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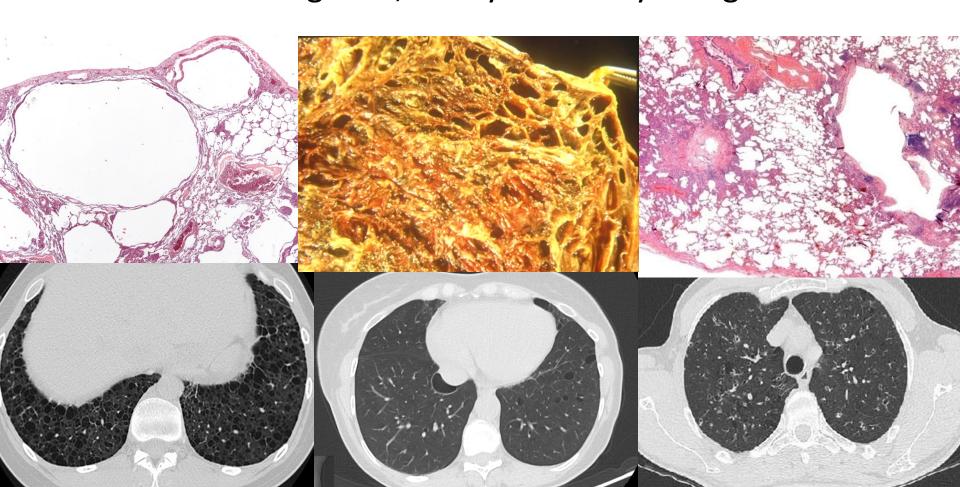
## Altre malattie cistiche polmonari

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## **Diffuse Cystic Lung Diseases**

Diffuse cystic lung diseases are characterized by cysts in more than one lung lobe, the cysts usually being bilateral.



#### **Classification of DCLDs**

Gupta N et al, AJRCCM 2015

Honeycombing seen in late stage

scarring interstitial lung diseases

1. <u>Neoplastic</u>	Lymphangioleiomyomatosis  Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis, and non-Langerhans cell histiocytoses	5. <u>Associated with</u> <u>interstitial lung</u> <u>diseases</u>	Hypersensitivity pneumonitis Desquamative interstitial pneumonia	
	Other primary and metastatic neoplasms such as sarcomas, adenocarcinomas, pleuropulmonary blastoma, etc.			
2. <u>Genetic</u> <u>Developmental</u> <u>Congenital</u>	Birt-Hogg-Dubé syndrome Proteus syndrome, neurofibromatosis, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome Congenital pulmonary airway malformation, bronchopulmonary dysplasia,etc.	6. <u>Smoking related</u>	Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis Desquamative interstitial pneumonia	
3. <u>Associated</u> <u>with lympho –</u> <u>proliferative</u> <u>disorders</u>	Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia Follicular bronchiolitis Sjögren syndrome Amyloidosis Light chain deposition disease	7. <u>Other/</u> <u>Miscellaneous</u>	Post-traumatic pseudocysts Fire-eater's lung Hyper IgE syndrome	
4. <u>Infectious</u>	Pneumocystis jiroveci Staphylococcal pneumonia Recurrent respiratory papillomatosis	8. <u>DCLD mimics</u>	Emphysema Alpha-one antitrypsin deficiency Bronchiectasis	

Endemic fungal diseases

Paragonimiasis

#### LANGERHANS CELL HISTIOCYTOSIS

It is a rare histiocytic disorder of unknown origin, characterized by organ infiltration with specialised myeloid cells that share morphological and surface receptors markers with epidermal LCs.

It may affect patients of different ages, but it is most common in children from 1 to 3 years old.

Lung may be involved as a single organ, typically in young smoker adults with equal gender distribution (Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis, PLCH) or, less frequently, in the systemic form of LCH.

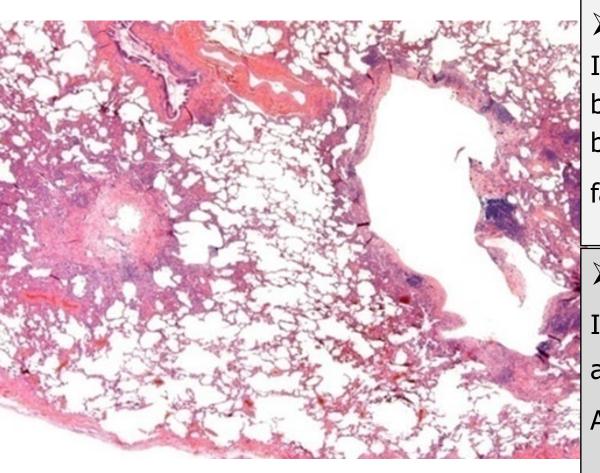


## CLINICAL FORMS OF LCH

- <u>Localized</u>: affecting one organ (often bone, skin and lung) characterized by a good prognosis with an occasional spontaneous resolution.
- <u>Systemic</u>: involvement of more than one organ or tissue (bone, skin, hypothalamic-pituitary system, lymph nodes, lungs, and more rarely central nervous system).
- An involvement of the so-called <u>risk organs</u>, such as liver, spleen and haematopoietic system, is associate to a worse prognosis.

Emilie JF et al. Blood 2016, 127: 2673-2681.

## PLCH - pathologic findings



#### > Early stage:

Infiltrates invade the bronchiole, destroying the bronchiolar wall in an eccentric fashion and forming <u>nodules</u>

#### > <u>Disease progression:</u>

Increasing numbers of nodules and <u>cavitary nodules</u>

Appearance of <u>fibrotic scars</u>



## KEY ELEMENTS ABOUT THE PATHOGENESIS of PLCH

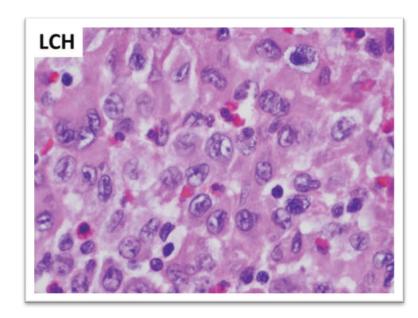
- 1) the reactive vs neoplastic nature of the disease;
- the mechanisms of accumulation of large numbers of CD1a+ cell in bronchiolocentric loosely-formed granulomas;
- 3) the capacity of these granulomatous lesions to destroy and remodel surrounding tissues;
- 4) the role of smoking in adult PLCH.



## Is it a reactive disease?

#### This hypothesis is supported by:

- the finding of the presence of CD1a+/CD207+ histiocytes among an inflammatory background including variable numbers of lymphocytes, eosinophils, and macrophage.
- the absence of pathological features like mitotic figures and of recurrent cytogenetic abnormality in the CD1a+ cells of these lesions.
- the frequent spontaneous resolution after the smoking cessation as well as the detection of substantial infiltrating immune cells in PLCH granulomas



Brabencova E et al. Am J Pathol 1998;152:1143-1149



## Is it a neoplastic disease?

The occasionally aggressive nature of the disease and the efficacy of the chemotherapy in severe systemic forms of PLCH favoured a neoplastic mechanism.

Discordant results concerning the clonal nature of CD1a+ cells in different forms of LCH. In any case clonality in immune cells does not necessarily imply malignancy

Willman CL N Eng J Med 1994; Youseman SA Am J Surg Pathol 2001

Identification of recurrent genetic abnormalities involving cellular proliferative pathways in lesional CD1a+ cells obtained from systemic LCH and PLCH provided a strong argument to support the neoplastic hypothesis

Badelian-Very G. Blood 2010 Roden AC Am J Surg Pathol 2014

A major breakthrough supporting this hypothesis came with discovery of recurrent somatic proto-oncogen **BRAF-V600E** mutations in histiocytes of LCH lesions



## Evidence of clonality in PLCH: BRAF mutations

#### **Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis**

Profiling of Multifocal Tumors Using Next-Generation Sequencing Identifies Concordant Occurrence of BRAF V600E Mutations

Samuel A. Yousem, MD, FCCP; Sanja Dacic, MD, PhD; Yuri E. Nikiforov, MD, PhD; and Marina Nikiforova, MD

Identical BRAF V600E mutation was identified in seven nodules from two cases In other cases distinct nodules lacked any mutation, including *BRAF* 

Yousem SA et al, Chest 2013

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

28% of PLCH cases were positive for BRAF V600E expression

BRAF V600E Expression in Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis
Clinical and Immunohistochemical Study on 25 Pulmonary and
54 Extrapulmonary Cases

Roden AC et al, Am J Surg Pathol 2014

B-Raf is part of the intracellular Ras-Raf/MAPK signaling pathway that is responsible for several cell functions

(cell proliferation, differentiation, migration, and senescence/apoptosis)



#### Mutations in PLCH

- BRAF mutations have been identified in up to 67% of cases of **PLCH**
- Identical but mutually exclusive MAPK/ ERK pathway mutations (BRAF, MAP2K1) were found supporting a neoplastic/clonal origin

Chilosi M et al, Leuk Lymphoma 2014 Kamionek M et al, Histopathology 2016

NRAS mutations have been found

BRAF and NRAS mutations can be present in different areas within the same lung lesion supporting a polyclonal nature of LCs Mourah S et al, ERJ 2016

## PLCH: a neoplastic or reactive condition?

At least a proportion of PLCH is a cigarette smoke induced or promoted dendritic cell neoplasm that is associated with a prominent immune-inflammatory component

Role of smoking

- Smoking induces accumulation of CD1a+ cells in the lungs
- Smoking stimulates local production of cytokines and osteopontin, which play a role in the recruitment, differentiation and activation of dendritic cells



Gupta N et al, AJRCCM 2015

#### TC torace - PLCH



Distribution

Upper/middle lung zones

Sparing of costophrenic

angles

Size

Variable

Shape

Irregular, bizarre

Associated findings

Nodules, micronodules **Cavities** Ground glass opacities



### CT - PLCH



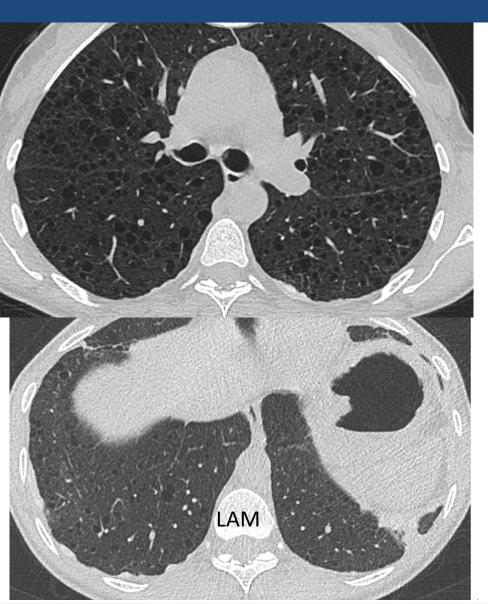
Longitudinal observation of CT features suggests the following evolutionary sequence for pulmonary lesions:

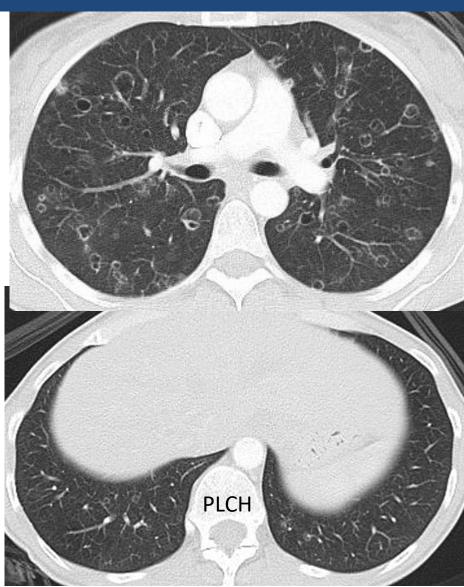


Brauner et al. Radiology 1997

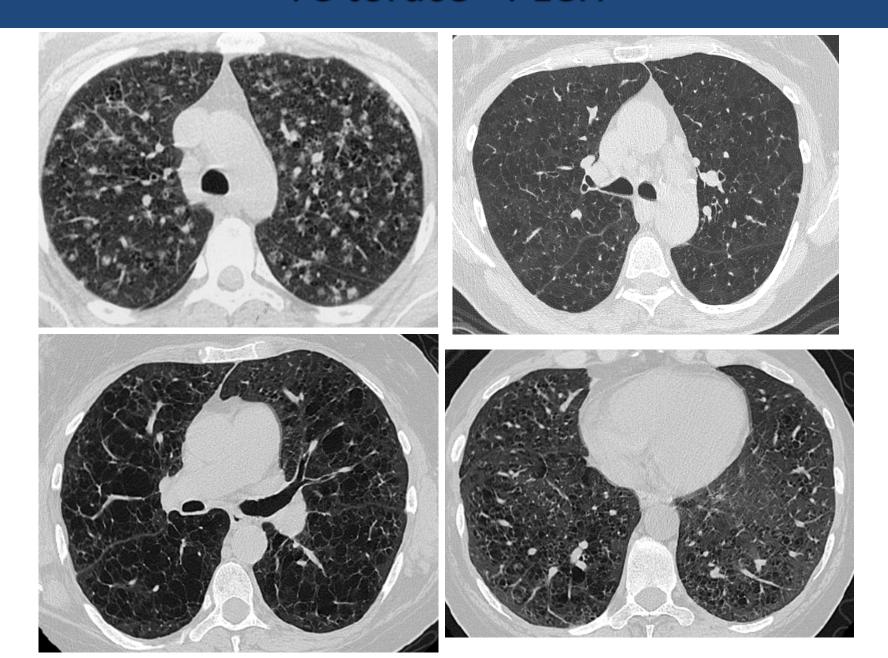


## LAM - PLCH





## TC torace - PLCH



## PLCH – symptoms

#### **Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis**

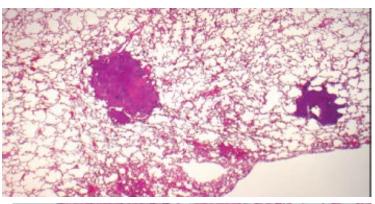
#### An Update From the Pathologists' Perspective

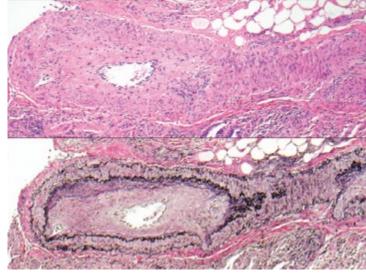
Anja C. Roden, MD; Eunhee S. Yi, MD

## Table 2. Symptoms of Patients With Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis at Time of Presentation

Symptom	Frequency, %	
Dyspnea	38–87	
Nonproductive cough	32-70	
Chest pain (often pleuritic)	9-21	
Fatigue	16	
Pneumothorax	12-18	
Weight loss	9	
Fever	8-15	
Symptoms related to extrapulmonary disease		
(polyuria, polydipsia, pain, and/or skin rash	) 10–15	
Hemoptysis	1–13	
Asymptomatic	12–66	

Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2016;140:230–240





## Our experience

#### Original Article

Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis: A comprehensive analysis of 40 patients and literature review

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Symptoms	Number of patients (40)		
Exertional dyspnea	15		
Cough	13		
Pneumothorax	7		
Diabetes Insipidus	2		
Bone lesions	2		
Hemoptysis	1		
Skin lesions	1		

## Extrapulmonary manifestations

- Hypothalamic-pituitary alterations
- Skin lesions
- Osteolytic bone lesions

#### **LCH**



Scalp rush





#### European Journal of Internal Medicine

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/ejim

#### Original Article

Endocrine and metabolic assessment in adults with Langerhans cell histiocytosis

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Observational cross-sectional study on 18adults (7M/11F,  $42 \pm 12$  years) Hypothalamic-pituitary endocrine alterations were found in 9 patients

- 5 Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD)
- 5 central hypogonadism
- 3 central hypothyroidism
- 1 central hypoadrenalism
- Hyperprolactinemia
- Hypothalamic syndrome
- All 9 pts had diabete insipidus



## PLCH - treatment



#### Smoking cessation is mandatory!

A prospective study showed that persistence in smoking was associated with longitudinal decline in lung function, while smoking cessation for at least 6 months was associated with reduced lung function decline

Tazi A et al, Orphanet J Rare Dis 2015



### PLCH - treatment

- No prospective or randomized trials about steroids
- Chemotherapeutic have been used in patients with progressive disease or in those with multiorgan involvement.
- Case reports and retrospective studies showed improvement of hemodynamic parameters in patients with PH treated with PHtherapies. It should only be considered in selected patients with pulmonary hypertension following right heart catheterization

Kiakouama L et al, ERJ 2010 Le Pavec J et al, Chest 2012



## Cladribine in PLCH

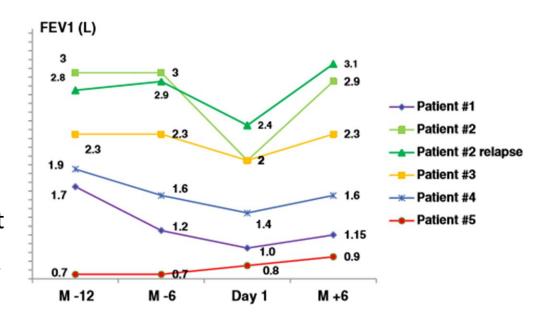
- Cladribine (2-chlorodeoxyadenosine) is a chemotherapeutic agent cytotoxic for lymphocyte and monocyte cells

- Case reports showed efficacy cladribine in PLCH

## Effectiveness of cladribine therapy in patients with PLCH

A retrospective study of 5 patients with progressive, symptomatic PLCH with lung function impairment

FEV1 increased in all cases after therapy

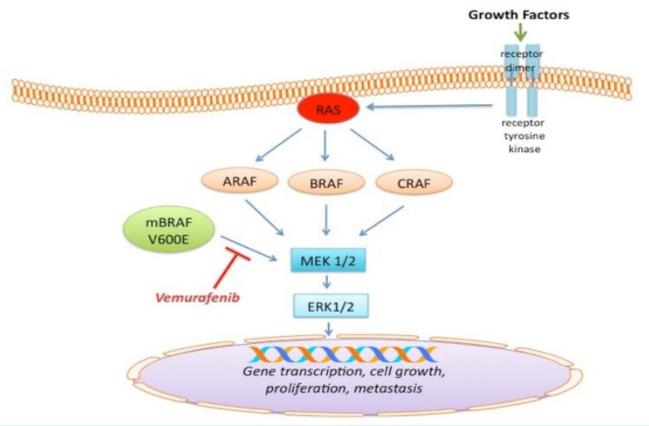


Grobost et al, Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases 2014



## Therapeutic options in BRAF<sup>V600E</sup> + patients: Vemurafenib

Vemurafenib is an inhibitor of mutant BRAF, and has some efficacy against both BRAF<sup>V600E</sup> associated melanoma and hairy-cell leukemia



Medscape

Source: Access Medicine @ 2012 McGraw Hill Companies



## Inhibitors of Braf in PLCH

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Vemurafenib in Multiple Nonmelanoma Cancers with BRAF V600 Mutations

122 pts with BRAF<sup>V600E</sup> mutation–positive non-melanoma cancer

18 pts with ECD/LCH, 14 pts could be evaluated for a response:

Treatment with a BRAF inhibitor resulted in

- Complete response in 1 pt, partial response in 5 pts (RESPONSE RATE 43%)
- Stabilization of disease in 8 pts

None experienced disease progression during treatment

Hyman DM et al, N Engl J Med 2015



## Birt-Hogg-Dubè

- Birt-Hogg-Dubè syndrome (BHD) is a rare autosomal dominant condition characterized by
  - benign skin hamartomas
  - increased risk of renal cancer
  - pulmonary cysts
- Pulmonary cysts are usually found in IV-V decade
- High risk of spontaneous pneumothorax (recurrent in 75% of cases)

(incidence up to 30-fold higher than general population)



## Birt-Hogg-Dubè

- BHD is caused by germline mutations in the folliculin (FLNC) gene
- Its exact mechanism of action remains unclear.

These mutations are thought to cause dysregulation of mTOR pathway; although it is not clear whether in sense of up or down regulation

Possible mechanism of cysts formation: dysregulation or deficiency of adhesion proteins -> increased alveolar vulnerability to mechanic stretch?

## CT - BHD





Distribution

Basilar/subpleural and

near vessels

Size

Variable, average < 1cm

Shape

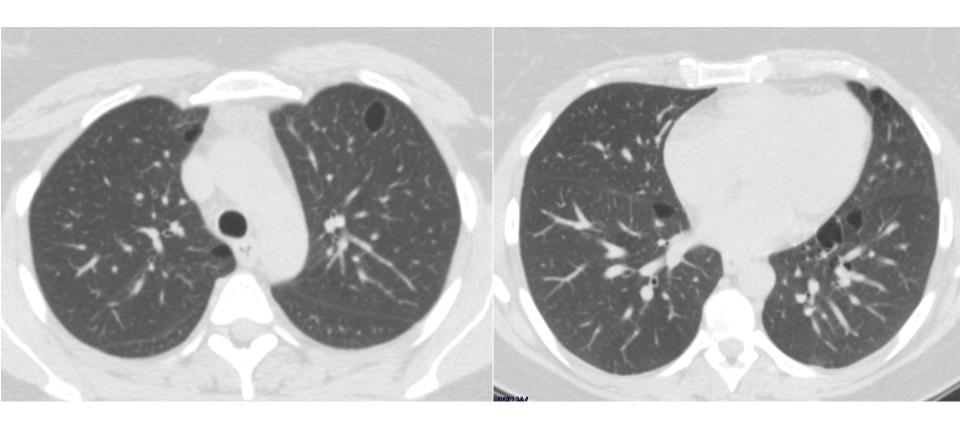
Elliptical, lentiform

**Associated findings** 

Cysts abut pleura and vessels



## CT - BHD





## Extrapulmonary manifestations

- Benign skin hamartomas (fibrofolliculomas, trichodiscomas)
- Kidney tumors (wide range of tumor histologies)



Fibrofolliculoma



Oncocytoma



## BHD – diagnostic criteria

- Major criteria:
  - 1) Histologically confirmed fibrofolliculoma o trichodiscoma
  - 2) identification of FLCN mutation
- Minor criteria:
  - 1) multiple bilateral cysts
  - 2) bilateral or multifocal renal tumor in a young patient (< 50 years)
  - 3) BHD in a first-degree relative

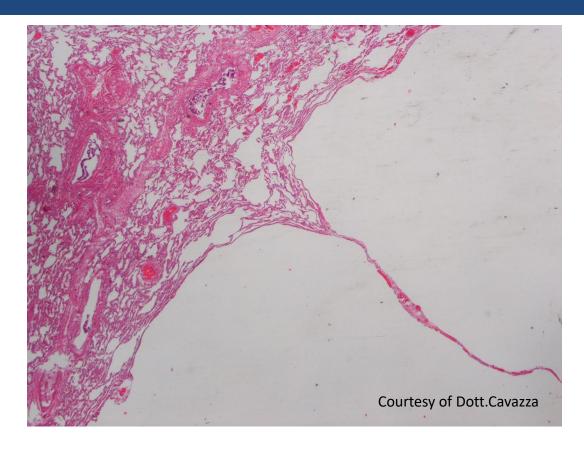
Diagnosis: a major criteria or two minor criteria



Menko FH et al, Lancet Oncol. 2009



### BHD – histology



- Histologically lung cysts are lined by normal parenchyma, often cysts abut pleura and vessels, and may contain septa
- No evidence of neoplastic proliferation or inflammation



#### BHD - trattamento

- No pharmacological therapy
- Prevention of pnx (avoid tobacco use, flight, diving...)
- Pts with numerous facial lesions may seek treatment because of cosmetic reasons
- Surgery for renal tumors
- Lifelong surveillance for renal cancer is needed! (MRI or CT)

#### **Other DCLDs**

## LIP/follicular bronchiolitis

- LIP: a diffuse involvement of lung parenchyma by reactive pulmonary lymphoid tissue
- FB: a pattern of lymphoid follicular hyperplasia centered on airways, vessels, and interlobular septa

They can be idiopathic or associated with a variety of underlying conditions, most commonly autoimmune disorders like (Sjögren syndrome, etc...) or immunodeficiency states

#### **Amyloidosis**

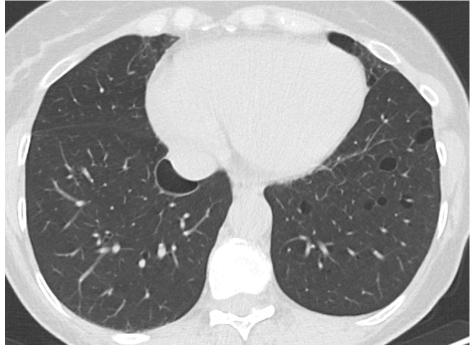
- A heterogenous group of disorders characterized by extracellular deposition of proteins in an abnormal fibrillary fashion.
- Systemic or localized
- Primary or secondary
- Usually pulmonary nodules, rarely as DCLD

# Light-chain deposition disease (LCDD)

- A monotypic kappa light chain deposition in the alveolar walls, small airways, and vessels
- Usually associated to linfoproliferative disorders

## Cystic lung diseases – LIP/FB





Distribution

Diffuse, random,

prevalent in lower lobes

often near vessels

Size

Average size 3 mm

to 1 cm

Shape

Round, variable

Associated findings

**Ground-glass opacities** Centrilobular nodules Interlobular septal thickening Internal structures Mediastinal and hilar lymph node enlargement (LIP)



## Cystic lung diseases – amyloidosis, LCDD





**LCDD** 

**Amyloidosis** 

Distribution

Diffuse, random

Size

> 1 cm

Shape

Round, variable

Associated findings

Multiple nodules of varying attenuation, random. Nodules abut cyst walls Masses (Amyloidosis) Lymph node enlargement



### **Extrapulmonary manifestations**

LIP/FB

- Sjögren syndrome
- Other CTDs
- HIV
- Common variable immunodeficiency

#### **Amyloidosis**

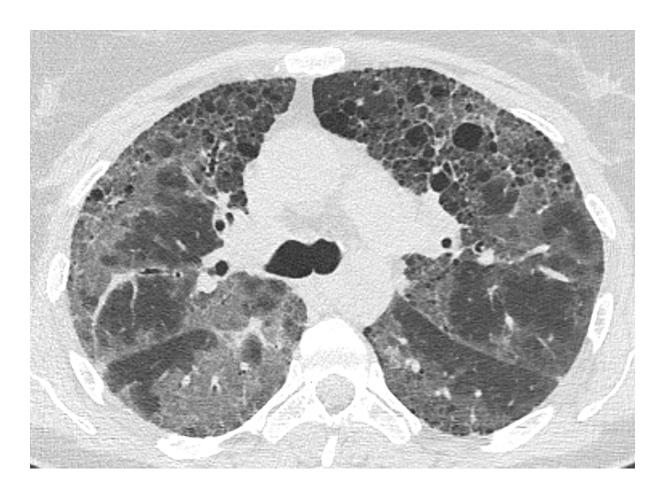
- Systemic amyloidosis
- Sjögren syndrome
- Other CTDs
- MALT lymphoma

#### **LCDD**

- Lymphoproliferative disorders
   (75% of cases in multiple myeloma or macroglobulinemia)
- Renal failure



## Cisti in altre patologie polmonari



Patologia polmonare diffusa, con aspetto patchy, caratterizzata da presenza di opacità ground-glass, minimi aspetti di distorsione fibrotica e multiple cisti aeree, presenti nelle zone di ground-glass, con diametro variabile da pochi mm a circa 1 cm...

...Successiva diagnosi di alveolite allergica estrinseca

## Dati demografici/clinici/laboratorio

	LAM	PLCH	BHD	LIP/FB	Amiloidosi	LCDD
Smoking		X				
Gender	Female					
Lab	Serum VEGFD	Diabetes insipidus	FLCN mutations	autommune Immunodeficit	autoimmune Systemic amyloidosis	Linfoprolif. diseases Renal failure
Family history	Possible TSC		Possible BHD			
PNX prevalence	XX	X	X			
Recurrent PNX	XX	X	XX			
Chylous effusions	Х					

