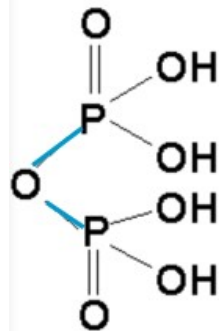
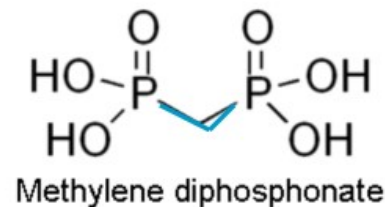


# Radiopharmaceuticals

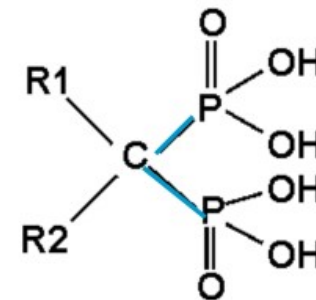
- Bone-seeking radiopharmaceuticals are analogs of calcium, hydroxyl groups, or phosphates.
- $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -labeled diphosphonates:  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP




Pyrophosphate



Methylene diphosphonate

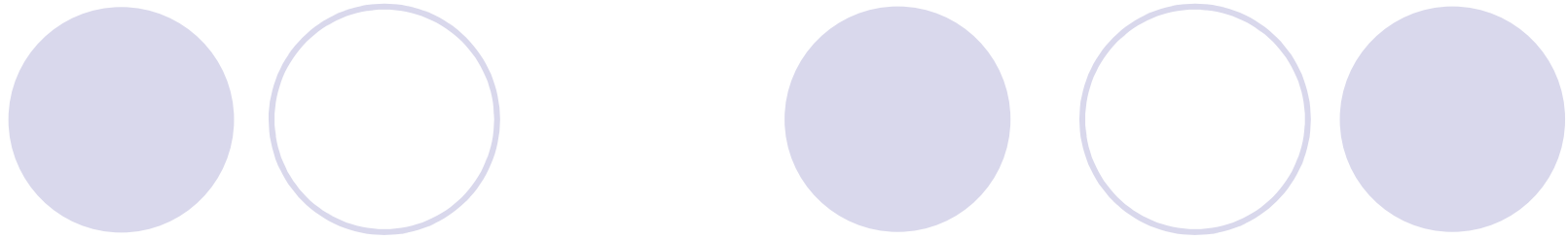


Diphosphonate



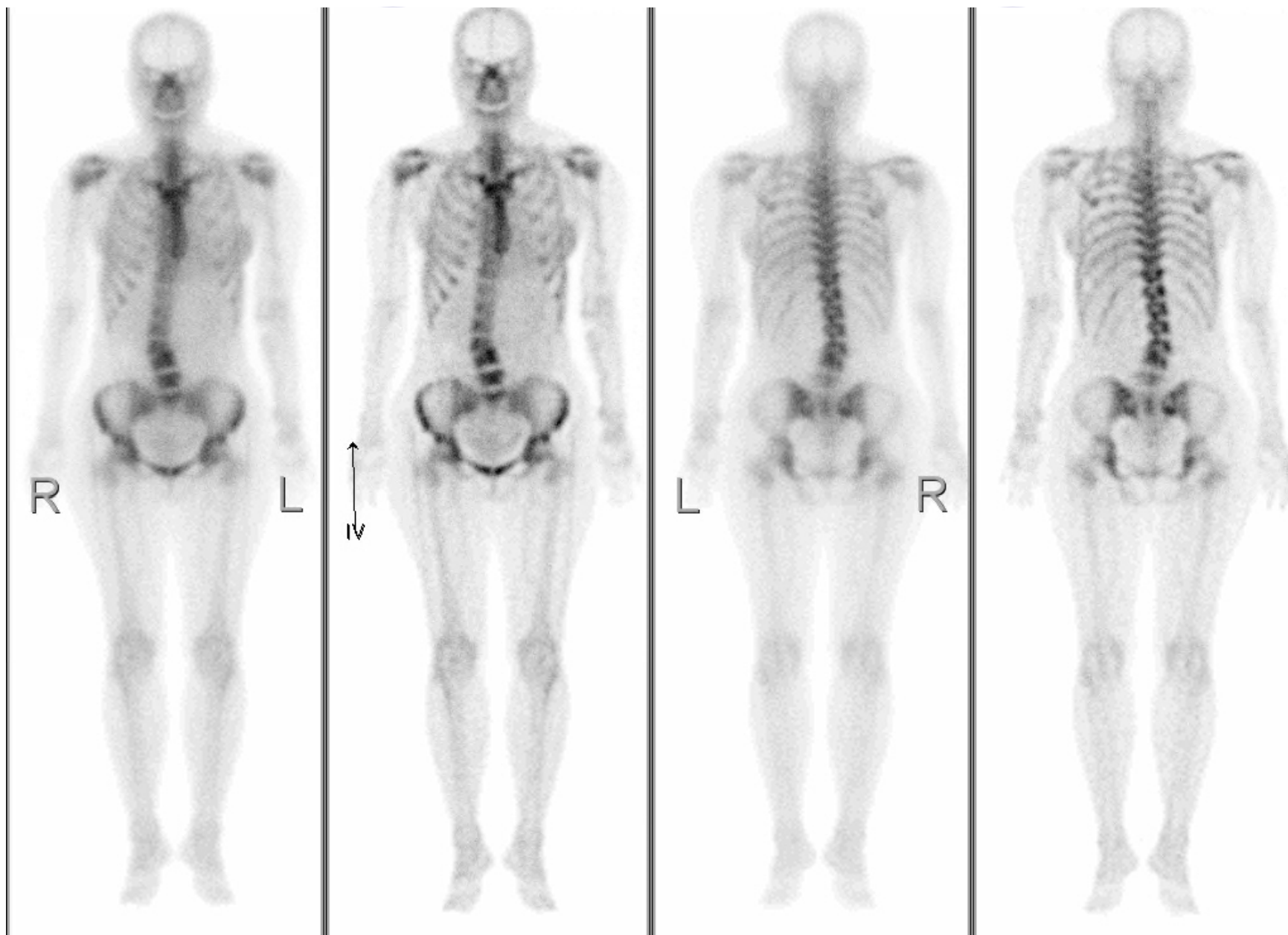
<sup>99m</sup>Tc-MDP

- Tc:  $T^{1/2}$ : 6.03 hours.
- $\gamma$ -ray 140 (88%) keV.
- Rapid renal excretion.
- high target-to-nontarget ratio : 2 to 3 hours after injection, 50% to 60% of the activity in bone
- the remainder being cleared by the kidneys



- impair renal function → increased soft-tissue activity → reduces the quality of the bone scan.
- With most diphosphonates, maximal skeletal uptake occurs at about 5 hours.
- The biologic half-life is about 24 hours.







**TABLE 9-1.**

## **Possible Mechanisms of Increased Activity on Bone Scans**

Increased osteoid formation

Increased blood flow

Increased mineralization of osteoid

Interrupted sympathetic nerve supply

- The initial accumulation of technetium-labeled radiopharmaceuticals in bone is primarily related to **blood supply**.



**TABLE 9-2.**

**Causes of Increased Activity on  
Bone Scan**

**LOCALIZED**

Primary bone tumor

Metastatic disease

Osteomyelitis

Trauma

Stress or frank fractures

Battering

Postsurgical osseous changes

Loose prosthesis

Degenerative changes

Osteoid osteoma

Paget's disease, melorheostosis, fibrous dysplasia

Arthritis

Locally increased blood flow

Hyperemia

Decreased sympathetic control

Decreased overlying soft tissue (e.g., postmastectomy)

Soft-tissue activity (see Table 9—5)



## **GENERALIZED (SUPERSCAN)**

Primary hyperparathyroidism

Secondary hyperparathyroidism

Renal osteodystrophy

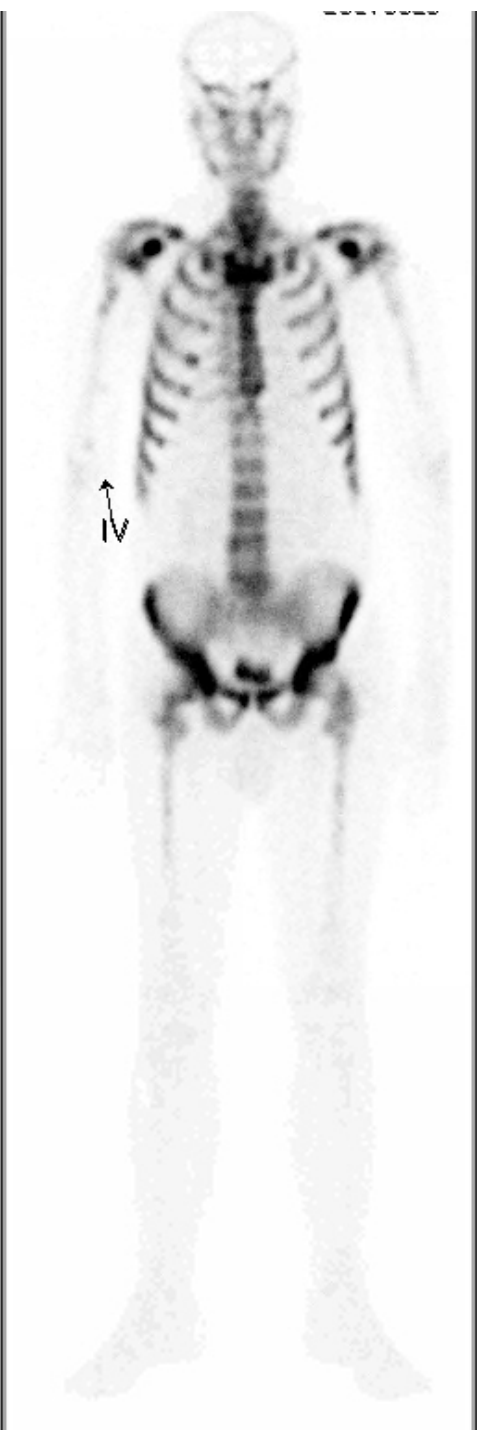
Diffuse metastases

Prostate

Lung

Breast

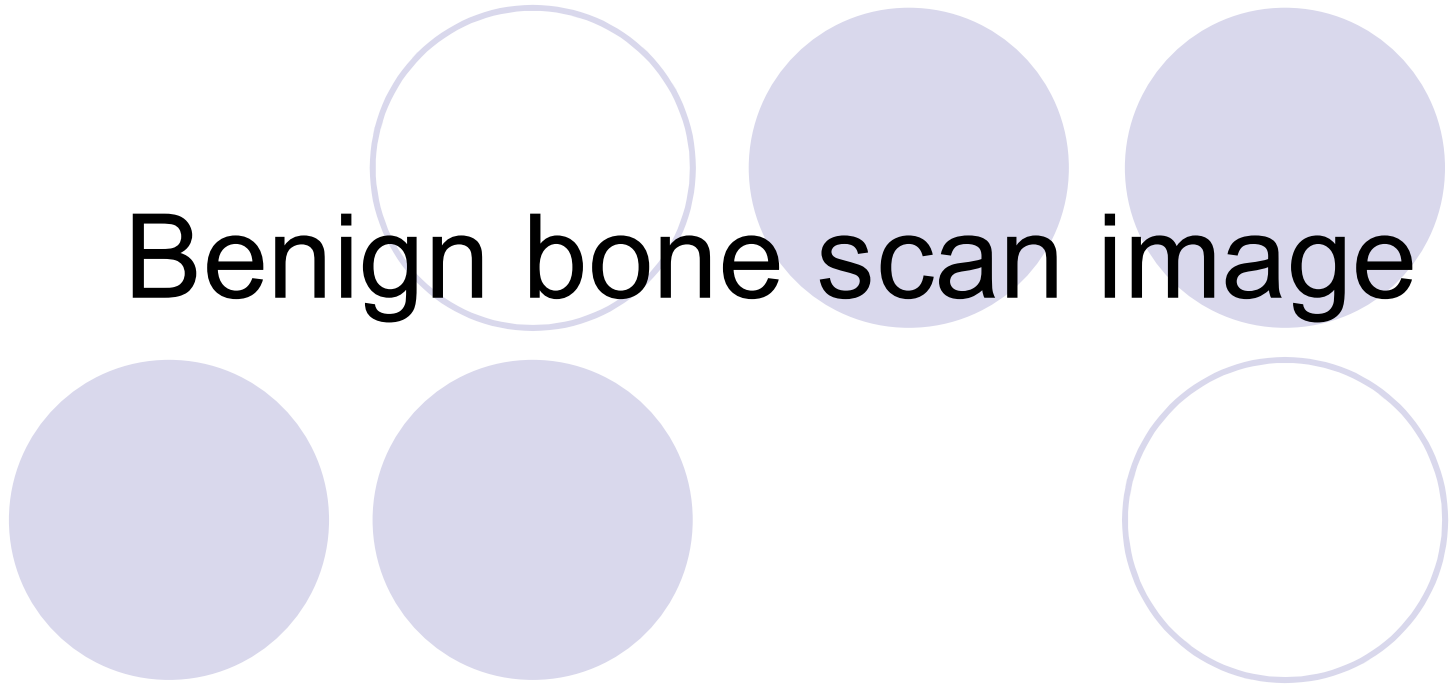
Hematologic disorders

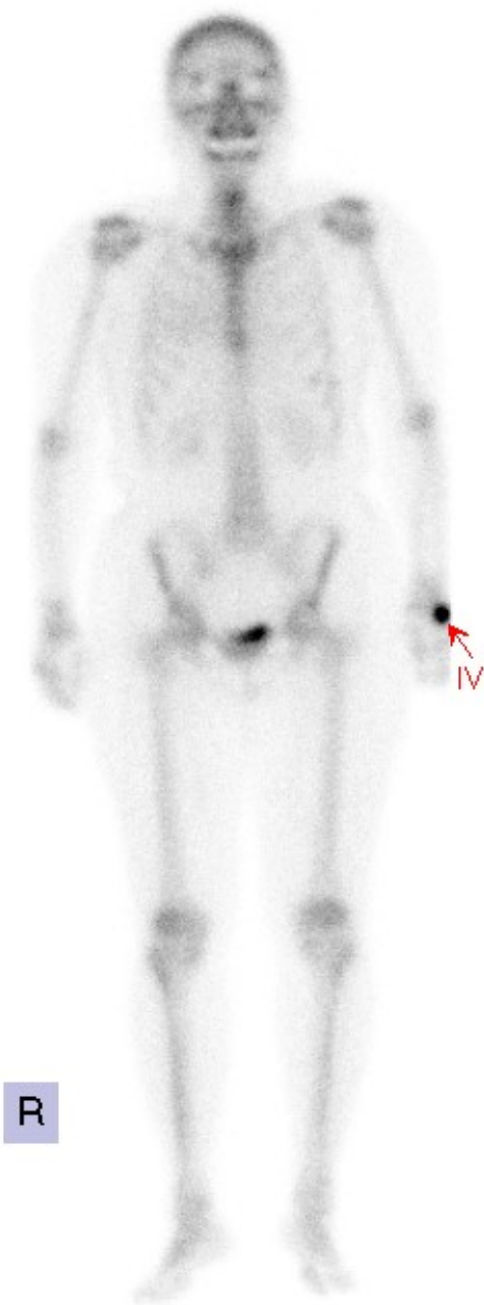


# Clinical indications

- Detection and follow-up of **metastatic disease**
- Differentiation between **osteomyelitis and cellulitis**
- Determination of bone viability
- Evaluation of fractures difficult to assess on radiographs
- Evaluation of prosthetic joints for infection or loosening
- Determination of biopsy site
- Evaluation of bone pain in patients with normal or equivocal radiographs
- Evaluation of the significance of an incidental skeletal finding on radiographs

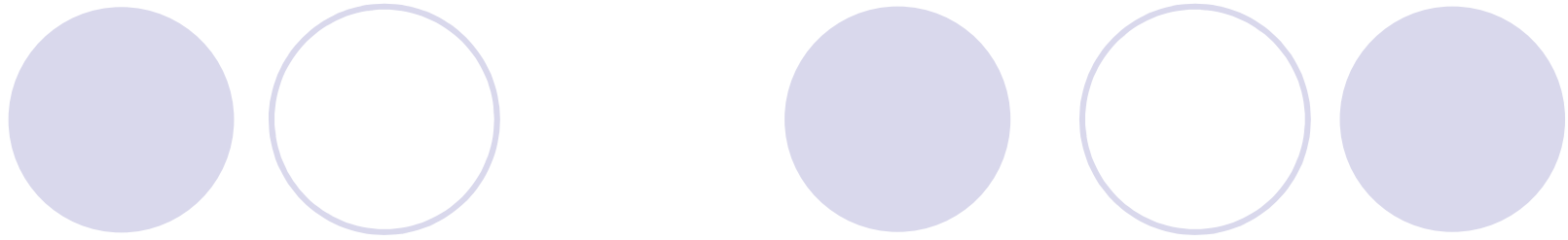
Benign bone scan image



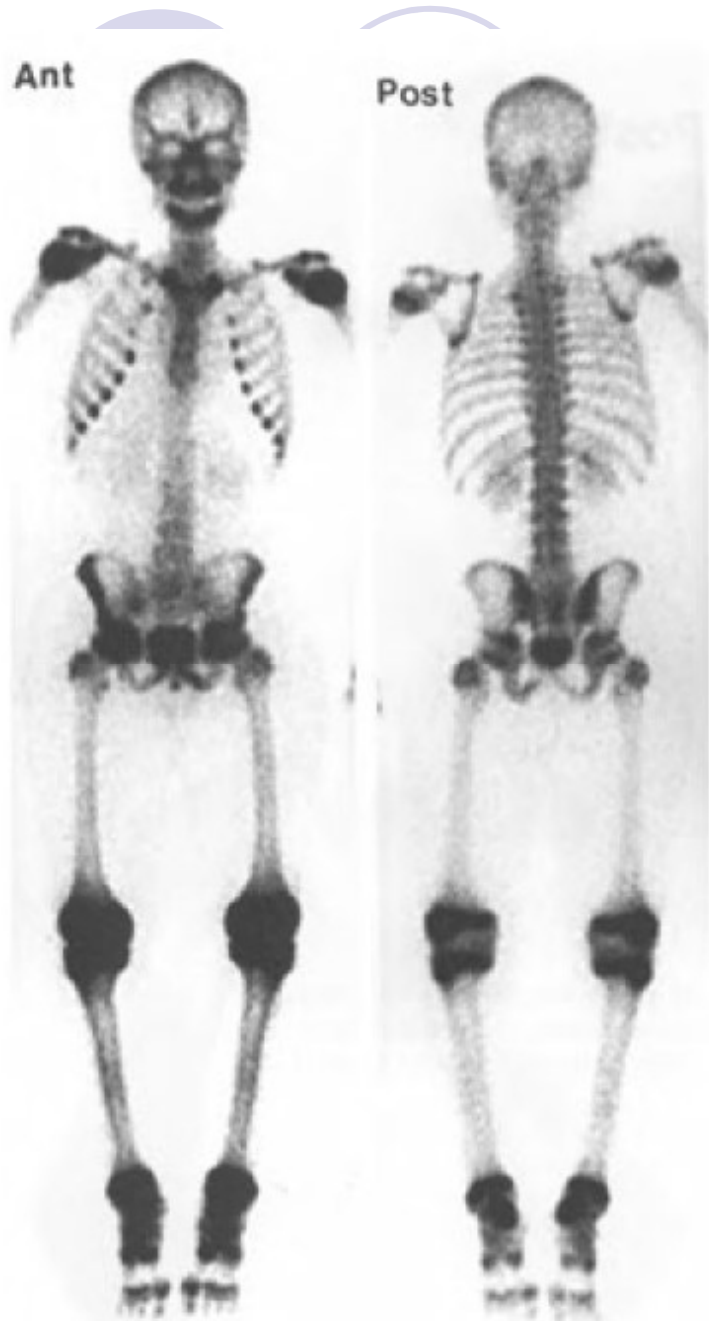


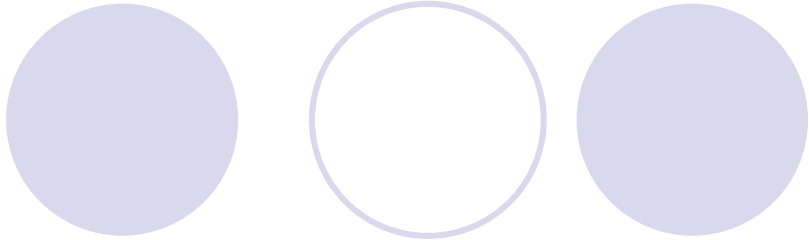
- Skull
- Nasopharynx (high proportional blood flow)
- lower cervical spine (degenerative changes; thyroid cartilage)
- sternum, shoulders (SC/AC joints)
- iliac crests, hips.
- spine often demonstrates increased activity.
- Kidney / urinary bladder.

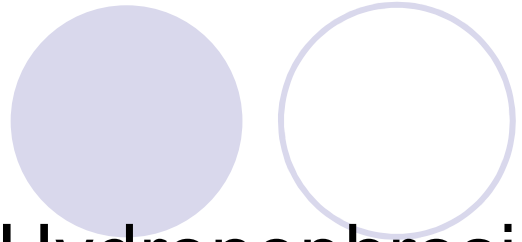




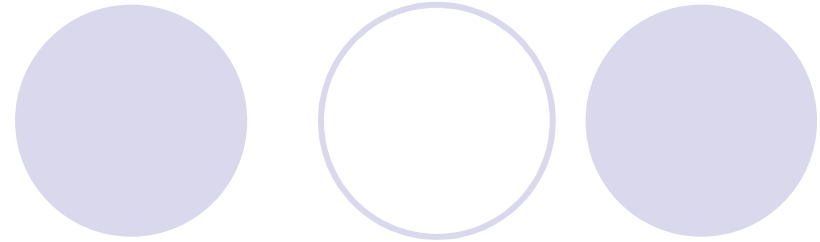
- Because the human skeleton is symmetric, any asymmetric osseous activity should be viewed with suspicion.



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- 15 y/o boy
  - markedly increased activity around the epiphyseal plates.
  - knees, ankles, shoulders, and wrists



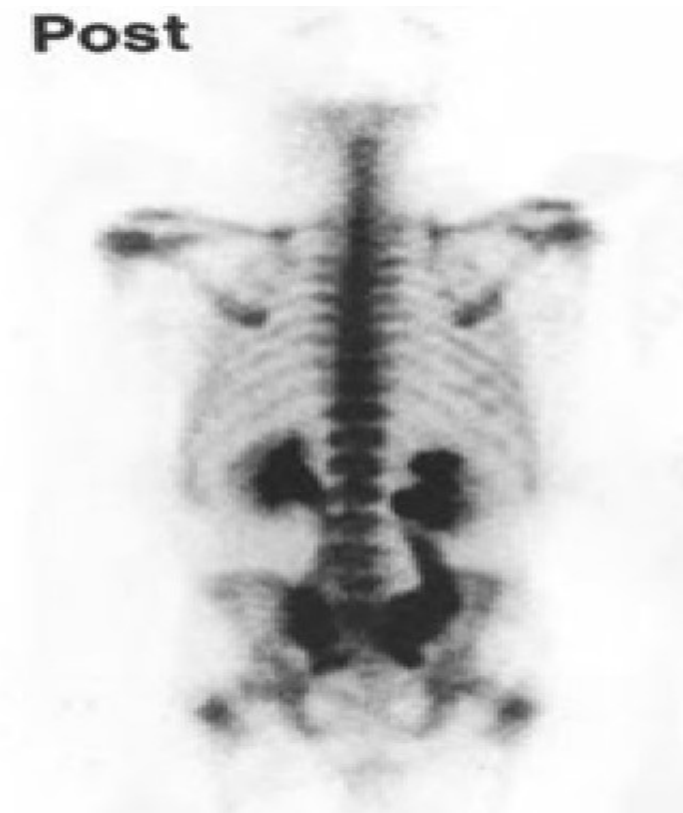
Hydronephrosis



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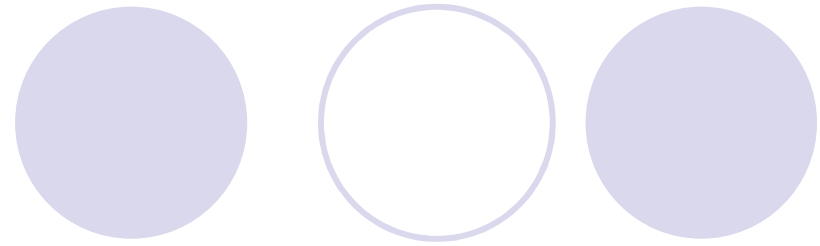


**Post**



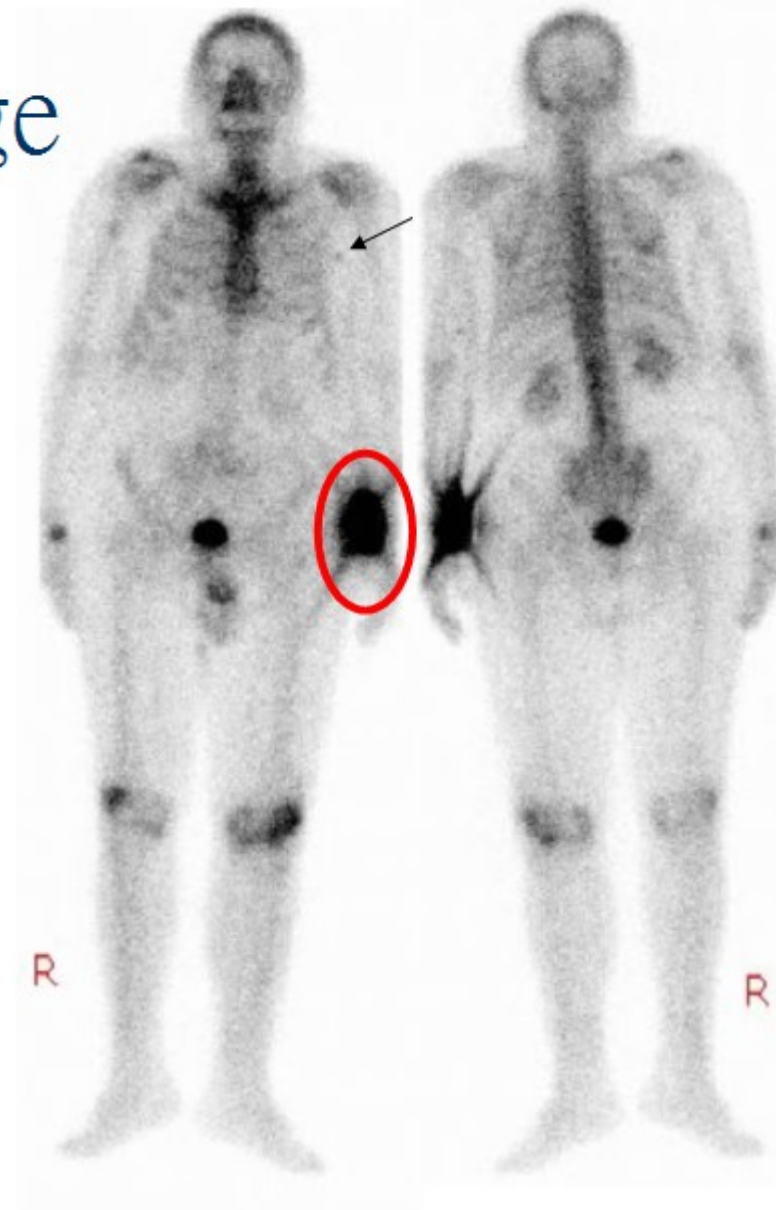
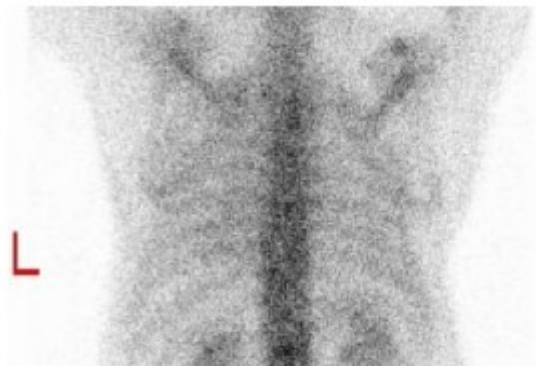
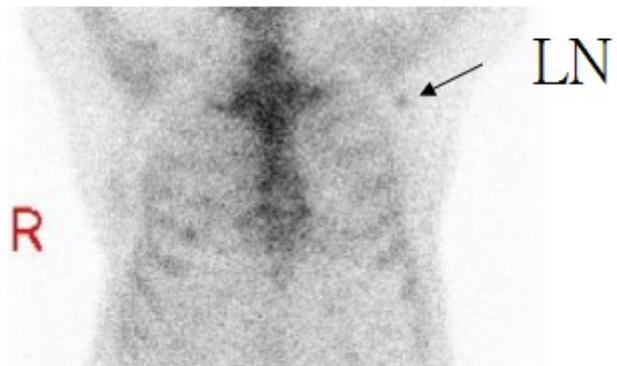


- lymphatic drainage.
- Activity in axillary lymph node after extravasation of injection into left antecubital fossa.

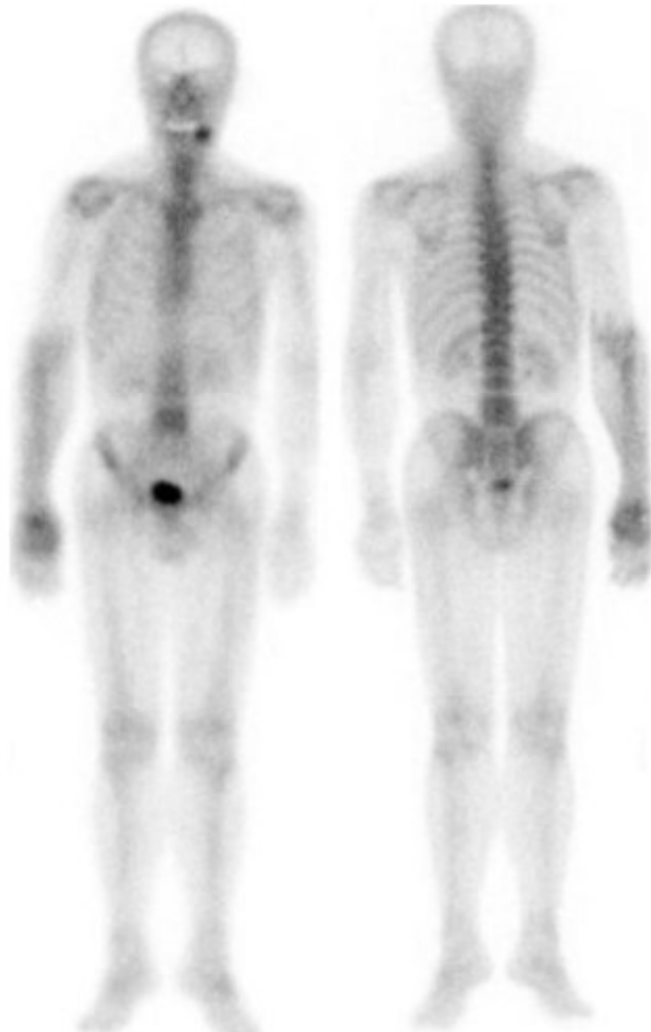


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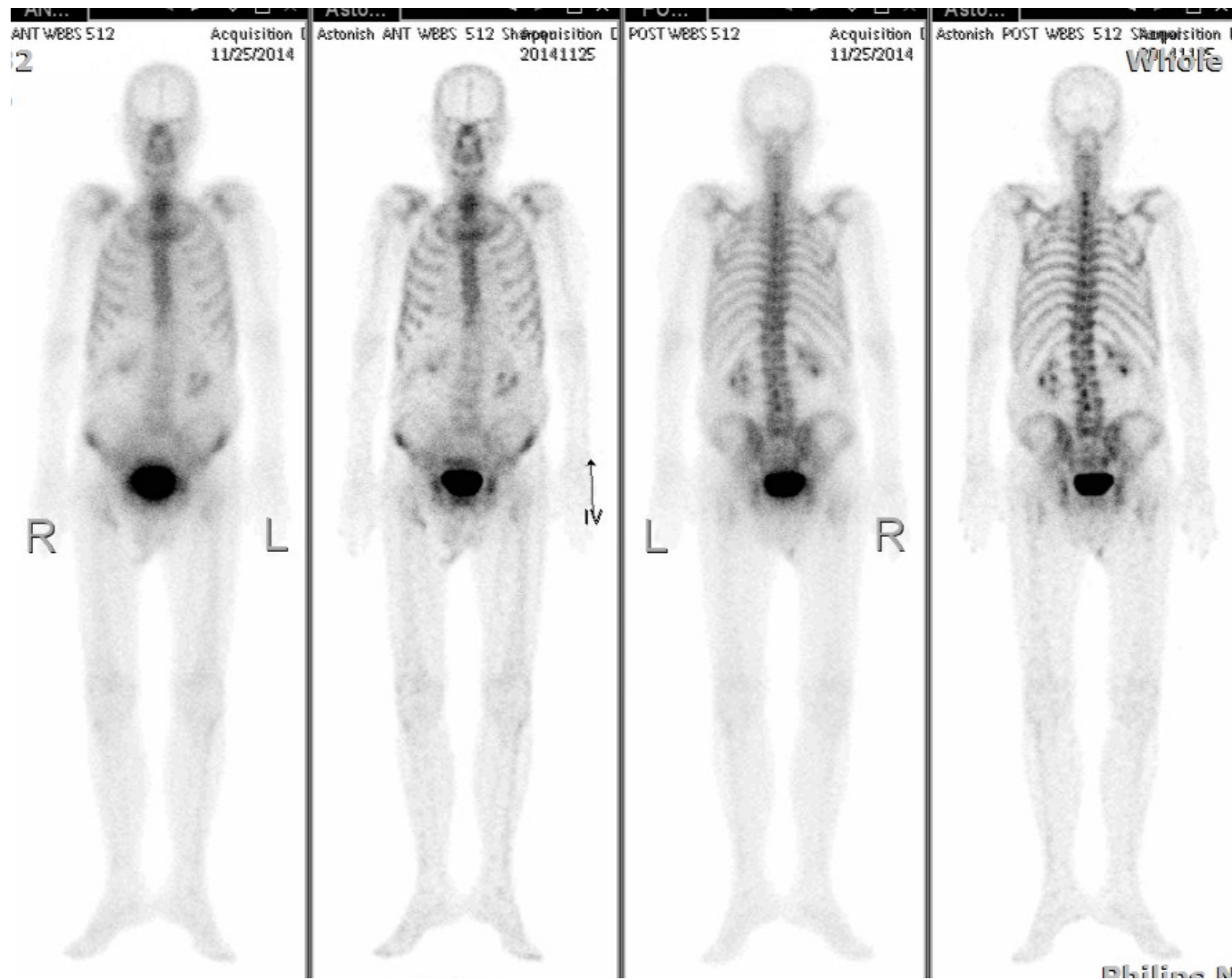
73 y/o male,  
lung cancer and prostate cancer



# Glove Phenomenon (arterial injection)



scoliosis of L spine with uneven spinal uptake  
-favored **Spinal DJD**



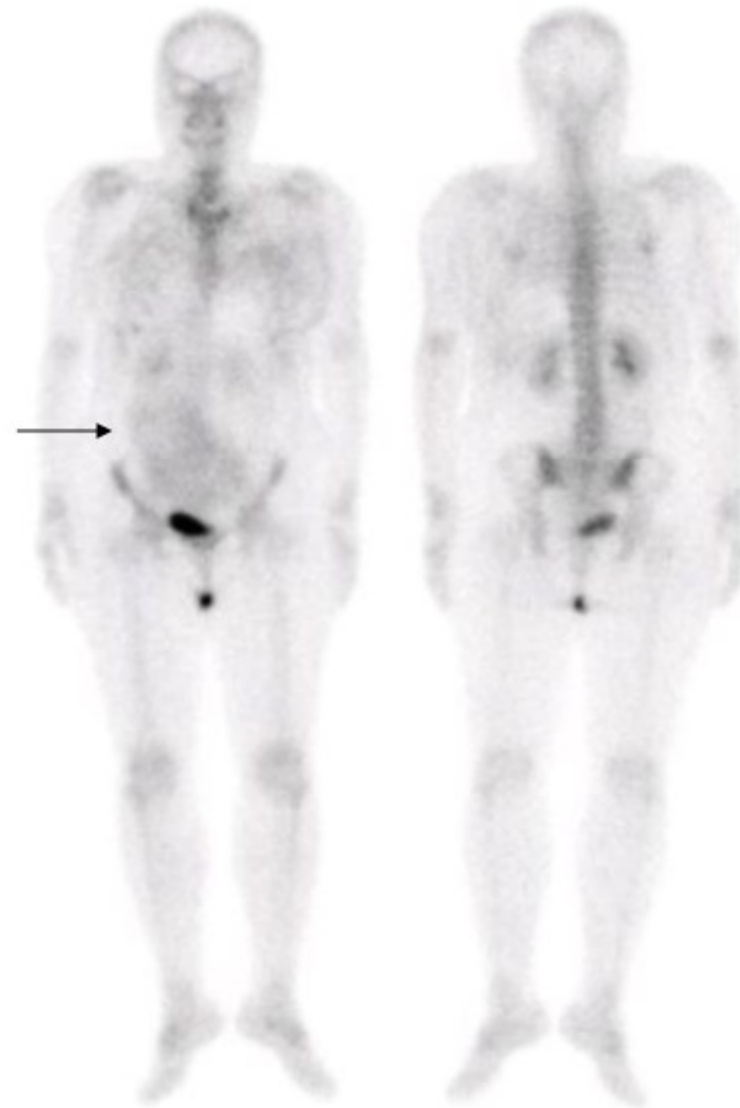
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**Abdominal soft tissue uptake**



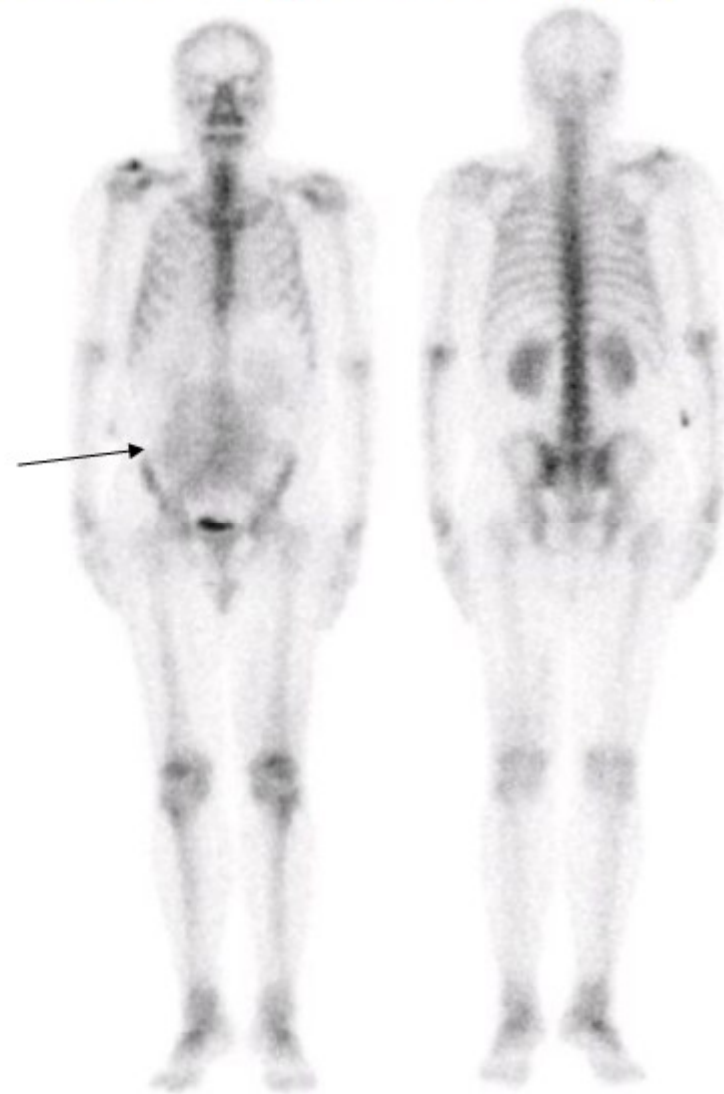
# Abdominal soft tissue uptake (1)

Left breast cancer S/P OP  
uterine myoma, 7cm



# Abdominal soft tissue uptake (2)

Left thigh sarcoma S/P OP  
with lung and liver metastasis

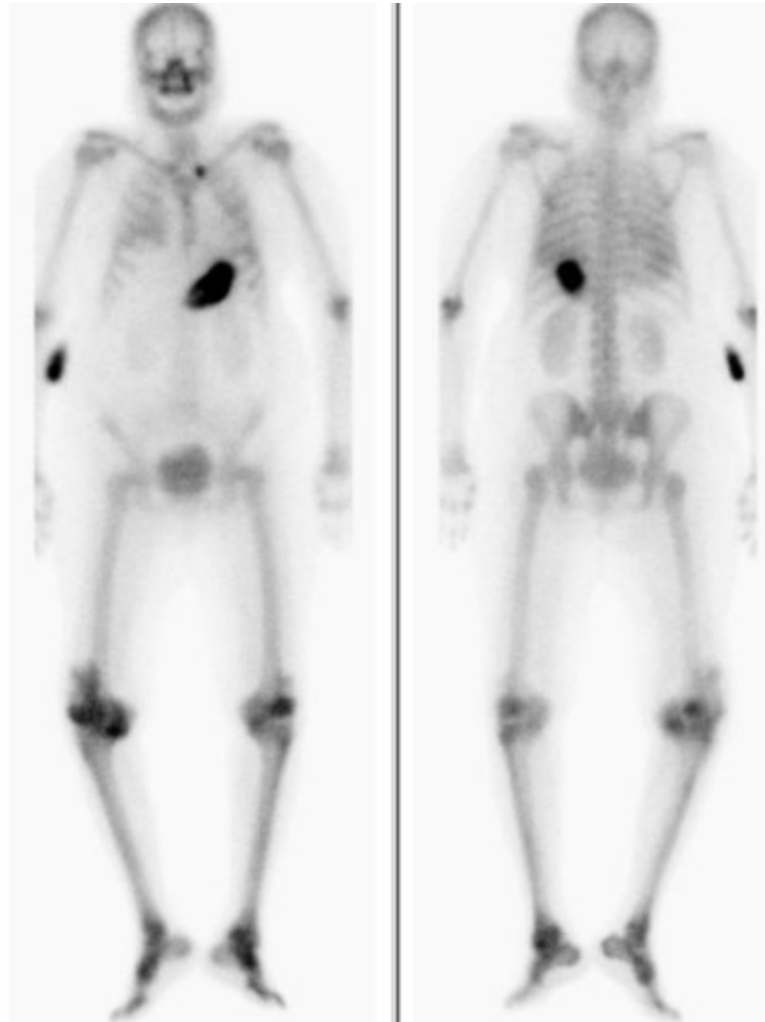


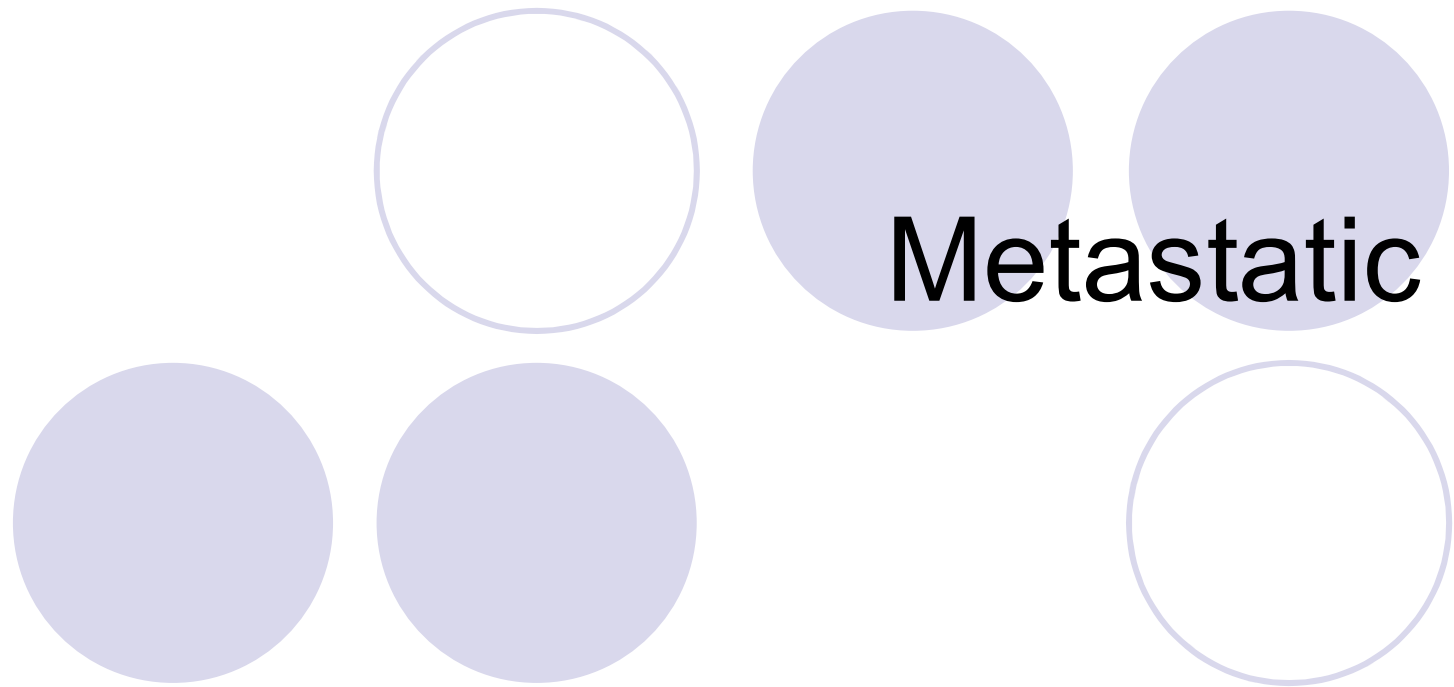
# Abdominal soft tissue uptake (3)

## Hypercalcemia

1. Diffuse mild uptake in both lungs
2. Hot uptake in stomach
3. Ca: 12.7 (8.4 -10.6)
4. BUN=59, Cr=4.6

Metastatic calcification:  
lung, stomach, renal  
parenchyma, thyroid

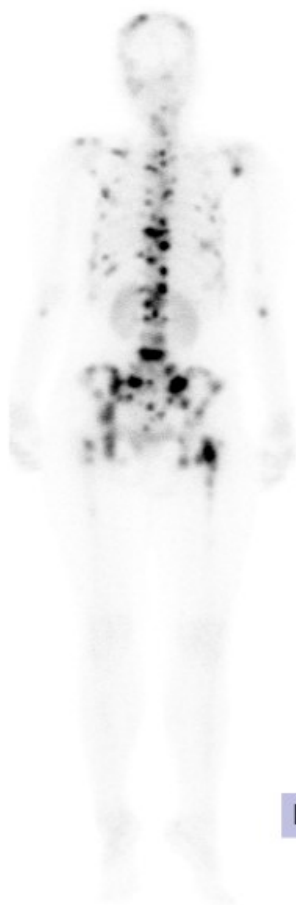




**Metastatic**

# Multiple bony metastases

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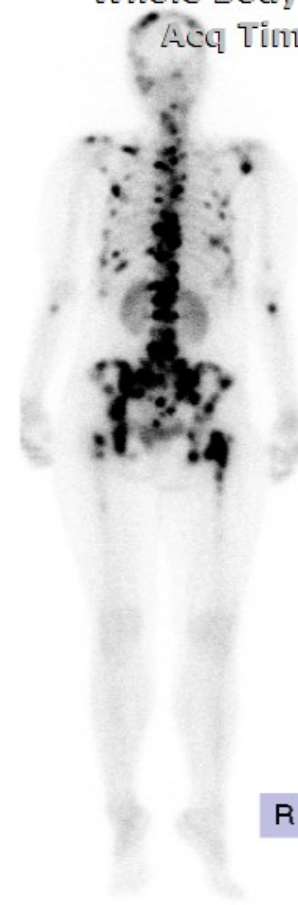


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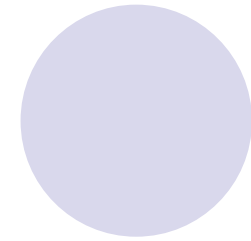
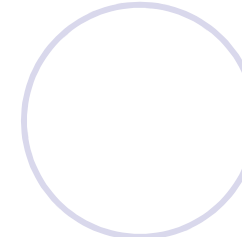
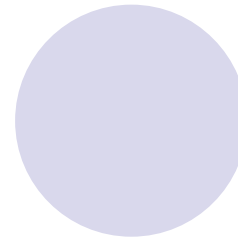
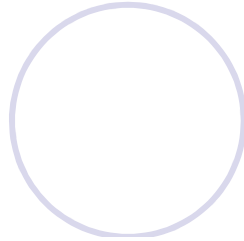
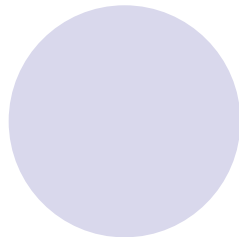
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Whole Body B  
Acq Time:



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Bony metastases  
(Red arrows)

Cold lesion  
(Black arrow)

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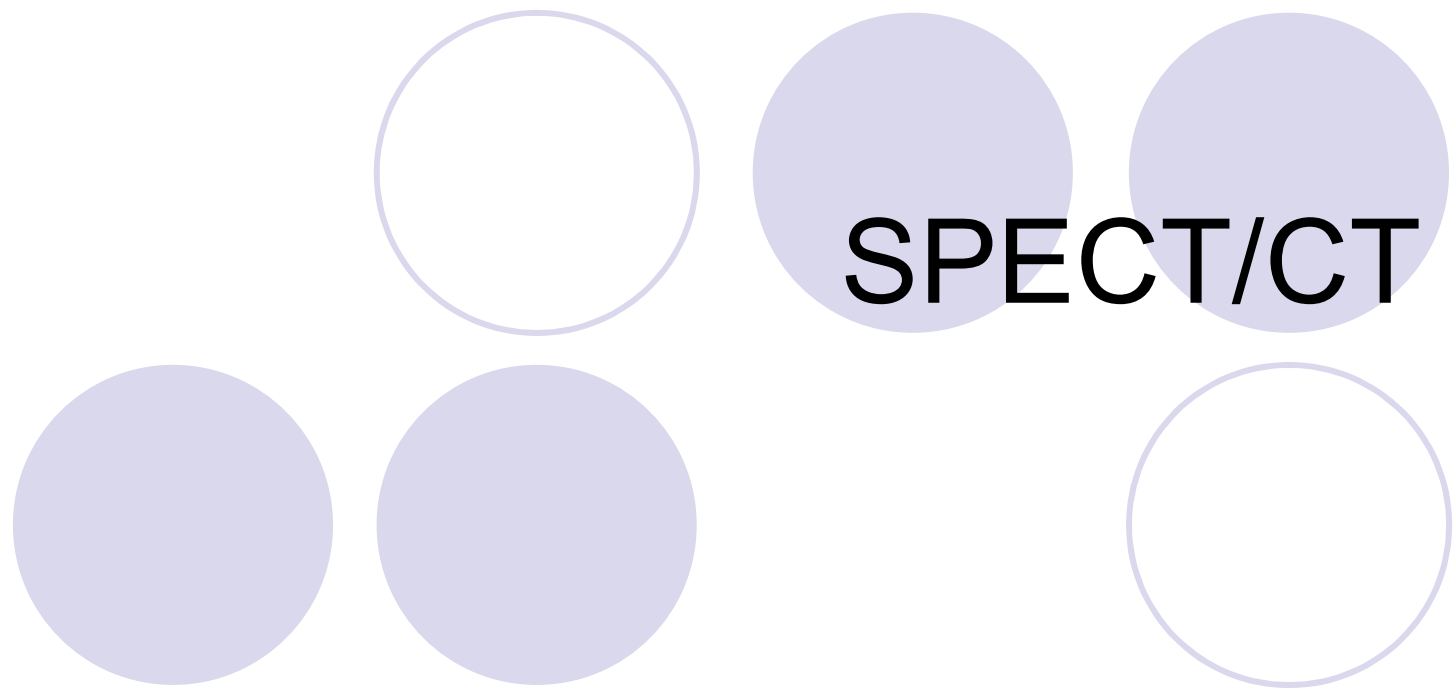


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# NPC

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- NPC
- r/o skull base invasion → arrange SPECT/CT of skull





☐ T1

***Nasopharynx***

Tumor confined to the nasopharynx, or extends to oropharynx and/or nasal cavity without parapharyngeal extension\*

☐ T2

Tumor with parapharyngeal extension\*

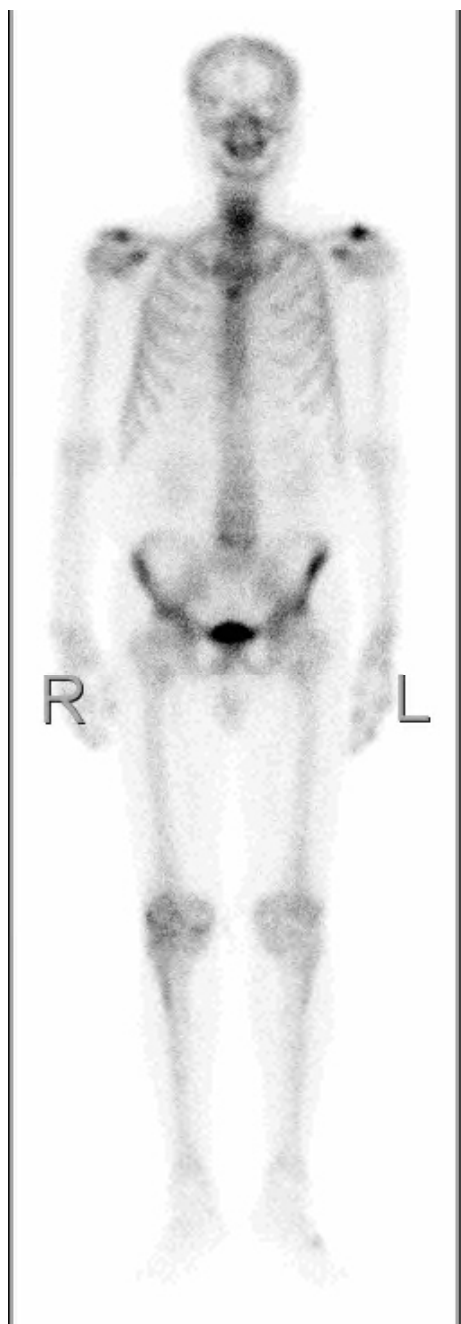
☐ T3

Tumor involves **bony structures of skull base and/or paranasal sinuses**

☐ T4

Tumor with intracranial extension and/or involvement of involvement of cranial nerves, hypopharynx, orbit, or with extension to the infratemporal fossa/masticator space

\* Parapharyngeal extension denotes posterolateral infiltration of tumor.



SPECT

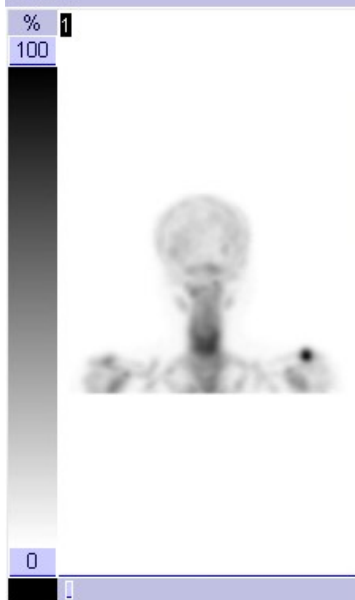
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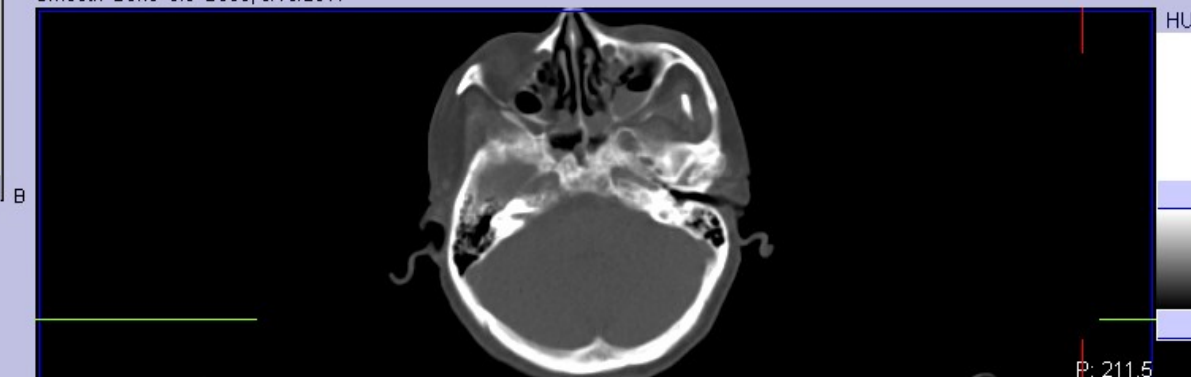
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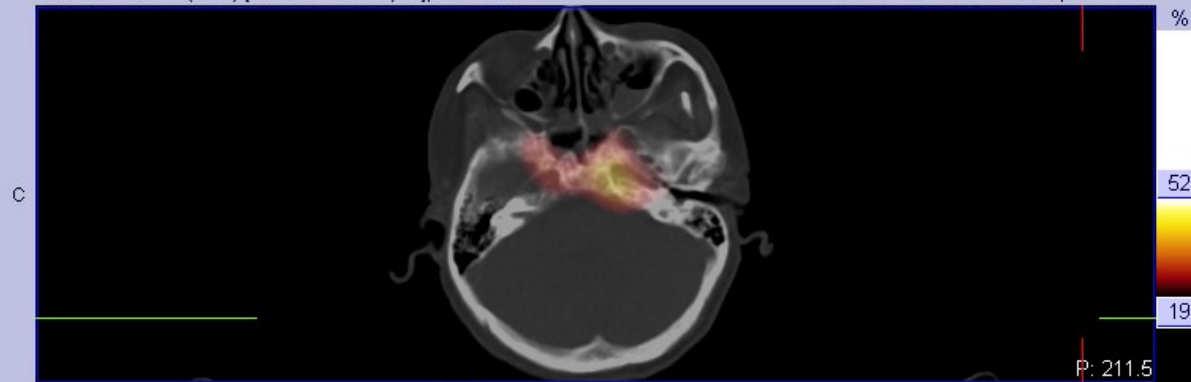


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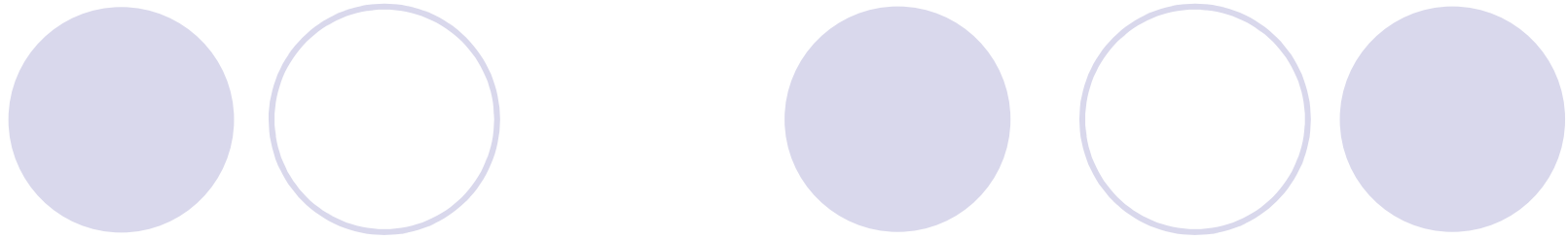
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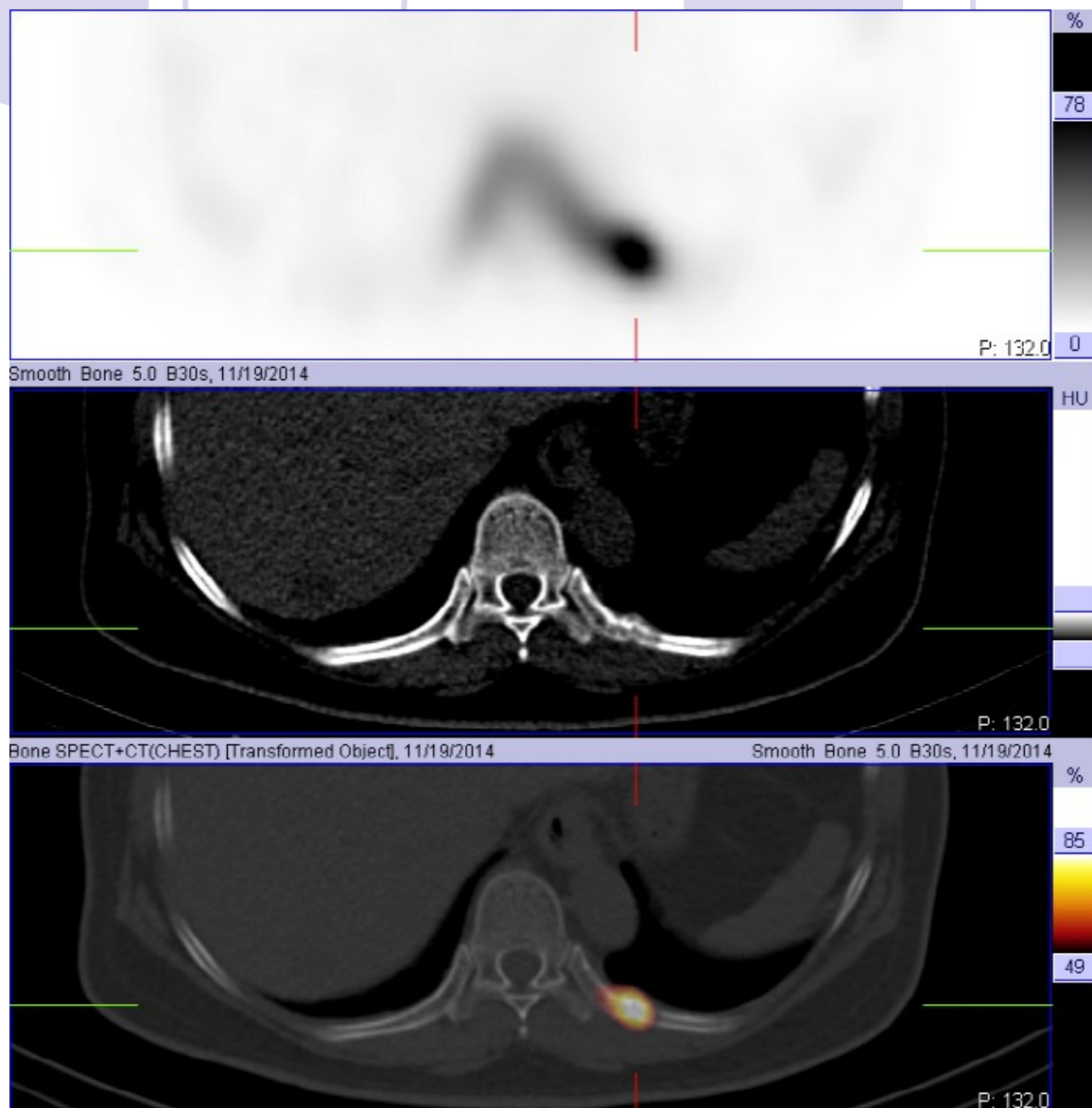
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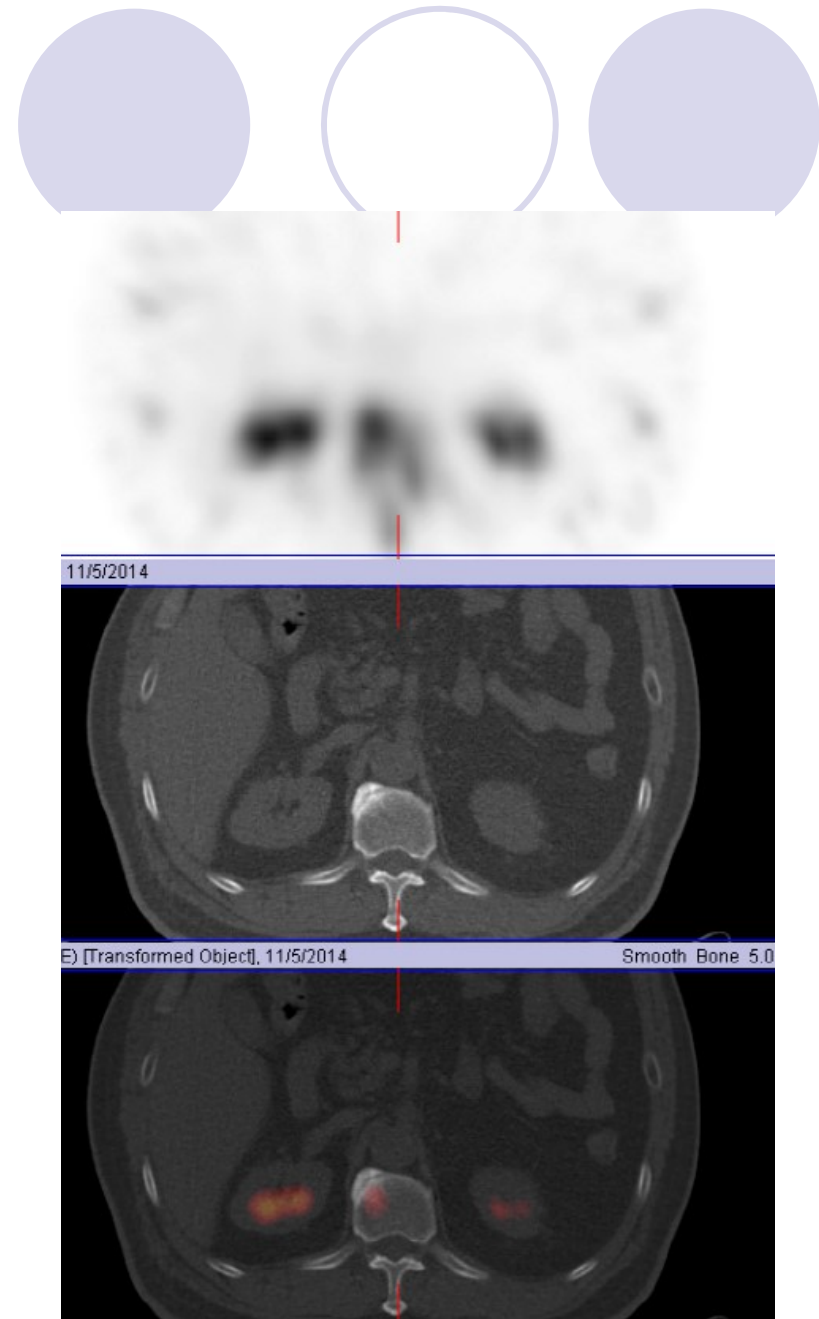
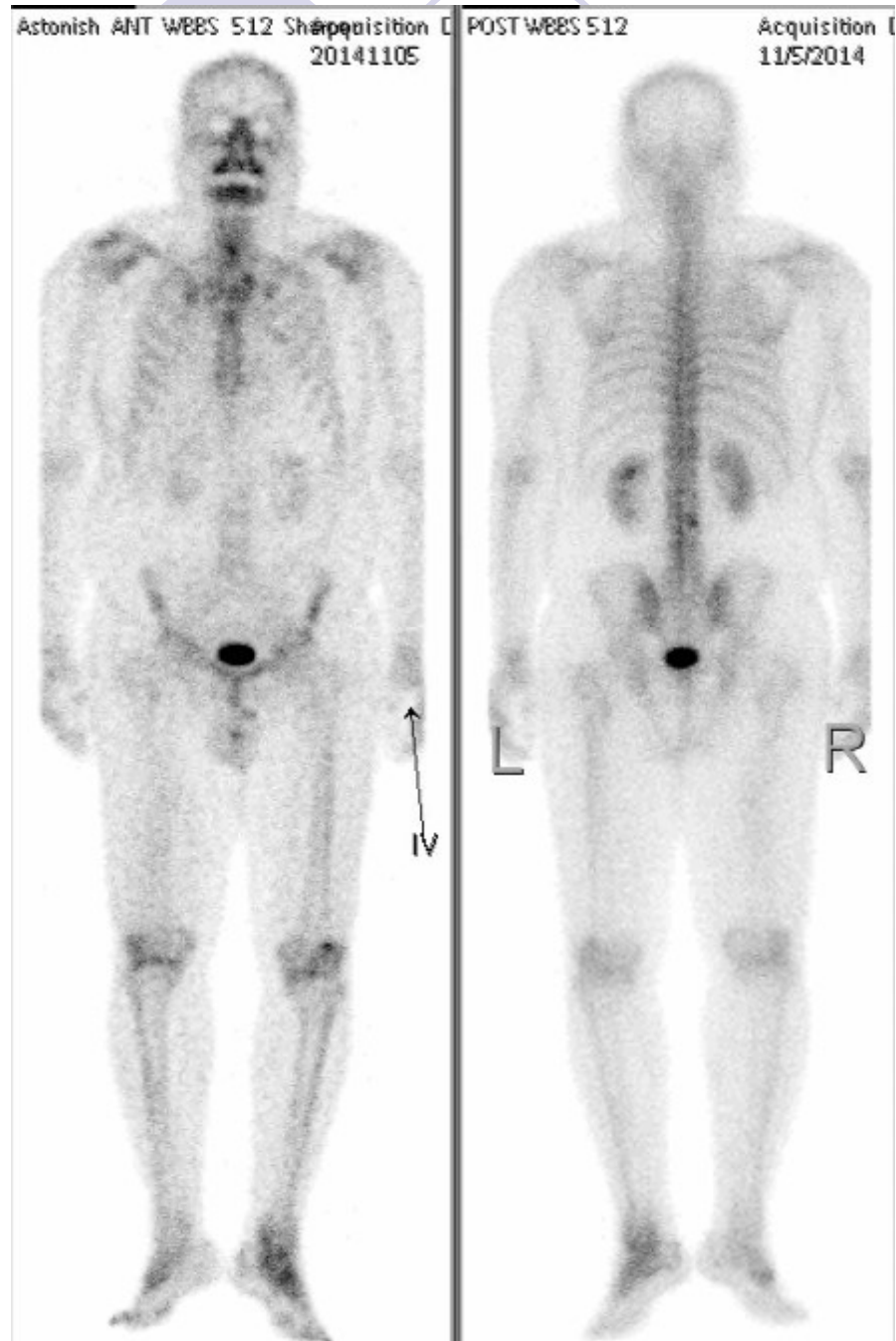


- In some patients, SPECT imaging is helpful to better characterize the presence, location and extent of disease.

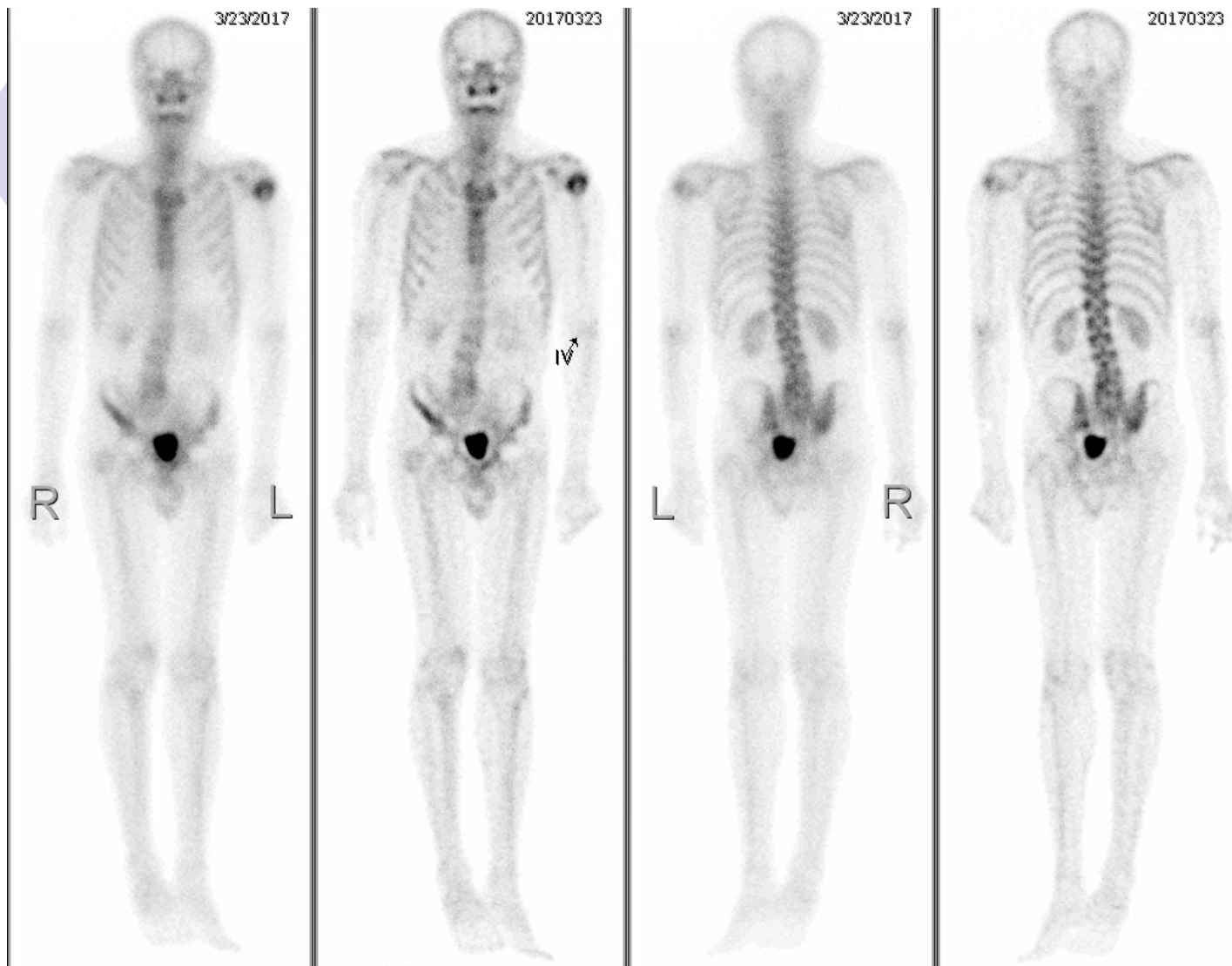
Whole Body B  
Acq Time:











61 y/o man has SqCC of tongue base, cT4aN2cM0 stage IVA, s/p CCRT (2016-06-20~2016-08-08).



SPECT

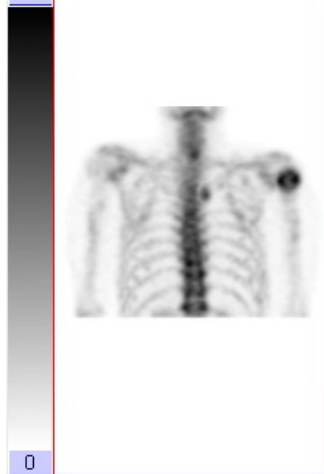
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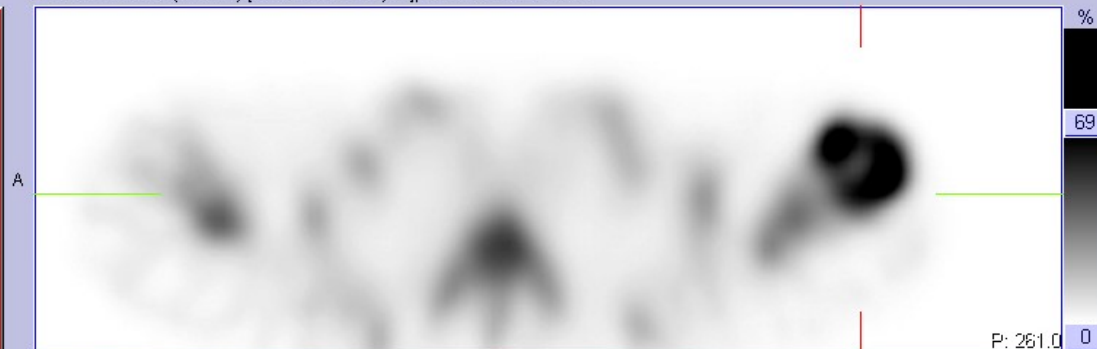
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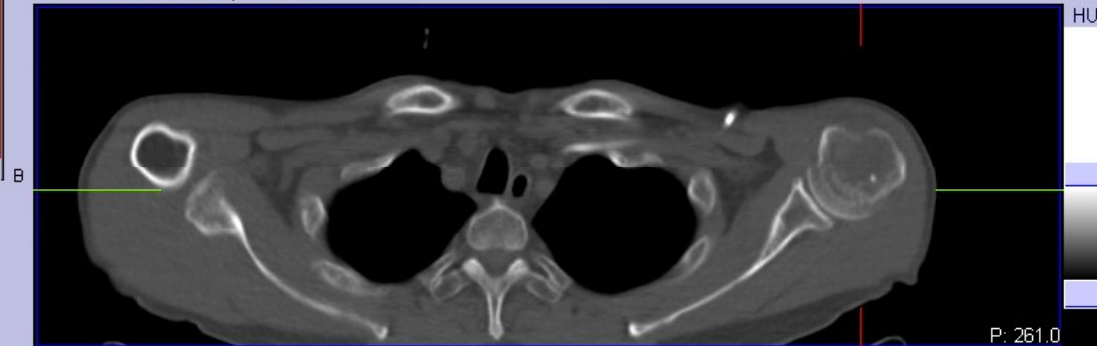
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Bone SPECT+CT(CHEST) [Transformed Object], 3/23/2017... Transverse

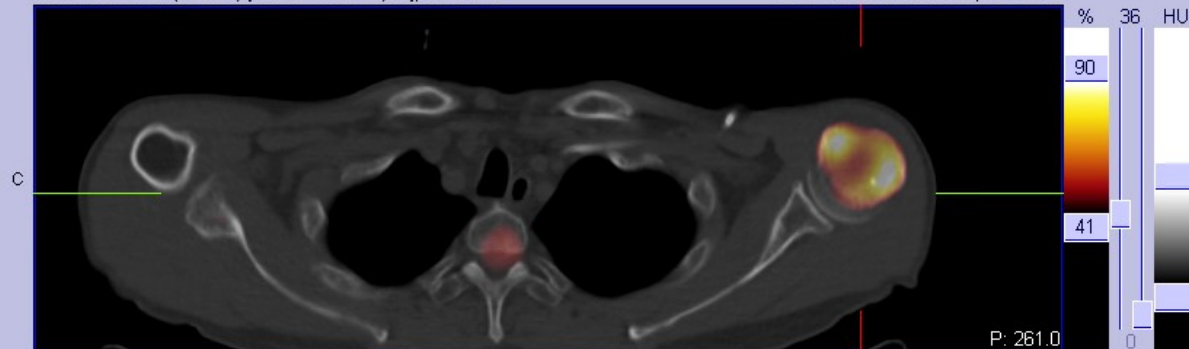


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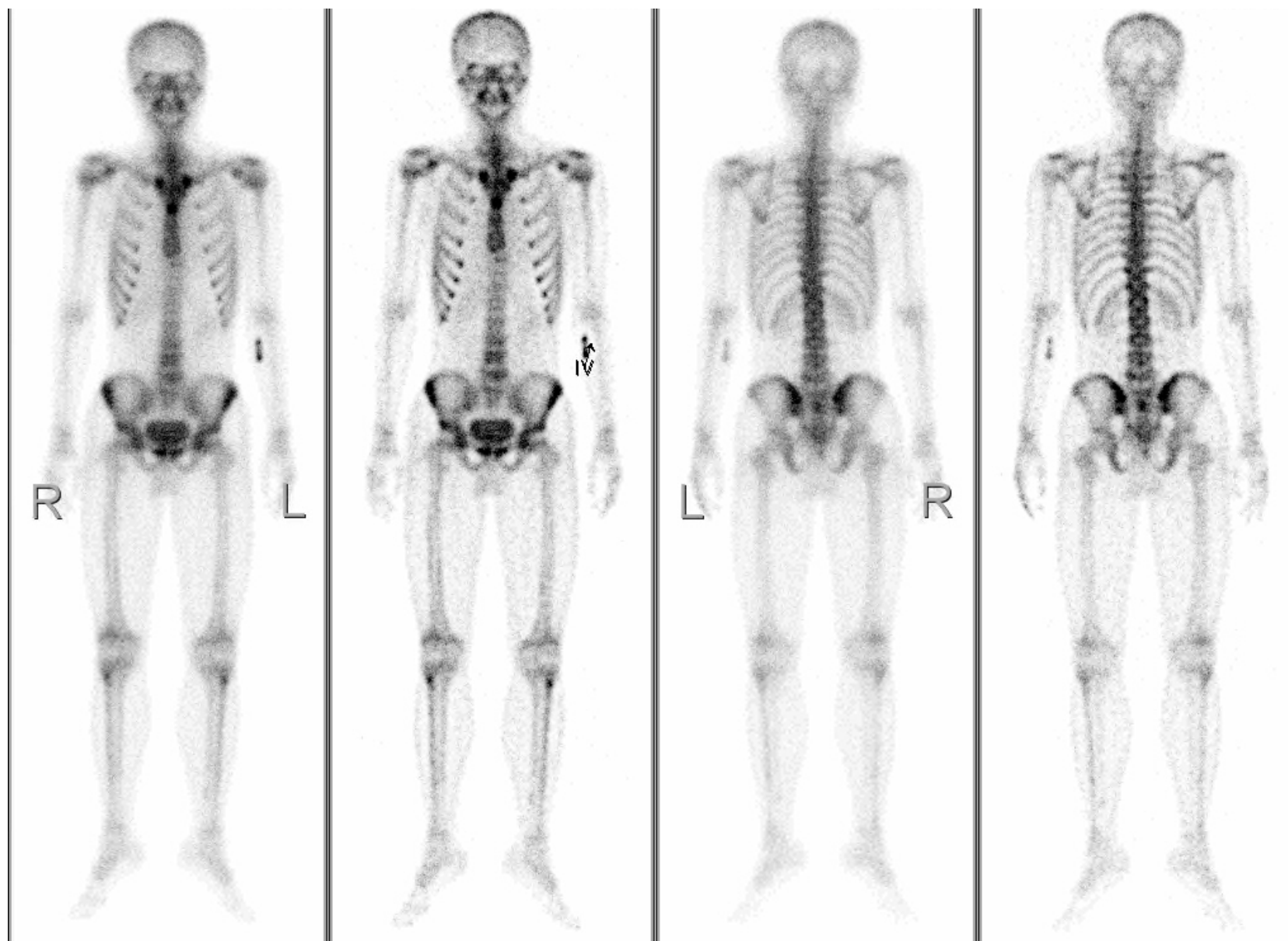
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16 y/o boy has painful sensation and tenderness over left lower leg for months after playing basketball

