

# Optimizing Respiratory Function in Cancer Patients: The Role of the Pulmonologist Session 17 Dyspnea



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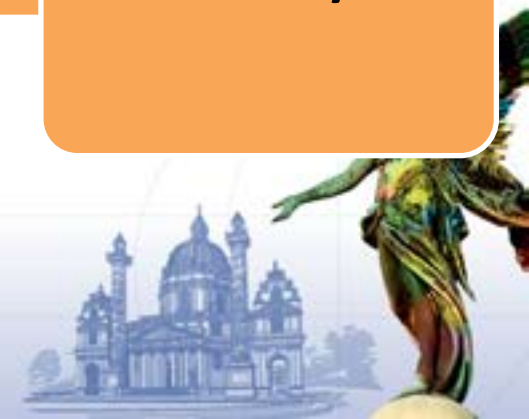
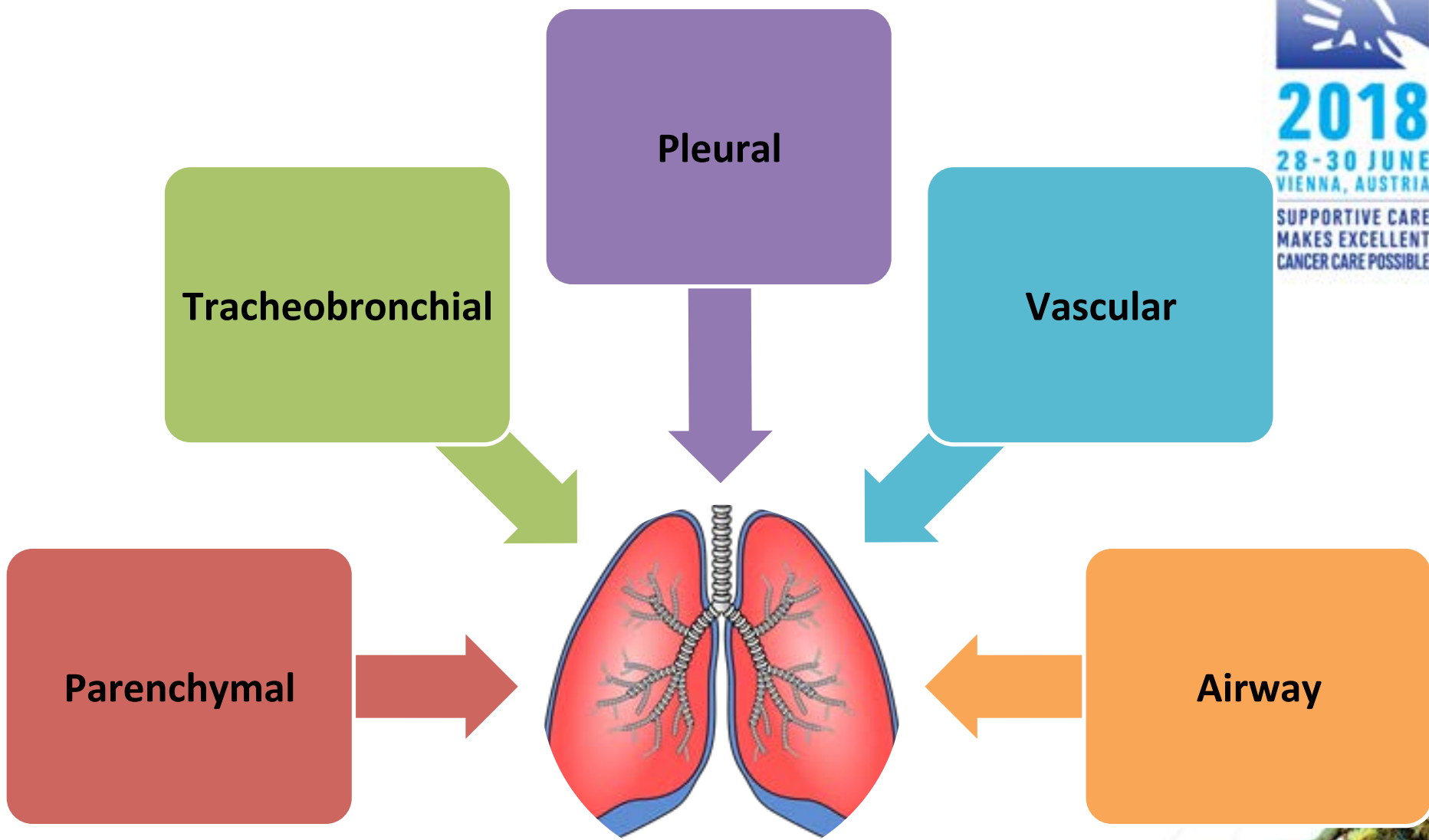
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# Parenchymal

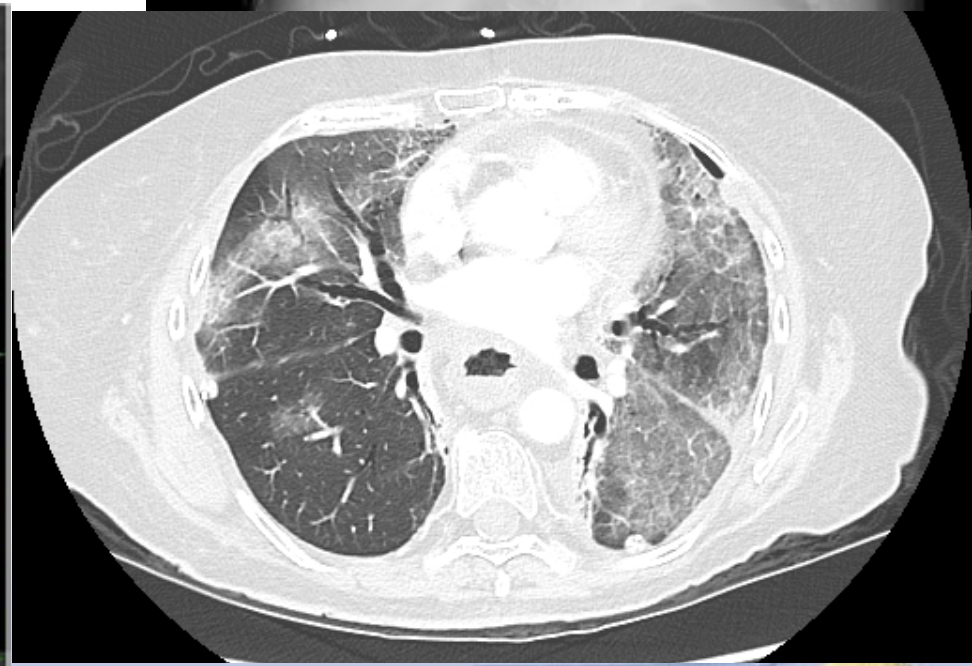
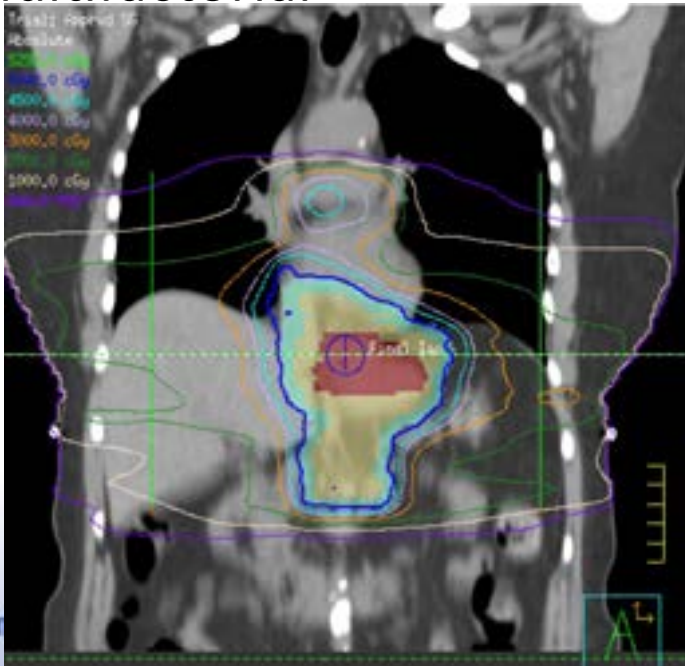
- Cancer-related
  - Infectious
  - Aspiration
  - Therapy-induced
    - Radiation
    - Chemotherapy
    - Immunotherapy
- Non-cancer related
  - Pulmonary edema
  - Interstitial lung disease

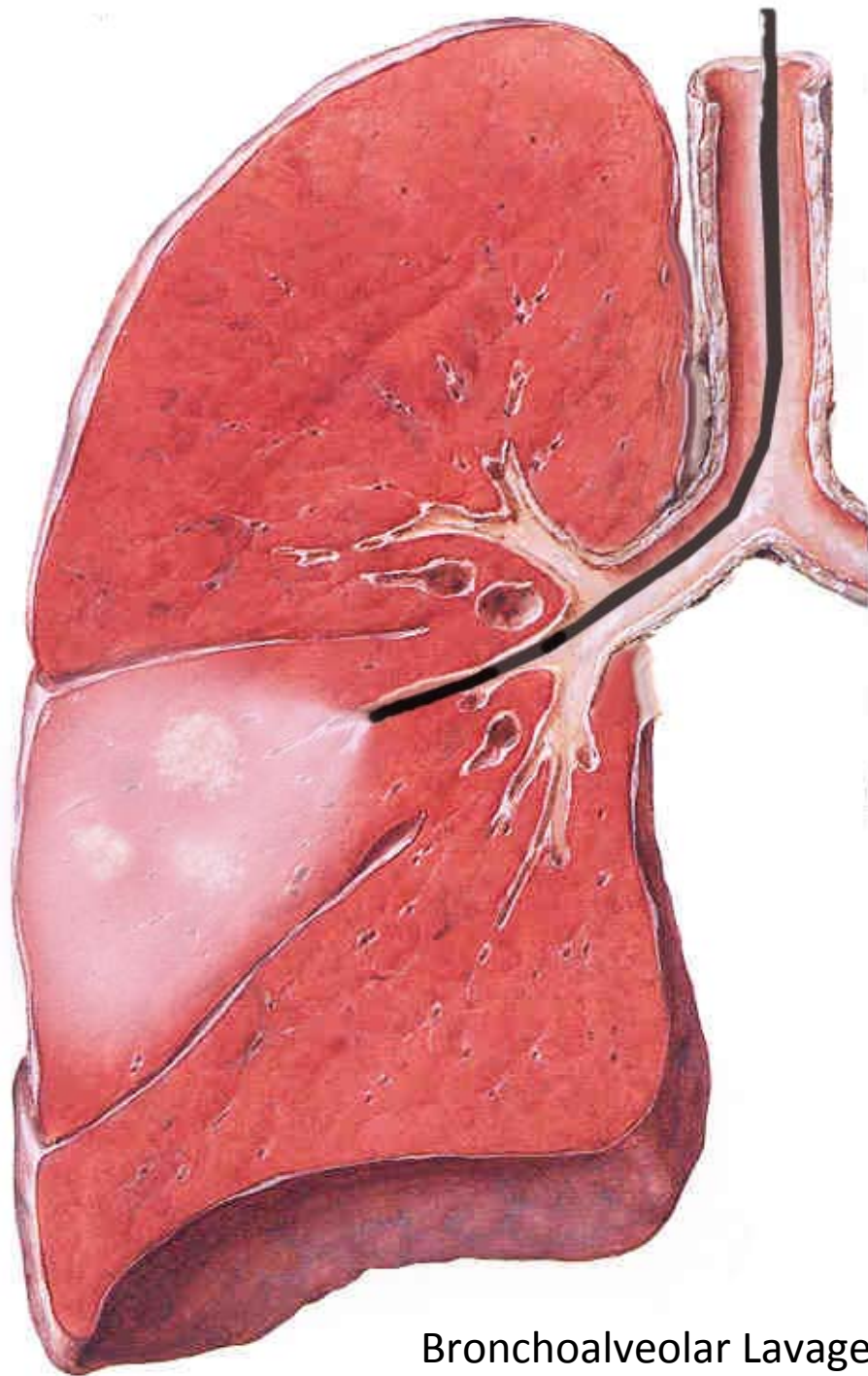




# Parenchymal

- Esophageal cancer
  - Treated with 5-fluorouracil and oxaliplatin followed by radiation (50 Gy) to the esophagus
- Hypoxic respiratory insufficiency
  - Multifactorial

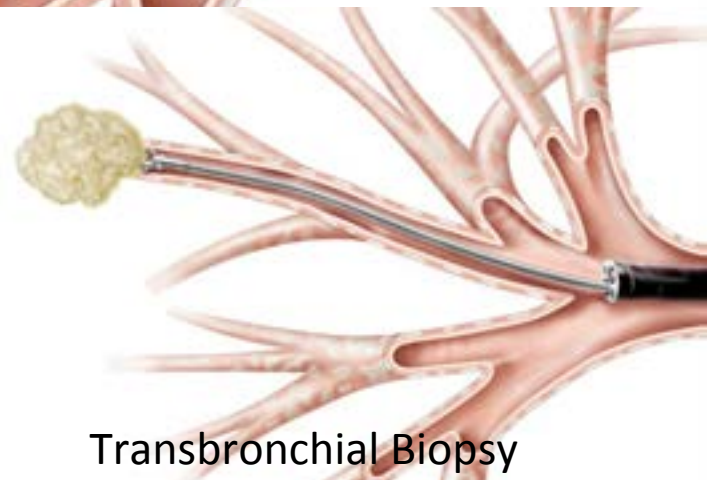




Bronchoalveolar Lavage



Endobronchial Biopsy



Transbronchial Biopsy

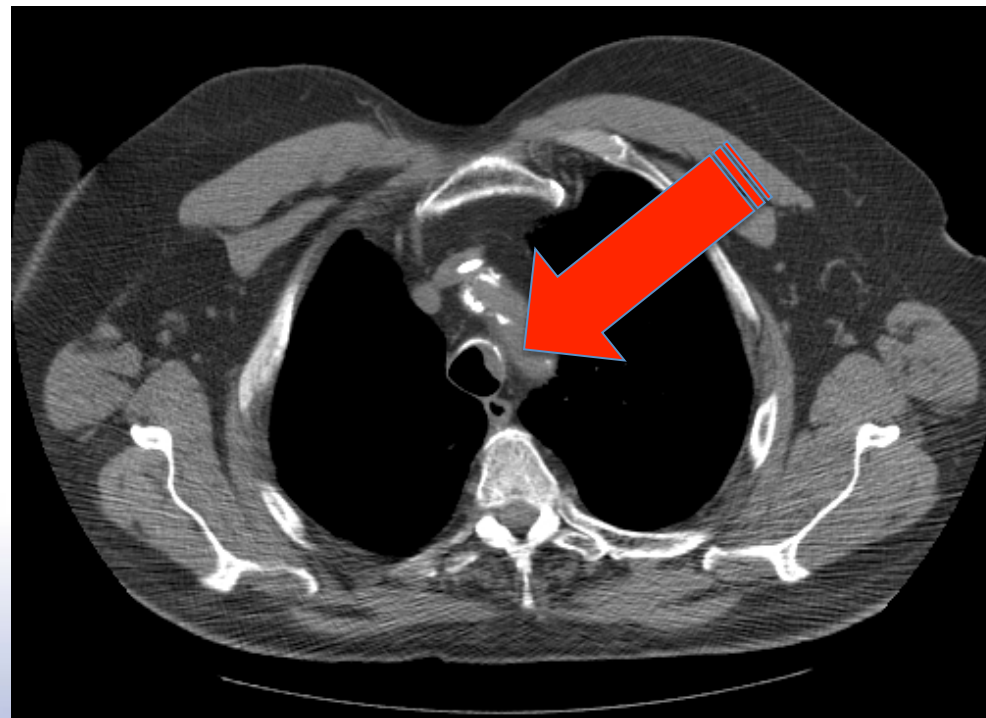
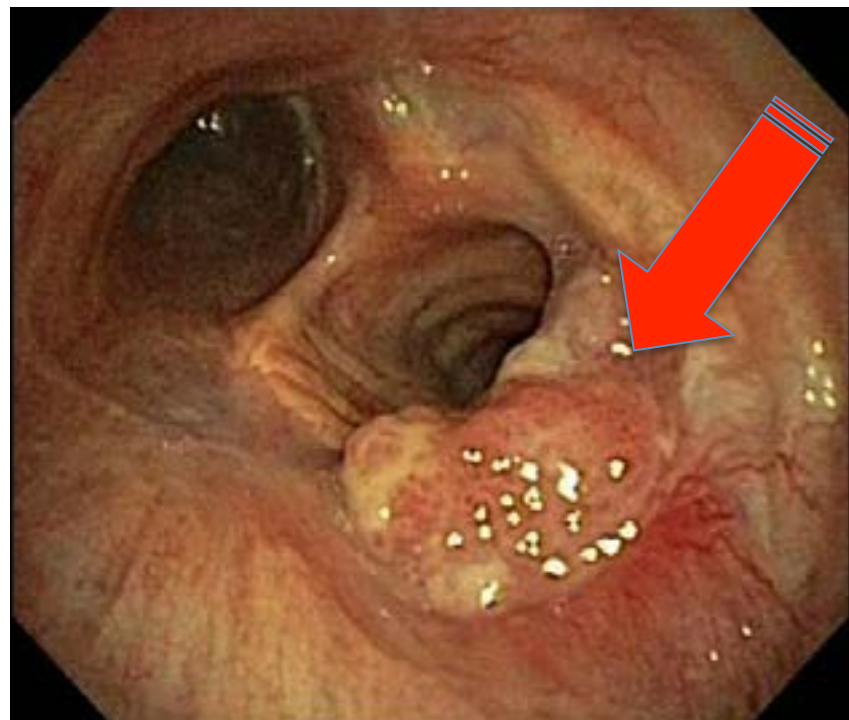


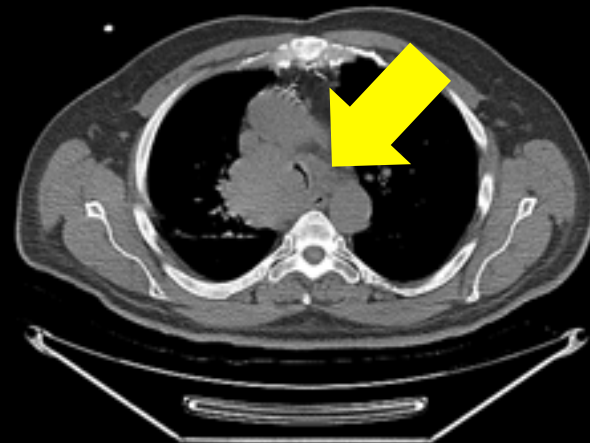
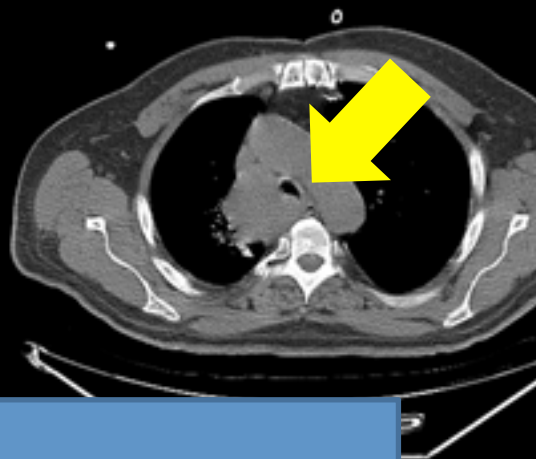
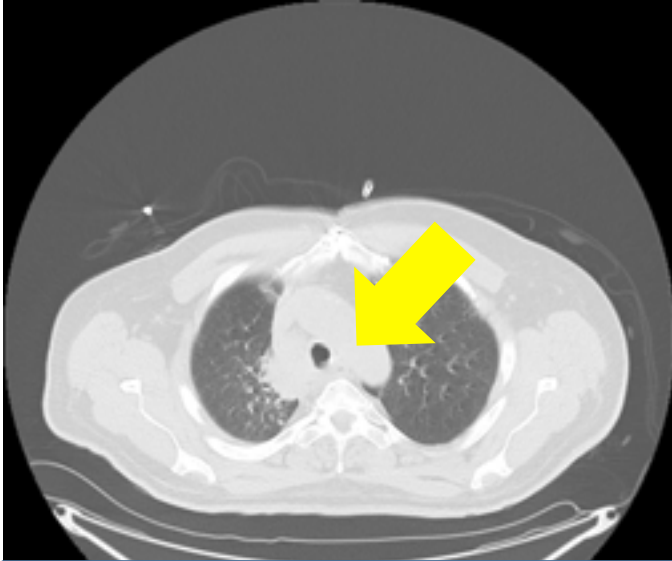
Transbronchial Needle Aspiration



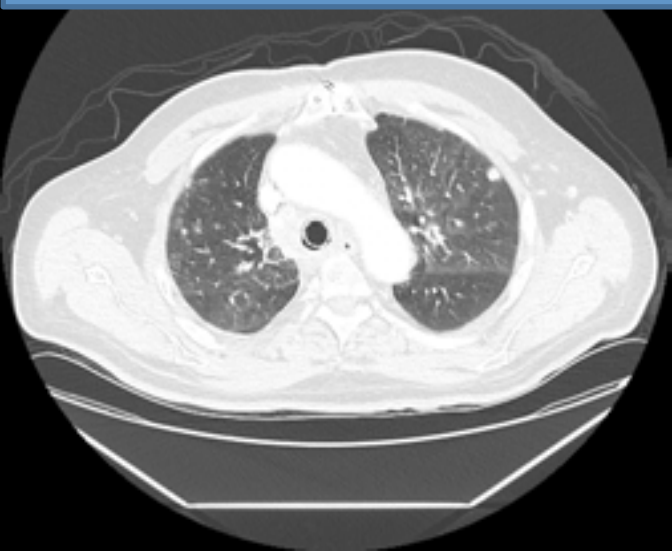
# Tracheobronchial

- Hemoptysis, dyspnea, stridor
- In cases of bleeding, various airway interventions (laser, cryotherapy, argon plasma coagulation)
- Consider placement of stents



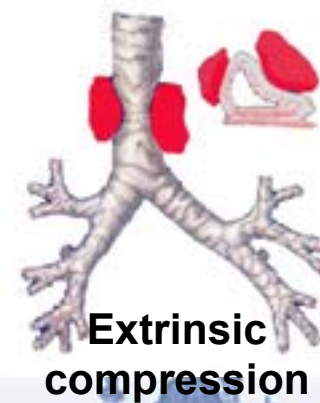
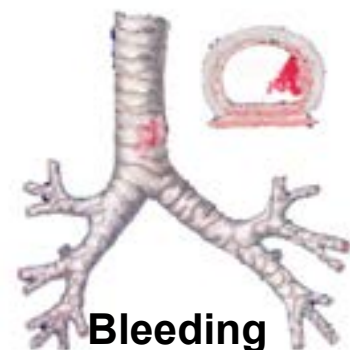
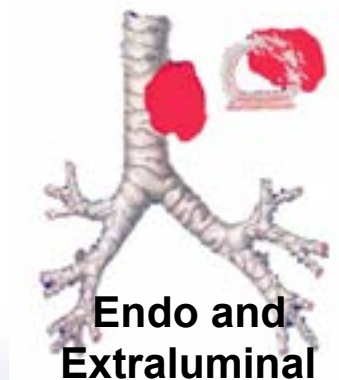
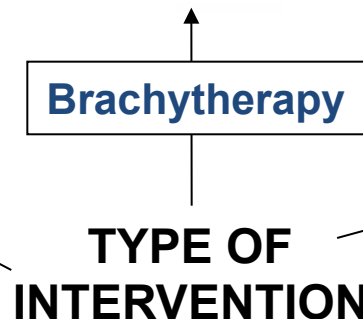
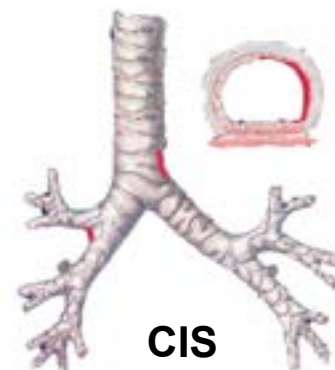
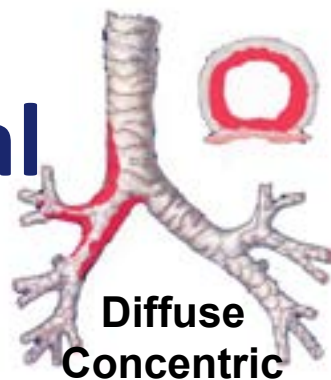
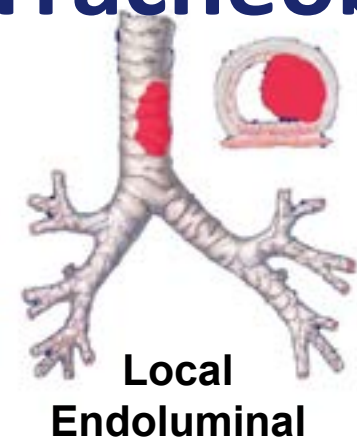


Lung cancer (IIIB) with respiratory failure 10.2013  
Bronch with tumor destruction and tracheal stent  
Treated with chemotherapy (carboplatin, taxol) and  
radiation. Repeat scan 2.2013





# Tracheobronchial



# Pleural

Malignant pleural  
effusion

Paramalignant pleural  
effusion

**Cancer and  
pleural  
effusion**

Parapneumonic  
effusion

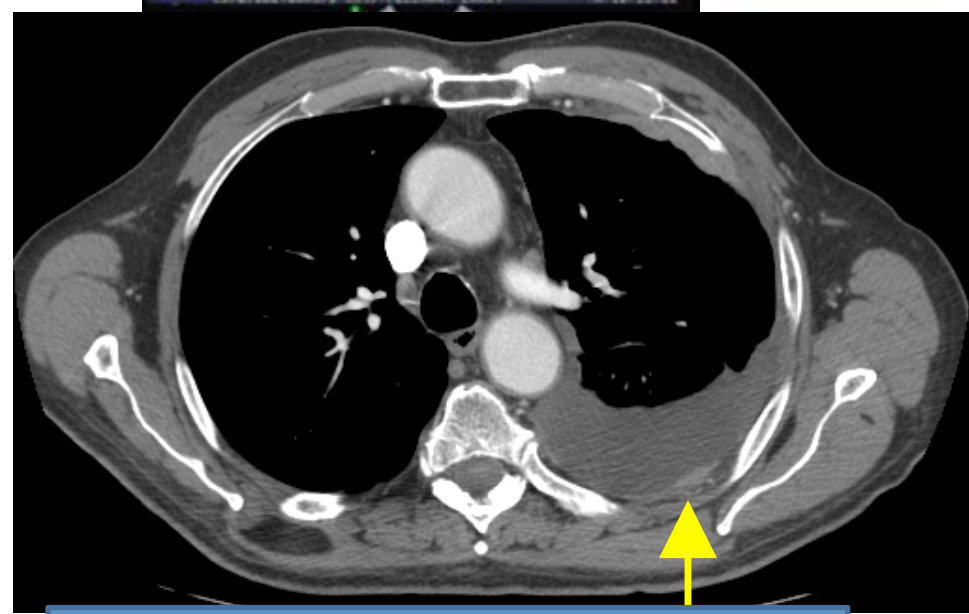
Other etiologies (cardiac,  
renal, liver dysfunction,  
drugs, thromboembolic)

  
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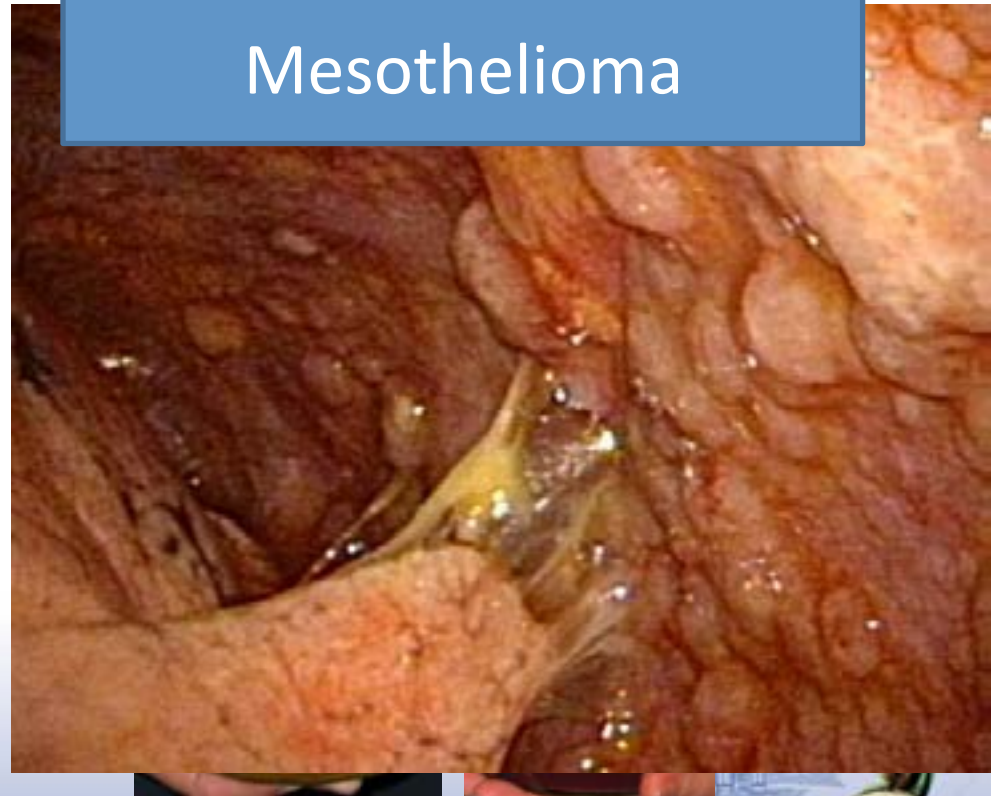


# Pleural

- Thoracentesis
  - Diagnostic and thereapeutic
  - Bedside
  - Can be done in the setting of coagulopathy
  - Can be repeated if poor performance status or if underlying cause not responsive to systemic therapy
- Pleuroscopy
  - Diagnostic in unexplained exudative pleural effusion
  - Can be therapeutic with pleurodesis (agent, indwelling pleural catheter)

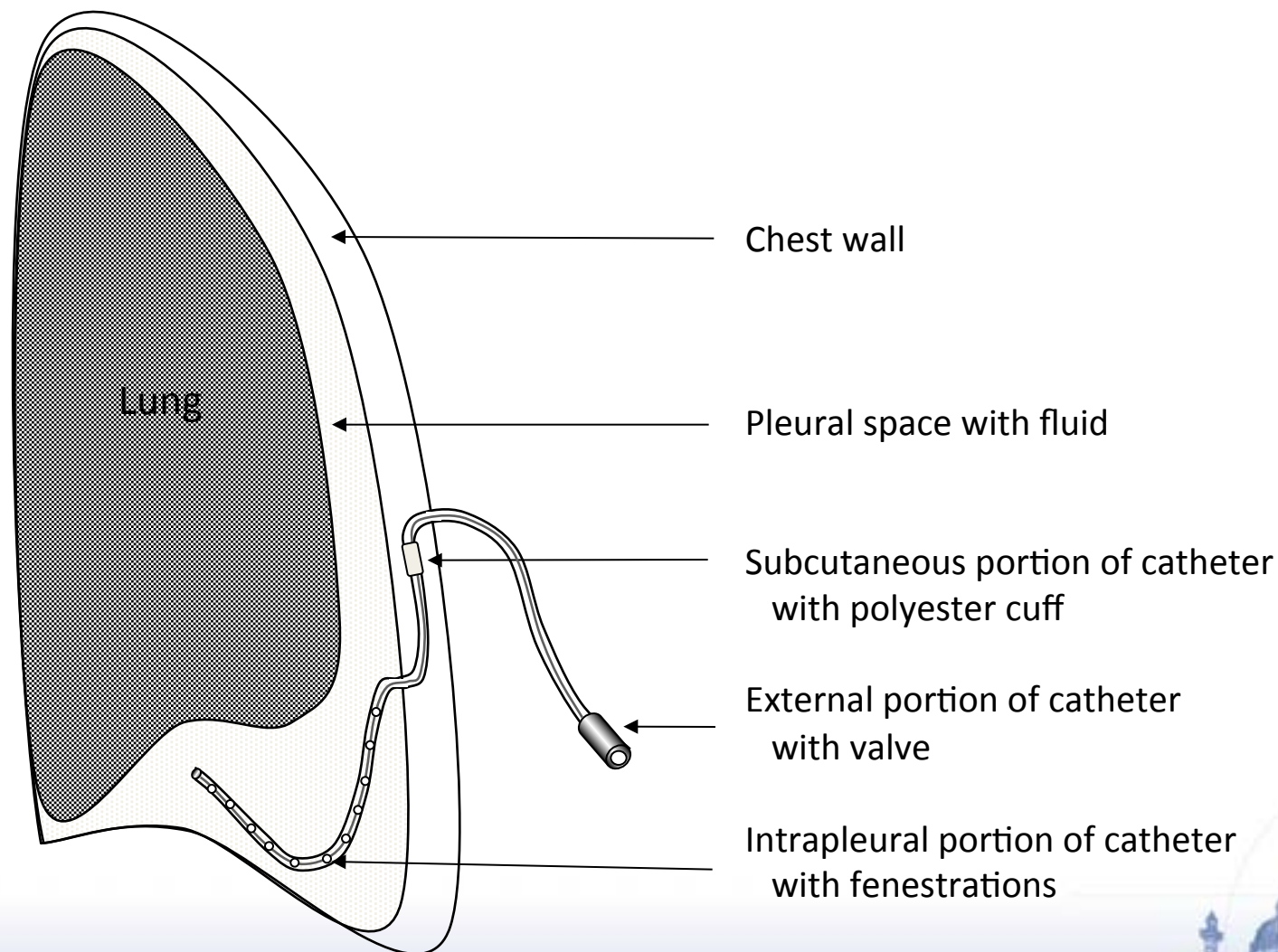


Mesothelioma





# Indwelling Pleural Catheter (IPC)



# Pleural – Malignant Pleural Effusion

## Local therapy

Thoracentesis



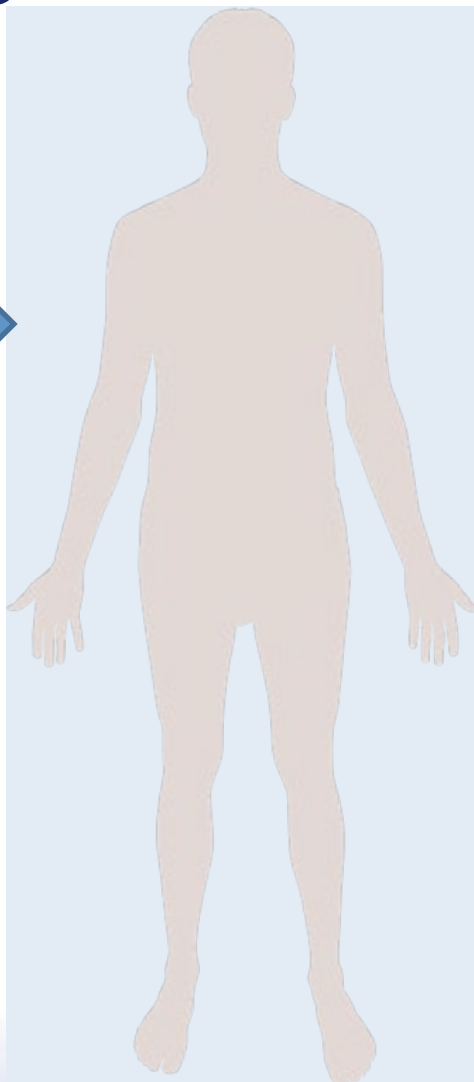
Chest tube, chemical  
pleurodesis

Thoracoscopic, chemical/  
mechanical pleurodesis  
Indwelling pleural catheter

Pleuro-peritoneal shunting

Pleurectomy (decortication)

Radiation therapy



## Systemic therapy

Chemotherapy  
Stem cell transplant

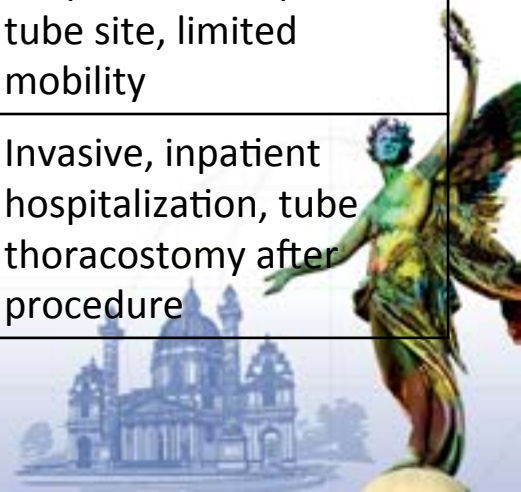
Oxygen

Palliation  
Opioids  
Hospice



# Pleural - Pleurodesis

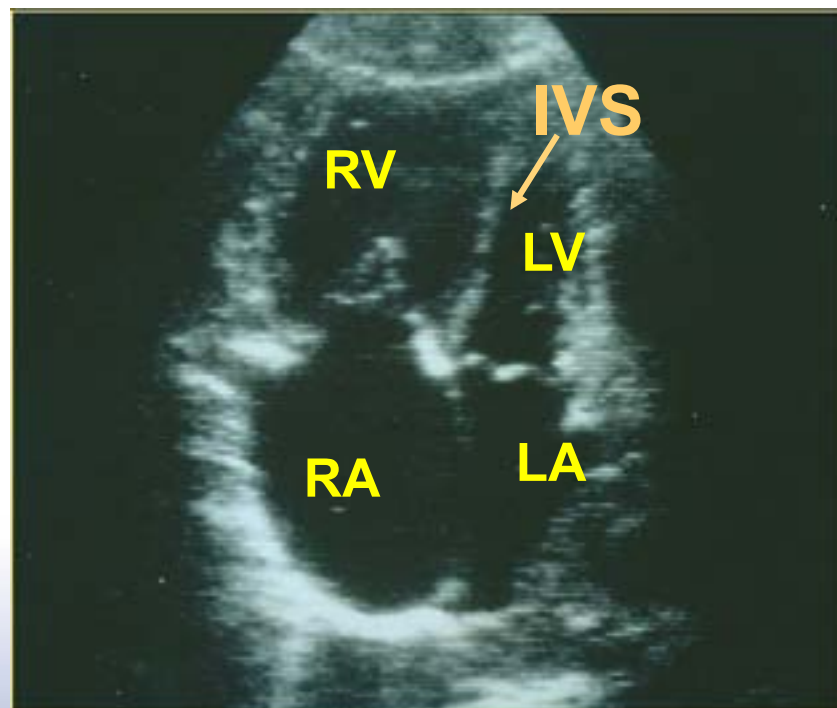
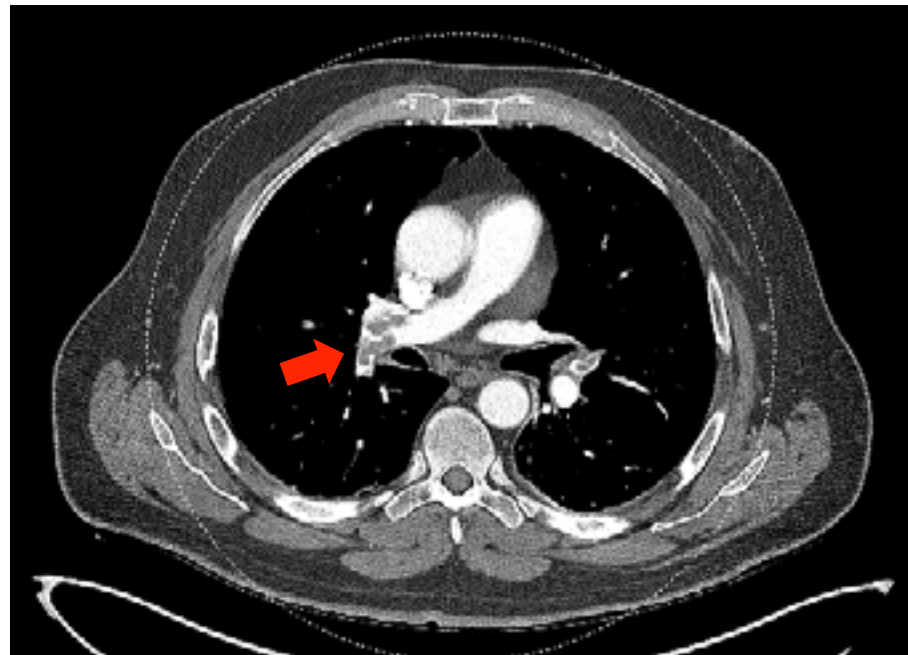
Procedures	Expected survival	Pleurodesis Rate, %	Advantages	Disadvantages
Thoracentesis	< 3 weeks	N/A	Minimally invasive, outpatient	No pleurodesis
Indwelling pleural catheter (IPC)	> 3 weeks	42 to 58	Minimally invasive, outpatient	Indwelling chronic catheter and care, two to three times per wk drainage, infection risk, tube can clog
Tube thoracostomy	> 3 months	Approximately 70	Minimally invasive, talc pleurodesis	Inpatient hospitalization, pain at tube site, limited mobility
VATS/medical thoracoscopy	> 3 months	Approximately 80	Inspection of pleura with biopsy, talc pleurodesis	Invasive, inpatient hospitalization, tube thoracostomy after procedure





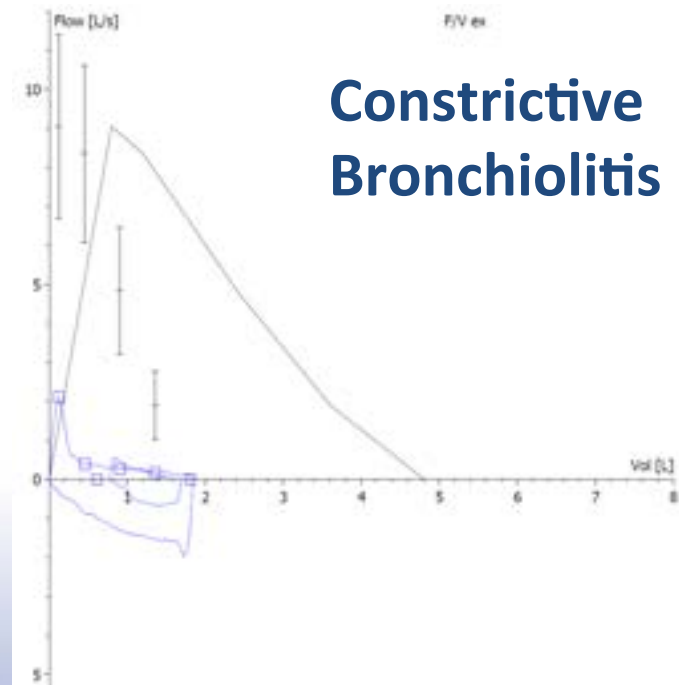
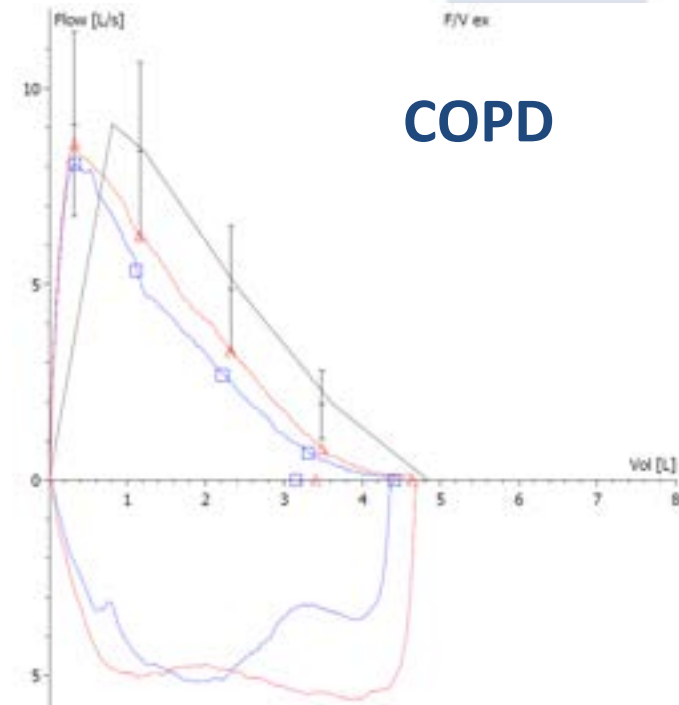
# Vascular

- Pulmonary embolism
  - Anticoagulation
  - Thrombolytics
  - Catheter-directed thrombolytics
- Pulmonary hypertension
  - Sequelae of pulmonary embolism
  - Related to medications
  - Oxygen
  - Specific pulmonary vasodilators



# Airway

- Obstructive lung disease
  - COPD, asthma, chronic bronchitis
  - Constrictive bronchiolitis
- Restrictive
  - Neuromuscular disease
  - Kyphoscoliosis
  - Parenchymal
- Oxygen
- Bronchodilators
- Pulmonary rehabilitation



# Supportive

- Oxygen, High flow oxygen
- Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation
- Medications

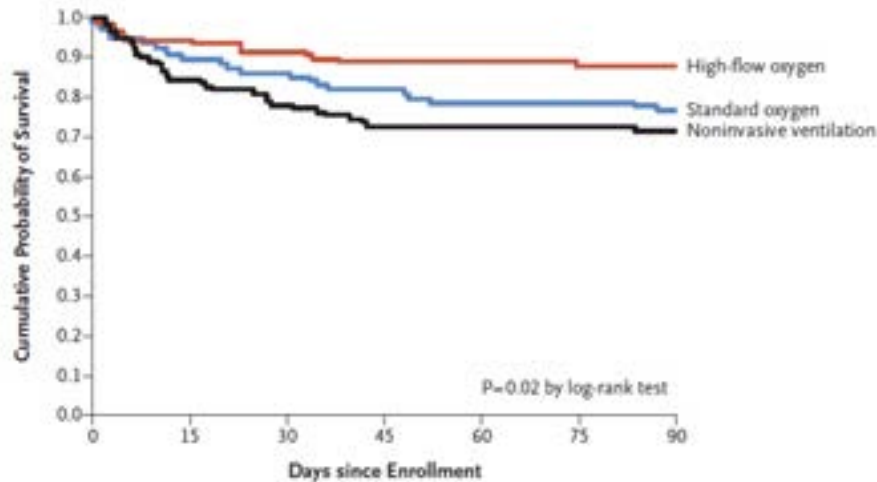


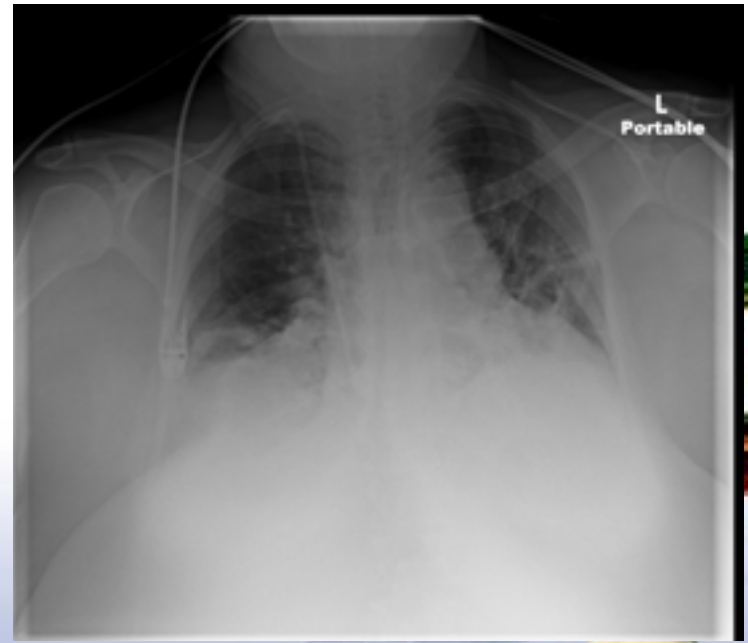
Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier Plot of the Probability of Survival from Randomization to Day 90.

J Prat, NEJM 2015

Before BIPAP

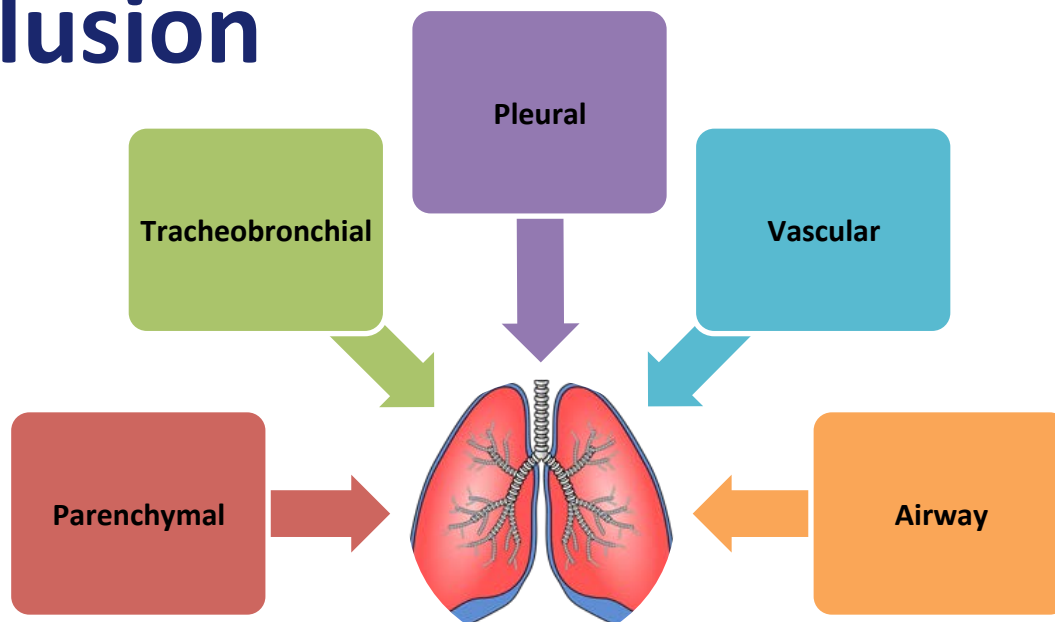


After BIPAP





# In conclusion



- Close coordination of care between pulmonologist and oncologist crucial
- Diagnose and treat potential reversible etiologies of dyspnea
- Additive therapies for symptom management and supportive care extremely helpful



# Questions?



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