

# Somewhat short cases

Cross Canada Rounds

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# **CASE 1**

- Male toddler
  - Pulmonary valve stenosis with only trivial gradient across the pulmonary valve, left ventricular outflow tract obstruction
  - Suspicion of Noonan syndrome
  - Presented with hypoxemia and increased work of breathing
  - Chest x-ray showing a pleural effusion

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- CHYLOTHORAX
- NON-BACTERIAL INFECTION (TB)
- MALIGNANCY
- CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASE

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## EXUDATE

- protein ratio > 0.5
- LDH ratio > 0.6
- LDH > 2/3 serum

**CHYLOHEMOTHORAX**

What is your differential diagnosis for  
a chylous effusion?

# DDx: Chylothorax in Children

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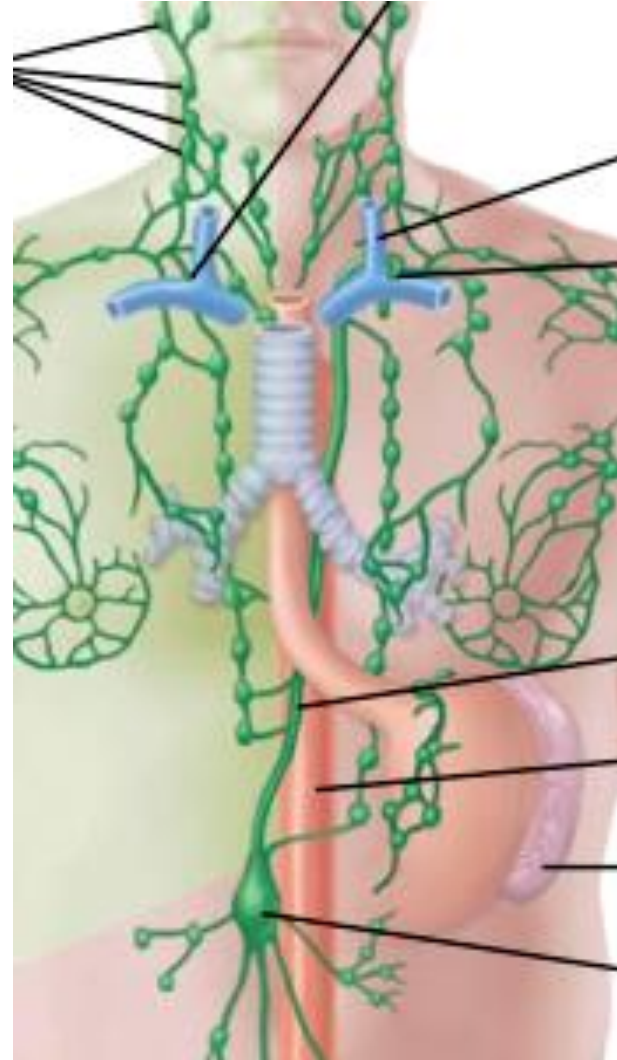
Thoracic Duct

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High venous  
pressure

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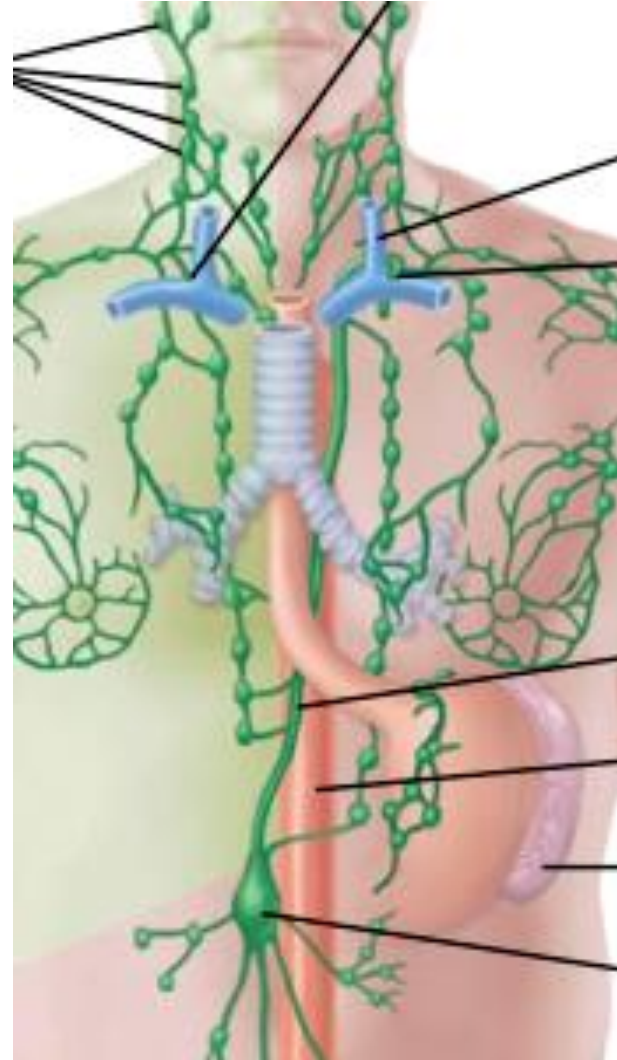


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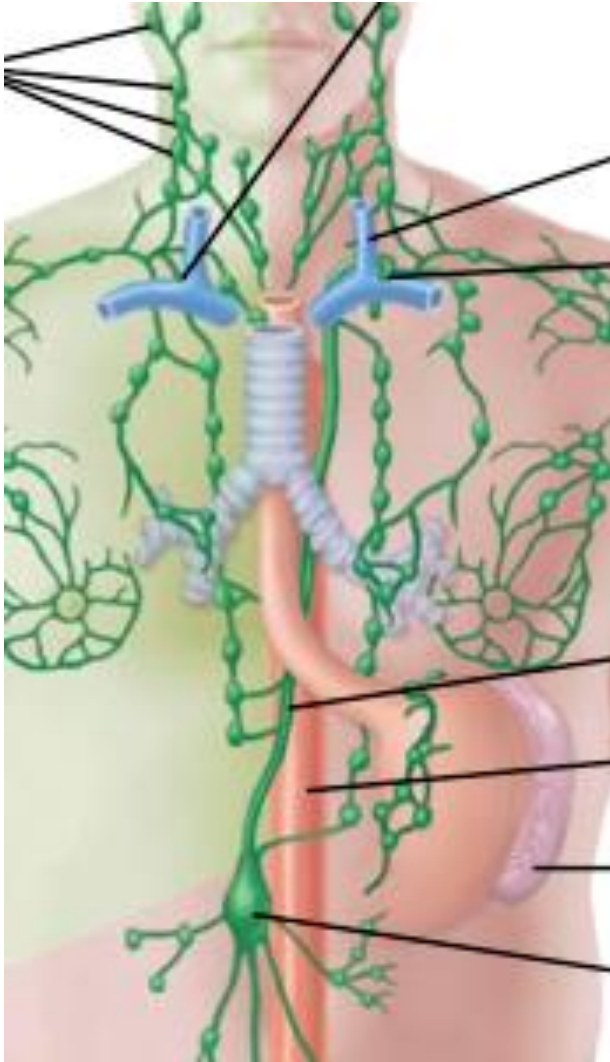
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**Thoracic Duct** damage, compression, erosion

- Post-operative
- Trauma
- Malignancy
  - Neurogenic
  - Lymphoma
  - Teratoma
  - Wilms
  - Sarcoma
- Nodes
  - TB (can also get pleural fibrosis)







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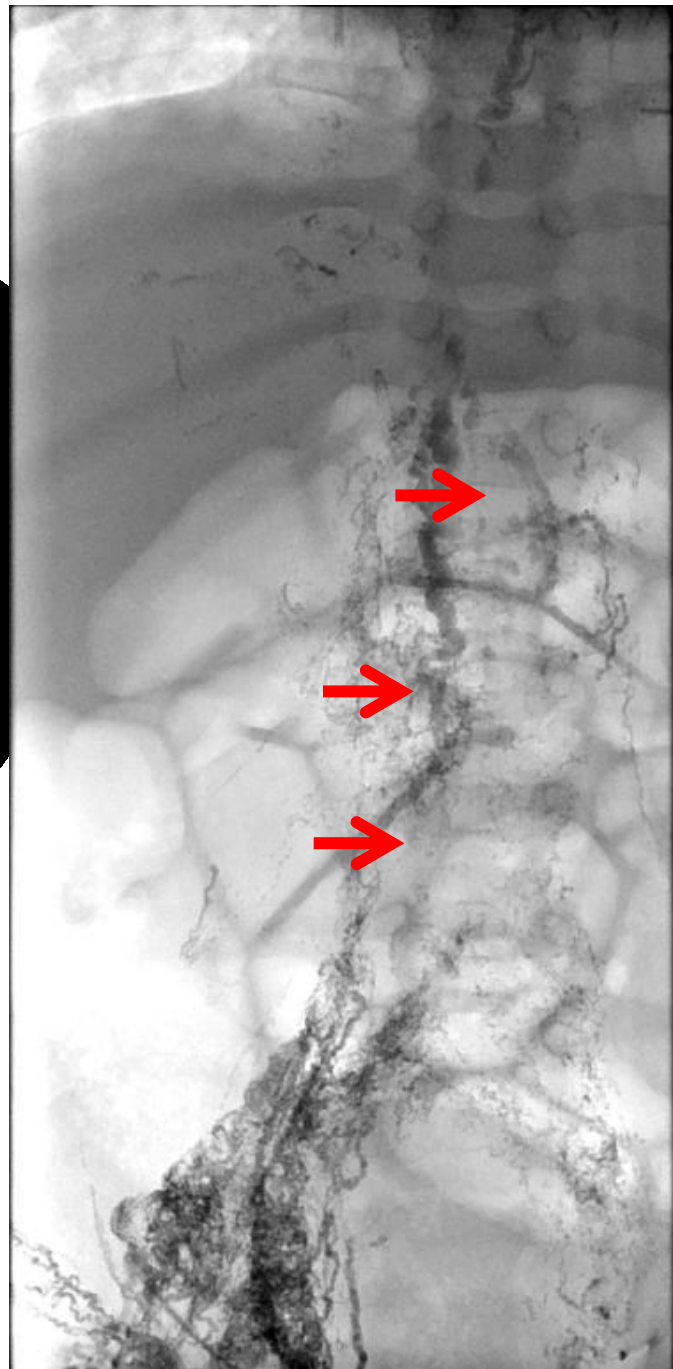
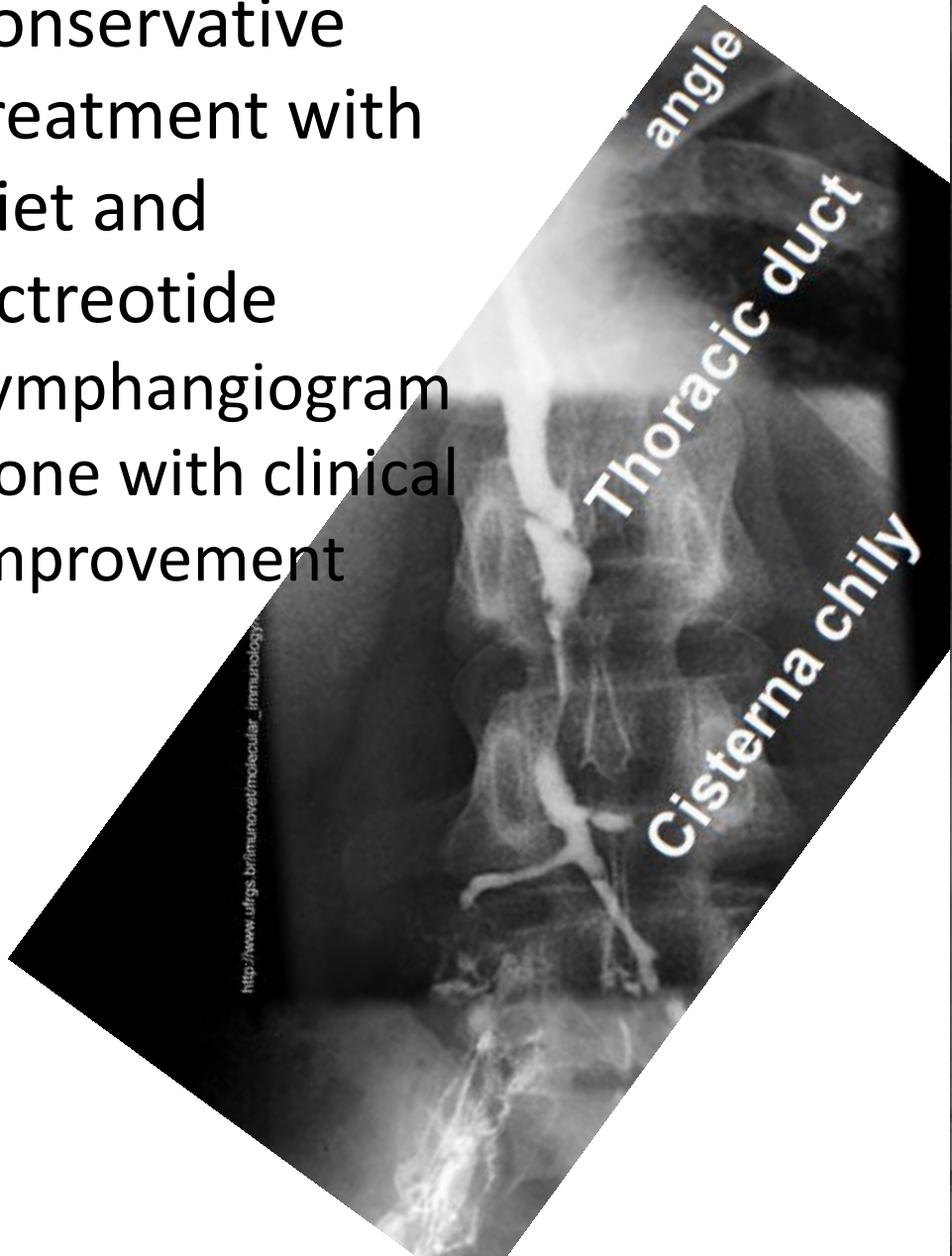
- SVC thrombosis
- Post-Fontan

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## Congenital / Primary lymphatic

- Primary Lymphangiectasia
- Atresia/absence of thoracic duct
- Lymphatic Malformations
  - Common (Lymphangiomas)
  - Generalized lymphatic anomaly (Lymphangiomatosis)
- Syndromes (T21, XO, Noonan)

Failed conservative treatment with diet and octreotide  
Lymphangiogram done with clinical improvement



- Represented 6 months later with recurrent chylohemothorax and again failed conservative management with diet and octreotide
- The evening following his second lymphangiogram he had worsening work of breathing and hypoxemia with an x-ray showing diffuse bilateral infiltrates

# Differential diagnosis?

- Water
  - pulmonary edema (post-obstructive pulmonary edema, pulmonary embolus with pulmonary edema, ARDS)
- Blood
  - diffuse alveolar hemorrhage due to reaction to lipiodol
- Pus
  - pneumonia
- CBC showing Hb 76 (previously 111), WBC 16.1, Plt 362
- CRP <5, INR/PTT normal

- Increasing hypoxemia requiring intubation
- Bronchoscopy confirmed blood in airways and on lavage
- Treated with methylprednisolone 4mg/kg/day
- Eventually extubated and weaned to room air with removal of chest tubes and discharged on a one month wean of prednisone

# Risks of lymphangiogram

- Pulmonary hemorrhage
  - First reported in 1995 following bipedal lymphography in a 50 year old with Hodgkin's lymphoma
  - Presented 4 days after procedure with fever, cough and increasing dyspnea, alveolar hemorrhage confirmed on BAL, self-resolved in 2 days
- Extravasation of lipiodol into soft tissue
- Pulmonary embolism

# Take home messages

- Lymphangiectasia in Noonan's syndrome can present with later onset chylothorax
- Lymphangiogram seems to be useful in the treatment of chylothorax secondary to lymphangiectasia
- Pulmonary hemorrhage is a rare but life threatening complication of lymphangiogram

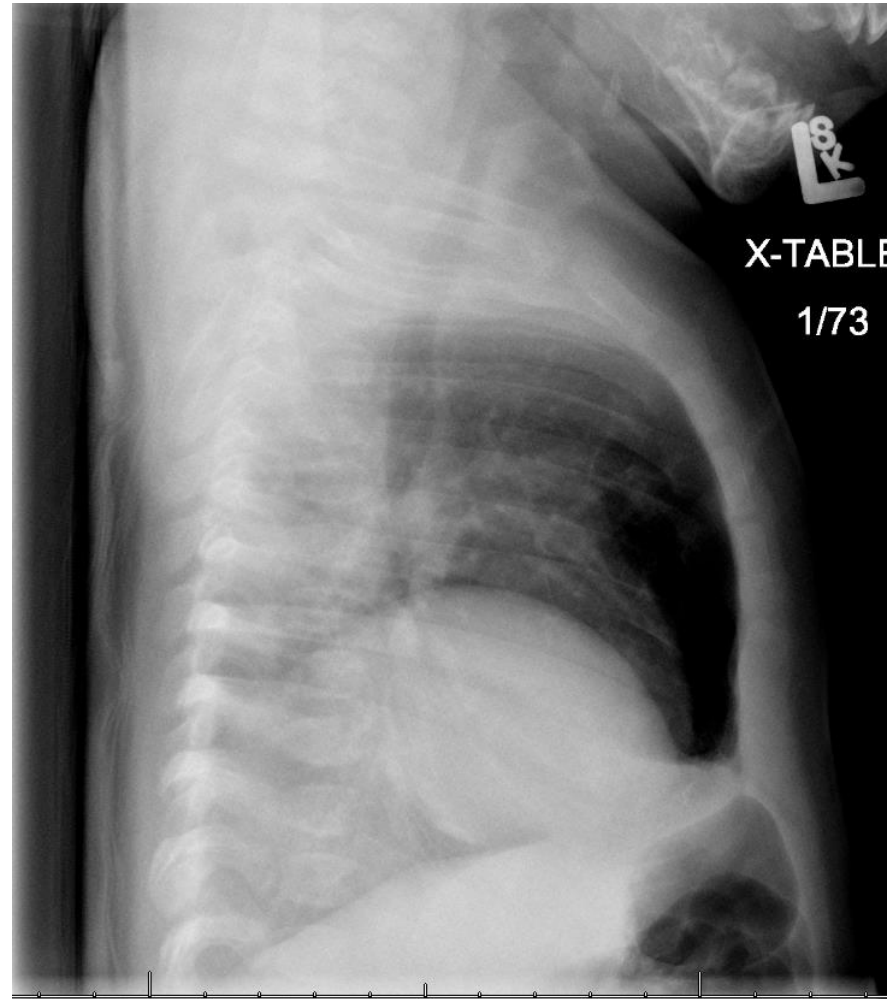
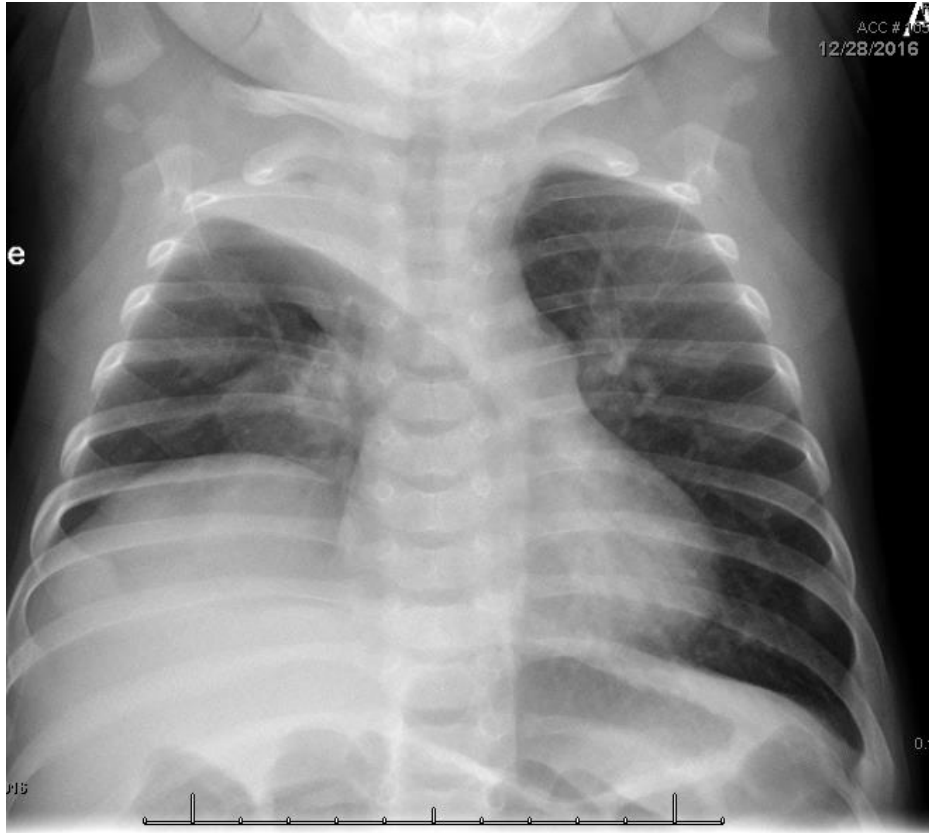


## **CASE 2: AN INTERESTING X-RAY**

- 6 month old boy
  - Ex 36+5 week infant, uncomplicated pregnancy and delivery
  - Well until admitted at 5 months of age with RSV+ bronchiolitis for total of 6 days
  - Respiriology consulted during his second admission at 6 months of age because of his chest x-ray

# Clinical Presentation

- Increased work of breathing, wheezing, saturations in the mid-80s on room air
- Admitted to the PICU for bipap due to his increased work of breathing and hypoxemia
- Treated with Ventolin (no change in work of breathing), broad spectrum antibiotics, 1 dose of dexamethasone
- Positive for human metapneumonovirus and strep.pneumo on PCR



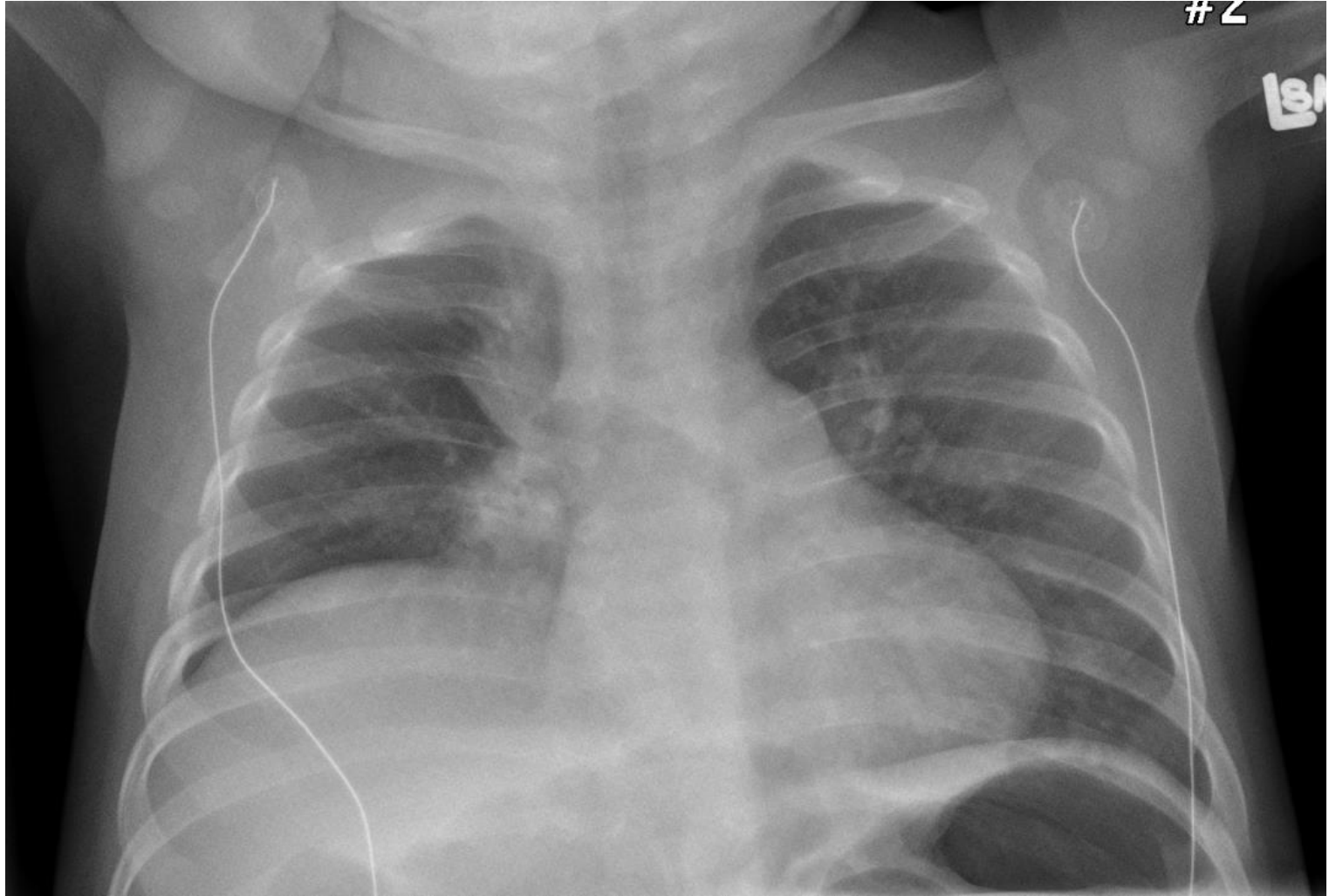
# Differential diagnosis

- Right upper lobe collapse

AND

- Right diaphragm eventration
- Right diaphragm paralysis
- Right lung hypoplasia

- Clinically improved and on room air with no work of breathing 6 days after admission, although chest x-ray remained the same
- Fluoroscopy showed no paradoxical movement with some movement of the diaphragm, consistent with diaphragmatic eventration



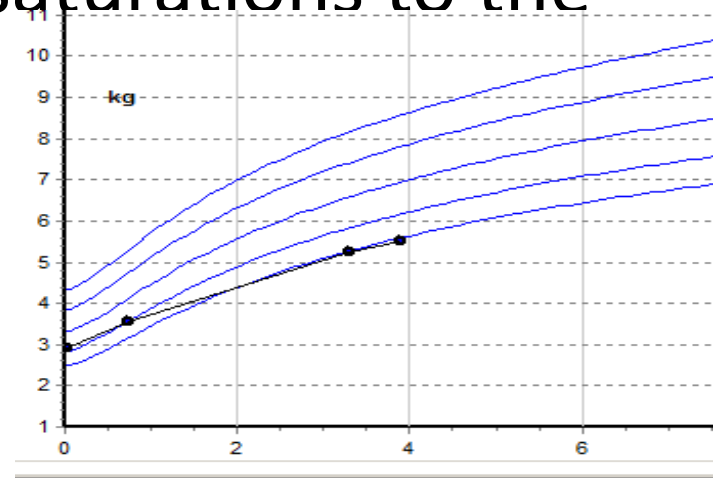
# **CASE 3: FIFTY SHADES OF GREY**



- 16 month old with chronic tachypnea
- Born at 39+4 days after uneventful pregnancy
  - GBS negative, ROM x 26 hours with maternal fever
  - APGAR 4<sup>1</sup>, 6<sup>5</sup> 9<sup>10</sup>, BW 2940gm
  - Full septic workup negative
  - LP had blood, head ultrasound and MRI were done which showed multiple punctate parenchymal hemorrhages suggestive of intraventricular hemorrhage, treated for possible HSV encephalitis
- CPAP for <12 hours but otherwise well
- Noted to have significant pectus excavatum but not tachypneic and had good saturations at discharge

# Initial presentation

- At 3 months of age, presented with a 2 week history of increased work of breathing and poor weight gain with history of poor feeding and reflux
- Saturation 98% on room air in the day but overnight oximetry showed baseline saturation of 94% with intermittent desaturations to the high 80s
- Gas 7.39/33/22





arm flex/a

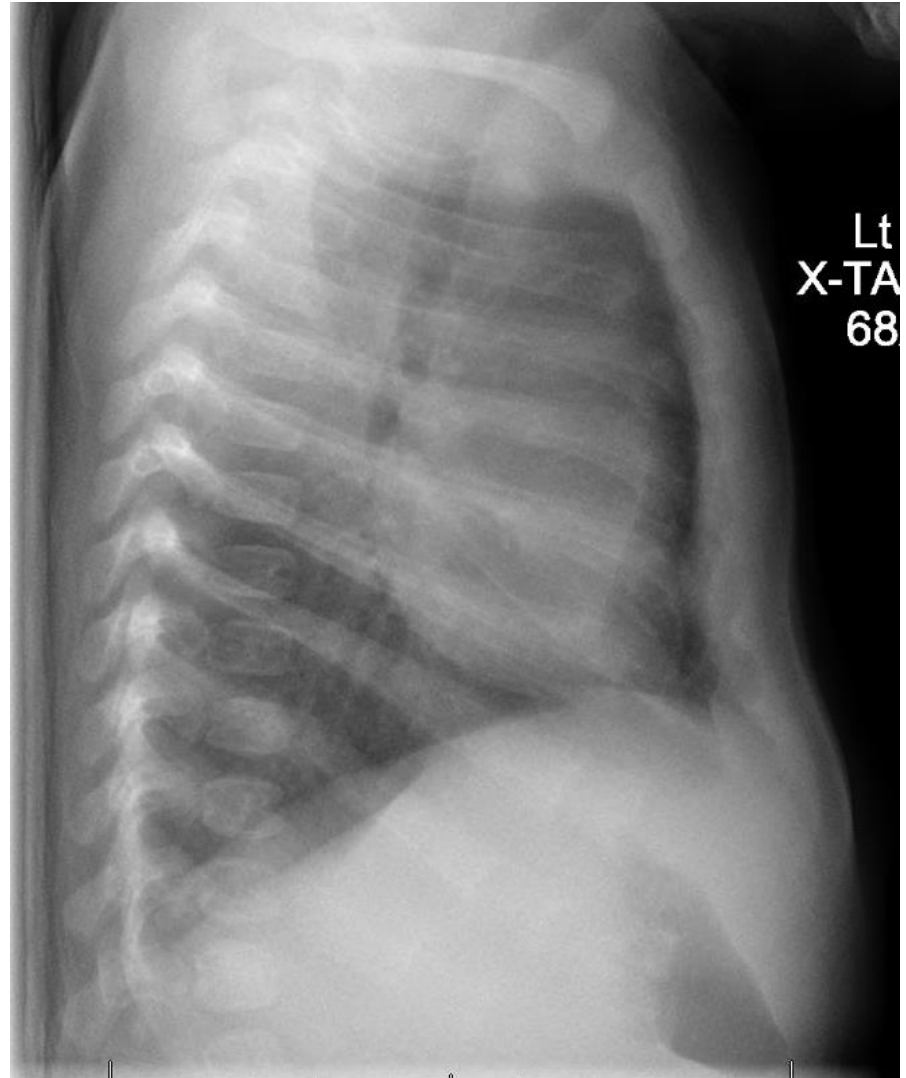
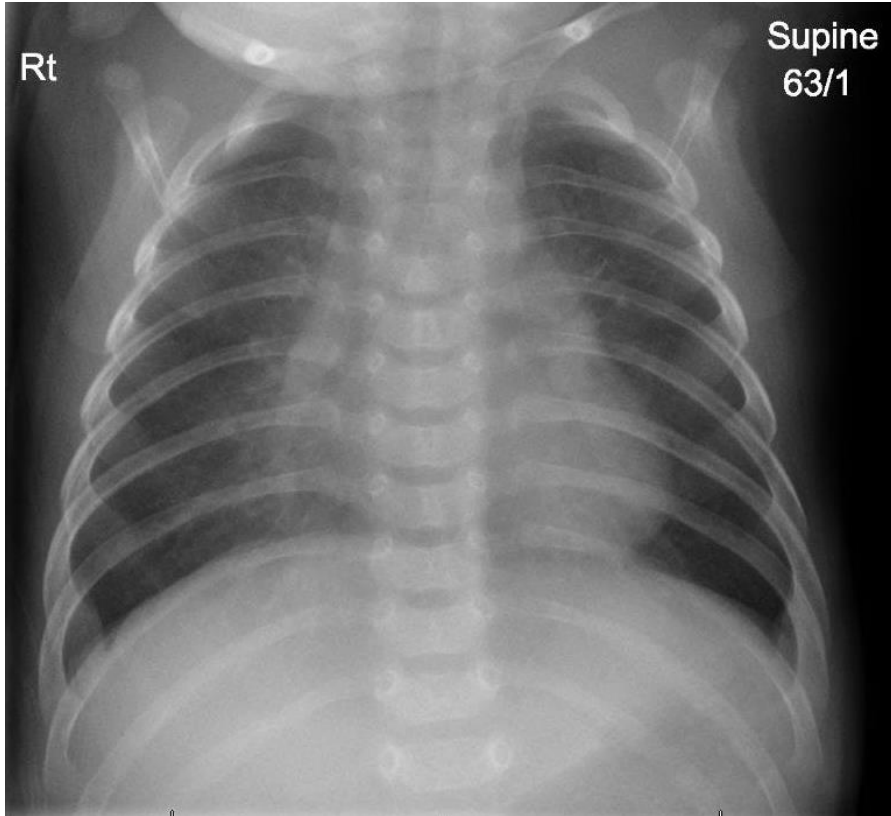
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22hrs

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No adjustment to  
PICC (JO)



# chILD Syndrome

Common causes of diffuse lung disease excluded  
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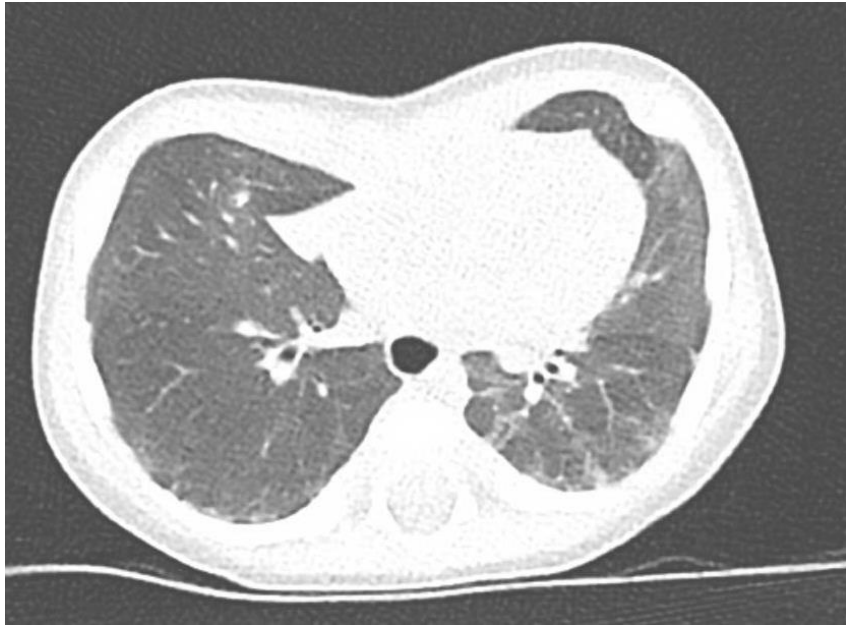
Three of the following:

- 1) Respiratory symptoms
- 2) Respiratory signs (including FTT)
- 3) Hypoxemia
- 4) Diffuse abnormalities on CXR or CT

# Assess for common causes of DLD

- Infection (CRP 12, negative viral respiratory panel including ureaplasma, chlamydia trachomatis)
- Cardiac (trivial PFO, unable to estimate RVSP, pulmonary veins visualized and normal)
- Cystic fibrosis (sweat Cl=10mmol/L, fecal elastase 420)
- Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (normal ciliary motility)
- Immunodeficiency (WBC 20.6, neutrophils 3.65, lymphocytes 14.93, flow cytometry normal, HIV negative, IgG 2.9, IgA 0.11, IgM 0.55, positive titres for diphtheria and tetanus)
- Aspiration (normal upper GI, feeding study)
- Alveolar Hemorrhage Syndrome (Hb 116)
- Metabolic workup negative

# Inspiratory



# Expiratory



- Sensitivity 78%
- Specificity 100%

Brody AJR 2010



# Bronchoscopy

- Normal anatomy
- Cell count: Macrophages 40%, lymphocytes 51%, neutrophils 9%
- Bacterial, fungal, atypical mycobacterial cultures negative
- Respiratory viral panel negative
- No hemosiderin/lipid laden macrophages



# DDx for lymphocytic BAL fluid

- Viral infection
- Sarcoidosis
- Pulmonary histiocytosis
- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis
- Drug-induced lung disease
- Collagen vascular disease
- Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia
- Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia
- Lymphoma

- PJP stains negative, **PJP PCR positive**
- **CMV PCR positive** (serum viral load 0)

# Immunodeficiency!

- Flow cytometry, oxidative burst, CH50, CD40 ligand testing normal
- In vitro mitogen stimulation testing normal
- Whole exome sequencing normal, deletion/duplication testing normal
- Treated with gancyclovir and sepra with possible improvement in tachypnea then worsening coinciding with discontinuation of valgancyclovir prophylaxis 2 months later

# Repeat bronchoscopy

- Cell count: Macrophages 87%, Lymphocytes 10%, Neutrophils 3%
- Cultures negative
- CMV PCR positive (Serum viral load 0, cycle count 34)
- PJP stains and PCR negative

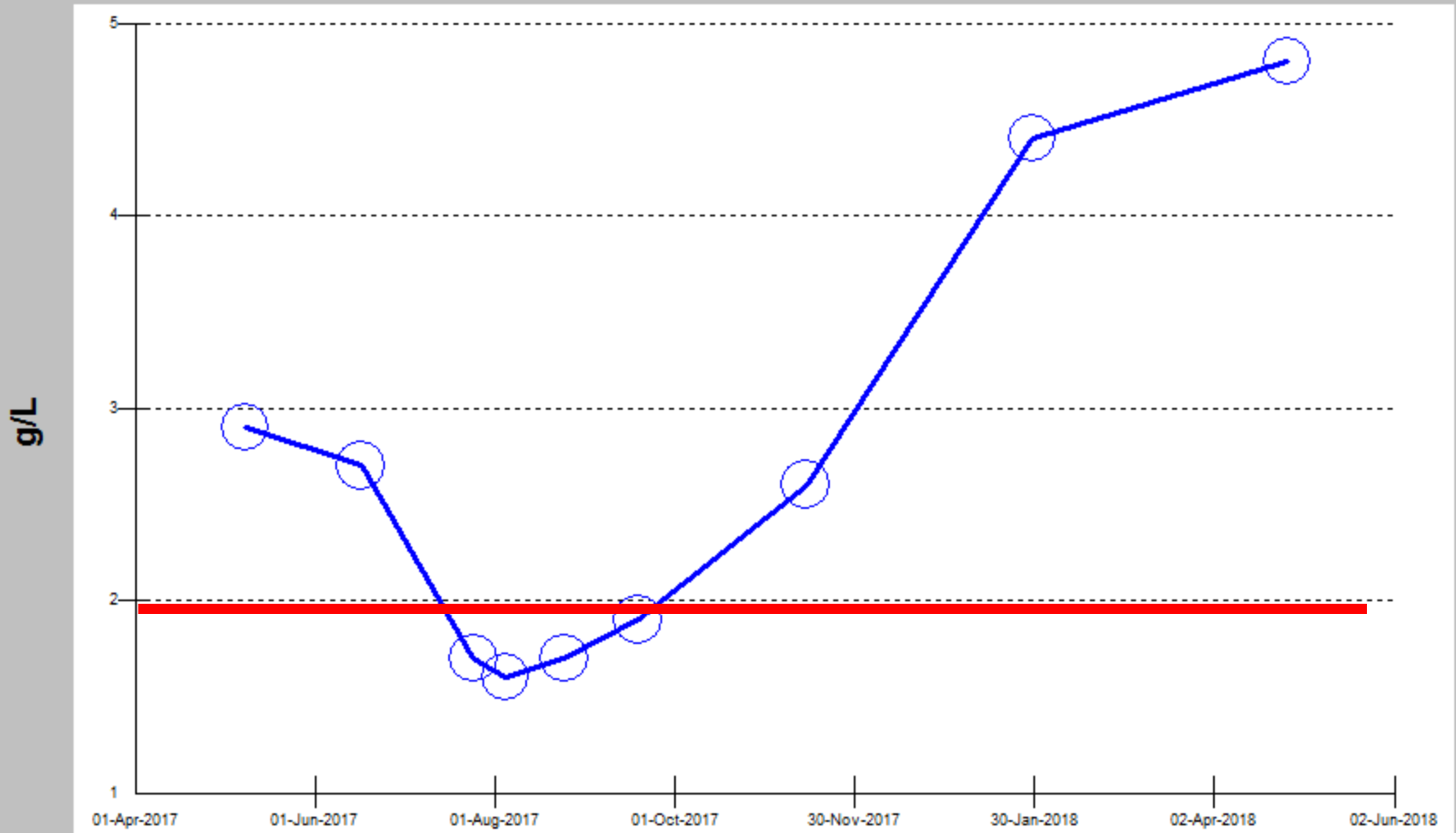
# PJP colonization?

PJP detected in 9.4 to 100% of infants who were immunocompetent

| Study                   | Subjects, no. | Diagnostic sample                          | Diagnostic method        | Population   | Colonized with <i>Pneumocystis</i> , % |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| Vargas et al. 1999 [11] | 695           | Autopsy lung                               | IHC stain                | IC infants dying of SIDS and other causes                              | 9.4                                    |
| Vargas et al. 2001 [9]  | 74            | NPA  | Nested PCR               | IC with respiratory infection  | 32.0                                   |
| Morgan et al. 2001 [1]  | 79            | Autopsy lung                               | IHC stain                | Infants dying of SIDS  | 13.9                                   |
| Nevez et al. 2001 [12]  | 178           | NPA  | Nested PCR               | IC with bronchiolitis  | 24.3                                   |
| Kasolo et al. 2002 [13] | 75            | Autopsy lung                               | PCR                      | Children with and without HIV and dying of non-PCP respiratory illness | 17.3                                   |
| Totet et al. 2003 [14]  | 240           | NPA  | Nested and real-time PCR | IC with bronchiolitis  | 24.6                                   |
| Beard et al. 2005 [15]  | 58            | Autopsy lung (4 samples)                   | Nested PCR               | IC infants dying of various causes                                     | 100.0                                  |
| Vargas et al. 2005 [16] | 112           | Autopsy lung (1 sample), tracheal aspirate | Nested PCR               | IC infants dying in community/hospital                                 | 44.6                                   |
| Vargas et al. 2007 [17] | 130           | Autopsy lung                               | GMS stain                | IC infants dying in the community                                      | 32.3                                   |
| Larsen et al. 2007 [18] | 422           | NPA  | Real-time PCR            | IC infants hospitalized with acute respiratory infection               | 15.9                                   |

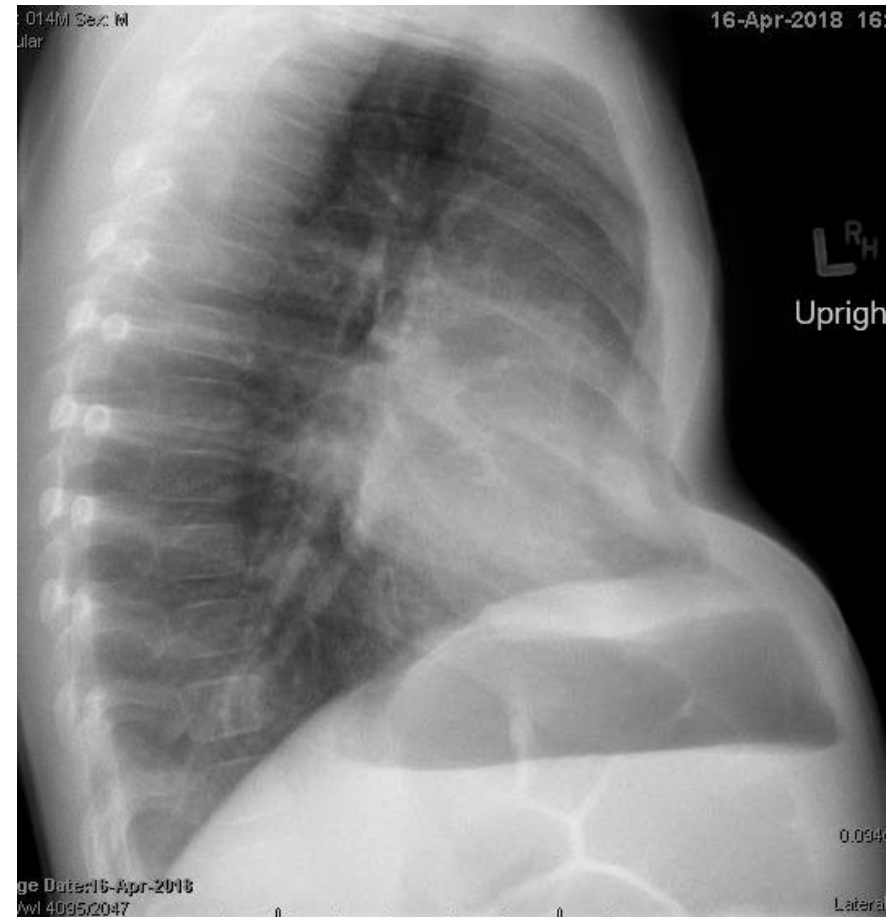
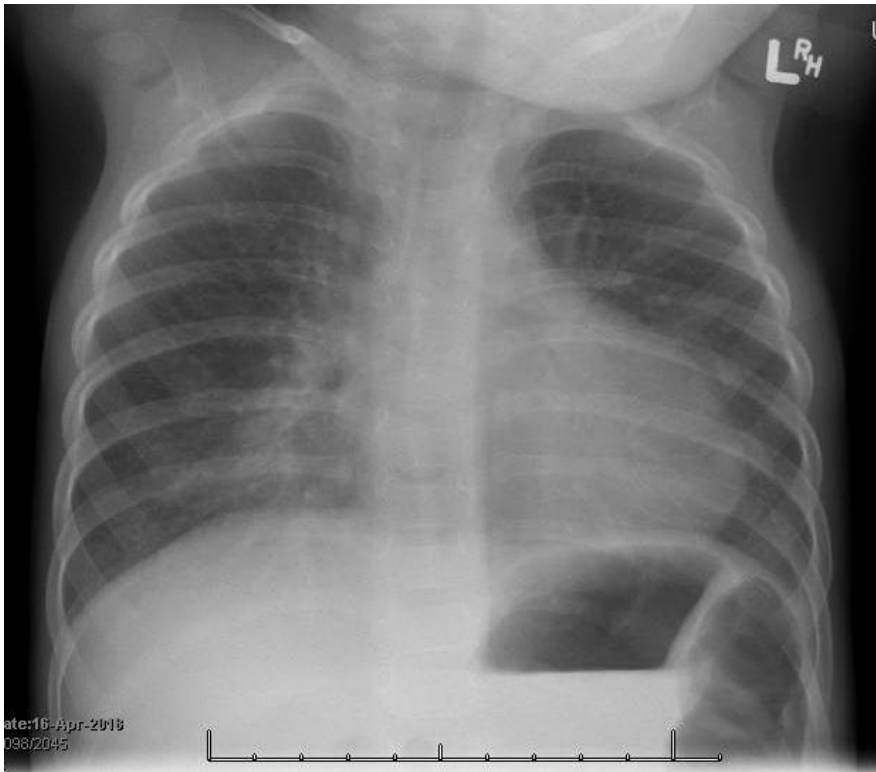
**NOTE.** GMS, Gomori methenamine silver; IC, immunocompetent; IHC, immunohistochemical; NPA, nasopharyngeal aspirate; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; SIDS, sudden infant death syndrome.

## Immunoglobulin G

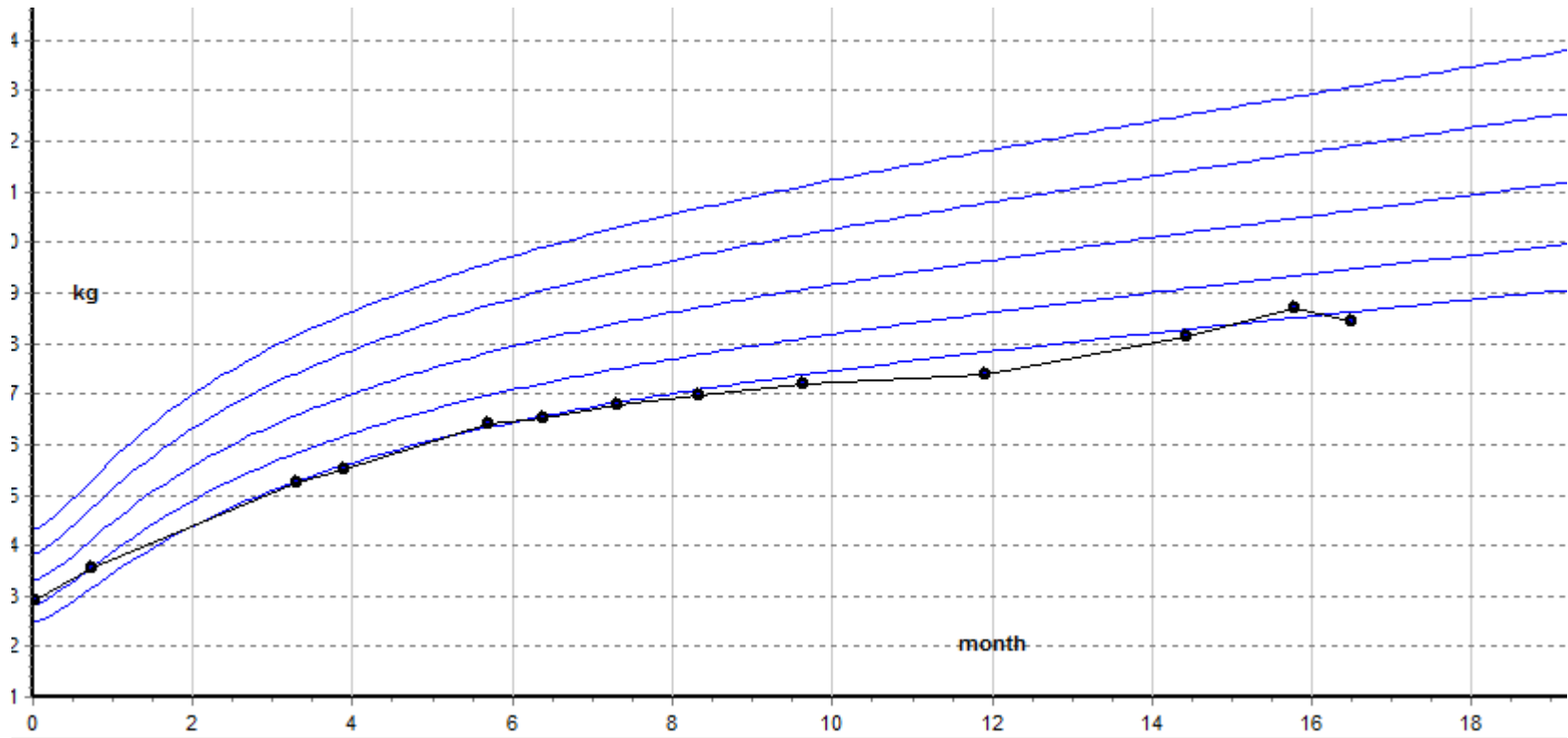


# Current status

- Imaging unchanged



- Growth tracking along the 3<sup>rd</sup> %ile except for recent dip with teething
- Mild gross motor delay





- Overnight Oximetry

- Mean saturation 91.3-92.2% (June 2017: 95.4%)
- Time with SpO<sub>2</sub> <90% is 1.9-8.3% (June 2017: 3.4%)

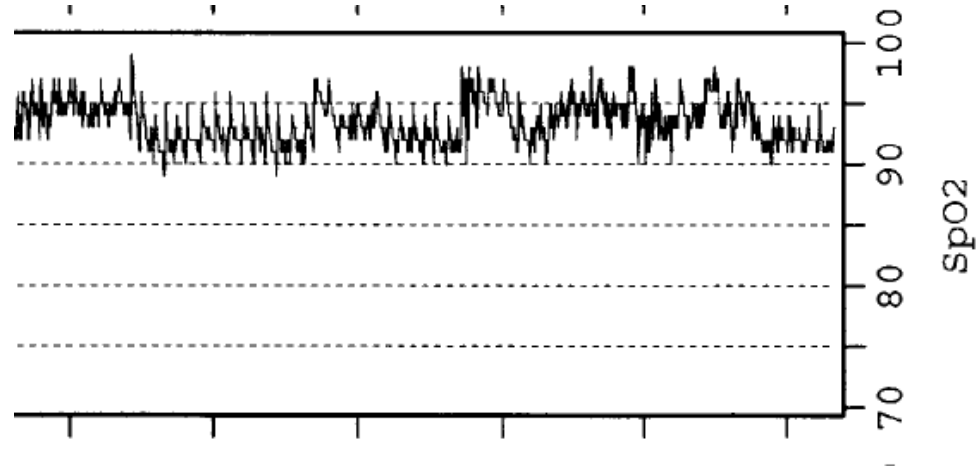
**Normal in children >1 year old:**

Median baseline saturation 98% with a 5%ile of 96-97%

Healthy child 5-11yo: no more than 5% time with saturation below 94% while sleeping

**Healthy infant <1 year old:**

Only 5% of infants have saturation <90% for >4% of the time

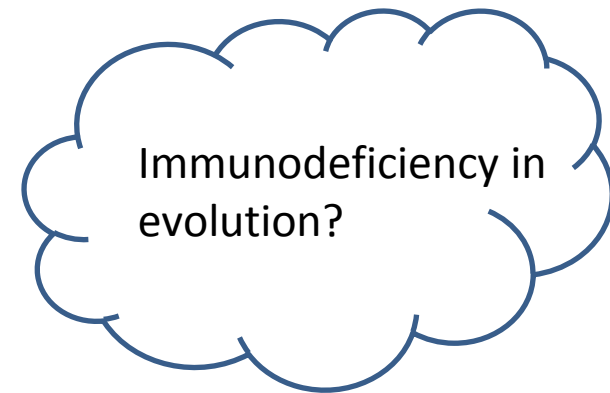


- Clinically same:  
tachypneic  
RR~60,  
intercostal  
indrawing,  
pectus

Picture removed

# ILD more common in infancy

- 1) Diffuse developmental disorder
- 2) Surfactant dysfunction mutation
  - Surfactant protein C
  - ABCA3
  - Brain lung thyroid syndrome (NKX2.1)
  - GMCSF abnormalities (CSF2RA/B)
- 3) Growth abnormalities
- 4) Pulmonary interstitial glycogenosis (PIG)
- 5) Neuroendocrine Cell Hyperplasia (TTF1/NKX2.1 mutation)



# What would you do next?

- 1) Repeat CT scan +/- bronchoscopy
- 2) Lung biopsy
- 3) Watchful waiting
- 4) Trial of steroids
- 5) Refer somewhere for lung function testing
- 6) Something else

# Take home messages

- Systematic approach to children with chronic respiratory symptoms is useful
- Evolution over time directs management
- Personalized medicine is about applying algorithms to your specific patient