

**Οστικό οίδημα στο πόρισμα της MRI: ποιες κλινικές συσχετίσεις
μπορεί να κάνει ο θεράπων ιατρός (Ρευματολόγος ή Ορθοπαιδικός);**



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Plan

Clinical approach of non neoplastic
bone marrow edema

Skip: ~~trauma-related BME~~

**MRI is superior for imaging
the bone marrow**



**Ability to clearly distinguish
fat from other tissues**

MRI: very sensitive



Can bone marrow edema be seen on STIR images of the ankle and foot after 1 week of running?

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What does BME represent?

- Edema
- Hemorrhage
- Necrosis
- Inflammation
- Better to use the term

Bone marrow “edema-like”

Bone marrow “oedema”: MRI findings

- *Low SI on T1-w*



- *High SI on FS PD/T2-w, STIR*



46 male
Pain 2w

- *Enhancement on fat suppressed T1-w*



aBMEs

Recent onset of pain, MRI +

Hip and pelvis

Knee

Ankle

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TRANSIENT BONE MARROW OEDEMA SYNDROME (TRANSIENT OSTEOPOROSIS OF THE HIP)

- TOH introduced by *Lequesne* (Ann Rheum Dis 1968)
- Middle-aged men - pregnant women (M/F:3-4/1)
- **Histology:** BME, inflammation, bone desorption and

formation, **No necrosis**

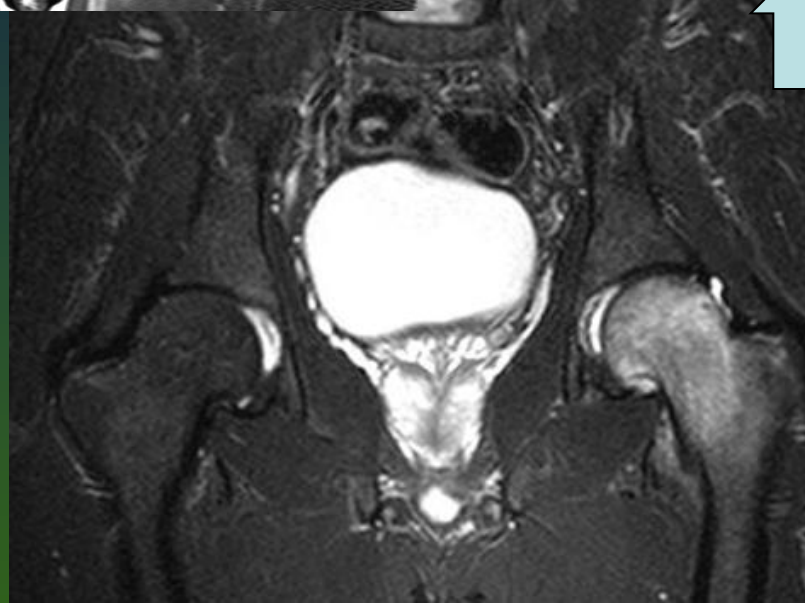
- Berger CE et al. Bone 03; Karantanas AH. Eur Radiol 07

55y male



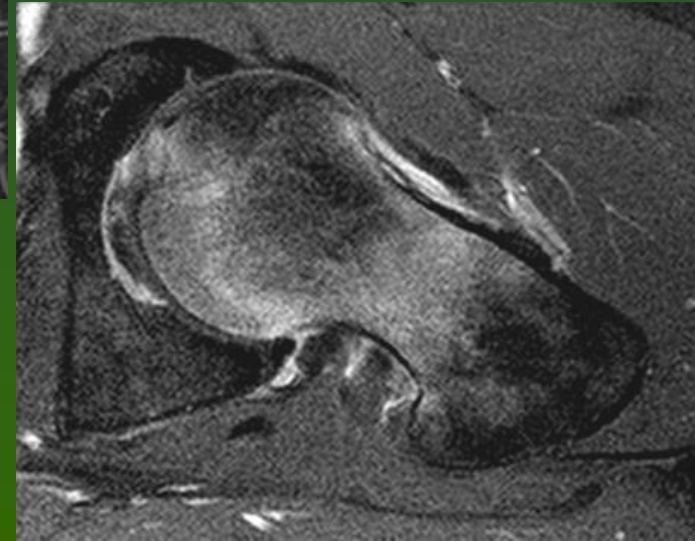
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TOH



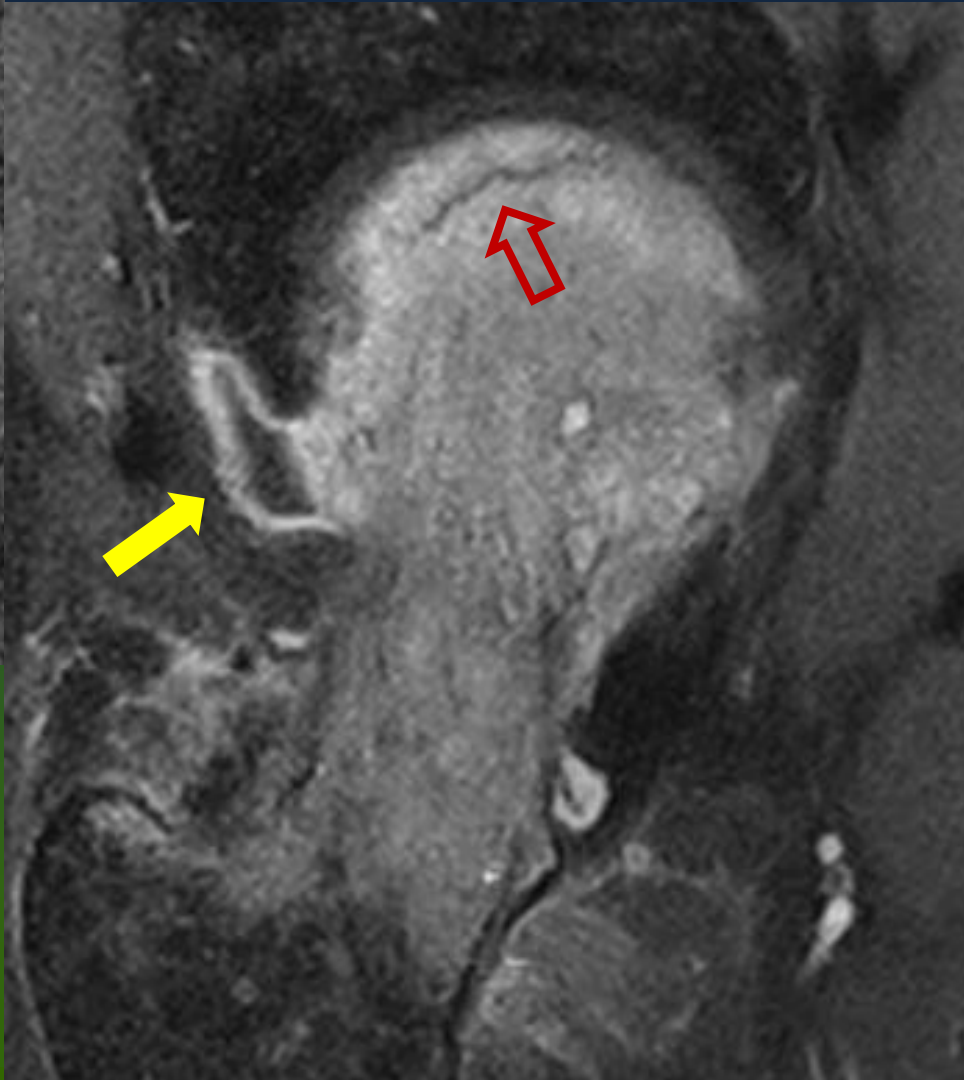
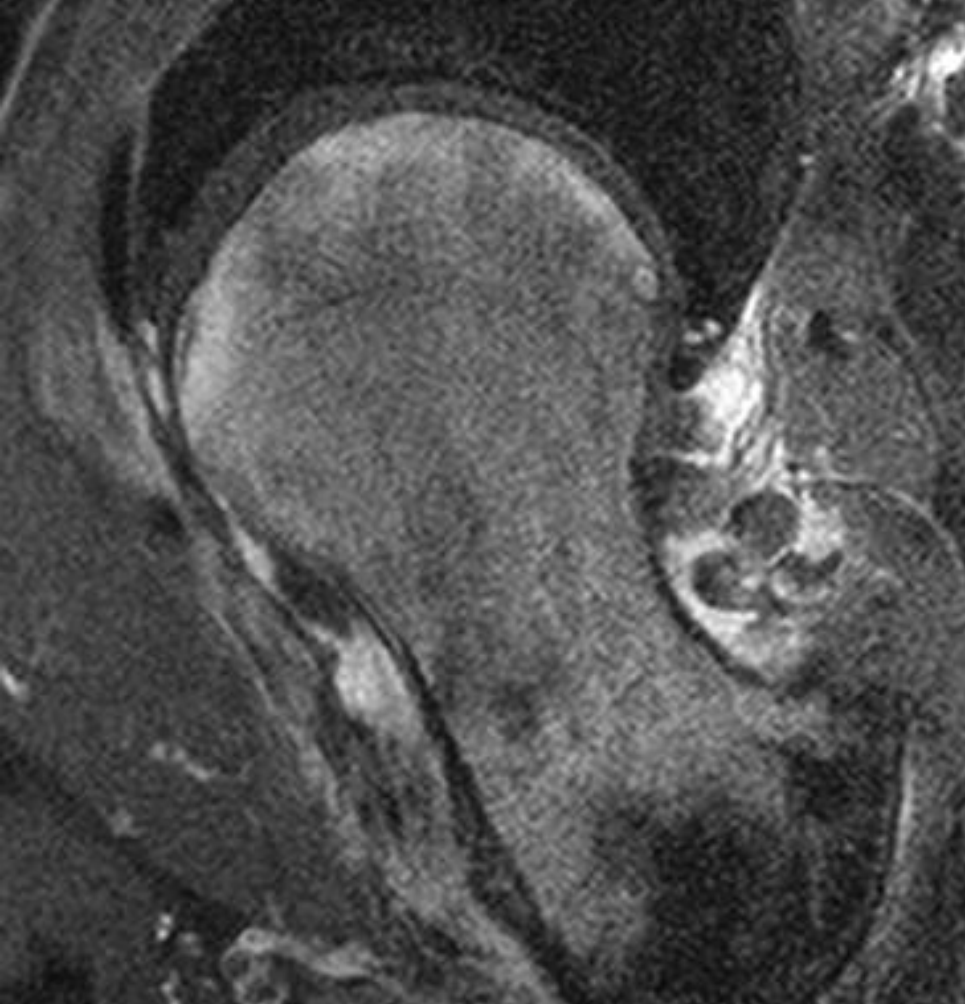
↑ STIR

↑ Gd FS T1-w



Transient osteoporosis

Fat-suppressed contrast-enhanced T1-w



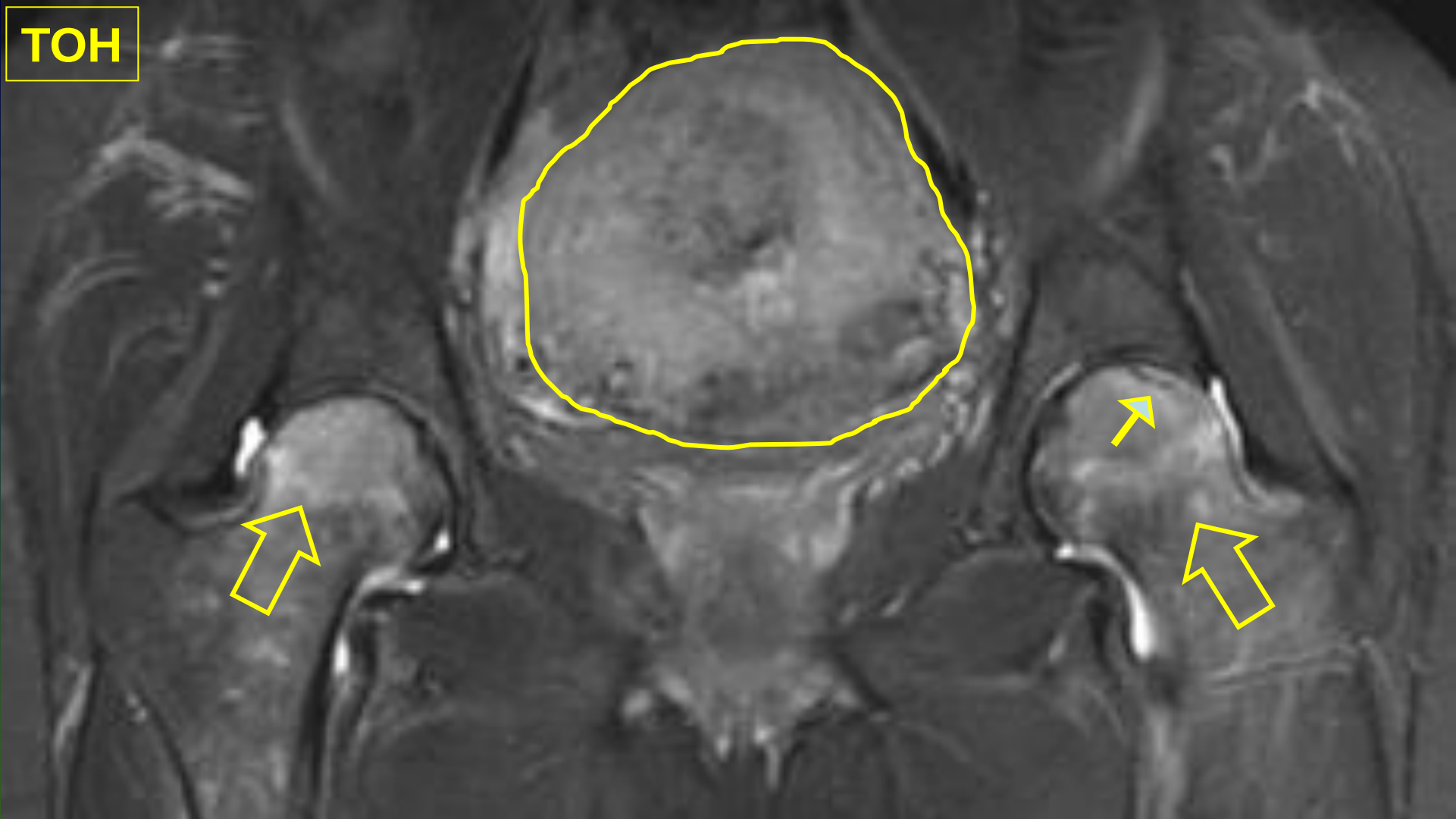
Occult epiphyseal
insufficiency fractures

50%

“Oedema like” area enhances

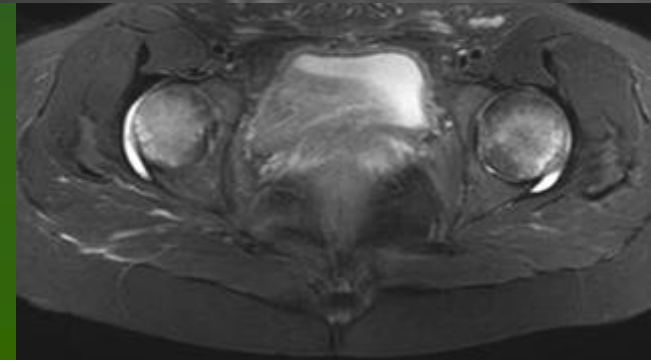
Synovitis and joint fluid: constant findings

TOH



STIR

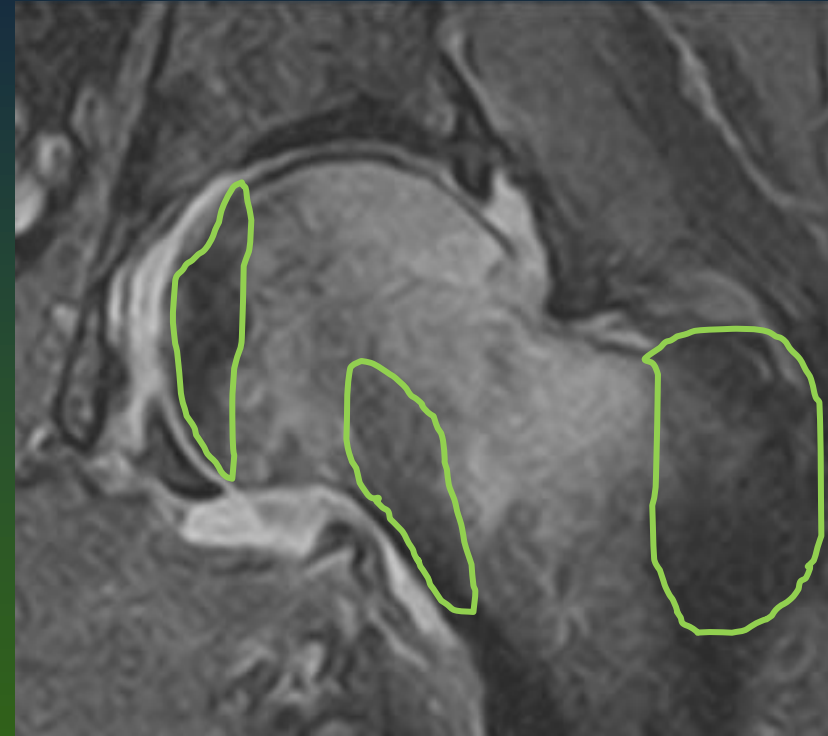
Pain bilateral 3d trimester, few days postpartum, 32 y/o



Transient osteoporosis



- “**sparing**” sign 90%
- disappears with disease progression
- 20% migratory pattern



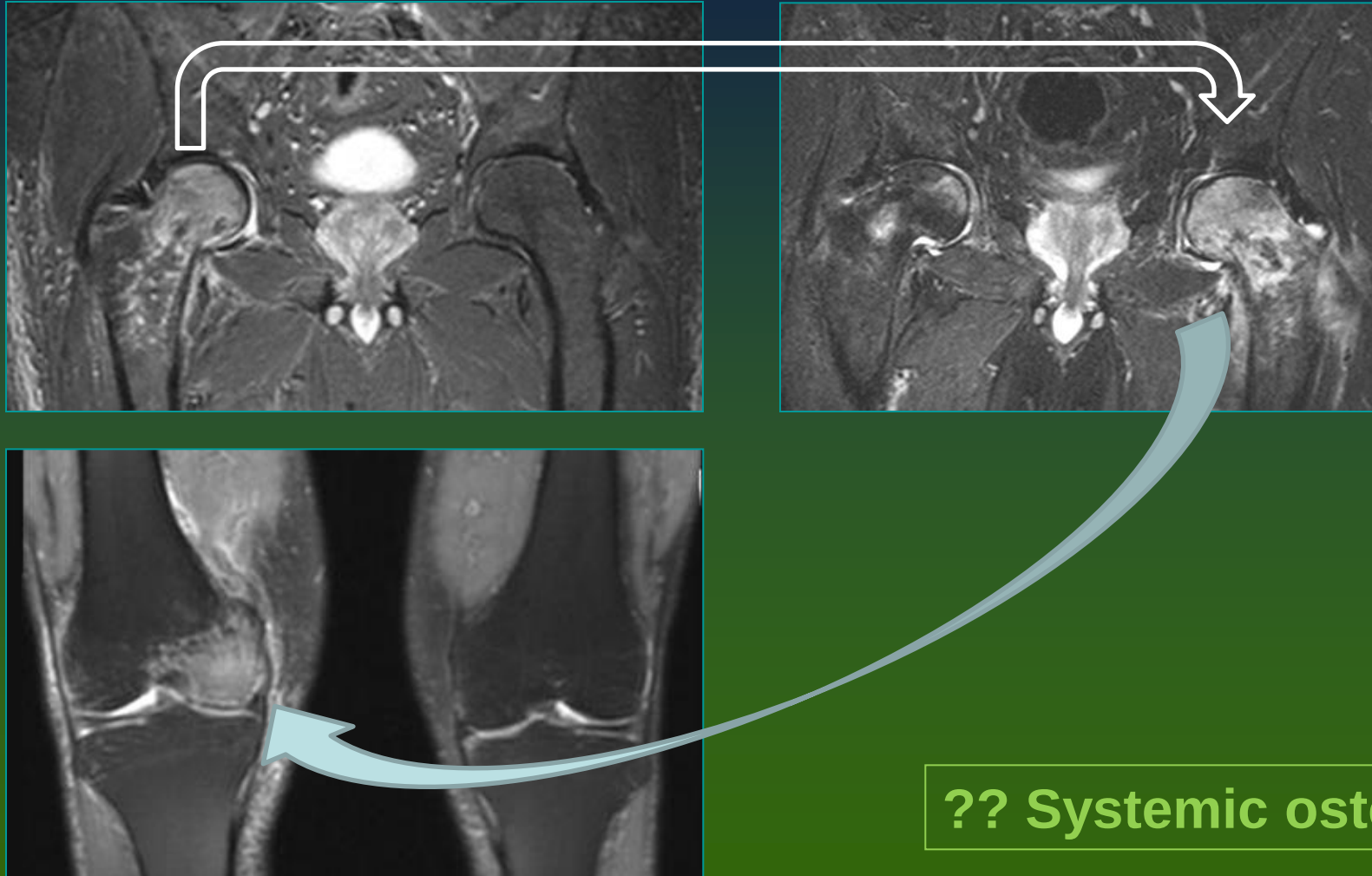
European Journal of Radiology 84 (2015) 431–436

MR imaging of transient osteoporosis of the hip: An update on 155 hip joints

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Regional migratory osteoporosis

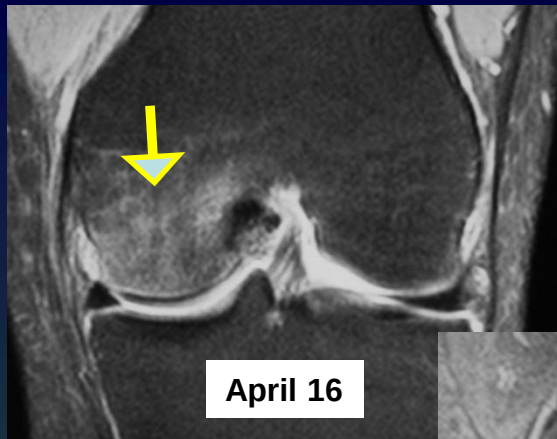
20% of TOH cases



?? Systemic osteopenia

Regional Migratory Osteoporosis

- First described by *Duncan* in 1969
- Arthralgia migrating in other joints or the same joint
- Weight bearing joints lower appendicular skeleton
- Clinical findings, x rays, MRI: similar to TOH
- All cases transient

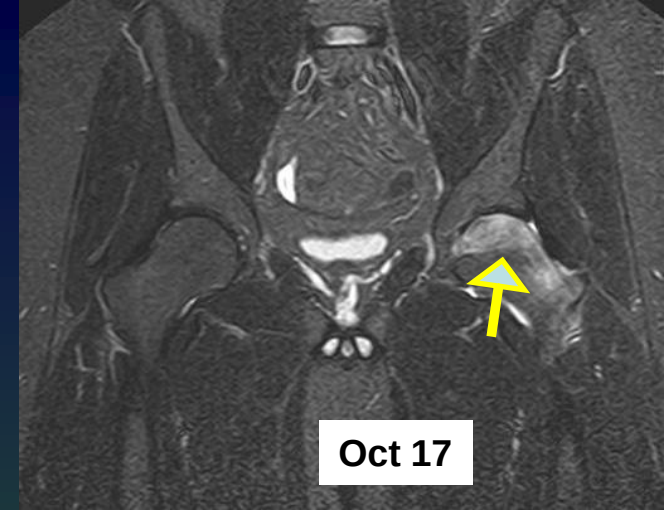


April 16

35 male



June 16



Oct 17



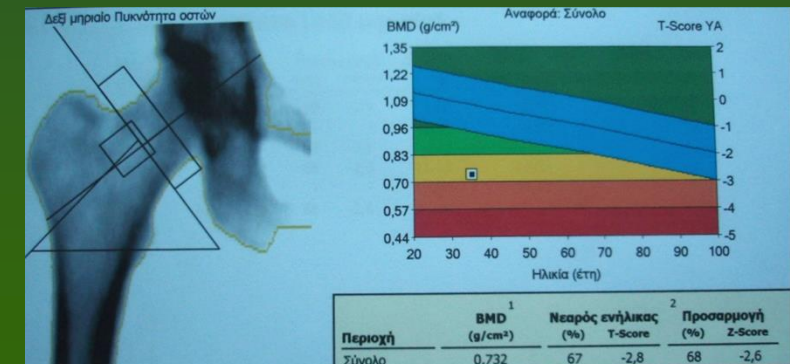
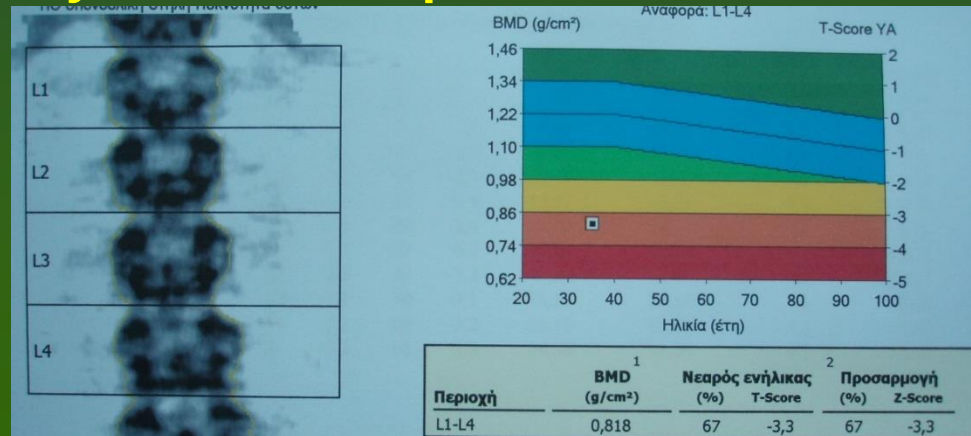
Aug 17

21/22 males*

* Karantanas AH, et al.

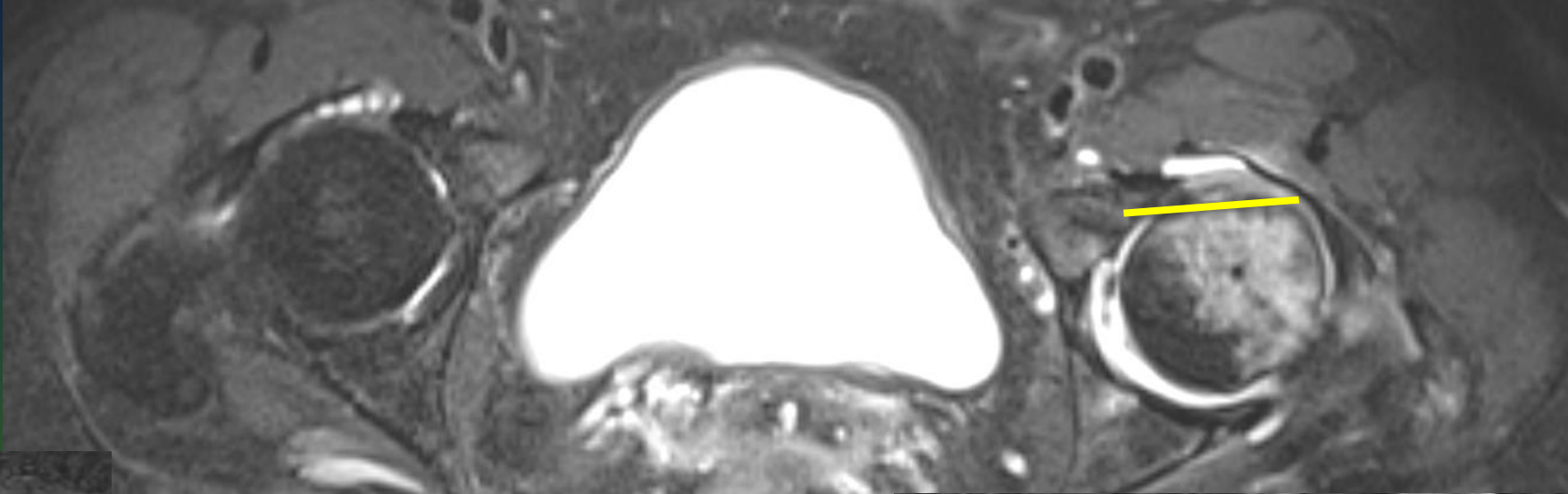
Eur J Radiol 08

Systemic osteoporosis

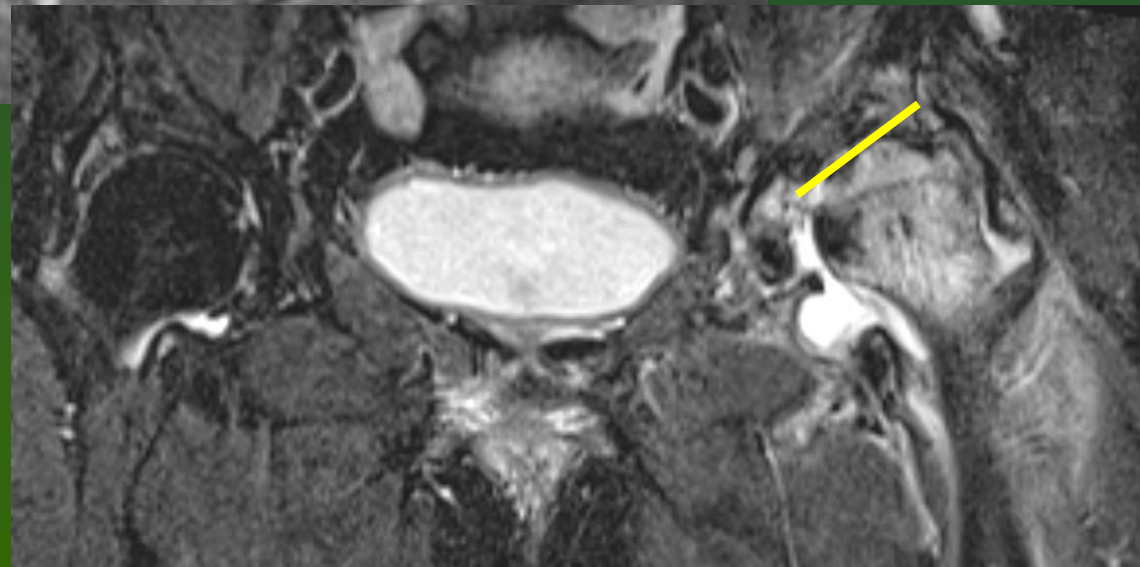


Apparent Insufficiency fracture

elderly, osteoporosis



80f





THE

TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

What to do??

- **Rest & Weight-Bearing Restrictions**

Limiting or eliminating weight-bearing activities, often using crutches

- **Pain killers**

- **DEXA lumbar spine**



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Spontaneous osteonecrosis of the knee

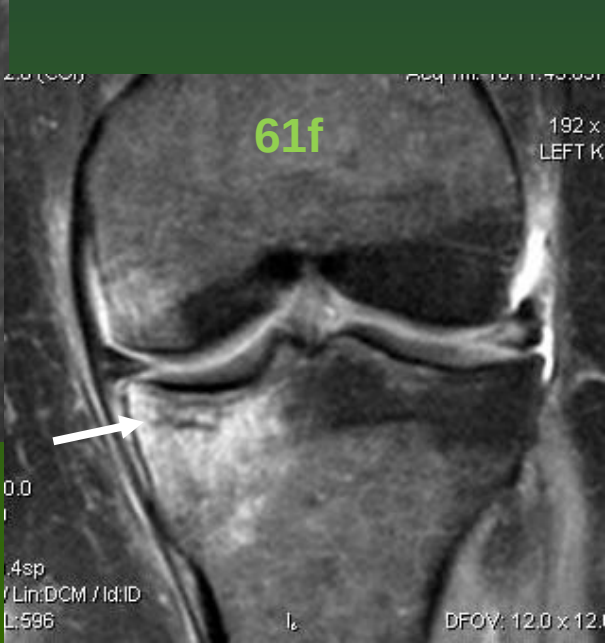
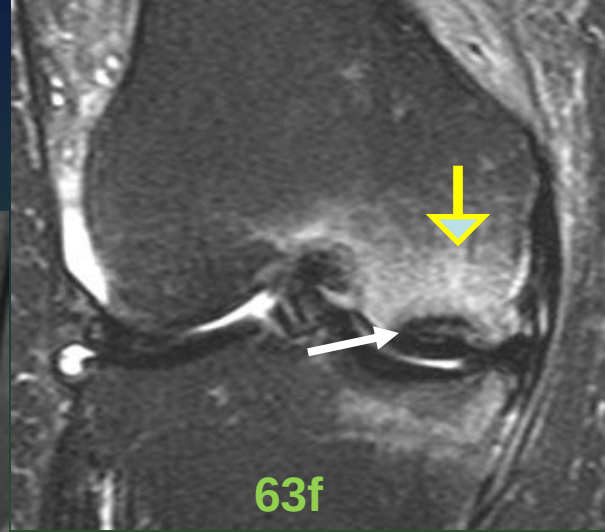
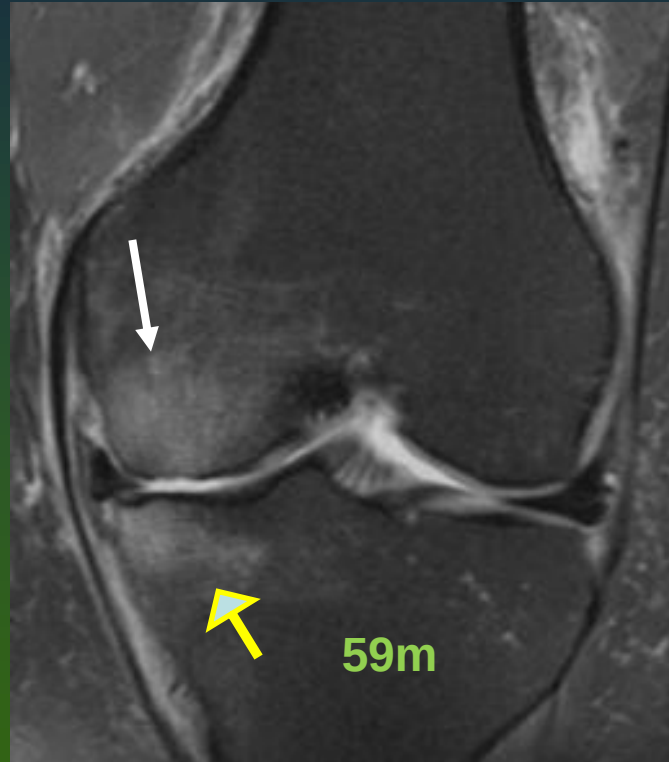
- Ahlback's disease *Ahlback S, Arthritis Rheum 1968*
- Acute onset of pain
- Medial femoral condyle, lfc-tibia, 6th-7th decades, women
- Meniscal degeneration, OA, low BMD
- Subchondral insufficiency fx *Yamamoto, Skeletal Radiology 00*
- 9.4% among pts >65y presenting with sudden onset of knee pain

Pape D, et. al. Knee Surg Sport Traum Arthr 2002

- pts with knee pain and KL 1,2 knee x rays, SONK 10% - OA 8.5%

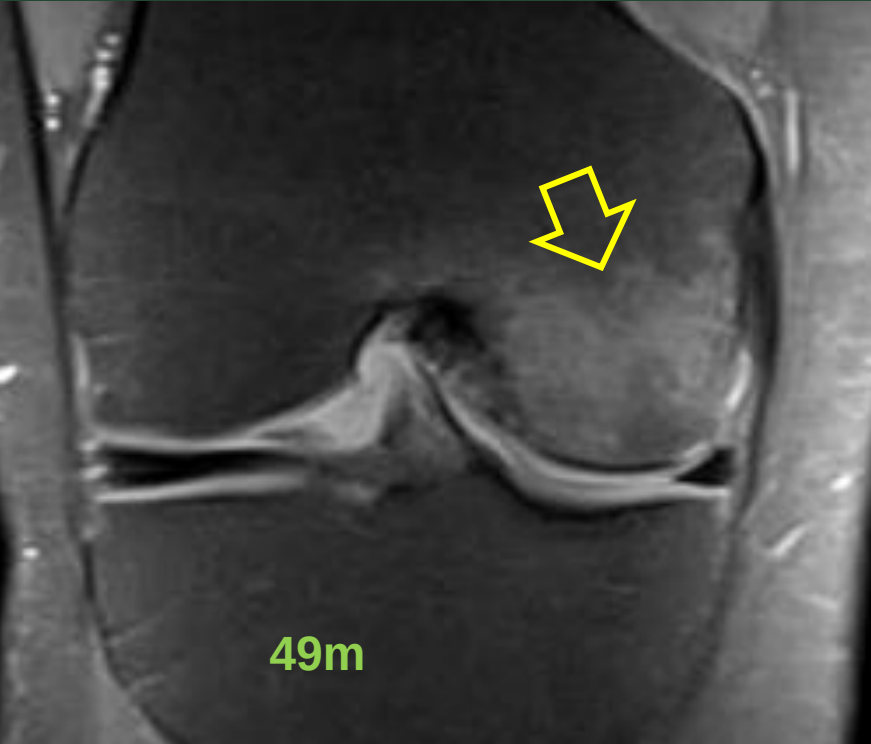
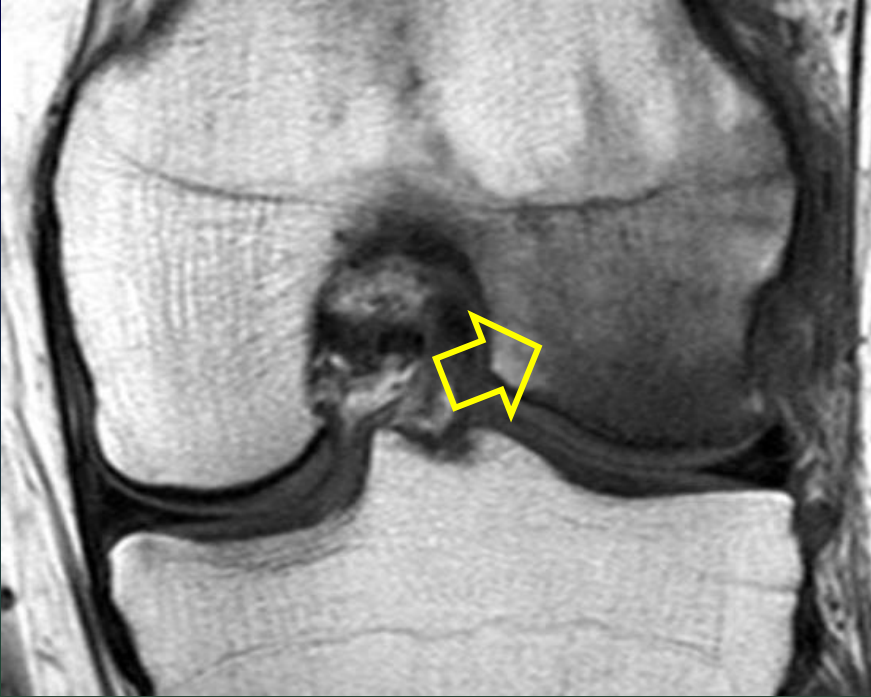
Karachalios T, Karantanas A, et al. Eur J Radiol 2004

Insufficiency fx

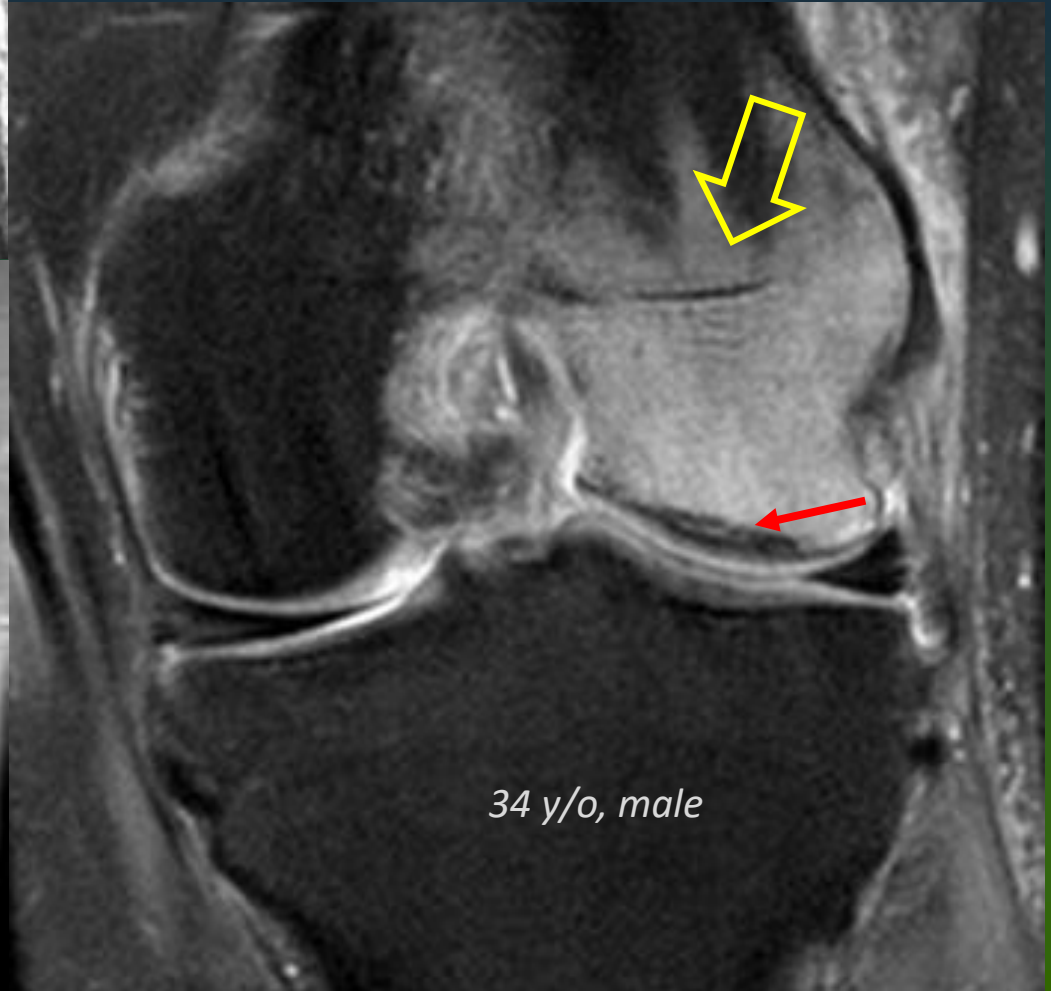


Insufficiency fx

Malabsorption



49m



34 y/o, male



27 Aug 2018



2 Dec 2018

45m, 1m pain

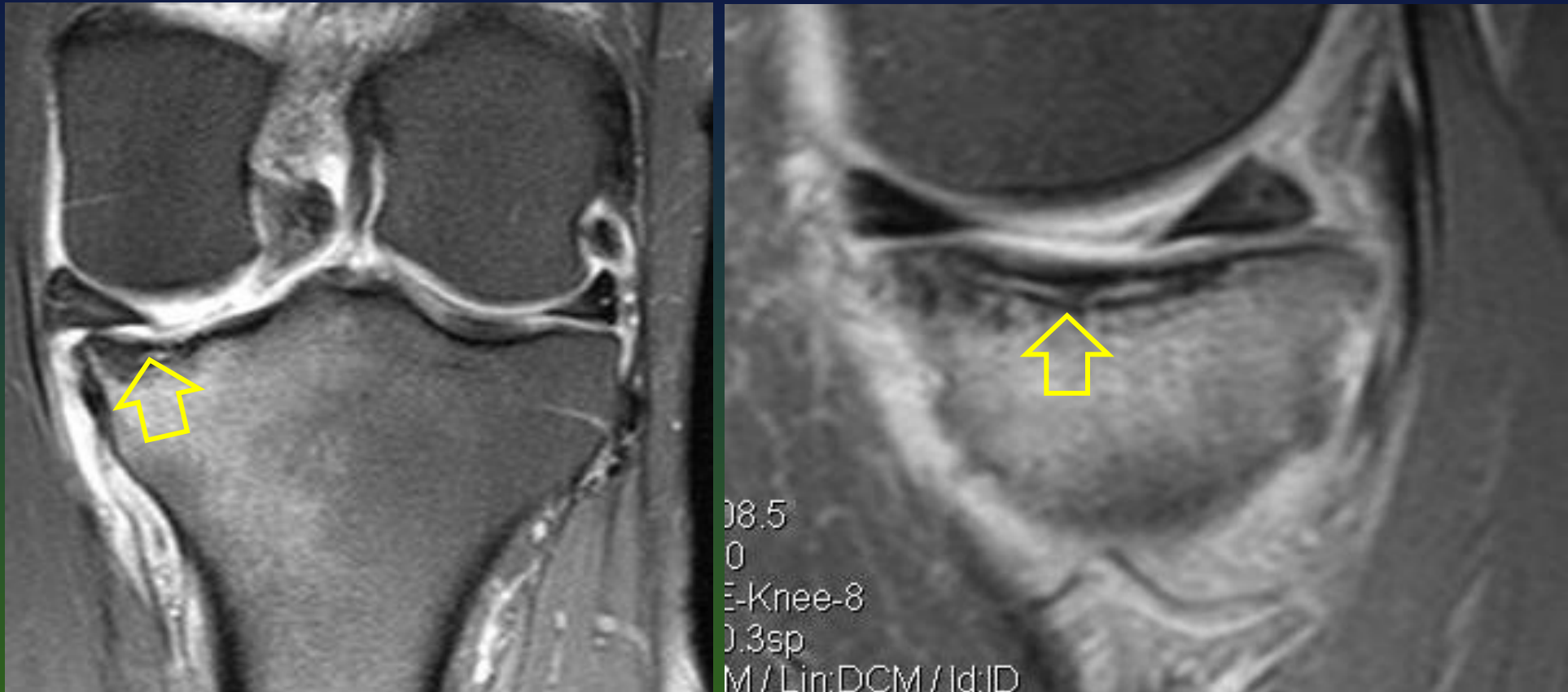
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SONK is a misleading terminology!!!

Acute nontraumatic adult knee pain: the role of MRI
Fotiadou A, Karantanas A.
Radiol Med. 2009

Insuff. Fx: prognosis

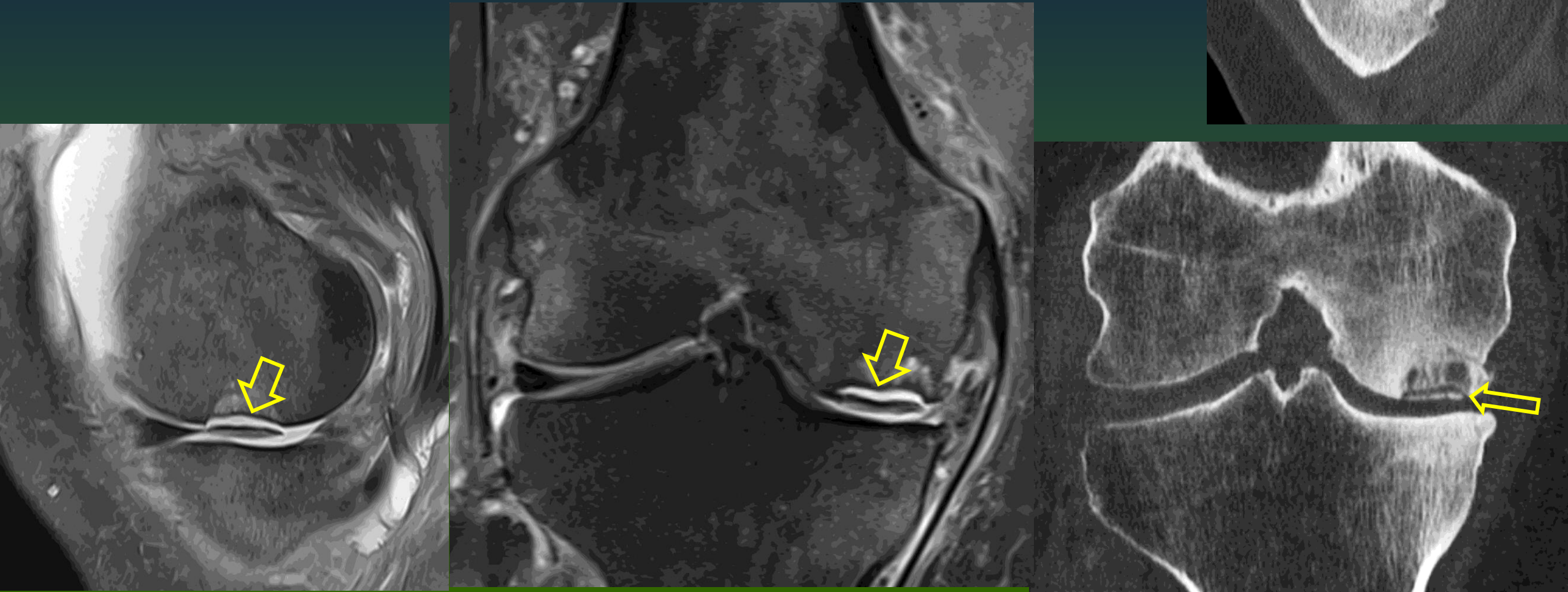


“the age and sex of the patient, the duration of symptoms before imaging and the BMD appear to correlate with the final outcome”

Delayed diagnosis

60f, 7m pain

Osteoporosis





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Avascular necrosis

Young adults

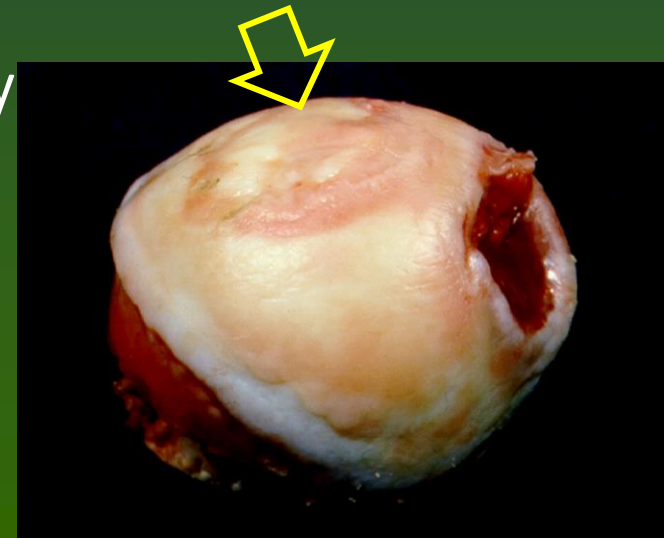
Deterioration despite treatment

Femoral head common location



Subchondral fractures, progressive arthropathy

following collapse of the articular surface



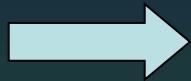
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Osteonecrosis of the femoral head: Etiology, imaging and treatment

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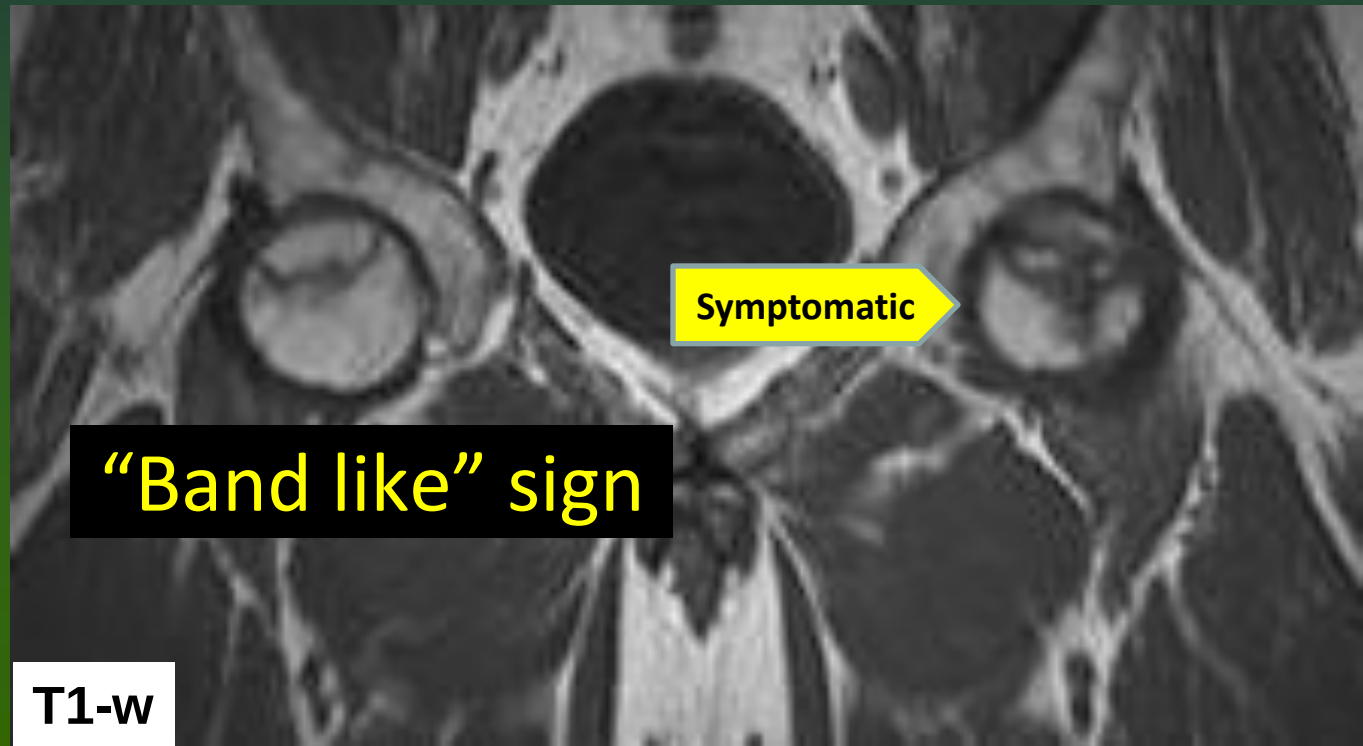
Pain and AVN

Marrow oedema



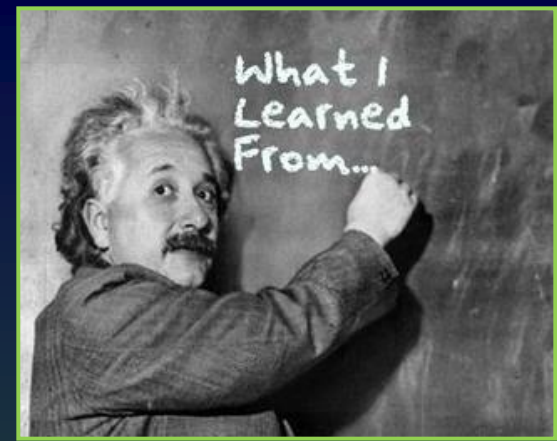
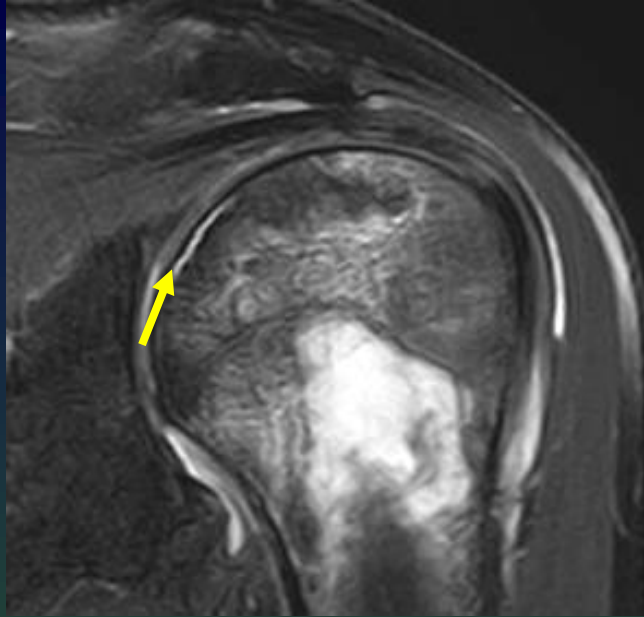
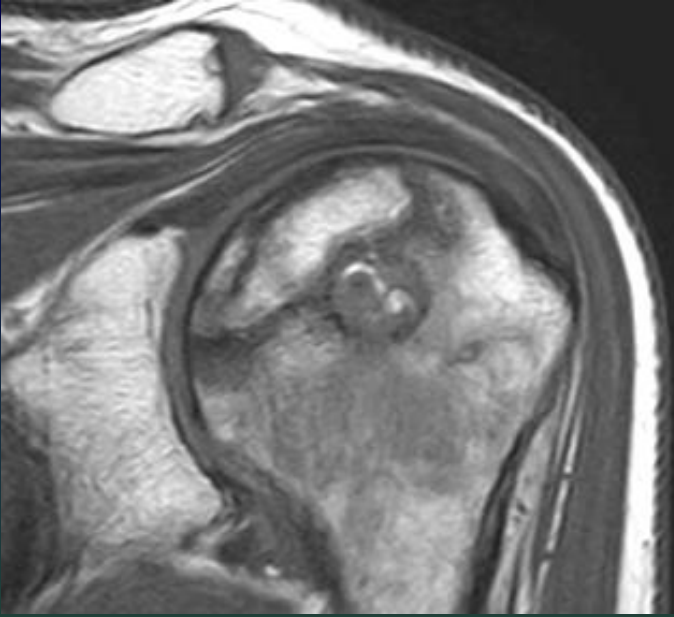
Never before “bands”, result of collapse

Joint effusion



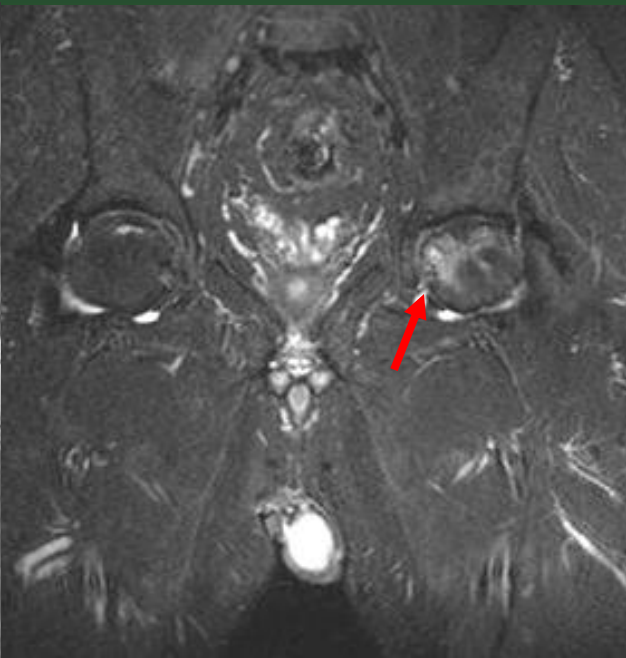


50 y/o, f, bilateral AVN, pain right side



AVN

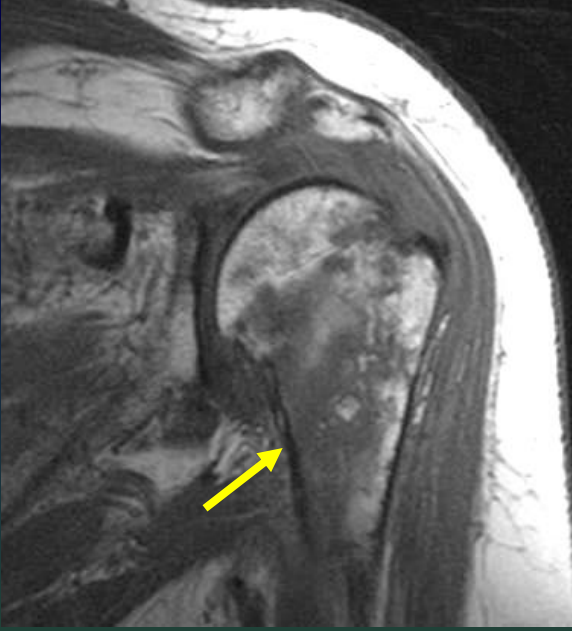
BME = advanced disease



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Infection - Inflammation

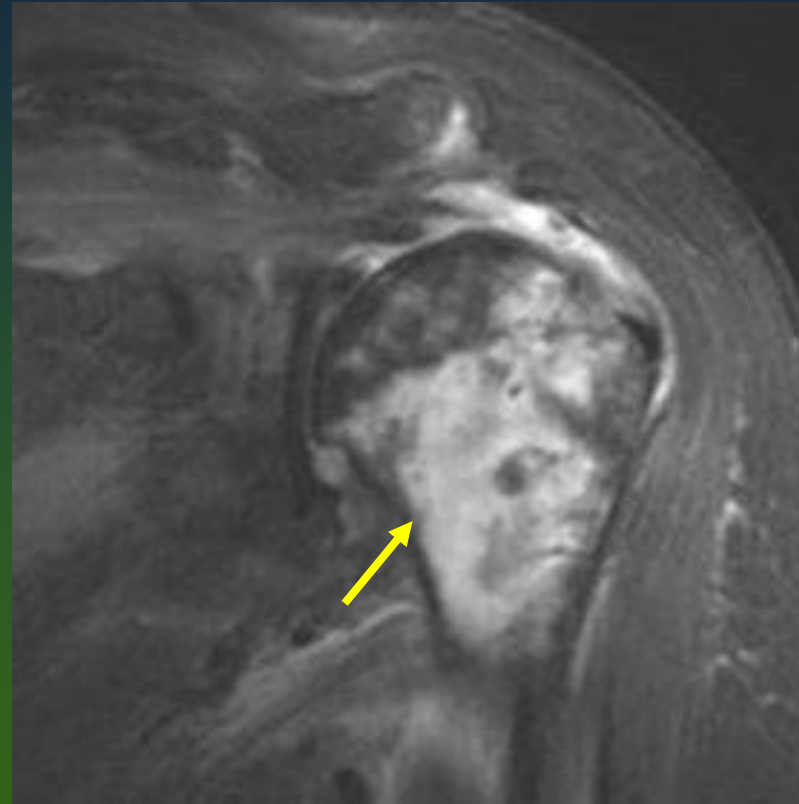
- Osteomyelitis
- Septic arthritis
- Septic arthritis and osteomyelitis
- BME secondary to inflammatory arthropathy



T1

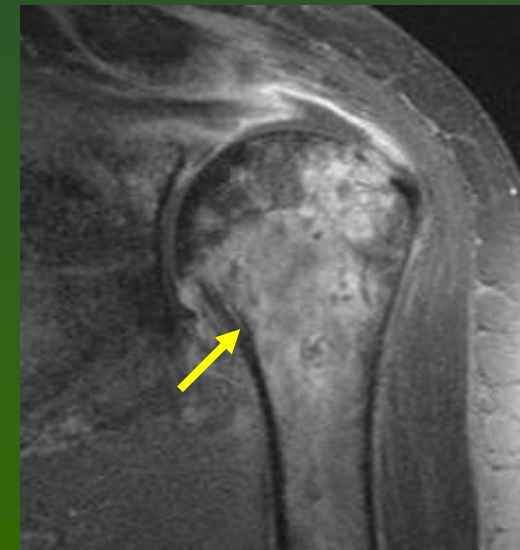
*Recent injection
In 4d, pyretic, WBC*

iatrogenic infection

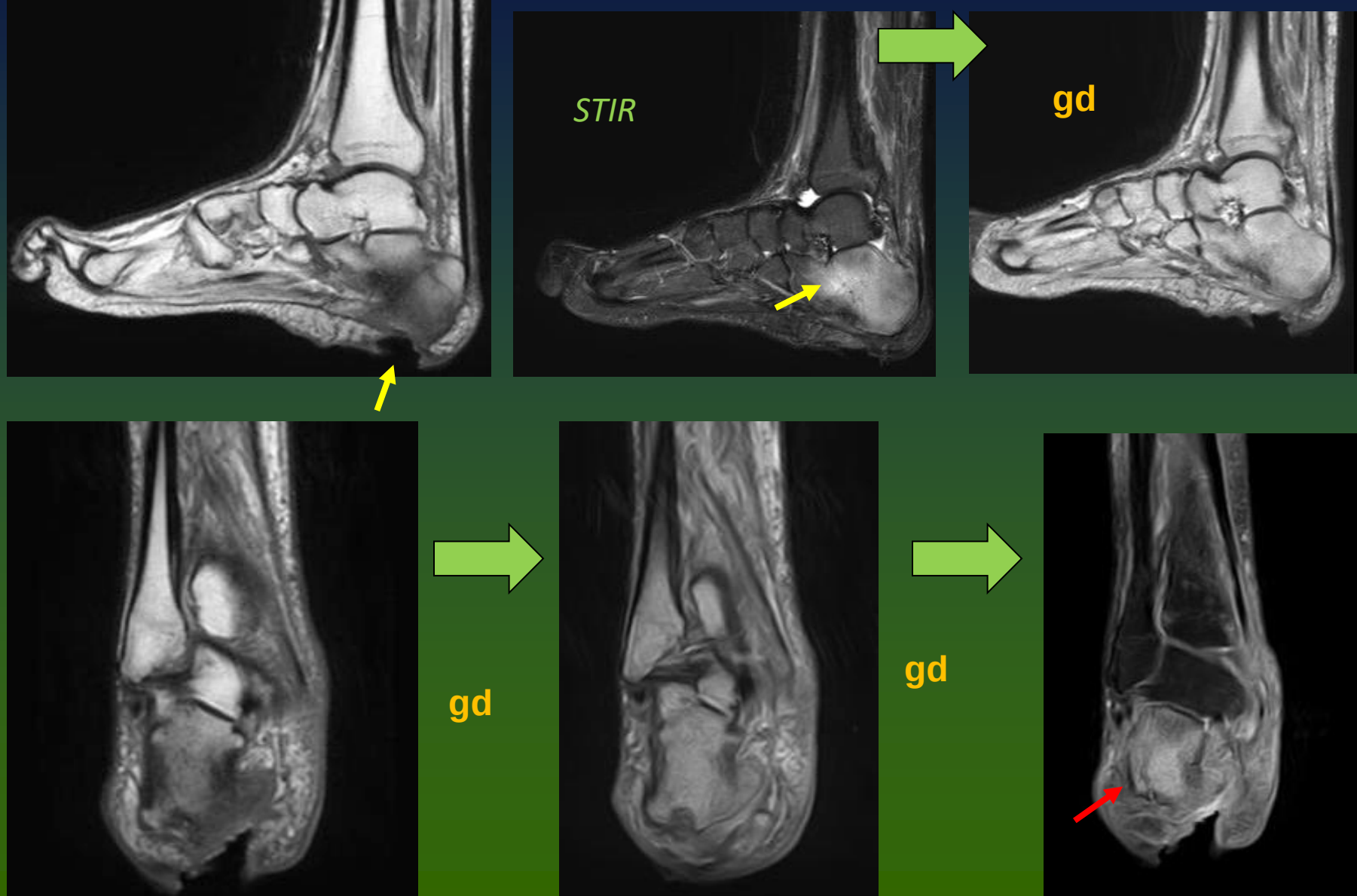


FS PD

FS Gd T1

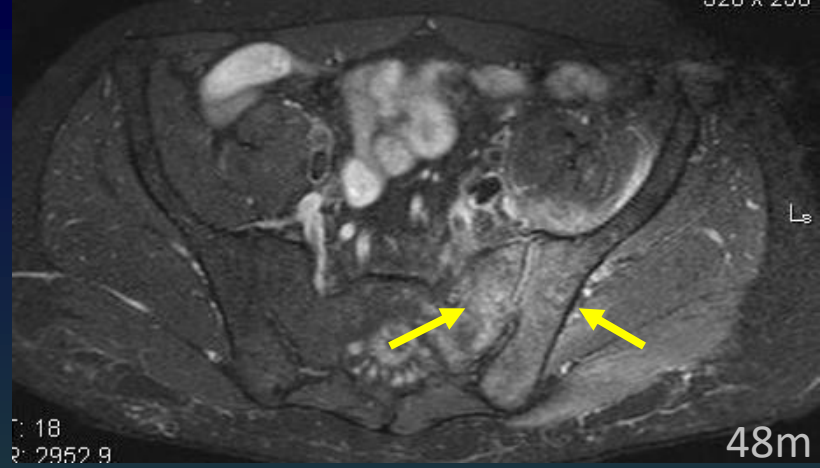


19m, osteomyelitis os calcis





STIR



Staph

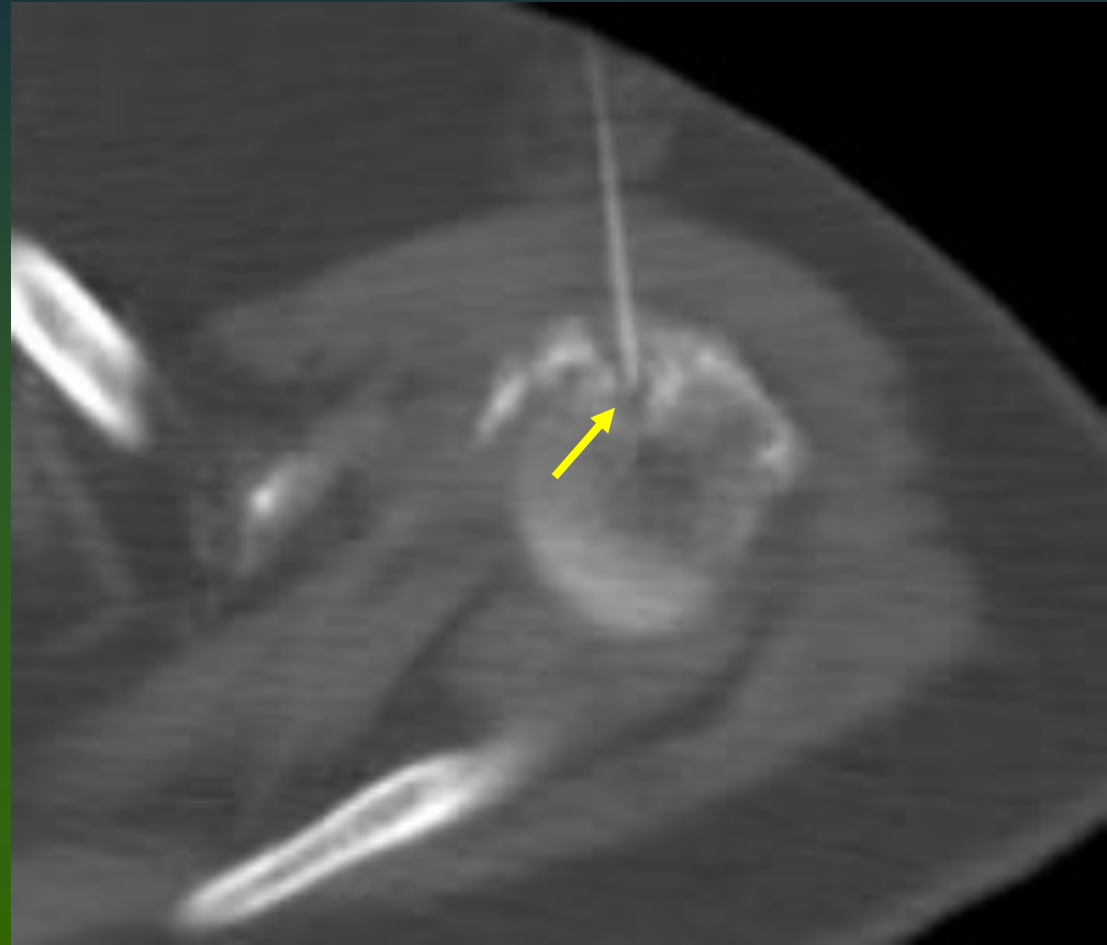
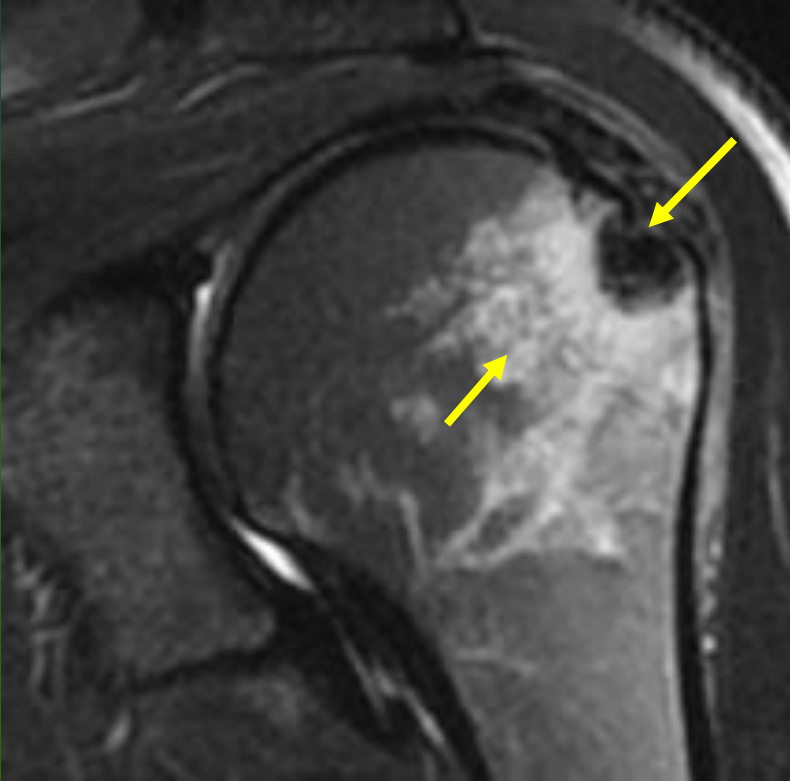
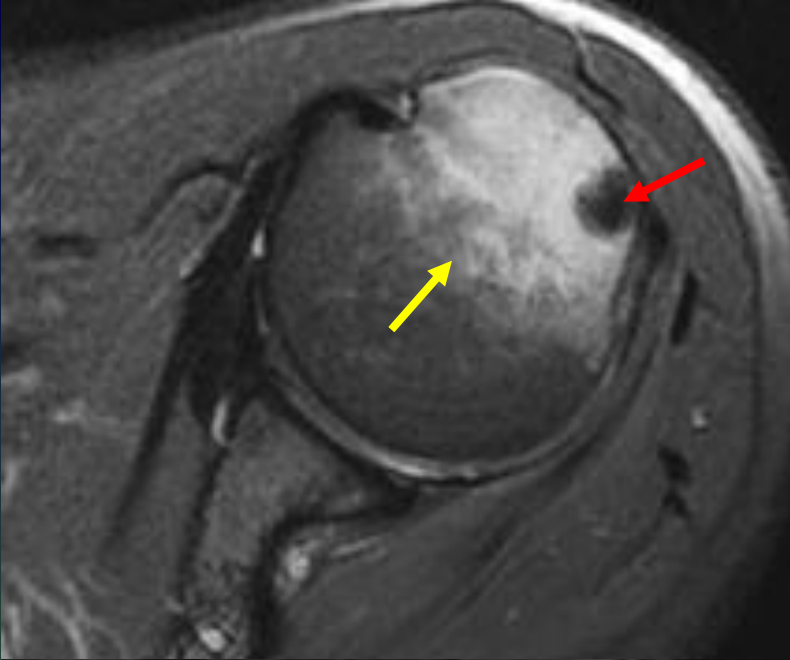
Gd fs T1

Brucellosis



HADD

intraosseous calcific tendinopathy



FS T2-w TSE

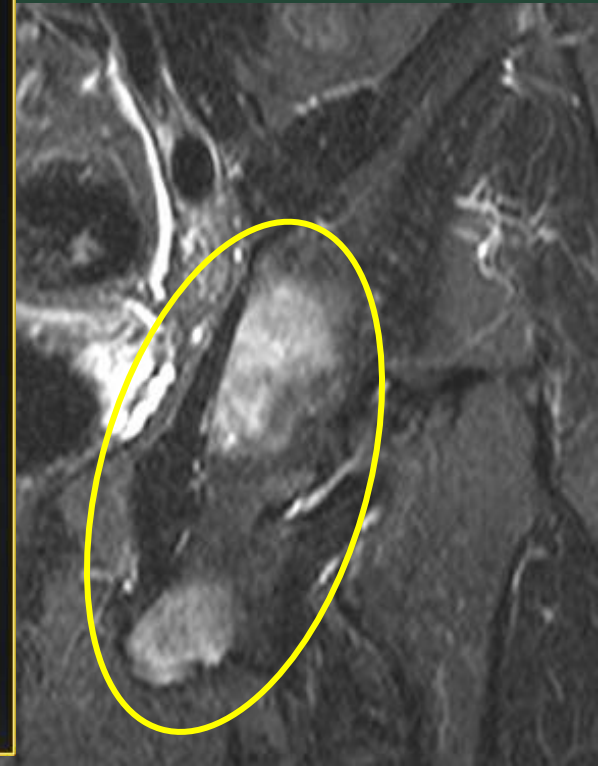


Groin and hip pain few w
28 m
Hx of LBP 10y prior to imaging



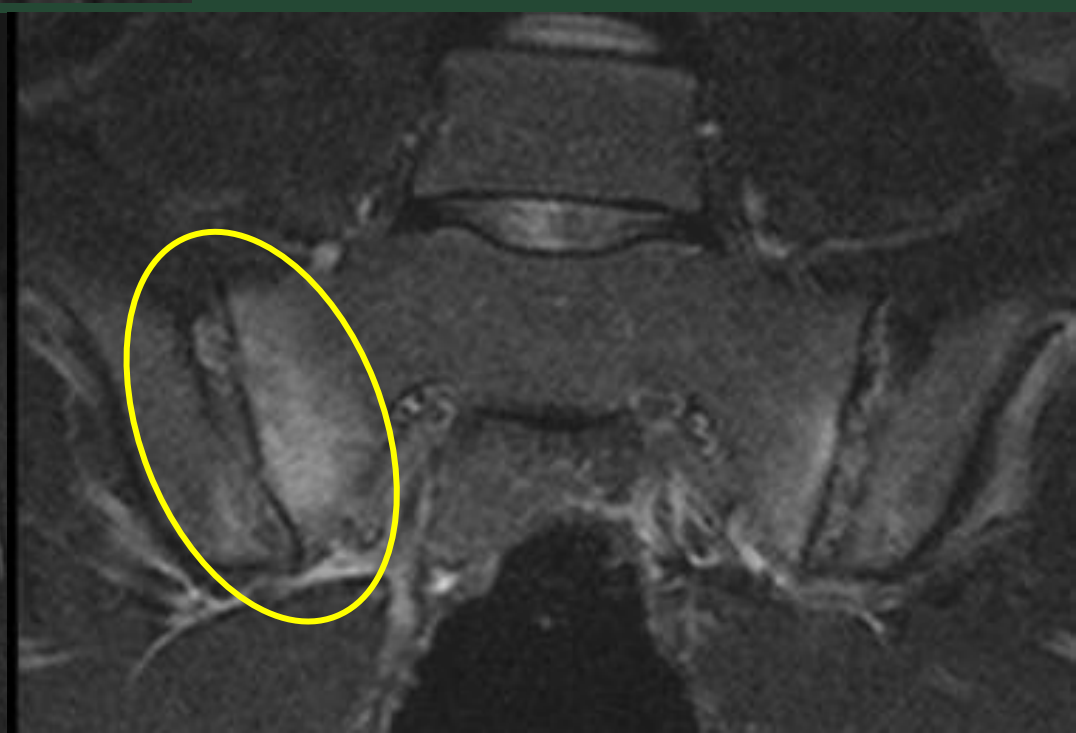
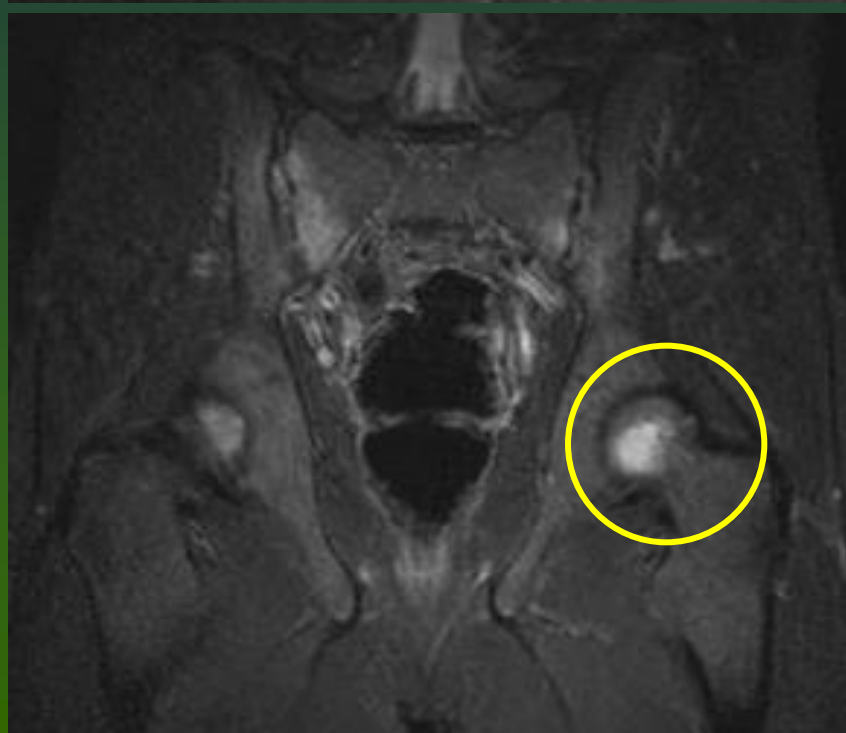
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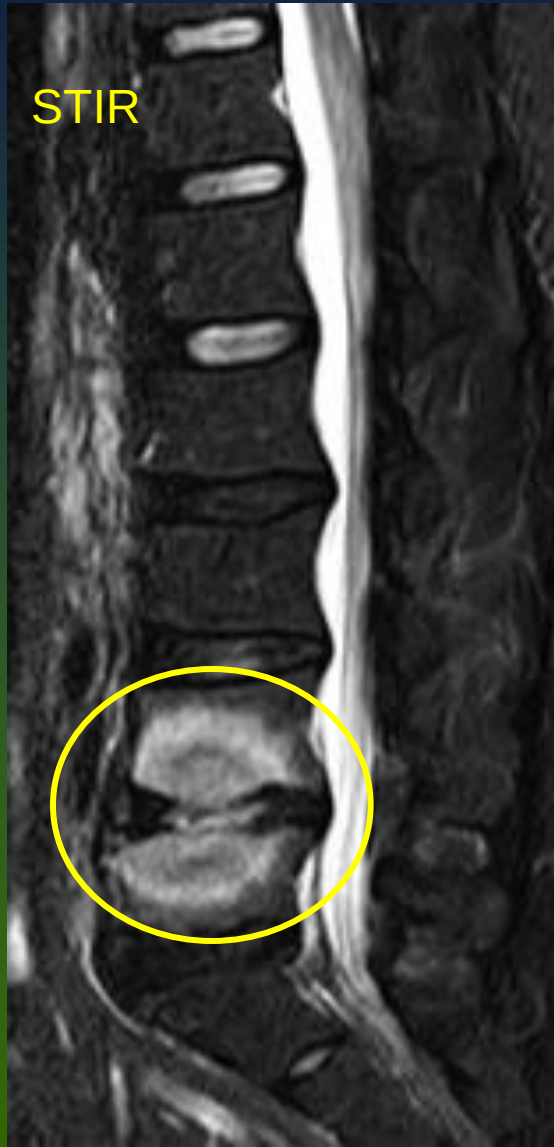




20 y/male, axSpA

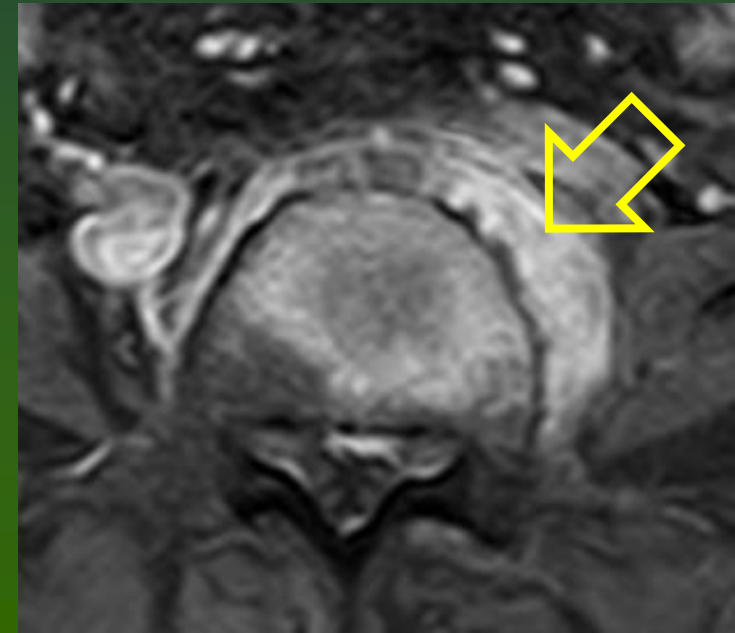


38m, known SIJ-axSpA 7y, acute LBP

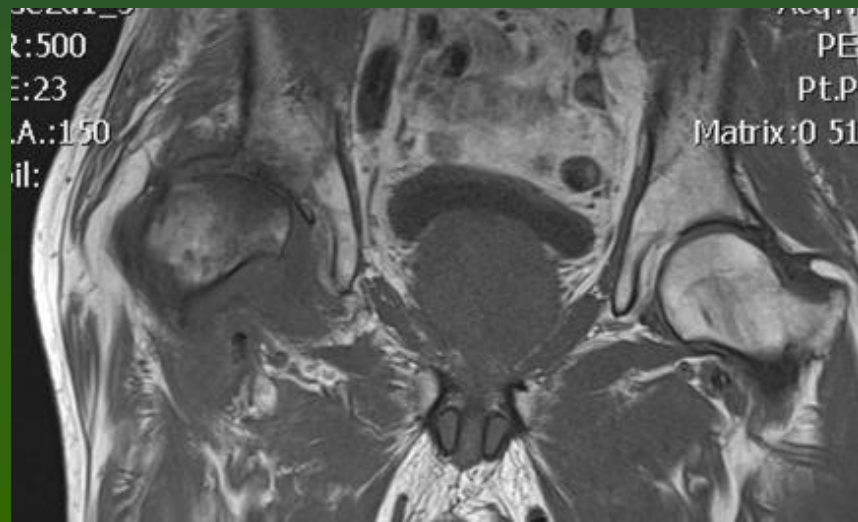
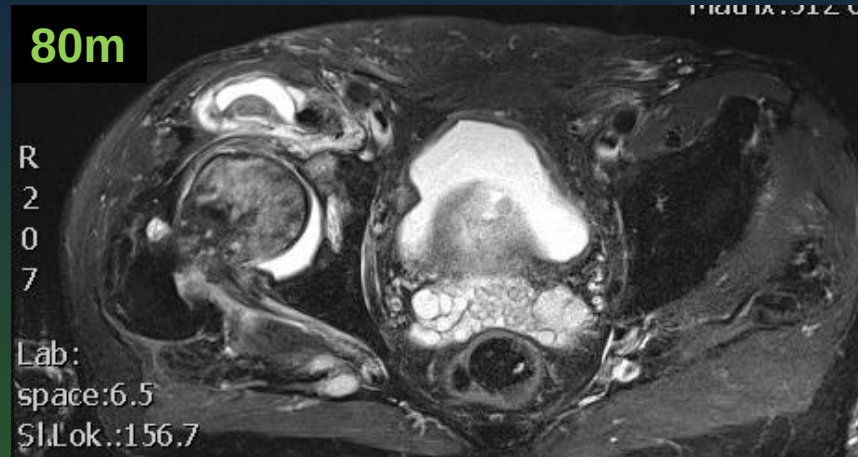


Aseptic spondylodiscitis

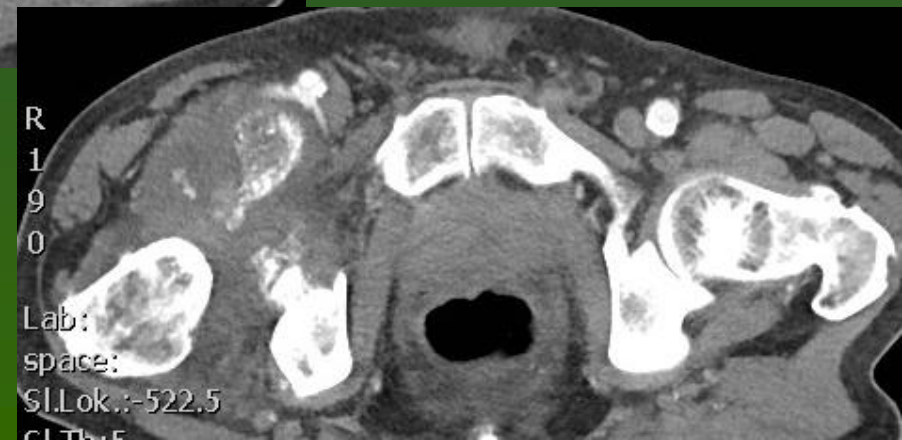
Andersson's lesion



MRI Limitations



CPPD



Take home aBMEs

- Wide spectrum
- Knee: insuff. Fx
- Hip common location TOH – RMO
- axSPA
- Hx important

Take a stance on the presence of
bone marrow edema found on MRI

Thank you

