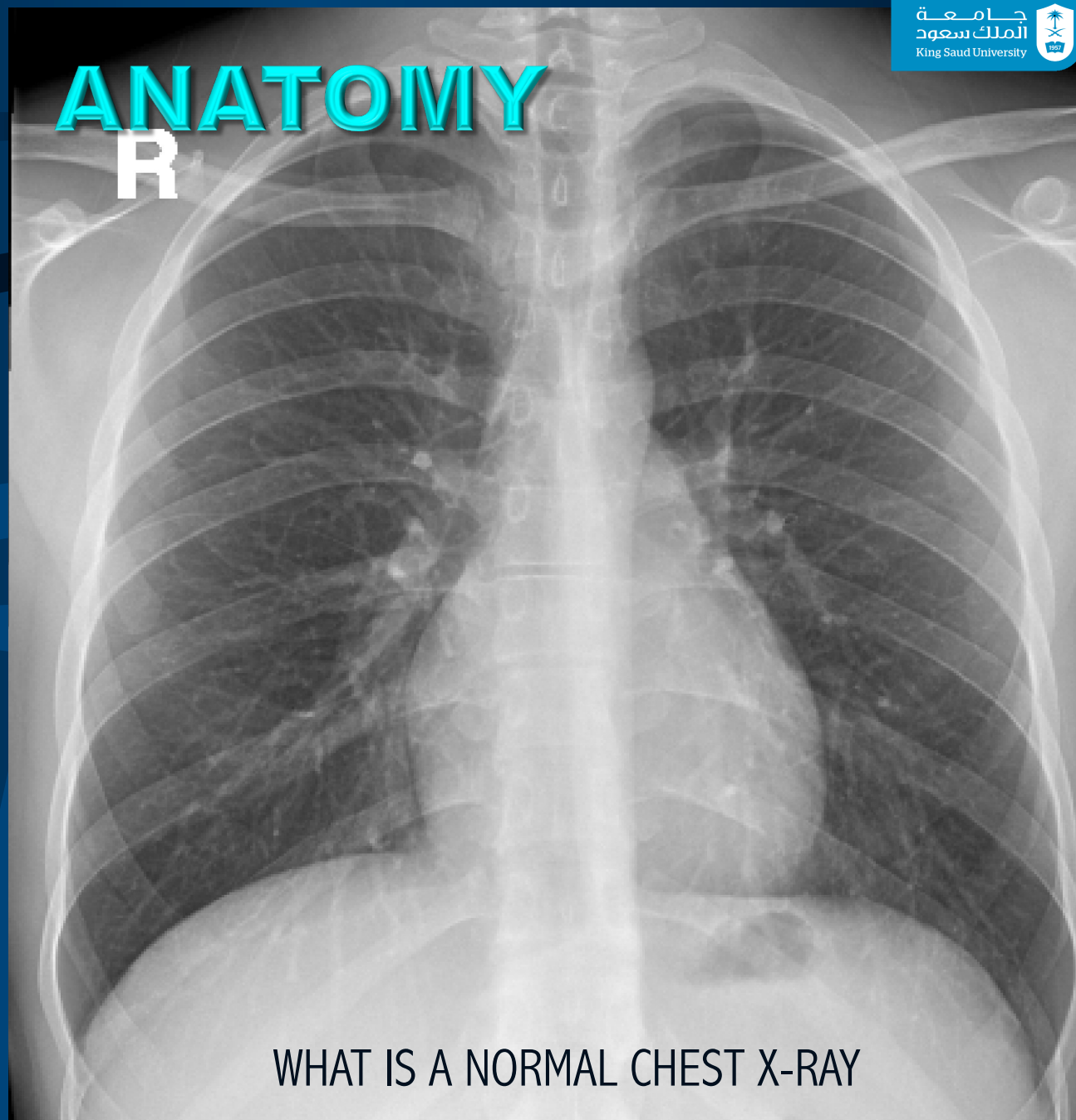
- ✓ Scapula
- ✓ Clavicle
- ✓ Heart

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CHEST X-RAY

- LUNGS
- MEDIASTINUM
- BONY CAGE
- SOFT TISSUE COMPONENT

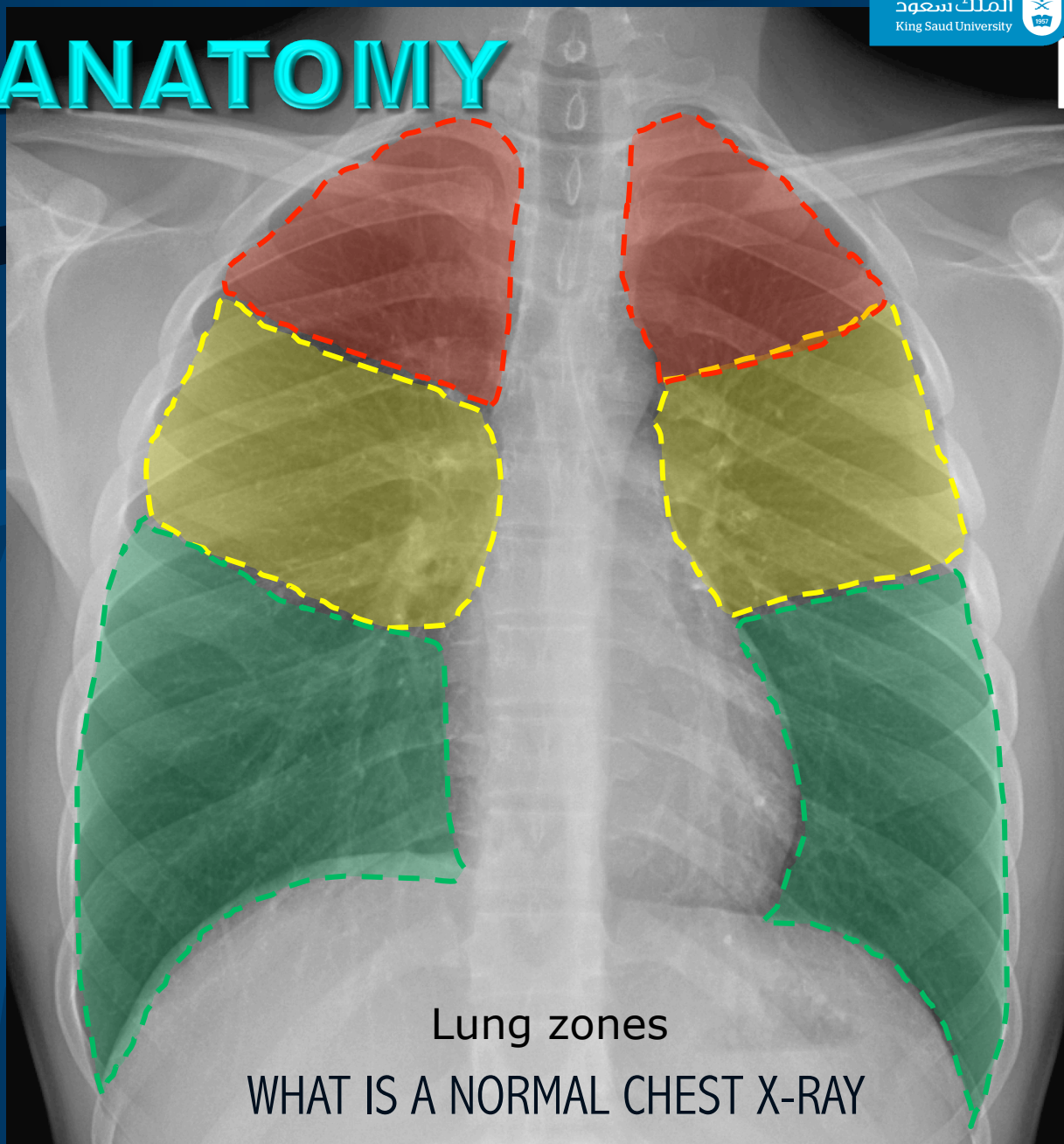


WHAT IS A NORMAL CHEST X-RAY

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- LUNGS

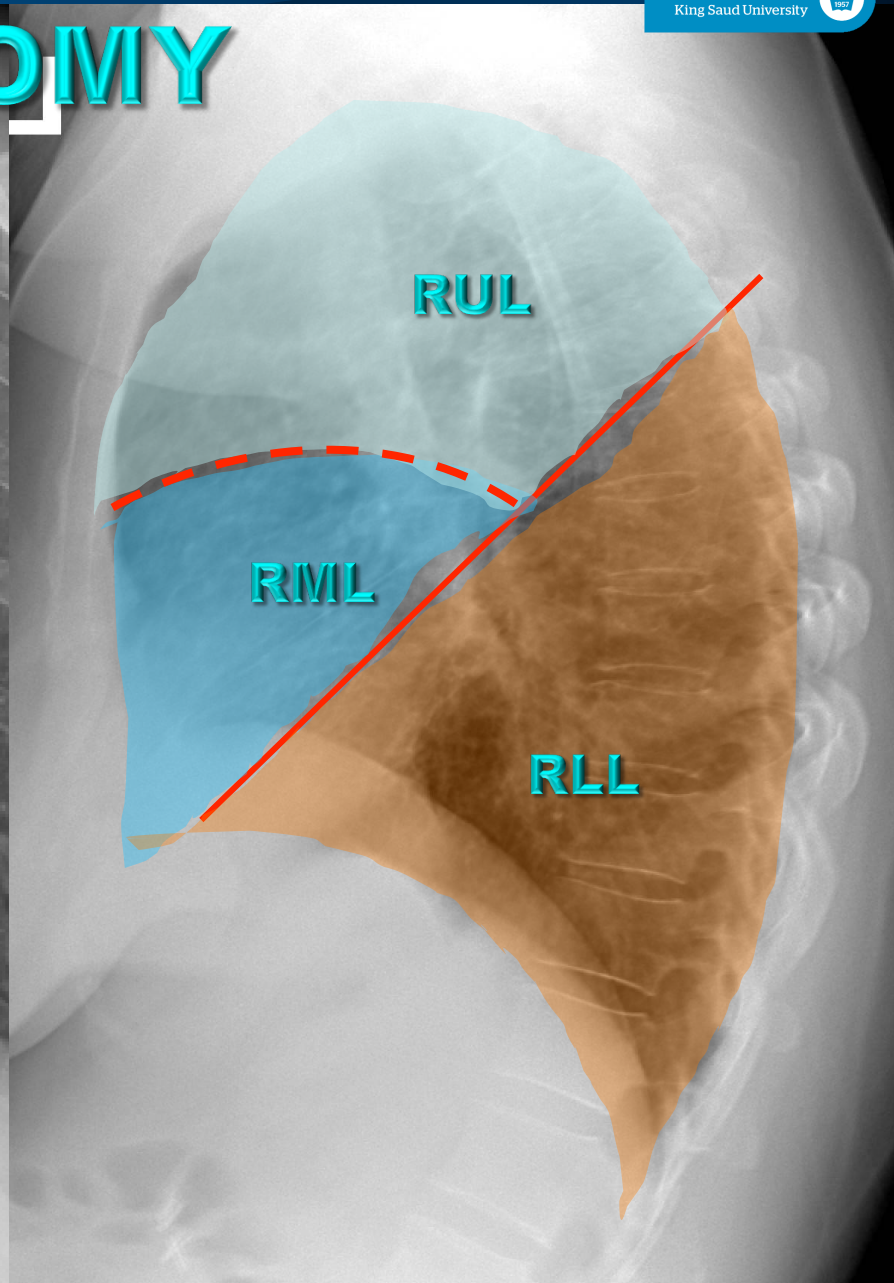
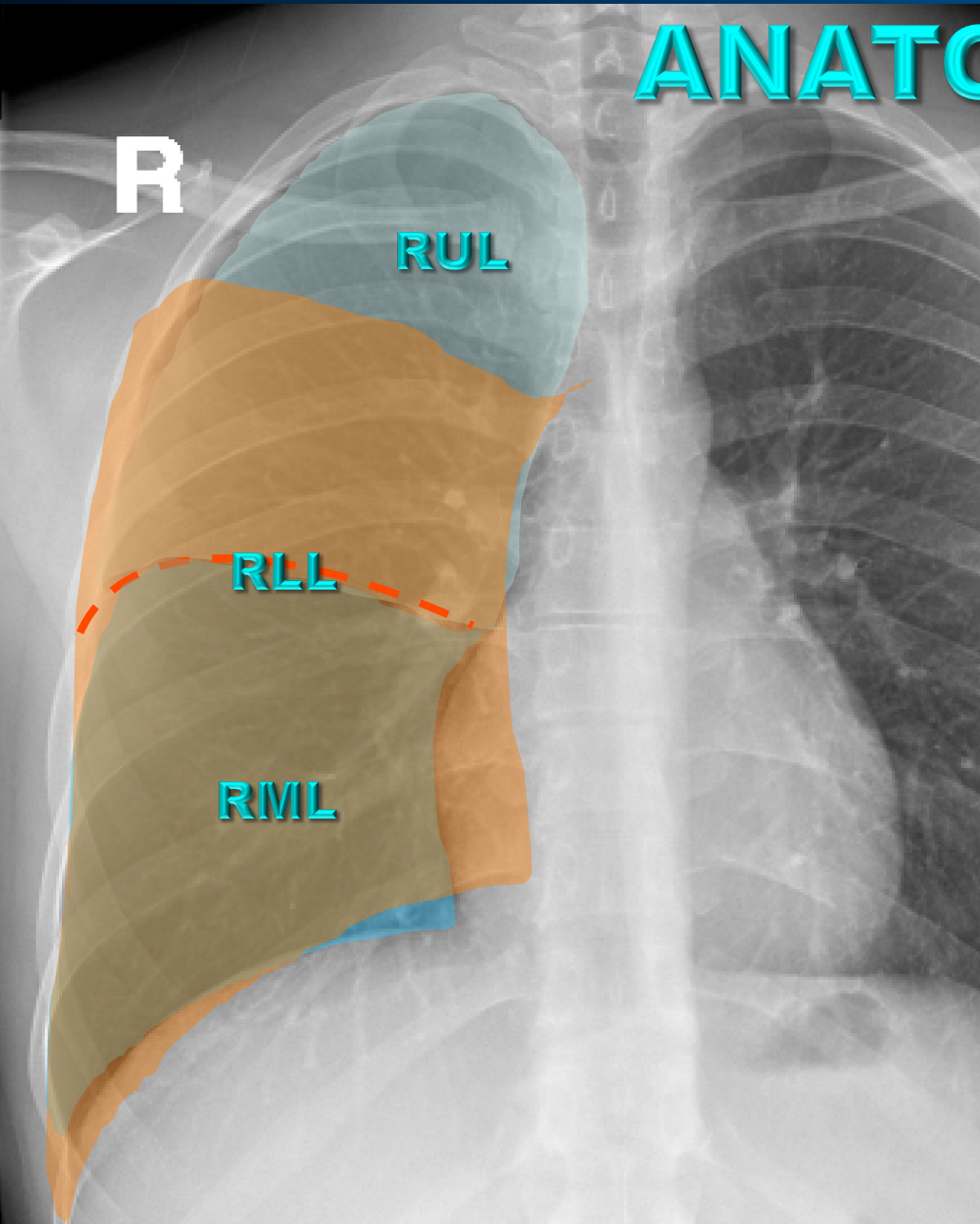
- Well-aerated
- Symmetrical translucency
- Clear apices & costophrenic angles
- Normal vascular distribution



Lung zones

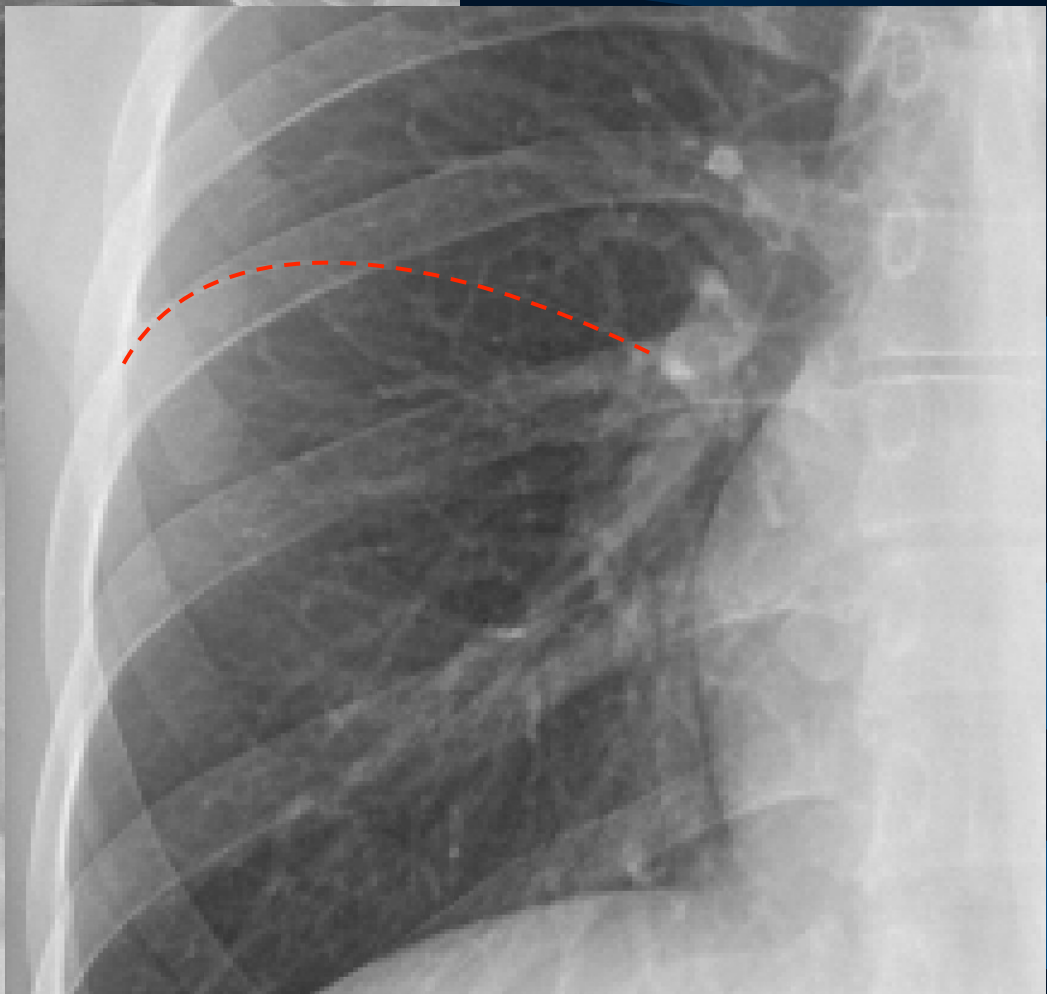
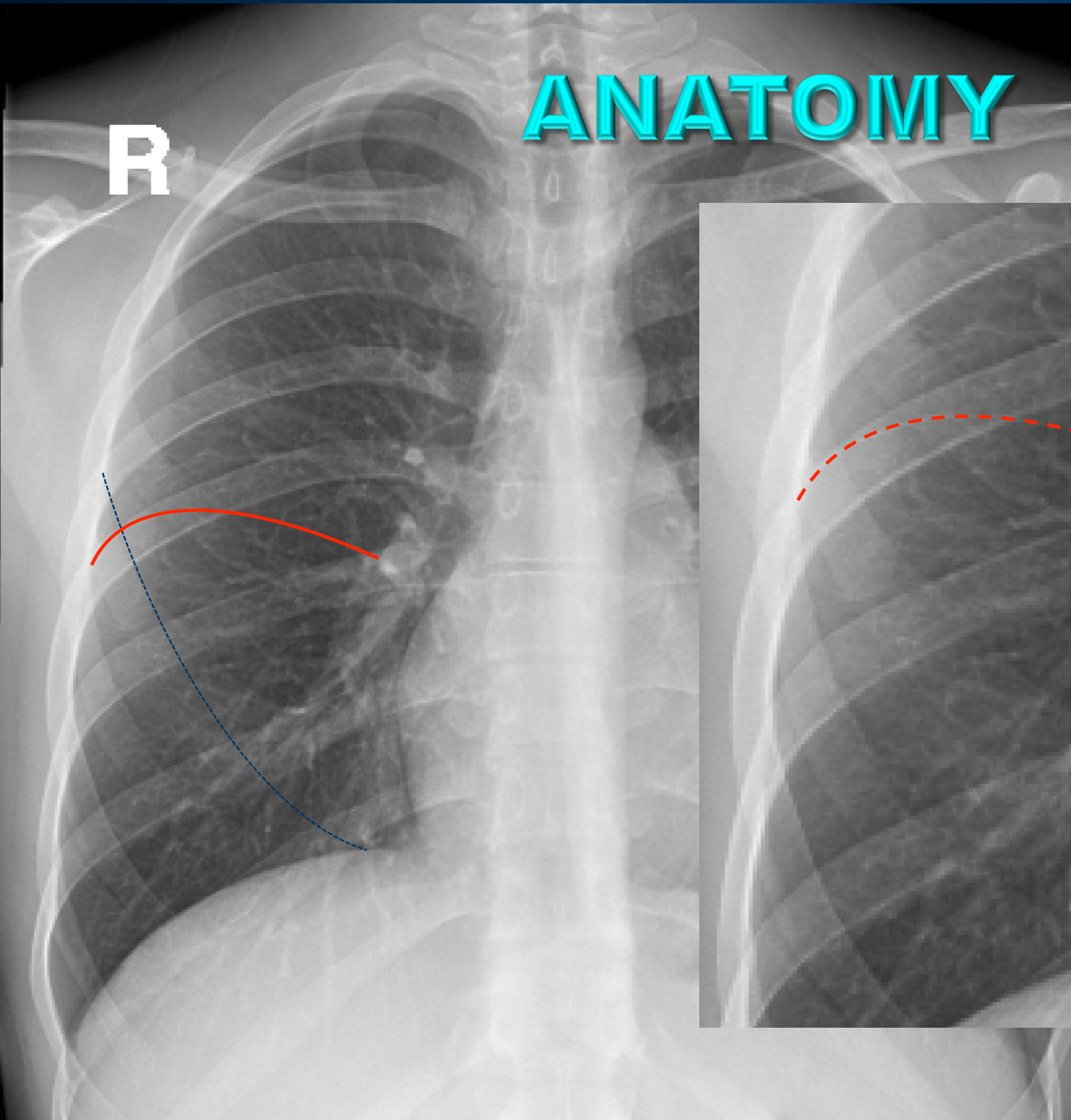
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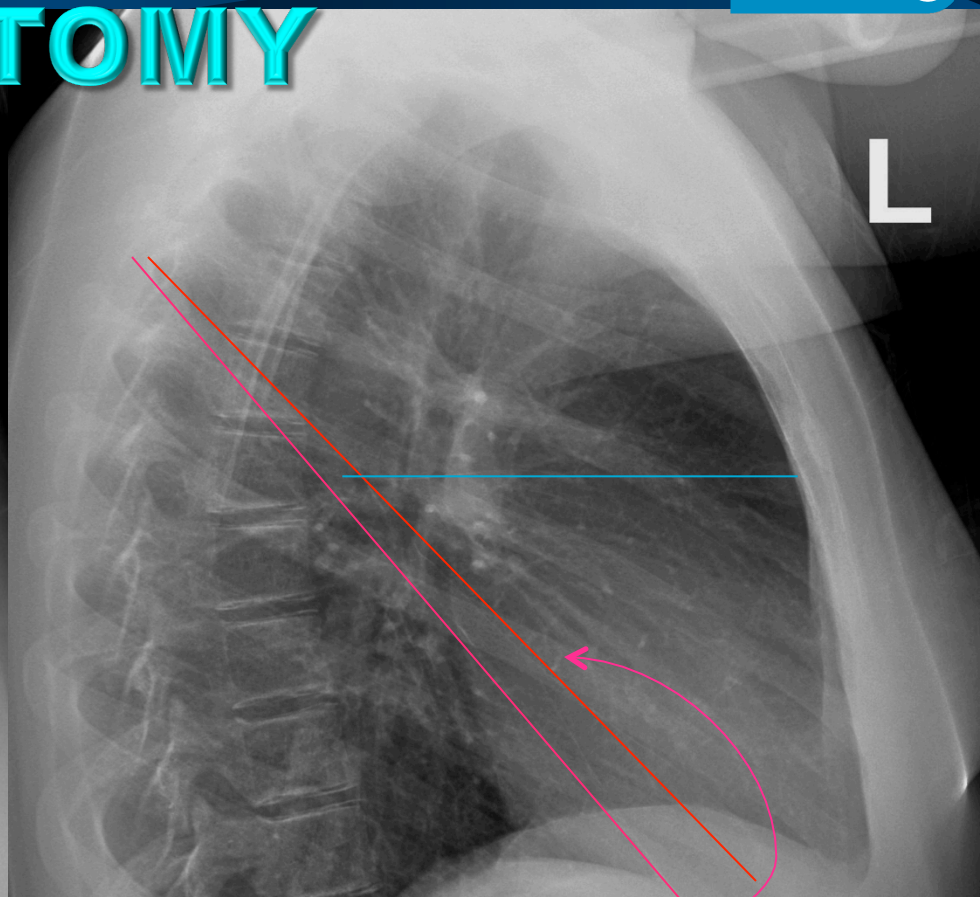
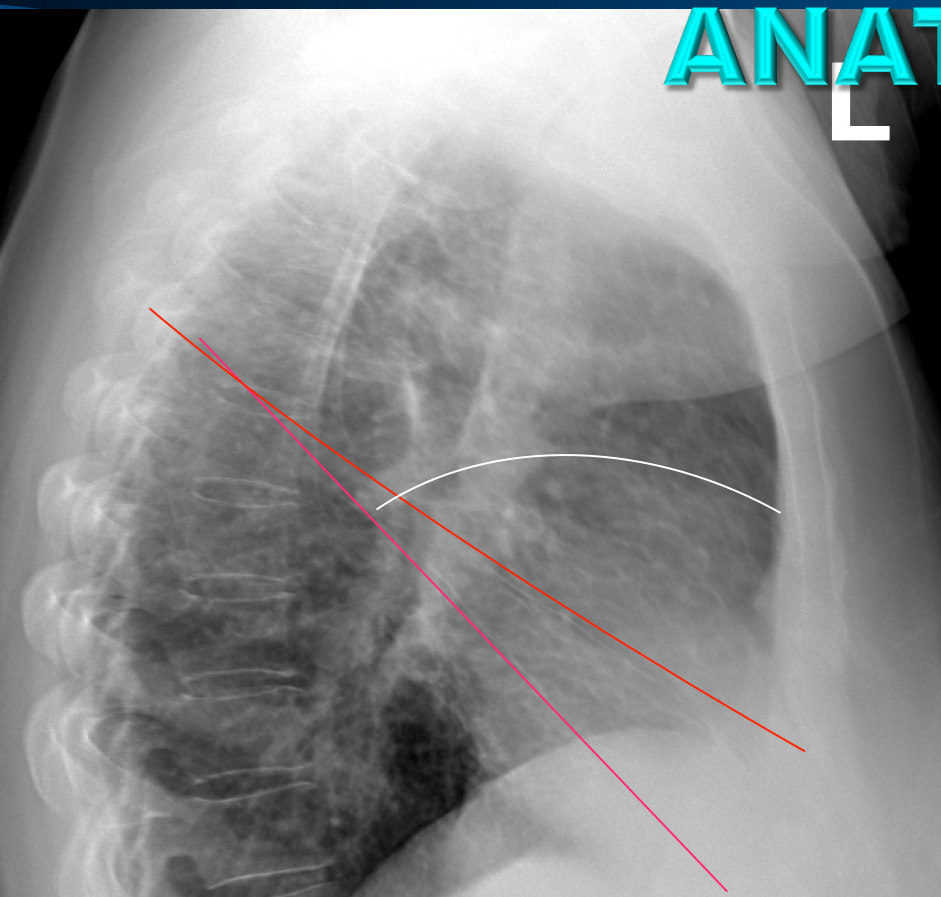


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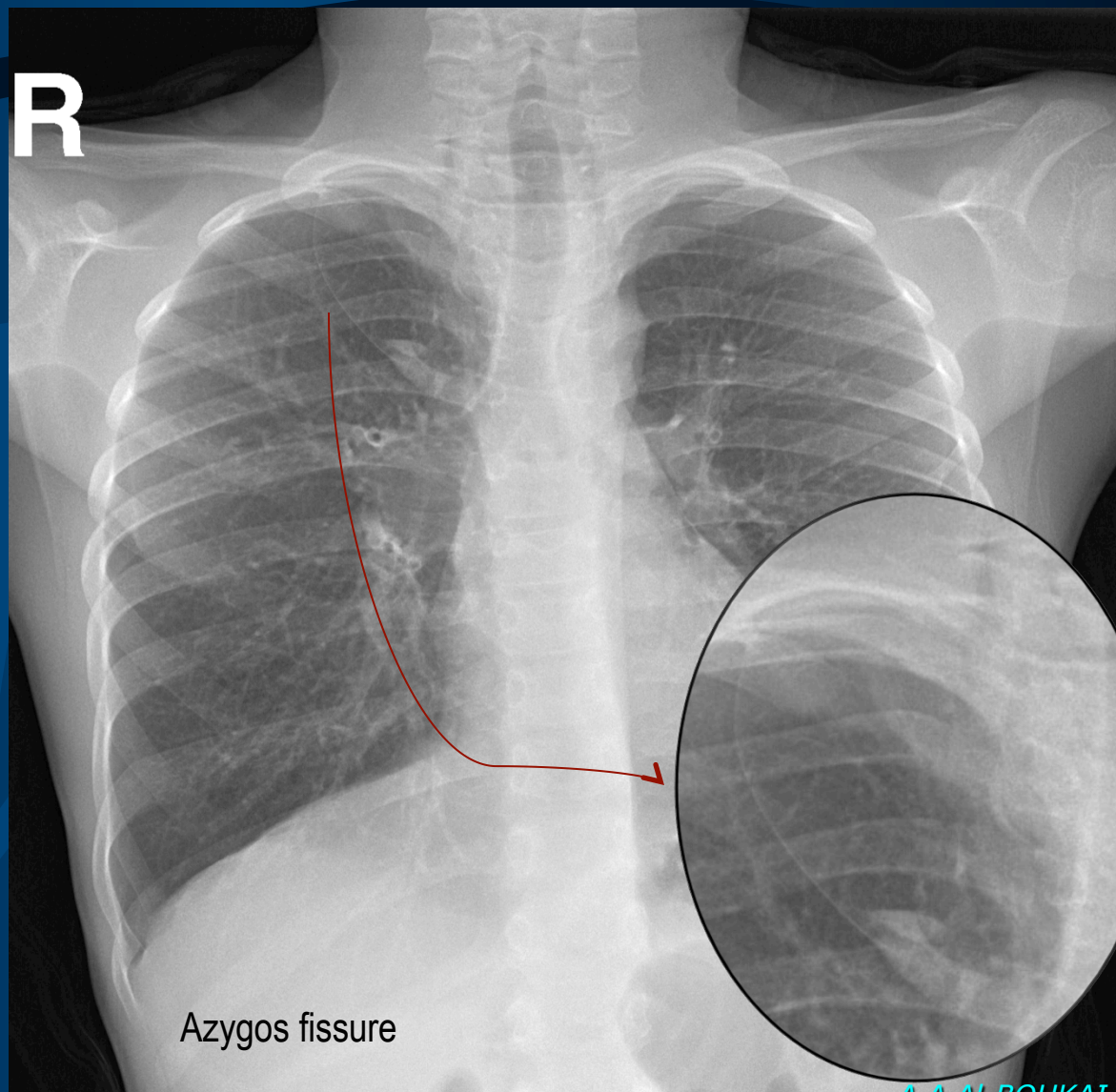
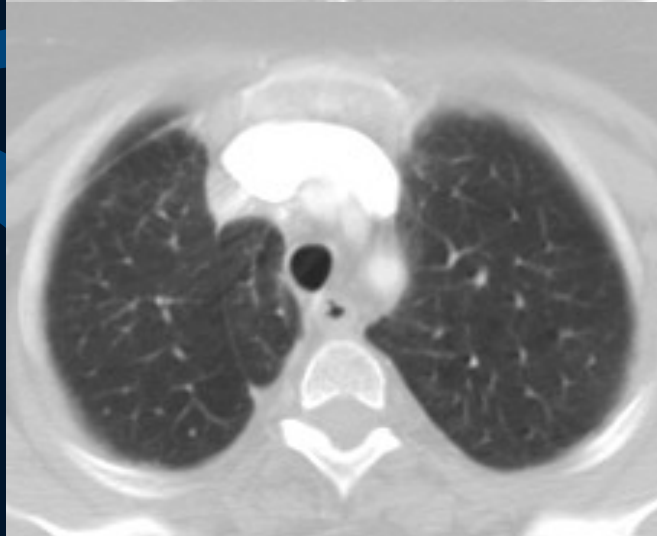
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Fissures:

- Oblique (major): is seen best in lateral view (occasionally seen in PA view –not always)
right is more anterior than left
 - Horizontal (minor): is seen in both PA and lateral view
- Both are formed from 2 layers
Accessory fissure has 4 layers example is Azygos fissure

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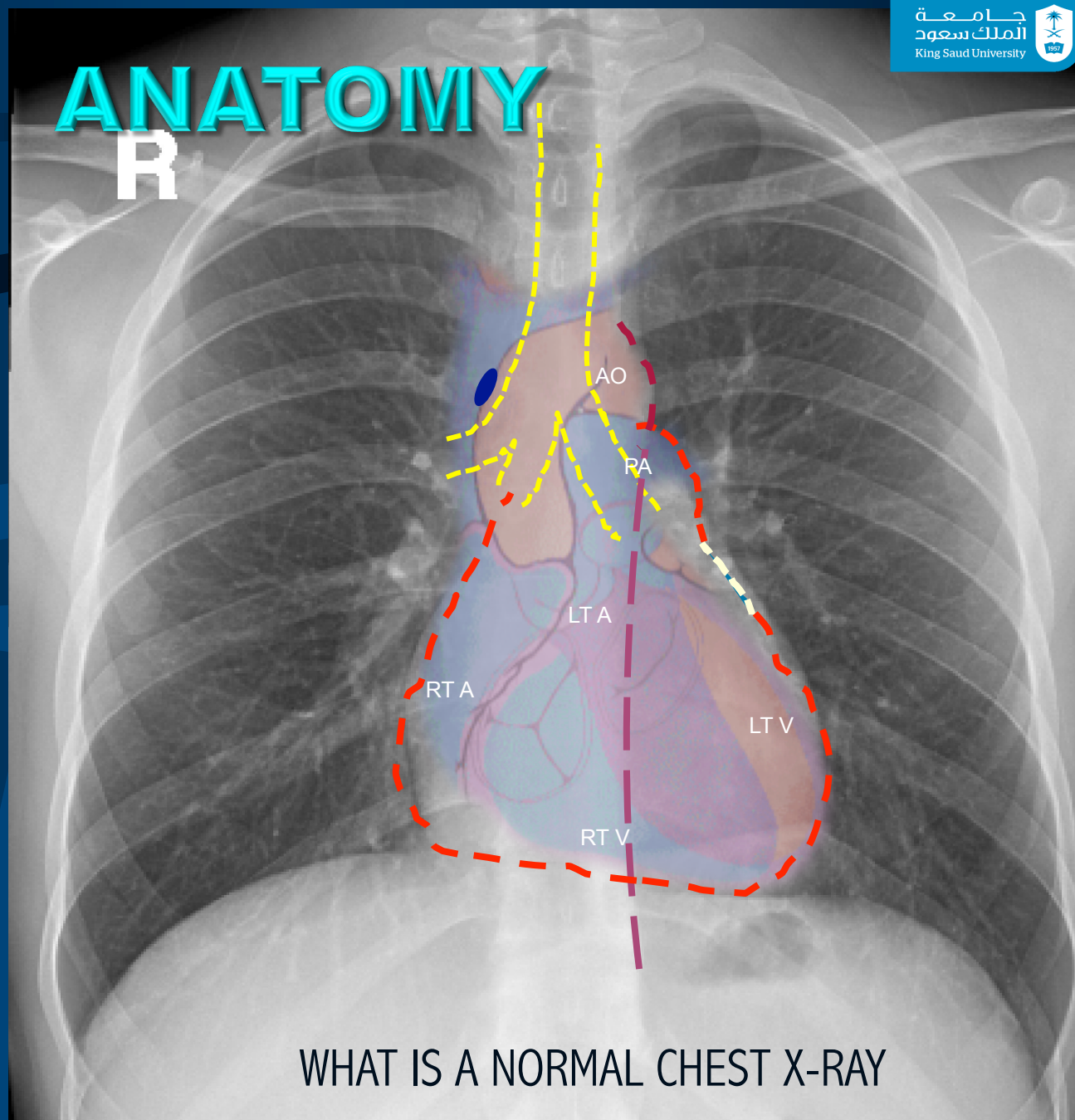
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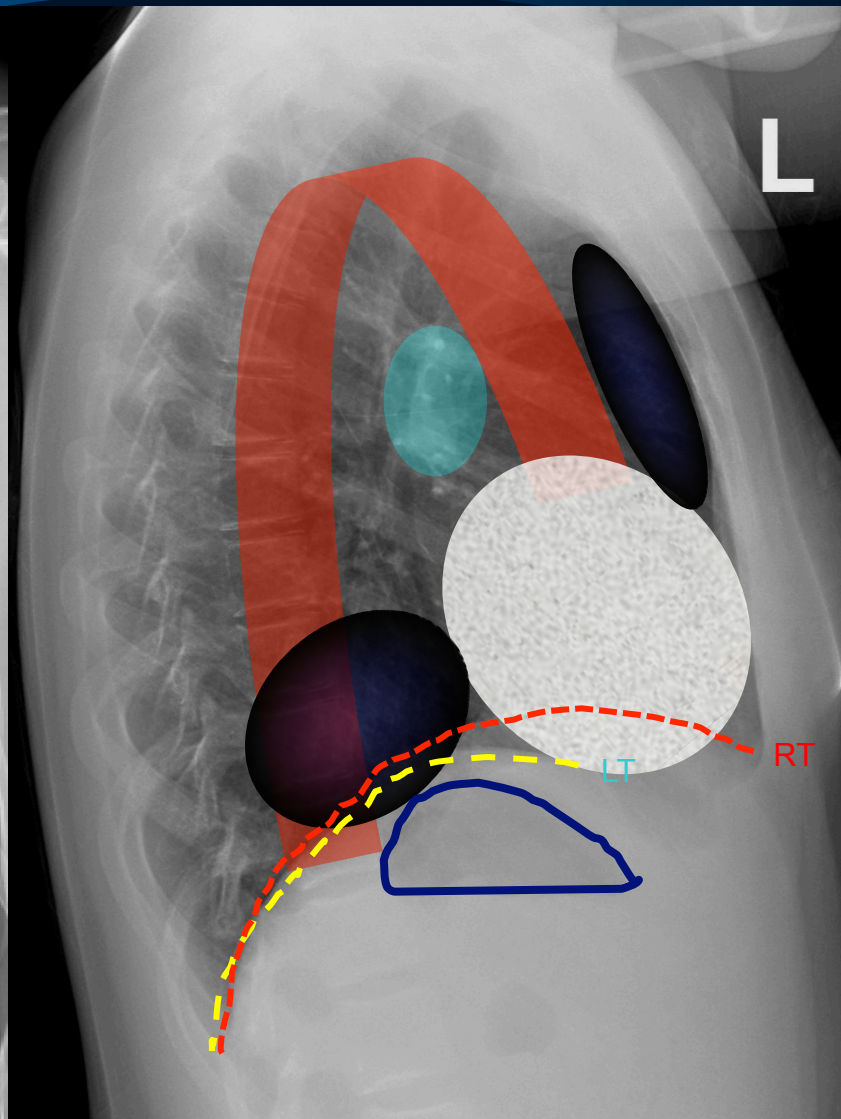
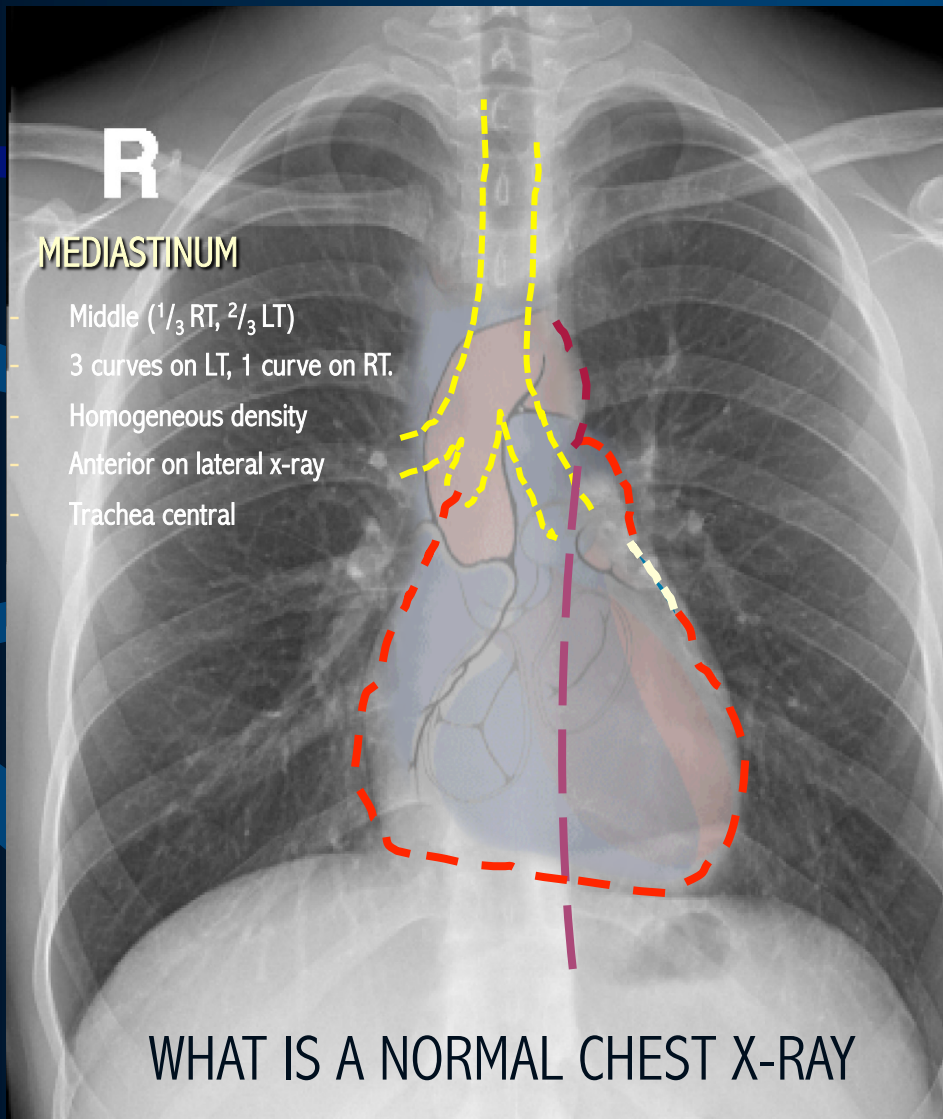
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- Middle ($\frac{1}{3}$ RT, $\frac{2}{3}$ LT)
- 3 curves on LT, 1 curve on RT.
- Homogeneous density
- Anterior on lateral x-ray
- Trachea central



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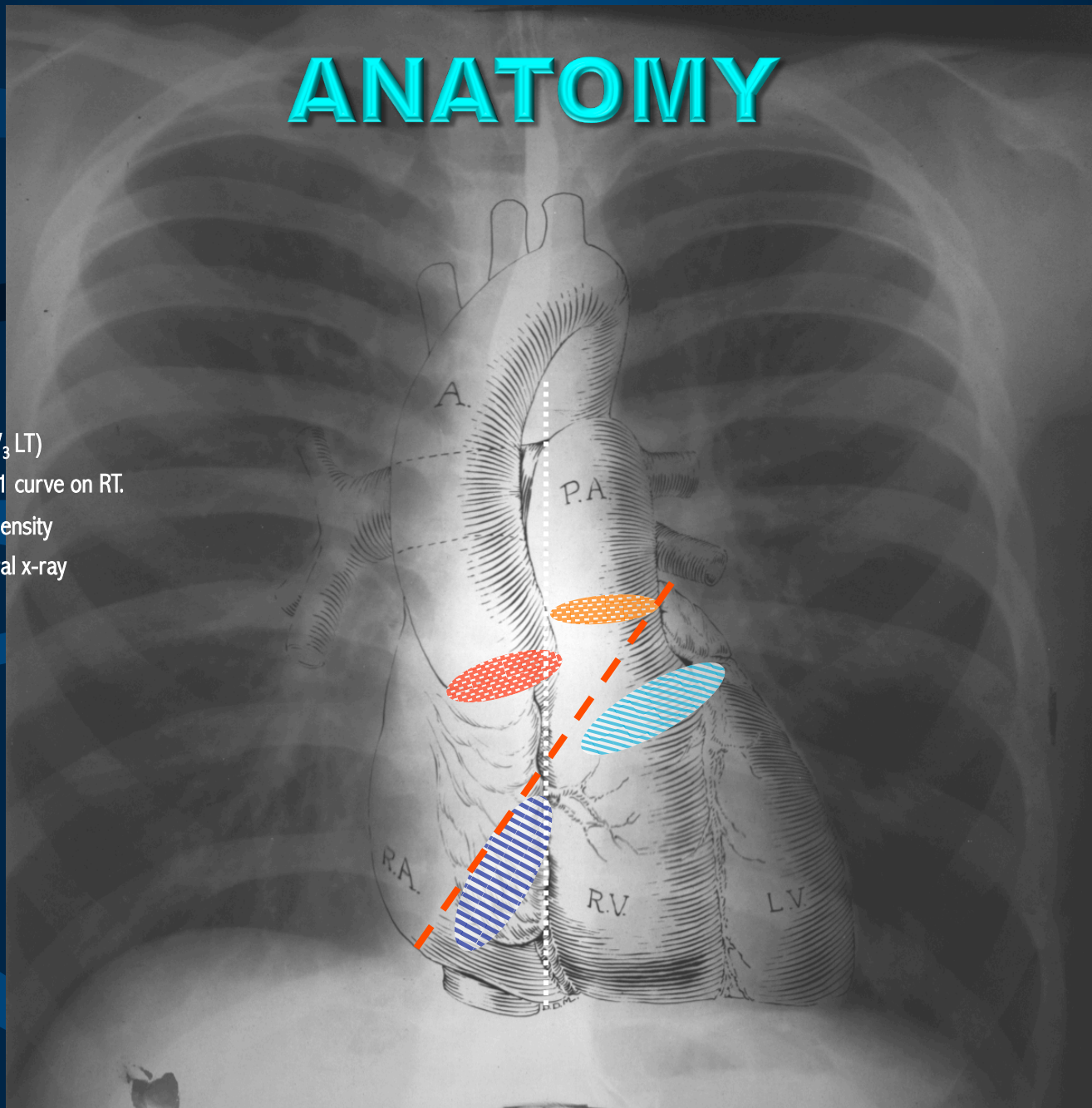
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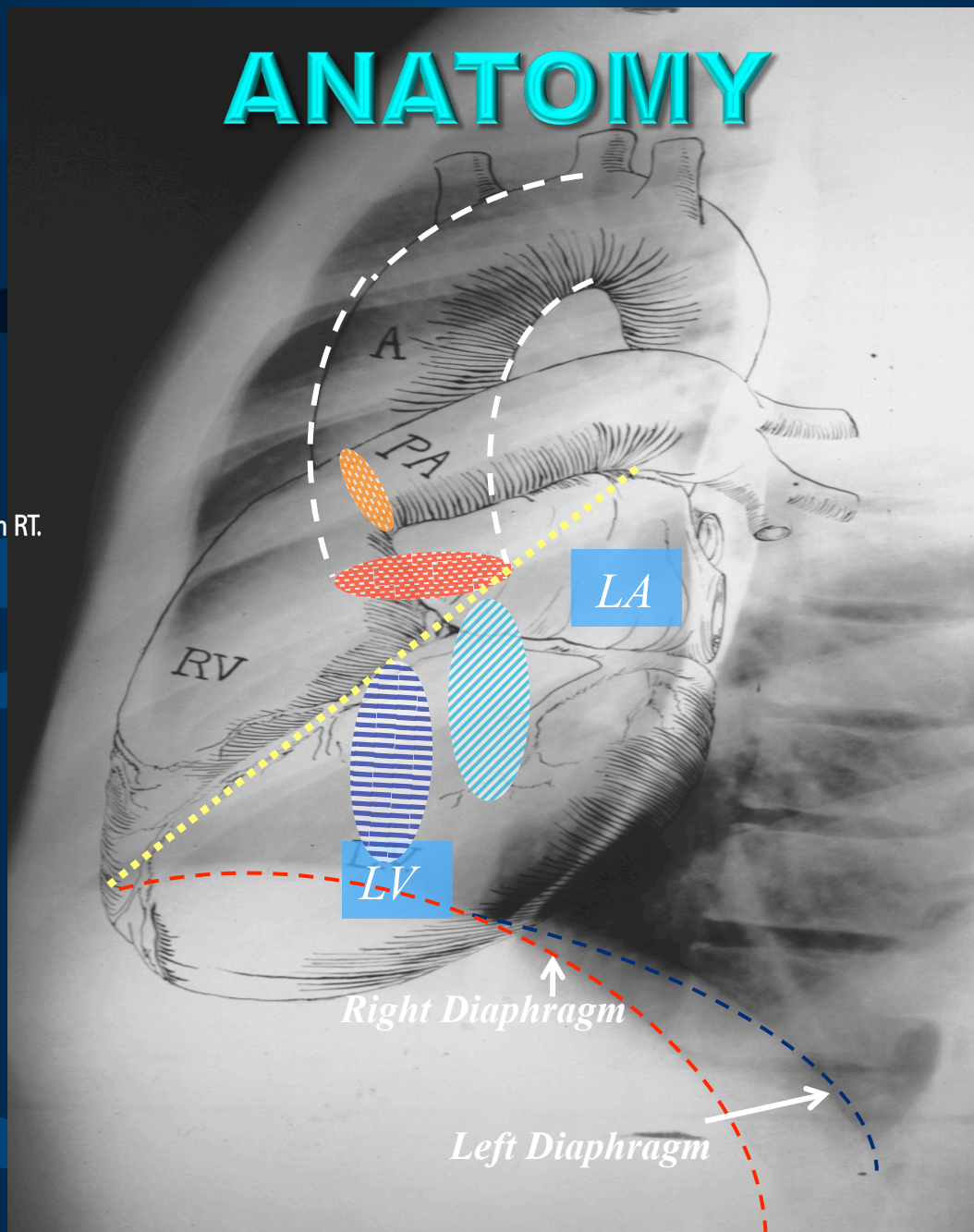
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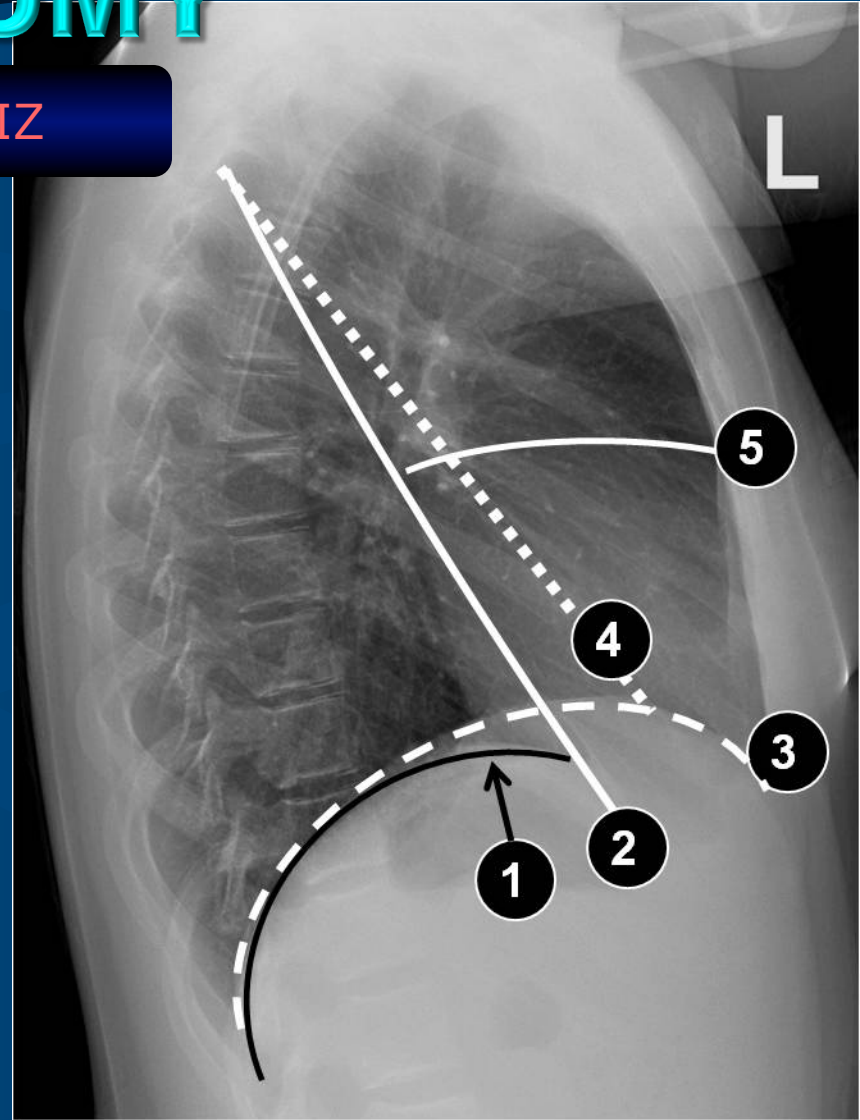
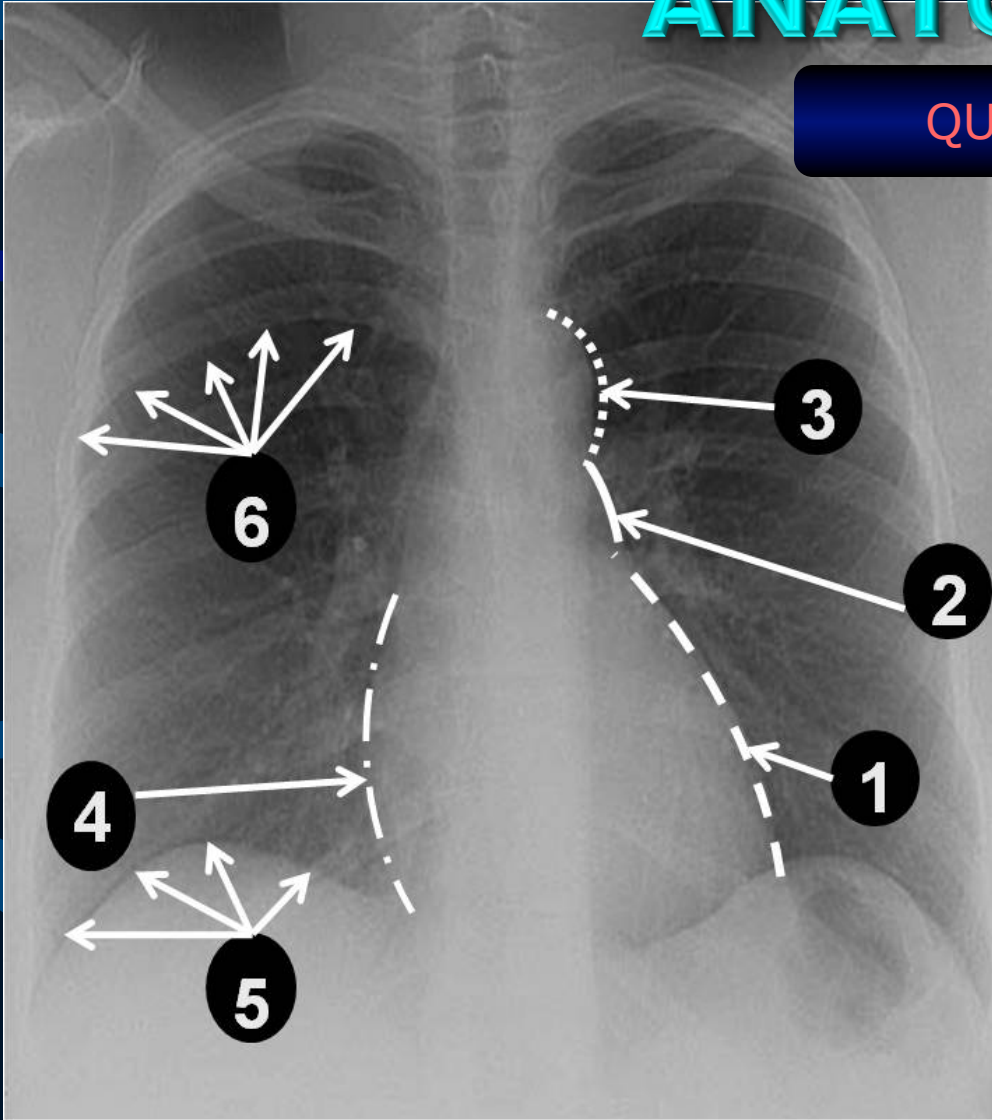
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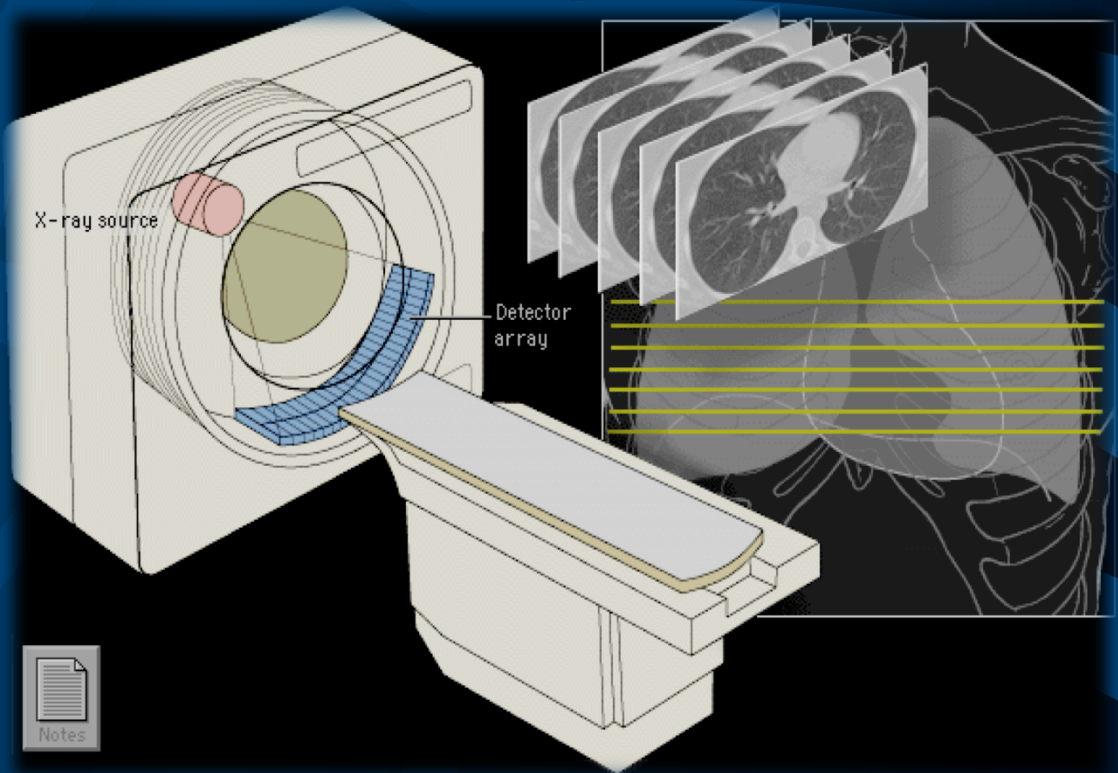
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MODALITIES UTILIZED

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✦ Computed Tomography (CT)



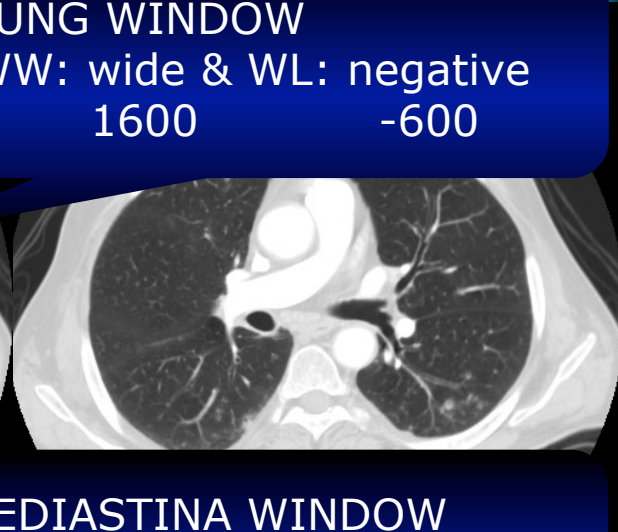
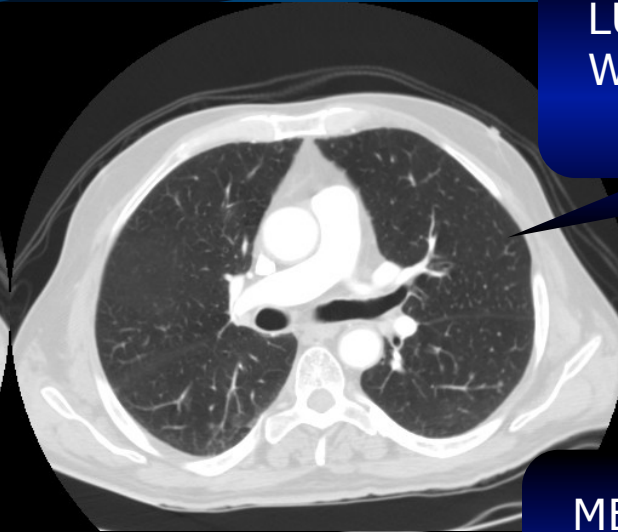
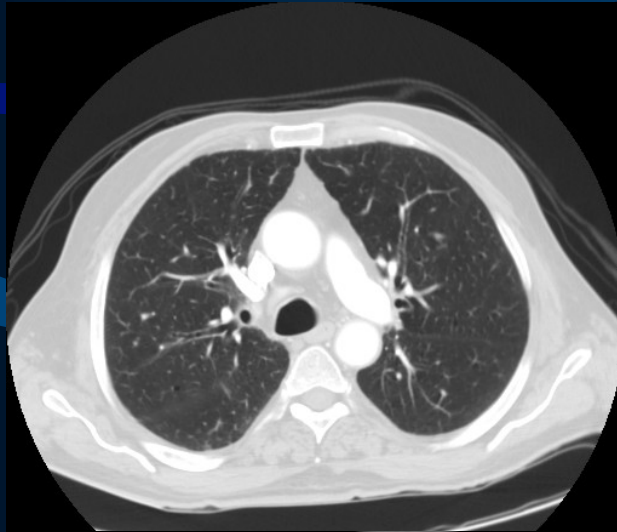
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CT Scan:

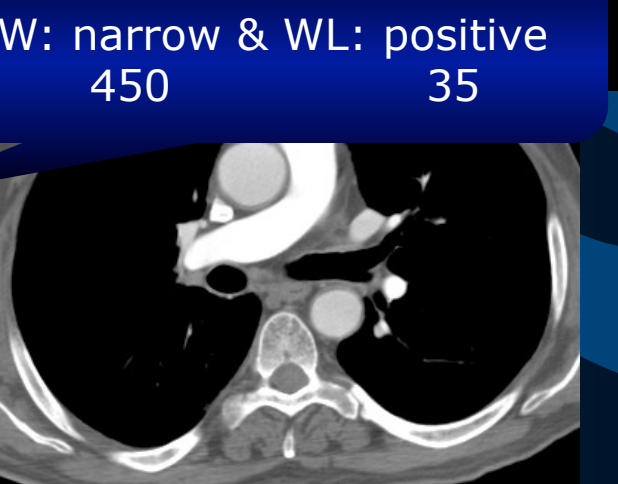
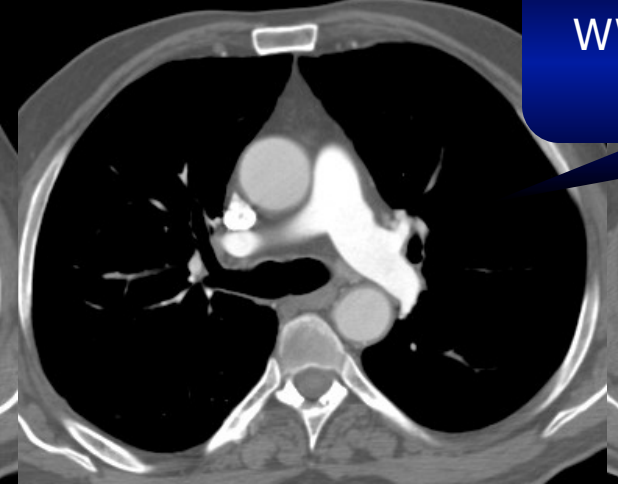
- Relies on x-rays transmitted through the body. It differs from conventional radiography in that a more sensitive x-ray detection system is used, the images consist of sections (slices) through the body, and the data are manipulated by a computer.
- Has very small differences in x-ray absorption values compared with conventional radiography; the range of densities recorded is increased approximately 10-fold.
- So gradations of density within soft tissues can be recognized, e.g. brain substance from cerebrospinal fluid, or tumor from surrounding normal tissues.
- There is major risk behind CT scan, 1barin CT scan radiation = 200 x-ray radiation , pelvic CT radiation = 400 x-ray radiation which means don't request a CT scan unless it is needed and We can't use it for a pregnant women unless it is necessary
- Lung window* is wide window to visualize lung parenchymal structures including bronchi, vessels and alveoli
- Mediastinal window* is narrow window to visualize mediastinal structures including major vessels, heart....

MODALITIES UTILIZED

✦ Computed Tomography (CT)



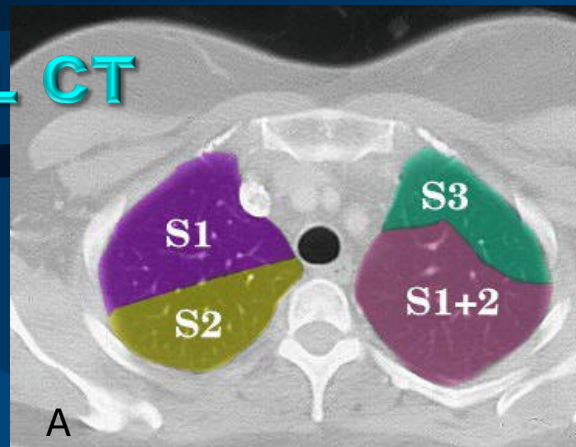
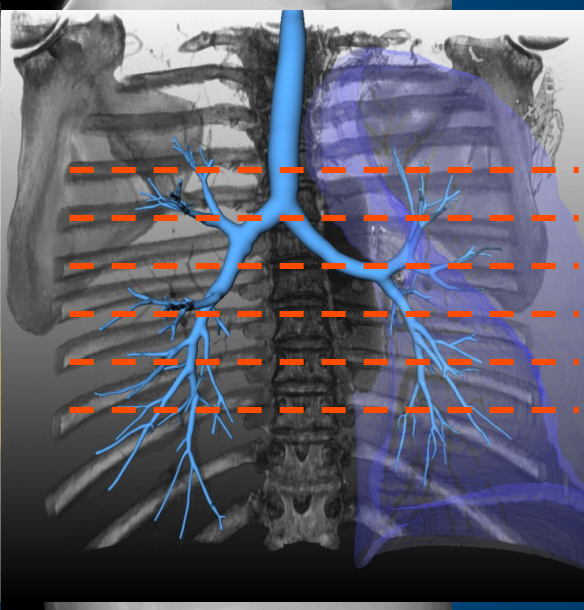
LUNG WINDOW
WW: wide & WL: negative
1600 -600



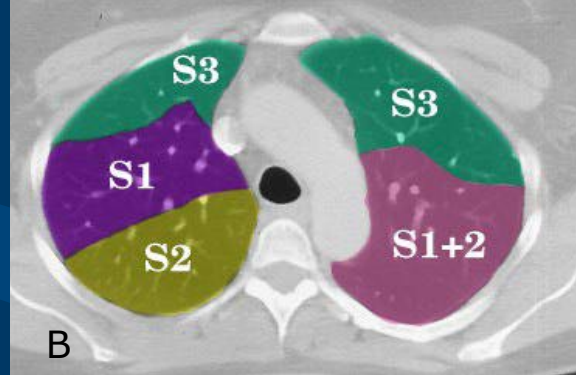
MEDIASTINA WINDOW
WW: narrow & WL: positive
450 35

MODALITIES UTILIZED

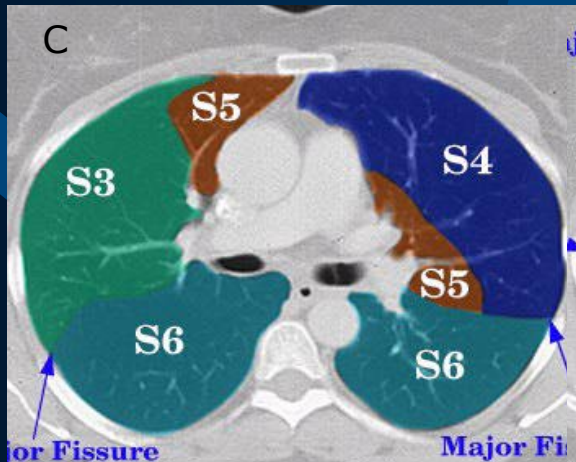
CROSS SECTIONAL CT



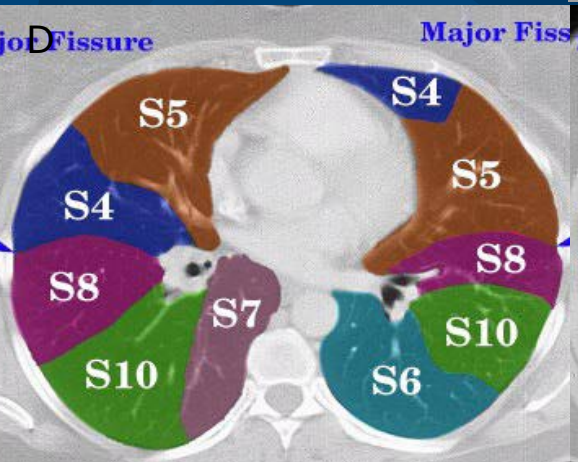
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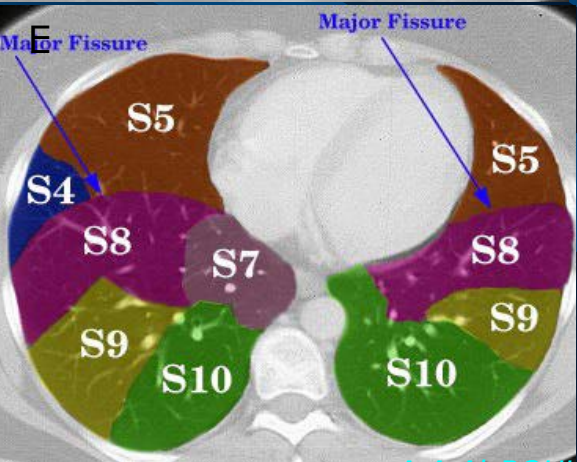
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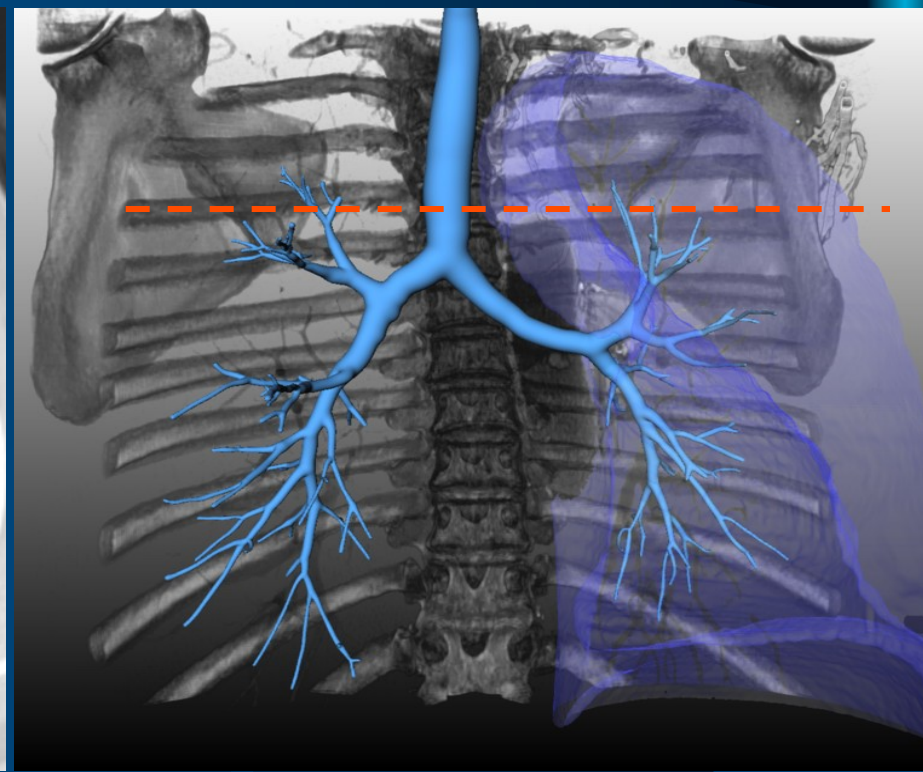
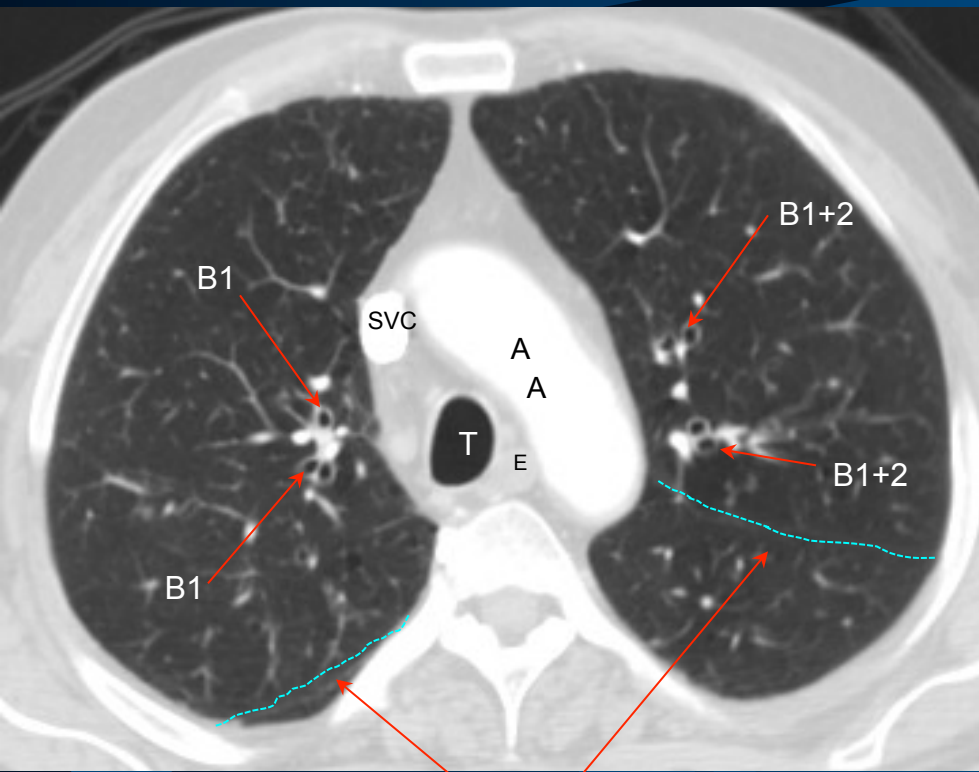


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NORMAL ANATOMY CHEST

CROSS SECTIONAL CT

- B1= APICAL UPPER LOBE B
- B2=POSTERIOR UPPER LOBE B
- B1+2= APICPOSTERIOR UPPER LOBE B

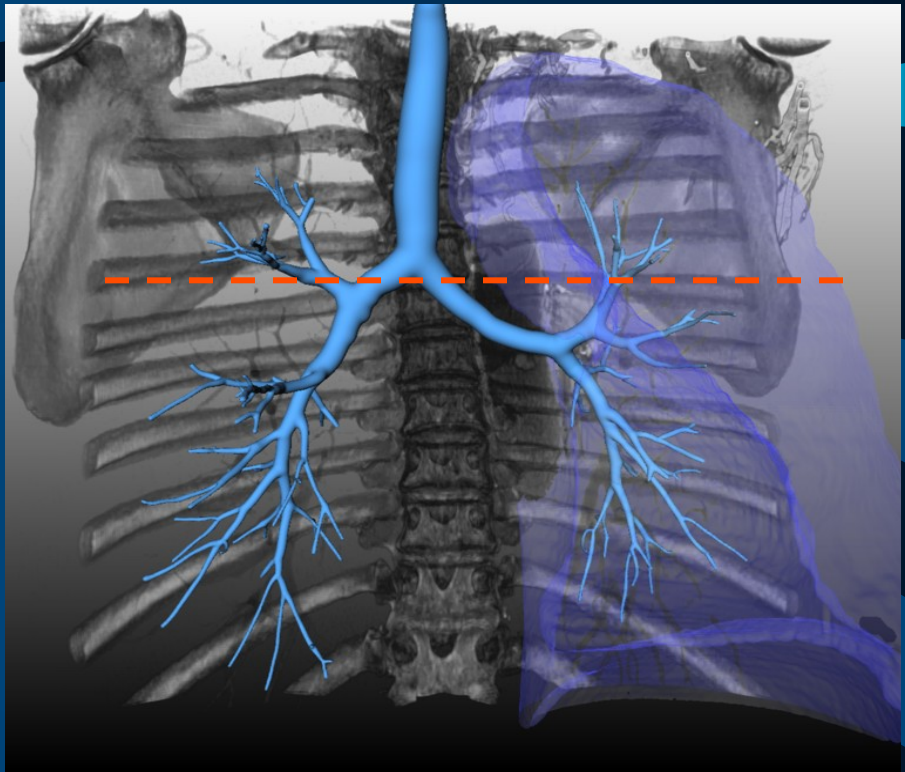
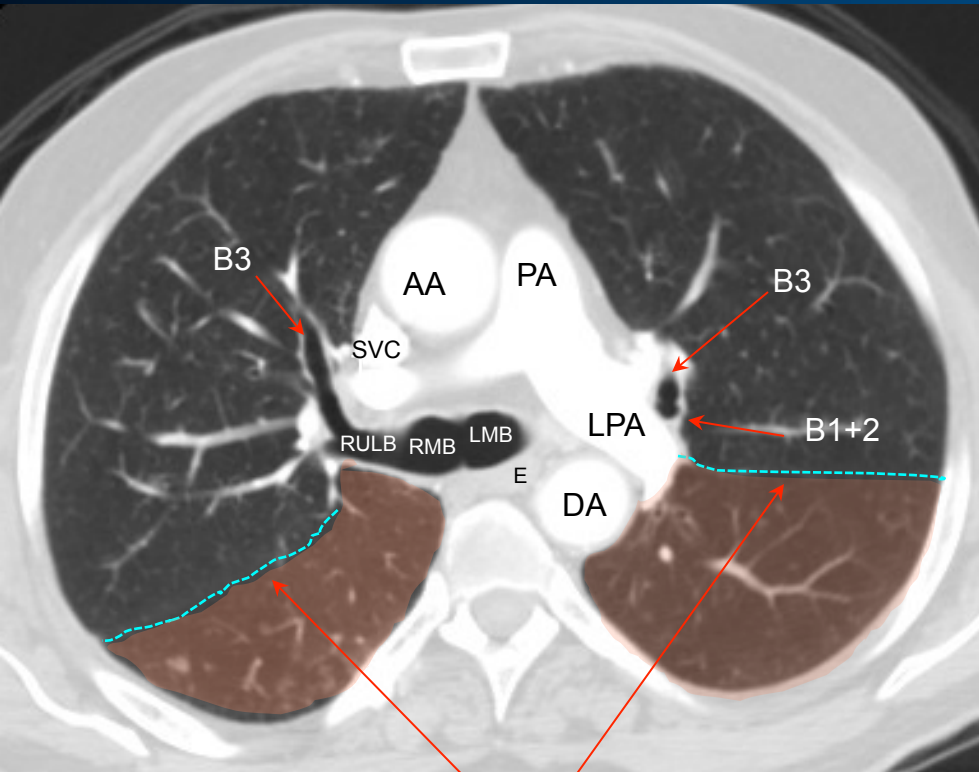


MAJOR FISSURE Appears as
White hairline
Lucent band
White band

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B1+2= APICPOSTERIOR UPPER LOBE B
B3 = ANTERIOR UPPER LOBE B

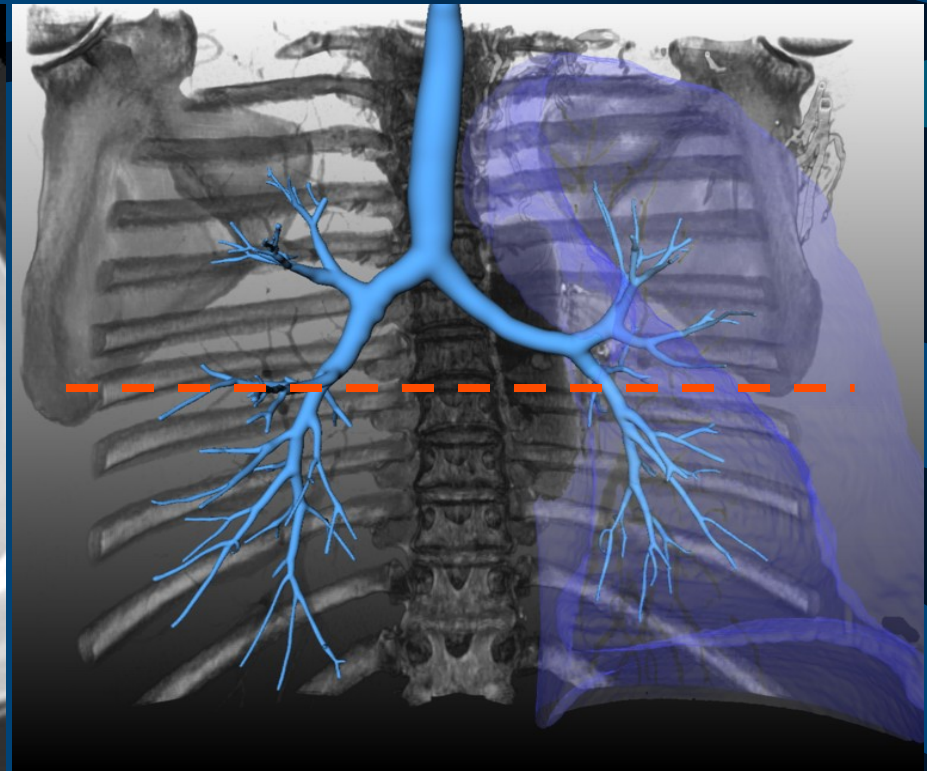
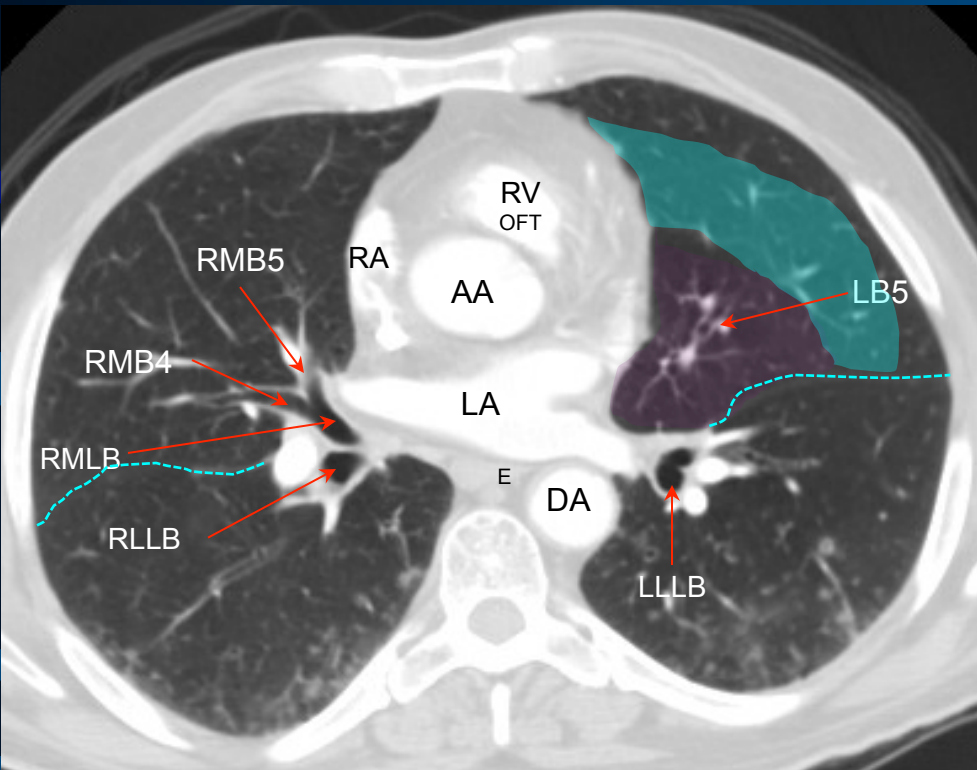
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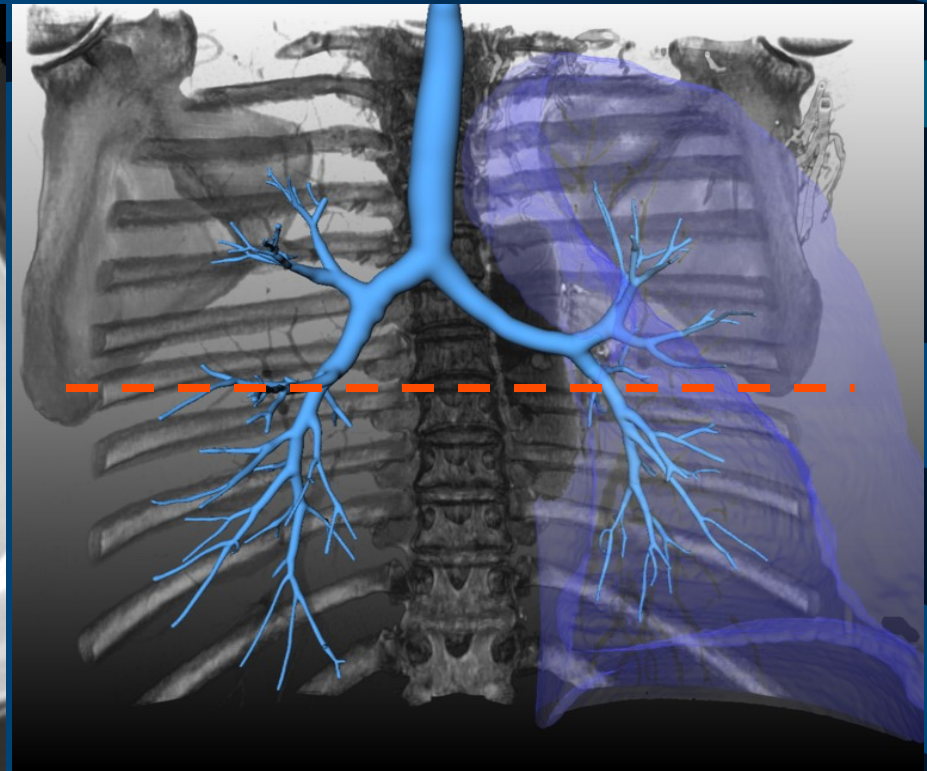
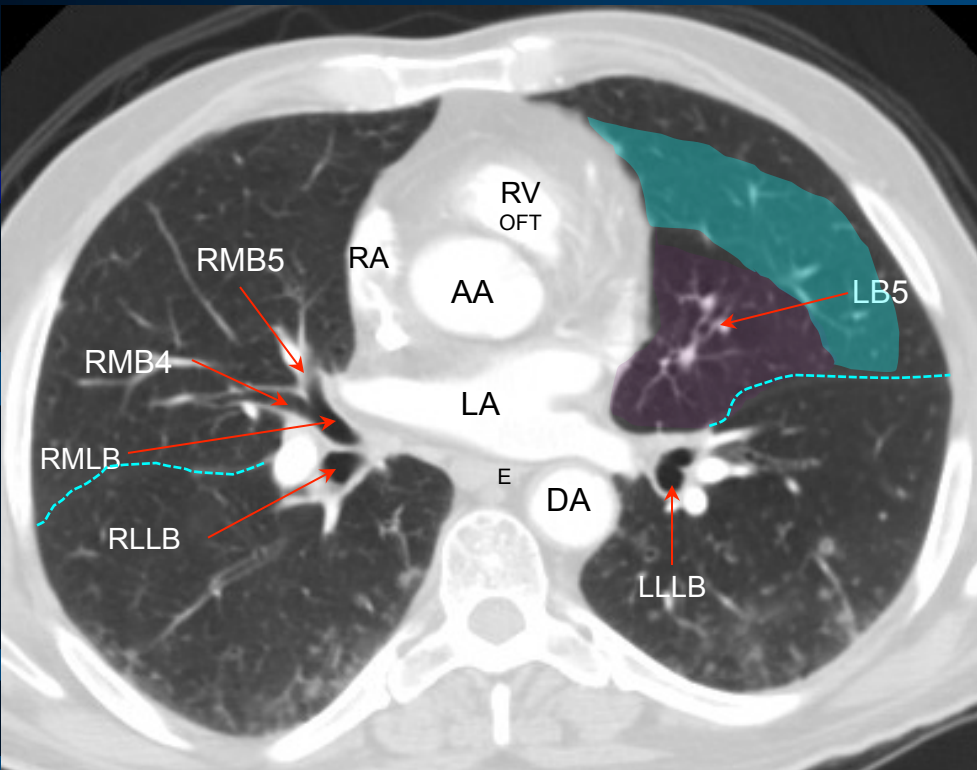
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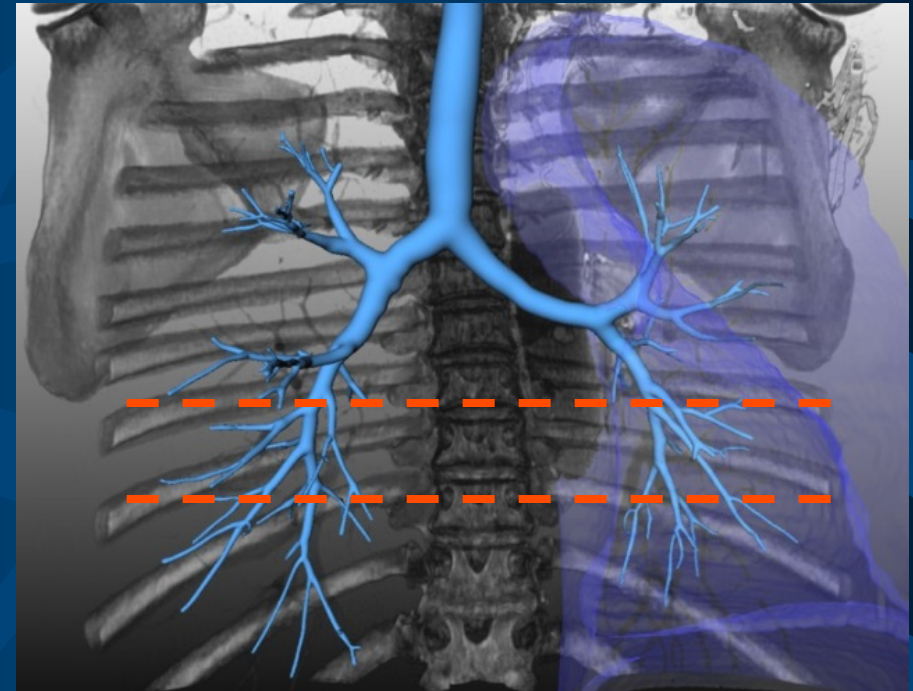
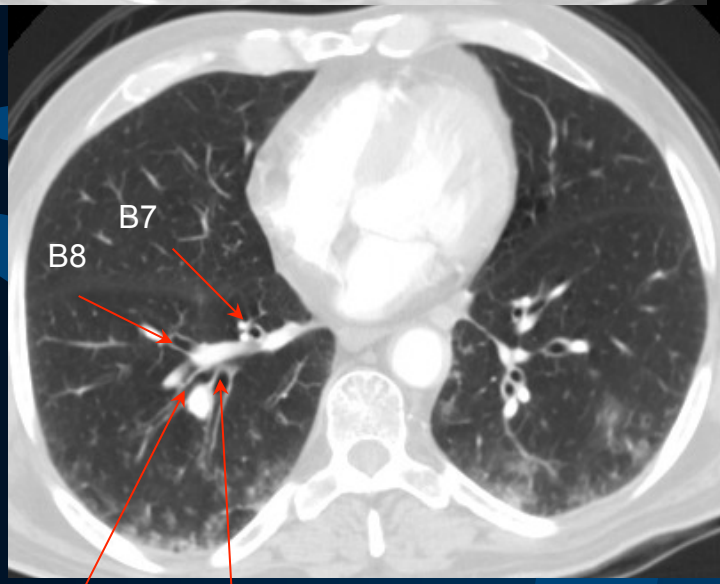
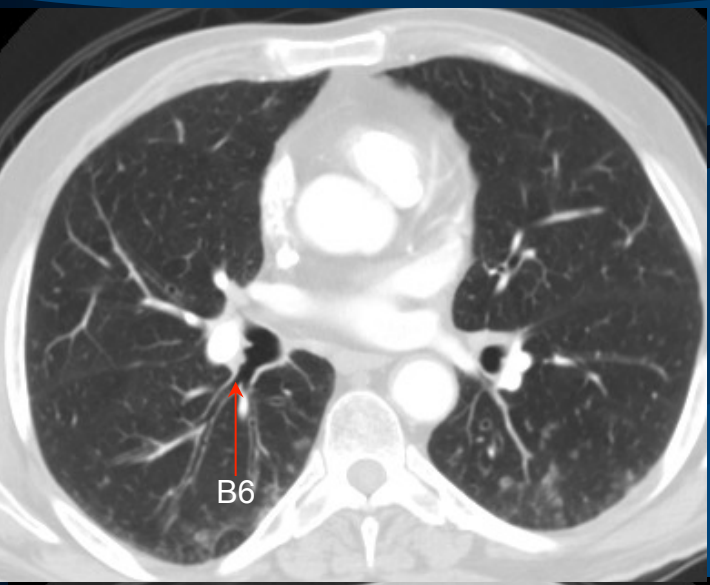
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CROSS SECTIONAL CT

LOWER LOBE



B6= SUPERIOR LOWER LOBE B
B7= MEDIAL BASAL B
B8= ANTERIOR BASAL B

B9 = LATERAL BASAL B
B10= POSTERIOR BASAL B

B9 B10

NORMAL ANATOMY CHEST

CROSS SECTIONAL CT

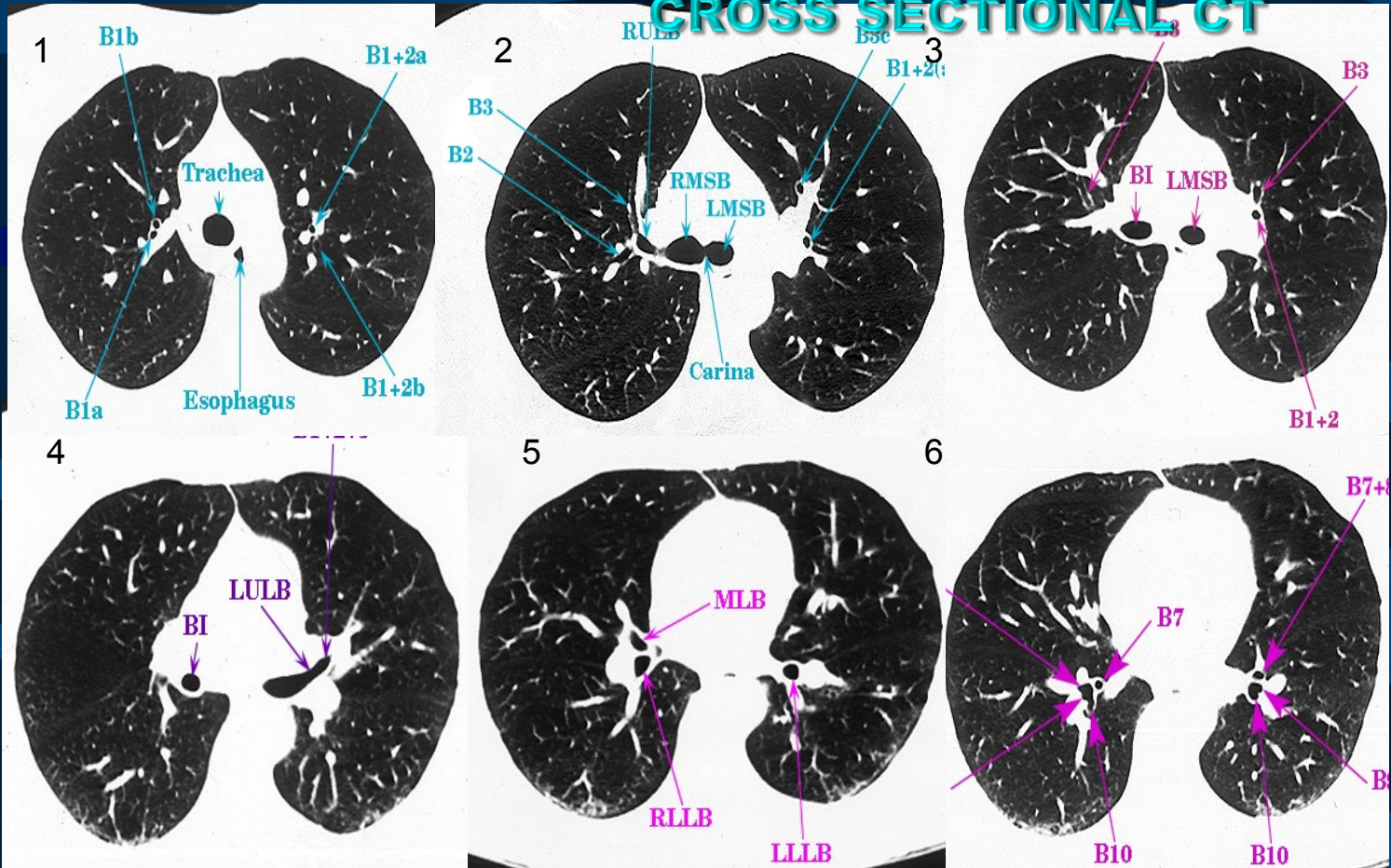


Image 1: Level of trachea we could see upper lobe segmental bronchi

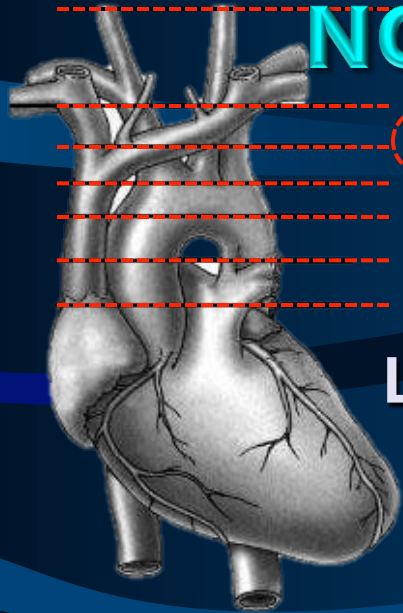
Image 2: Level of bifurcation and right upper lobe bronchus

Image 3: Lower cut at right bronchus intermedius level (BI)

Note : segments of the lung follow distribution of segmental bronchi

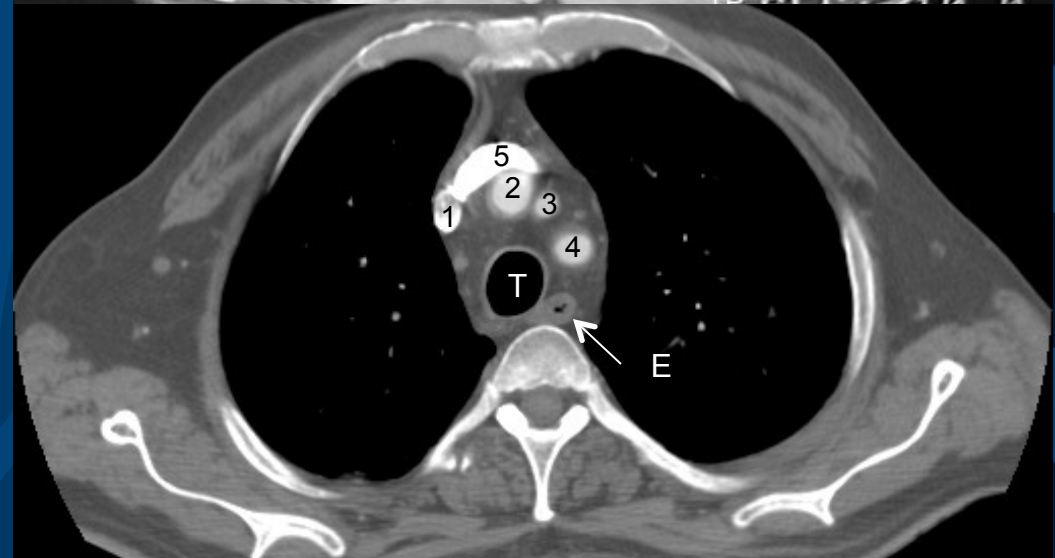
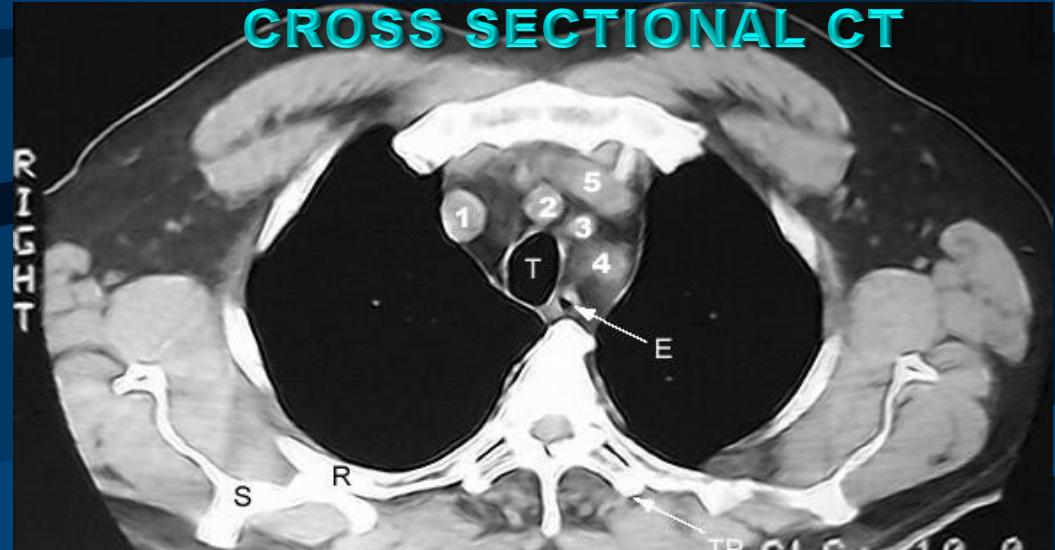
Fissure could be seen as either thin hairline structure or as lucent (black) density band

NORMAL ANATOMY CHEST



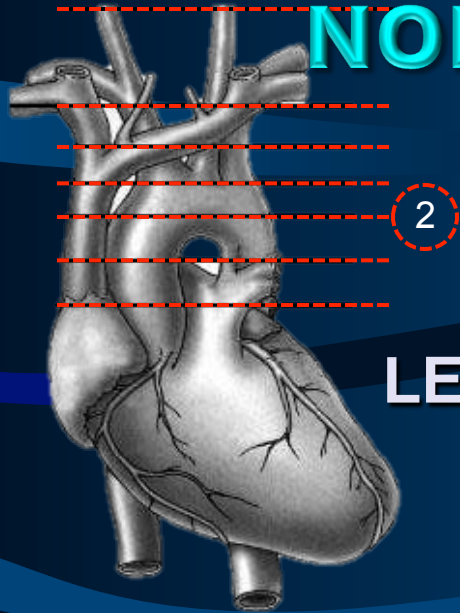
LEVEL 1

CROSS SECTIONAL CT



- E ESOPHAGUS
- R RIB
- S SCAPULA
- T TRACHEA
- 1 Right Brachiocephalic vein
- 2 Brachiocephalic artery
- 3 Left common carotid artery
- 4 Left subclavian artery
- 5 Right Brachiocephalic vein

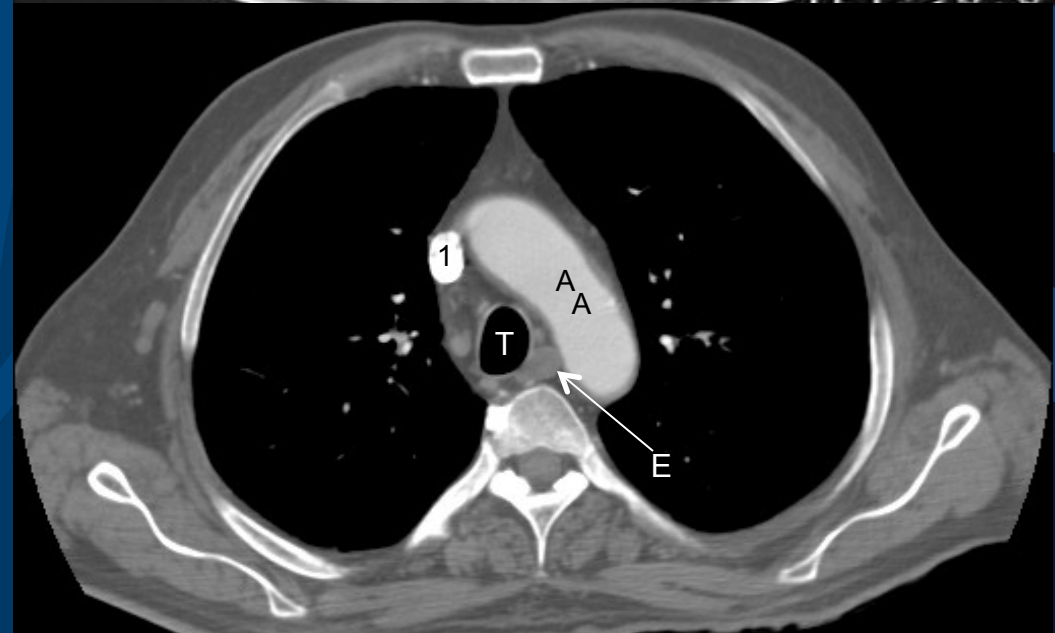
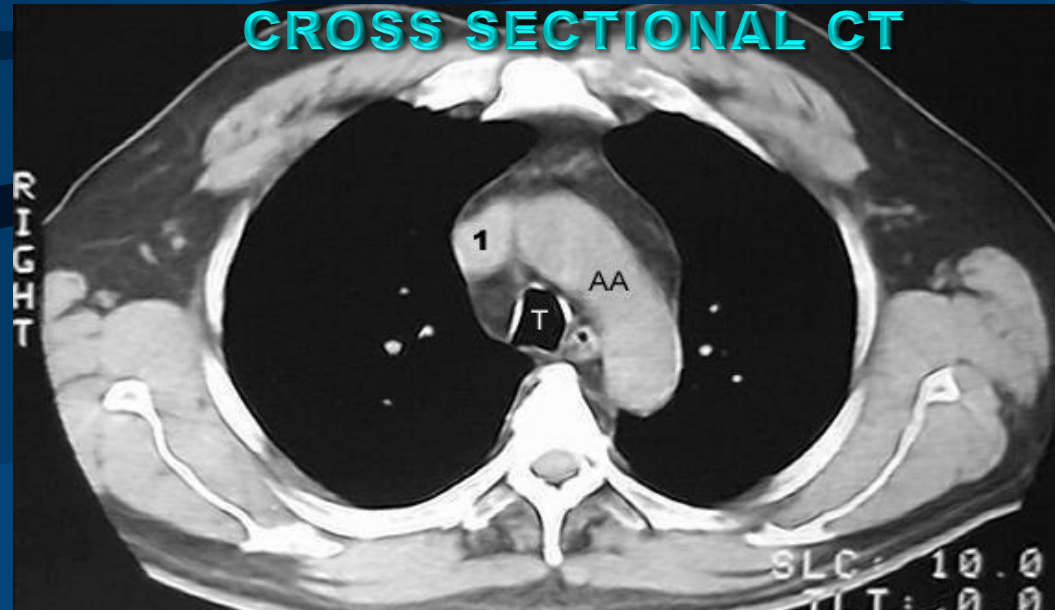
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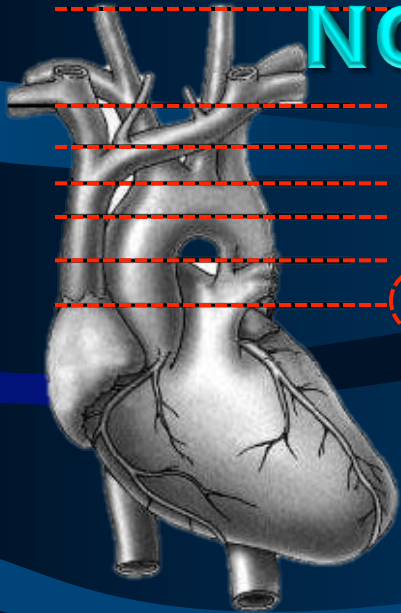
LEVEL 2

- AA Aortic Arch
- T TRACHEA
- 1 Superior vena cava

CROSS SECTIONAL CT



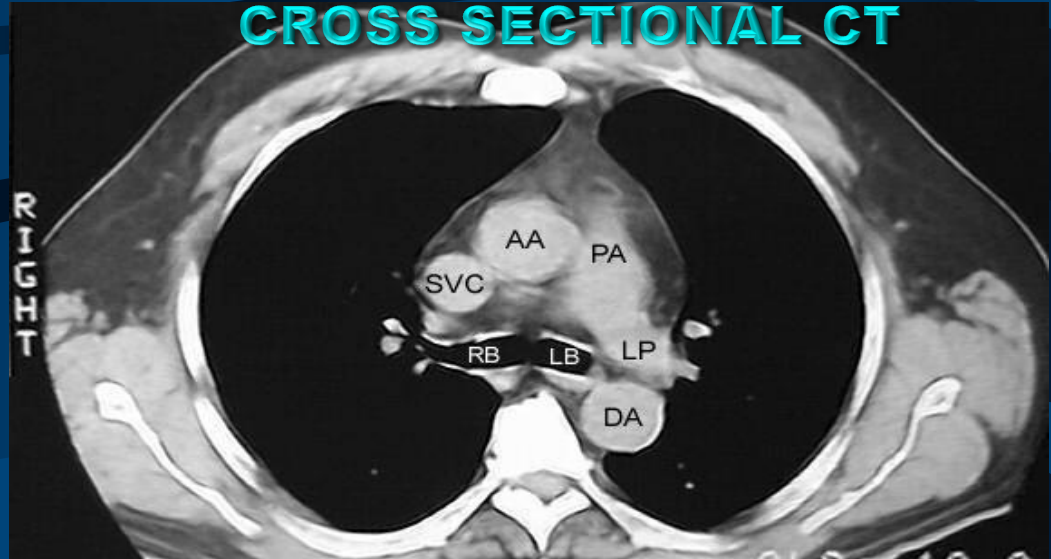
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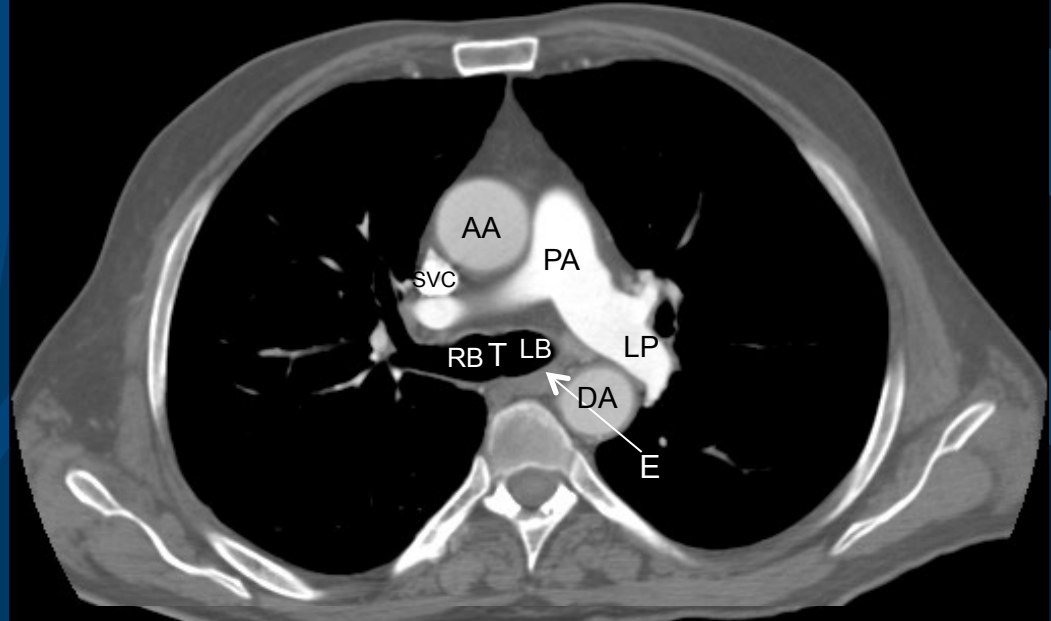
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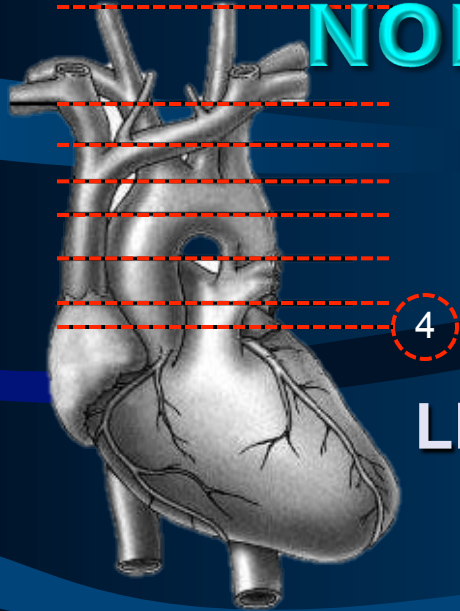
CROSS SECTIONAL CT



- AA Ascending Aorta
- DA Descending Aorta
- LB Left main bronchus
- LP Left pulmonary artery
- PA Pulmonary trunk
- RB Right main bronchus
- SVC Superior vena cava

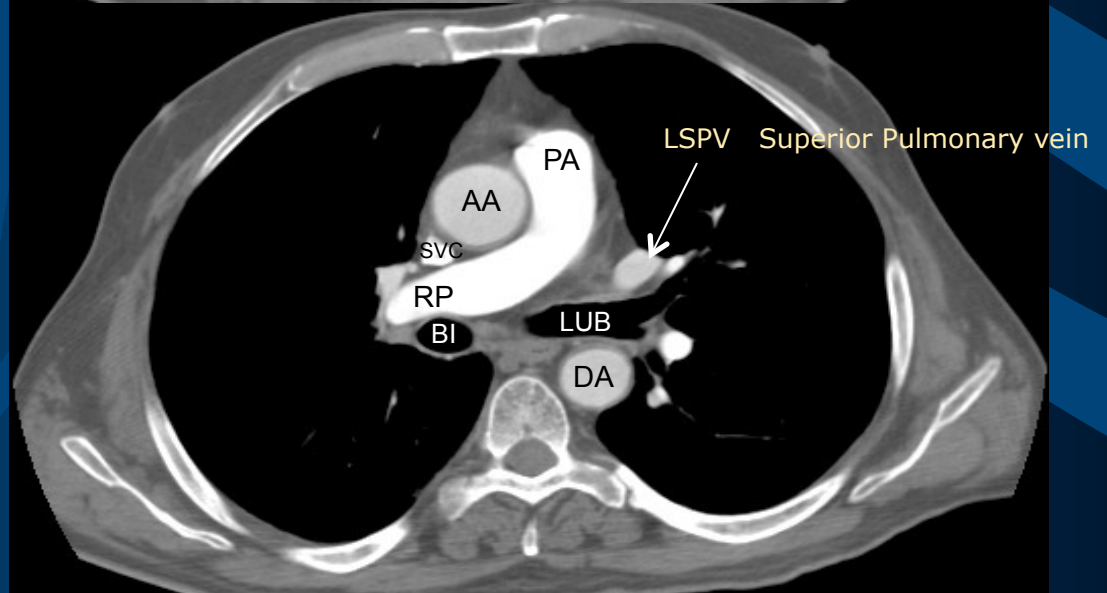
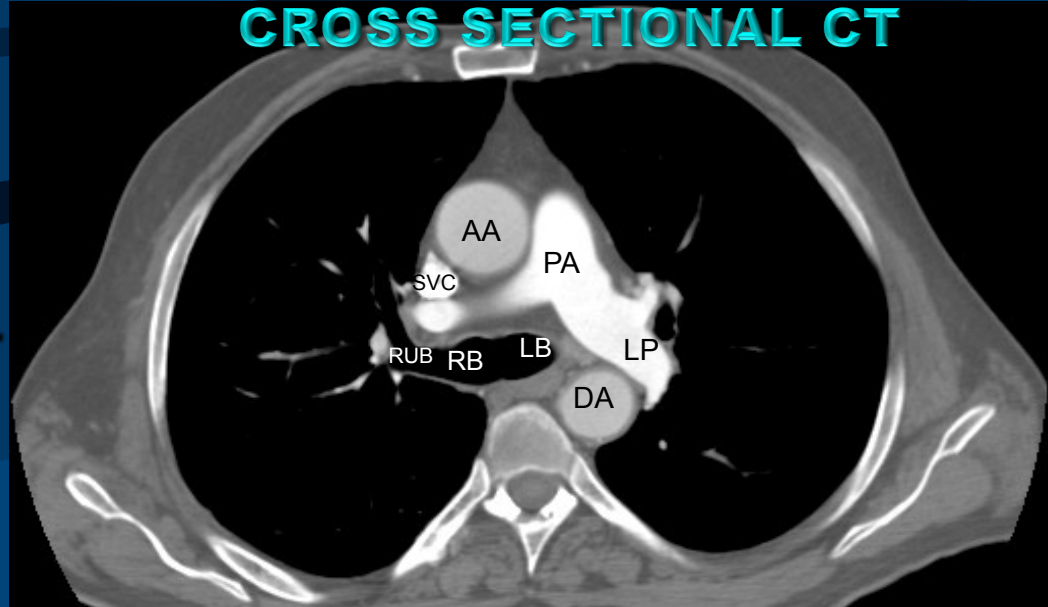


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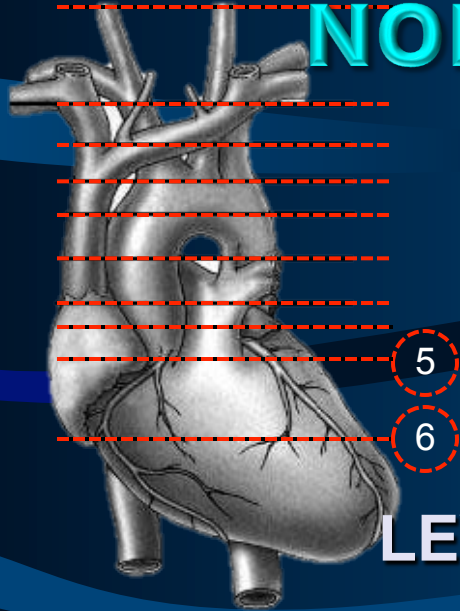
LEVEL 4

CROSS SECTIONAL CT



- AA Ascending Aorta
- DA Descending Aorta
- LUB Left upper bronchus
- BI Bronchus intermedius
- LP Left pulmonary artery
- RP Right pulmonary artery
- PA Pulmonary trunk
- RB Right main bronchus
- SVC Superior vena cava

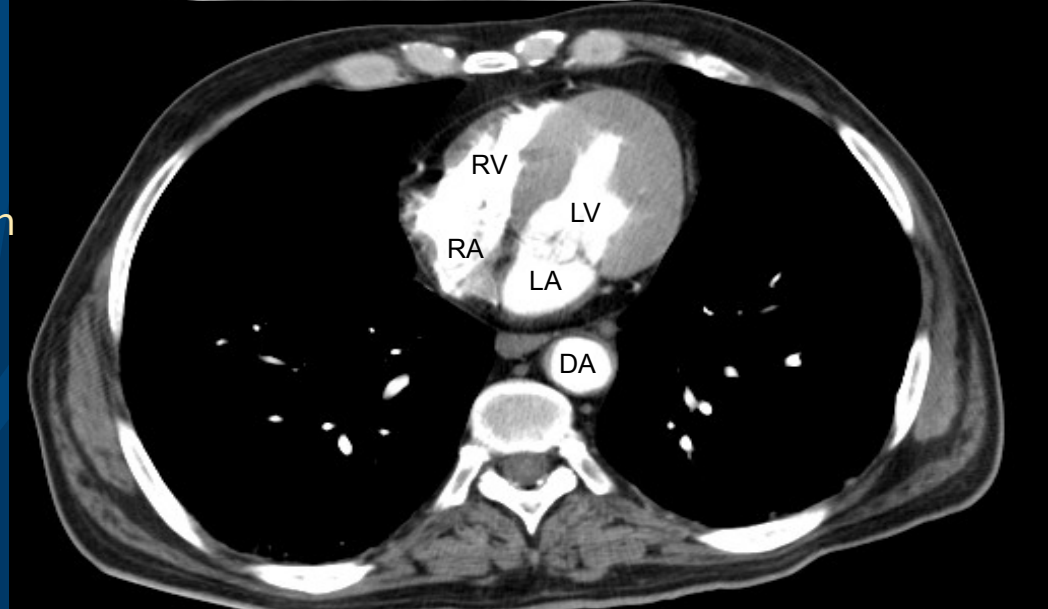
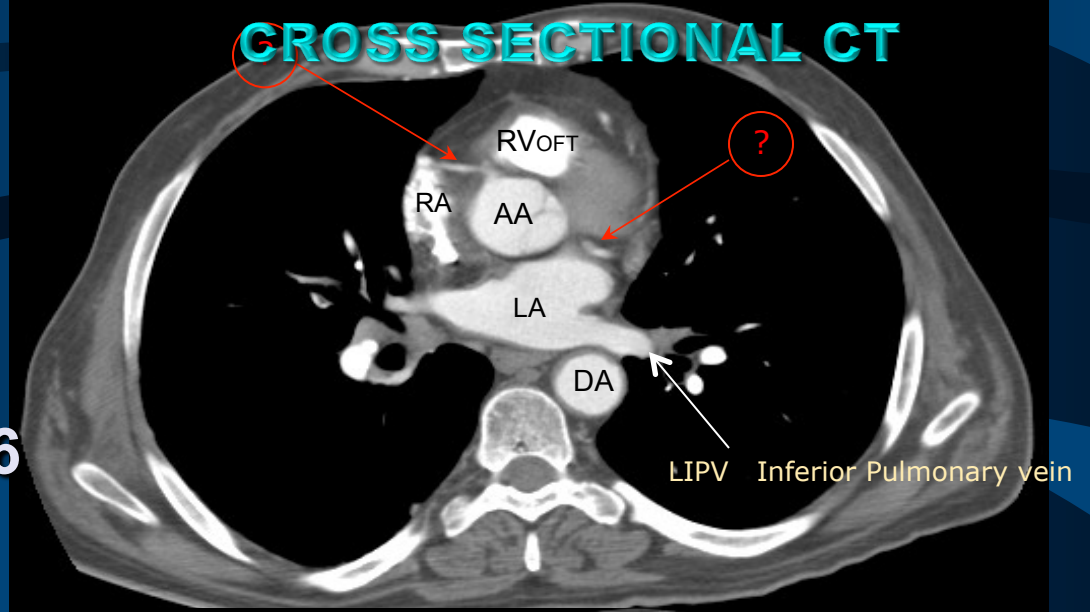
NORMAL ANATOMY CHEST



LEVEL 5-6

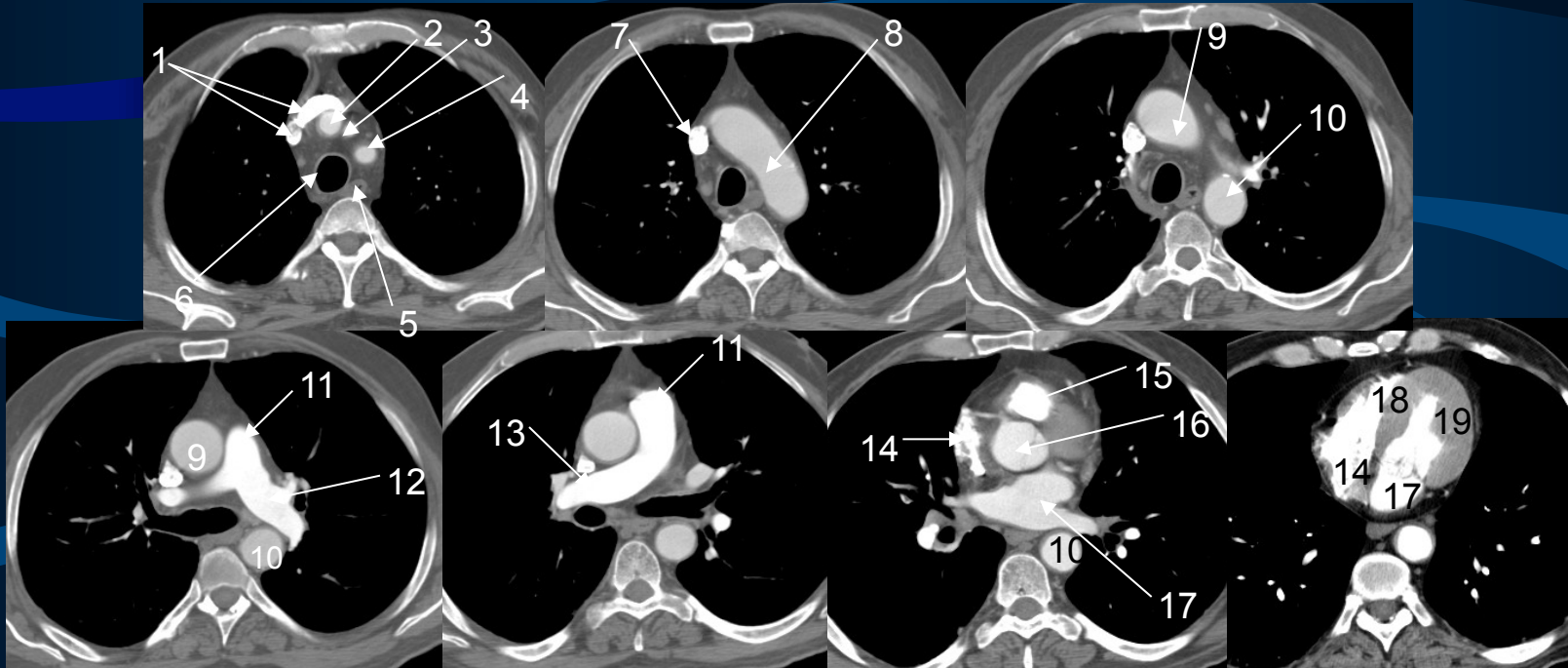
- AA Ascending Aorta (root)
- DA Descending Aorta
- LA Left atrium
- LV Left ventricle
- RA Right atrium (auricle)
- RV Right ventricle (outflow)
- LIPV Left inferior pulmonary vein

CROSS SECTIONAL CT



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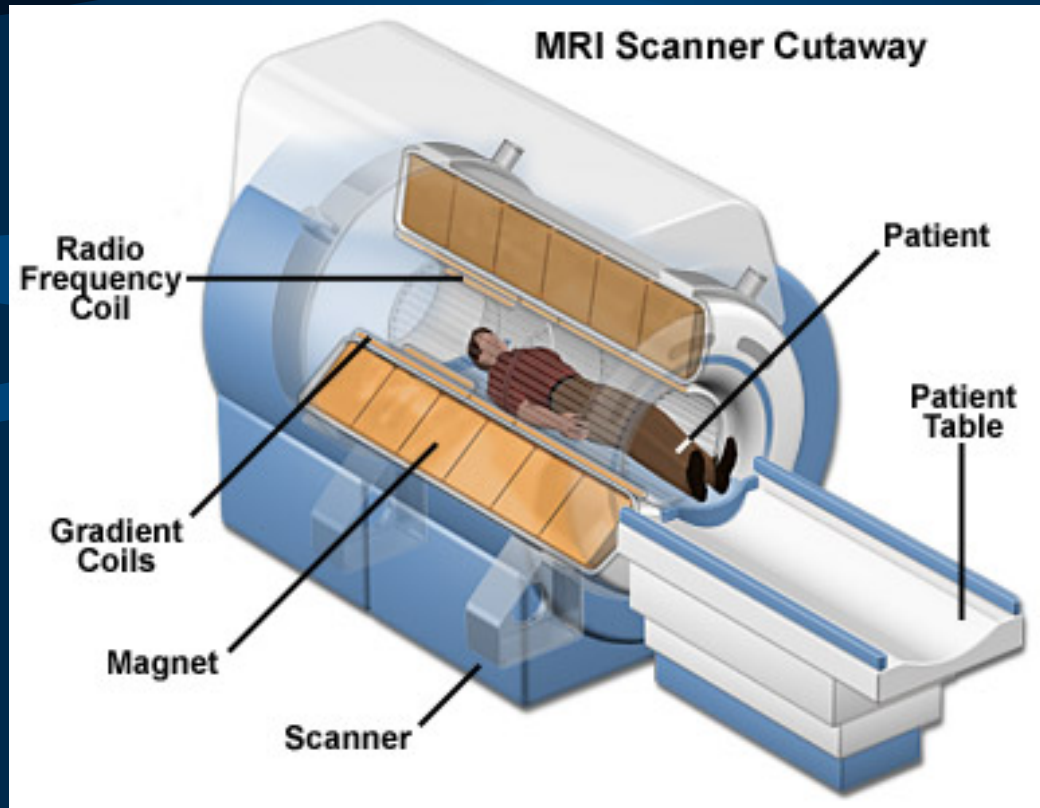
- 1: Rt & Lt innominate veins (brachiocephalic veins) 2: RT brachiocephalic artery 3: LT common carotid
4: LT subclavian artery 5: esophagus 6: Trachea 7: Superior vena cava 8: Aortic arch 9: Ascending Aorta
10: Descending Aorta 11: Pulmonary trunk (artery) 12: LT Pulm artery 13: RT Pulm artery 14: RT atrium
15: Pulm artery 16: Aortic root 17: Lt atrium 18: RT ventricle 19: LT ventricle

Note : LT Pulmonary artery is seen before RT artery therefore it is higher than the right artery.

LT atrium is the most posterior chamber; RT ventricle is most anterior chamber.

MODALITIES UTILIZED

✦ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

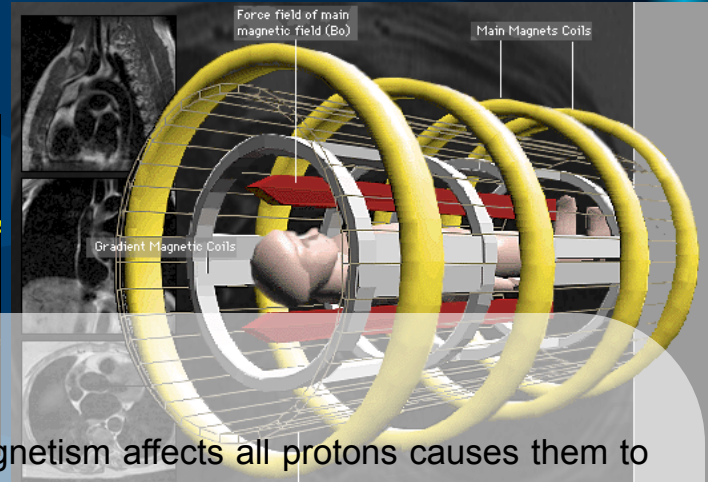
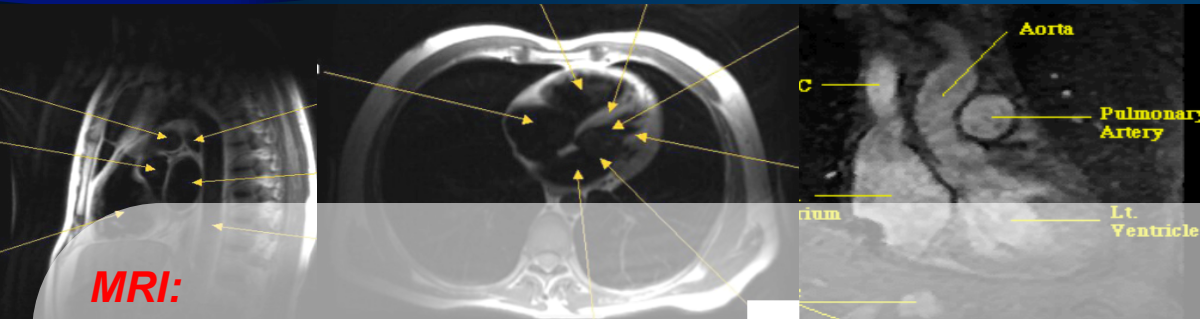


✦ Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Sagittal

Axial

Coronal



MRI:

Simply, hydrogen atoms (protons) in water molecules and lipids >> magnetism affects all protons causes them to line up in one direction >> magnets can be switched on and off to change the direction of the magnetic field >> whenever the water molecule spin around they give a light radio wave >> MRI machine can detect it >> show it as images

So gradations of density within soft tissues can be recognized, e.g. brain substance from cerebrospinal fluid, or tumor from surrounding normal tissues.

MRI advantages

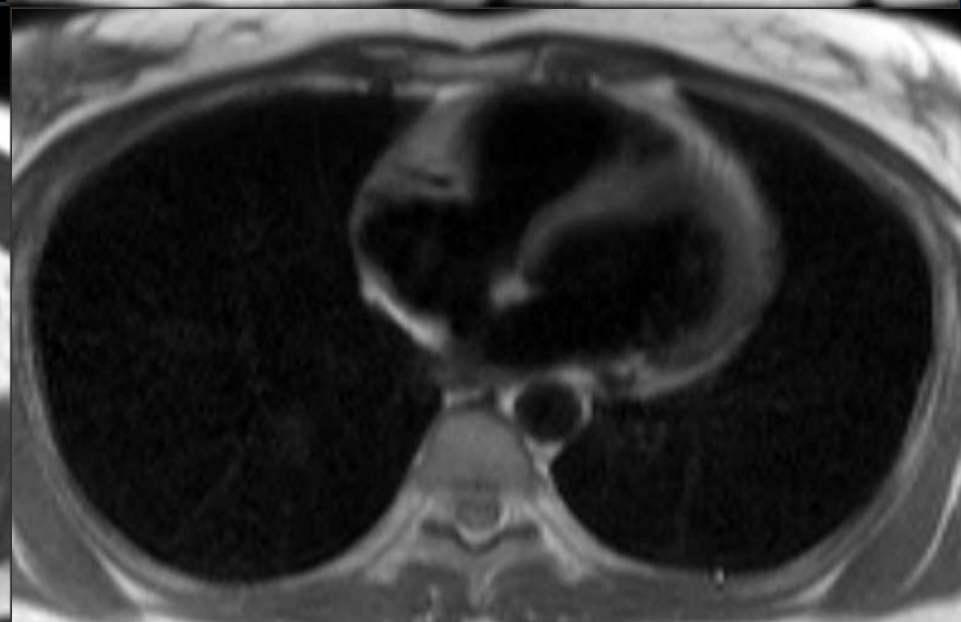
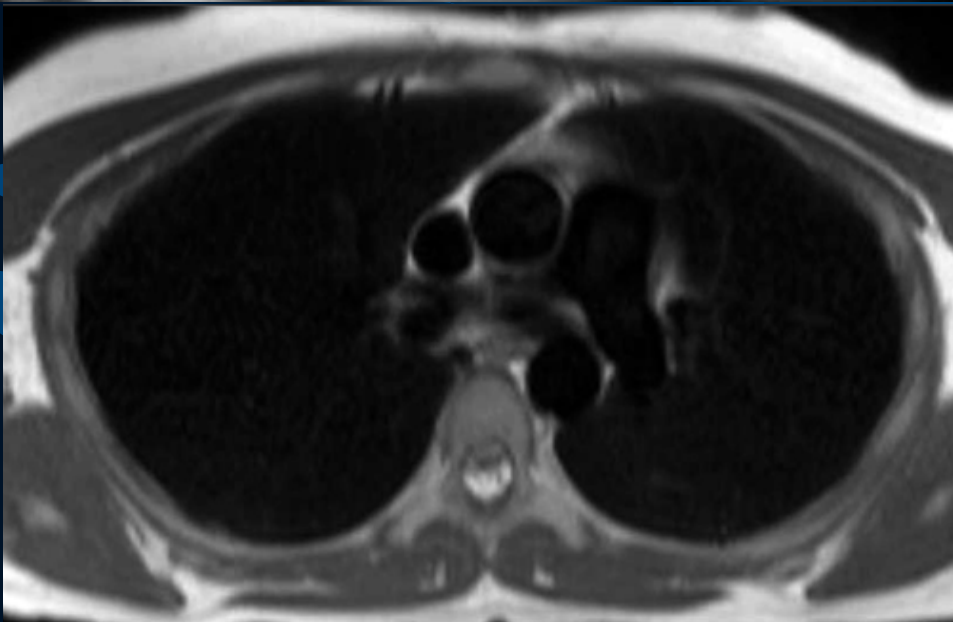
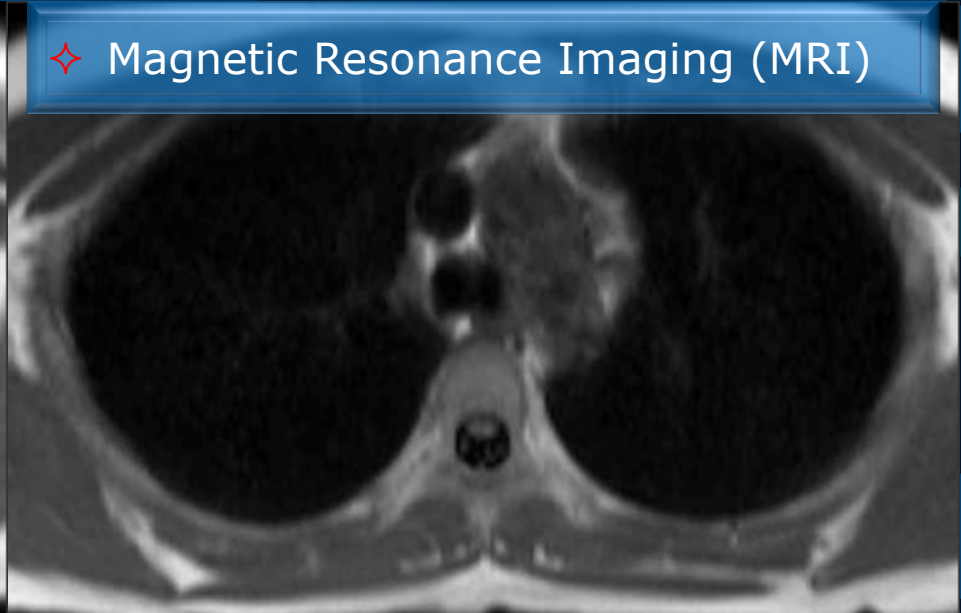
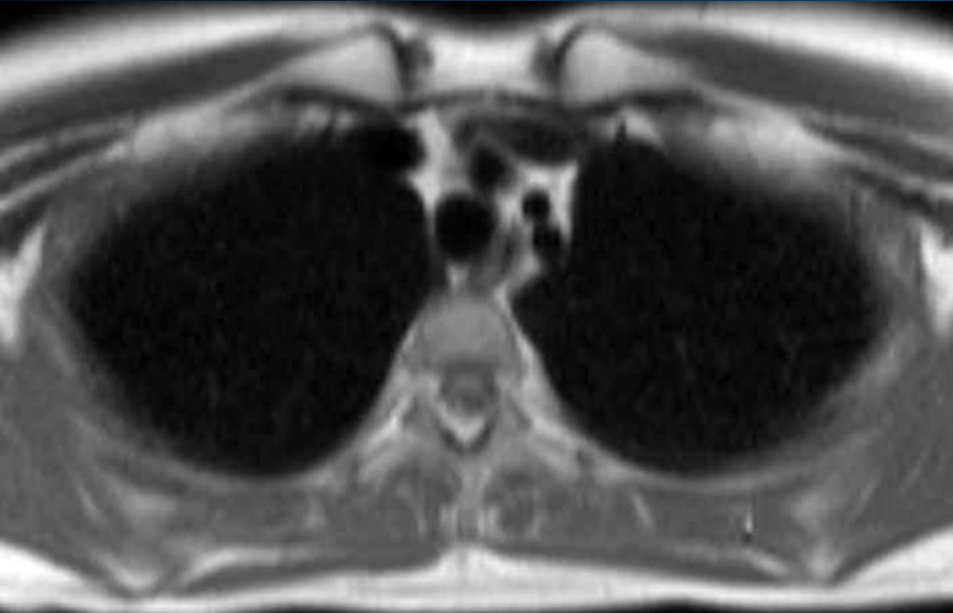
- Best for soft tissue imaging
- There is no ionization
- It can be done for pregnant women with caution
- Images can be directly in any plane

MRI disadvantages

- expensive
- Time consuming
- patients fear it and dislike it because it is a narrow place
- Since it is magnetic no metals can be allowed
- Patient has to keep still during scanning procedure

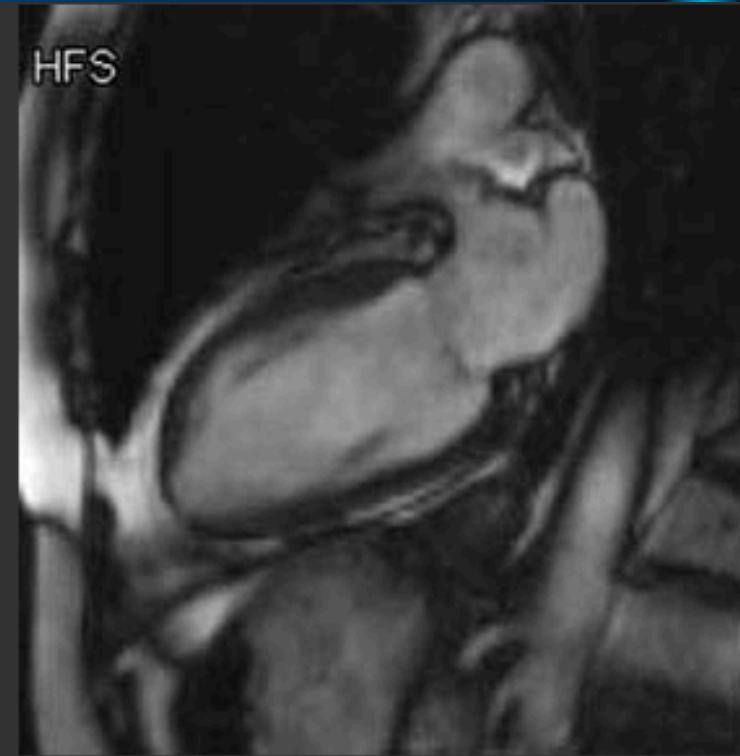
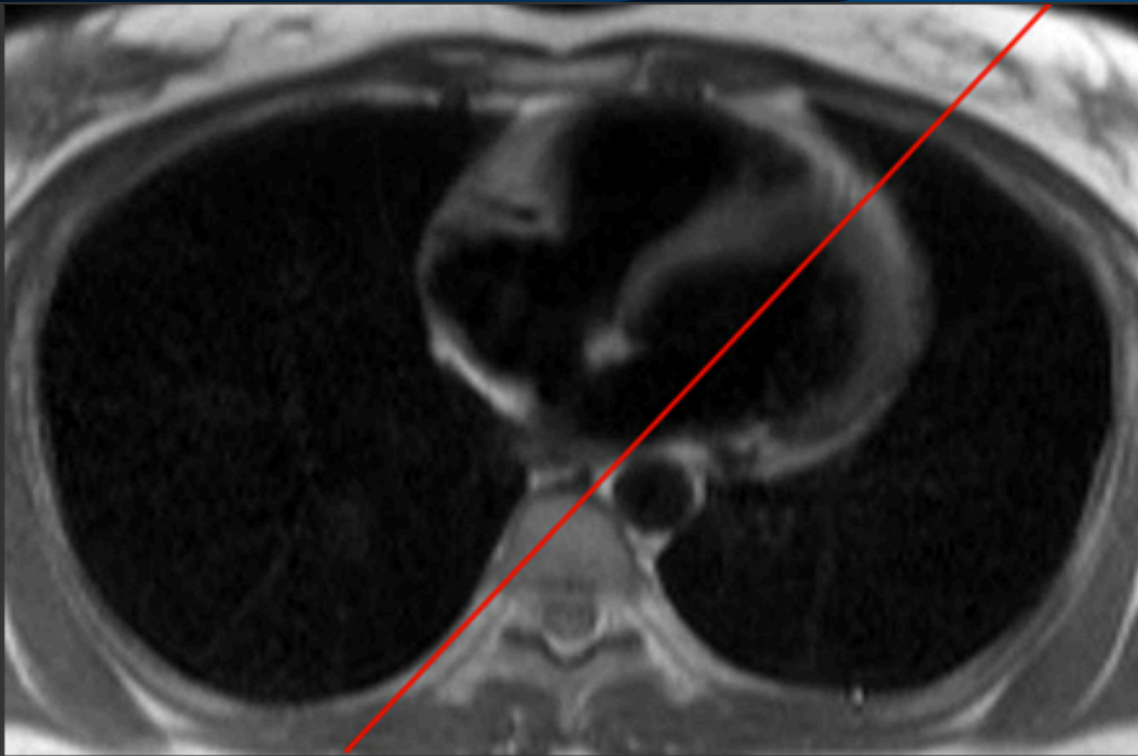
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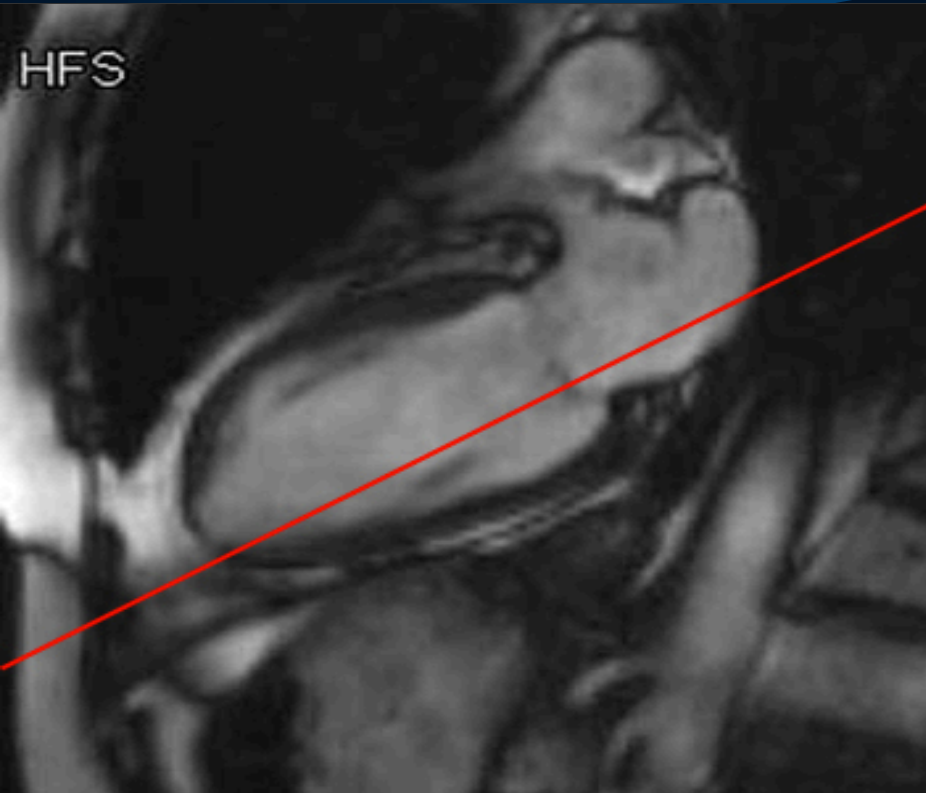
VERTICAL LONG AXIS VIEW



The vertical long axis is for evaluating the anterior and inferior walls and apex of the left ventricle. An axial image through the LV and LA is chosen from the transverse localizer images and a parasagittal plane that is perpendicular to the chosen image is prescribed that bisects the mitral valve and intersects the LV apex.

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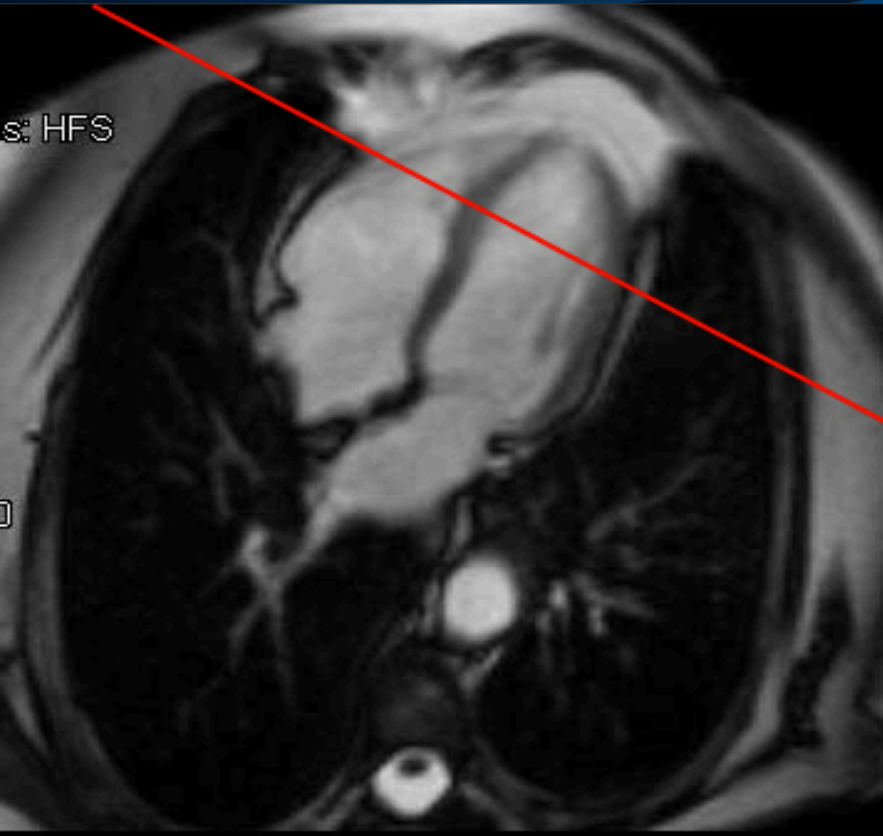
HORIZONTAL LONG AXIS VIEW



The horizontal long axis (four chamber view) is best for evaluating the septal and lateral walls and apex of the left ventricle, the right ventricular free wall, and chamber size. The mitral and tricuspid valves are also well visualized in this plane. A perpendicular plane to the vertical long axis image is chosen which intersects the lower third of the mitral valve and the LV apex.

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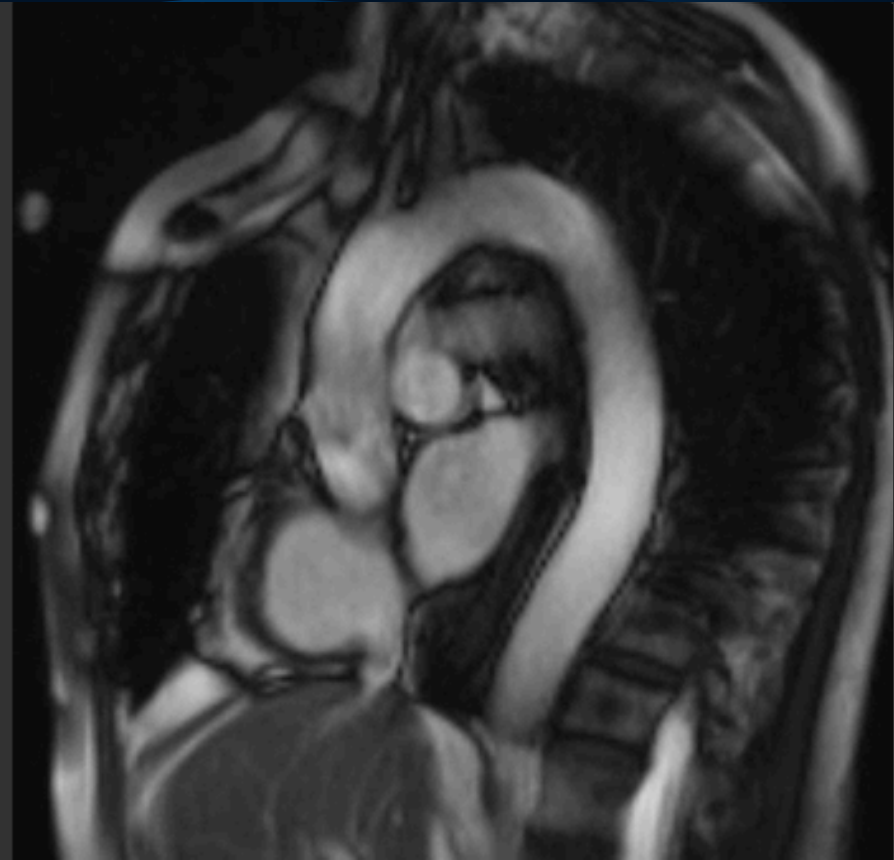
SHORT AXIS VIEW



The short axis view shows cross-sections of the left and right ventricle that are useful for volumetric measurements using Simpson's rule. The short axis view is chosen perpendicular to long axis of LT ventricle in serial cuts.

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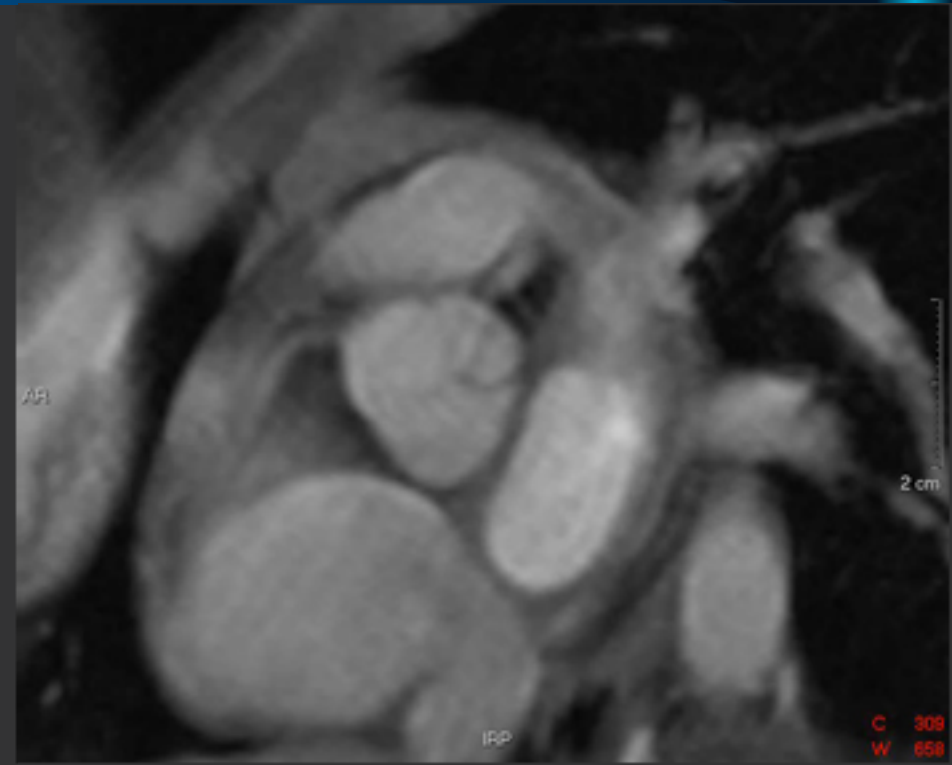
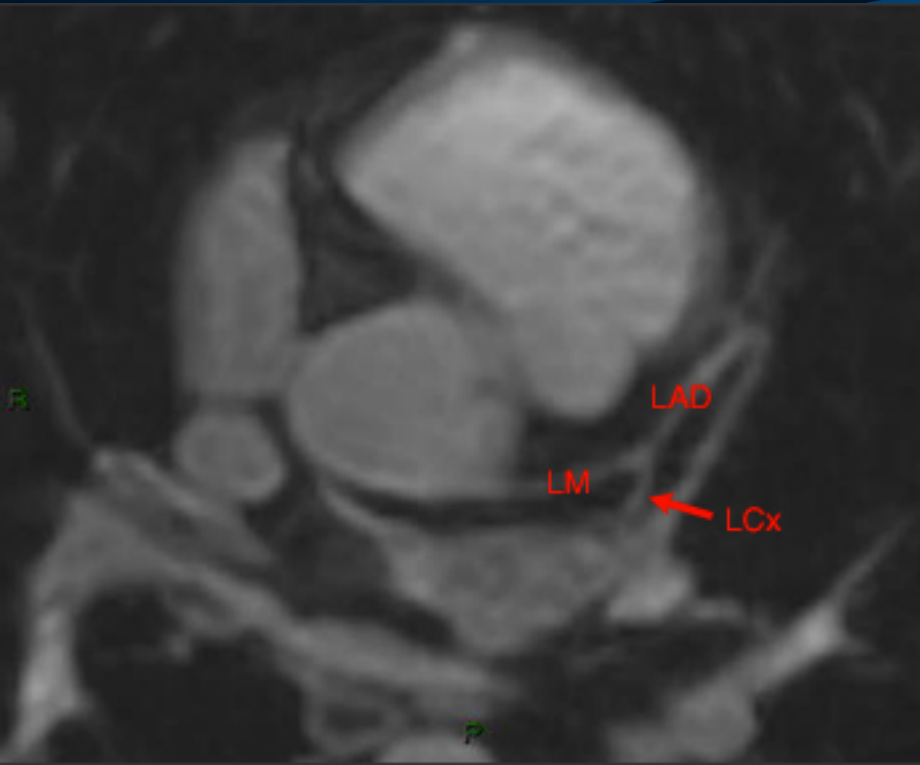
AORTIC VIEW



The Aortic view ("Candy Cane" view) shows the aorta along its entire thoracic course along with some of its branches off the aortic arch. An axial image is selected and a plane is chosen that bisects both the ascending and descending aorta.

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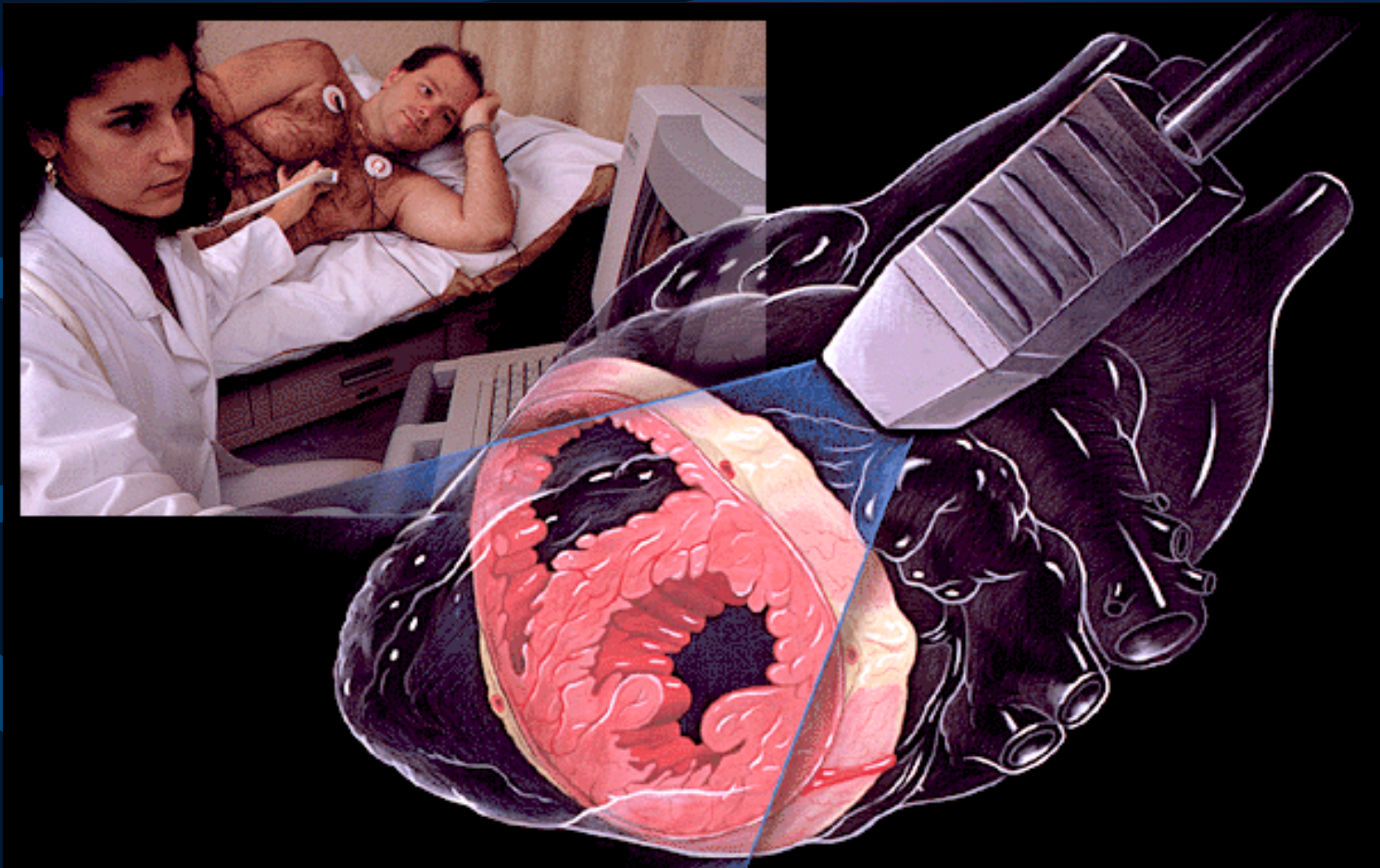
CORONARY ARTERIES VIEW



The coronary arteries originate from the proximal portion of the ascending aorta from the Sinuses of Valsalva. The two coronary arteries arising from the aorta are the right coronary artery (RCA) and the left main coronary artery (LM). The LM branches into the left anterior descending (LAD) and left circumflex (LCx) arteries.

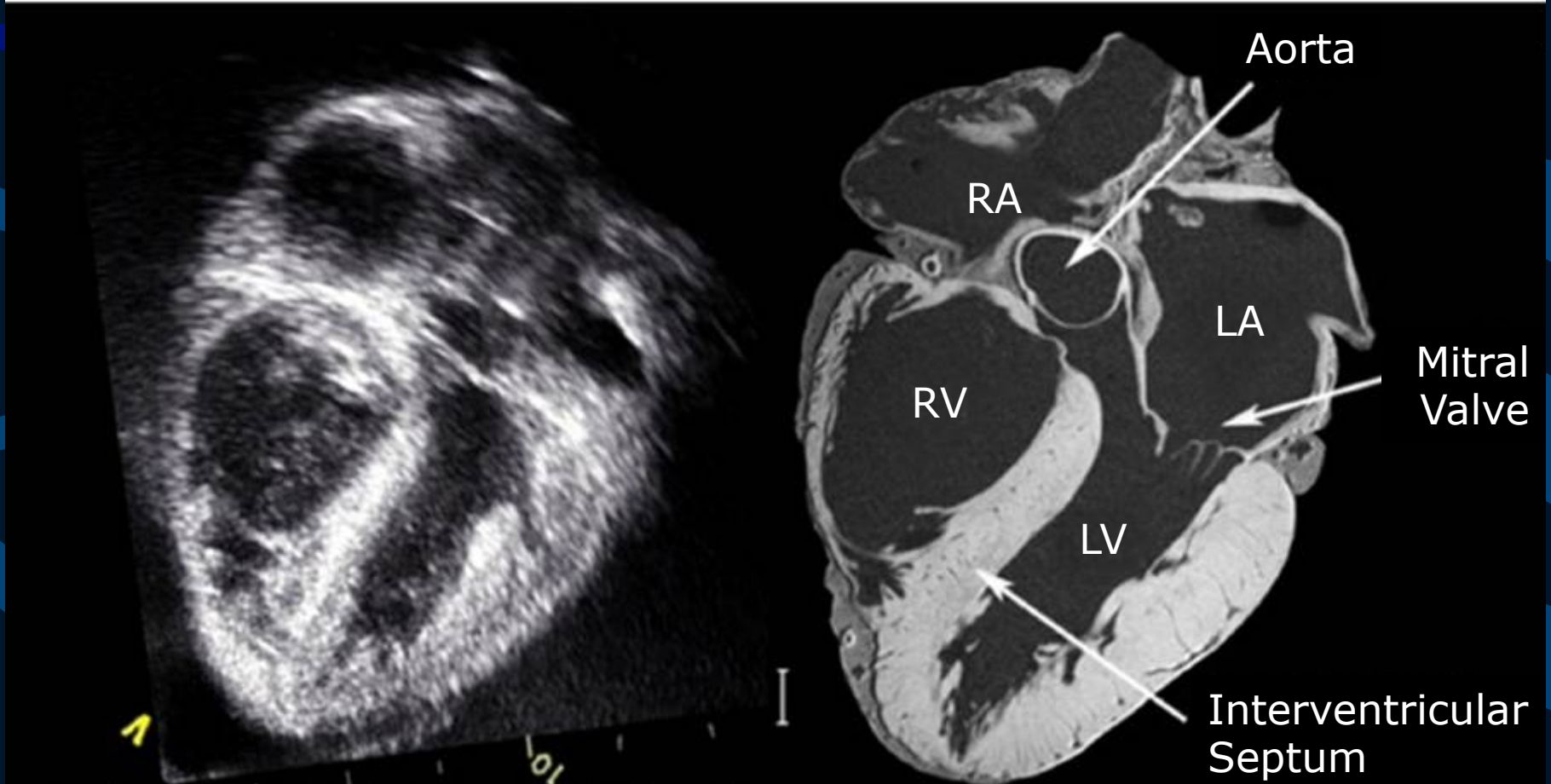
MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Ultrasound



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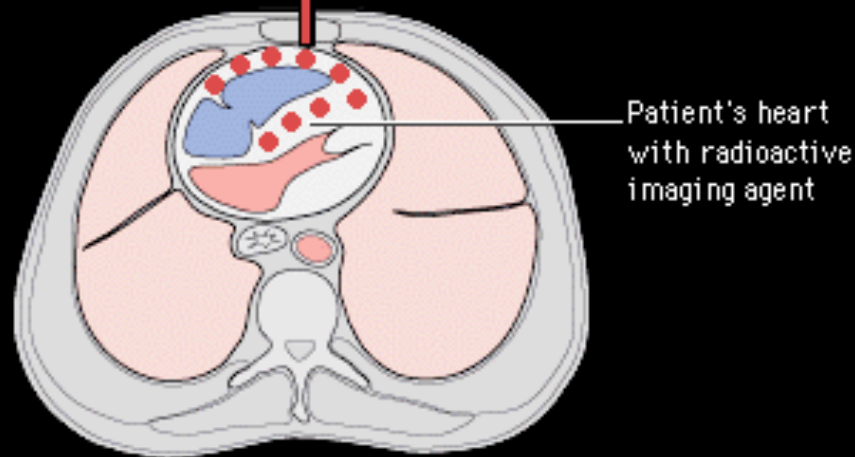
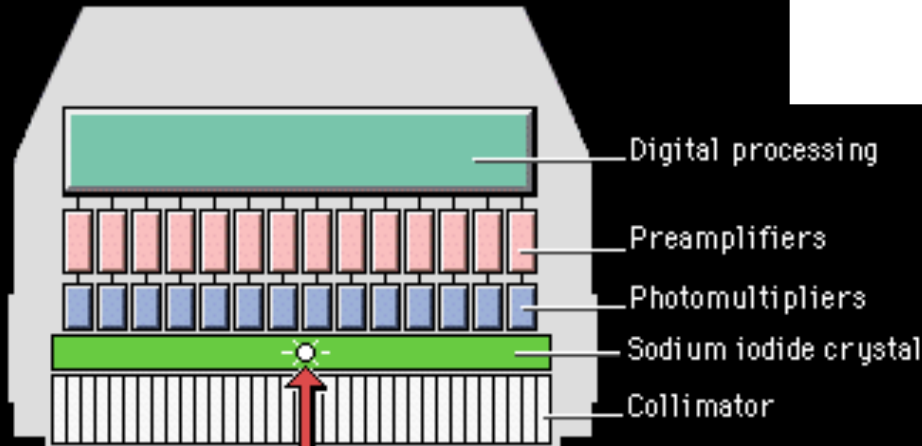
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MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Nuclear Medicine

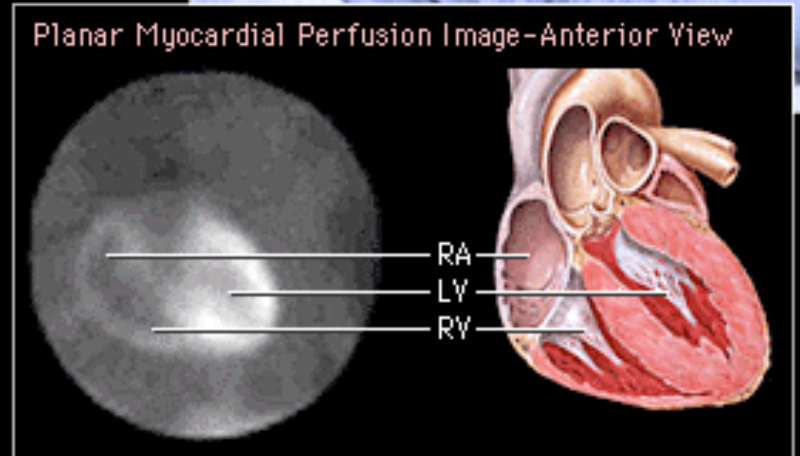
PLANAR SCINTIGRAPHY CAMERA (GAMMA CAMERA)



Planar Camera—Anterior Position

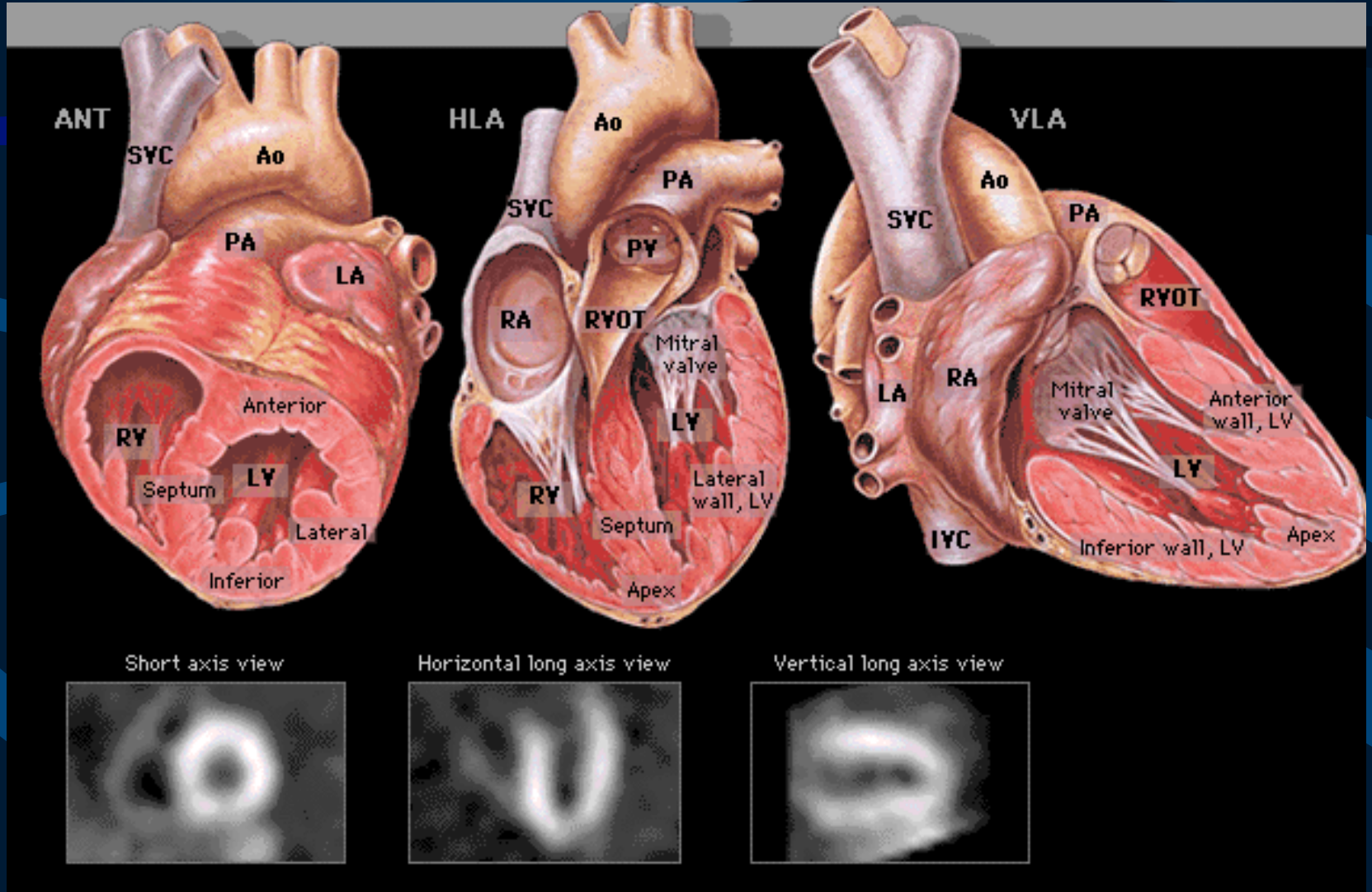


Planar Myocardial Perfusion Image—Anterior View



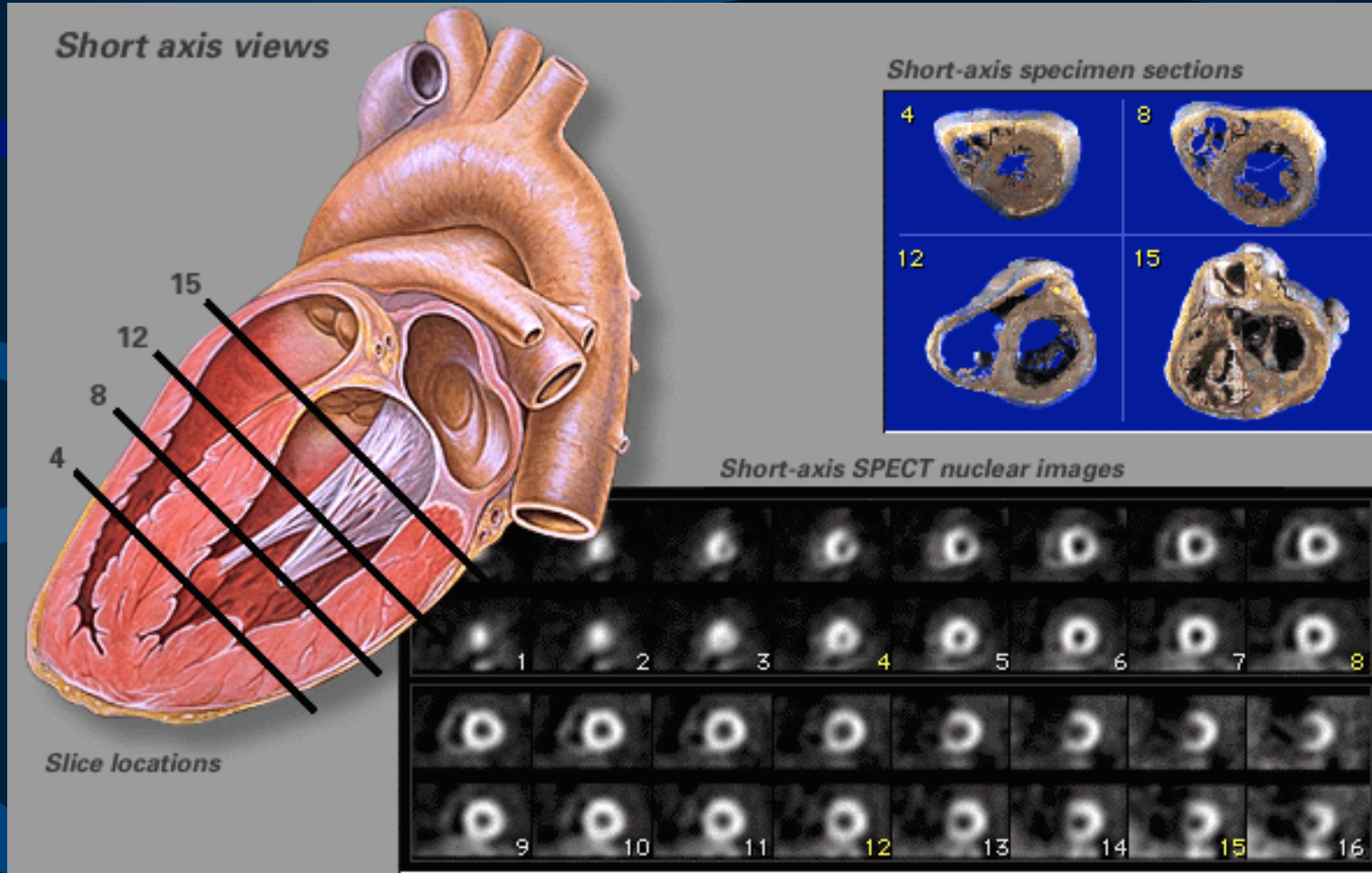
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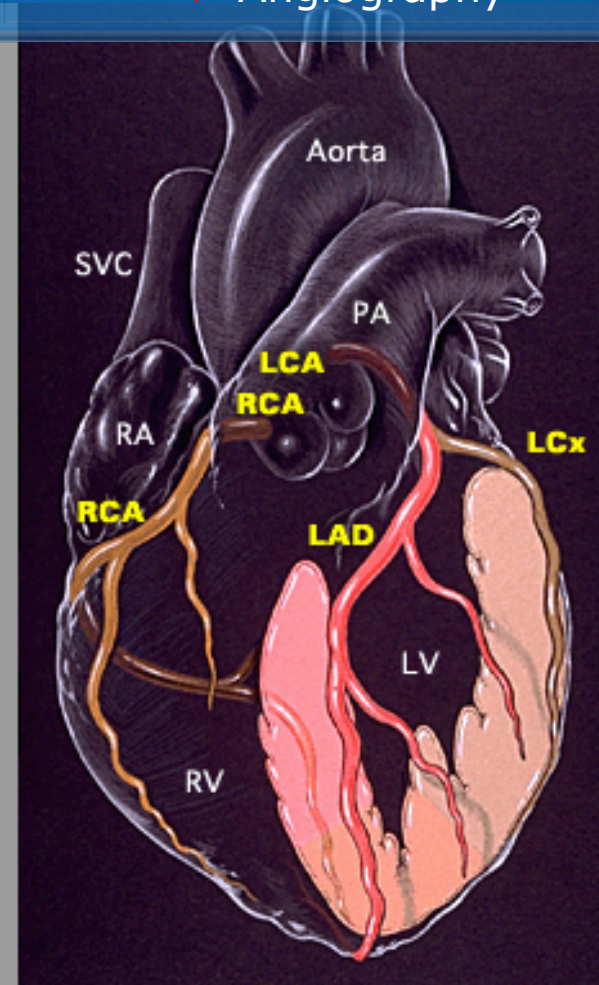
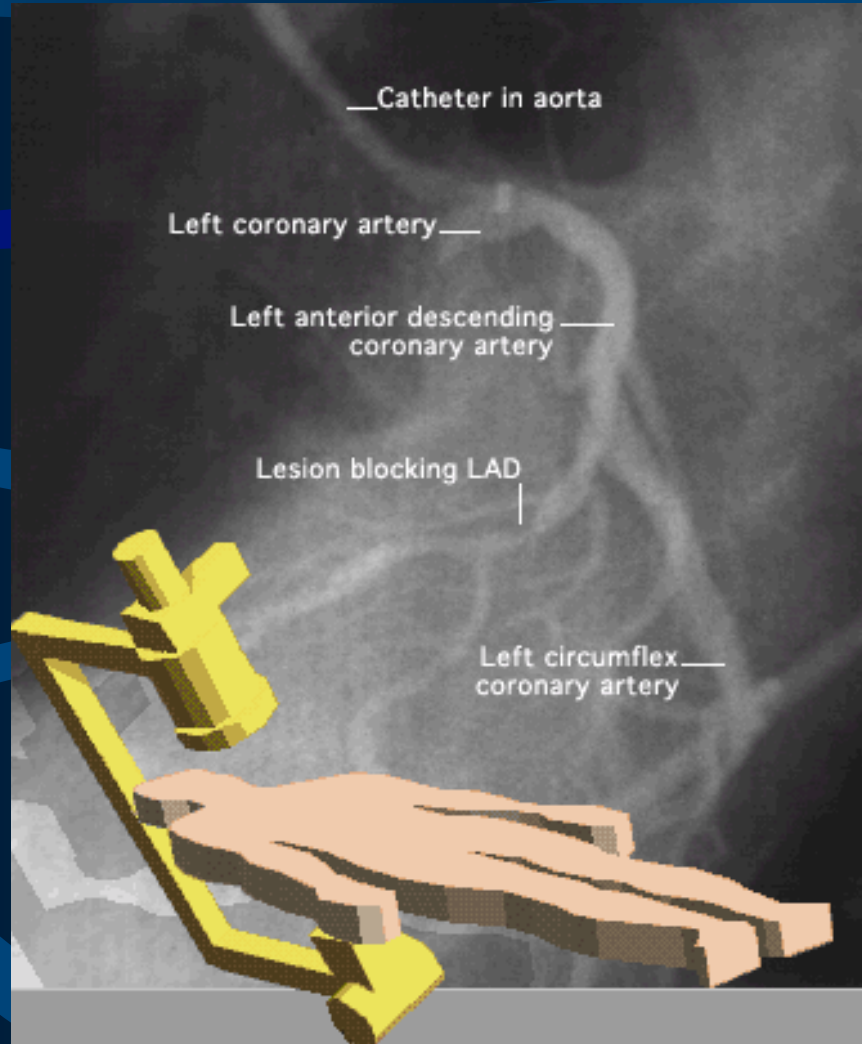
MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Nuclear Medicine



MODALITIES UTILIZED

❖ Angiography



Imaging of Chest & CVS

Anatomy Review



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