

# The normal spine: Anatomy of the sacroiliac joint



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# Objectives

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- Complex anatomy of the SI interface
- Implications for imaging of SI joints
  - Radiographs
  - CT/MRI
- Implications for analysis of SI joints
  - Radiographic evaluation
  - CT/MRI evaluation

# Beyond our scope

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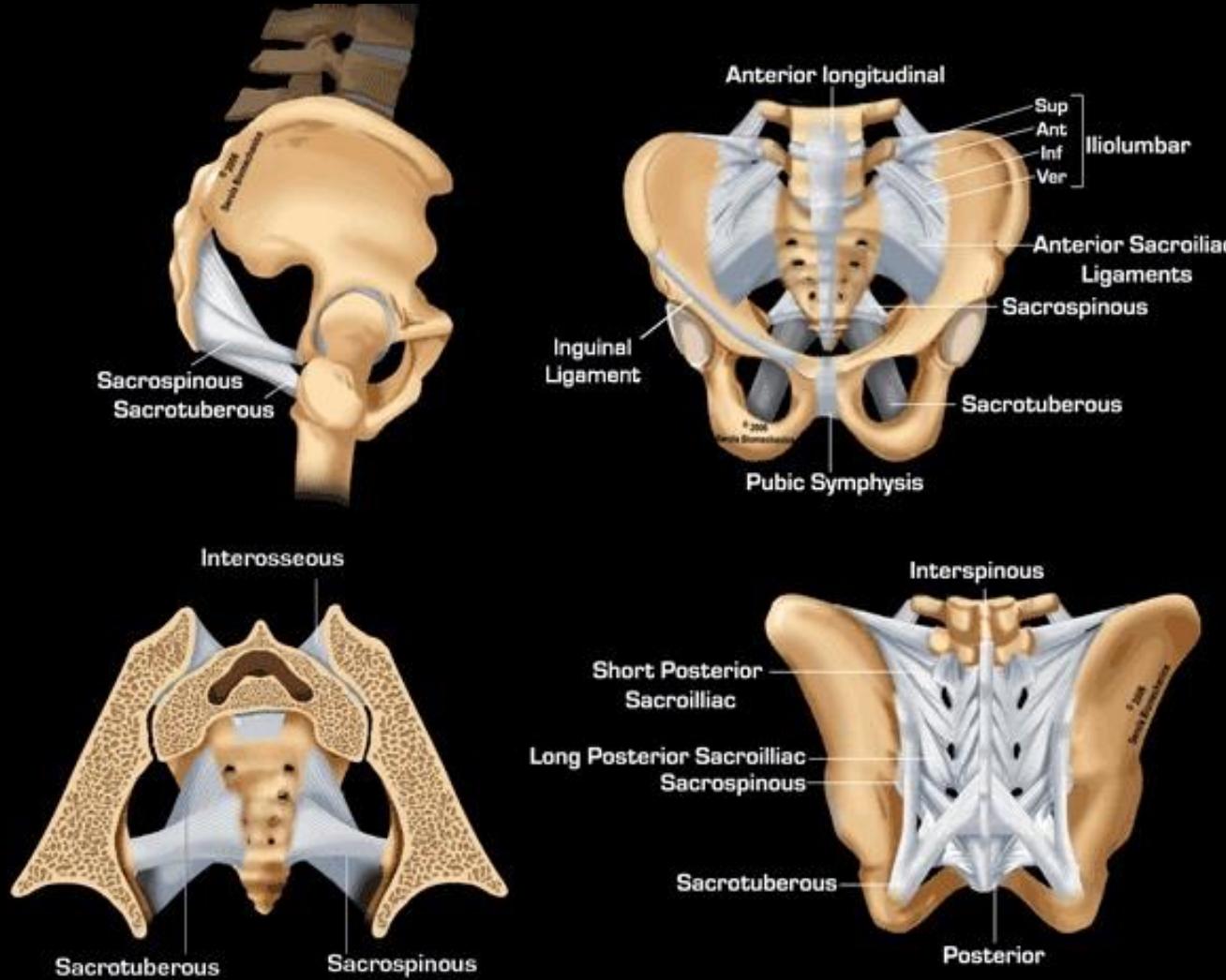
- MRI and CT features of SI joint disorders
- Advanced MR imaging (contrast, diffusion...)
- Treatment monitoring
- Interventional radiology

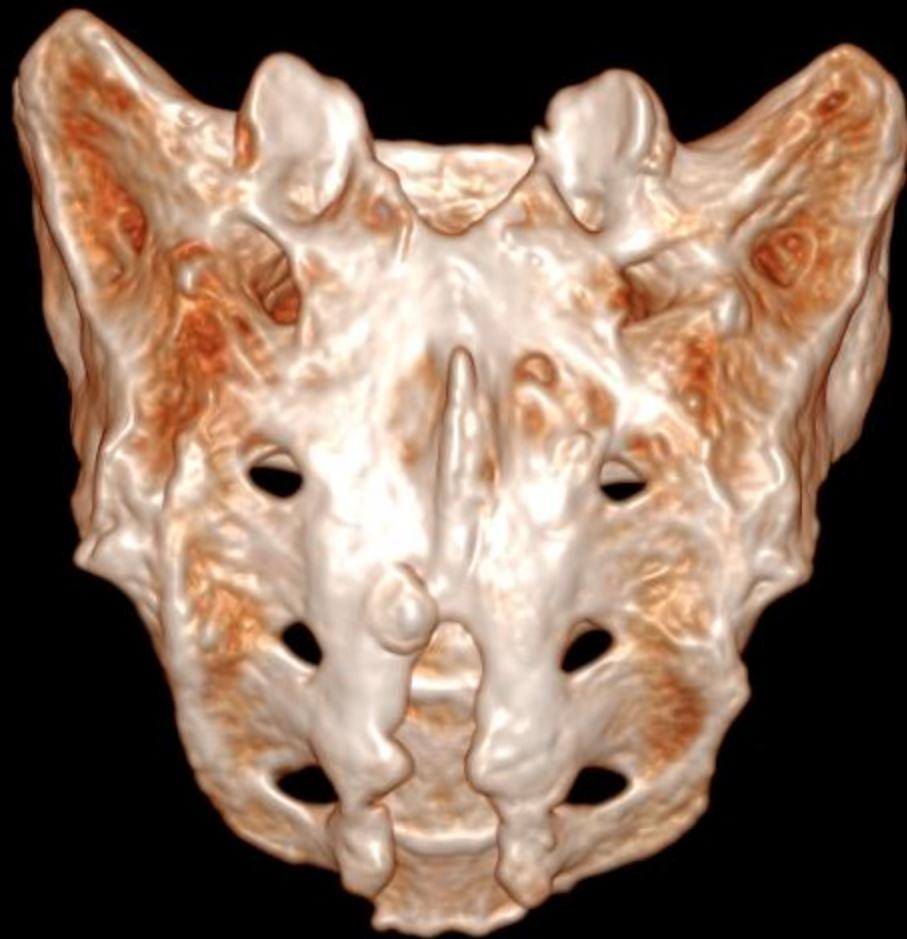
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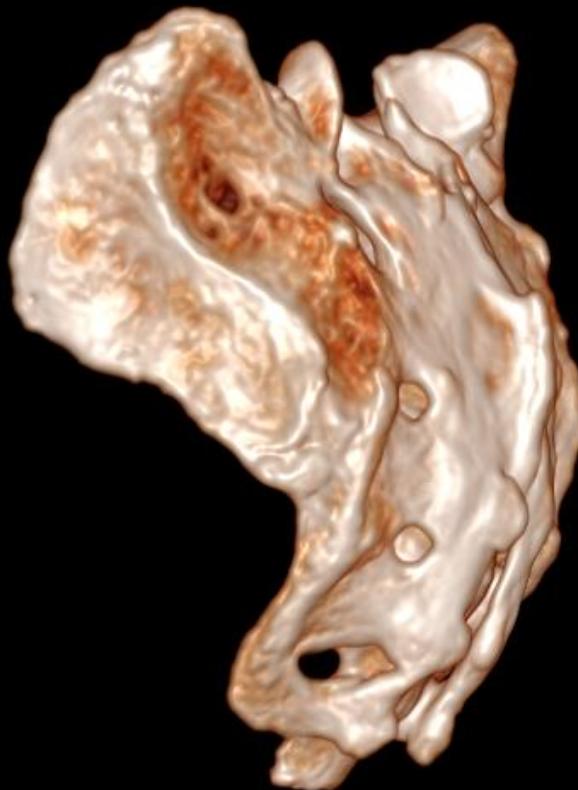
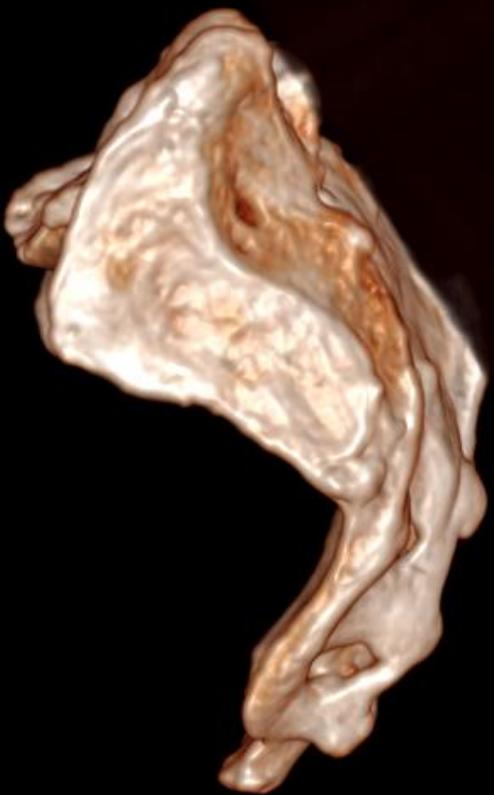
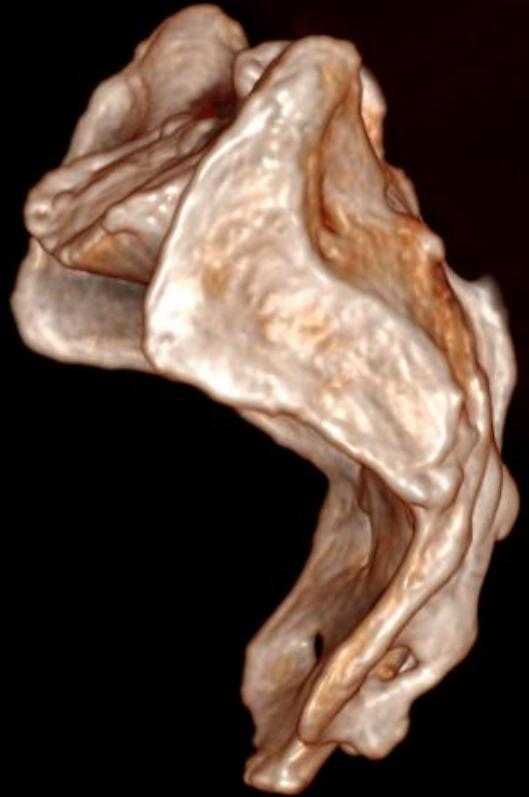
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- comprehend the anatomy of mature and immature SI joints and variants
- understand implications for imaging techniques
- Be aware of anatomy-related pitfalls

# Anatomy of the sacroiliac joint

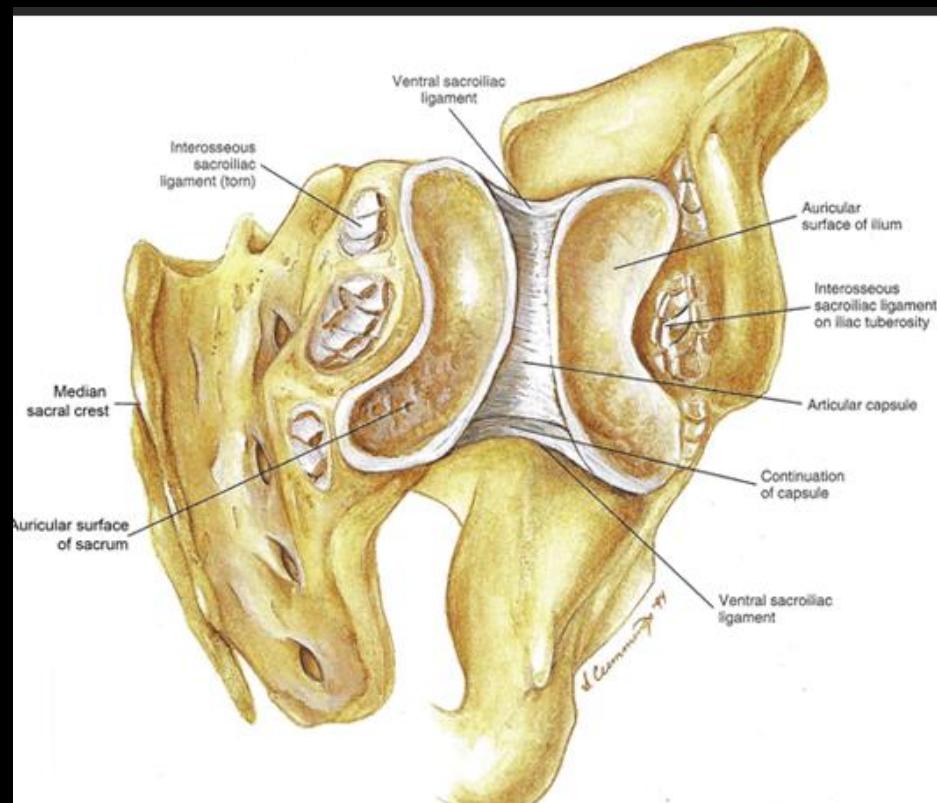






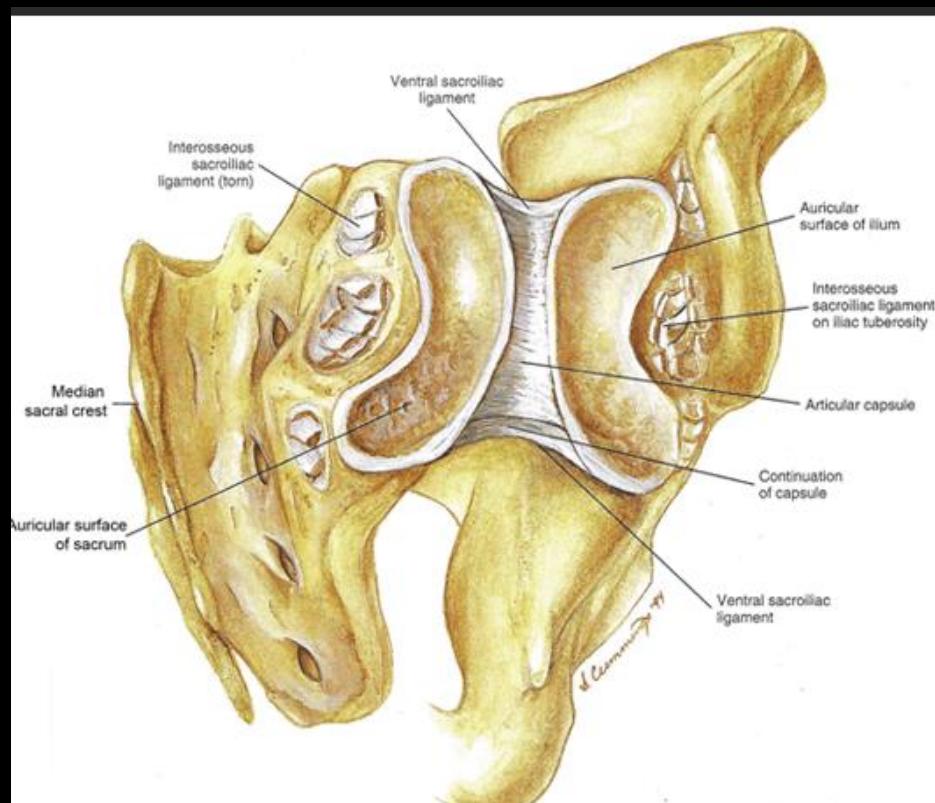
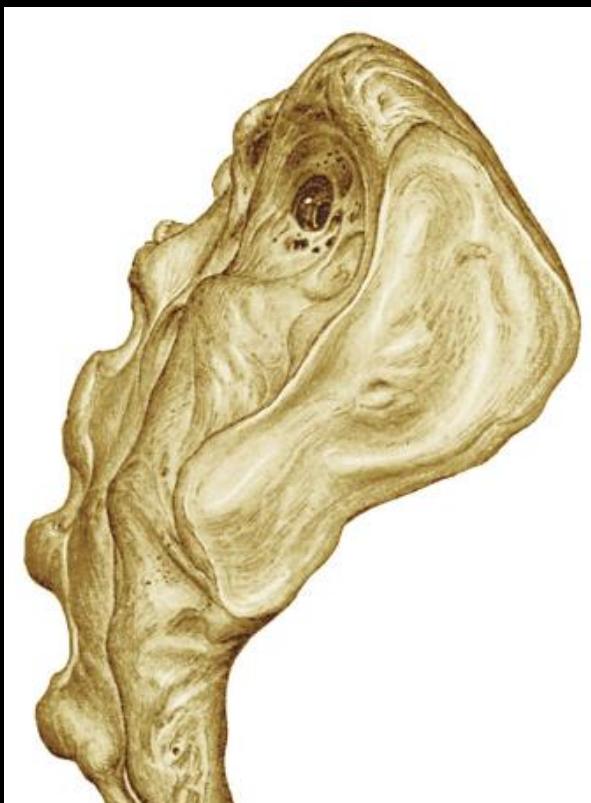
## Normal sacro-iliac joint anatomy

- L- or C-shaped articular surfaces (auricular surfaces) on sacrum and iliac bones
- with thick sacral and thin iliac articular cartilage
- covering thin sacral and thick iliac subchondral bone plates
- anterior and inferior segments of SI interface



## Normal sacro-iliac joint anatomy

- Fibrous SI joint without cartilage
- with thick ligaments
- Posterior and superior segments of SI interface



# Comparative anatomy of intervertebral disc and sacro-iliac joint

## Intervertebral disc

→ Central

thick nucleus pulposus

No synovium

→ Peripheral

annulus fibrosus

fibrous connective tissue

→ Thin cartilaginous end-plate

Zygapophyseal joints

Strong ligaments and muscles

## Sacro-iliac joint

antero-inferior

layer of fluid in articular space

synovium

Postero-superior

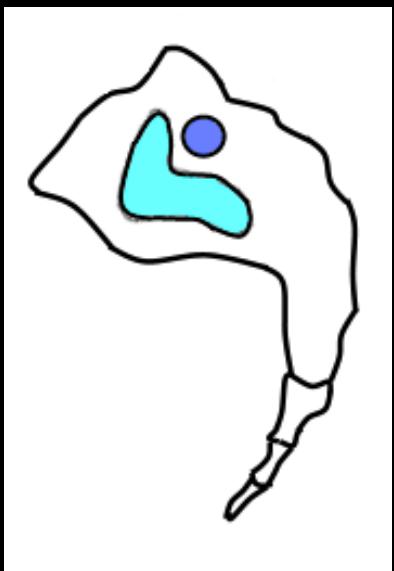
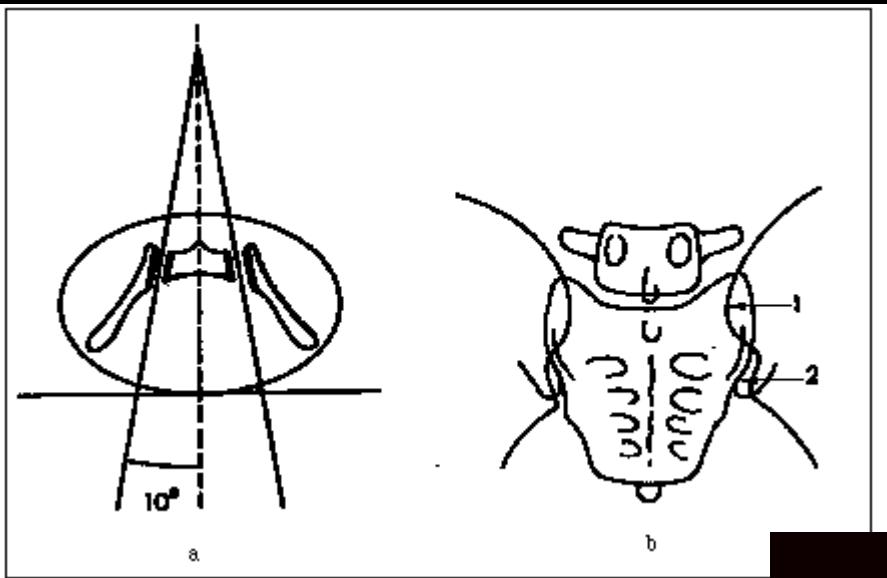
fibrous interface

fibrous and fatty connective tissue

Thick cartilaginous end-plate

No zygapophyseal joints

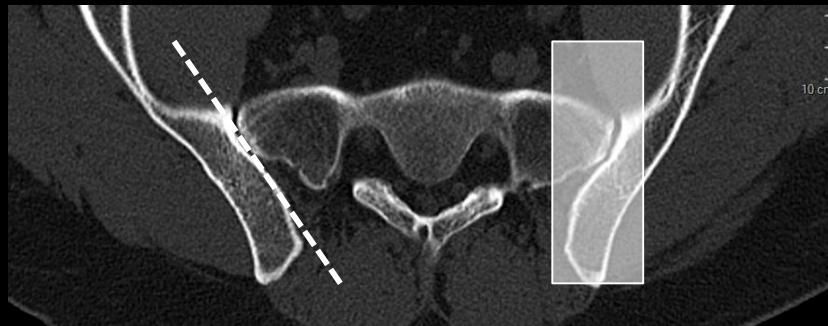
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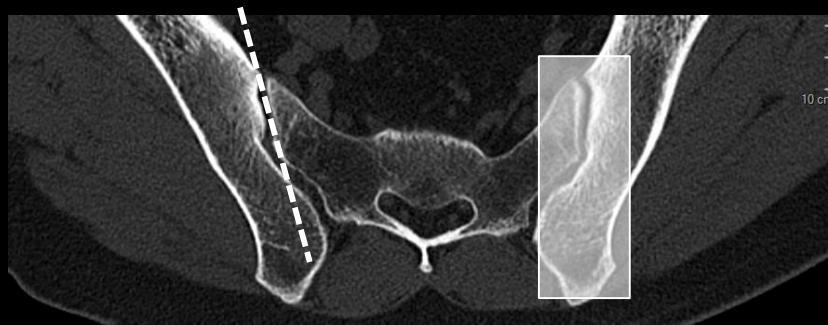
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Transverse oblique CT reformats

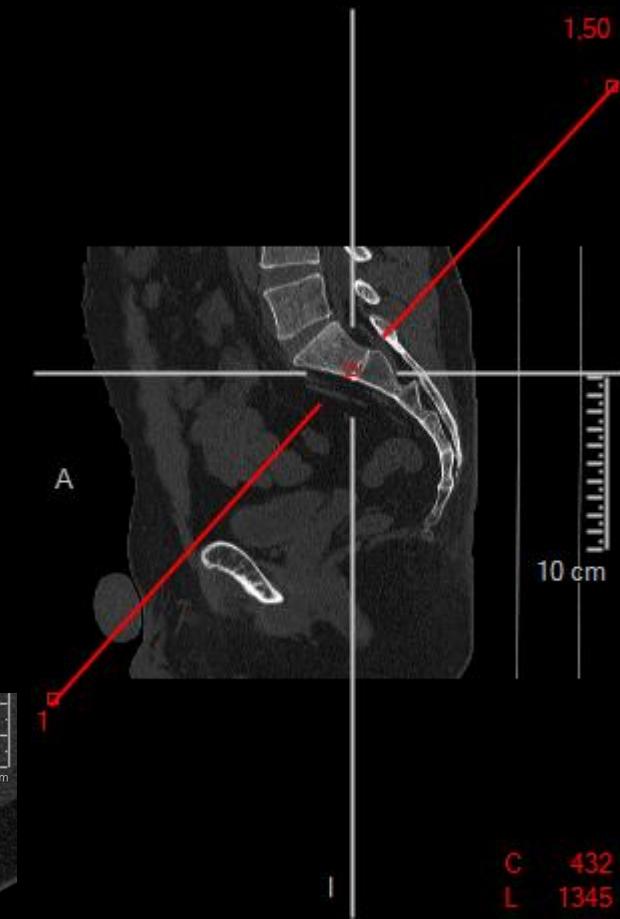
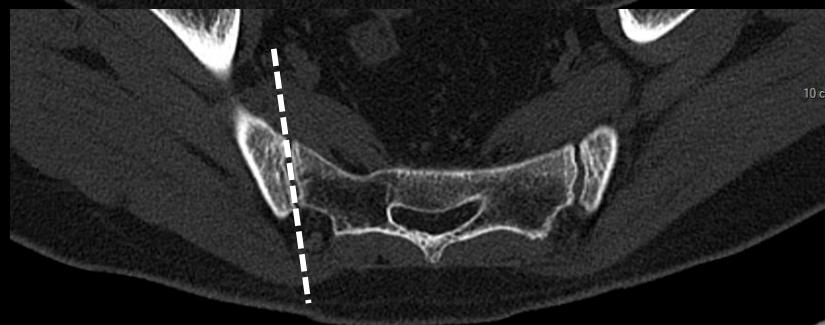
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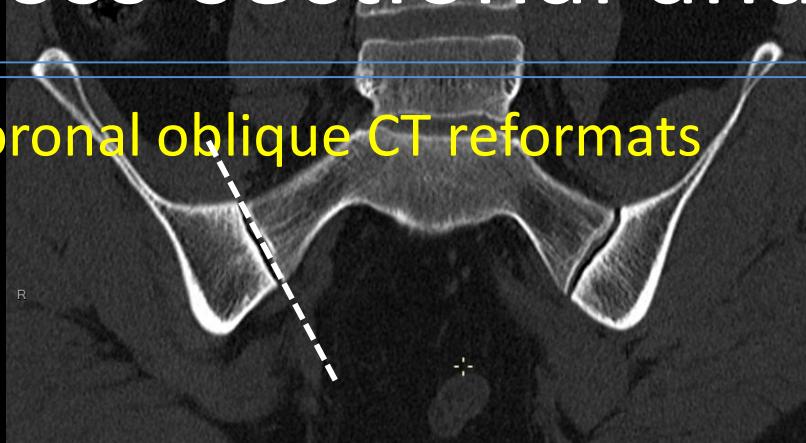
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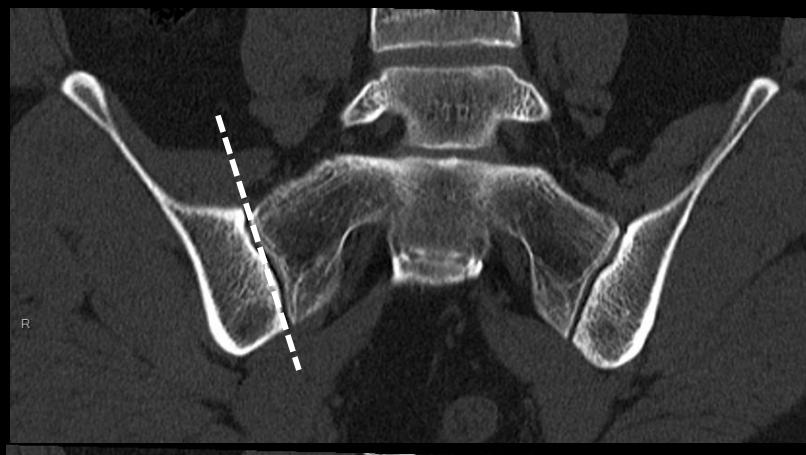
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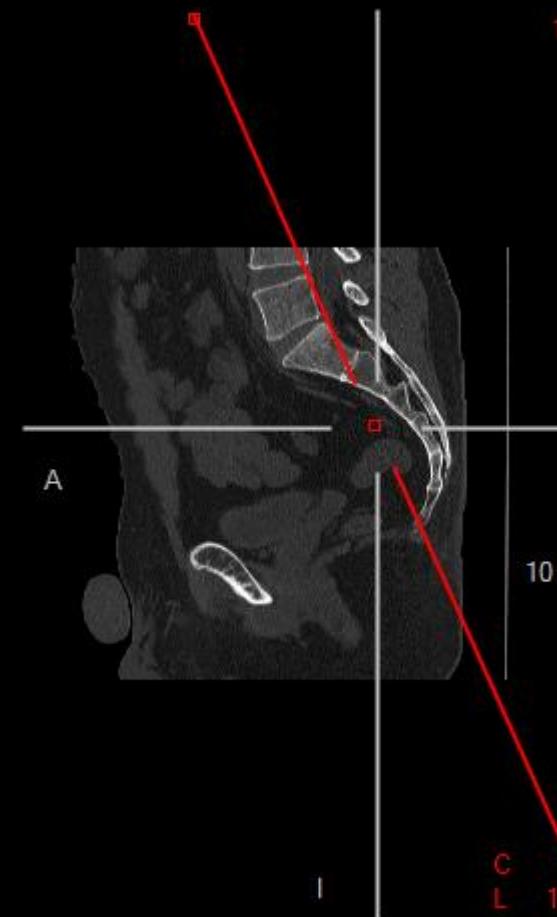
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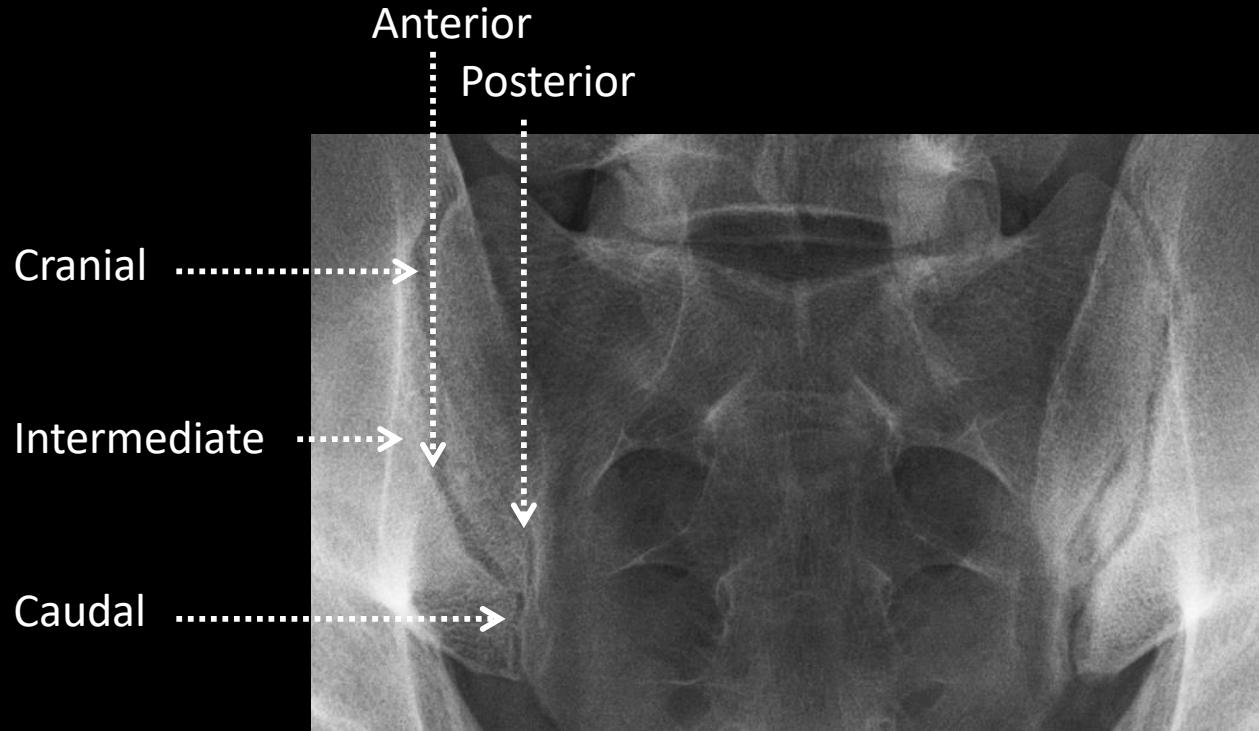
# Radiological anatomy



## Limitations of radiographic assessment

- No lateral view
- Overlapping soft tissues and bones
- No assessment of articular recesses
- Oblique and serpiginous orientation of articular surfaces
- (poor visibility of subchondral bone)

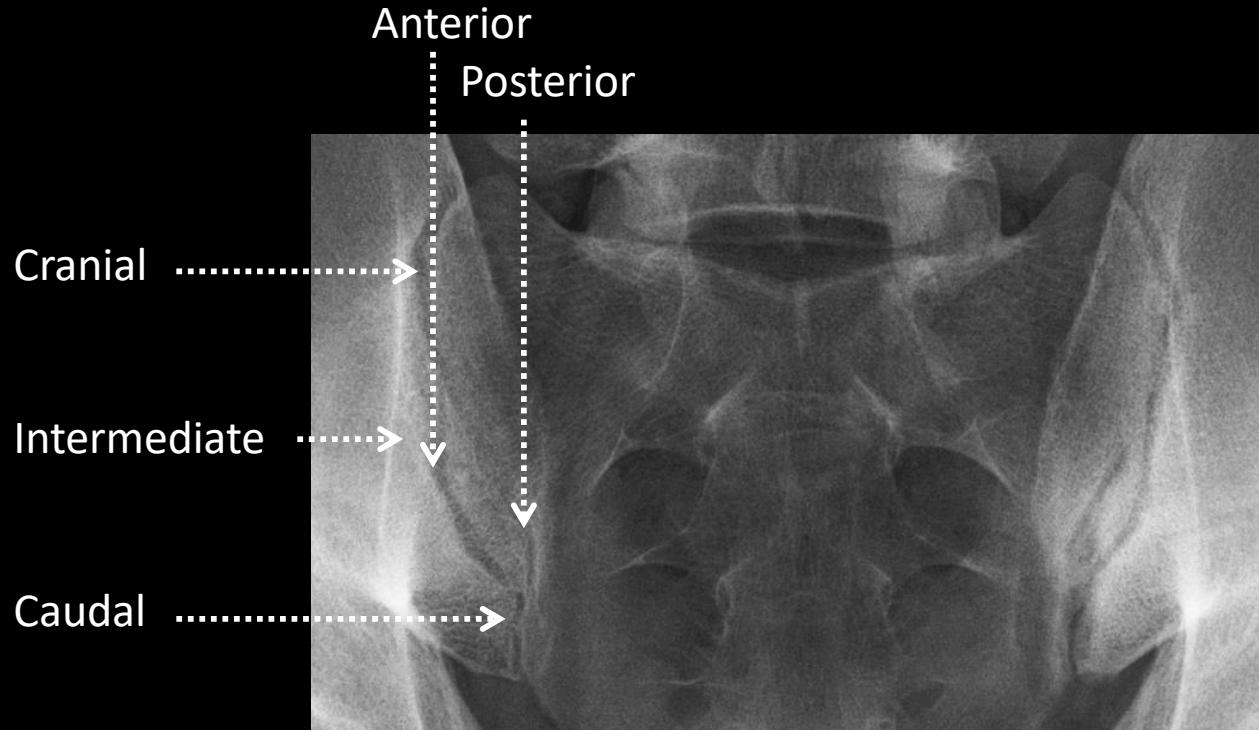
# Radiological anatomy



## Caudal segment of SI interface

- only cartilaginous interface
- sagittal orientation
- No degenerative changes (more specific if involved)
- less bony overlap
- conspicuity of subchondral bone

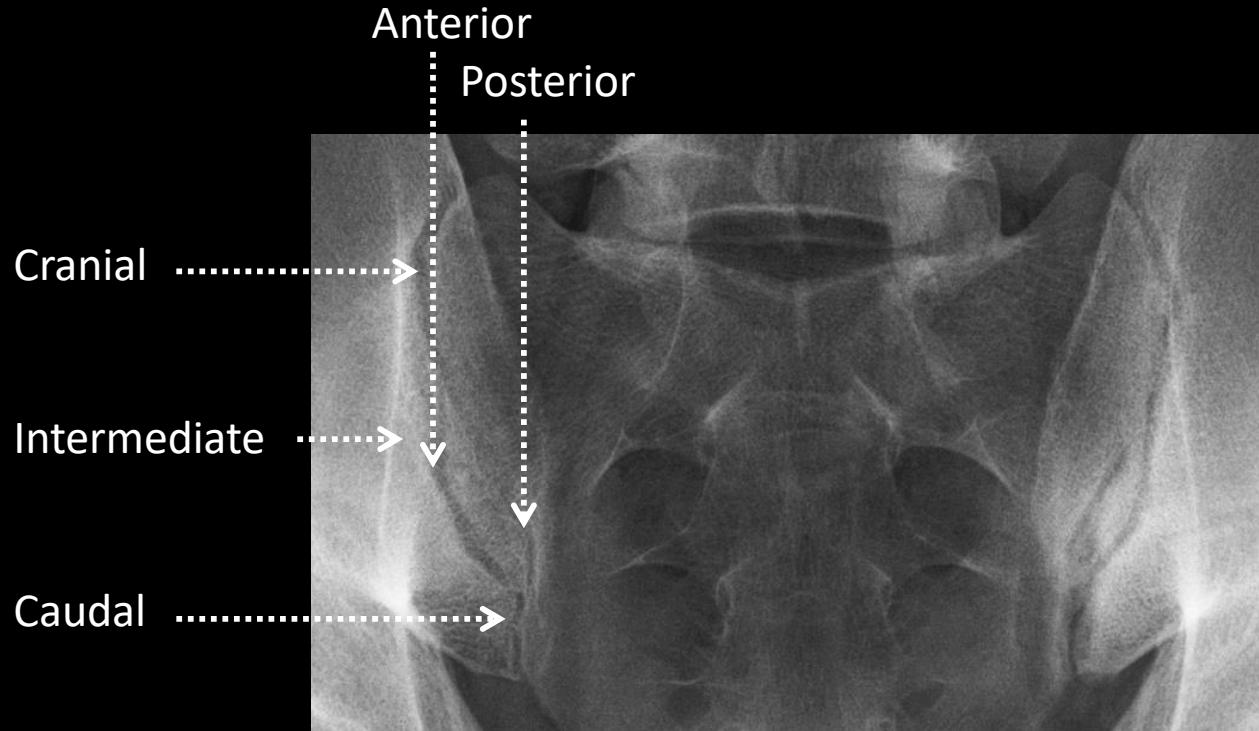
# Radiological anatomy



## Posterior segment of SI interface

- Cartilaginous and fibrous interface
- Frequent accessory sacro-iliac joints

# Radiological anatomy



## Intermediate segment of SI interface

- Cartilaginous and fibrous interface and posterior aspect of iliac wing
- Frontally orientated (limited conspicuity of subchondral bone)
- Frequent degenerative changes

# Normal sacroiliac joint

Variants to be aware of

→ Anatomical variations of the normal SI joints

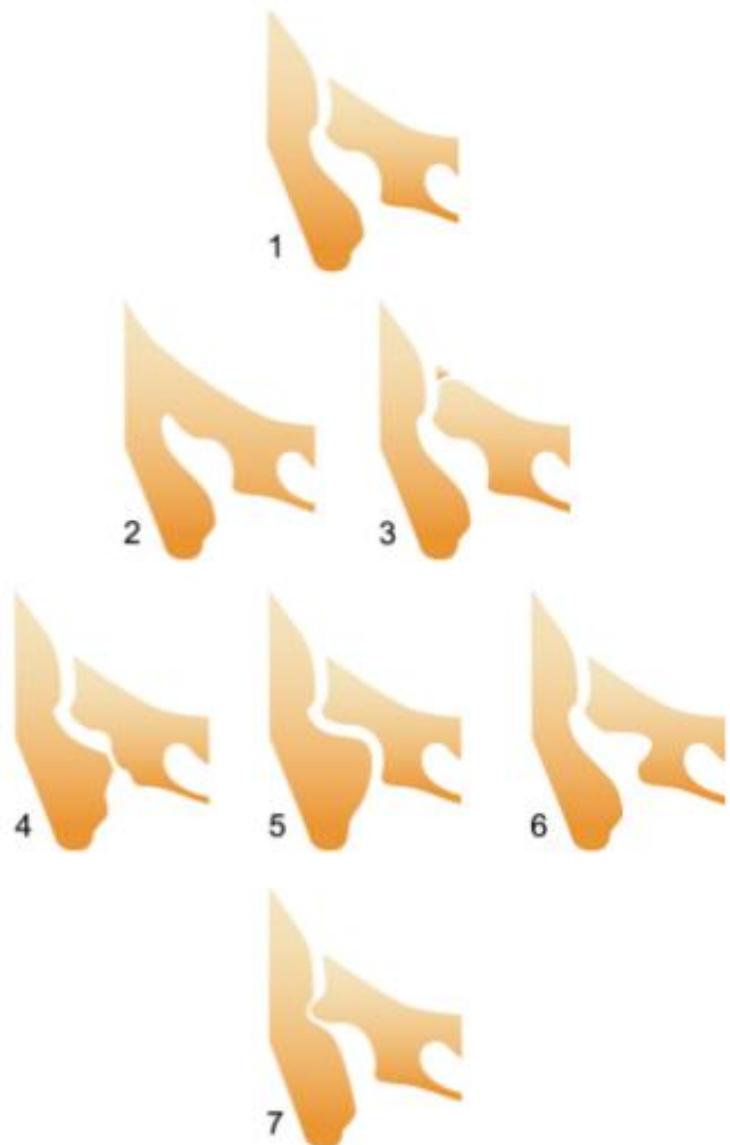
Immature sacro-iliac joint

Ligamentous ossifications

## Anatomical variations of SI joints

MRI 157 patients

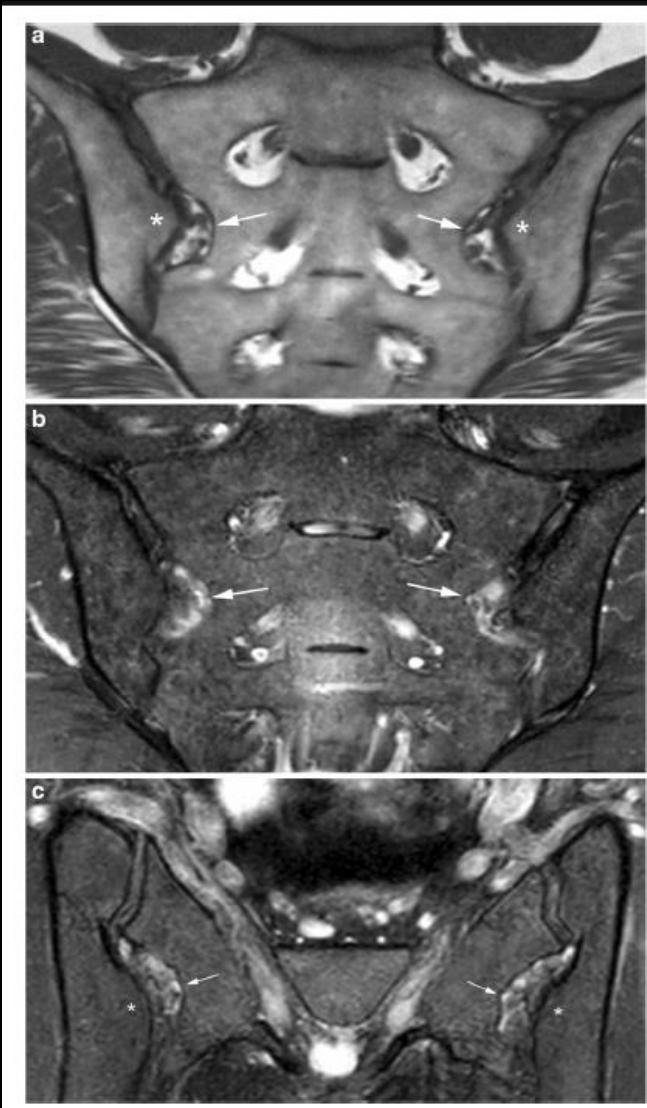
	Frequency (pts)
1 Normal sacroiliac joint	68%
2 Isolated SI synostosis	1%
3 Unfused apophysis	0%
4 Accessory SI joint	11%
5 Iliosacral complex	11%
6 Sacral defect	13%
7 Dysmorphic changes	17%



Sacroiliac joints: anatomical variations on MR images  
Mazen El Rafei et al Eur Radiology 2018; 28: 5328-5337  
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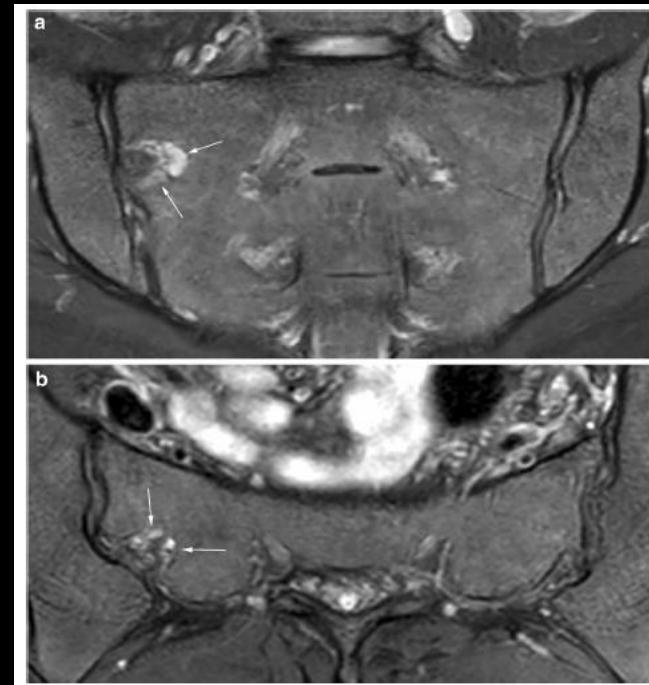
## Bilateral ilio-sacral complex

- Prominent ilium
- Depressed sacrum
- Vascular engorgement



## Unilateral right sacral defect

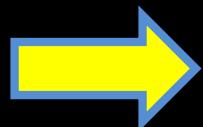
- Flat ilium
- Depressed sacrum
- Vascular engorgement



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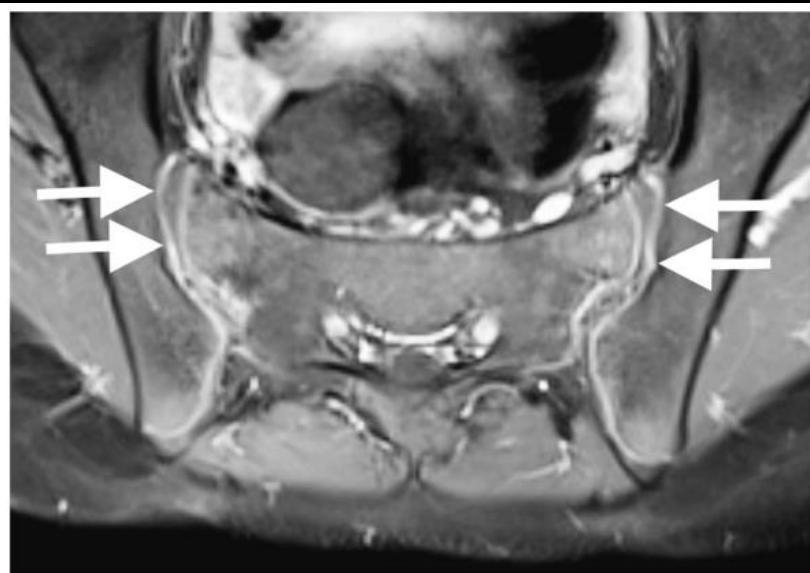
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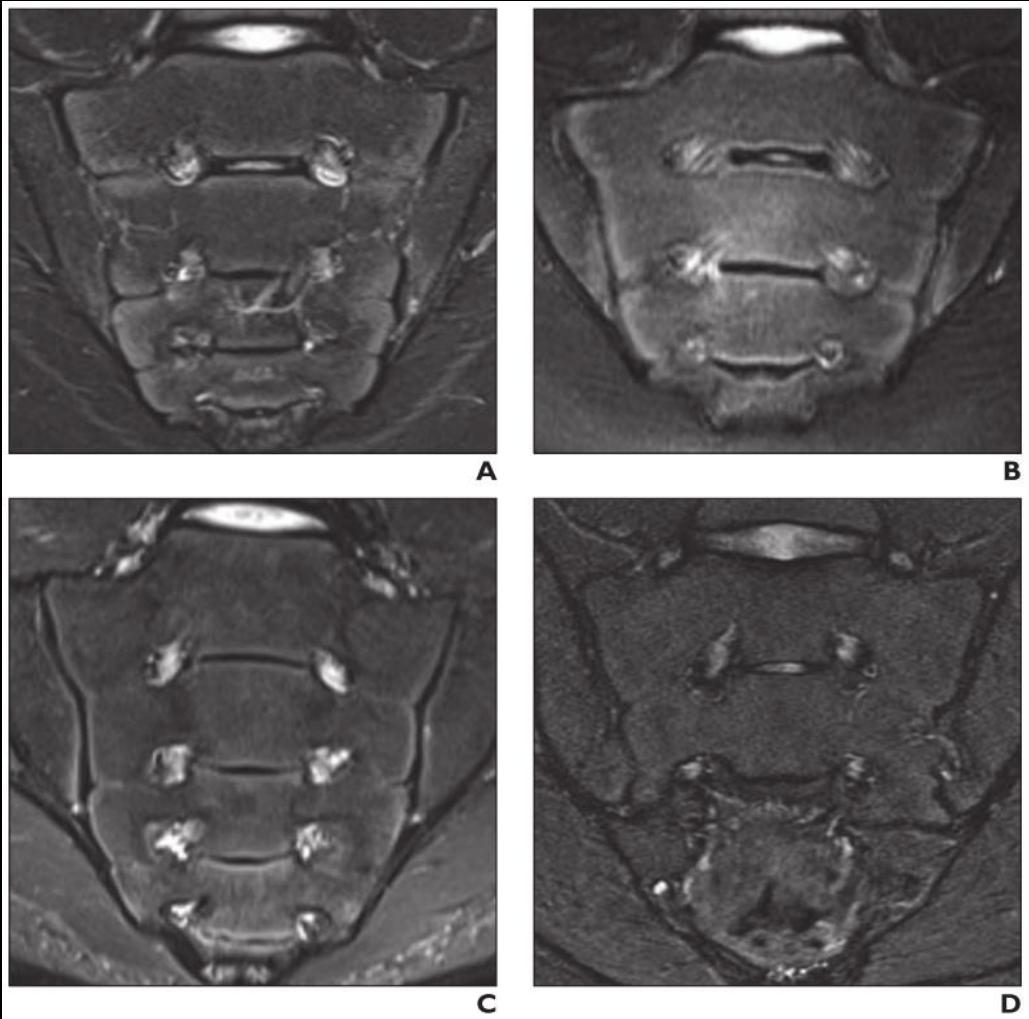
## Magnetic resonance imaging of sacroiliitis in children: frequency of findings and interobserver reliability

Katharine E. Orr<sup>1,2</sup> · Savvas Andronikou<sup>1</sup>  · Marc James Bramham<sup>1,2</sup> · Izidora Holjar-Erlic<sup>1</sup> · Flavia Menegotto<sup>1</sup> · Athimalaipet V. Ramanan<sup>3</sup>

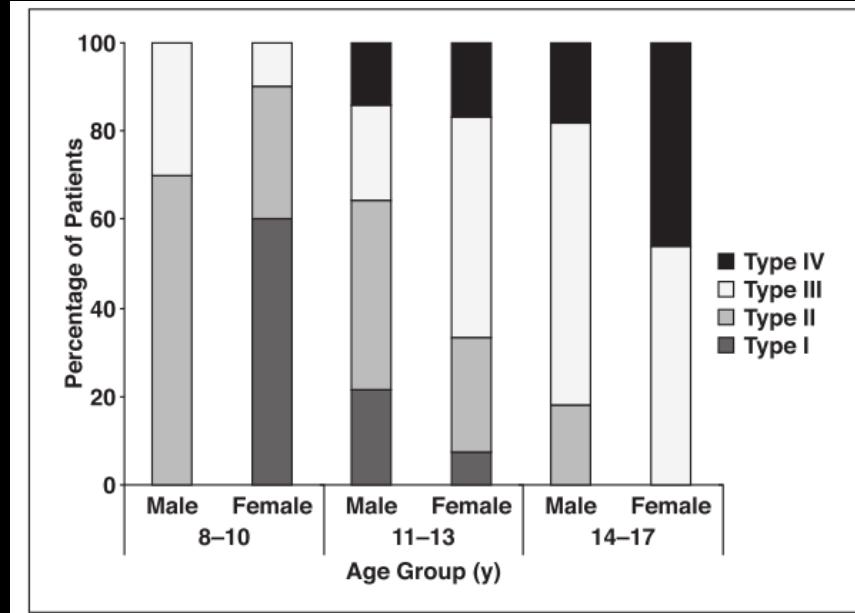
	Reader 1 (panel) and reader 2			Reader 1 (panel) and reader 3		
	Percentage agreement	Cohen $\kappa$	95% confidence interval	Percentage agreement	Cohen $\kappa$	95% confidence interval
Sacroiliitis	87%	0.51	0.27–0.72	72%	0.31	0.15–0.48
Bone marrow oedema	85%	0.38	0.12–0.61	75%	0.29	0.12–0.45
Erosion	93%	0.5	0.12–0.79	82%	0.33	0.14–0.51
Effusion	96%	0.32	N/A	60%	0.06	-0.02–0.16
Diffusion-weighted signal abnormality	88%	0.2	-0.06–0.50	90%	0.33	-0.02–0.62
Enhancement	86%	0.3	0.01–0.56	82%	0.28	0.05–0.51
Sclerosis	94%	0.24	0.00–0.58	88%	0.19	-0.08–0.48



**Fig. 4** A 12-year-old girl with mechanical back pain. **a** Contrast-enhanced T1-weighted image (TR 679 ms, TE 12 ms) demonstrates smooth synovial enhancement (arrows) of both sacroiliac joints in the absence of other findings. The authors believe this may be a normal finding



**Fig. 1**—MR images show classification of metaphyseal-equivalent signal intensity.  
**A**, Type I signal is defined as distinct homogeneously increased metaphyseal-equivalent uniform signal that also extends along unfused sacral apophyses. Patient is 8-year-old boy.  
**B**, Type II signal is defined as homogeneously increased metaphyseal-equivalent signal that is indistinct and only partially extends along partially fused sacral apophyses. Patient is 10-year-old girl.  
**C**, Type III signal is defined as minimally uniform metaphyseal-equivalent increased signal with mostly fused sacral apophyses. Patient is 13-year-old boy.  
**D**, Type IV signal is defined as no metaphyseal-equivalent increased signal identified. Patient is 16-year-old girl.



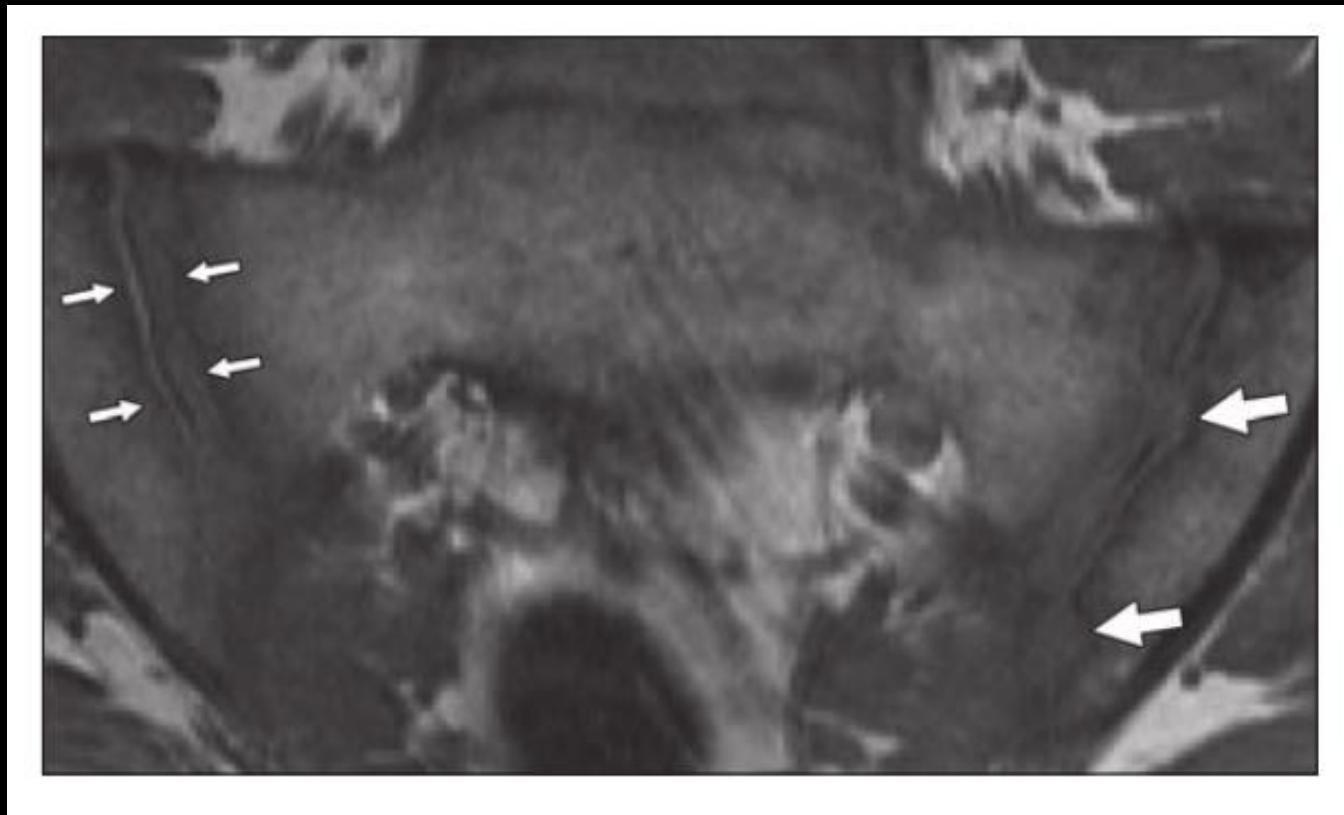
A-C vs D  
Kappa 0,49

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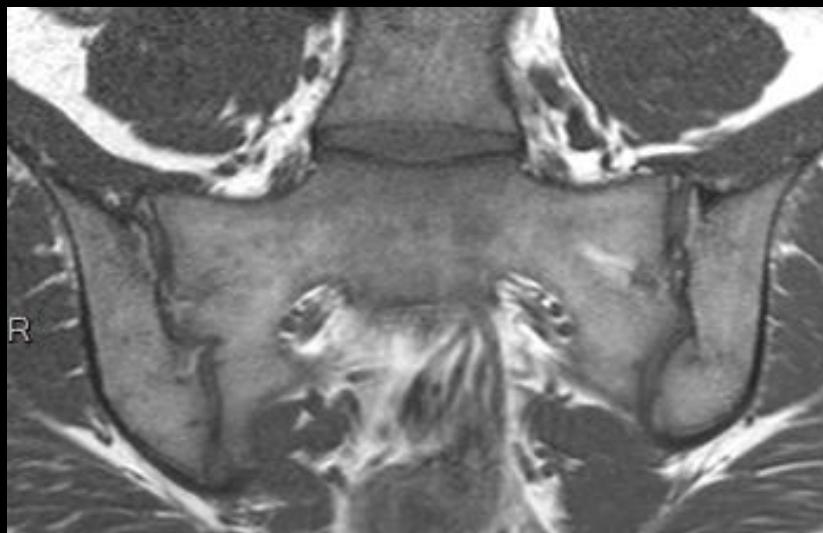
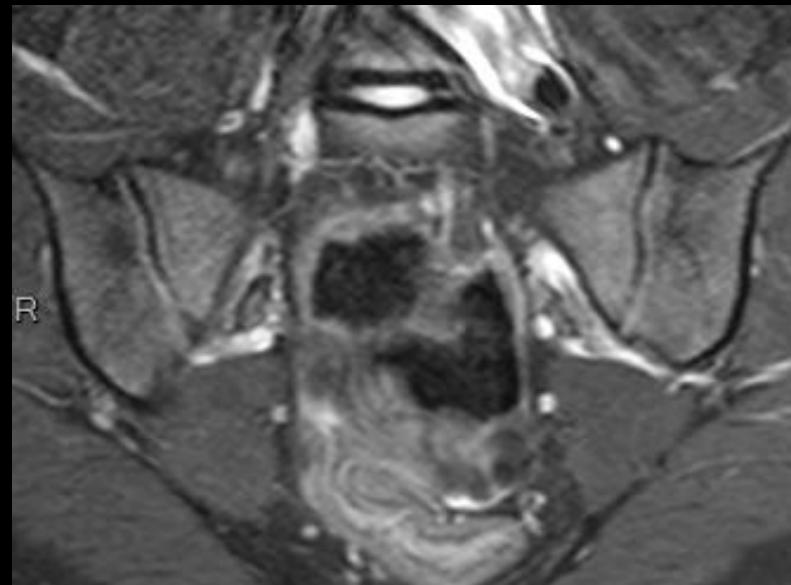
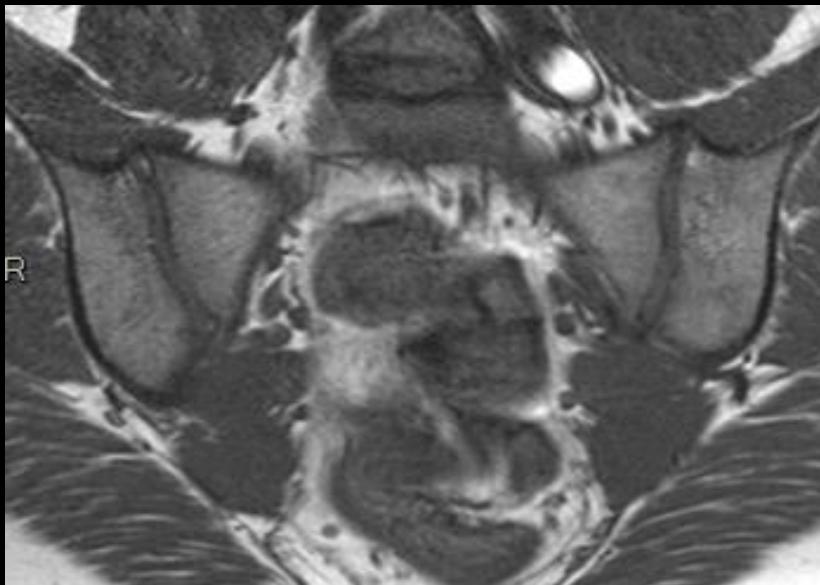
- 57% of patient/joints
- Iliac/sacrum: 51%/11%
- Upper/lower : 43%/27%
- No age difference
- Kappa: 0,20



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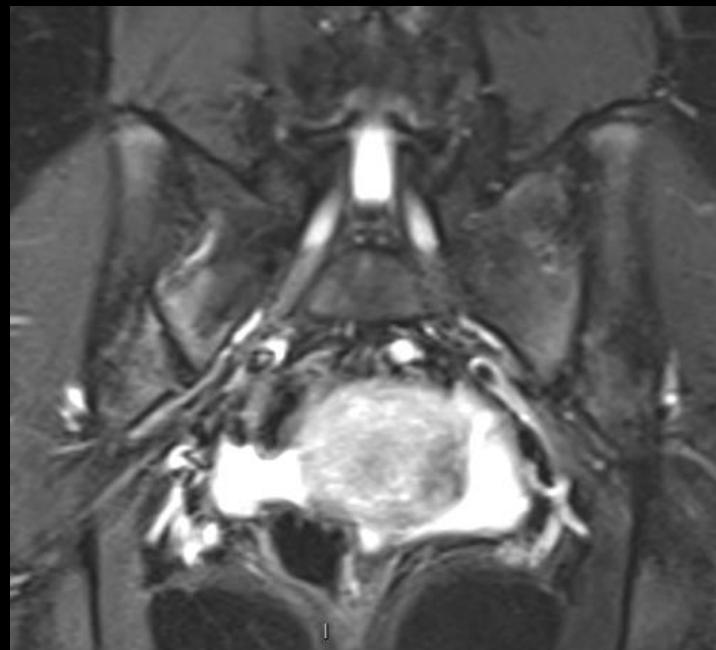
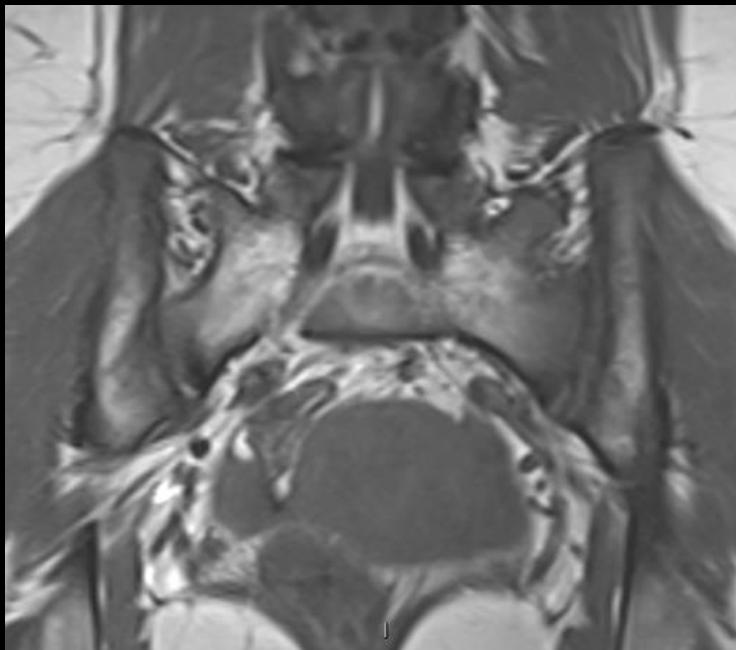
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Normal SI joints  
15-year-old girl

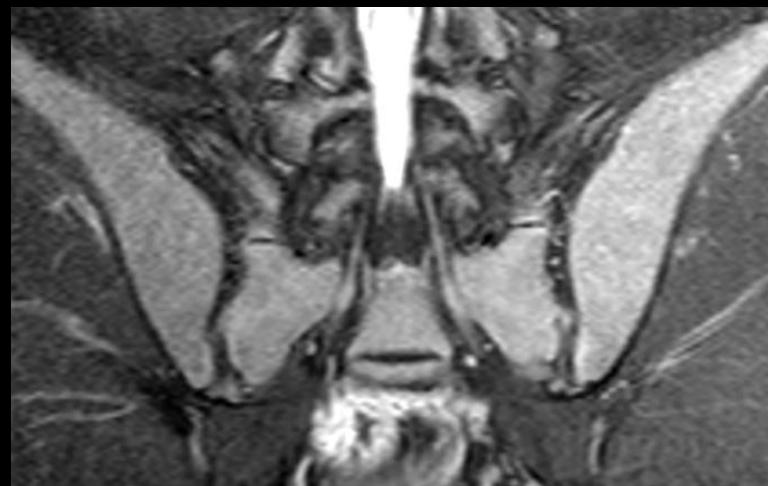
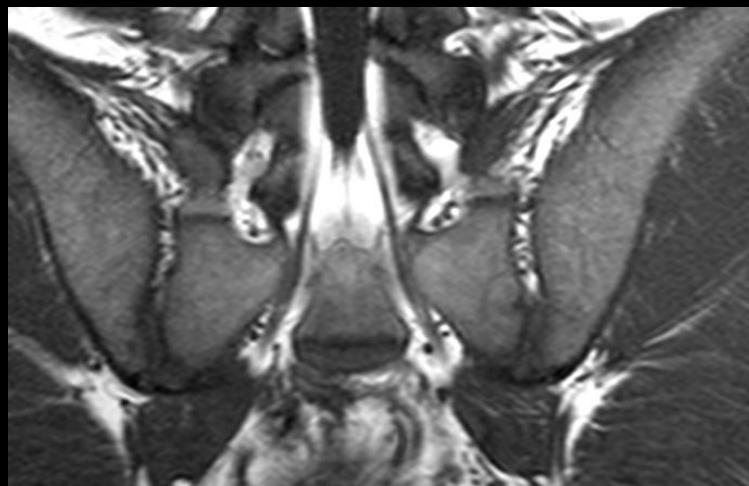
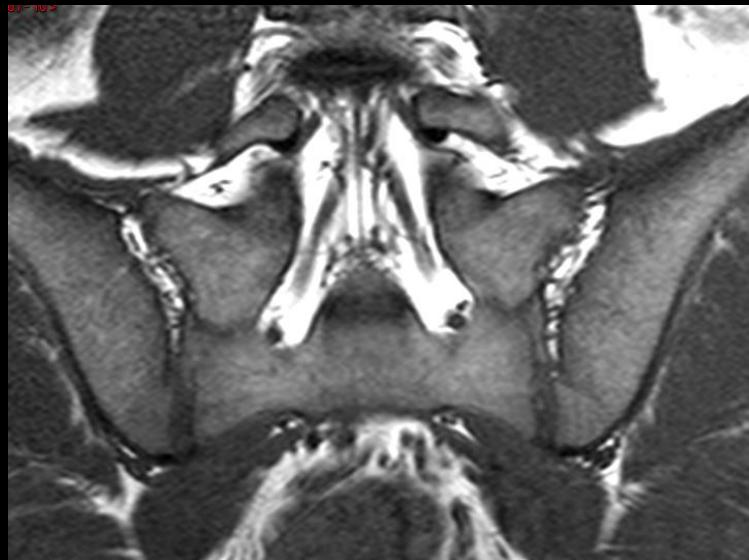


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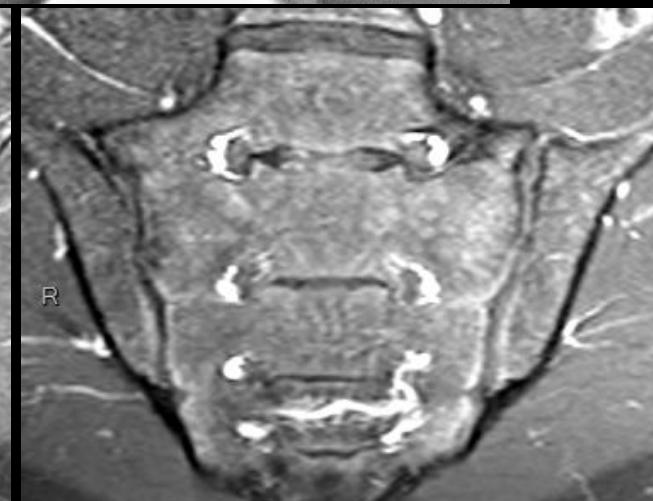
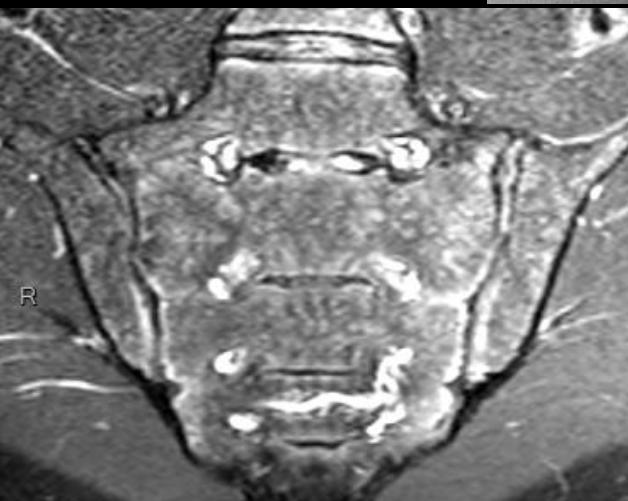
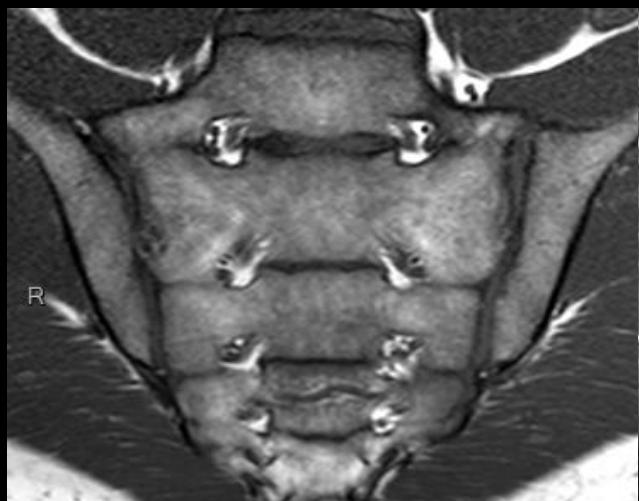
## 17-year-old girl



Normal SI joints  
20-year-old man



Normal SI joints  
23-year-old man



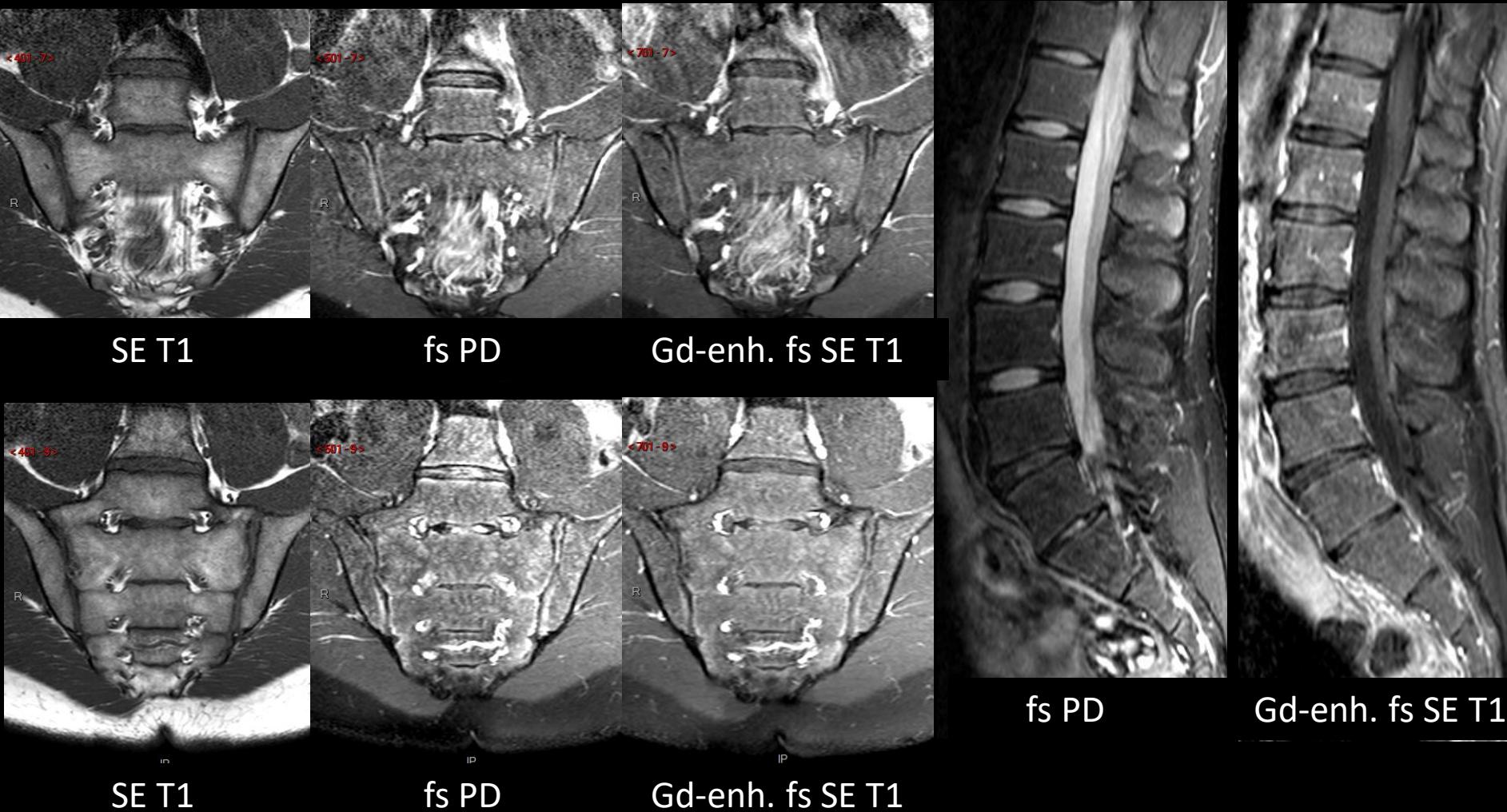
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Gd-enh. fs SE T1

Normal SI joints  
23-year-old man

Subtle bilateral and symmetrical changes  
Compatible with metaphyseal-equivalent changes

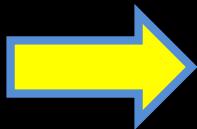


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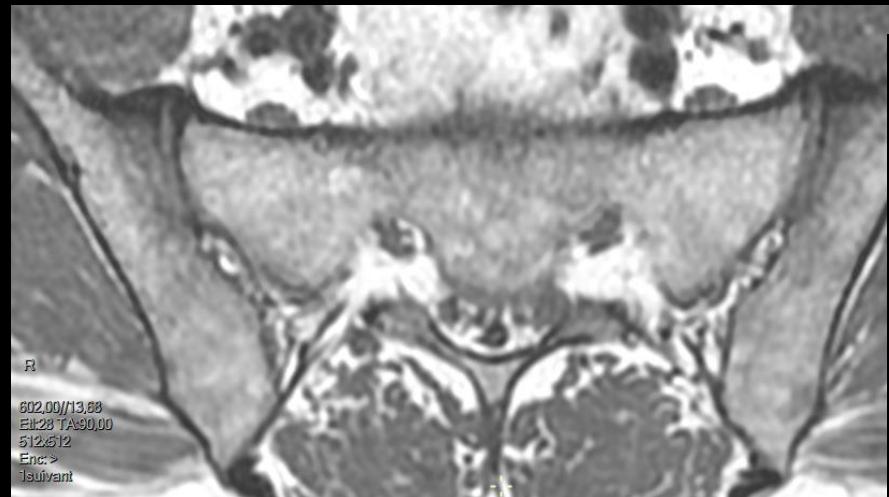
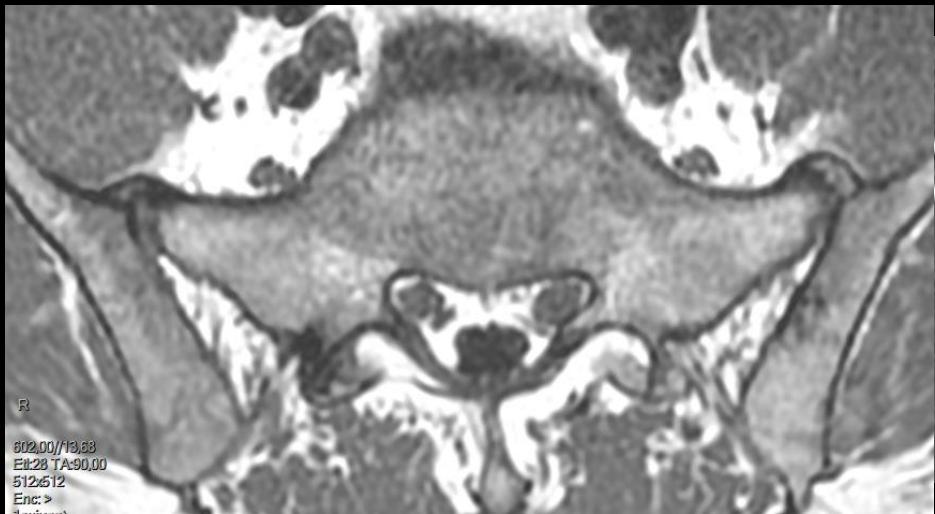
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Anatomical variations of the normal SI joints

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Ligamentous ossifications



# Anatomy-related pitfalls at SI imaging

Soft tissue involvement in SI diseases

Trans-articular extent by bone tumors

# Anatomy-related pitfalls at SI imaging

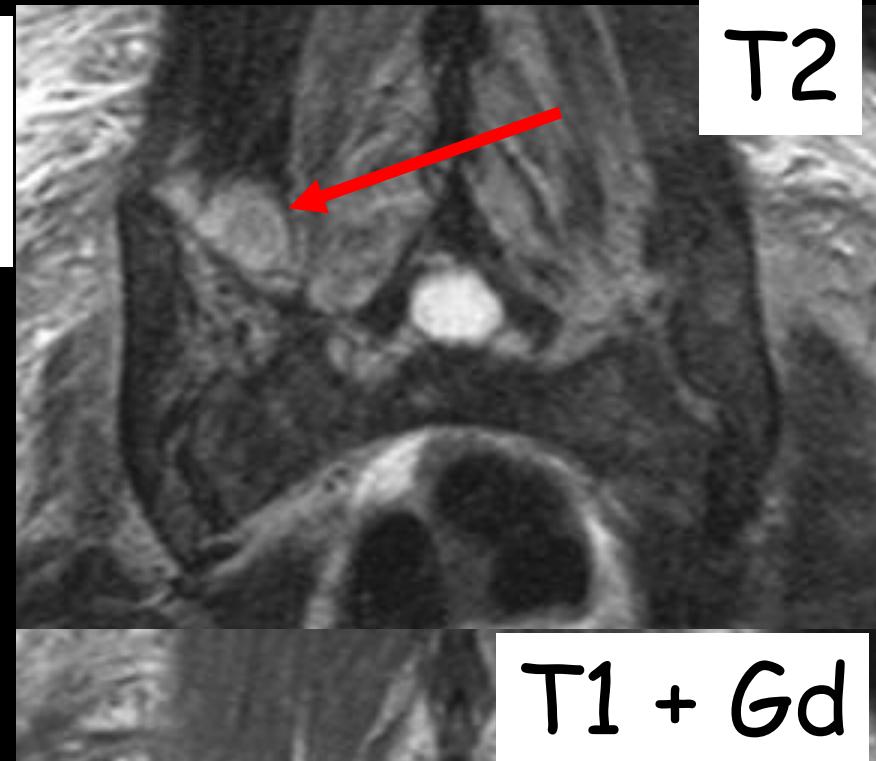
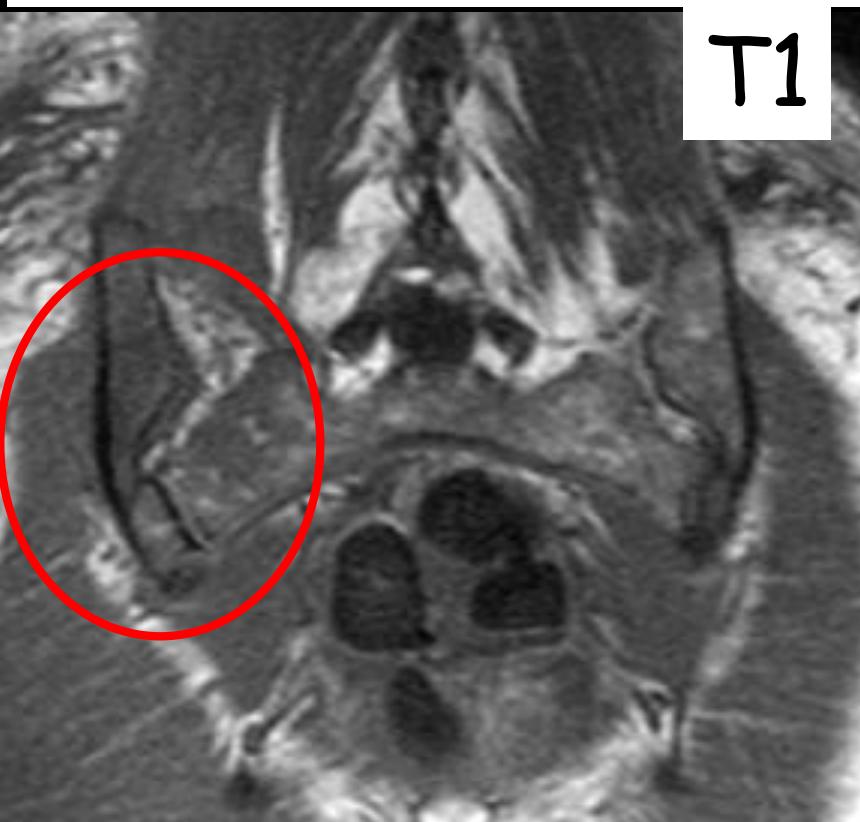
## Soft tissue involvement in SI diseases

- very limited articular space  
tight capsule

Abcess at distance from the joint

# Sacro-iliite septique

## IRM



Altérations spécifiques  
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atteinte espace articulaire

# Sacro-iliite septique IRM

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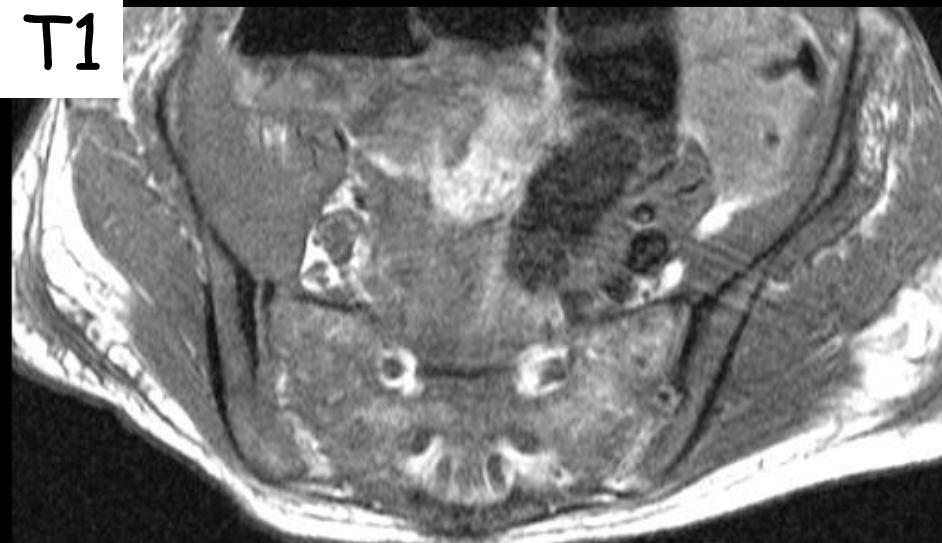
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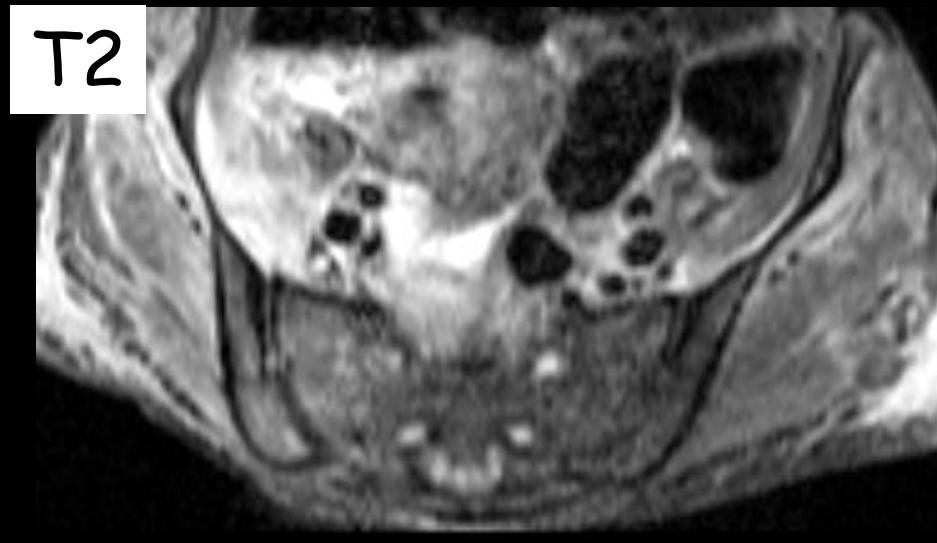
# IRM - difficulté diagnostique

Atteinte articulaire à l'arrière-plan

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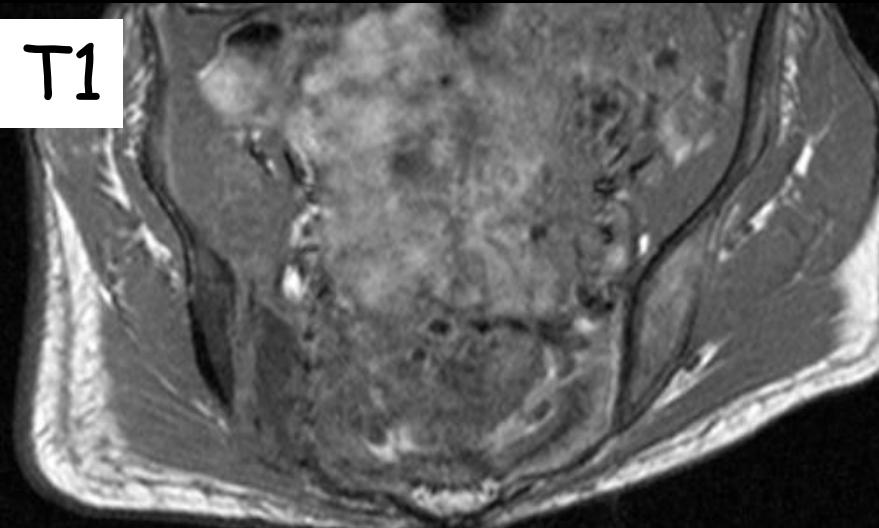
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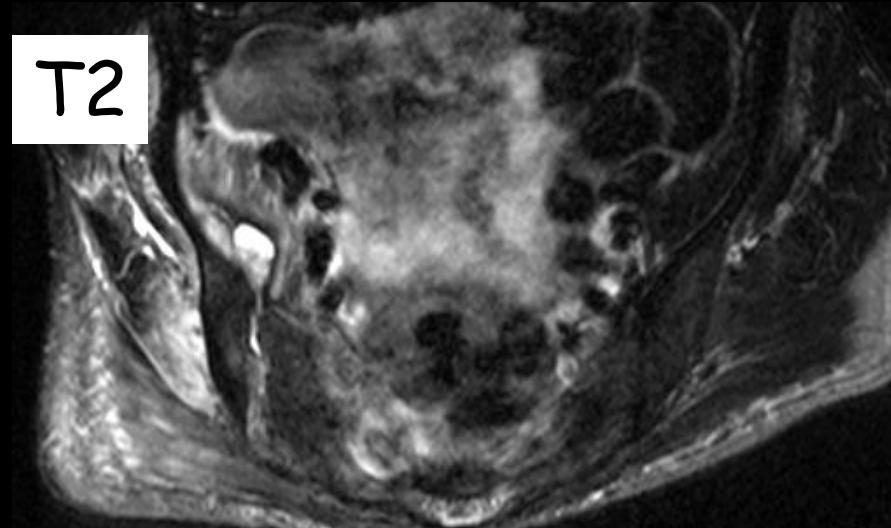
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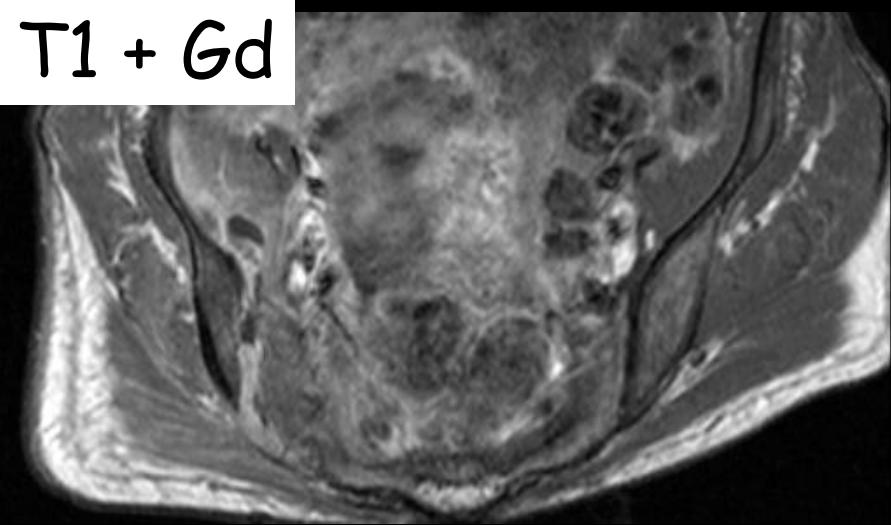
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T1 + Gd



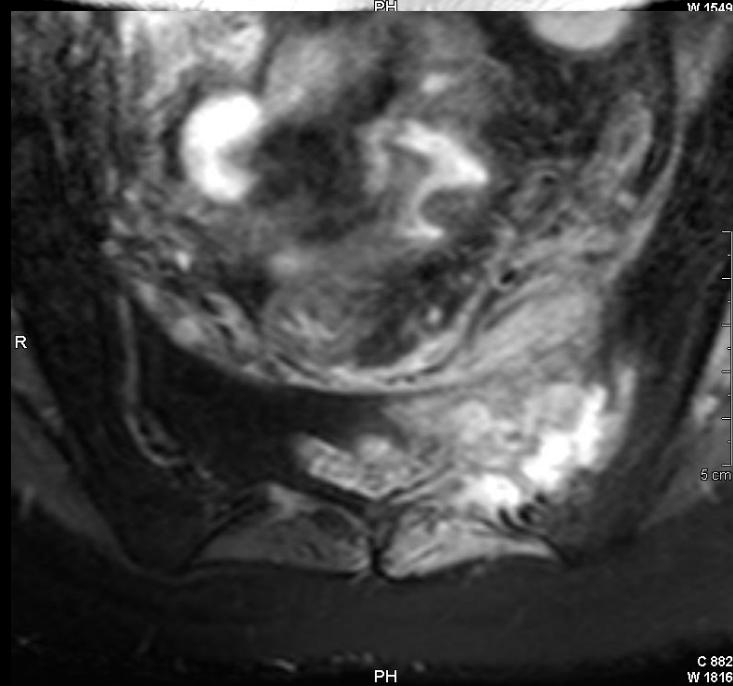
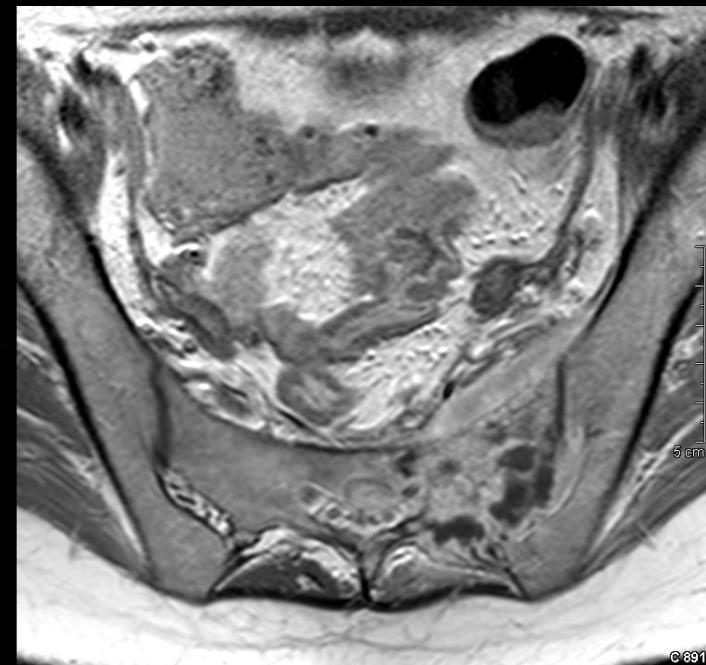
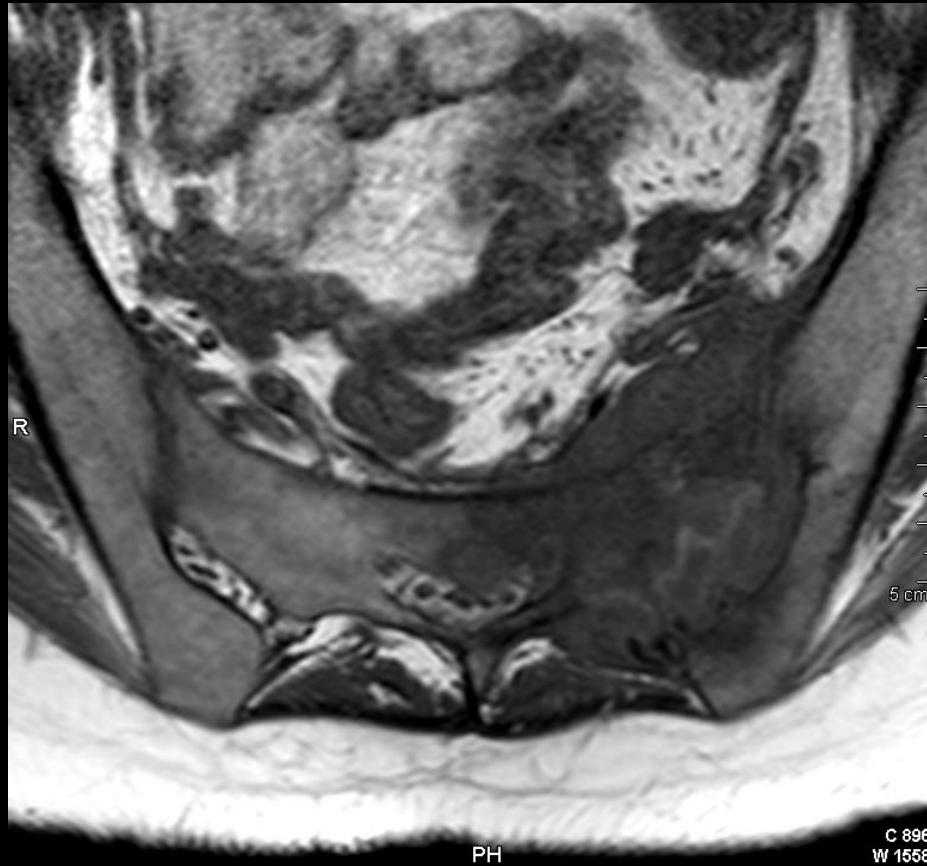
# Anatomy-related pitfalls at SI imaging

Trans-articular extent by bone tumors

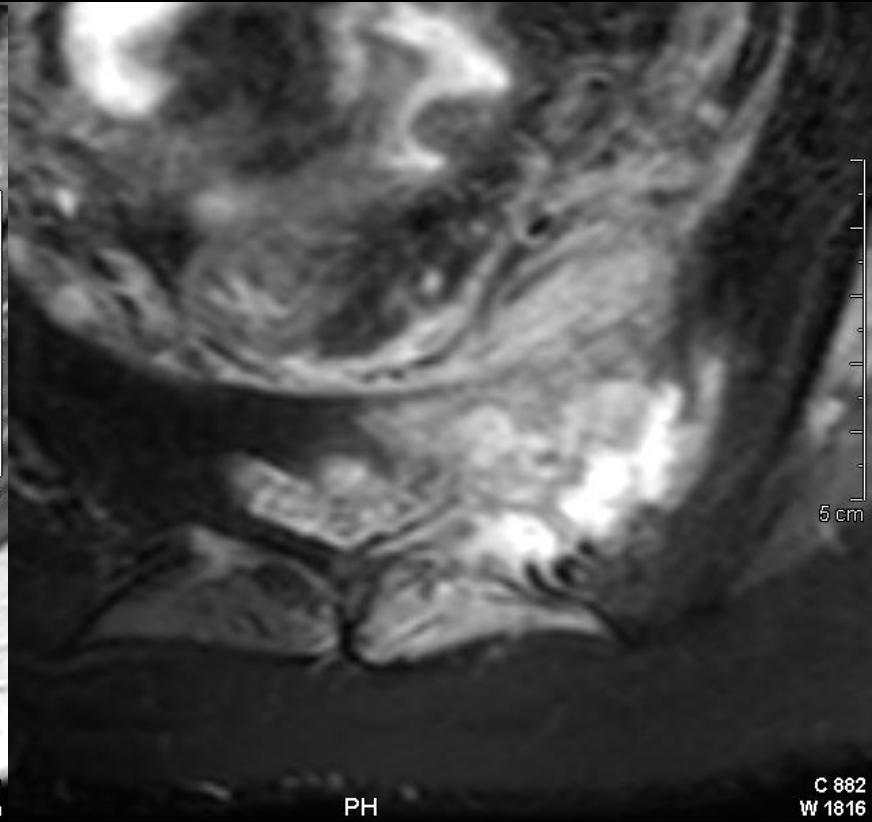
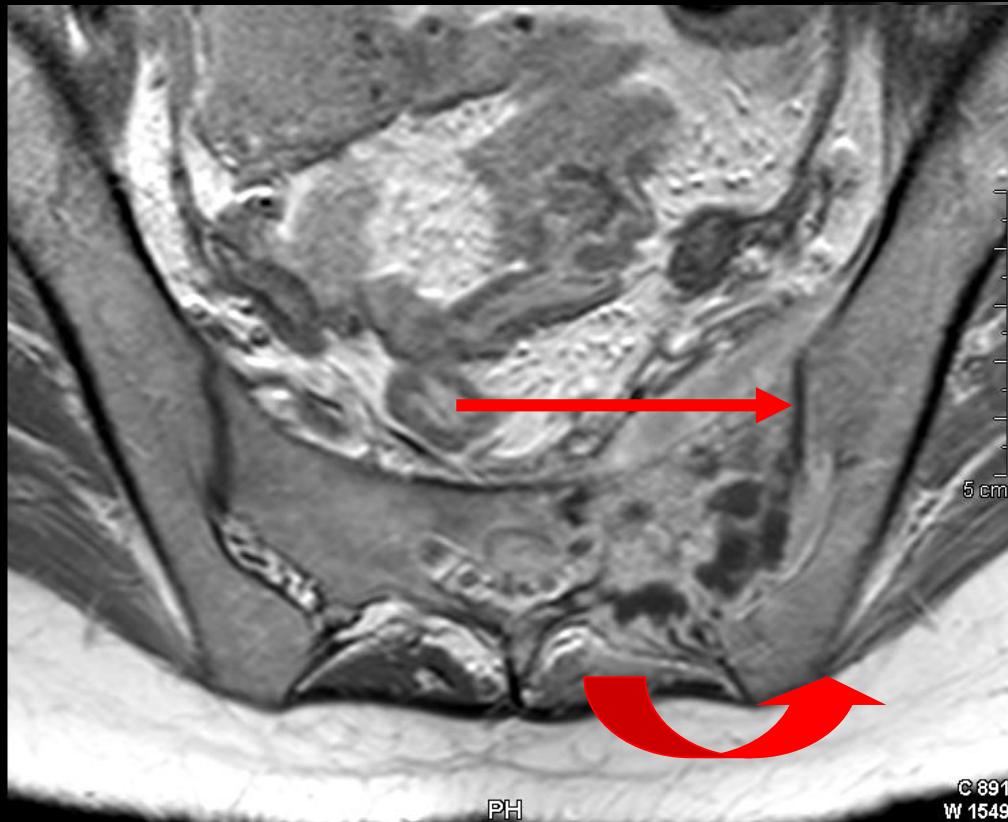
If involvement of both sides,  
check the articular part of the joint

- **Inflammatory diseases may involve the cartilage**
- **Neoplastic diseases spare the cartilage**

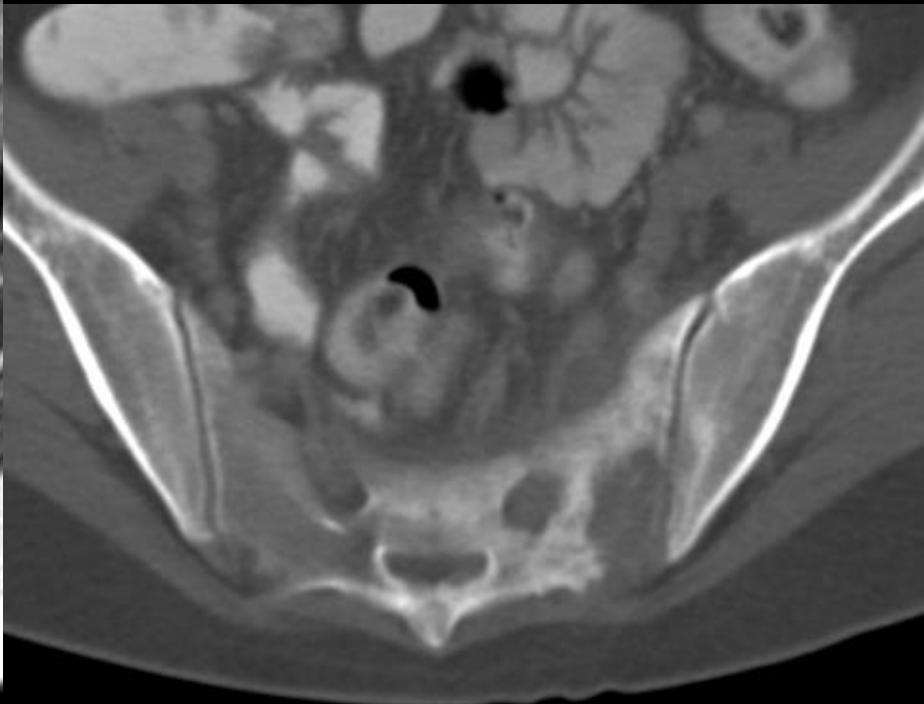
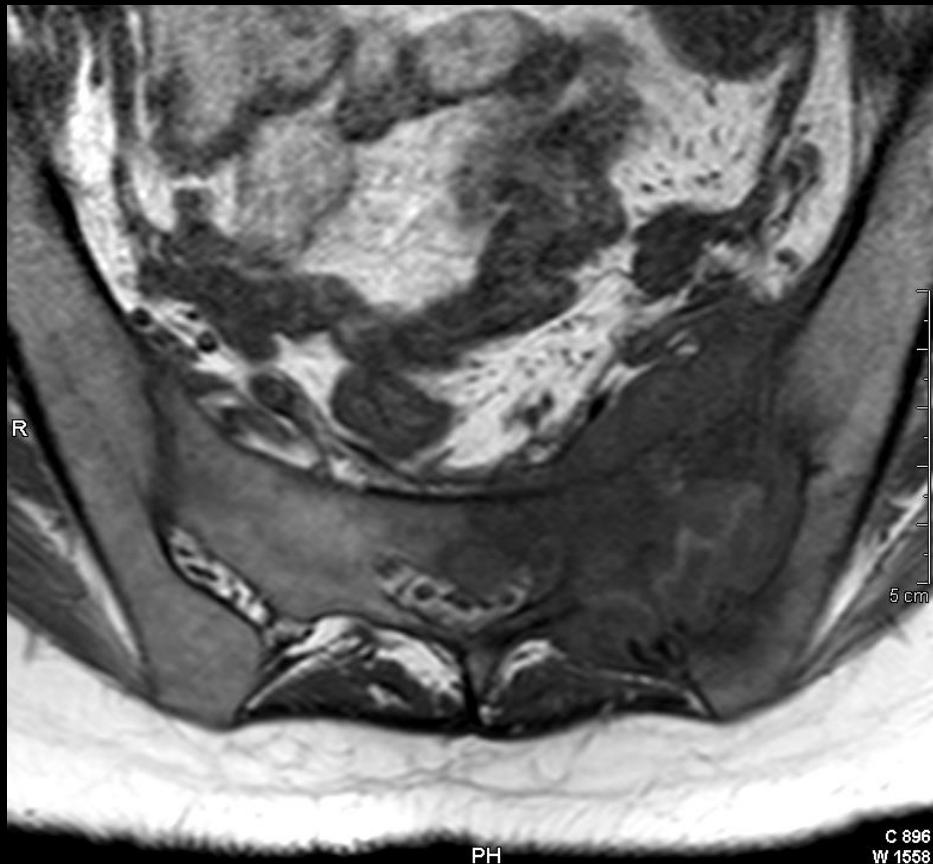
# Inflammatory vs neoplastic ?



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Articular component of SI interface is preserved  
Interosseous extension through fibrous joint



## Lymphoma

Articular component of SI interface is preserved  
Interosseous extension through fibrous joint

Inflammatory vs neoplastic ?



Preserved of inferior aspect of SI interface (cartilage)



Involvement of posterior aspect of superior segment of SI interface (fibrous)



Hypernephroma  
metastasis

# Take home messages

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- Complex anatomy of the SI interface
- Frequent variations with age and among individuals
- Cartilaginous / fibrous components

# The normal spine:

## Anatomy of the sacroiliac joint

### Part 1



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# Spondylo-arthropathies

## Imagerie sacro-iliaque

### Partie 2



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# Objectifs

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- Cadre clinique
- Séméiologie
- Techniques

# Importance

- Imagerie : place dans diagnostic Rhu (-)
- Thérapies efficace pour Rhu(-)
- Thérapie ciblée: la bonne drogue sur la bonne cible

# Pathologies sacro-iliaques : difficile

- Clinique torpide
- Examen clinique difficile
- Anatomie radiologique complexe
  - Orientation triple oblique
  - Superpositions tissus mous

## Critères de classification de l' ASAS

HLA B27

CRP élevée

Arthrite périphérique

Enthésite achille

Uvéite

Dactylite

Psoriasis

Pathologie inflammatoire Tdig

Histoire clinique SpA

Bonne réponse aux AINS

Lombalgie inflammatoire (< 40 ans, 3 mois, nocturne, diminuée

Critères ASAS de sacro-iliite IRM

Œdème médullaire sous-chondral

2 foyers sur une coupe

1 foyer sur deux coupes

# Associations Between Spondyloarthritis Features and Magnetic Resonance Imaging Findings

A Cross-Sectional Analysis of 1,020 Patients With Persistent Low Back Pain

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## Constitution série de pts 2011-2013

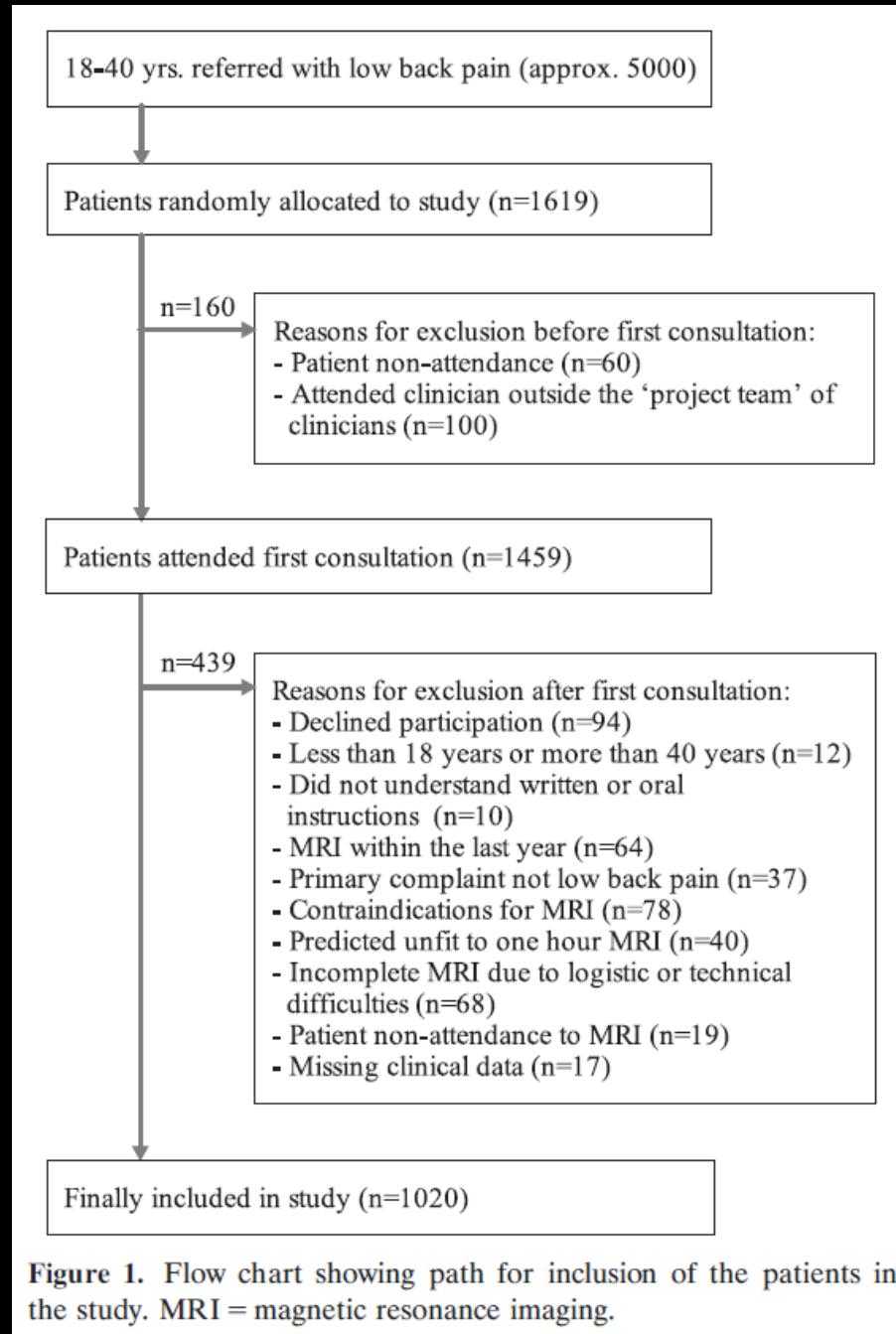


Figure 1. Flow chart showing path for inclusion of the patients in the study. MRI = magnetic resonance imaging.

**Table 1.** Definitions of the categorical sacroiliac joint magnetic resonance imaging variables used in the multiple regression analysis\*

Category	Definition
<b>Bone marrow edema</b>	
Absent	No bone marrow edema
Low score	Bone marrow edema in <25% of the subcortical bone area
Medium score	Two regions with bone marrow edema in <25% of the subcortical bone area or 1 region with bone marrow edema in 25–50% of the subcortical bone area
High score	Greater than medium score
<b>Fatty marrow deposition</b>	
Absent	No fatty marrow deposition
Low/medium score	One or 2 regions with fatty marrow deposition in <25% of the subcortical bone area or 1 region with fatty marrow deposition in 25–50% of the subcortical bone area
High score	Greater than low/medium score
<b>Erosions</b>	
Absent	No erosions
Present	Erosions in at least 1 region
<b>Sclerosis</b>	
Absent	No sclerosis
Present	Sclerosis in at least 1 region

\* The presence of a given finding was defined by a minimum of 2 lesions seen on a single sacroiliac (SI) joint slice or 1 lesion seen on at least 2 consecutive slices. Each finding in each of the 8 SI joint regions was graded as follows: absent, <25% of the subcortical bone area, 25–50% of the subcortical bone area, or >50% of the subcortical bone area. The categorical variables were based on the cumulative grading in all SI joint regions as indicated above. The number of categories was determined by the prevalence of the relevant finding, in order for each category to include at least 5% of the patients, so that sufficient power could be obtained for logistic regression analyses.

Oedeme pris en considération si 2 foyers/1coupe ou 1 foyer/2coupes

# Résultats - Prévalence

Parmi 1020 patients qui n'ont probablement pas la SpA

**21% ont critères IRM de sacro-iliite**

**2% ont signe IRM d'atteinte inflammatoire**

**Coin vertébral œdème (2%), graisse (1%) mixte (1%)  
œdème zygapophysaire (1%)**

53% ont au moins un signe clinique +

19% ont au moins deux signes cliniques +

15%-17% 3 signes les plus fréquents (Lomb. Inflam., reponse AINS, hist. fam.)

10% HLAB27

8% CRP

# Objectifs

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- Cadre clinique
- Séméiologie
- Techniques

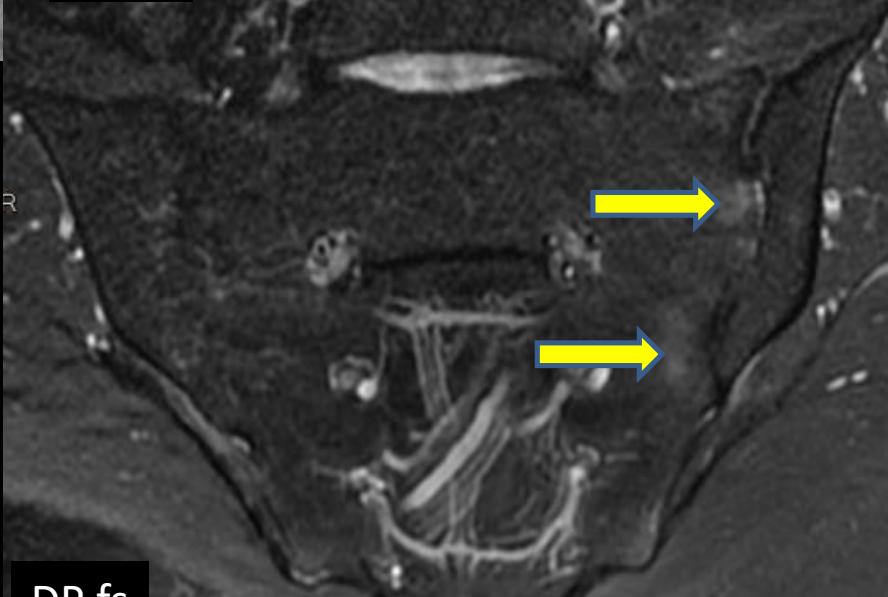
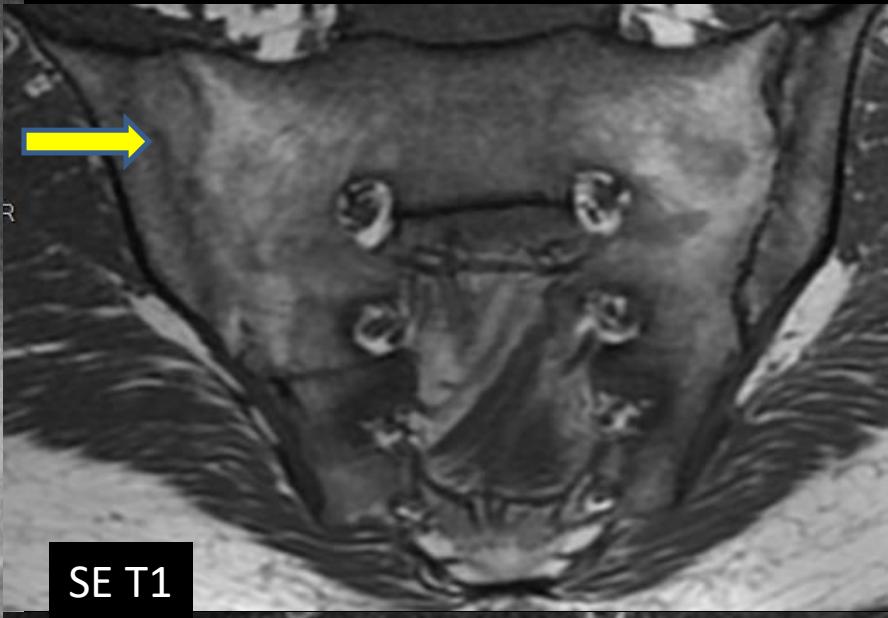
# Buts imagerie

- Déetecter lésions
  - Actives
  - Quiescentes
- Explorer tous les territoires cibles
  - Enthèses (insertions tendons, ligaments aponévroses)
  - Os sous chondral
  - Synoviales
  - Capsules articulaires

Femme 49 ans , SpA



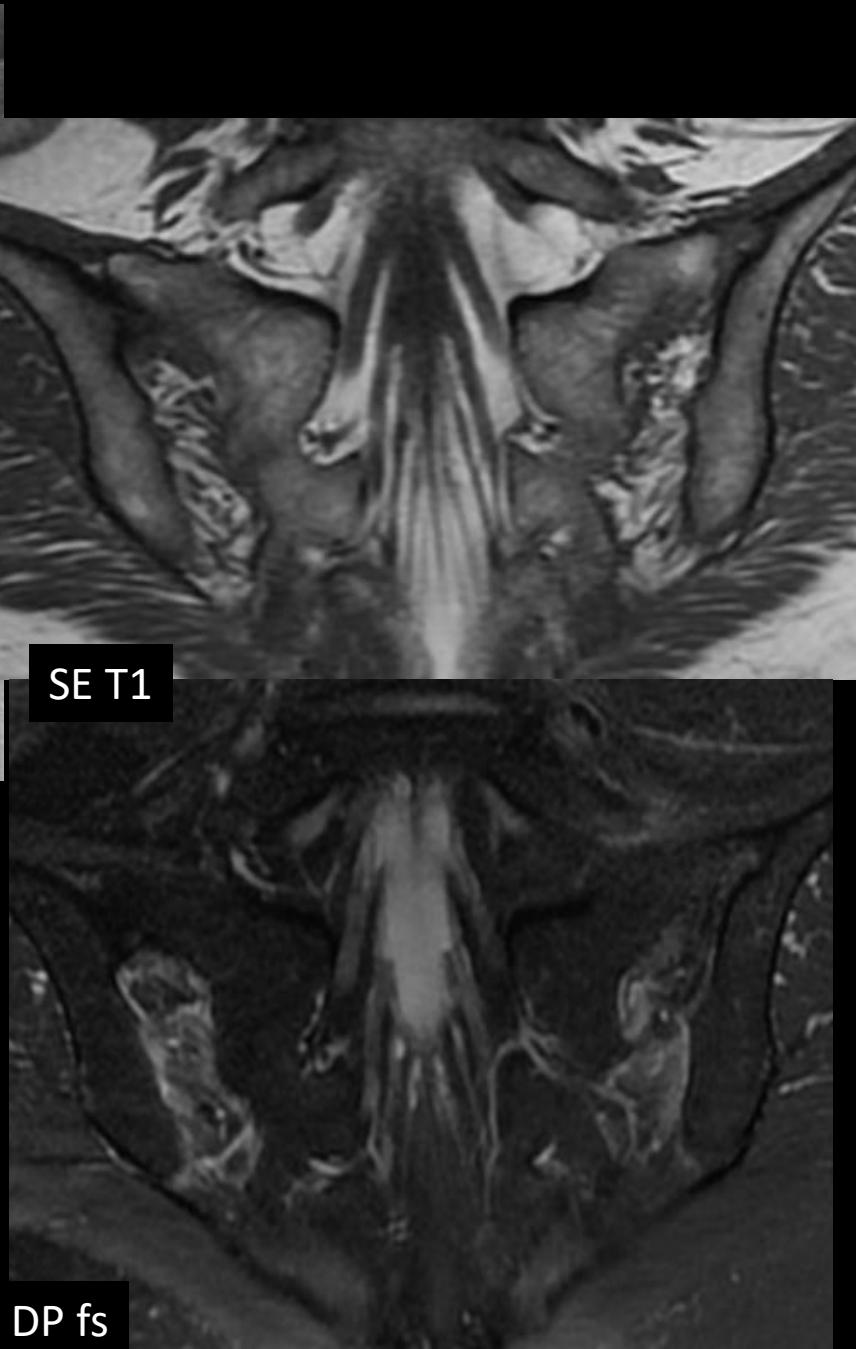
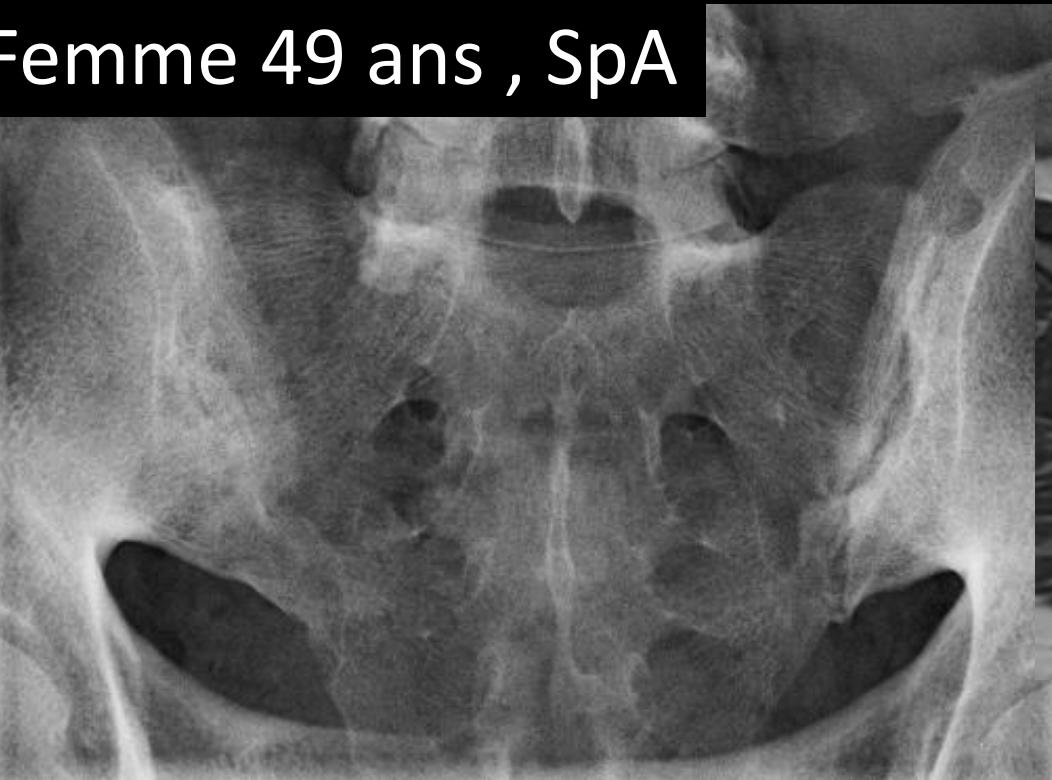
Femme 49 ans , SpA



Atteinte articulaire  
ankylose  
« oedème) »

DP fs

Femme 49 ans , SpA



Atteinte postérieure (enthèses)  
oedème

DP fs

Femme 34 ans, SpA

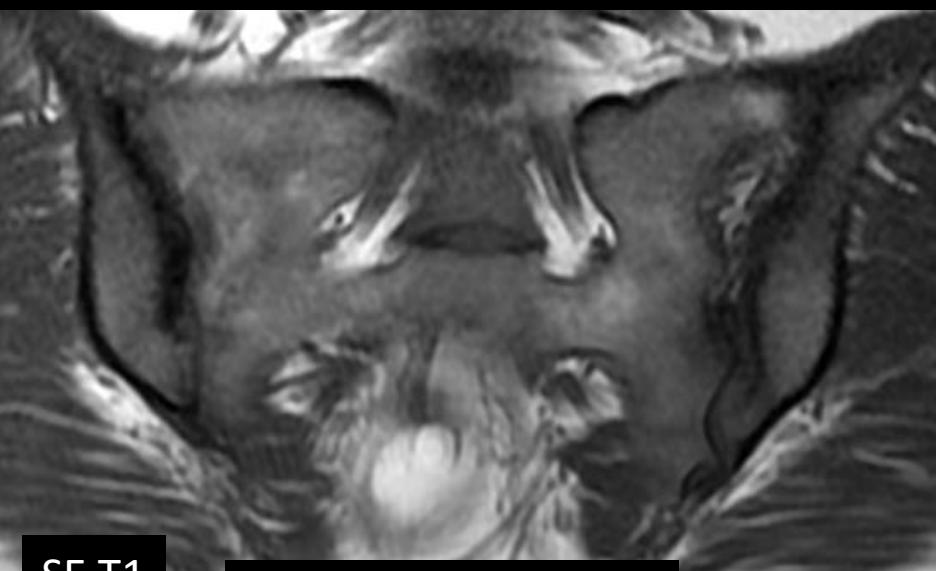
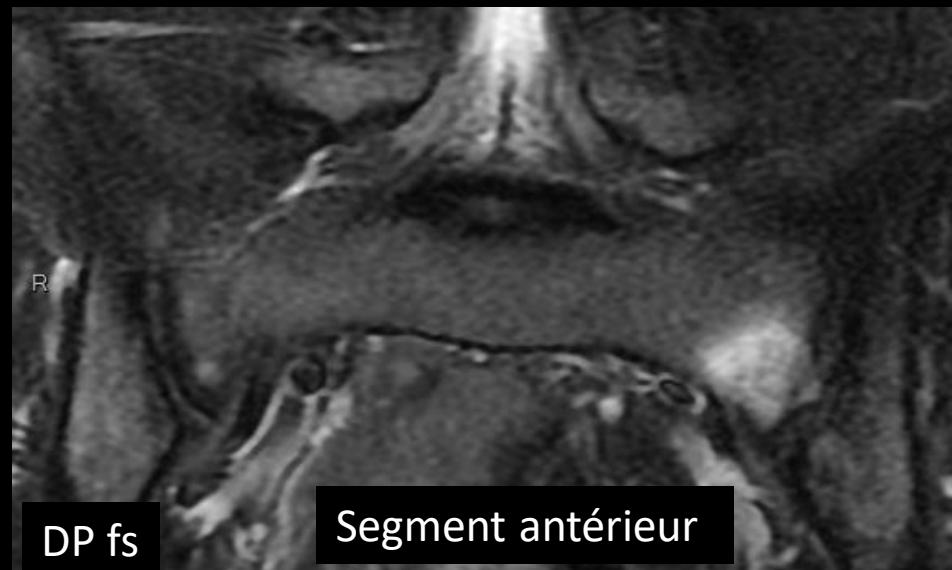
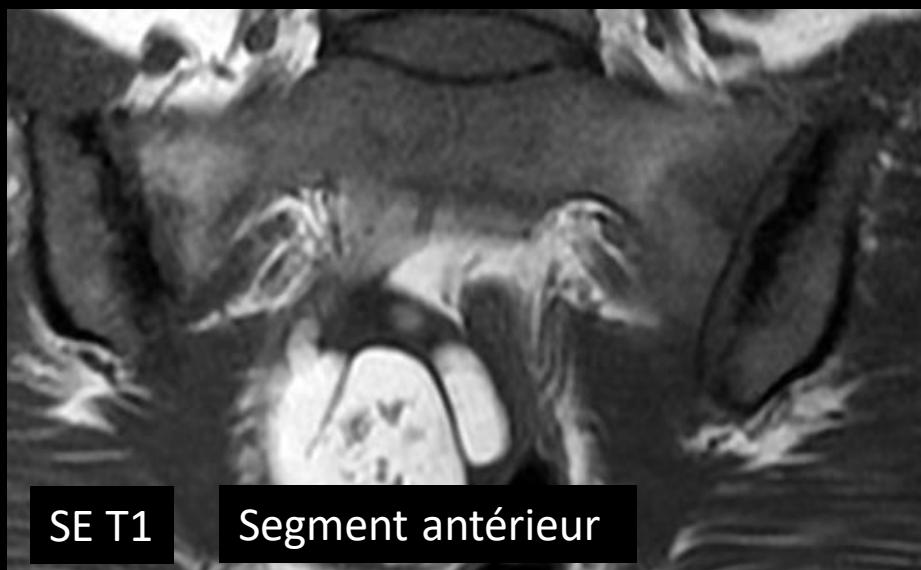


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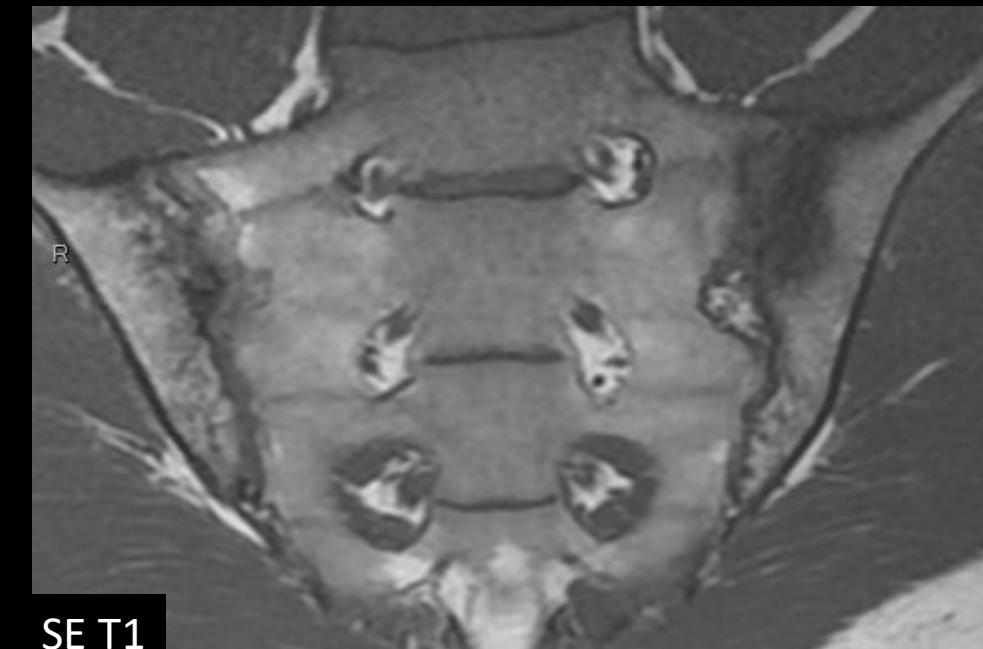
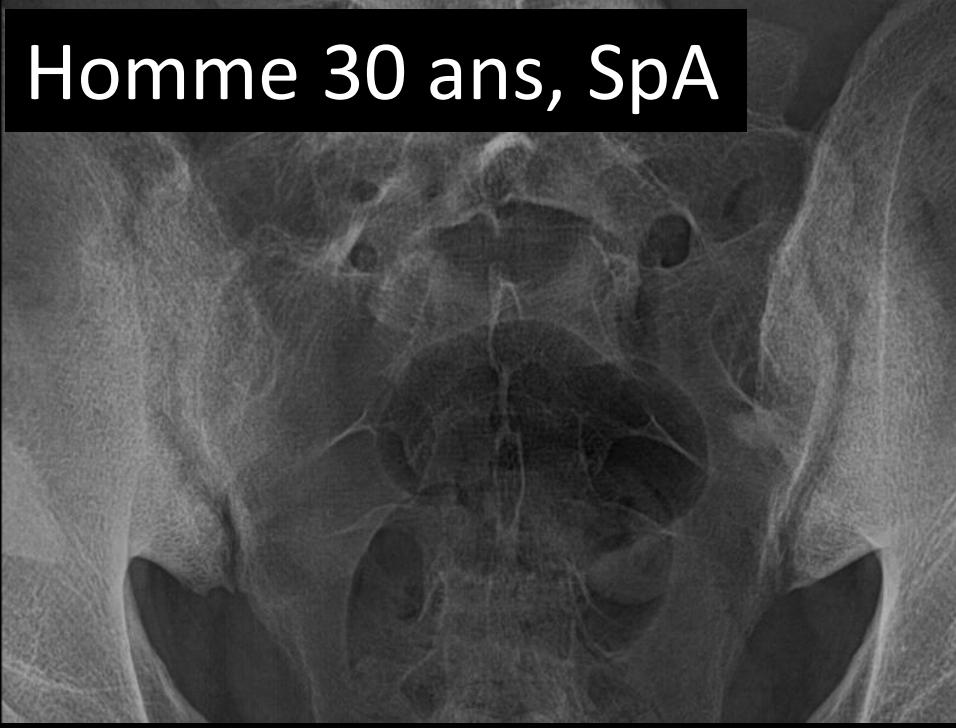
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# Femme 34 ans, SpA



Homme 30 ans, SpA





# Séméiologie

Anomalies précoces

Inflammation

- IRM

Anomalies tardives

Lésions structurales

- Rx
- CT

# Séméiologie IRM

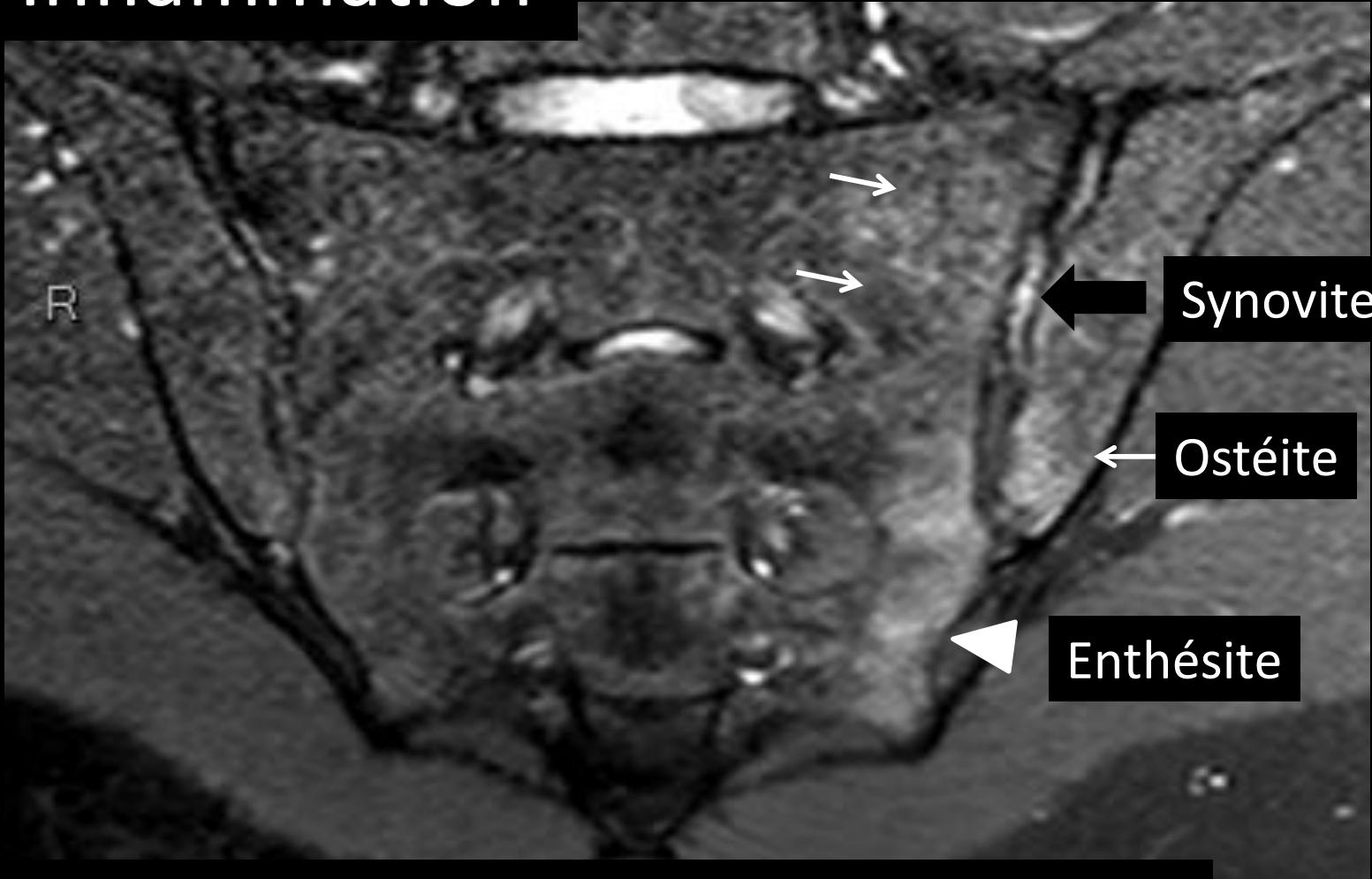
## Inflammation

- Ostéite (œdème médullaire)
- Synovite
- Capsulite
- Enthésite

## Lésions structurales

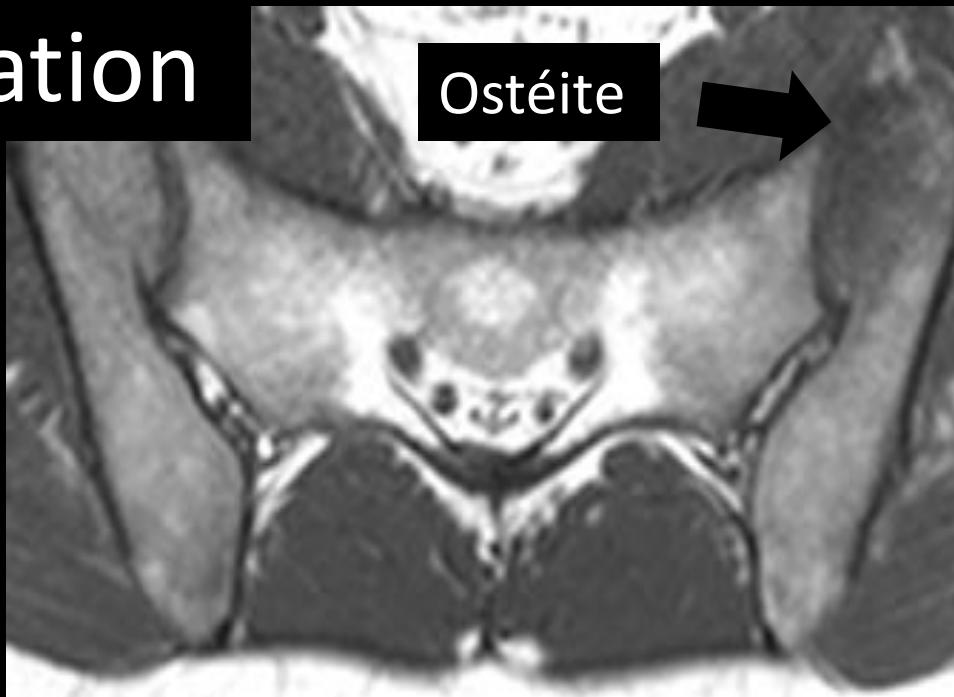
- Ostéo-sclérose
- Érosions
- Involution graisseuse
- Ossifications péri-osseuses

# Inflammation



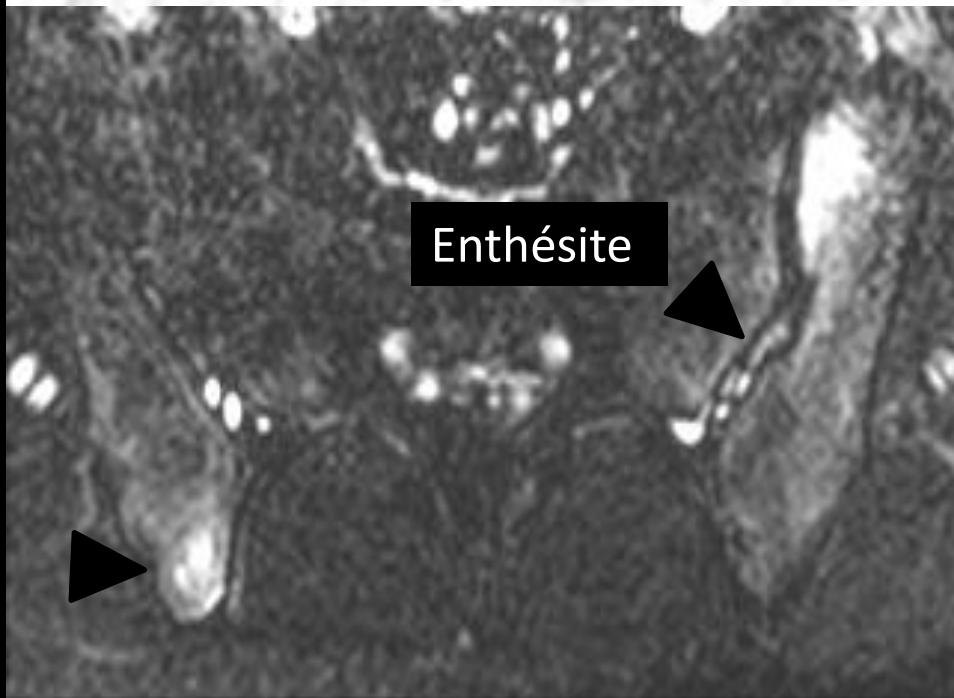
Ostéite : signal élevé en T2 fs  
dans deux secteurs différents sur une coupe  
dans un secteur sur deux coupes

# Inflammation



Ostéite

Enthésite



# Technique IRM

- Lésions actives – inflammation - œdème
  - ➡ séquence sensible à eau : Dixon T2 / fs T2 / DP fs / STIR
- Lésions quiescentes - Involution graisseuse
  - ➡ séquence sensible à graisse : SE T1 / Dixon T2 (image fat)
- Plan coronal oblique T1 (graisse blanche)
- Plan coronal oblique fat-sat T2 (eau blanche et graisse noire)
- Plan transverse oblique T1 ou T2

# Suppression signal de la graisse

## Terminologie

- STIR
- T2 fs
- DP fs
- Dixon, Ideal, mDixon
- Grappa, Blade...
- Dans séquence
- Avant séquence
- Après séquence

# Technique IRM

- Lésions actives – inflammation - œdème  
→ séquence pondérée T2 avec fat-sat
- Lésions quiescentes - Involution graisseuse  
→ séquence pondérée T1 avec graisse
- SE T1 fat-sat avec contraste ?

# Injection iv de Gd ?

- Injection de Gd améliore la détection de
  - Synovite (différencie liquide articulaire (avasculaire) de la synoviale épaissie (vascularisée))
  - Enthésites
  - capsulite
- Injection de Gd n'améliore pas la détection de
  - Ostéite
  - Érosion
- Injection de contraste n'augmente pas la détection des patients atteints car atteinte isolée de la synoviale (sans ostéite) est très rare.
- NB En recherche, quantification de la perfusion ? Monitoring ?
- NB interet Gado pourrait être différent au rachis !

# Inflammation



DP fs



T1 fs Gd

Erosion et synovite

## Bone Inflammation (osteitis)

- Appears as bone marrow edema
- occurs early in disease course
- correlates with symptoms
- is detected exclusively at MRI
- presents as high signal intensity on fat-saturated fluid-sensitive sequences
- needs to be visible at least on 2 consecutive slices or 2 foci on same slice for a definite diagnosis in sacro-iliac joints.

# Messages

## Inflammation (IRM)

- Ostéite (œdème médullaire)
- Synovite
- Capsulite
- Enthésite

## Lésions organisées (Rx CT)

- Ostéo-sclérose
- Érosions
- Involution graisseuse
- Ankylose
- Ossifications péri-osseuses

## SPA

- Pathologie articulaire et enthèse
- Distribution bigarrée au sein d'une même articulation

# Uncommon degenerative involvement of the Sacro-iliac joints

## Part 3



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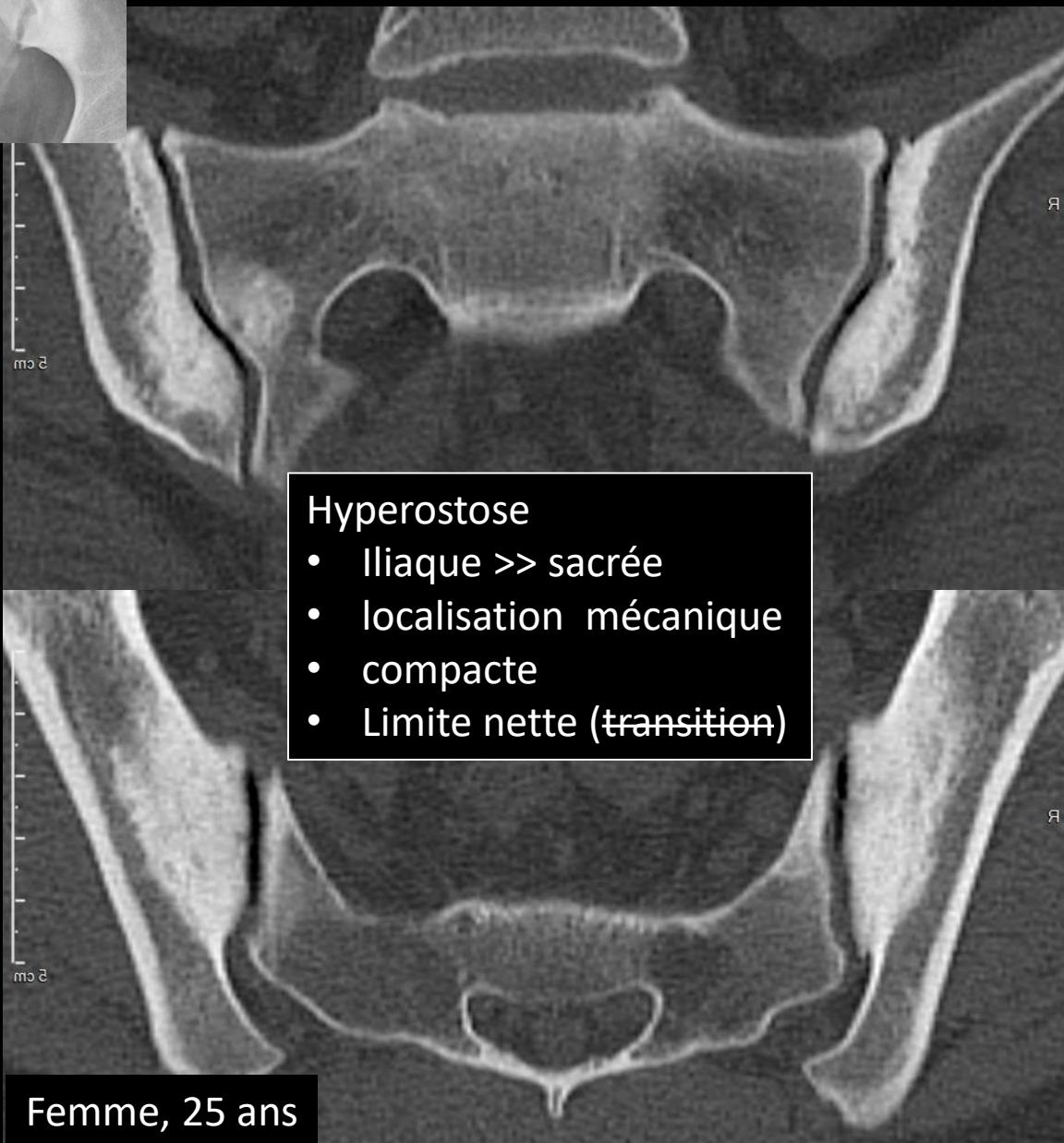
## Ostéose iliaque condensante



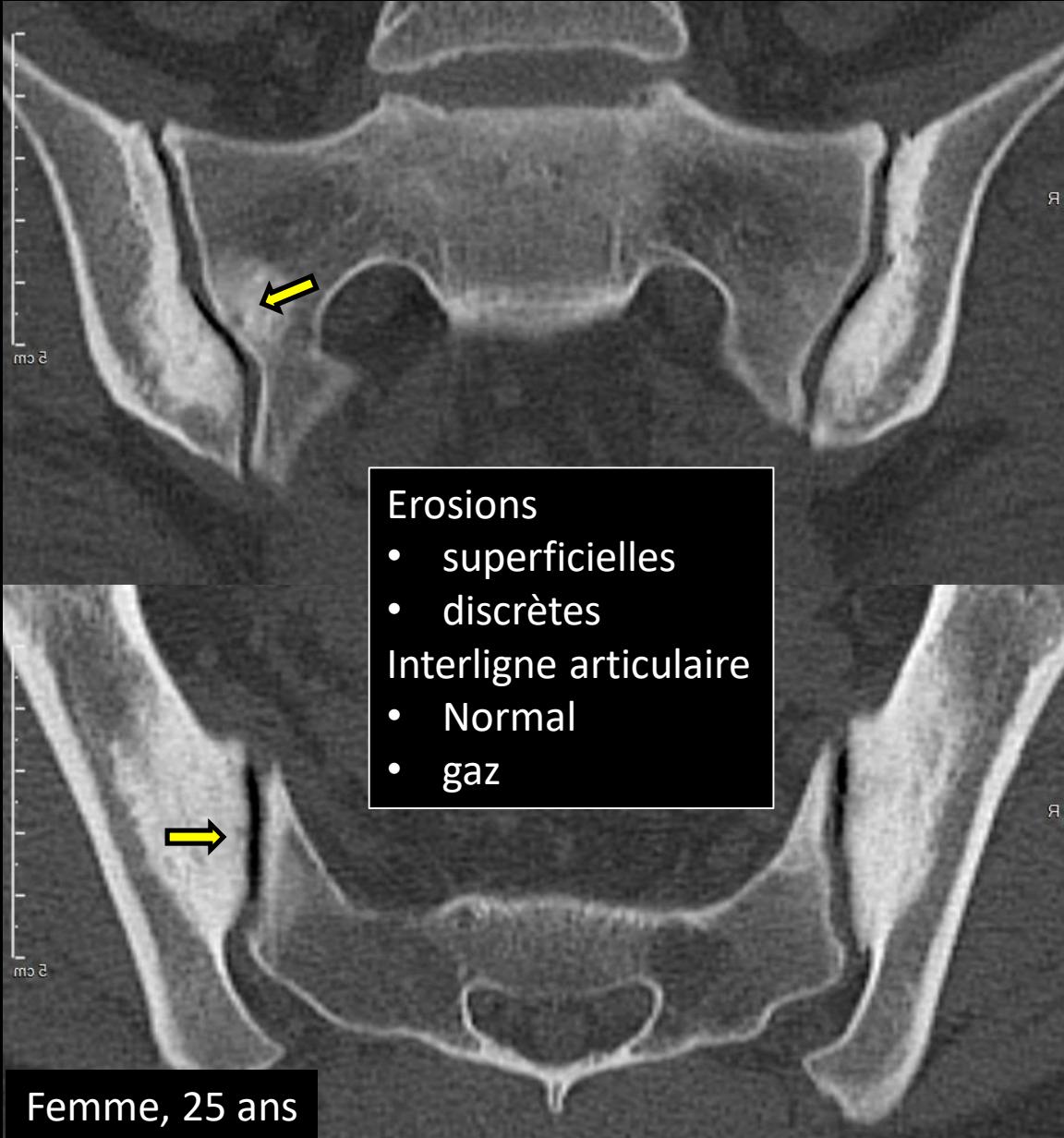
Femme, 25 ans

- Atteinte quasi exclusive du sexe féminin
- 25 - 50 ans
- Symptômes variables parfois inflammatoires
- Biologie normale
- évolution lente vers guérison clinique (rare > 55 ans).

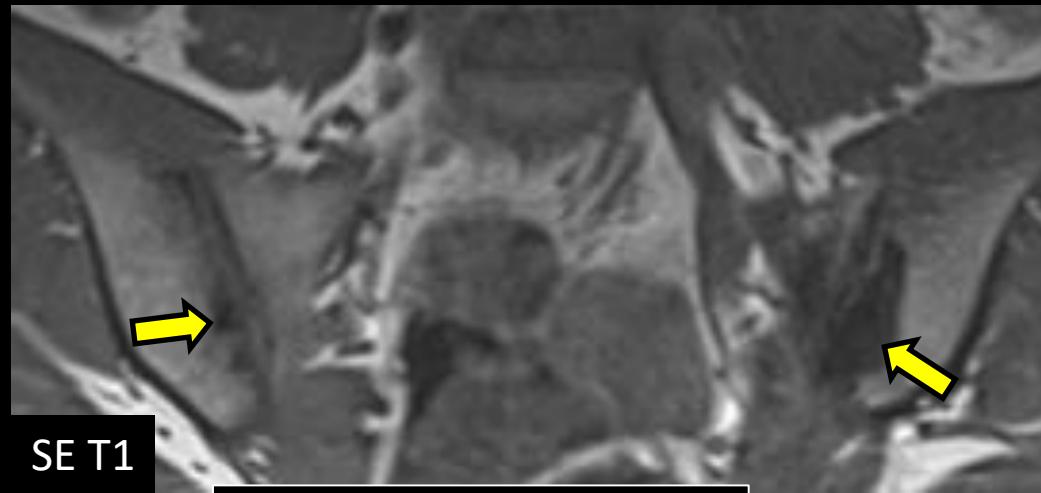
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# Ostéose iliaque condensante - IRM

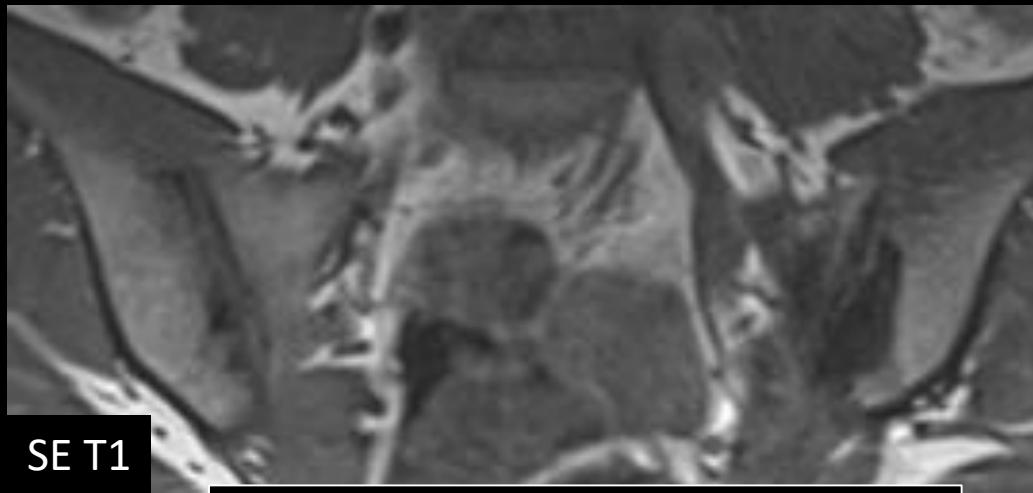


## Sclérose

- Hyposignal T1 et DPFS
- Bordure hypo/hyper
- Limite nette



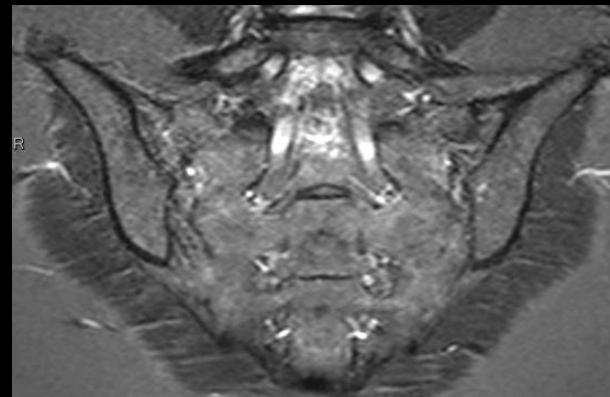
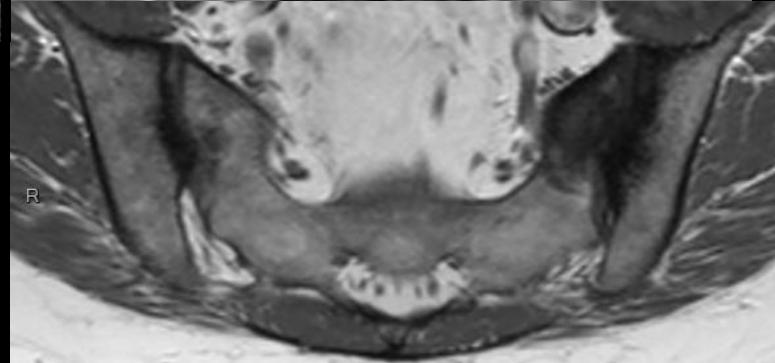
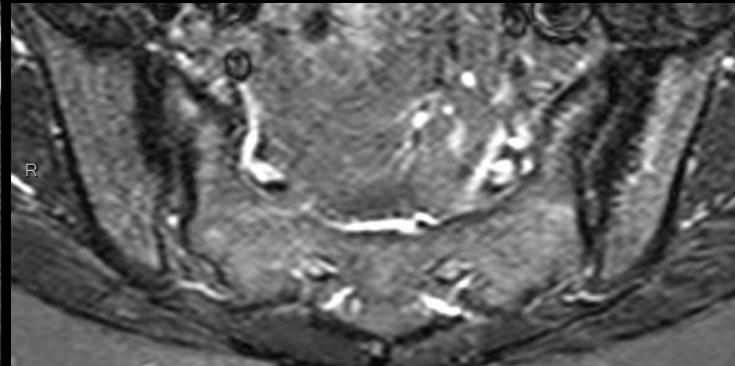
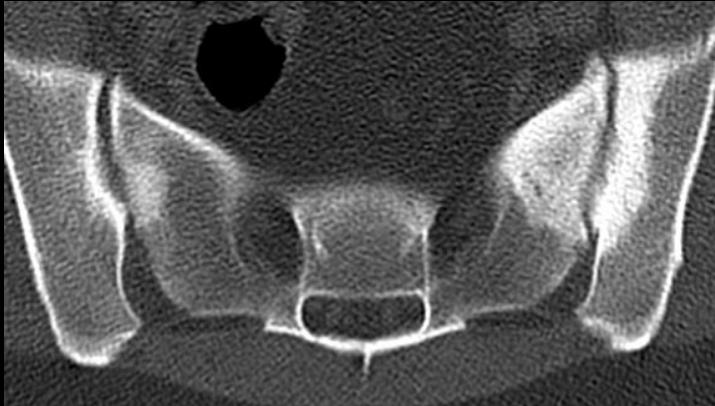
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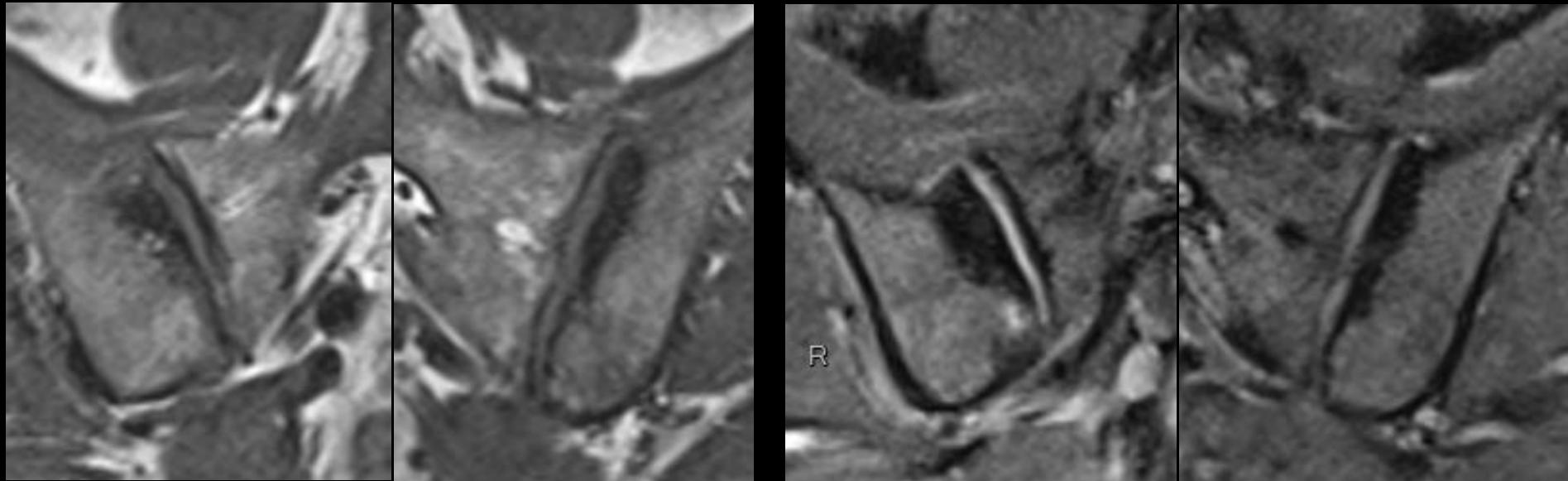
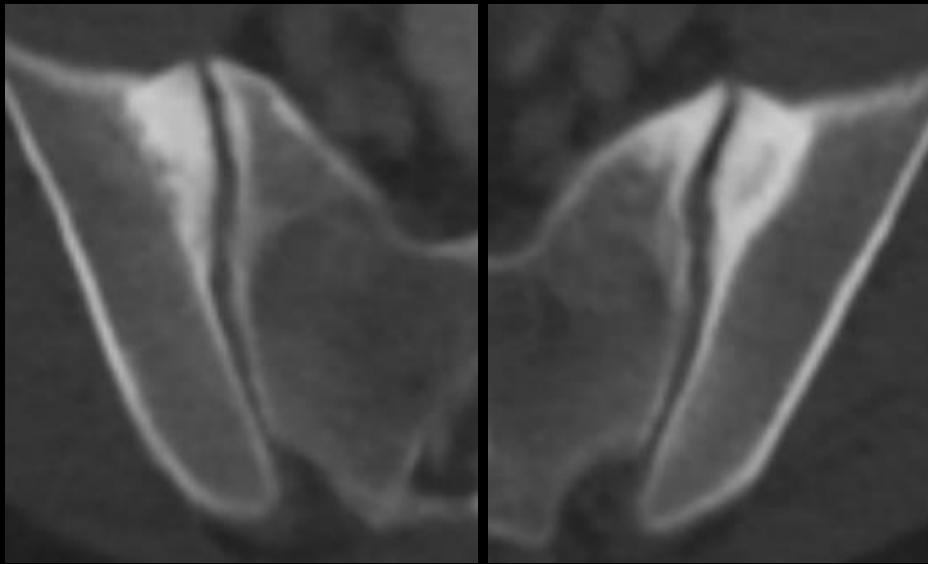
Oedème

- Limité
- Périphérique
- Osseux (ligamentaire, articulaire)

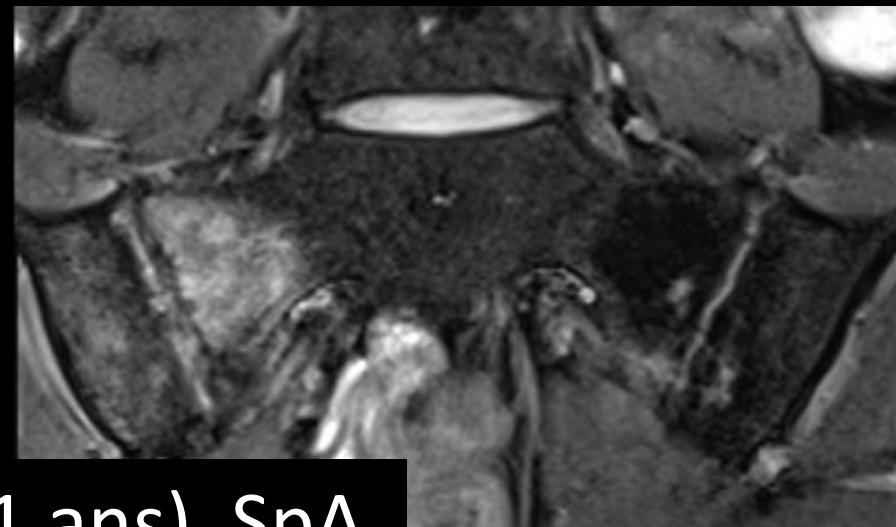
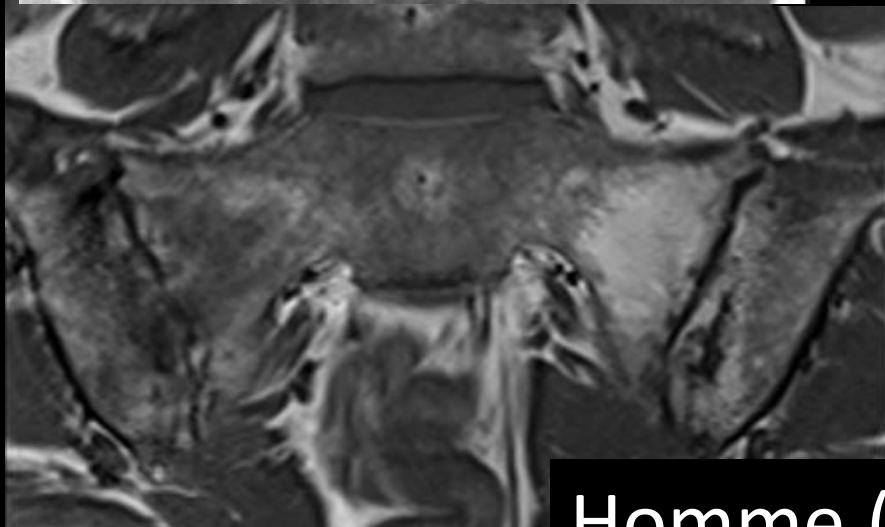
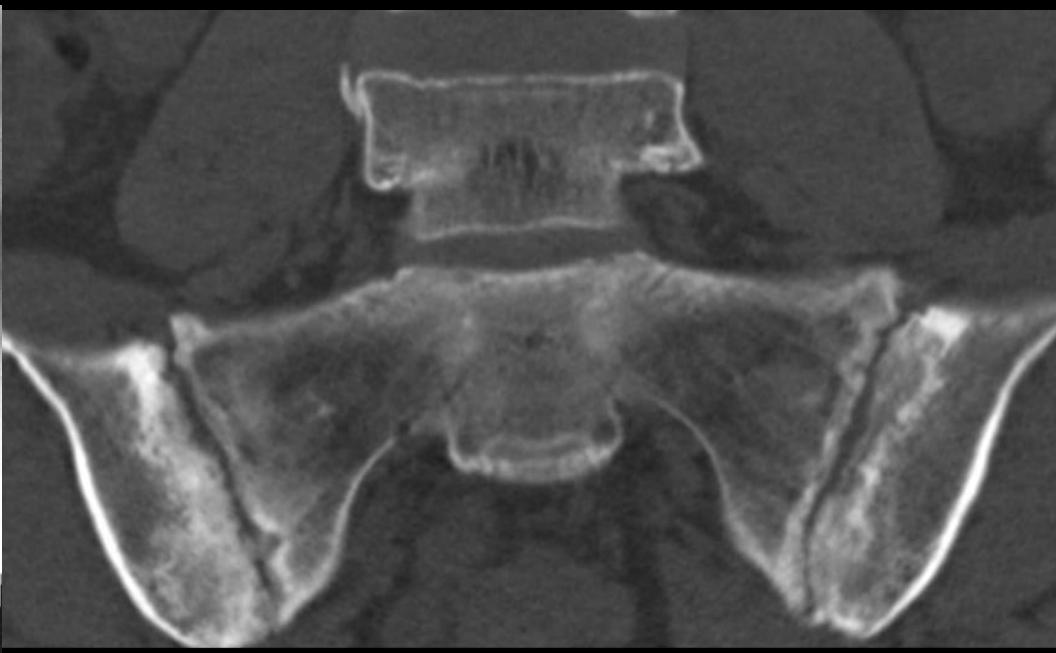




Respect du secteur ligamentaire des articulations SI



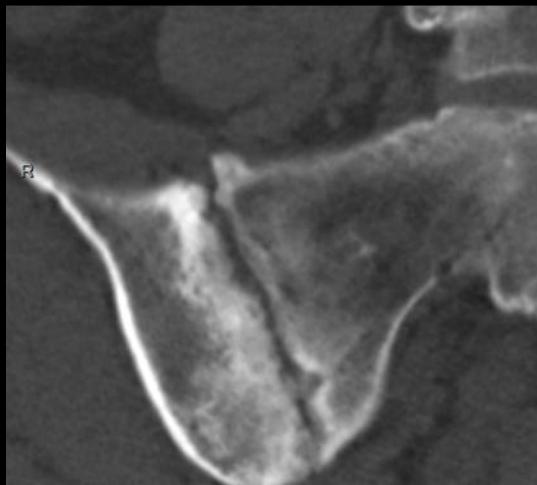
# DD : Rhumatisme axial séro-négatif



Homme (31 ans) SpA

# Spondylarthrite ankylosante

Sclérose  
Pas compacte  
Limite floue  
Érosions  
Nombreuses  
Interligne  
élargi



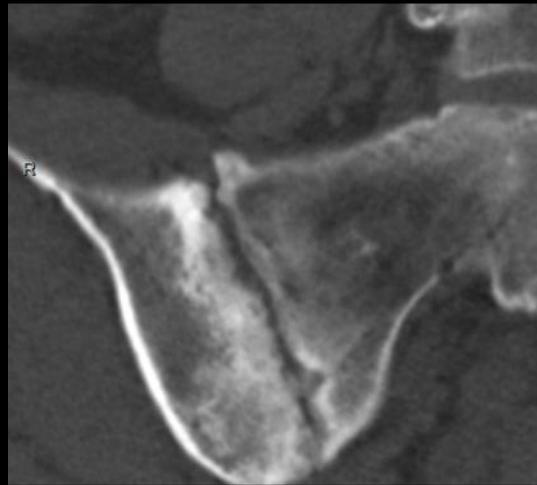
# Ostéose iliaque condensante

Sclérose  
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Érosions  
absente  
Interligne  
normal

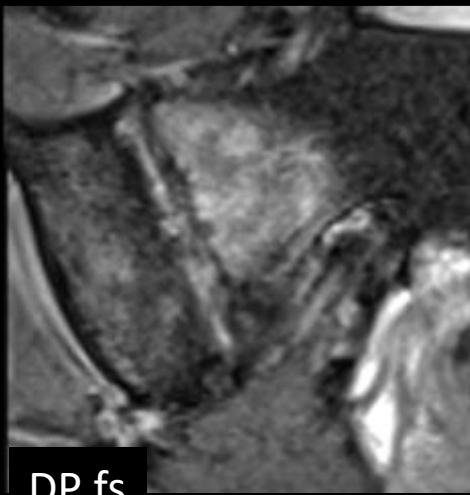


# Spondylarthrite ankylosante

Sclérose  
Pas compacte  
Limite floue  
Érosions  
Nombreuses  
Interligne  
élargi



moelle  
Hypo/hyper  
disparate  
Érosions  
nombreuses  
Interligne  
Hypo/hyper

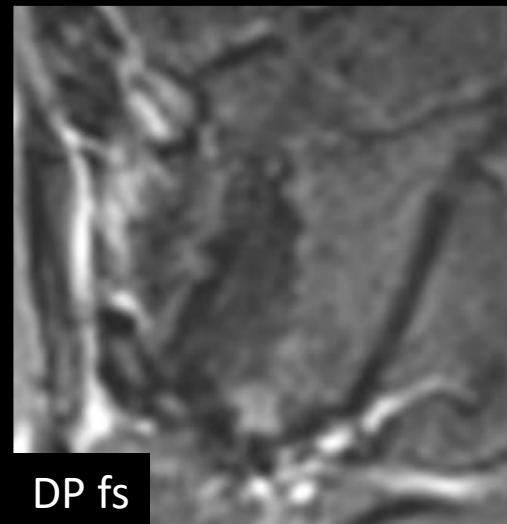


# Ostéose iliaque condensante

Sclérose  
compacte  
Limite nette  
Érosions  
absente  
Interligne  
normal



moelle  
Hypo/hypo  
homogène  
Érosions  
absentes  
Interligne  
Hypo/hypo



	Ostéo iliaque condensante	Arthrose sacro-iliaque	SpA
Atteinte articulaire	Focale (Tiers moyen et antérieur)	Focale (Tiers moyen et antérieur)	Diffuse
Atteinte ligamentaire	Non	Non	Oui
Distribution	Bilatérale, symétrique Iliaque >> sacré	Variable, asymétrique Iliaque > sacré	Bilatérale, asymétrique Iliaque = sacré
Espace articulaire	Normal	Diminué	Élargi
Sclérose	Compacte, marquée	Compacte, modérée	Floue
Erosions	Superficielles, marquées	Peu marquées	NOMBREUSES, floues
	Aspect monomorphe	variable	Aspect bigarré
Oedème	Subtil, périphérique	limité	important, multifocal
Synovite, capsulite	Non	Non	Oui

# Uncommon degenerative involvement of the Sacro-iliac joints

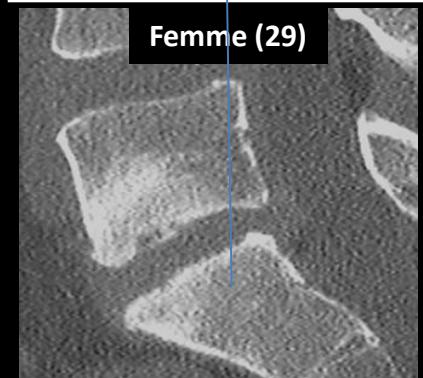
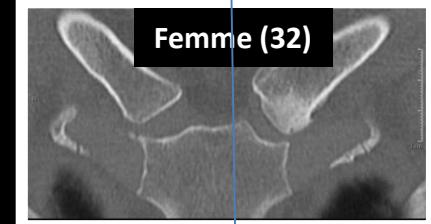
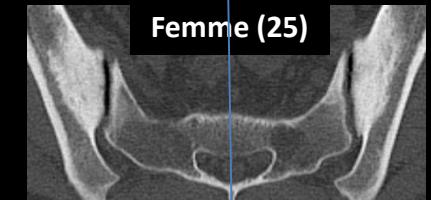
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# Objectifs

- Arthropathies mécaniques atypiques
  - Localisations
    - Sacro-iliaque
    - **Sterno-claviculaire**
    - Disque lombaire
  - Imagerie
  - Diagnostic différentiel





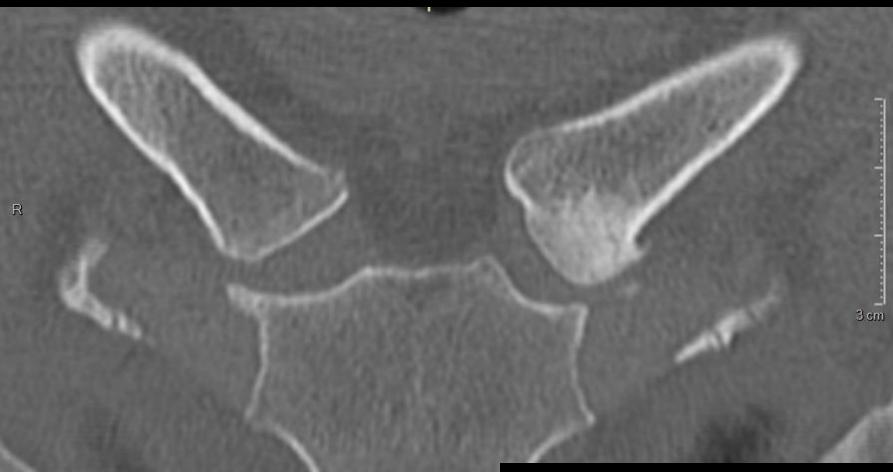
*Coll. J. Malghem*



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- Jeune femme
  - Sclérose inféro-médiale de la clavicule
  - Ostéophyte inférieur
  - Interligne relativement respecté
  - Manubrium normal
  - Unilatéral

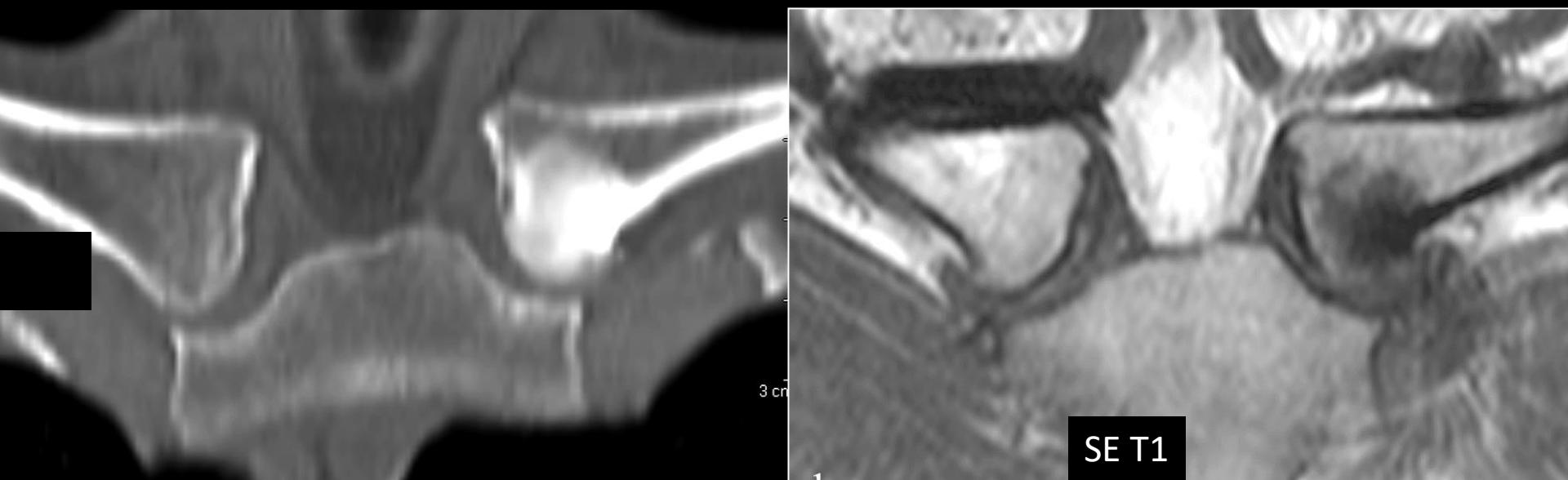
*femme de 27 ans*

Femme, 32 ans



- Sclérose inféro-médiale de la clavicule
- Ostéophyte inférieur
- Interligne relativement respecté
- Manubrium normal
- Souvent unilatéral

Femme, 43 ans



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Femme, 25-50 ans

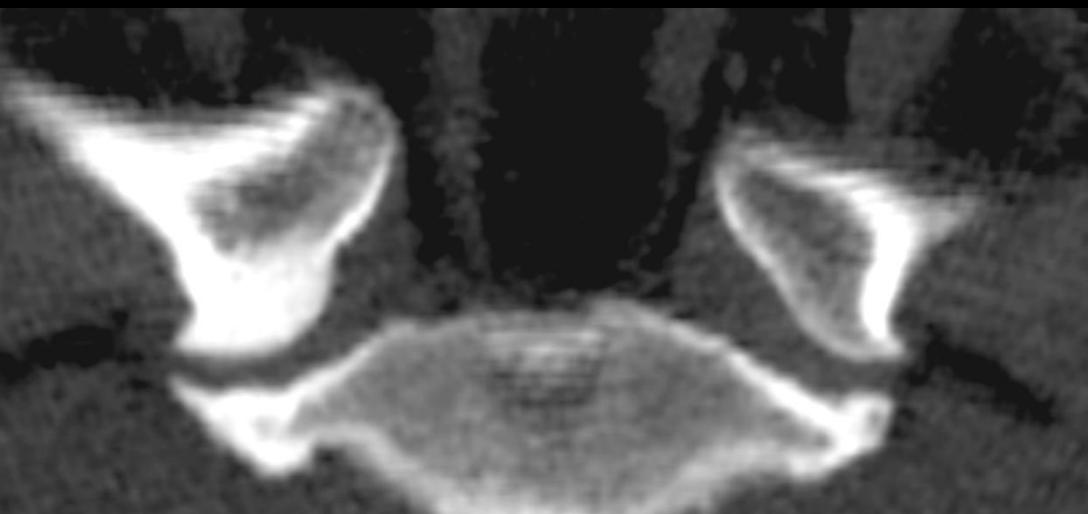
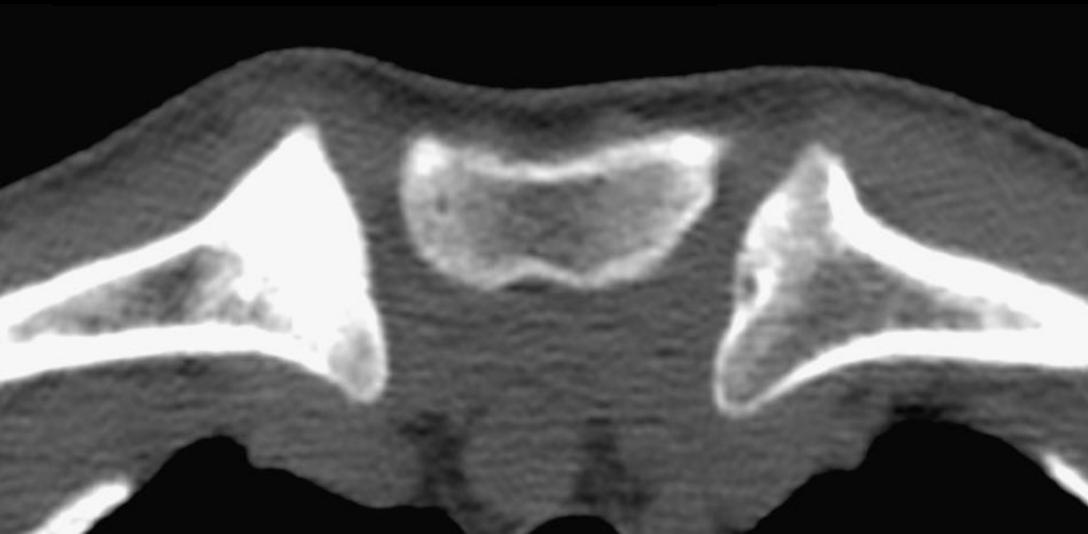
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Unilatéral

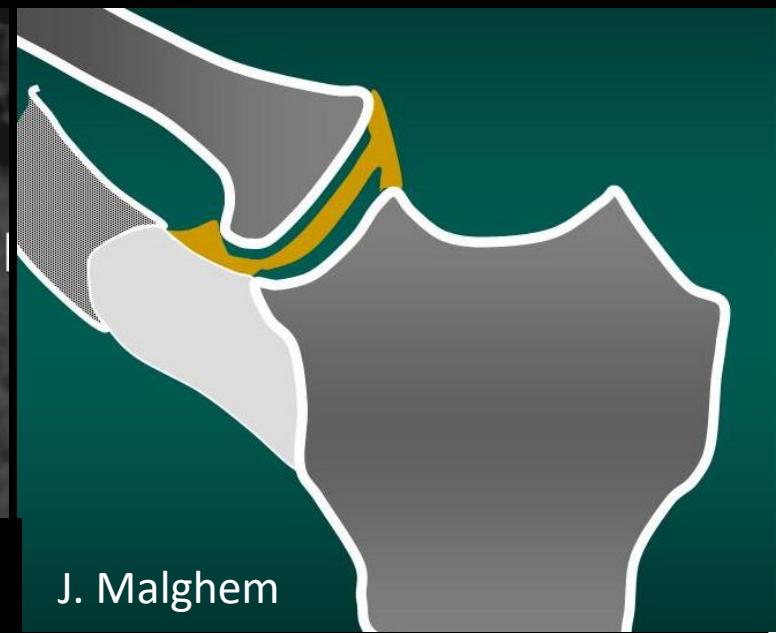
Biologie normale



Interligne normal



Articulation costo-claviculaire



J. Malghem

## Condensing Osteitis of the Medial Clavicle – An Intermediate-term Follow-up

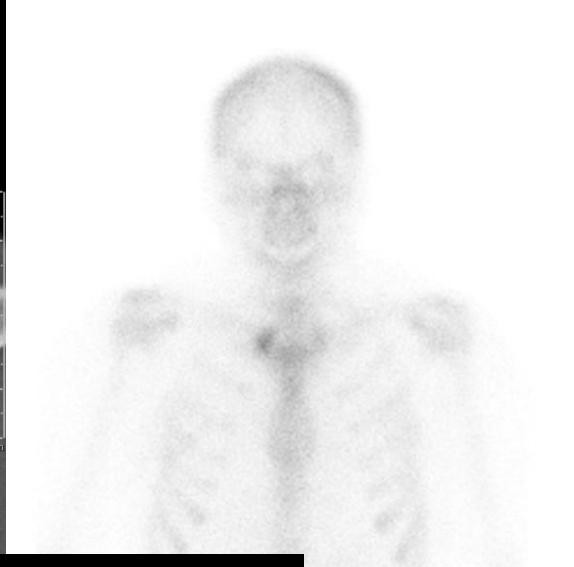
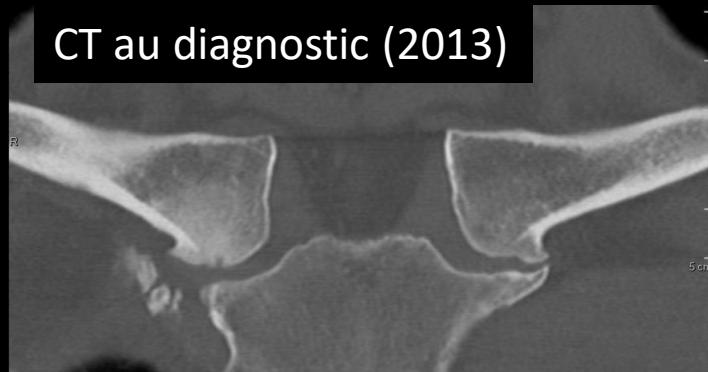
KK Sng,<sup>1</sup> MBBS, BK Chan,<sup>1</sup> FRCS (Glas), FRCS (Edin), FAMS, AJ Chakrabarti,<sup>1</sup> MBBS, FRCS (Orth), SN Bell,<sup>2</sup> MBBS, FRACS, FA (Orth), CO Low,<sup>1</sup> MBBS, FRCS (Glas), FAMS

Table 1. Clinical and Radiological Features of our 9 Patients with Condensing Osteitis

Case number	Sex	Age	Affected side	Dominance	Visual Analogue Scale (Pain)	American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons Pain Score	Total duration of symptoms (months)	Length of follow-up (months)
1	Male	65	Right	Dominant	0	Slight	24	24
2	Female	34	Right	Dominant	3	Slight	41	77
3	Female	36	Right	Dominant	1	Slight	49	55
4	Female	32	Right	Dominant	7	Moderate	32	70
5	Female	39	Left	Non-dominant	4	Moderate	8	24
6	Female	40	Right	Dominant	3	Slight	26	40
7	Female	35	Left	Non-dominant	3	Slight	18	22
8	Female	34	Right	Dominant	0	Slight	8	9
9	Female	22	Right	Dominant	2	Slight	20	20

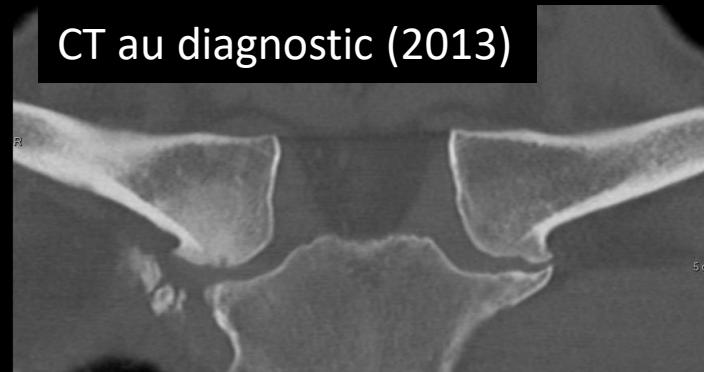
**Suivi CT à 2 ans : régression hyperostose (80% cas)**

Ostéose claviculaire condensante  
Femme (39)



2013 (39 ans)

Ostéose claviculaire condensante  
Femme (39)



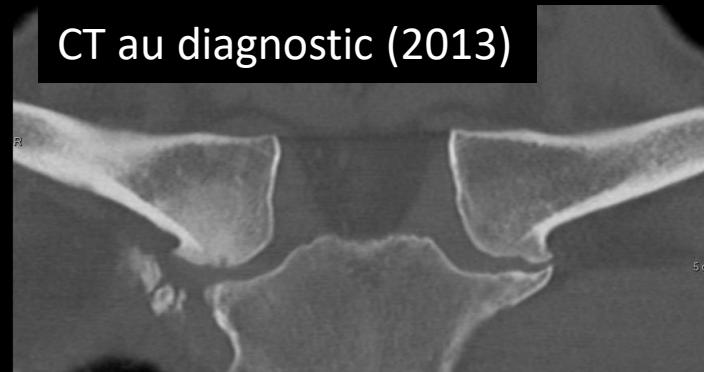
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CT thorax (suivi onco)



2011

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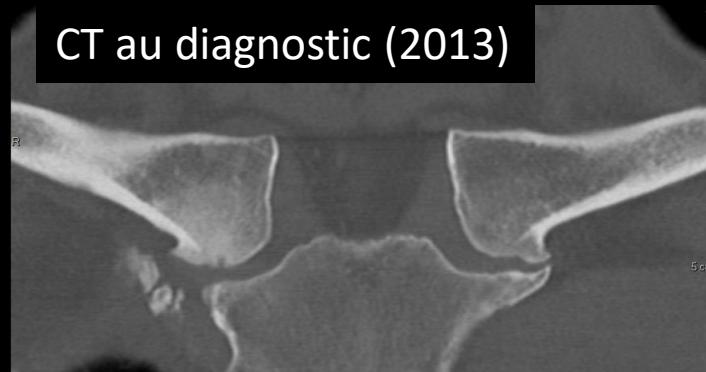
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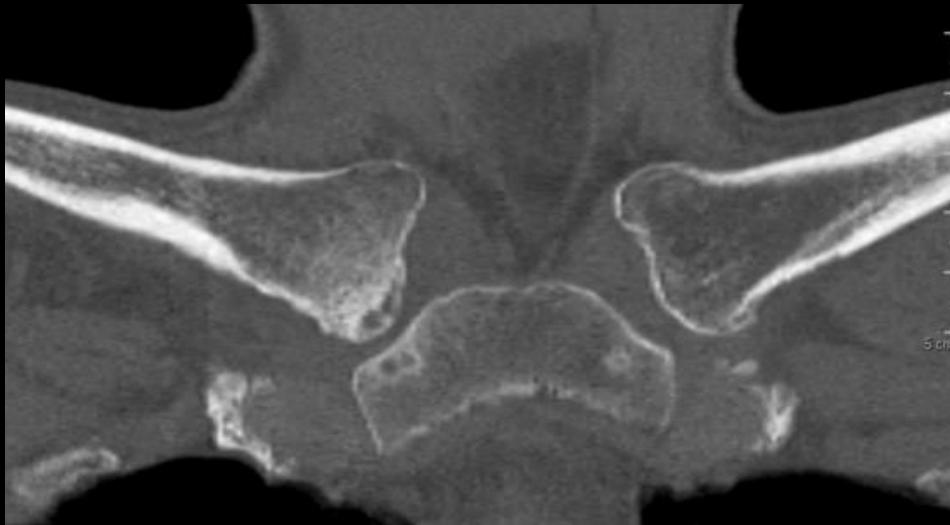


2011

2013

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## DD Ostéose claviculaire condensante



**ARTHROSE**

Cohérence

anomalie osseuse ss-chondrale

// pincement interligne

**SAPHO**

Discordance

Atteinte osseuse +++

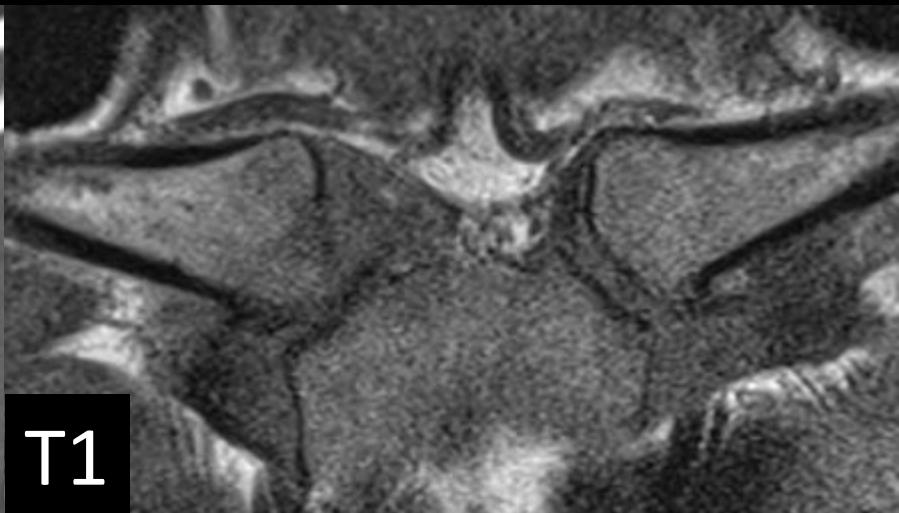
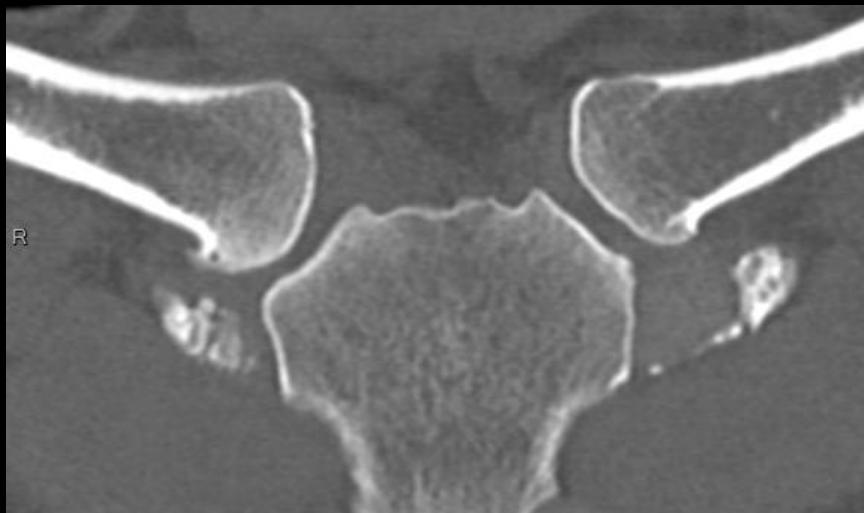
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DD :

Femme, 39 ans

Stero-clav droite

Sensation lourdeur/masse



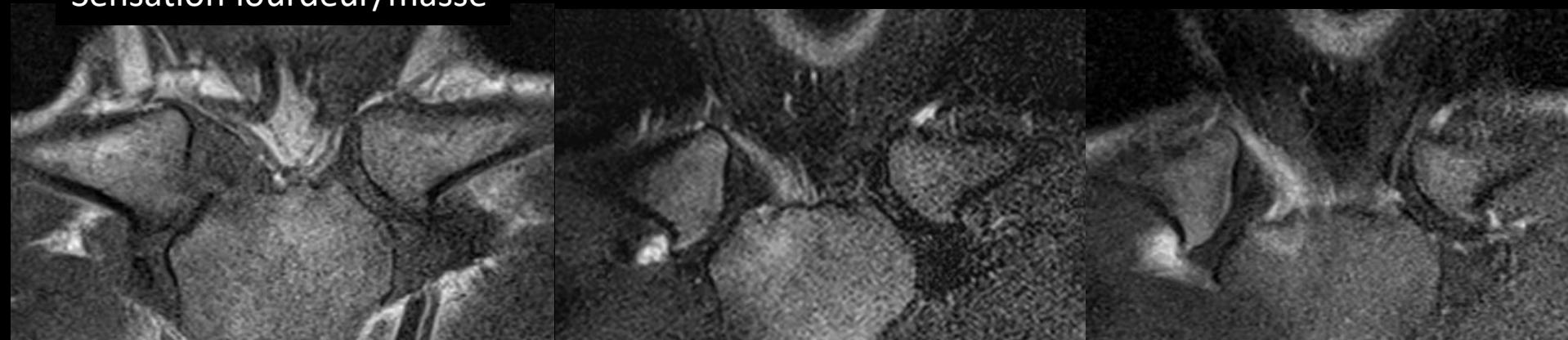
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Ostéose claviculaire condensante débutante ?

Femme, 39 ans

Sterno-clav droite

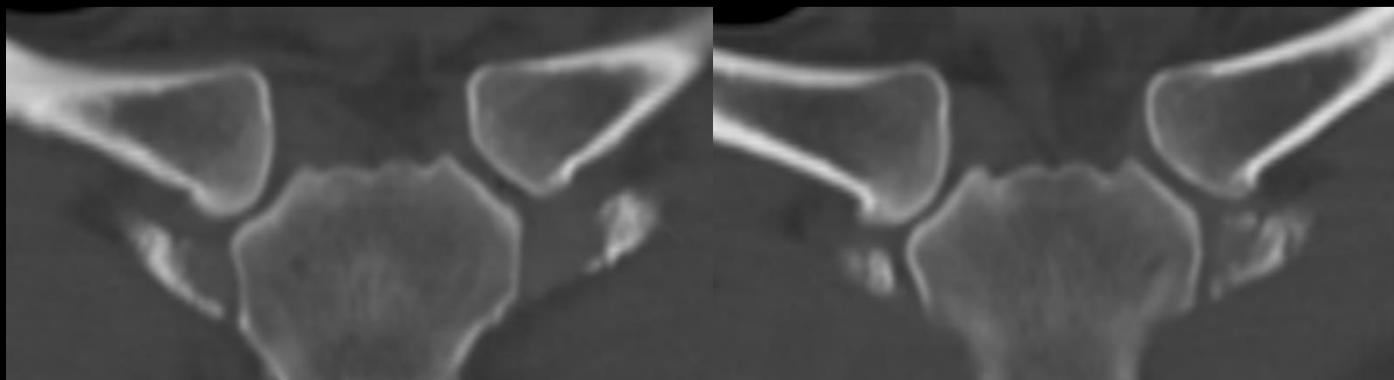
Sensation lourdeur/masse



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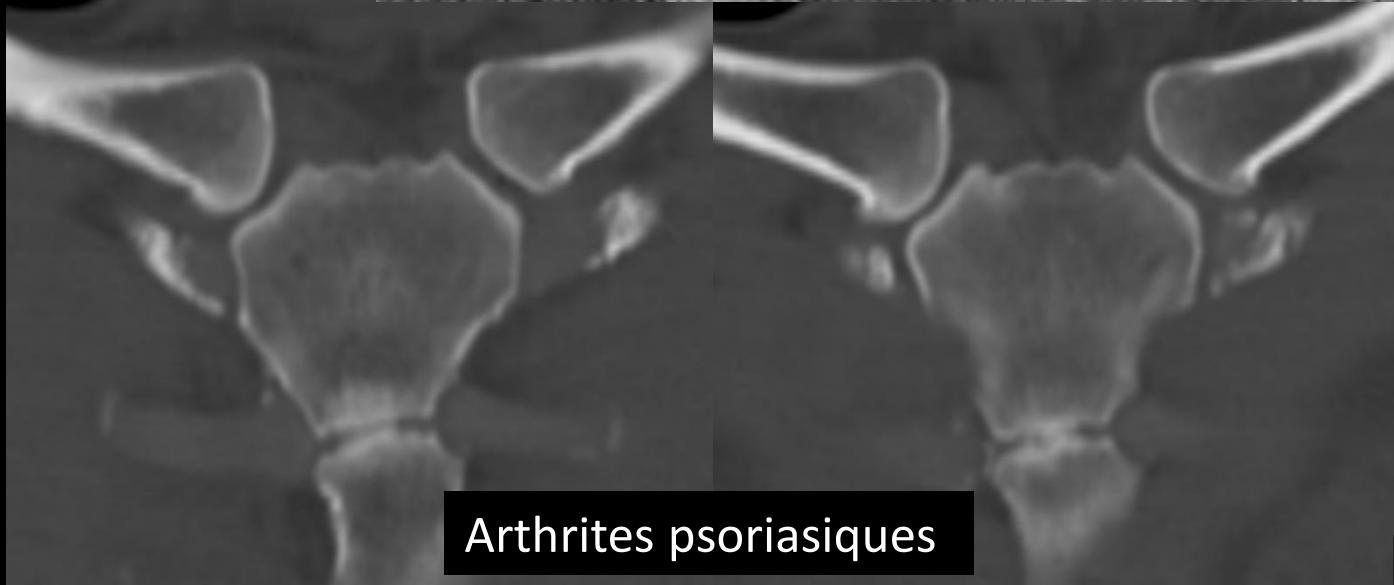
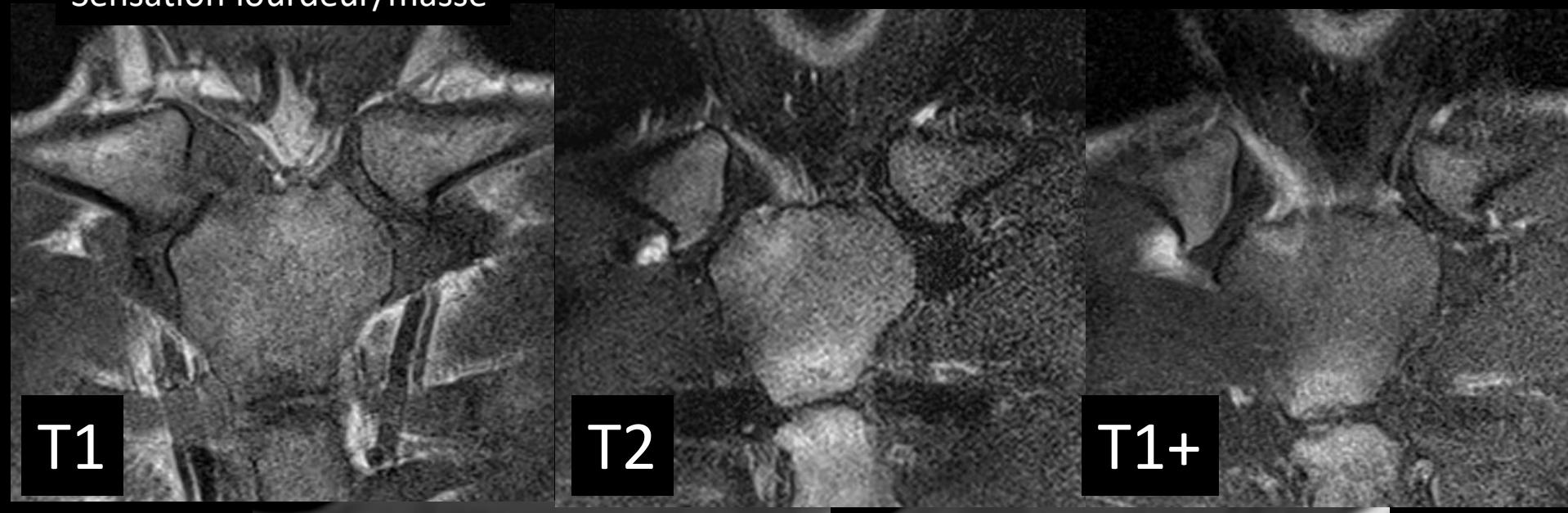
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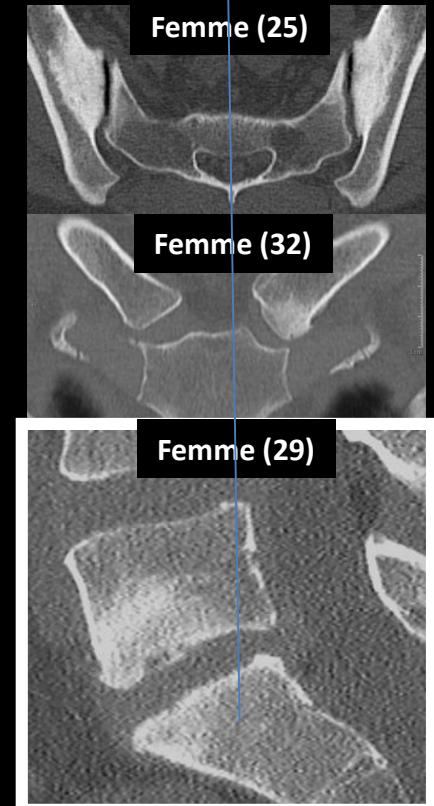
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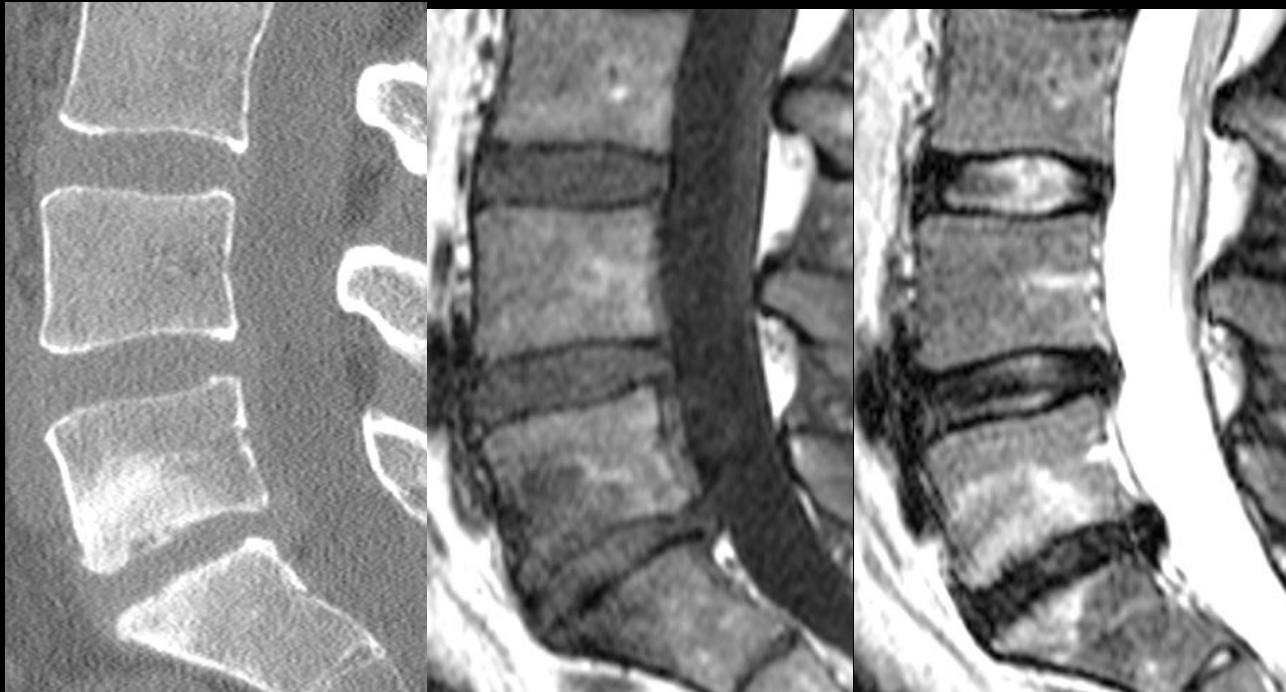
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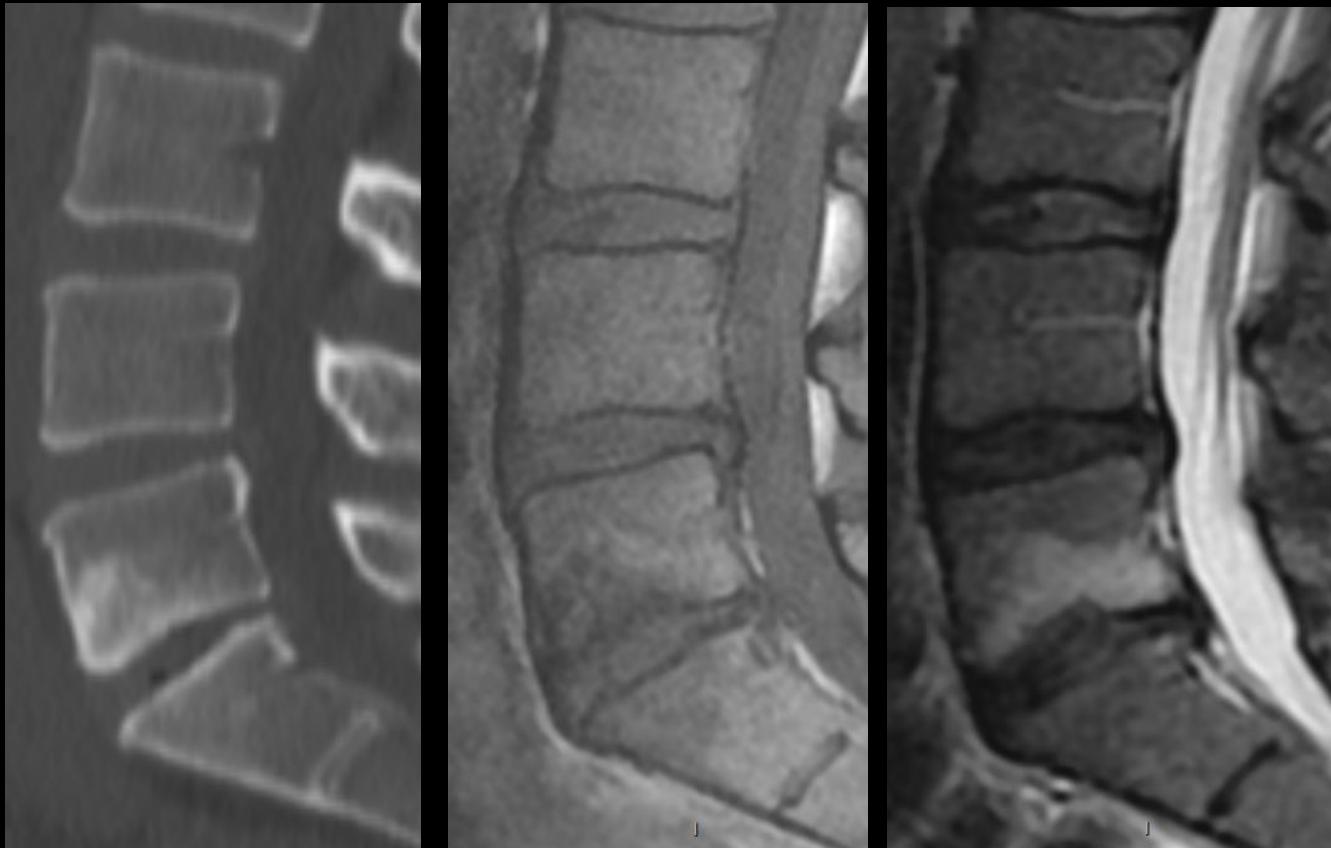


Femme (29 ans)



- Hyperostose sous-chondrale asymétrique
- Érosions superficielles
- Œdème médullaire
- Disque modérément dégénératif hypo T2
- Tissus mous normaux

Femme (39 ans)



Discordance

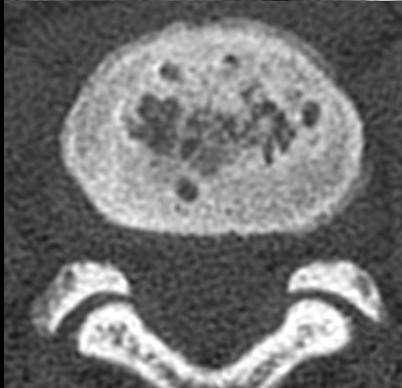
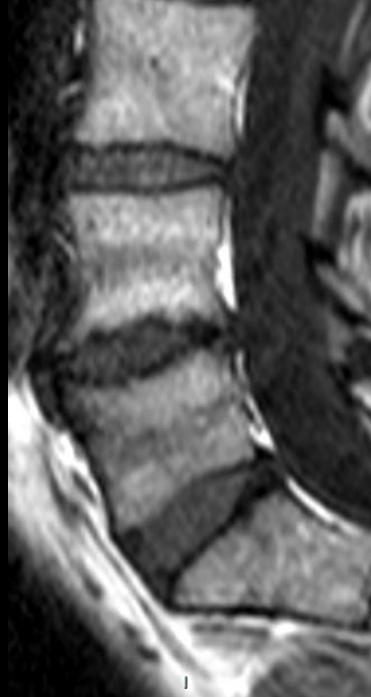
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pincement / ostéophytes

Femme (52 ans)



- Hyperostose sous-chondrale
- Érosions superficielles
- Œdème/lipomatose médullaire
- Absence d'ostéophytes
- Tissus mous normaux

DD  
Arthrose typique  
Discite inflammatoire  
Discite métabolique  
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# QUE RETENIR ?



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# Que retenir ?

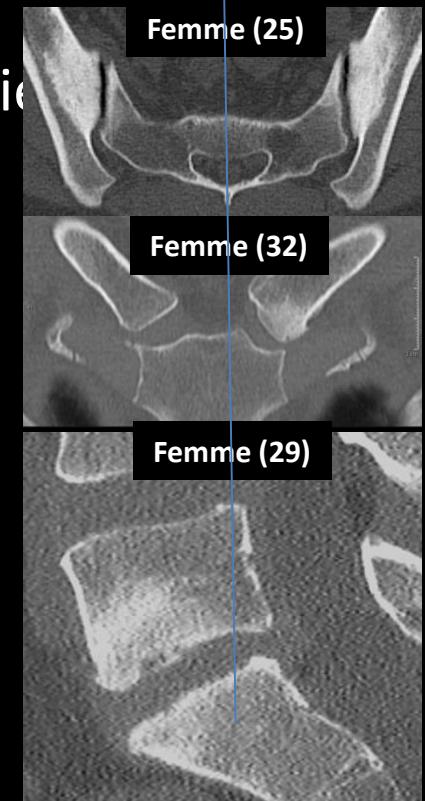
- 25-50 ans
- Arthropathies mécaniques atypiques
- Sacro-iliaques, sternoclaviculaire, lombaire inférieure
- Symptômes variables parfois inflammatoires
- Biologie normale
- évolution lente vers guérison clinique
- CT plus spécifique que IRM

Discordance

hyperostose et érosions superficielles

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interligne quasi normal



# Que retenir ?

- > 50 ans
- Arthropathies mécaniques
- Oestrogènes assouplissement conjonctif
- RX typique

# Uncommon degenerative involvement of the lombo-sacral segment



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# Buts IRM

- Déetecter lésions
  - Actives
  - Quiescentes
- Explorer tous les territoires cibles
  - Enthèses (insertions tendons, ligaments aponévroses)
  - Os sous chondral
  - Synoviales
  - Capsules articulaires

# Technique IRM

- Lésions actives – inflammation - œdème  
→ séquence pondérée T2 avec fat-sat
- Lésions quiescentes - Involution graisseuse  
→ séquence pondérée T1 avec graisse

# Suppression signal de la graisse

## Terminologie

- STIR
- T2 fs
- DP fs
- Dixon, Ideal, mDixon
- Grappa, Blade...
- Dans séquence
- Avant séquence
- Après séquence

# Comment suis-je certain d'avoir un bon examen ?

- Plan coronal oblique T1 (graisse blanche)
- Plan coronal oblique T2 avec fat sat (eau blanche et graisse noire)
- Plan transverse oblique T1 ou T2

# Technique IRM

- Lésions actives – inflammation - œdème  
→ séquence pondérée T2 avec fat-sat
- Lésions quiescentes - Involution graisseuse  
→ séquence pondérée T1 avec graisse
- SE T1 fat-sat avec contraste ?

# Injection iv de Gd ?

- Injection de Gd améliore la détection de
  - Synovite (différencie liquide articulaire (avasculaire) de la synoviale épaissie (vascularisée))
  - Enthésites
  - capsulite
- Injection de Gd n'améliore pas la détection de
  - Ostéite
  - Érosion
- Injection de contraste n'augmente pas la détection des patients atteints car atteinte isolée de la synoviale (sans ostéite) est très rare.
- NB En recherche, quantification de la perfusion ? Monitoring ?
- NB attention pourrait être différent au rachis !

## Mandatory MRI sequences for SI imaging

- T1-weighted SE coronal oblique sequence
- Fat-saturated intermediate-weighted SE coronal oblique sequence

## Optional MRI sequences for SI imaging

- T1-weighted and fat-suppressed intermediate-weighted SE transverse oblique sequences (optional).
- Gadolinium enhanced fat-saturated T1-weighted sequence (optional)
- Fat-saturated T1-weighted sequence or gradient-echo T2\*-weighted sequence (optional)

# Séméiologie

Anomalies tardives

Lésions structurales

- Rx
- CT

Anomalies précoces

Inflammation

- IRM

# Séméiologie IRM

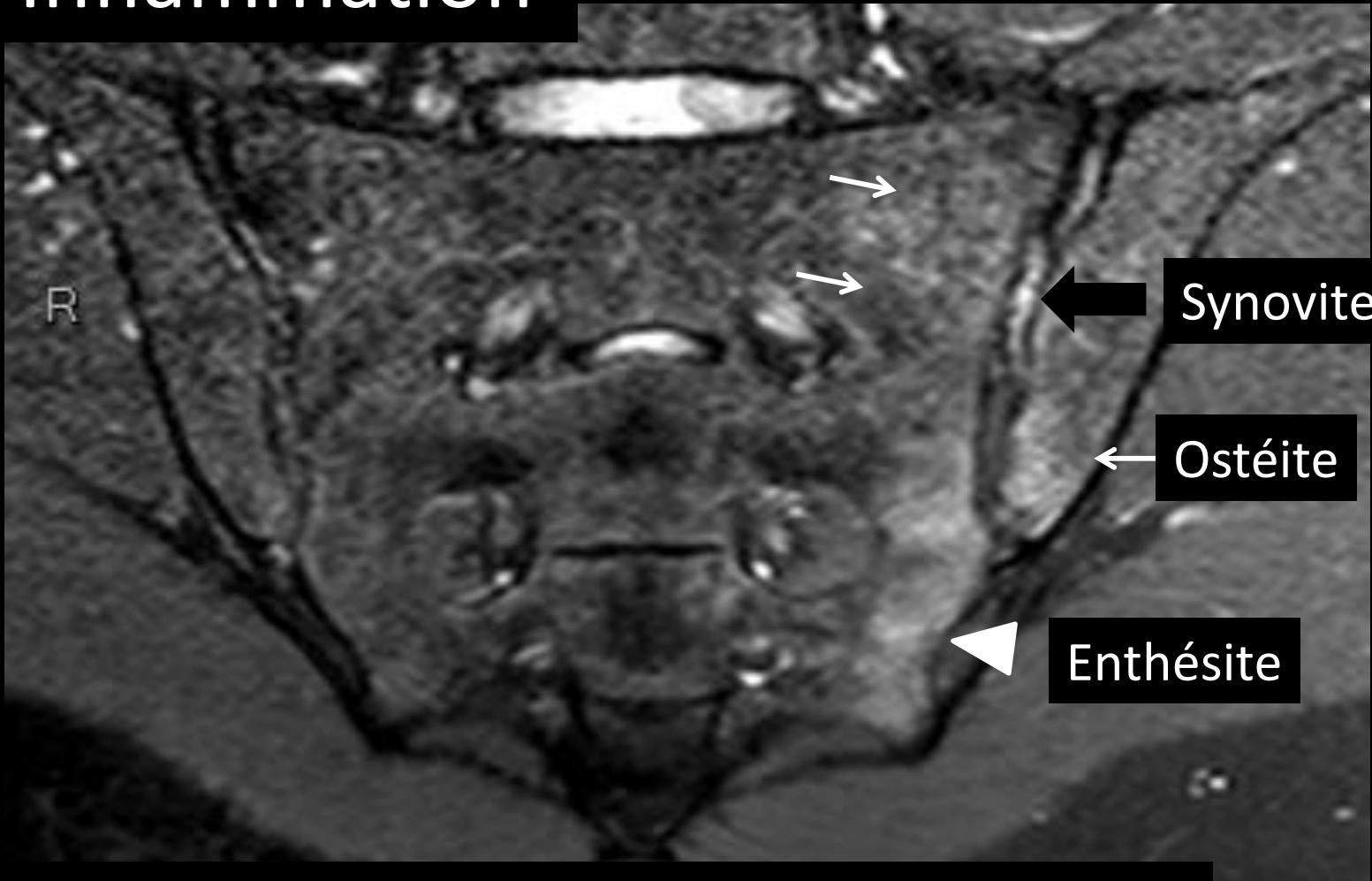
## Inflammation

- Ostéite (œdème médullaire)
- Synovite
- Capsulite
- Enthésite

## Lésions organisées

- Ostéo-sclérose
- Érosions
- Involution graisseuse
- Ossifications péri-osseuses

# Inflammation

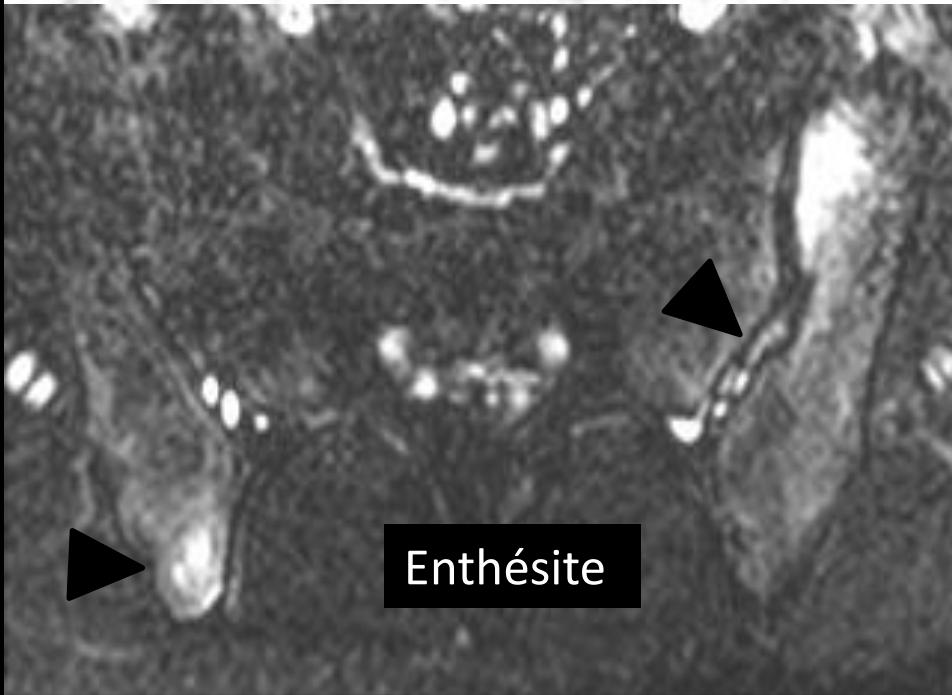


Ostéite : signal élevé en T2 fs  
dans deux secteurs différents sur une coupe  
dans un secteur sur deux coupes

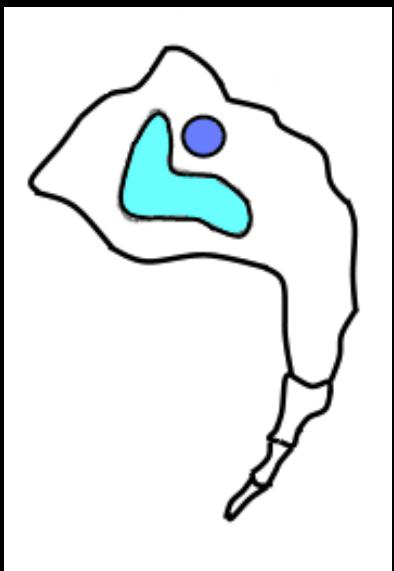
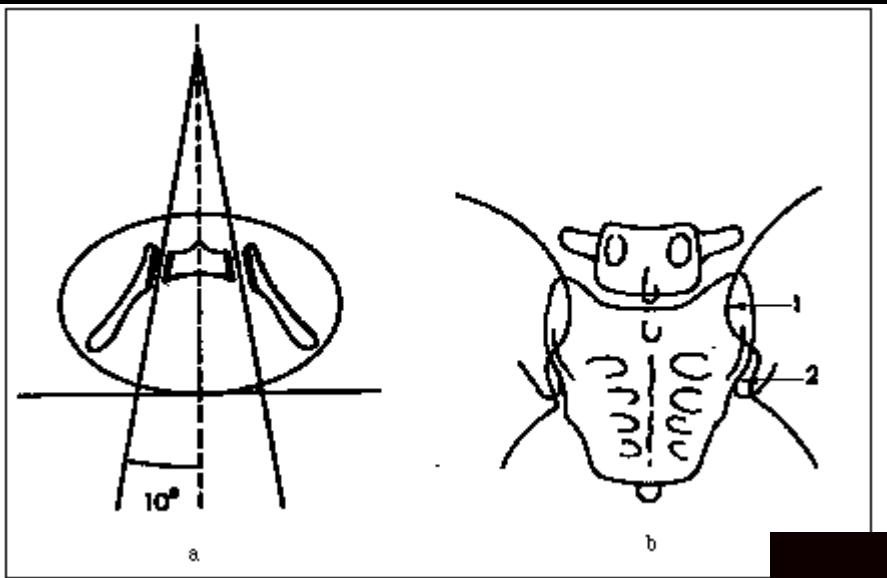
Inflammation



Ostéite



Enthésite



# Inflammation



DP fs

Synovite



T1 fs Gd

Erosion et synovite

## Bone Inflammation (osteitis)

- Appears as bone marrow edema
- occurs early in disease course
- correlates with symptoms
- is detected exclusively at MRI
- presents as high signal intensity on fat-saturated fluid-sensitive sequences
- needs to be visible at least on 2 consecutive slices or 2 foci on same slice for a definite diagnosis in sacro-iliac joints.

# Séméiologie

## Inflammation

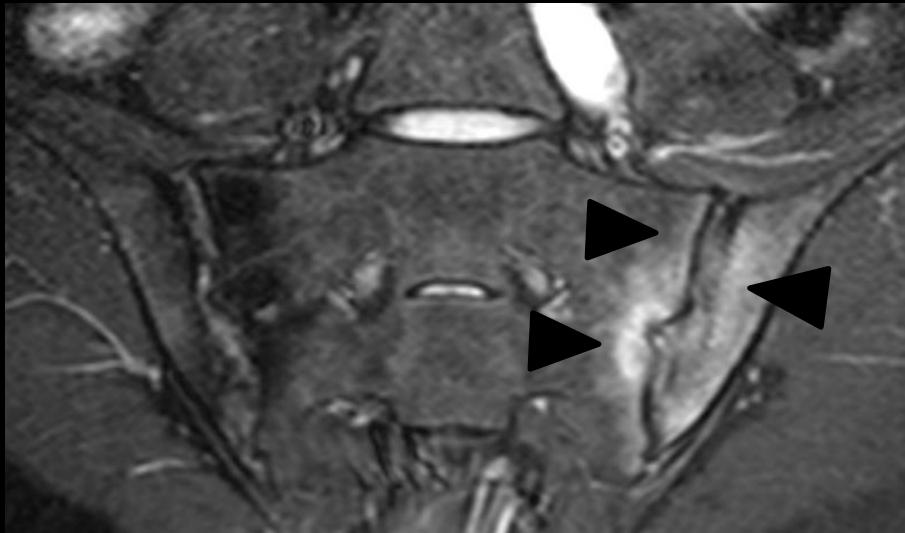
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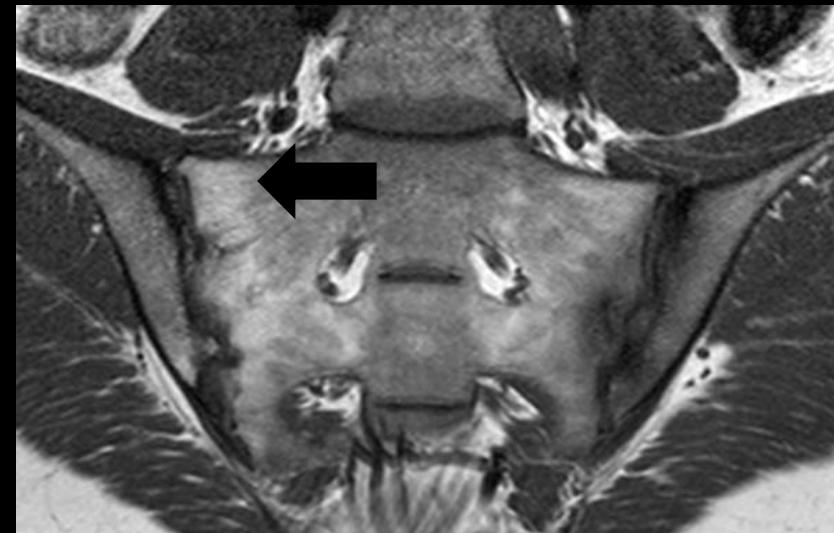
- Ostéo-sclérose
- Érosions
- Involution graisseuse
- Ankylose
- Ossifications péri-osseuses

# Lésions avérées (structural)

Actif !



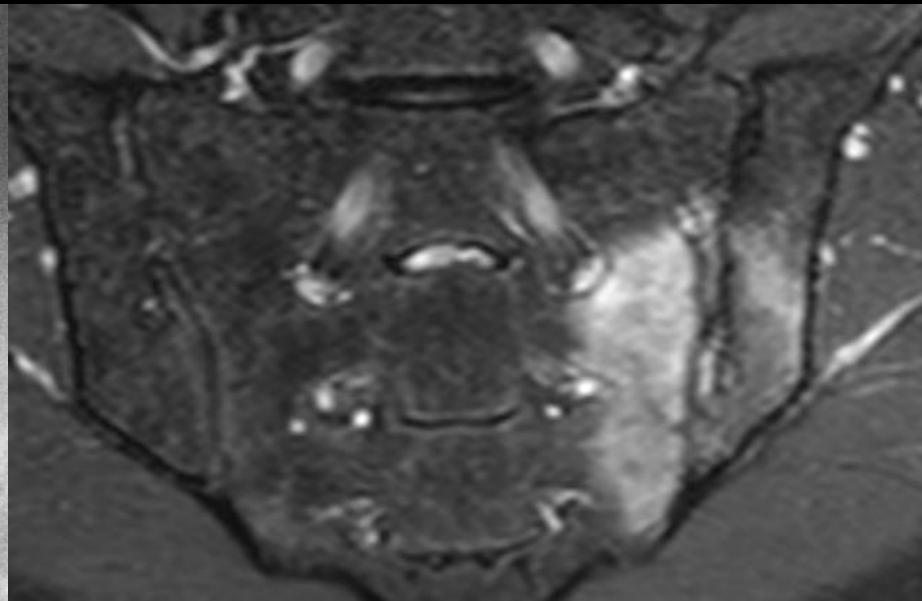
Quiescent !



# Lésions avérées (structural)

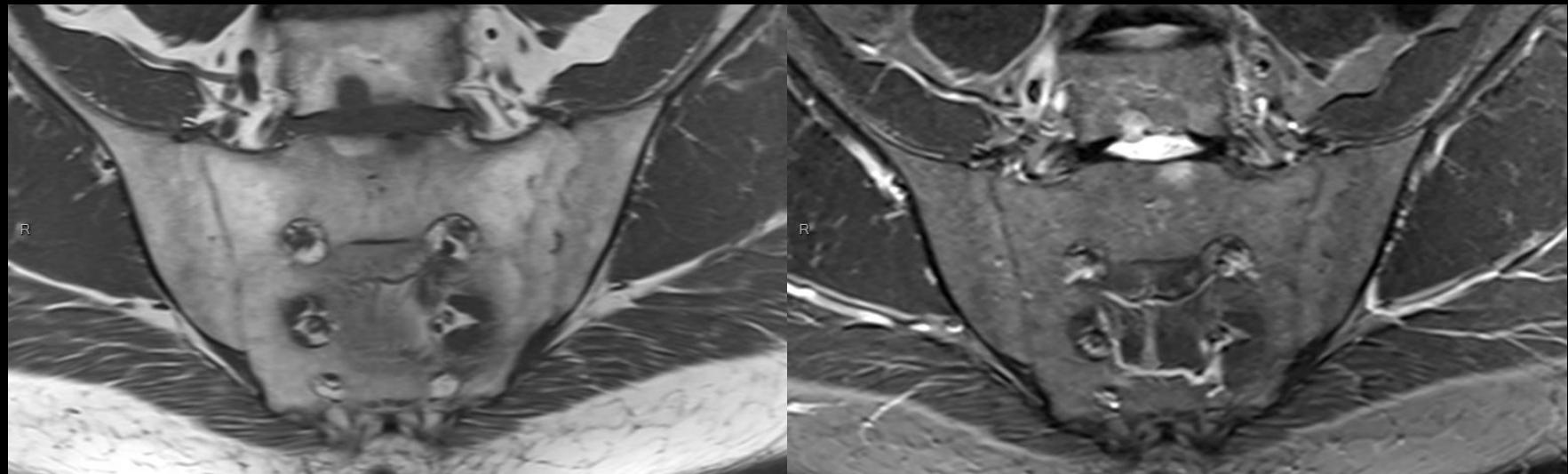


Erosion  
Sclérose



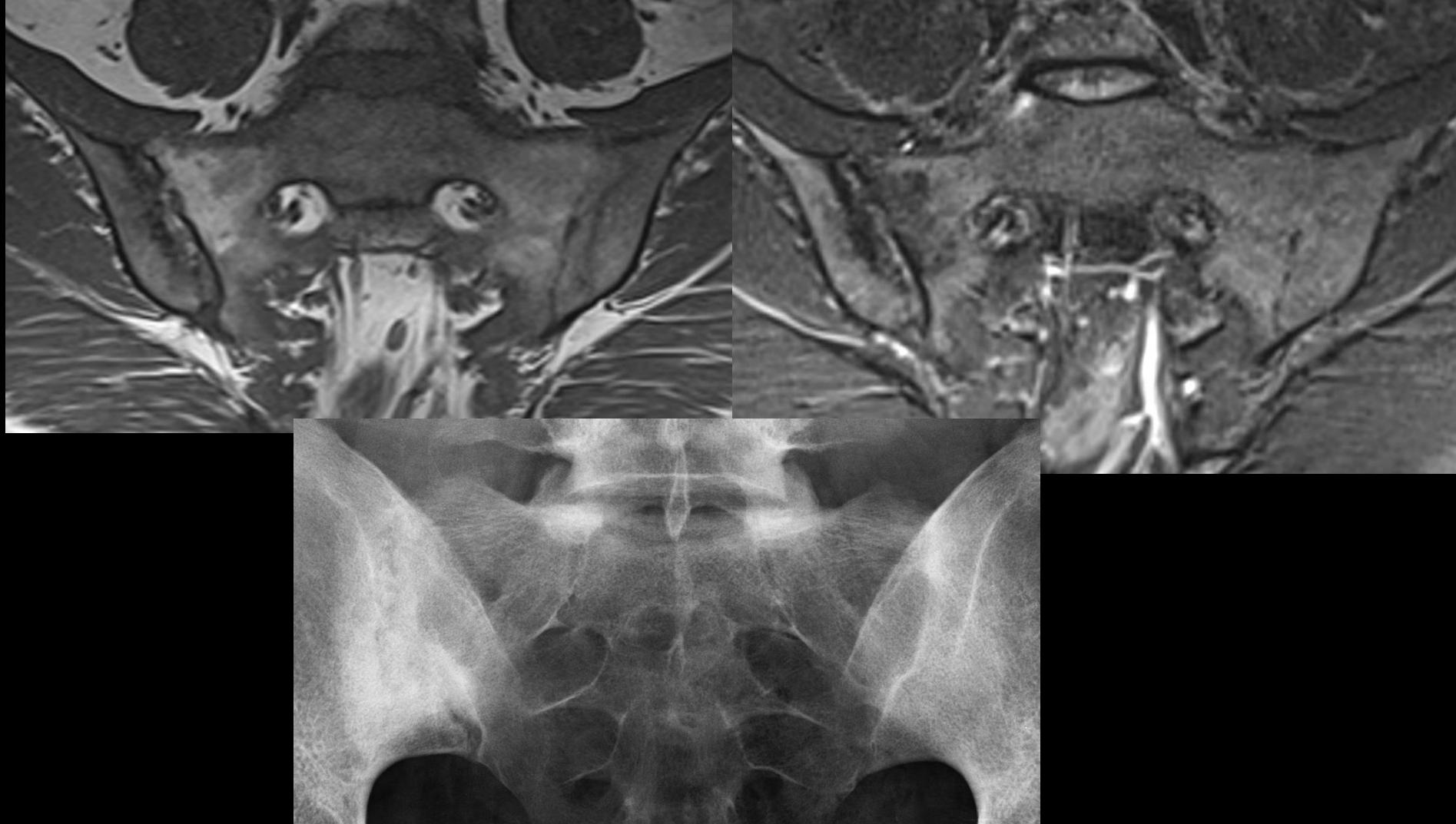
Erosion

# Lésions avérées (structural)



Ankylose

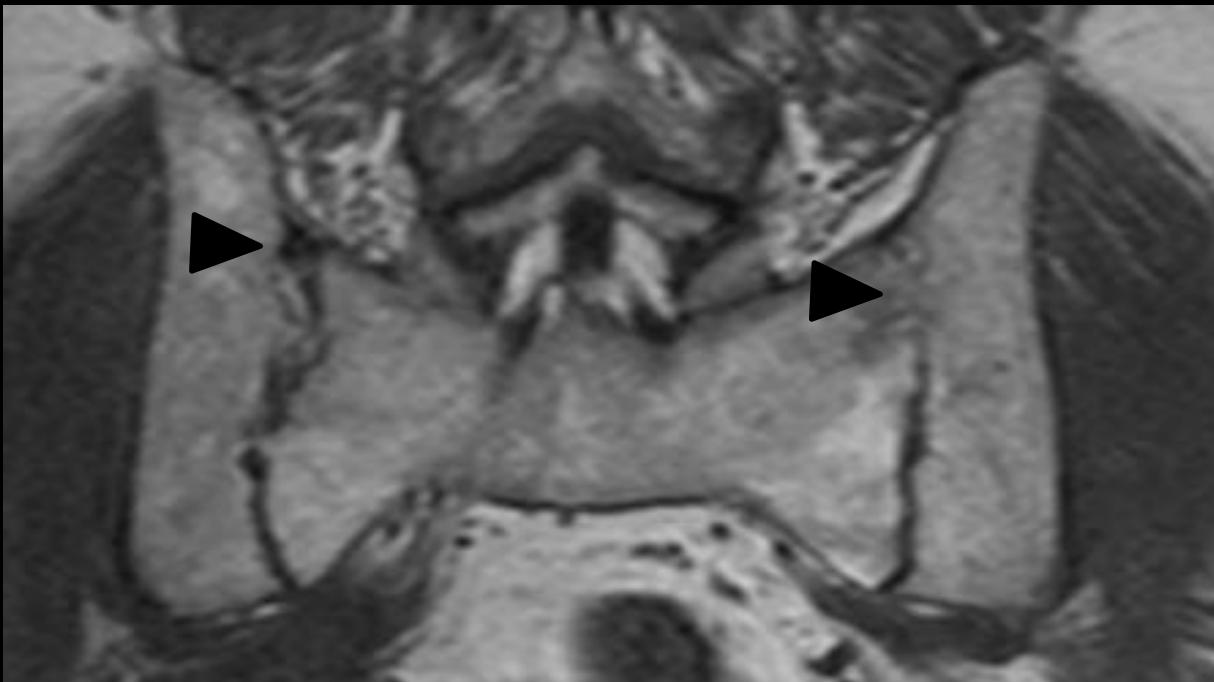
# Lésions avérées (structural)



## Structural changes

- propensity to produce bone
- fatty deposition/erosion/ossification near entheses and ankylosis
- occur late in disease course
- correlate poorly with symptoms
- are better seen on radiographs/CT than MRI (except for fatty deposition)
- remain poorly understood but could partly represent a healed or quiescent stage of inflammation.
- do not suffice for the definition of a positive MRI if without inflammatory changes

# DISH – Forestier Ankylose



# Performance diagnostique IRM

*Table I. – The sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative likelihood ratios of MRI features of sacroiliitis for the diagnosis of SpA.*

	N	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	LR+	LR-
<b>ACTIVE</b>					
BMO	215	65.2	74.6	2.56	0.47
Enthesitis	13	3.8	98.4	2.38	0.98
Capsulitis	17	6.7	99.0	6.7	0.94
<b>STRUCTURAL</b>					
Sclerosis	167	43.3	75.6	1.77	0.75
Fat infiltration	164	54.8	84.0	3.42	0.54
Erosion	130	54.3	94.8	10.4	0.48
Ankylosis	39	14.8	97.4	5.7	0.87

(N = number of patients; LR+ = positive likelihood ratio; LR- = negative likelihood ratio; BMO = bone marrow oedema).

# Combinaison BME et autres signes

*Table II. — The sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative likelihood ratios of BMO concomitant with other MRI features of sacroiliitis for the diagnosis of SpA.*

	N	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	LR+	LR-
BMO	215				
+ Enthesitis	10	5.1	96.1	1.31	0.99
+ Capsulitis	17	10.2	96.1	2.67	0.93
+ Sclerosis	109	57.0	60.3	1.43	0.71
+ Fat infiltration	112	67.9	75.6	2.78	0.42
+ Erosion	120	76.6	80.8	3.99	0.29
+ Ankylosis	26	16.8	96.1	4.31	0.87

(N = number of patients; BMO = bone marrow oedema; LR+ = positive likelihood ratio; LR- = negative likelihood ratio).

## Conclusion

IRM performante pour détection lésions sacro-iliaques

Séquence minimum: SE DP fs (œdème ?) et SE T1 (graisse ?) plan coronal oblique

Approche holistique :

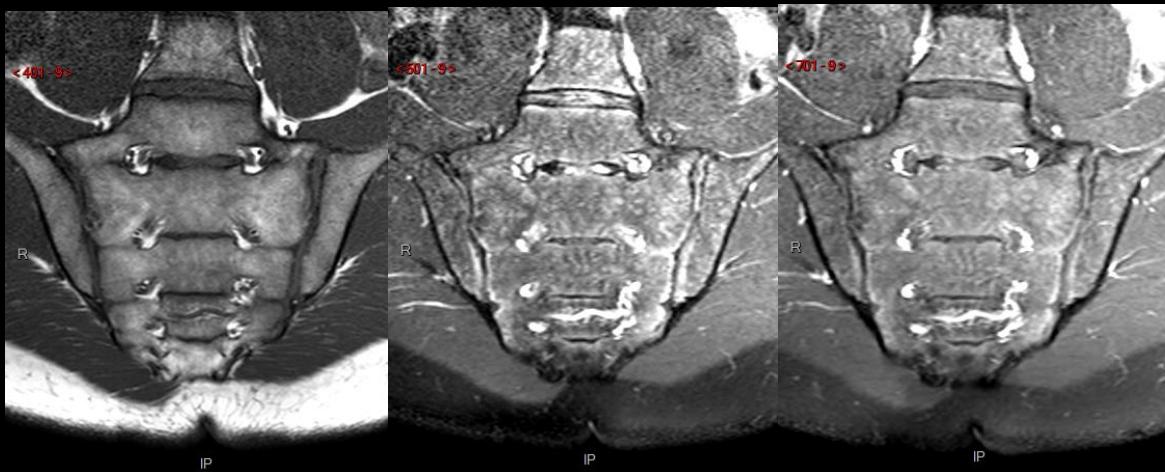
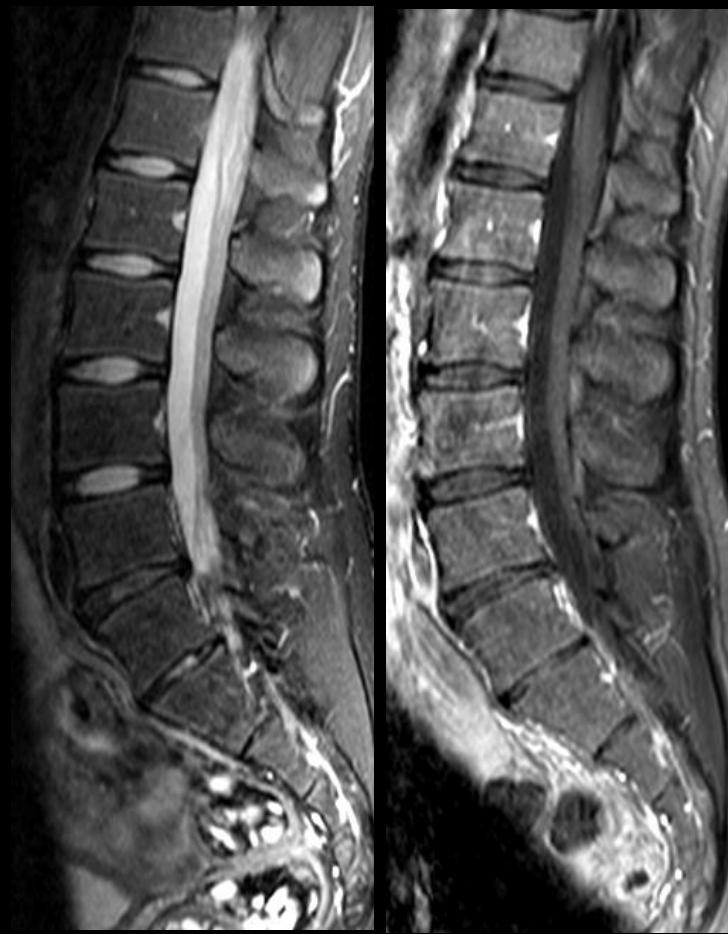
Espace: Os sous-chondral, synoviale, capsule, enthèse

Temps : phase active, phase quiescente

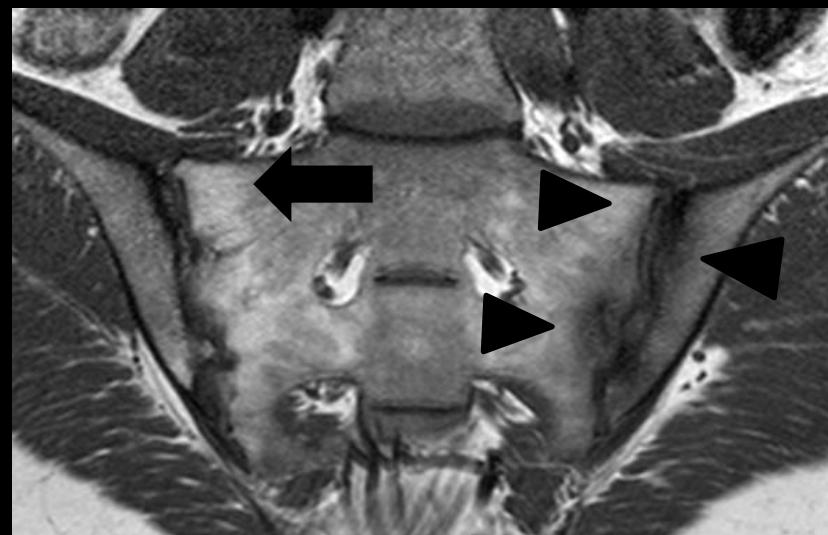
# Sémiologie IRM

- Topographie articulaire
  - Tiers moyen et antérieur
  - Autres territoires
  - Variantes
- Association simultanée de plusieurs phases
  - Active aigue
  - Active chronique
  - Quiescente



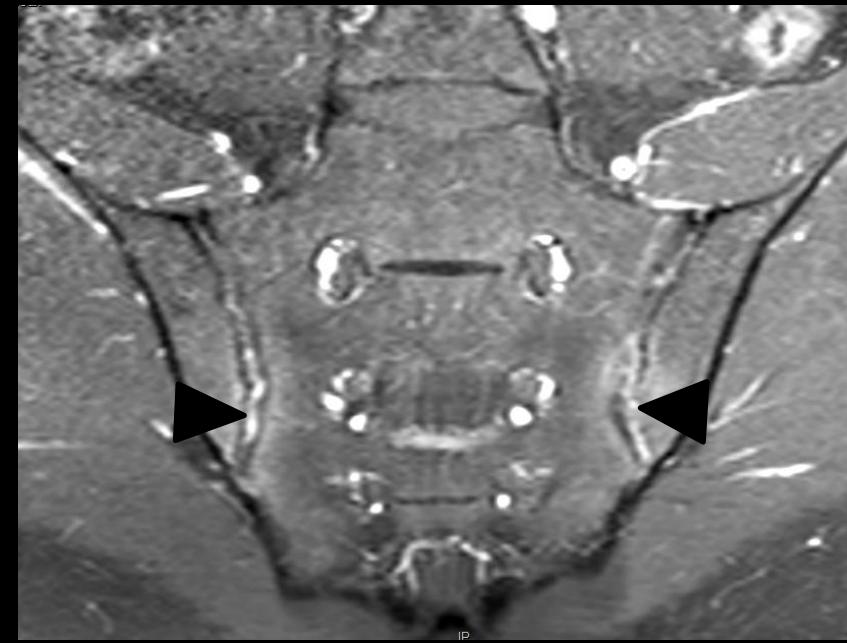




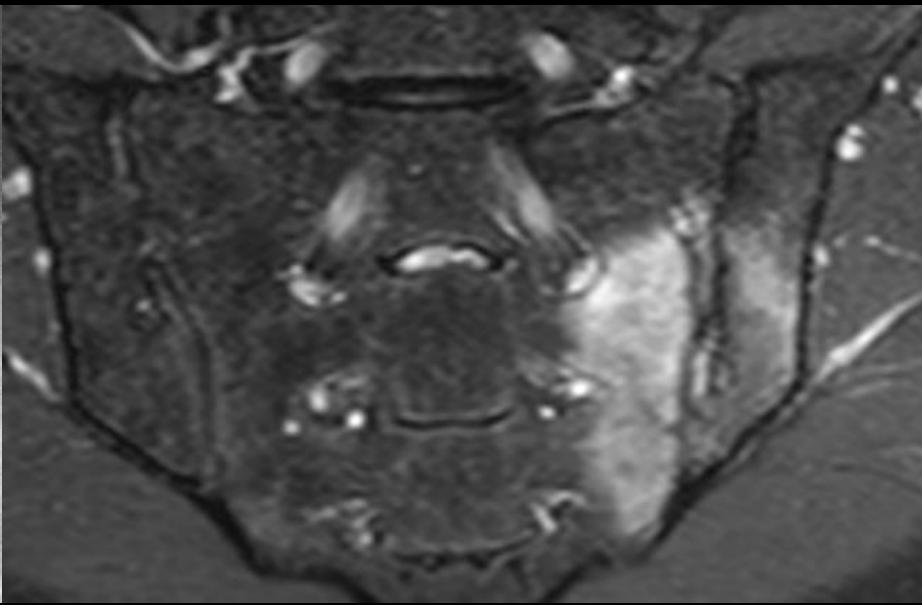
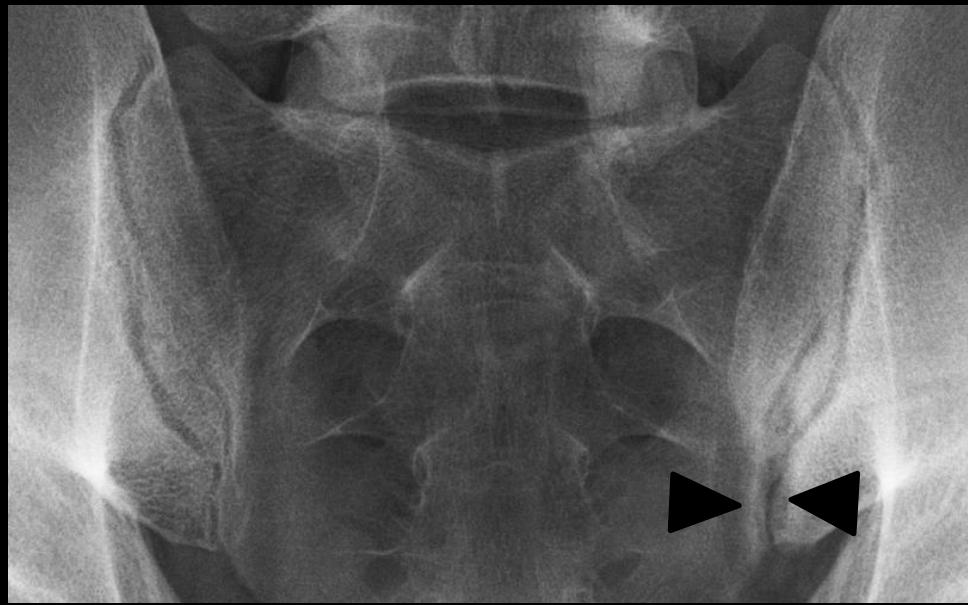


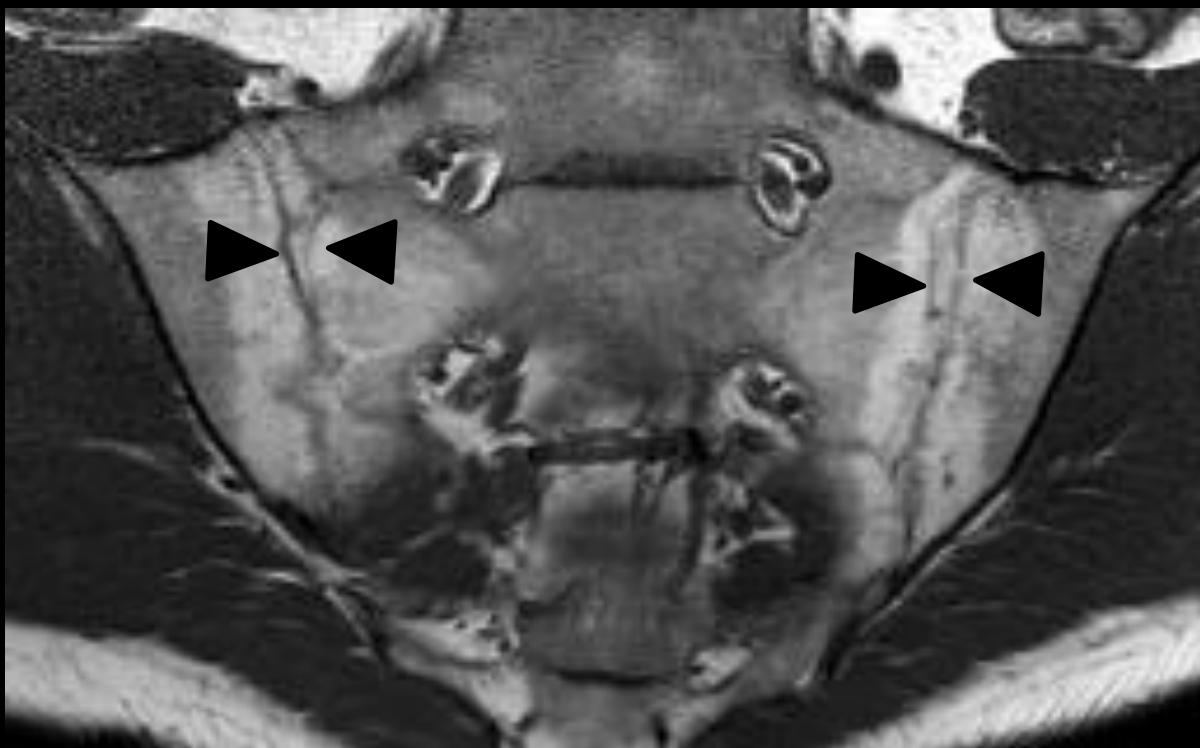


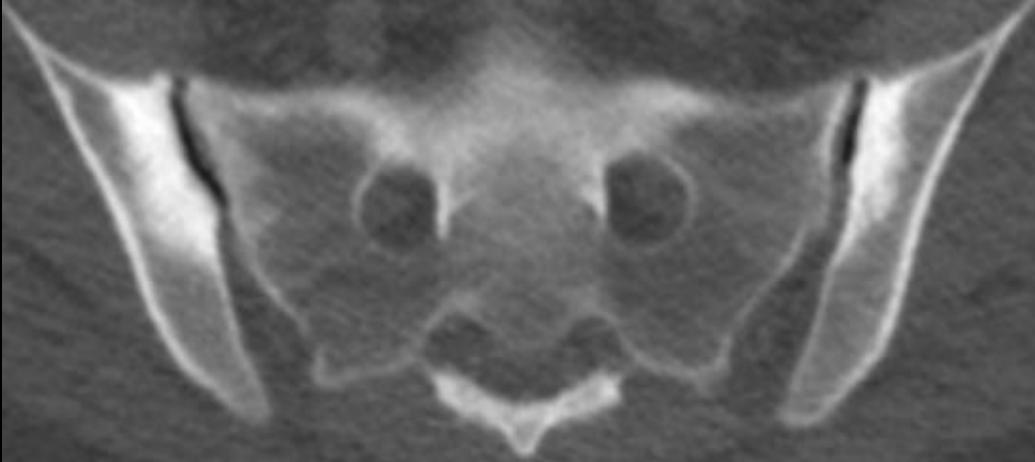
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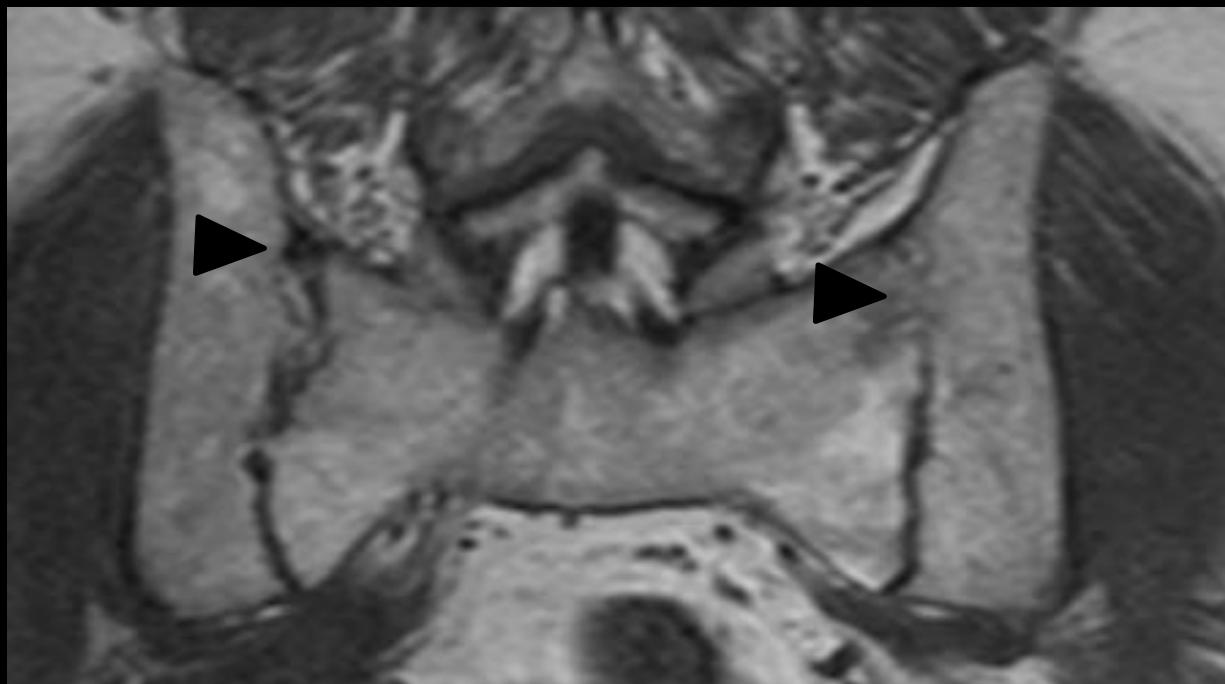


Synovite









## Sacro-iliite septique:

Pathologie relativement rare

Diagnostic clinique difficile

Population à risque

Grossesse

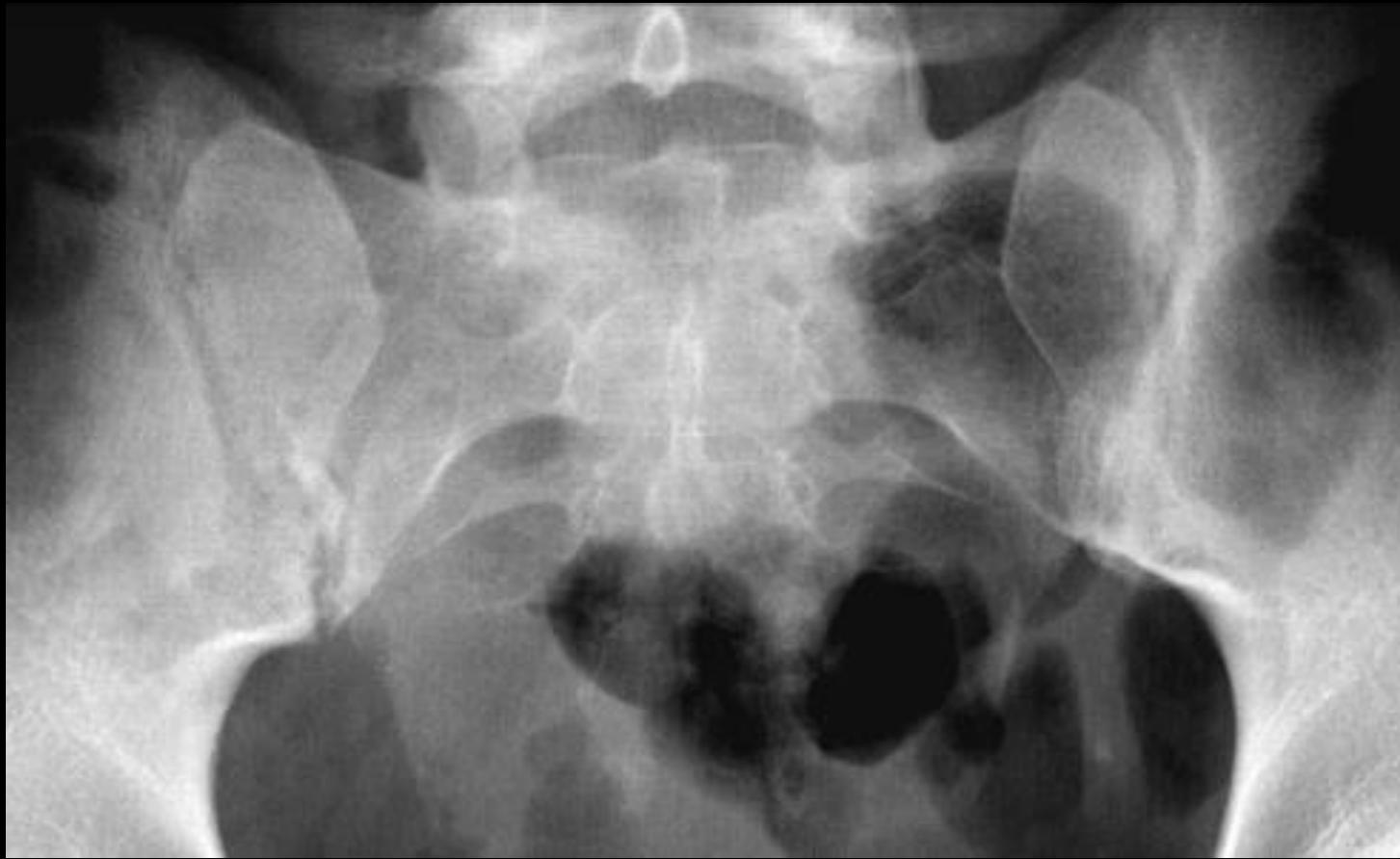
Immunodéprimé

Utilisation de drogue

## Sacro-iliite septique

Généralement affection aiguë (mais diagnostic tardif)

Radiographies peu contributives



Atteinte unilatérale,  
Prévalence destruction sur reconstruction  
érosions floues et peu/pas de sclérose trabéculaire.

## Sacro-iliite septique

Généralement affection aiguë (mais diagnostic tardif)

Radiographies peu contributives (ou d'interprétation délicate)



# Comparison of STIR, Selective fat-saturation and Dixon

	STIR	Spectral	Reconstruction
Fat-saturation	Inversion time in pulse sequence	Selective saturation of fat signal	Data at different TE (in and out)
Signal-to-noise ratio	Limited	High	High
Field inhomogeneities	Low sensitivity	High sensitivity	Low sensitivity
T1 contrast	Very limited	Compatible	Compatible
T2 contrast	dominant	Compatible	Compatible
3D combination	No	Yes	Yes

Fat suppression in MR imaging : Techniques and Pitfalls. Delfaut et al Radiographics 1999; 19 :372-382

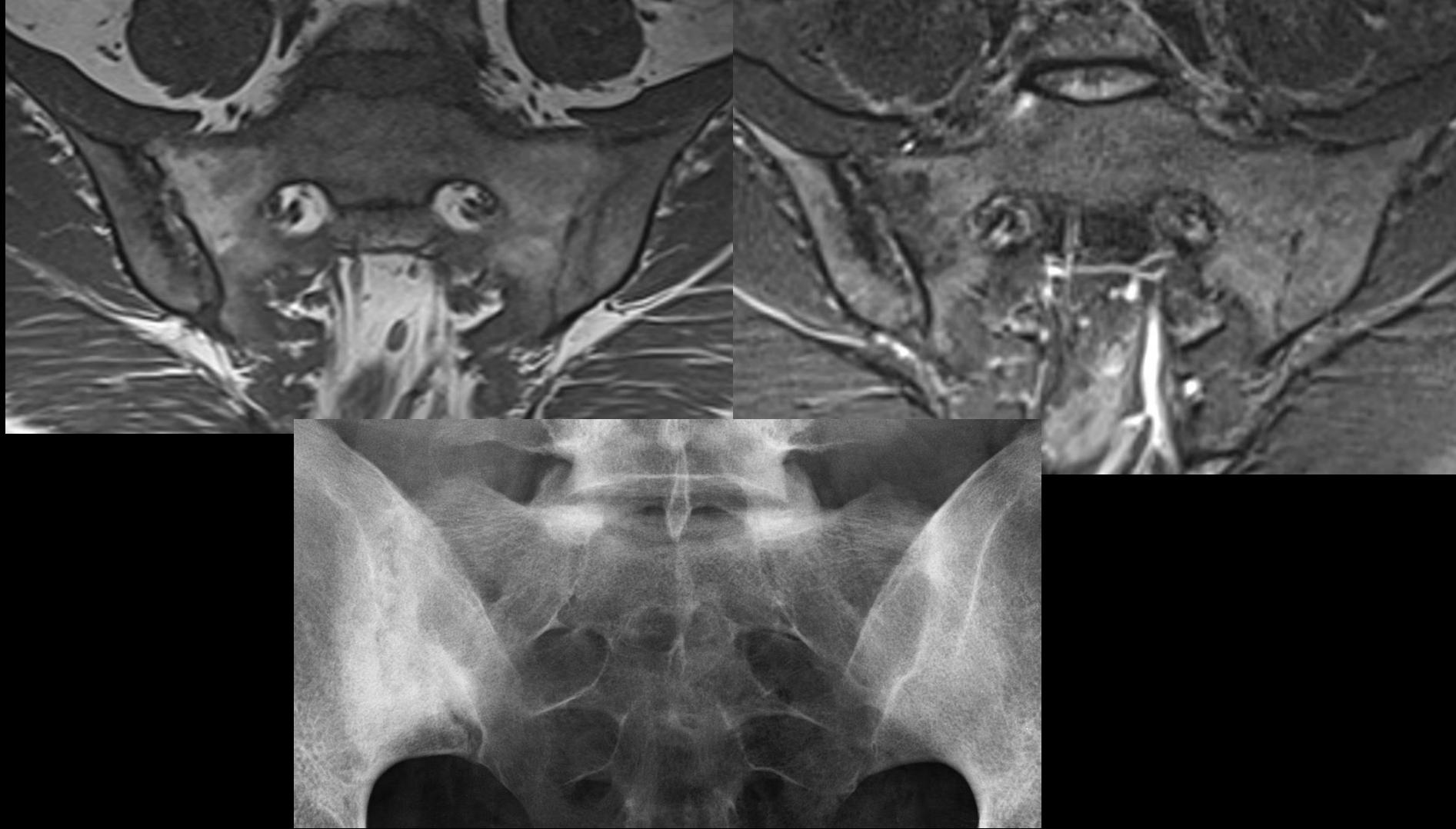
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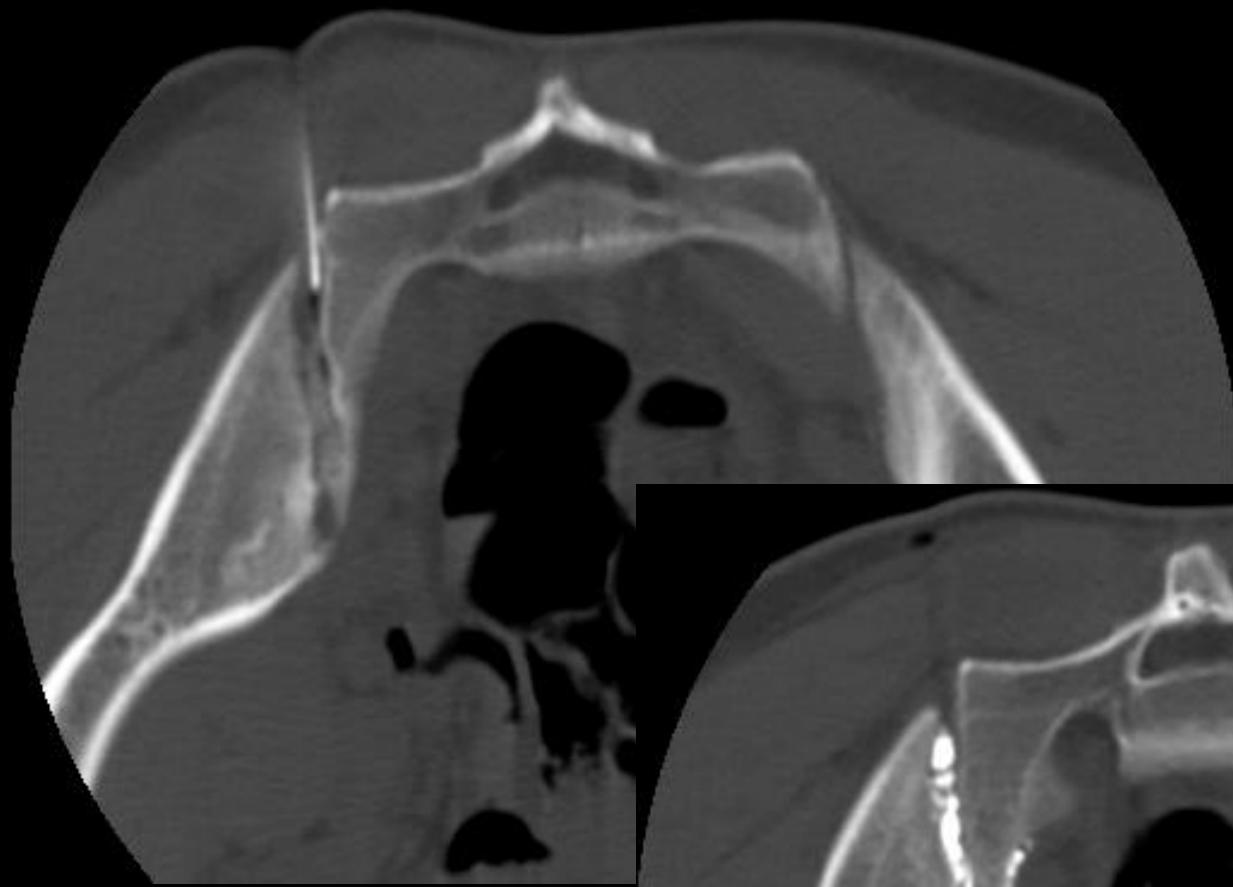
# How/when to select STIR, Spectral or Reconstruction ?

	STIR	Spectral	Reconstruction
Thin section	No	Yes	Yes
Large FOV	Yes	No	Yes
Metal artefacts	No	Yes	Variable
T1 contrast	No	Yes	Yes
Gd-enh. imaging	No	Yes	Yes
T2 contrast	dominant	Yes	Yes

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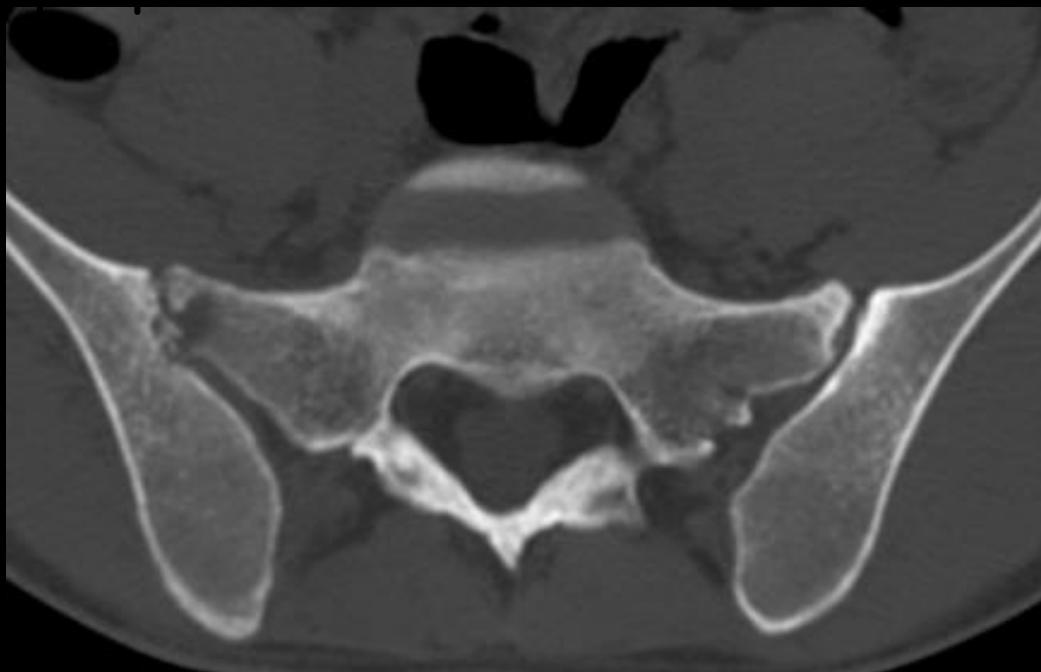


Limited articular recesses  
Strong capsule/ligament

Look at distance for fluid/abcesses !







# Anatomy of the immature SI interface

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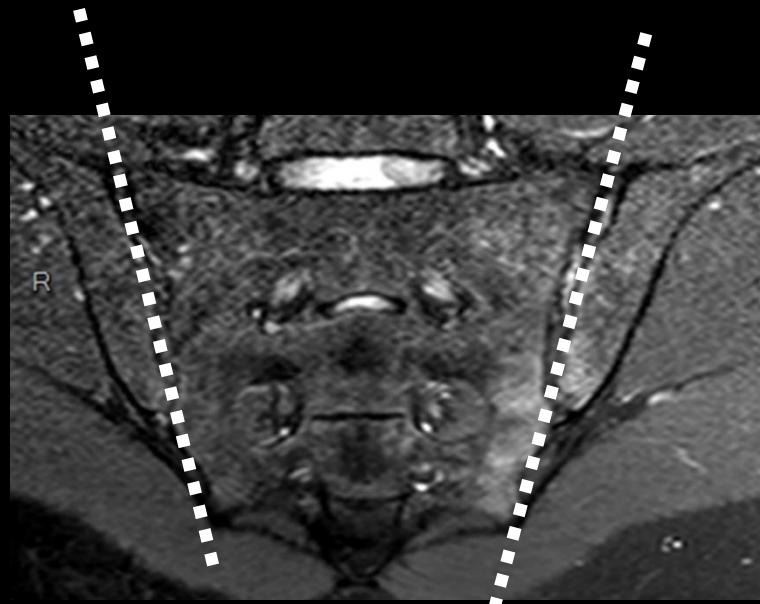
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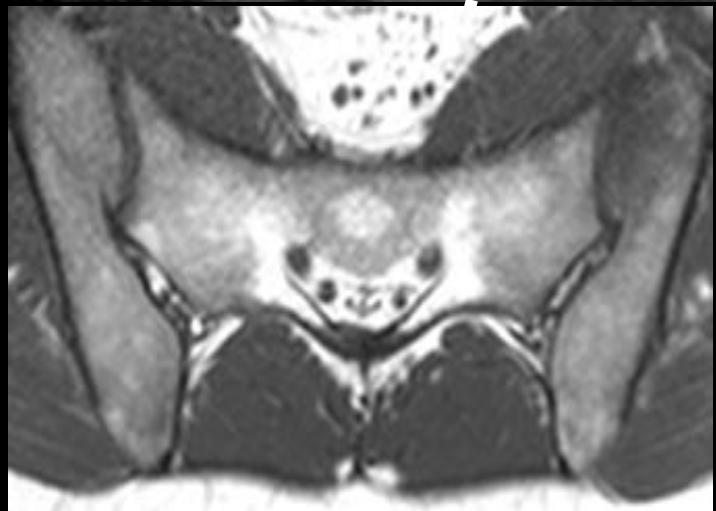
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## Spatial orientation of SI interface

Frontale plane



Transverse plane



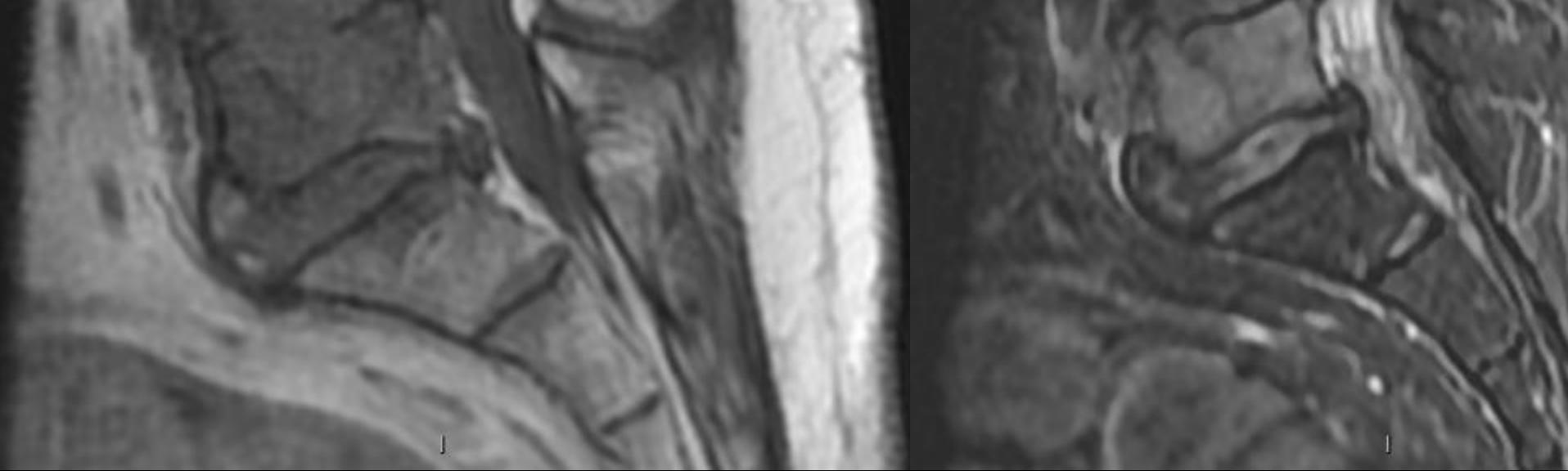
## Variations observed in sacro-iliac joint anatomy

Fused joint

Sacro-iliac joint complex

Sacral defect

Accessory sacro-iliac joint



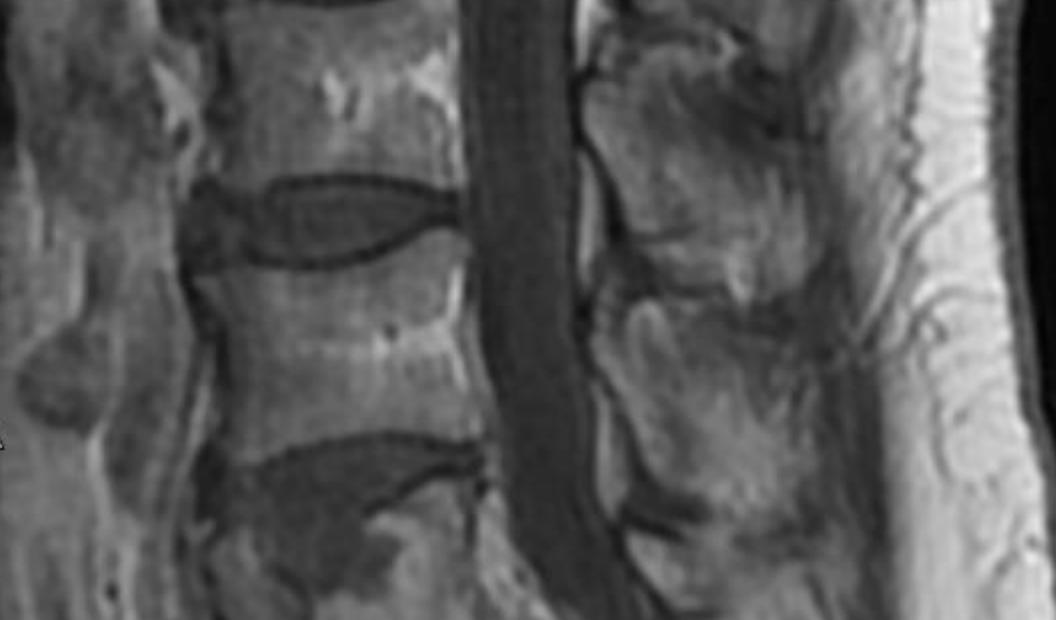
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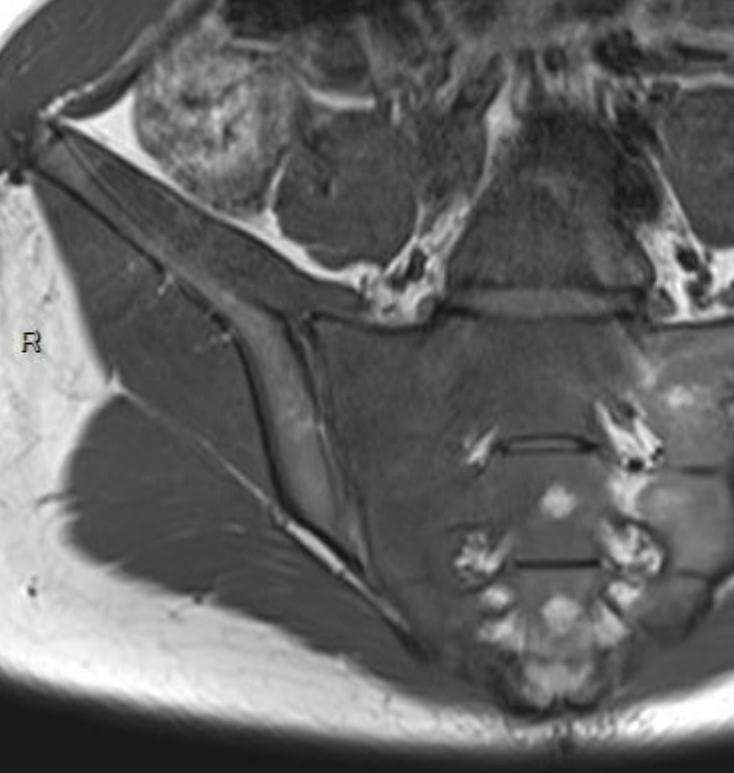
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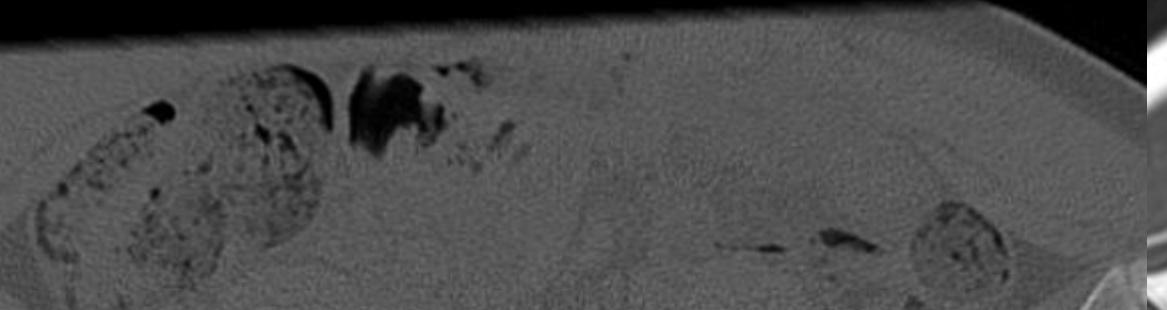
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