

**APPROACH TO PATIENT OF**  
**REPIRATORY DISEASES**

**BRONCHOGENIC**  
**CARCINOMA, PAN COAST**  
**TUMOUR**

# INTRODUCTION

- Malignant proliferation of cells arising from the bronchial epithelium or mucous glands.
- Although largely preventable, carcinoma of the lung kills about 8.8 million people each year globally.
- It is the most common cause of cancer death in men and the second most common cause in women, after breast cancer.

# ETIOLOGY

1. **Cigarette smoking** – both active and passive smoking

- White area shows lung cancer.
- Blackish area shows discolouration due to tobacco smoke





# ETIOLOGY

2. **Radon gas** – Colourless and odourless gas generated by breakdown of radium which is a radioactive substance.
3. **Asbestos** – Has a synergistic effect with cigarette smoking in causing lung cancer. Also causes *mesothelioma* (different from lung cancer)
4. **Air pollution** – Fine particulates and sulphate aerosols.
5. **Genetics** - ~ 8%. Polymorphism on chromosomes 5, 6 and 15
6. **Others** – Ionisation radiation, arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds, hemalite, vincristine-prednisone-nitrogen mustard-procarbazine mixture

# CLASSIFICATION

1. Squamous (35%)
2. Adenosquamous (30%)
3. Small Cell (20%)
4. Large Cell (15%)

# SPREAD

1. Direct
2. Lymphatics
3. Hematogenous

# SPREAD

## 1. Direct

- ✓ Invades pleura
- ✓ Invades Chest wall
- ✓ Invades Intercostal nerves
- ✓ Invades Brachial plexus



# SPREAD

## 2. Lymphatics

✓ Mediastinal lymph nodes

Compressing:

- Pericardium

- Esophagus

- Superior vena cava

- Trachea

- Phrenic/ left recurrent laryngeal nerve



# SPREAD

## 3. Hematogenous

- ✓ Liver
- ✓ Bone
- ✓ Brain
- ✓ Adrenal
- ✓ Skin

# TNM CLASSIFICATION

Stage	TNM	Operability	5-year survival
I	$T_{1-2}N_0M_0$	Operable	50-60
II	$T_{1-2}N_1M_0$		30
IIIa	$T_3N_1M_0$		20
	$T_{1-2}N_{2-1}M_0$		
IIIb	$T_{1-3}N_2M_0$	Inoperable	0
	$T_4N_0M_0$		
IV	Any T, any N, $M_1$		0

# TNM CLASSIFICATION

- **Tumour (T)**

T1: <3 cm and not involving main bronchus or pleura

T2: >3 cm, or involving main bronchus and visceral pleura

T3: any size, invading chest wall, or within 2 cm of carina

T4: invading mediastinum, great vessels, trachea

- **Node (N)**

N0: no regional node metastases

N1: ipsilateral hilar node metastases

N2: ipsilateral mediastinal or subcarinal node metastases

N3: contralateral mediastinal or hilar nodes

- **Metastases (M)**

M0: no distant metastasis

M1: distant metastasis

# CLINICAL FEATURES

- These may be due to:
  1. Local tumour effects
  2. Metastatic tumour effects
  3. Paraneoplastic manifestations.
- Many patients have no specific signs.
- In some, the lung cancer may be an incidental finding on CXR or CT performed for another reason.



# CLINICAL FEATURES

- Local Tumour effects

- ✓ Persistent cough or change in usual cough
- ✓ Haemoptysis
- ✓ Chest pain (suggests chest wall or pleural involvement)
- ✓ Unresolving pneumonia or lobar collapse
- ✓ Unexplained dyspnoea (due to bronchial narrowing or obstruction)
- ✓ Wheeze or stridor
- ✓ Shoulder pain (due to diaphragm involvement)
- ✓ Pleural effusion (due to direct tumour extension or pleural metastases)

# CLINICAL FEATURES

- Local Tumour effects

- ✓ Hoarse voice (tumour invasion of the left recurrent laryngeal nerve)
- ✓ Dysphagia
- ✓ Raised hemidiaphragm (phrenic nerve paralysis)
- ✓ SVCO
- ✓ Horner's syndrome (miosis, ptosis, enophthalmos, anhidrosis) due to apical or pancoast's tumour damaging sympathetic chain
- ✓ Pancoast's tumours can also directly invade the rib and brachial plexus, causing C8–T1 dermatome numbness, shoulder pain, and weakness of small muscles of the hand



# CLINICAL FEATURES

- Metastatic Tumour effects

- ✓ Cervical/supraclavicular lymphadenopathy (common, present 30%, and may be an easy site for diagnostic biopsy)
- ✓ Palpable liver edge
- ✓ Bone pain/pathological fracture due to bone metastases
- ✓ Neurological sequelae 2° to cerebral metastases
- ✓ Hypercalcaemic effects (due to bony metastases or direct tumour production of parathyroid hormone (PTH)-related peptide or PTHrP)
- ✓ Dyspnoea (compression from large mediastinal nodes)

# CLINICAL FEATURES

## • Paraneoplastic syndromes

- Endocrine syndromes are due to the ectopic production of hormones or hormonally active peptides.
- Neurological syndromes are due to antibody-mediated CNS damage.
- ✓ Cachexia and wasting
- ✓ Clubbing (up to 29% of patients; any cell type, more common in squamous and adenocarcinoma)
- ✓ Hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy



# CLINICAL FEATURES

- ✓ Gynaecomastia
- ✓ Ectopic ACTH (Cushing's syndrome)
- ✓ Cerebellar syndrome (usually SCLC)
- ✓ Limbic encephalitis (SCLC, also breast, testicular, other cancers).
- ✓ Dermatomyositis/polymyositis
- ✓ Glomerulonephritis.

# CLINICAL FEATURES

## PRESENTATIONS OF LUNG CANCER

### Chest symptoms

Haemoptysis  
Cough  
Wheeze  
Stridor  
Pain  
Hoarse voice

### General symptoms

Weight loss  
Anorexia  
Lethargy  
Anaemia

### Chest X-ray

Lobar collapse  
Peripheral nodule  
Cavitating mass  
Enlarged hilar nodes  
Pleural effusion

PRESENTATIONS OF  
LUNG CANCER

### Physical examination

Clubbing  
Lymph node enlargement  
Localized chest signs  
Superior vena cava obstruction

### Neuroendocrine syndromes

Hypercalcaemia  
Syndrome inappropriate ADH  
Gynaecomastia  
Cushing's syndrome

### Paraneoplastic syndromes

Peripheral neuropathy  
Cerebellar degeneration  
Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome  
Dermatomyositis  
Nephrotic syndrome

### Metastases

Bone: pain  
Brain: hemiparesis; fits  
Liver: jaundice  
Skin: nodules

# INVESTIGATIONS

- **In outpatients**

1. **History and examination**, including smoking and occupational histories
2. **Spirometry** pre-biopsy or surgery
3. **CXR** (PA and possibly lateral)—location of lesion, pleural involvement, pleural effusion, rib destruction, intrathoracic metastases, mediastinal lymphadenopathy. CXR can be normal
4. **Blood tests**, including sodium, calcium, and LFTs. Check clotting if biopsy planned
5. **Sputum cytology** only indicated in patients who are unfit for bronchoscopy or biopsy
6. **Diagnostic pleural tap**, if effusion present
7. **FNA** of enlarged supraclavicular or cervical lymph nodes



# INVESTIGATIONS

- **Radiology**

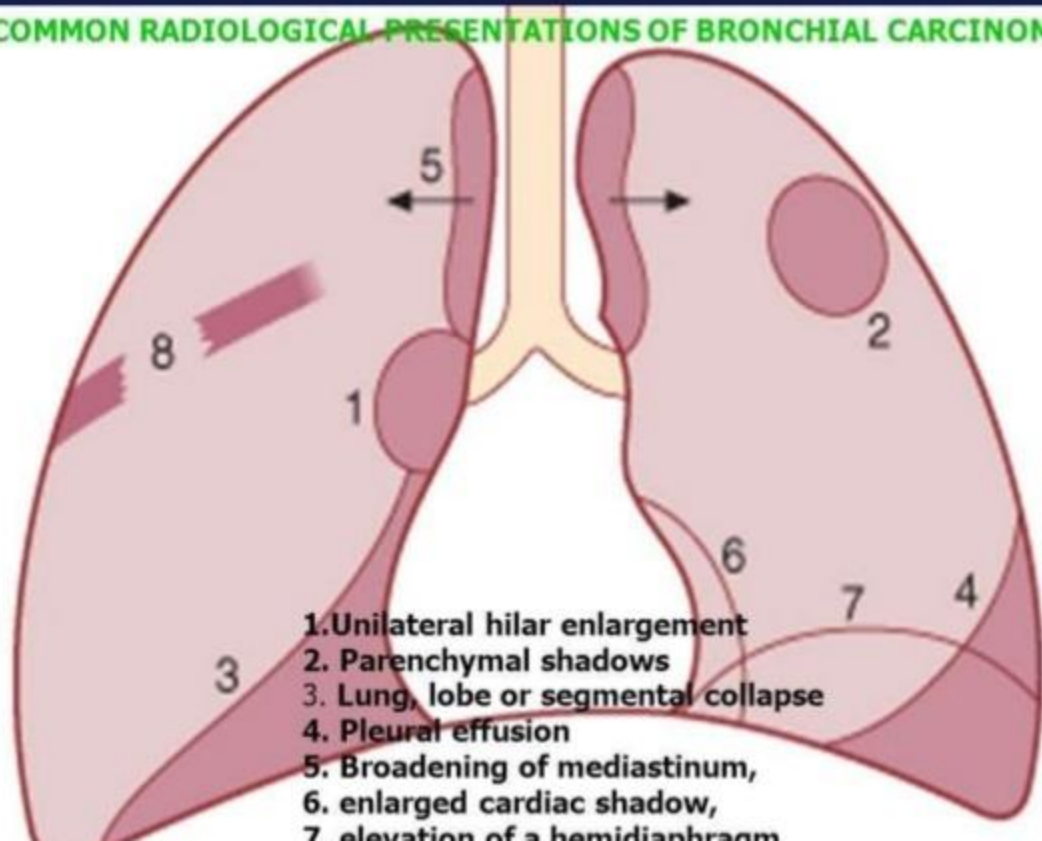
1. **CT** *neck, chest, liver, adrenals (contrast-enhanced) to assess tumour site and size*
2. **USG** of neck or liver may provide information about enlarged lymph nodes or metastases suitable for biopsy
3. **MRI** Used to answer specific questions relating to tumour invasion/ borders
4. **Bone scan** Indicated if any suggestion of metastatic disease such as bony pain, pathological fracture, hypercalcaemia, raised ALP, highly suggestive of bony metastases if multiple areas of increased uptake.
5. **CT head** Indicated if any neurological evidence of metastatic



# INVESTIGATIONS

- Radiology (CXR)

COMMON RADIOLOGICAL PRESENTATIONS OF BRONCHIAL CARCINOMA



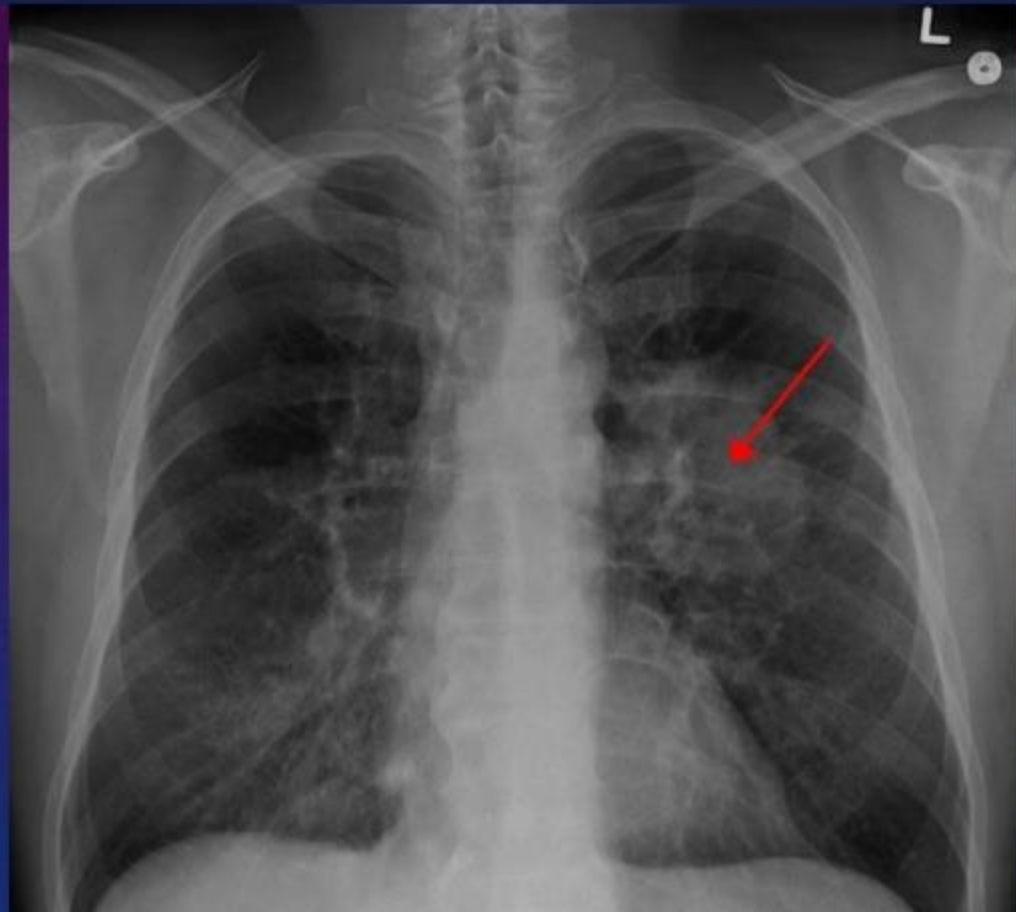
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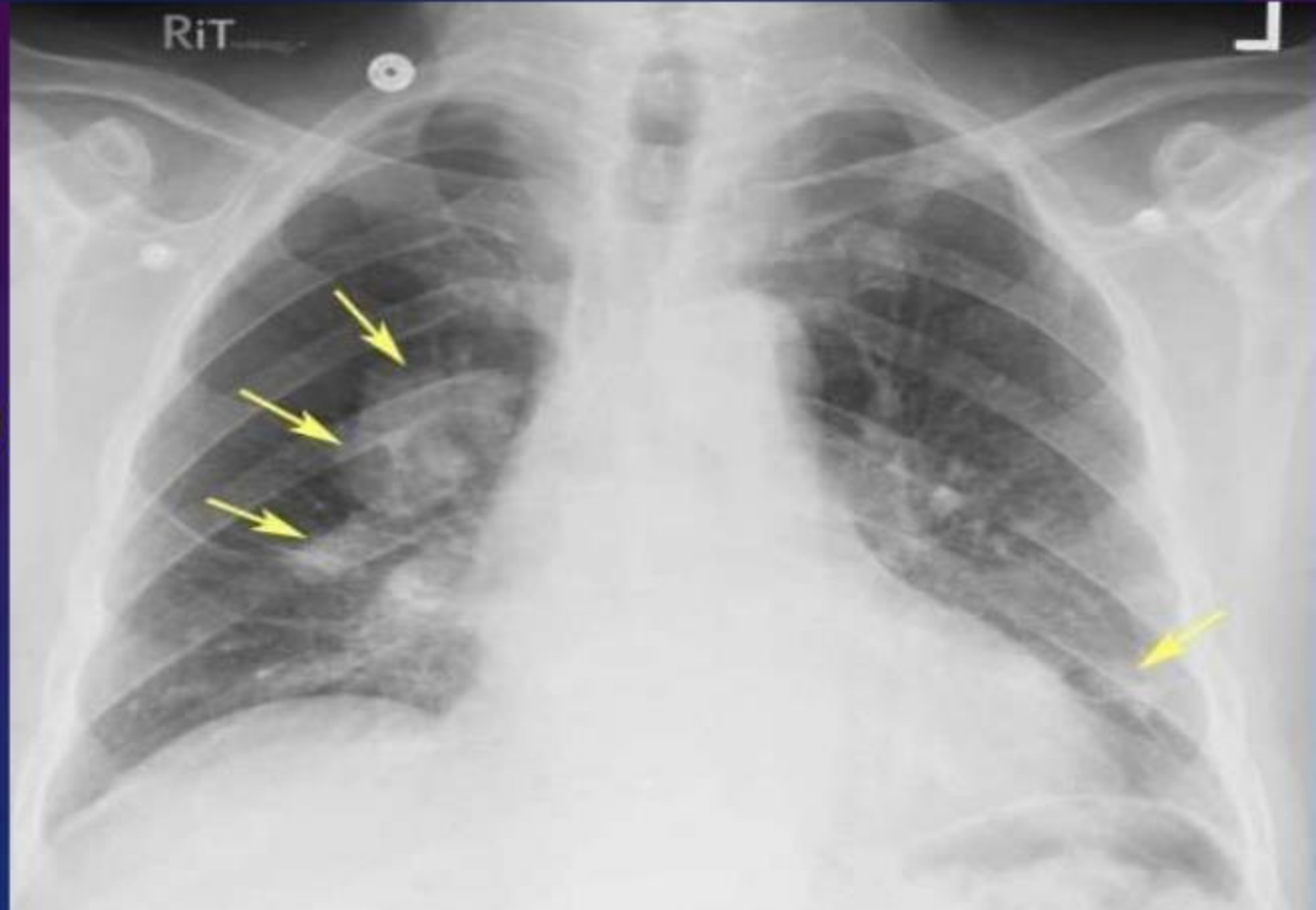
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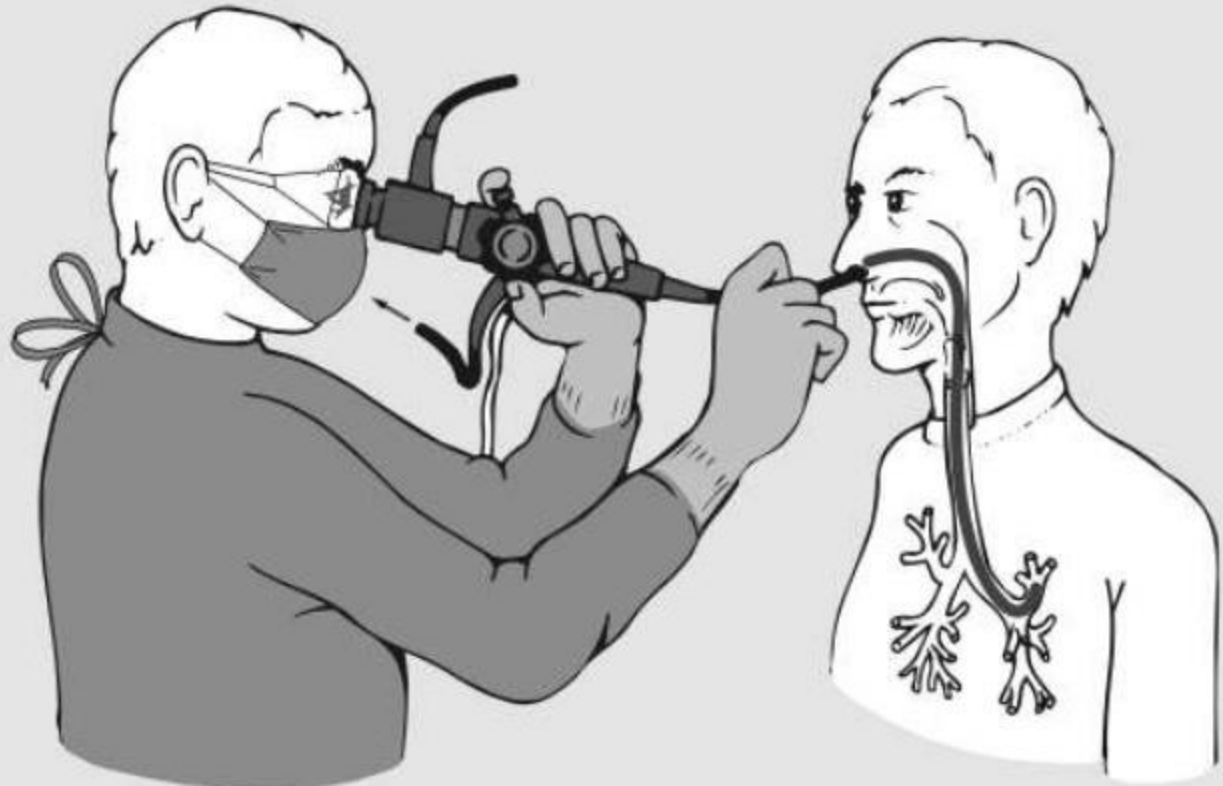
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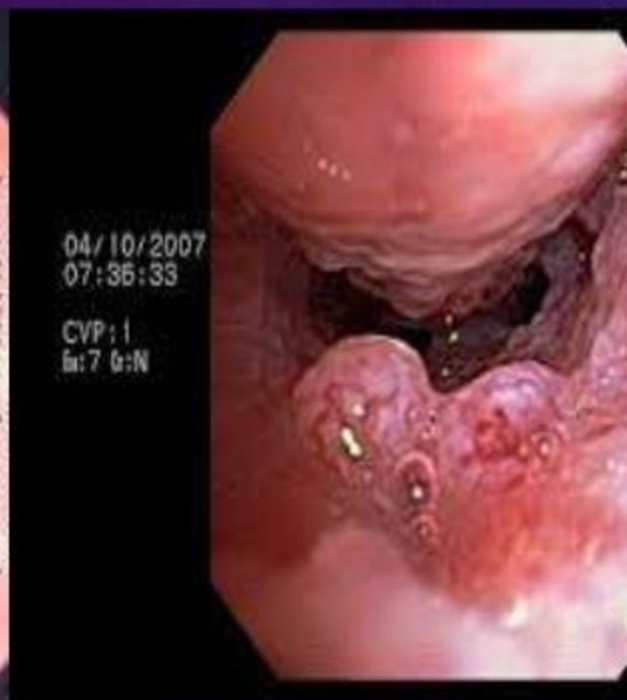
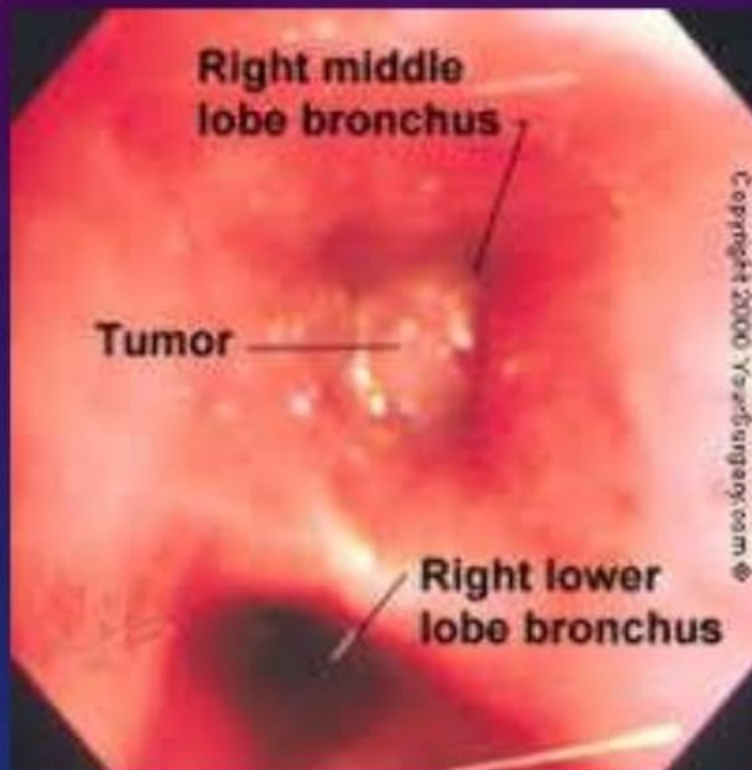
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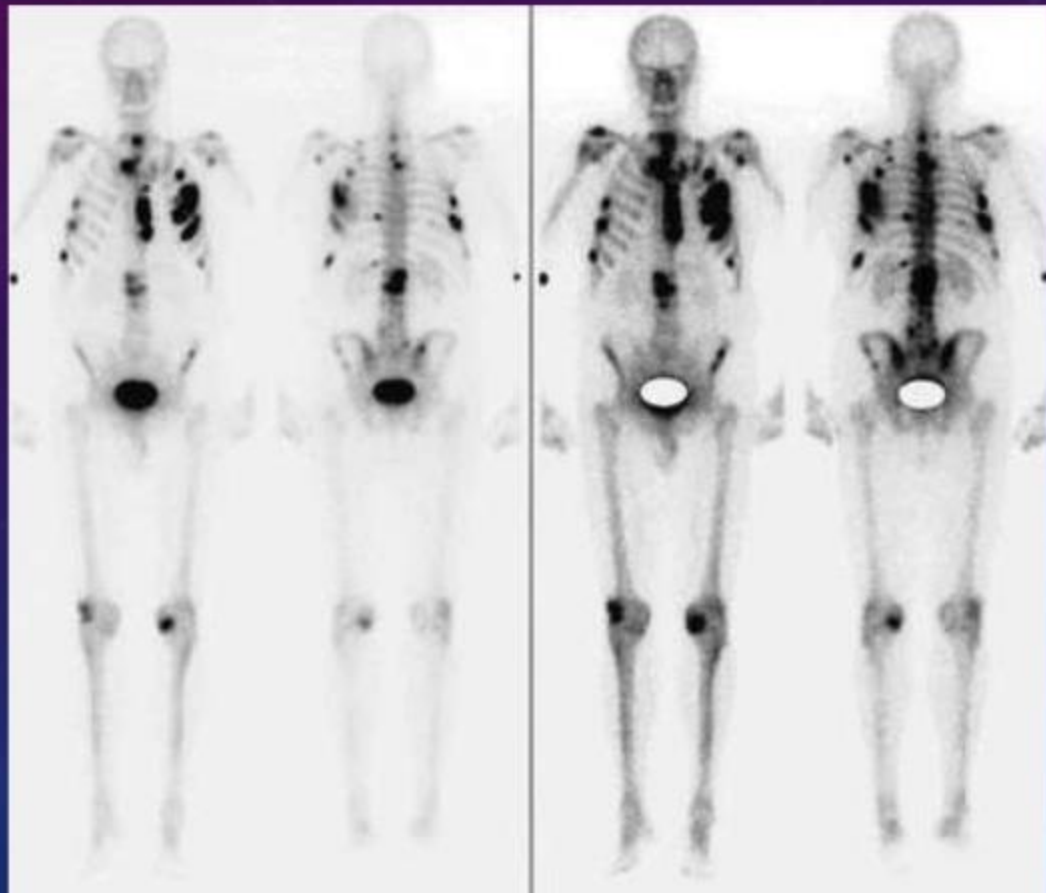
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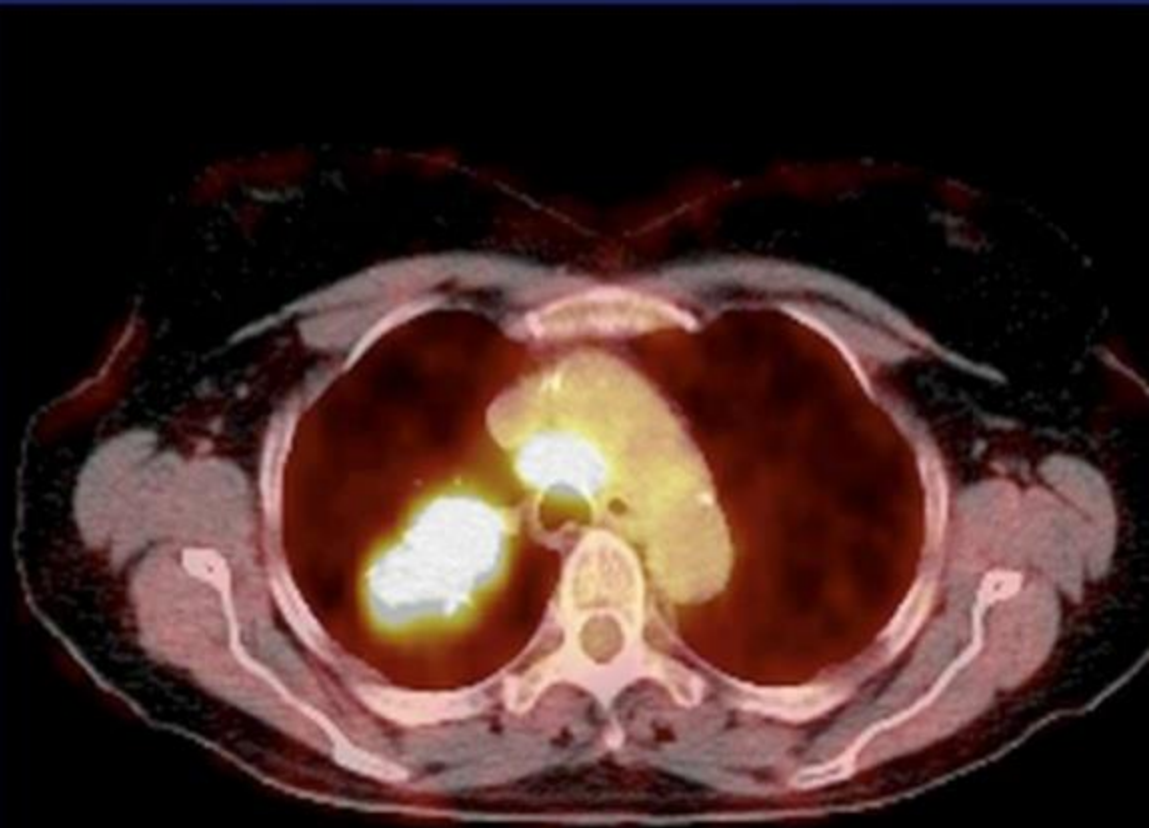
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- **Bone Scan**



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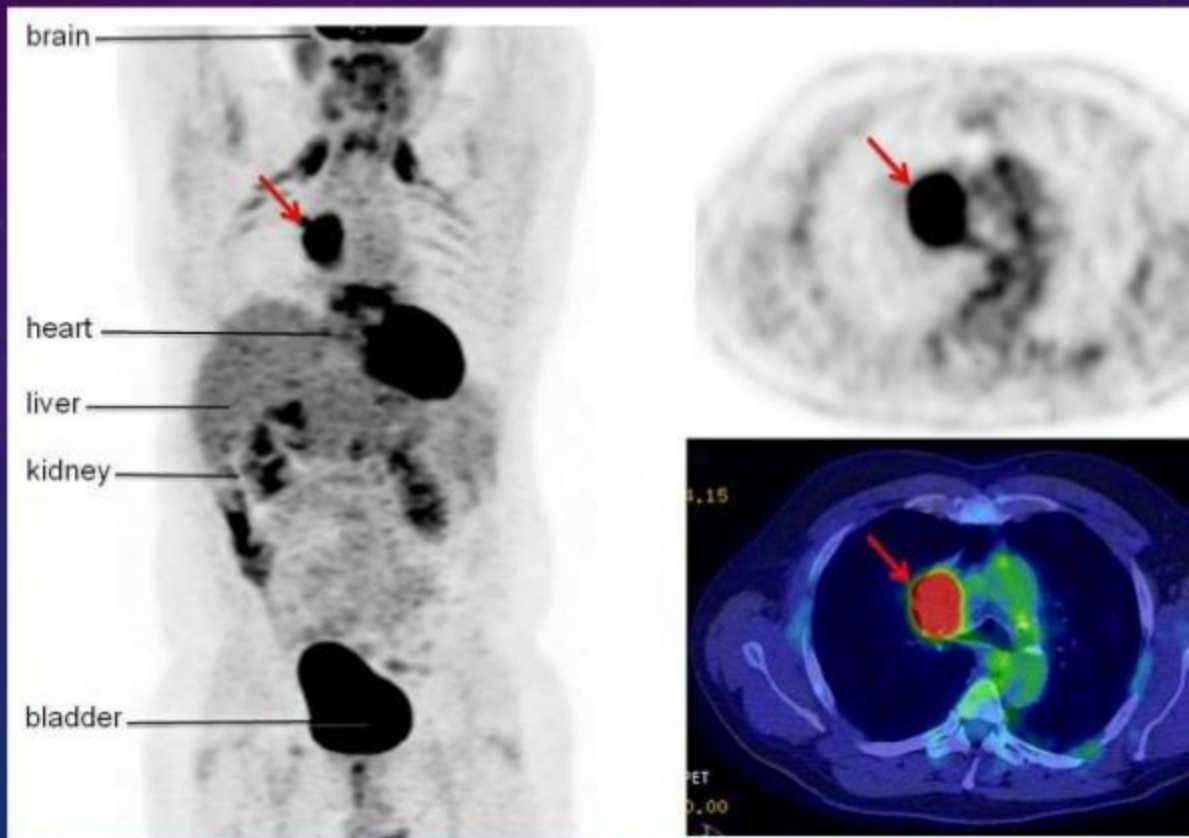
- **Positron Emission Tomography (PET)**





# INVESTIGATIONS

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# MANAGEMENT

1. Surgical resection in patients with ipsilate peribronchial or hilar node involvement
2. Radiotherapy
3. Chemotherapy
4. Laser therapy
5. General managment

# MANAGEMENT

- **Radiotherapy**

- ✓ SVCO
- ✓ Recurrent hemoptysis
- ✓ Pain caused by chest wall invasion or skeletal metastasis
- ✓ To relieve obstruction of trachea & main bronch
- ✓ With chemotherapy, it can prevent brain

# MANAGEMENT

- **Chemotherapy**

- ✓ Small cell carcinoma – Combined treatment with cytotoxic drugs & radiotherapy
- ✓ IV Cyclophosphamide
- ✓ Doxorubicin
- ✓ Vincristine
- ✓ Etoposide

✓ IV Cisplatin



# MANAGEMENT

- **Laser Therapy**

- ✓ Via fiber optic bronchoscopy
- ✓ Palliative treatment
- ✓ To destroy tumour tissue occluding major airways & to allow re aeration of collapsed lung

# MANAGEMENT

- General Management

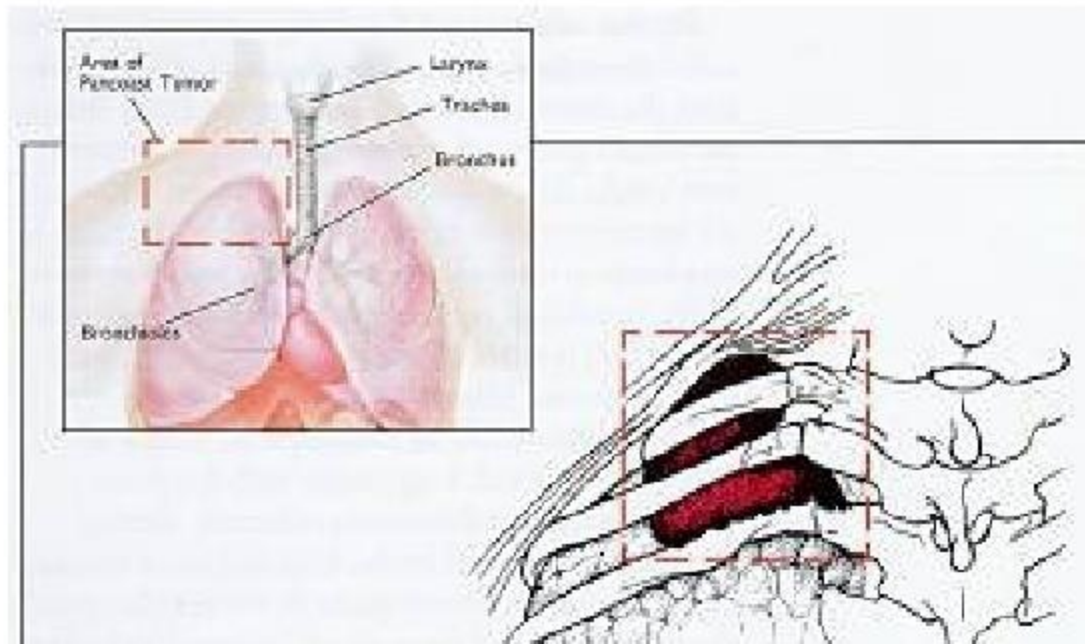
- ✓ Pain relief
- ✓ Good diet
- ✓ Specific therapy to treat anxiety & depression
- ✓ Treat Hypercalcemia
- ✓ Manage malignant pleural effusions.

# **PANCOAST TUMOR**

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# Introduction

- Henry Pancoast:  
early 20<sup>th</sup> century
- One region...Many  
names
- Location








# Differential Diagnosis

- Malignant Tumor
  - Pancoast's Tumor
  - Mesothelioma
  - Lymphoma
  - Metastatic Disease
- Benign Tumor (most commonly Neurofibroma)
- Pleural Thickening
- Pleural effusion (loculated at apex)
- Hematoma
  - Extrapleural from aortic rupture
  - Vascular aneurysms
  - Iatrogenic (i.e. after attempted CVC placement)



## Clinical Presentation

- Arm/shoulder pain
  - Horner's syndrome
  - Weakness/atrophy of hand muscles
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# Radiographic findings

- X-Ray

- Unilateral cap  $> 5\text{mm}$
- Asymmetry of bilateral caps  $> 5\text{ mm}$
- Apical mass
- Bone destruction











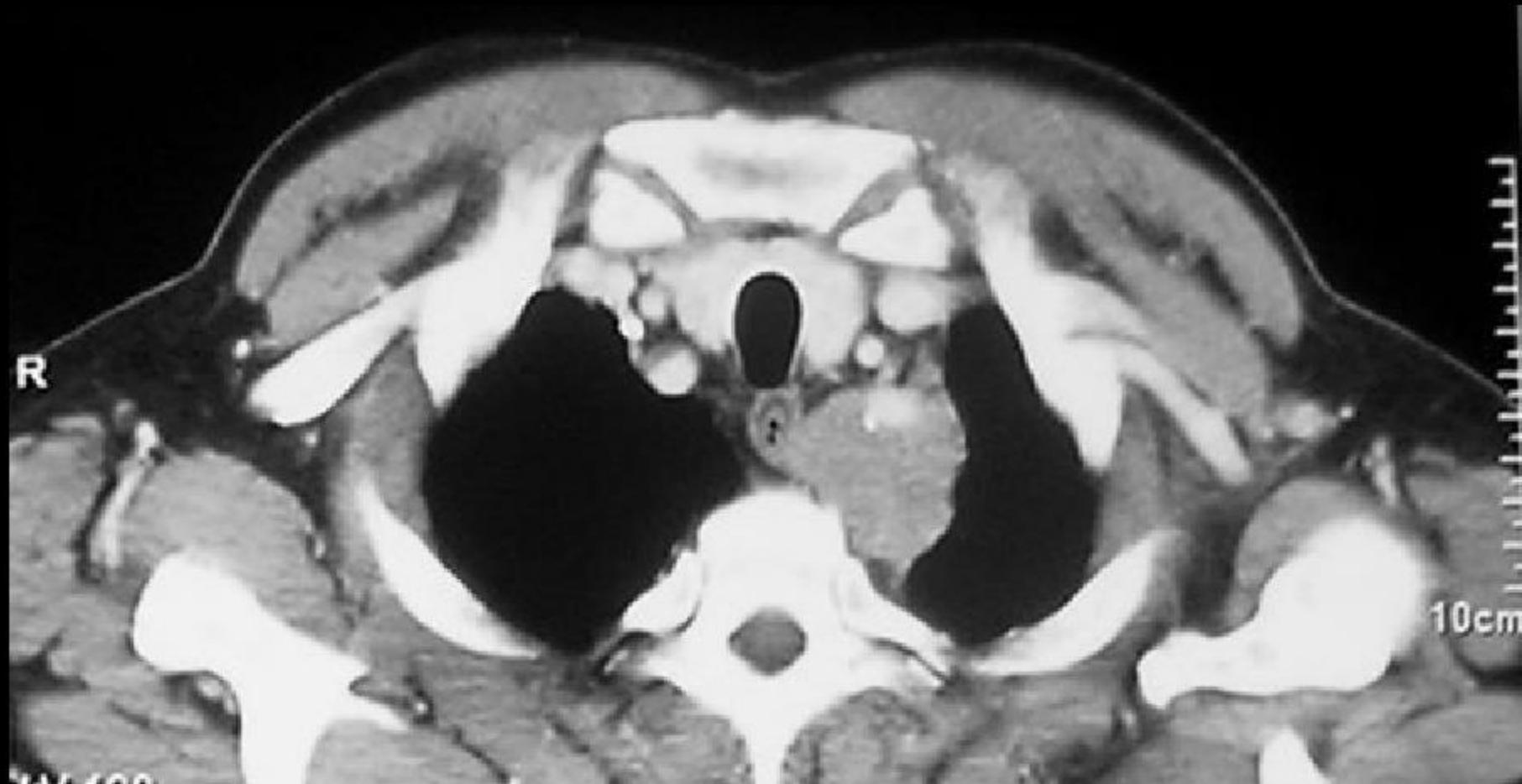
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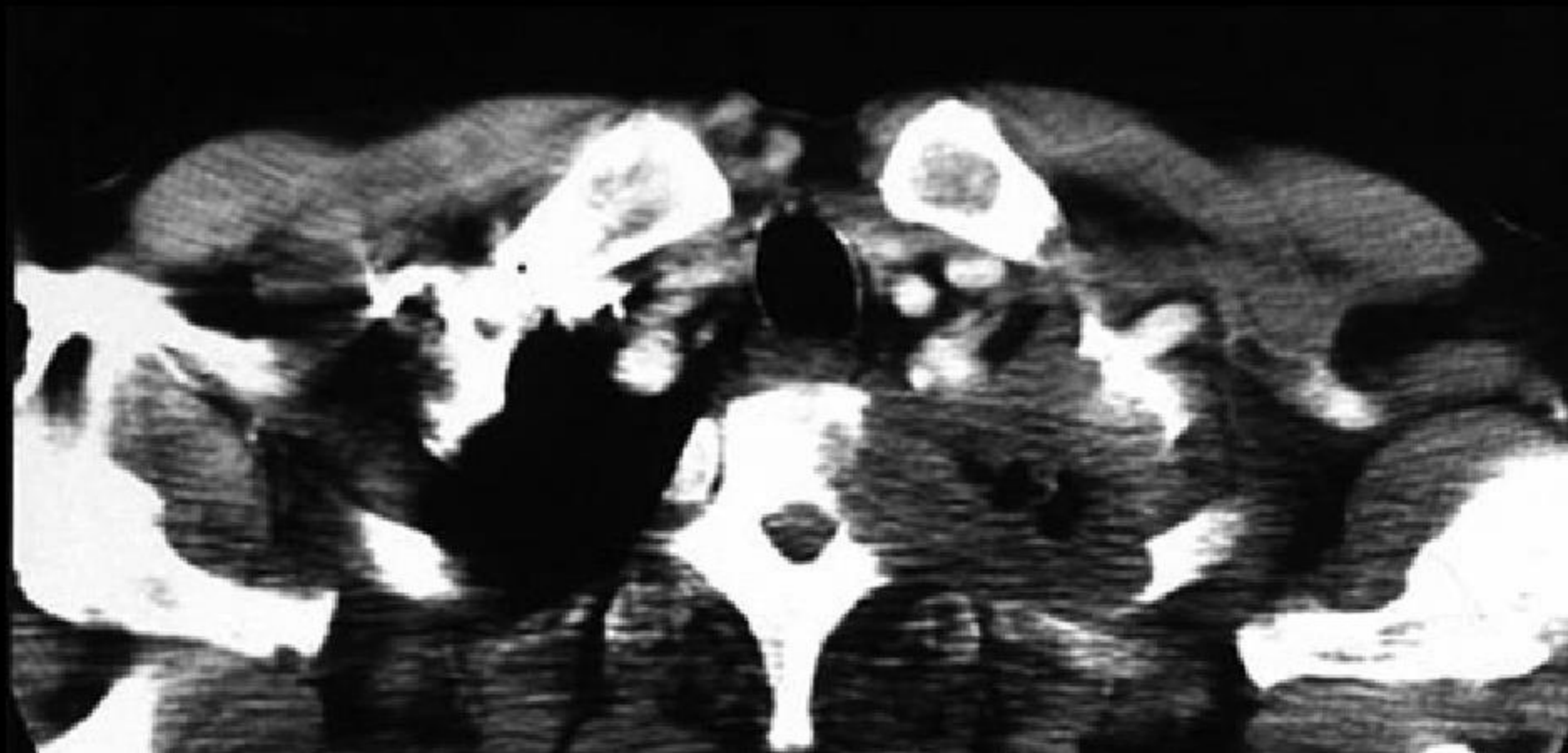
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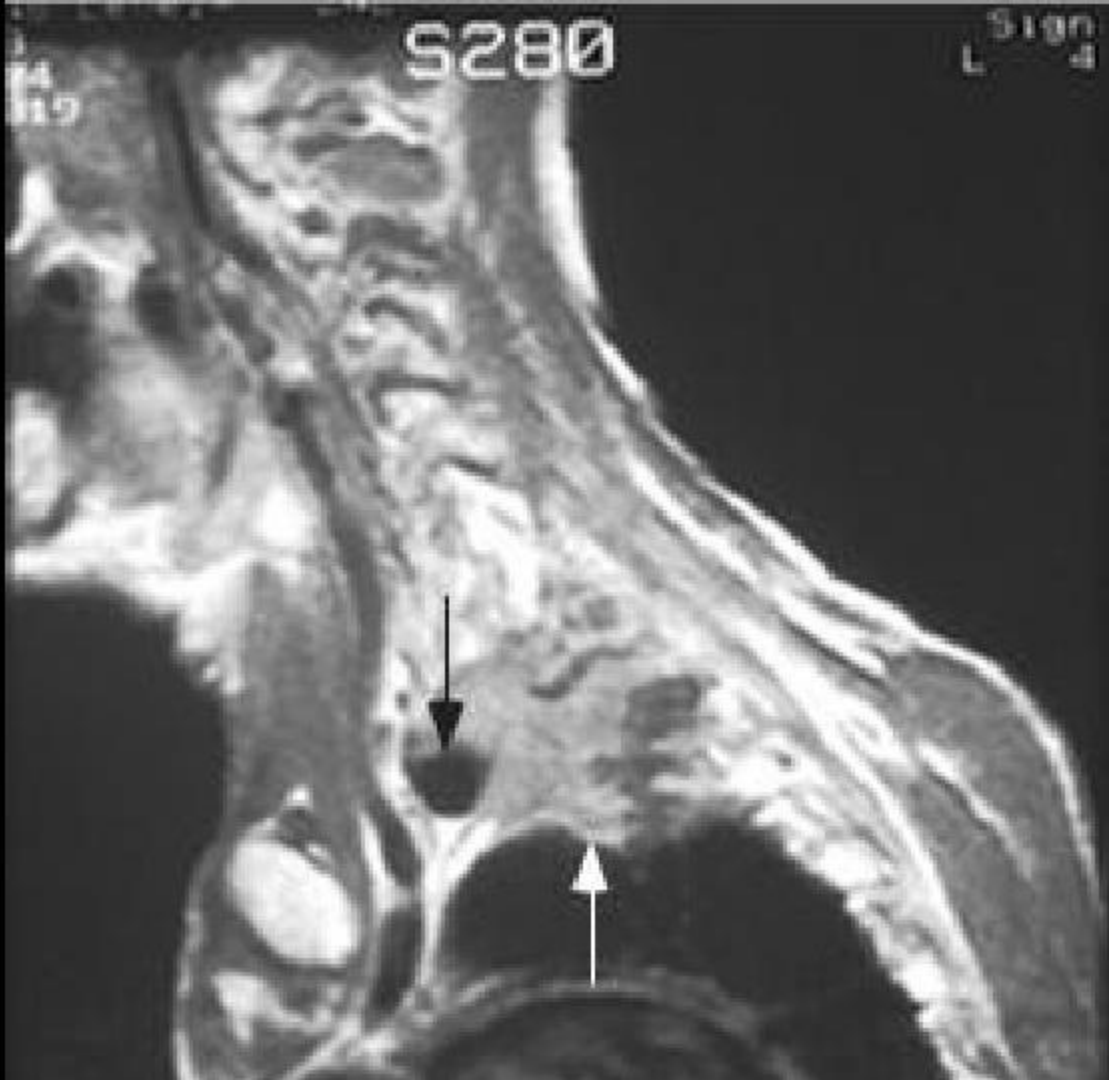
- Presence of satellite nodules, parenchymal disease, mediastinal

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## Diagnostic Work-Up

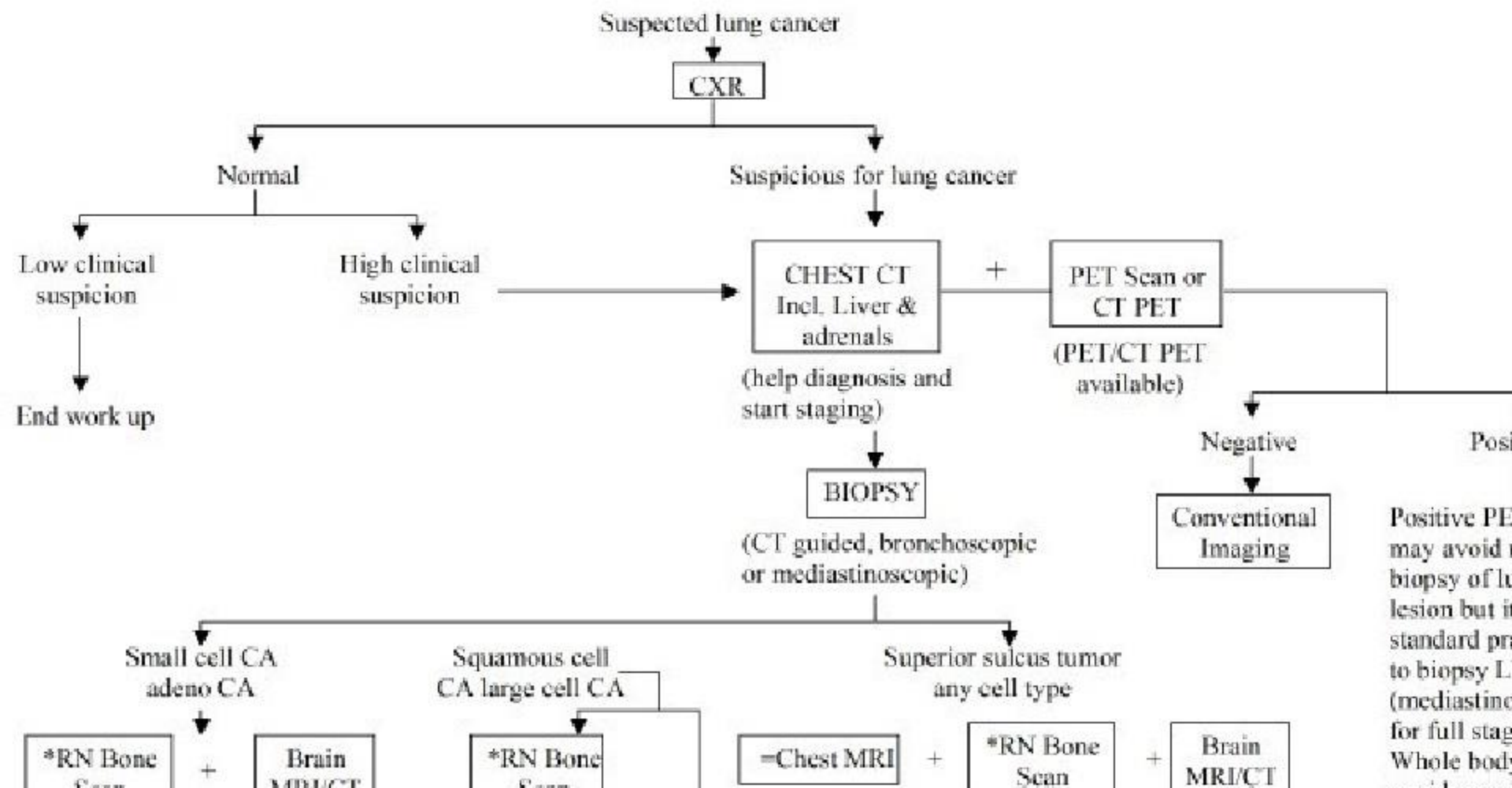
- Bronchoscopy and sputum cytology?
- Percutaneous needle biopsy
- VATS
- Thoracotomy



# Pathology

- Mostly non-small cell lung cancer
  - Mainly squamous cell carcinoma
- Small cell carcinoma: 5% of cases

# ALGORITHM FOR DIAGNOSING AND STAGING SUSPECTED LUNG CANCER







# Staging/Preoperative Assessment

- Staging same as with NSCLC's (TMN staging)
- PET scan
- Mediastinoscopy
- Brain Imaging



# Treatment

- Multimodality therapy
- Radiation therapy followed by en bloc extended surgical resection
- Chemotherapy/chemoradiotherapy





# Prognosis

- Overall 5-year survival rates with preoperative RT and surgical resection: 30%
  - Patients with uninvolved lymph nodes: 30-40%
  - Patients with incomplete resection, mediastinal nodal involvement, or T4 vertebral body invasions: <10%
- 2/3 patients will have recurrent disease
- Poor prognostic factors:

- ● ● | Post-Therapy Surveillance

- Little data to support evidence-based guidelines for routine surveillance following therapy







## Further Recommendations

- Whenever possible, patients with superior sulcus tumors should be enrolled in prospective clinical trials so that the optimal therapy may be determined.



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