ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE

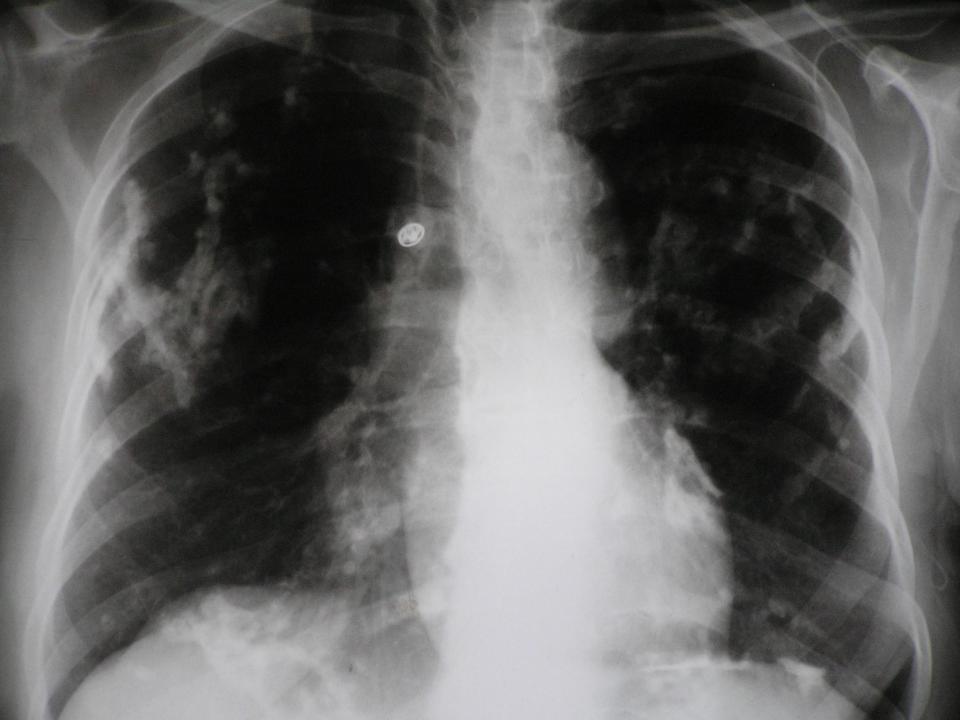
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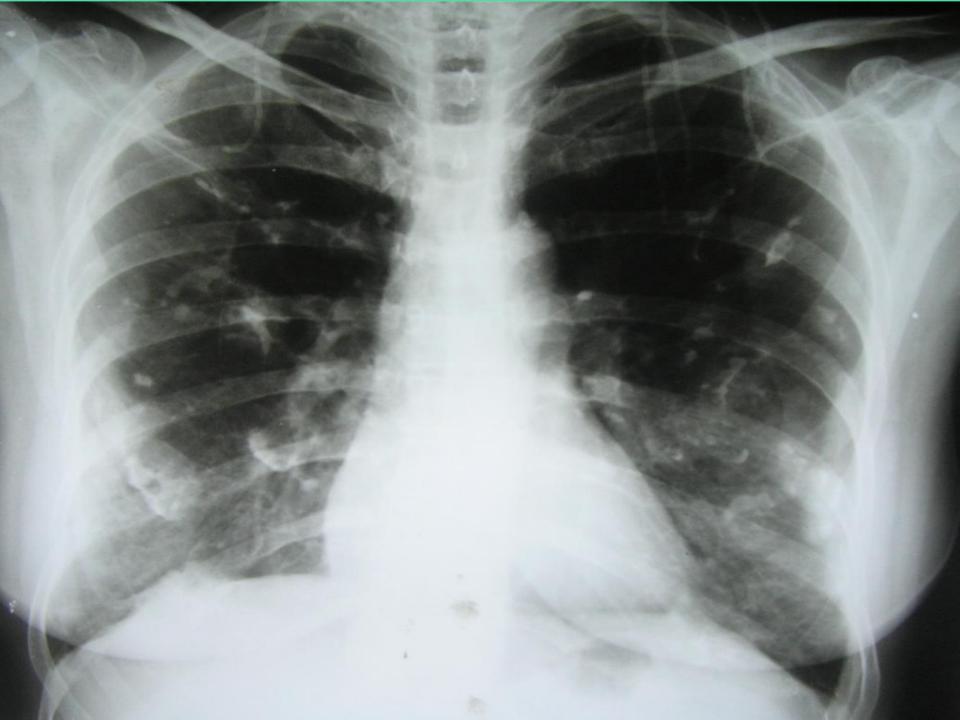
Benign Pleural Disease

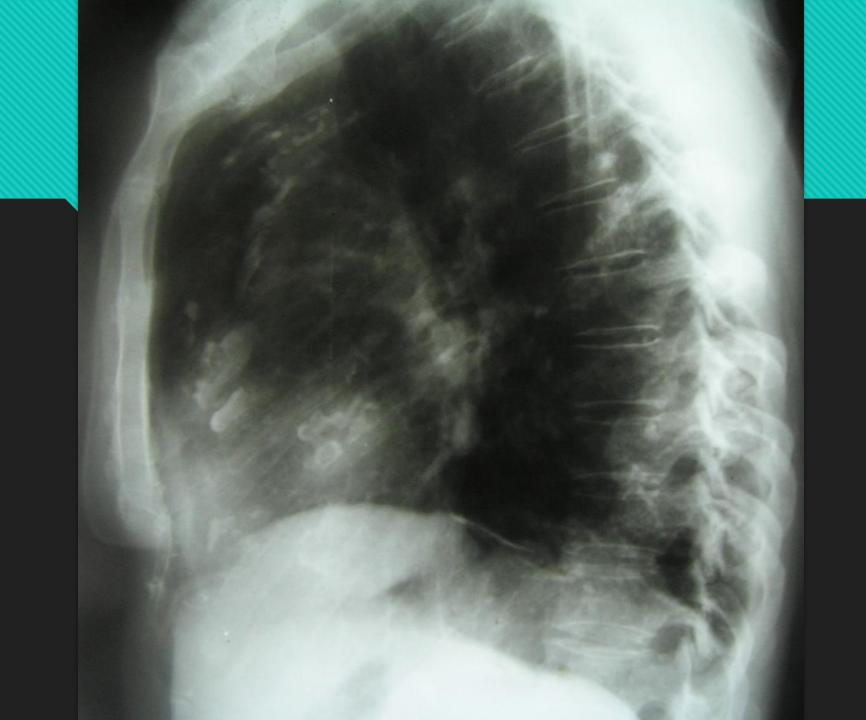
- Pleural plaques
- Non-malignant asbestos pleural effusions
- O Diffuse Pleural thickening

Pleural plaques

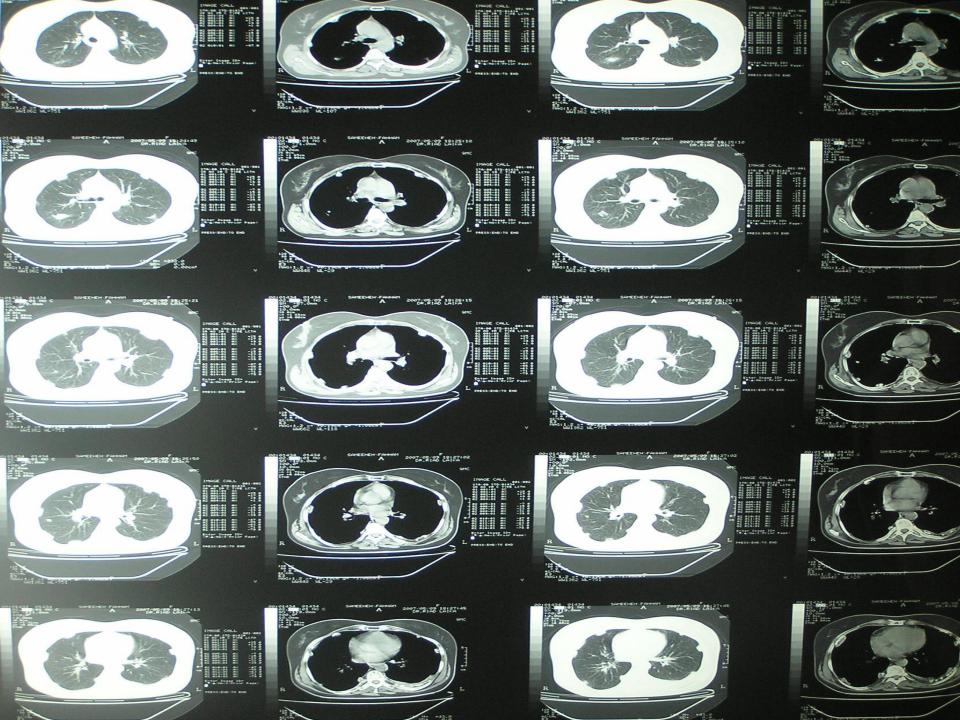
- People are living in areas where the soil is contaminated with asbestiform minerals (Turkey, Greece and Bulgari)
- Occurs following much lower doses of asbestos exposure than in other forms
- Located bilaterally on the parietal pleura



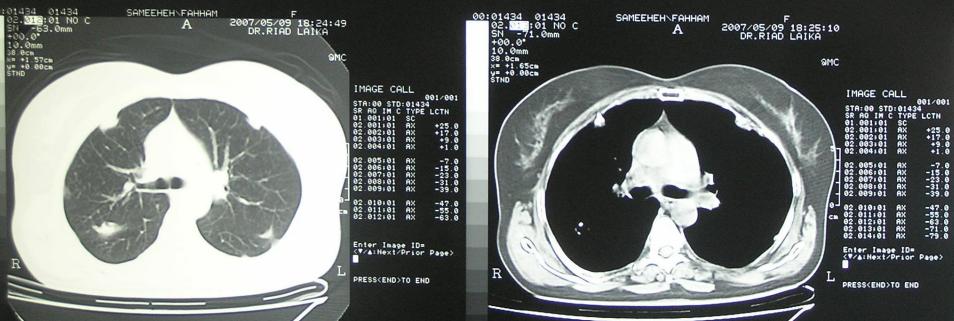


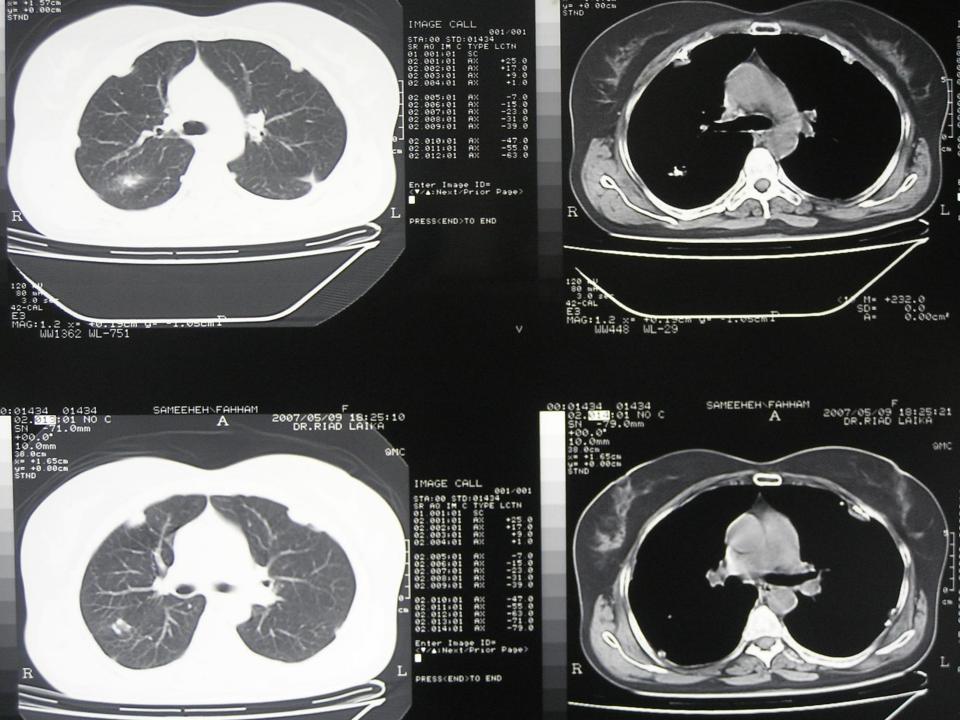


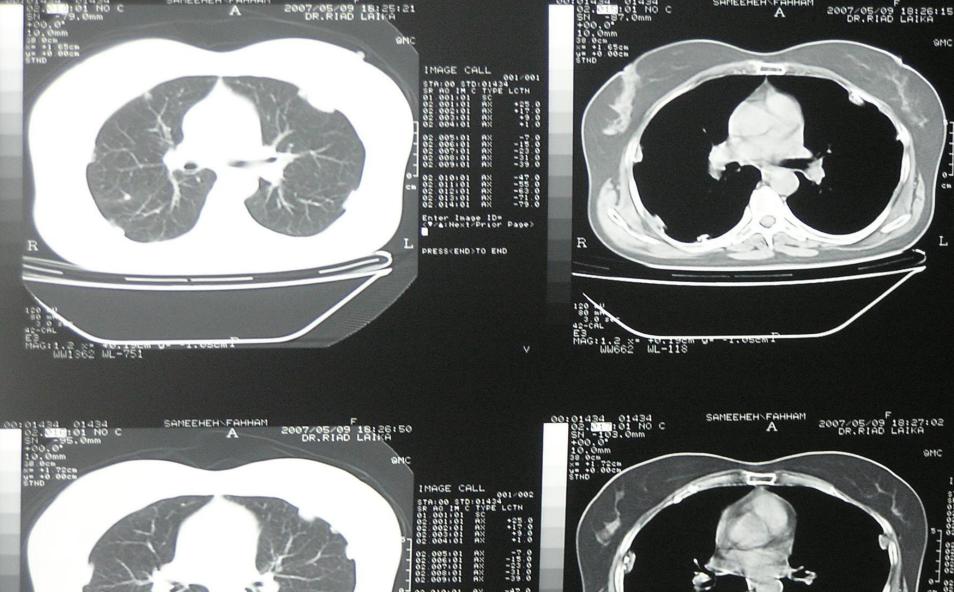


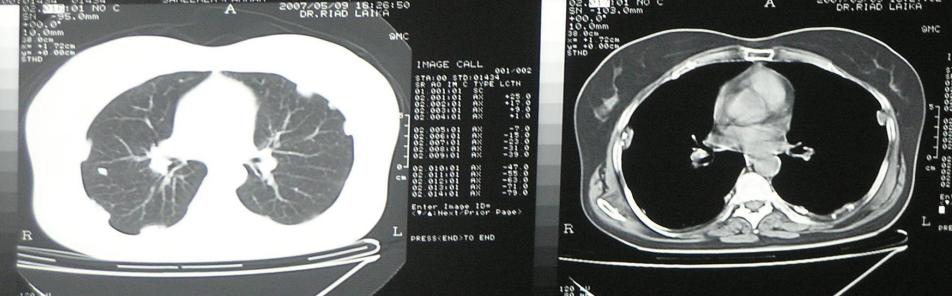


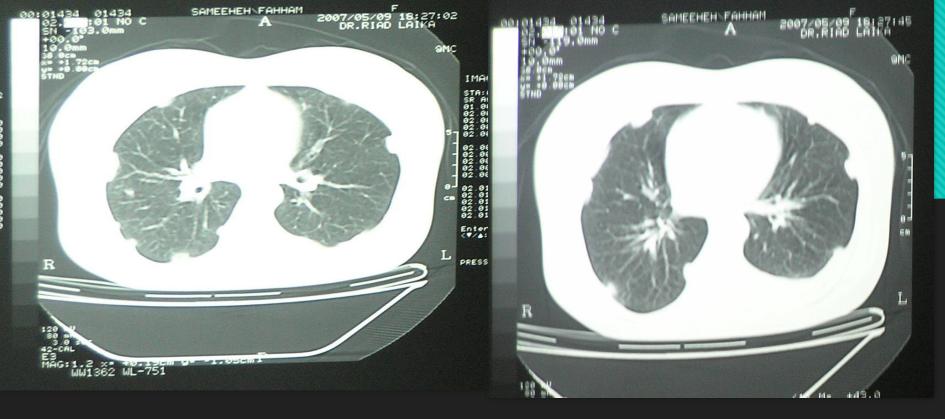






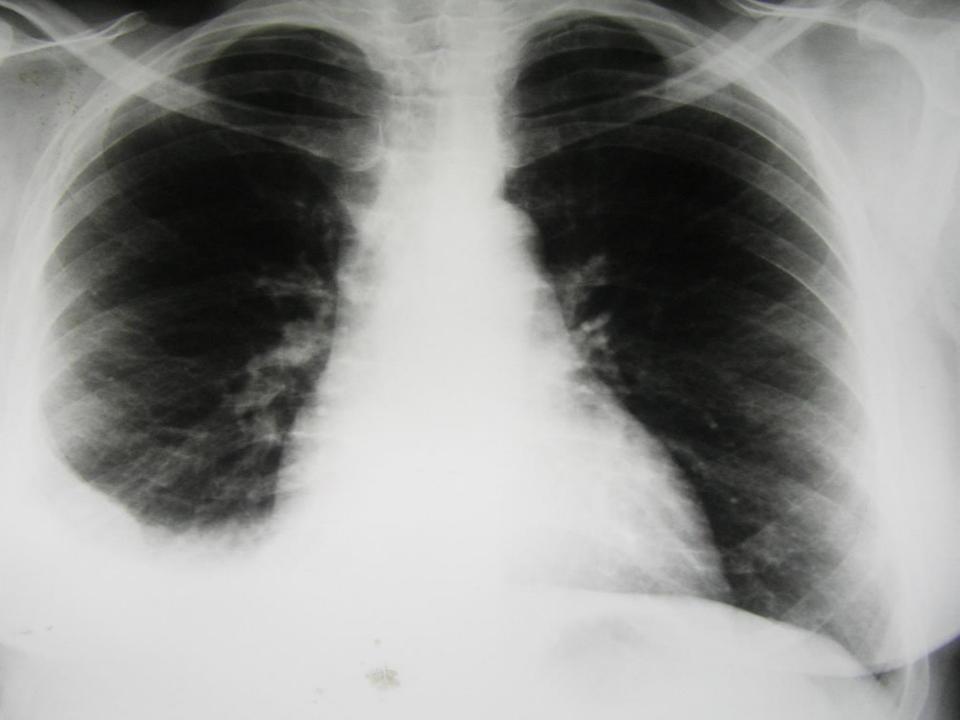


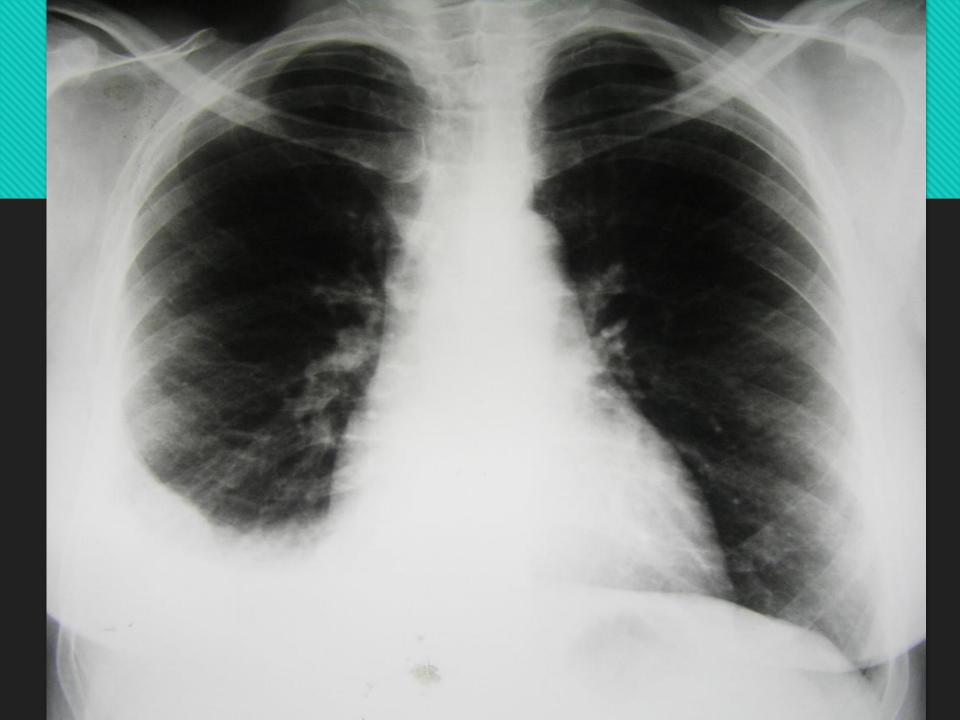


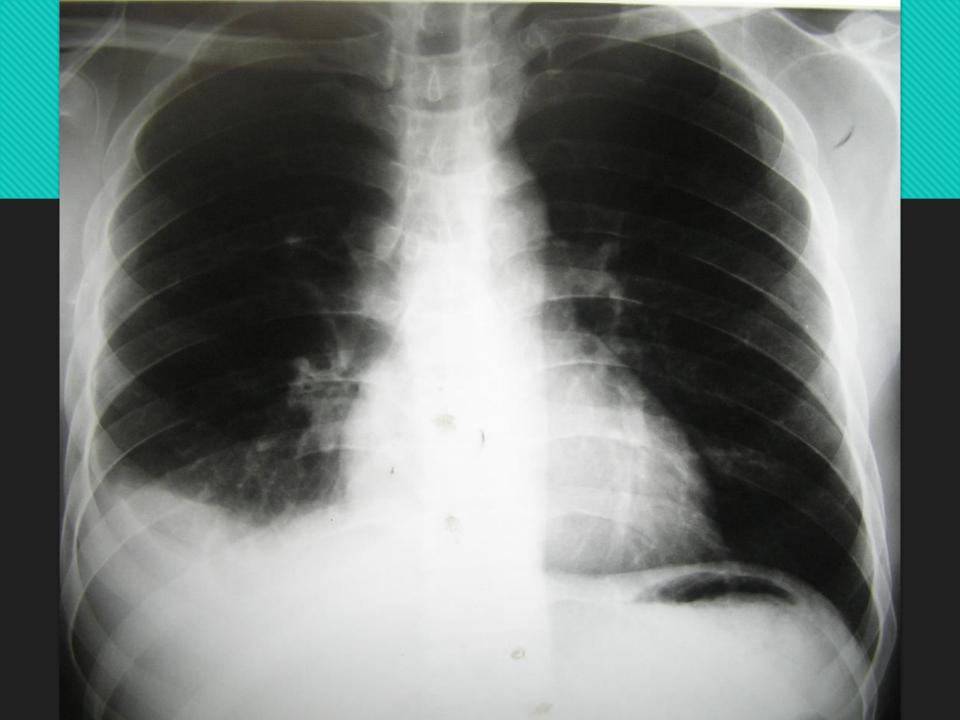


Acute Asbestos Benign Pleural effusion

- Exudate
- Bloodstained
- O Biopsy: Non specific inflammation and fibrosis.
- O Investigations for other possibilities are usually negative.





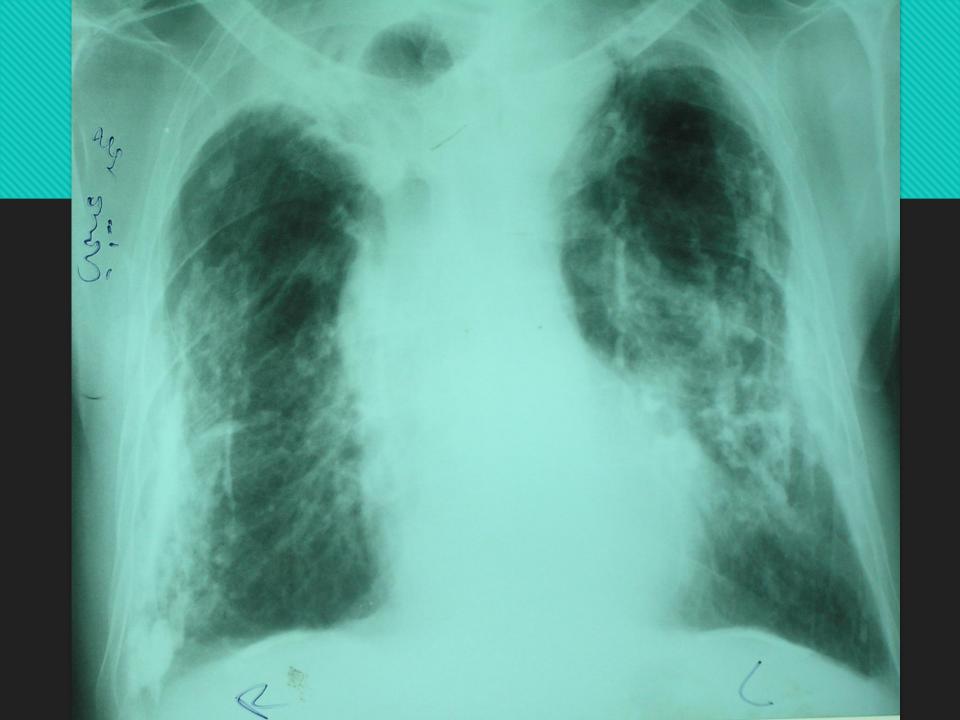


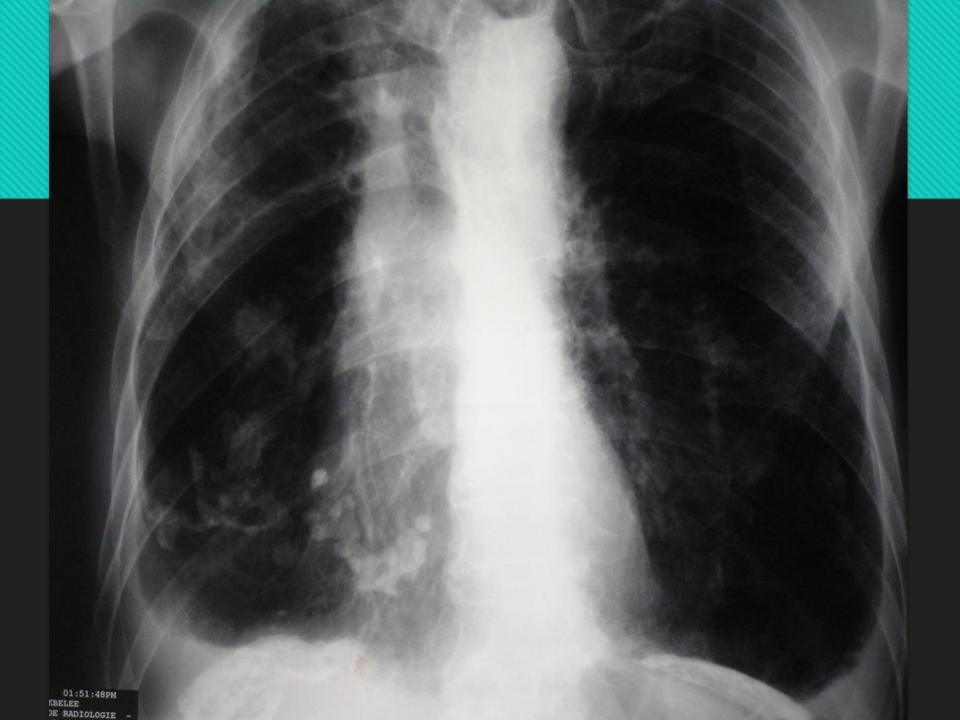
Diffuse pleural thickening

- Resolution of benign pleural effusion, fibrotic healing response with extensive visceral fibrosis.
- Chest pain, dyspnoea and restrictive lung disease.

Diffuse pleural thickening causes

- Asbestos
- Empyema
- O Hemothorax
- Chest injury
- Infections: (TB, Pneumonia)
- Pulmonary embolism





Malignant diseases

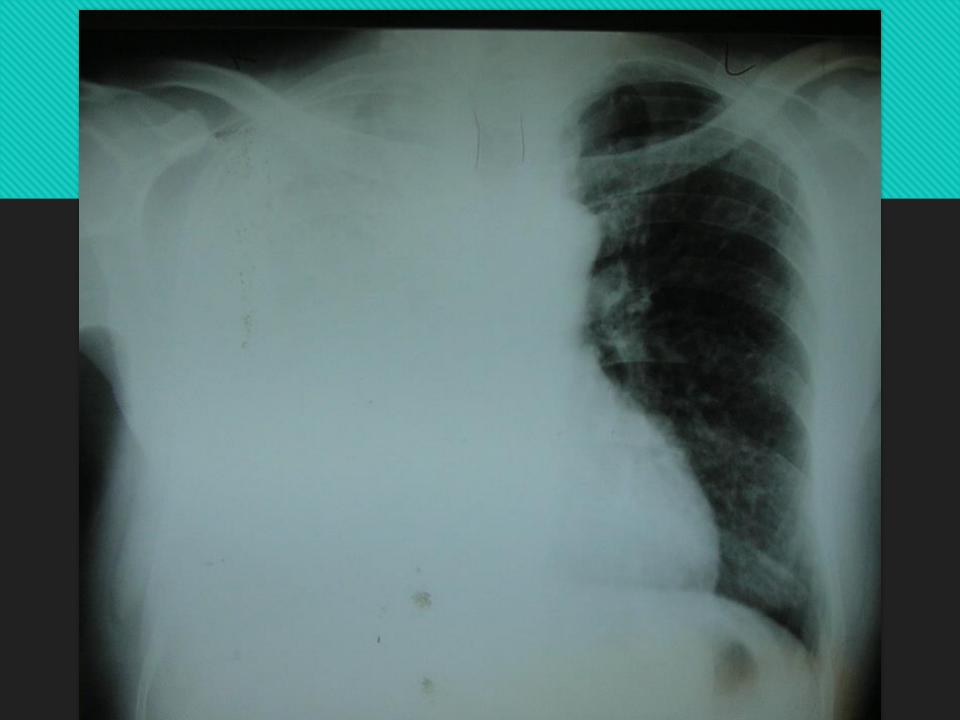
- Mesothelioma
- Lung cancer
- Laryngeal cancer

Malignant Mesothelioma

- O Pleural
- O Peritoneal
- o pericardial

Malignant Mesothelioma

- O <u>Histology</u>: Epithelioid, sarcomatous and biphasic
- Large pleural effusion is found in > 70% of cases.
- Incidence: Sarcomatous 10-15%, Epithelioid 70% and 10-15% in biphasic.
- Clinically: Chest pain, dyspnoea, cough and weight loss
- Prognosis: median survival 14 months







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Lung Cancer

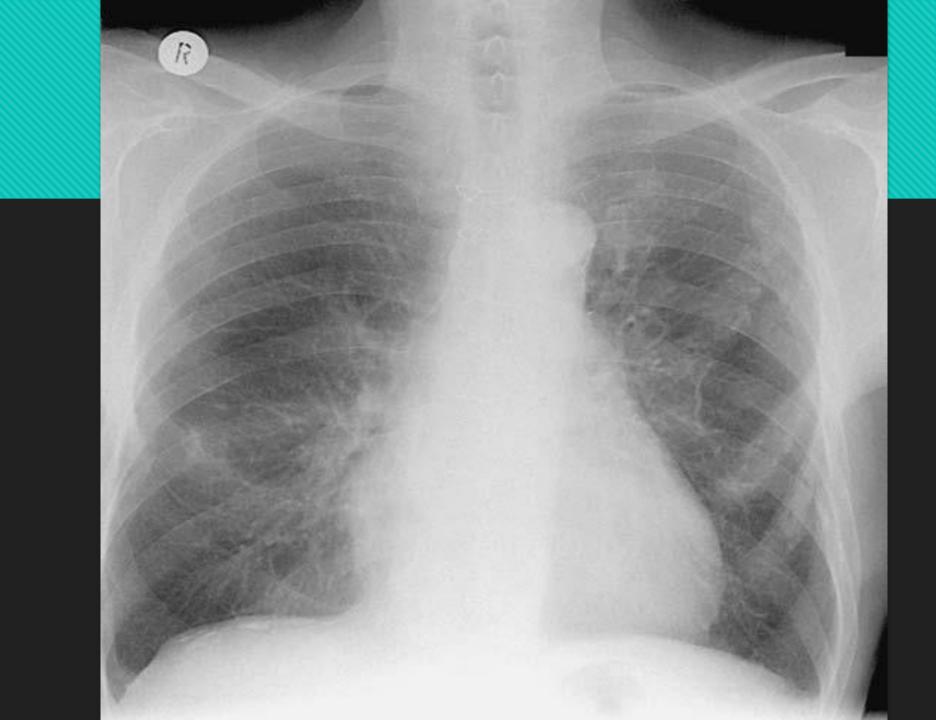
- O Nom-small cell
- O Small cell

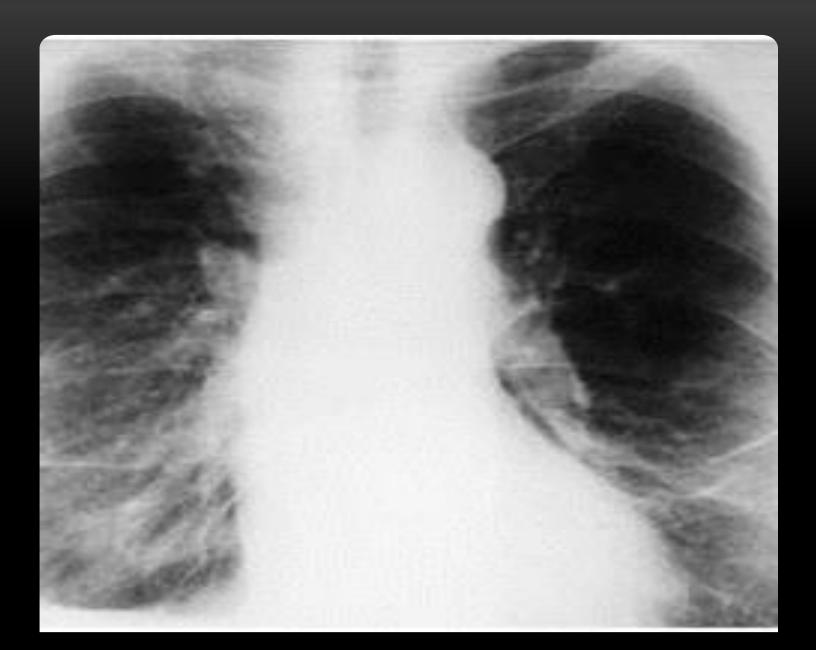
Asbestosis

- Pulmonary fibrosis caused by asbestos dust may or may not be associated with pleural fibrosis
- The interval between exposure and asbestosis is more than 20 years.

Asbestosis

Prognosis: progression to restrictive lung disease, Respiratory Failure or Cor-pulmonale. It could also be complicated by Bronchial Carcinoma or Mesothelioma





IS THERE ASBESTOSE IN LATTAKIA



PRODUCTS CONTAINING ASBESTOS

- Car clutches
- Break pads
- Cement construction
- Insulation
- Electrical wires
- Sound proofing materials
- Fire proof gloves
- Ship building















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along with Tishreen University of Lattakia are currently working on publishing a study about incidence and prevalence rate of Asbestos related disease in northern Lattakia

