

# RAISED CA 15-3 IN YOUNG BREAST CANCER PATIENT

DR JOSEPH KASESE

January 21, 2020



# BOTSOGO

BOTSWANA ONCOLOGY  
GLOBAL OUTREACH

# Continuing Medical Education Announcement

---

## Harvard Medical School

RSS 3081: Monthly BOTSOGO Tumor Board; 2019 - 2020 Academic Year

### Today's Objectives:

- Describe the need for timely cancer case presentation and referral to treatment
- Formulate a multi-disciplinary plan for the care of common and complex oncologic cases
- Adopt successful, sustainable strategies to mitigate barriers to quality cancer care common in resource constrained environments

### Target Audience:

Oncologists, internists, surgeons, radiation oncologists, infectious disease specialists, nurses, physicists, therapists, technicians, research staff, administrators, policy makers.



# Financial Relationships

The following planners, speakers, and content reviewers, on behalf of themselves and their spouse or partner, have reported financial relationships with an entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services (relevant to the content of the activity) consumed by, or used on, patients:

Name	Role	Type of Financial Relationship
Jason Efstathiou, MD	Course Director	Blue Earth Diagnostics – Consultant Taris Biomedical – Consultant Janssen – Advisory Board
Tlotlo Ralefala, MD	Planner	Roche – Sponsorship Celgene – Grant

All other individuals including course directors, planners, reviewers, faculty, staff, etc., who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity have reported no financial relationships related to the content of this activity.



# Statements

---

## **Accreditation Statement**

The Harvard Medical School is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians

## **Credit Designation Statement**

The Harvard Medical School designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity

This activity meets the criteria of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for 1.0 credits of Risk Management Study

## **Disclosure Statement**

In accord with the disclosure policy of the Medical School as well as standards set forth by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, course planners, speakers, and content reviewers have been asked to disclose any relevant relationship they, or their spouse or partner, have to companies producing, marketing, re-selling or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.



# Claim your CME credits!

---

- To claim your CME credit for attendance at this session of the BOTSOGO Tumor Board, please fill out our survey following the Tumor Board.
- You can do this at your convenience on your personal or work computer by navigating to [www.botsogo.org](http://www.botsogo.org)
  - Click “What We Do”
  - Click “Tumor Board”
  - Click the link under the section “Continuing Education Credits,” and complete and submit the survey
- A link to the survey is also sent to the BOTSOGO Tumor Board email list following each Tumor Board.



# Core Principles of Case Review

---

Clinicians, pathologists, and other other members of the health care team uniformly strive to provide the best possible clinical care.

Despite these efforts, adverse outcomes still occur.

Reflection on, and re-evaluation of, our practices and outcomes are imperative to continuously improve the care we provide to patients.





# Core Principles of Case Review

---

Discussion will focus on medical decision-making and reporting systems.

Discussion is privileged and content should not be discussed outside of this forum.

We seek to create a safe, collaborative, open and respectful atmosphere for discussion, learning, and improvement



# Introductions of Presenter and Faculty





# RAISED CA 15-3 IN YOUNG BREAST CANCER PATIENT

DR JOSEPH KASESE

January 21, 2020



## BOTSOGO

BOTSWANA ONCOLOGY  
GLOBAL OUTREACH

NAME: MS

AGE AT PRESENTATION: 32 YEARS

PMH: NONE

FH: NONE

G1PO PREGNANT 7 MONTHS

HIV Negative



# History

---

Lump in LLOQ

Noticed lump during breast self examination

7 months pregnant

Seen by her gynae who referred her to a surgeon

Surgeon confirmed 2 x 2 mass

No palpable axillary nodes

Proceeded to do an FNA



---

Pathology results confirmed ductal carcinoma

Surgeon recommended mastectomy

No oncology opinion requested

Pt not keen with treatment and was lost to follow-up.

Eventually seen at 34 weeks and had C/S and mastectomy with axillary dissection at the same time on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2014.



# Social history

---

Teacher

No smoking/alcohol



# Pathology Report

---

Final pathology confirmed the following:

**Grade 2 ductal carcinoma, 2 cm in size**

ER pos PR neg and Her-2 neu 2+ (equivocal)

## ADDENDUM

Addendum #2 Entered: 17/07/14-0807

### MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION:

HER2/NEU IN SITU HYBRIDISATION (SISH METHODOLOGY):

Her2/neu IHC: 2+

Number of cells quantified: 20

Mean chromosome 17 copy number: 1

Mean HER2/neu gene copy number: 2.3 (range 1 -3 copies per nucleus)

Ratio HER2:chromosome 17 = 2.3

RESULT: POSITIVE for HER2/neu gene amplification.

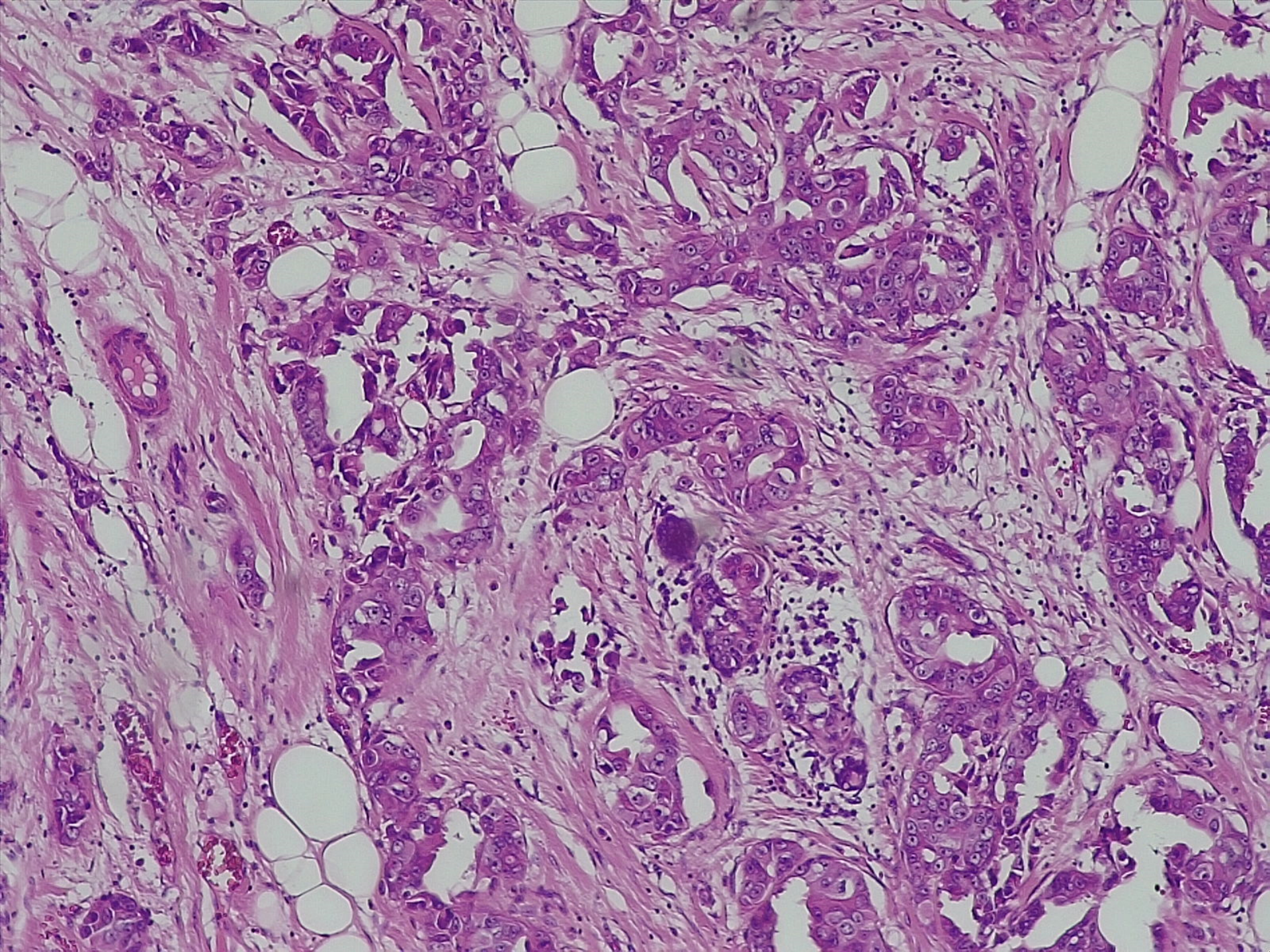
Ki67 index more than 30 %

Complete resection margins

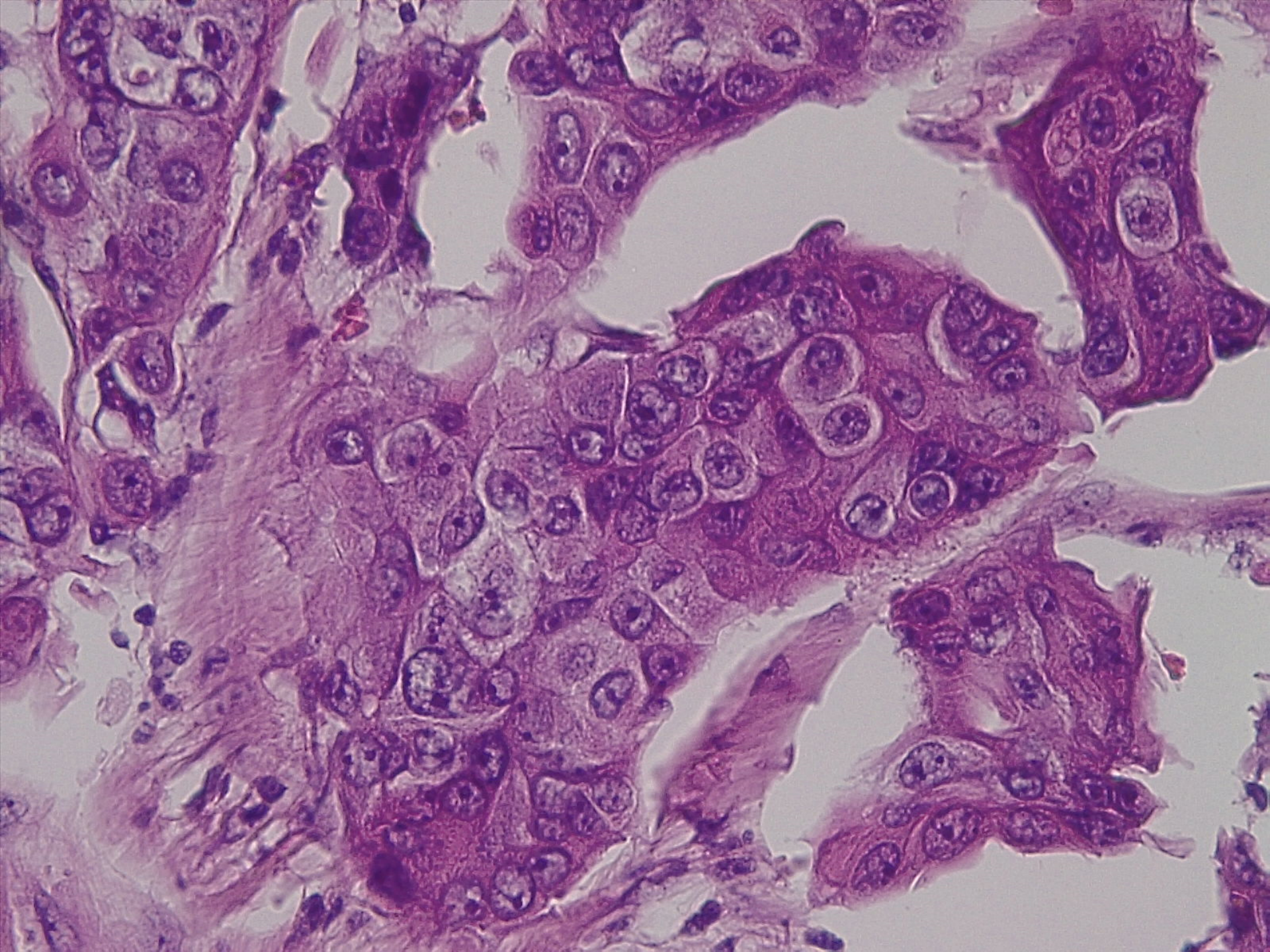
no lymphovascular invasion; 8 out of 8 nodes negative



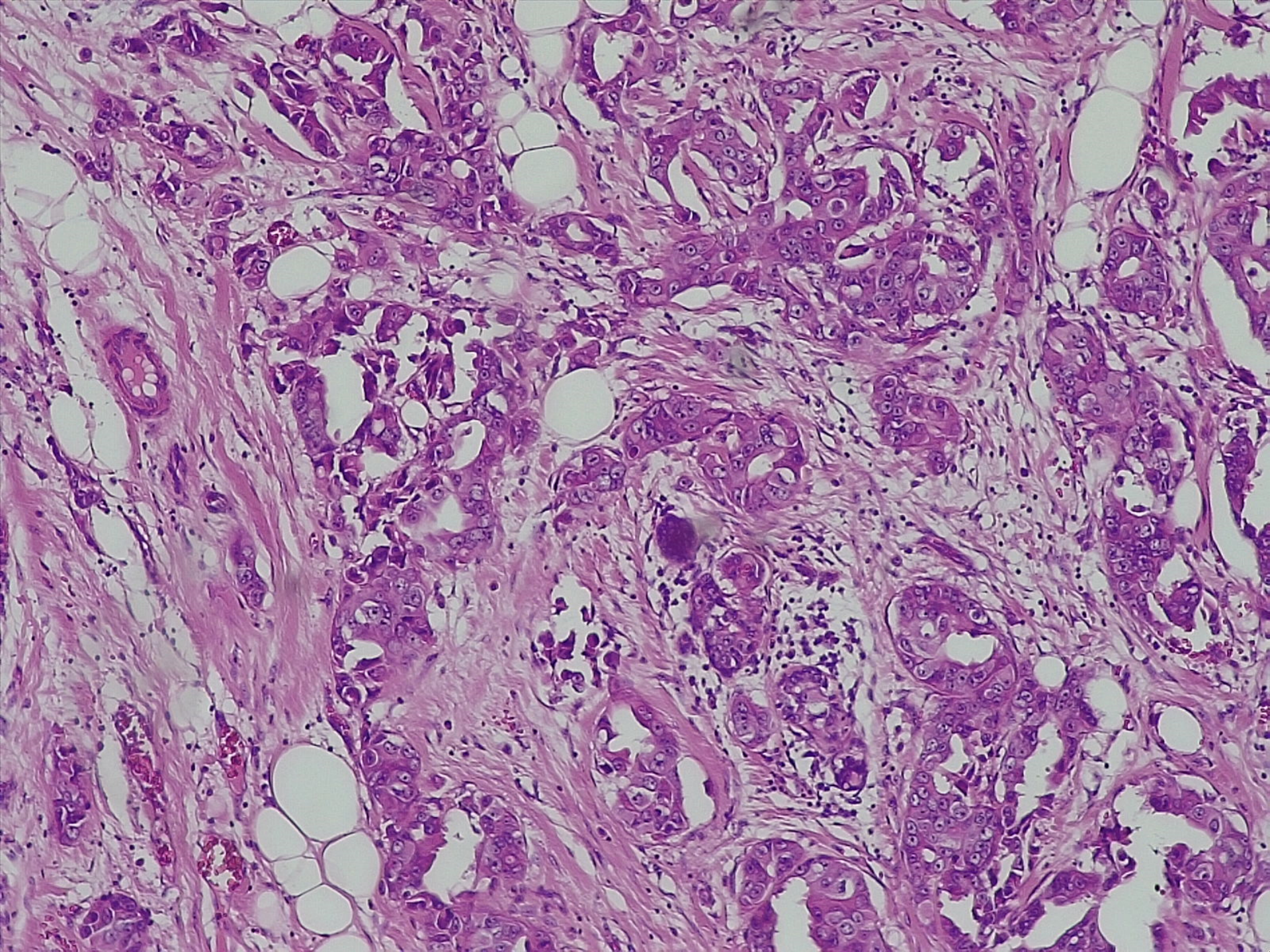














# History (continued)

---

I first met her in August 2014 post surgery

On o/e she had well healed mastectomy scar and no evidence of residual disease

Proceeded to stage her:

- CT scan chest/abd/pelvis was normal
- Routine bloods were normal except for a marginally raised ca 153 of 34
- Isotope bone scan was normal
- ECHO done was normal
- Final staging T1N0M0



## Commenced her on adjuvant chemotherapy(TCP)

- Herceptin 4mg/kg stat followed by 2mg/kg weekly d1
- Paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> iv3 weekly
- Carboplatin AUC 6 iv 3 weekly
- Had a total of 8 cycles



Completed chemotherapy December 2014  
Post-treatment staging CT scan was normal  
CA 15-3 was 16  
Started on 3 weekly Herceptin for one year  
completed December 2015  
Tamoxifen 20mg daily  
Zoladex 10.8 mg 3 monthly





Steady rise of her CA 15-3 from July 2017 but remained within normal limits

Follow up scans and CXR remained normal

November 2017: CA 15-3 raised to 33

CT scan/bone scan normal

December 2017: CA 15-3 remained 33

January 2018: CA 15-3 went up to 43

Changed Tamoxifen to Femara

Continued Zoladex

March 2018: CA 15-3 raised to 57

CT scan still remained negative.



---

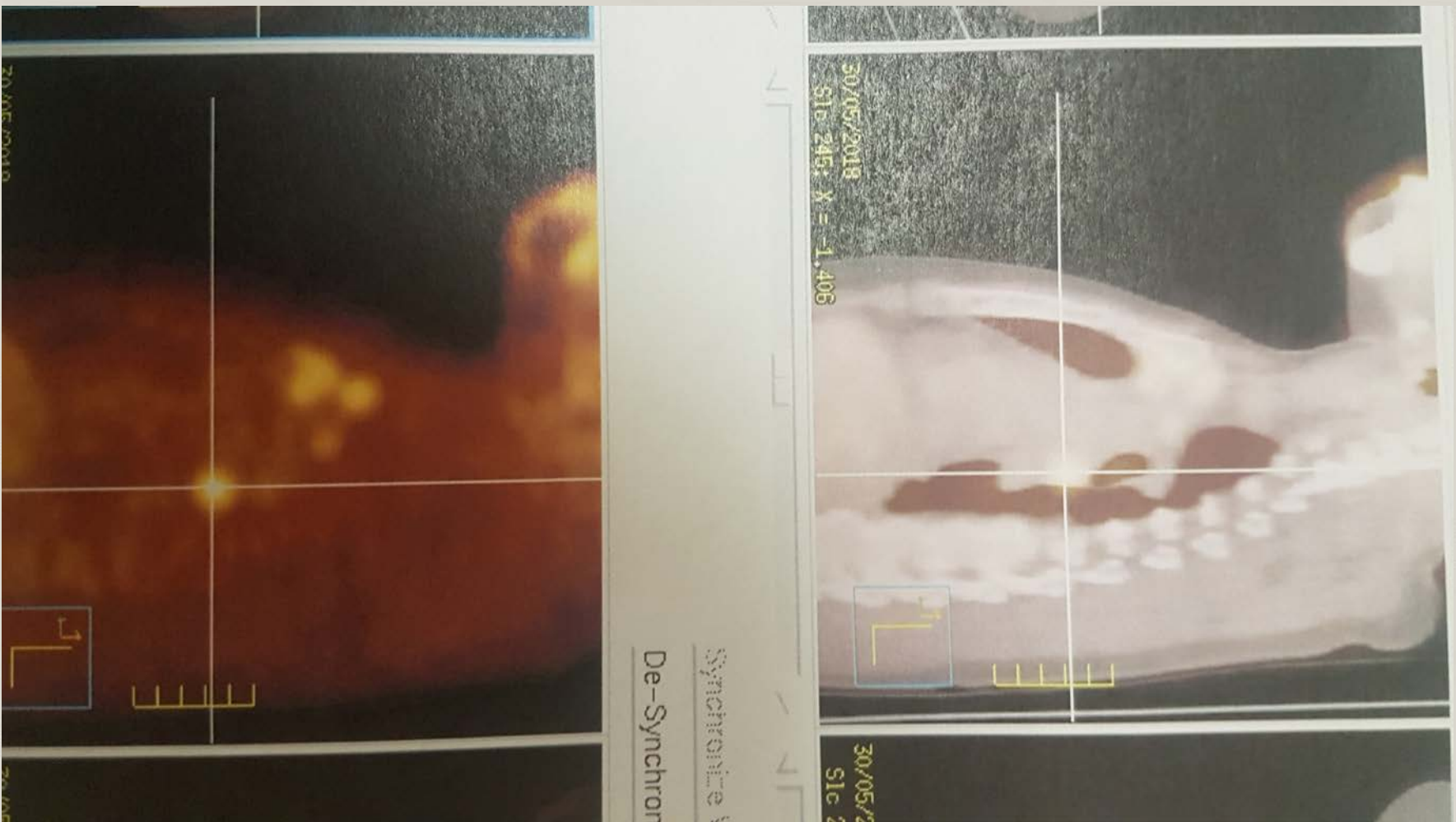
Eventually approval for PET scan given by funders

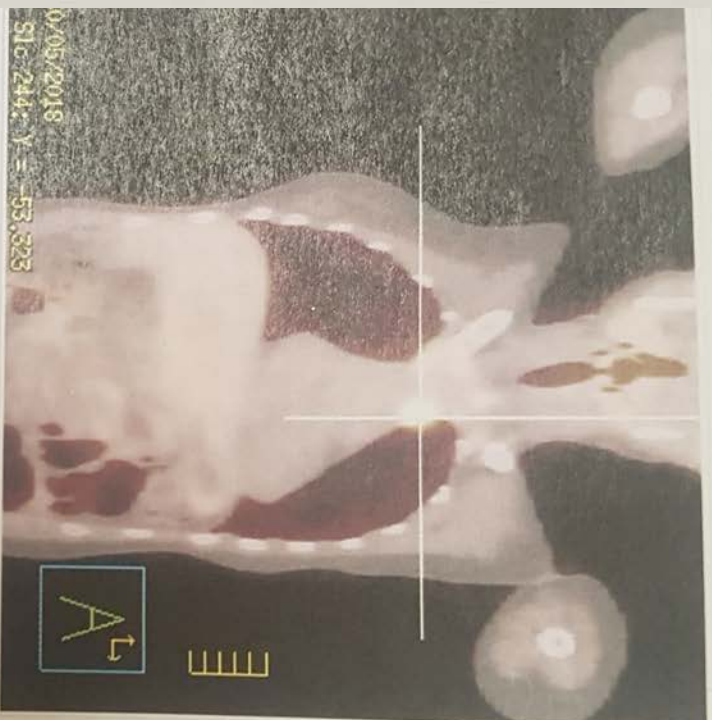
PET done in June 2018 confirmed:

- Results show Left SCF as well as mediastinal and
- right hilar lymph nodes in favour of metastatic disease



# PET CT



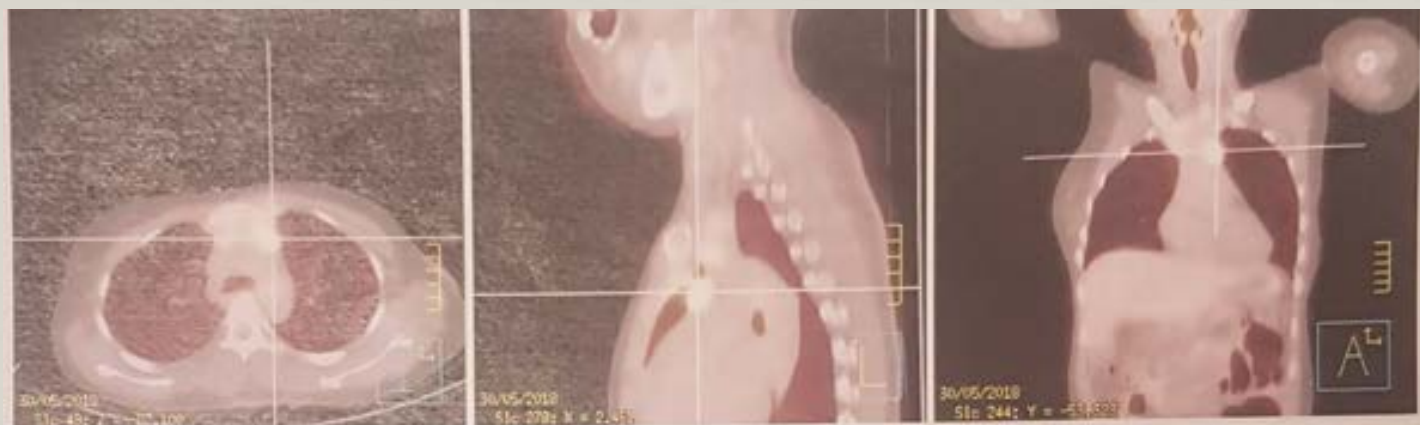


Site Windows

Chronize Windows





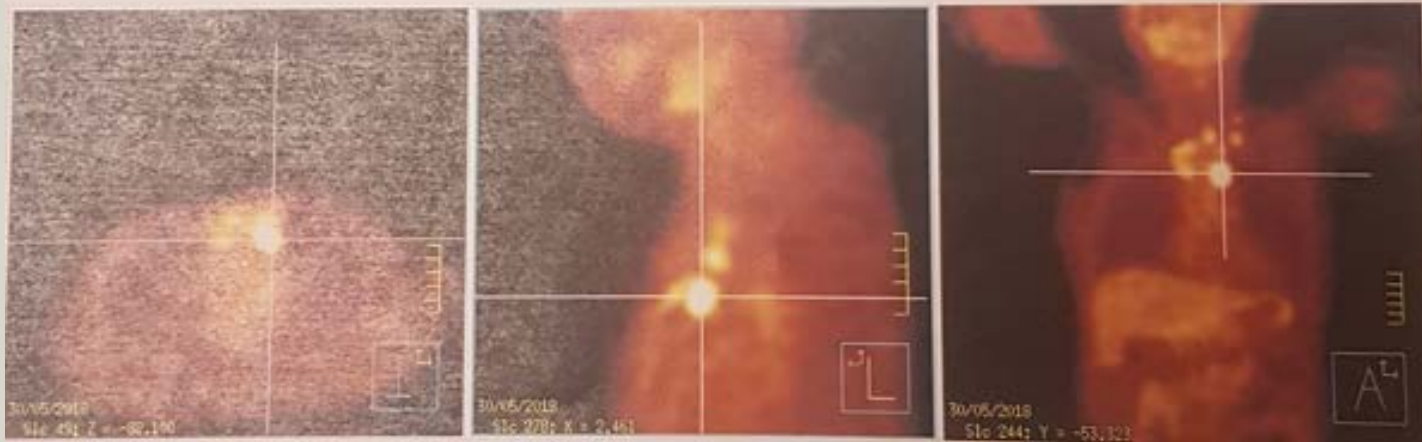


Primary Secondary Fusion

Reset to T5/C

Synchronize Windows

De-Synchronize Windows



---





Clinically very small node in the SCF

Biopsy done in June 2018 confirmed the following:

Immunohistochemical stains show the following results in the tumour cells:

Oestrogen receptors - weak to strong nuclear positivity in 70% of tumour cells.

Progesterone receptors - negative.

HER-2 - 3+.

Ki 67 - 80% nuclei positive.

CK7 - positive.

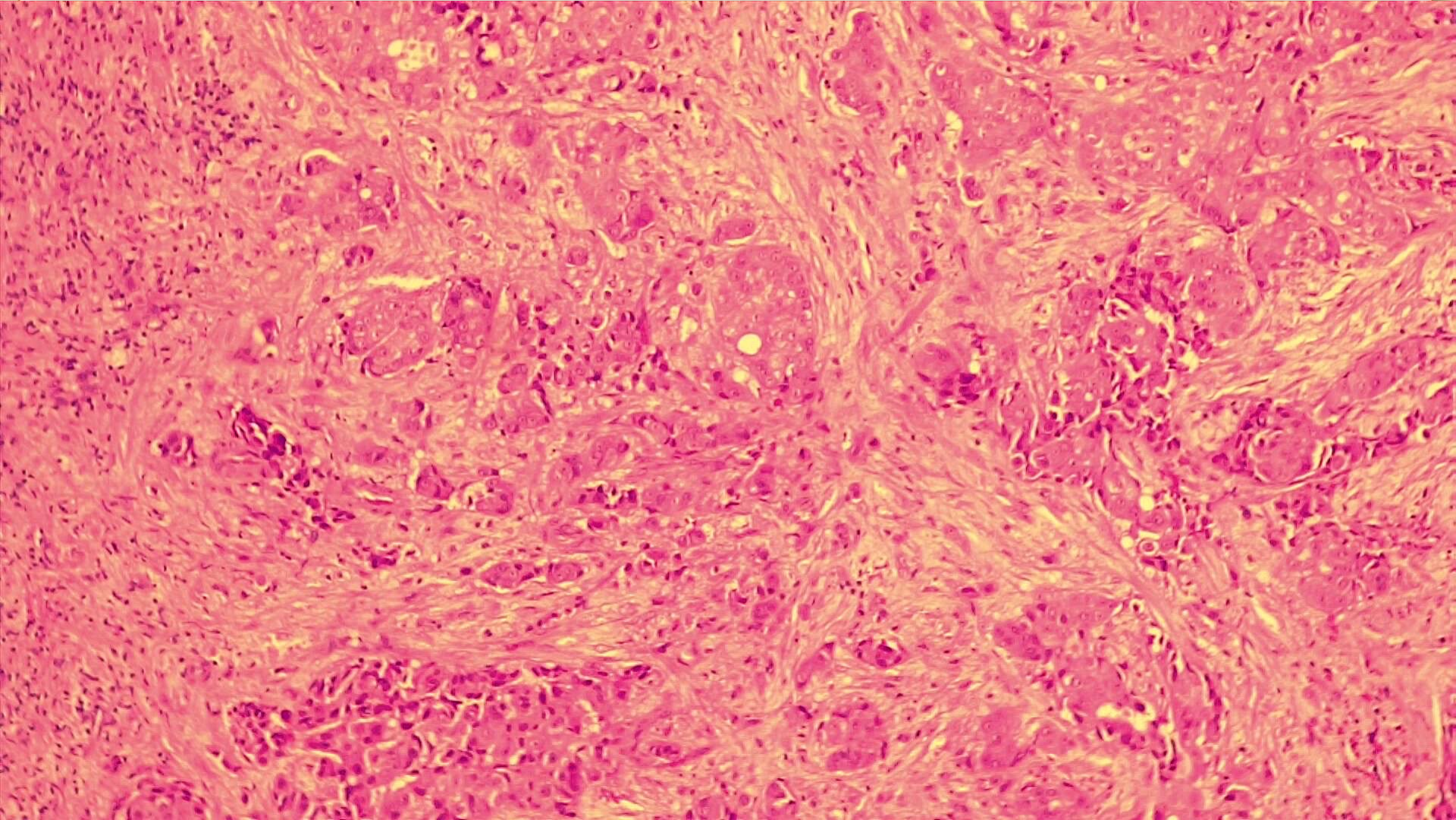
CK20 - negative.

CDX-2 - negative.

The features in conclusion are compatible with metastatic carcinoma of breast.

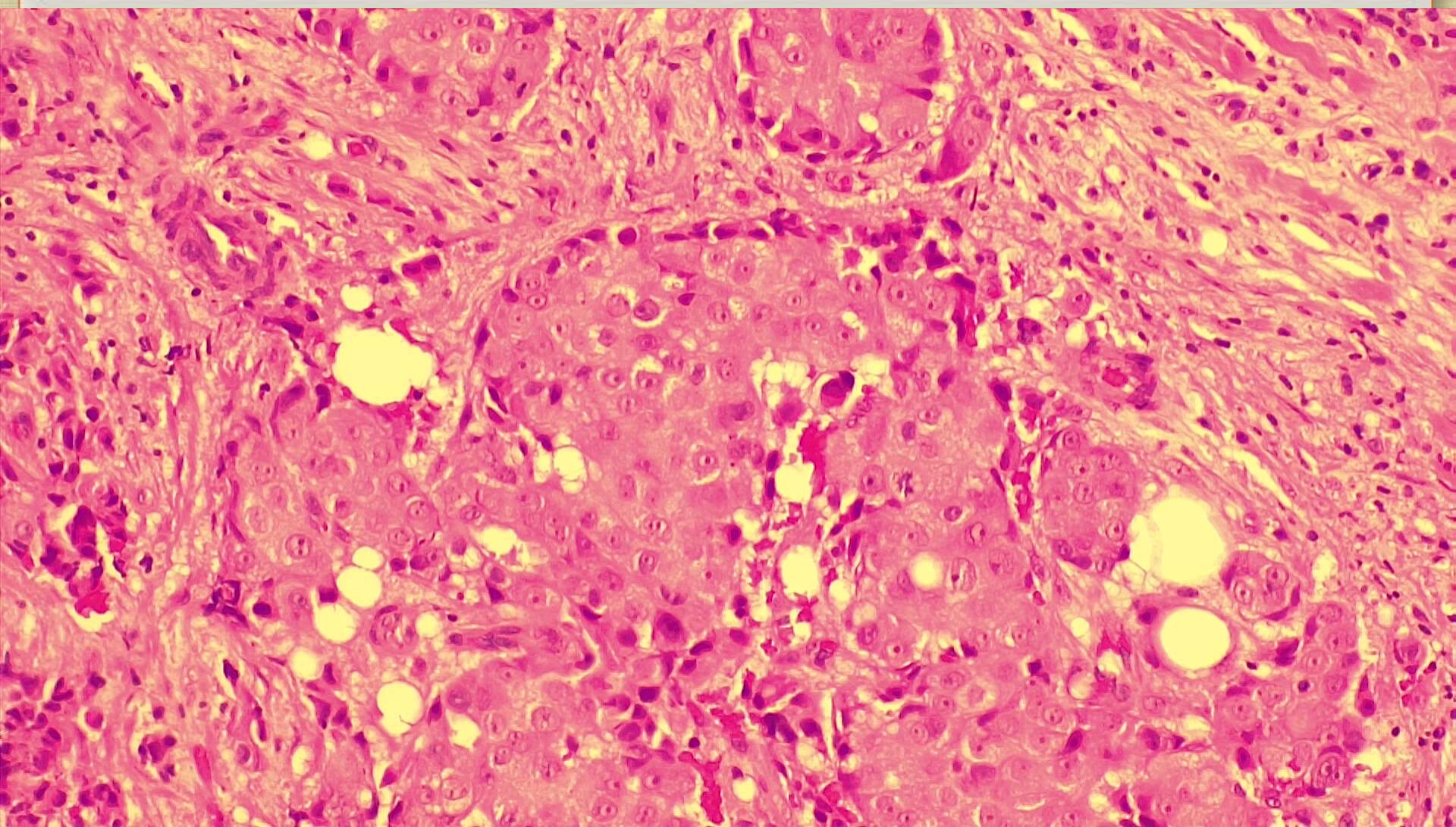


# Pathology (biopsy, June 2018)





# Pathology (biopsy, June 2018)



# MRI Results

---

MRI scan done confirmed disease metastatic disease in the same sites.

Unfortunately images not available





---

Pre-treatment echo done and was normal

Started on FEC x4

CA 15-3 came down to 12

Repeat MRI scan showed no evidence of disease

Followed by Pertuzumab/Herceptin/Docetaxel  
x6

Completed March 2019

CA 15-3 was 11.7

Continued Femara and Zoladex

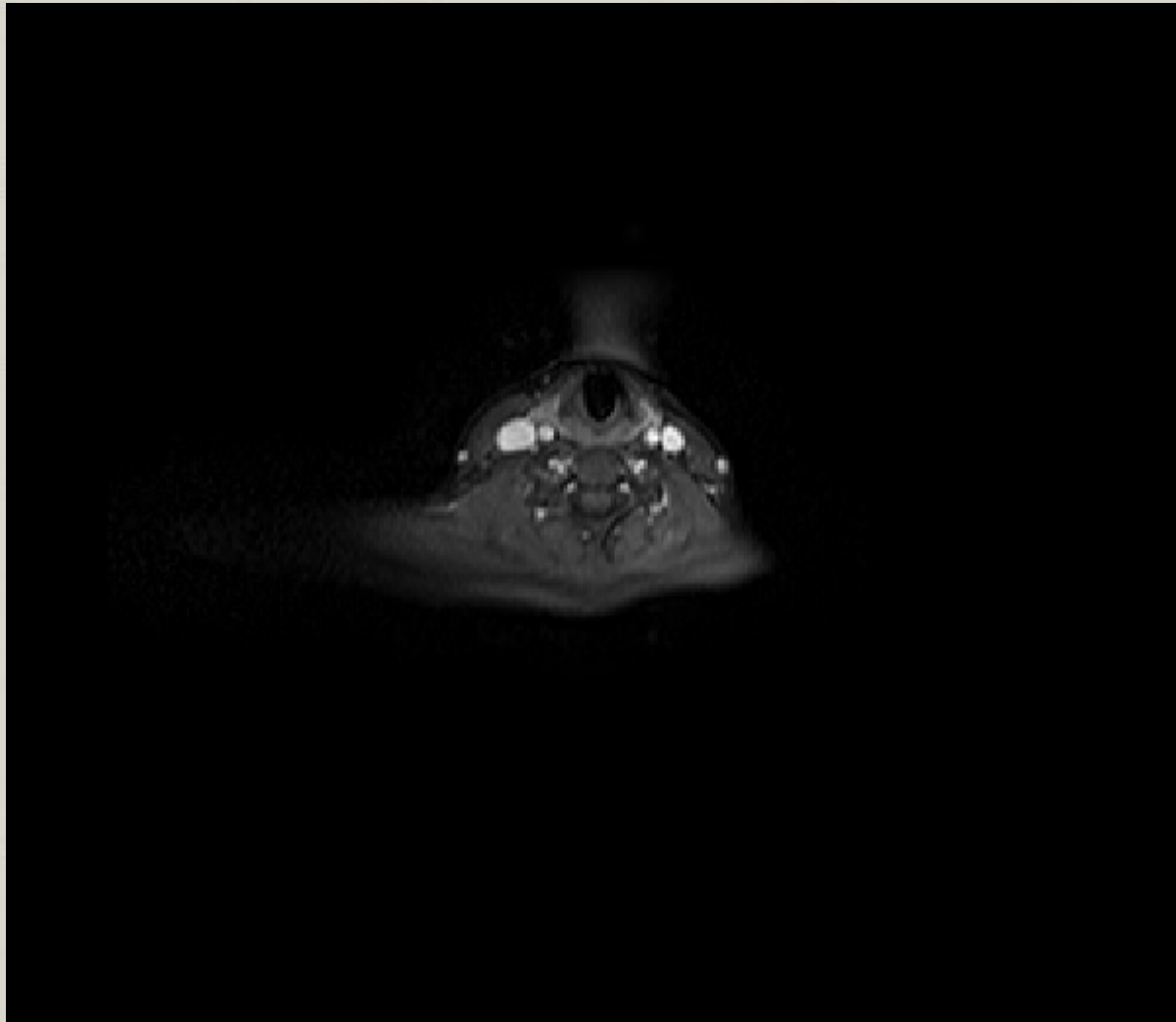


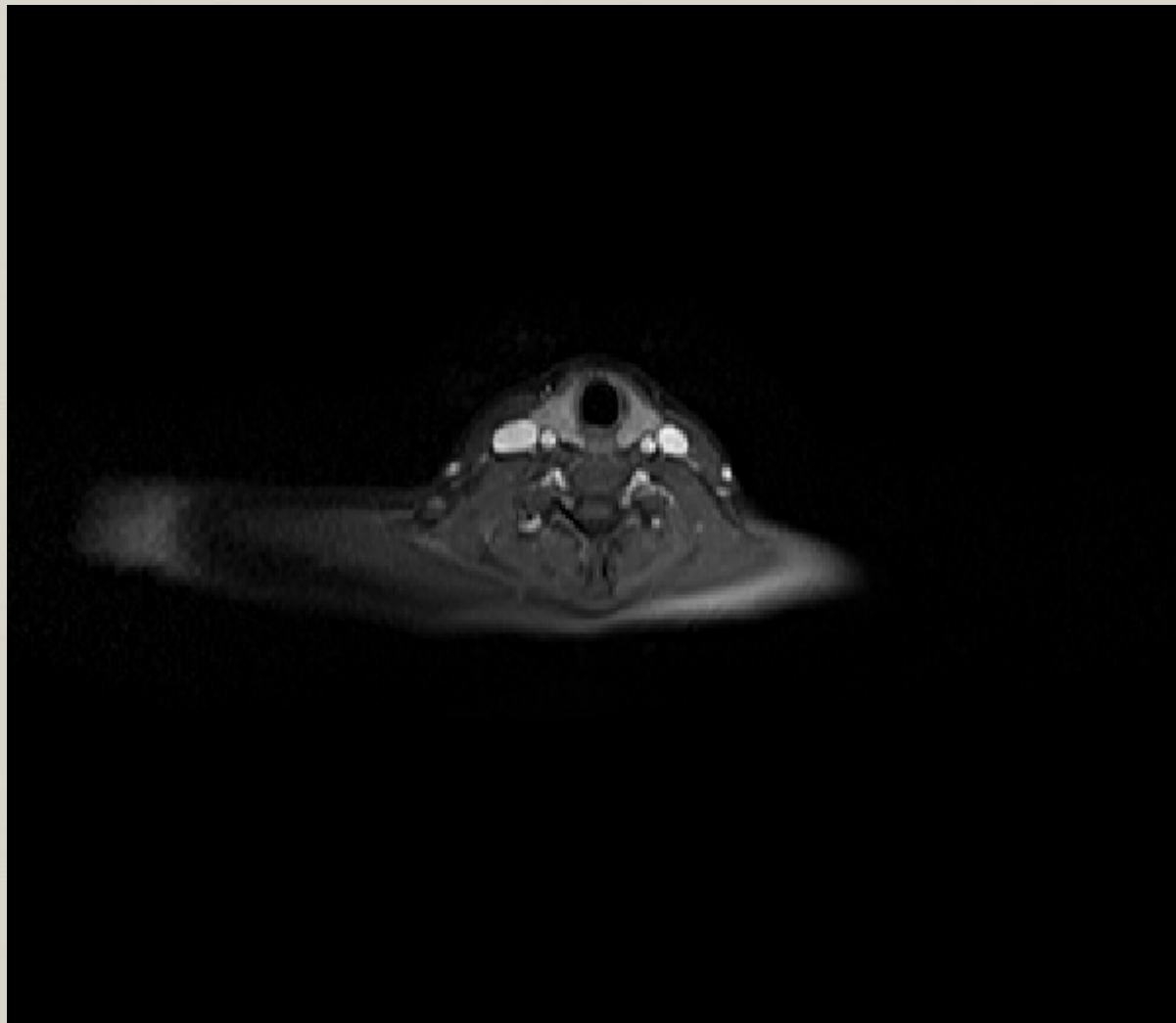
---

MRI done post treatment was normal  
PET requested but funders slow to respond  
Request to continue HP but no funds available  
Unfortunately patient was lost to follow-up for 3 months.

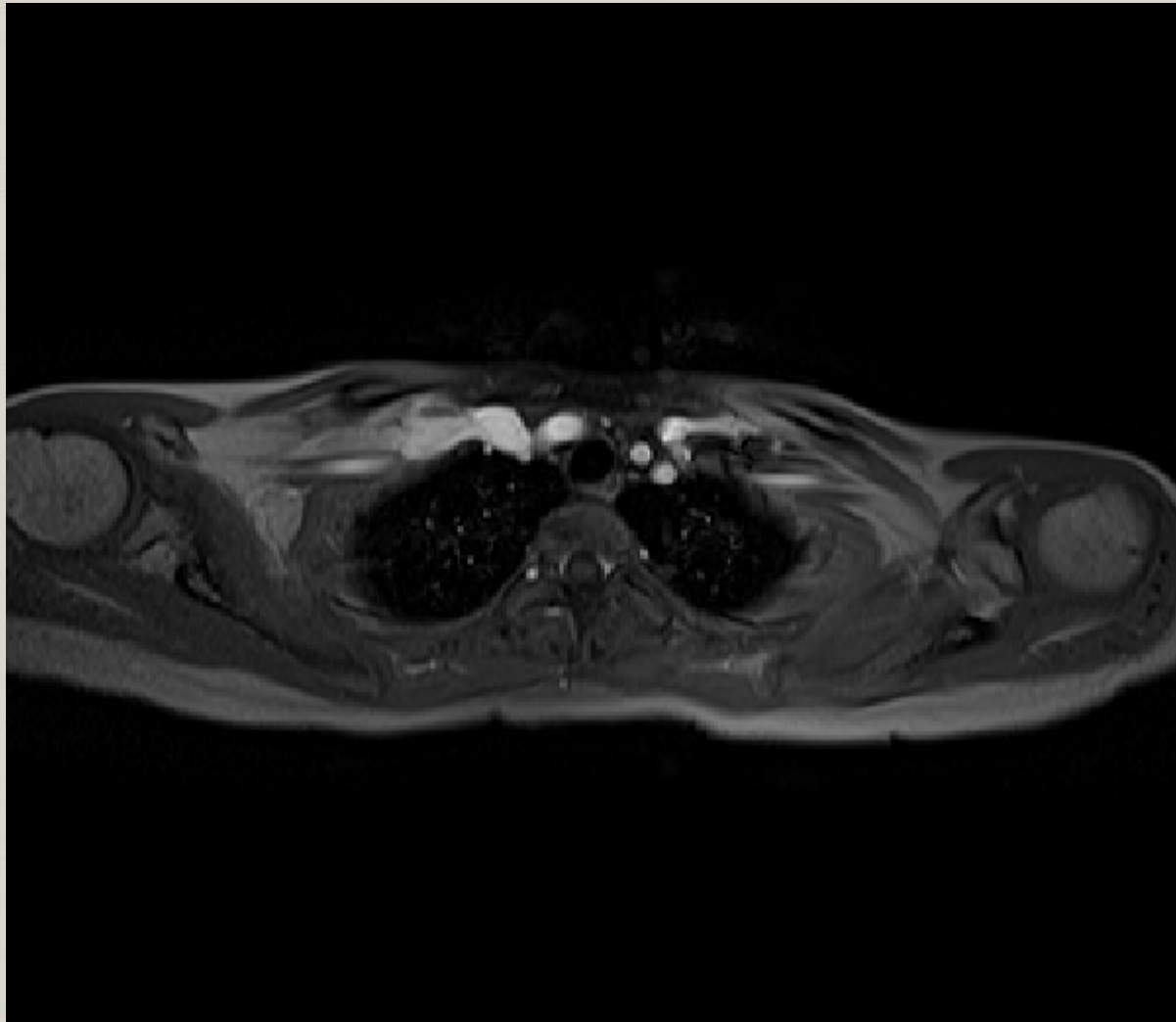


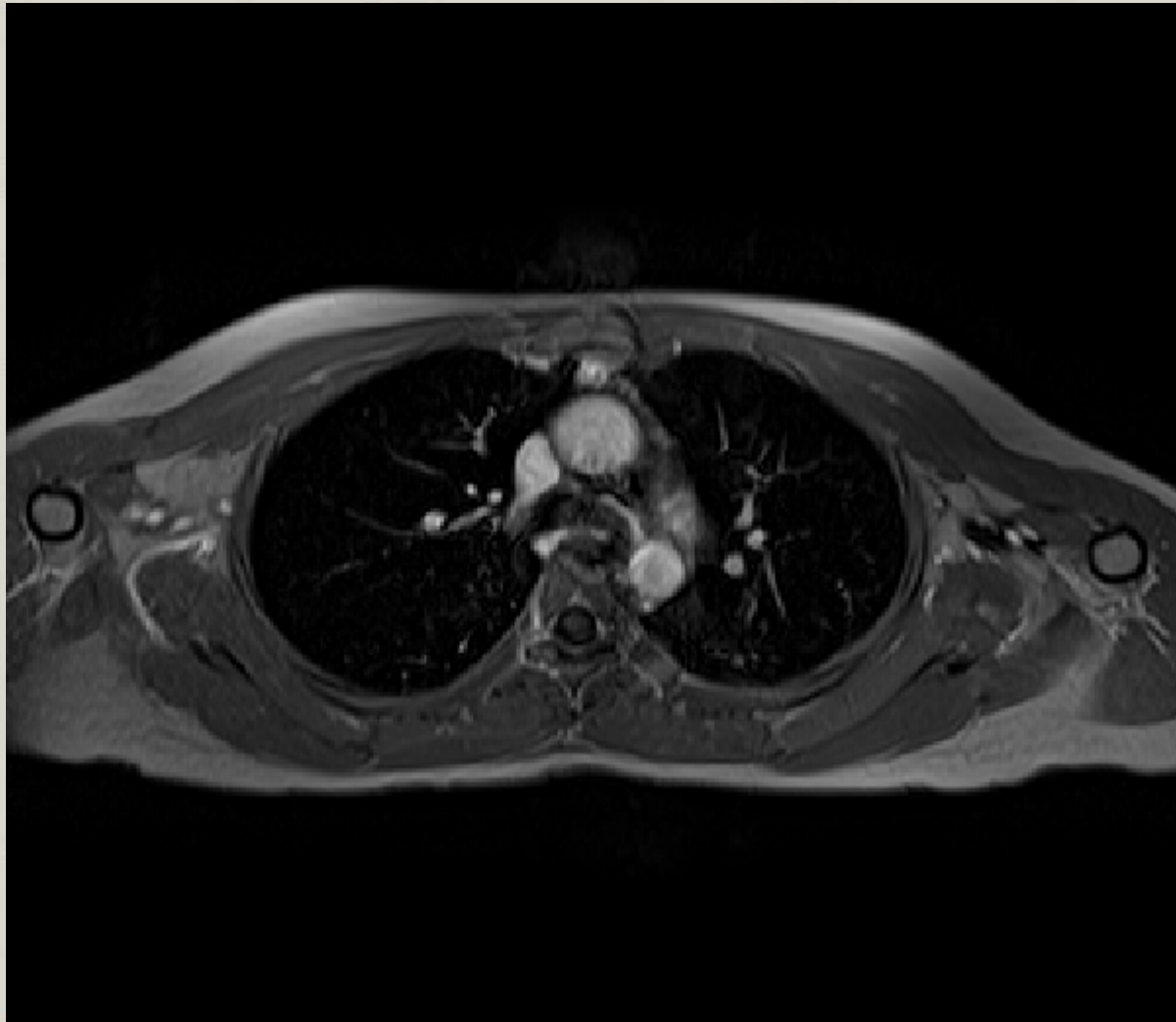


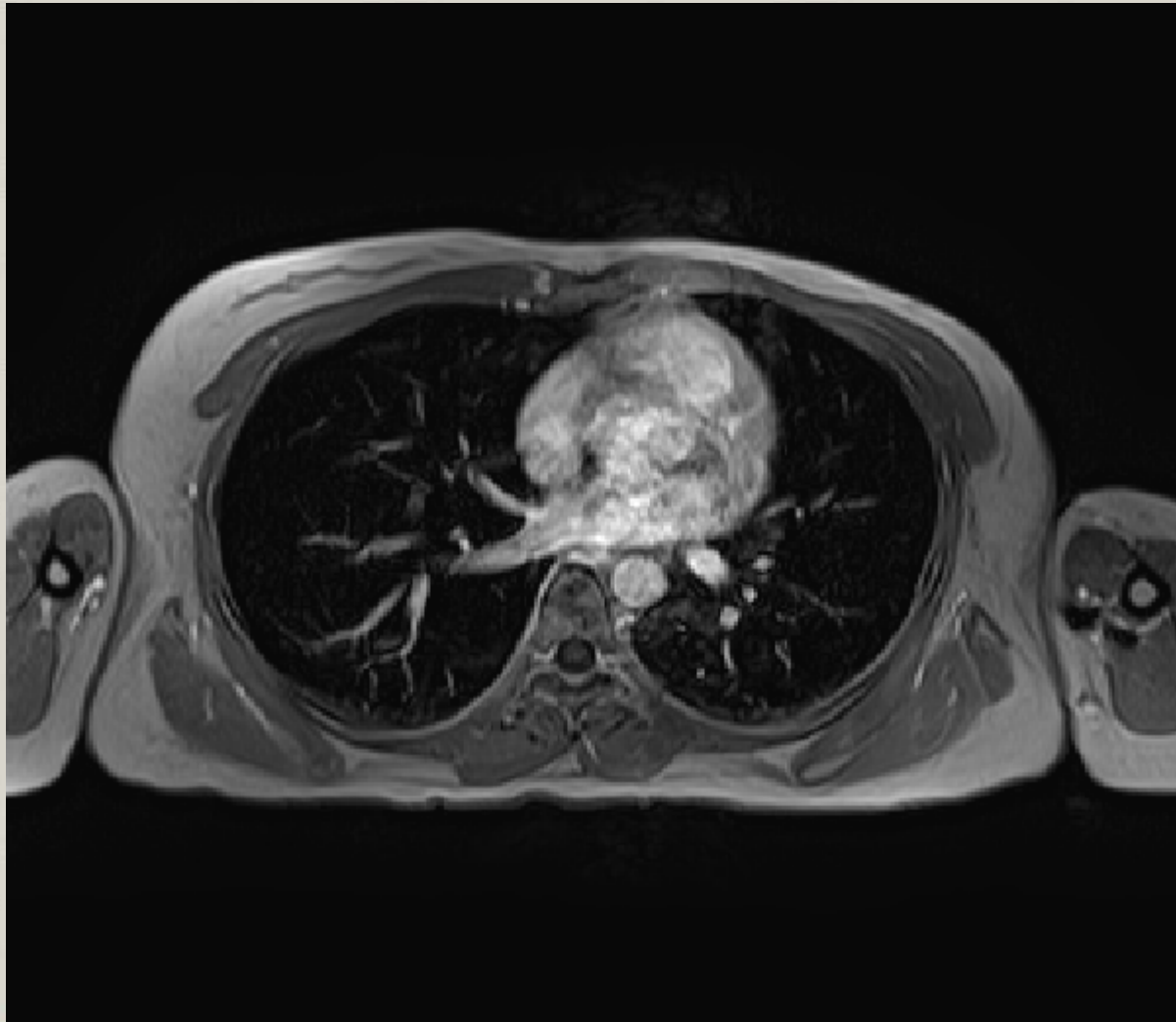














---

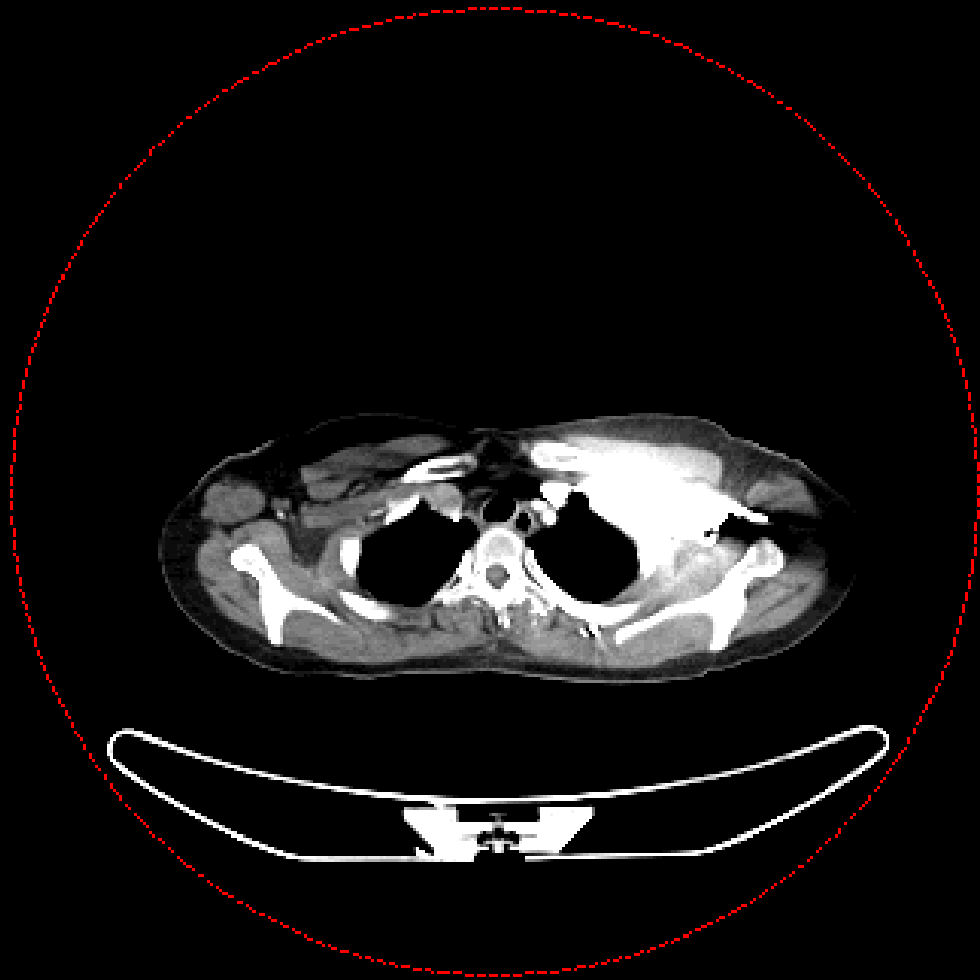
Patient seen again in August 2019 with PET scan done at Joburg General Hospital confirming the following:

- Ill-defined hyperdensity appearing to conforming to the sulcus in the frontal lobe( MRI suggested)
- Right supraclavicular nodes
- Multiple pre/para tracheal nodes
- Pre-vascular lymph nodes
- Aorto-pulmonary nodes
- Pre-carinal nodes
- Sub-carinal nodes
- Left hilar nodes
- Para-oesophageal nodes



A

R

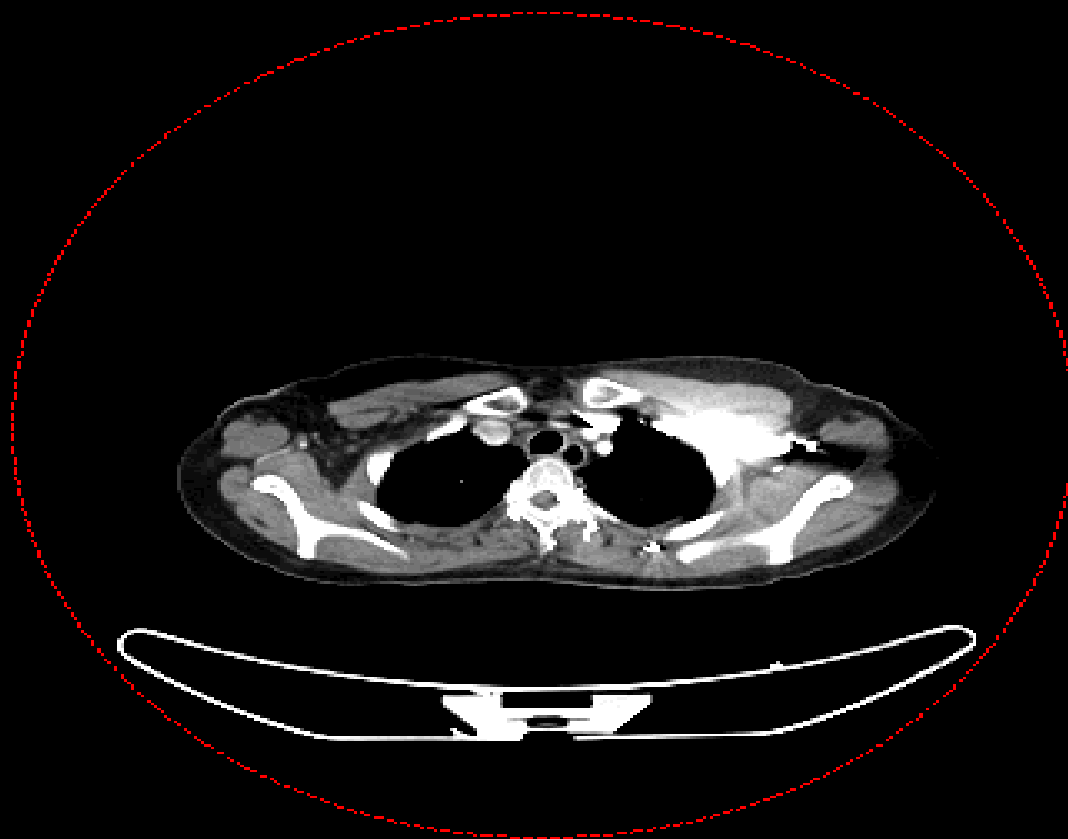


SL 5  
SP -197

W: 350  
C: 50

A

R

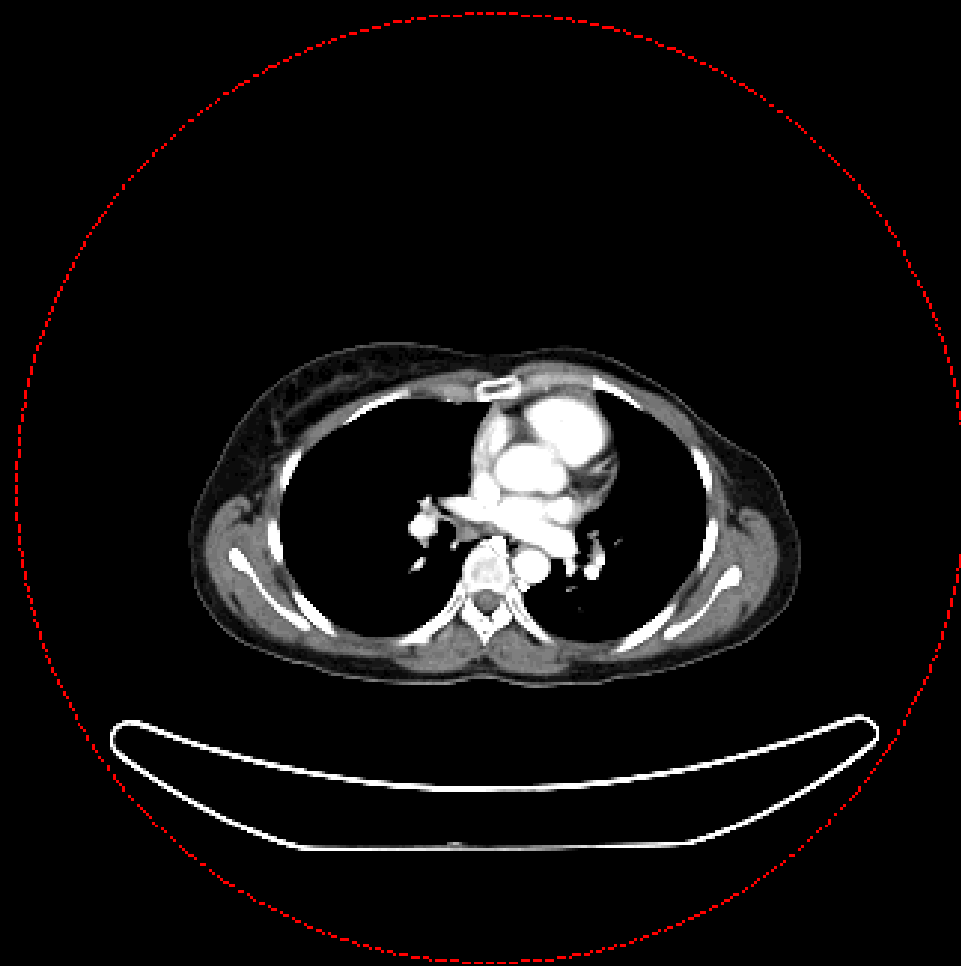


SL 5  
SP -203

W: 350  
C: 50

A

R

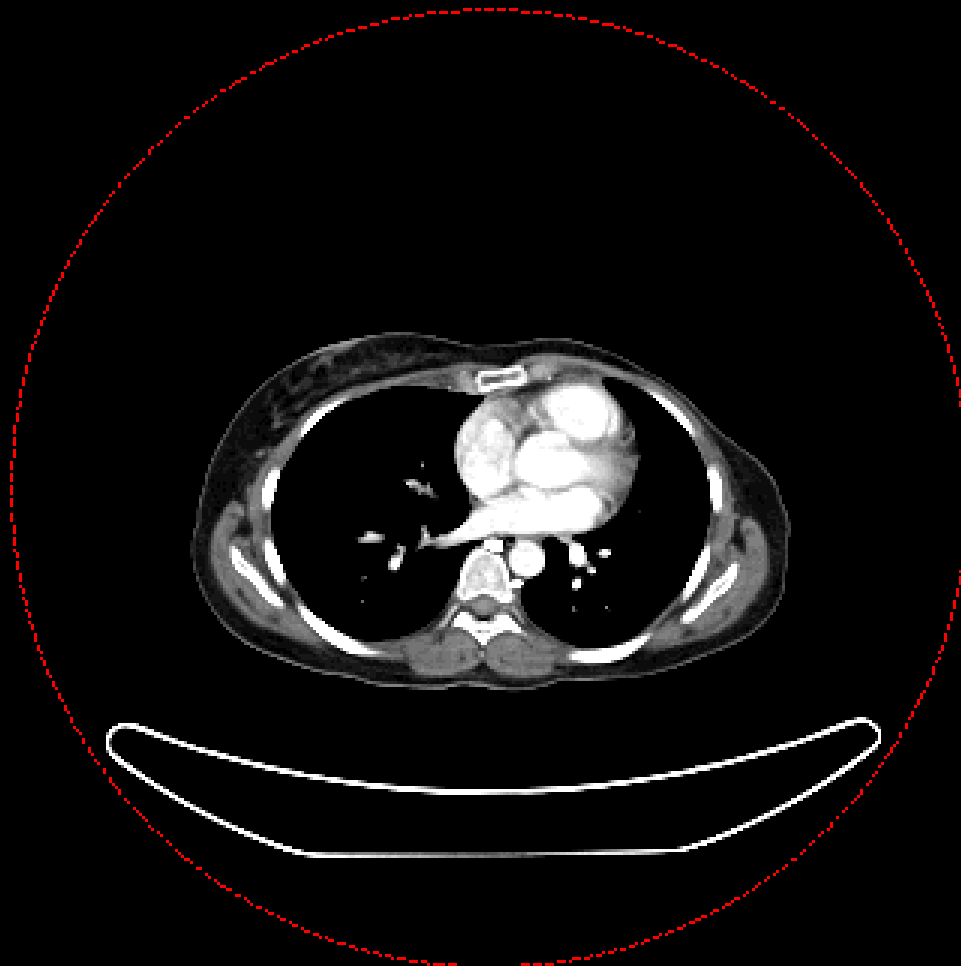


SL 5  
SP -275

W: 350  
C: 50

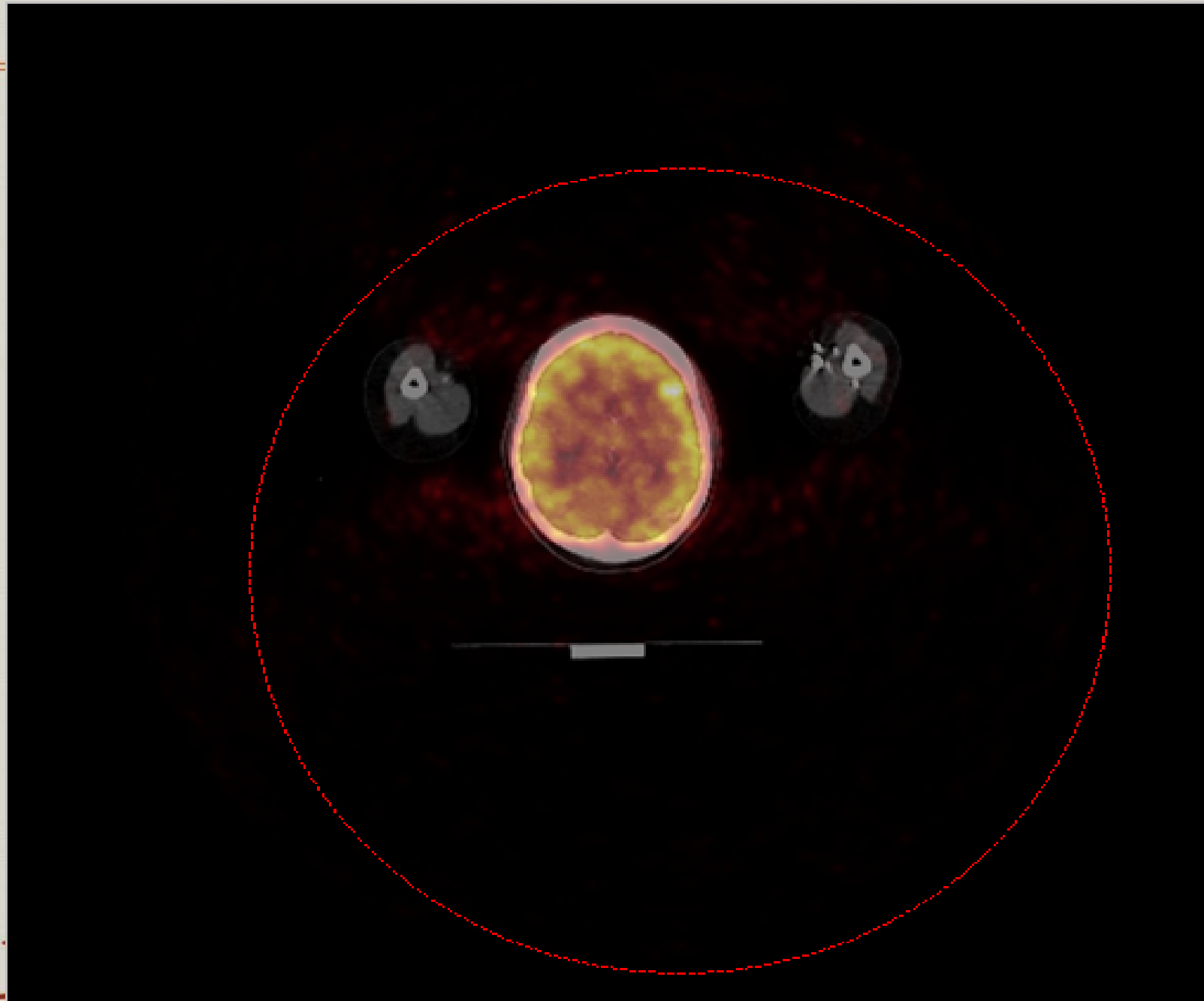
A

R



SL 5  
SP -293

W: 350  
C: 50





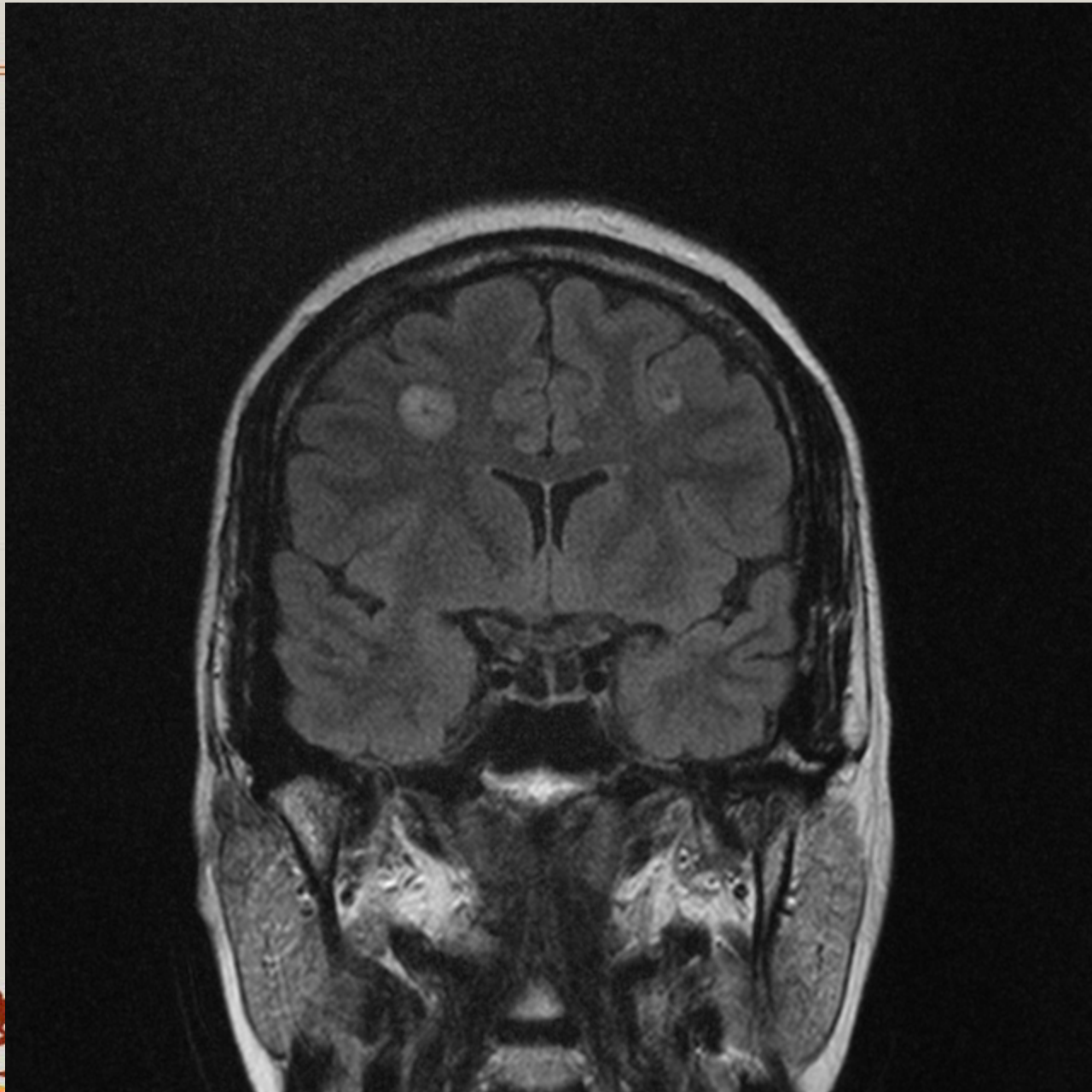
# Brain MRI results:

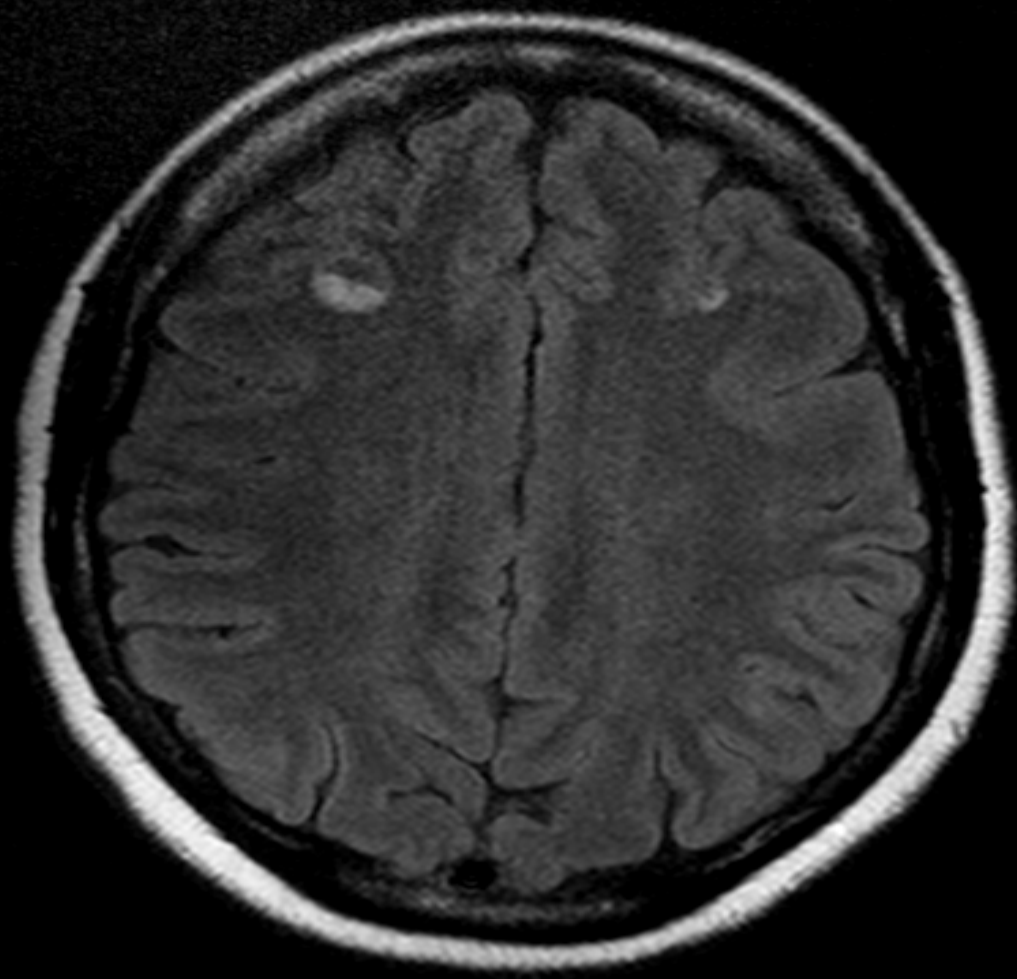
---

BRAIN MRI done confirmed the following:

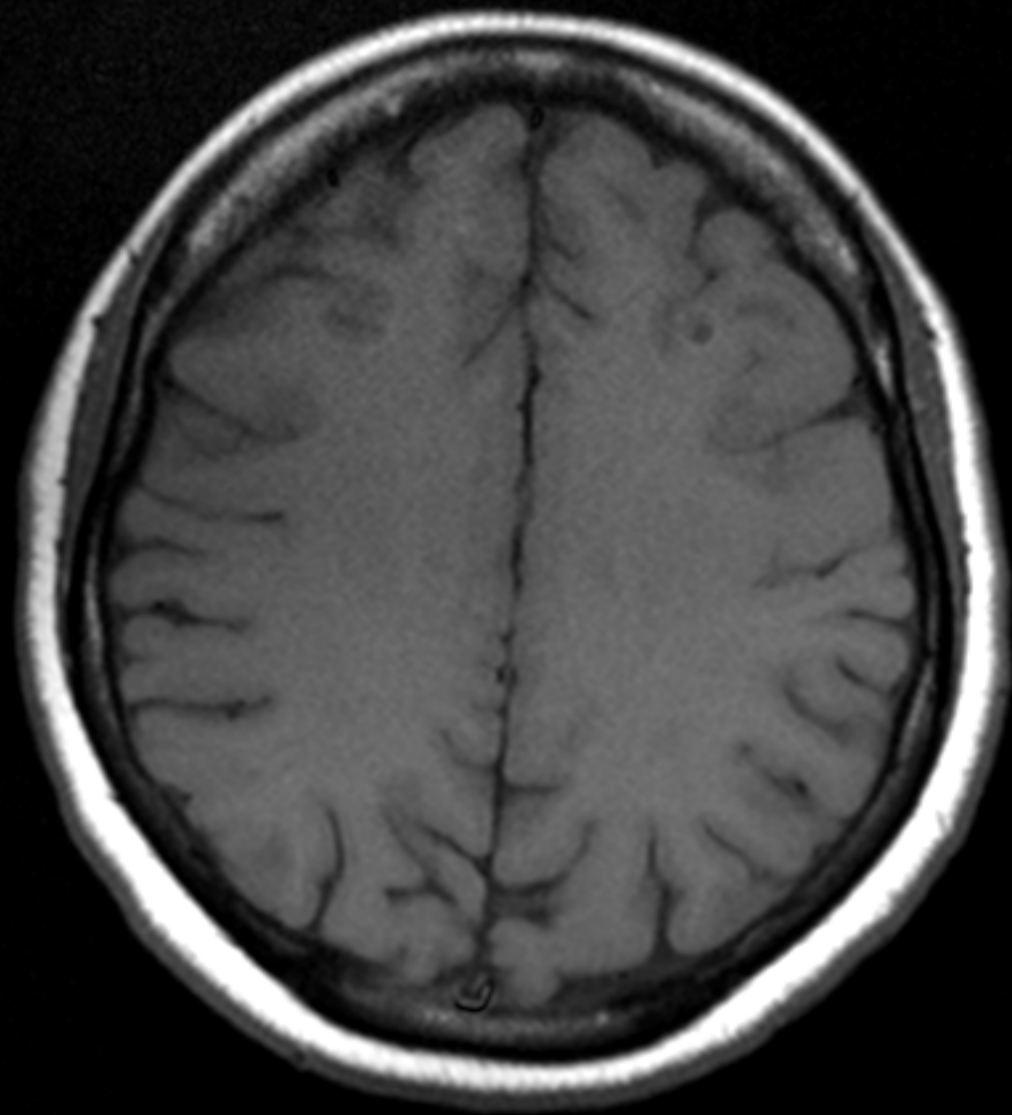
Bilateral frontal and left occipital nodular lesions with no restriction of diffusion and haemorrhage, presenting no significant perilesional oedema and showing ring and homogeneous enhancements











CA 15-3 done was 98.9

Commenced on capecitabine and lapatinib

Developed grade 3 toxicity hand and foot syndrome  
and Xeloda reduced to 1g bd from 1.5 g

Lapatinib has not been available only arriving next  
week

Meanwhile has had 3 cycles of Xeloda

Ca 153 57.1 on 26/09 and 28.4 on 28/10

Repeat MRI confirms remitting lesions



# December 2019

---

Patient presented for follow-up;

- Lapatinib arrived and was added to treatment plan.
- Two nodules found along mastectomy scar and immediately excised.



# Pathology results of nodule excision:

---

## MACROSCOPY

- The specimen consists of tissue which measures 33 x 19 x 7mm.

## MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION

- Microscopic examination shows mature fibrofatty tissue as seen with a fibrolipoma. No breast lobules or ducts are present.

## DIAGNOSIS : TISSUE FROM BREAST

- FIBROLIPOMA





# January 2020:

---

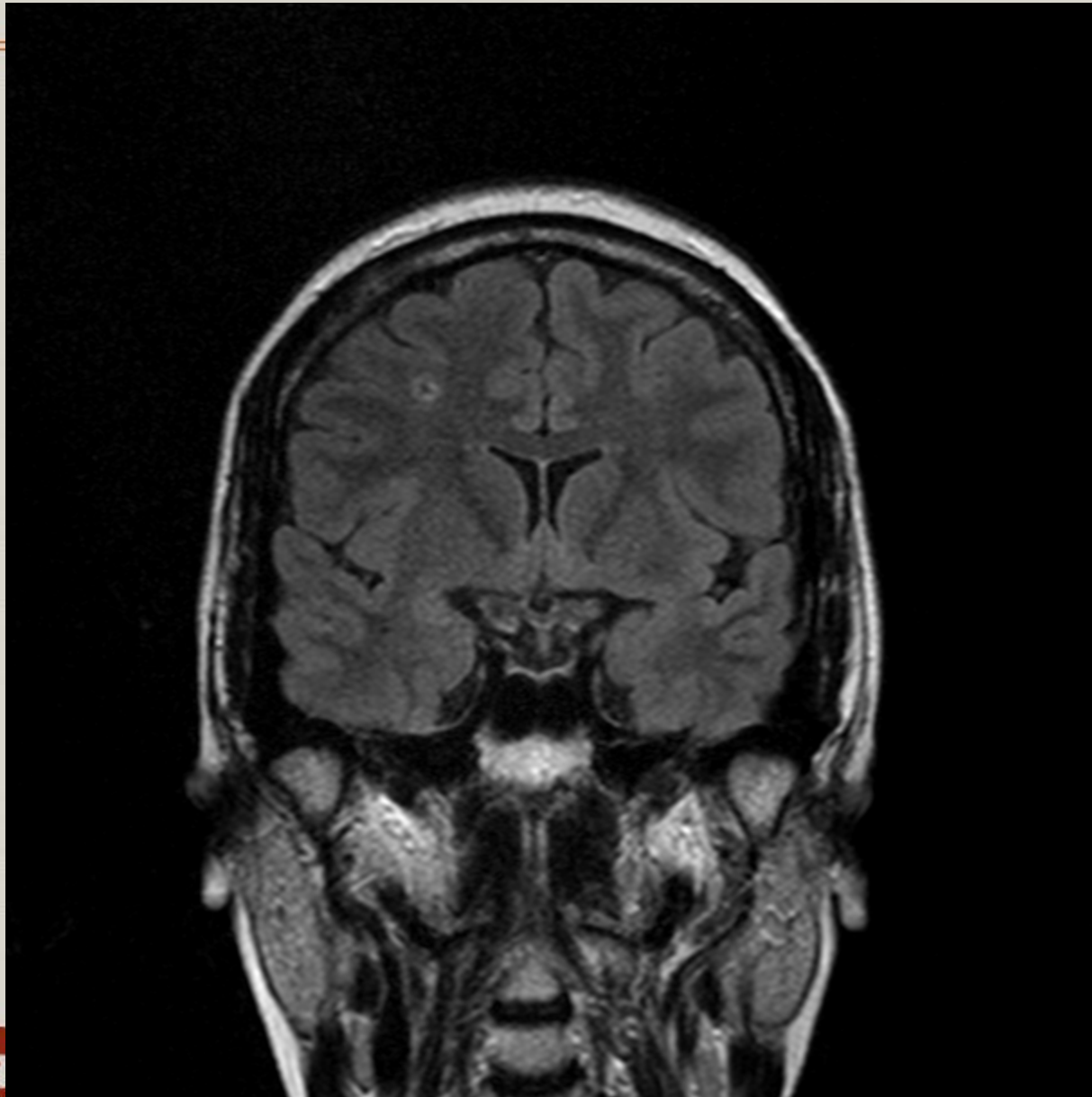
MRI brain, chest & abdomen

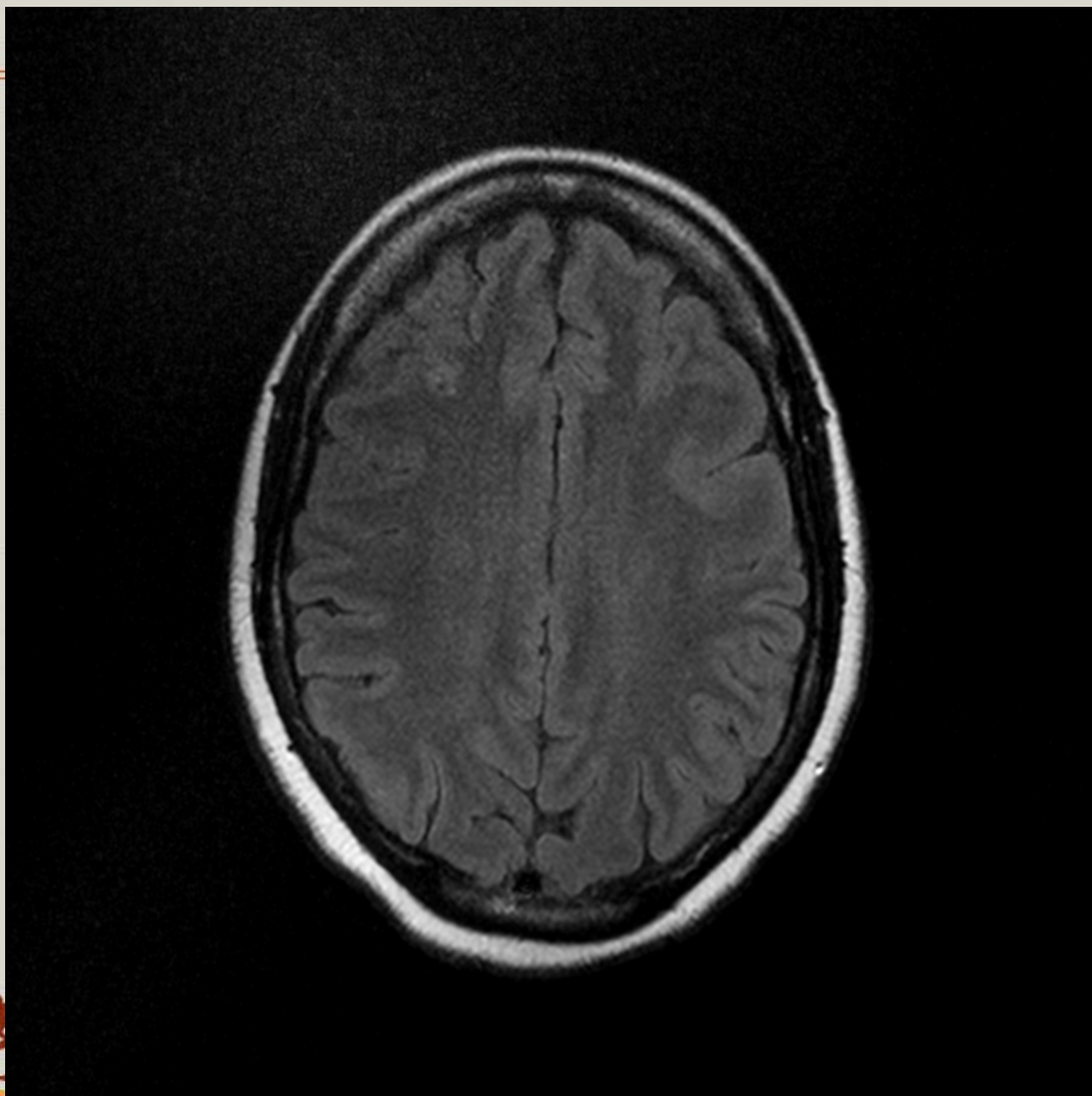
- Largest brain lesion: 0.6 cm  
(1.36 cm in August 2019; 0.8 in October 2019)
- Chest and abdomen are clear

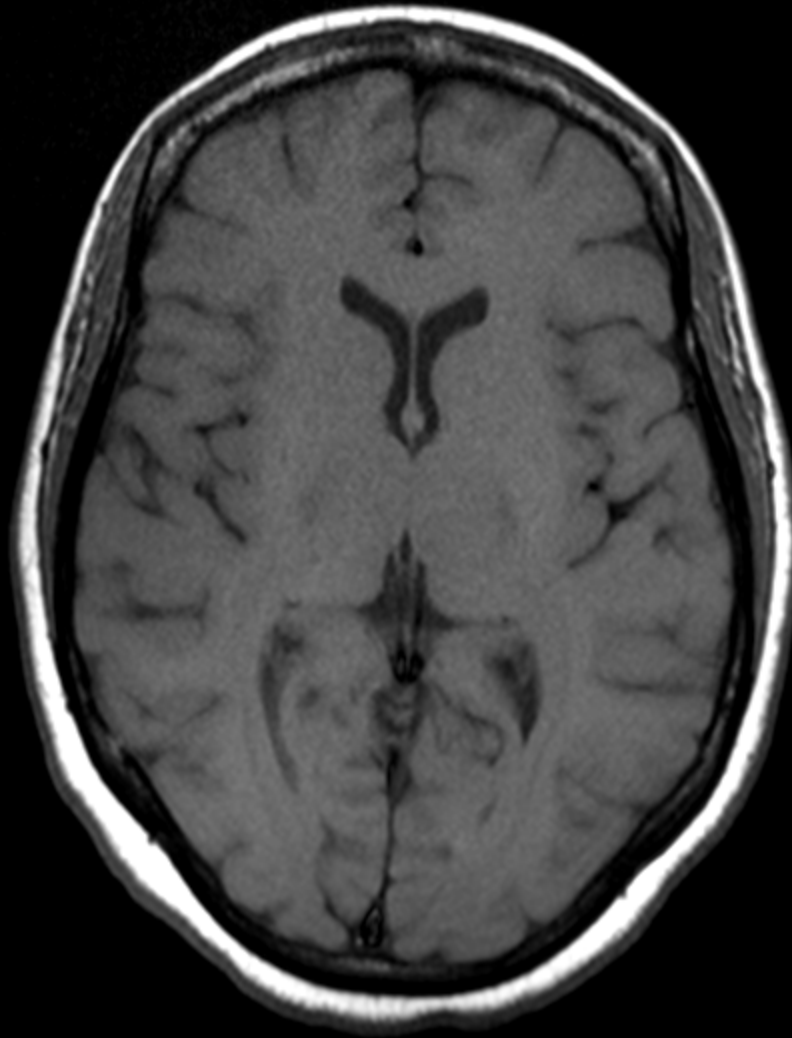
Latest CA 15-3:

- 13 as of January 2020











## Lessons learnt:

- The marginally raised CA 15-3 at the beginning: was it a warning sign?
- If PET was done and was positive at the beginning ?change in her management ?anthracyclines ?RT
- ? Role for RT now
- How about hormone therapy ?resistant
- Current treatment is it until disease progression or toxicity
- Should we still go ahead and include Tykerb if it arrives, given the response from monotherapy?
- Is whole brain RT indicated(patient asymptomatic from start)
- What next if she starts to progress ? Trastuzumab/Pertuzumab
  - ? TDM-1
  - ?OTHER CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS

