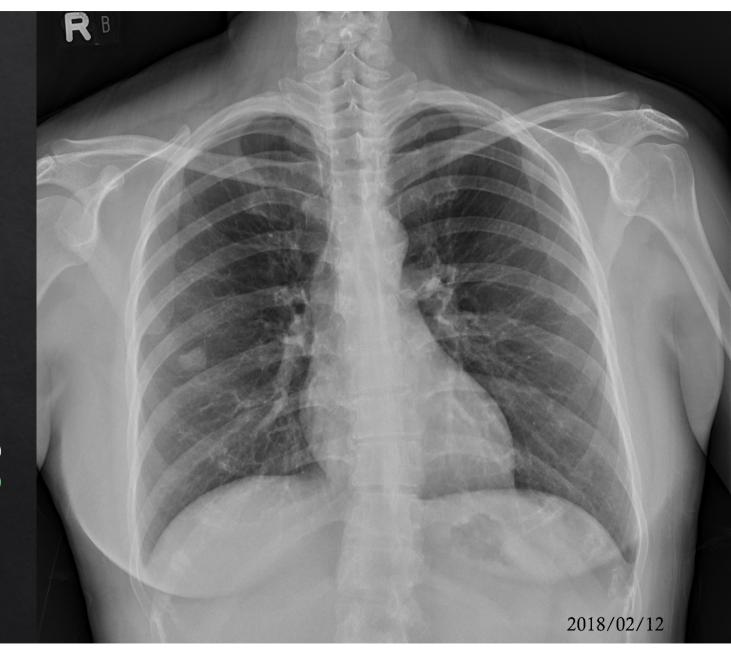
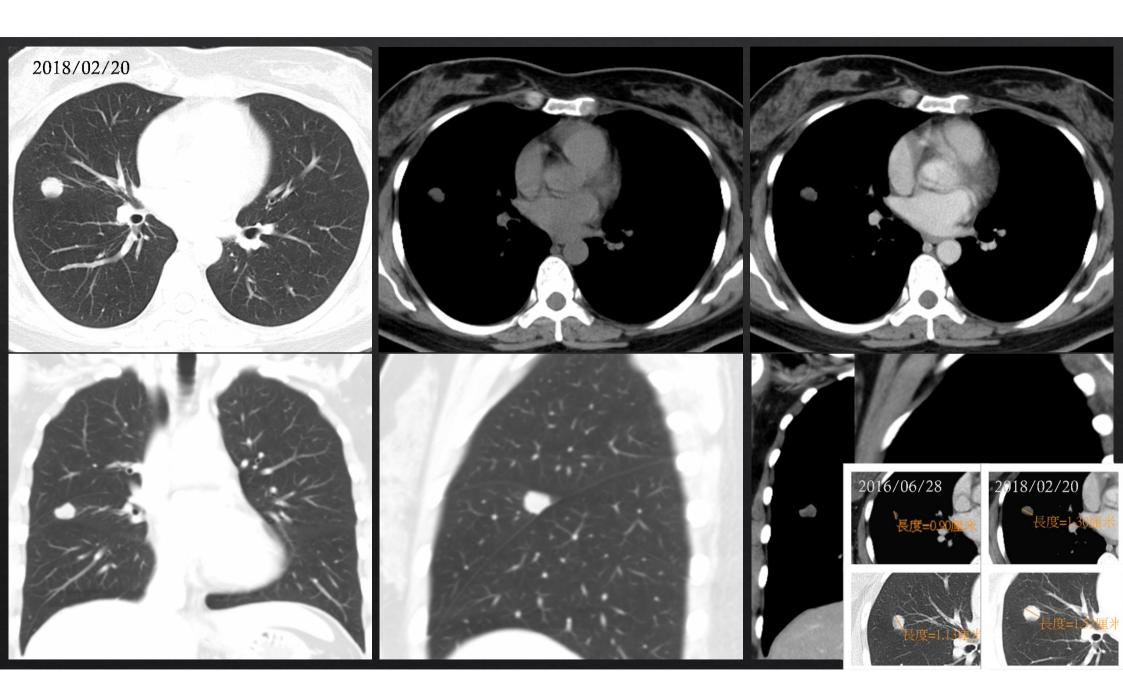
Case 2

- ♦ 43 y/o, female
- ♦ Cough (1 mo)
- ♦ Smoking (-)
- ♦ PHx: nil
- ♦ Lab:
 - ♦ CEA (-)
 - ♦ SCC (-)
- ♦ Image:
 - ♦ 2016/06/28 Chest CT (No C +C)
 - ♦ 2018/02/20 Chest CT (No C +C)





Pathology

Diagnosis:

Lung, middle lobe, right, VATS lobectomy, adenocarcinoma, acinar predominant & focal micropapillary (10%)

Pleura, middle lobe, right, VATS lobectomy, carcinoma involved

Bronchus, margin, VATS lobectomy, no carcinoma involvement

Lymph node, regional, N1 (No. 10, 11), lymphadenectomy, no metastasis (0/9)

Lymph node, regional, N2 (No.2, 4 and 7), lymphadenectomy, no metastasis (0/25)

- Pathologic Staging (pTNM): (AJCC/UICC TNM, 8th edition)
 - 1. Primary Tumor (pT): pT2: Invades visceral pleura (PL1 or PL2)
 - 2. Regional Lymph Nodes (pN): pN0: No regional lymph node metastasis
 - 3. Distant Metastasis (pM): not applicable

TNM Stage Groupings: pStage IB, pT2a N0 Mx

- ♦ Additional Pathologic Findings:
 - 1. Focal hemorrhage
 - 2. Focal emphysema and atelectasis
 - 3. The tumor over the pleural surface is proved by positive EMA and negative for calretinin immunostains and the elastic stain.

Solitary Pulmonary Nodule

- ♦ Size: 90% of nodules < 2 cm are benign
- Growth pattern
 - ♦ 2-year stability implies benignity, but indolent lung cancers occur, especially in screening studies
 - ♦ Doubling time < 7 days or > 465 days suggests benignity
- Morphology and border characteristics
 - Spiculation: Highly suggestive of malignancy, occasionally seen in inflammatory processes
 - ♦ Pleural tags in 60-80% of peripheral lung cancers
 - ♦ Lobulation (histologic heterogeneity) seen in 40% of malignant nodules
 - ♦ Spherical, more characteristic of benign lesions
- **♦** Attenuation
 - Solid: Most lung cancers, but less likely malignant than part-solid or non-solid SPNs

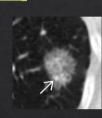
- ♦ Part-solid: 40-50% of part-solid SPNs < 1.5 cm are malignant; risk increases with size
- ♦ Non-solid: 34% are malignant; particularly if > 1.5 cm
- Air bronchograms more common in malignant SPNs
- ♦ Cavitation: Irregular walls > 16 mm thick suggest malignancy

♦ Density

- ♦ Calcification; benign vs. indeterminate
- ♦ Fat: Hamartomas, lipomas

Enhancement on dynamic CT

- ♦ Enhancement < 15 HU strongly indicative of benignity
- ♦ Enhancement > 15 HU sensitive but not specific for malignancy





SPN: Common Diagnosis

♦ Granuloma

- ♦ Solid, rounded SPN
- ♦ Stable size
- ♦ Satellite nodules
- ♦ Calcification
 - Laminar or concentric, most predictive of benignity
 - Complete or diffuse (pitfall, metastatic osteosarcoma)
 - Central, > 10% of SPN cross section (pitfall, calcified carcinoid tumor)
- More common with endemic fungal infections
- ♦ Histoplasmosis

♦ Lung Cancer

- Upper lobe predominant, typically RUL
 - Peripheral & basilar in patients with preexisting pulmonary fibrosis
- ♦ Increased risk of cancer in nodules > 1 cm
- Doubling times typically between 1 & 18 months
- Irregular, spiculated, or lobular borders

Intrapulmonary Lymph Node

- Solitary & sharply circumscribed
- Elongate morphology, fissural location
- ♦ Usually located below carina
- Typically located with 20 mm of pleural surface (mean 11 mm)
- ♦ May wax & wane over time

SPN: Less Common Diagnosis

♦ Hamartoma

- ♦ Fat (33%) or calcification (25%) in 50%
- ♦ Slow growth
- ♦ If multiple consider
 - Carney triad: Multiple chondromas, extra-adrenal paraganglioma, gastric leiomyosarcoma
 - * Cowden syndrome: Multiple hamartomas, thyroid carcinoma (men) & breast cancer (women), mucocutaneous lesions

♦ Carcinoid

- ♦ Relationship to airway
- Contrast enhancement, vascularity
- Multifocal or coarse calcification

⋄ Solitary Metastasis

♦ Typically from sarcomas, melanomas, testicular cancers

Infectious/Inflammatory Process

- Nonsolid SPN, air bronchograms
- May exhibit spiculation in emphysema