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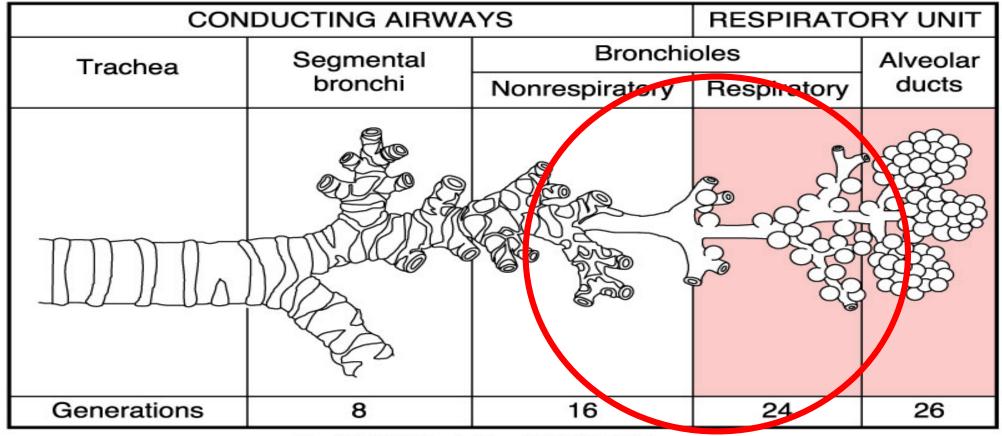
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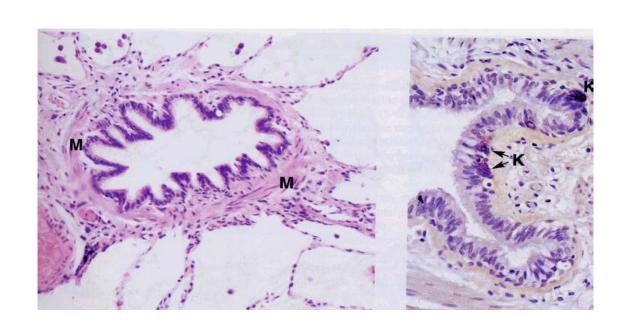
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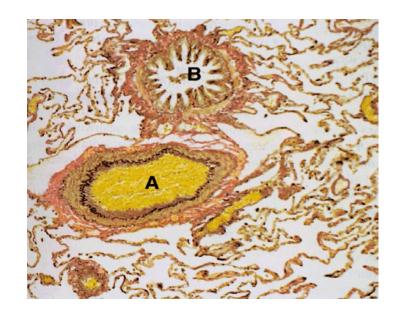
Adult Bronchiolitis: definition

Bronchiolitis is a process centered in and around membranous and/or respiratory bronchioles with sparing of a considerable portion of the other parenchymal structures



The distribution and amounts of the cellular and mesenchymal components vary from case to case and are at the basis of the variety of histopathological, radiographic and clinical aspects of bronchiolitis.





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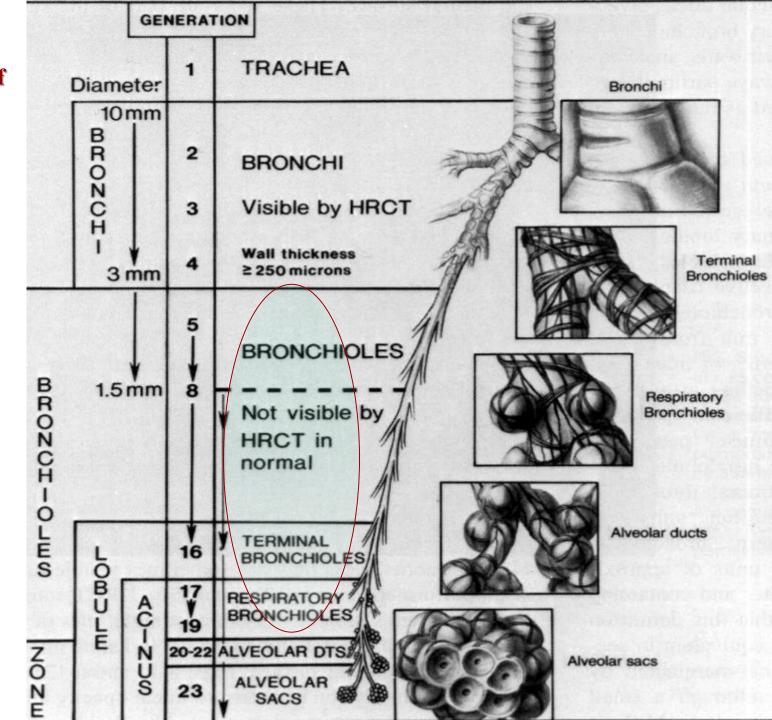
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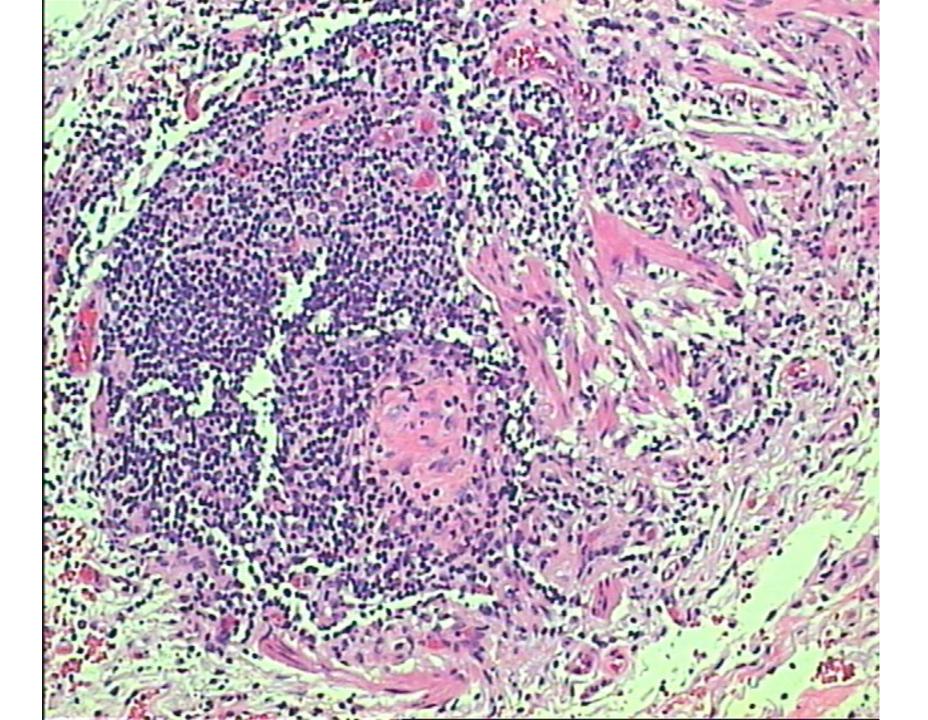
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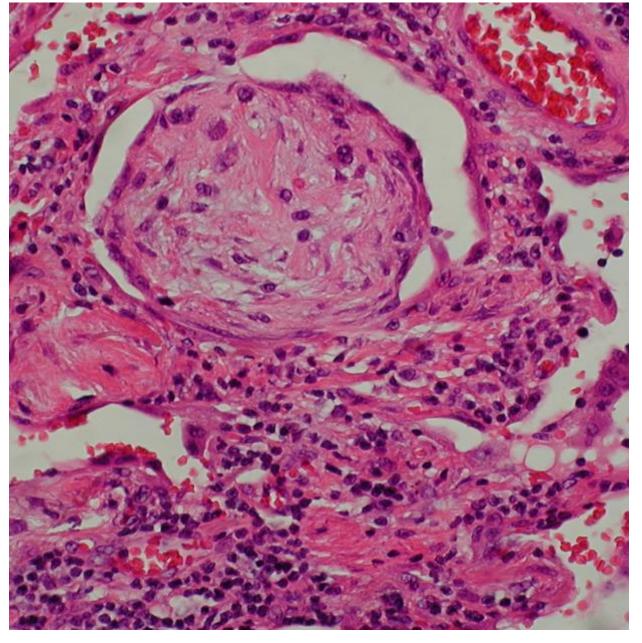
Clinical entities

Morphologic classification of Bronchiolitis simplified for Clinicians

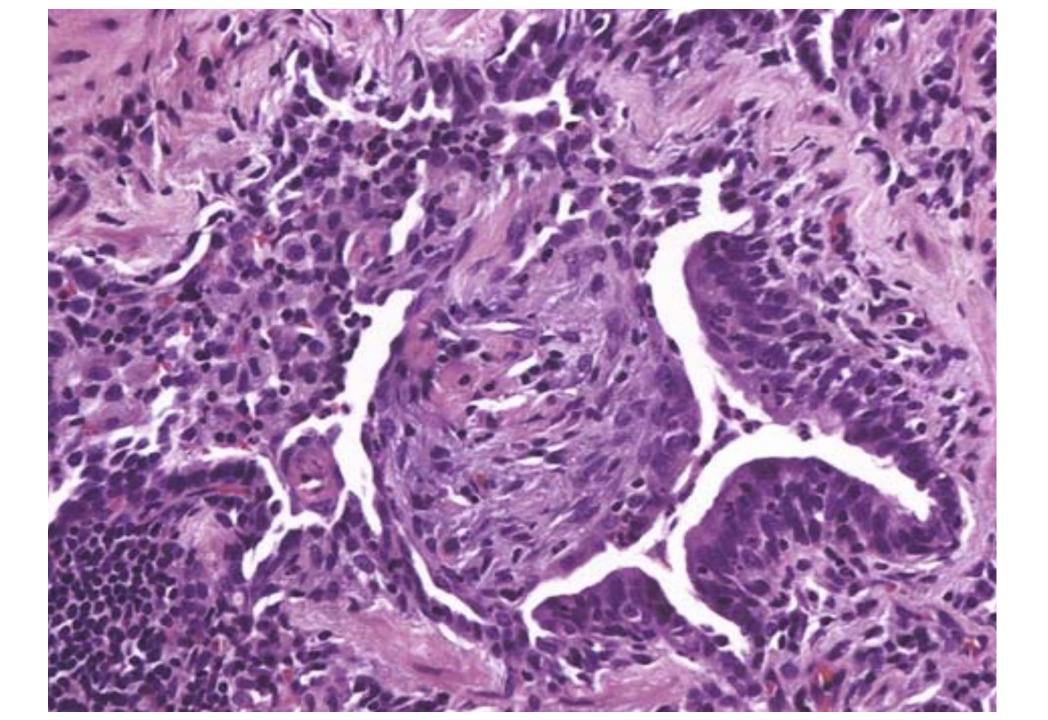
- *Cellular bronchiolitis
- *Proliferative bronchiolitis
- *Cicatritial bronchiolitis
- *Bronchiolar metaplasia



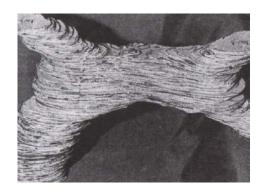


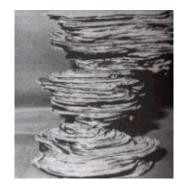


Bronchiolitis with inflammatory polyps

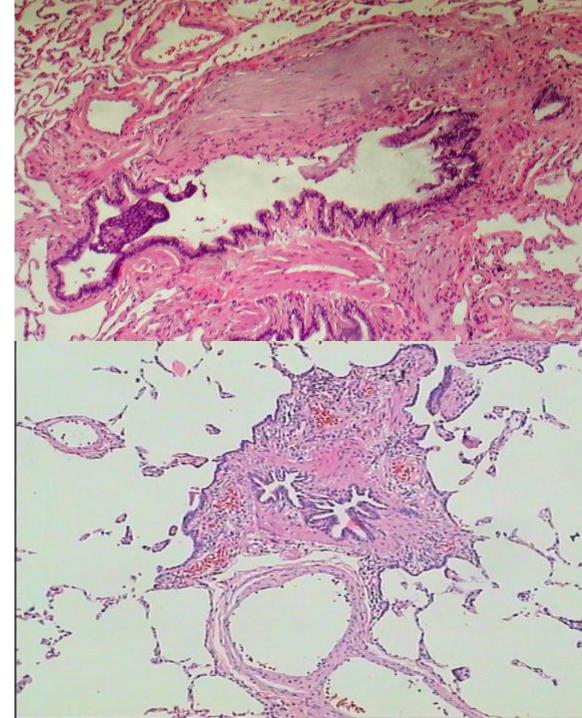


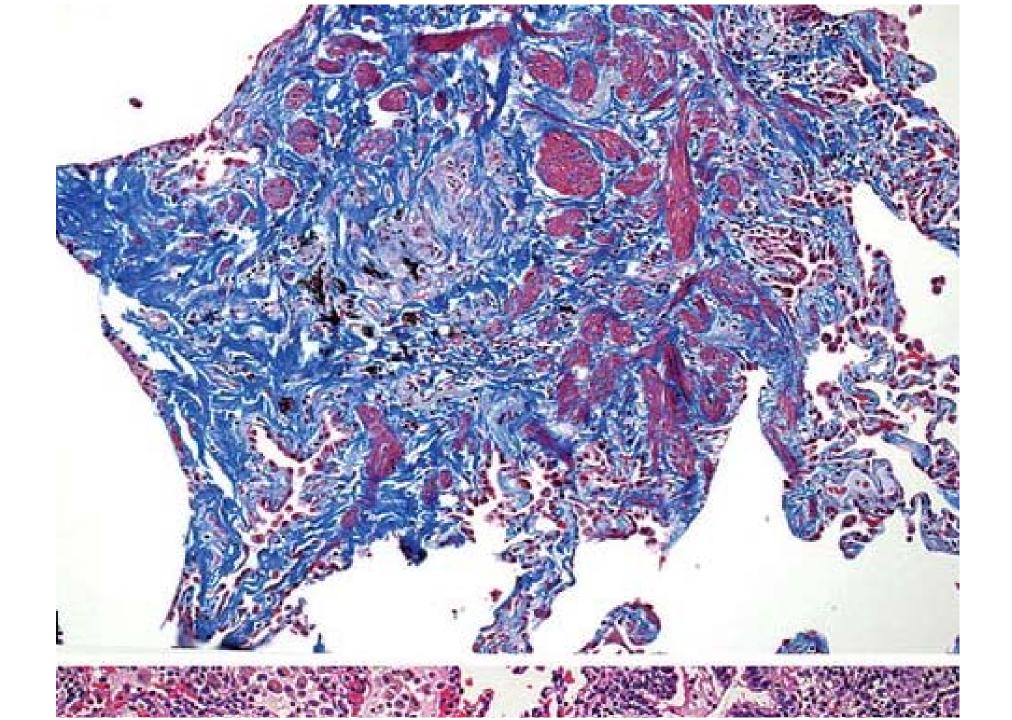
Cicatritial (constrictive) bronchiolitis

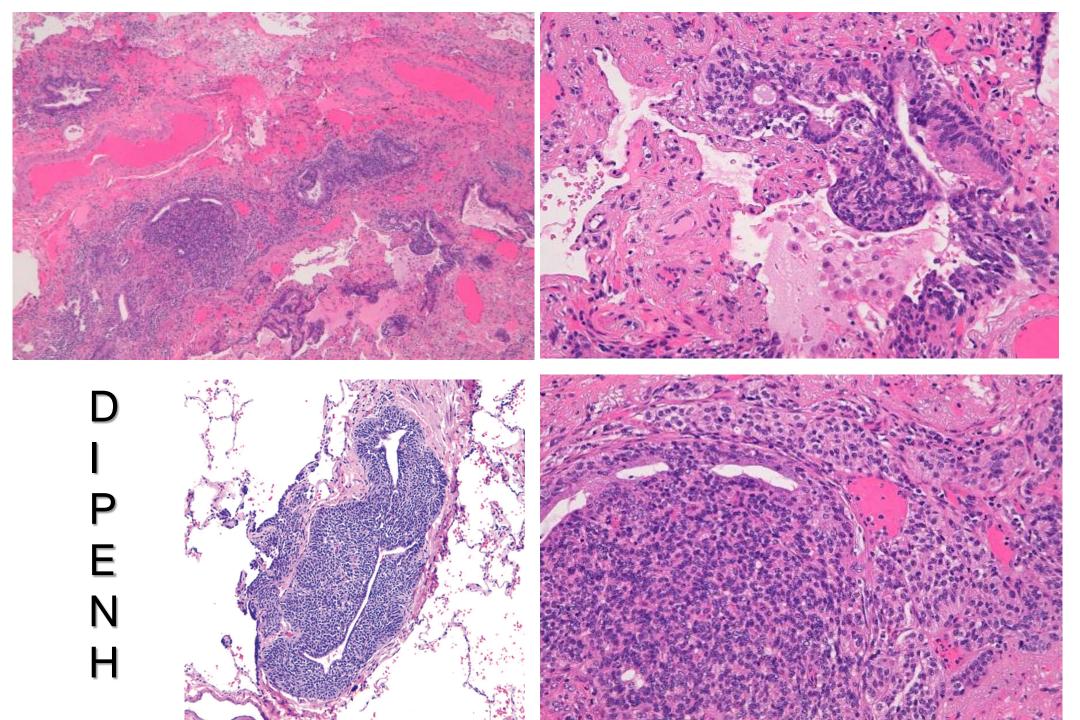


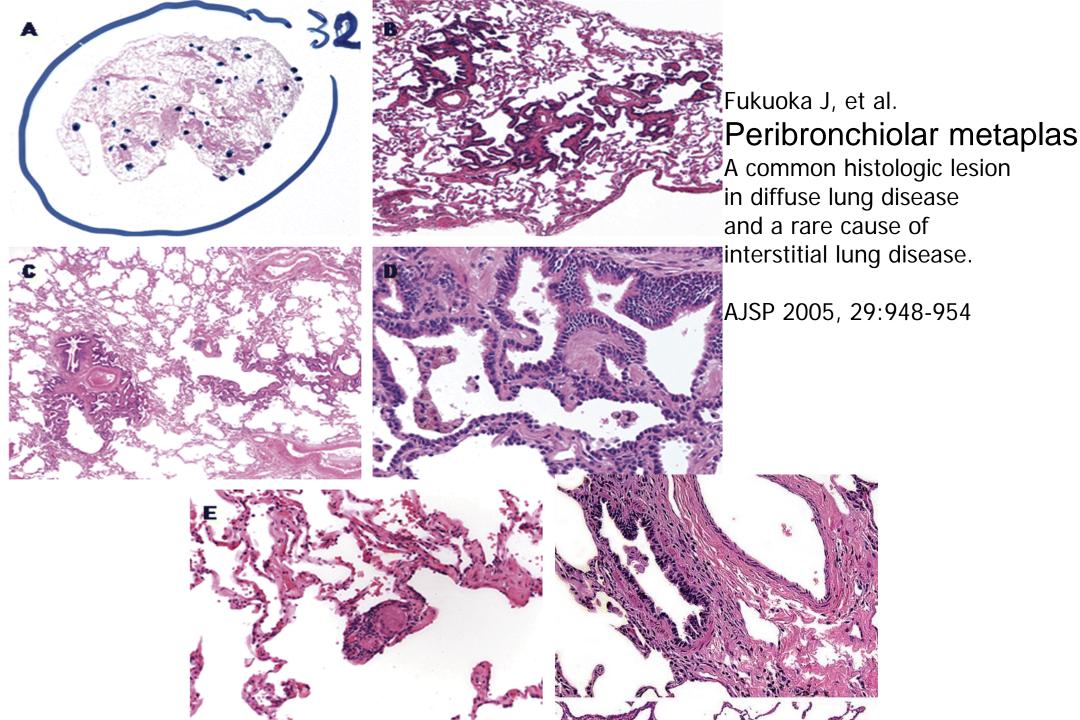


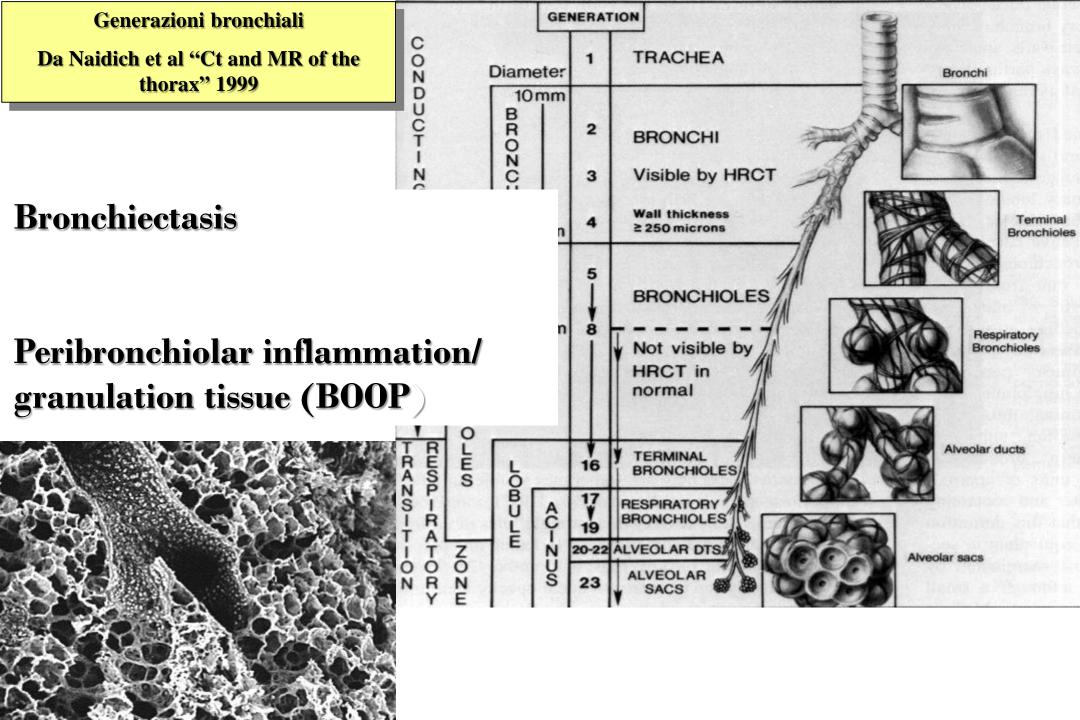
There is a mural thickening of membranous bronchioles caused by submucosal collagenization



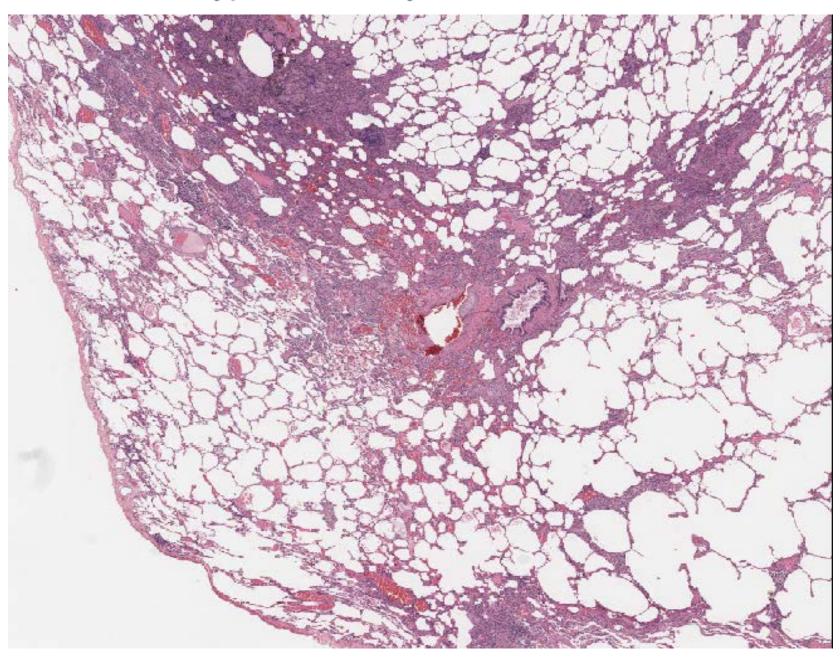








Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis



Abnormalities on HRCT that reflect small airways disease can be broadly categorized into indirect and direct signs:

- widespread scarring and obliteration of the bronchioles results in the indirect sign of patchy density differences of the lung parenchyma, representing areas of under-ventilated and underperfused lung (the so-called mosaic attenuation pattern).
- * by contrast, considerable thickening of the bronchiolar walls by inflammatory infiltrate and/or luminal and surrounding exudate render the affected small airways directly visible.

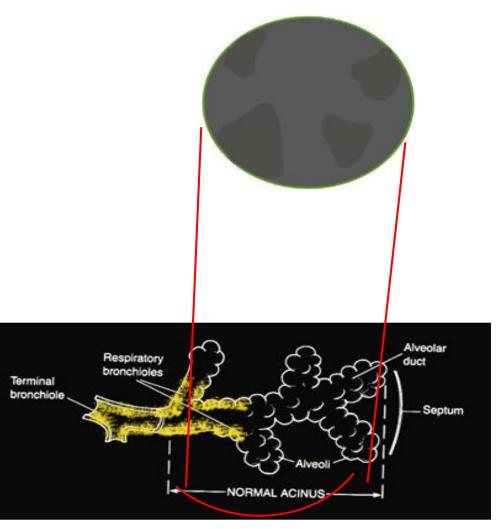
HR CT scan findings in bronchiolitis

- Indirect signs
 - Mosaic oligoemia
 - Expiratory air-trapping
- Direct signs
 - Centrilobular well defined nodules
 - "Tree in bud" pattern
 - Ground glass centrilobular nodules
- Mixed pattern
 - "Head-cheese" pattern

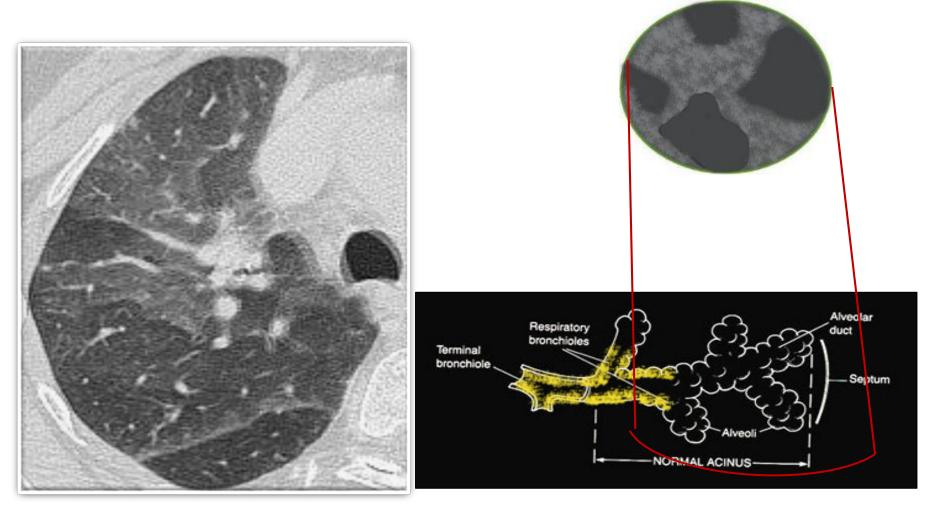
Indirect Signs

"mosaic oligoemia"



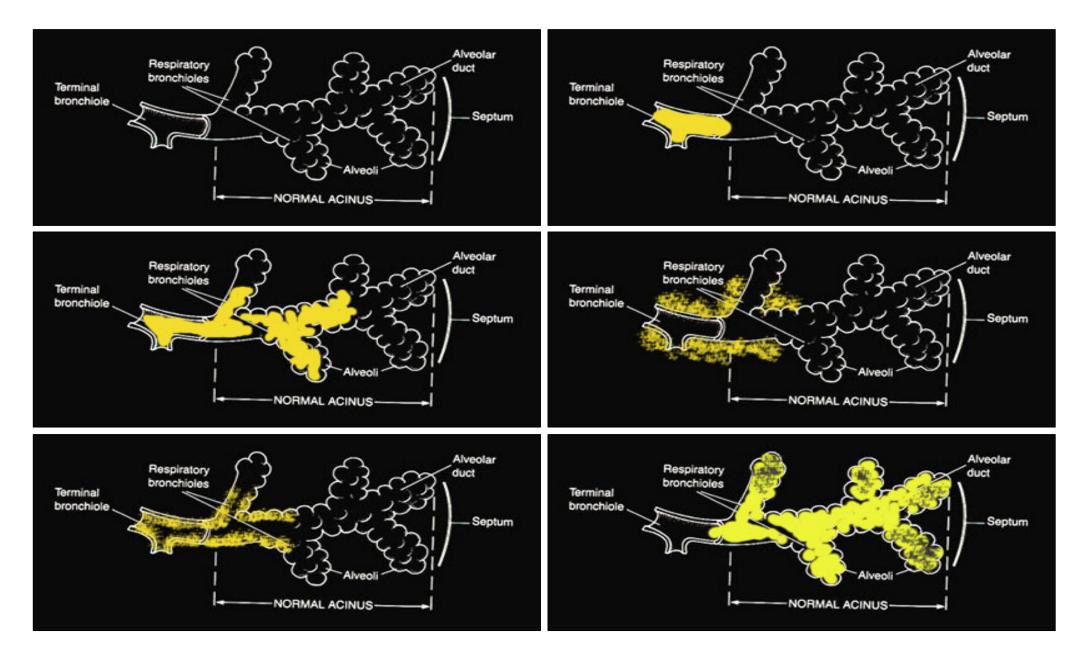


Indirect Signs



Air Trapping

Expiratory CT



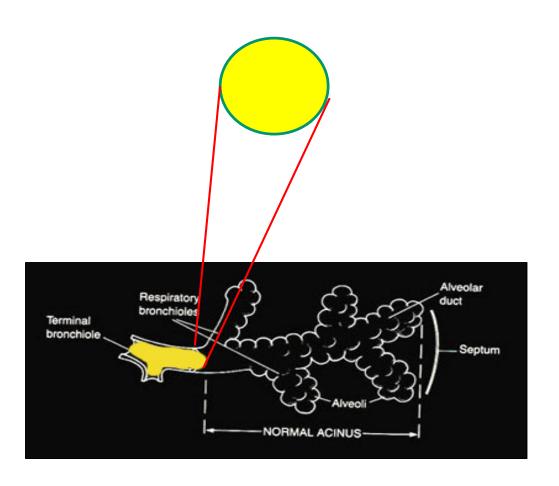
Direct signs

Direct Signs



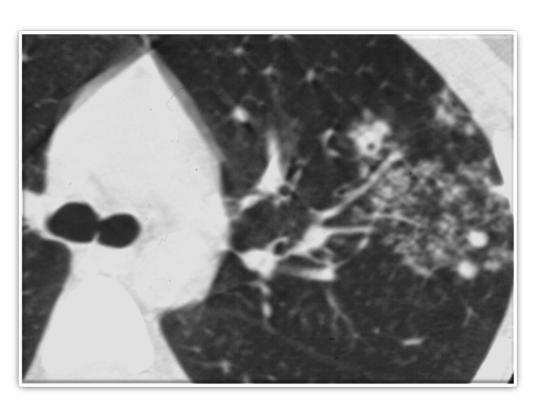
Lymphocytic (follicular) bronchiolitis

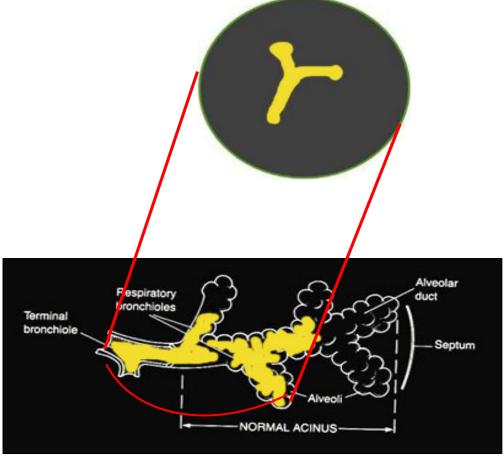
Centrilobular well defined micronodules



Direct Signs

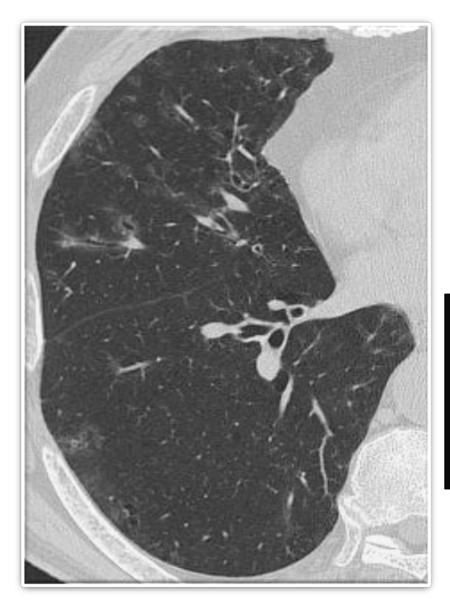
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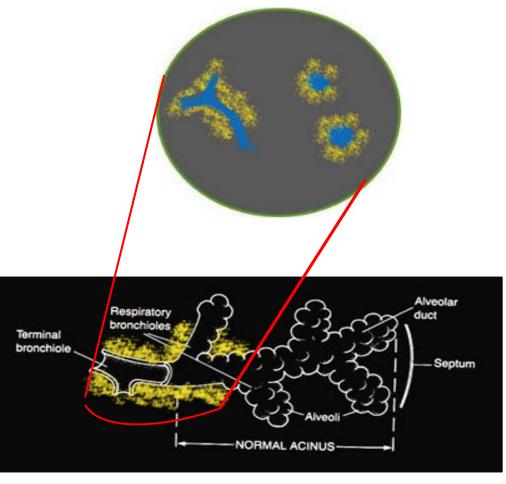


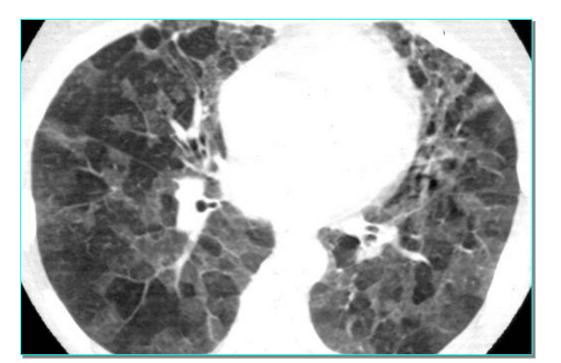


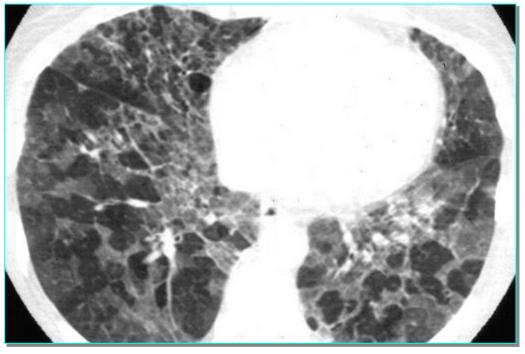
Direct Signs

Centrilobular ground glass nodules









"head cheese" pattern



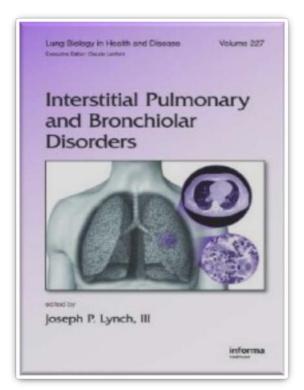


 Table 3
 Classification of HRCT Findings in Bronchiolar Diseases

CT features	Type of bronchiolitis	Structures mainly involved
Centrilobular nodules and branching lines (tree in bud)	Cellular bronchiolitis	Membranous and respiratory bronchioles
Centrilobular nodules (with	Cellular bronchiolitis	Respiratory bronchioles
ground-glass attenuation)	Bronchiolitis with inflammatory polyps	Centrilobular airways
Low attenuation (mosaic perfusion) and expiratory air trapping	Cicatritial bronchiolitis Bronchiolitis with	Respiratory and membranous bronchioles
	inflammatory polyps	Membranous bronchioles
Mixed pattern	Cellular bronchiolitis	Respiratory and
	Bronchiolitis with inflammatory polyps, cicatricial bronchiolitis	membranous bronchioles

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Clinical definition of bronchiolitis is still elusive.

- Signs and symptoms are nonspecific and polymorphous.
- The course is usually chronic but it may be acute or subacute.
- Pulmonary function tests show more frequently an obstructive impairment but in the early phases can be normal.
- Signs: inspiratory squeaks. Cough in the latest phase of forced expiration
- Specific laboratory markers for bronchiolitis are not yet identified.

Bronchioles: silent zone

Clinical classification of bronchiolitis

Inhalation bronchiolitis

Toxic fume inhalation
Irritant gases and mineral dusts
Organic dusts

- Infectious and postinfectious bronchiolitis
- Chronic aspiration
- Drug induced bronchiolitis
- Collagen-vascular disease-associated bronchiolitis
- Paraneoplastic pemphigus associated bronchiolitis
- Inflammatory bowel disease associated bronchiolitis
- Post-transplant bronchiolitis
- Neuroendocrine cell hyperplasia with bronchiolar fibrosis
- Diffuse panbronchiolitis
- Cryptogenic bronchiolitis
- Miscellanea

Lysinuric protein intolerance

Ataxia-Telangiectasia

Familia form of immunodeficiency

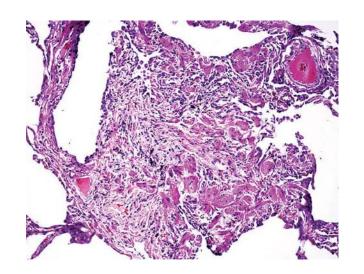
IgA nephropathy

Associated to lichen planus

Stevens–Johnson syndrome

"fume-related" bonchiolitis

- Toxic and irritant gases and fumes [nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, ammonia, chlorine, phosgene, butter flavorings (diacetyl)]
- Grain dusts
- Mineral dusts (talc, stearate of zinc powder, asbestos, iron oxide, aliminium oxide...)
- Organic dusts (EAA,)
- Free-base cocaine
- Incenerator fly ash
- Cigarette smoke
- Thionyl chloride



Clinical Pathology Workshop Summary

Nylon Flock-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease

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Increased Respiratory Disease Mortality at a Microwave Popcorn Production Facility with Worker Risk of Bronchiolitis Obliterans

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CLINICAL BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS IN WORKERS AT A MICROWAVE-POPCORN PLANT

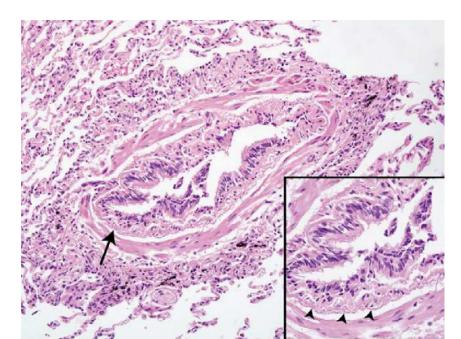
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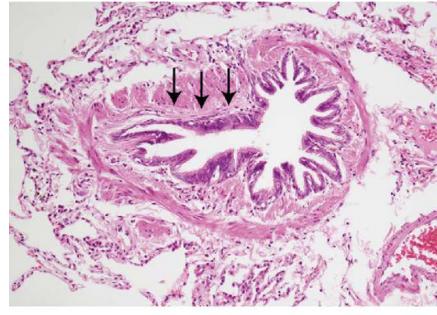


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An International collaborative pathologic study of surgical lung biopsies from mustard gas-exposed patients

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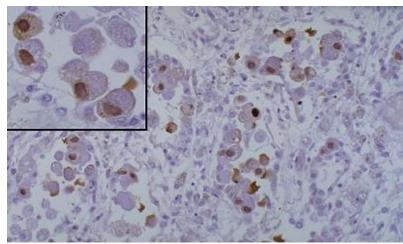


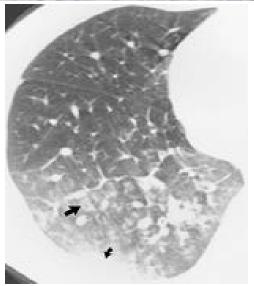
Infectious and post-infectious bronchiolitis in adults

Cases due to *Adenovirus* (serotypes 3, 7 and 21), *HHV*, *RSV*, *CMV*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, *Mycobacteria*, *Bordetella pertussis*, *influenza* have been described.

Uncommon causes of infectious bronchiolitis are: Legionella pneumophila, Haemophilus influenzae, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Serratia marcescens, Aspergillus or Mucor, Nocardia, Rubeola, Measles, Enteroviruses, HIV, Malaria, Cryptosporidium species, Microsporidia (Encephalitozoon hellem)

Diagnosis: HRCT, Serology, BAL, Microbiological investigations,Biopsy





Swyer-James or McLeod syndrome

- •SEPS Swyer—James syndrome results from viral injury to the lung (before the age of 8 years)
- SEP Unilateral transradiancy on plain chest radiography in S syndrome reflects a combination of hypoplasia of the pulmonary vasculature and obliterative bronchiolitis [5]
 - SEP The affected lung is small or normal in volume

Diffuse bronchiolar disease due to chronic occult aspiration.

Mayo Clin Proc. 2006, 81:172-6.

Mayo Clin Proc 2018, 93:752-762

- *Mean age 50 years (age range, 41-59 years)
- *M/ 1:1
- *Persistent dyspnea, cough, and lung infiltrates.
- *History of gastroesophageal reflux
- *HRCT: bronchial wall thickening/centrilobular nodules/tree in bud opacities
- *Lung biopsy: bronchiolocentric organizing pneumonia with giant cells that contained material consistent with food

Drug induced bronchiolitis

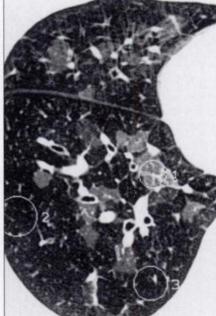
Drugs related bronchiolar damage more frequently presents with a clinical-radiological pattern and pathologic findings of BOOP.

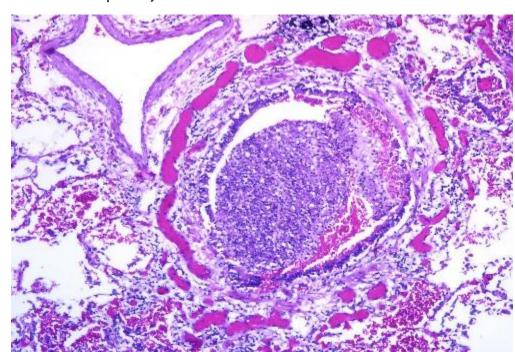
ware were helpful in assessing air-trapping and correlating it with pulmonary function findings may apply to patients with bronchiolitis obliterans from other causes.

ronchiolitis obliterans (also known as constrictive bronchiolitis) is a rare disease of respiratory bronchioles characterized by submucosal and peribronchiolar fibrosis [1, 2]. Because patients with

lution CT scans (i.e., diffuse bronchiec air-trapping [mosaic attenuation]) are regardless of the cause of disease [4 Although the relationship between high tion CT abnormalities and pulmonary AJR 1997







Drug induced bronchiolitis (case reports -short series)

- D-Penicillamine
- Gold
- Tiopronin
- Busulfan
- Carmustin
- Lomustin
- Topotecan
- Imatinib
- Immune check point inhibitors



Iatrogenic pulmonary lesions

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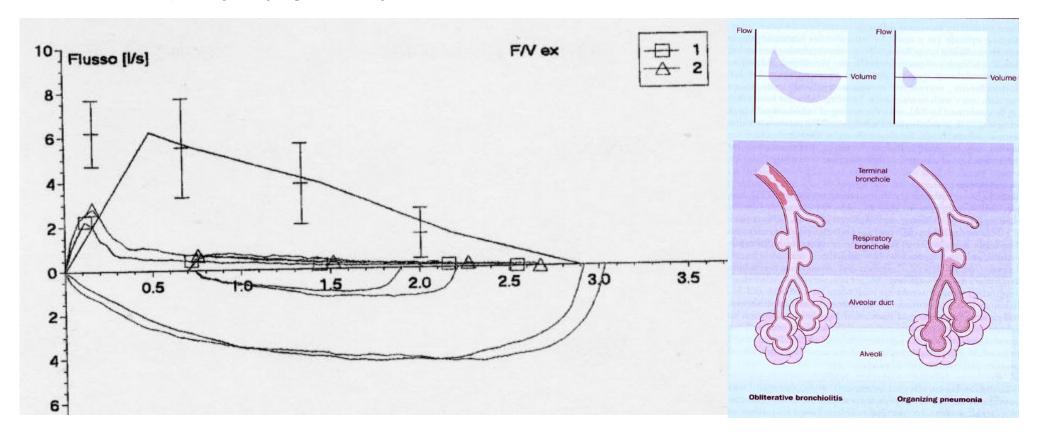
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Collagen-vascular disease and bronchiolitis

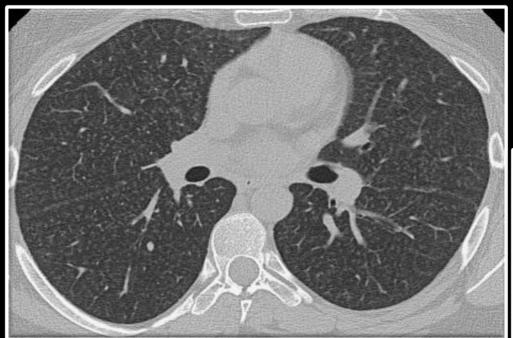
Rarely dyspnea and cough often associated with inspiratory rales and mid-inspiratory squeaks are observed in middle-aged women with seropositive rheumatoid arthritis (or less frequently in patients with juvenile rheumathoid arthritis, SLE, Scleroderma, Bechet's disease) and/or evidence of advanced autoimmune exocrinopathy (Sjogren's syndrome)



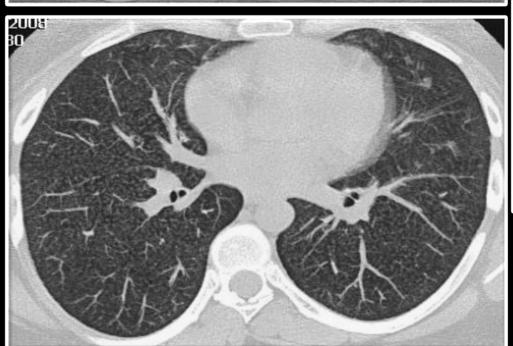


BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS AND REUMATOID ARTRITIS





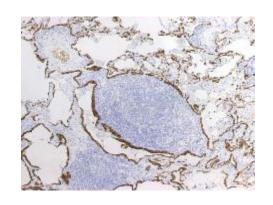
Sjogren syndrome

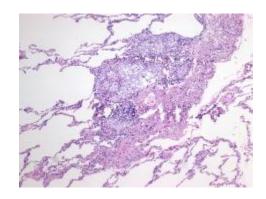




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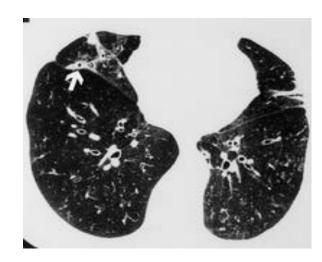
Histology: cellular/follicular bronchiolitis; cicatritial bronchiolitis/DPB pattern

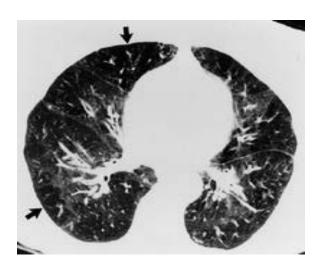




HRCT shows bilateral patchy areas of low attenuation or centrilobular nodules and branching lines. Bronchiectasis can also be documented







Constrictive bronchiolitis associated with paraneoplastic autoimmune multi-organ syndrome

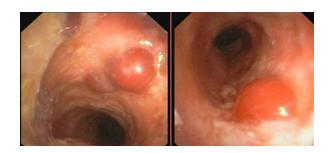
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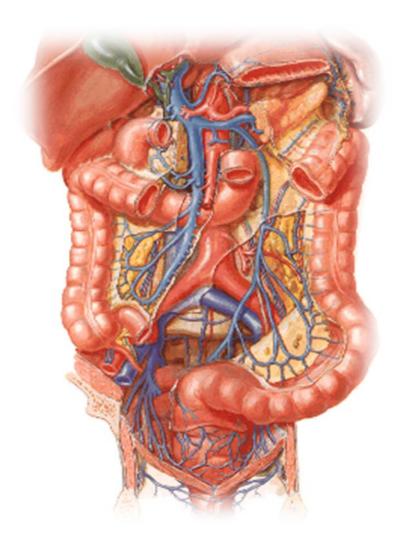
Respirology 2008

 Table 2
 Three patients with PAMS-associated constrictive bronchiolitis

Case no.	Age (years), gender	Smoking history	Underlying neoplasm	Respiratory symptoms	Chest CT	Pulmonary function	Outcome [†]
1	33, female	No	Castleman's disease	Dyspnoea	Diffuse air-trapping, minimal hazy infiltrates	Very severe obstruction	Died from respiratory failure at 18 months
2	56, male	No	T-cell lymphoma	Dyspnoea, productive cough	Bilateral bronchiectasis, diffuse air trapping	Very severe obstruction	Died from pneumonia and sepsis at 13 months
3	56, male	Past	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	Dyspnoea	Diffuse air trapping, bronchiectasis in the right lower lobe and mediastinal and hilar lymphadenopathy	Severe obstruction	Alive at 16 months

[†] Time interval for outcome is from the date of diagnosis for paraneoplastic autoimmune multi-organ syndrome. NA, not available.





Pulmonary complications occur in an estimated 0.21% of patients with **IBD**, ulcerative colitis being most often associated with lung problems.

The most common presentation is large airway disease, such as tracheobronchitis, chronic bronchitis, or bronchiectasis. Bronchiolitis is extremely rare.

Cellular bronchiolitis with intraluminal accumulation of neutrophils and chronic inflammation in the wall, cicatricial bronchiolitis, and epithelial ulceration, aspects similar to that described in diffuse panbronchiolitis, have been reported in patients with ulcerative colitis.



Male, 34 y/0, Ulcerative Colitis Dyspnea





Post-transplant bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS)

Allogeneic bone marrow transplant (<10%) □ung transplant (50-80% at 5 years)

TABLE 3 Grading (staging) of bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (BOS)#

BOS Grade	Spirometry % of baseline 1		
	1993 Classification	2002 Classification	
0	FEV1 ≥80%	FEV1 >90% and FEF25-75% >75%	
$0\mathbf{-p}^+$	Not included	FEV1 81-90% and/or FEF25-75% ≤ 75%	
1	FEV1 66-80%	FEV1 66-80%	
2	FEV1 51-65%	FEV1 51-65%	
3	FEV1 ≤50%	FEV1 ≤ 50%	

The peak incidence is between 7 and 12 months

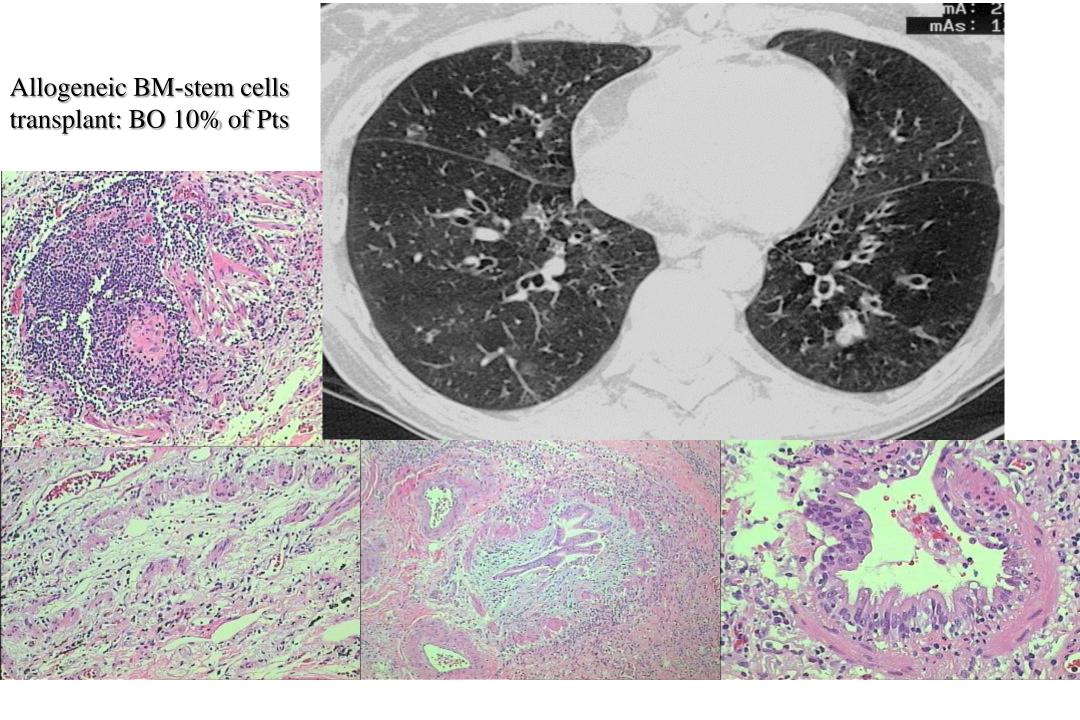


TABLE 7 Risk factors associated with bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome

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Primary graft dysfunction (PGD)
Acute cellular rejection
Lymphocytic bronchiolitis
Humoral rejection (e.g. de novo anti-human leukocyte antigen antibodies)
Gastro-oesophageal reflux and microaspiration
Infection
Viral
Bacterial
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Fungal

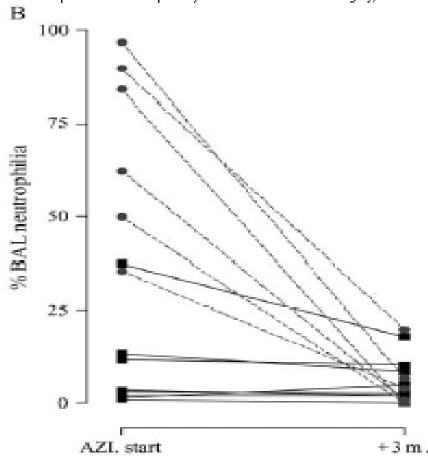
Persistent neutrophil influx and sequestration (bronchoalveolar lavage neutrophilia) Autoimmunity (collagen V sensitisation)

MACROLIDES AND BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS SYNDROME

Azithromycin Reduces Airway Neutrophilia and Interleukin-8 in Patients with Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome

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Azithromycin 250 mg/d for 5 d. then 250 mg 3 t/wk

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Effect of Azithromycin in Airflow decline-free survival After Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant: the ALLOZITHRO Randomized Clinical Trial Bergeron A, et al. JAMA 2017, 318: 557-566

Among pts undergoing allogeneic HSCT for hematological malignancy, early administration of azithromycin resulted in worse airflow decline-free survival than did placebo.

Table 3. Emerging phenotypes of CLAD: key features*

Entity	Classic BOS	NRAD	RAS	
Time of Onset	 Late (usually 2-3 years post-transplant, but may occur earlier) 	 Usually occurs early (e.g. 3-6 months post-transplant) 	• Tends to occur later but may occur at any time	
	 ≈80% prevalence at 10 years post-transplant 		 Accounts for approximately 1/3 of CLAD cases 	
Physiology	 Obstructive (FEV1 ≤80% of stable baseline value) 	 Obstructive (FEVI ≤80% of stable baseline value) 	 Restrictive (e.g. FEV1 ≤80% and TLC ≤90% of stable baseline values) 	
HRCT Imaging	 Air trapping often present No/minimal infiltrates ± bronchiectasis	 Changes of bronchiolitis ("tree-in-bud", thickened airway walls, peri-bronchiolar infiltrates often present) ± air trapping 	 Parenchymal infiltrates usually present (DAD often present) ± bronchiectasis ± air trapping Fibrosis (thickened septae and pleurae) DAD often present ± OB 	
Histopathology	OB (difficult to diagnose via transbronchial biopsy)	Cellular bronchiolitis		
Clinical course	Typically progressive but may stabilize	High likelihood of significant response	 Tends to be relentlessly progressive 	
	 Recipients may have coexistent chronic bacterial infection 	to azithromycin (may no longer meet criteria for persistent BOS if recipient is an azithromycin responder)	Significantly worse prognosis than BOS	
Other	 Usually responds poorly to pharmacologic therapies 	• BAL neutrophilia (e.g. ≥15% on differential cell count) correlates with	 Increased risk of RAS if new onset DAD detected >90 days post-transplant 	
	 Can have outcome similar to primary transplant following lung retransplantation 	response to azithromycin therapy		

^{*}Infection, other pathologies (e.g. acute cellular rejection, lymphocytic bronchiolitis, antibody-mediated rejection), and/or other causes of allograft dysfunction (e.g. significant gastroesophageal reflux, pleural disorders, anastomotic dysfunction, obesity, thromboembolic disease, recurrent primary lung disease, etc.), must be ruled out.

Abbreviations: BAL = bronchoalveolar lavage; BOS = bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome; CLAD = chronic lung allograft dysfunction; DAD = diffuse alveolar damage; NRAD = neutrophilic reversible allograft dysfunction; OB = obliterative bronchiolitis; RAS = restrictive allograft syndrome

DIFFUSE IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY NEUROENDOCRINE HYPERPLASIA w/t BRONCHIOLITIS

In 1992 Aguayo et al reported 6 patients, all nonsmokers, with moderate chronic airflow obstruction, progressive dyspnea.

•Women • airflow obstruction • bronchiolar neuroendocrine

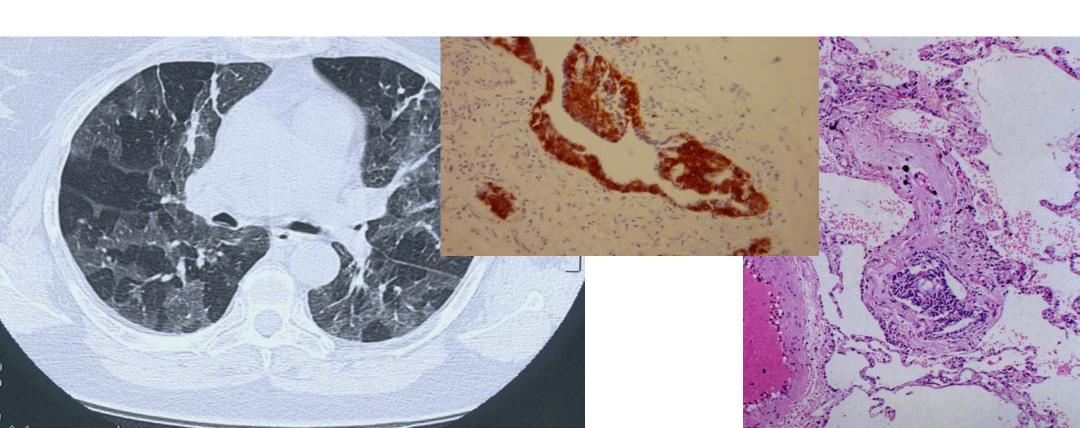


TABLE 1] Subject Characteristics

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Characteristic	Value			
No. subjects	30			
Sex				
Male	0 (0)			
Female	30 (100)			
Tobacco use				
Former	11 (37)			
Never	19 (63)			
Median (range) age at diagnosis, y	62 (45-75)			
Symptoms prior to diagnosis				
Cough	8 (27)			
< 5 y	1 (3)			
5-10 y	0 (0)			
>10 y	7 (23)			
Dyspnea	6 (20)			
< 5 y	3 (10)			
5-10 y	1 (3)			
>10 y	2 (7)			
Combination	13 (43)			
< 5 y	3 (10)			
5-10 y	3 (10)			
>10 y	7 (23)			
Diagnosis prior to DIPNECH				
Asthma	12 (40)			
COPD	3 (10)			
Bronchiolitis	4 (13)			
No diagnosis given	8 (27)			
Records unavailable	3 (10)			
Pulmonary function at diagnosis				
FEV ₁ , % predicted	49.8 ± 23.9			
FVC, % predicted	59.1 ± 19.4			
FEV ₁ /FVC	63.4 ± 14.0			
RV, % predicted	223.6 ± 97.9			
DLco, % predicted	74.7 ± 17.2			
Treatment				
Oral steroids	14 (46)			
Inhaled steroids	20 (67)			
Octreotide LAR	11 (37)			
Resection of a carcinoid	9 (30)			

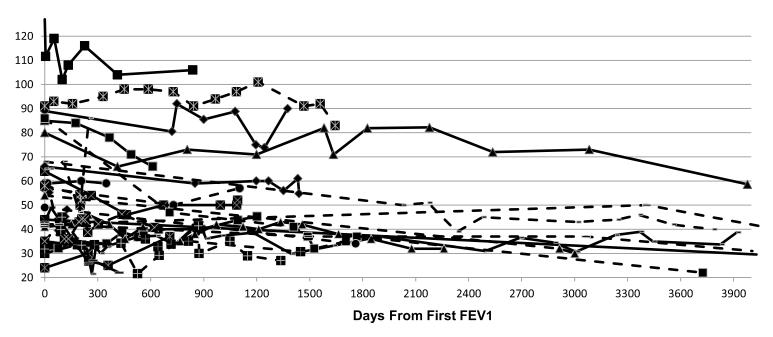


 TABLE 4
 Proposed Diagnostic Criteria for DIPNECH

Major Criteria	Surgical Lung Biopsy	Per World Health Organization Criteria ^a
Minor criteria	1. Clinical presentation	Woman, aged 45-67 y, cough \pm dyspnea for 5-10 y
	2. Pulmonary function	Increased RV, TLC, fixed obstruction, low DLco that corrects with VA
	3. High-resolution CT scan	Diffuse pulmonary nodules 4-10 mm, >20 nodules, mosaic attenuation or air trapping >50% of lung
	4. Transbronchial biopsy	Proliferation of pulmonary neuroendocrine cells
	5. Serum markers	Elevated serum chromogranin A levels

TLC = total lung capacity; Va = alveolar volume. See Table 1 legend for expansion of other abbreviations.

Generalized proliferation of pulmonary neuroendocrine cells ± fibrosis, excluding other pathology that may induce reactive proliferation.

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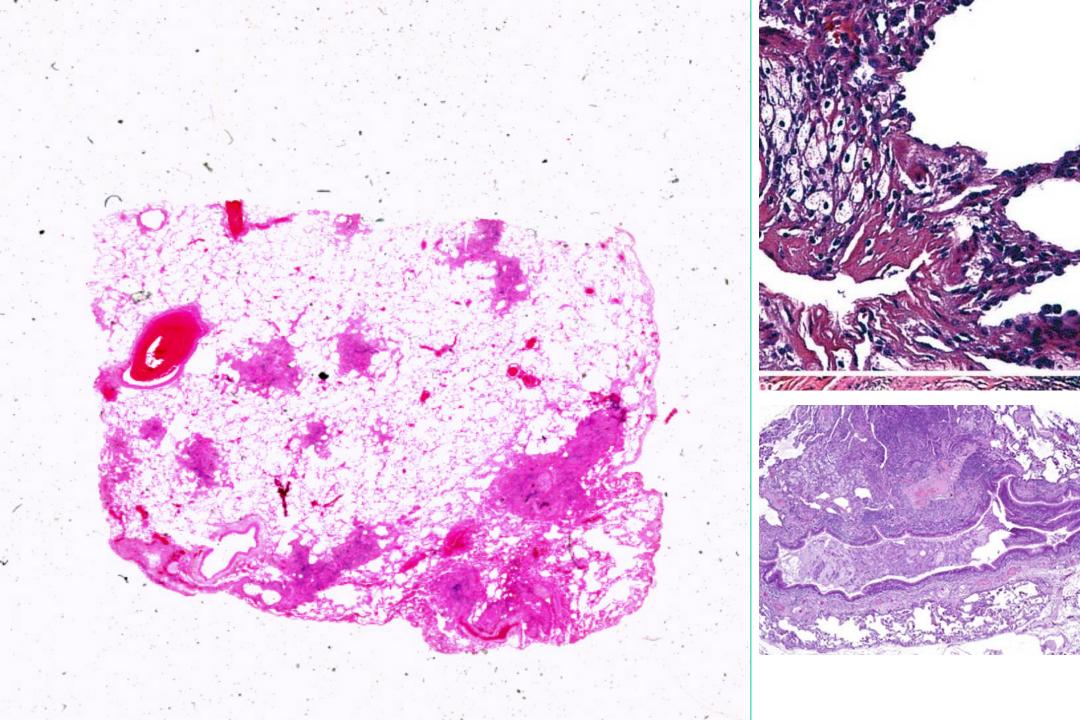
Diffuse panbronchiolitis

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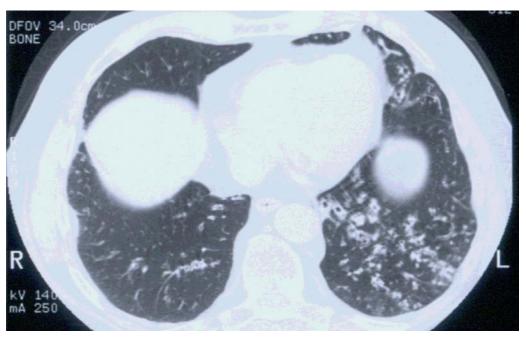
TABLE 2 Diagnostic criteria for diffuse panbronchiolitis

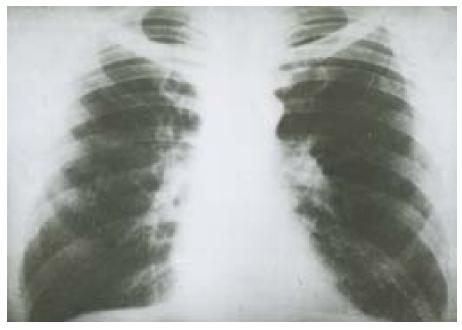
- Persistent cough, sputum and exertional dyspnoea.
- History of chronic paranasal sinusitis
- Bilateral diffuse small nodular shadows on a plain chest radiography film or centrilobular micronodules on chest computed tomography images
- Coarse crackles
- FEV1/FVC <70% and Pa,02 <80 mmHg
- Titre of cold haemagglutinin ≥64

FEV1: forced expiratory volume in one second; FVC: forced vital capacity; P_{a,O_2} : arterial oxygen tension. Cases definitely established should fulfil criteria 1, 2 and 3, along with at least two of criteria 4, 5 and 6. These parameters are useful for carrying out an epidemiological analysis. In countries in which the disease is very rare, surgical lung biopsy is required to make a diagnosis. Criteria are taken from a working group of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Japan [67]. 1 mmHg=0.133 kPa.



DPB:Imaging





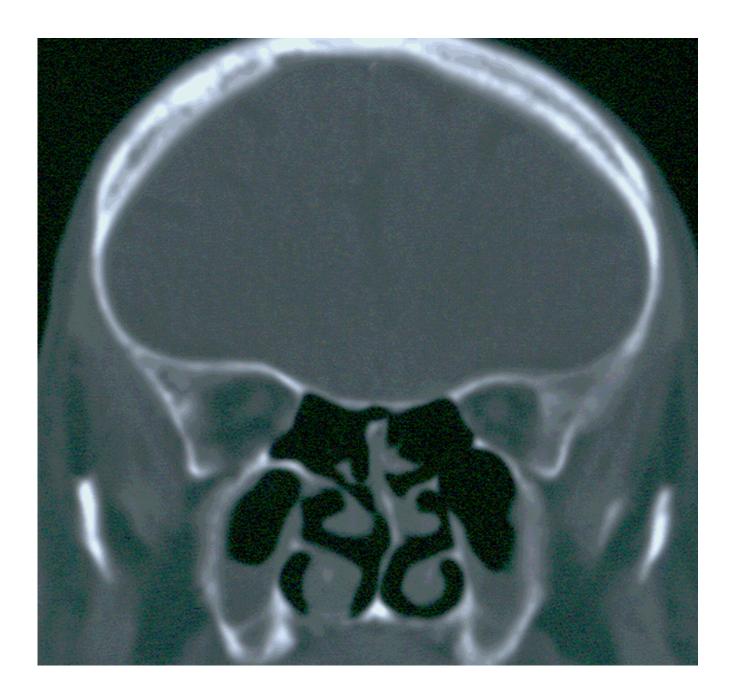
HRCT Scan

tree in bud pattern

cystic lesions

bronchiectasis

Ancillary finding pansinusitis



Diffuse Panbronchiolitis-DPB

Epidemiology

Male female ratio 1.4/1

2/3 nonsmokers

Prevalence 11/100,000

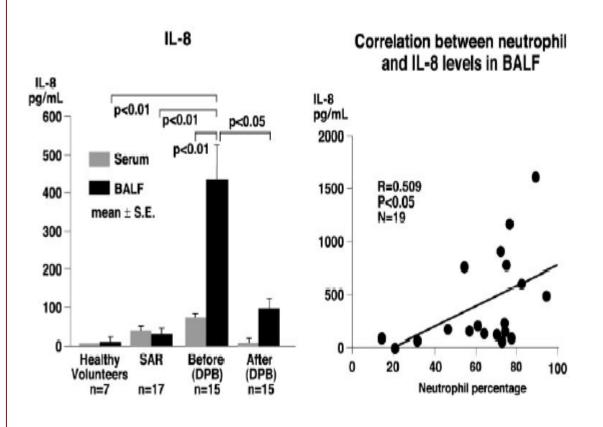
Pathogenesis

- *Neutrophyl accumulation
- *Lymphocytitc accumulation
- *CD1a+ cells
- *genetic predisposition (HLA-Bw54)

Lin X, et al. Macrolide for DPB Cochrane Collaboration, 2015

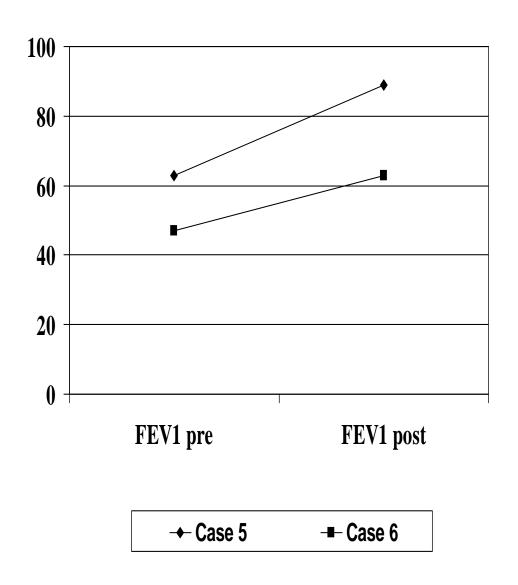
Only one RCT (19 participants) with significant methodological limitations was included in this review. It found that the computerised tomography images of all participants treated with a long-term, low-dose macrolide (erythromycin) improved from baseline, while the images of 71.4% of participants in the control group (with no treatment) worsened and 28.6% remained unchanged. Adverse effects were not reported.

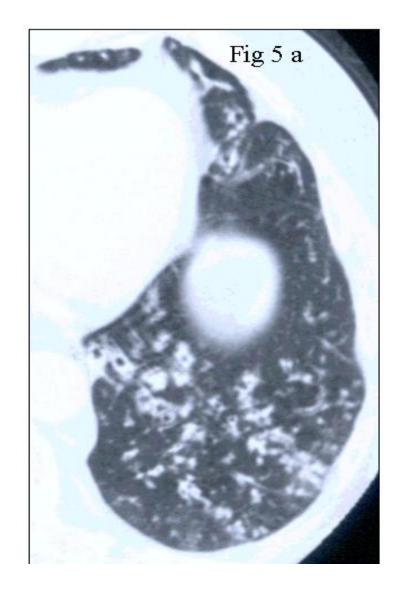
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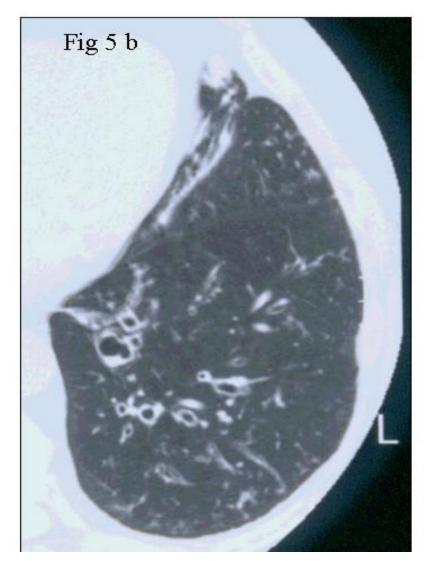


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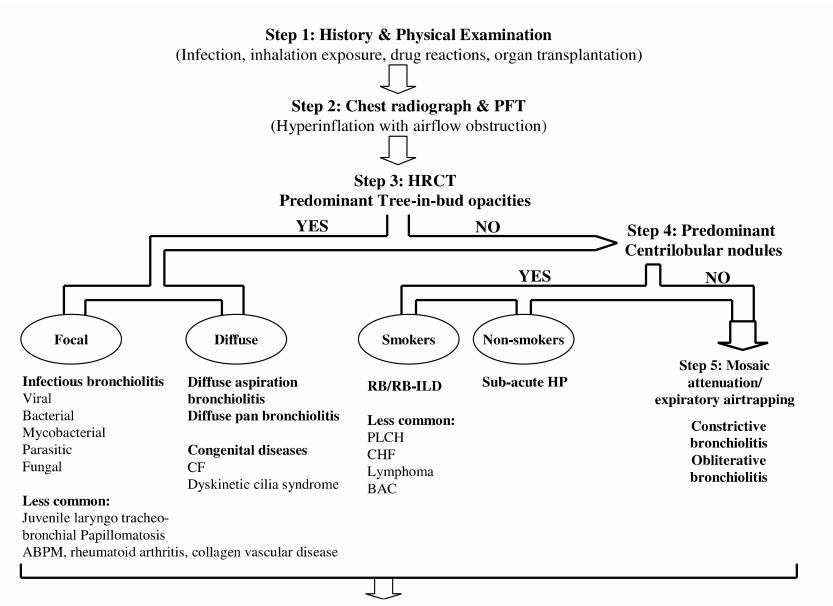
Effects of low dose macrolides in two DPB cases







Macrolide effects in DPB



Step 6: Consider tissue diagnosis (surgical biopsy preferred; however, BAL±TBBx may suffice in some conditions)