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## La diagnosi differenziale delle patologie cistiche

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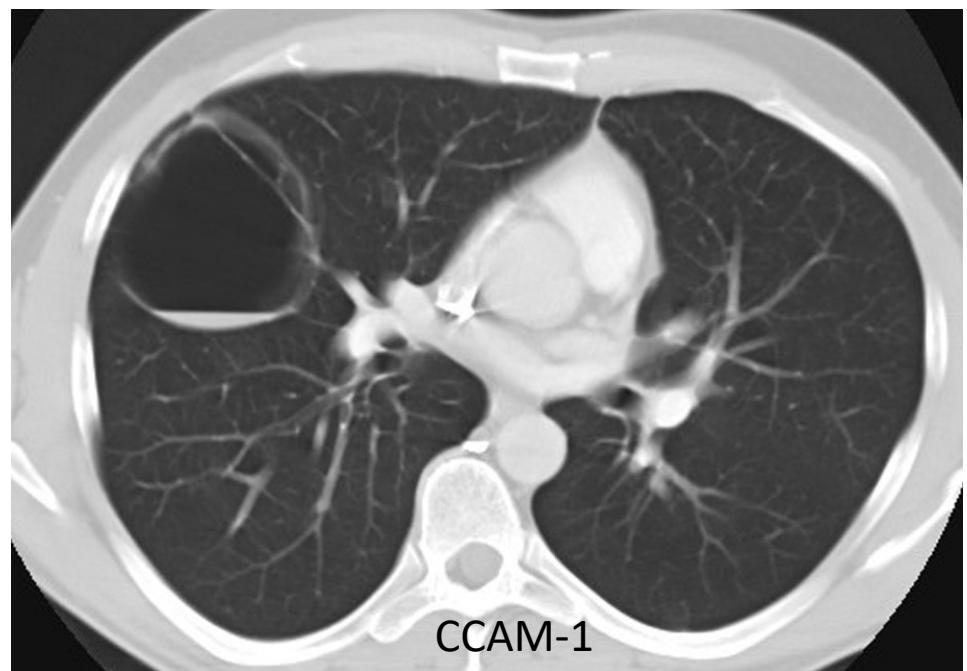
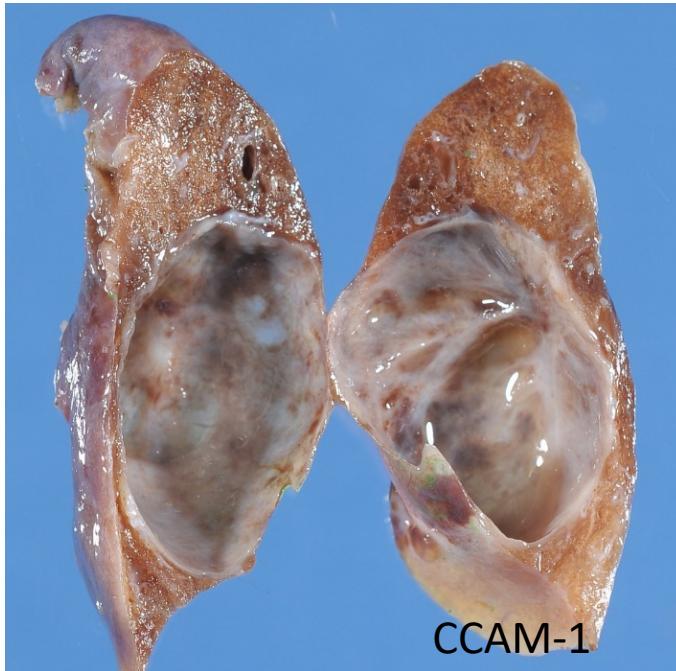
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# Cisti polmonari - definizione

Si definisce cisti polmonare una struttura dotata di parete sottile solitamente a contenuto aereo, ma talora liquido o solido, di forma sferica più o meno regolare

Sulla TC una cisti appare come un'area nel parenchima polmonare a basso coefficiente di attenuazione dotata di un'interfaccia ben definita con il normale polmone circostante



# Cisti polmonari - definizione

**Cyst**

Thin-walled (<2 mm), spherical parenchymal lucency interfaced with normal lung.

**Cavity**

Gas-filled space within pulmonary consolidation, mass, or nodule, typically thick walled (>2 mm) and more irregularly shaped than cysts

**Bulla**

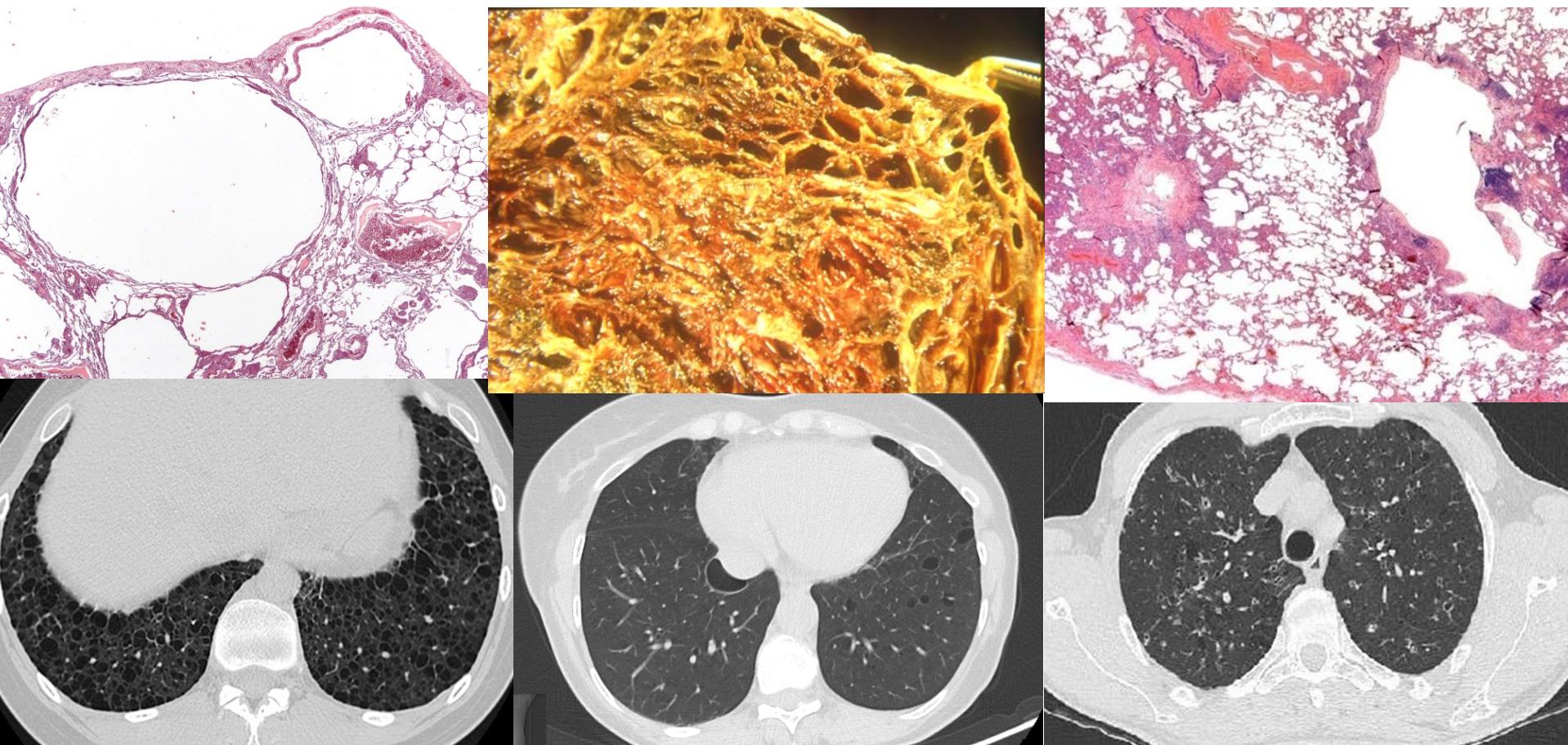
Spherical focal lucency, >1 cm in diameter, bounded by a thin wall (usually <1 mm). It is usually accompanied by emphysematous changes in the adjacent lung

**Bleb**

Cystic air space bounded by a thin wall adjacent to the visceral pleura, typically ,1 cm in size

# 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

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and non-Langerhans cell histiocytoses

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sarcomas, adenocarcinomas, pleuropulmonary  
blastoma, etc.

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Hypersensitivity pneumonitis  
Desquamative interstitial  
pneumonia

## 2. Genetic Developmental Congenital

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Proteus syndrome, neurofibromatosis,

Ehlers-Danlos syndrome

Congenital pulmonary airway  
malformation, bronchopulmonary  
dysplasia,etc.

## 6. Smoking related

Pulmonary Langerhans cell  
histiocytosis  
Desquamative interstitial  
pneumonia

## 3. Associated with lympho – proliferative disorders

Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia

Follicular bronchiolitis

Sjögren syndrome

Amyloidosis

Light chain

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Post-traumatic pseudocysts  
Fire-eater's lung  
Hyper IgE syndrome

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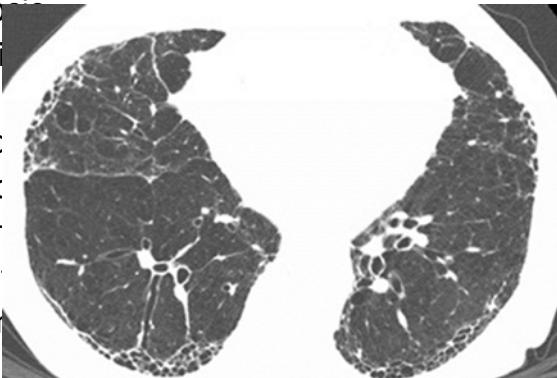
Pneumocystis

Staphylococcus

Recurrent

Endemic

Paragonim



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Emphysema  
Alpha-one antitrypsin deficiency  
Bronchiectasis  
Honeycombing seen in late stage  
scarring interstitial lung diseases

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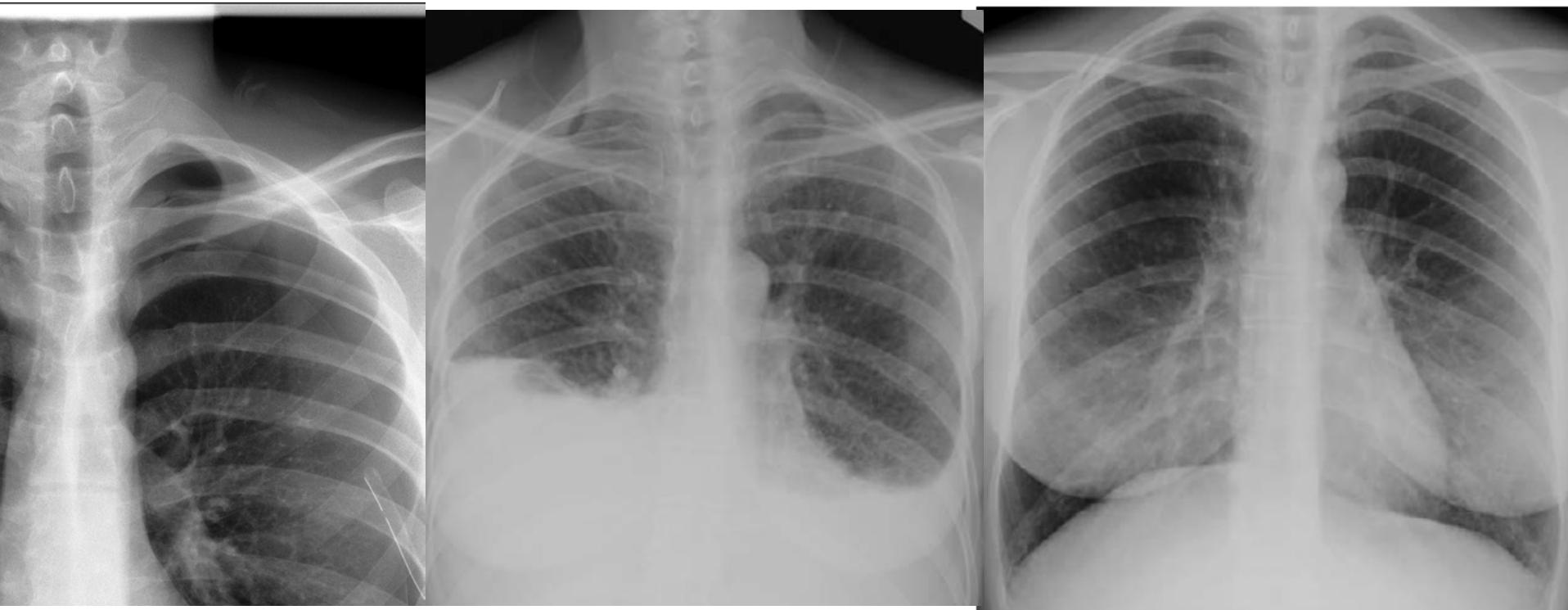
# Percorso diagnostico

- ❖ Esordio clinico
- ❖ Imaging
- ❖ Dati clinici/anamnestici
- ❖ Indagini di laboratorio/genetica
- ❖ FBS/BAL
- ❖ Istologia

# Esordio

- ❖ Acuto, subacuto/andamento cronico
  - ❖ Riscontro occasionale
  - ❖ Riscontro durante approfondimento diagnostico di patologia extrapolmonare
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- ❖ Dispnea
  - ❖ Tosse
  - ❖ Pneumotorace
  - ❖ Chilitorace
  - ❖ Emottisi, chiloptisi
  - ❖ Algie toraciche
  - ❖ Sintomi sistemici (malessere, febbre...)

# Rx torace



Chest HRCT is the most useful modality for the initial evaluation  
of a patient with DCLD

# DCLDs

## LAM

- A low-grade neoplasm that most commonly affects women of reproductive age, characterized by the proliferation of atypical smooth muscle cells (LAM cells) expressing myogenic and melanocytic proteins (gp100->HMB45 monoclonal antibody).
- LAM can be sporadic (S-LAM) or associated to TSC (TSC-LAM)
- Mutations in TSC genes (somatic, SLAM; germline, TSC-LAM)

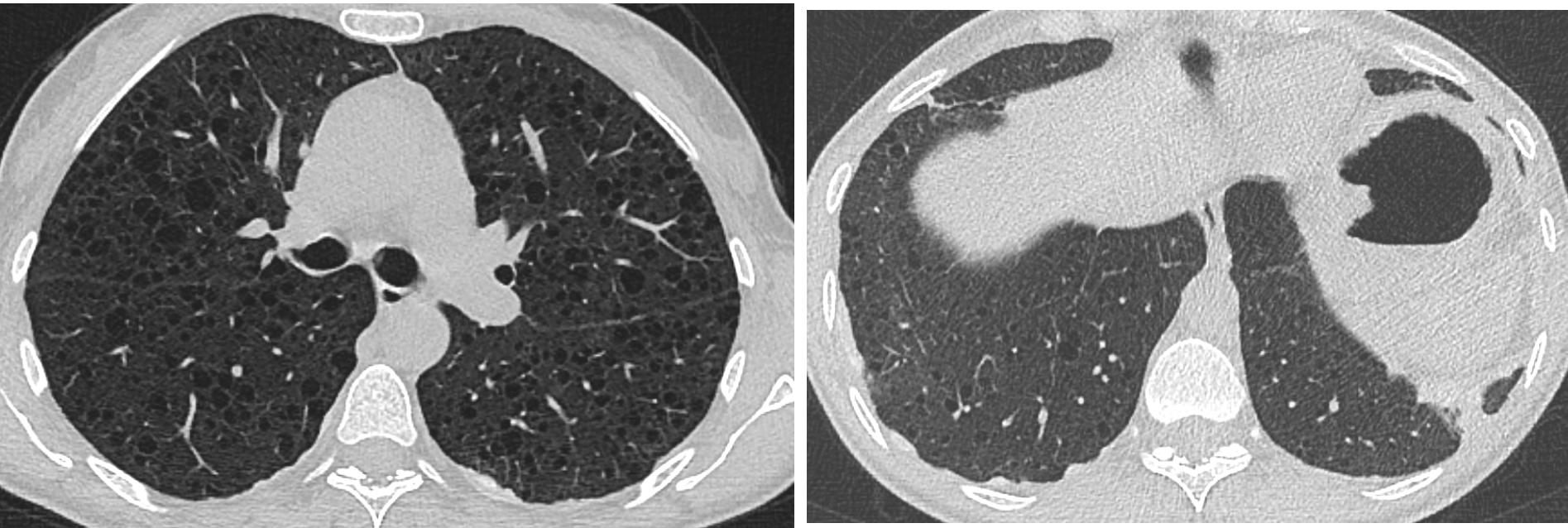
## PLCH

- A diffuse lung disease characterized by peribronchiolar infiltration by Langerhans cells and other immune cells and formation of granulomas
- Smoking related
- Somatic mutations in BRAF, MAP2K1

## Birt-Hogge-Dubè (BHD)

- An autosomal-dominant syndrome caused by mutations in FLCN gene encoding the tumor suppressor protein folliculin.

# TC torace - LAM



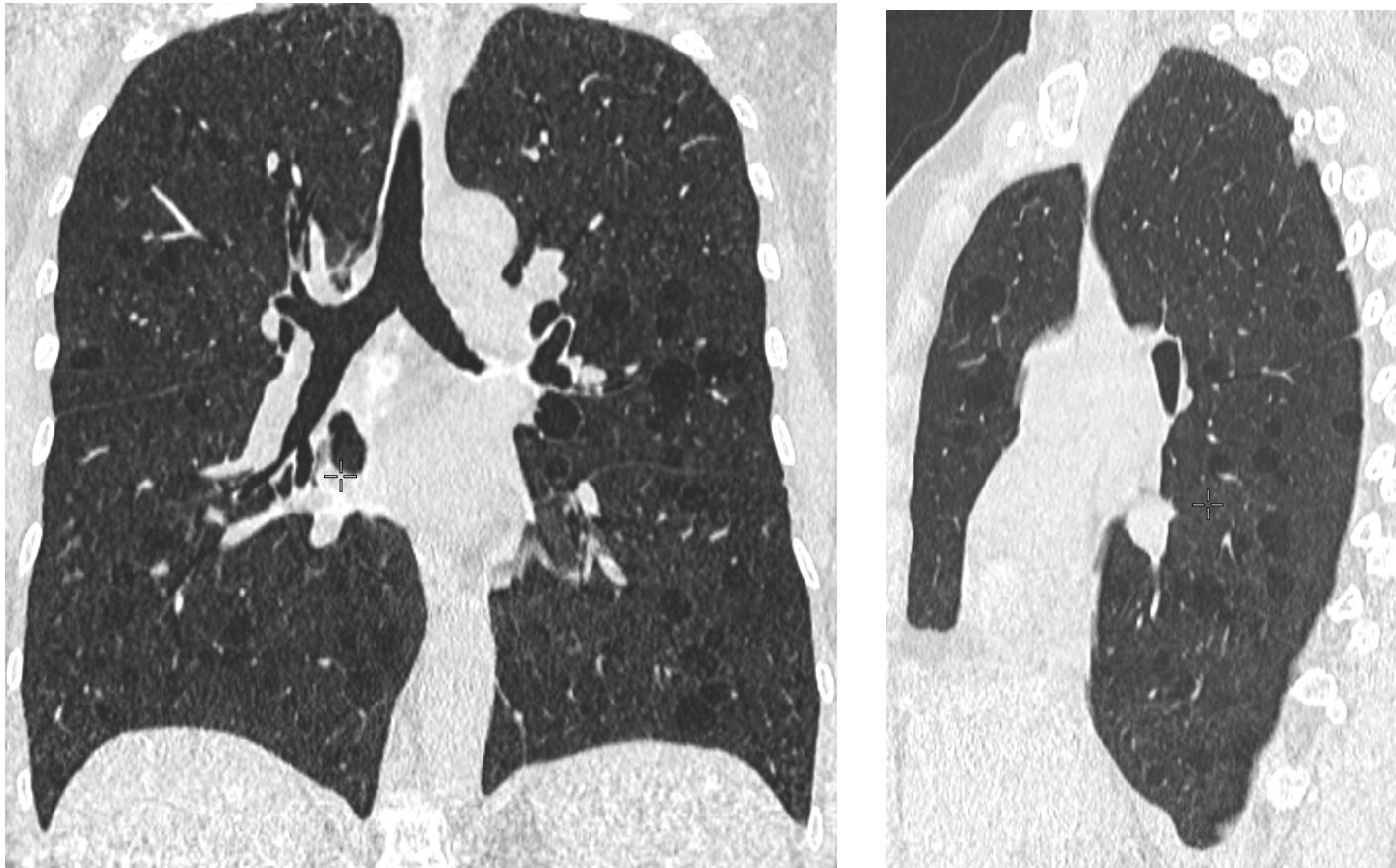
Distribution	Diffuse	Associated findings	Pnx, pleural effusion
Size	2mm-2cm		
Shape	Round, regular, uniform		

Characteristic HRCT: multiple (more than 10) thin-walled round well-defined air-filled cysts with no other significant pulmonary involvement (with the exception of MMPPH in TSC)

Compatible HRTC: few (more than two and fewer than 10) typical cysts

Johnson SR et al, ERJ 2010

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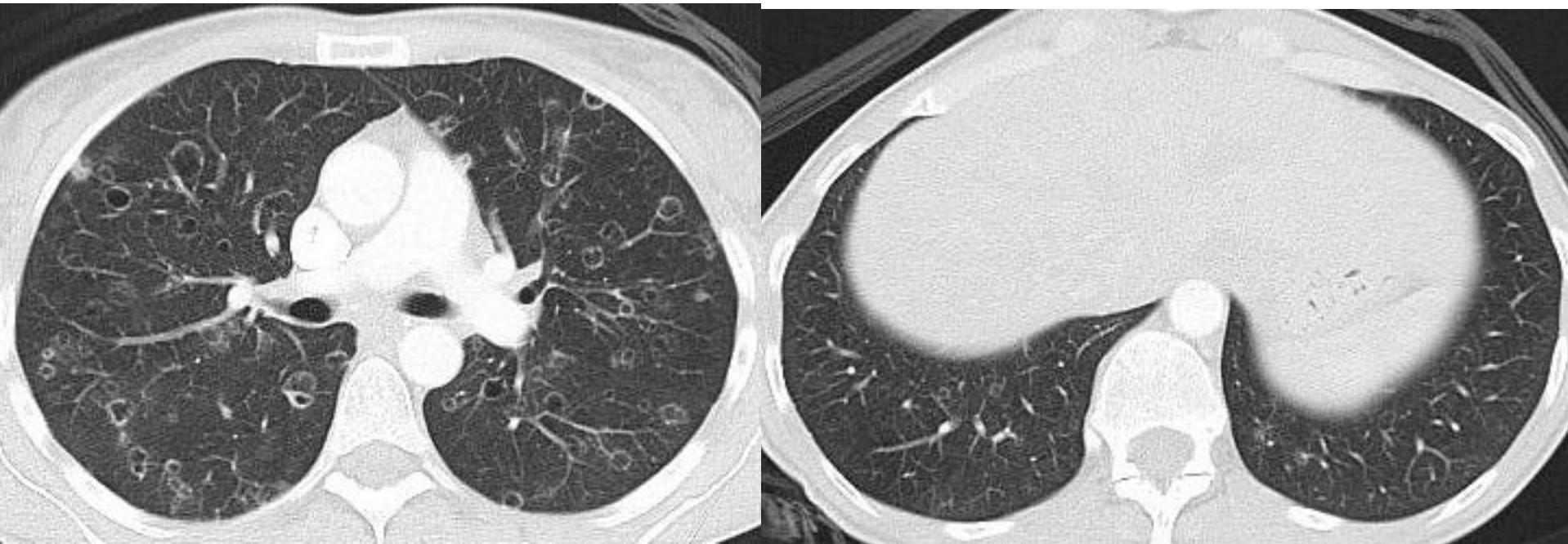


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# TC torace - PLCH



Distribution

Upper/middle lung zones  
Sparing of costophrenic  
angles

Size

Variable

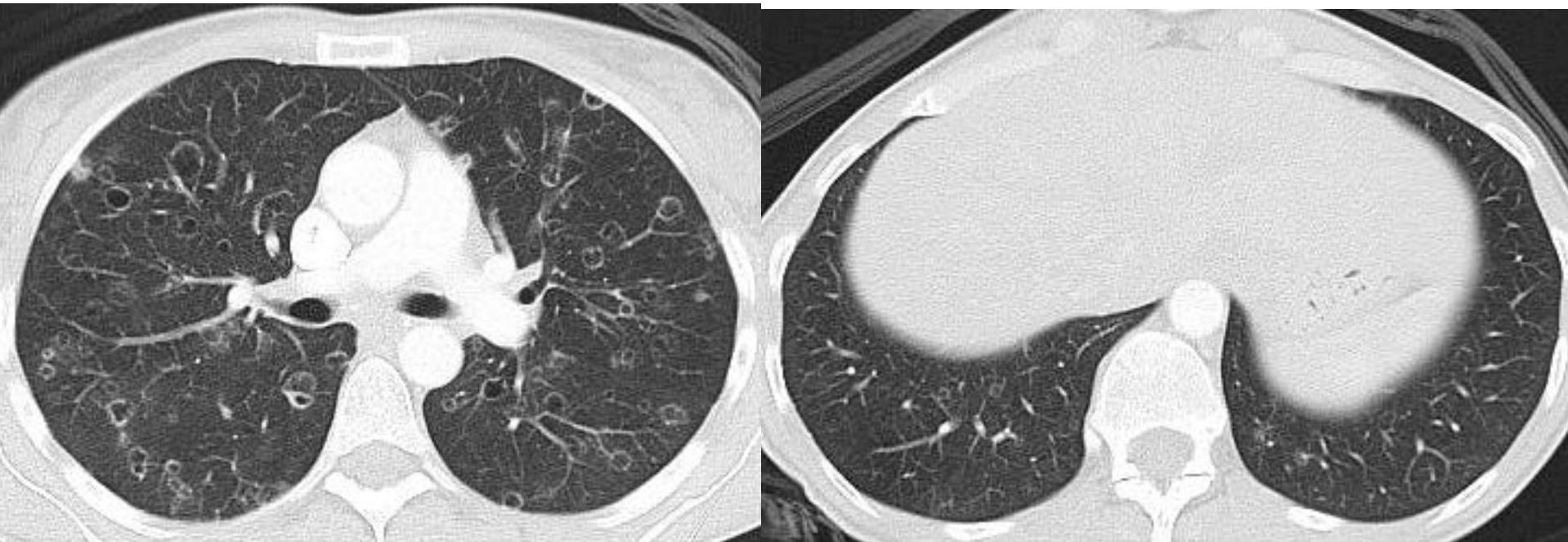
Shape

Irregular, bizarre

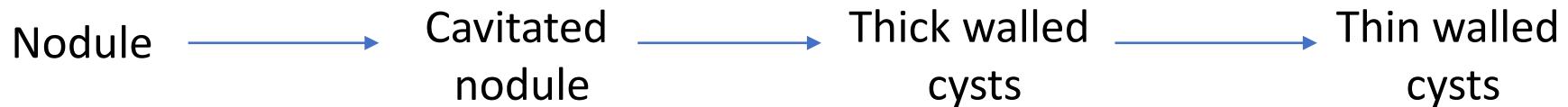
Associated findings

Nodules, micronodules  
Cavities  
Ground glass opacities

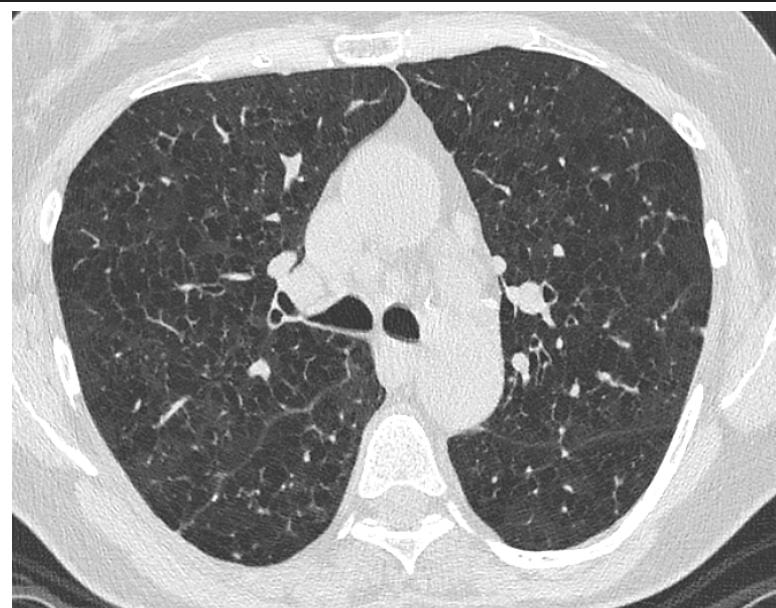
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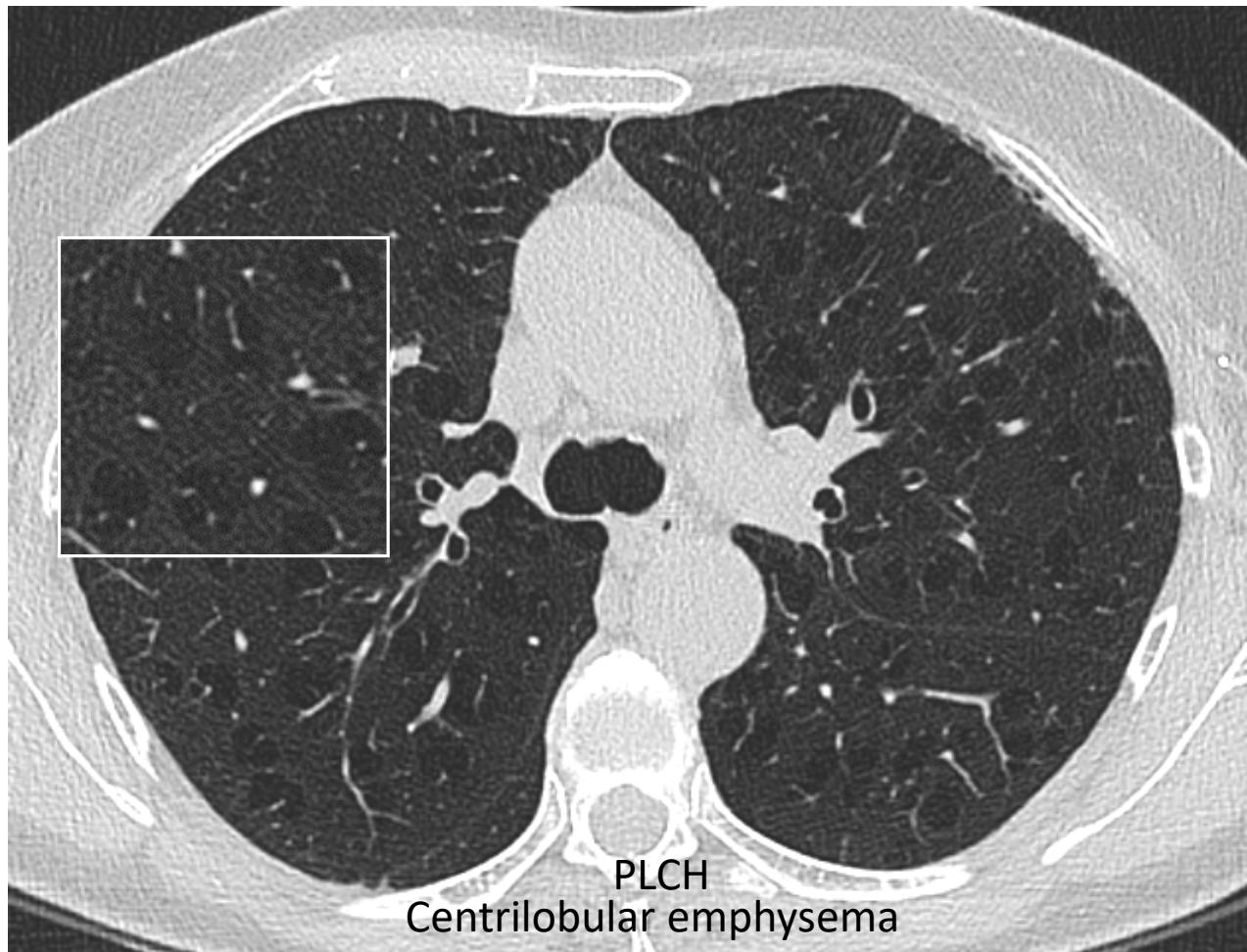
Longitudinal observation of CT features suggests the following evolutionary sequence for pulmonary lesions:



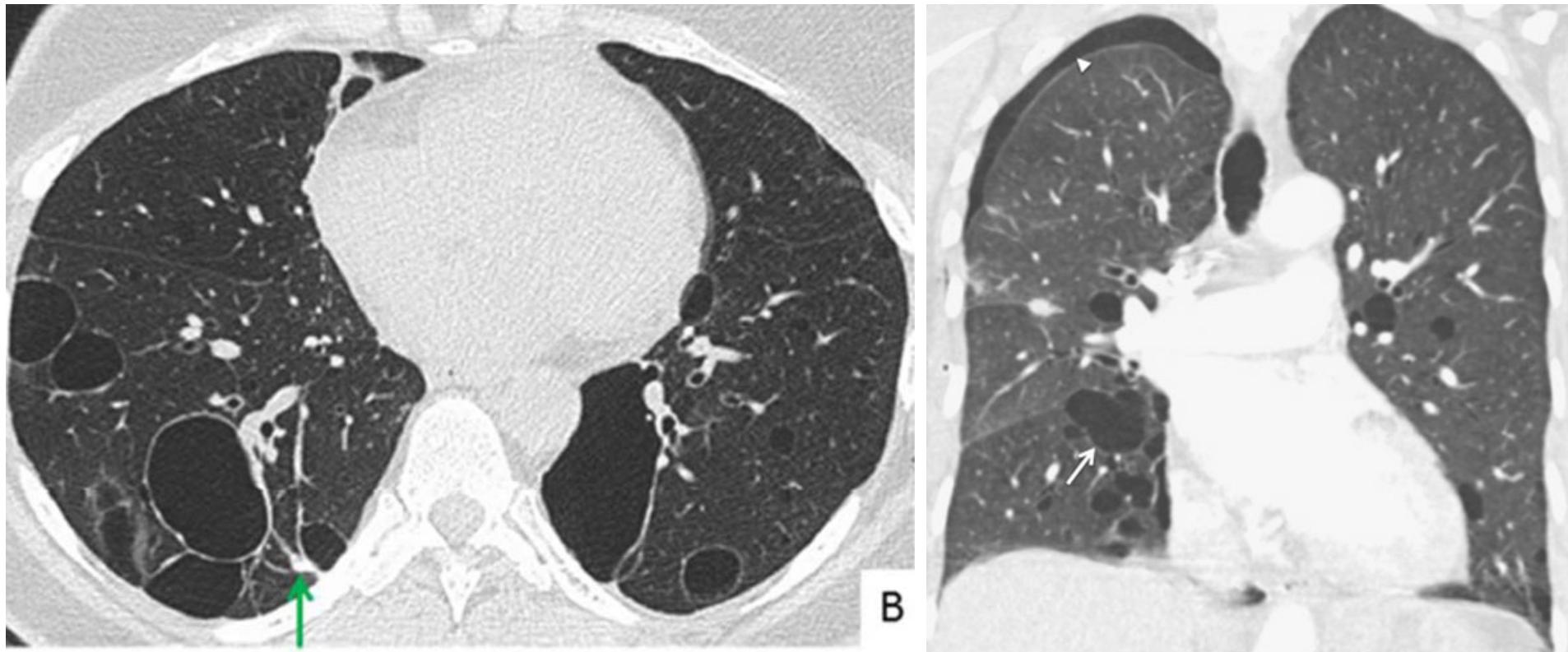
# TC torace - PLCH



# TC torace - DCLDs



# TC torace - BHD



Distribution

Basilar/subpleural and  
near vessels

Size

Variable, average < 1cm

Shape

Elliptical, lentiform

Associated findings

Cysts abut pleura and  
vessels

# Extrapulmonary manifestations

## LAM

- Renal angiomyolipomas
- Lymphangioleiomyomas
- Linfoadenopathy
- TSC lesions (skin angiofibromas, periungual fibromas, hypopigmented macule, tuber corticale , SEGA)

## PLCH

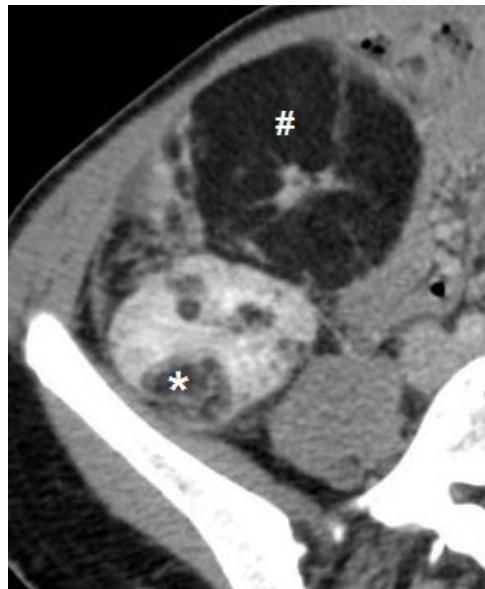
- Diabète insipidus
- Skin lesions
- Osteolytic bone lesions

## Birt-Hogg-Dubè (BHD)

- Renal tumors
- Skin lesions (fibrofolliculomas)

# Extrapulmonary manifestations

LAM



Angiomyolipoma

BHD



Oncocytoma

# Extrapulmonary manifestations

TSC-LAM



Angiofibromas

LCH



Scalp rush

BHD



Fibrofolliculomas

# 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

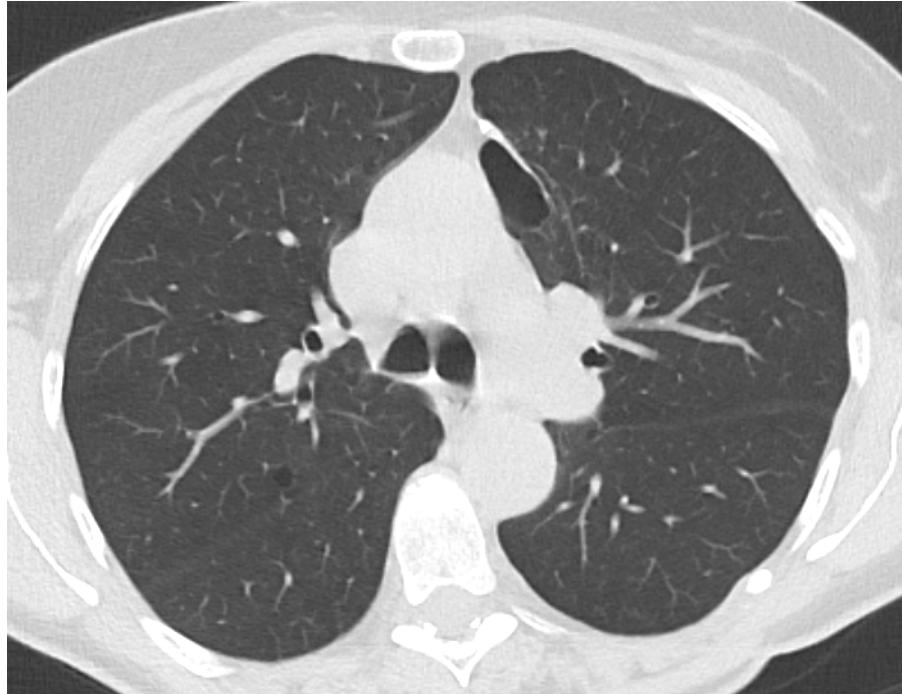
## Amyloidosis

- 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 lymphoproliferative disorders

# TC torace – LIP/FB



Distribution

Diffuse, random,  
prevalent in lower lobes  
often near vessels

Size

Average size 3 mm  
to 1 cm

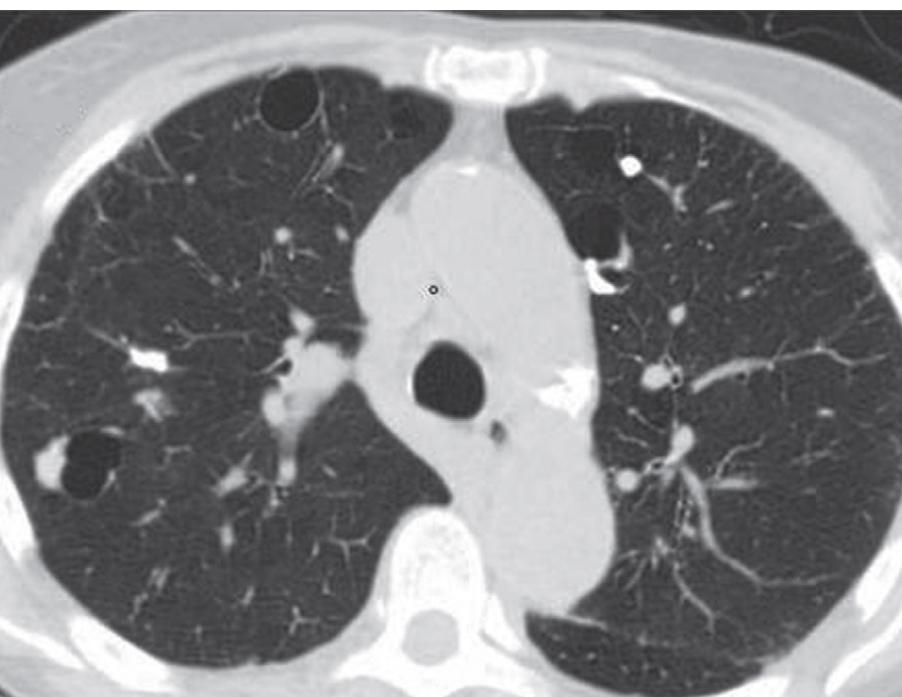
Shape

Round, variable

Associated findings

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

# TC torace



Amyloidosis



LCDD

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

# BAL/TBB

## LAM

- BAL: not-significant
- TBB: diagnostic yield around 50-60%, relatively safe with pneumothorax rate of 0 to 6%  
(based on case series)

McCormack FX et al, AJRCCM 2016

## PLCH

- BAL: High specificity (CD1a>5%) but low sensitivity  
In patients with atypical clinical and/or radiological presentation it can be used to rule out interstitial lung diseases with more typical lavage findings and pulmonary infections
- TBB: may have low diagnostic yield (10-50%) because of the small amount of tissue obtained and the patchy nature of the disease

Harari et al, Resp Med 2012

Baqir M et al, J Bronchology Interv Pulmonol 2013

## Birt-Hogg-Dubè (BHD)

- BAL: not-significant
- TBB: no diagnostic yield

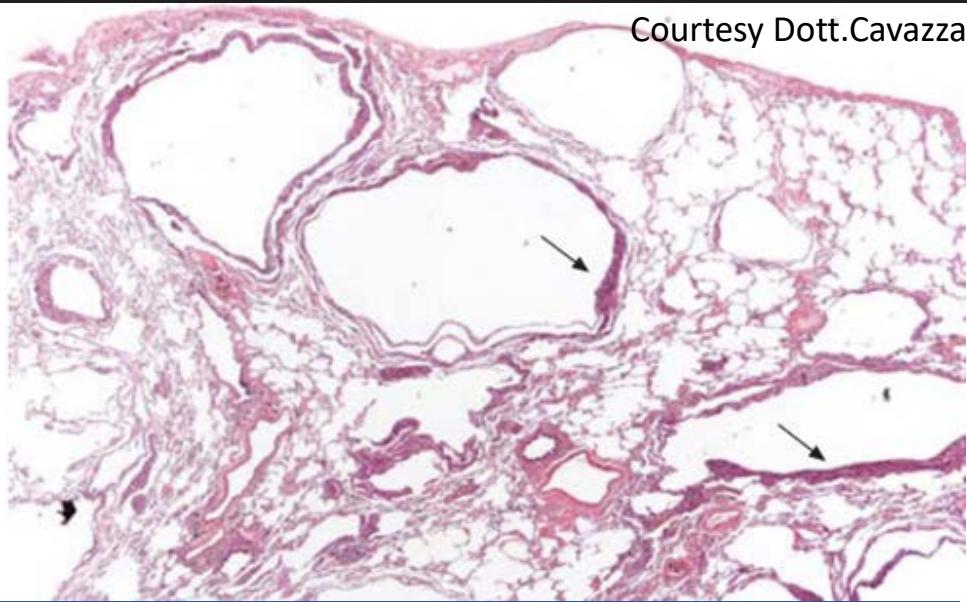
# Definite LAM

ERS guidelines 2010	ATS/JRS guidelines 2016	ATS/JRS guidelines 2016
characteristic lung HRCT + any of the followings	characteristic lung HRCT + any of the followings	Characteristic HRCT alone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Tuberous Sclerosis Complex</li><li>✓ Chylous effusions</li><li>✓ Angiomyolipomas</li><li>✓ Lymphatic involvement</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Tuberous Sclerosis Complex</li><li>✓ Chylous effusions</li><li>✓ Angiomyolipomas</li><li>✓ Lymphatic involvement</li><li>✓ Serum VEGFD levels <math>\geq 800 \text{ pg/mL}</math></li></ul>	Lung biopsy

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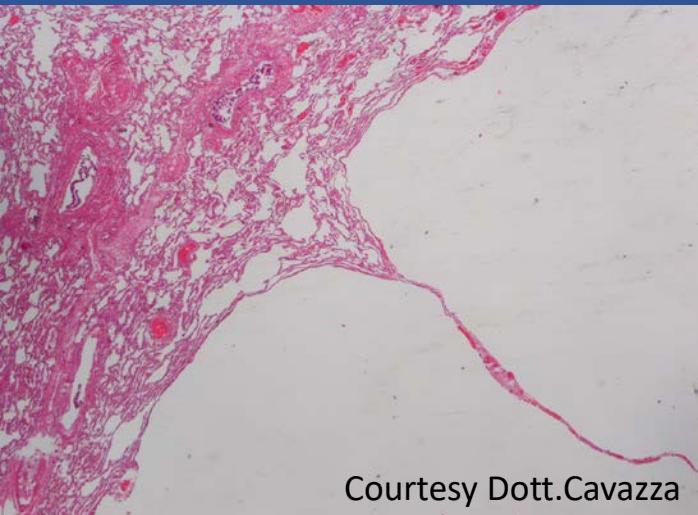
# Pathologic findings

Courtesy Dott.Cavazza



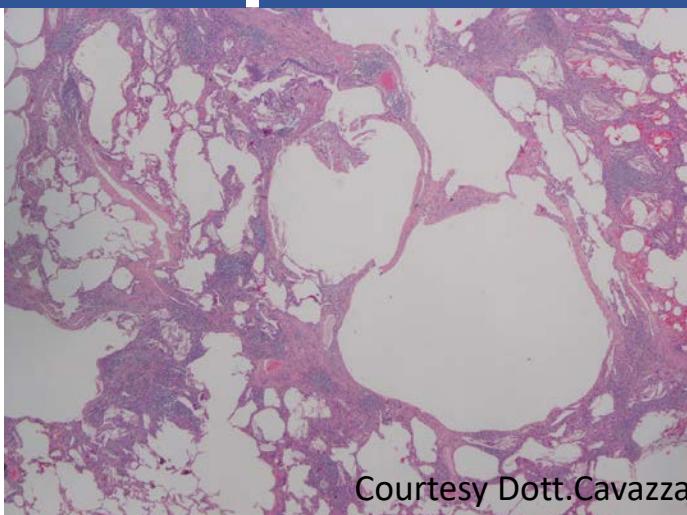
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PLCH



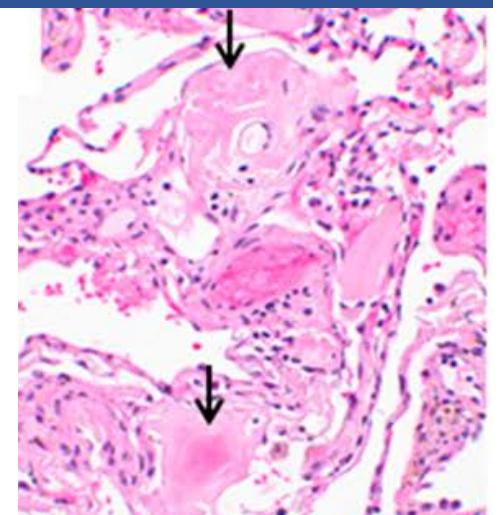
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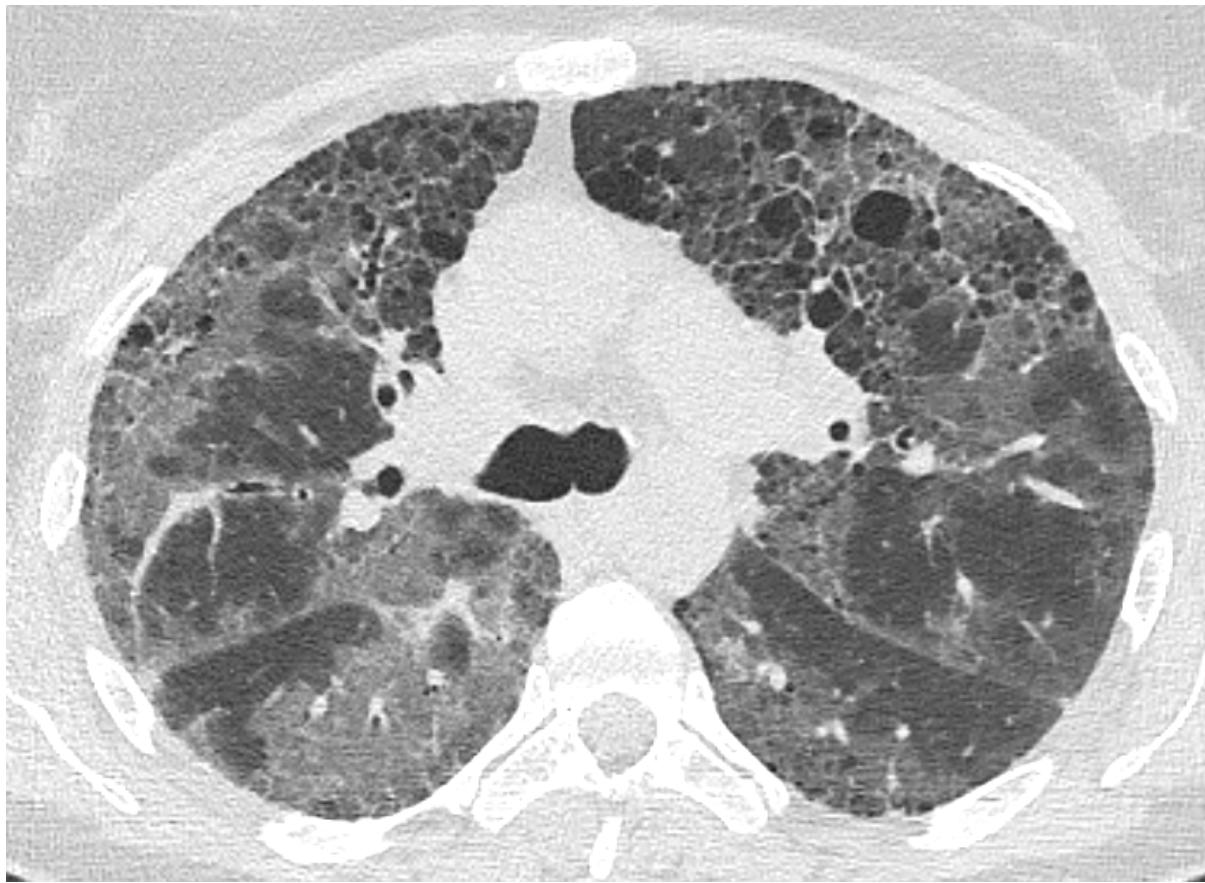
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LIP



Amyloid

# Cisti in altre patologie polmonari



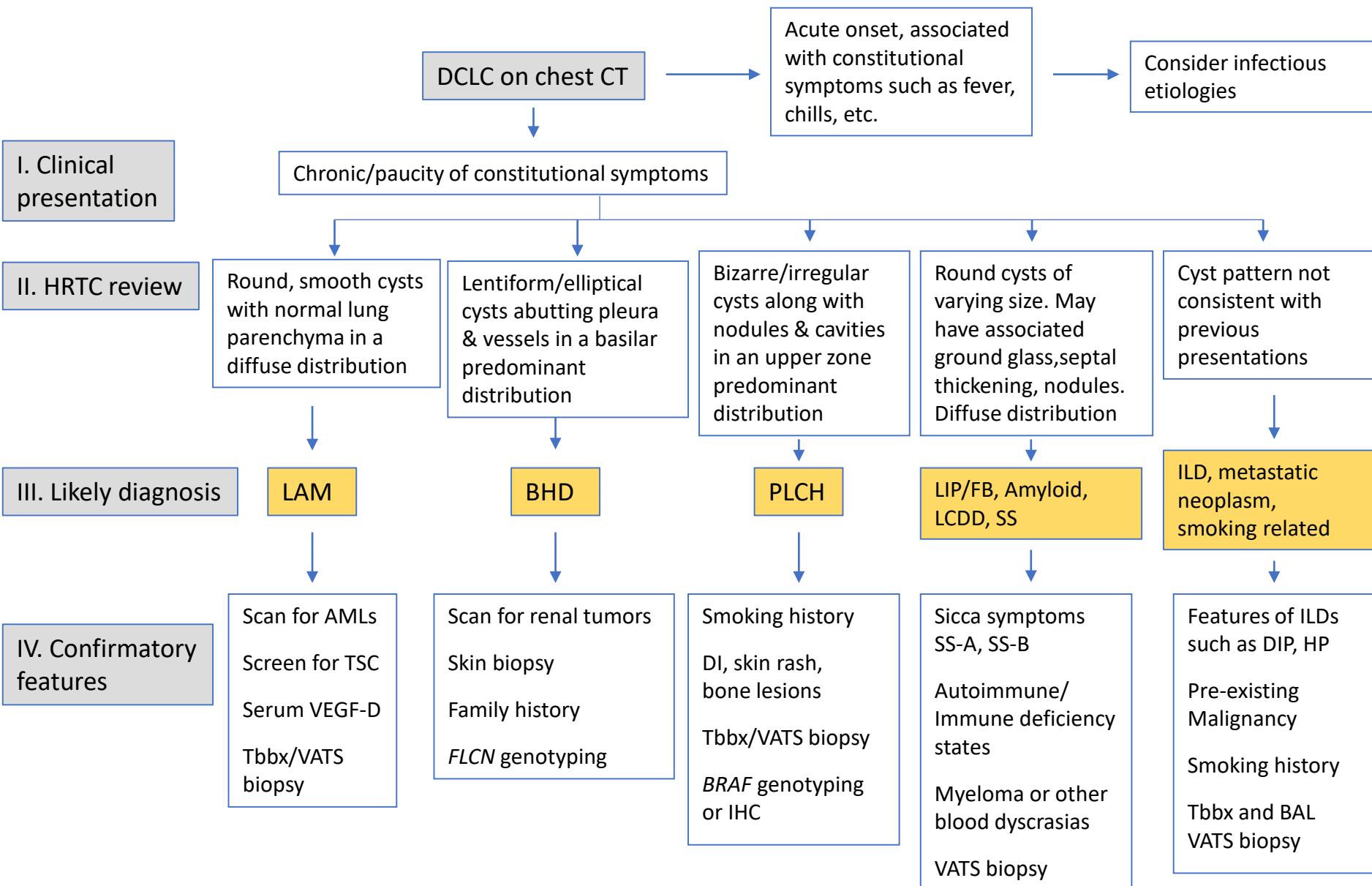
Patologia polmonare diffusa, con aspetto patchy, caratterizzata da presenza di opacità ground-glass, minimi aspetti di distorsione fibrotica e multiple cisti aeree, presenti nelle zone di ground-glass, con diametro variabile da pochi mm a circa 1 cm.

# Dati demografici/clinici/laboratorio

	LAM	PLCH	BHD	LIP/FB	Amiloidosi	LCDD
Fumo		SI				
Genere	Femmine					
Laboratorio	<i>VEGFD sierico</i>	Diabete insipido	<i>Genetica per FLCN</i>	Autoimmunità Immunodeficit	Autoimmunità Amiloidosi sist.	M.infoprolif. Insuff.renale
Storia familiare	<i>Possibile TSC</i>		<i>Possibile BHDS</i>			
Prevalenza di pnx	Fino al 70%	10-20%	24%	Non nota	Non nota	Non nota
Prevalenza PNX	XX	X	X			
PNX ricorrente	XX	X	XX			
Versamento chilosco	X					

# Diagnostic algorytm

Gupta N et al, AJRCCM 2015





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