

Cystic lung diseases

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Introduction

- A diverse group of lung disorders
- Characterized by the presence of multiple regular / irregular spherical parenchymal lucencies bordered by a thin wall and having a well defined interface with normal lung
- Classified based on underlying pathophysiologic mechanisms - neoplastic, congenital, genetic, lymphoproliferative, infectious, inflammatory, smoking related...

Definitions of cystic changes



Cavity

A gas-filled space within consolidation, mass or nodule
Typically thick walled (>2mm), more irregularly shaped than cyst

Bulla

An airspace (size>1cm) with a rounded focal lucency, bounded by a thin wall (<1mm)

Bleb

Small (size<1cm) gas-containing space within the visceral pleura or in the subpleural lung

Pneumatocele

A thin-walled, gas-filled space in the lung, caused by infection, trauma, aspiration of hydrocarbon fluid

Mechanisms of cyst formation

■ Proposed mechanisms

1) check-valve obstruction with distal over-inflation

: follicular bronchiolitis(FB), metastatic neoplasm, pneumatocele,
LAM, PLCH

2) ischemia

: terminal bronchiole에 공급되는 small vv.의 obstruction에 의해
small airway의 necrosis, ischemic dilatation 야기

3) remodeling induced by MMPs, matrix-degradation enzymes

: LAM, PLCH, LCDD

Radiological evaluation

- **Distribution** : diffuse/random (LAM, LIP, FB, Amyloidosis),
upper/middle zone(PLCH),
basilar/peripheral/subpleural (BHD)
- **Size**
- **Shape** : round, bizarre, lentiform
- **Wall thickness**
- **Presence of internal structures** : FB, LIP, BHD
- **Rate of development, progression**
- **Pleural effusion, nodule, GGA 동반 여부**

Pathological evaluation

- True cysts have an epithelial cell lining
- Distribution : intraparenchymal/ basilar(BHD)
apical/centrilobular (Emphysema)
- Abnormal cellular proliferation
: LAM, PLCH, neoplasm
- Chronic inflammatory infiltration/fibrosis
: CHP, CTD-ILD
- Abnormal protein deposit in amyloidosis, LCDD
HMB-45(+) in LAM, CD1a(+) in PLCH

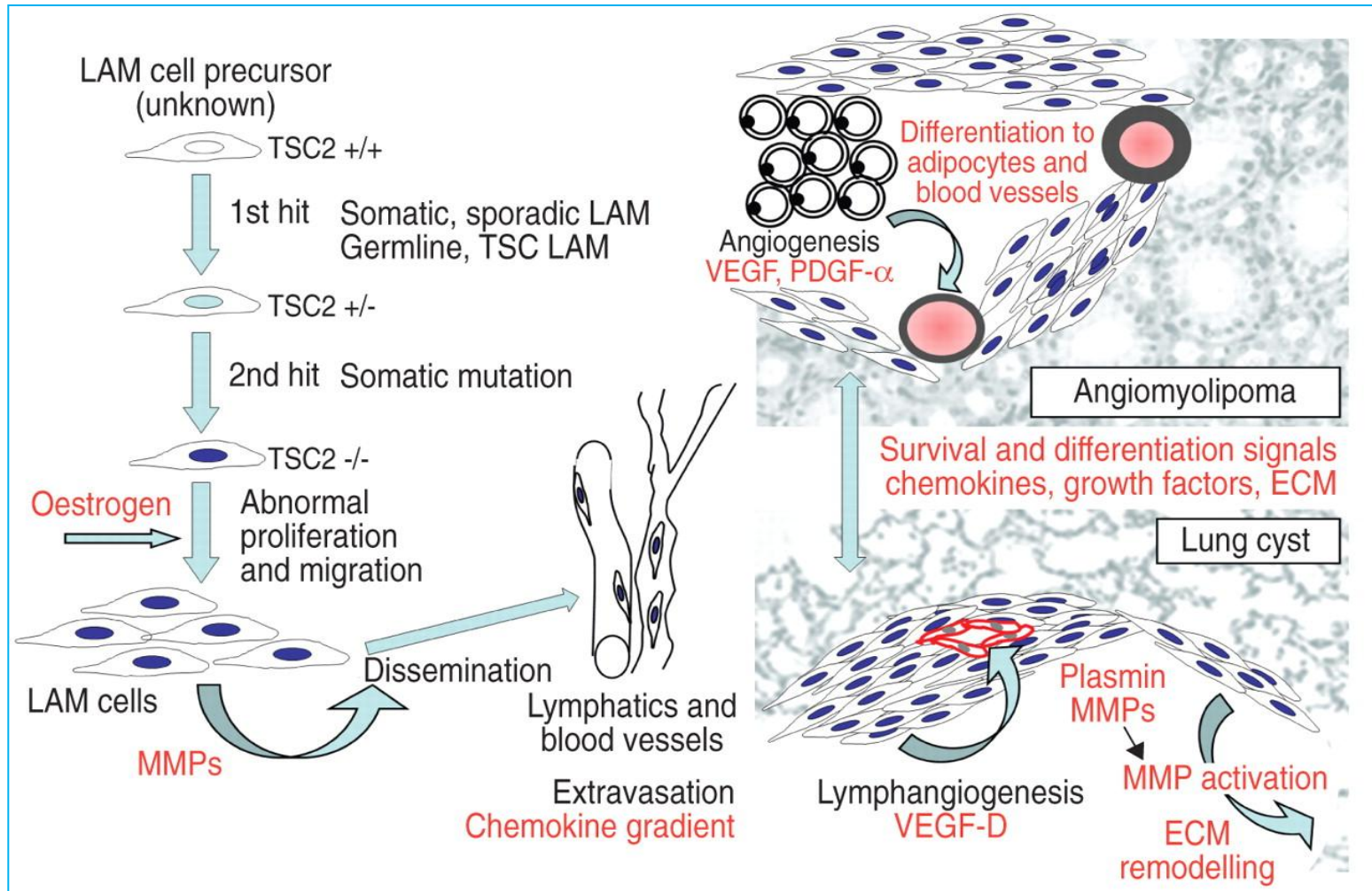
Classification

- Neoplastic : LAM, PLCH
- Genetic : BHD (Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome)
- Lymphoproliferative : LIP, FB, Amyloidosis
- Infectious : PCP, Staphylococcus, fungal, paragonimiasis
- ILD : HP, DIP, RB-ILD
- Other

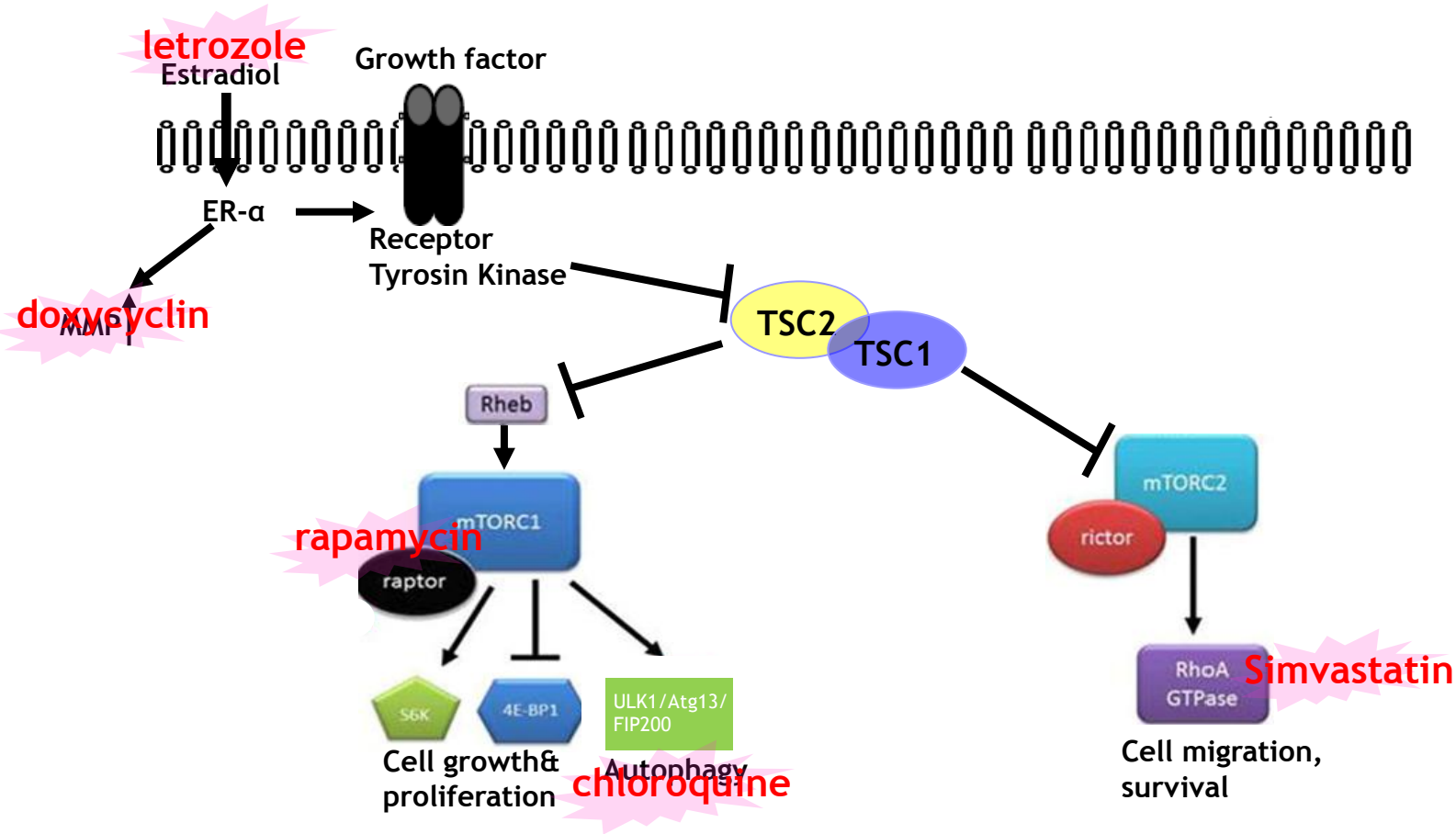
LAM(Lymphagiomyomatosis)-1

- Rare disease of the lungs and lymphatics
- Almost exclusively in females
childbearing age(\approx 35yrs), usually before menopause
- Sporadic vs. autosomal dominant (Tuberous sclerosis complex, TSC)
→ both associated with mutations in TS genes
- Abnormal growth of atypical smooth m.-like LAM cells
in lungs & axial lymphatics
- Recurrent PNx, chylous effusion, respiratory failure
angiomyolipoma

LAM (Lymphagiomyomatosis)-2



LAM (Lymphangiomyomatosis)-3



LAM(Lymphagioleimyomatosis)-4

Definite LAM

1) characteristic or compatible lung HRCT

and

lung biopsy fitting the pathological criteria for LAM

or

2) characteristic lung HRCT plus any of the following:

angiomyolipoma (kd) #

thoracic or abdominal chylous effusion†

lymphangioleiomyoma or LN involved by LAM‡

TSC

Probable LAM

1) characteristic HRCT and compatible clinical history^f

or

2) compatible lung HRCT plus any of the following:

angiomyolipoma(kd) #

thoracic or abdominal chylous effusion†

Possible LAM

characteristic or compatible lung HRCT

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: diagnosed by characteristic CT features and/or pathologic examination

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: based on visual and/or biochemical characteristics of the effusion

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: confirmed by tissue biopsy

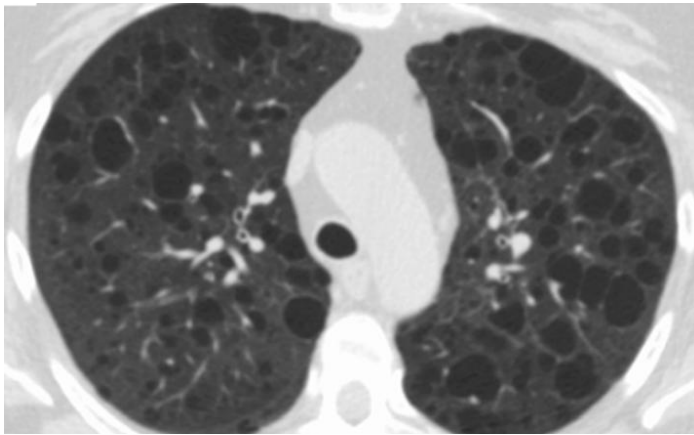
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: PNX(especially multiple/bilateral) and/or altered lung function test

This criteria is only for females.

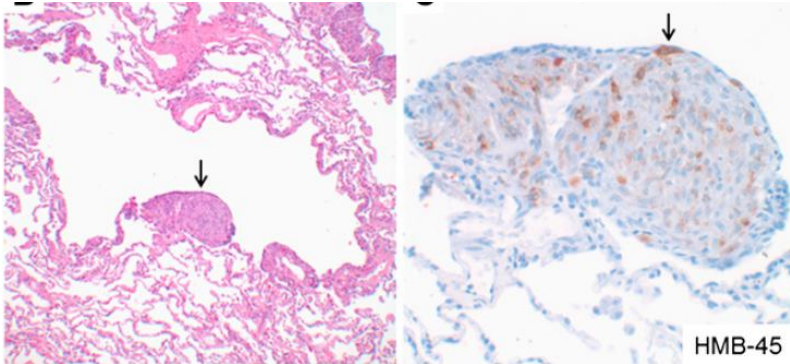
→ 남자의 경우에는 characteristic or compatible HRCT & typical pathological features on lung Bx 가 필요

LAM (Lymphagiomyomatosis)-5



- Cysts on CT

+TSC, angiomyolipoma, LAPs,
chylothorax,
serum VEGF-D > 800 pg/ml,
or Bx



LAM(Lymphagiomyomatosis)-6

■ Mx

- 1) Angiomyolipomas > 4cm : embolization or mTOR Inhibitor
- 2) Airflow obstruction : bronchodilator
- 3) PNx : pleurodesis
- 4) Lung transplantation
- 5) Sirolimus : FEV₁ < 70%에서 placebo에 비해 stable lung function, improved QoL, improved functional performance
chylous effusion, lymphangiomyoma에서도 effect(+)
-- Optimal dose? Duration? S/E?

LAM(Lymphagiomyomatosis)-7

Prognostic clinical characteristic in LAM

Worse Px

Dyspnea as presenting feature

Wt loss

Supplemental O₂ therapy

Reversible airflow obstruction

High VEGF-D

Better Px

Pneumothorax as presenting feature

Older age at diagnosis

Higher FEV₁, DL_{CO} at diagnosis

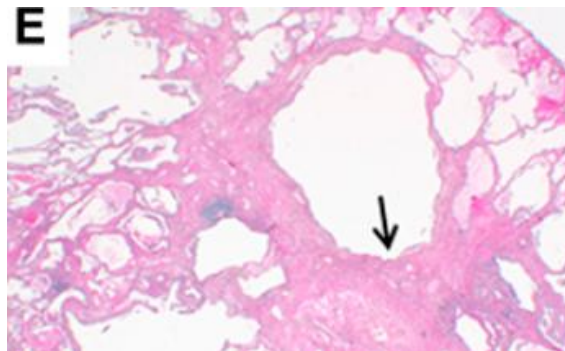
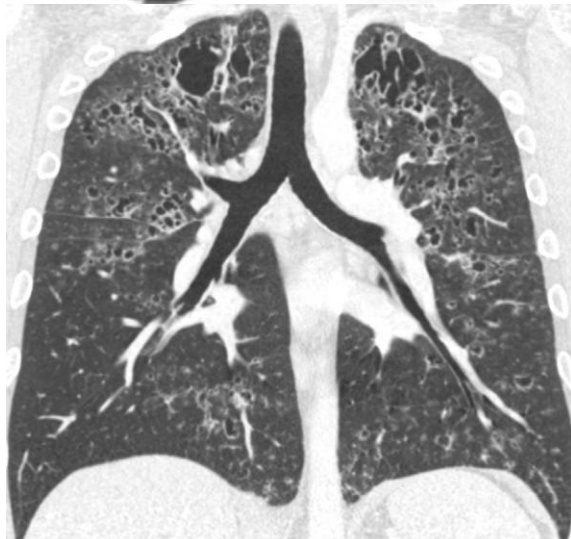
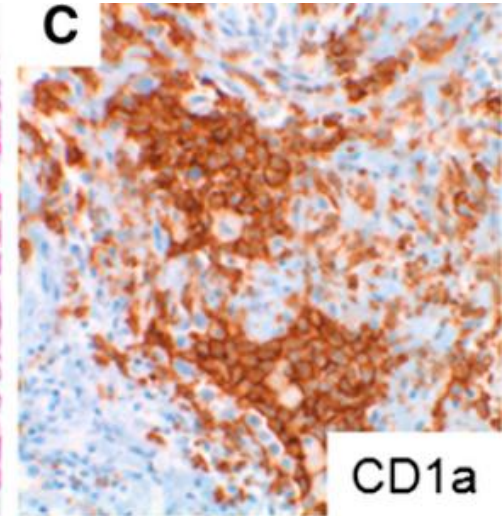
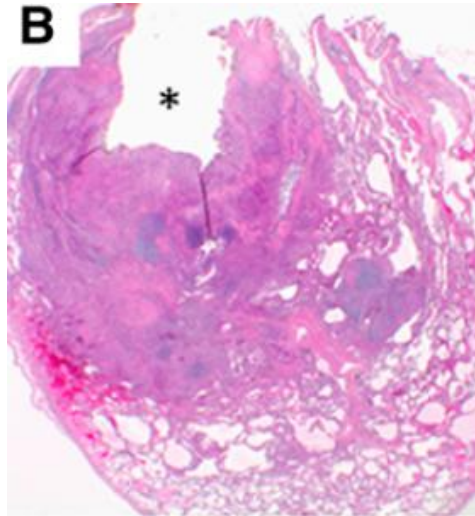
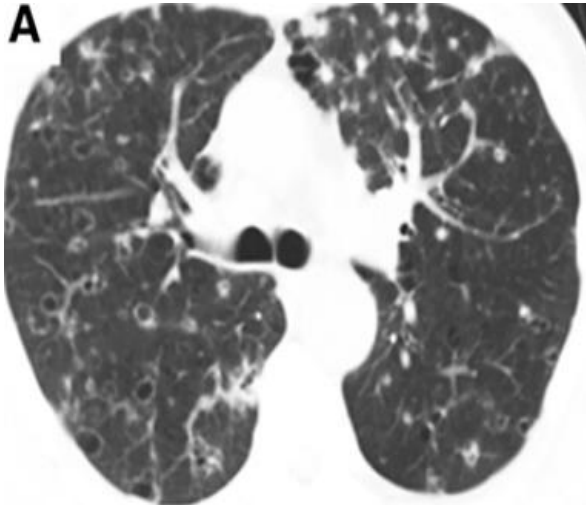
PLCH (Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis)-1

- Young adult smokers (F=M)
- aSx~ shortness of breath, cough, wt loss, fever, PNx(15%), skin rash, DI
- Langerhans cell: epithelial-associated dendritic cell
- Pathogenesis
 - : cigarette smoking
 - cytokines(GM-CSF, TGF- β , TNF- α), osteopontin release
 - Langerhans cell accumulation/activation
 - formation of nodules, airway remodeling, cystic change

or

clonal proliferative process: BRAF/ARAF/MAP2K1

PLCH (Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis)-2



PLCH (Pulmonary Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis)-3

- PFT: normal / restrictive → obstructive
 - PFT q 3-6months
- Tx
 - 1) smoking cessation
 - 2) pharmacotherapy: impaired lung function 시 고려
 - steroid ± vinblastine
 - cladribine
 - azathioprine, MTX
 - BRAF inhibitor
 - 3) Cx: vasodilator for pul HTN, pleurodesis for PNx,
lung transplantation

BHD (Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome)-1

- Rare, autosomal-dominant
- Hair follicle tumor, renal neoplasm, pulmonary cysts
- 30-40대, PNX (75% recur)
- Pathogenesis
 - : FLCN(folliculin) gene mutation
 - 1) mTOR signaling 이상 야기
 - 2) tumor suppression 장애 (TGF- β /DENN protein)

BHD (Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome)-2



BHD (Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome)-3

Proposed diagnostic criteria

Definite pulmonary BHD

1. Characteristic or compatible lung HR CT & skin Bx (fibrofolliculoma / trichodiscoma)
2. Characteristic or compatible lung HR CT & confirmed FHx of BHD (1st/2nd degree family)
3. Characteristic or compatible lung HR CT & renal Bx (chromophobe adenoma / oncocytoma)
4. Characteristic or compatible lung HR CT & genetic testing (+)

Probable pulmonary BHD

1. Characteristic HR CT, exclusion of TSC and LAM, & personal /FHx of PNX
2. Compatible HR CT, exclusion of TSC and LAM, and any of the following
 - a. personal of FHx of renal tumors
 - b. skin angiofibroma
 - c. renal angiomyolipoma

Possible pulmonary BHD

Characteristic lung HR CT findings

: multiple thin-walled round, elliptical or lentiform well-defined air-filled cysts, without internal structure, in a basilar, medial and subpleural predominant distribution, with preserved or increased lung volume, and no other significant pulmonary involvement (no ILD)

Compatible HR CT findings

: Thin walled cysts without the more typical elliptical shape or subpleural distribution

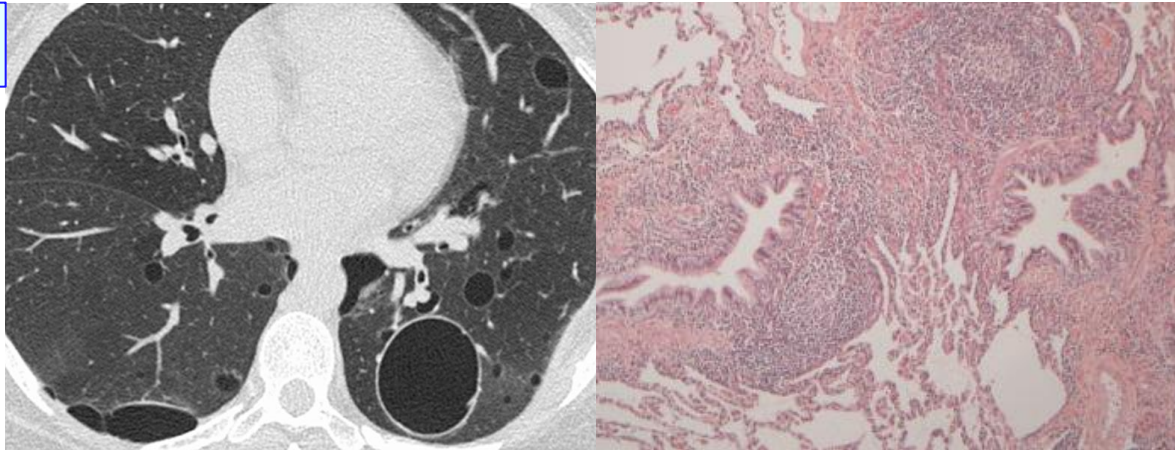
BHD (Birt-Hogg-Dube syndrome)-4

- Rate of progression?
- PFT: preserved PFT/mild reduction of DL_{CO}
- Pleurodesis for PNx (75% recur)
- Renal tumor: begin screening at 20 yrs. q 3 yr
→ size > 3cm \wedge | nephron-sparing resection

LIP/FP (Lymphocytic IP/Follicular Bronchiolitis)-1

- LIP : diffuse involvement of parenchyma by reactive lymphoid tissue
- FB : lymphoid follicular hyperplasia centered on airway, vv, interboluar septa (lymphatic distribution)
→ idiopathic vs 2ndary (Sjogren syndrome(SS), RA, SLE, HIV..)

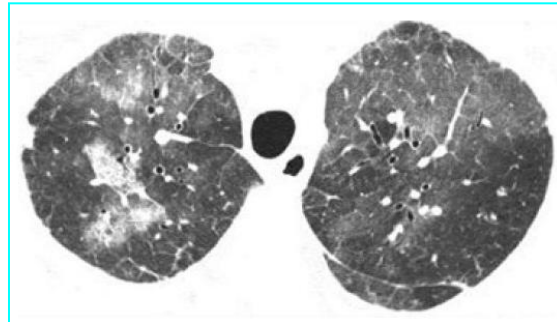
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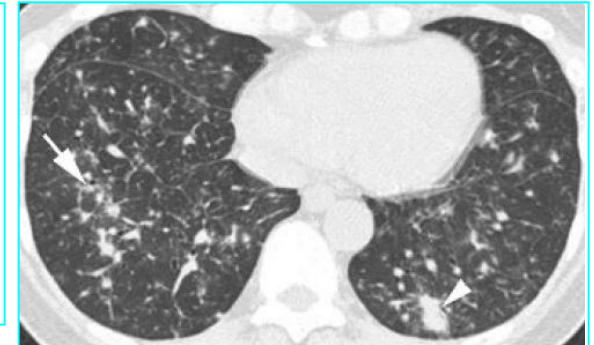
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Centrilobular GGO nodules

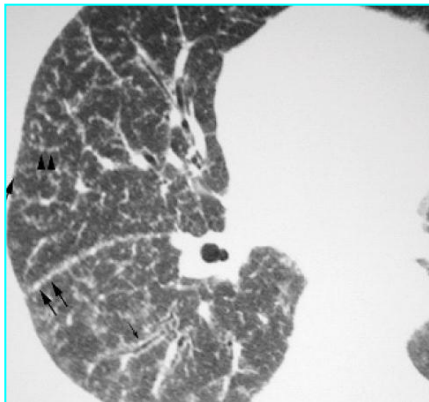


Multifocal GGO& consolidation



Peribronchovascular nodules, mild interlobular septal thickening, peribronchiolar consolidation

LIP



Costal/ fissural pleural nodules

Lymphatic distribution along peribronchovascular, interstitial septum.

Cyst- size from 1- 30 mm

(아마도 d/t bronchial obstruction & air trapping)



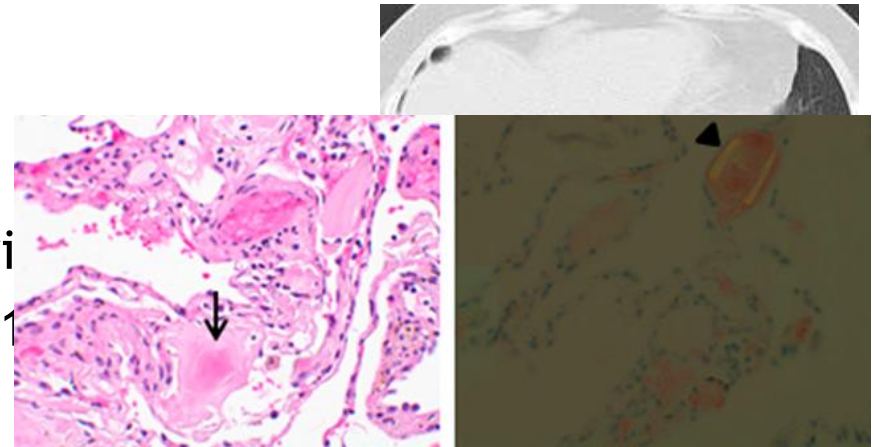
Several thin-walled cyst

LIP/FP (Lymphocytic IP/Follicular Bronchiolitis)-3

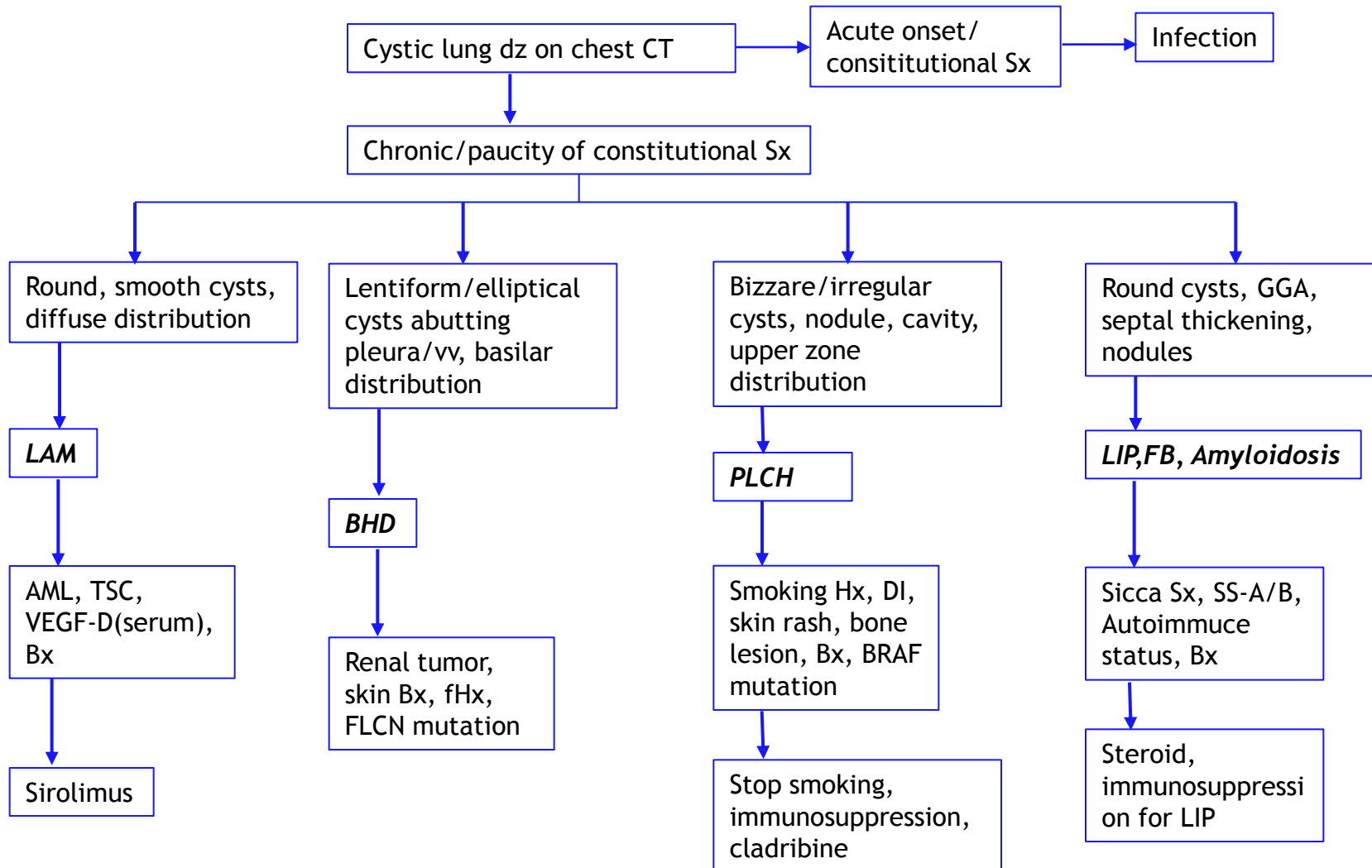
- CT: cyst - random distributed/ internal structure(+)
16mm (3-52mm)
GGO, centrilobular nodules, septal thickening
- PFT: LIP - restrictive
FB - obstructive
- Natural Hx?
- Efficacy of steroid for cystic LIP/FB ?

Amyloidosis-1

- Heterogeneous group of disorders
- Characterized by extracellular deposition of proteins in an abnormal fibrillary fashion
→ SS, MALT lymphoma..
- CT: Multiple nodules that may cavitate
4-45mm, majority larger than 1cm
- Bx: fibrillary deposits
(apple-green birefringence (Congo red stained))
- Tx?



Summary





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