



Cryotherapy in breast cancer

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Epidemiological challenges

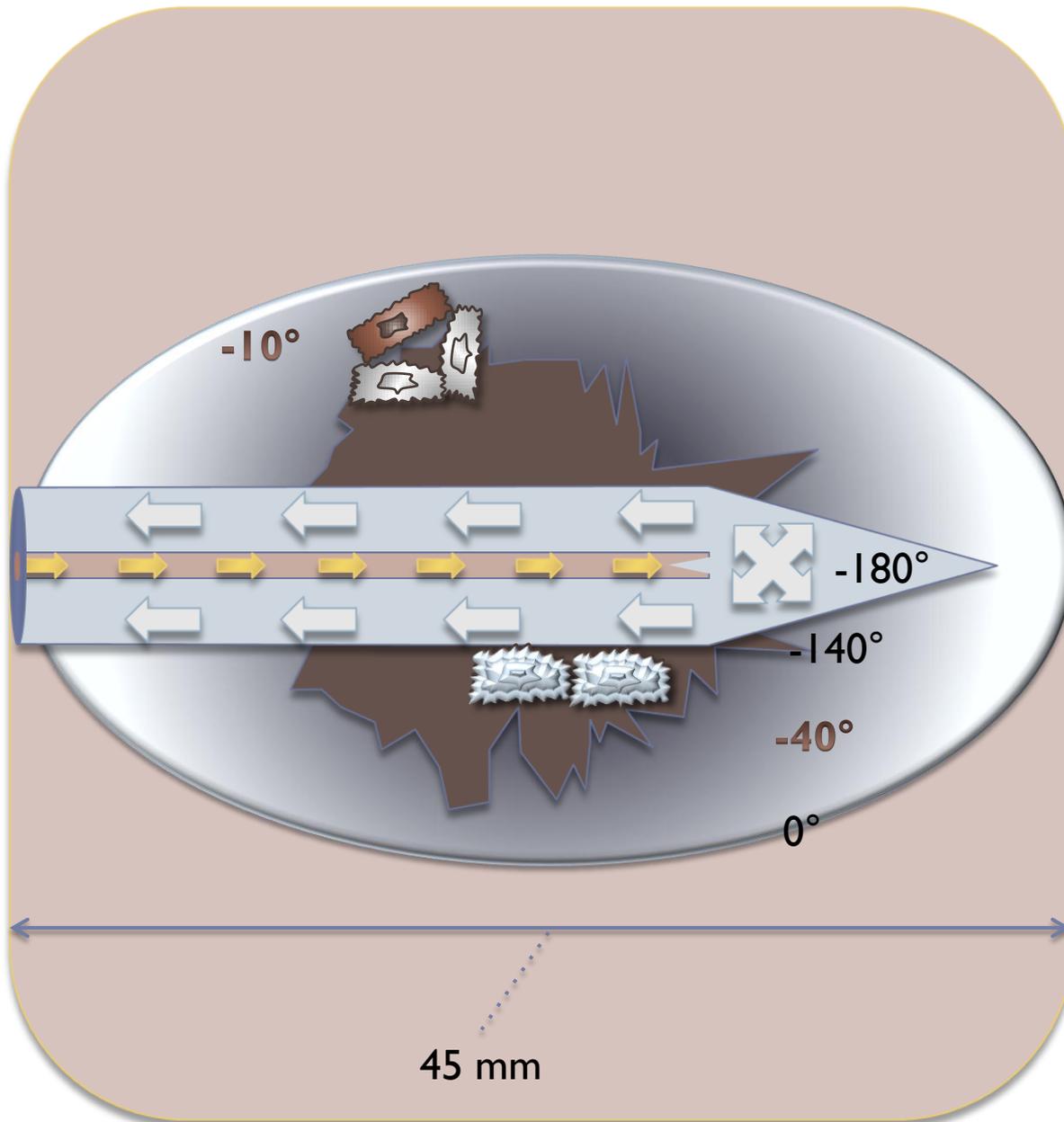
- ▶ Risk of breast cancer
 - ▶ 30% of the population >70 yo in the coming decades
 - ▶ 30% of patients over 70 years have breast cancer¹
- ▶ Complications of surgery increase with age
 - ▶ Asymmetries, bleeding, infection
- ▶ Cons-indications for general anesthesia increases with age
 - ▶ Heart failure
 - ▶ Respiratory failure

➔ Need of a new technique such as **Cryotherapy**



Technical considerations

Cryotherapy in breast cancer



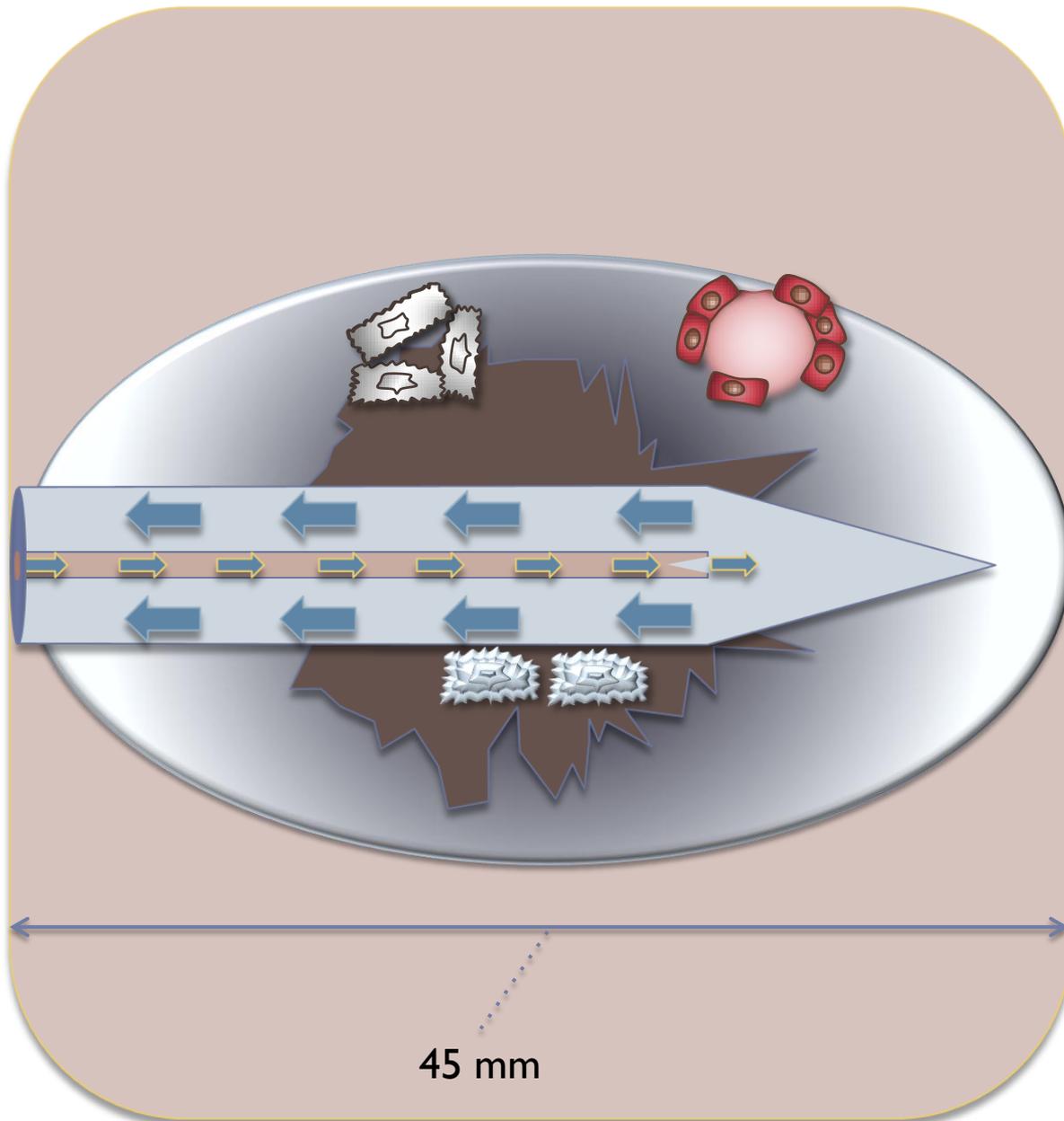
Freezing phase

Joule-Thomson effect

Argon compressed distends into a cannula at its end into the probe and is cooled to -180°

Direct cell injuries

1. Crystal formation
2. Apoptosis



Thawing phase

Helium

Vascular injuries

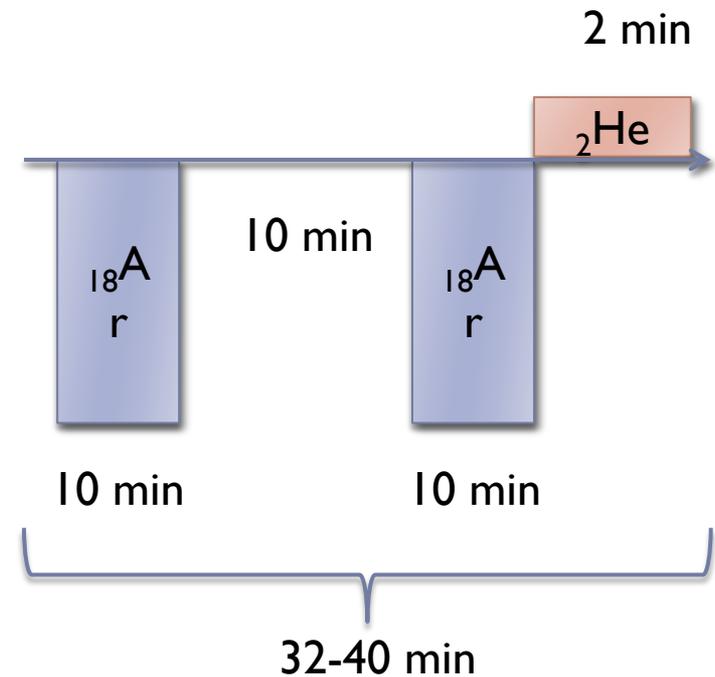
I. loss of blood supply

Freeze-thaw cycle

4 Phases

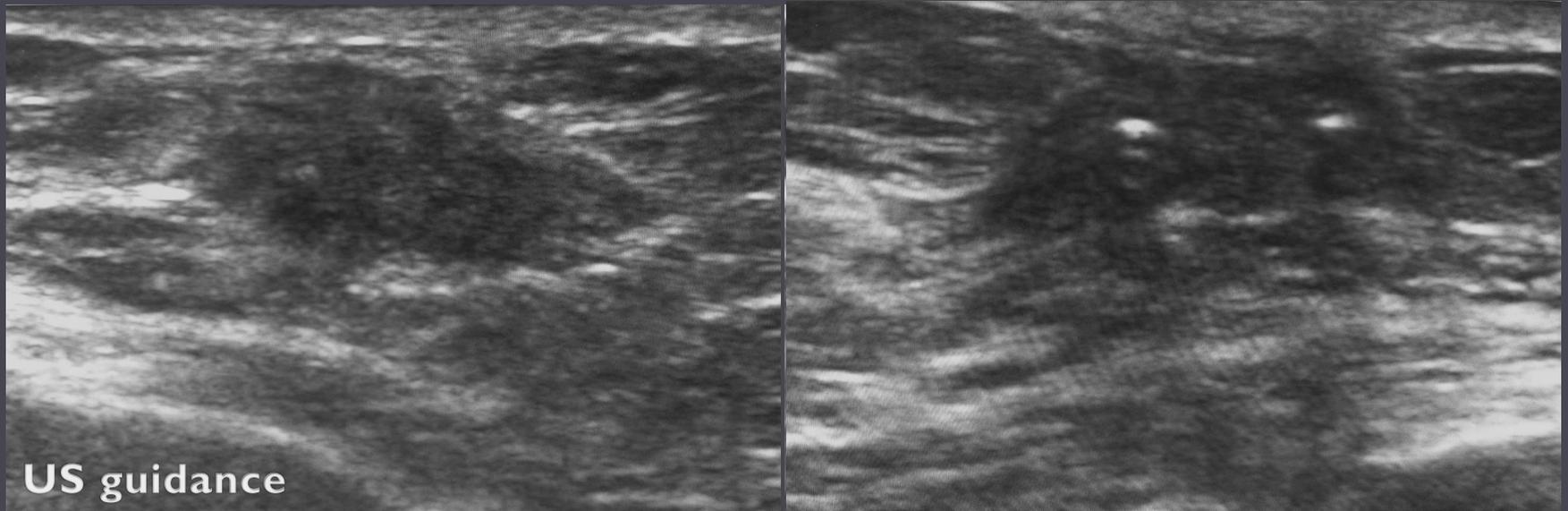
- ▶ 1st freezing ($_{18}\text{Ar}$)
 - ▶ 10 minutes
- ▶ 1st thawing (passive)
 - ▶ 10 minutes
- ▶ 2nd freezing ($_{18}\text{Ar}$)
 - ▶ 10 minutes
- ▶ 2nd thawing ($_2\text{He}$)
 - ▶ 2 minutes

Timing



Procedure

Similar to a biopsy under ultrasound guidance with local anesthesia (Xylocaine 2%)

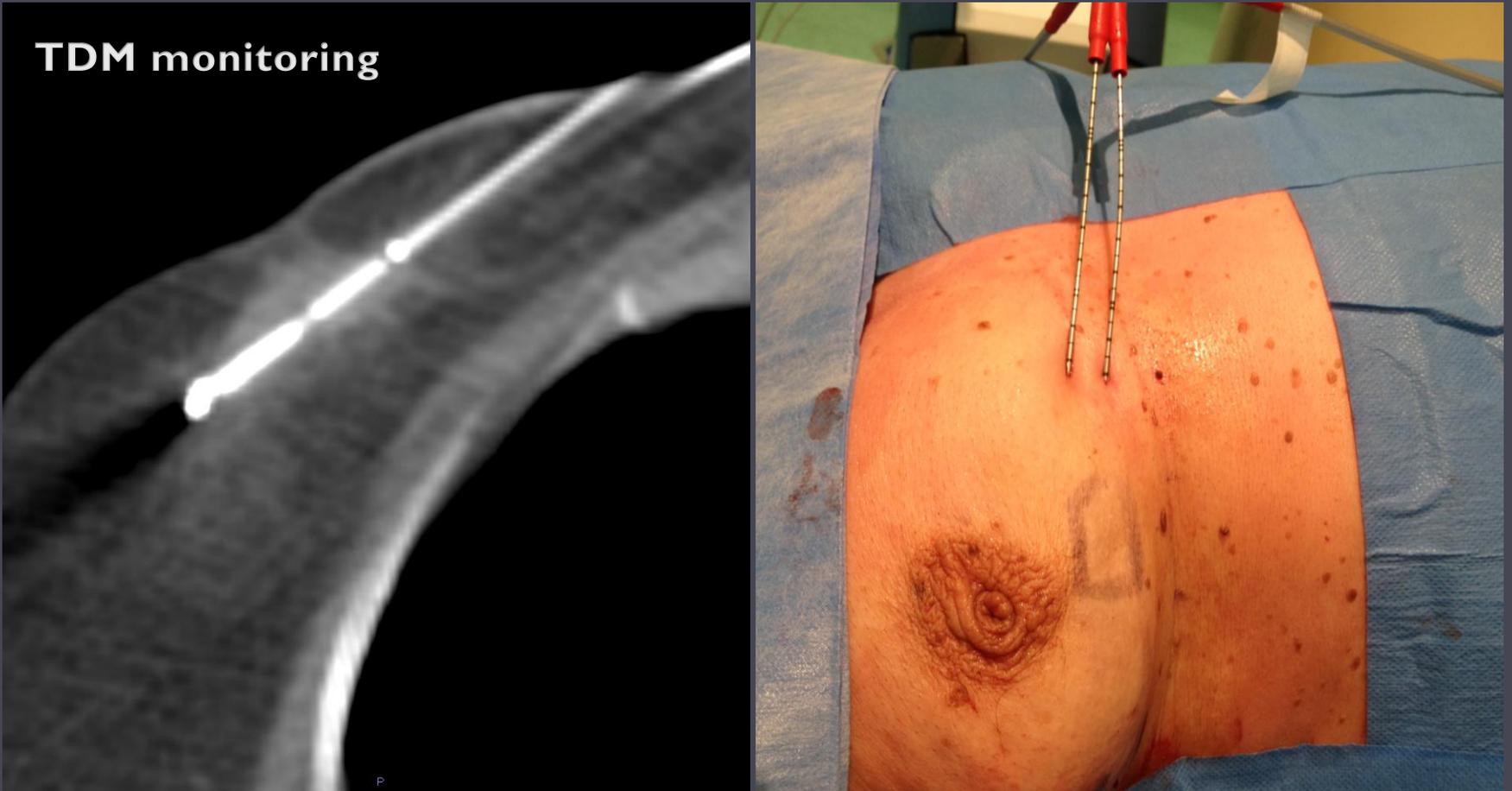


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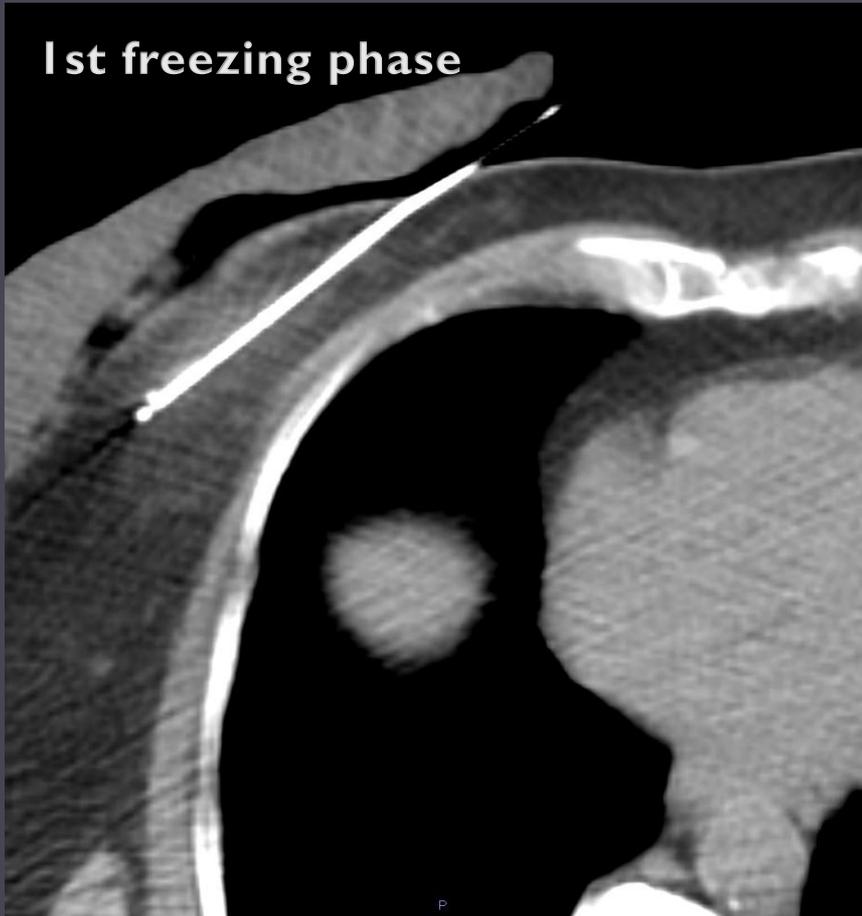
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TDM monitoring



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1st freezing phase

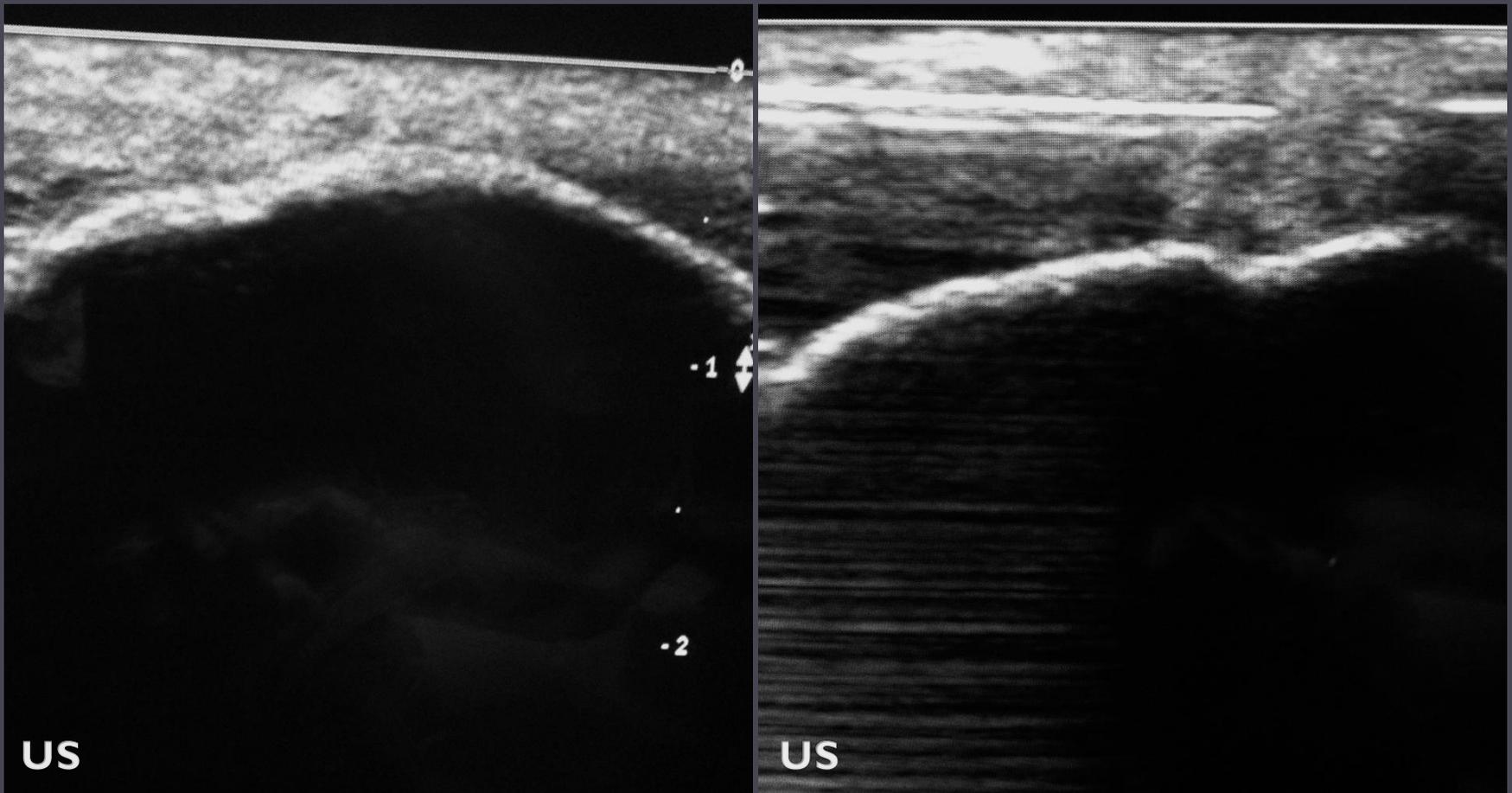


Skin protection



Procedure

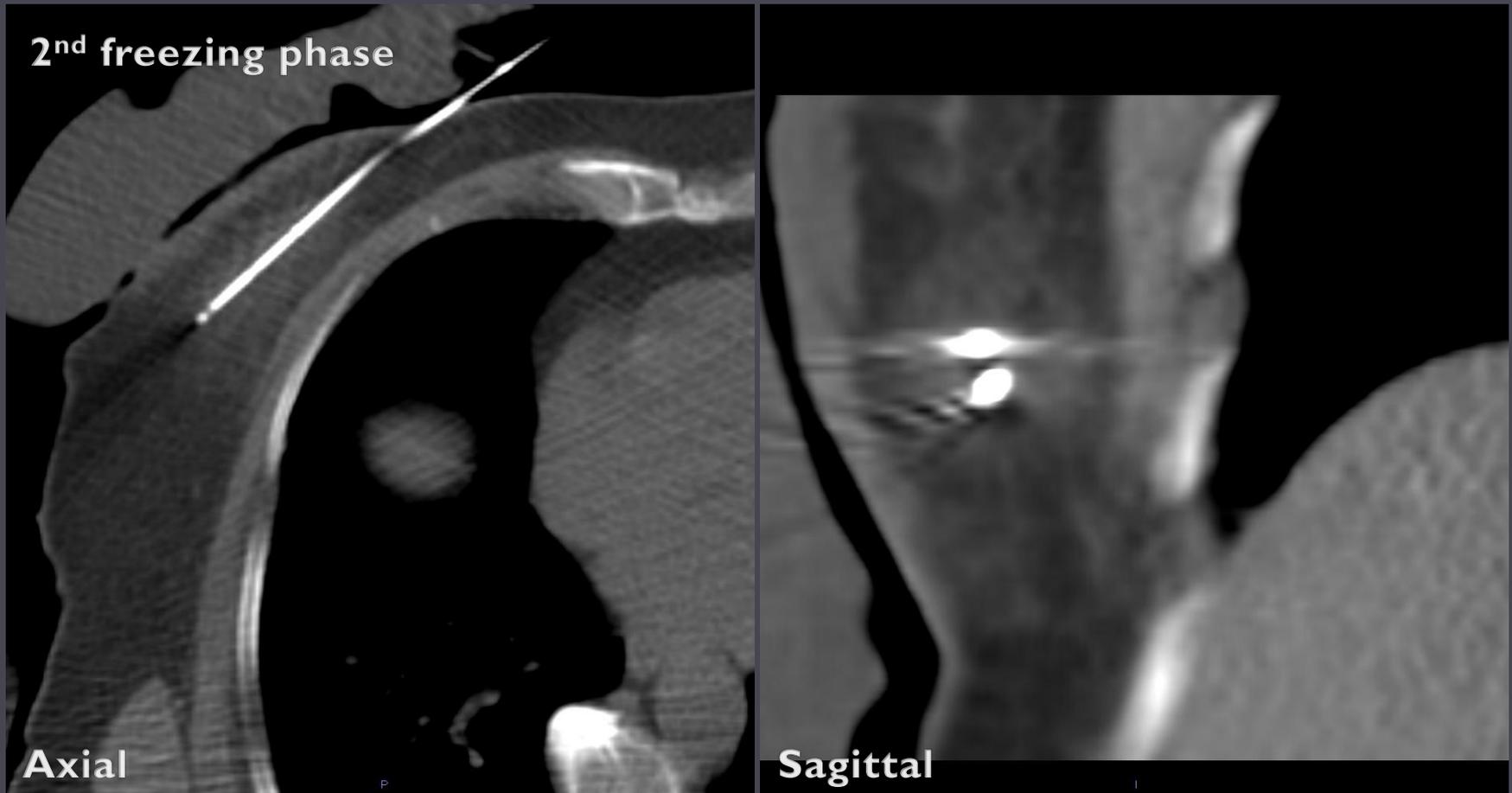
Skin protection by clinical monitoring, warming, and saline serum injection between the skin and the ice block



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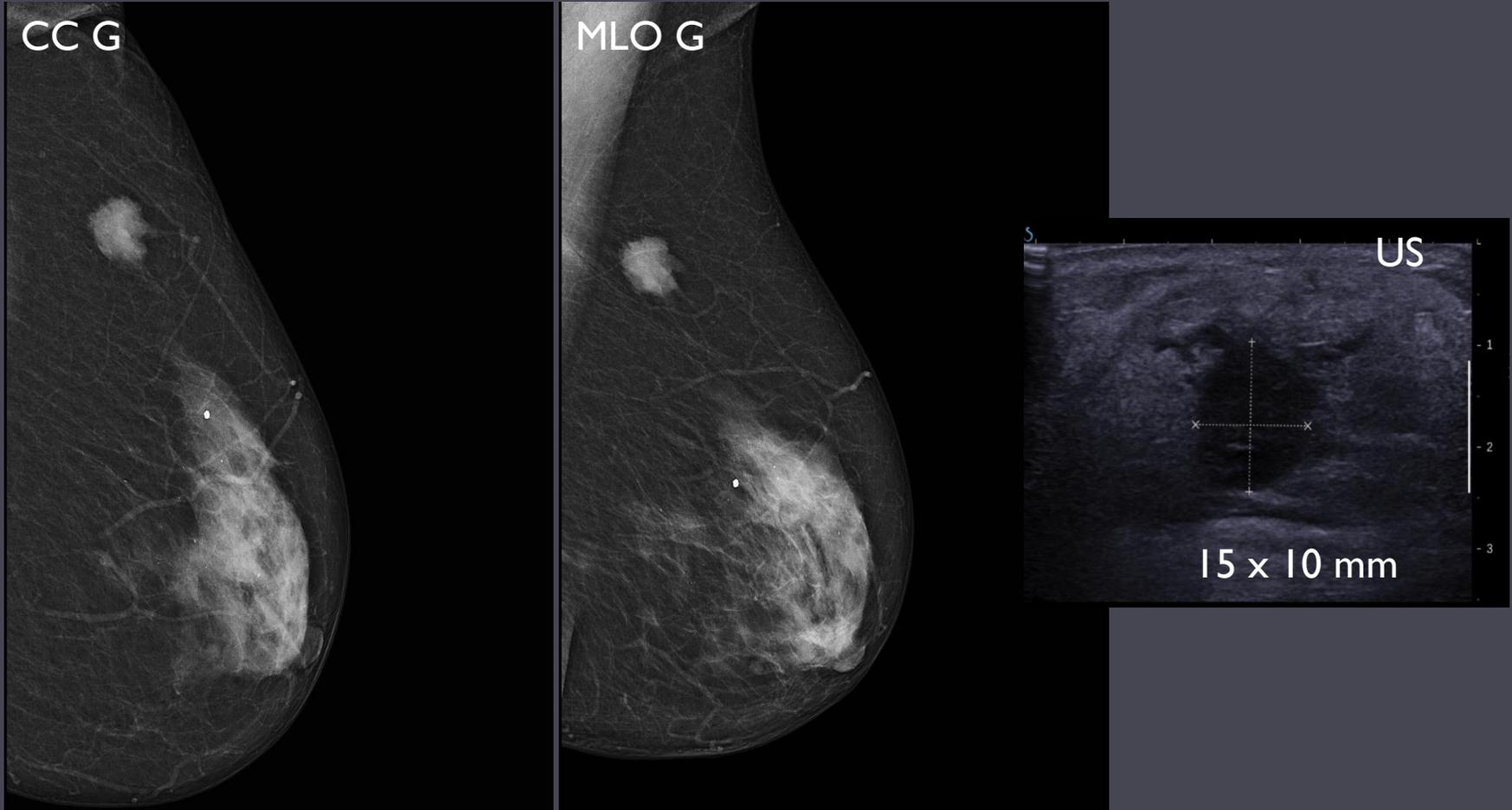


Lesions > 10 mm

- ▶ **Multiple probes**
 - ▶ 1 probe per additional cm of tumor
 - ▶ 3 probe = blocs of ice of 5 cm

Multiple probes

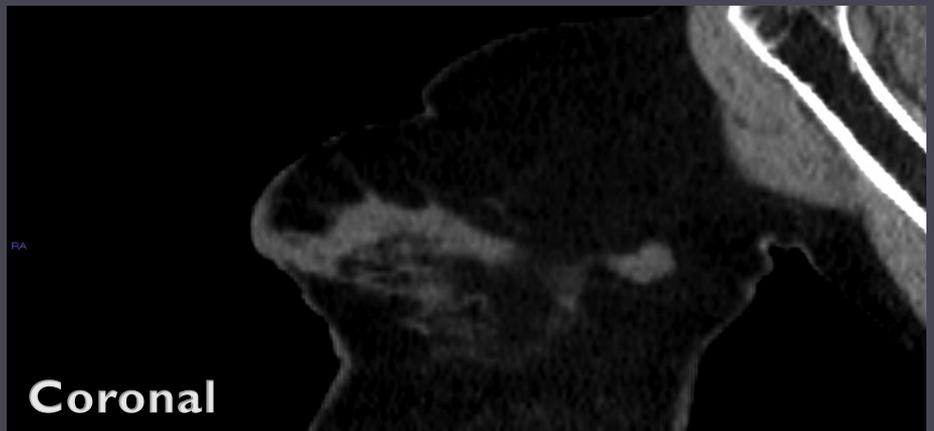
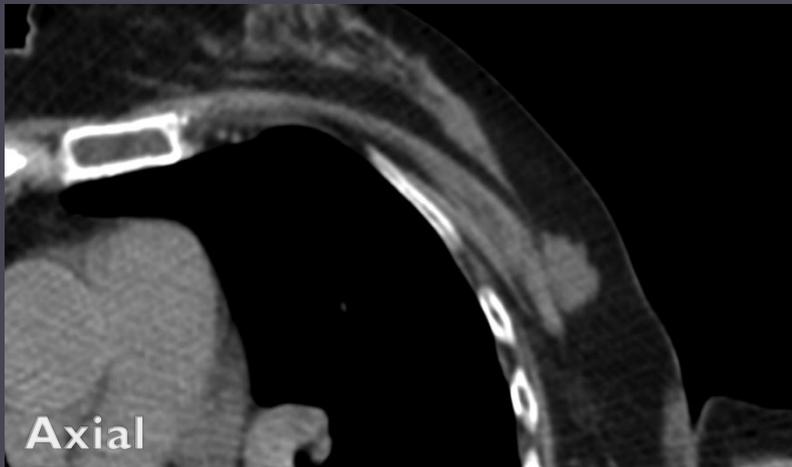
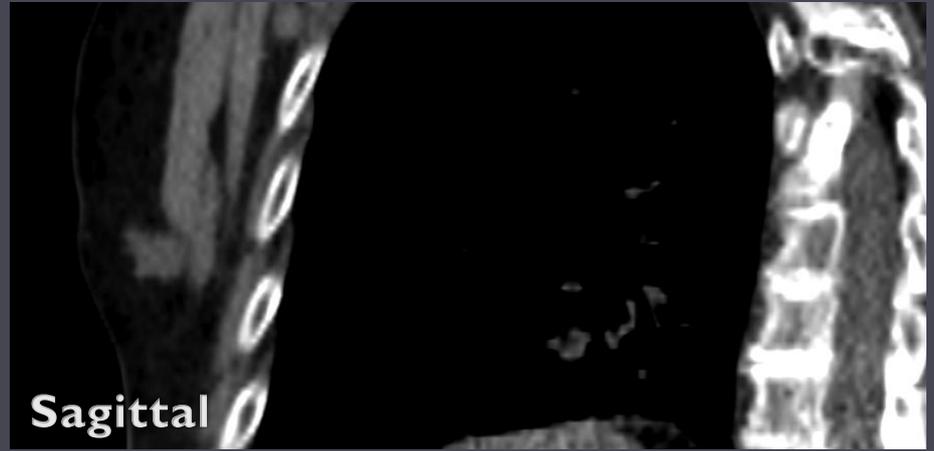
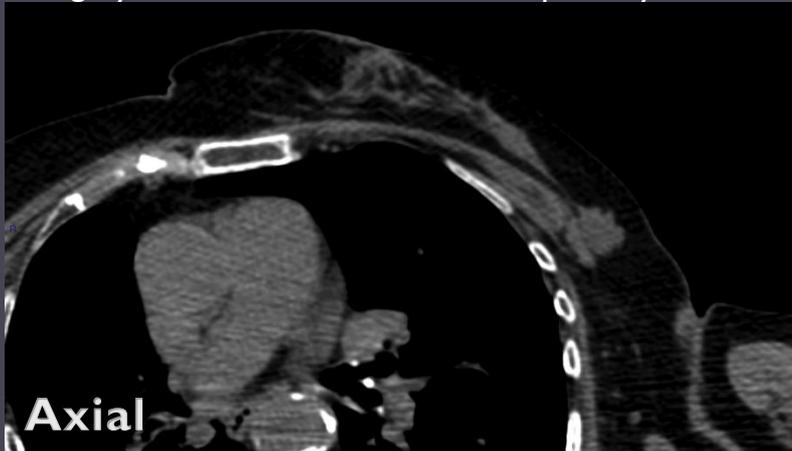
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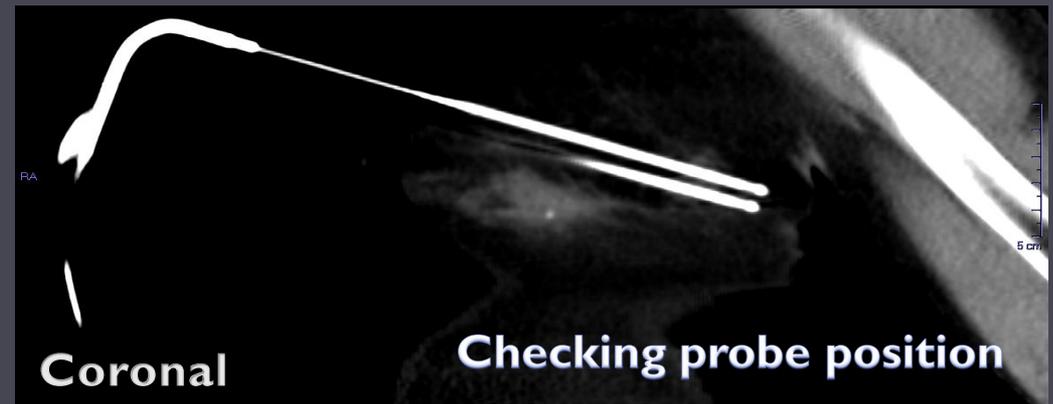
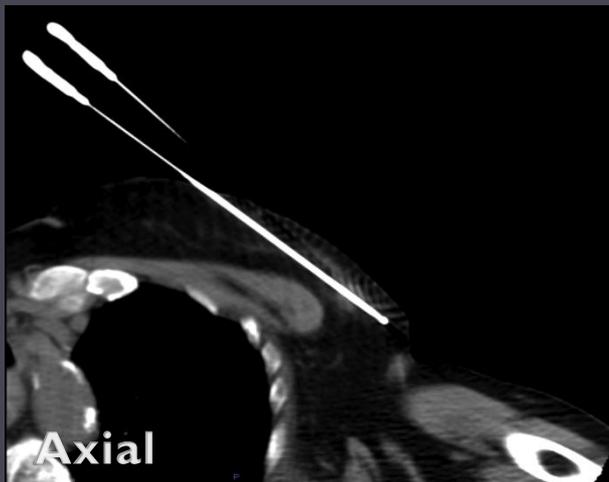
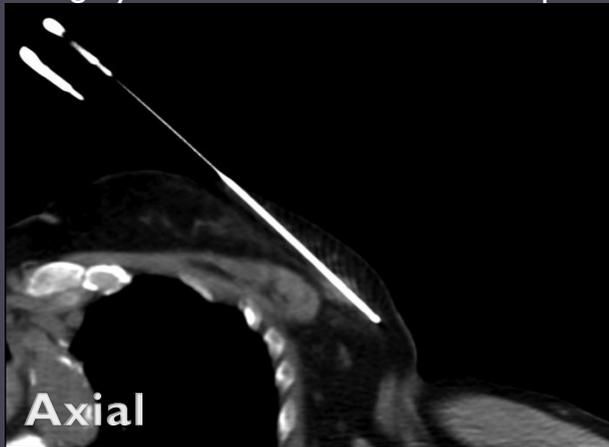
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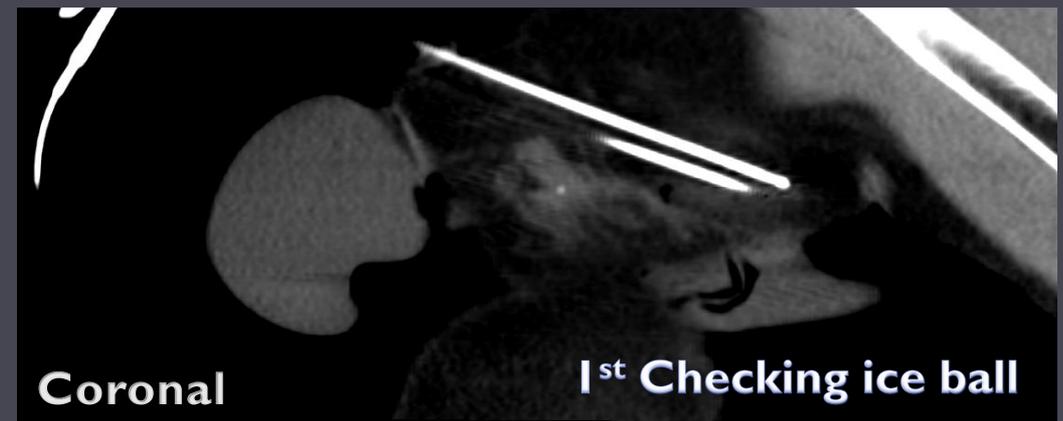
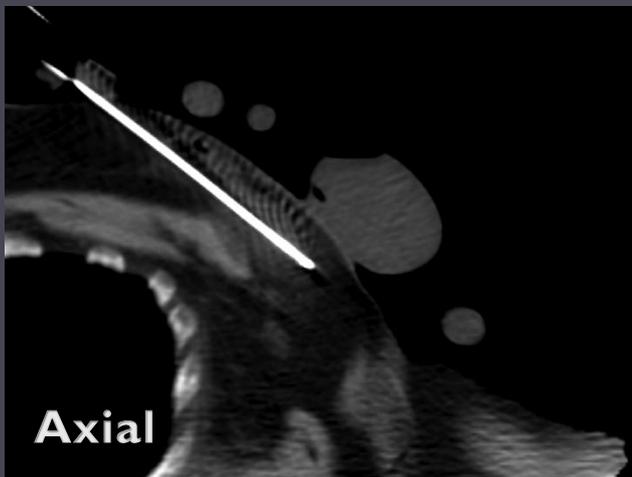
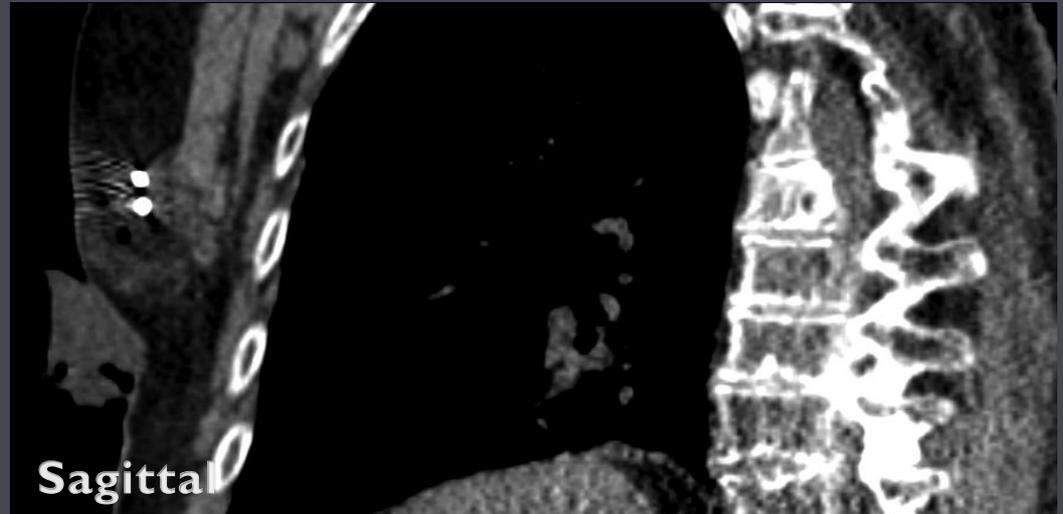
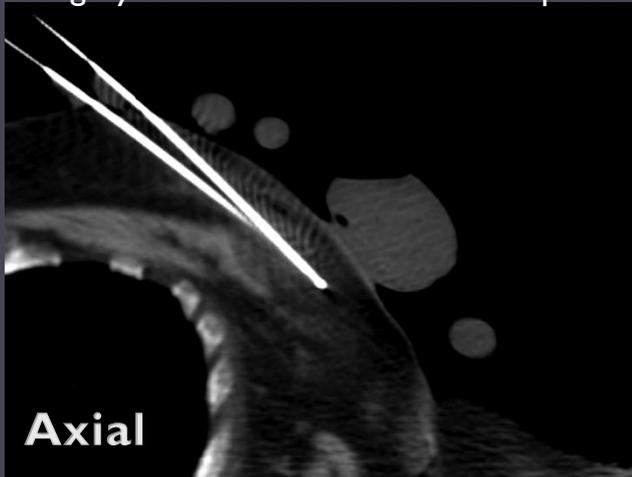
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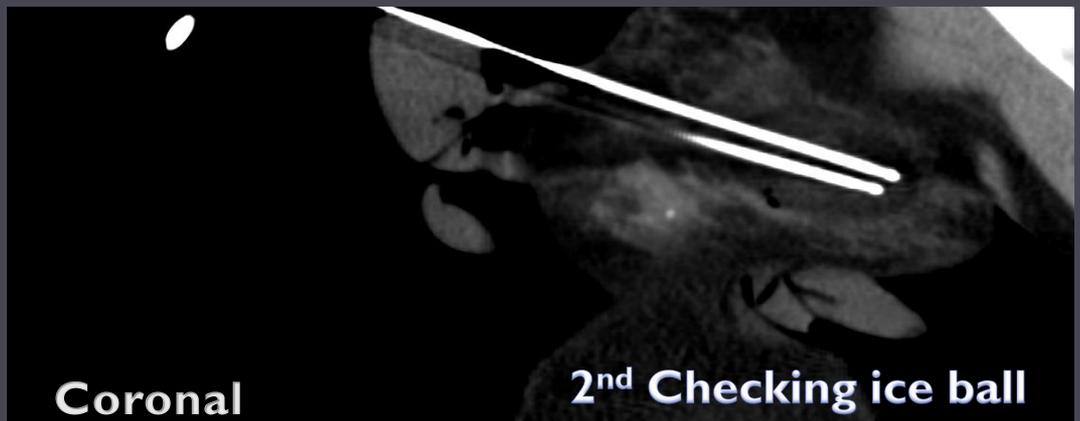
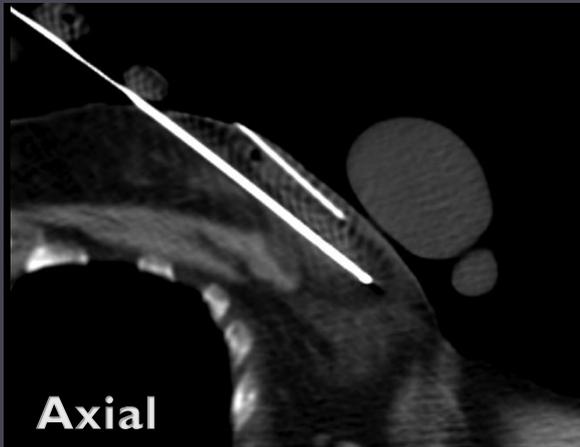
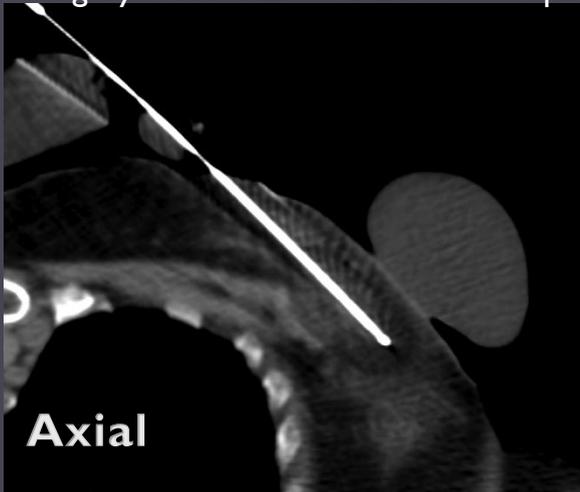
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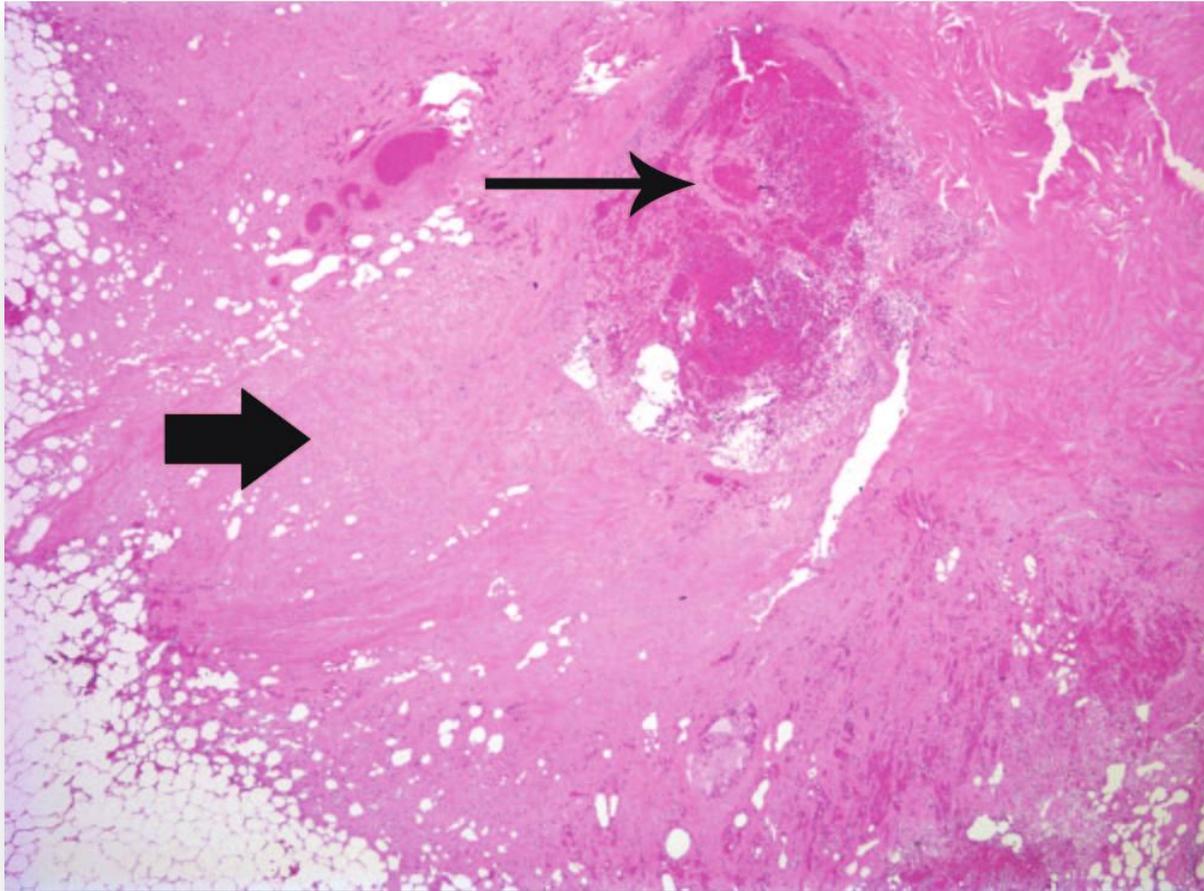
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Treatment follow-up

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Pathology

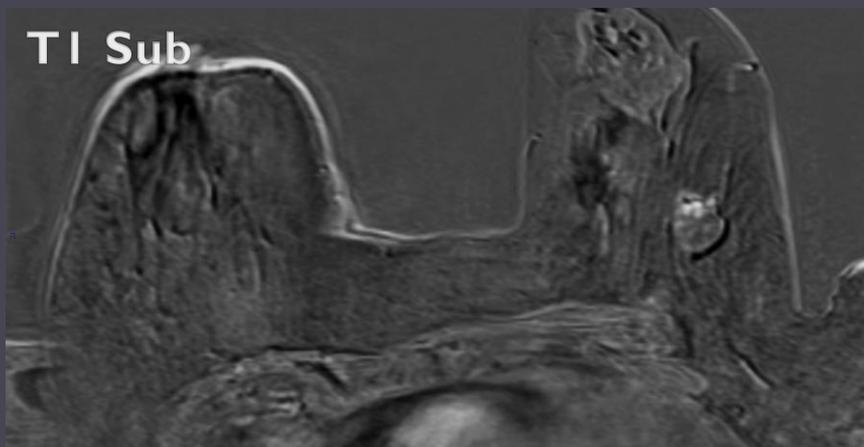
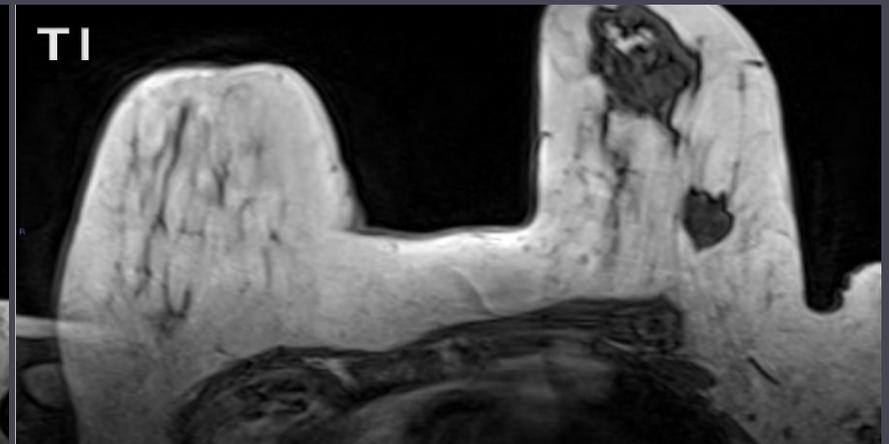
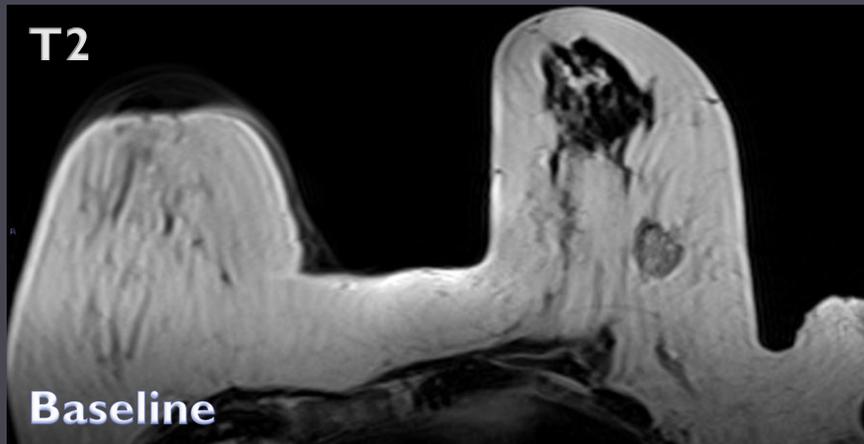
1. Hemorragique necrosis
 1. Ghosts dead cells
 2. cellular debris
 3. neutrophils
2. Cytosteatonecrosis

Treatment follow-up

- ▶ **MRI**
 - ▶ Baseline
 - ▶ 3 month
 - ▶ 6 month
 - ▶ 12 month
- ▶ **CT when MRI is contraindicated**
 - ▶ Dynamic contrast enhancement study

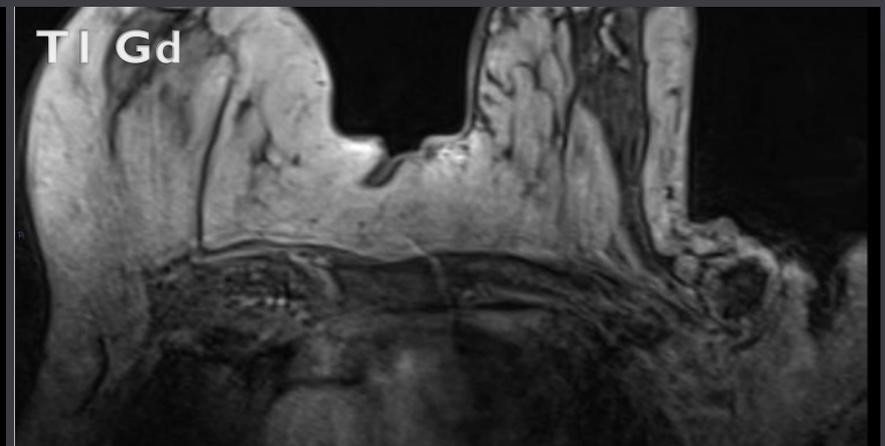
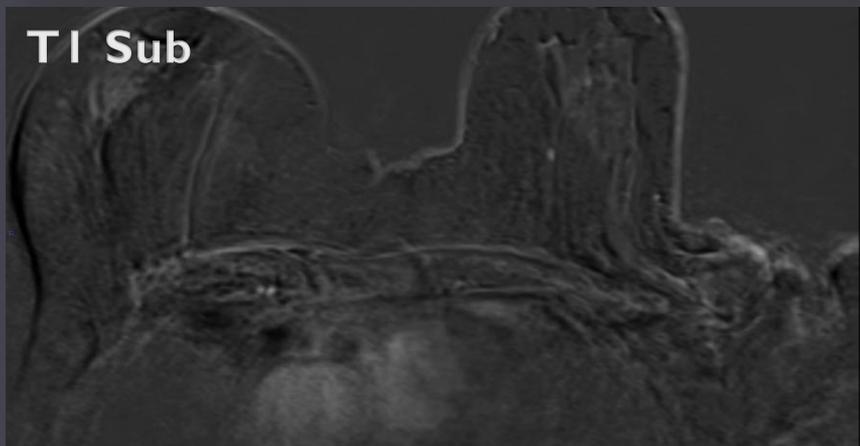
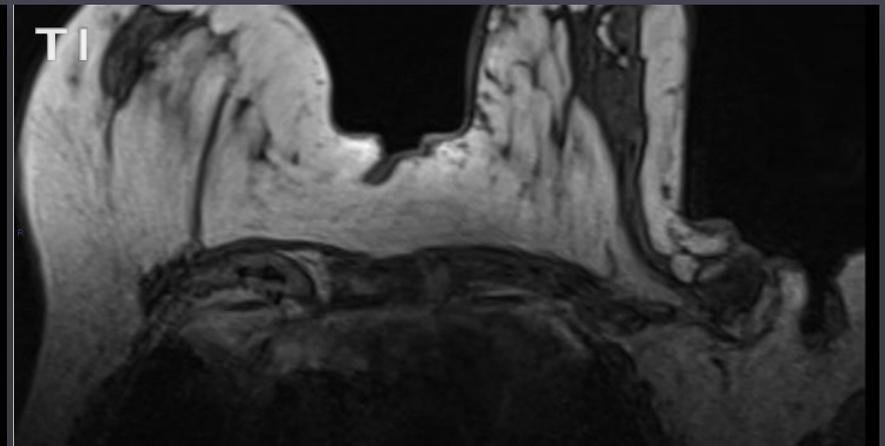
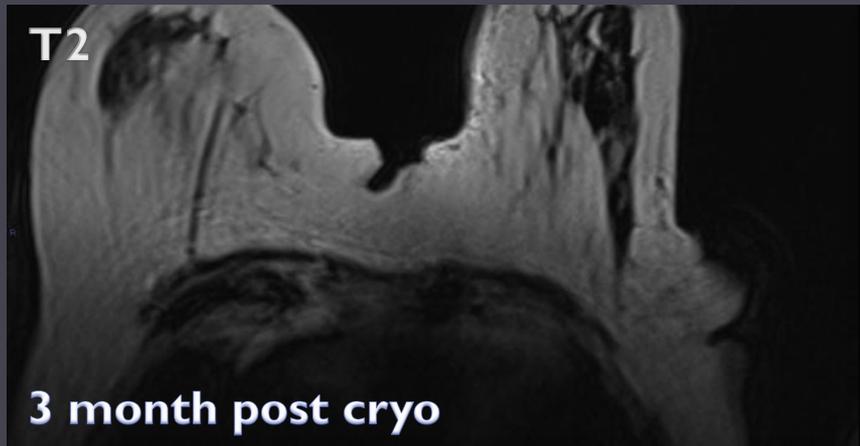
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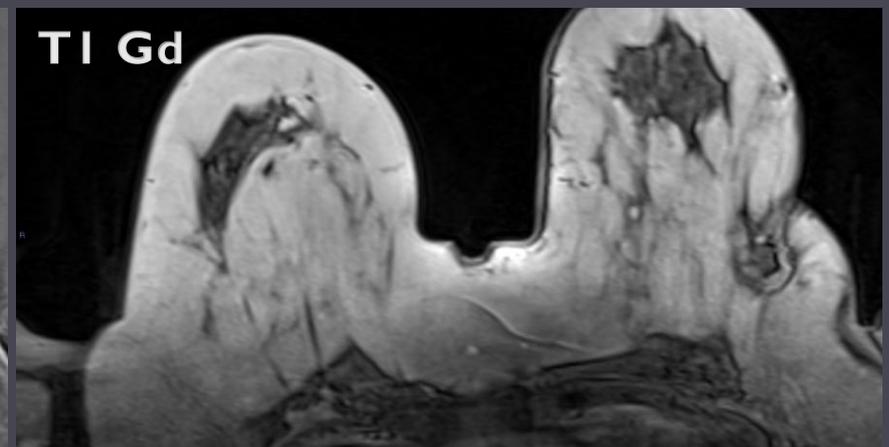
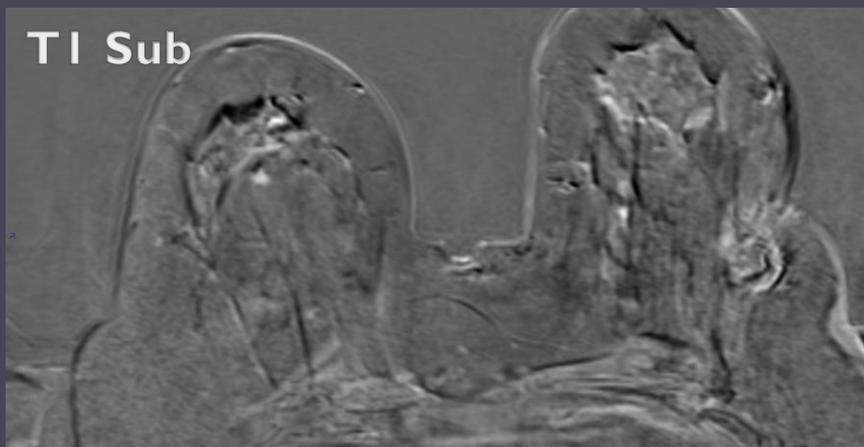
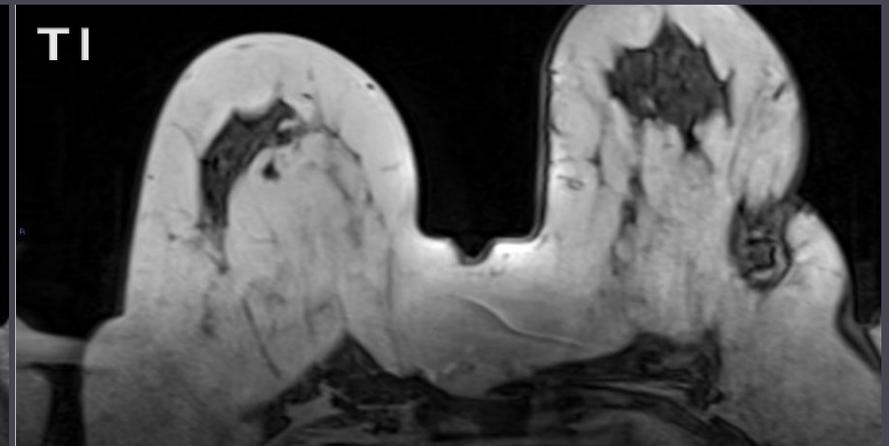
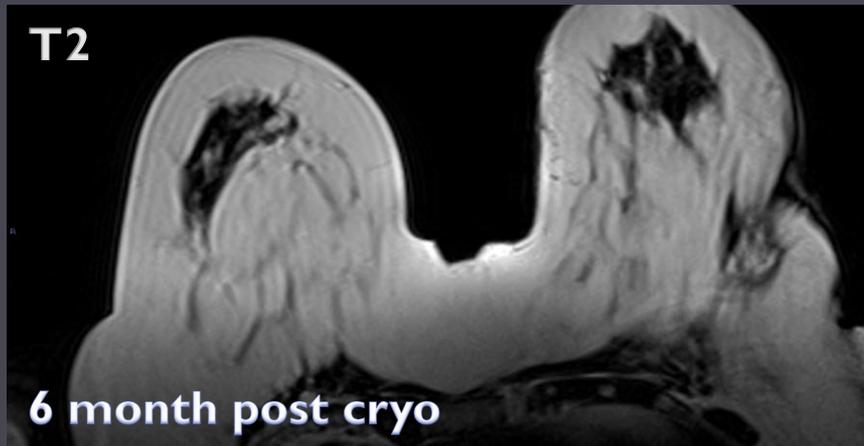
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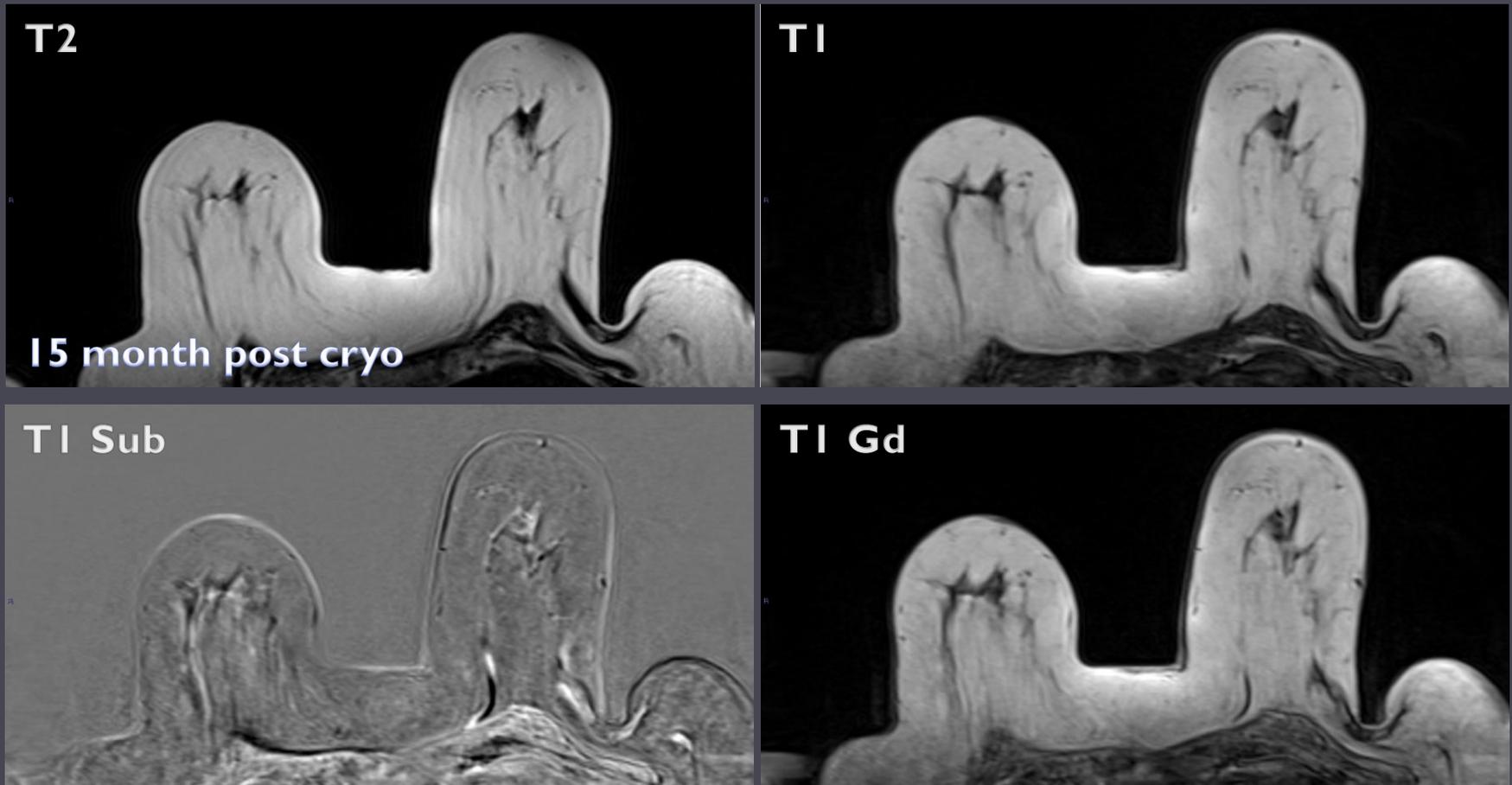
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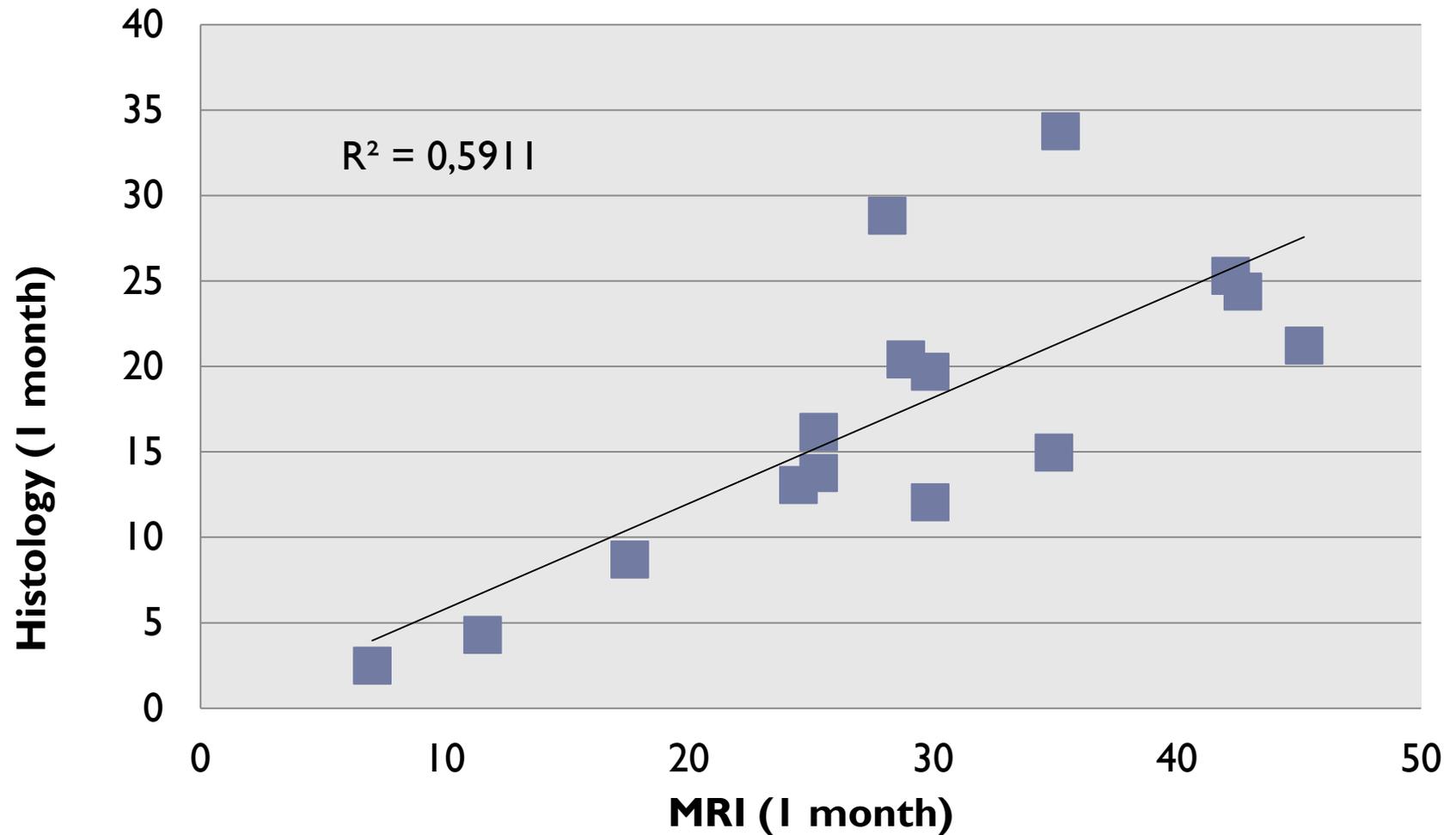


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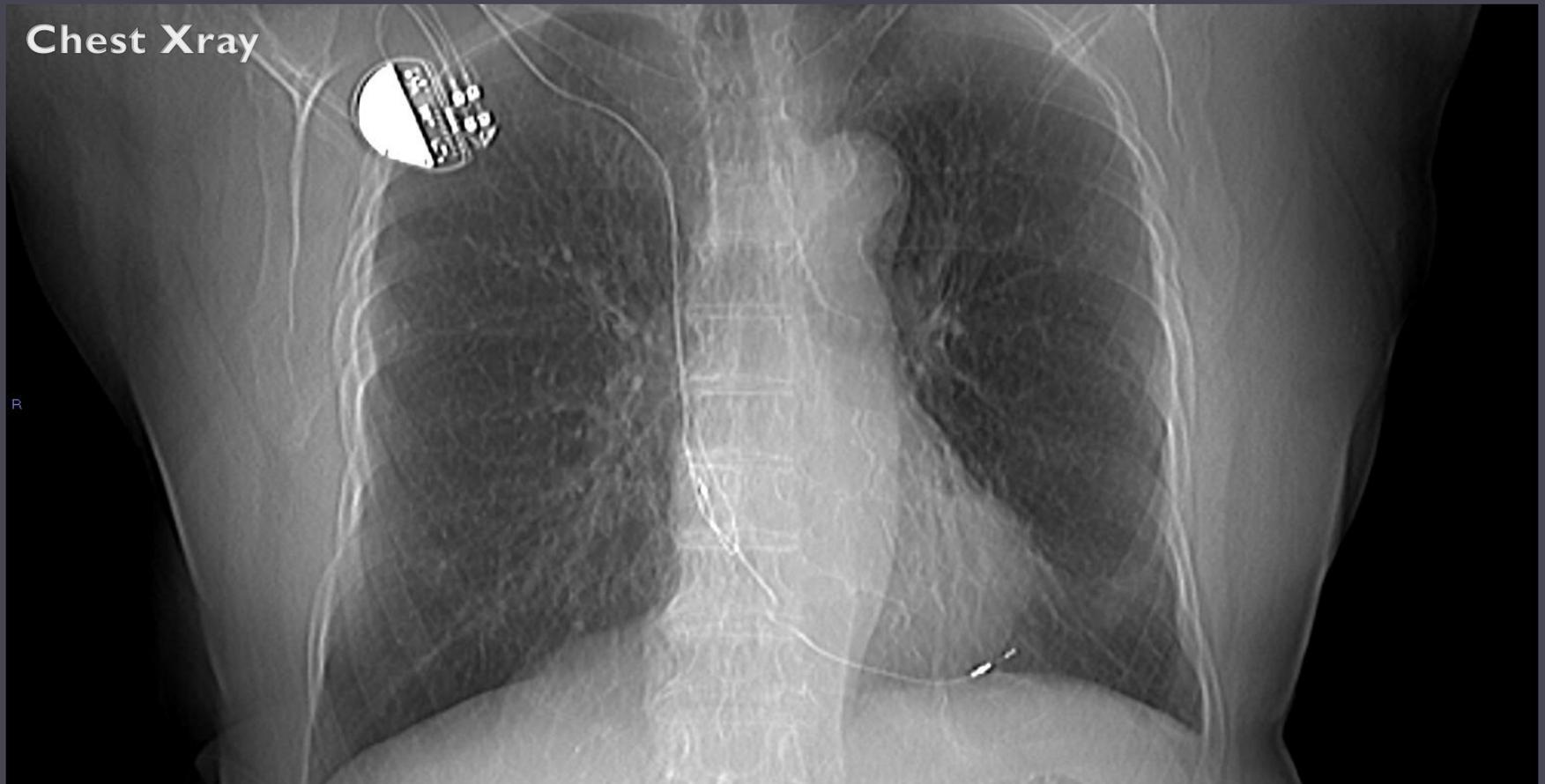


Necrosis extension in MRI versus Pathology



Treatment follow-up in CT

87 yo, IDC of the Internal superior quadrant of the left breast



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CT Axial

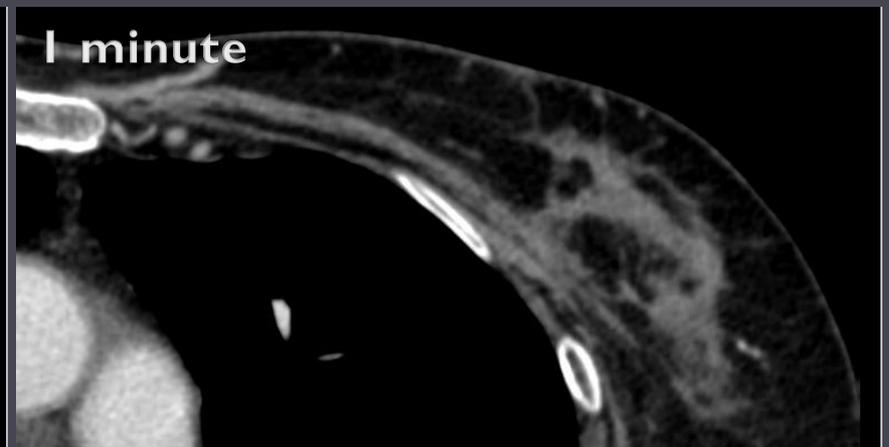
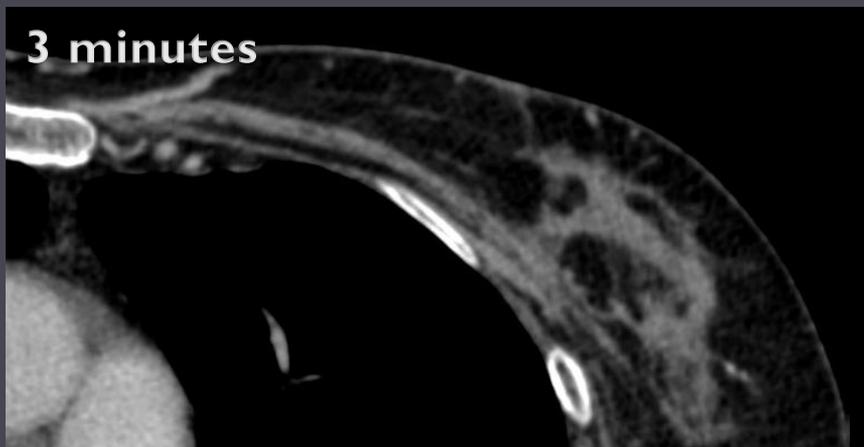
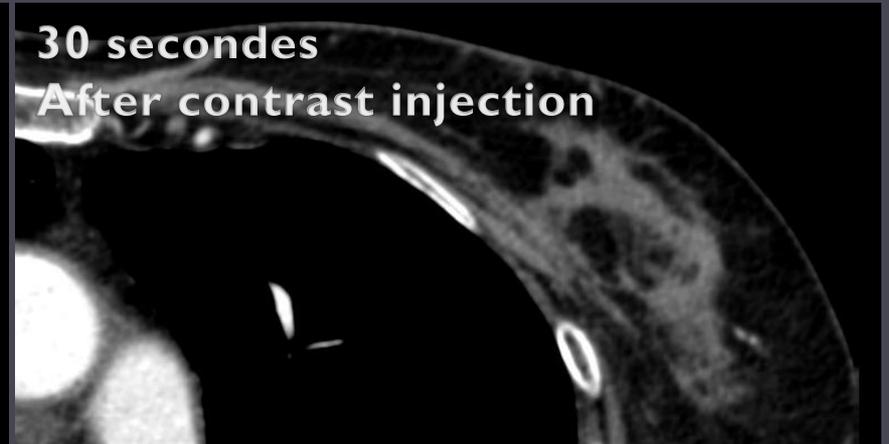
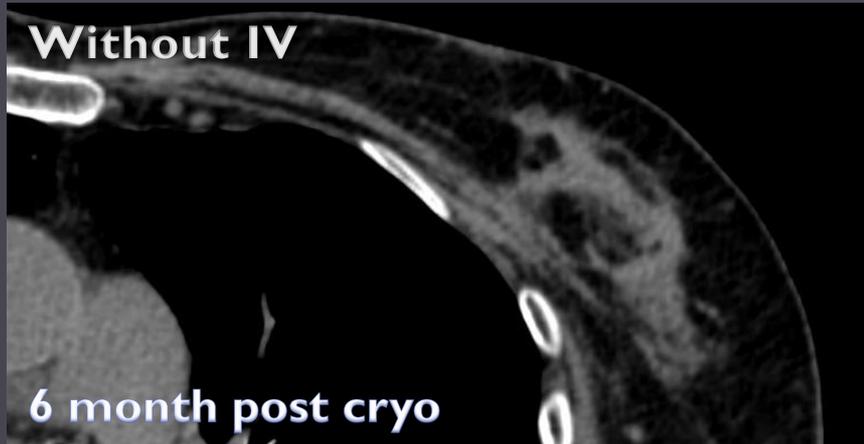


CT Sag



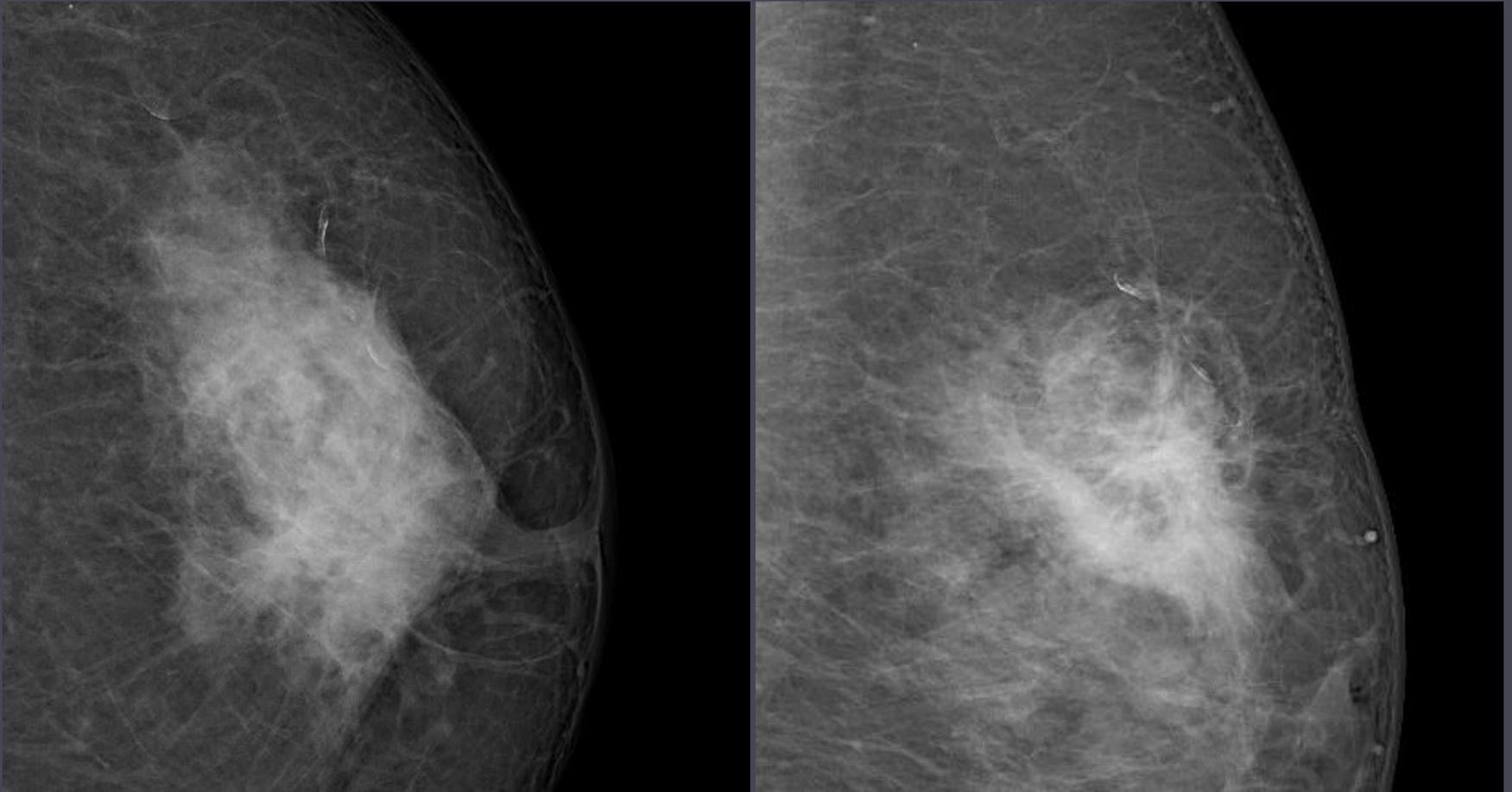
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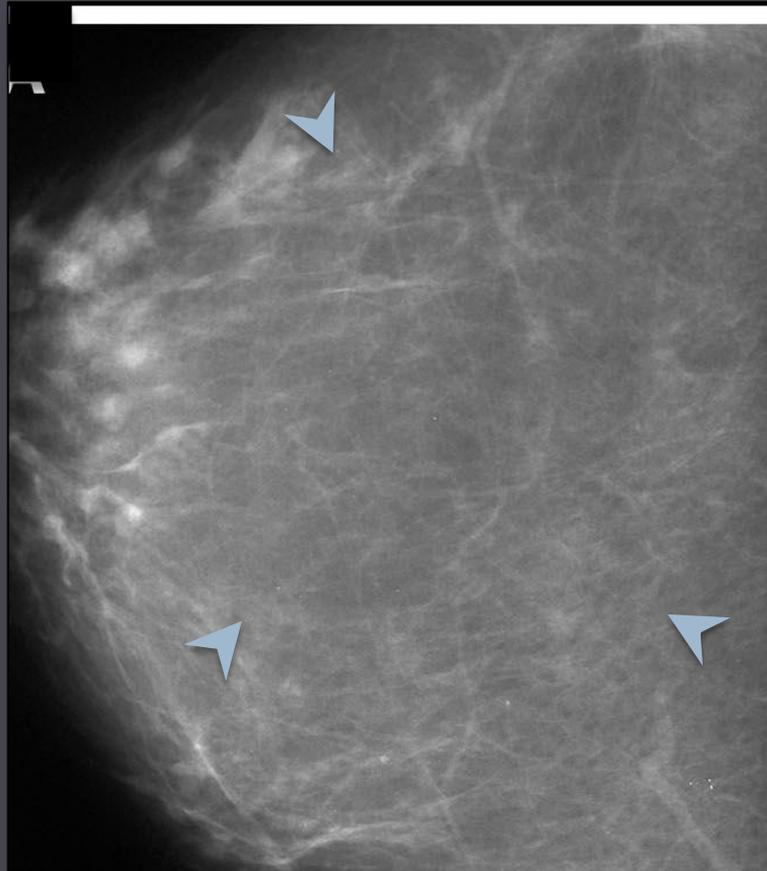
Treatment follow-up in mammography

Halo scar



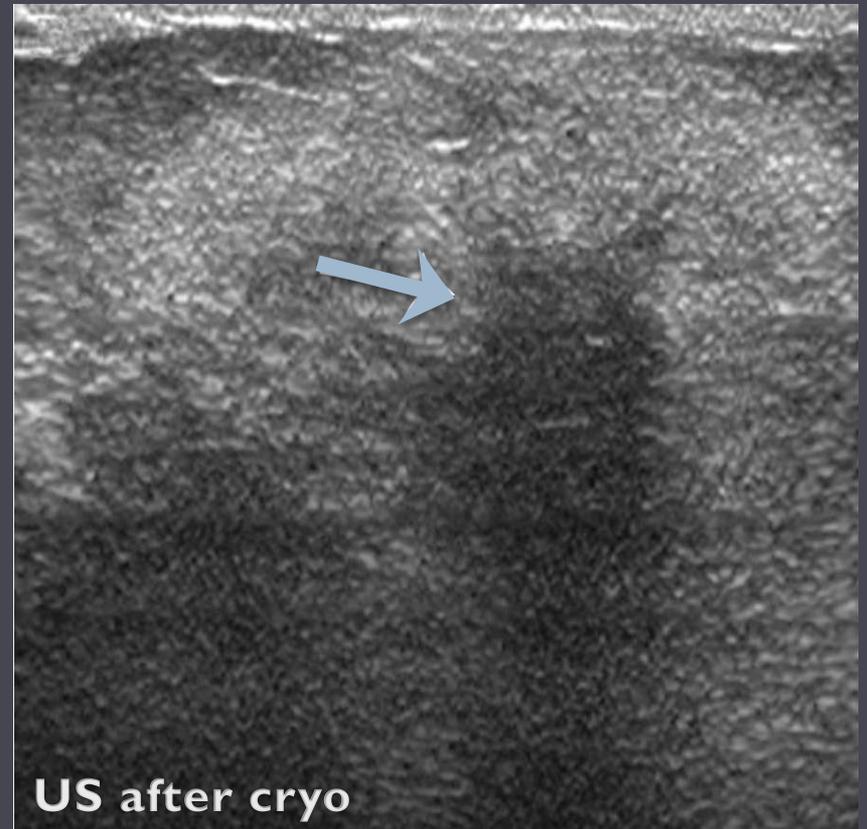
Treatment follow-up in mammography

Halo scar



Treatment follow-up in US

Halo scar





Results

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Performances

Cancers

- ▶ Lesions <10 mm (one needle)
 - ▶ Complete destruction in 93-100% of cases^{1,2}
- ▶ Lesions <15 mm without DCIS¹
 - ▶ 100% destruction
- ▶ Lesion <17 mm (single needle)³
 - ▶ 79% destruction
- ▶ Lesion >17 mm (multiple needles)⁵
 - ▶ 100% destruction (without recurrence at 18 months)

Fibroadenoma

- ▶ ADF <20 mm⁴
 - ▶ Disappearance at palpation : 94%
 - ▶ Disappearance on US : 100%
- ▶ ADF > 20 mm⁴
 - ▶ Disappearance at palpation 73%
 - ▶ Disappearance on US 98%

benefits

- ▶ Breast is a safe for percutaneous approach
- ▶ Few technical limitations
 - ▶ No need for general anesthesia
 - ▶ Skin-lesion margins > 5 mm¹
 - ▶ Lesion <3 cm ...
- ▶ Follow-up
 - ▶ No impact on the analysis of sentinel Lymph node^{1,3}
 - ▶ No impact on the monitoring of the breast after a few months^{1,4,5}
- ▶ Satisfaction index
 - ▶ Procedure : Patients 97%, MD 100%
 - ▶ Pain at 24h (Visual Analogue Scale) : 0,3 [0-4]
 - ▶ Esthetic : Patientes 100%, Médecins 100%

Limits

- ▶ **Lower Performances**
 - ▶ Poorly defined lesions
 - ▶ DCIS : 40% failures
 - ▶ ILC: 60% failures
 - ▶ Spiculated lesion

Limits

▶ Side effects

- ▶ Erythema 80% (8h)
- ▶ Palpable scar 30%
- ▶ Hematoma 26%
- ▶ Pain

▶ Cost

- ▶ 1 cryoprob = 1000€



Conclusion

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Take Home Messages

	Initial	Metastatic	Relaps	Adenofibroma
Cancer	<35 mm In situ - Unifocal N-	<35 mm In situ - Unifocal		<25 mm
Patiente	Surgery contra-indicated Surgery refused			
Before Cryo	Biopsy cancer ±lymphnodes MRI	Biopsy cancer MRI	Biopsy cancer ±lymphnodes MRI	Biopsy cancer MRI
Follow-up	Breast MRI at 3, 6, 12, 18, 24 month			Breast MRI at 6, 12 and 24 month Mammography if > 35 yo US every year.