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# Imaging in Medicine

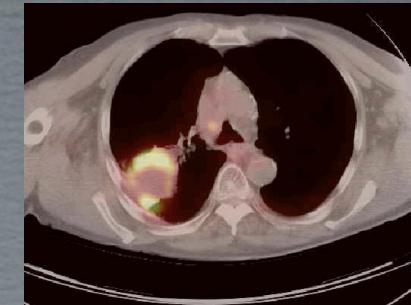
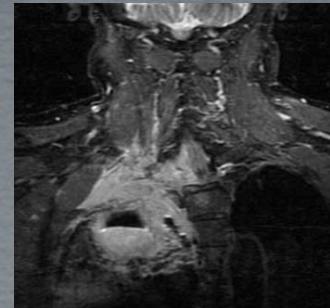
- An effective treatment is depending on :
  - **early diagnosis** : sensitivity
  - **accurate diagnosis** : specificity
  - **accurate evaluation of the severity** of the disease
  - **accurate evaluation of the efficacy** of the therapy

# Disease --> altered biology

- Increased/decreased blood flow
- Increased/decreased glucose uptake
- Increased protein synthesis
- Increased/decreased receptor expression
- Increased DNA synthesis
- Increased bone turnover
- Decreased oxygenation
- etc...

# Specific probes

- Every altered biological pathway can theoretically be “spied” by a molecular probe
- Nuclear medicine has the unique capability (in a living subject) of using probes at a nanomolar concentration, which means **no impact** on the natural processes



## Anatomic

## Functional

### CT

### MRI

### PET (/CT)

#### Where is the tumor...

#### What is the tumor...

- high spatial resolution
- air interface contrast
- bony structures
- no image distortion
- dose calculation

- soft tissue contrast
- multiplanar acquisitions
- bone marrow invasion

- **functional imaging**
- tumor behavior
- tumor characterization

- metallic artifacts
- soft tissues contrast
- need of iodine contrast

- movement artifacts
- metallic artifacts
- distortion artifacts
- no density map
- lower spatial resolution

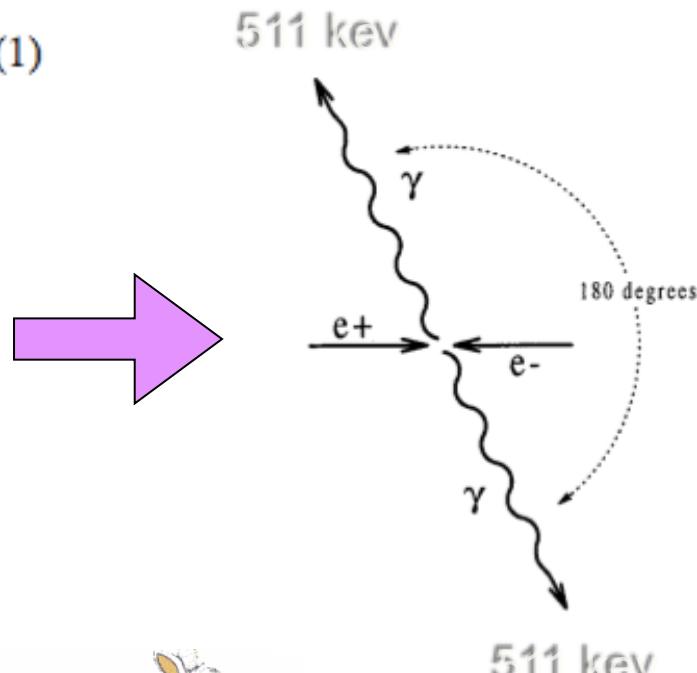
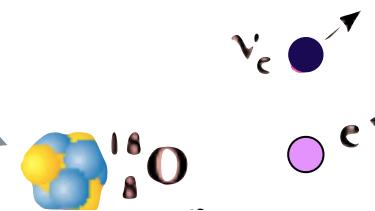
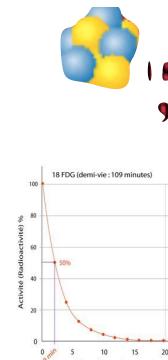
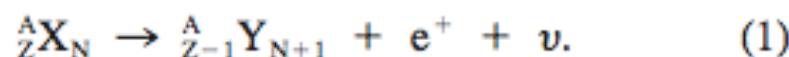
- functional imaging
- poor spatial resolution
- low statistics (noise)
- tracer sensitivity
- tracer specificity

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# Positron Emitters and Radionuclide Decay

When a nucleus undergoes positron decay, the result is a new nuclide with 1 fewer proton and 1 more neutron, as well as the emission of a positron and a neutrino:



## Some Commonly Used PET Radionuclides

Nuclide	Halflife
${}^{11}C$	20.3 min
${}^{13}N$	9.97 min
${}^{15}O$	124 sec
${}^{18}F$	110 min

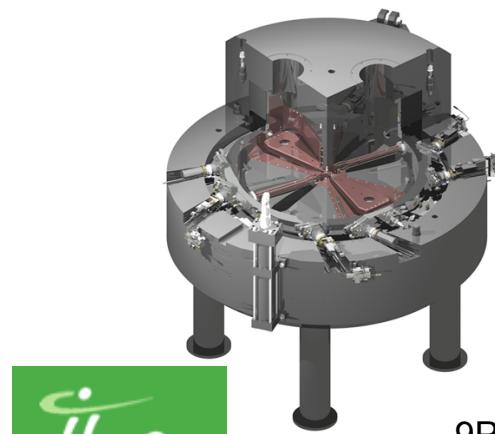


Cel pratiques:

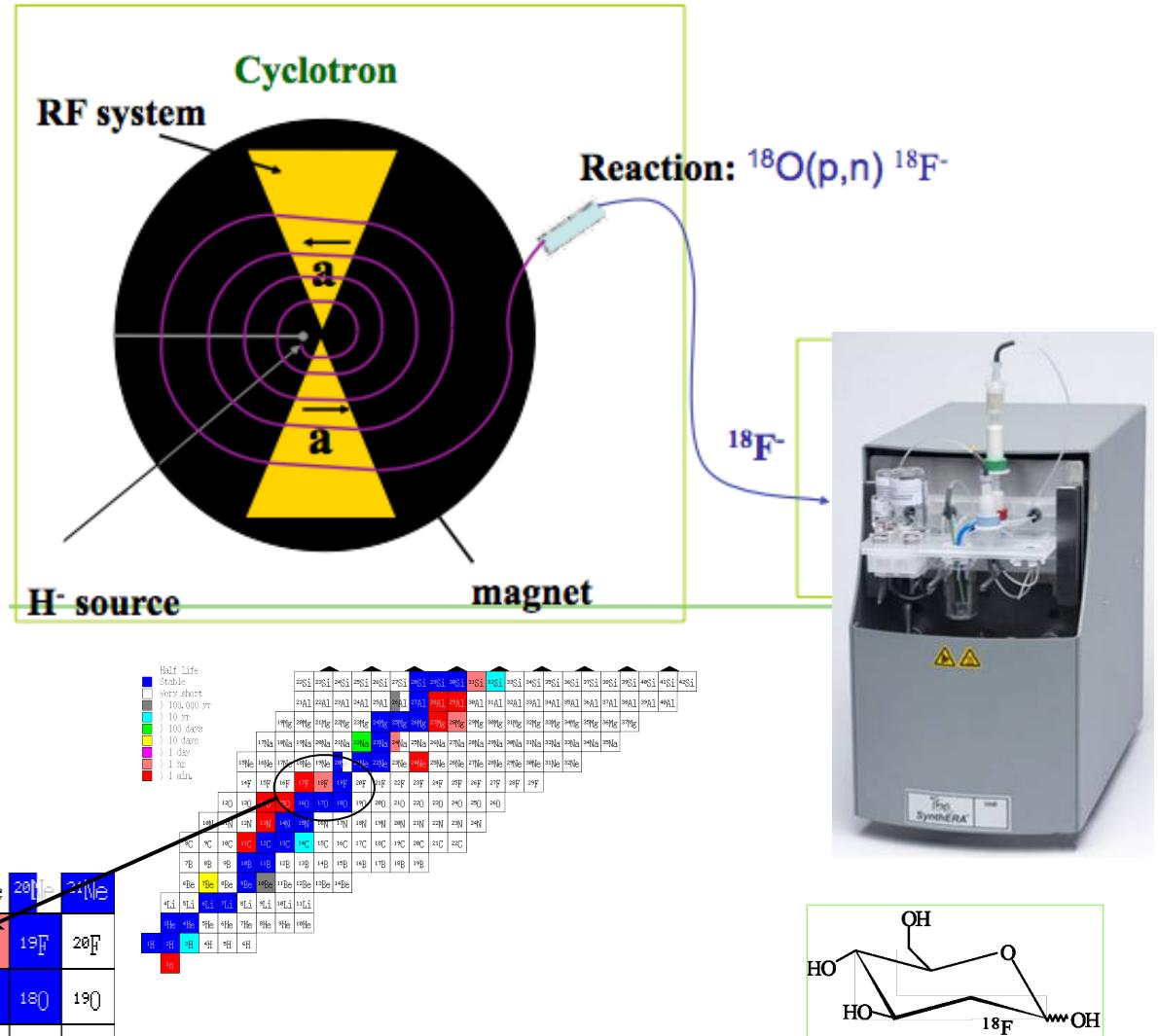
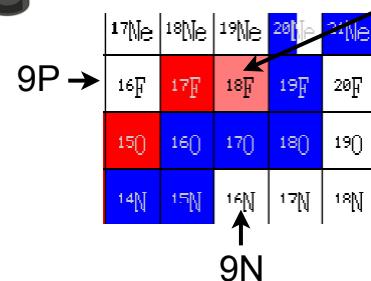
No PET without isotope activity  
Time is money

PET FDG: 3-5mSv

# Positron Emitters Production



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# Préparation des radio-pharmaceutiques selon les normes de l'industrie pharmaceutique (GMP) > salle blanche et modules de synthèse semi-automatiques



Cellules de production



Module de synthèse du  
traceur PET

(=précurseurs chimiques organiques +  
isotope  $\beta^+$  venant du cyclotron)

Contrôles de qualité du  
produit final (HPLC)



Dispensing & packaging

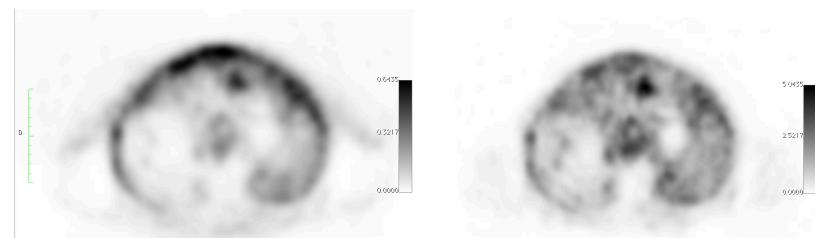


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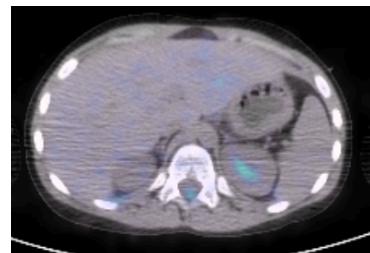
# EVOLUTION DARWINIENNE...

1987...2001 & 2001-2007

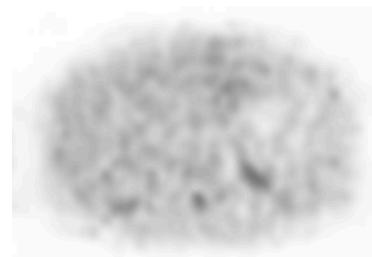
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Durée d'examen  
(15 min)



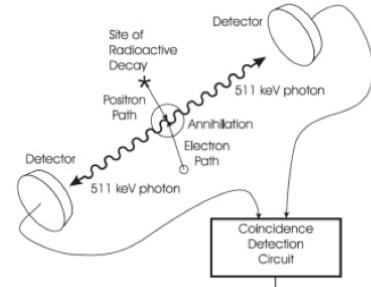
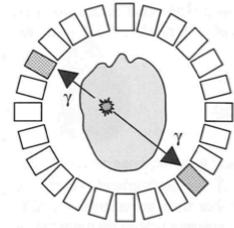
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# Principes de base d'une caméra PET

## Annihilation Coincidence Detection

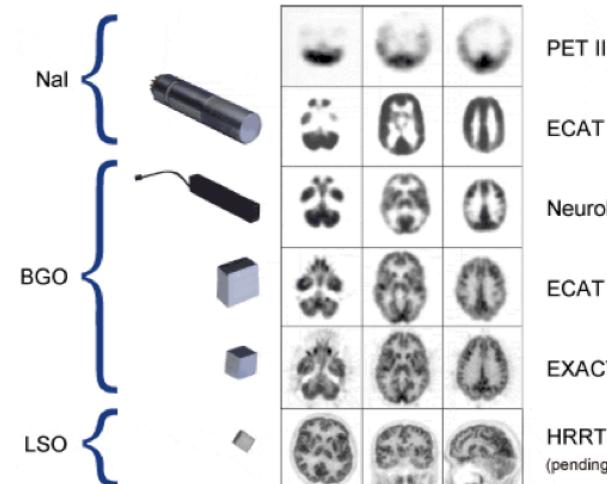
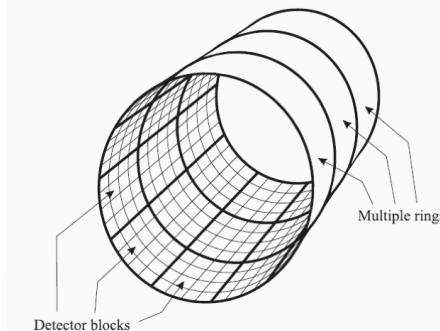
- Detect two events in opposite directions occurring "simultaneously"
- Time window is 2-20 ns, typically 12 ns
- No detector collimation is required
  - Higher sensitivity



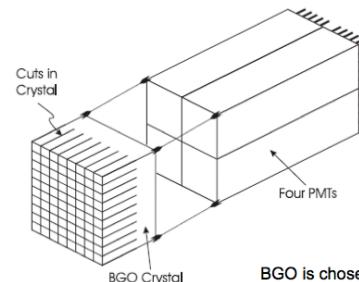
## PET Detector Configuration

- Typical numbers:
  - 8 by 8 blocks; 2 mm × 2 mm element
  - 2 by 2 PMTs per block
  - 3 major rings
  - ⇒ 24 detector rings
  - 48 detector blocks per major ring
  - ⇒ 384 detectors per ring
  - ⇒ 8216 crystals total

## Multiple Ring Detector



## PET Detector Block

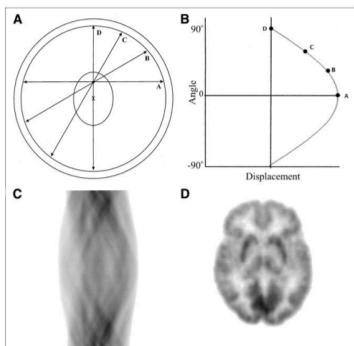


BGO is chosen because of the higher energy (511KeV) of the photons

- Crystals plus PMTs
- BGO = Bismuth Germanate
- BGO has 3x stopping power than NaI(Tl)

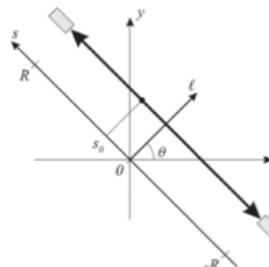
# Reconstruction du signal

LOR



**FIGURE 1.** Sinogram formation. Coincidence events in PET scanner are categorized by plotting each LOR as function of its angular orientation versus displacement from center of gantry. (A) Cross of gantry with four LORs passing through the center of interest (e.g. point A) is plotted by ellipse. Four LORs passing through the center of interest are labeled as A, B, C, and D. (B) Plot of LORs centered on the origin where angular orientation is on y-axis and displacement from center of gantry is on x-axis. If all possible LORs that pass through this point are plotted, it maps out half of sine wave turned on its side as shown here. (C) Sinograms of more complicated objects, such as sinogram of brain scan shown, are composed of many overlapping sine waves. (D) Reconstructed brain image corresponding to sinogram in (C) is shown.

## Imaging Equation

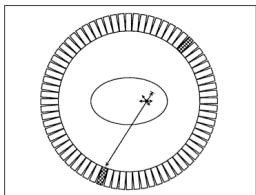


$$\begin{aligned}
 N^+(s_0) &= N_0 \exp \left\{ - \int_{s_0}^R \mu(x(s'), y(s')); E ds' \right\} \\
 N^-(s_0) &= N_0 \exp \left\{ - \int_{-R}^{s_0} \mu(x(s'), y(s')); E ds' \right\} \\
 N_c(s_0) &= N_0 \exp \left\{ - \int_{s_0}^R \mu(x(s'), y(s')); E ds' \right\} \\
 &\quad \cdot \exp \left\{ - \int_{-R}^{s_0} \mu(x(s'), y(s'')); E ds' \right\} \\
 &= N_0 \exp \left\{ - \int_{-R}^R \mu(x(s'), y(s')); E ds' \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi(l, \theta) = K \int_{-R}^R A(x(s), y(s)) \exp \left\{ - \int_{-R}^R \mu(x(s'), y(s')) ds' \right\} ds = K \int_{-R}^R A(x(s), y(s)) ds \cdot \exp \left\{ - \int_{-R}^R \mu(x(s'), y(s')) ds' \right\}$$

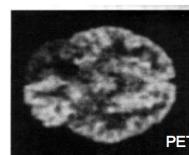
$A(x, y)$  and  $\mu(x, y)$  can be separated!

## Corrections (Scatter+AC+TOF)

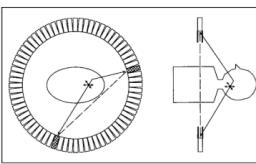
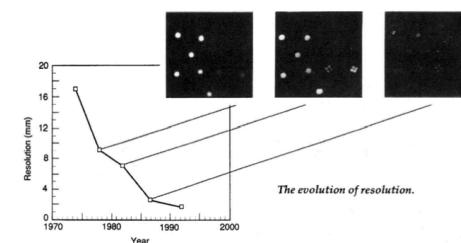


**FIGURE 5.** Attenuation. One of the photons is stopped or deflected before being detected.

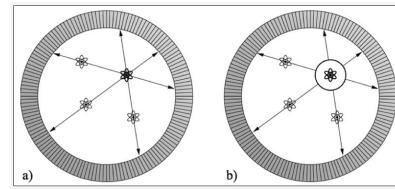
- Corrected sinogram
- $$\phi_c(\ell, \theta) = \frac{\phi(\ell, \theta)}{K \exp \left\{ - \int_{-R}^R \mu(x(s), y(s)); E ds \right\}}$$
- $\mu(x, y)$  found from CT (transmission PET)
- One can apply filtered backprojection algorithm to reconstruct  $A(x, y)$  from the corrected sinogram



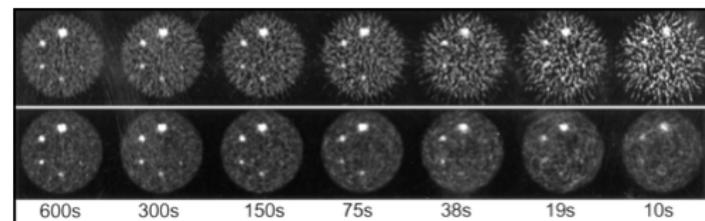
- Modern PET ~ 2-3 mm resolution (1.3 mm)



**FIGURE 4.** Scattered events. At left is in-plane scatter and at right is out-of-plane scatter, rejected by septa.

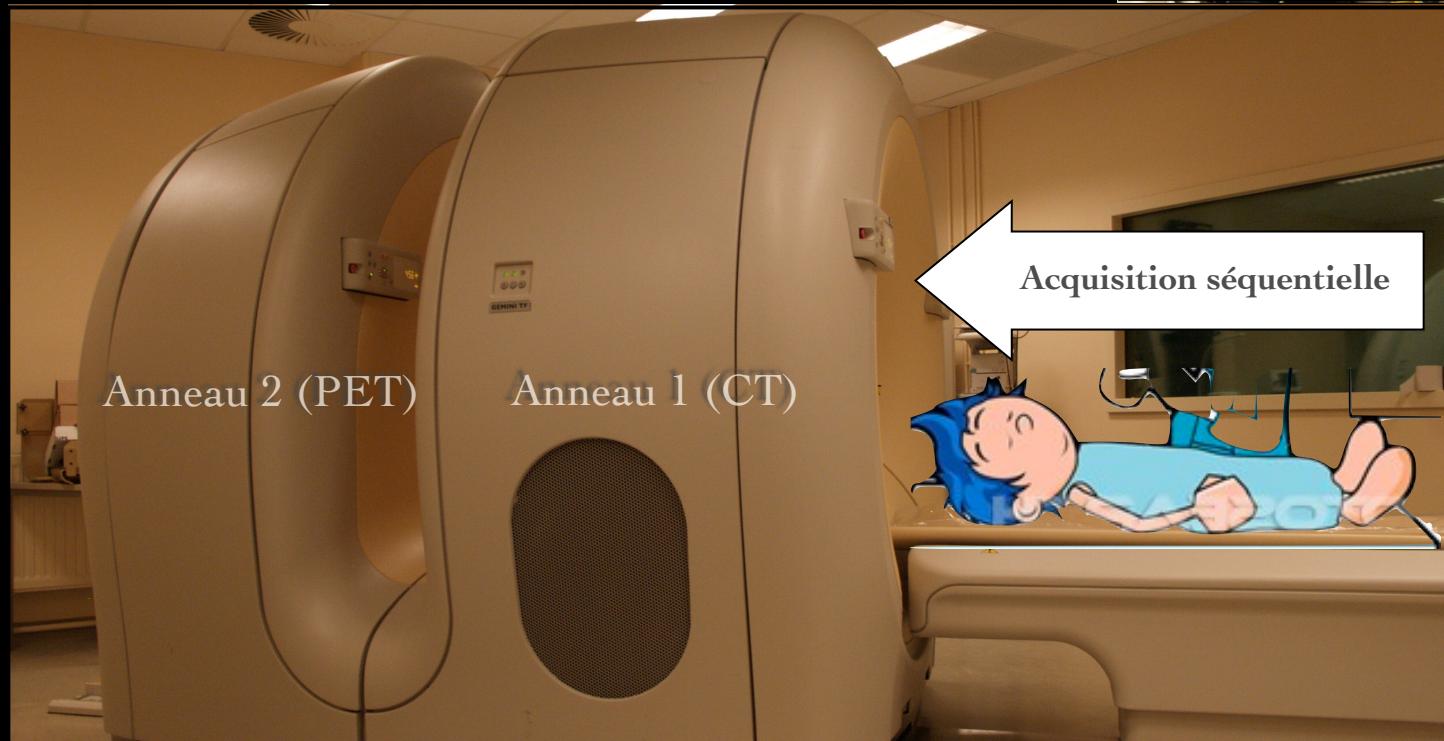


FBP



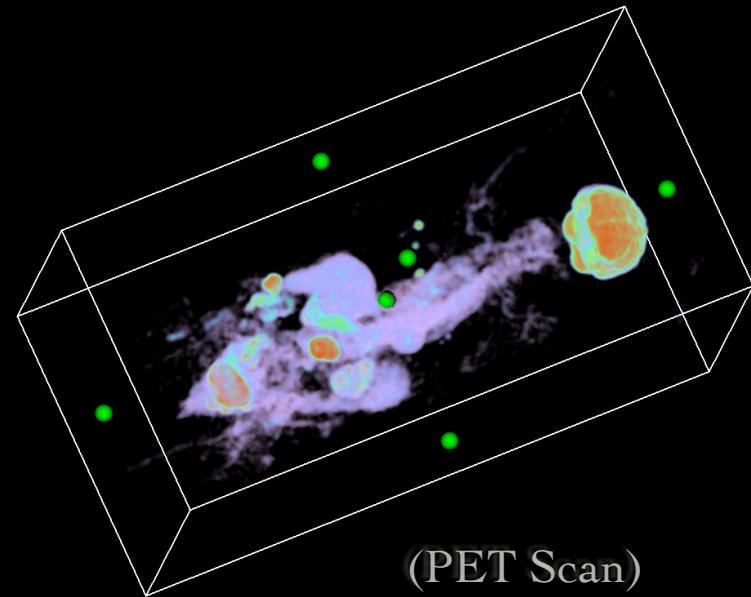
OSEM3D

# Caméra PET/CT



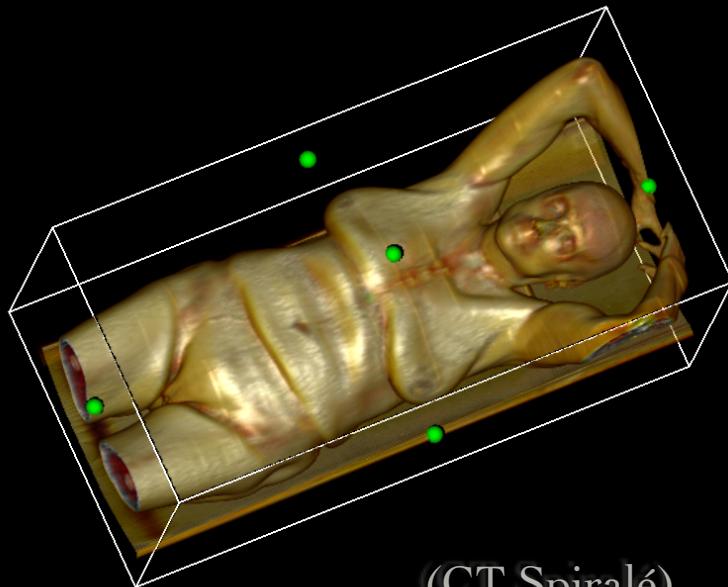
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Acquisition matricielle 3D de la distribution du traceur



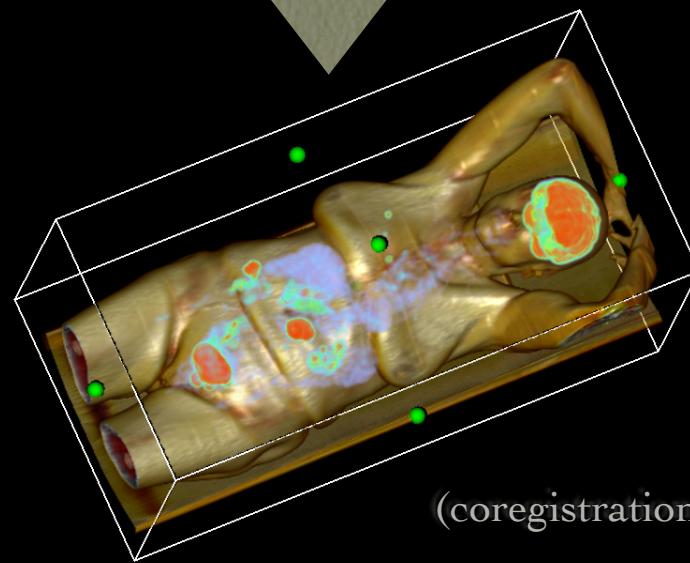
(PET Scan)

Support Anatomique



(CT Spirale)

+



PET/CT  
(coregistration & fusion automatiques)



## Standardized Uptake Value (SUV)

- Index caractérisant la fixation du traceur



$$\rightarrow \text{SUV} = \frac{\text{fixation (kBq/mL)}}{\text{dose injectée (kBq) / poids du patient (g)}}$$

(1mL = 1g)

Répartition uniforme du traceur dans tout l'organisme, SUV = 1 partout

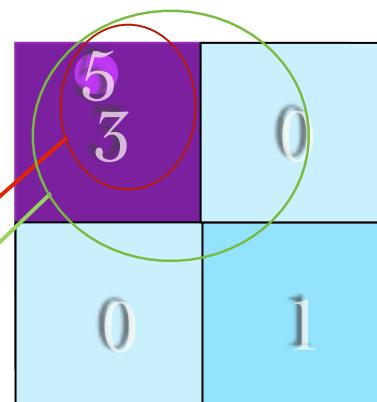


SUV > 1, hyperfixation du traceur



Activité / unité de  
(Bq/ml)

SUVmax: 5.0  
SUVmean: 3.9  
SUVmean: 2.8



Modifier cette valeur VA changer les valeurs de SUV !

Poids du patient (Kg) :	<input type="text" value="44.000"/>
Dose injectée (MBq) :	<input type="text" value="274.540"/>
Dose corrigée (MBq) :	<input type="text" value="142.019"/>
de l'injection :	<input type="text" value="juil."/>
acquisition :	<input type="text" value="juil."/>
Demi-vie (min.) :	<input type="text" value="109.77"/>
<b>Attention</b>	
La formule suivante est utilisée :	
SUV (g/ml) = Valeur du pixel (Bq/ml) * Poids (kg) / Dose (Bq) * 1000 (g/kg)	
La dose est corrigée avec la demi-vie, en relation avec l'heure d'acquisition et l'heure d'injection. Dose corrigée = Dose * exp (-ln(2) / Demi-vie).	

$\text{SUV}_{\text{BW}}$ ,  $\text{SUL}$ ,  $\text{SUV}_{\text{BSA}}$ , TLG,

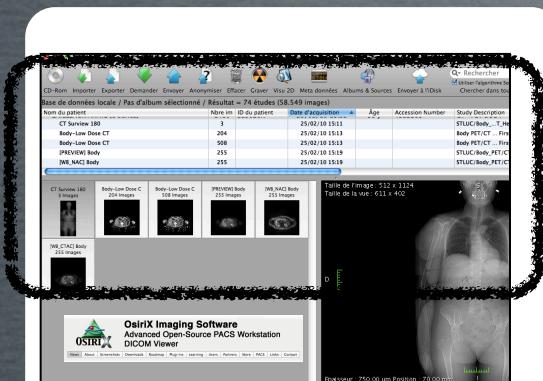
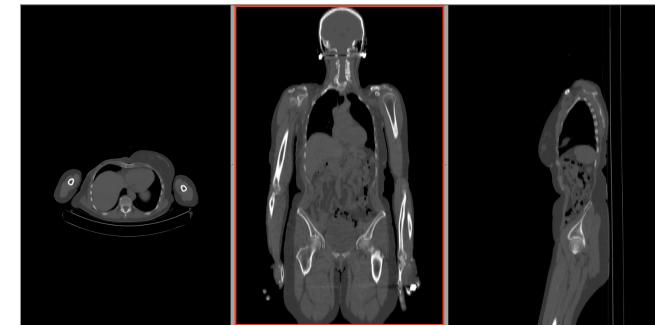
# Visualiser un PET/CT implique l'utilisation d'outils adaptés !

Toile de fond = support anatomique (CT ou IRM)

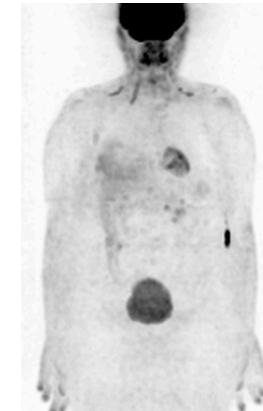
Surview



Séries CT (5mm,2mm,cCT)...



Distribution d'une activité biologique particulière (+traceur)

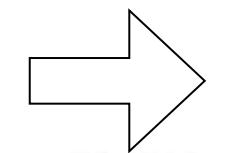


NAC



Preview

+ Corrections  
(scatter,  
attenuation,  
TOF...)



(Wt,HN,Br...)



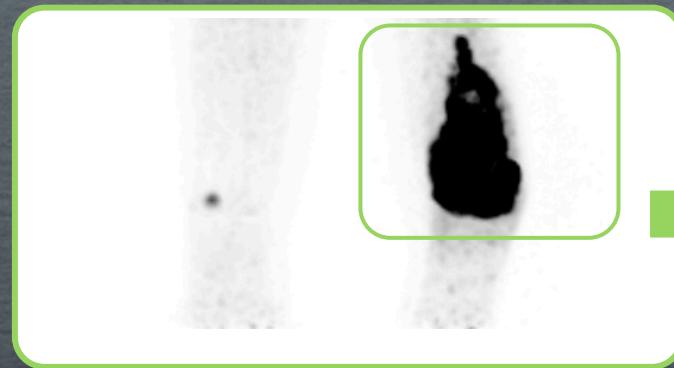
CTAC

Visual only !

Quantifiée  
( $SUV_{\text{tw,lesion}}$ )

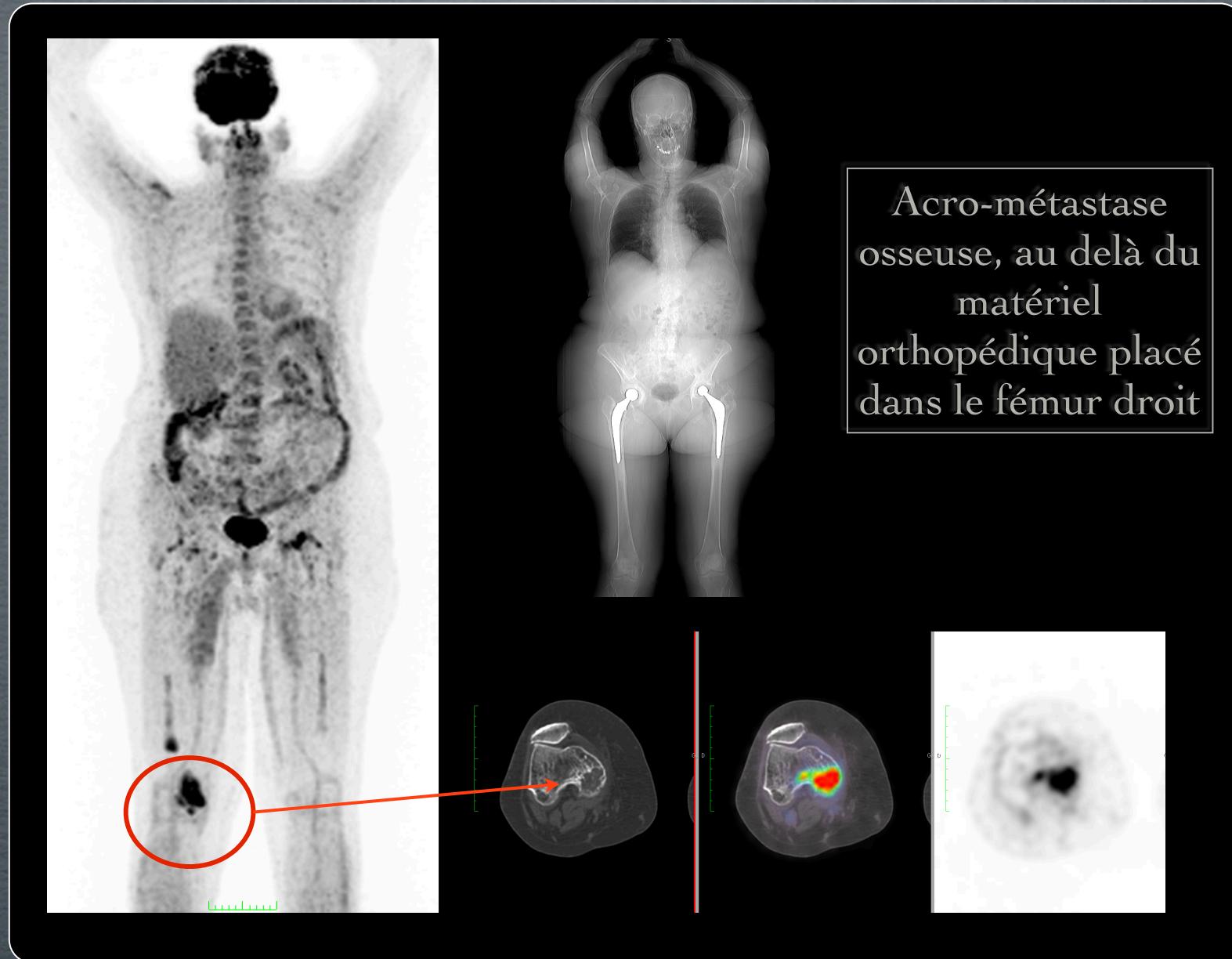
Whole-body  
acquisition

basal  
acquisition  
= from the  
skull to the  
mid thigh



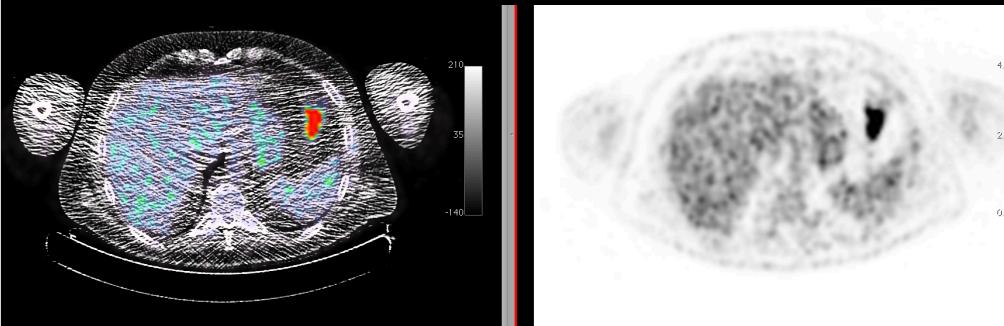
Importance du  
choix du bon  
protocole  
d'acquisition  
pour ne pas  
«oublier» de  
l'information !

## Autre exemple: néoplasie du sein, majoration du CA 15.3



# PET/CT: qualité du CT = choix institutionnel

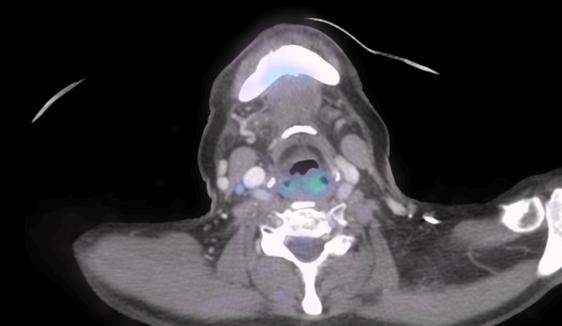
50 mAs / 120 kev



Low-dose...mais pas sous-dosé !



Dose Modulated(+inj)



# TECHNICAL PITFALLS

## PET and PET/CT Artifacts

### PET-based errors

- Calibration problems
- Detector failures
- Resolution and partial volume effects
- patient motion

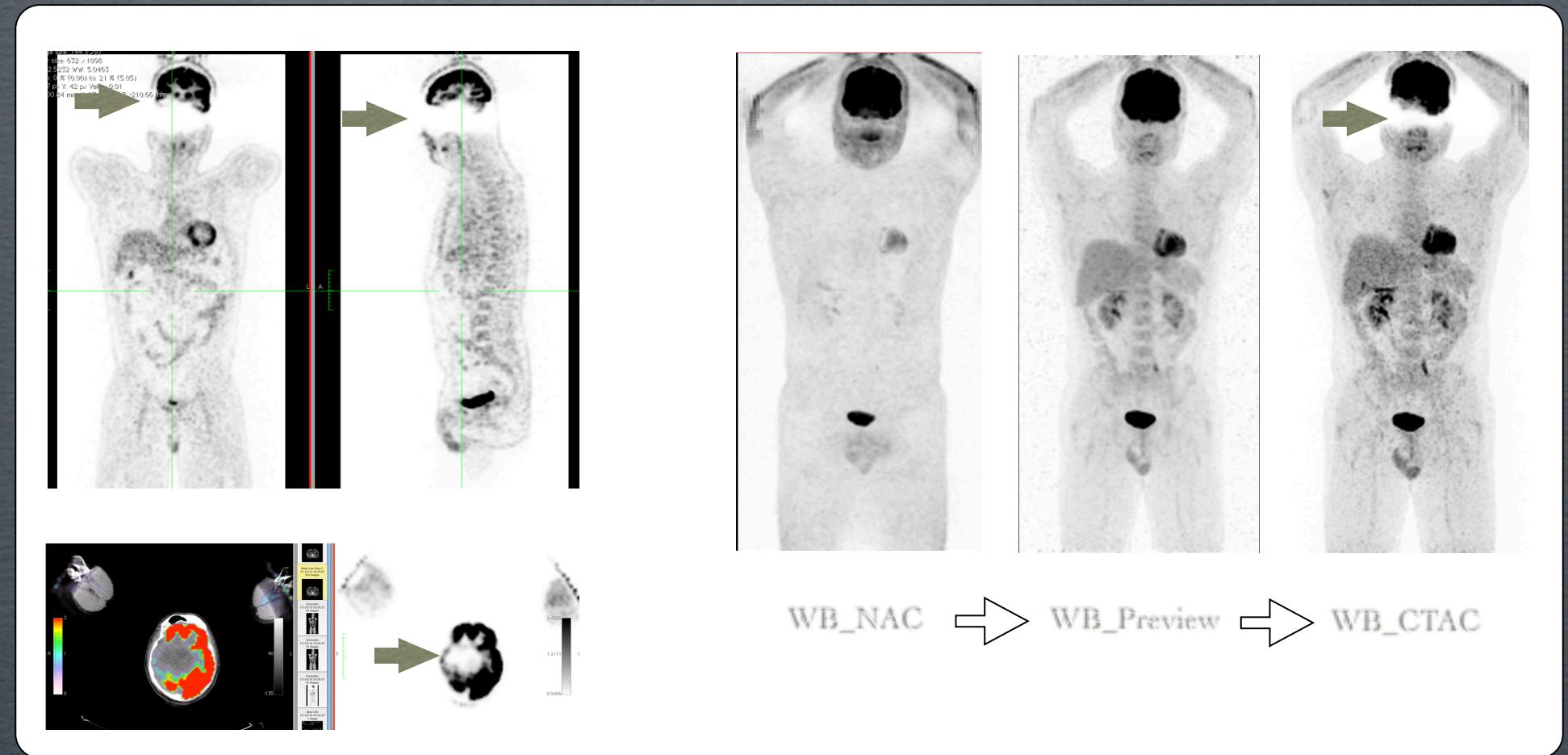
### Errors from CT-based attenuation correction in PET/CT

- CT artifacts
- non-biological objects in patients
- respiratory mismatch between PET and CT images
- patient motion

## Types of CT Artifacts

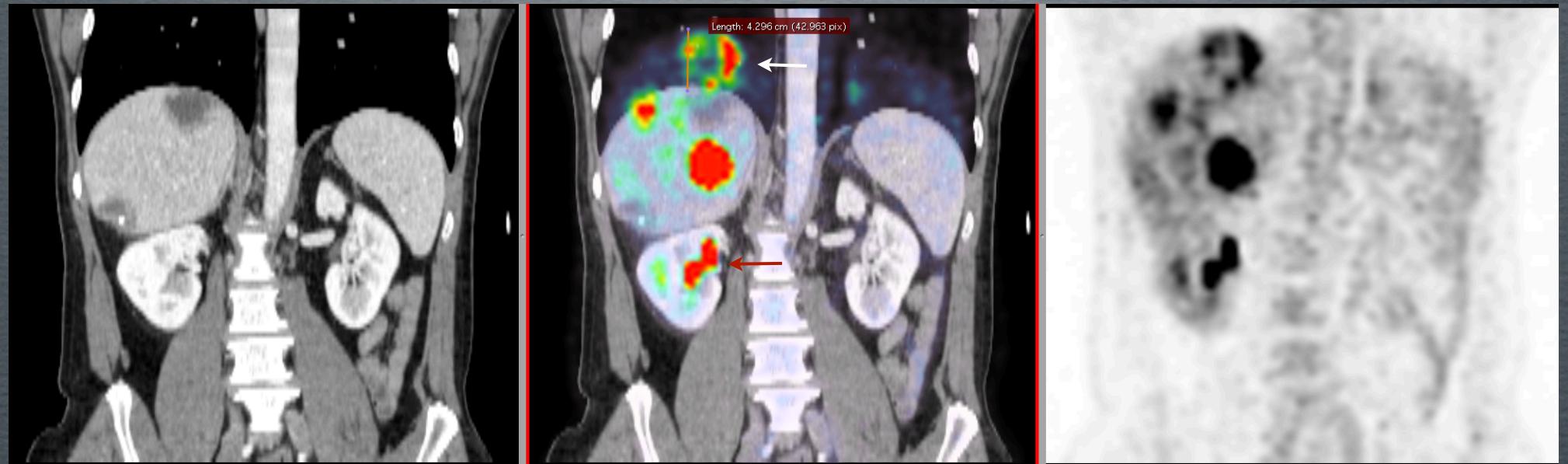
- Physics based
  - beam-hardening
  - partial volume effects
  - photon starvation
  - scatter
  - undersampling
- Scanner based
  - center-of-rotation
  - tube spitting
  - helical interpolation
  - cone-beam reconstruction
- Patient based
  - metallic or dense implants
  - motion
  - truncation

# Correction de scatter



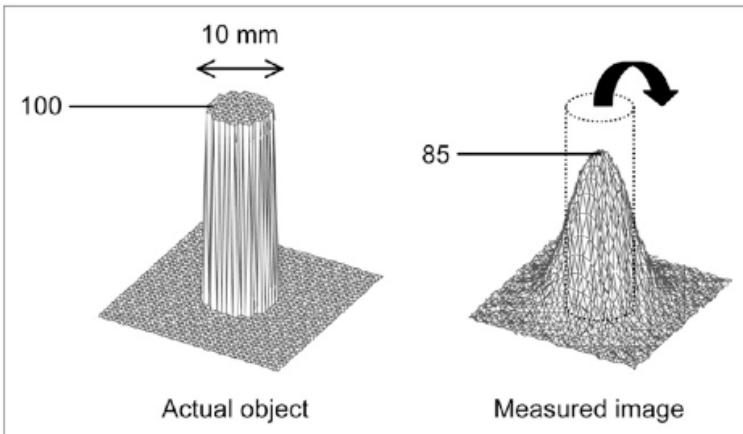
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## Misregistration (respiration)

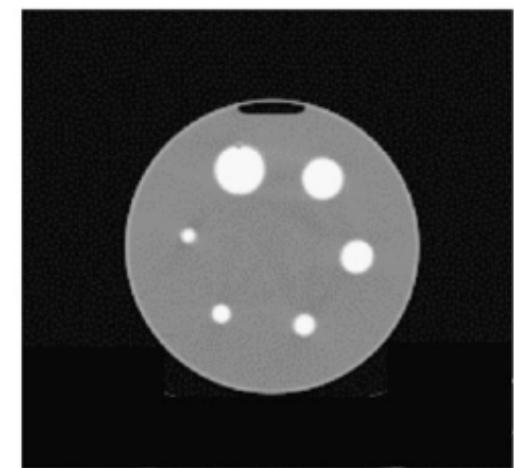
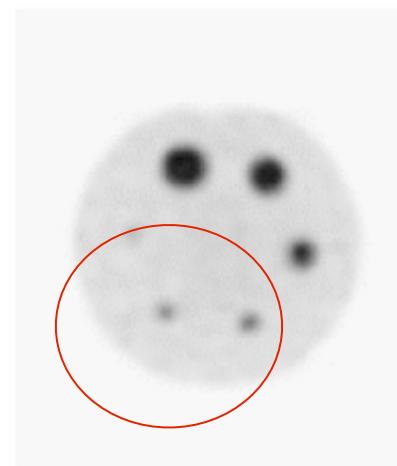


Pas de CT en inspiration bloquée !

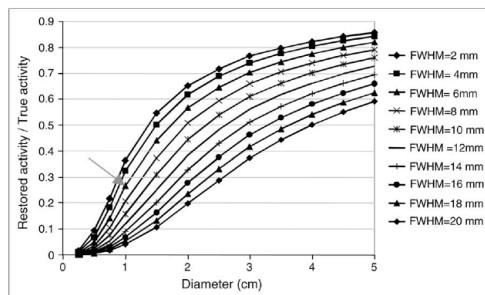
# Partial volume effect



**FIGURE 1.** Circular source (diameter of 10 mm) of uniform activity (100 arbitrary units) in nonradioactive background yields measured image in which part of signal emanating from source is seen outside actual source. Maximum activity in measured image is reduced to 85.



**FIGURE 5.** Transverse PET slice of 6 radioactive spheres with different diameters (10, 12, 16, 22, 28, and 34 mm) and filled with same radioactivity concentrations in uniform radioactive background (left) and corresponding CT slice (right). PVE makes apparent uptake decrease when sphere size decreases.



**FIGURE 10.** Restored activity measured in actual contour of spheres in cold background as function of sphere diameter and spatial resolution of imaging system.

Ccl: attention aux petites métas pulmonaire, aux T1...!  
non hypermétabolique= en apparence...

## Attenuation correction

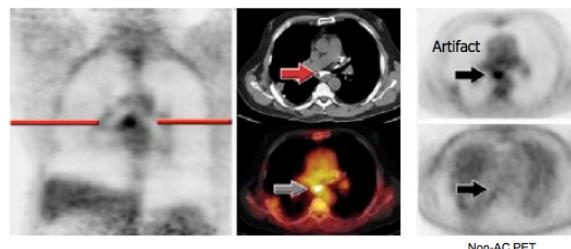
(prothèses de hanche, dentiers, clips chirurgicaux, produits de contraste ioniques au CT...)

Metal Clip



Courtesy O Mawlawi  
MDACC

Calcified Lymph Node



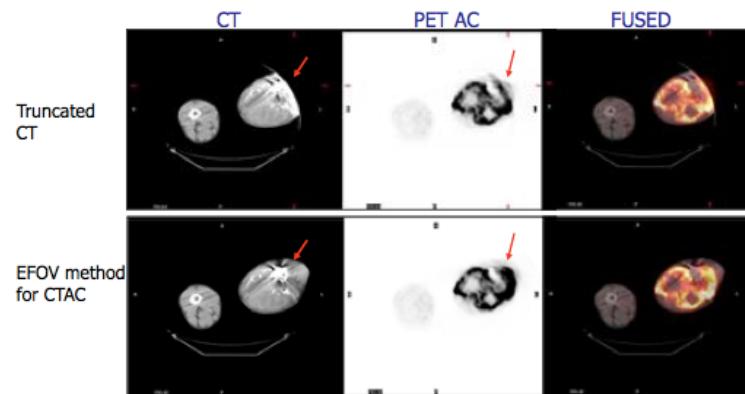
Courtesy T Blodgett UPMC

## Truncation

- Standard CT field of view is 50 cm, but many patients exceed this
- Not often a problem for CT, but can be a problem when a truncated CT is used for PET attenuation correction



## Truncation Artifacts and Wide-Field CT Methods



Max SUV changed from 3.4 to 12.7 with extended field of view CT

## Summary

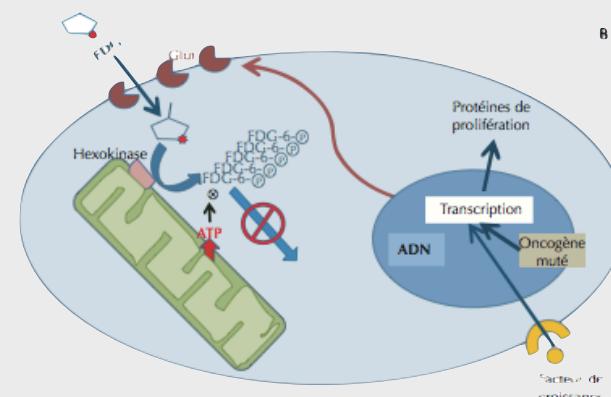
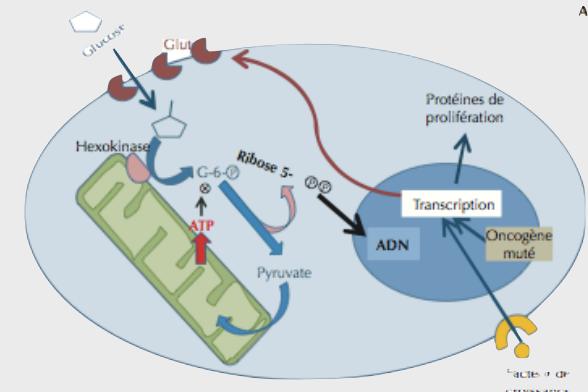
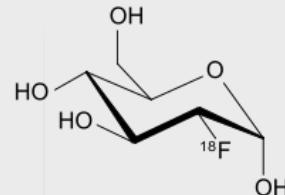
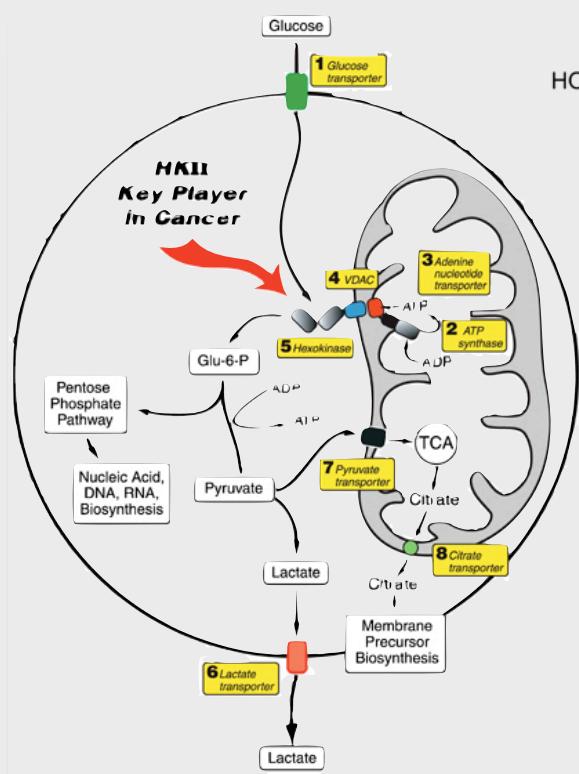
- Look at images with and without attenuation correction if in doubt
- Don't assume correct alignment *always* between PET and CT, at a minimum, patient and/or bed motion is a possibility
- Manufacturers have new methods to help with truncation and respiratory motion artifacts
- CT artifacts and dense objects can propagate errors into the PET image via CTAC
- CINE-CTAC method can help reduce respiratory-induced banana artifacts

# LES TRACEURS PET



# FDG PET

## Fluorodeoxyglucose (2-deoxy-2-(<sup>18</sup>F)fluoro-D-glucose)



Oncogene (2006) **25**, 4777–4786. doi:10.1038/sj.onc.1209603

Hépato-Gastro. Volume 17, Number 1, 11-9, janvier-février 2010

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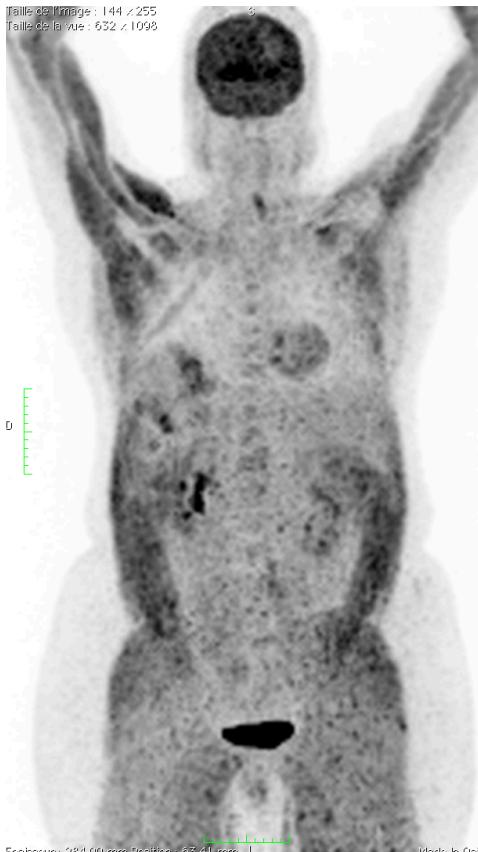
## UN PET FDG, CELA SE PRÉPARE...

Dose: 10 ->5 mCi

- Délai d'incorporation du FDG: minimum 1 heure
- A jeûn (6 heures)...sauf diabétiques IR
- Au calme (pas de footing/vélo avant le PET)
- Pré/per-hydratation (idéal)
- Vêtements chauds et confortables
- Pas de CT contreaste iv et/ou digestif avant le PET

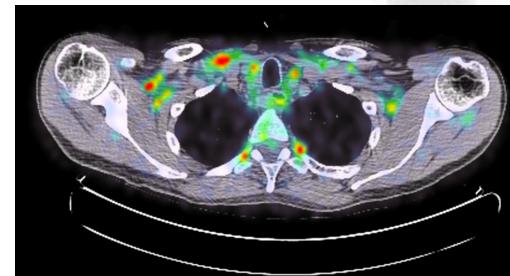
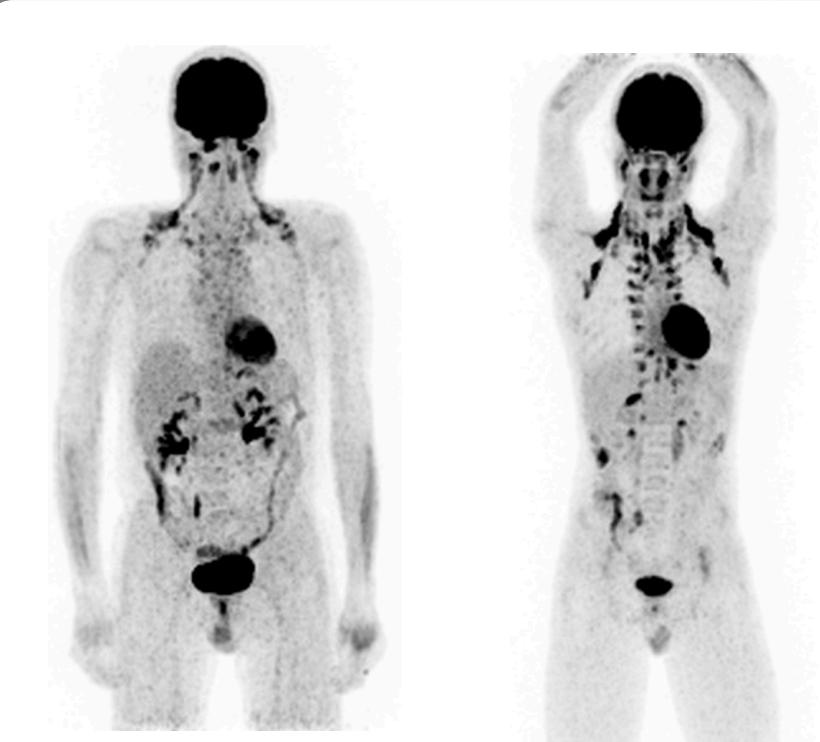
## Exemple de captations physiologiques (liées aux conditions de préparation, traitement reçu...)

Faible de l'image : 144 / 255  
Faible de la vue : 632 x 1098



Pati<sup>e</sup>nte diab<sup>et</sup>ique non contrôlé / Patient non à jeun

Imprégnation insulinique



Récidive CMT ?

Brown FAT

Figure 1 FDG PET scan (coronal view, Grade 3 to 4 symmetrical F-18 FDG uptake of the

Centre for Molecular Imaging, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, East Melbourne, Vict



Effort musculaire



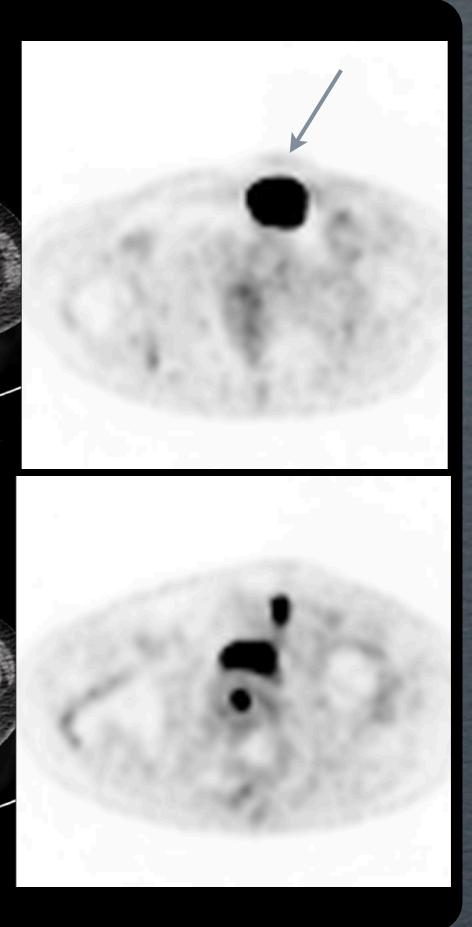
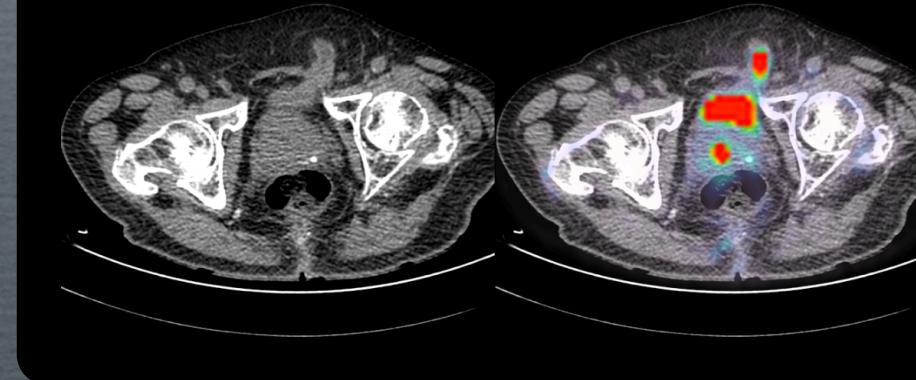
Récidive lymphome ?

Rebond thymique & stase uréthrale

Ceci n'est pas une tumeur...



Mais un diverticule vésical herniaire...





AVERTISSEMENT

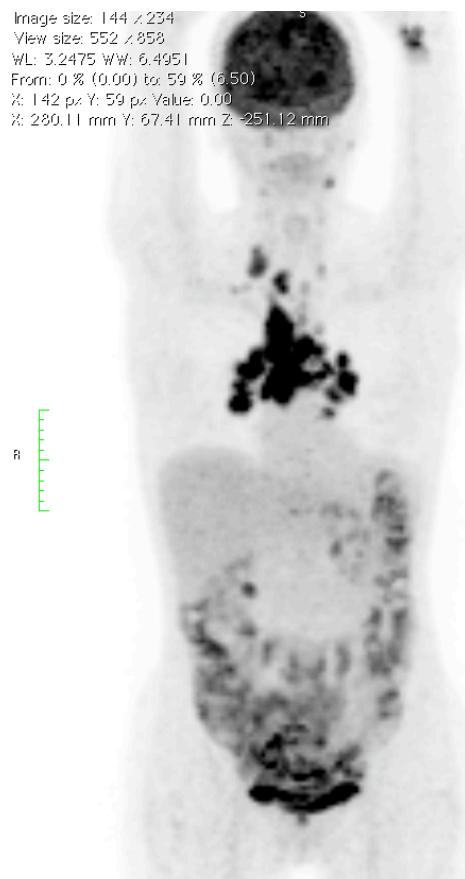


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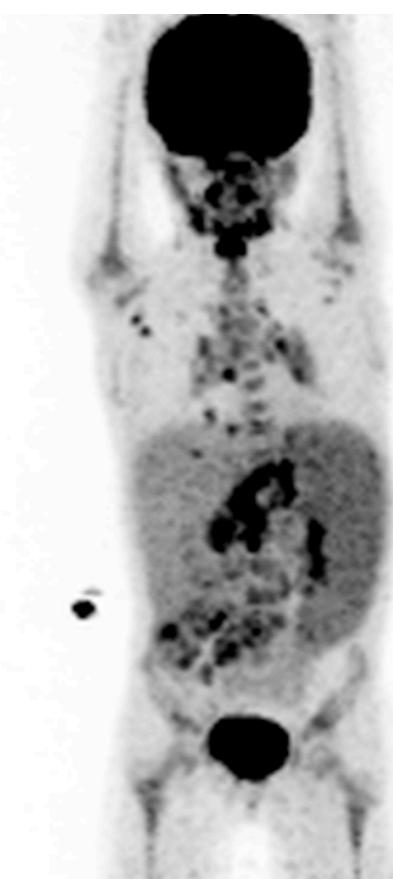
Abcès hépatiques sur  
neutropénie

M: AEG ; 56 ans



Sarcoïdose

M ; 13 ans



Lympho-histiocytose

Le FDG n'est pas un traceur spécifique !



SUV<sub>max</sub>: 33.0

Masse rétropéritonéale:

lymphome, sarcôme, GIST,  
hyperfœphrome....?



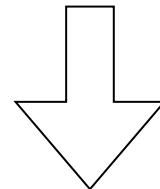
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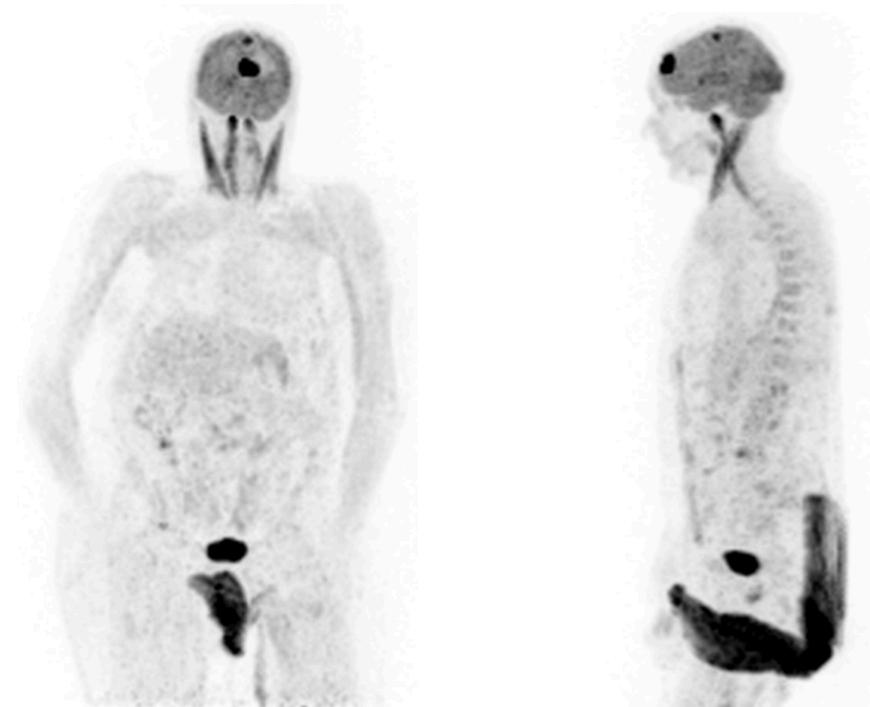
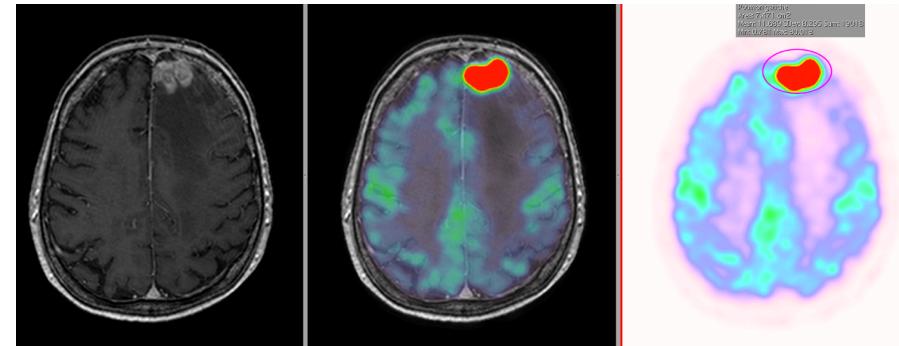
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IRM cérébrale: métas

PET/CT FDG: lésions+/rien à distance  
> primitif high grade type glioblastome  
+nodule fille ?

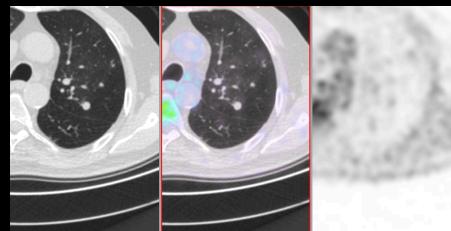
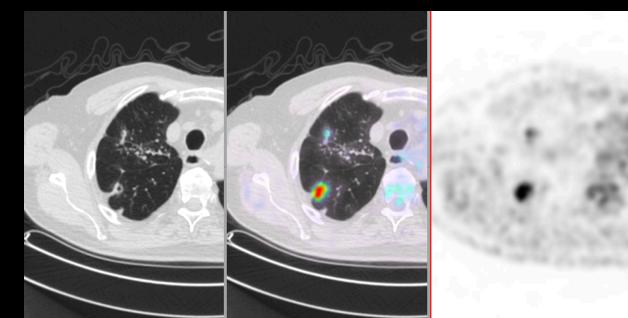
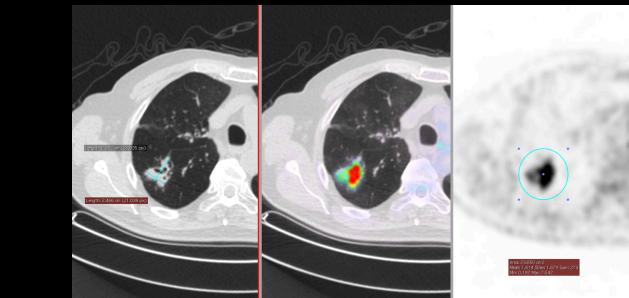
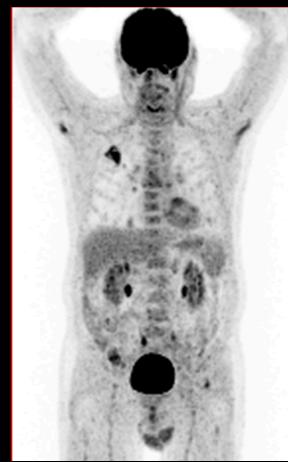
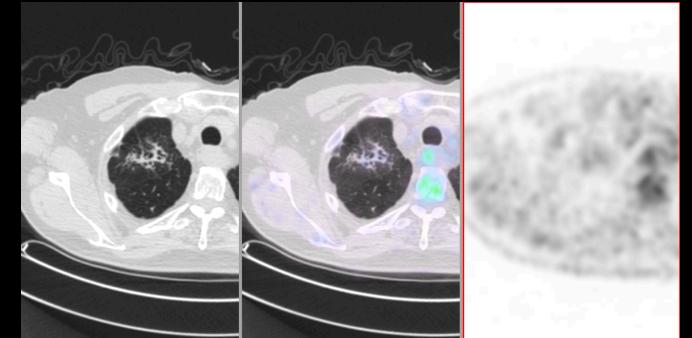
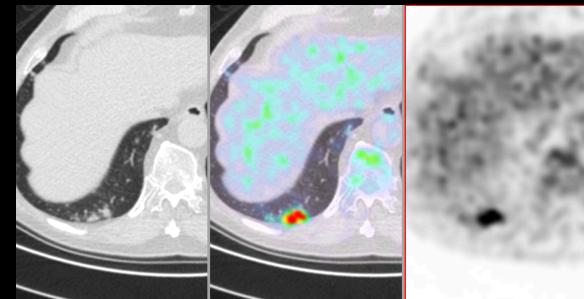
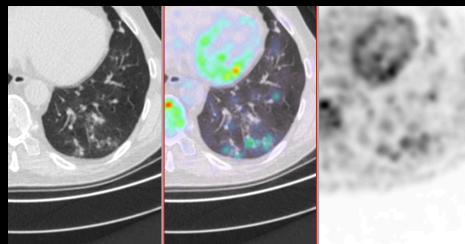


Ccl de l'ana.path: lymphome cérébral  
(DLBCL)



## MANQUE DE SPÉCIFICITÉ > PROTOCOLE «NUANCÉ»...

Bilan d'opacité LID chez un patient de 74 ans présentant des ATCDTS de TBC LSD



T4M1, T2Nx avec surinfection saisonnière, réactivation de TBC ?? -> contexte clinique...

# Items classiques de la littérature PET Onco

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- MODIFICATIONS TNM

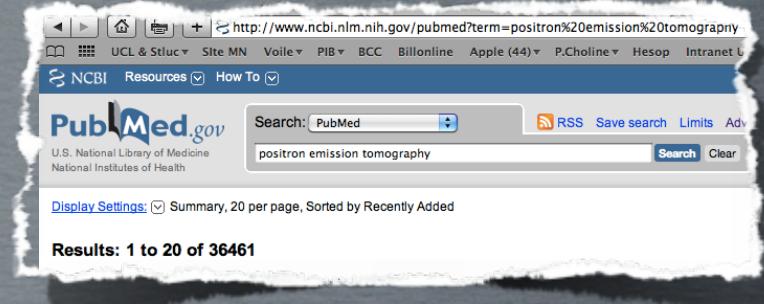
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PET FDG: On n'est plus en Phase I... !

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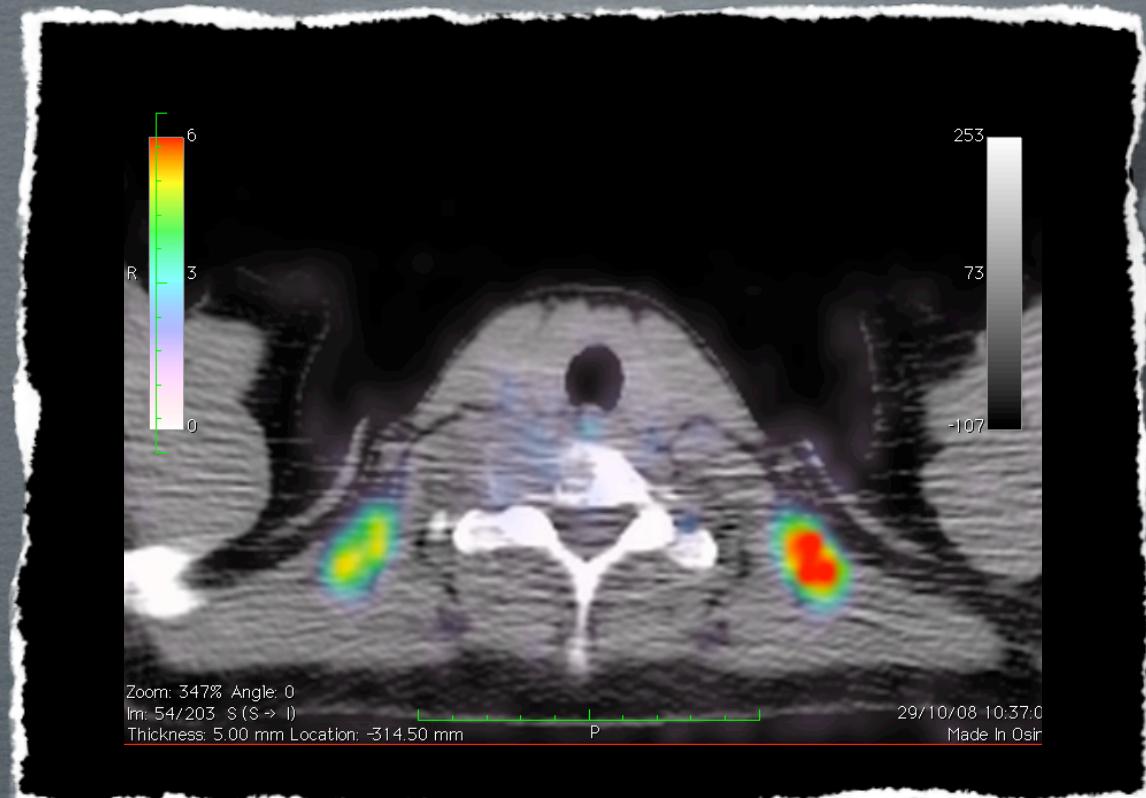
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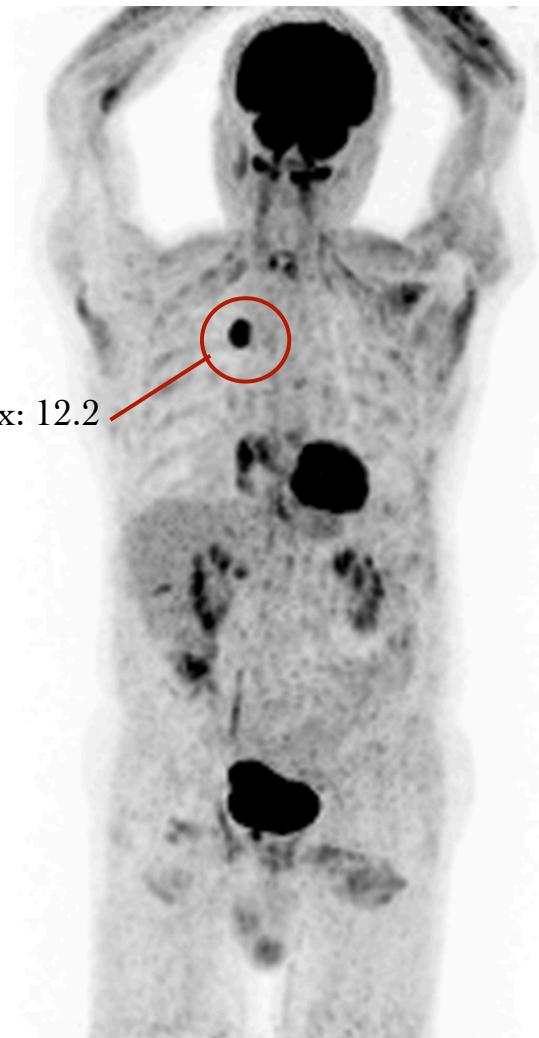
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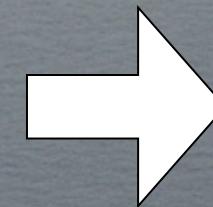
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NODULE PULMONAIRE: CECI...

...EST UN CANCER !!



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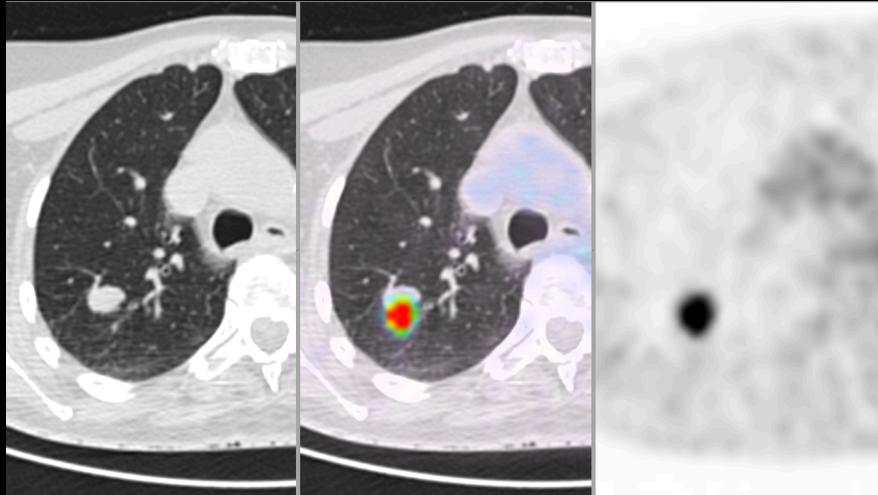


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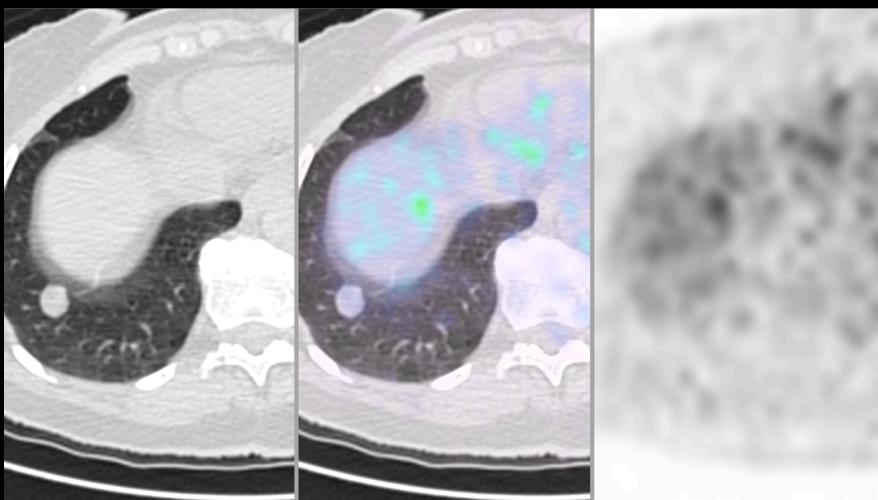
T2a N2 M0

Femme 75 ans ;

Lésions pulmonaires suspectes - contexte de mélanome réséqué au niveau de l'aile du nez.



Lésion LSD nettement hypermétabolique (SUV<sub>max</sub>: 7.8)  
= tumeur pulmonaire primitive (épidermoïde)



Lésion LID non hypermétabolique  
= hamartome (TB)

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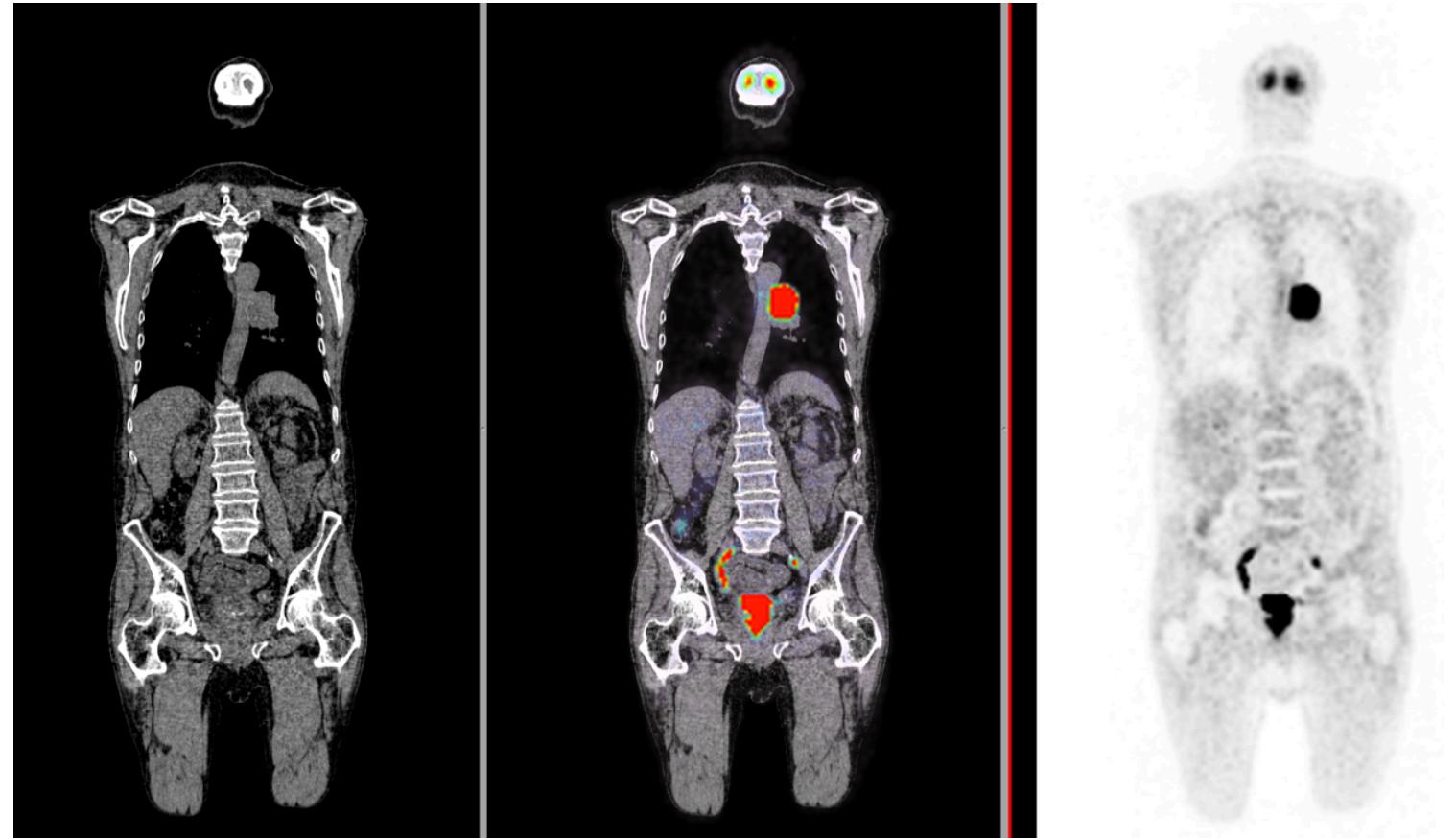
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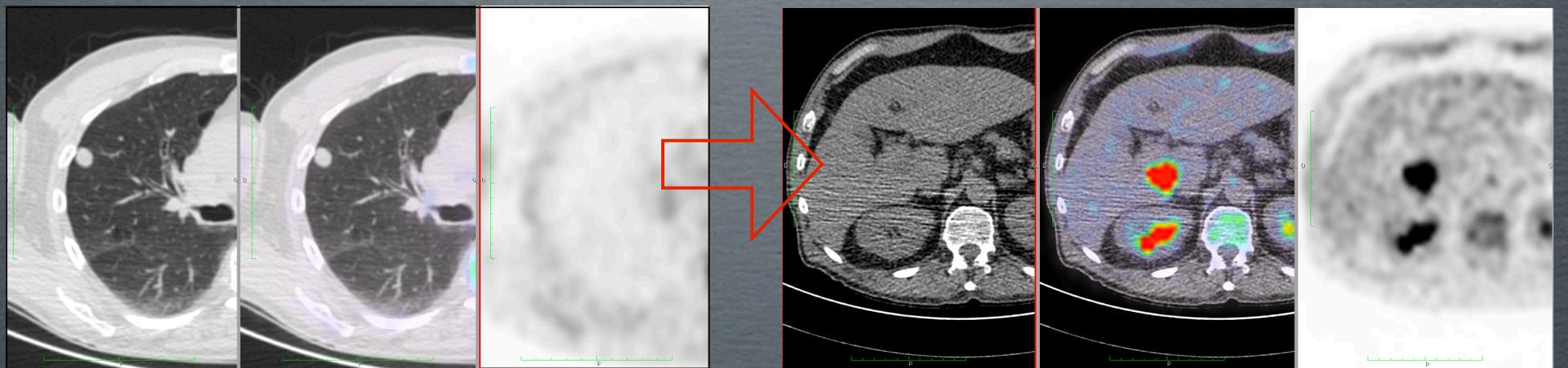
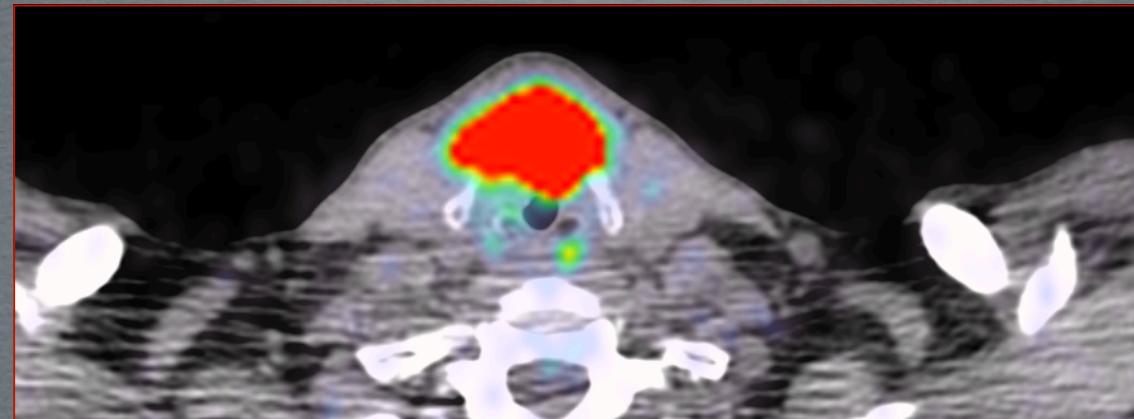
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# Staging initial



cT2cN2M0 (14/09/2010)

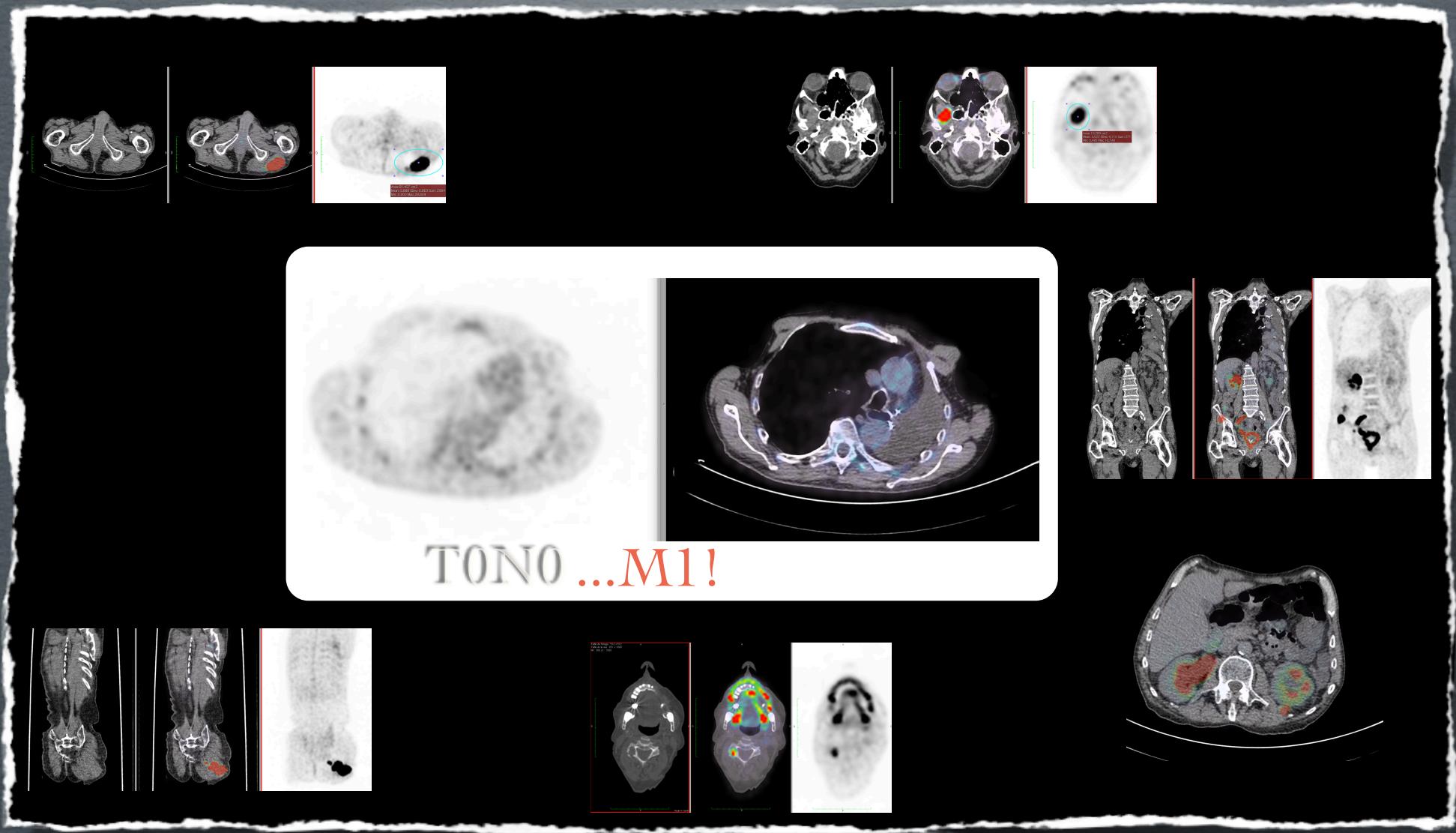
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Lesion pulmonaire négative !  
(M1-> M0)

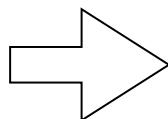
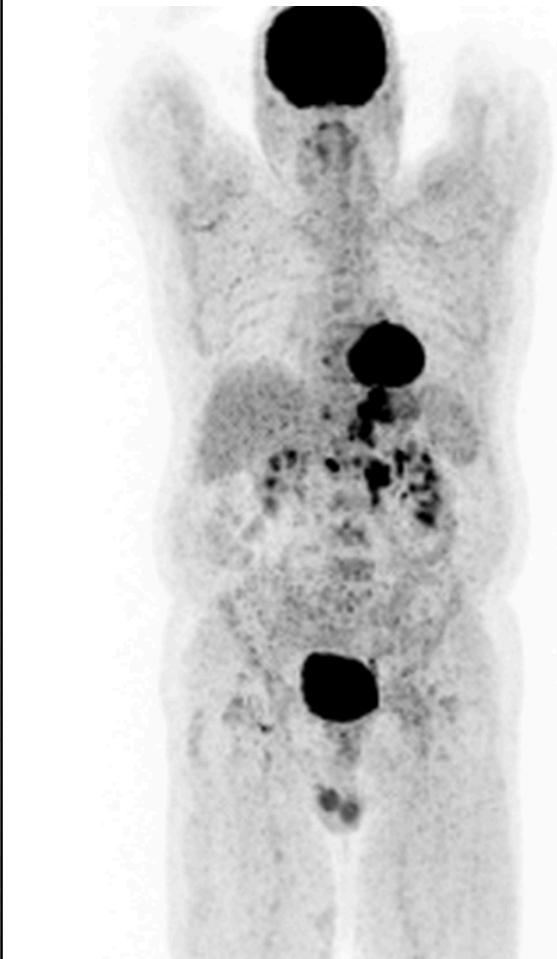
mais... métastase hépatique méconnue !  
(M0 -> M1 !)

# ... RE-STAGING POST TRAITEMENT (23/02/11)



# RESTAGING POST TRAITEMENT

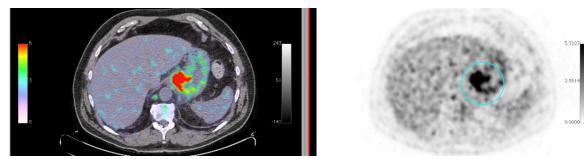
Cancer de l'oesophage



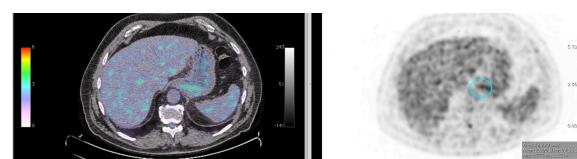
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«Opérabilisable»



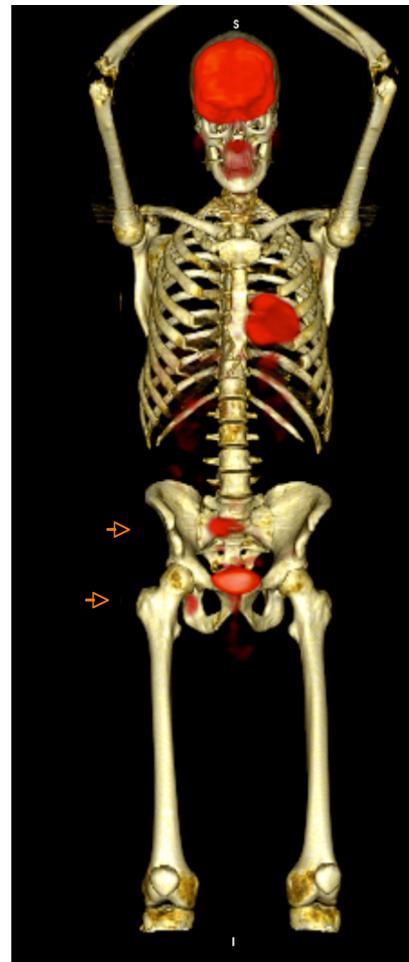
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## FDG PET/CT to guide biopsy samples

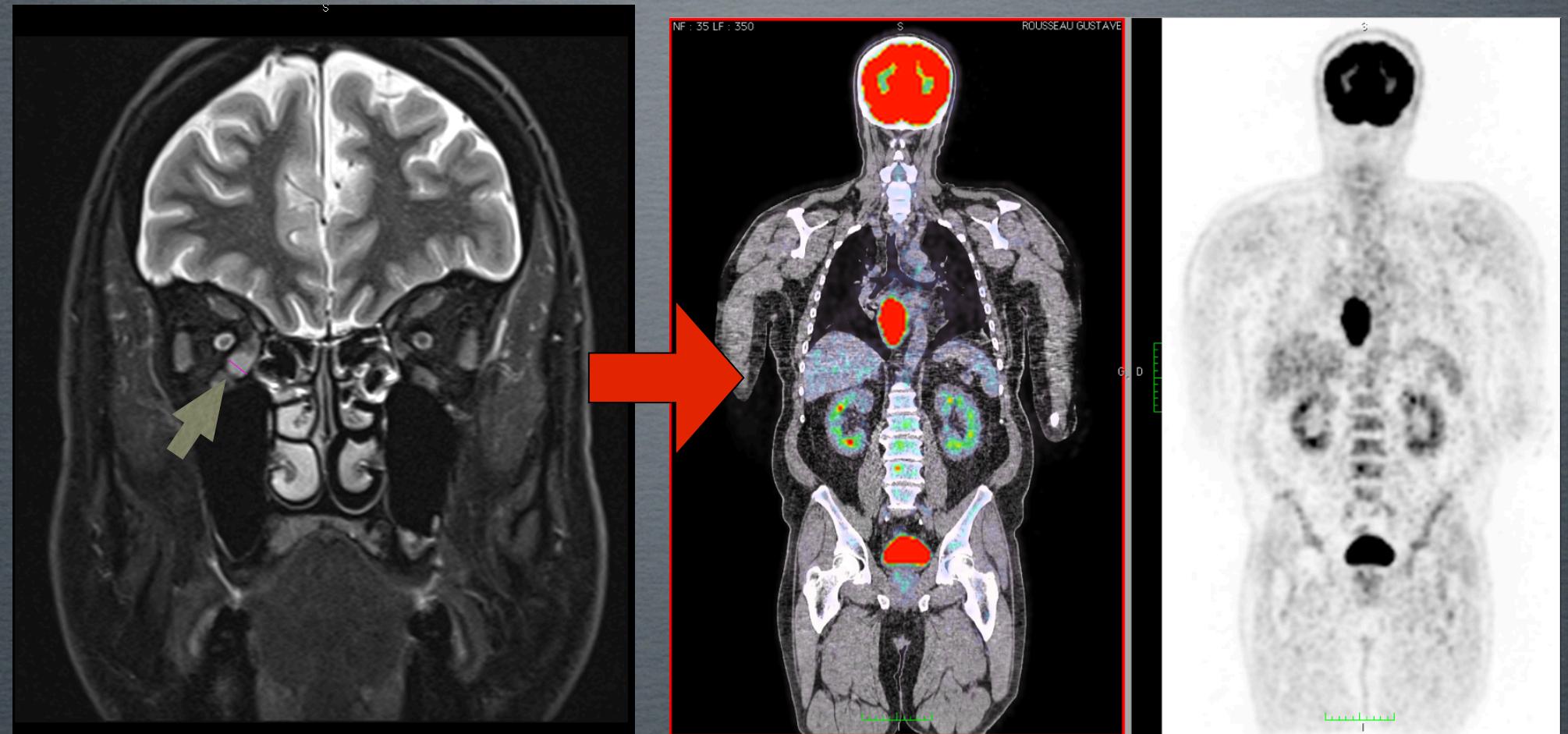
Diffuse M+ Bone lesions > patient irradiated without diagnosis



Ccl: Hodgkin Lymphoma > chemotherapy !

# BILAN D'UNE LÉSION D'ALLURE MÉTASTATIQUE, D'ORIGINE INDÉTERMINÉE (CE3998E)

Diminution de l'acuité visuelle



Nodule m.occulo-moteur interne

Néo. oesophage

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**Invited Perspective**

## **18F-FDG PET as a Candidate for "Qualified Biomarker": Functional Assessment of Treatment Response in Oncology**

Steven M. Larson and Lawrence H. Schwartz

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center New York, New York

clinical trials with traditional endpoints (Phase I>III, OS...) are very expensive ( $>100.10^6$  \$)



«Surrogate endpoints for survival»: RR, TTP, PFS..



Biomarkers / marker of cancer activity



FDG PET submitted to FDA authorities



Only if better Procedure Standardization

# PET/CT FDG: l'âge de raison...

NCI-SNM  
(2006)

Et en Europe... ?

EORTC - Accreditation EANM

(Amsterdam/Vienna 2010 > 2011)

## Procedure Guideline for Tumor Imaging with $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET/CT 1.0\*

Dominique Delbeke<sup>1</sup>, R. Edward Coleman<sup>2</sup>, Milton J. Guiberteau<sup>3</sup>, Manuel L. Brown<sup>4</sup>, Henry D. Royal<sup>5</sup>, Barry A. Siegel<sup>5</sup>, David W. Townsend<sup>6</sup>, Lincoln L. Berland<sup>7</sup>, J. Anthony Parker<sup>8</sup>, Karl Hubner<sup>9</sup>, Michael G. Stabin<sup>10</sup>, George Zubal<sup>11</sup>, Marc Kachelriess<sup>12</sup>, Valerie Cronin<sup>13</sup>, and Scott Holbrook<sup>14</sup>

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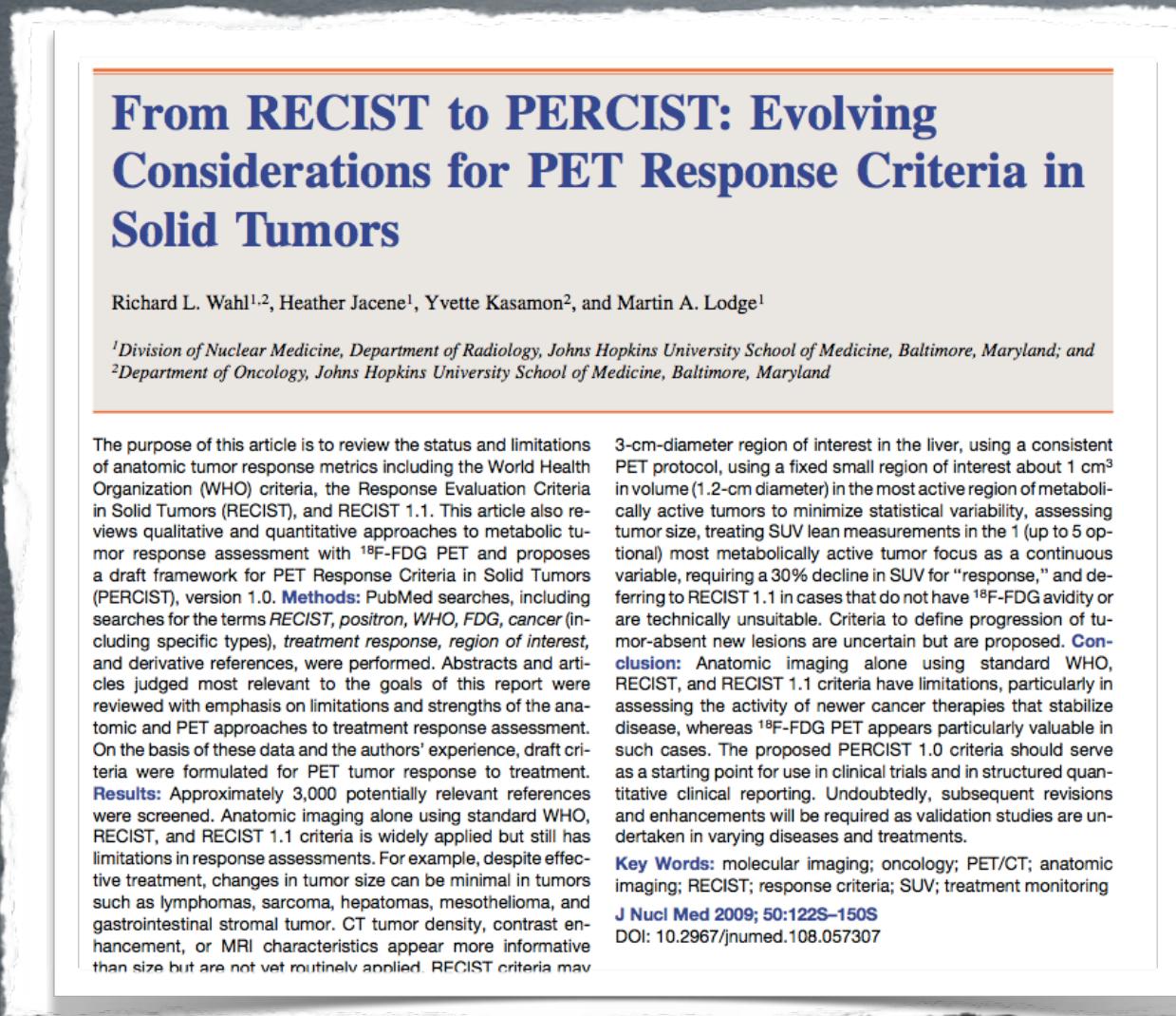
Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging  
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### GUIDELINES

## FDG PET and PET/CT: EANM procedure guidelines for tumour PET imaging: version 1.0

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# En parallèle...



**From RECIST to PERCIST: Evolving Considerations for PET Response Criteria in Solid Tumors**

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The purpose of this article is to review the status and limitations of anatomic tumor response metrics including the World Health Organization (WHO) criteria, the Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST), and RECIST 1.1. This article also reviews qualitative and quantitative approaches to metabolic tumor response assessment with <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET and proposes a draft framework for PET Response Criteria in Solid Tumors (PERCIST), version 1.0. **Methods:** PubMed searches, including searches for the terms *RECIST*, *positron*, *WHO*, *FDG*, *cancer* (including specific types), *treatment response*, *region of interest*, and derivative references, were performed. Abstracts and articles judged most relevant to the goals of this report were reviewed with emphasis on limitations and strengths of the anatomic and PET approaches to treatment response assessment. On the basis of these data and the authors' experience, draft criteria were formulated for PET tumor response to treatment. **Results:** Approximately 3,000 potentially relevant references were screened. Anatomic imaging alone using standard WHO, RECIST, and RECIST 1.1 criteria is widely applied but still has limitations in response assessments. For example, despite effective treatment, changes in tumor size can be minimal in tumors such as lymphomas, sarcoma, hepatomas, mesothelioma, and gastrointestinal stromal tumor. CT tumor density, contrast enhancement, or MRI characteristics appear more informative than size but are not yet routinely applied. RECIST criteria may 3-cm-diameter region of interest in the liver, using a consistent PET protocol, using a fixed small region of interest about 1 cm<sup>3</sup> in volume (1.2-cm diameter) in the most active region of metabolically active tumors to minimize statistical variability, assessing tumor size, treating SUV lean measurements in the 1 (up to 5 optional) most metabolically active tumor focus as a continuous variable, requiring a 30% decline in SUV for "response," and deferring to RECIST 1.1 in cases that do not have <sup>18</sup>F-FDG avidity or are technically unsuitable. Criteria to define progression of tumor-absent new lesions are uncertain but are proposed. **Conclusion:** Anatomic imaging alone using standard WHO, RECIST, and RECIST 1.1 criteria have limitations, particularly in assessing the activity of newer cancer therapies that stabilize disease, whereas <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET appears particularly valuable in such cases. The proposed PERCIST 1.0 criteria should serve as a starting point for use in clinical trials and in structured quantitative clinical reporting. Undoubtedly, subsequent revisions and enhancements will be required as validation studies are undertaken in varying diseases and treatments.

**Key Words:** molecular imaging; oncology; PET/CT; anatomic imaging; RECIST; response criteria; SUV; treatment monitoring

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Critères morphologiques

WHO criteria (1979)

RECIST (2001)

RECIST 1.1 (2009)



Nouveaux agents biologiques  
cystatiques >< cytotoxiques

-> décrochage entre  
outcome & non-évolution  
morphologique tumorale

(ex: HCC dans SHARP, GIST & Glivec...)



PERCIST (Delta SUV)

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Critères de fin de traitement !

# ÉTUDES INTERVENTIONNELLES SUR BASE DES RÉSULTATS PET INTERMÉDIAIRES

Work in Progress/Validation... (5point scale, deltaSUV...)



Deauville 2009



Menton 2010



Menton 2011

Third international workshop on interim-PET in lymphoma  
Menton (France), Palais de l'Europe,  
September 26-27th, 2011

Under the auspices of GELA, IIL, SFMN, EANM, EHA

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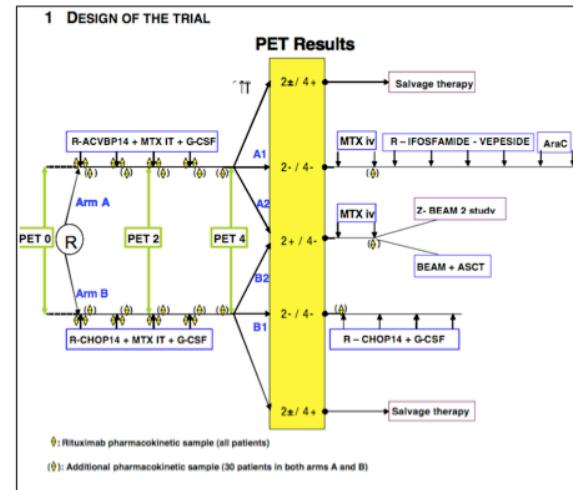


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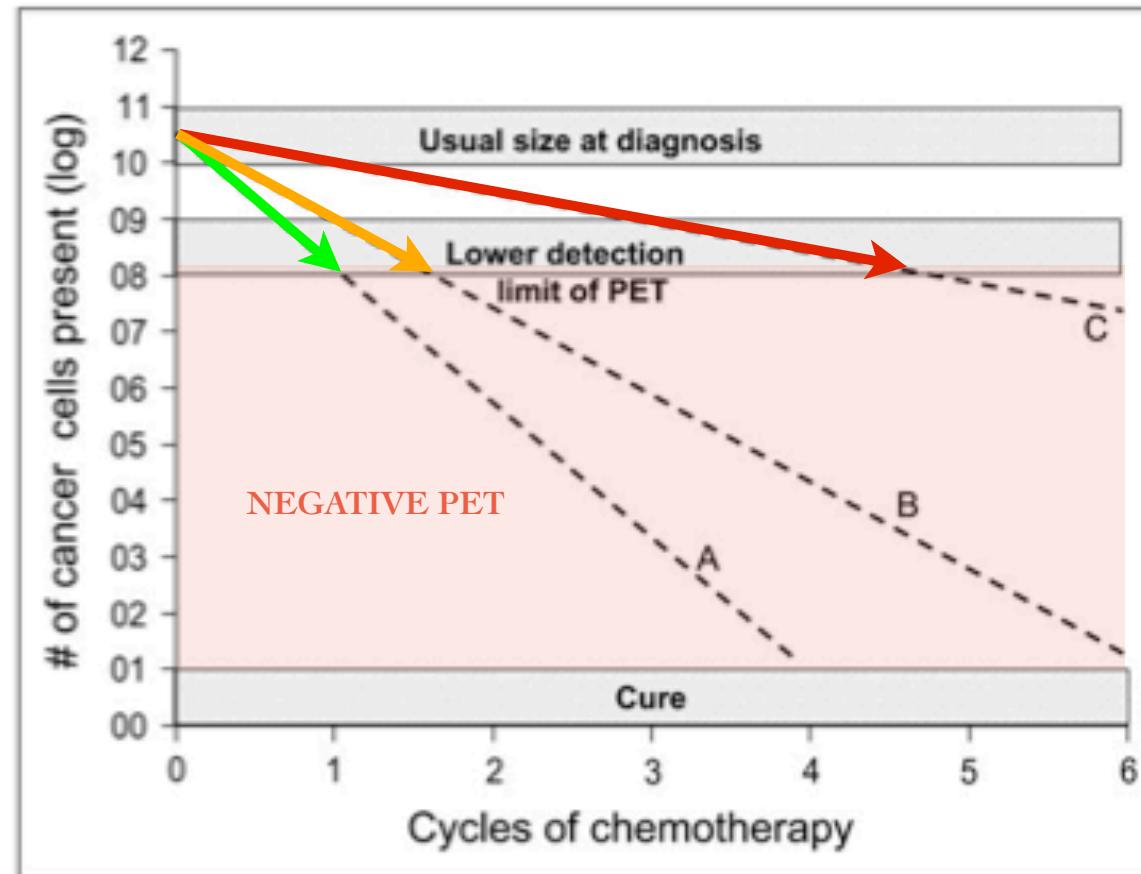
RANDOMIZED PHASE II STUDY OF TWO ASSOCIATIONS OF RITUXIMAB AND CHEMOTHERAPY, WITH A PET-DRIVEN STRATEGY, IN PATIENTS FROM 18 TO 59 WITH DLBCL CD 20+ LYMPHOMA AND 2 OR 3 ADVERSE PROGNOSTIC FACTORS OF THE AGE-ADJUSTED IPI



Seuil de détectabilité tumorale par PET

...quand la T<sub>+</sub> atteint

0.4-1.0 cm
0.1-0.5 to 1g
10 <sup>8</sup> -10 <sup>9</sup> cellules



cT0 ≠ pT0

Un PET négatif en fin de traitement ne signifie pas nécessairement l'absence de cellule tumorale résiduelle ([0-10<sup>7</sup> cells] ...mais est de bon pronostic !

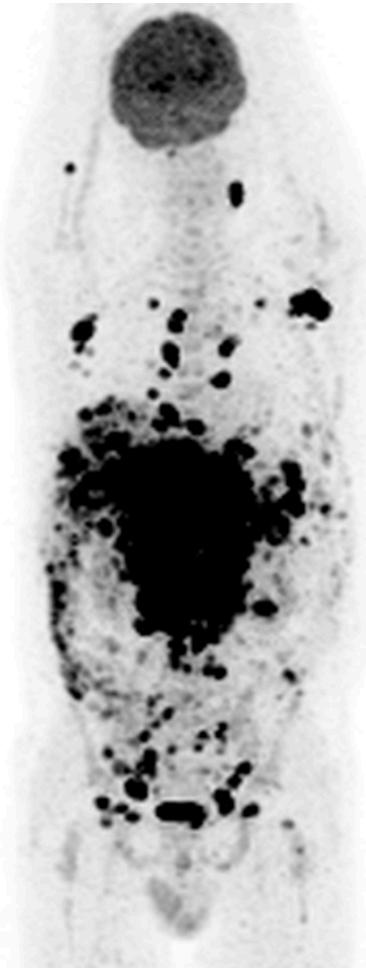
Ex: métas hépatiques colo-rectales



T<sub>+</sub> Pauci-cellulaires:

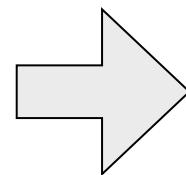
VBEH, urothéliales, kystiques, mucoïdes....

DLBCL - M; 50 ans



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4 cures R-CHOP



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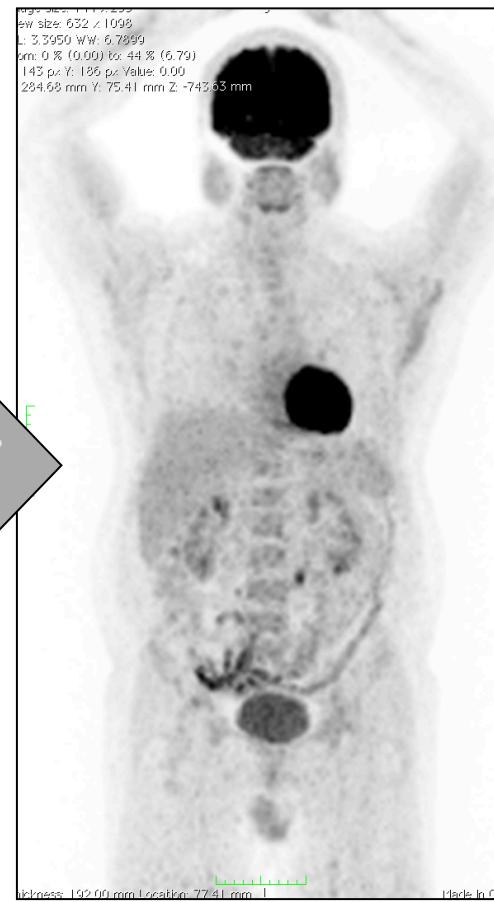


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# LNH Folliculaire - M; 59 ans



R-CHOP  
4cures



16/02/10

20/04/10

Infiltrat mésentérique mal défini



22/10/10



Discordances- complications infectieuses du R/  
(HIV+)

# Quid des critères pour les tumeurs solides ?



Pergamon

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## Position Paper

### Measurement of Clinical and Subclinical Tumour Response Using [<sup>18</sup>F]-fluorodeoxyglucose and Positron Emission Tomography: Review and 1999 EORTC Recommendations

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- mCR: complete metabolic response

Complete resolution of FDG uptake within the tumour, indistinguishable from surrounding normal tissue.

- mPR: partial metabolic response

Reduction of more than 15% of the tumour SUVmax

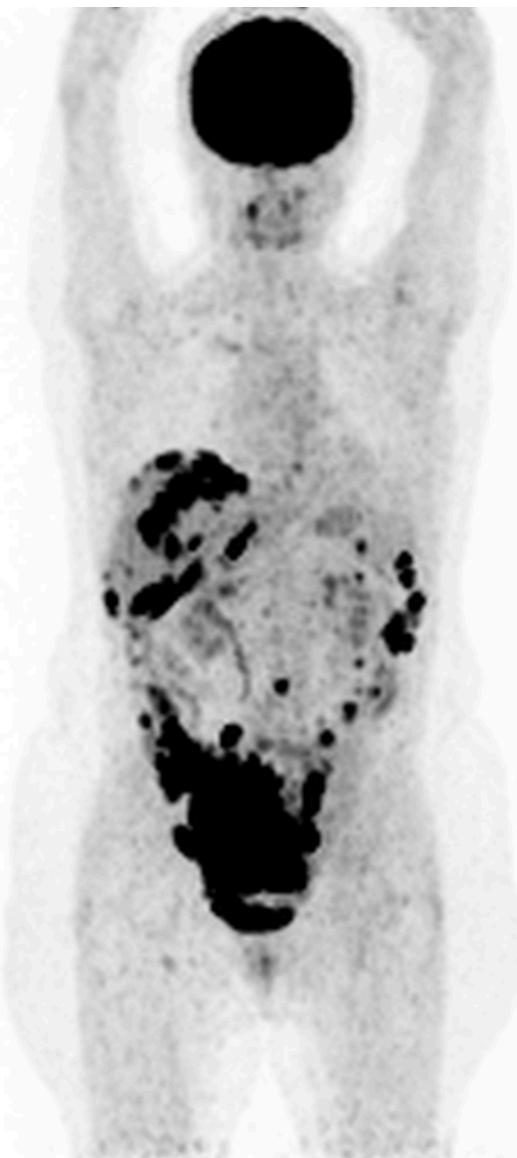
- mSD: stable metabolic disease

Increase of < 25% in tumour SUVmax or decrease of < 15 % in tumour SUVmax

- mPD: progressive metabolic disease

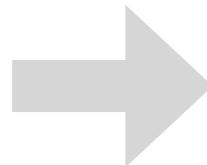
Increase of > 25% in tumour SUVmax or of > 20% in the extent (longest dimension), or the appearance of a new suspected lesion.

F 74 ans ; Néo ovarien



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6 cures de Carbo-taxol



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# IMPORTANCE DU TIMING

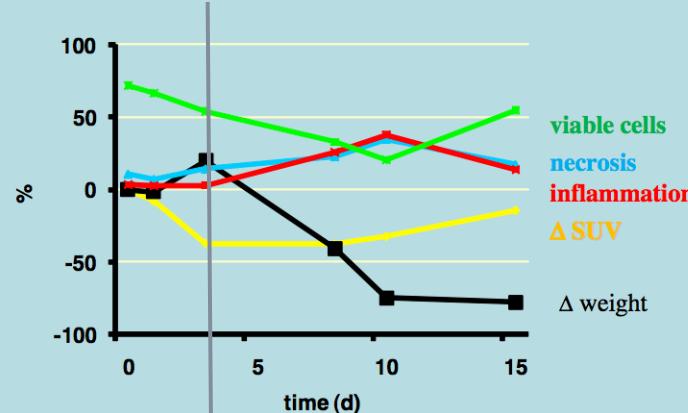
dans le monitoring  
thérapeutique





## Inflammation and its interference with early response assessment

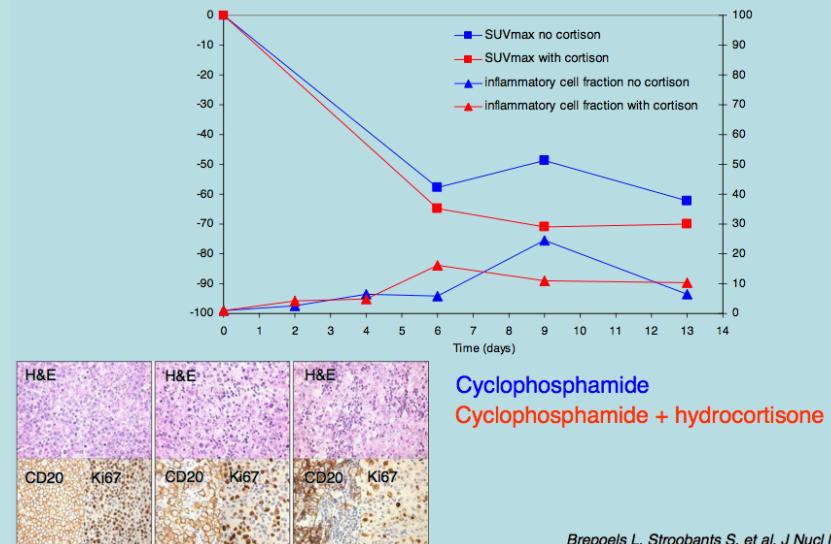
Spaepen, EJNM 2003  
SCID mice with cyclophosphamide, ex-vivo measurements



// non //



- Does the presence of anti-inflammatory drugs (corticosteroids) influences the FDG-uptake and the cellular resposnse after chemotherapy?



Brepoels L, Stroobants S, et al. J Nucl Med. 2007

## Recommendations:

Chimiothérapie: PET minimum 10j après... (idéalement juste avant la prochaine cure)

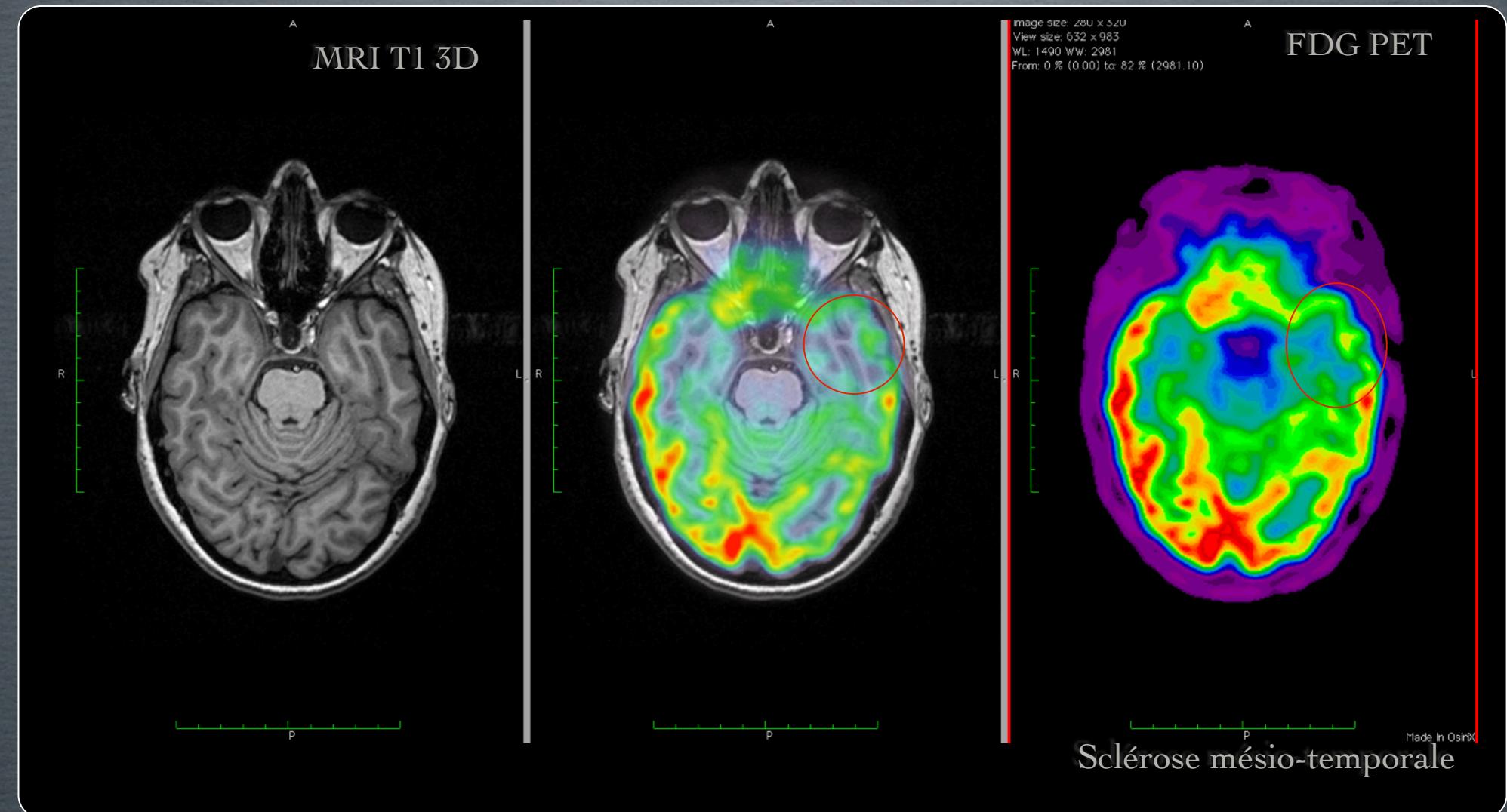
Radiothérapie externe: 8 - 12 semaines !

## Autres champs d'application du PET/CT

- Neurologie (épilepsie réfractaire, démences, tumeurs...)
- Cardiologie (Viabilité myocardique/flux coronarien)
- Médecine Interne Générale: inflammation & infection
- Radiothérapie (délimitation des volumes à irradier)

# NEUROLOGIE

# Localisation d'un foyer épileptogène (épilepsie réfractaire)

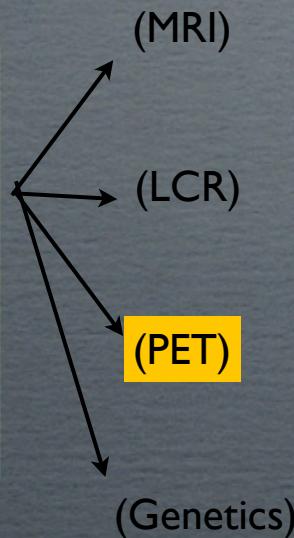


# Bilan des Démences

Clinical  
(A)

+

one or  
more  
biomarker  
criteria  
(B,C,D or E)



## Panel 2: Diagnostic criteria for AD

**Probable AD: A plus one or more supportive features B, C, D, or E**

### **Core diagnostic criteria**

A. Presence of an early and significant episodic memory impairment that includes the following features:

1. Gradual and progressive change in memory function reported by patients or informants over more than 6 months
2. Objective evidence of significantly impaired episodic memory on testing: this generally consists of recall deficit that does not improve significantly or does not normalise with cueing or recognition testing and after effective encoding of information has been previously controlled
3. The episodic memory impairment can be isolated or associated with other cognitive changes at the onset of AD or as AD advances

### **Supportive features**

B. Presence of medial temporal lobe atrophy

- Volume loss of hippocampi, entorhinal cortex, amygdala evidenced on MRI with qualitative ratings using visual scoring (referenced to well characterised population with age norms) or quantitative volumetry of regions of interest (referenced to well characterised population with age norms)

C. Abnormal cerebrospinal fluid biomarker

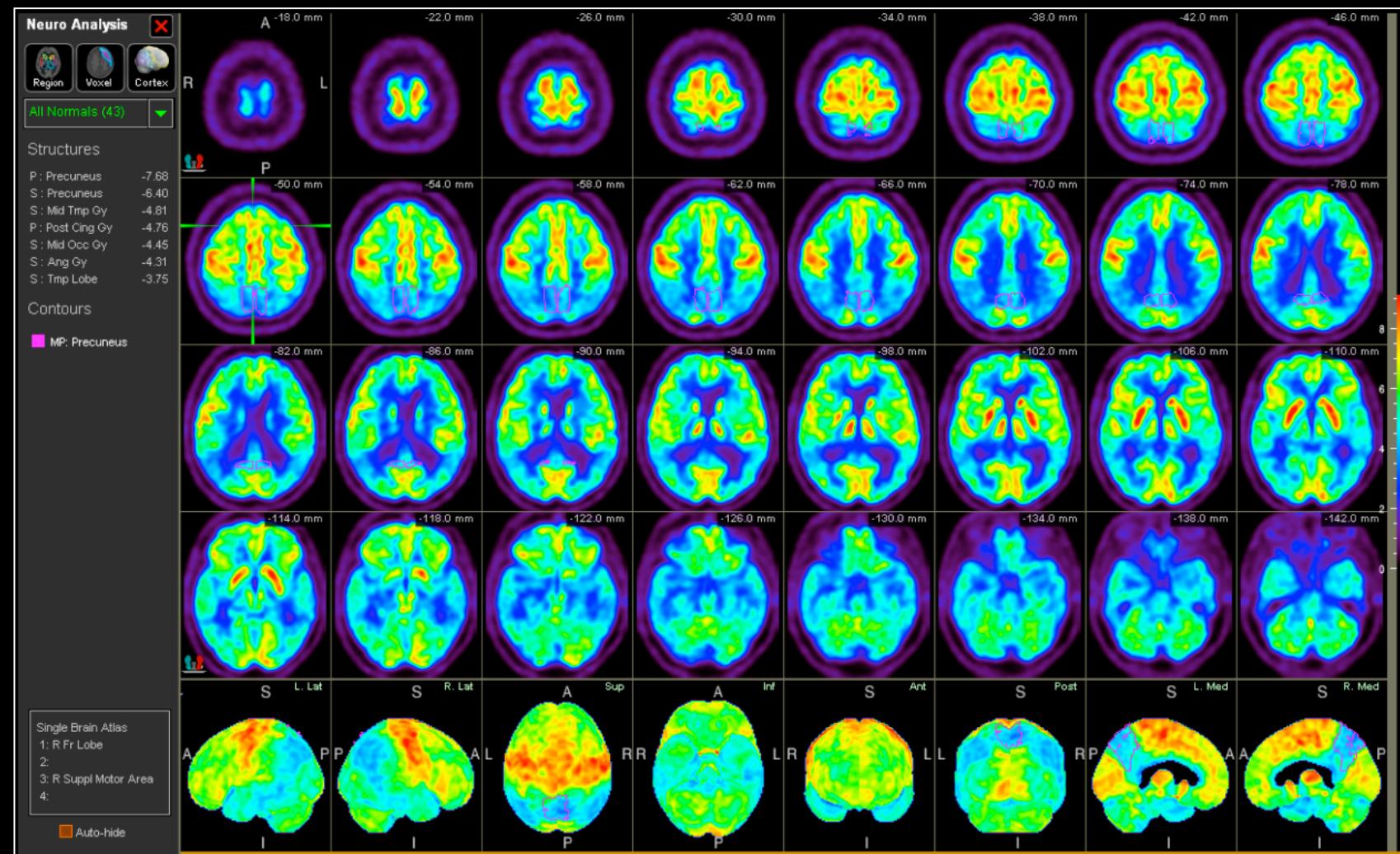
- Low amyloid  $\beta_{1-42}$  concentrations, increased total tau concentrations, or increased phospho-tau concentrations, or combinations of the three
- Other well validated markers to be discovered in the future

D. Specific pattern on functional neuroimaging with PET

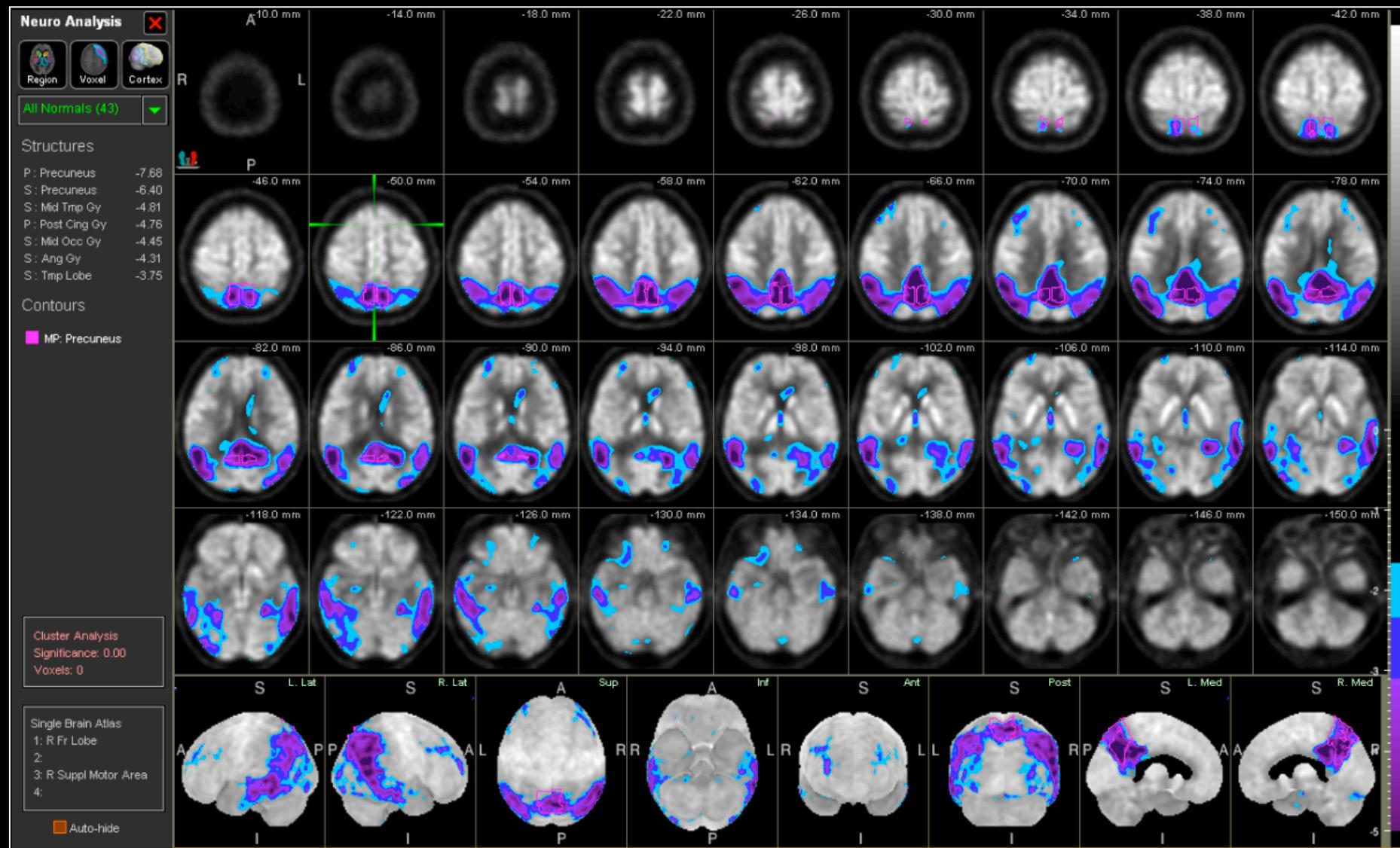
- Reduced glucose metabolism in bilateral temporal parietal regions
- Other well validated ligands, including those that foreseeably will emerge such as Pittsburg compound B or FDDNP

E. Proven AD autosomal dominant mutation within the immediate family

## F; 55 ans - Typical pattern of Alzheimer (early onset)



# Complex Voxel based analysis (Zscore ÷ normal DB)



# AMYLOID PLAQUES IMAGING

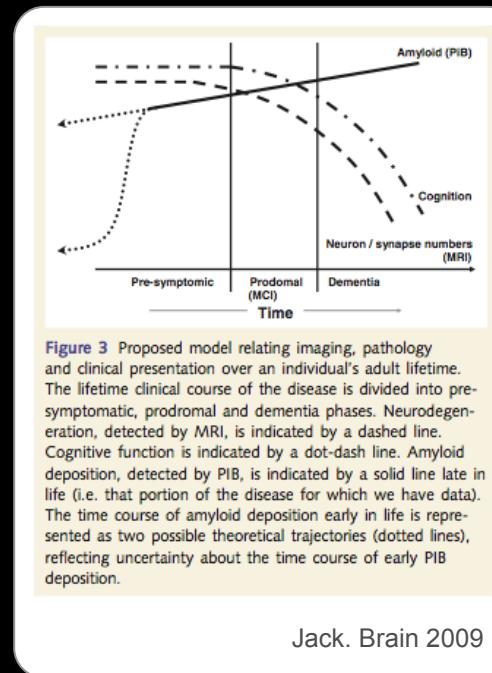
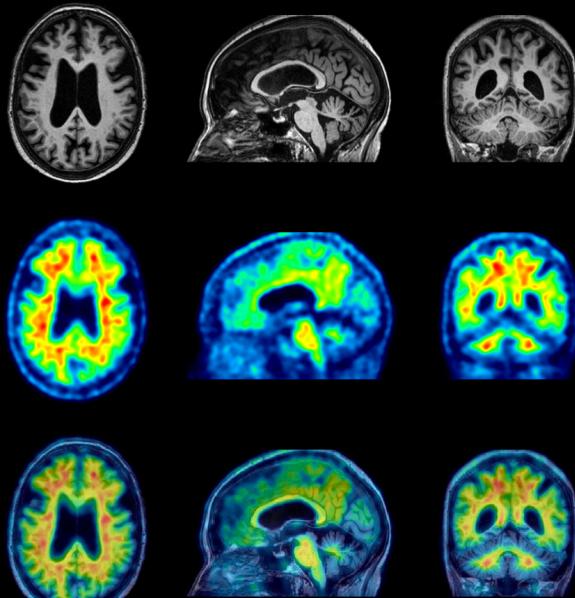
$^{11}\text{C}$ -PIB

$^{18}\text{F}$ -Flumetamol

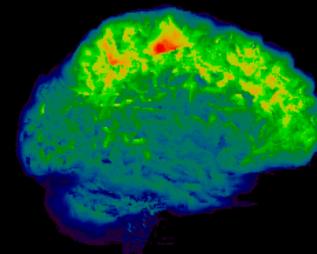
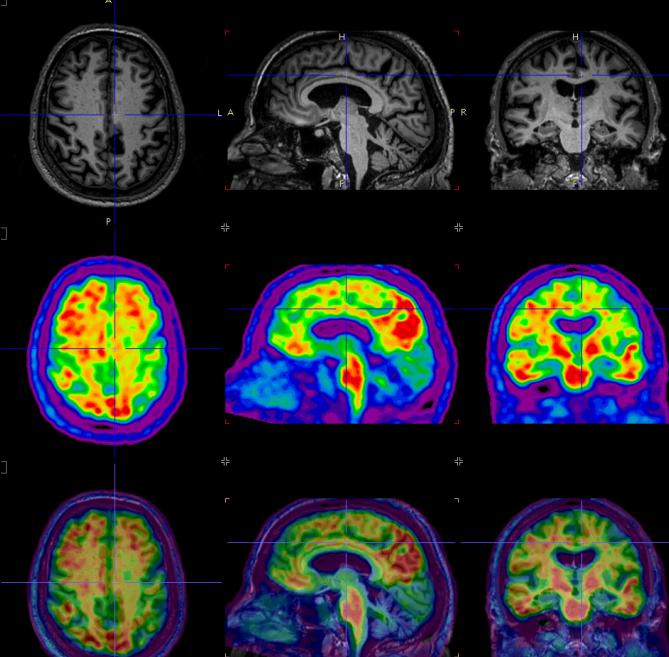
$^{18}\text{F}$ -AVID<sub>21,28</sub>

$^{18}\text{F}$ -BAY 94-9172

Negative  $^{18}\text{F}$ -Flutemetamol PET

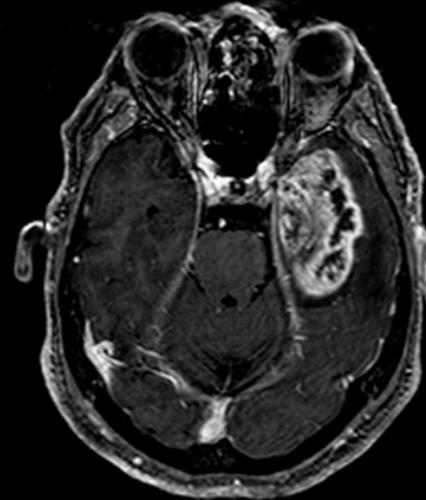


Positive  $^{18}\text{F}$ -Flutemetamol PET

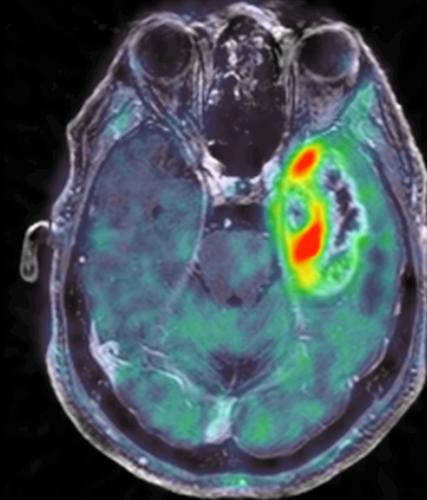


# Bilan des tumeurs cérébrales primitives

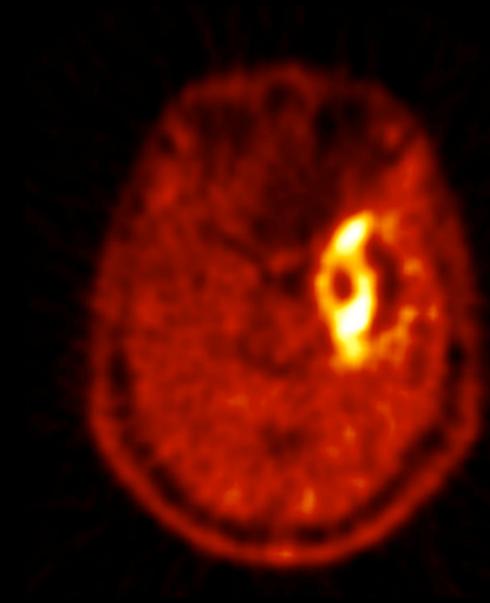
Problème du FDG= activité cérébrale physiologique élevée > autres traceurs utilisés.



MRI MKM-1.2mmS



Coreg & Fusion PET - MRI



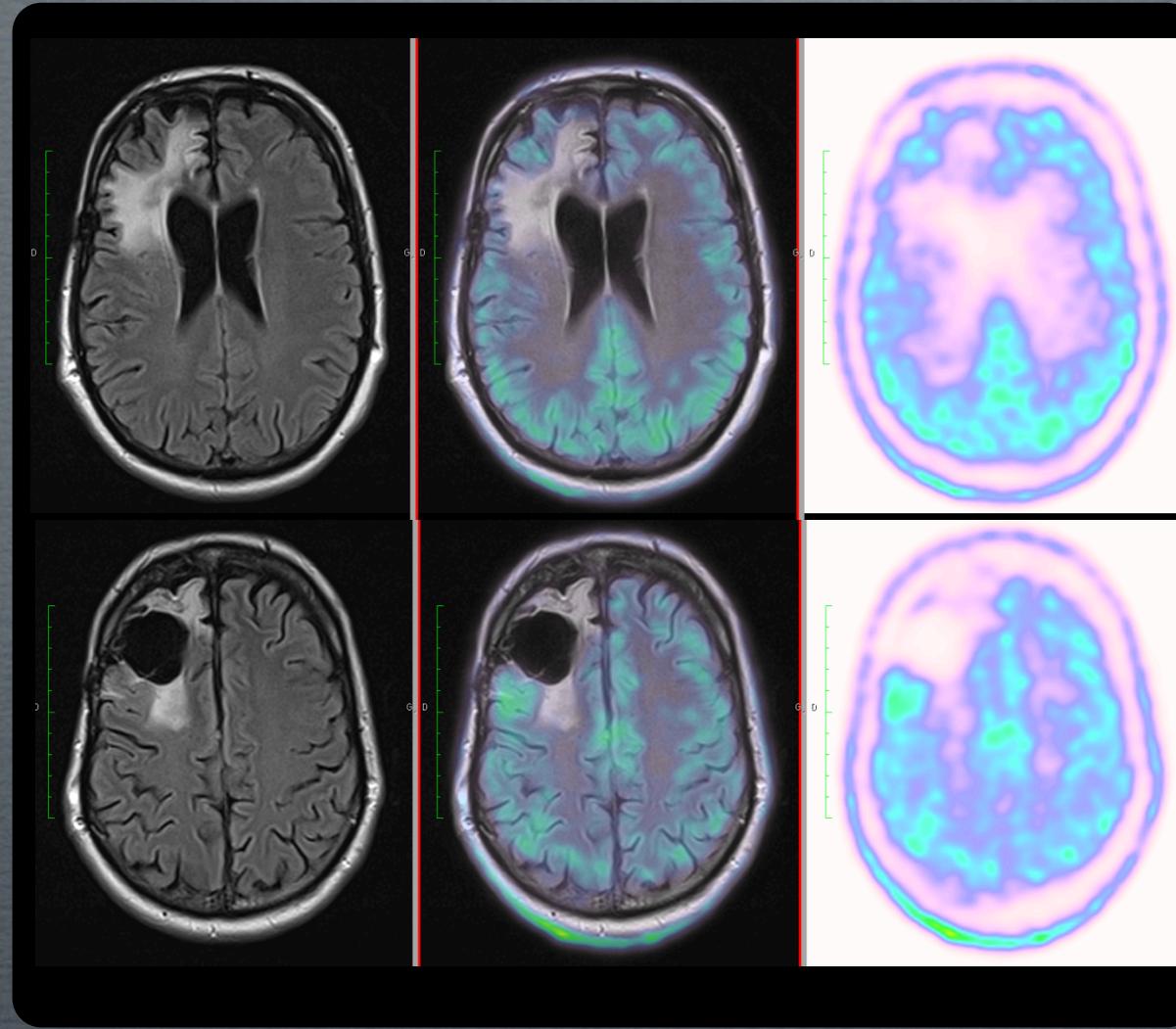
<sup>11</sup>C-Methionine



<sup>18</sup>F-FET

# Pseudo-progression radiologique versus récidive

Astro.anaplasique 3 ans post chir/radiothérapie (P93879F)



MIG

# BACKGROUND

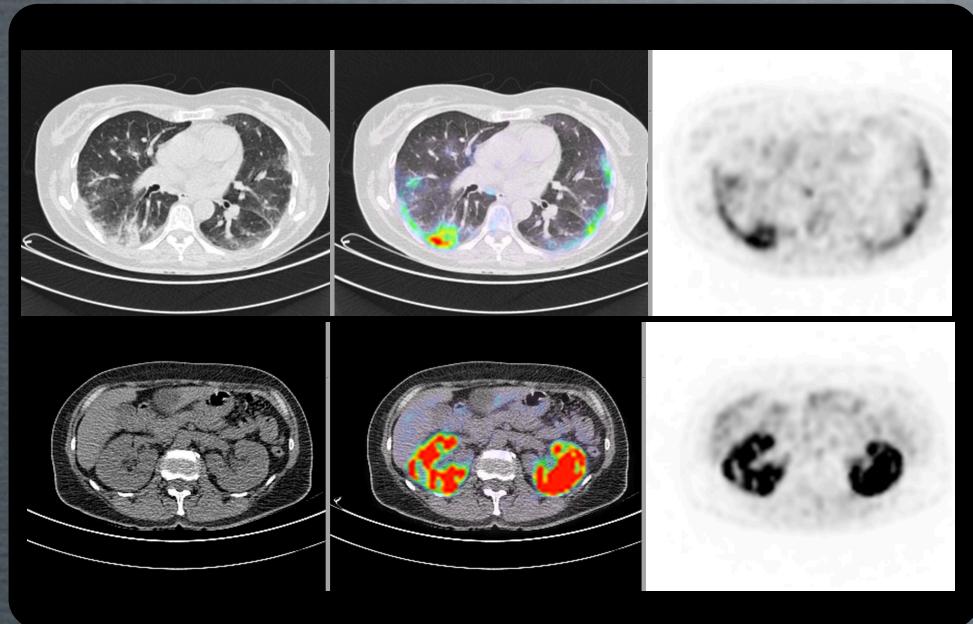
✓ «False positive» in cancer patients : most correspond to some degree of inflammation / infection

✓ GLUT 1 and 3 are present on WBCs:

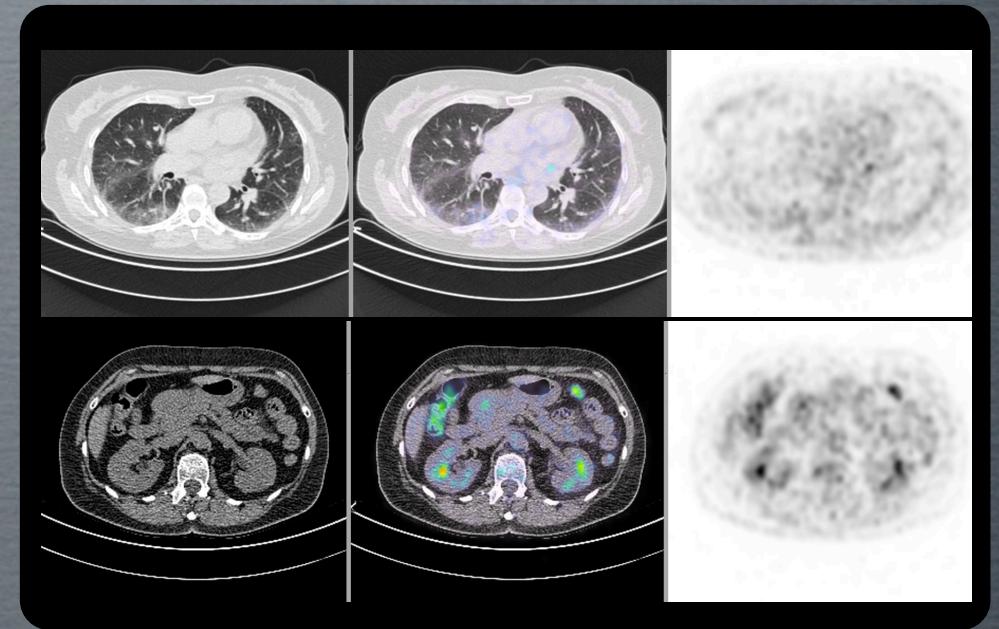
- Acute reaction (GLUT1&3)
- Chronic inflammation with macrophages+++ (GLUT 3>GLUT 1)

# Inflammation/Fiever of Unknown Origin (FUO)

Female : 62 Y



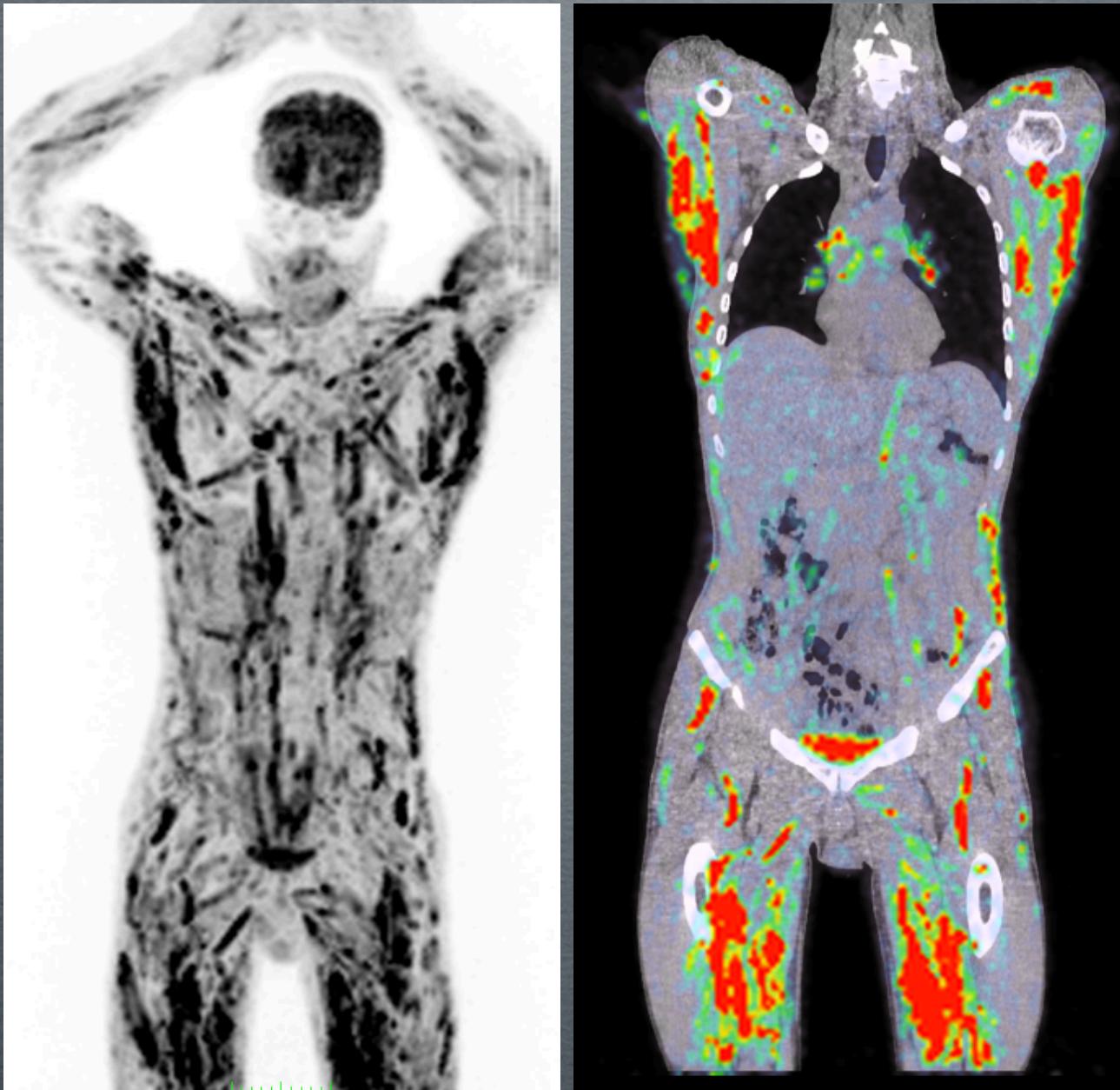
At the time of diagnosis  
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Post R/  
02/12/09

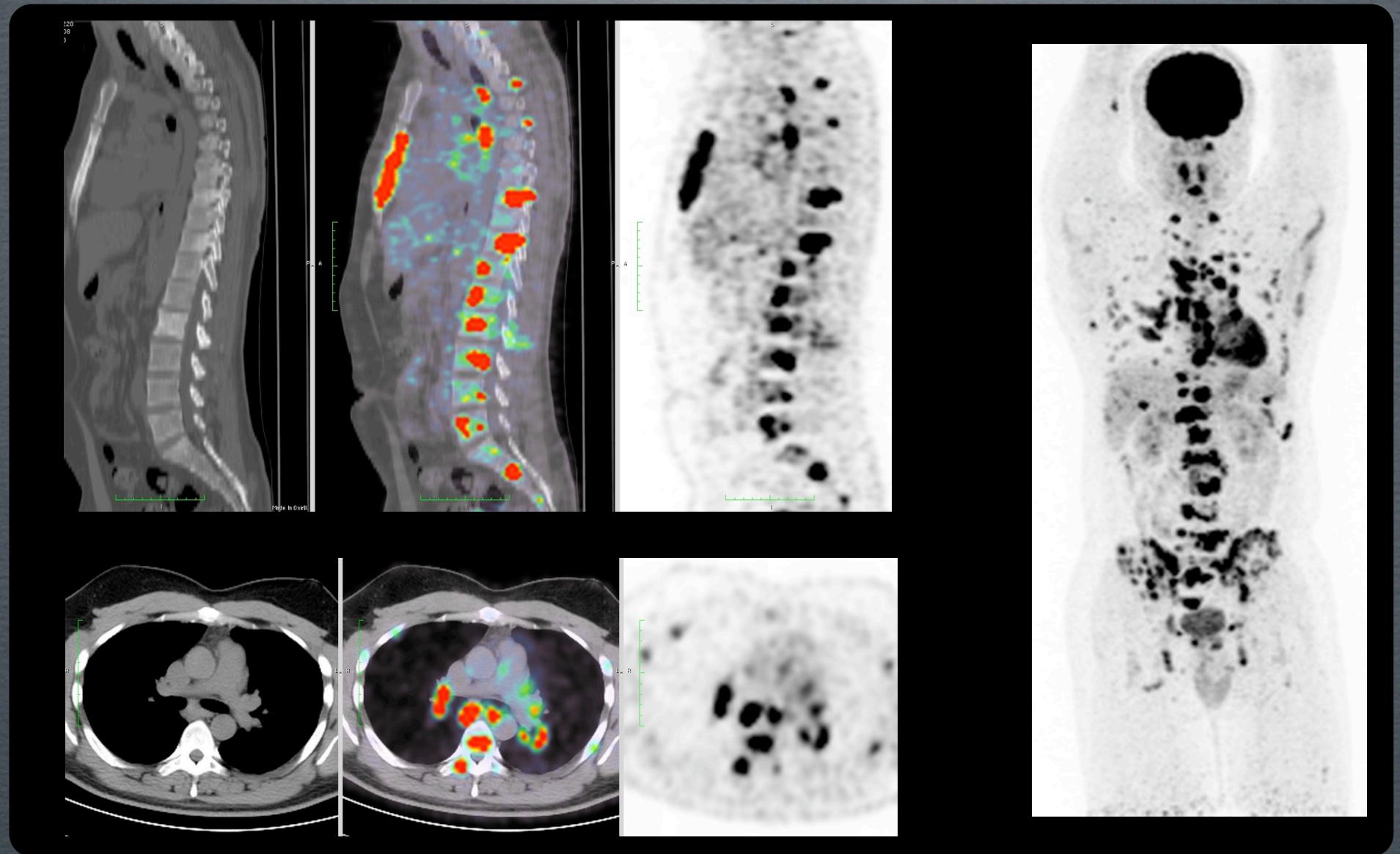
Sarcoïdosis ! → Cortico-therapy

# Sarcoïdose musculaire (BY5400J): hypercalcémies, troubles psychiatriques et myoclonies



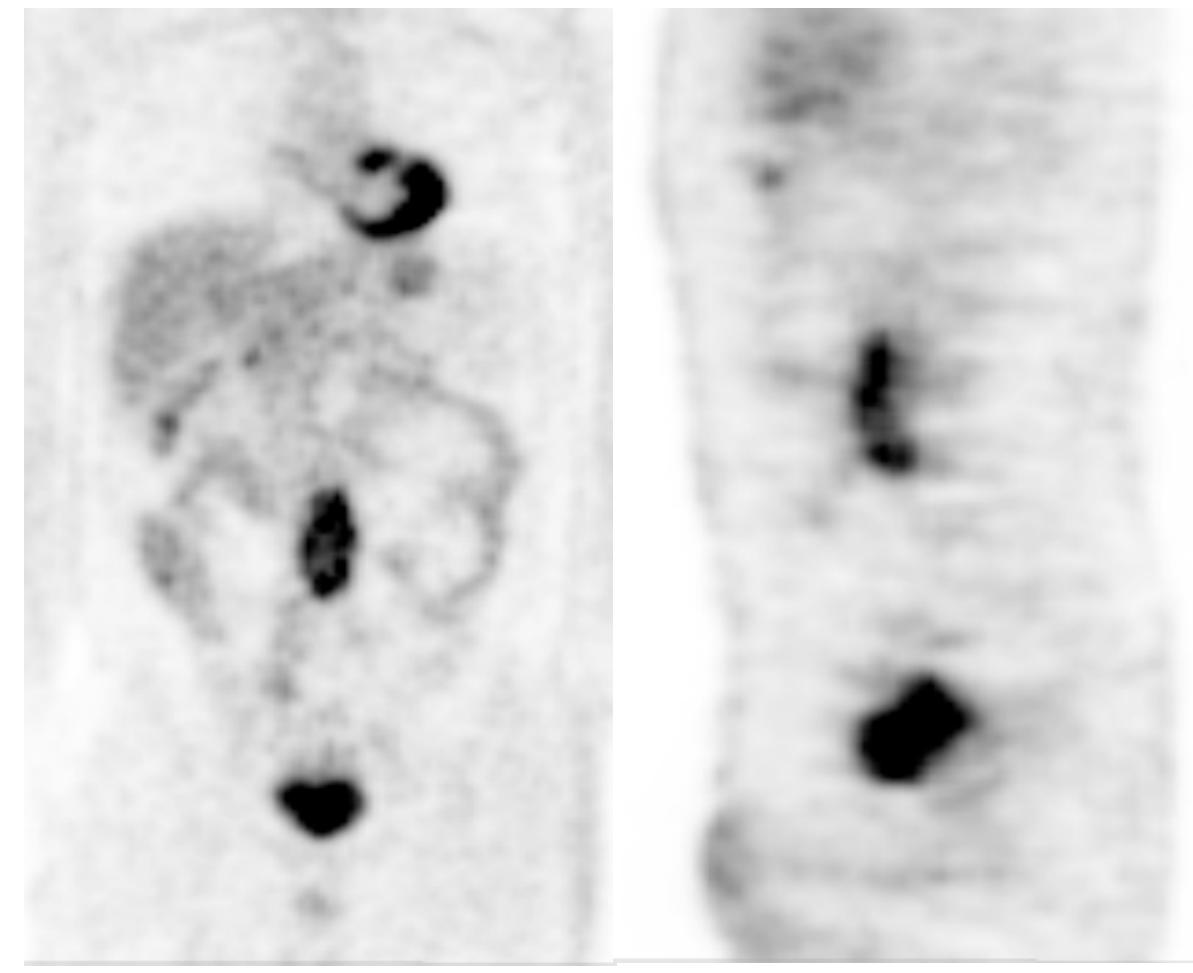
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# Tuberculose active



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# Bactériémie+FUO > Infection de prothèse aortique

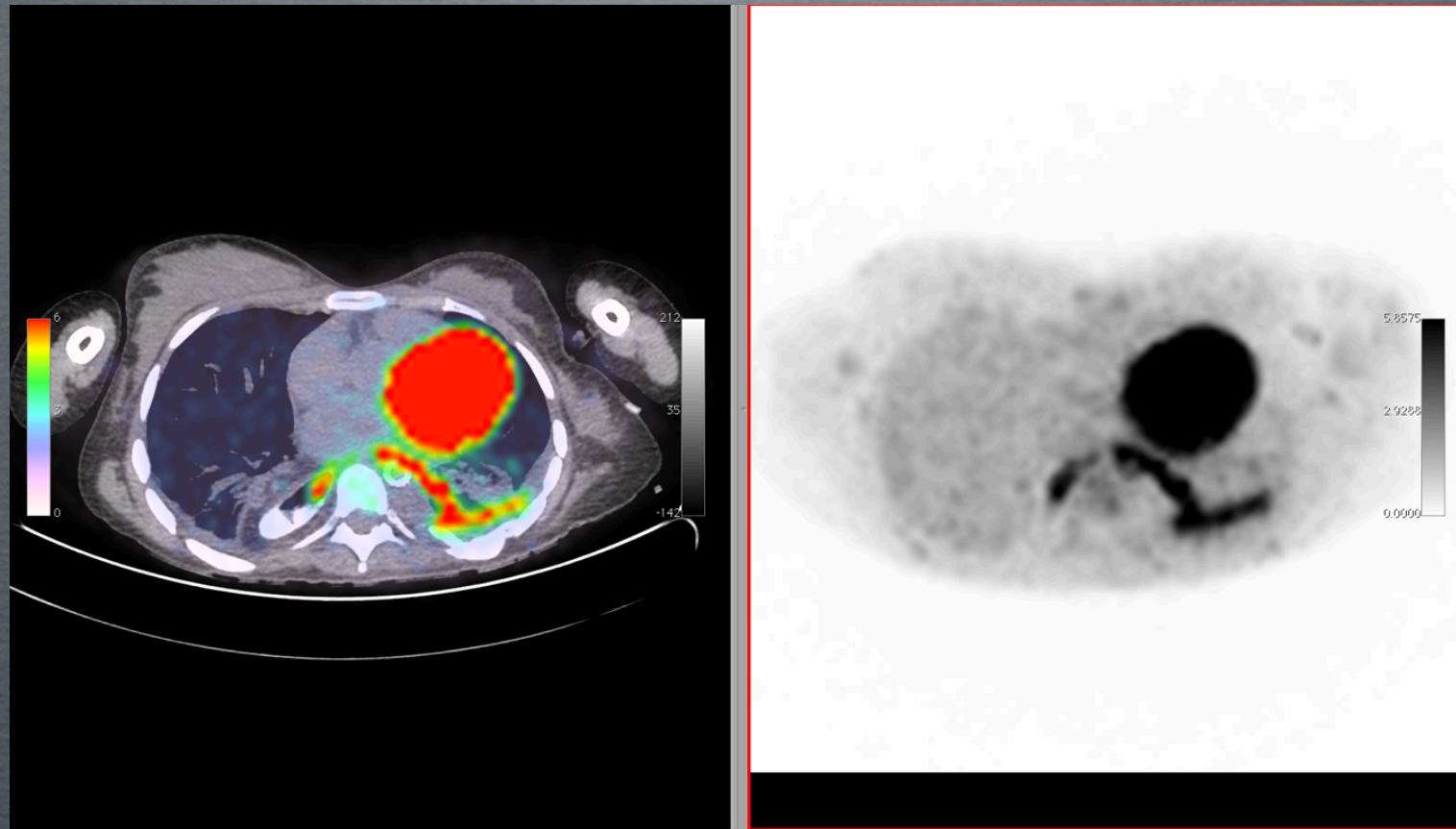


# DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTION

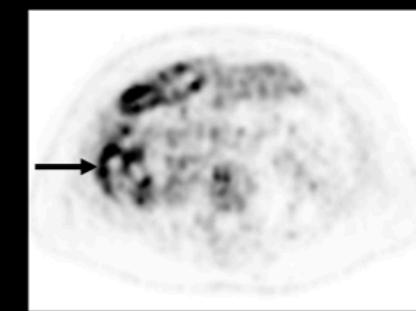
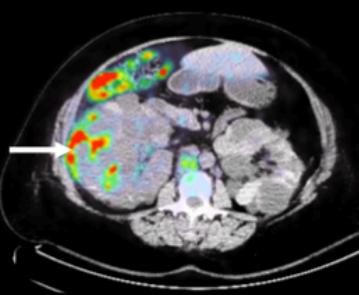
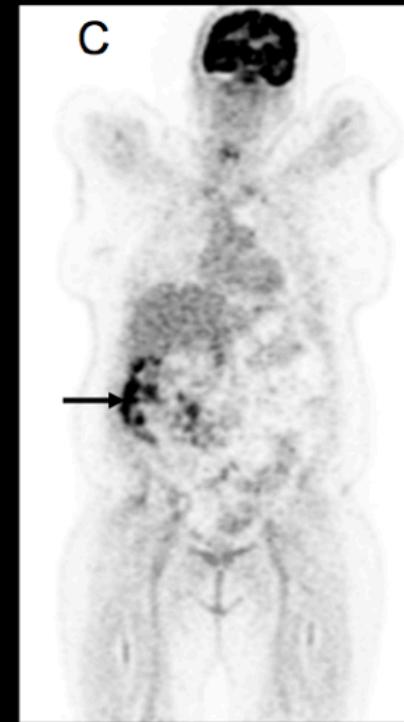
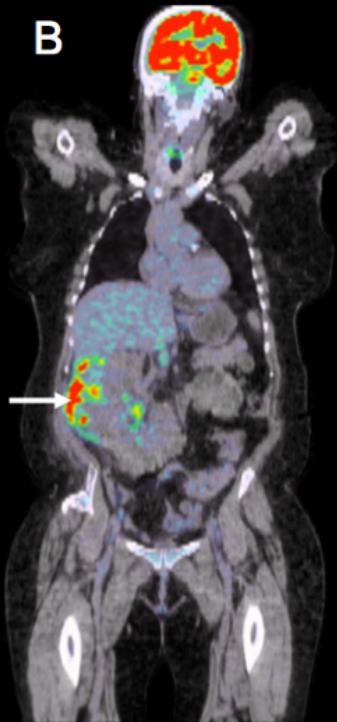
- Usual clinical presentation
  - fever
  - “bacteremia of unknown origin”
  - sometimes specific clinical signs (pain) with unconvincing imaging results

## FUO/SEPTICÉMIE:

ACTIVITÉ MARQUÉE D'UN TRAJET FISTULEUX AU DÉPART D'UNE PLASTIE COLIQUE (LACHAGE DE SUTURE) AVEC INFILTRATION DE L'AORTE THORACIQUE PROTHÉSÉE (=VOIE D'ENTRÉE D'UNE SEPTICÉMIE À ECOLI MULTIR/)



Bactériémie à G- ; Contexte de polykystose rénale

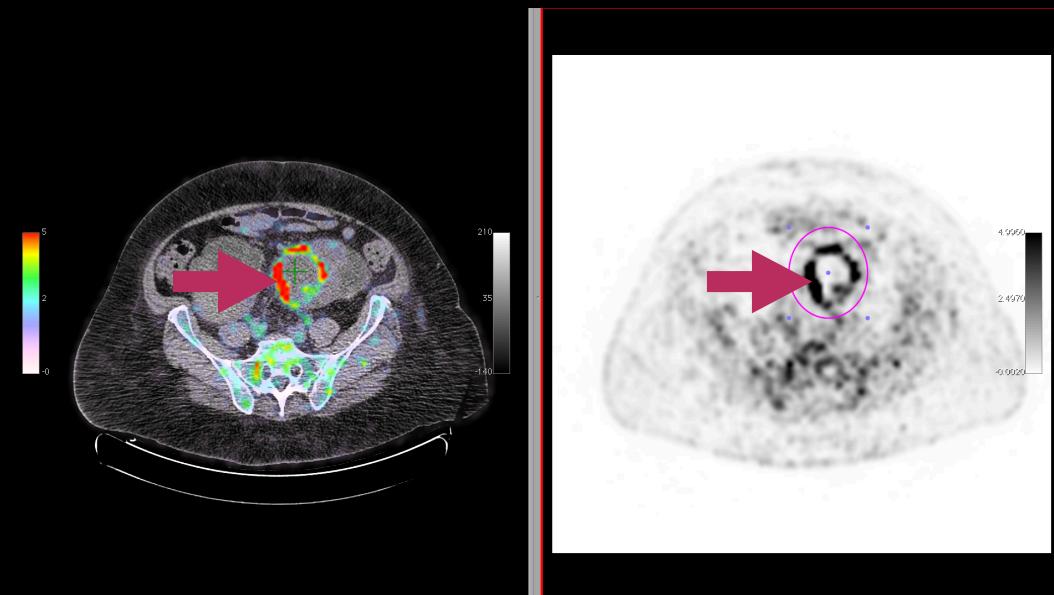
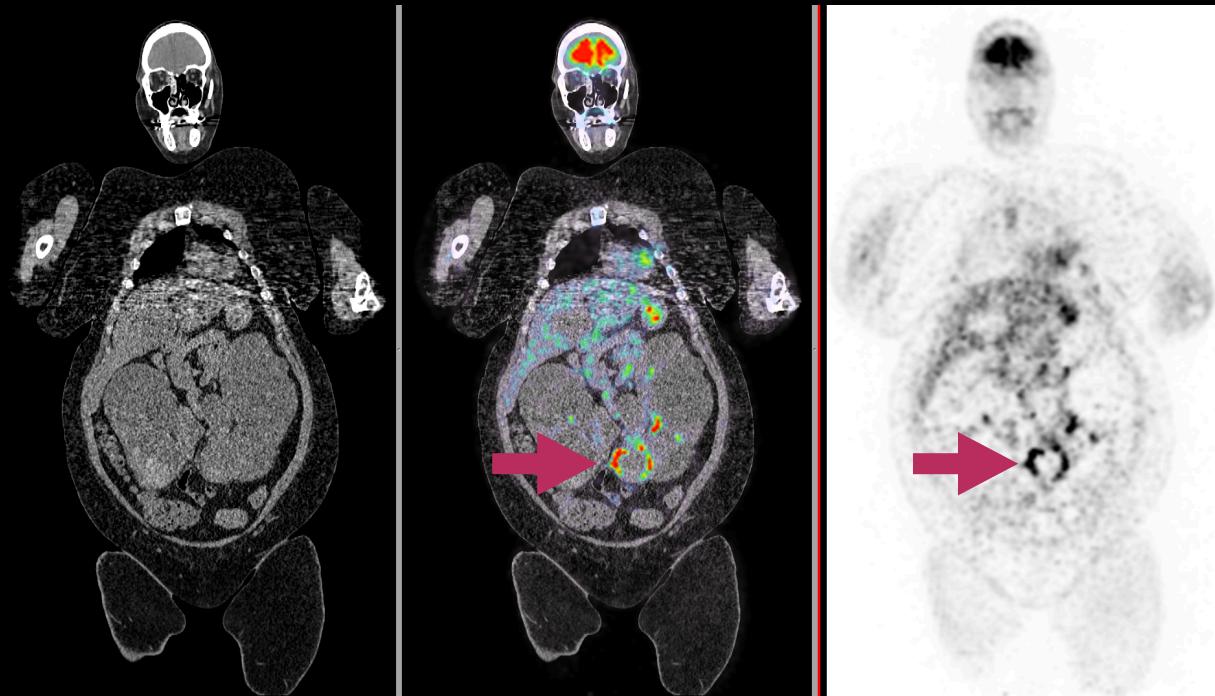


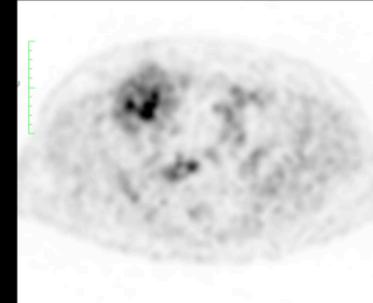
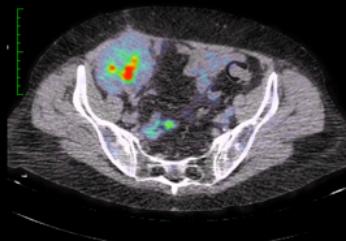
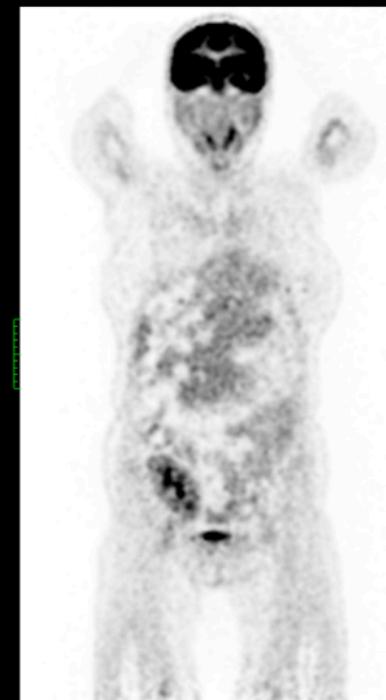
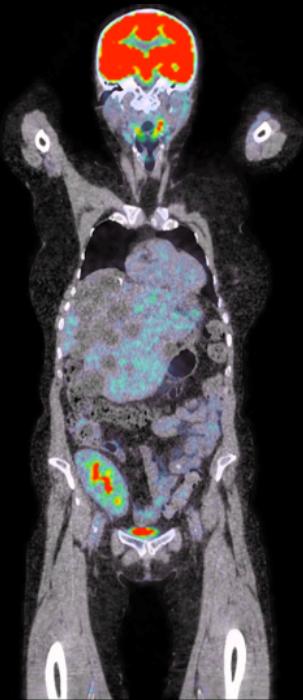
Ccl: Infection de kyste dans contexte d'ADPKD

CJASN July 2011

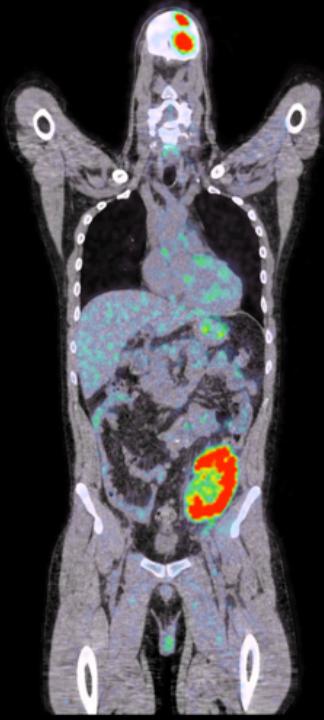
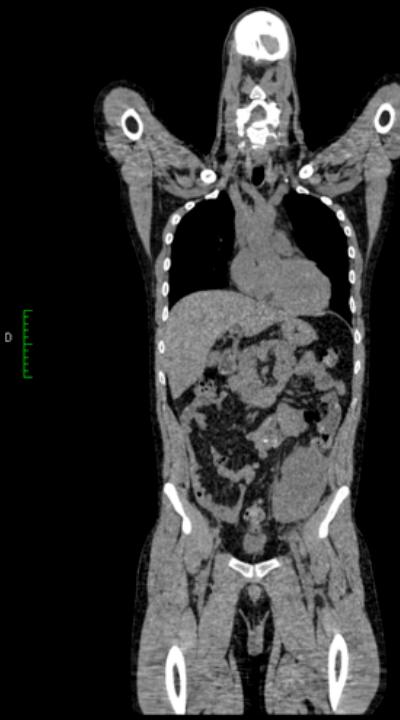
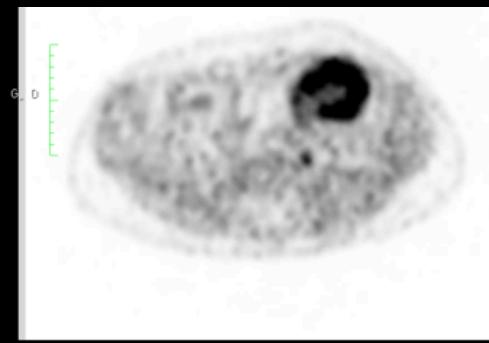
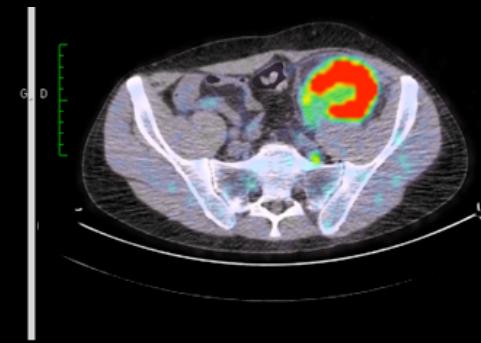
## Autre patient...

Intérêt +++ de la combinaison anatomique et métabolique pour la mise en évidence de la bonne structure pathogène au sein d'organes morphologiquement très remaniés.





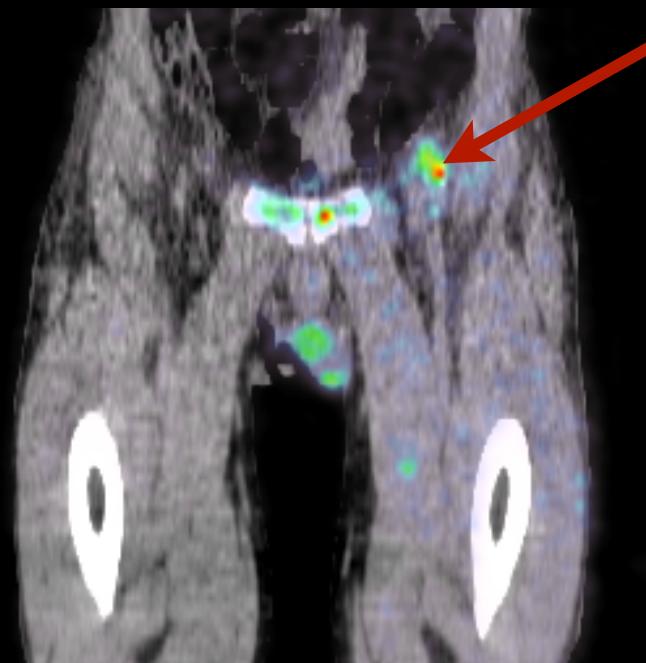
Functioning kidney graft



Acute reject of the kidney  
graft + Infl.syndrom and T°

Contexte de polyarthrite rhumatoïde traité par inhibiteur de IL-6 mais gros SI et T°/prothèse vasculaire ilio-fémorale gauche

Ccl:  
Embols septiques multiples sur  
infection de prothèse



## CONNECTIVITES : VASCULITE GIGANTO-CELLULAIRE (HORTON)

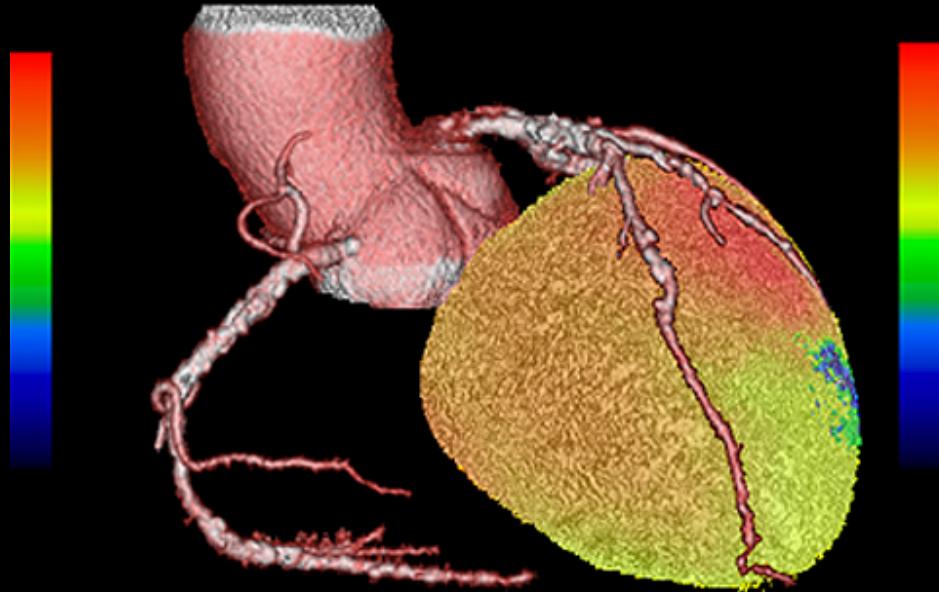


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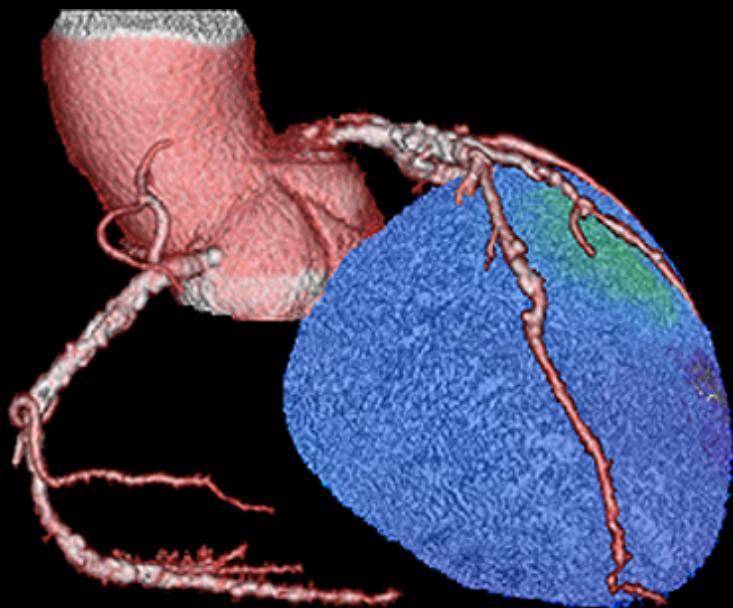
CARDIOLOGIE

# Quantification absolue du flux coronarien ( $^{82}\text{Ru}$ , $^{13}\text{NH}_3$ , $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{15}$ )

Typical indication : diffuse triple vessels coronary disease



PET/CT image with relative color scale  
for myocardial stress perfusion



Same PET/CT with absolute color scale  
for myocardial stress perfusion

Myocardial relative stress perfusion was homogenous (left image) but absolute perfusion measured as ml/g/min was very low in all myocardial regions (1.0-1.3 ml/g/min). Perfusion was analyzed using CARIMAS Turku software.

[http://www.gehealthcare.com/euen/molecular-imaging/products/pet\\_ct\\_imaging/clinical\\_cases/triple-vessel-coronary.html](http://www.gehealthcare.com/euen/molecular-imaging/products/pet_ct_imaging/clinical_cases/triple-vessel-coronary.html)

# Viabilité myocardique

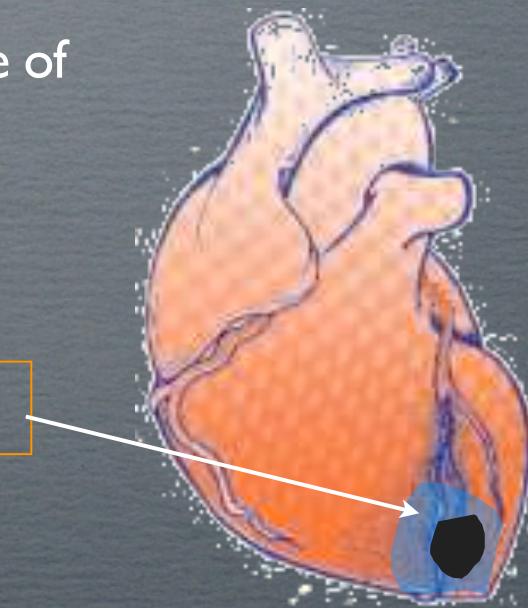
Acute coronary occlusion induces a myocardial necrosis.

Nevertheless, infarct don't imply that all the cells within the infarct area are dead.

> some **viable cells** will “hibernate” and further benefit from a rescue procedure of revascularization

(angioplasty or surgical bypass)

Hibernating Myocardium

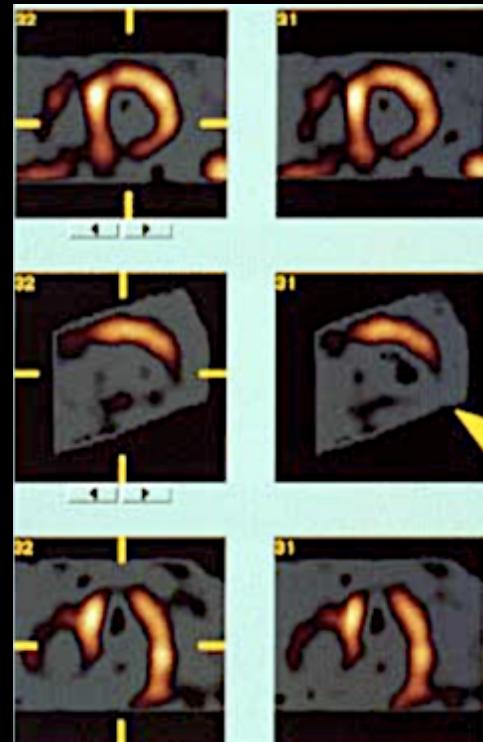


Necrosis (scar)

# How to reveale hibernating myocardium ?

## Tracers of perfusion

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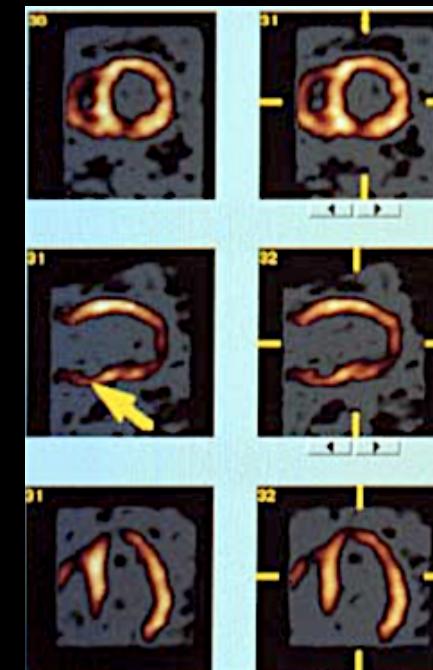


Inferior infarct

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## Metabolism Tracers

(FDG PET)



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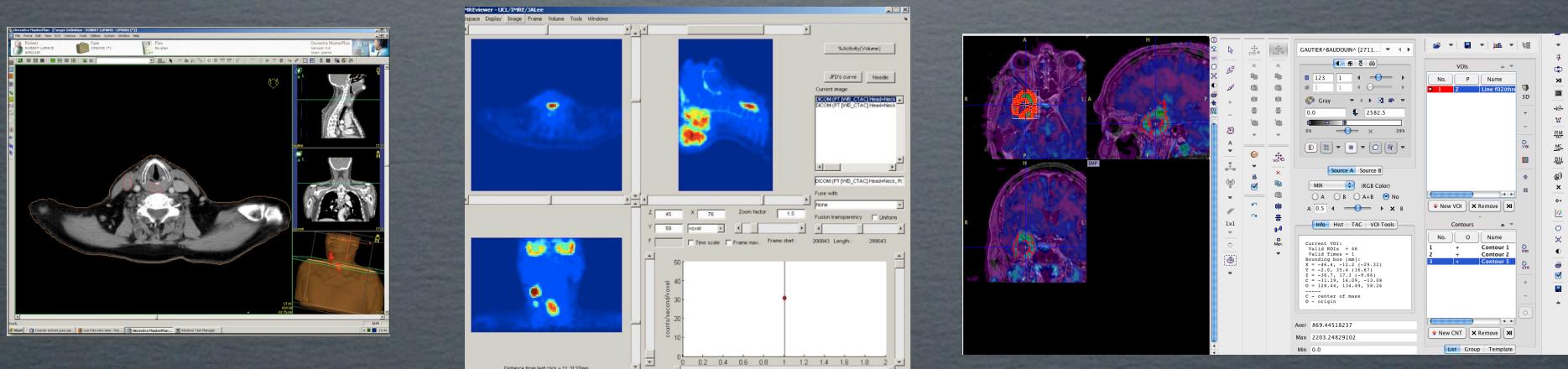


## Editorial

### Clinical use of PET-CT data for radiotherapy planning: What are we looking for?

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A map of Belgium is shown against a dark grey background. The map is divided into two main horizontal bands: a yellow band on top and a red band on the bottom. The boundaries between the bands and the rest of the map are white. The map has a jagged, torn-paper-like appearance along its edges. The text 'Le PET en Belgique...' is centered within the yellow band.

Le PET en Belgique...

# 16 indications prises en charge par l'INAMI

- nodule pulmonaire de nature indéterminée
- bilan d'extension préthérapeutique d'un cancer bronchique
- bilan d'extension d'un lymphome hodgkinien ou non hodgkinien (haut grade ou grade intermédiaire)
- bilan d'extension d'une tumeur de l'oesophage
- bilan d'extension d'un mélanome (stade > IIc de l'AJCC)
- bilan d'une masse pancréatique

## RECIDIVE

- cancer colorectal
- cancer ovarien
- lymphome hodgkinien ou non hodgkinien
- tumeur cérébrale
- mélanome
- tumeur maligne de la sphère ORL
- tumeur maligne du pancréas
- tumeur maligne pulmonaire (non-small-cell)

Toute intervention réalisée  
durant une période de 5 ans  
Seules les tumeurs malignes  
peuvent être prise en charge.

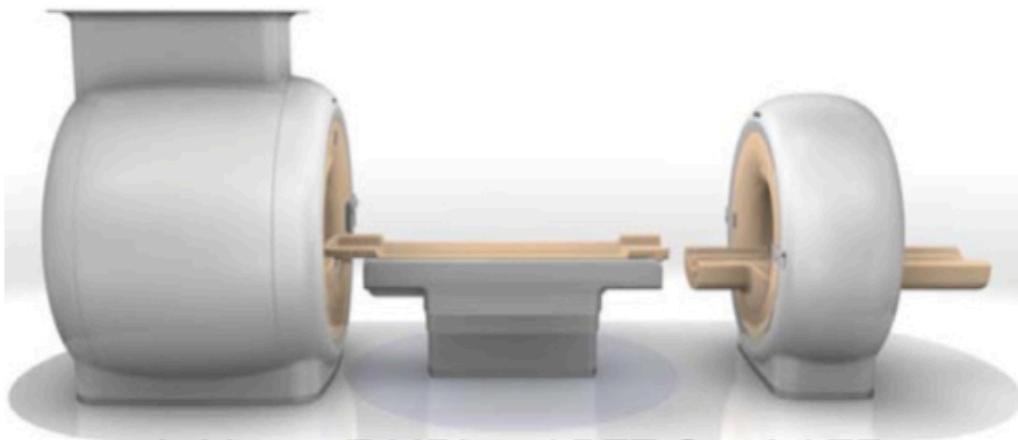
(Ex :)

- viabilité myocardique (en vue d'une éventuelle revascularisation)
- localisation d'un foyer épileptogène (épilepsie résistante à un traitement)

NOUVEAUTÉS  
EN  
PERSPECTIVES ?

DU CÔTÉ DES  
ÉQUIPEMENTIERS...

# Sequential whole body PET-MR for determining clinical potential of PET-MRI



Achieva 3T MRI and PET Gemini TF

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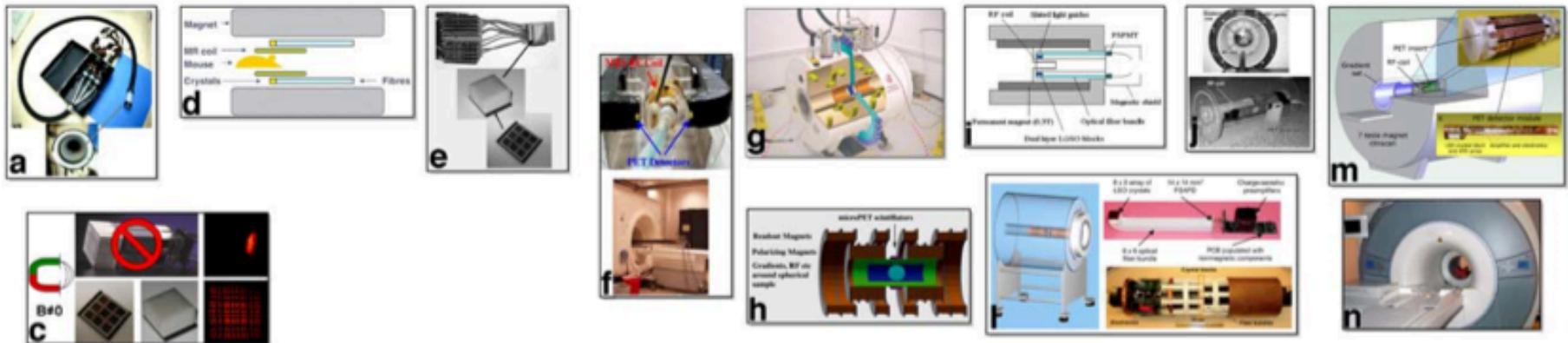
Easier for service and production  
Standard technology  
No performance loss for MR and PET  
No interference

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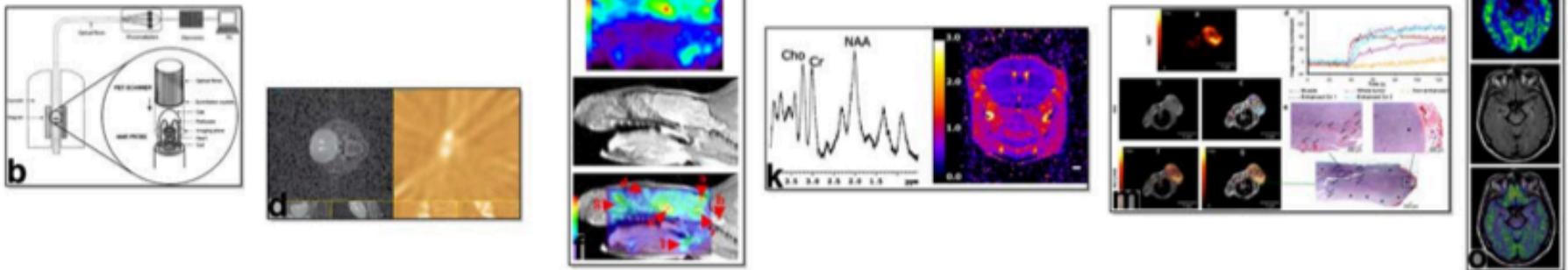
Not simultaneous  
2 acquisitions  
Large room  
No motion correction

Installed in Mount Sinai NY dec 2009

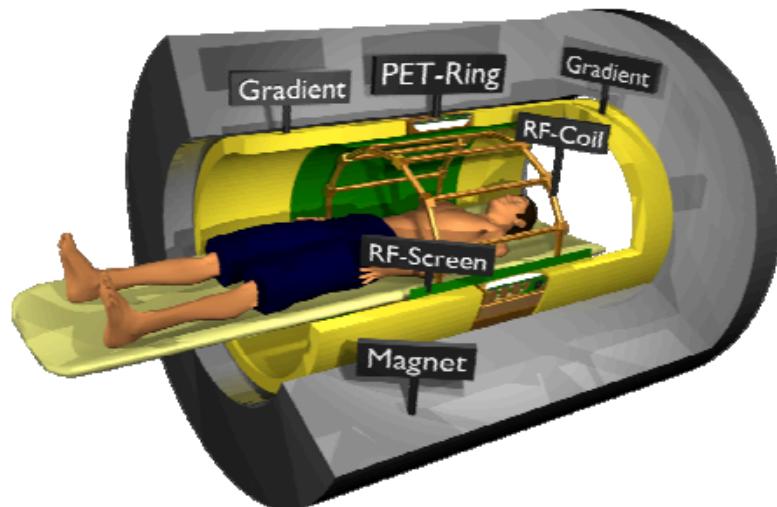
## PET/MRI Technology



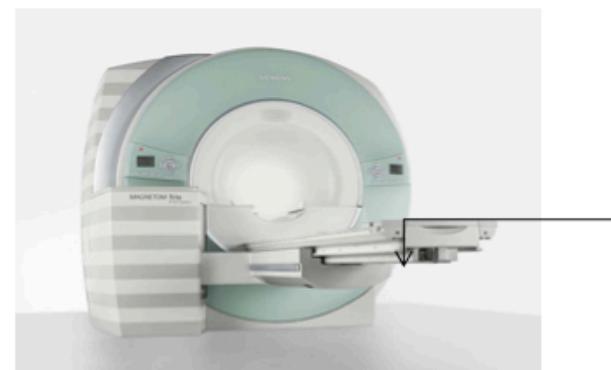
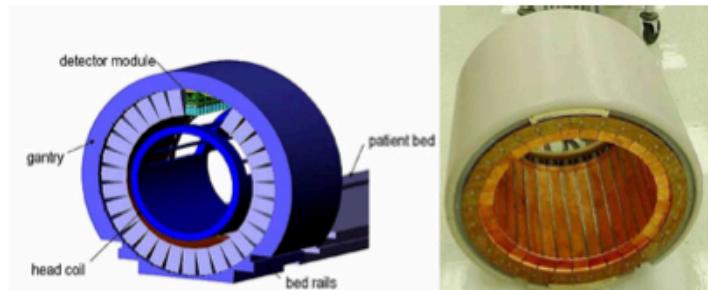
## PET/MRI Applications



# Towards simultaneous whole body PET-MR



Philips research EU-FP7 collaboration  
MR design based on linac MRI (Utrecht)  
PET SiPM based  
Timing first prototype to be determined



Siemens Healthcare Knoxville (USA)  
–Tuebingen group (Pichler/Clausen):  
first full-body PET-MRI prototype  
built during 2009/2010, ready in 2011.  
PET APD based

# NOUVEAUX RADIOPHARMACEUTIQUES ?

# Registre national du cancer 2004-2005

Figure 7 The 10 most frequently occurring invasive tumours in males, Belgium 2005

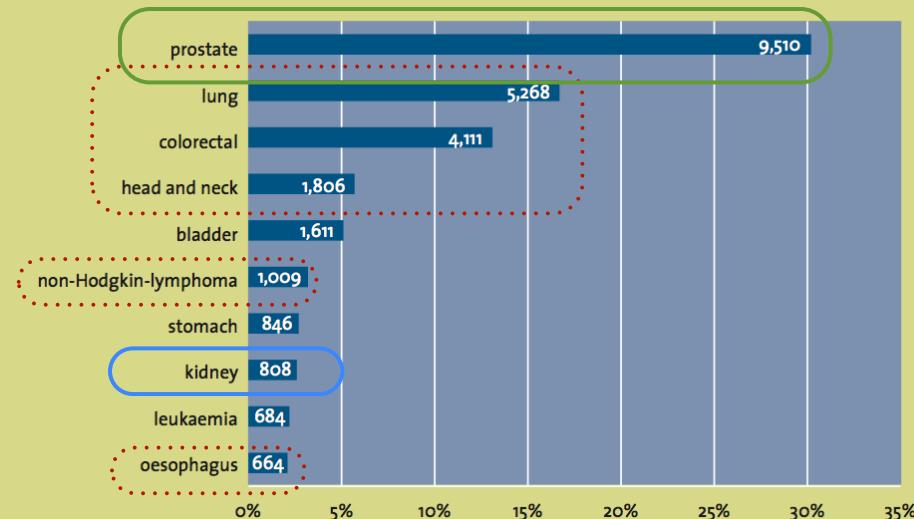
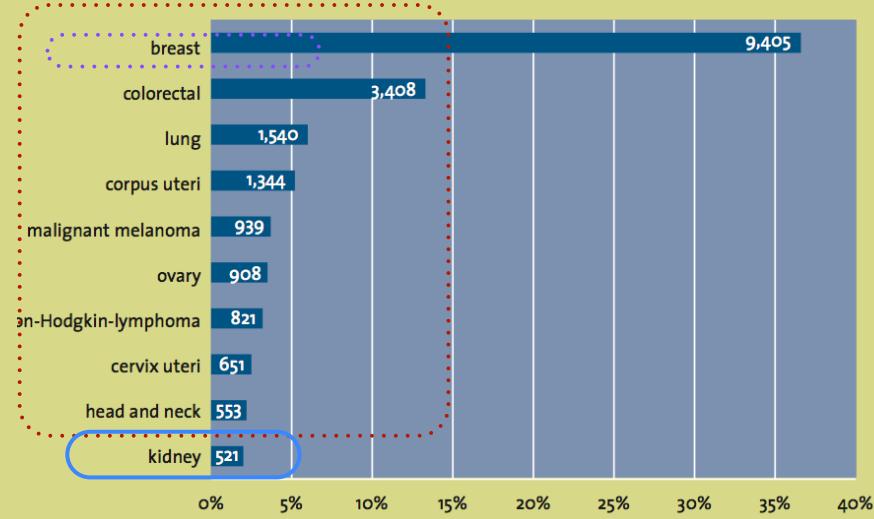


Figure 8 The 10 most frequently occurring invasive tumours in females, Belgium 2005



● FDG

● <sup>18</sup>F-Choline

● <sup>124</sup>I-cG250

Figure 9 The 10 most frequent causes of death from cancer in males, Belgium 2004

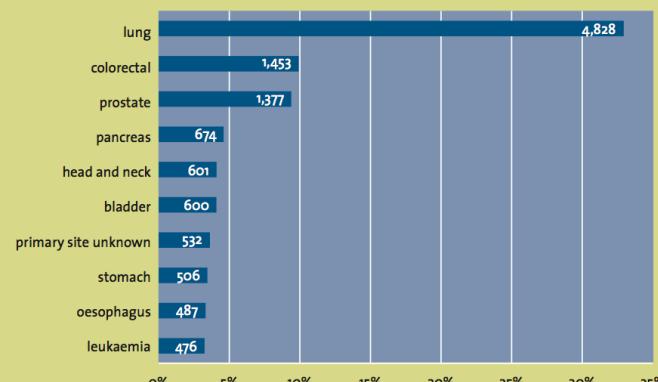


Figure 10 The 10 most frequent causes of death from cancer in females, Belgium 2004



# Ge/<sup>68</sup>Ga generator

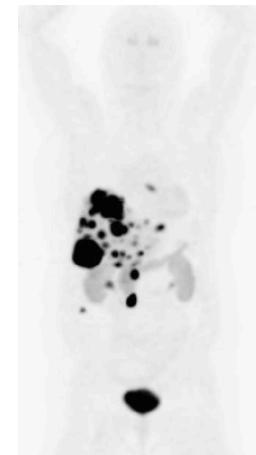
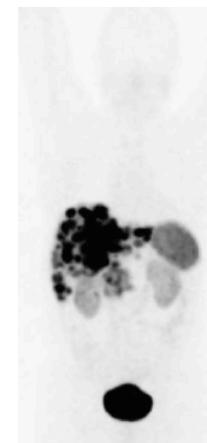
## IGG100 Gallium-68 Generator

### Product Information



<sup>68</sup>Ga-OctreoPET

<sup>18</sup>F-DOPA



**TABLE 5**  
Comparison of 3 Imaging Modalities: PET, SPECT, and CT

Parameter	PET (%)	SPECT (%)	CT (%)
Sensitivity	97 (69/71)	52 (37/71)	61 (41/67)
Specificity	92 (12/13)	92 (12/13)	71 (12/17)
Accuracy	96 (81/84)	58 (49/84)	63 (53/84)

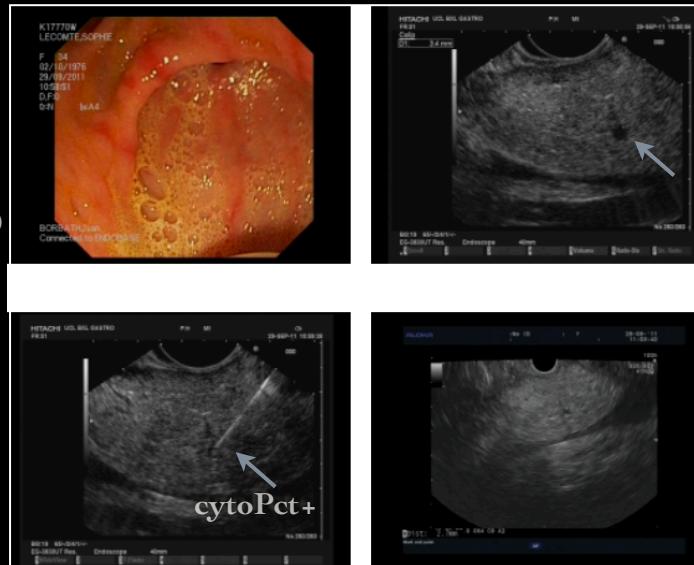
F; 35 y.o

Severe diarrhea

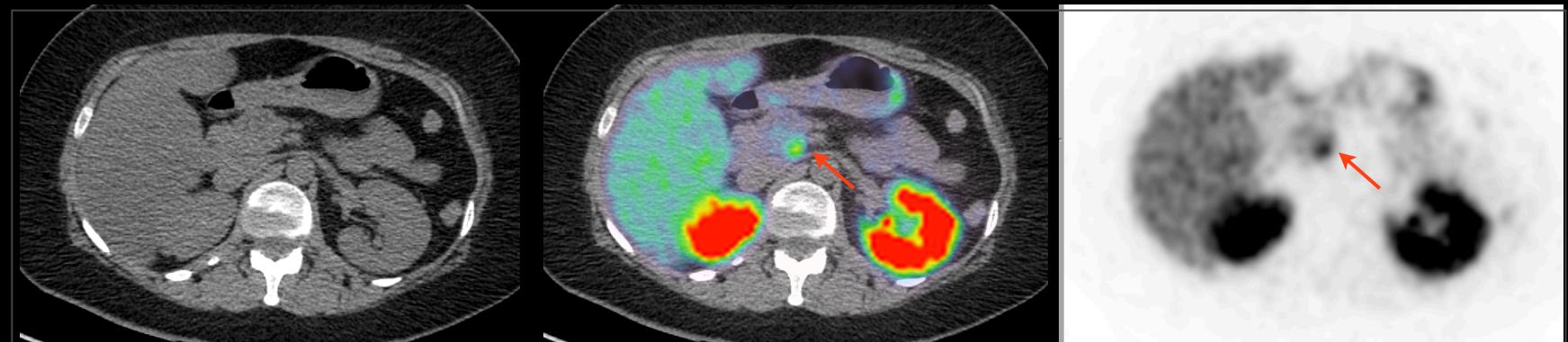
Gastrin: 505.2 pg/ml (nl: 25-111)

Chromogranin: 70.3 pg/ml (nl<23)

Echo-endoscopy



<sup>68</sup>Ga-octreotate PET/CT (Bordet)

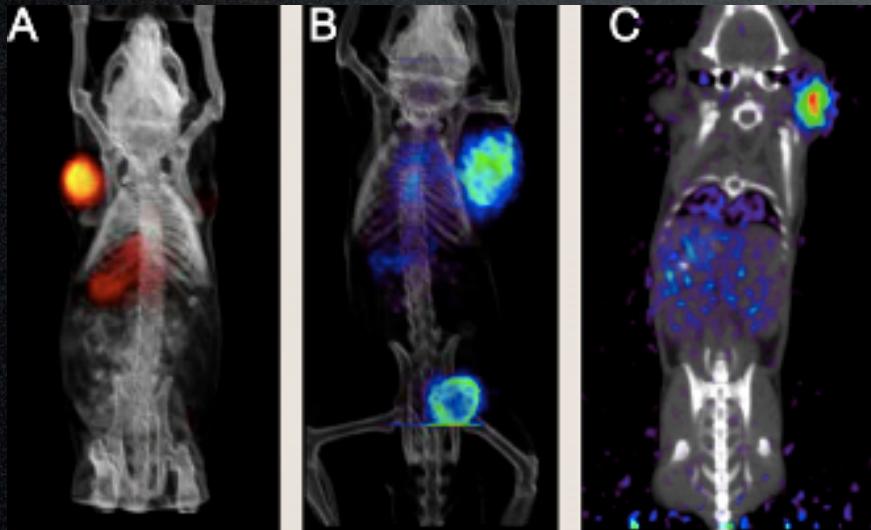


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# ImmunoPET

**TABLE 1. Positron-Emitting Radionuclides for immuno-PET**

Radionuclide	Half-life	Positron yield
<sup>68</sup> Ga	68 min	89%
<sup>18</sup> F	109 min	97%
<sup>64</sup> Cu	12.7 h	18%
<sup>88</sup> Y	14.7 h	17.5%
<sup>76</sup> Br	16.0 h	55%
<sup>89</sup> Zr	78.4	22.7%
<sup>124</sup> I	100.2 h	23%

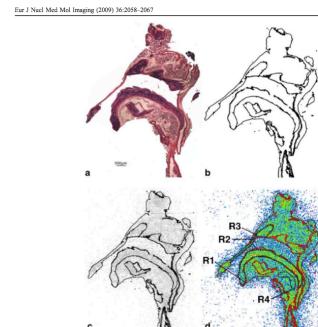


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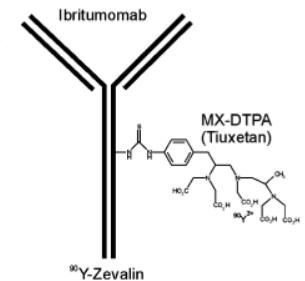
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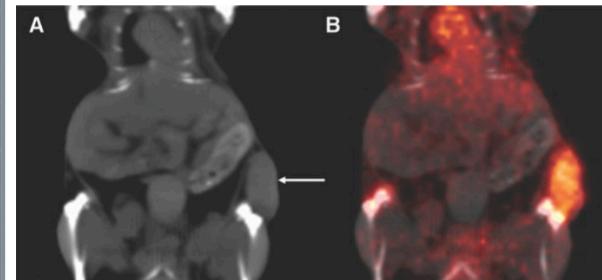
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## <sup>89</sup>Zr-Anti CD20



## <sup>89</sup>Zr-Bevacizumab (Avastin)



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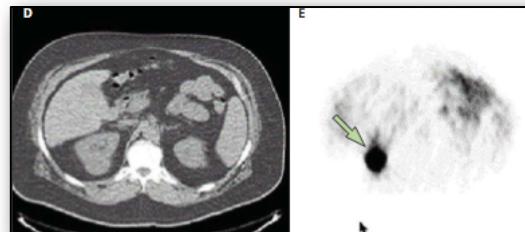
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## Preoperative characterisation of clear-cell renal carcinoma using iodine-124-labelled antibody chimeric G250 ( $^{124}\text{I}$ -cG250) and PET in patients with renal masses: a phase I trial

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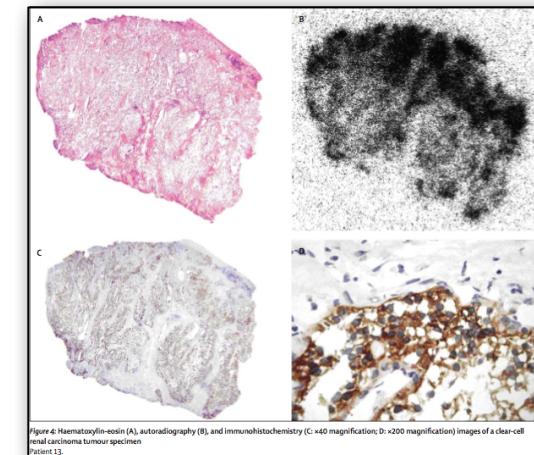
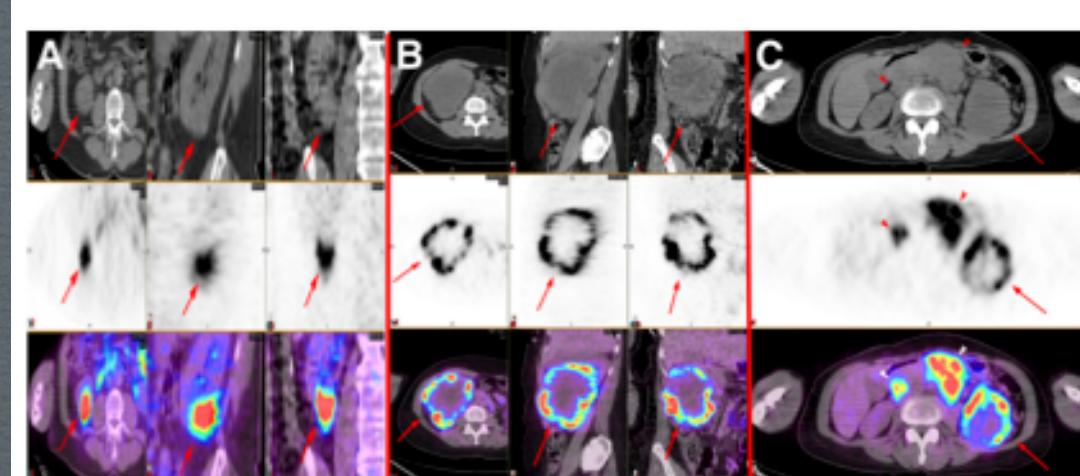
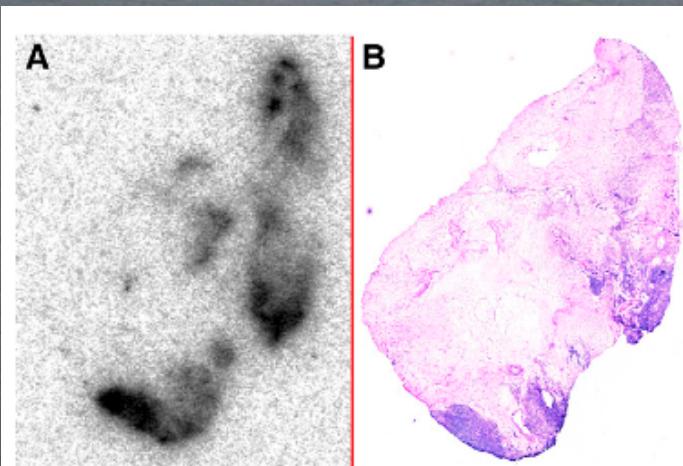


Figure 4: Hematoxylin-eosin (A), autoradiography (B), and immunohistochemistry (C:  $\times 40$  magnification; D:  $\times 200$  magnification) images of a clear-cell renal carcinoma tumour specimen Patient 13.

# Correlation of In Vivo and In Vitro Measures of Carbonic Anhydrase IX Antigen Expression in Renal Masses Using Antibody $^{124}\text{I}$ -cG250



**FIGURE 1.** (A and B) Axial, sagittal, and coronal CT (top), PET (middle), and fused PET/CT (bottom) images of patient with clear cell renal cancer with relatively homogeneous distribution of antigen (arrows) (A) and patient with large, centrally necrotic clear cell renal cancer with marked heterogeneity of antigen distribution within mass (arrows) (B). (C) Axial CT (top), PET (middle), and fused PET/CT (bottom) images of patient with advanced clear cell renal cancer. Antigen distribution within primary tumor is heterogeneous (arrows), whereas distribution within metastatic nodes is relatively homogeneous (arrowheads).



**FIGURE 2.** Autoradiographic (A) and histologic (B) sections from patient with clear cell renal cancer. Marked heterogeneity of antibody binding seen on autoradiography correlates with areas of densest tumor cells on histology.

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