

Imaging in Neuroblastoma

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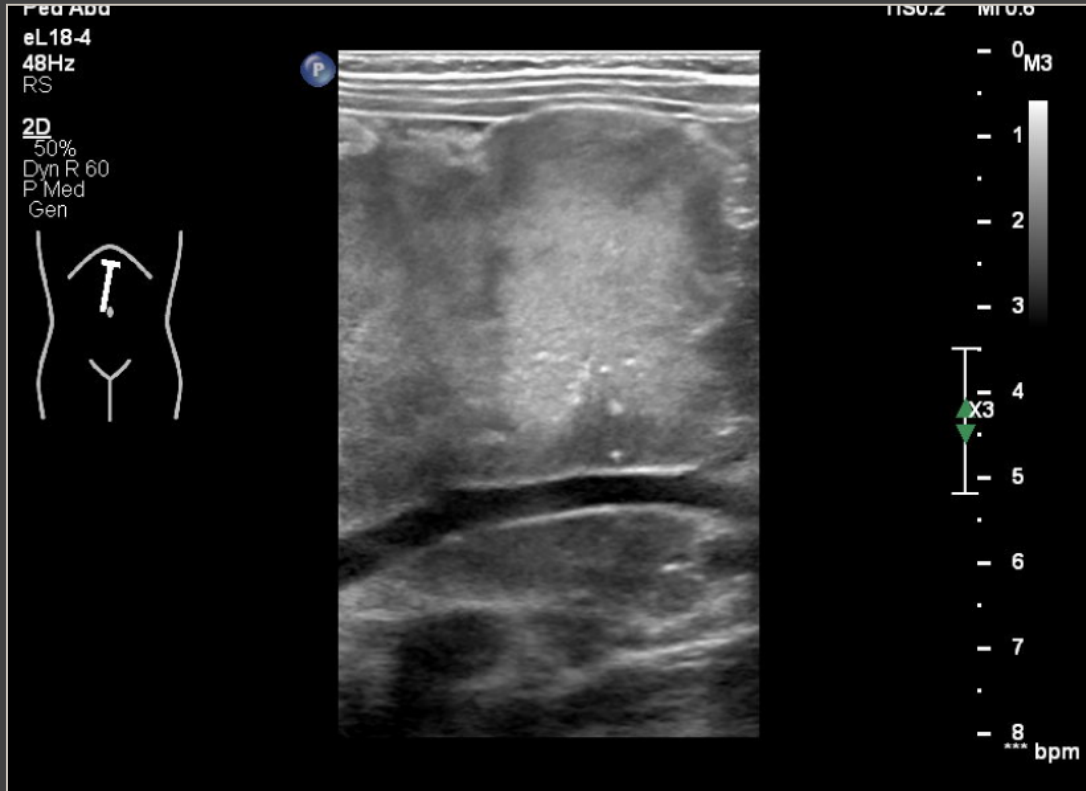
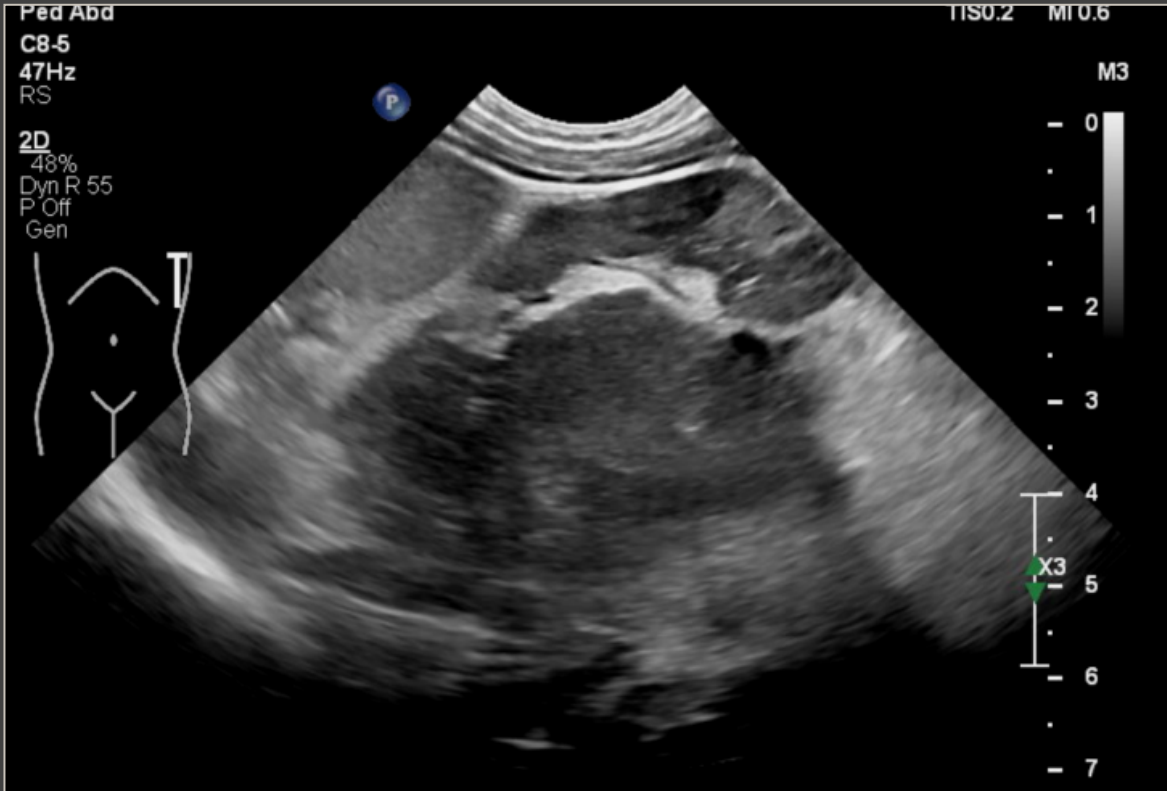
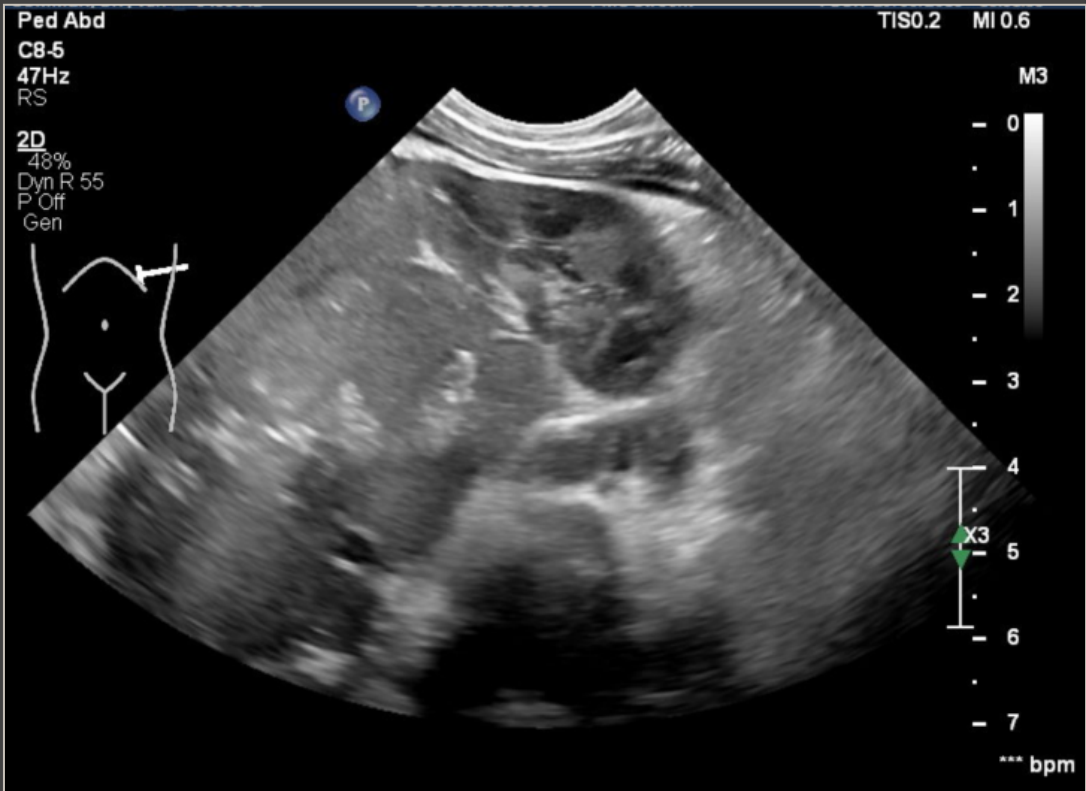
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Imaging primary tumor - HR NBL 2 protocol

Distant metastases

Take home points

Case – 2-year-old boy. Not feeling well



Introduction

1. Location - Site of origin:

Claw sign

Movement

Prominent vessel sign

2. Tumor characteristics (echogenicity, fat, calcifications..)

3. Patterns of spread

Key to differential diagnosis

Imaging

Location – Organ of origin

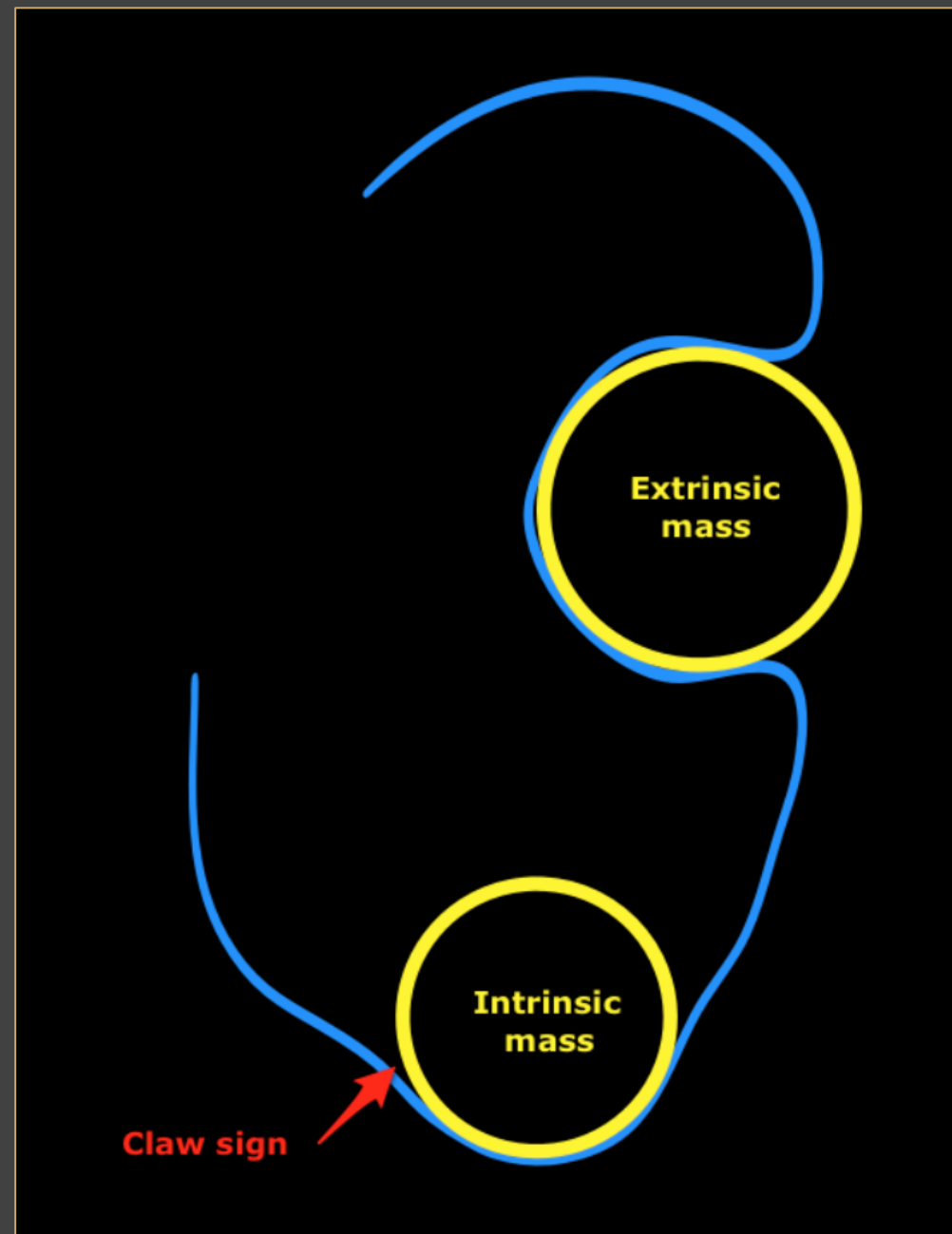
Tumor characteristics

Patterns of spread

Age

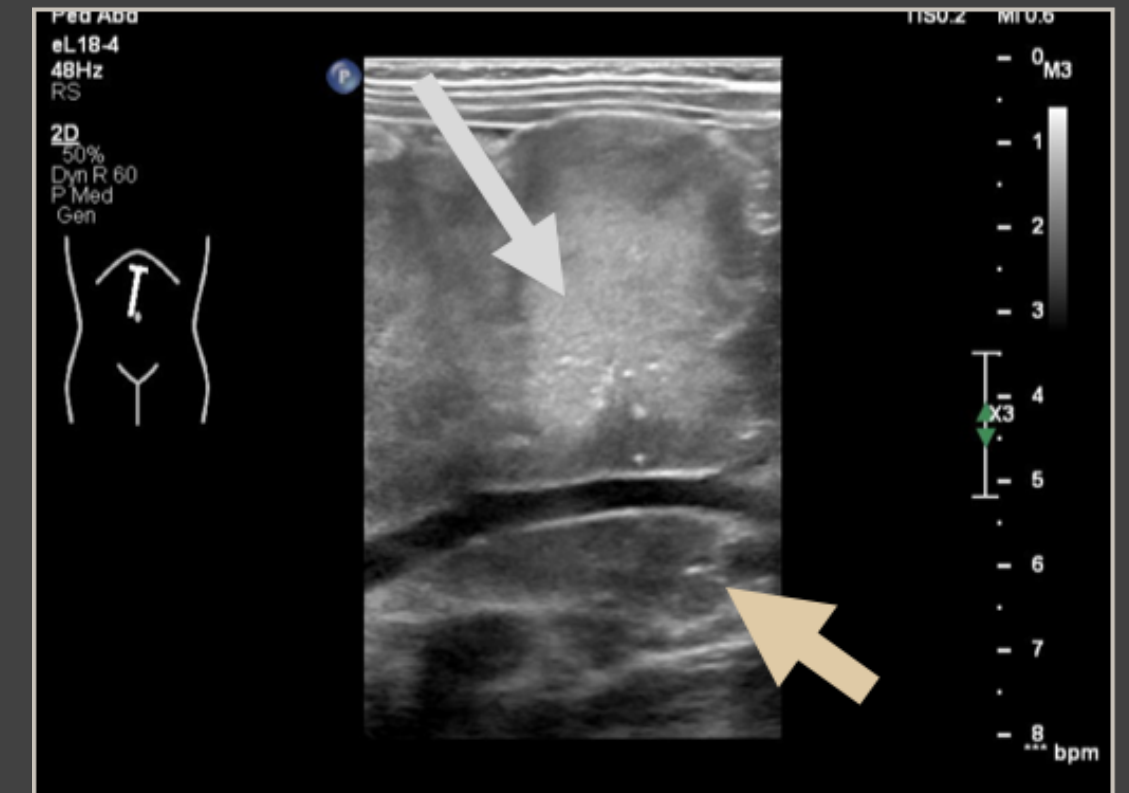
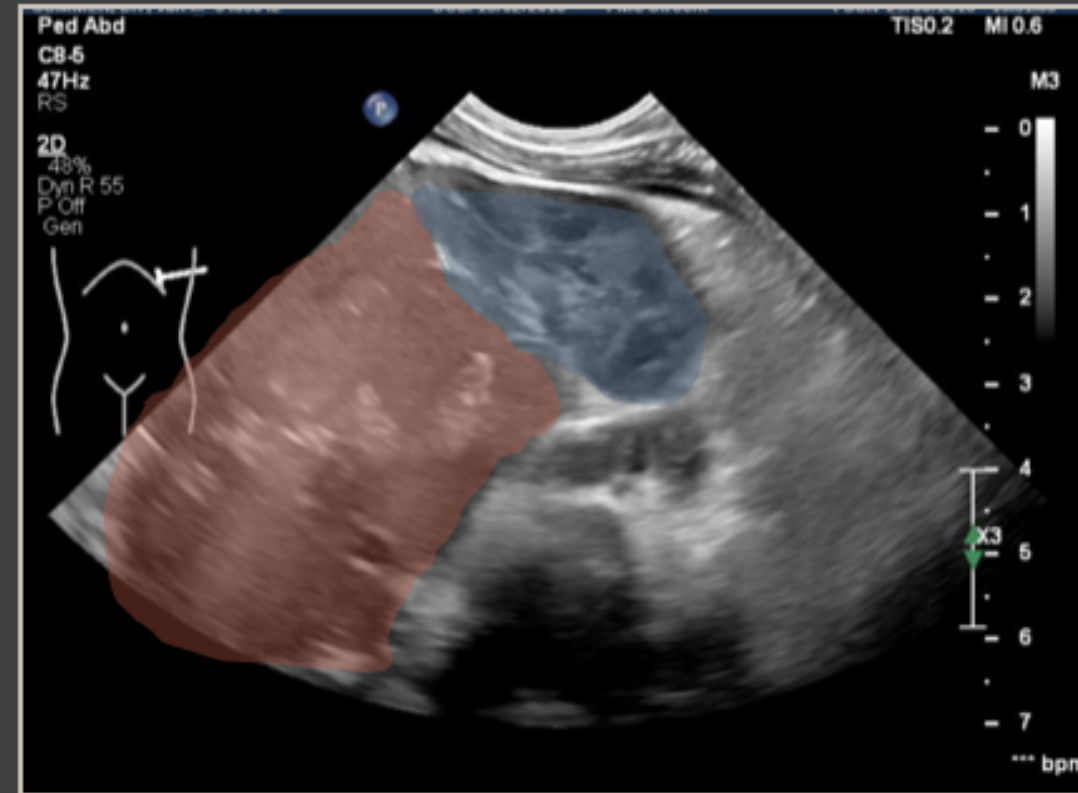
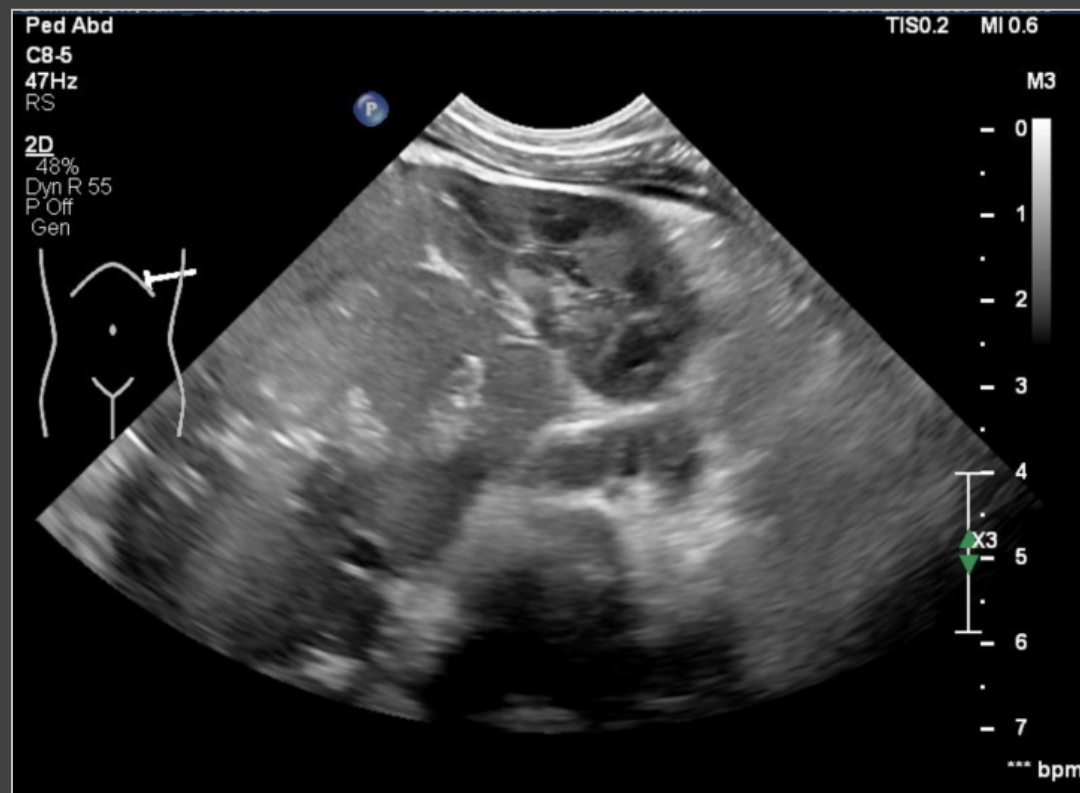
Tumor markers (urine metabolites)

Claw sign



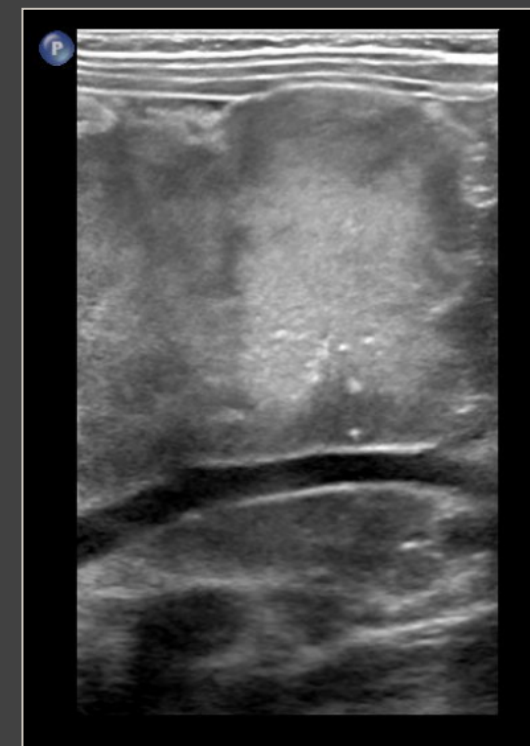
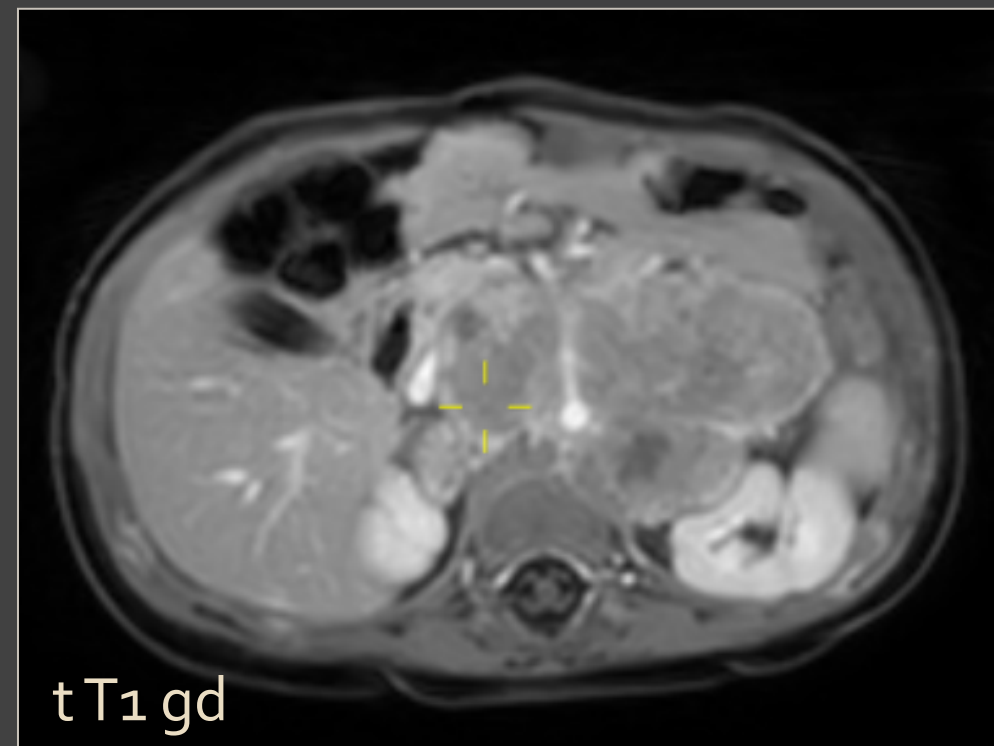
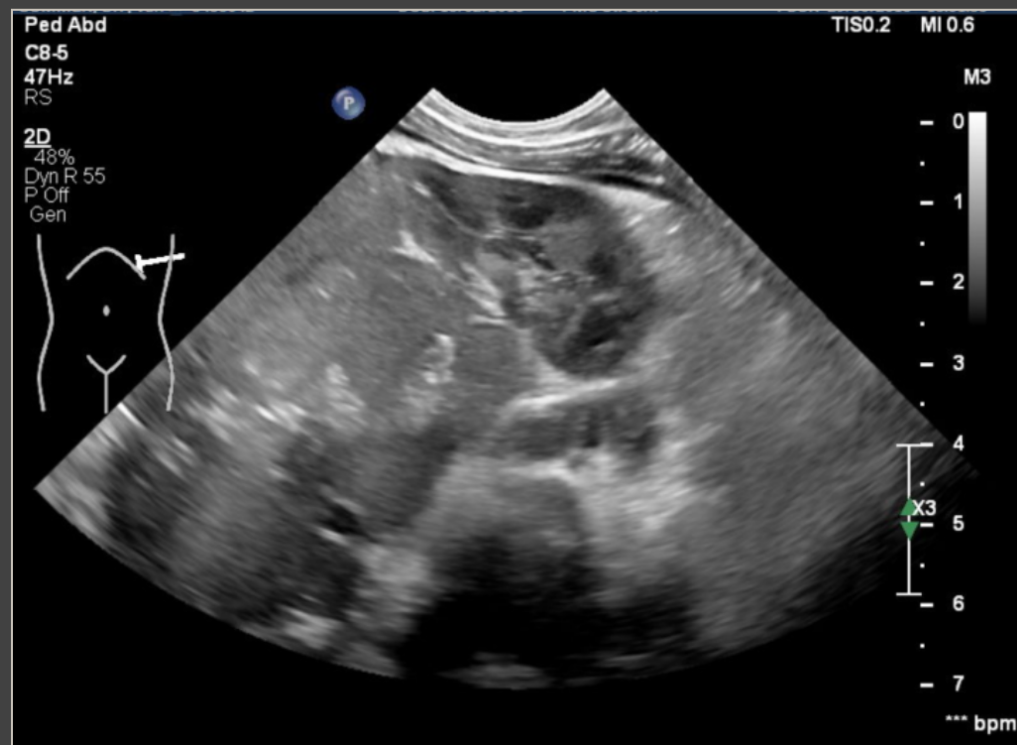
Case – Claw sign? Imaging characteristics?

Calcifications



Lifting aorta

Neuroblastoma



Neuroblastoma

- ❖ Most common extracranial solid tumor of childhood
- ❖ Embryonal tumor of sympathetic nervous system
 - ❖ $> 1/3$ arises in the adrenal gland
- ❖ 90% of case before 5 years of age
- ❖ Can present antenatally
- ❖ Heterogenous group
 - ❖ Can show spontaneous regression in infants
 - ❖ Poor prognosis in high risk tumors with distant metastasis



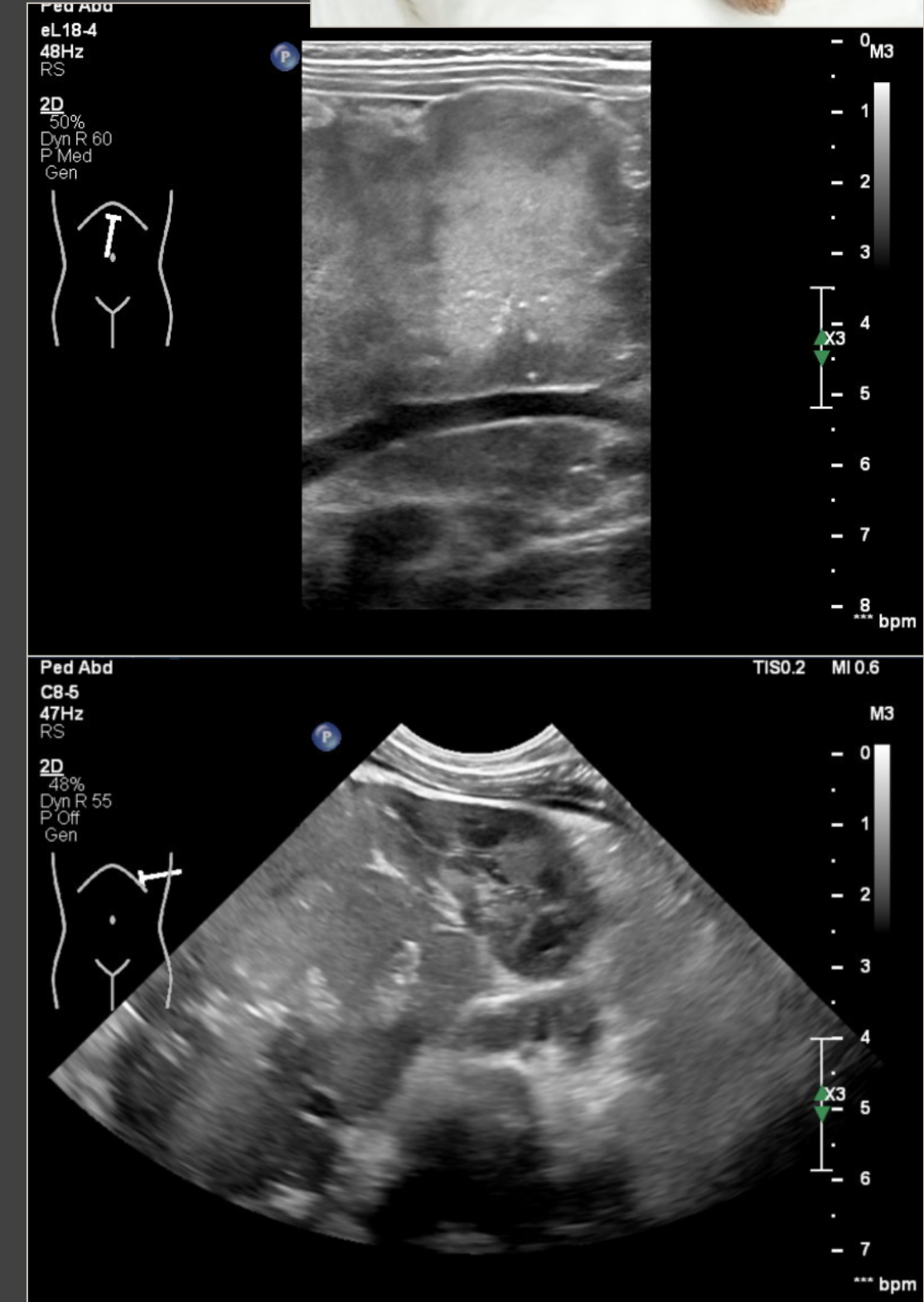
Neuroblastoma

Discriminating imaging features:

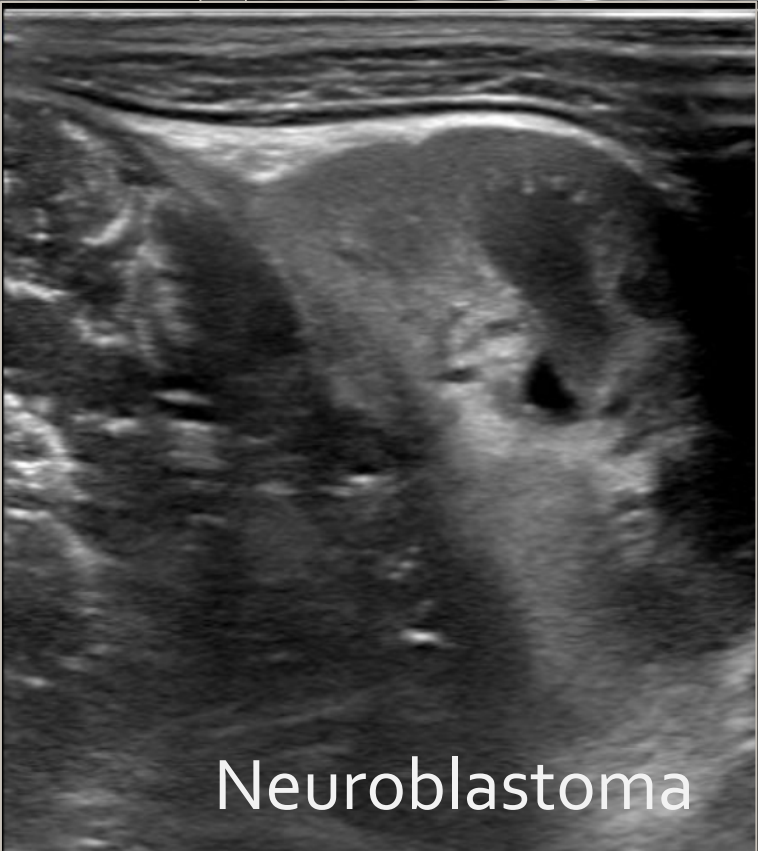
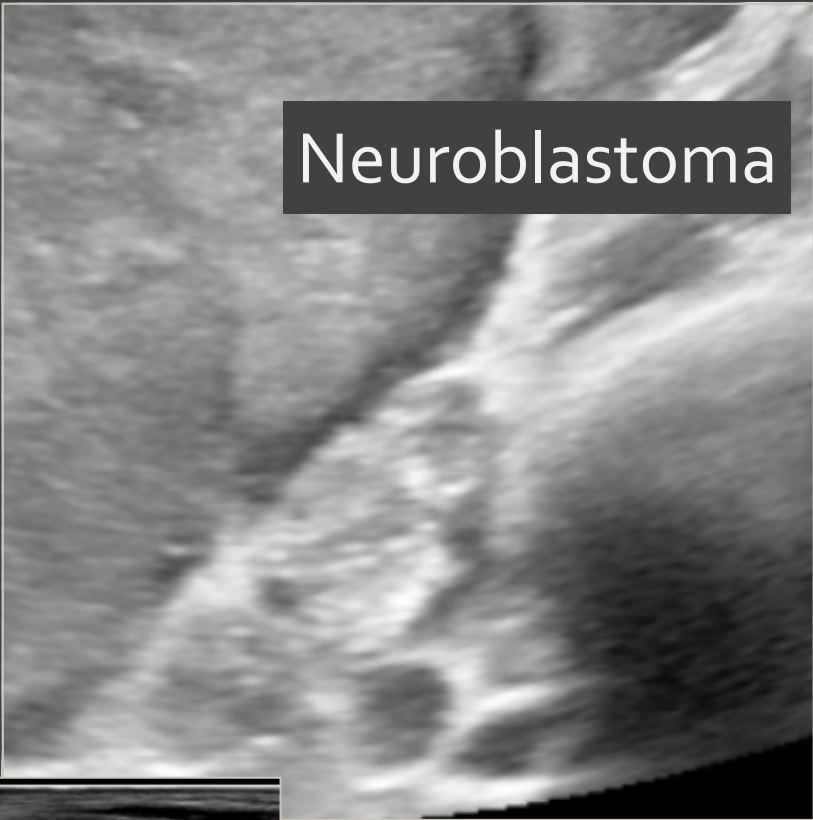
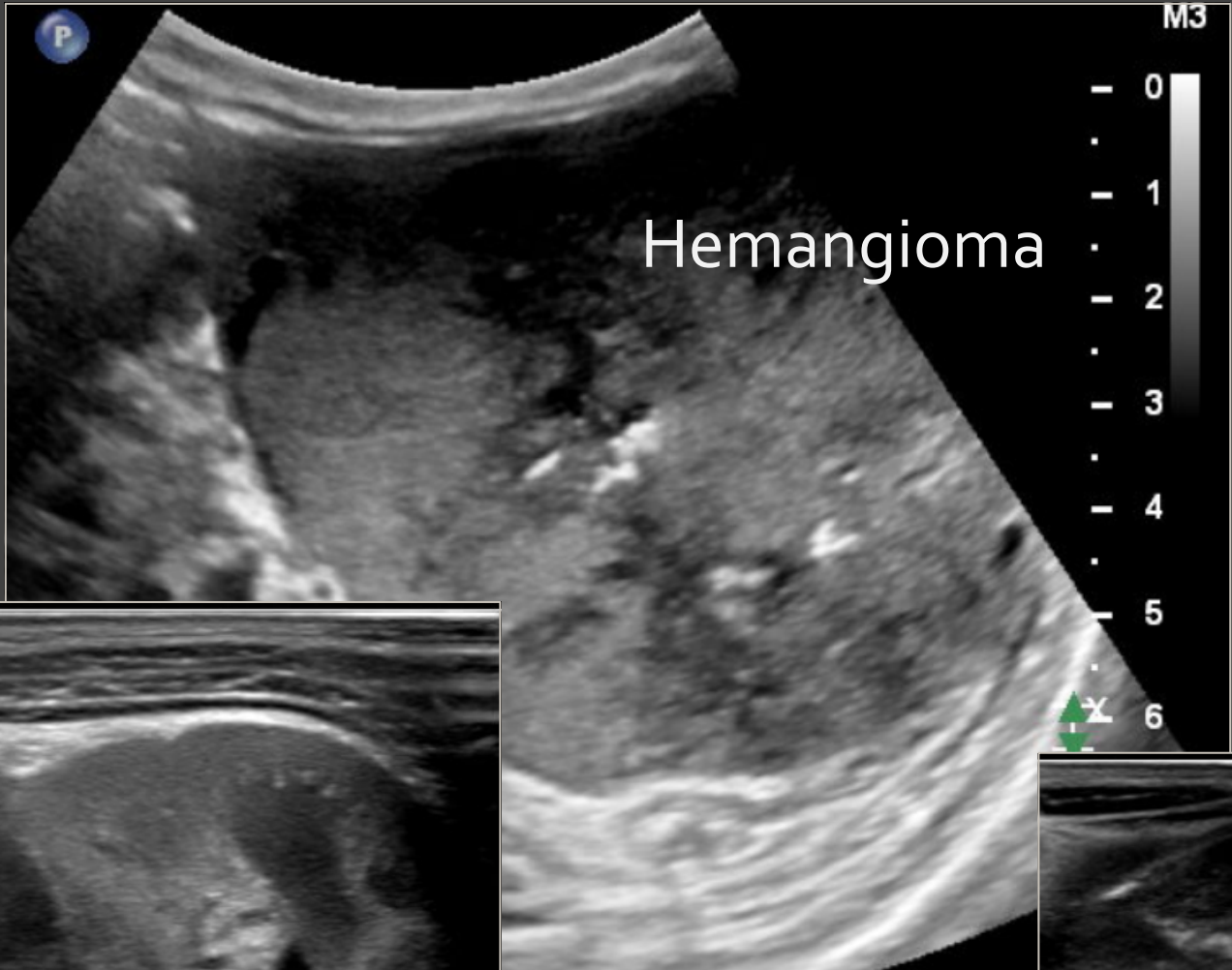
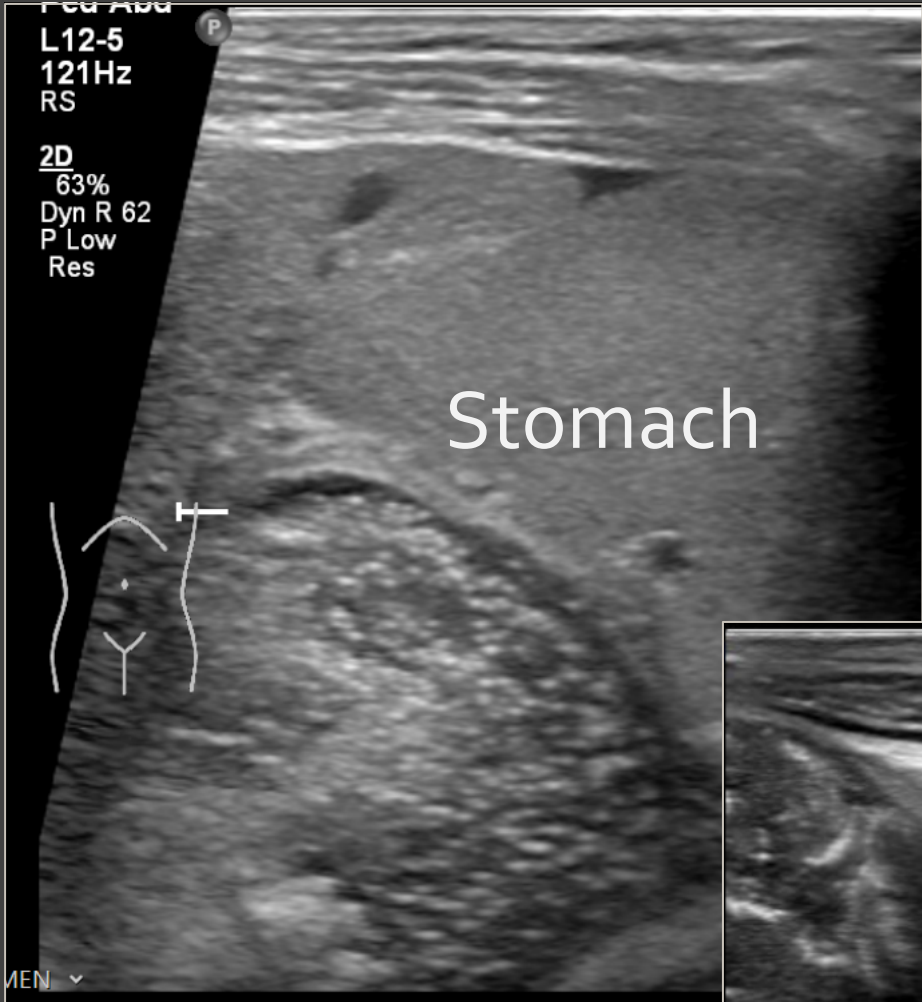
- ❖ Growth pattern: encasing vessels/lifting aorta
- ❖ Internal calcifications
- ❖ Marked diffusion restriction

Tumor markers:

Urine metabolites (Catecholamines: HVA and VMA)



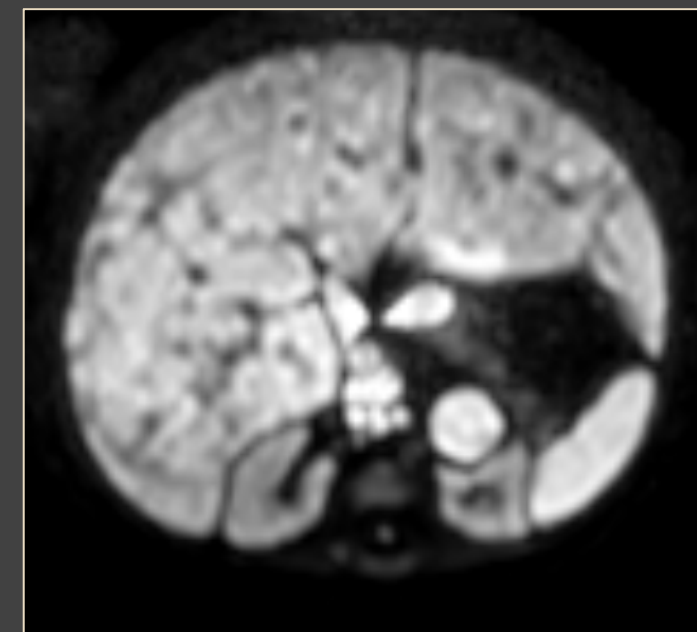
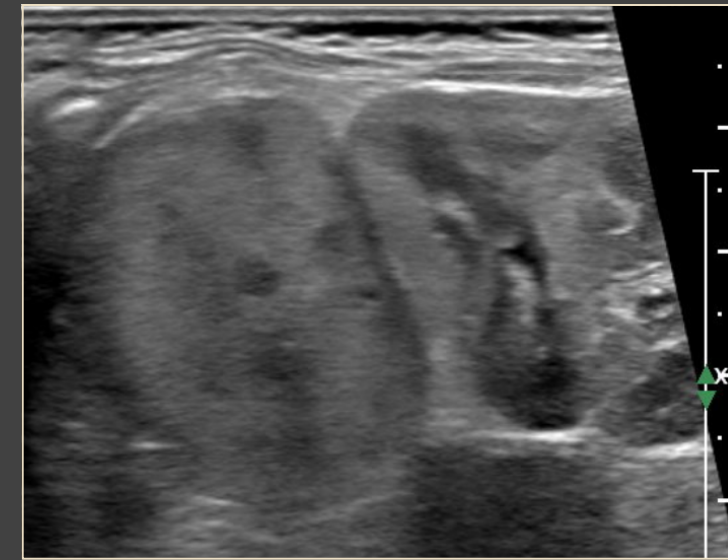
Internal calcifications



Clinical picture

3 main groups:

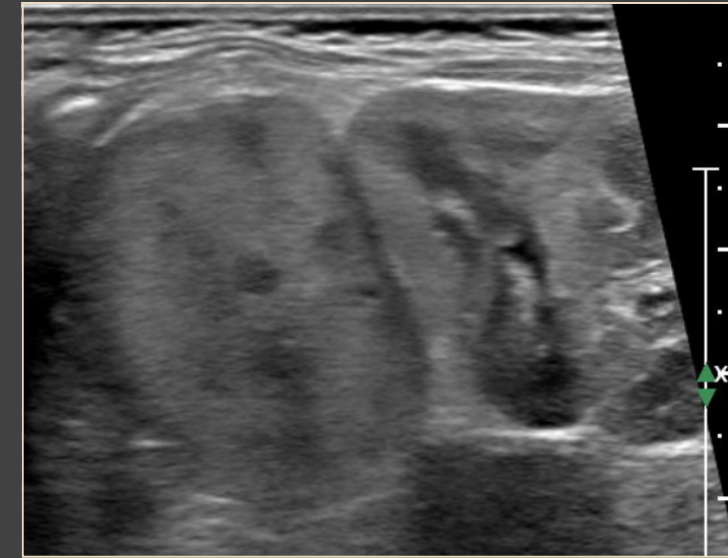
- Localized disease (40%)
- Disseminated disease (50%)
- 4S/MS disease (< 18 mo with mets to liver, skin or bone marrow)



Stratification

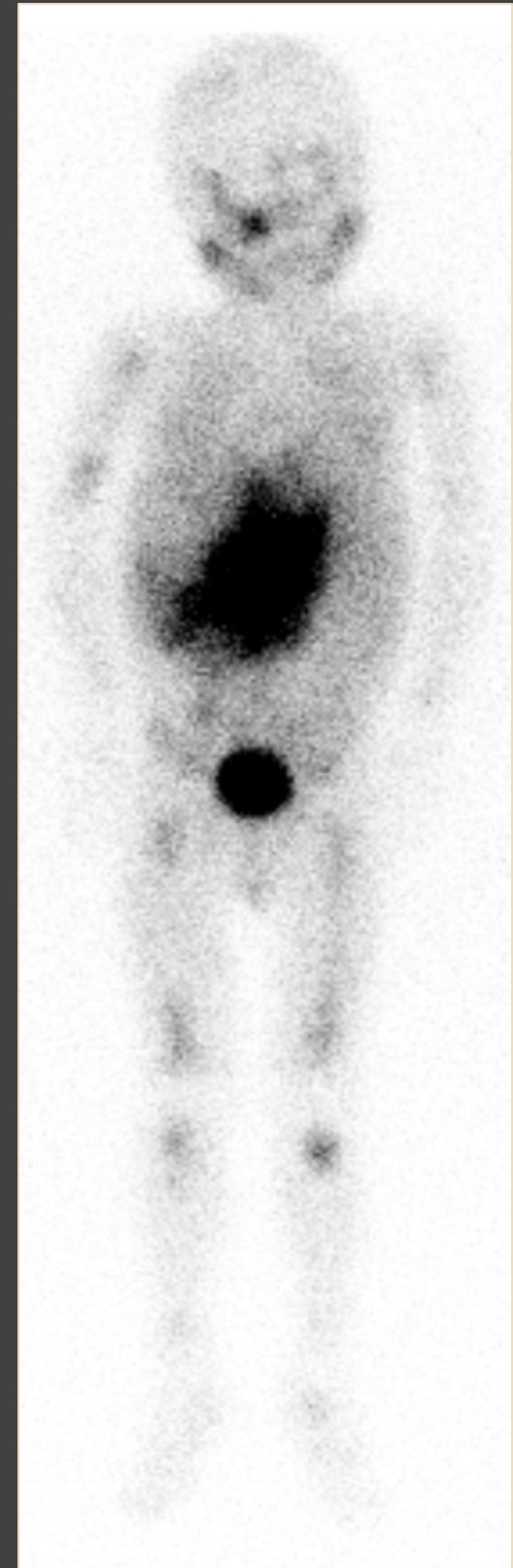
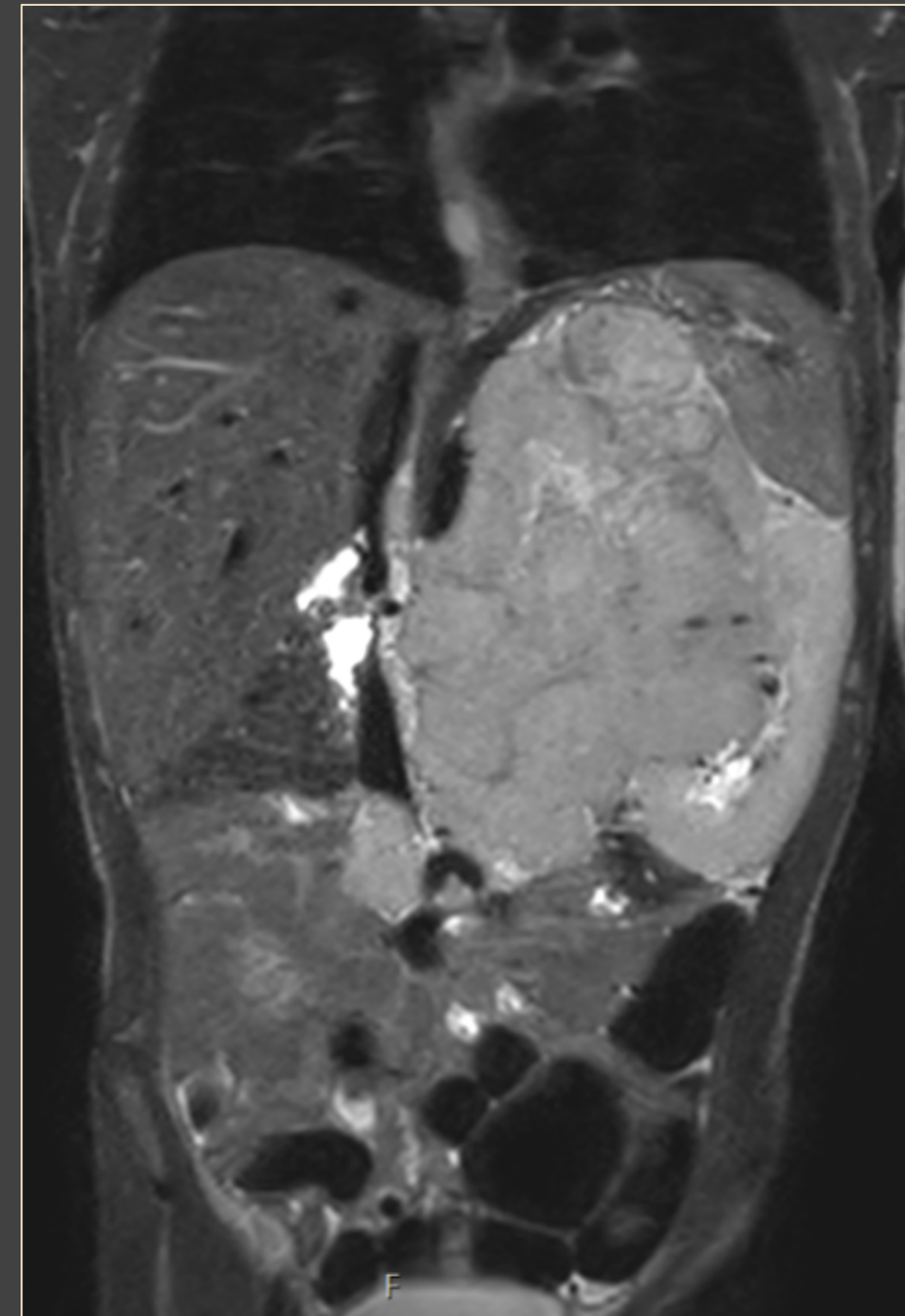
- Low
- Intermediate
- High risk

Depending on: Age, stage and tumor biology (MYCN amplification)



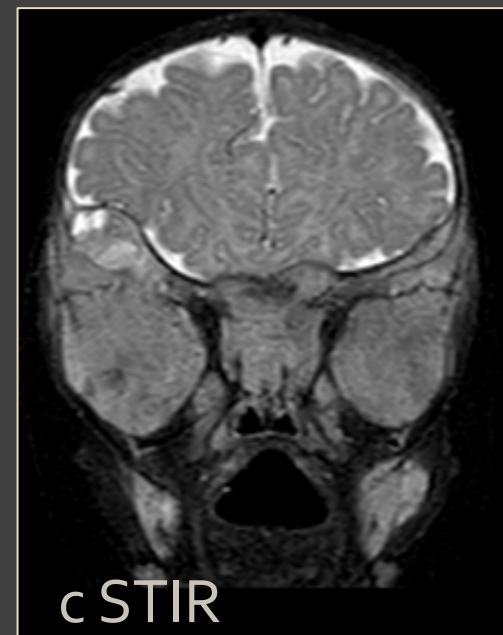
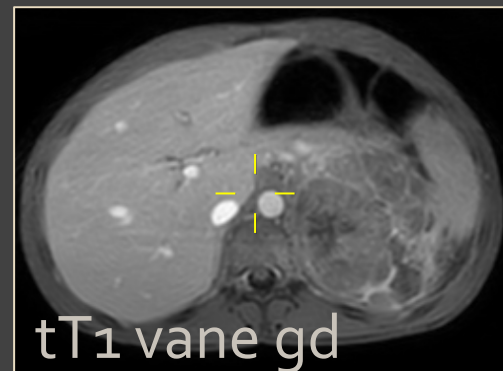
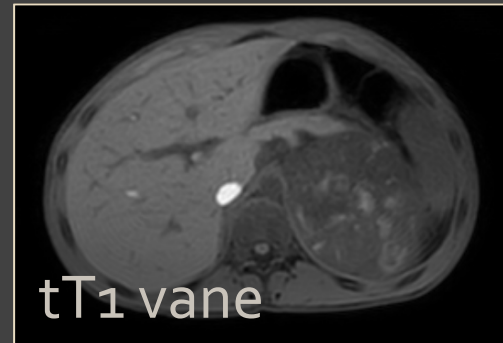
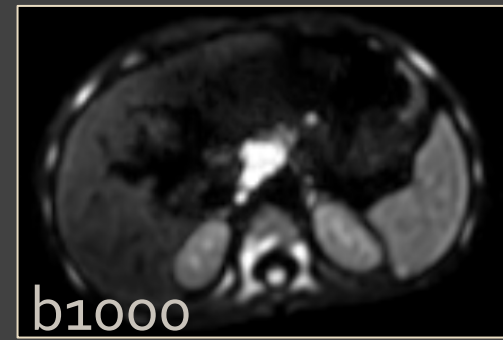
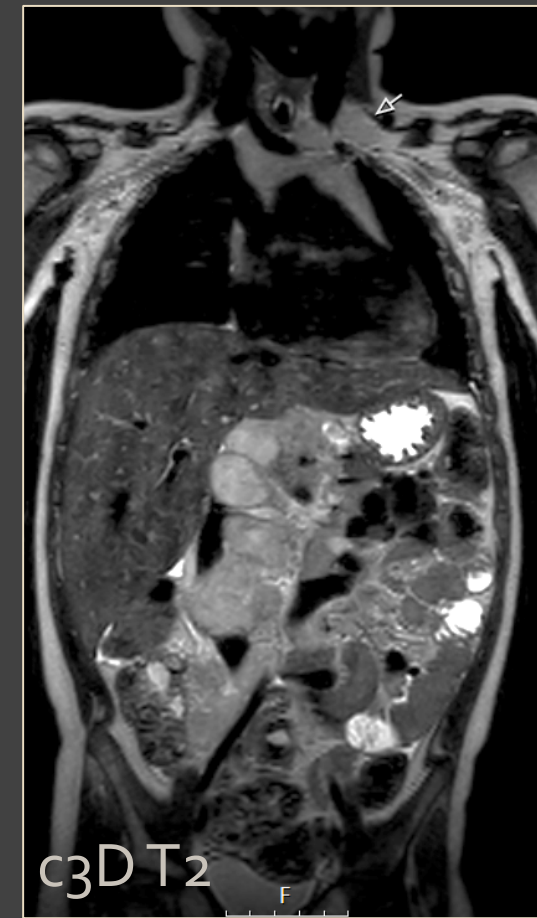
Imaging in Neuroblastoma

- ❖ Ultrasound
- ❖ MRI (or CT) for primary tumor
- ❖ [^{123}I] mIBG for local and distant staging

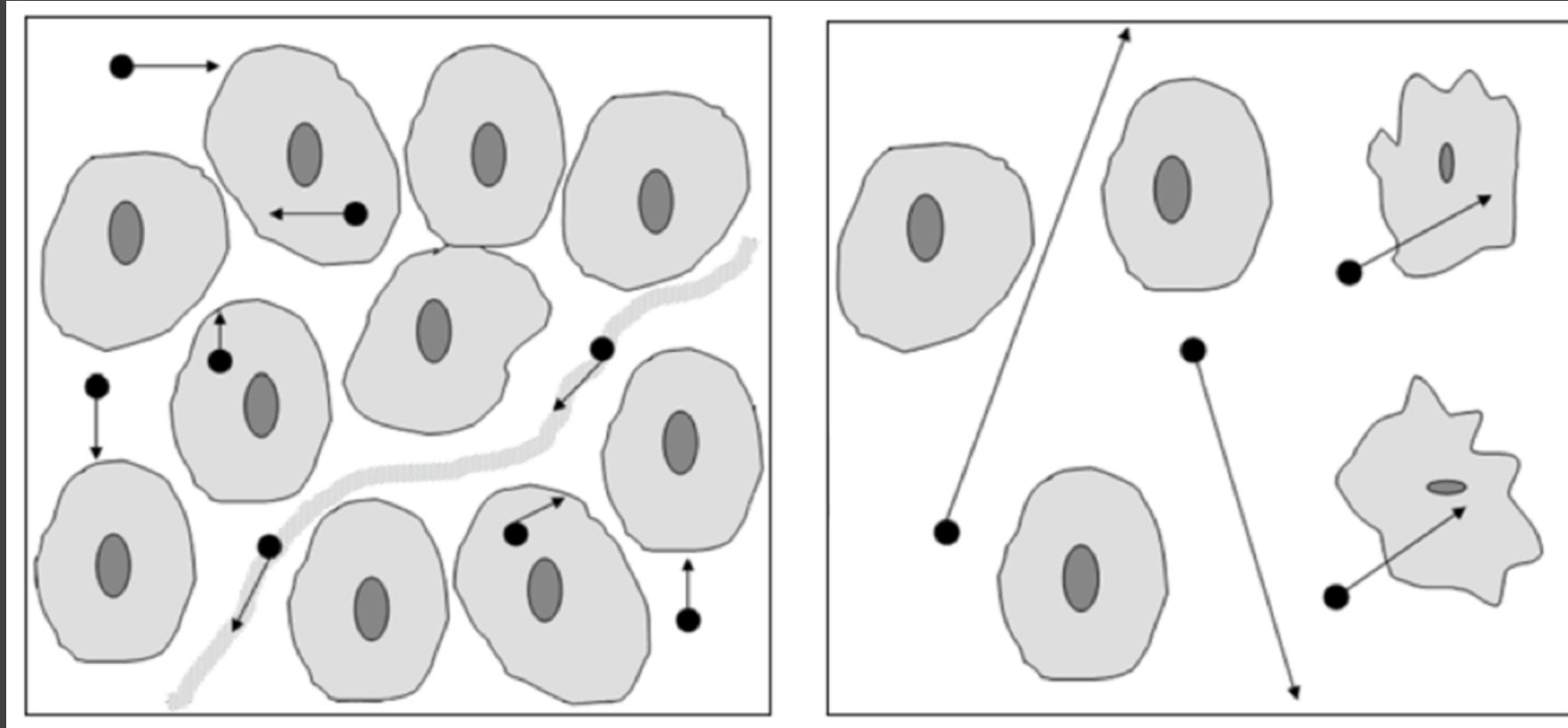


Our MRI protocol

- ❖ c 3D T₂
- ❖ t 3D t₁ with fatsuppression before and after gd
- ❖ t DWI (b₀, 100 and 1000)
- ❖ Spine: s T₁ TSE and s STIR
- ❖ Brain: c STIR, t T₂, s T₁, t DWI, 3D T₁ gd

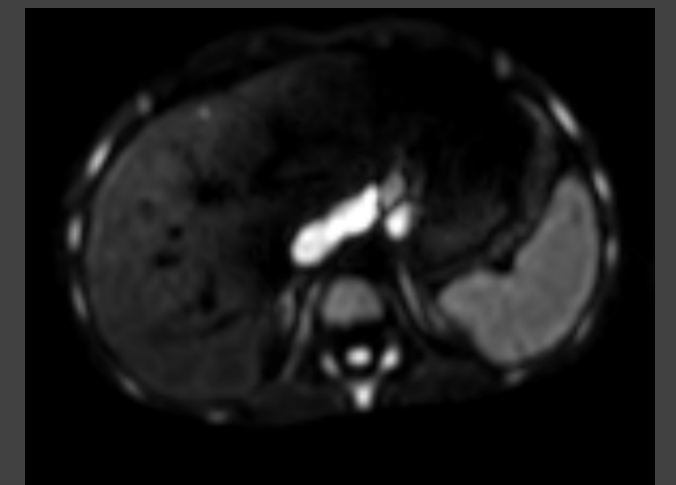
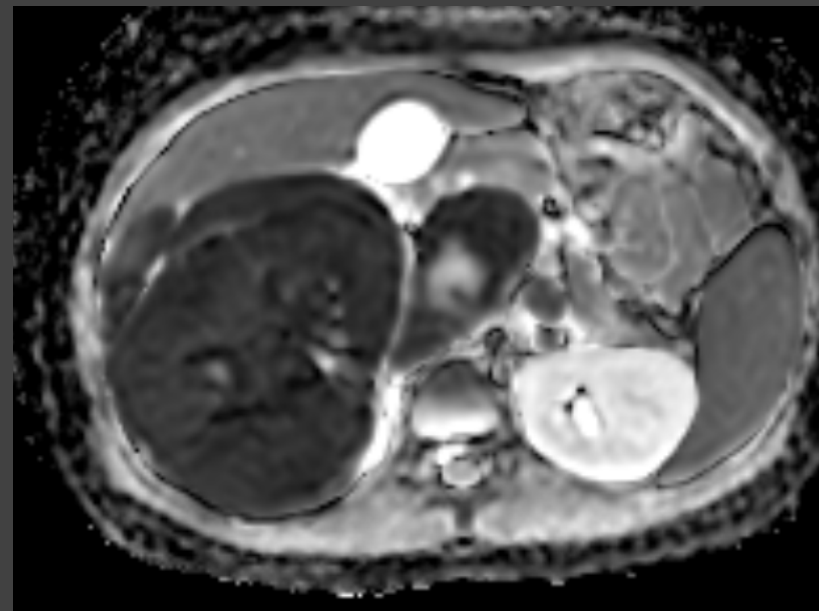
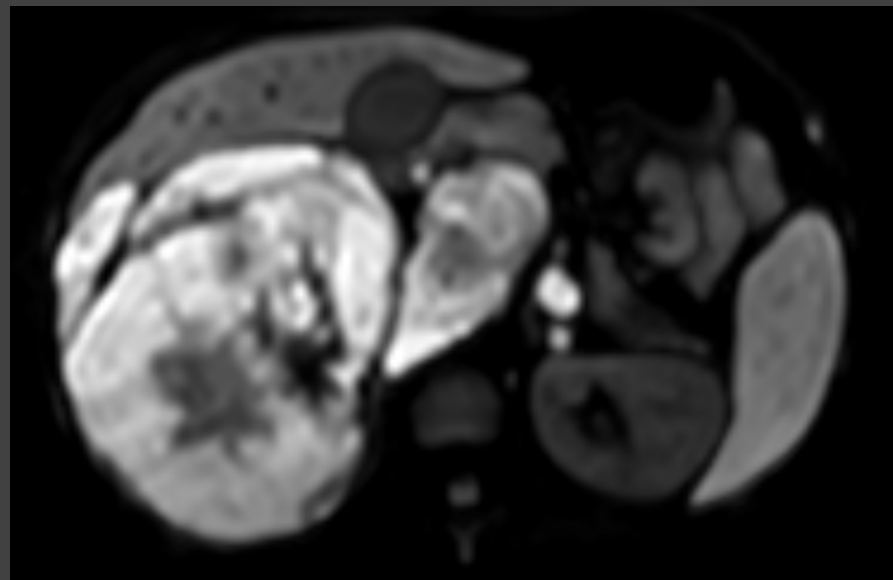


Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI)

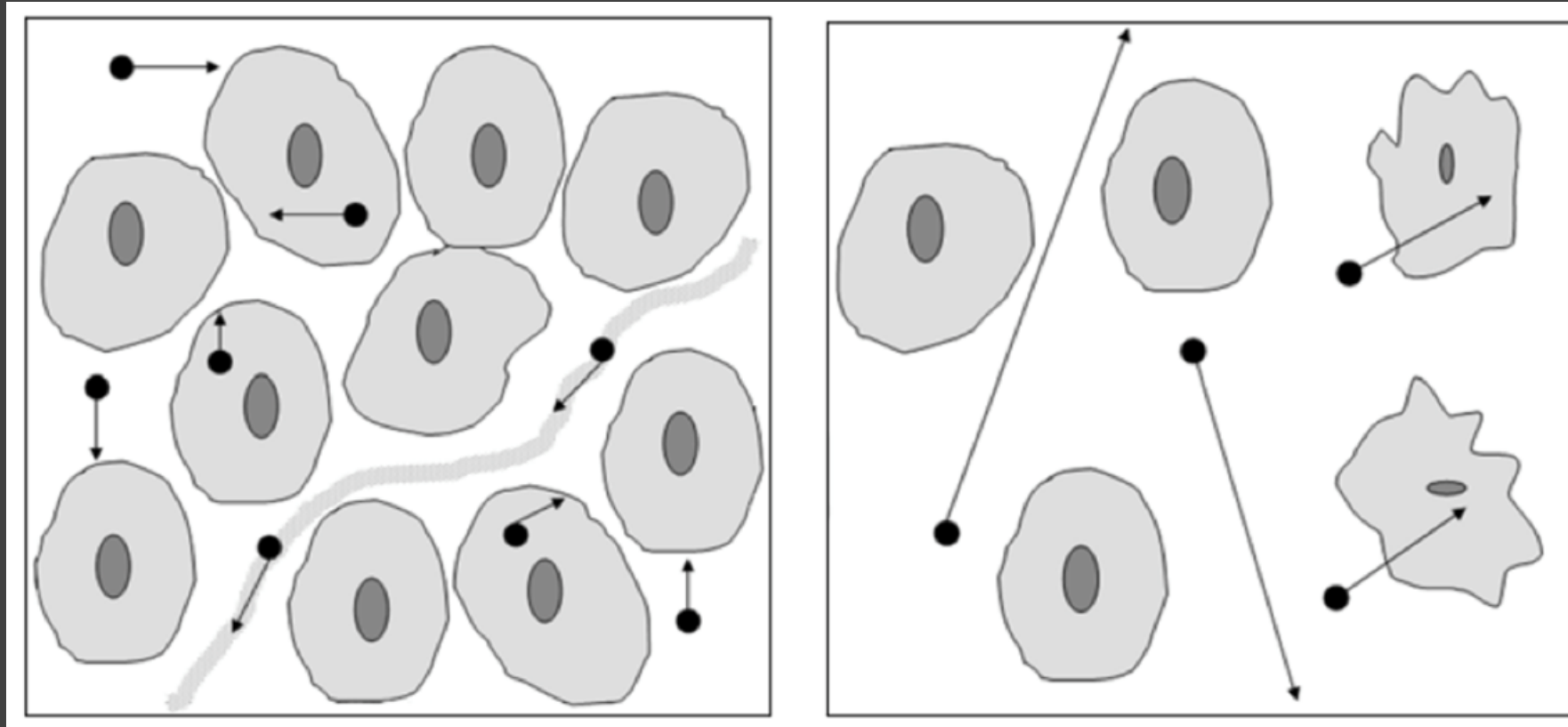


Role in Detection:

- Higher sensitivity
- Reading time



Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI)



Role in Characterisation:

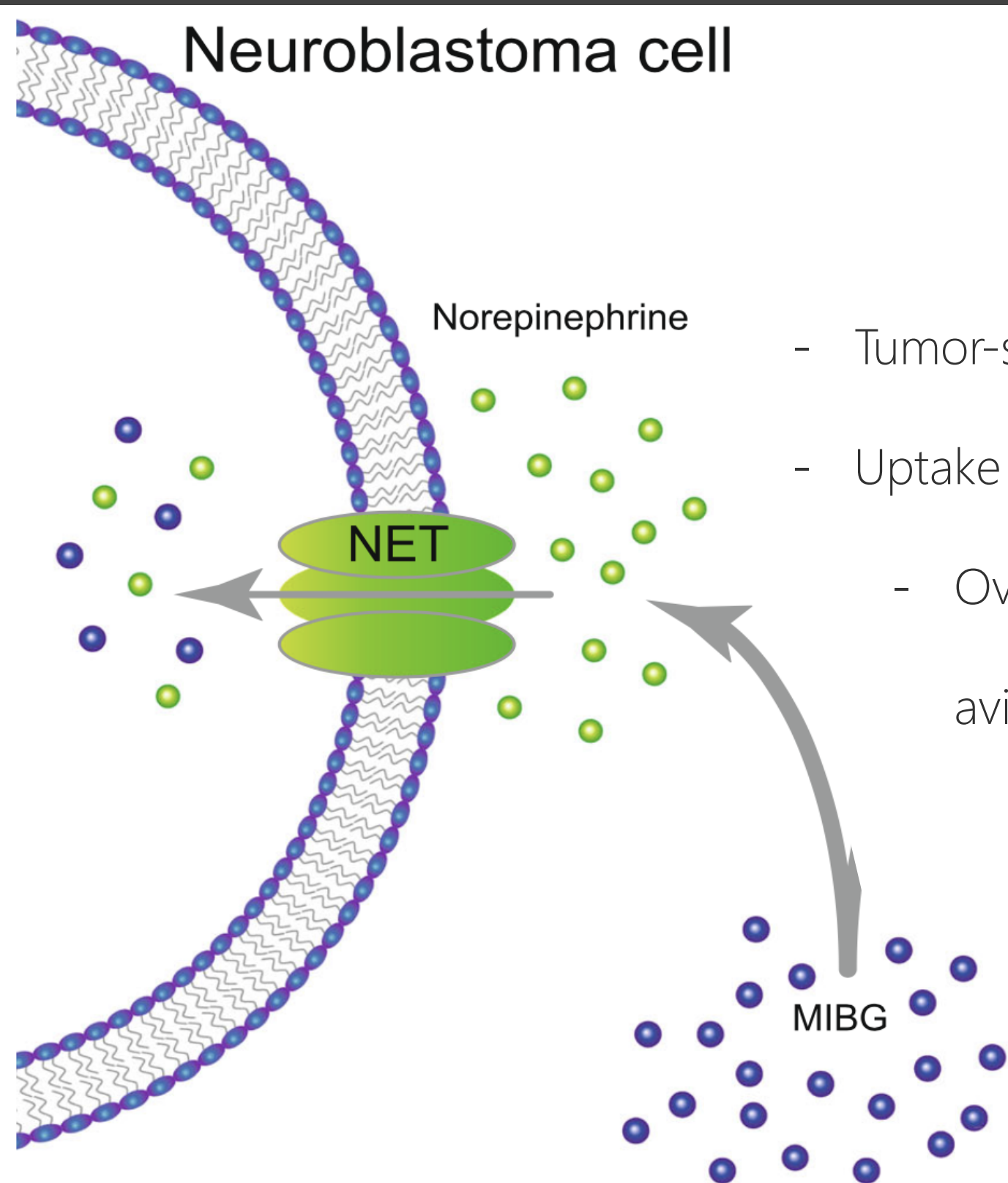
ADC Neuroblastoma = 0.8

ADC Ganglioneuroma = 1.6

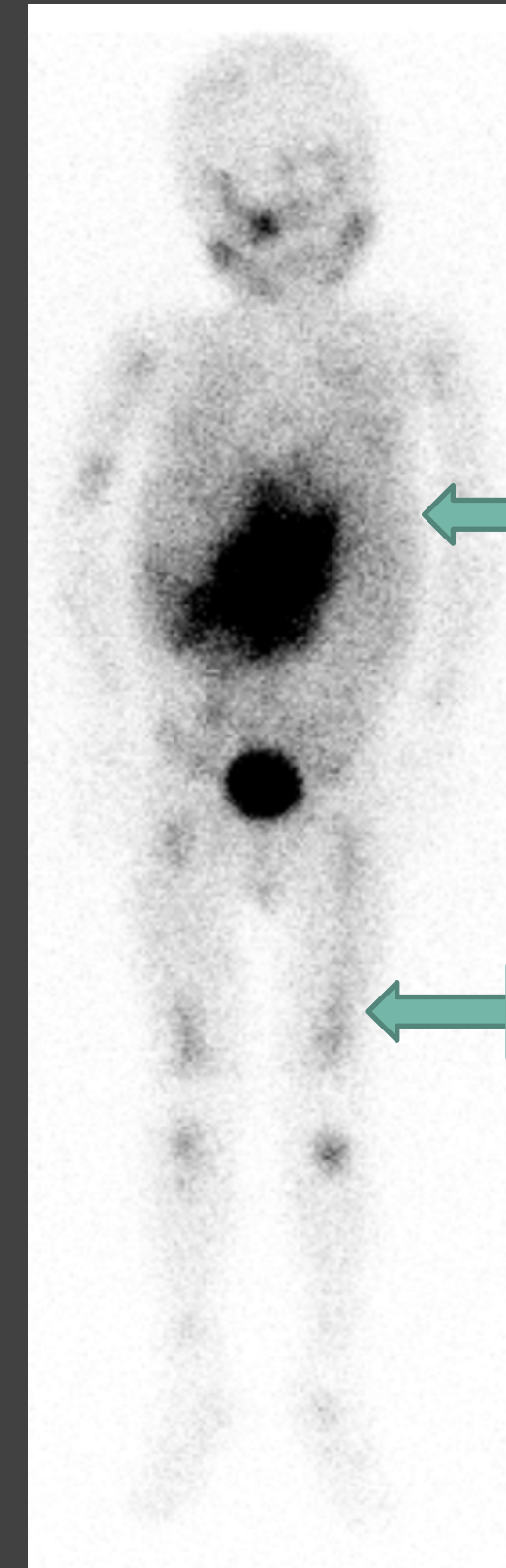
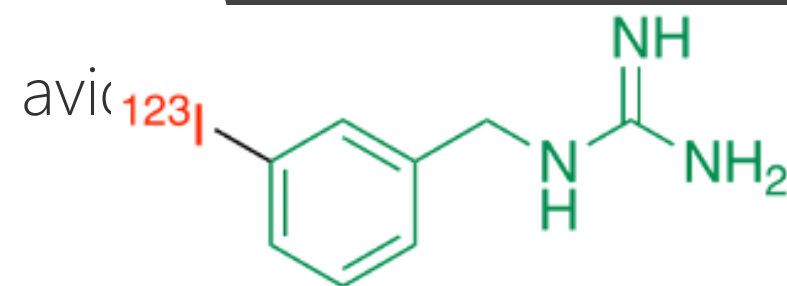
Diffusion-weighted MRI for differentiation of neuroblastoma and ganglioneuroblastoma/ganglioneuroma

Nina Gahr^{a,*}, Kassa Darge^{b,1}, Gabriele Hahn^c, Björn W. Kreher^d,
Miriam von Buiren^e, Markus Uhl^f

[¹²³I]mIBG



- Tumor-specific
- Uptake via norepinephrine transporter (NET)
- Over 90% of neuroblastoma are MIBG-



[¹²³I]mIBG scan

- ❖ Scanning 24 hrs after injection of mIBG:
- ❖ need for two visits

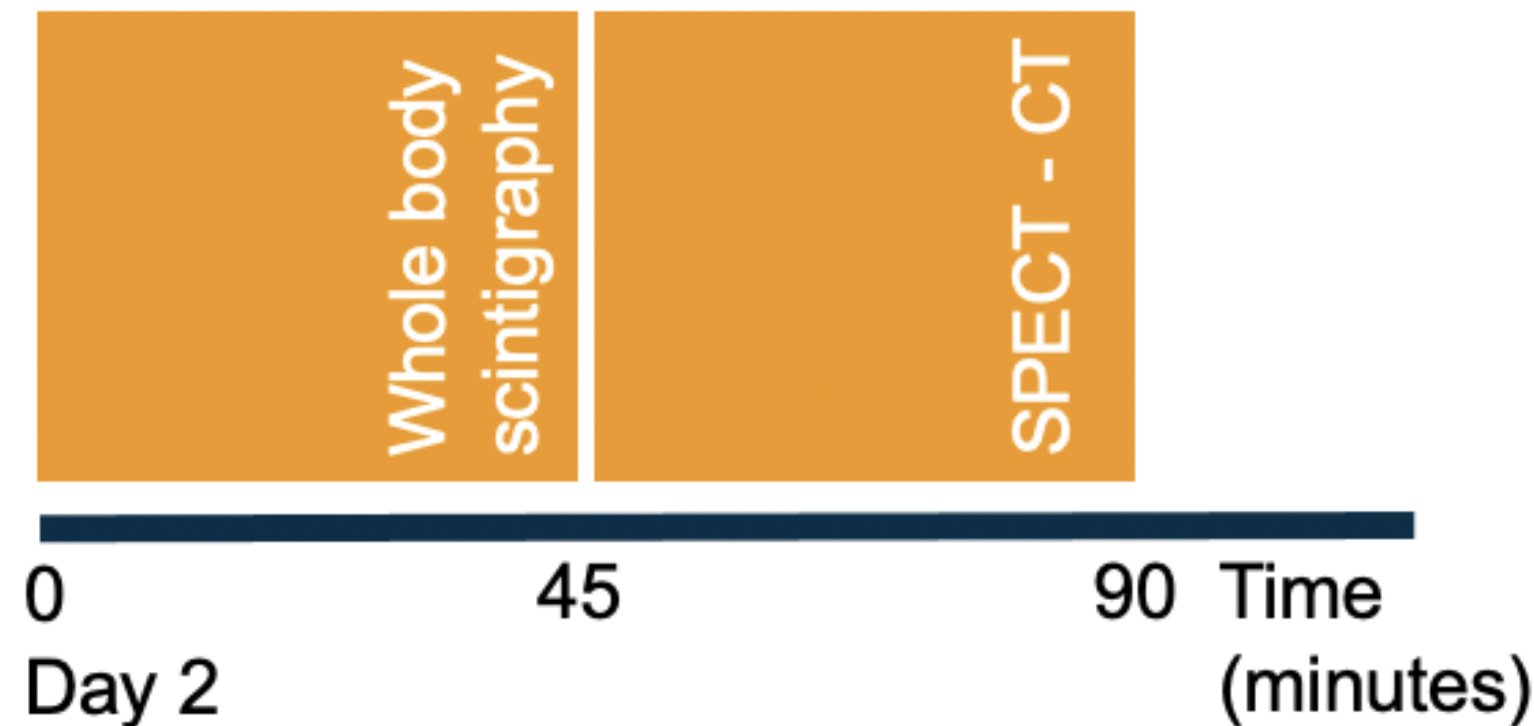
- ❖ Total scan time ±1,5 hrs:
- ❖ often need for sedation



Injection
¹²³I-mIBG



Day 1
(24 hr before
MIBG imaging)



$[^{123}\text{I}]$ mIBG scan

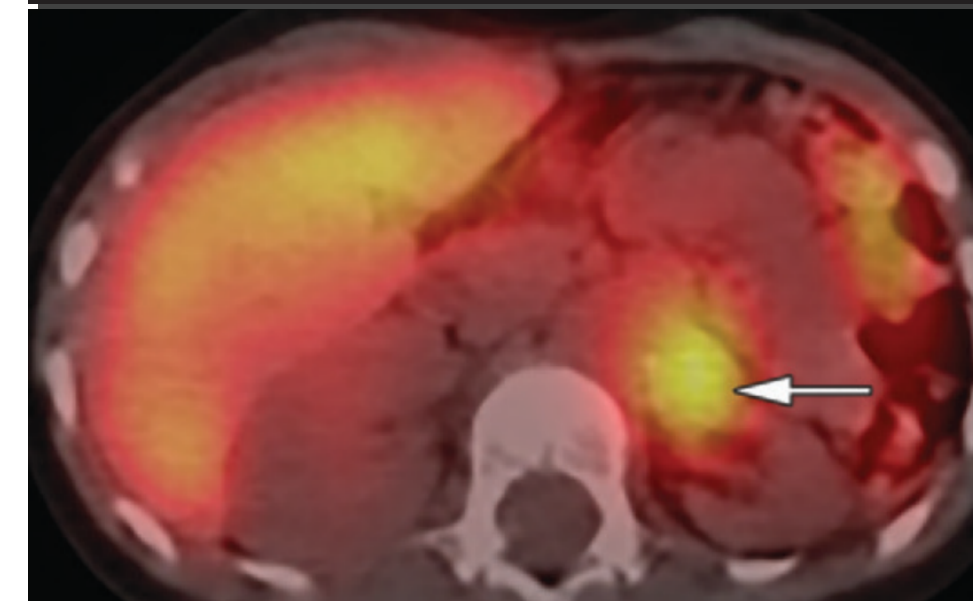
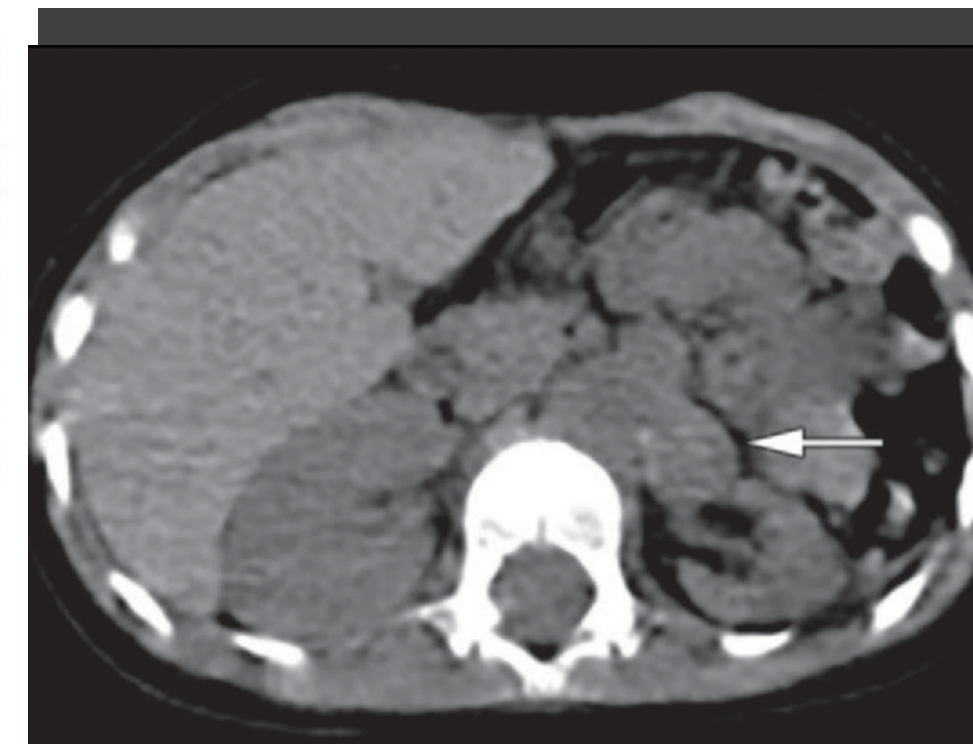
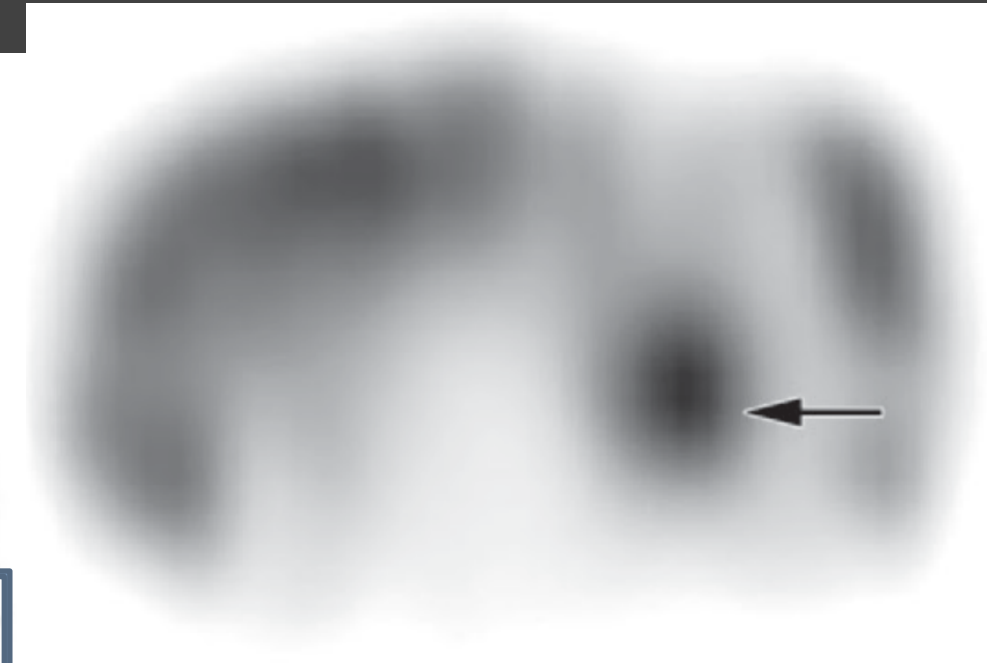
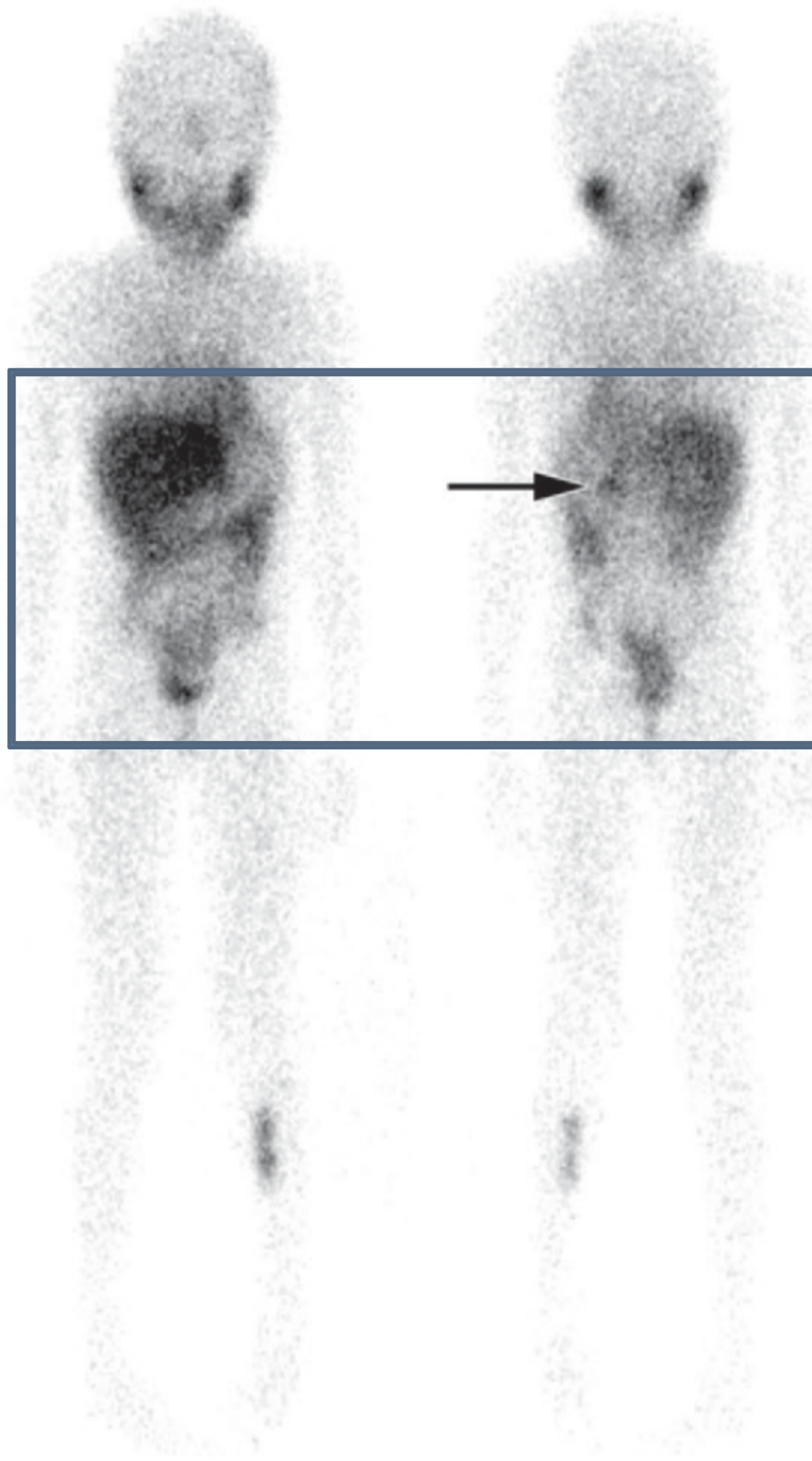
- ❖ Whole body scintigraphy (2D)
- ❖ SPECT-CT (3D): only 40cm range
- ❖ Limited resolution

❖ PET tracers:

- ❖ $[^{68}\text{Ga}]$ Ga-DOTA-peptides
- ❖ $[^{18}\text{F}]$ F-DOPA
- ❖ $[^{18}\text{F}]$ MFBG

Sharp 2016

40 cm

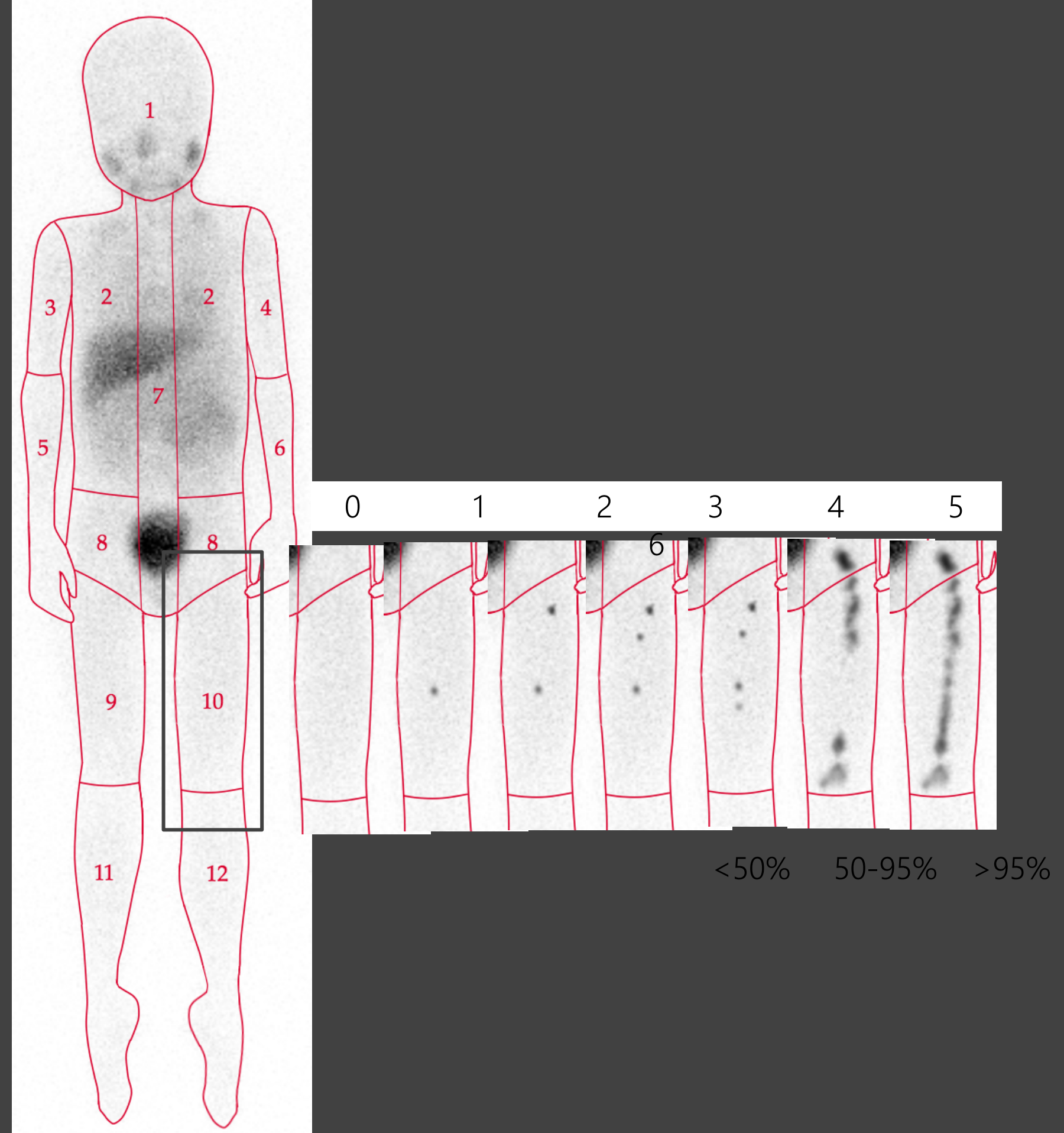


SIOPEN mIBG skeletal score system

- ❖ Evaluates skeletal uptake on a 0-6 scale in 12 anatomical regions
- ❖ Max score 72
- ❖ At diagnosis: Increased risk with cumulative scores
- ❖ After induction: SIOPEN score >3 correlates with very poor outcome

$[^{123}\text{I}]$ mIBG scan: SIOPEN score

- ❖ 12 skeletal segments
- ❖ End of induction total SIOPEN score > 3
- ❖ Bad prognosis > VERITAS



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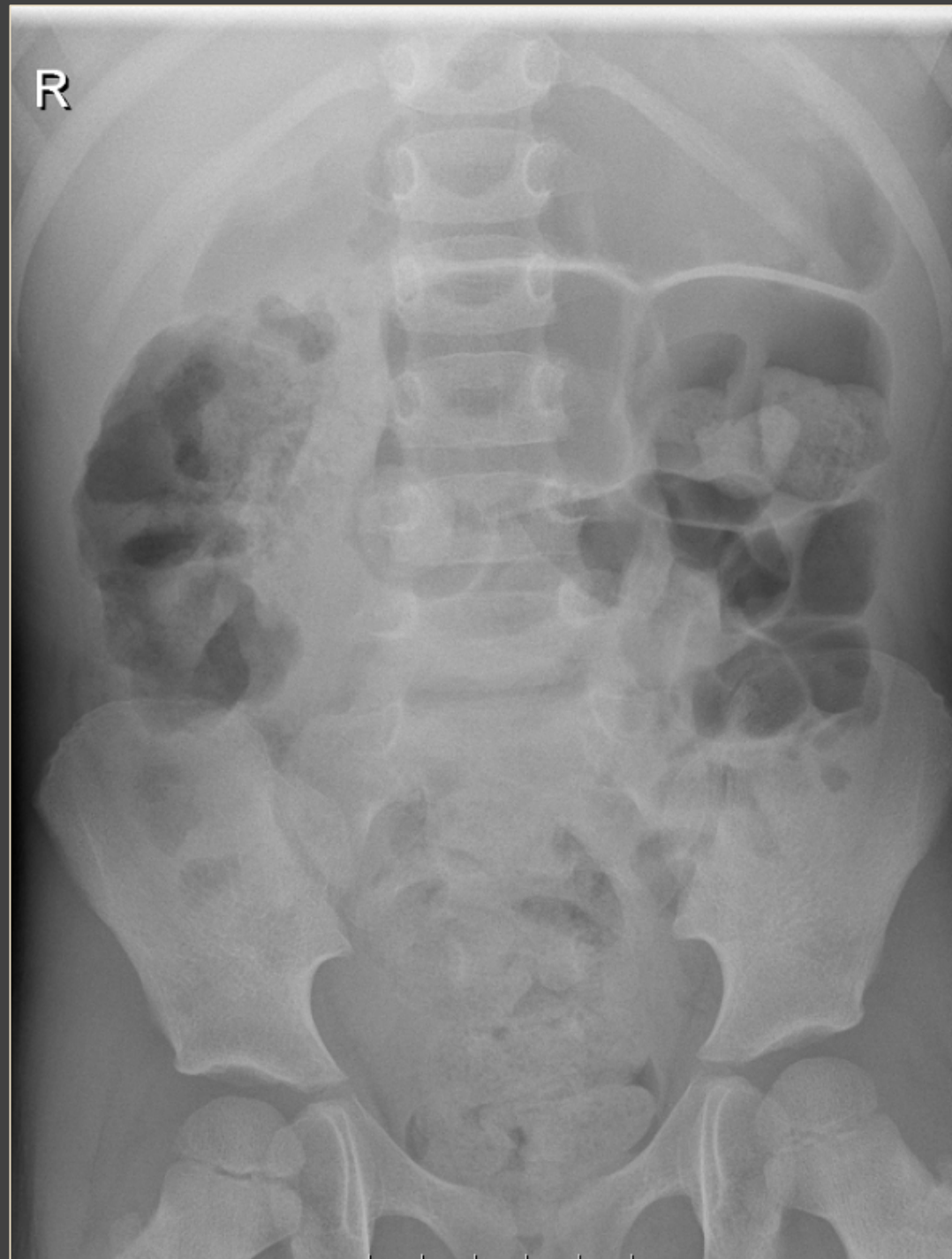
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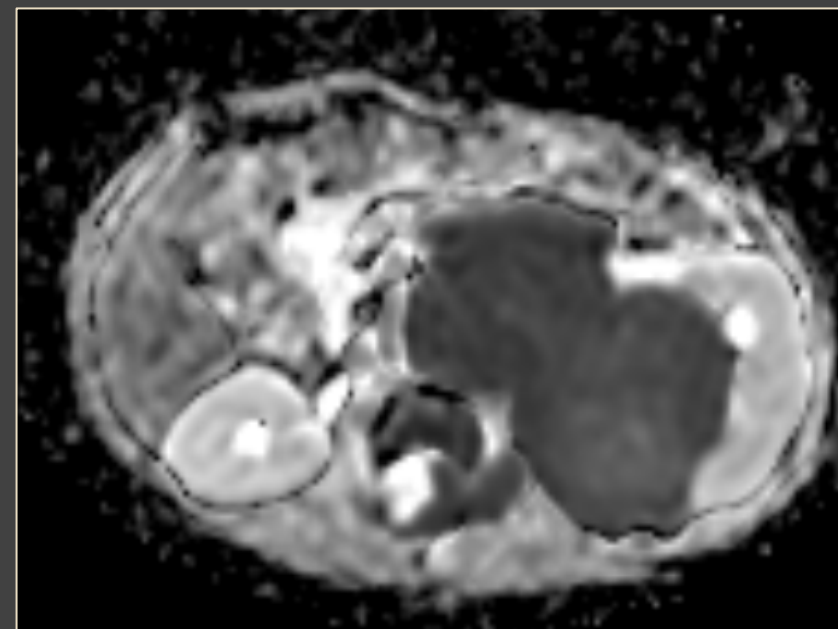
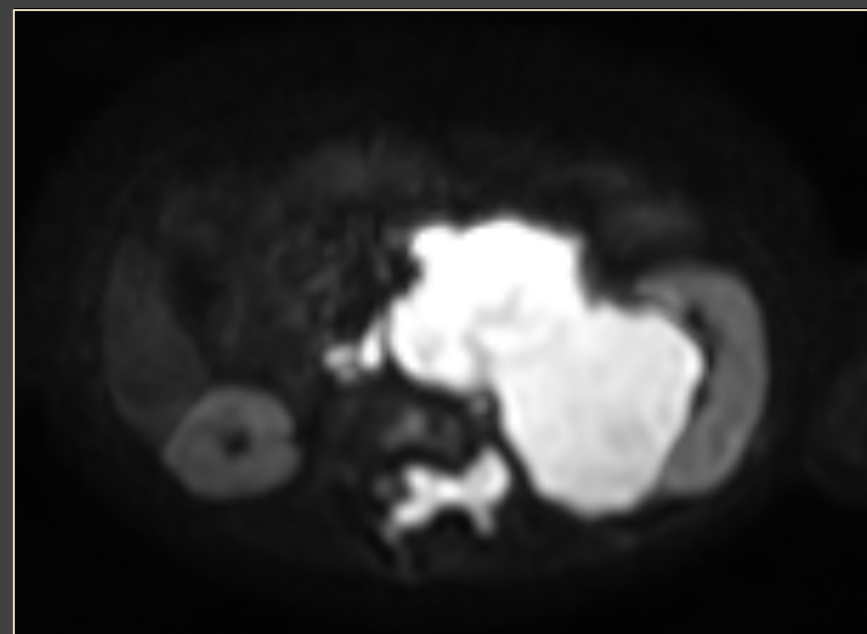
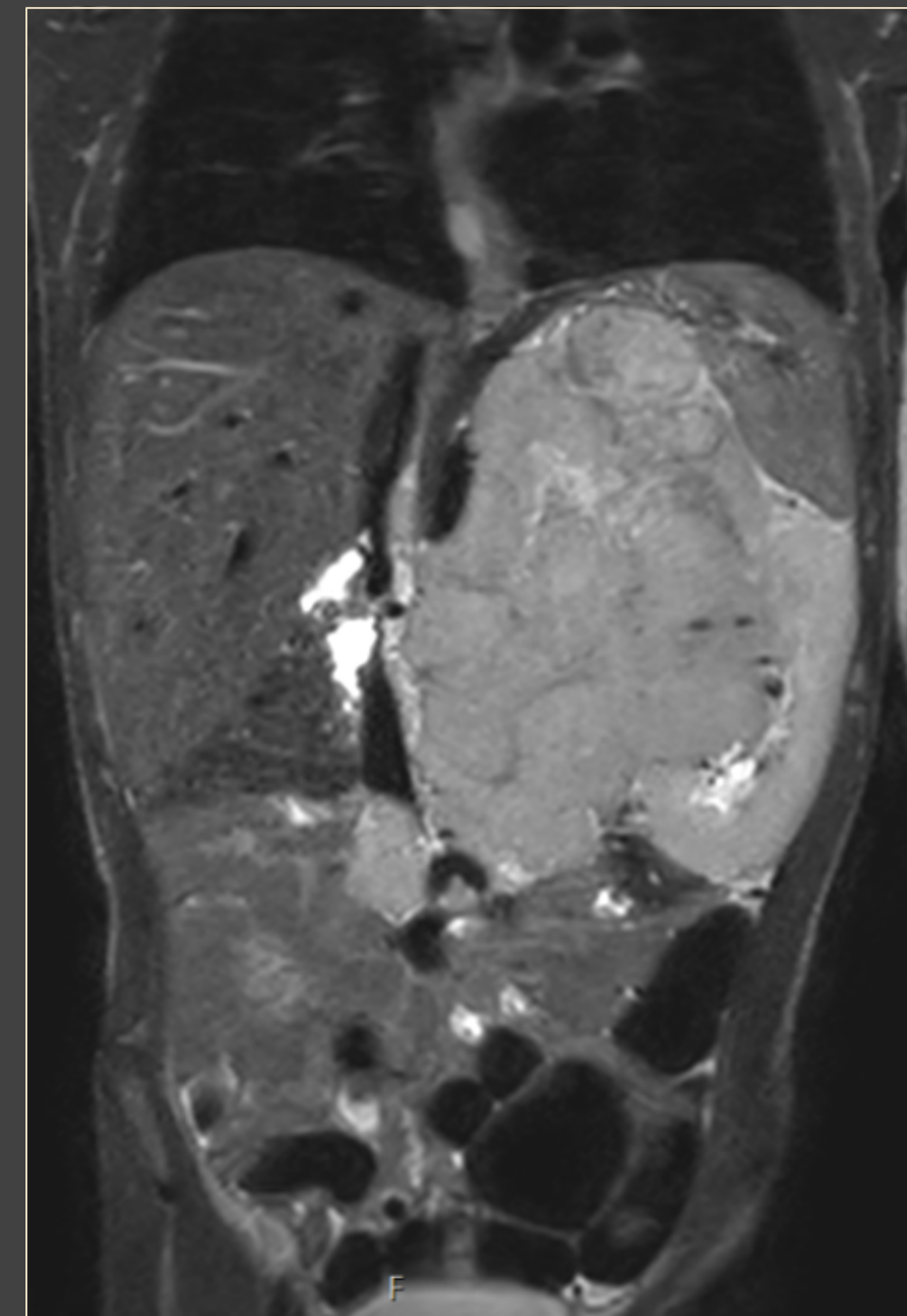
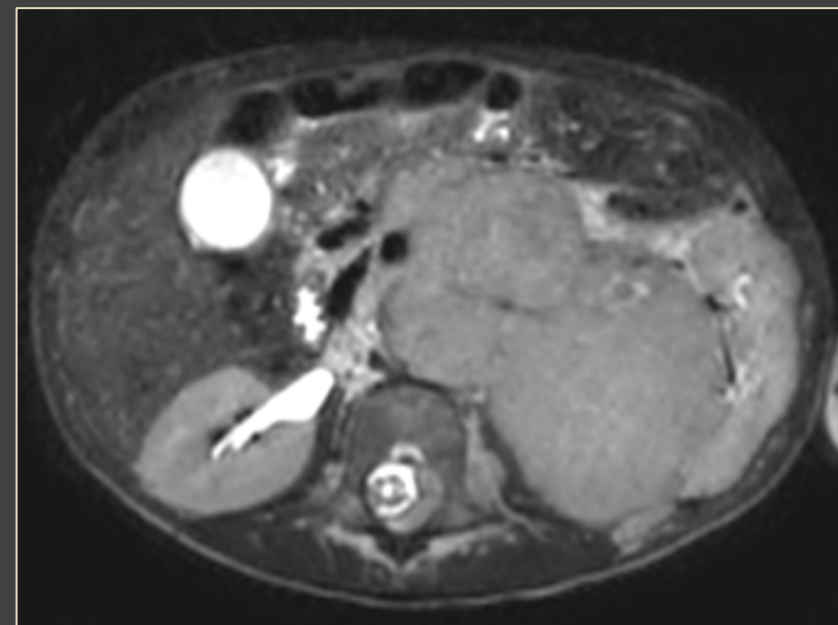


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Diagnosis: Neuroblastoma

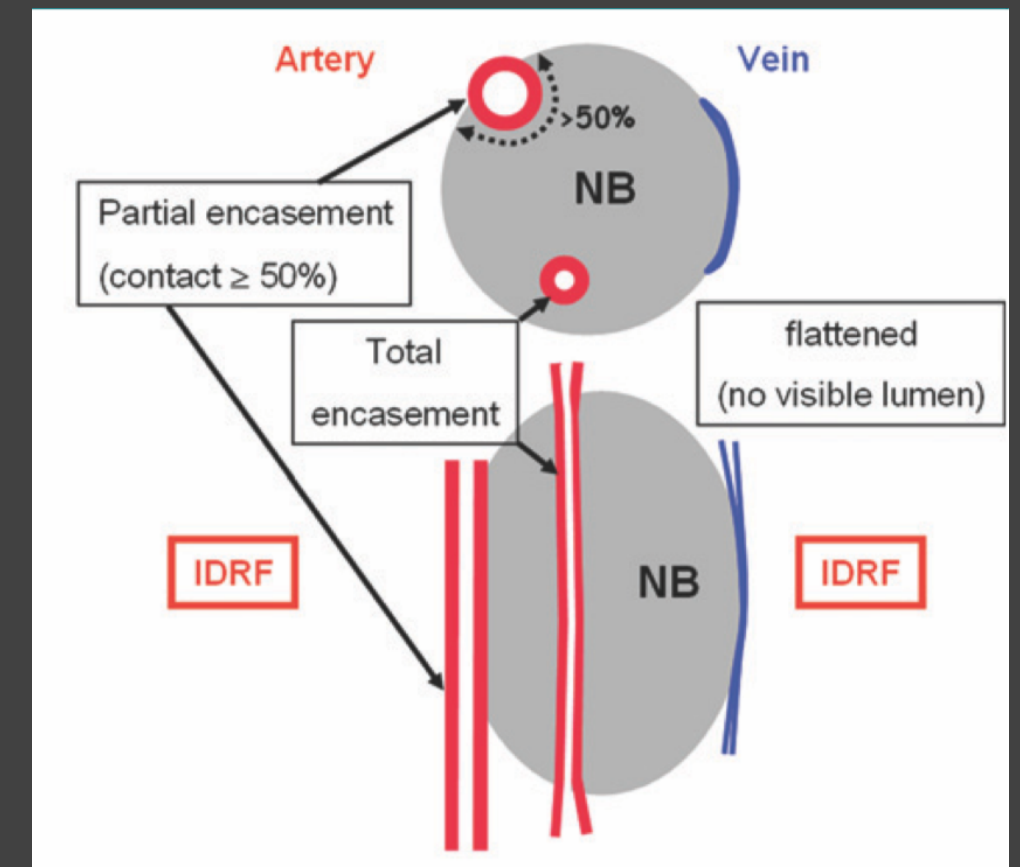


Staging

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- ❖ INRGSS (International Neuroblastoma Risk Group)
 - ❖ Stage L1 – localised tumor, no IDRFs
 - ❖ Stage L2 – locoregional tumor, IDRFs +
 - ❖ Stage M – distant metastases
 - ❖ Stage MS – metastases < 18 mo, confined to skin, liver and BM

Image defined risk factors (IDRFs)

- ❖ Describe relationship of tumor with vital structures
 - ❖ Major vessels, airway, nerves
- ❖ Associated with high risk of surgical complications
- ❖ Warning for the surgeons
- ❖ Prognostic factor



Terminology

- ❖ Seperation (fatlayer visible)
- ❖ Contact (no fatlayer)
- ❖ Encasement: > 180 gr contact
- ❖ Compression (only for airways)
- ❖ Infiltration = involvement other than vessels

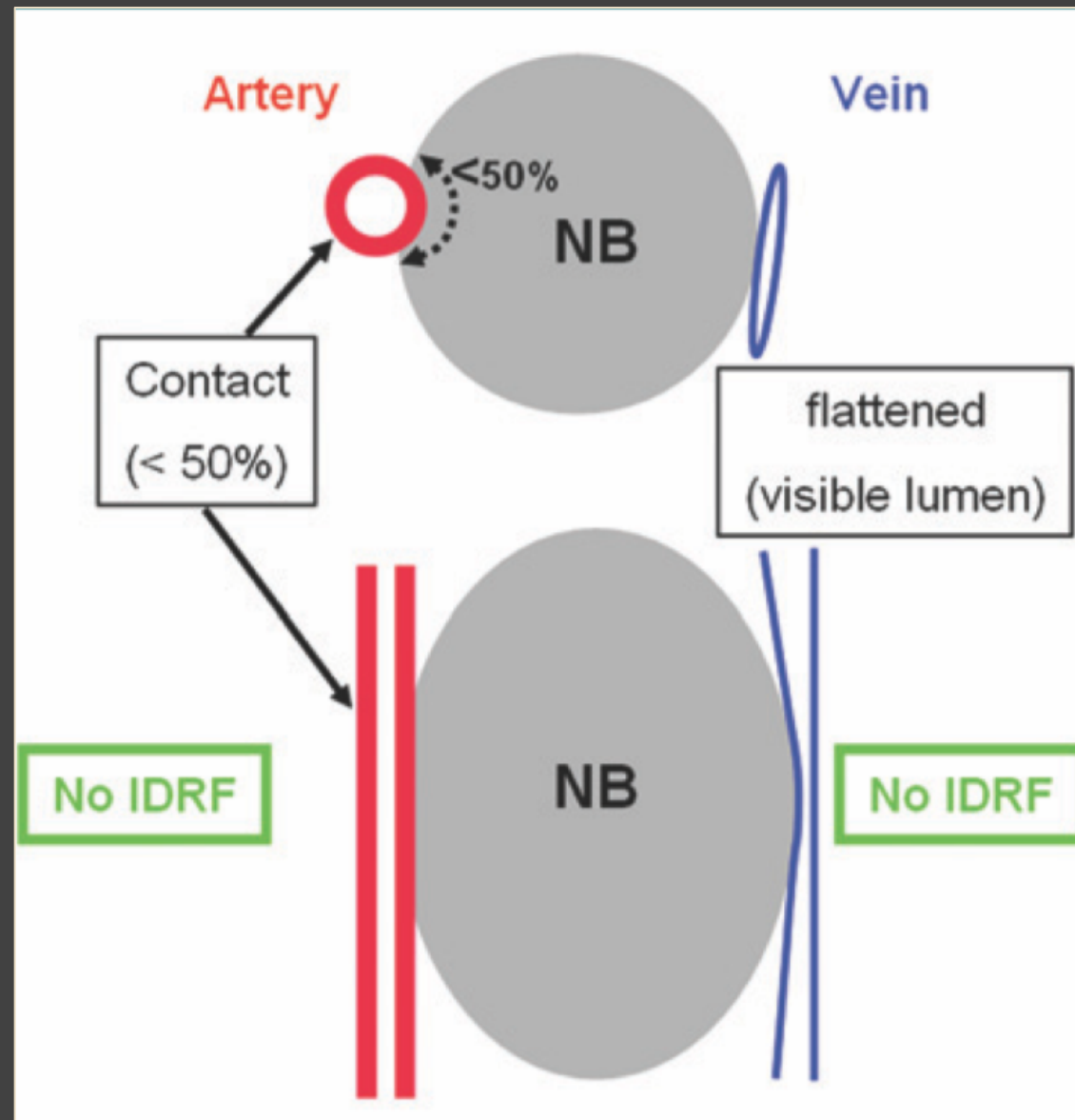
- ❖ According to Brisse et al 2011: renal vascular pedicle is IDRF positive when there is contact

Major criteria

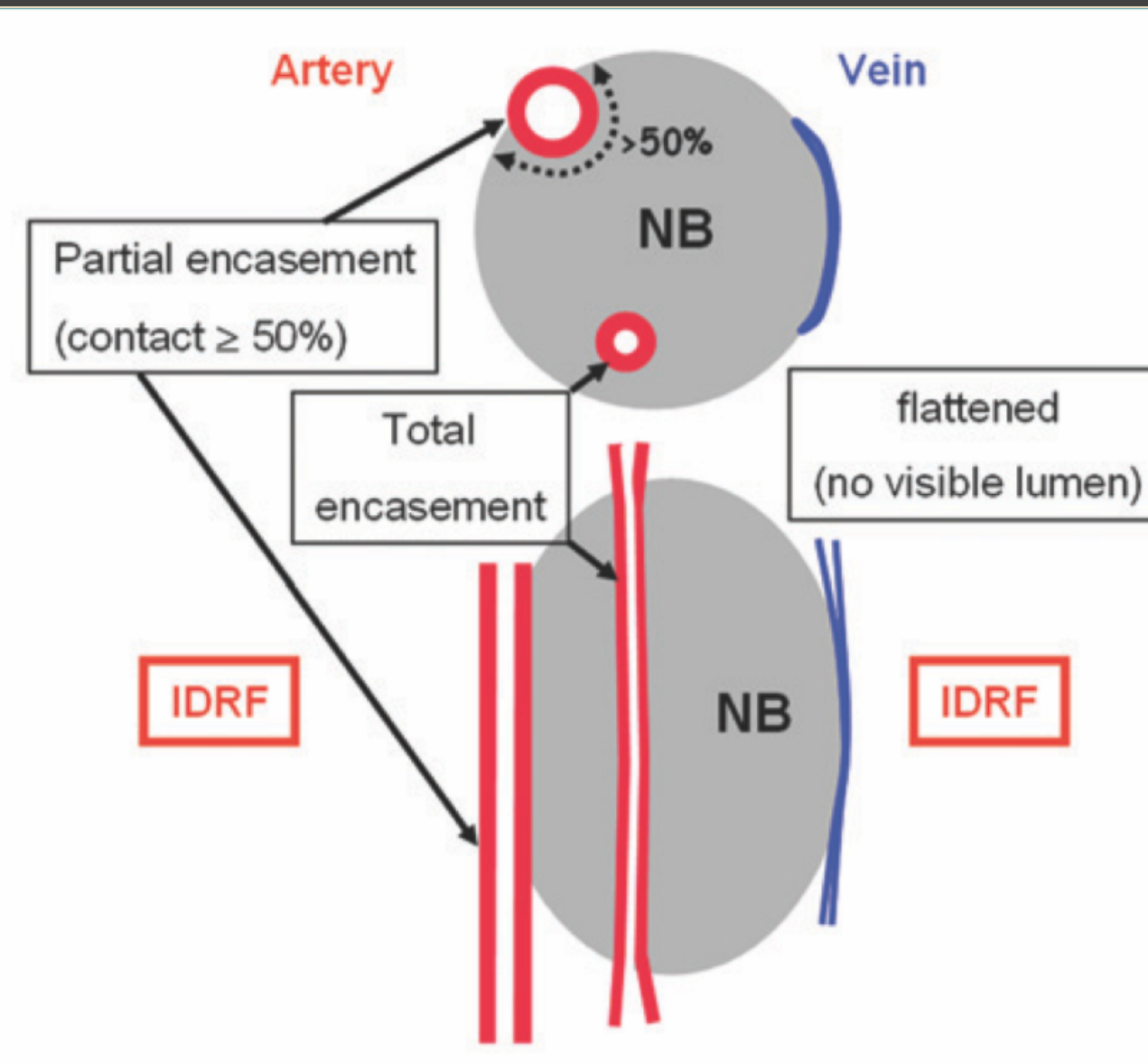
- ❖ Multicompartment tumor
- ❖ Encasement of large vessels
- ❖ Contiguous organ infiltration
- ❖ Significant spinal extention
- ❖ Airway compression

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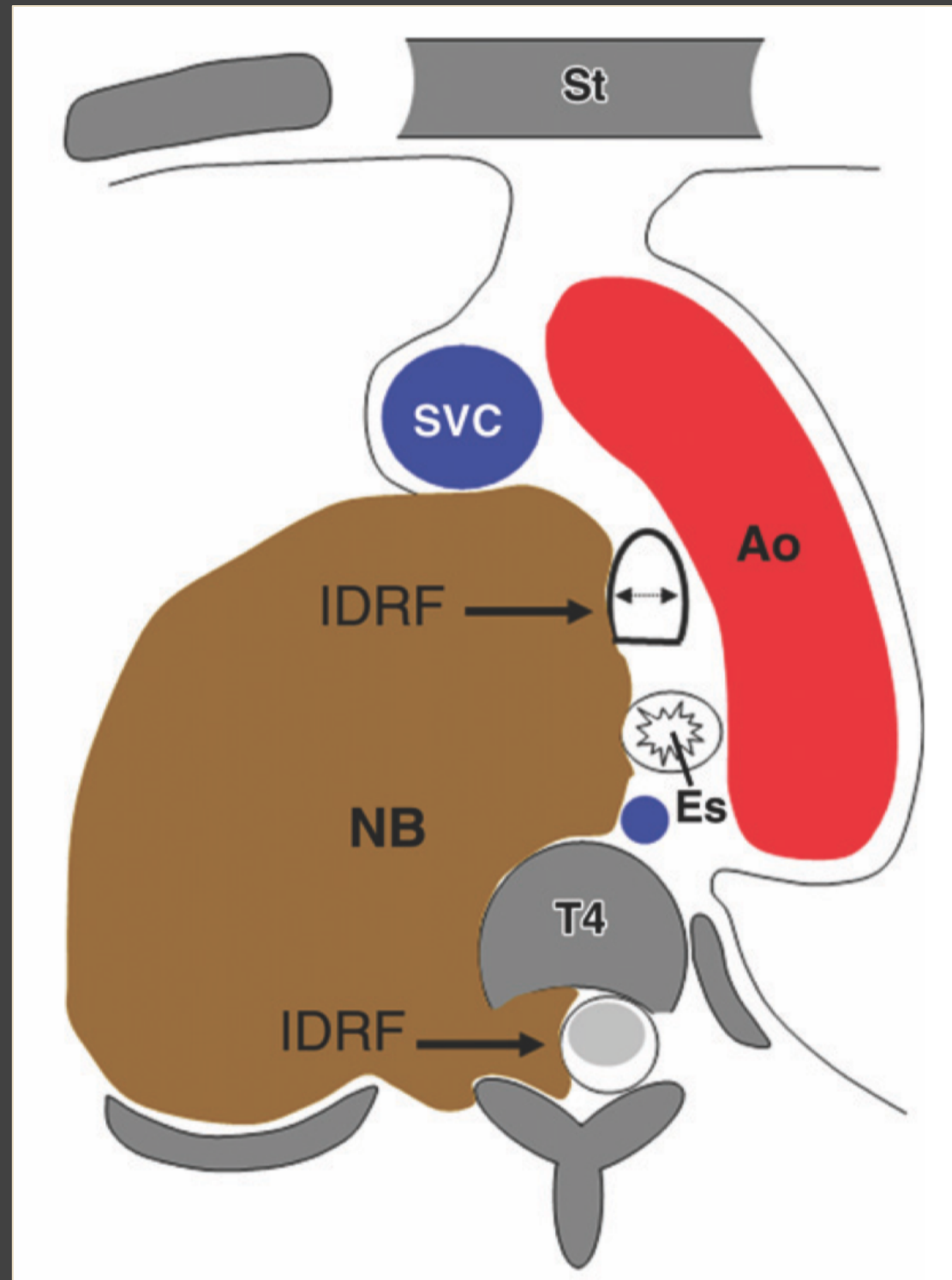


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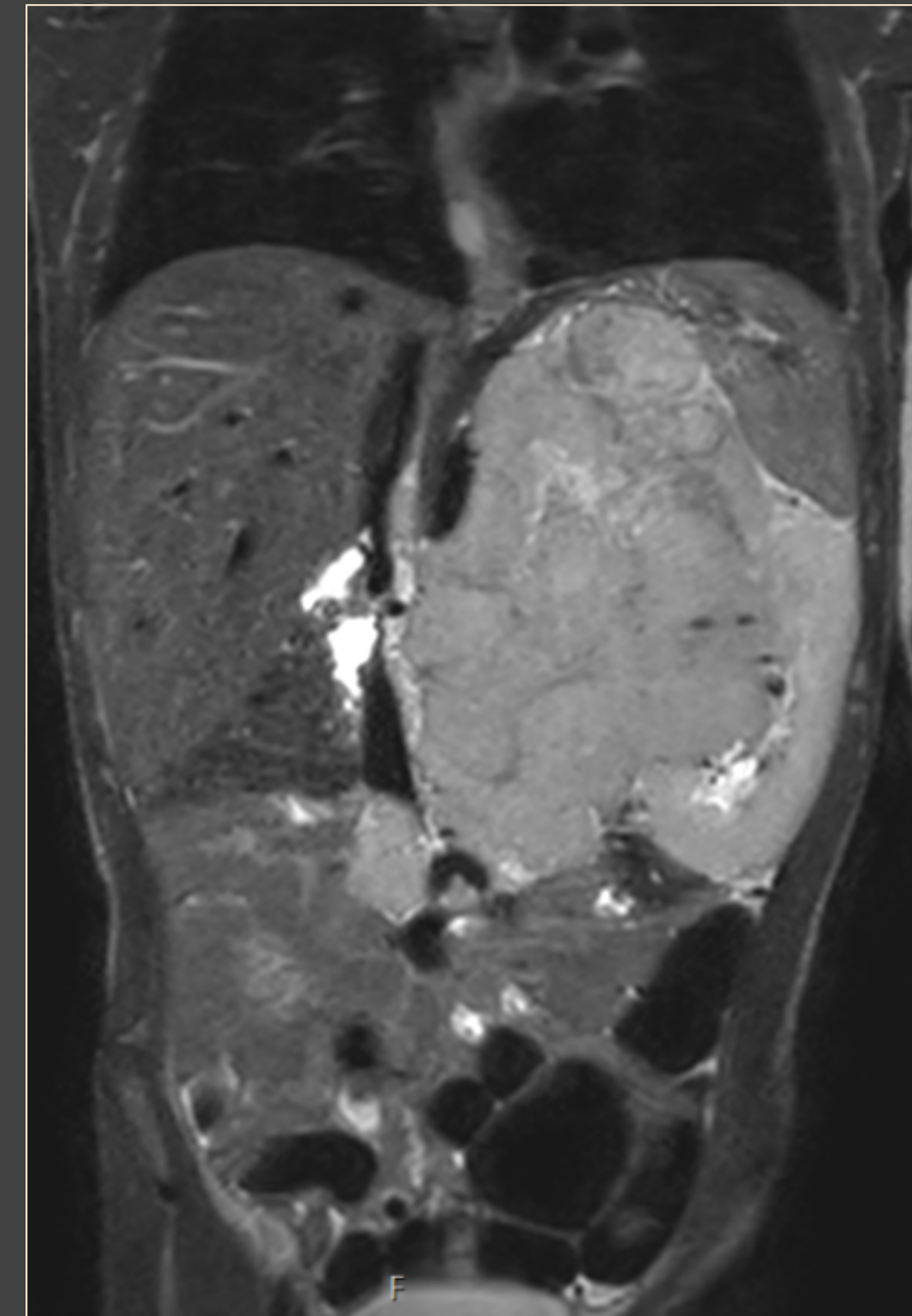
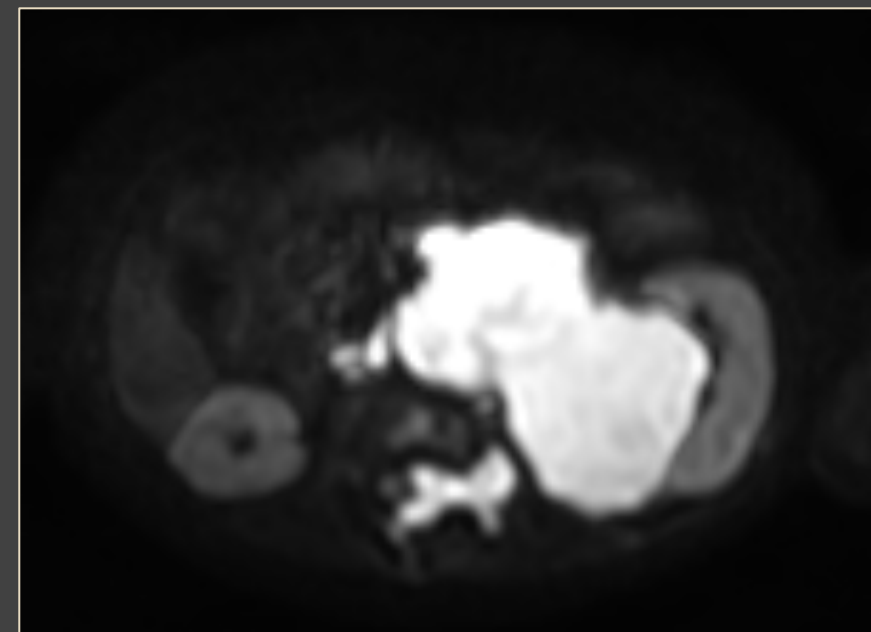
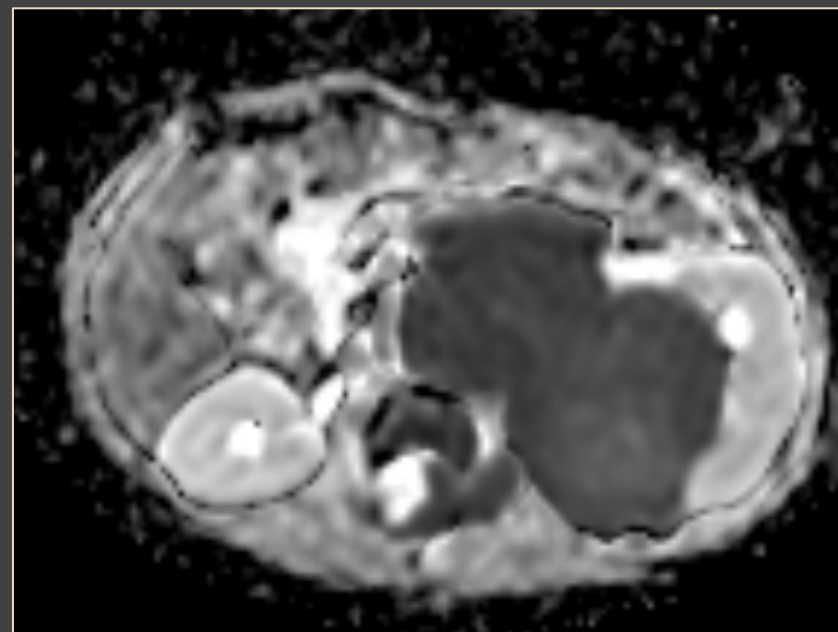
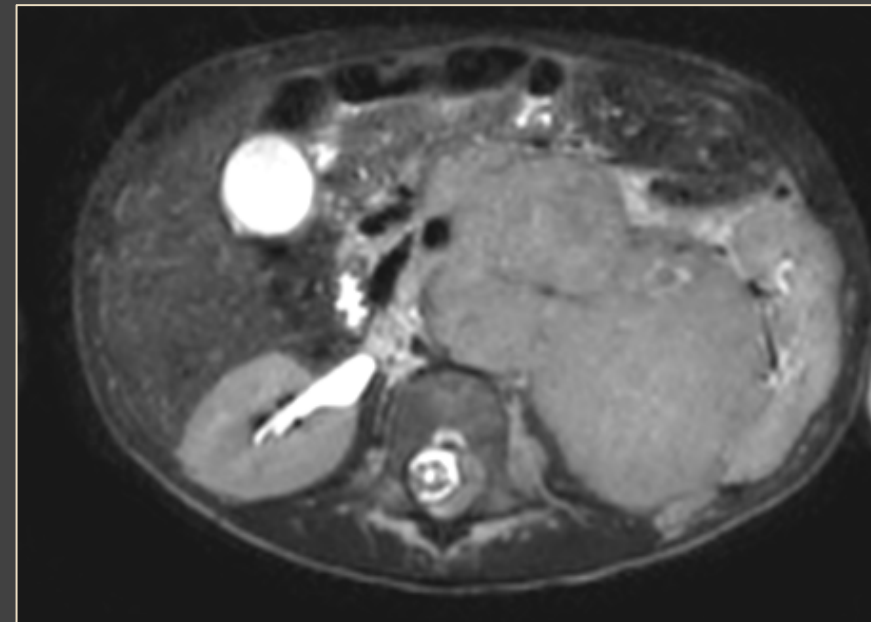
IDRFs



- ❖ IDRFs:
- ❖ 1/3 of the spinal canal is invaded
- ❖ Trachea diameter is compressed

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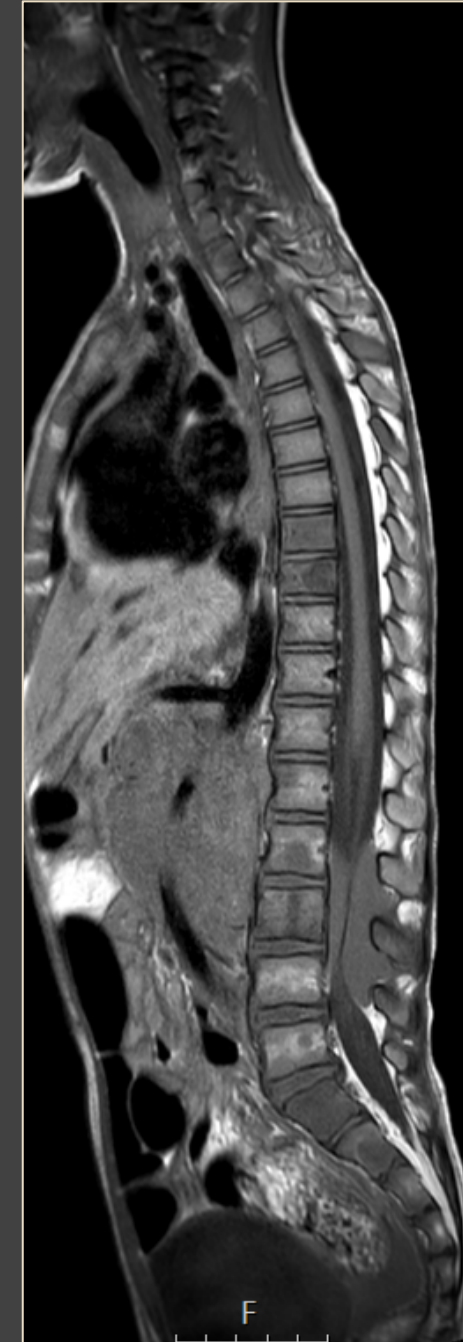
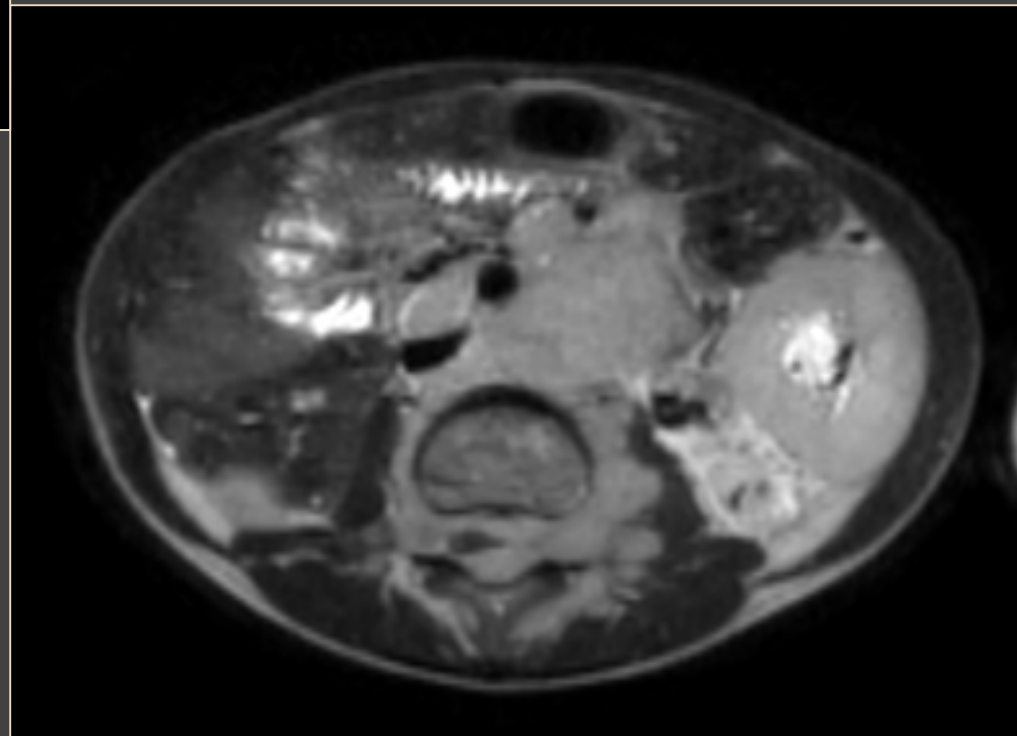
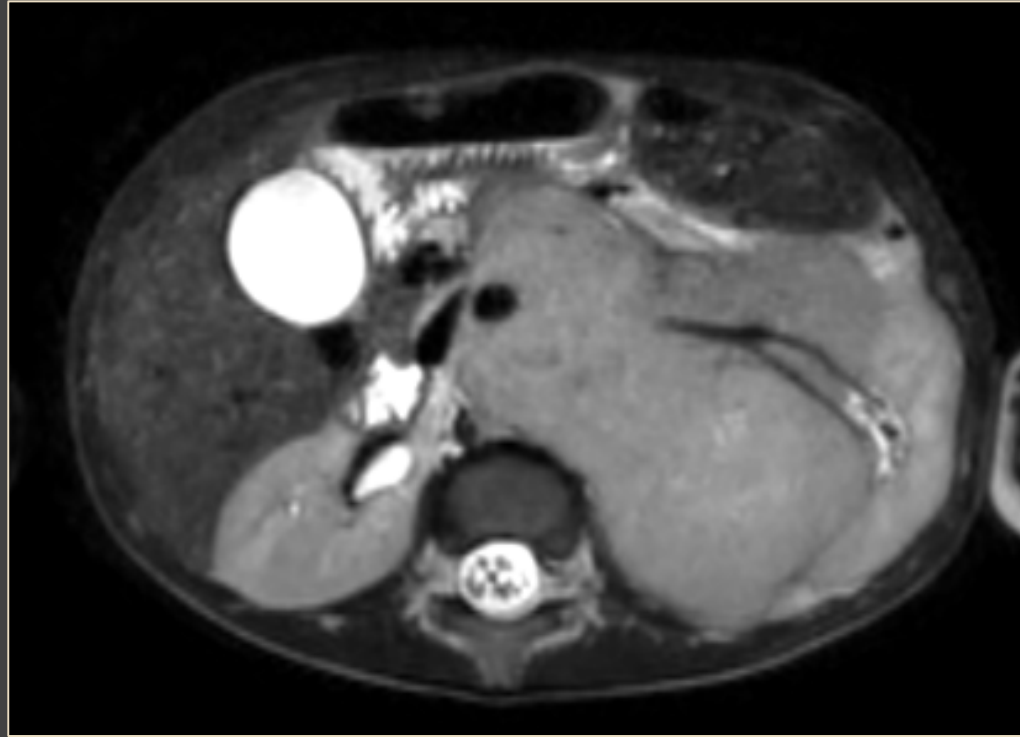
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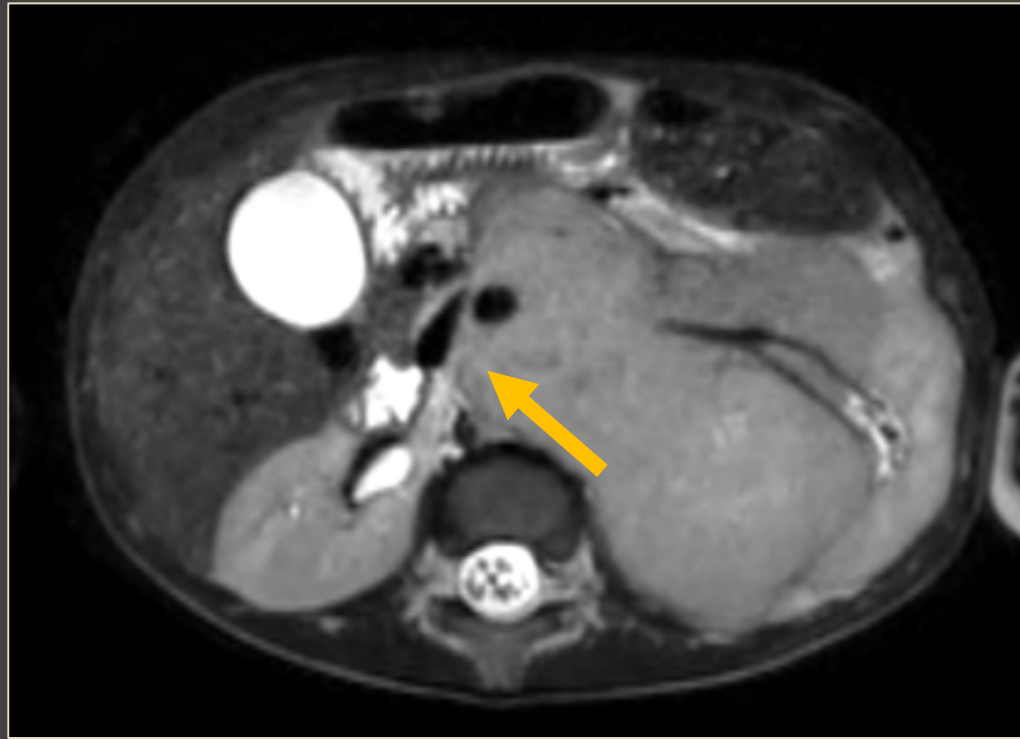
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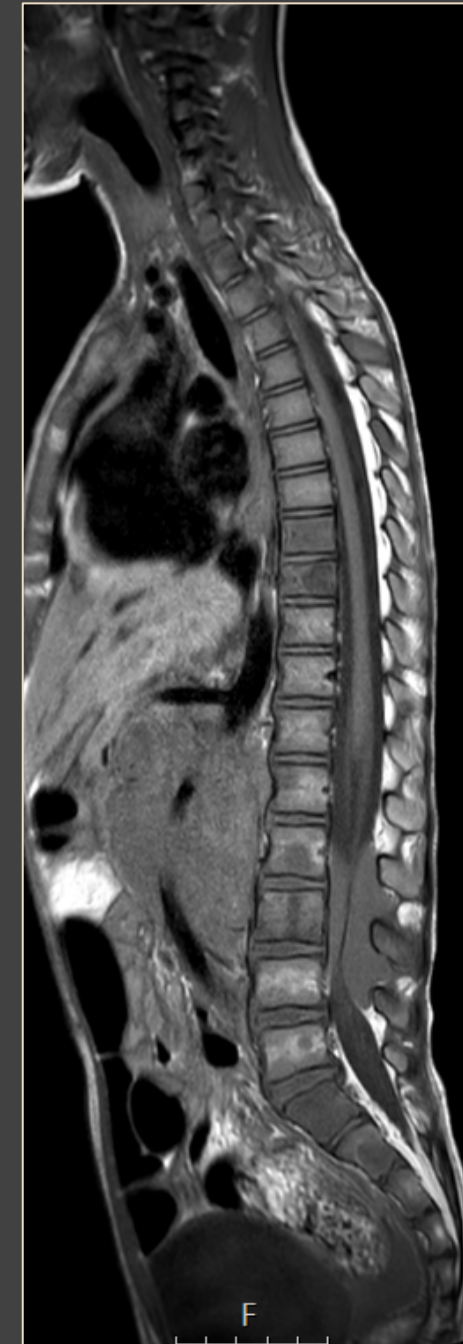
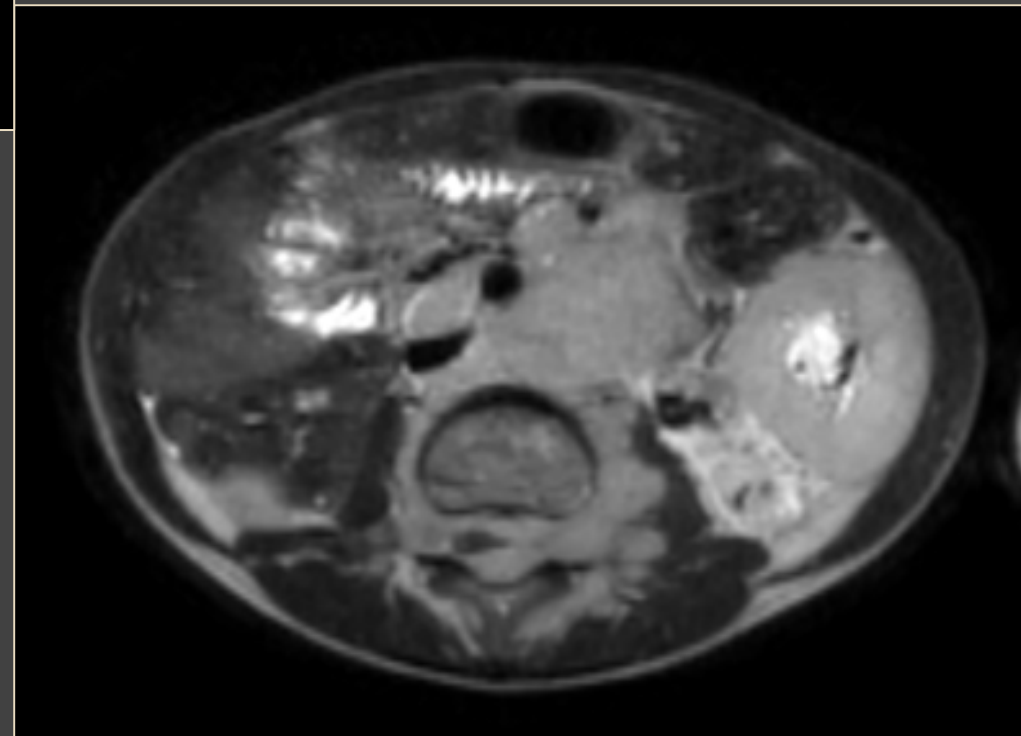
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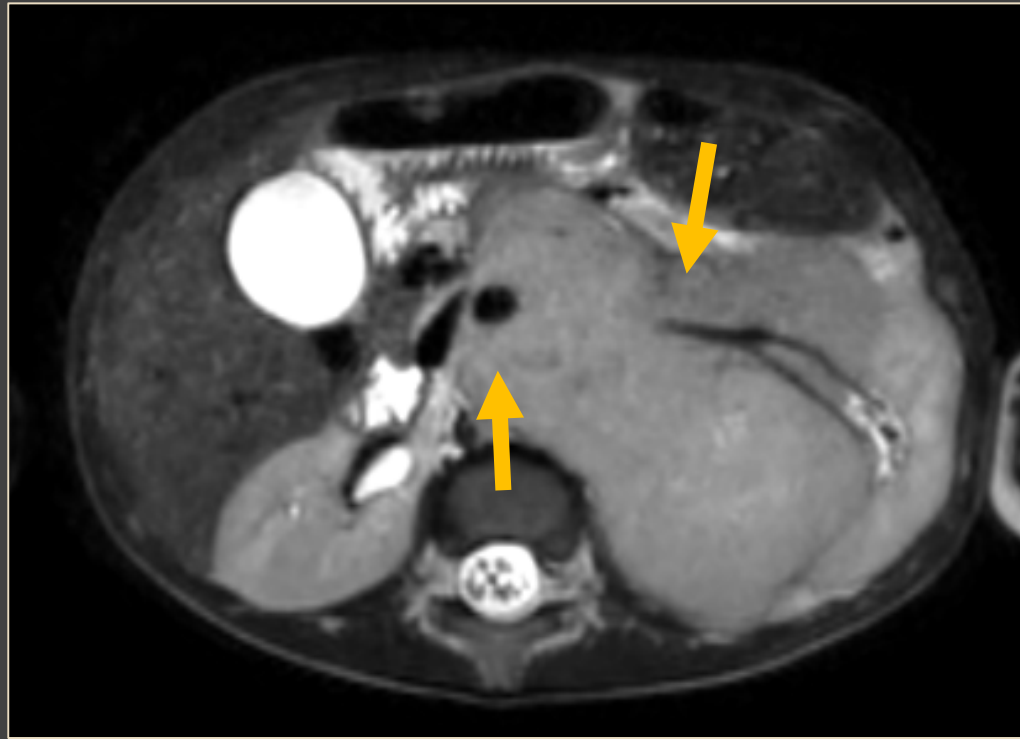
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IDRF –
Contact with IVC, visible
lumen



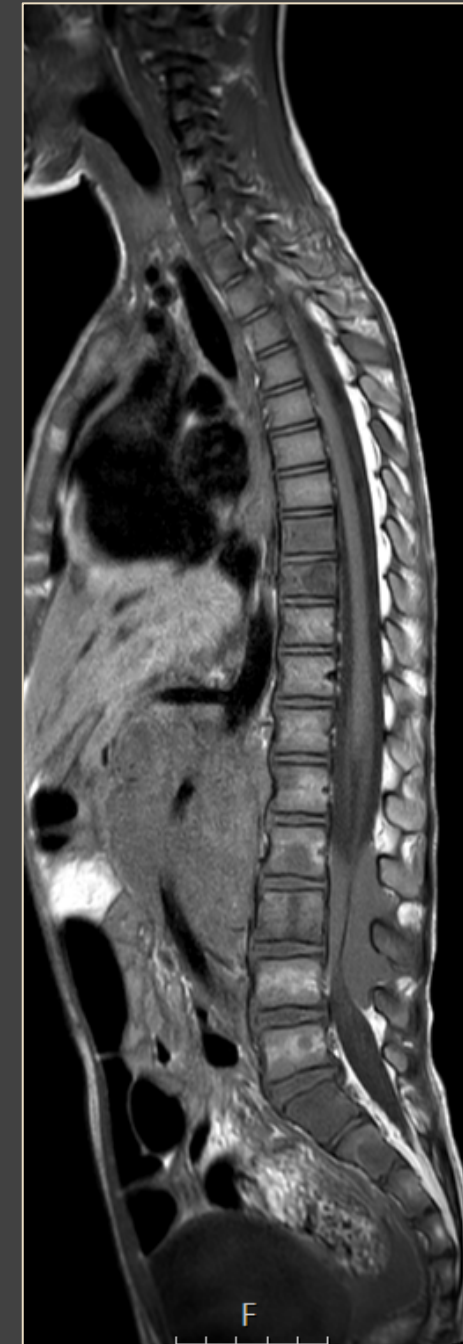
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IDRF +

Encasement > 180: Aorta +
renal vessels
Spinal canal extension > 1/3

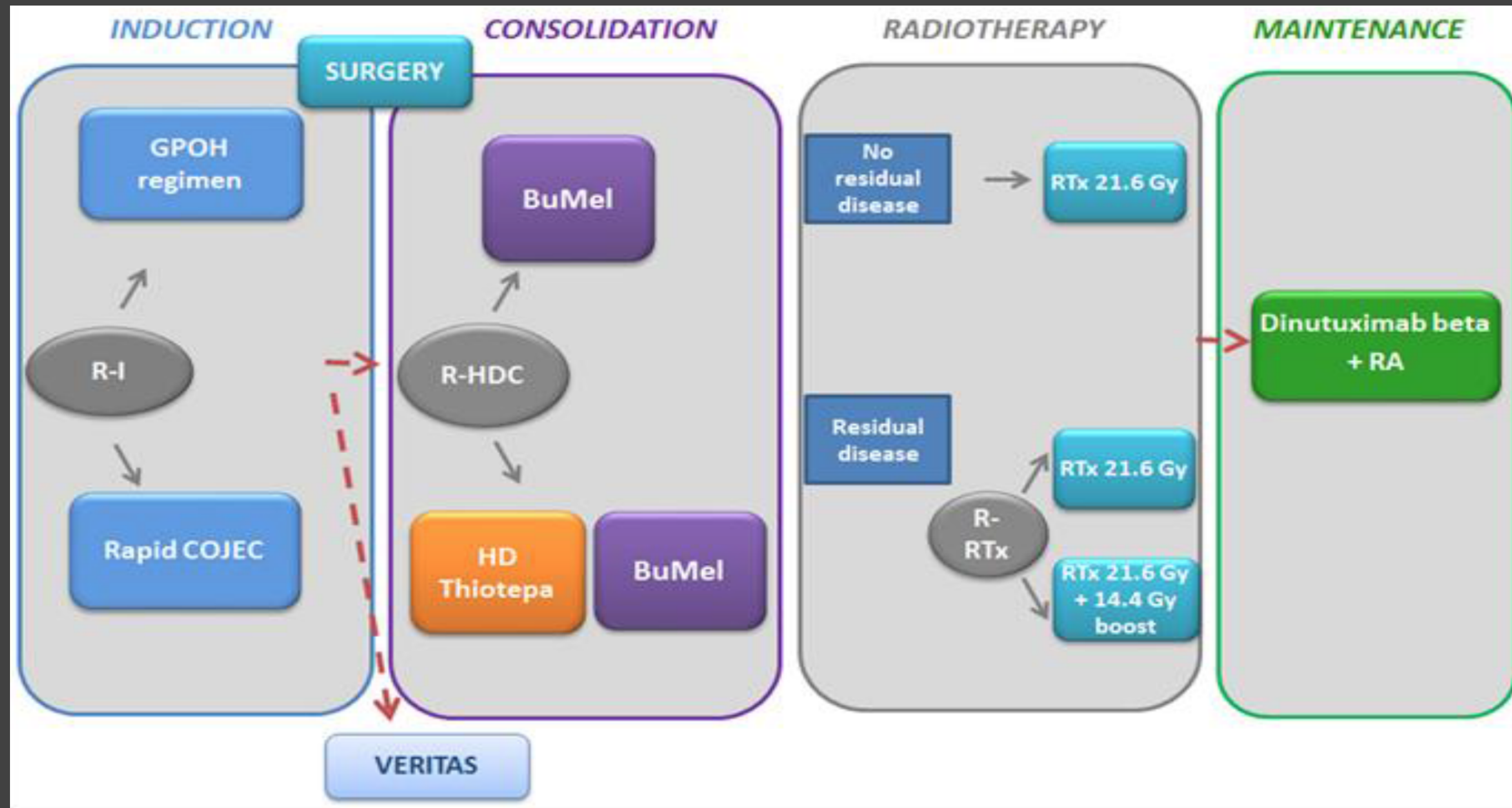
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High risk NBL

- ❖ Stage M over the age of 12 months, any MYCN status
- ❖ L2, M or Ms with MYCN amplification, any age
- ❖ 3-yrs EFS of 40%

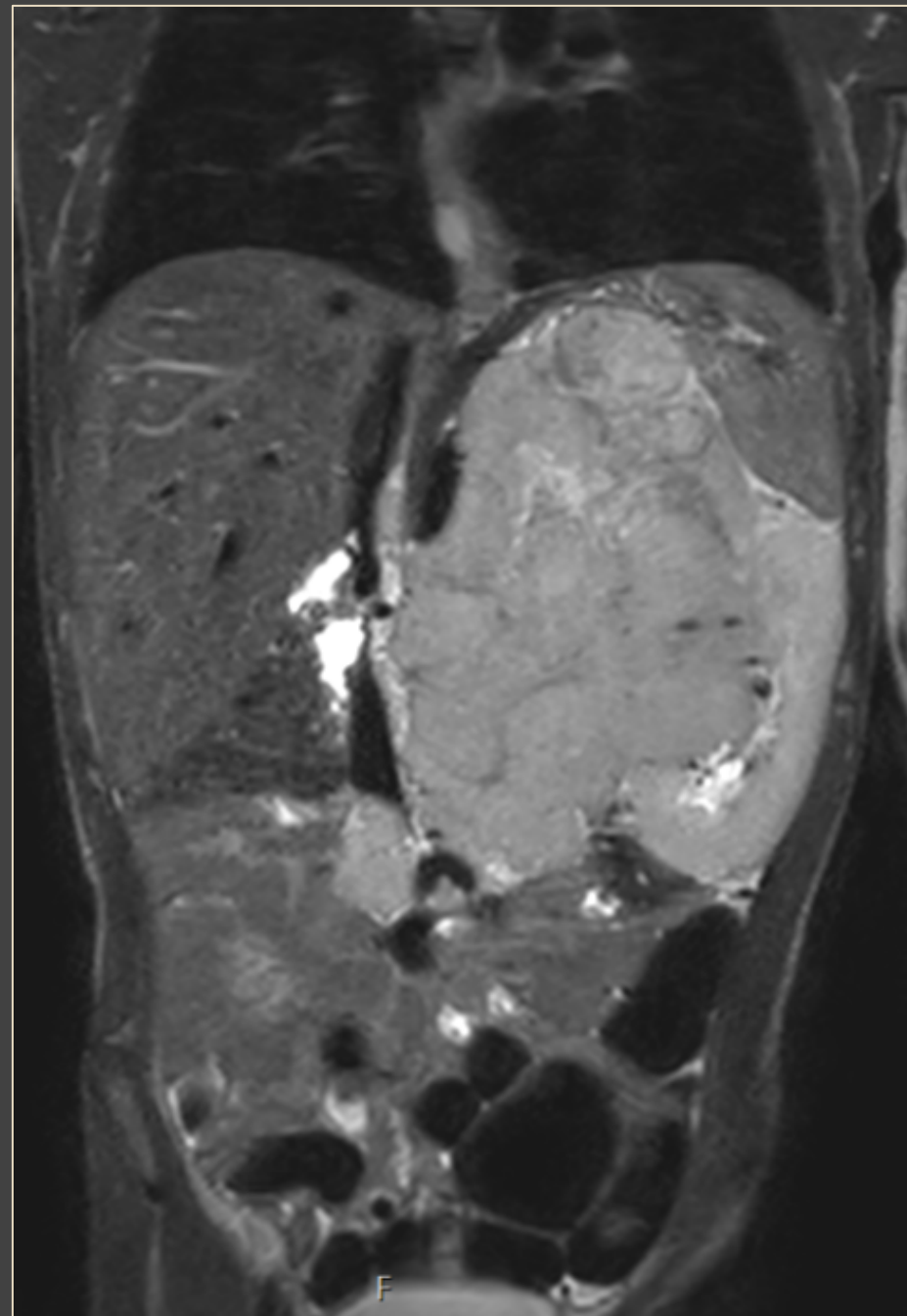
SIOPEN - HR NBL-2



Time points of imaging evaluation

- ❖ Staging
- ❖ Pre-operative assessment: CT or MRI?
- ❖ Identification of residual disease before RT: diagnostic criteria?
- ❖ Evaluation before maintenance
- ❖ Surveillance – relapse?

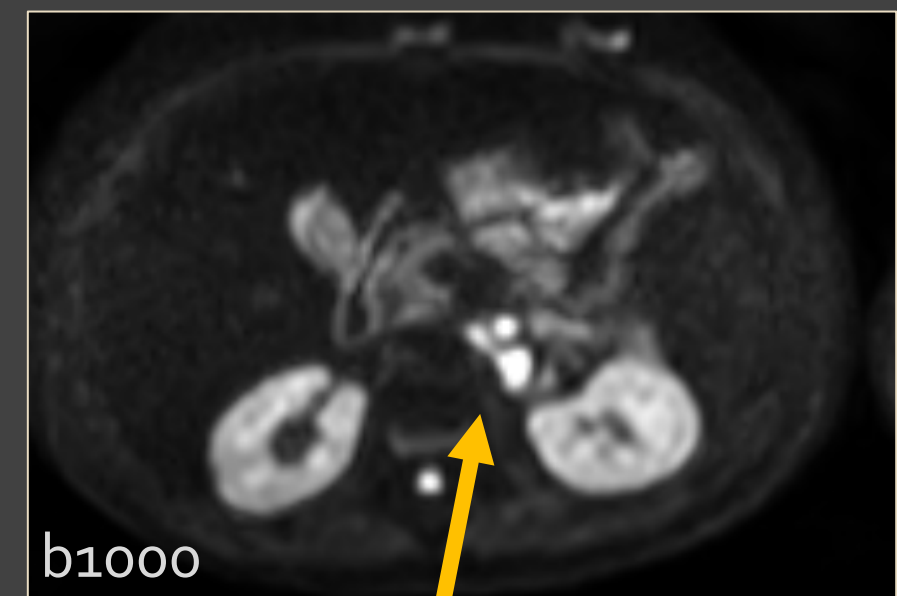
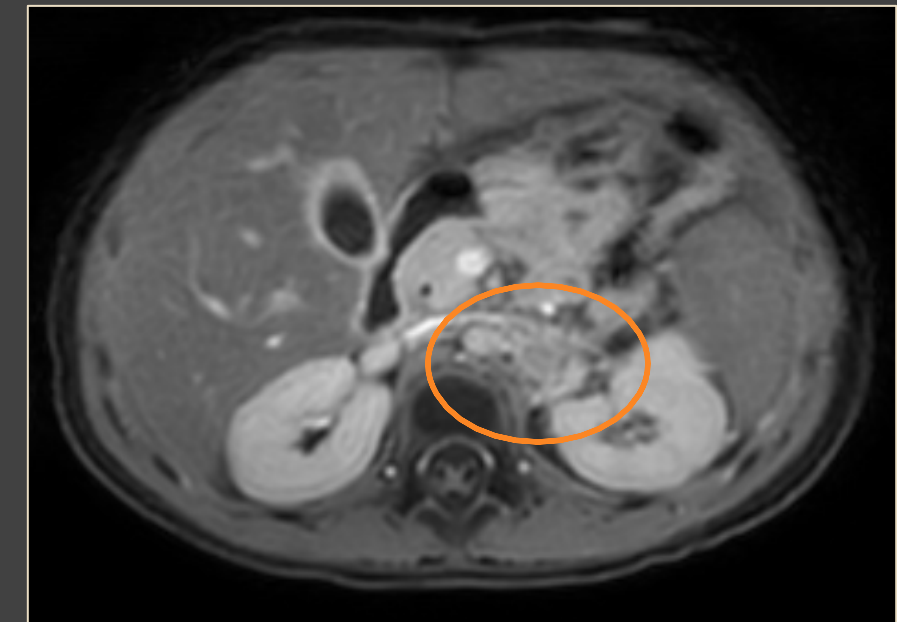
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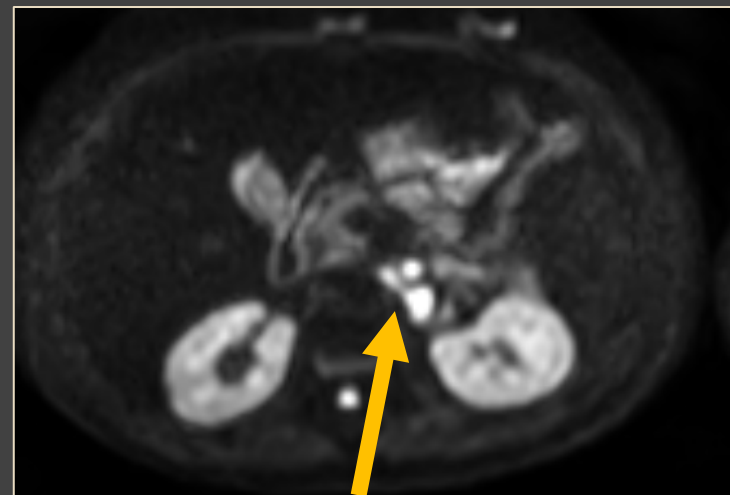
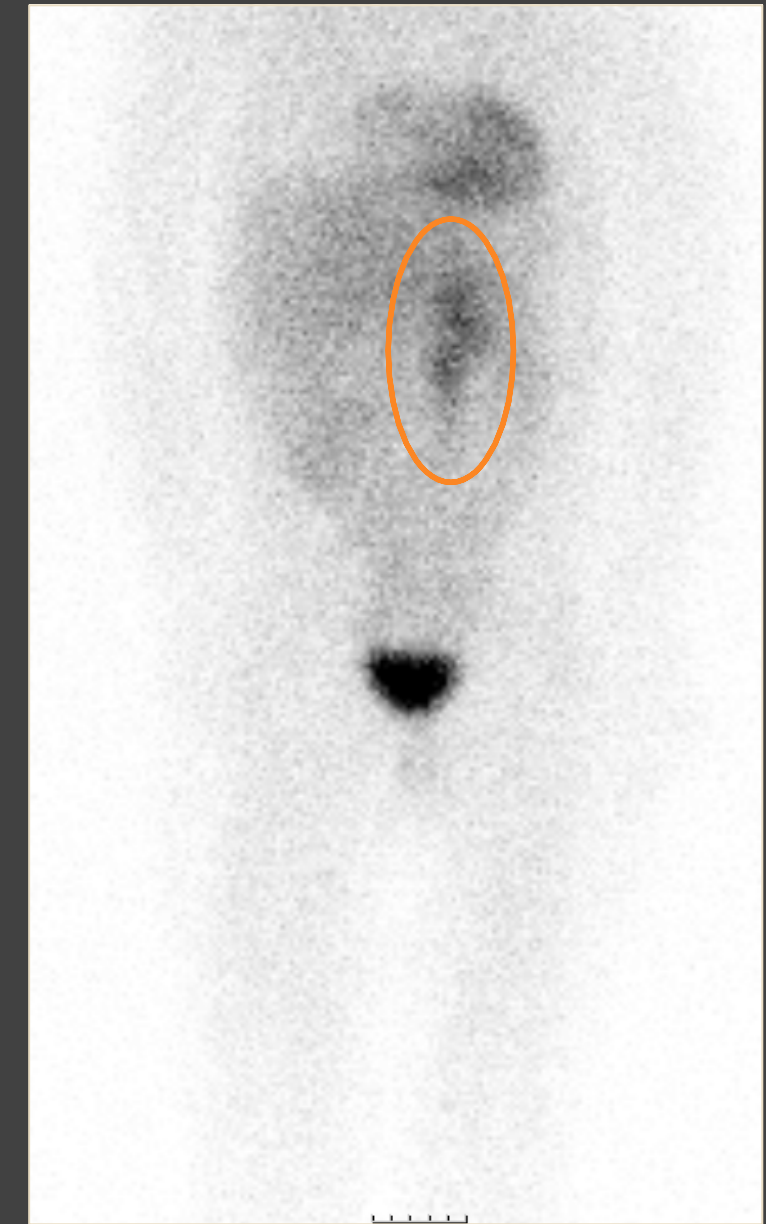
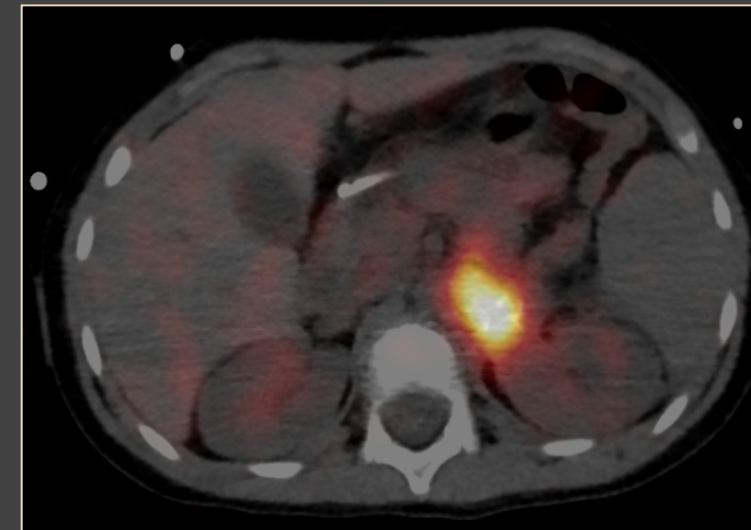
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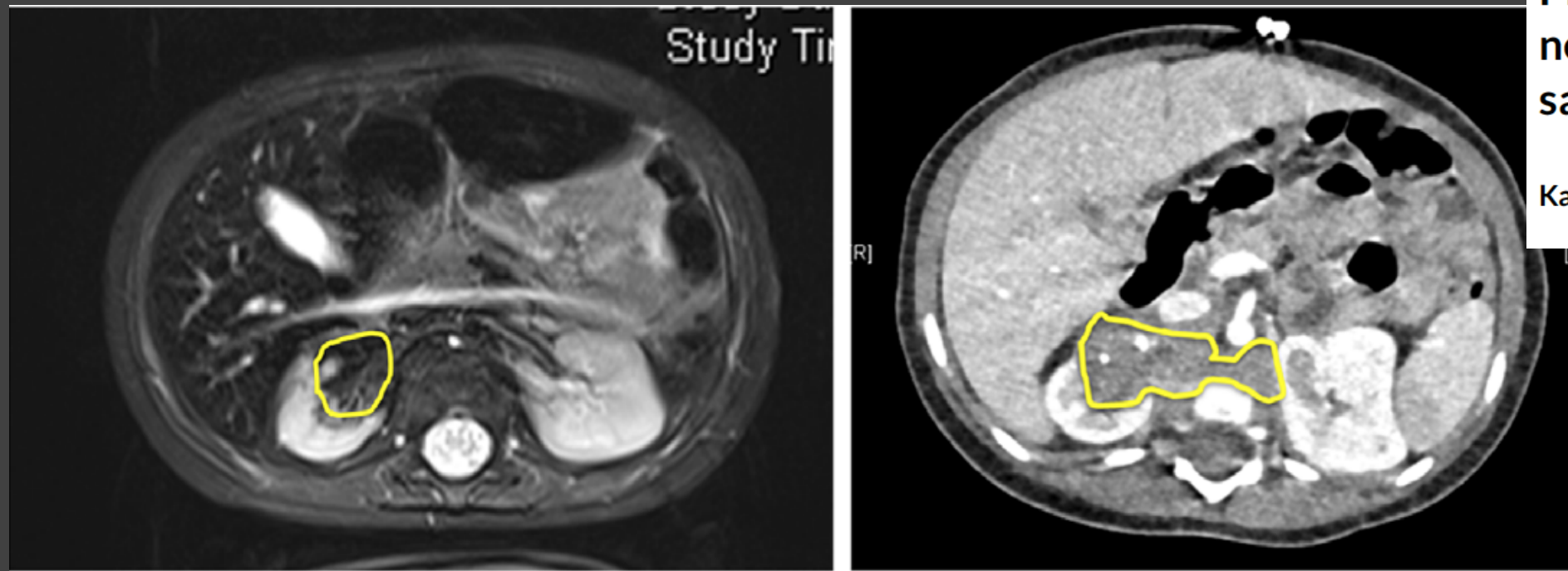
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For surgical planning ~ CT > MRI



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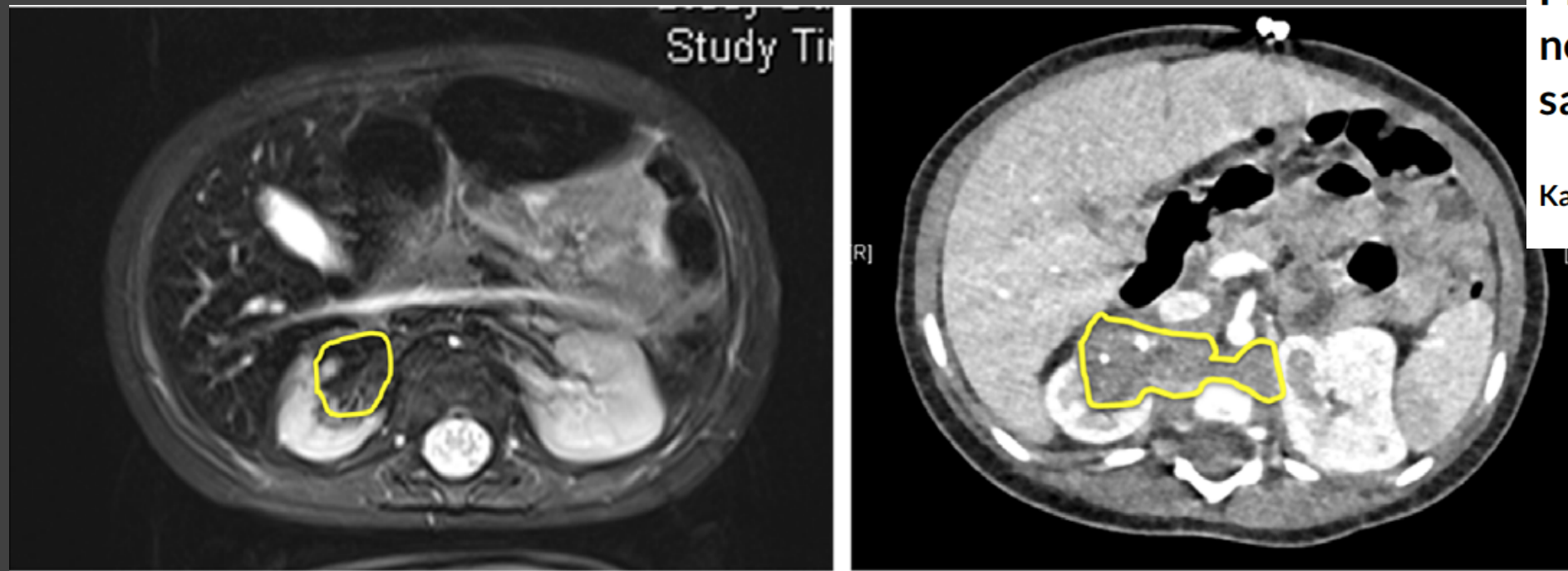
Preoperative computed tomography scanning for abdominal neuroblastomas is superior to magnetic resonance imaging for safe surgical planning

Katherine Burnand¹ | Giuseppe Barone² | Kieran McHugh³ | Kate Cross¹

N=24, surgery in 17 cases

Conclusion: MRI underestimated the extent of the disease in half of our patients considered for NBL resection. This may be due in part to tumor fibrosis, calcification, and chemotherapy. Preoperative CT scan is the best imaging modality to identify all IDRFs after chemotherapy to ensure safe surgery.

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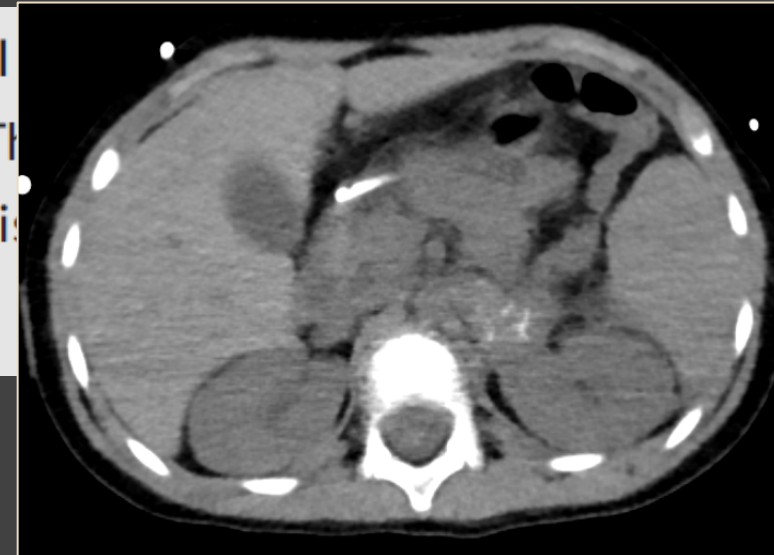
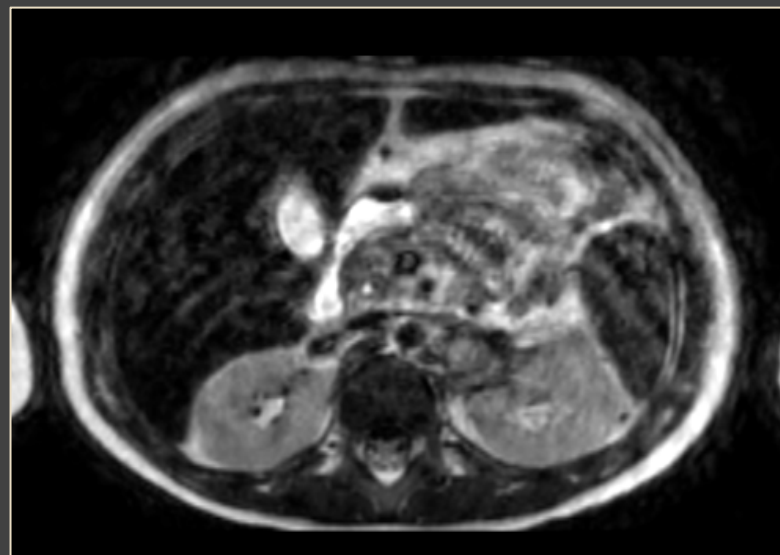


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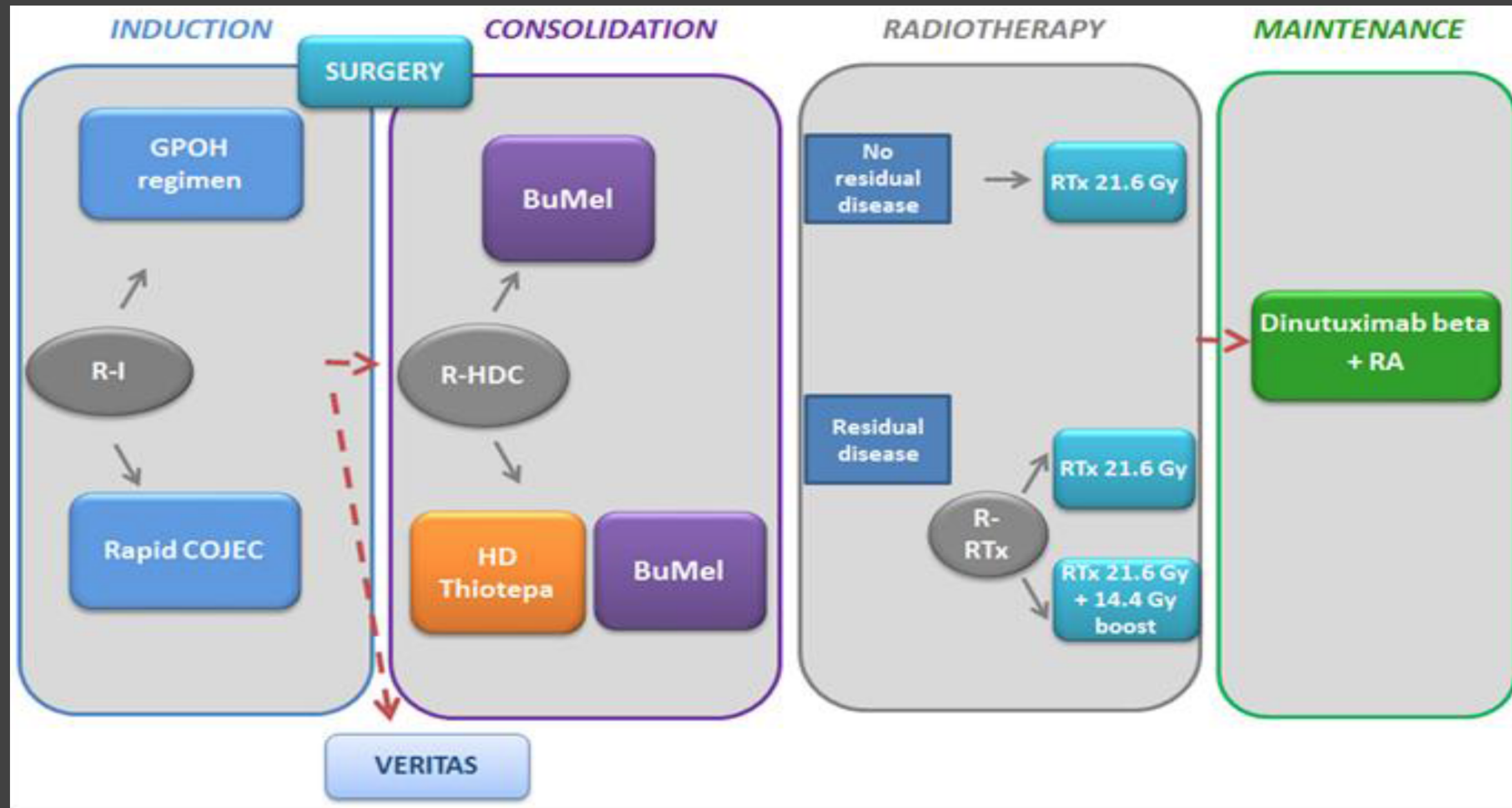
Preoperative computed tomography scanning for abdominal neuroblastomas is superior to magnetic resonance imaging for safe surgical planning

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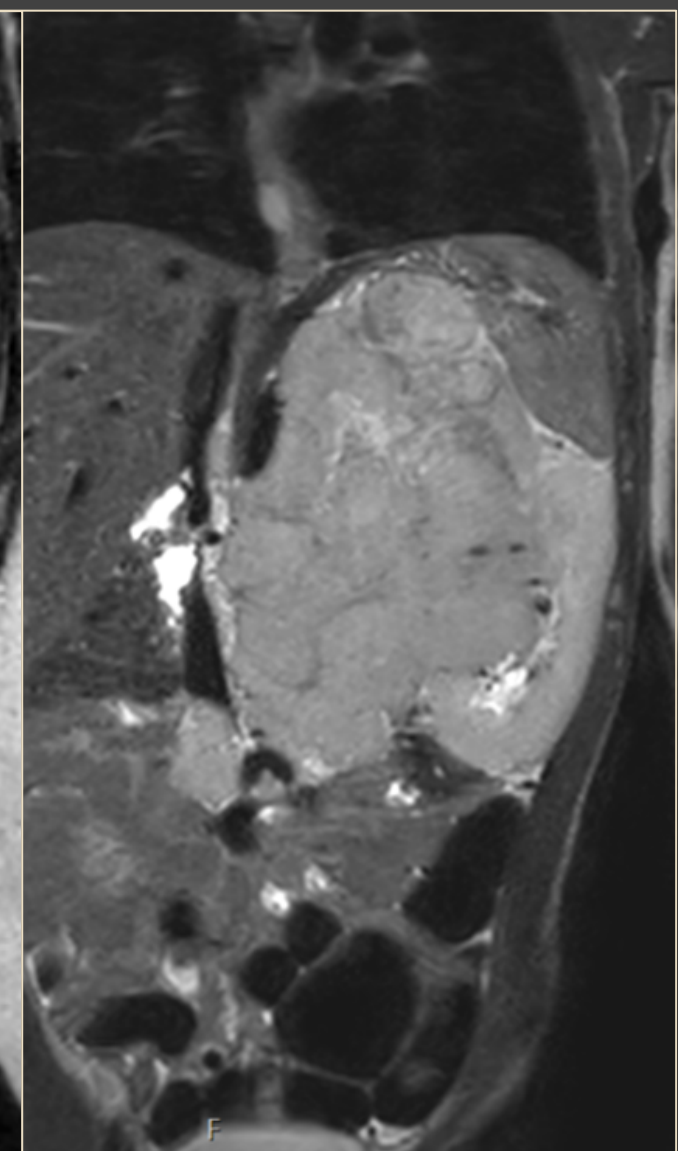
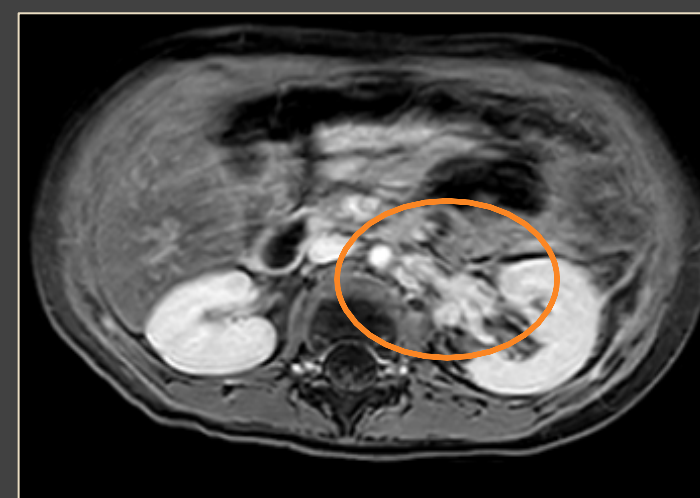
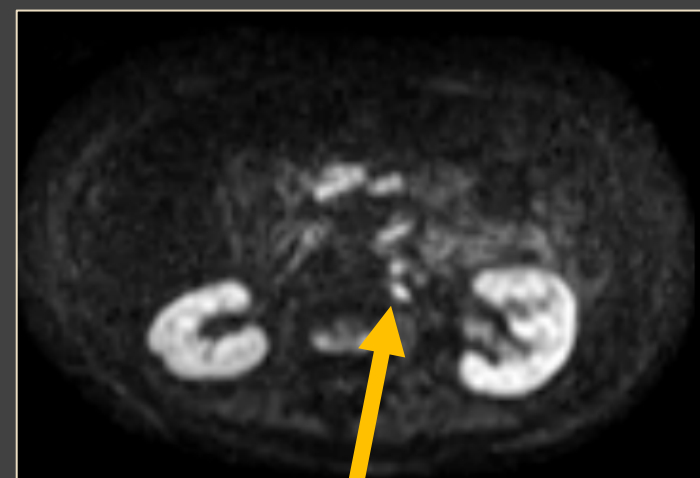
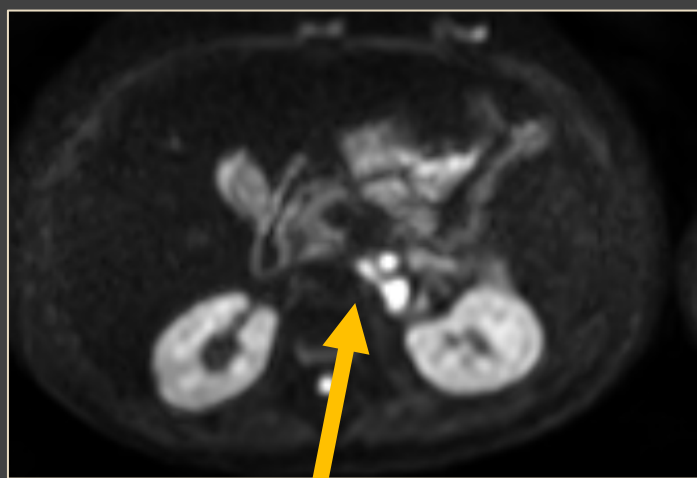
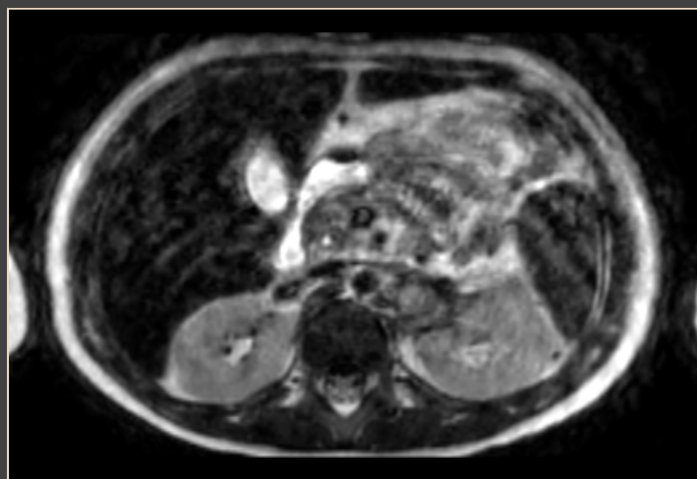


disease in half of our patients considered for resection, calcification, and chemotherapy. Preoperative CT scan is superior to MRI in identifying all IDRFs after chemotherapy to ensure

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After resection. Pre-RT assessment



Before surgery

After surgery

After surgery

Before surgery

Staging

Definition of residual disease

- ❖ MRI shows definite residual tumor and/or
- ❖ mIBG shows residual tumor and/or
- ❖ Surgical report mentions residual tumor (marks with MRI compatible clips)

Definite residual disease?

SIZE?

DWI?



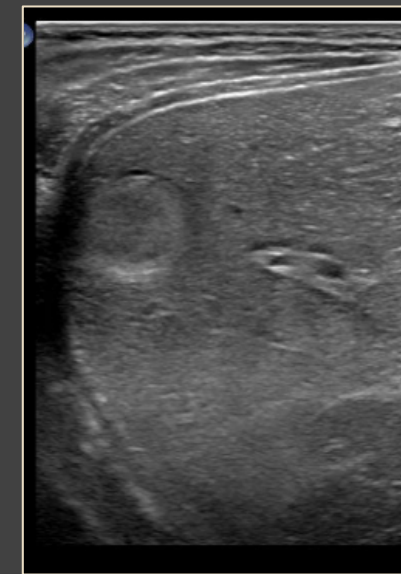
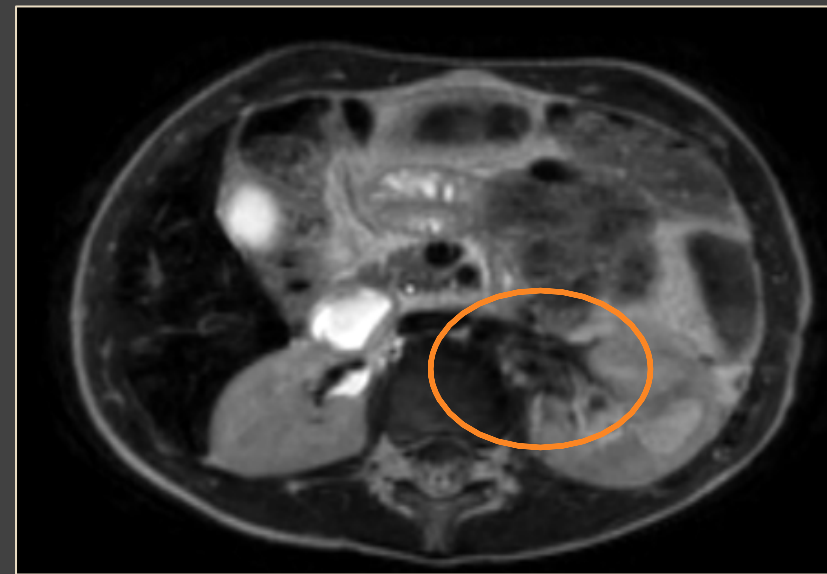
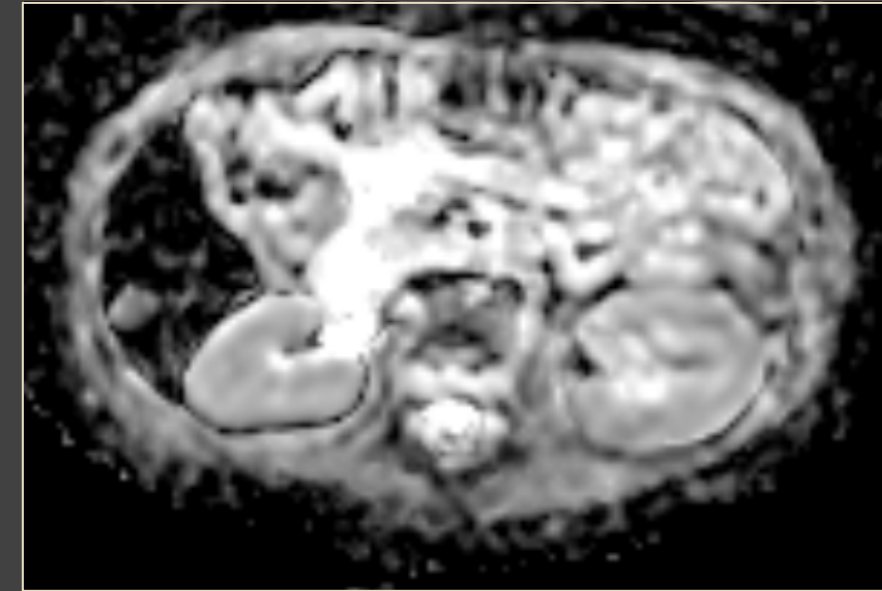
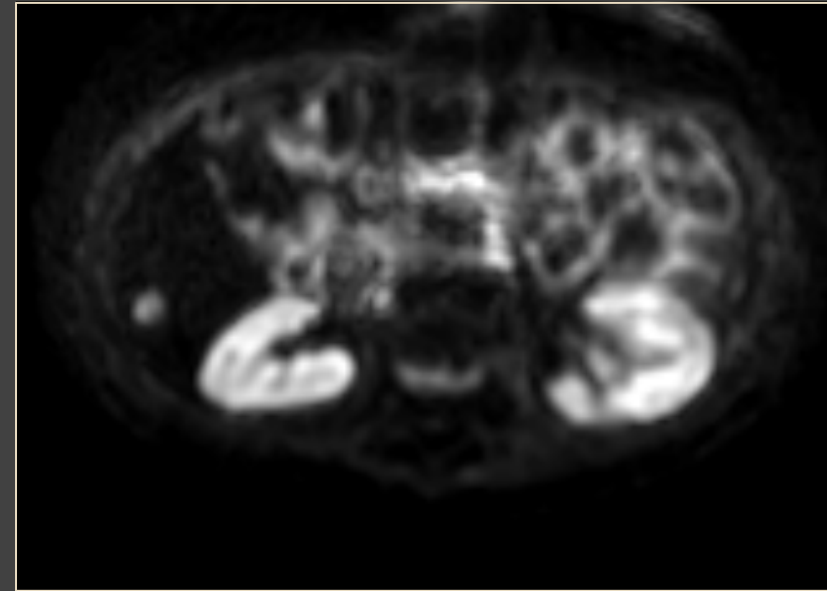
MIBG?

Definitive residual disease?

- ❖ Residual disease:
 - ❖ All solid tissue that was present pre-surgery and is still visible should be considered positive
 - ❖ Use previous imaging and surgical report!
- ❖ Fibrosis/post-operative changes versus viable tumor?
 - ❖ MIBG is not very sensitive for small lesions
 - ❖ Role for DWI or 48-hours post-resection MRI ?

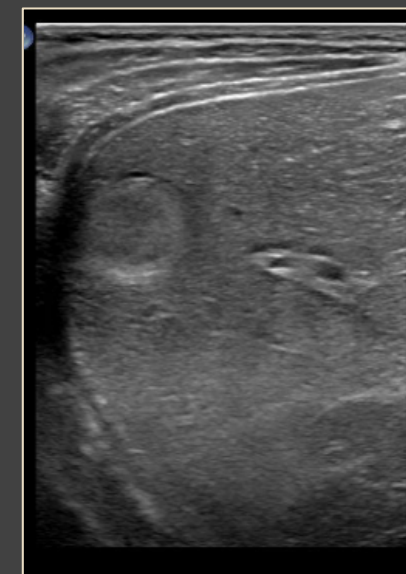
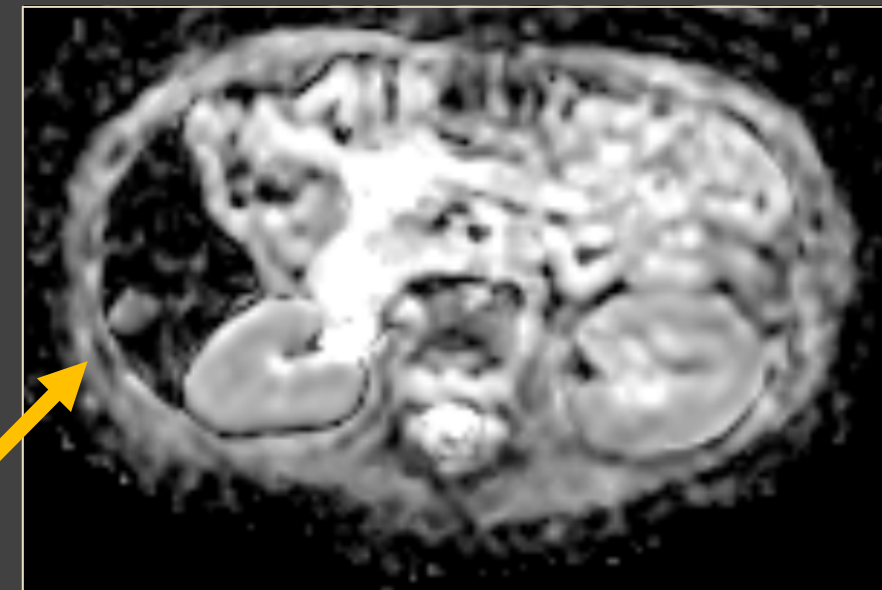
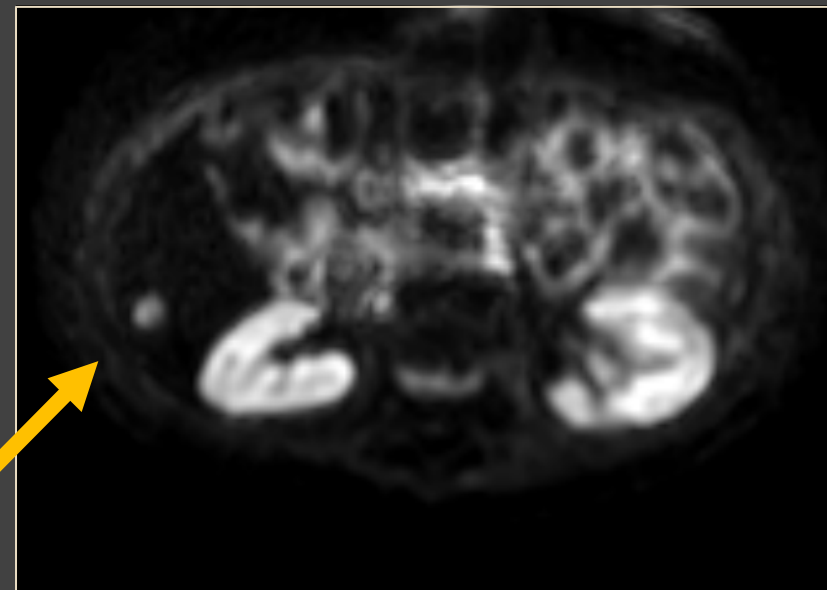
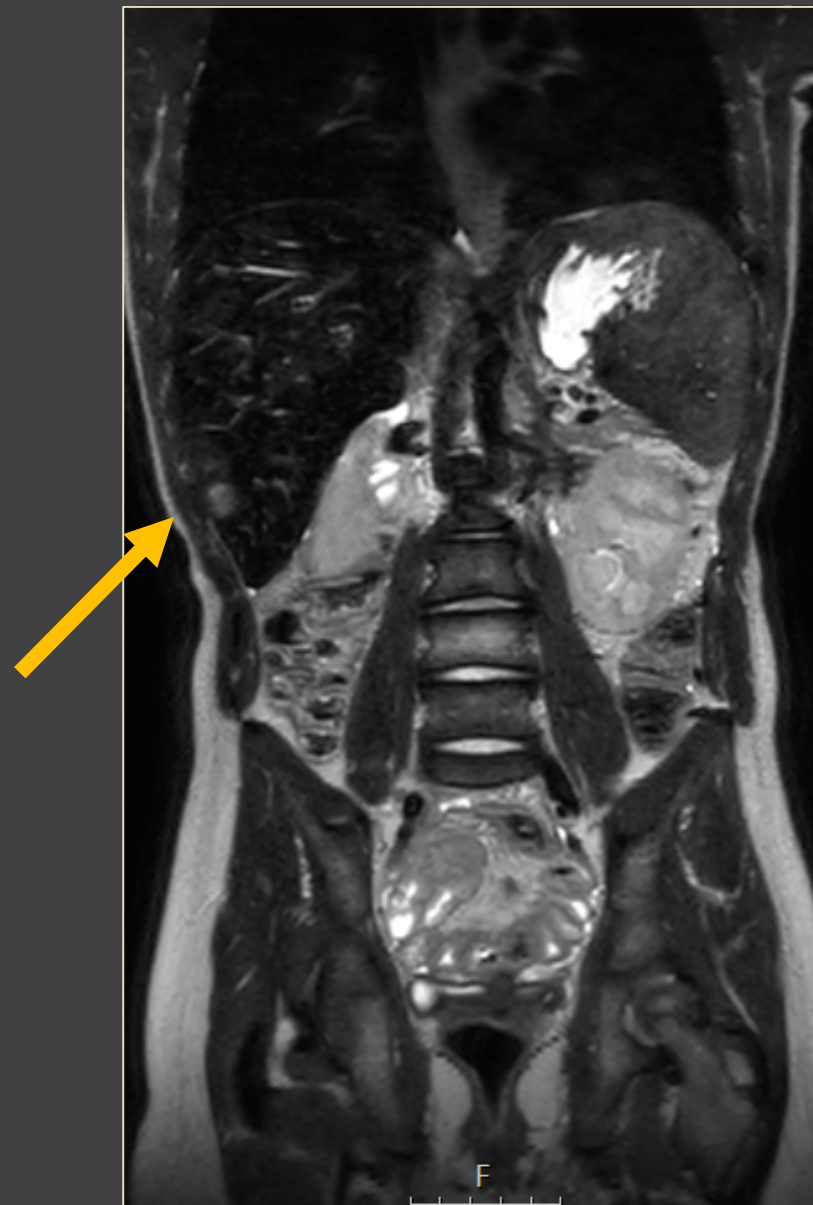


Currently in CR?



ADC value 1.1

Currently – CR?



ADC value 1.1

FNH like lesion

FNH like lesions

Incidence and Etiology of New Liver Lesions in Pediatric Patients Previously Treated for Malignancy

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OBJECTIVE. The purpose of this study was to retrospectively evaluate the time course, cause, and imaging characteristics of all new liver lesions in pediatric patients with a previously treated malignancy.

MATERIALS AND METHODS. Our hospital cancer registry was used to identify patients between 1980 and 2005 who met the following criteria: solid tumor, survival > 2 years

- ❖ N=273
- ❖ 3% livermets
- ❖ 14% benign liverlesions

FNH like lesions

- ❖ Related to vascular injury
 - ❖ Alkylating agents (eg busulfan/ melphalan ~ BuMel)
 - ❖ Veno-occlusive disease
 - ❖ Radiotherapy
 - ❖ >>> not rarely after HR NBL treatment!

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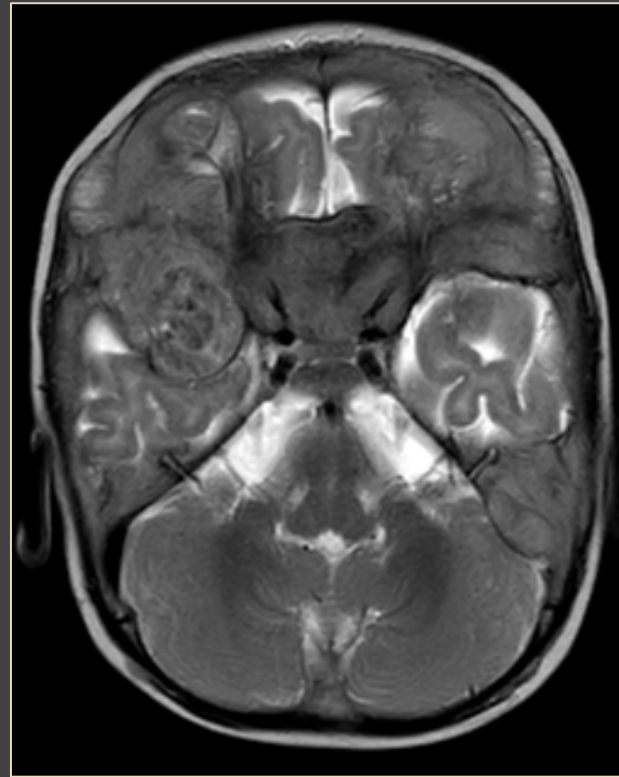
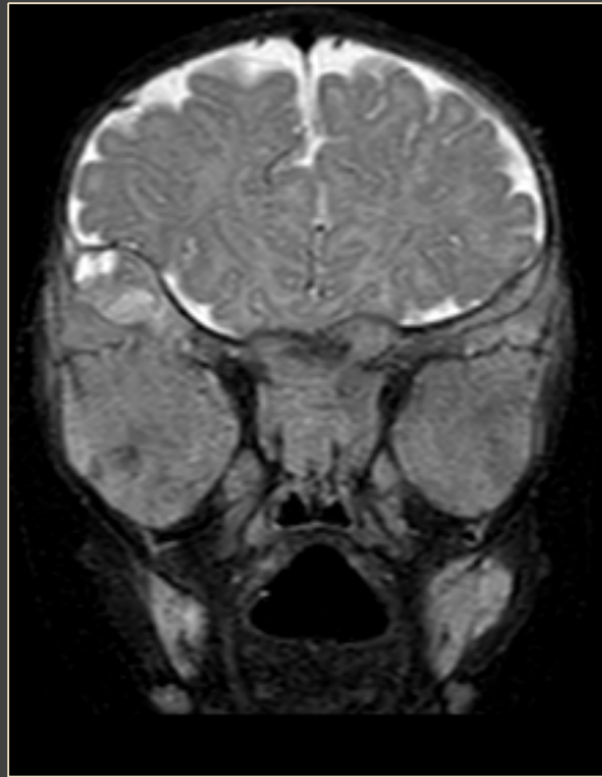
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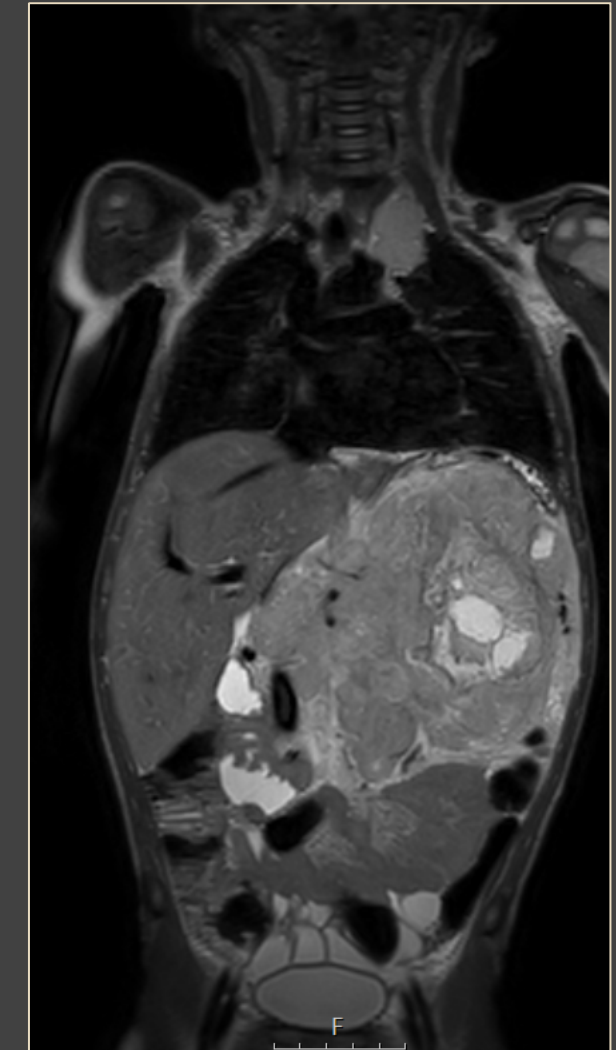
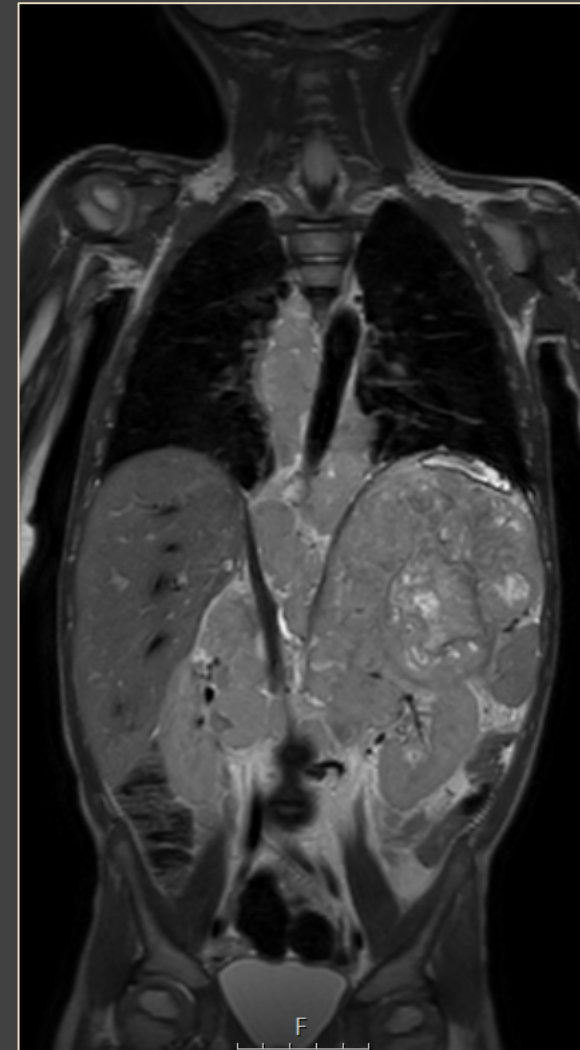
Role of MRI in distant metastases?



Skull base, calvaria, orbits (25%)



Bone marrow metastases



Virchow node

WB MRI - bone marrow mets?

**Integrated Imaging Using MRI and
 ^{123}I Metaiodobenzylguanidine
Scintigraphy to Improve Sensitivity
and Specificity in the Diagnosis of
Pediatric Neuroblastoma**

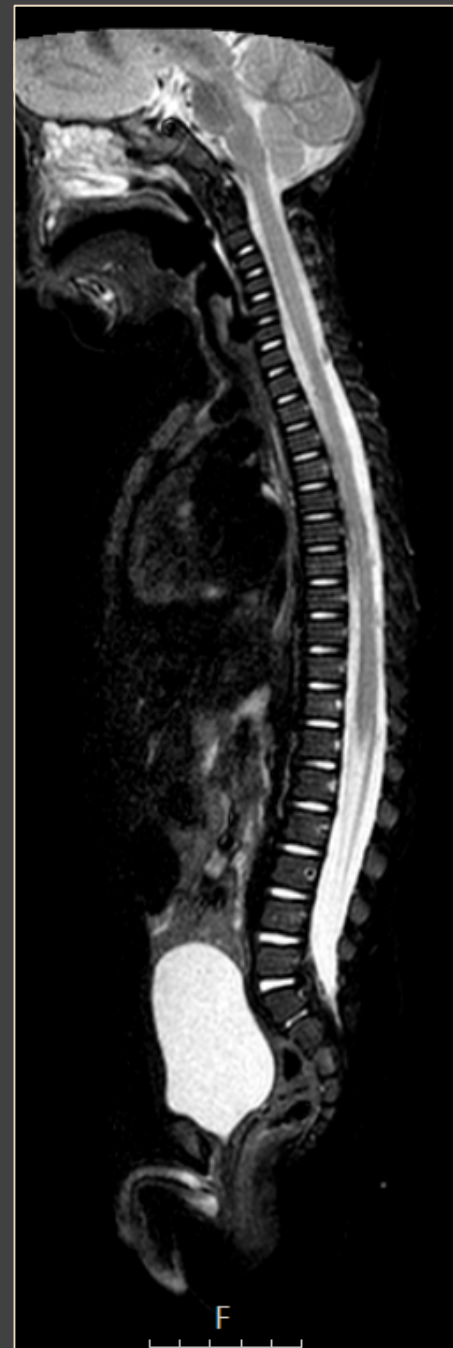
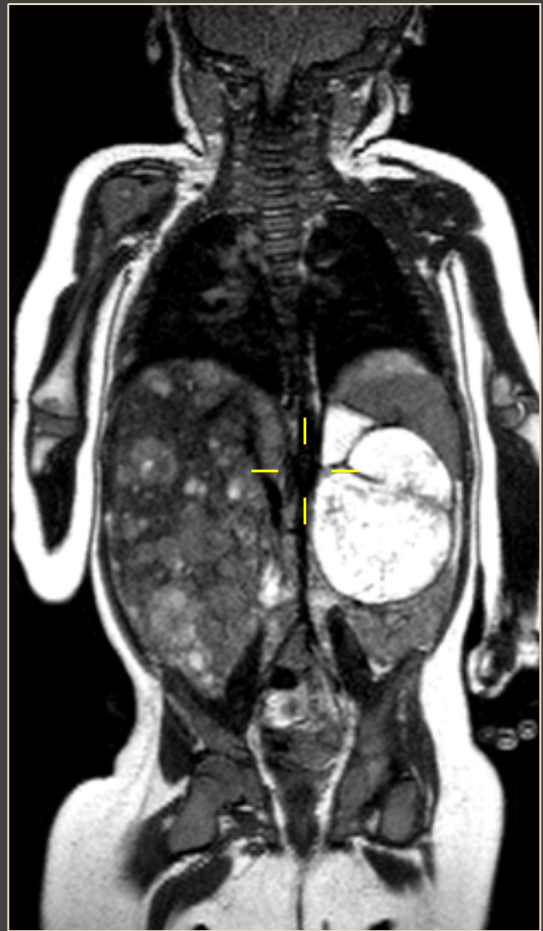
Pfluger et al. AJR 2003

C/ Intergrated imaging showed highest sensitivity and specificity

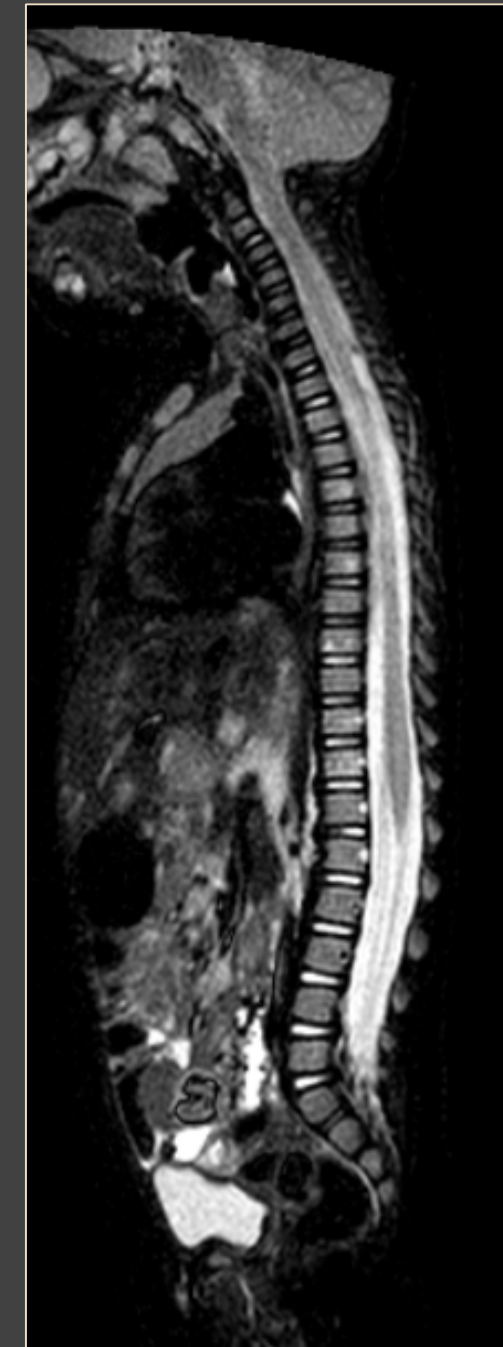
WB MRI - bone marrow mets?

- ❖ Highly sensitive for staging (+DWI)
- ❖ Role in MIBG negative tumors?
- ❖ Criteria for response of bone marrow lesions?
 - ❖ Signal changes persist longer than presence of malignant cells (~lymphoma)
 - ❖ Role of ADC value? – how reliable can we measure? Cut off value?

Normal red bone marrow vs diffuse mets?



6 months old with MS



4 months later

Take home messages



Diagnostic features: growth pattern, calcifications & diffusion restriction

Staging: IDRFs

Important time points: pre-operative assessment and pre-RT assessment

Role of MRI in bone marrow metastases?

Thank you for your attention

