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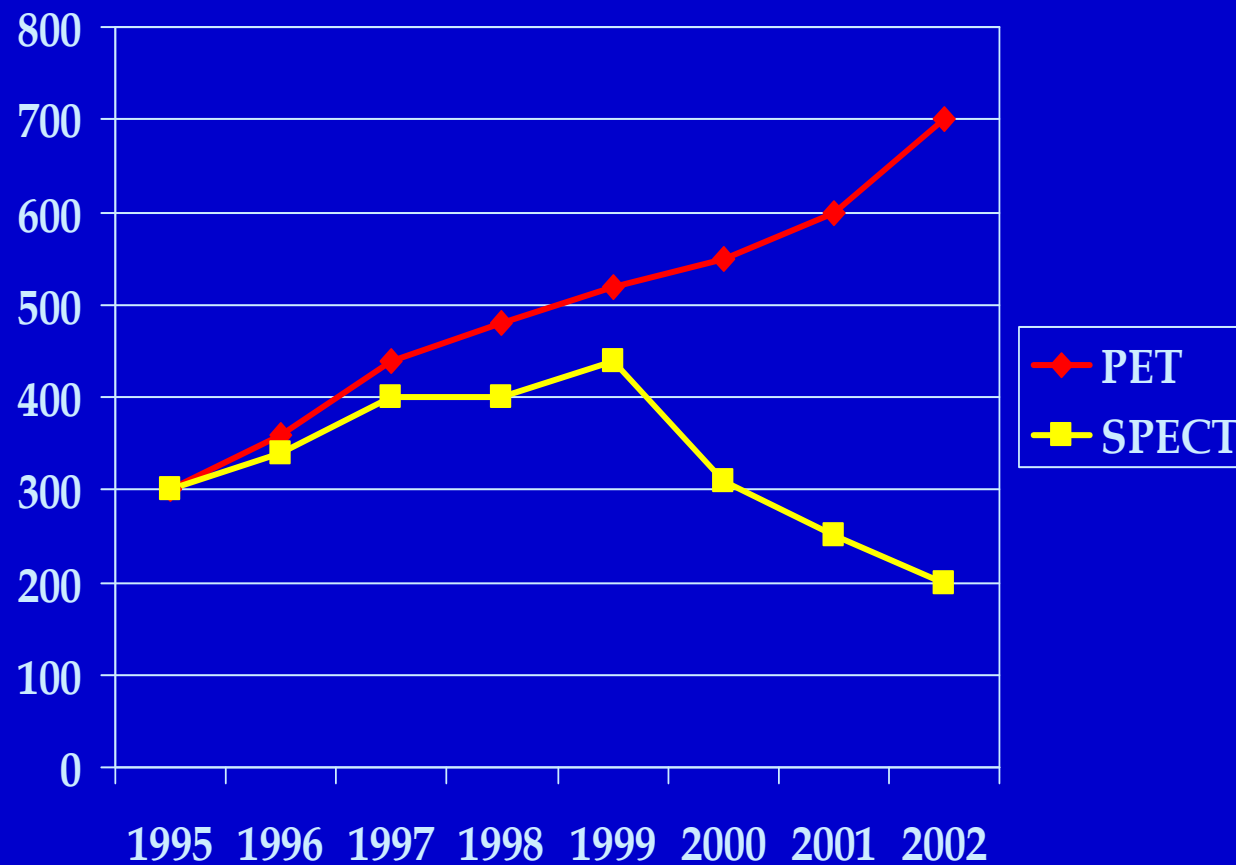


La PET in Endocrinologia Oncologica

PET/TC: Up-to-date dopo 10 anni di utilizzo in clinica

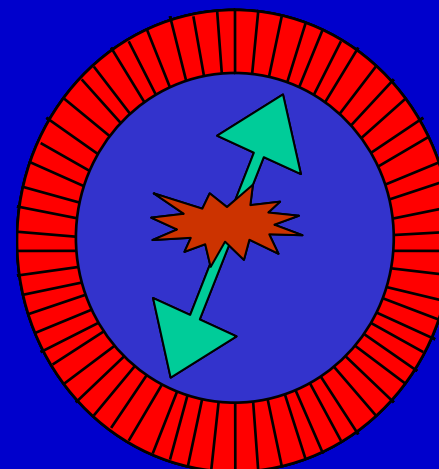
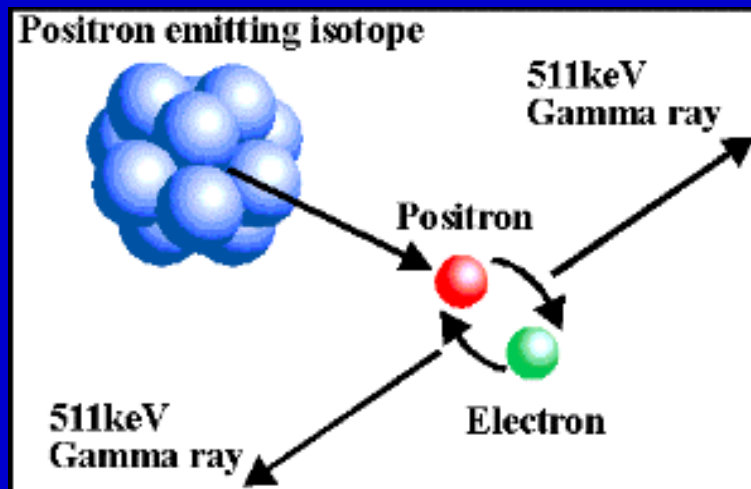
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Contributi scientifici su PET/SPECT al Congresso della Society of Nuclear Medicine (U.S.A.)



Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

Indagine medico-nucleare che utilizza **molecole biologiche** (zuccheri, aminoacidi, ormoni, ecc.) marcate con **atomi emettitori di positroni (β^+)**

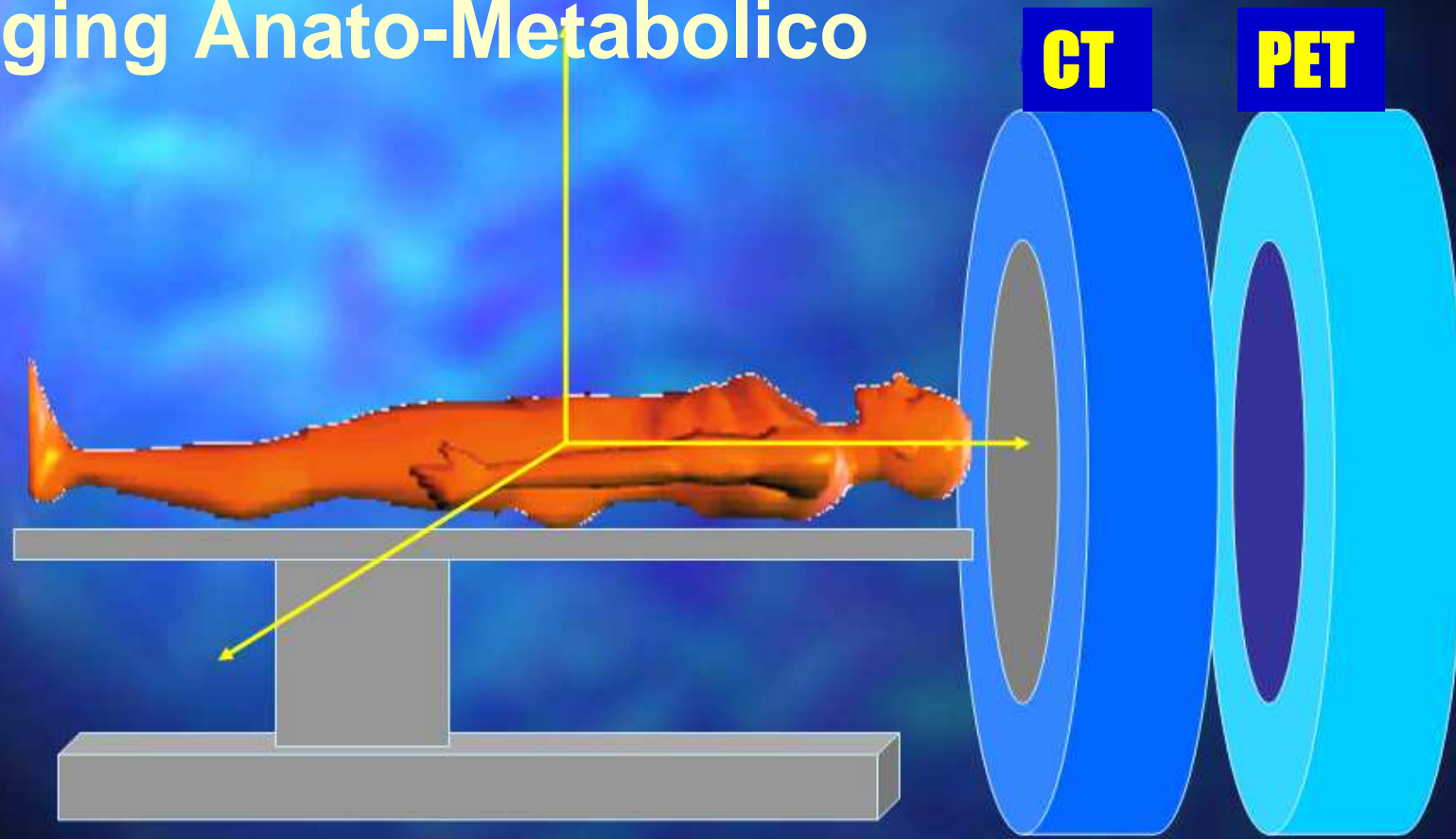


PET

La PET

- valuta gli aspetti **fisiologici e biochimici** piuttosto che quelli anatomici
- offre una prospettiva diversa della malattia (**caratterizzazione biologica**) ponendo le premesse per una **diagnosi**
 - più precoce
 - più precisa

Imaging Anato-Metabolico



PET/CT

Applicazioni in
Endocrinologia Oncologica


FDG-PET in oncologia. Criteri per un uso appropriato

Tiroide

Scenario clinico	Categoria di appropriatezza
identificazione delle recidive nei pazienti con elevati livelli di tireoglobulina e I 131 negativo	Appropriato
identificazione di recidive e metastasi in pazienti ad alto rischio con sospetto di malattia più estesa rispetto alle metastasi captanti I 131	Di utilità tuttora non documentata

Endocrine Tumors
Original Paper

Combined [¹⁸F]Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography and Computed Tomography (FDG-PET/CT) for Detection of Recurrent, ¹³¹I-Negative Thyroid Cancer

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FDG-PET/CT result				
	Positive	Negative	Total	
Disease				
Positive	43 (TP)	1 (FN)	44	Sensitivity 98%
Negative	4 (FP)	17 (TN)	21	Specificity 81%
Total	47	18	65	
	PPV 91%	NPV 94%		

Fluorodeoxyglucose PET/CT in patients with differentiated thyroid cancer and elevated thyroglobulin after total thyroidectomy and ^{131}I ablation

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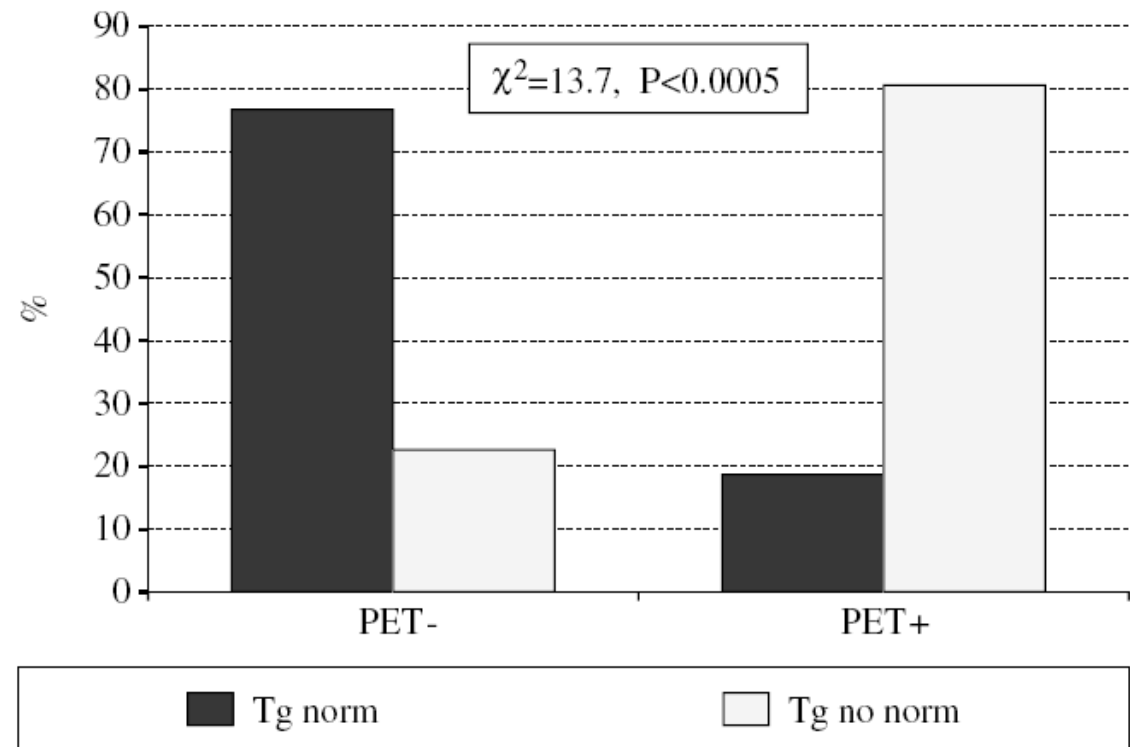


Figure 1.—FDG-PET *vs* thyroglobulin evaluation at short-term follow-up. PET⁻: negative FDG-PET/CT; PET⁺: positive FDG-PET/CT.

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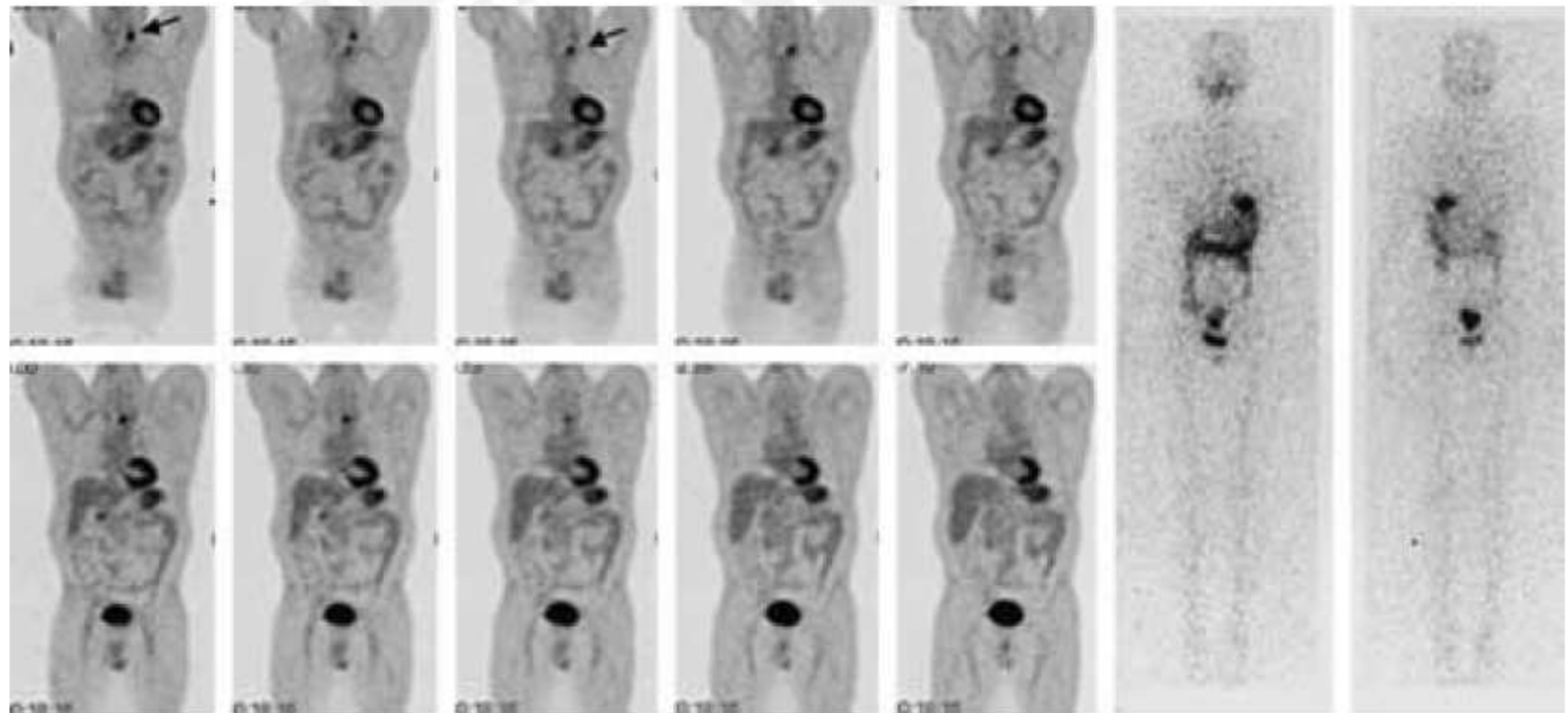


Figure 2.—A 62-year-old male patient with positive FDG-PET/CT and negative post-therapy ^{131}I whole-body scan. Human thyroglobulin level at short-term follow-up was sensibly higher (200 ng/mL) than before therapy (100 ng/mL).

Evaluation of thyroid FDG uptake incidentally identified on FDG-PET/CT imaging.

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OBJECTIVES: To characterize the prevalence and malignancy of thyroid F-fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) uptake incidentally identified on FDG-PET/computed tomography (CT) scan in a relatively large population. **METHODS:** Two thousand five hundred and ninety-four cases of FDG-PET/CT performed at our institute in the past 1 year and a half were retrospectively reviewed. Images with incidental focal or diffuse thyroid FDG uptake were identified. Data of the PET findings, thyroid functional assay, and pathological diagnosis were collected and analyzed. Incidental thyroid FDG uptake was defined as a new thyroid lesion initially identified on PET scan in a patient without a previous known history of thyroid disease. **RESULTS:** The prevalence of incidental thyroid FDG uptake (including both focal and diffuse lesions) was 3.8% (99 of 2594) on FDG-PET/CT, of which 1.8% (46 of 2594) were diffuse and 2.0% (53/2594) were focal. Of the 46 cases with diffuse uptake, 21 had thyroid functional assay and/or ultrasound study, and a diagnosis of chronic thyroiditis was made in all of the 21 cases. Eleven of the 53 patients with focal uptake had fine-needle aspiration or postsurgical pathological diagnosis, four benign lesions (four of 11=36.4%: two thyroid adenomas and two hyperplastic lesions); seven malignancies (seven of 11=63.6%: three papillary carcinomas, two follicular carcinoma, and two metastases). There was overlapping of the lesion SUVmax between the benign and malignant cases, with no statistical difference of the mean SUVmax between the two groups. **CONCLUSION:** Thyroid FDG uptake incidentally identified on FDG-PET/CT occurred at a frequency of 3.8%, with about half of focal and half of diffuse lesions. The risk of thyroid malignancy was 63.6% in lesions with focal uptake, whereas the majority of diffuse uptake cases represents chronic thyroiditis. More data are needed to elucidate the role of SUV in the differentiation of benign and malignant lesions.

Incidental thyroid lesions detected by FDG-PET/CT: prevalence and risk of thyroid cancer.

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BACKGROUND: Incidentally found thyroid lesions are frequently detected in patients undergoing FDG-PET/CT. The aim of this study was to investigate the prevalence of incidentally found thyroid lesions in patients undergoing FDG-PET/CT and determine the risk for thyroid cancer. **METHODS:** FDG-PET/CT was performed on 3,379 patients for evaluation of suspected or known cancer or cancer screening without any history of thyroid cancer between November 2003 and December 2005. Medical records related to the FDG-PET/CT findings including maximum SUV(SUVmax) and pattern of FDG uptake, US findings, FNA, histopathology received by operation were reviewed retrospectively. **RESULTS:** Two hundred eighty five patients (8.4%) were identified to have FDG uptake on FDG-PET/CT. 99 patients with focal or diffuse FDG uptake underwent further evaluation. The cancer risk of incidentally found thyroid lesions on FDG-PET/CT was 23.2% (22/99) and the cancer risks associated with focal and diffuse FDG uptake were 30.9% and 6.4%. There was a significant difference in the SUVmax between the benign and malignant nodules (3.35 ± 1.69 vs. 6.64 ± 4.12 ; $P < 0.001$). There was a significant correlation between the SUVmax and the size of the cancer. **CONCLUSION:** The results of this study suggest that incidentally found thyroid lesions by FDG-PET/CT, especially a focal FDG uptake and a high SUV, have a high risk of thyroid malignancy. Further diagnostic work-up is needed in these cases.



Figure 1. Focal FDG uptake on PET/CT. 54 year old female with breast cancer. The ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT revealed focal uptake with SUV of 7.6. The patients was performed total thyroidectomy with a final diagnosis of papillary thyroid carcinoma.



Figure 2. Diffuse FDG uptatake on PET/CT. 53 year old male. The ^{18}F -FDG PET/CT revealed diffuse uptake with SUV of 3.8. The sonographic features of the thyroid gland were strongly suggestive of the presence of thyroiditis.

Clinical Investigation

Diagnostic Accuracy of ^{18}F -FDG PET in Restaging Patients with Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma and Elevated Calcitonin Levels

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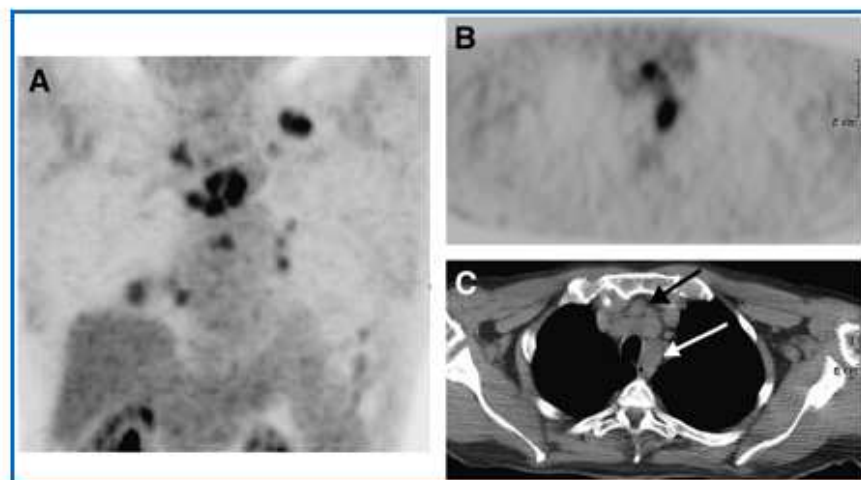


FIGURE 1. Maximum-intensity-projection (A), transaxial PET (B), and transaxial CT (C) images of 67-y-old man with calcitonin level of 119,000 pg/mL. Maximum-intensity projection shows multiple foci of ^{18}F -FDG uptake in neck, mediastinum, and lungs. ^{18}F -FDG PET and CT show metastatic mediastinal lymph nodes (arrows).

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CONCLUSION

Our results indicate that ^{18}F -FDG PET can detect residual, recurrent, or metastatic MTC in patients with elevated calcitonin levels after thyroidectomy. The probability for disease detection is higher in patients with higher calcitonin levels: ^{18}F -FDG PET can be used in a clinically meaningful manner in patients with calcitonin levels of more than 1,000 pg/mL (sensitivity, 78%), but its utility appears limited if the calcitonin level is below 500 pg/mL.

^{18}F -FDG Avidity of Pheochromocytomas and Paragangliomas: A New Molecular Imaging Signature?

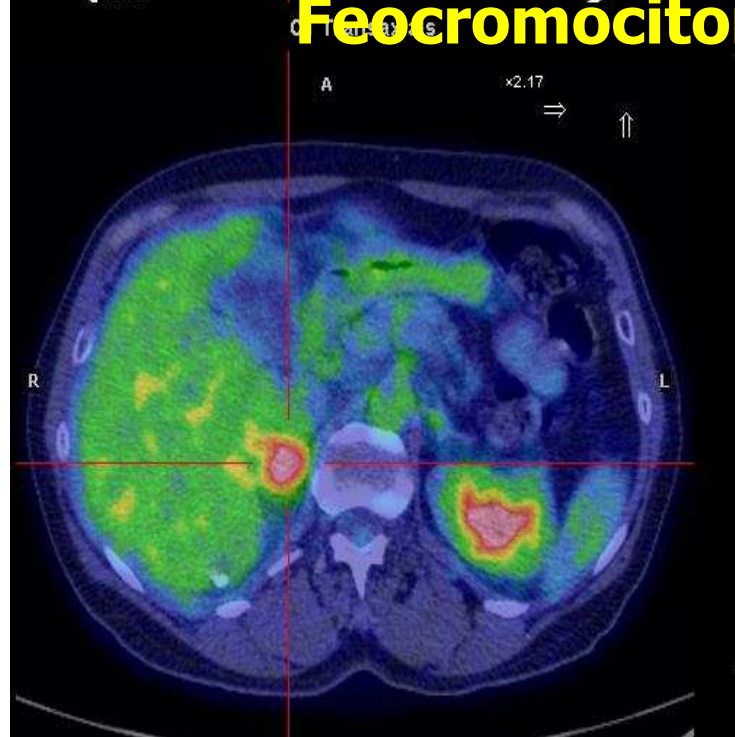
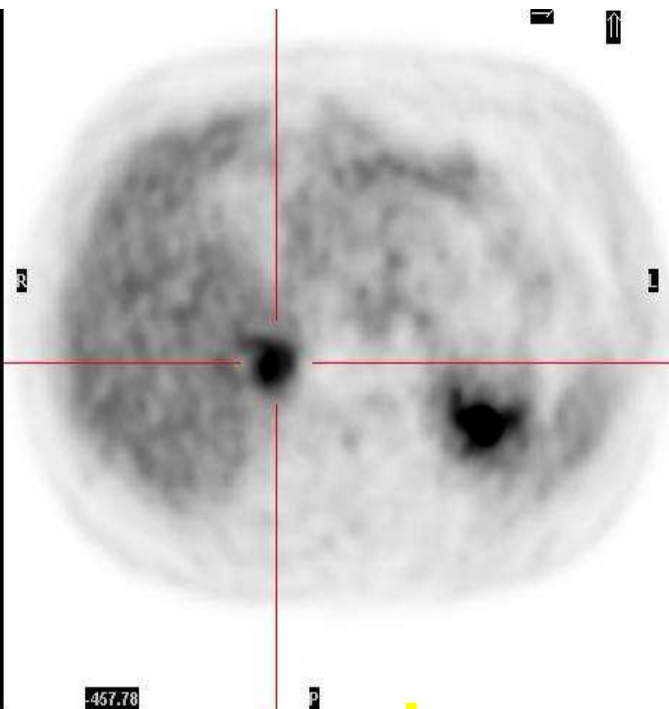
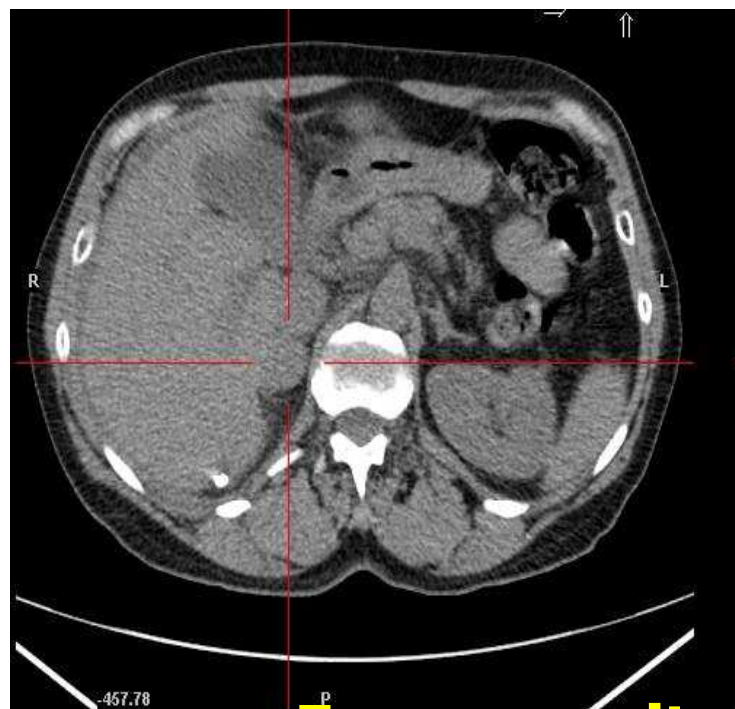
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Conclusion:

^{18}F -FDG PET positivity is almost a constant feature of pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas. It may be considered a molecular signature of such tumors



Pheochromocytoma surrene dx

**^{18}F -FDG
PET/CT**

FDG-PET in oncologia

Criteri per un uso appropriato

Carcinoide

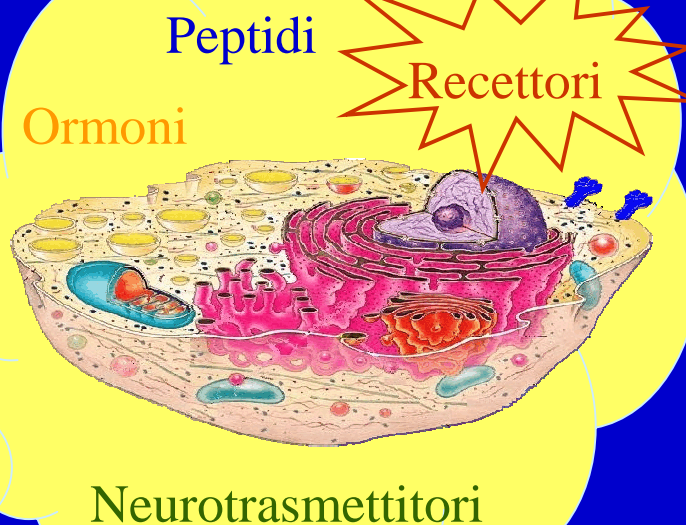
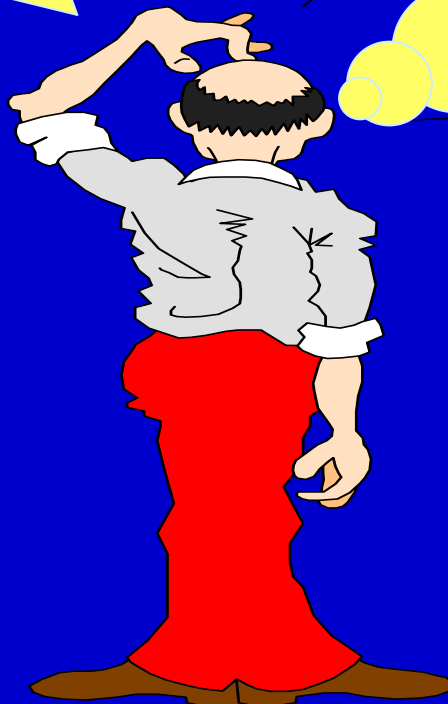
Scenario clinico	Categoria di appropriatezza
stadiazione	Inappropriato
<i>follow up</i>	Inappropriato

Tumori neuroendocrini

Scenario clinico	Categoria di appropriatezza
stadiazione	Inappropriato
valutazione della risposta al trattamento al termine della terapia	Inappropriato

Imaging medico-nucleare=Imaging molecolare

Le immagini sono
espressione delle
caratteristiche
biochimiche e
metaboliche dei tessuti



Imaging medico-nucleare

Presupposti fisiopatologici



Metodiche

Scintigrafia, SPECT, SPECT/CT con

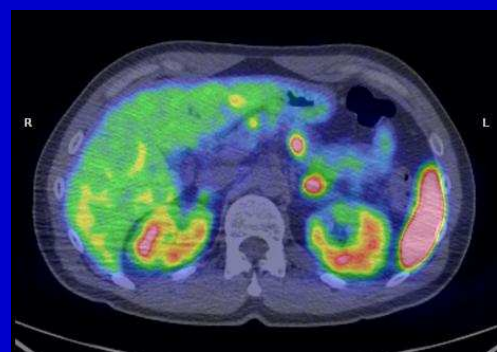
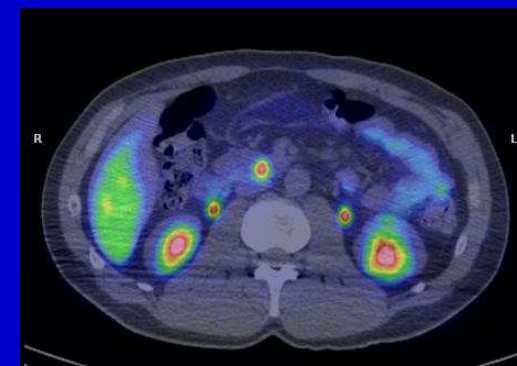
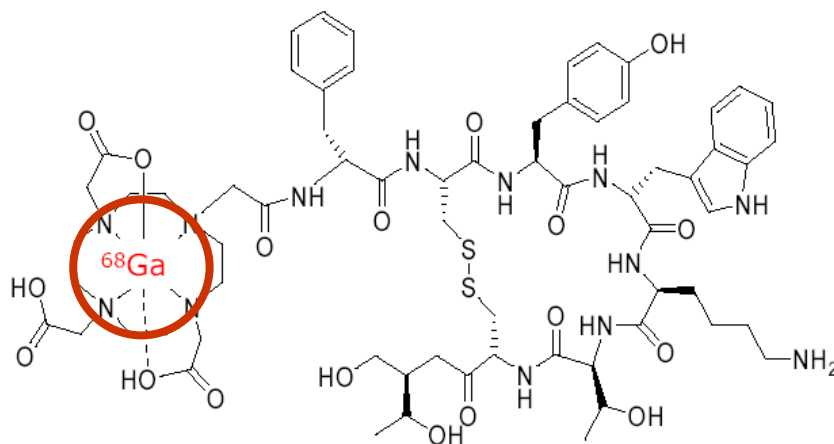
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⁶⁸Ga DOTATOC PET/CT

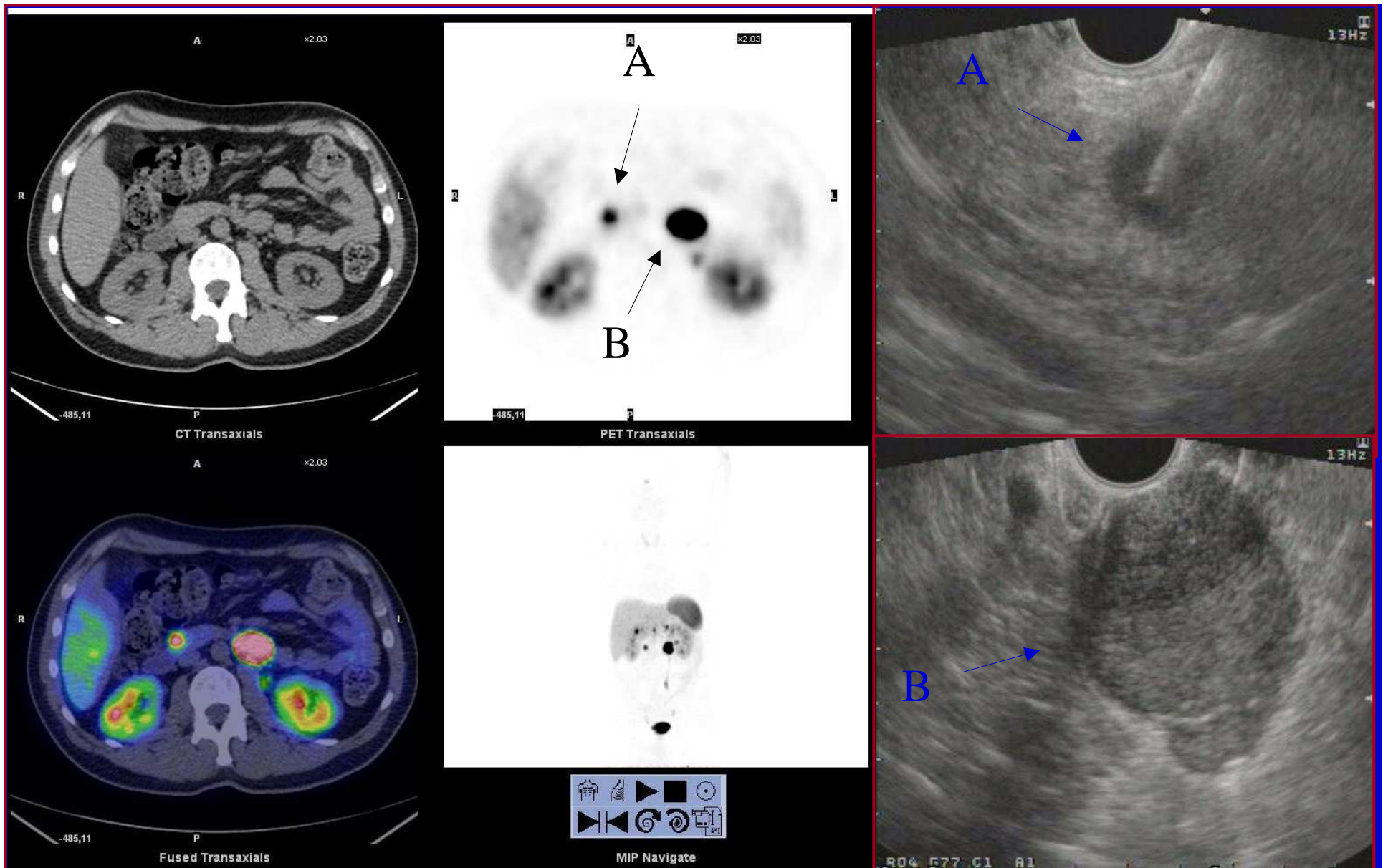


Ga-68 DOTATOC PET, Endoscopic Ultrasonography, and Multidetector CT in the Diagnosis of Duodenopancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

A Single-Centre Retrospective Study

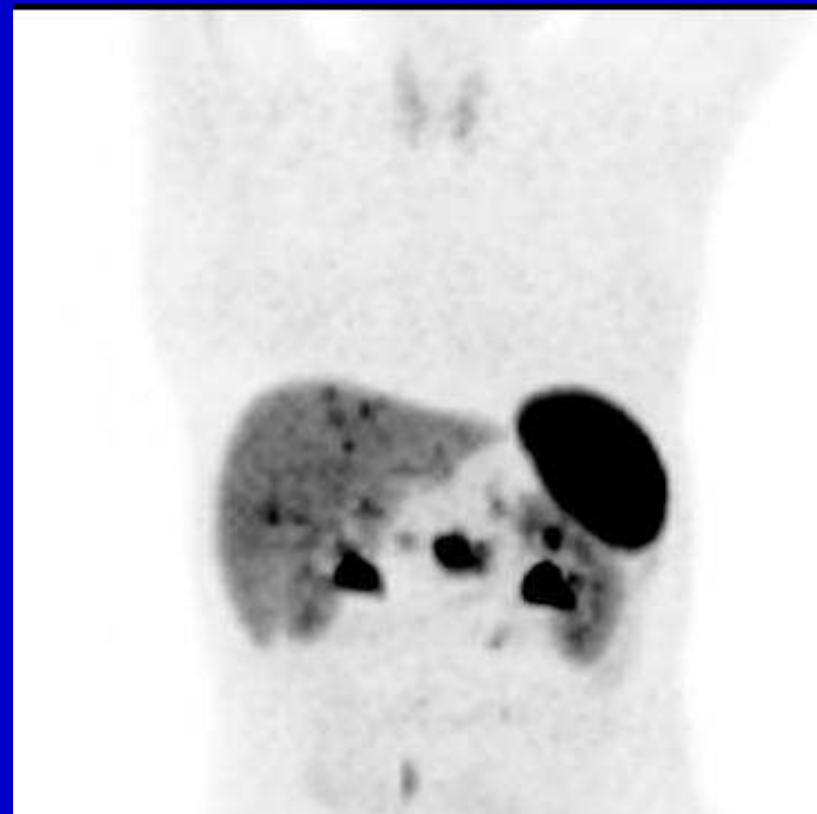
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Head pancreatic NET (A) with lymph node metastasis (B)

^{68}Ga -DOTATOC PET



Pancreatic NET
with liver metastases

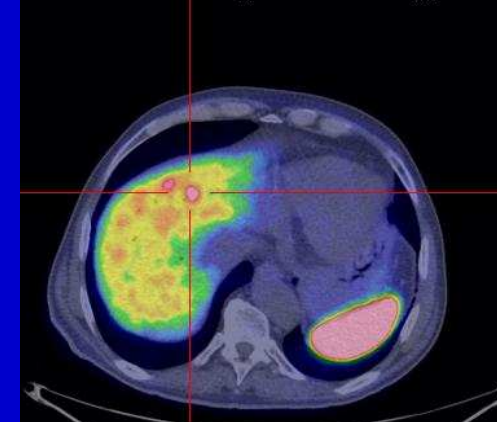
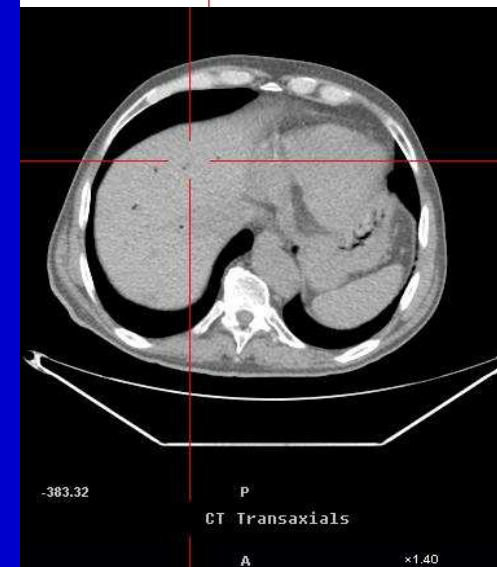
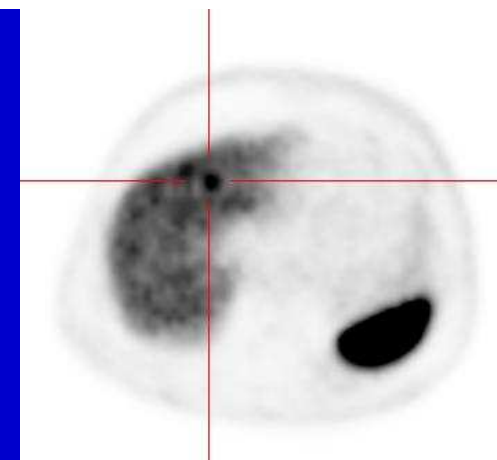
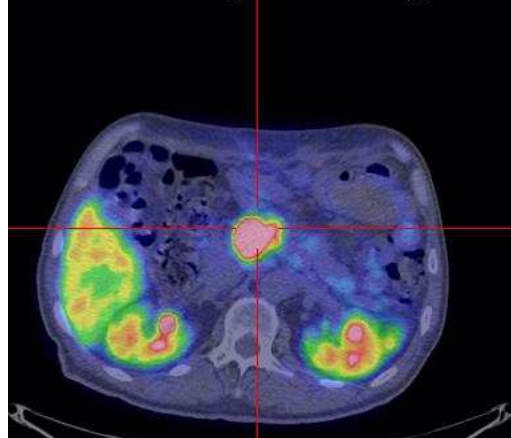
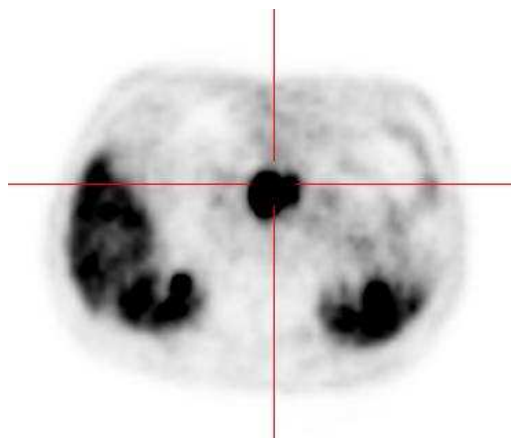


Table 3. Comparison of results of EUS, PET, MDCT in duodeno-pancreatic NETs

19 paz	patient-based analysis			lesion-based analysis		
	EUS	PET	MDCT	EUS	PET	MDCT
Detection rate	15/19 (79%)	13/19 (68%)	11/16 (69%)	25/28 (89%)	23/28 (82%)	16/22 (73%)
True positive	13	12	10	22	20	13
True negative	4	5	4	4	5	4
False positive	2	1	1	2	1	1
False negative	0	1	1	1	3	5
Sensitivity %	100	92	91	96	87	72
Specificity %	67	83	80	67	83	80

CT was performed in 16 patients; in these patients 22 suspected lesions were detected by at least a method. All comparison among rates and operative characteristics in the table are not significant.

Ga-68 DOTATOC PET, Endoscopic Ultrasonography, and Multidetector CT in the Diagnosis of Duodenopancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

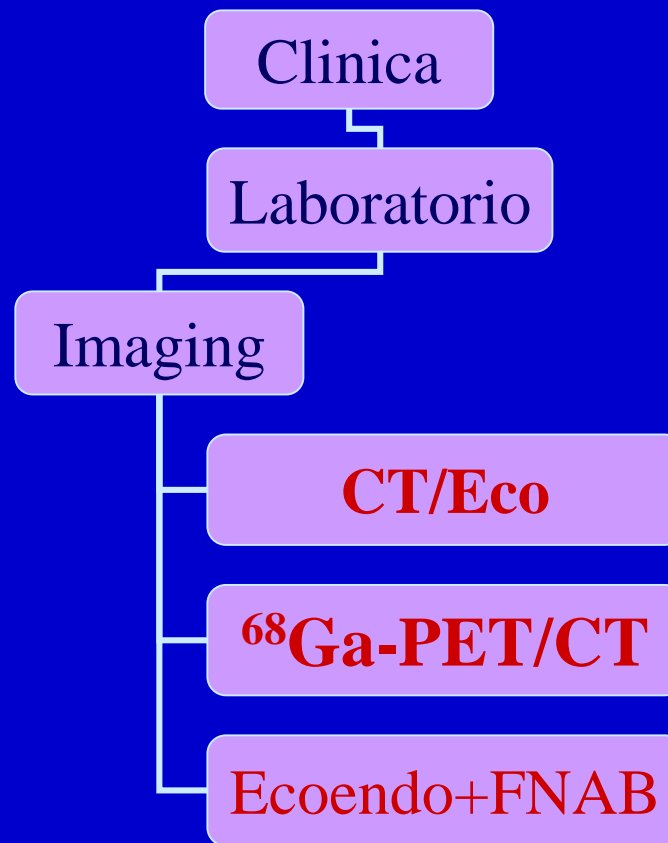
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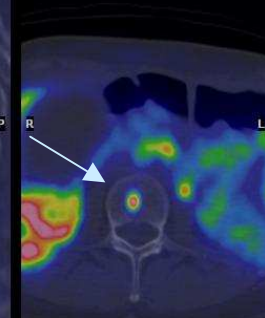
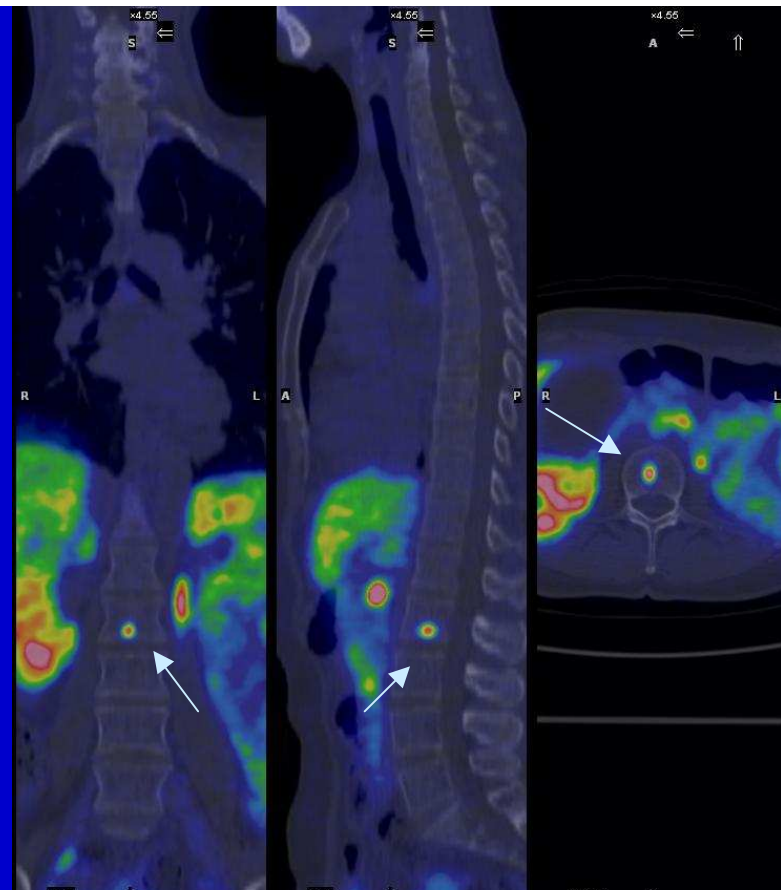
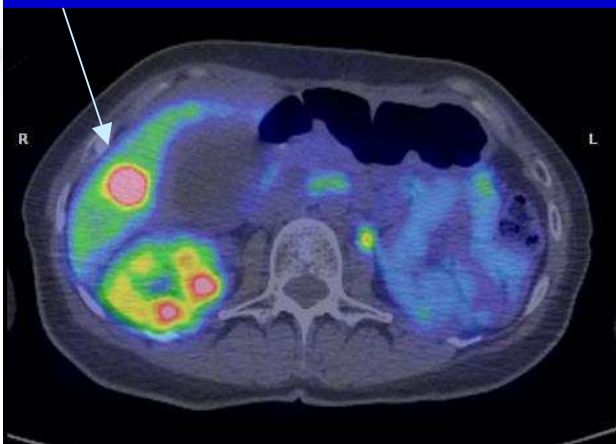
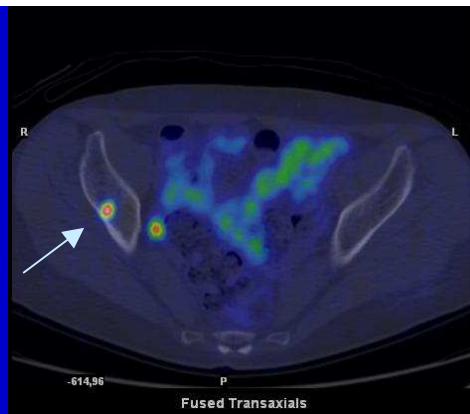
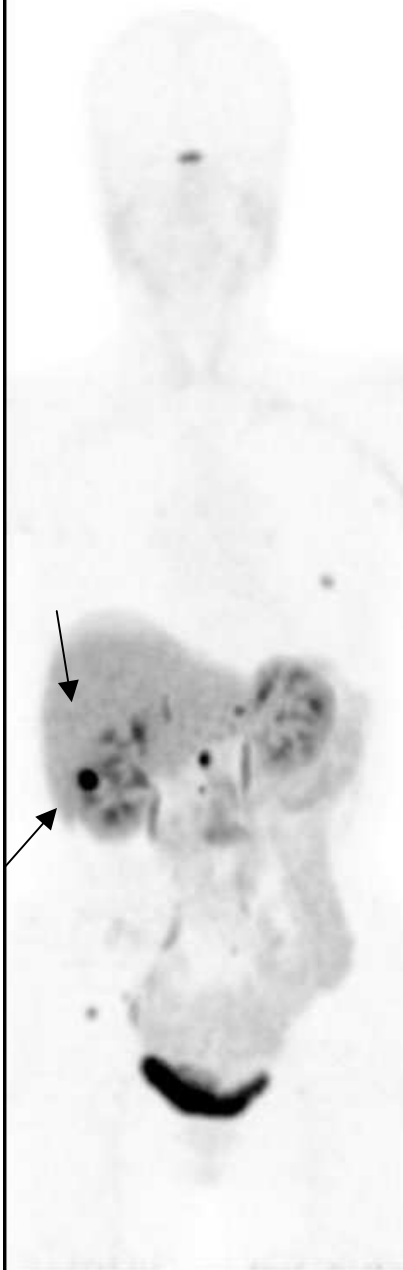
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Conclusions: EUS, Ga-68 DOTATOC PET, and MDCT seem to have comparable accuracy in diagnosis of duodenopancreatic NET and their combination may allow an optimal preoperative diagnosis.

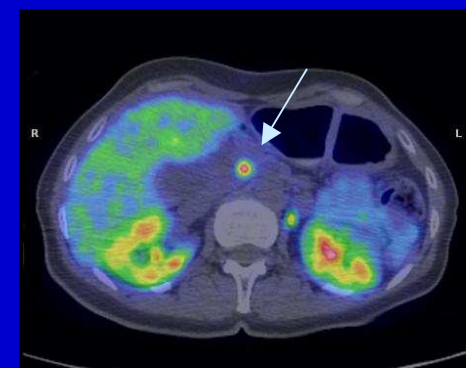
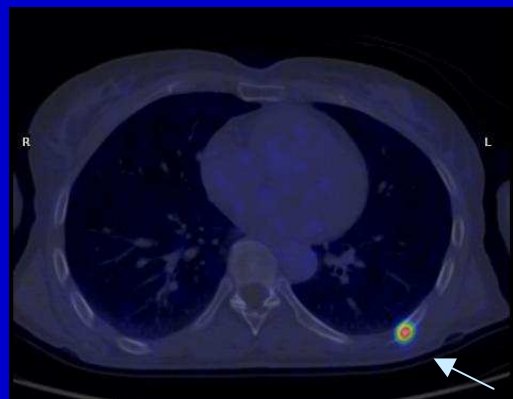
Tumori neuroendocrini duodeno-pancreatici

Proposta di percorso diagnostico





**Multiple
metastases
from
pancreatic NET**



DOTATOC

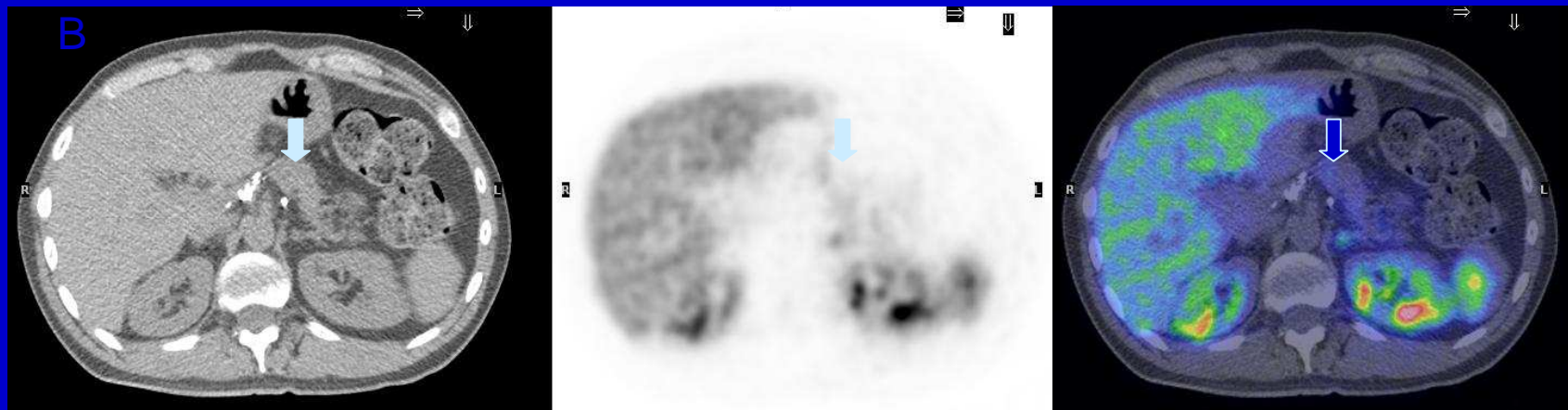
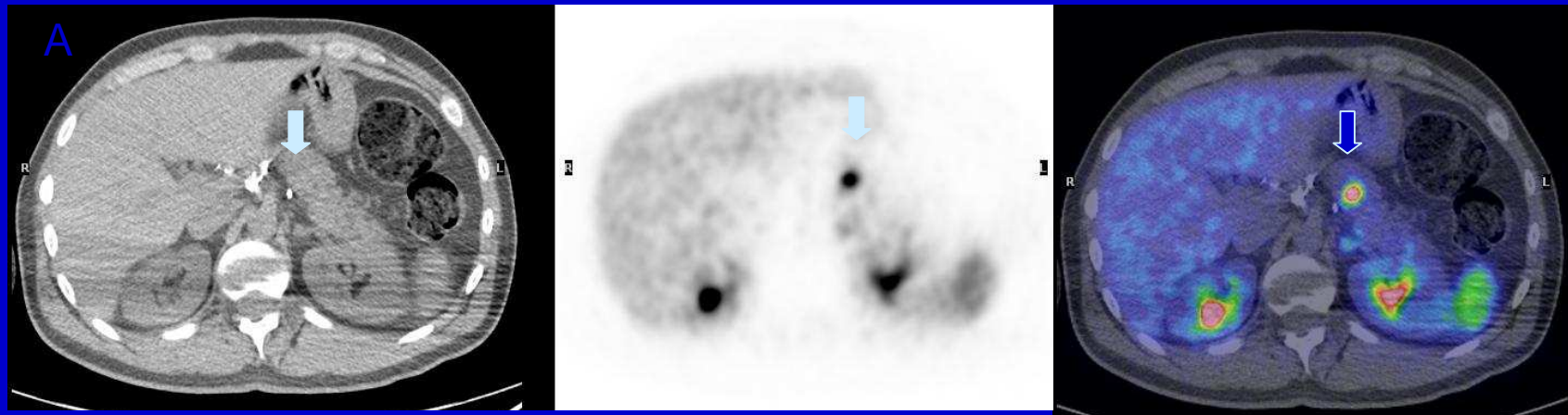
Presupposto fisiopatologico per Diagnosi/Terapia



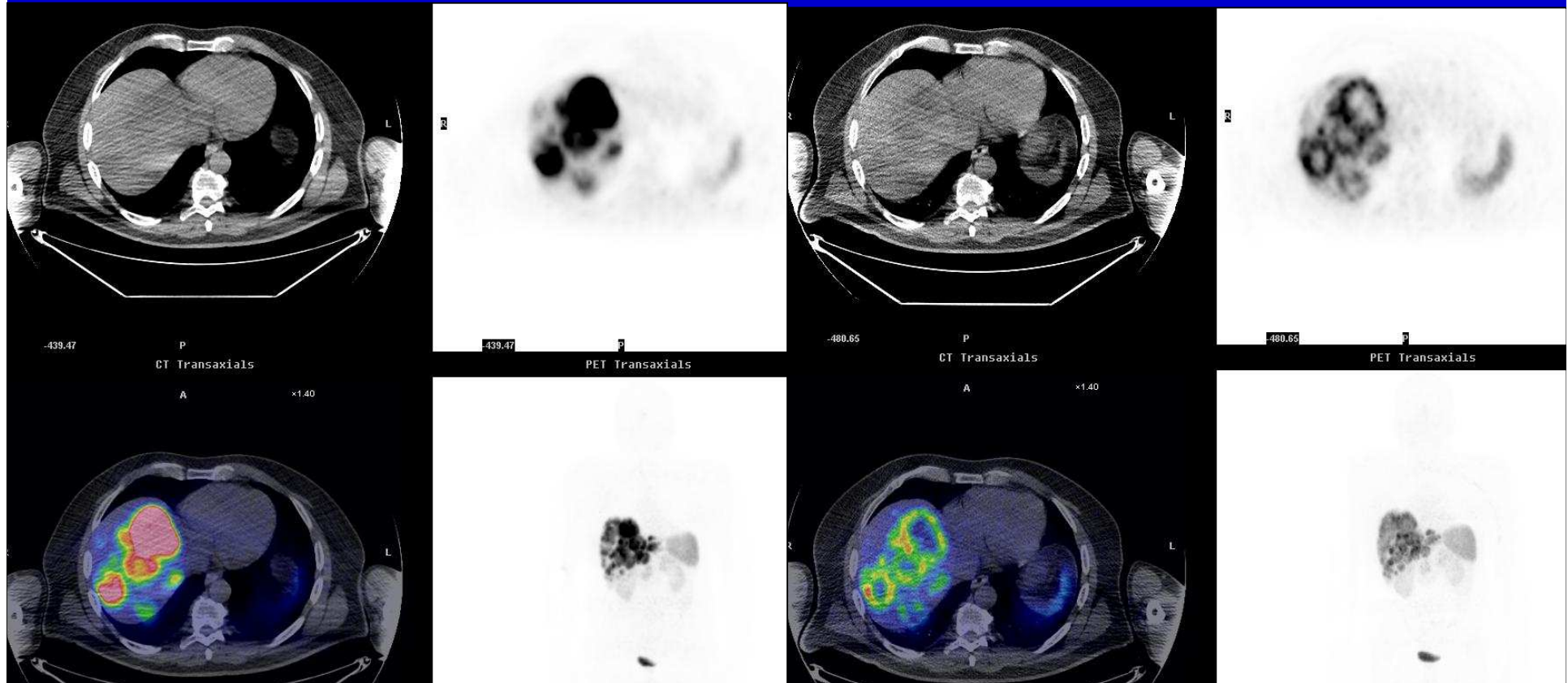
Pancreatic NET pre and post 90Y DOTATOC Therapy

68Ga-DOTATOC PET

Pre-therapy



Post-therapy



Pre-therapy

^{68}Ga -DOTATOC PET/CT

Post-therapy

R.A. male, 59 year old

Liver metastases from neuroendocrine carcinoma (primary site: unknown)

Partial Response to ^{90}Y -DOTATOC Treatment

Feocromocitoma extra-surrenalico

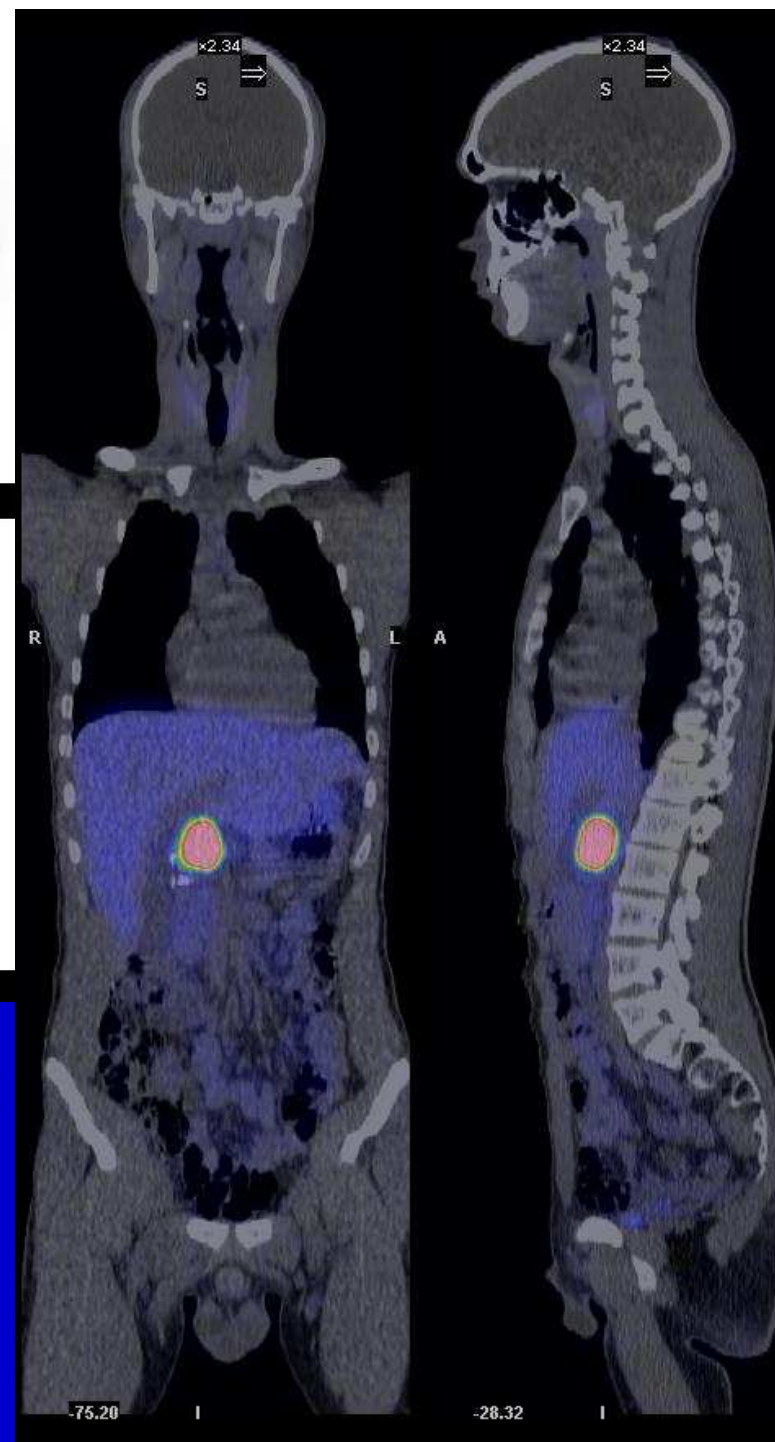
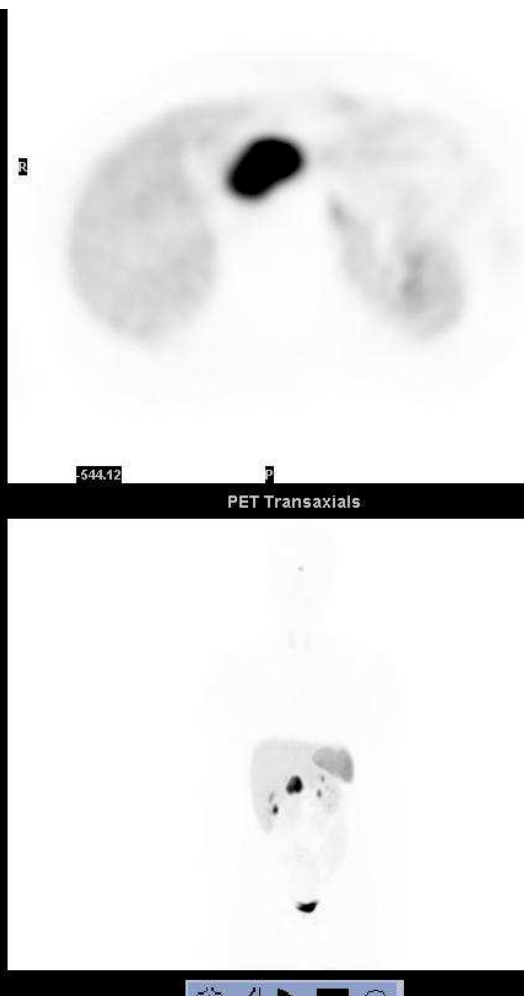
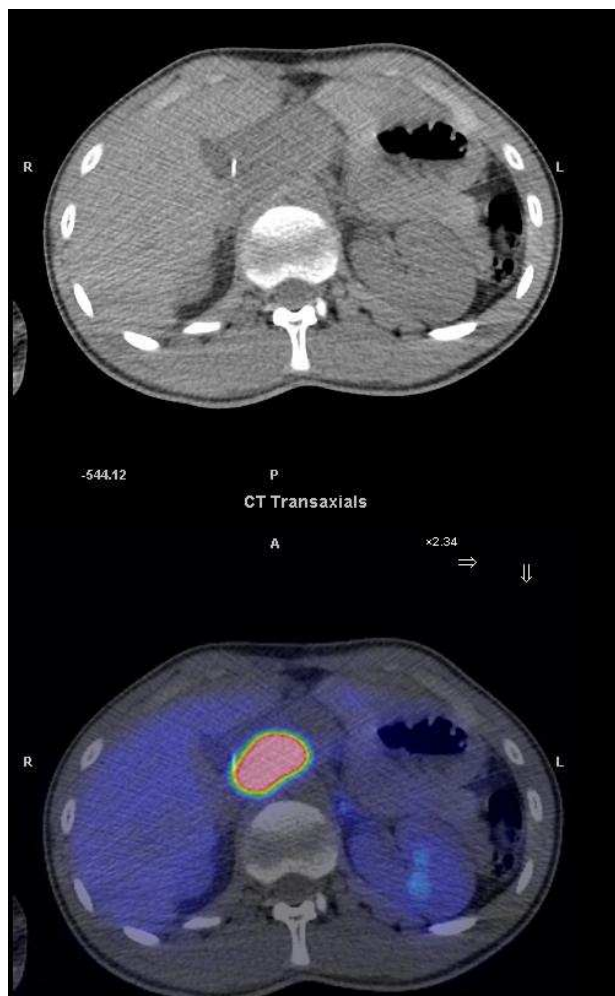
Analoghi della Somatostatina Marcati

Planare, SPECT, SPECT/CT

- ^{111}In -Pentetreotide (Octreoscan)

PET/CT

- ^{68}Ga -DOTATOC (DOTA-Tyr3-octreotide)
- ^{68}Ga -DOTANOC (DOTA-Nal3-octreotide)

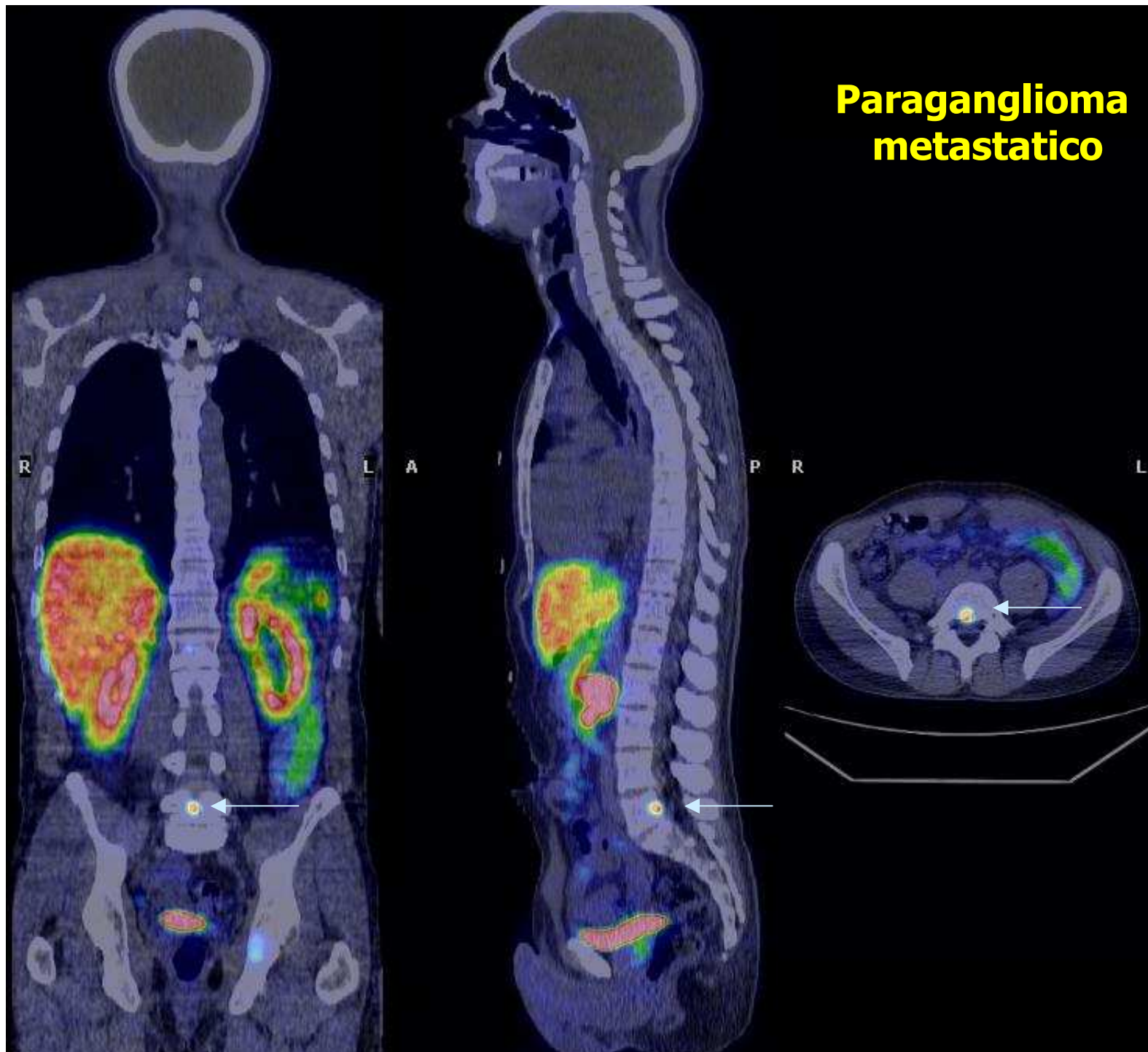


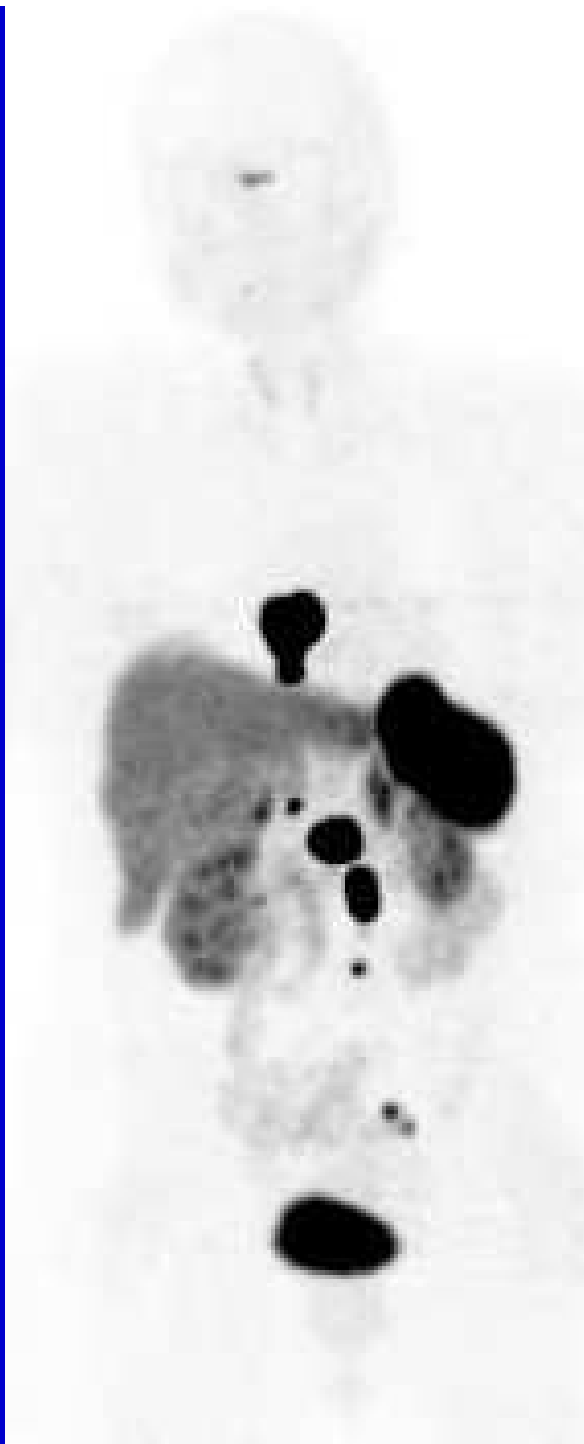
Feocromocitoma pancreatico

^{68}Ga -DOTATOC PET/CT

**Paraganglioma
metastatico**

**^{68}Ga
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**Feocromocitoma maligno
plurimetastatico**

**^{68}Ga -DOTATOC
PET/CT**

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PET/CT and
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therapy:
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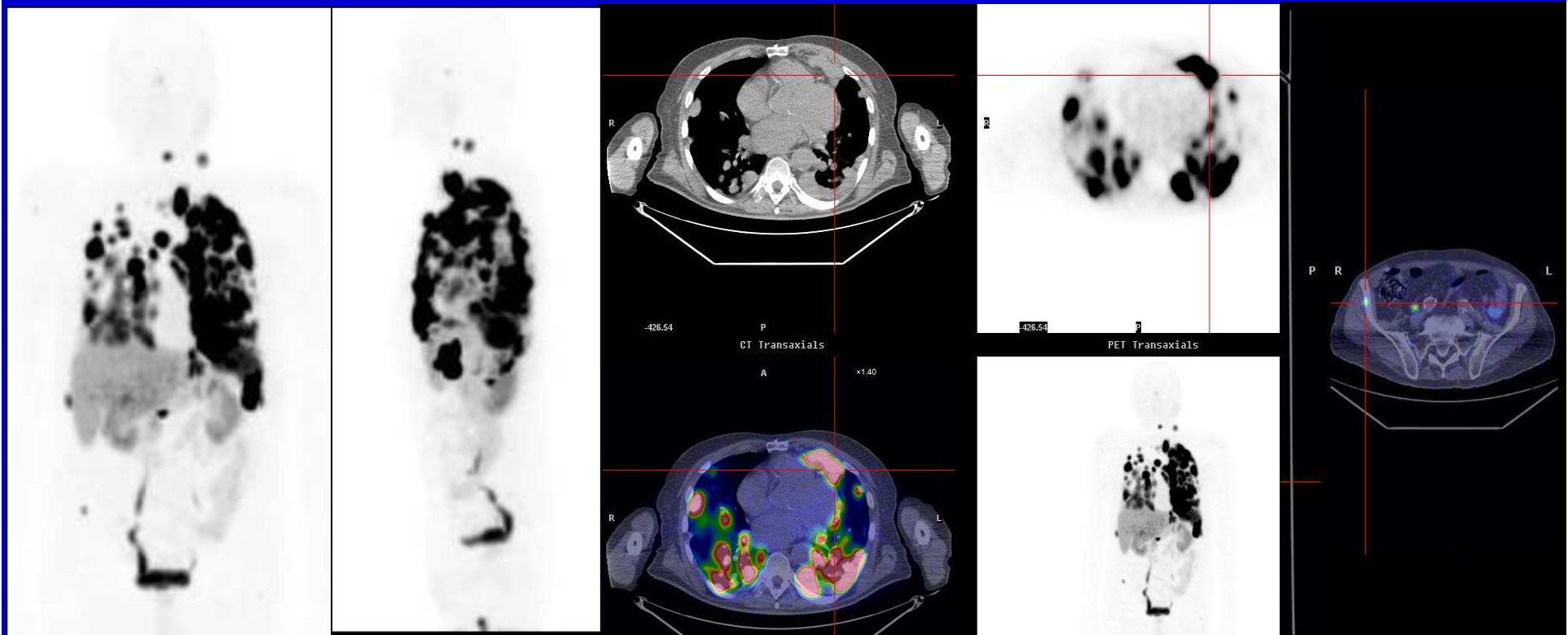
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Metastatic differentiated thyroid cancer negative at radioiodine scan

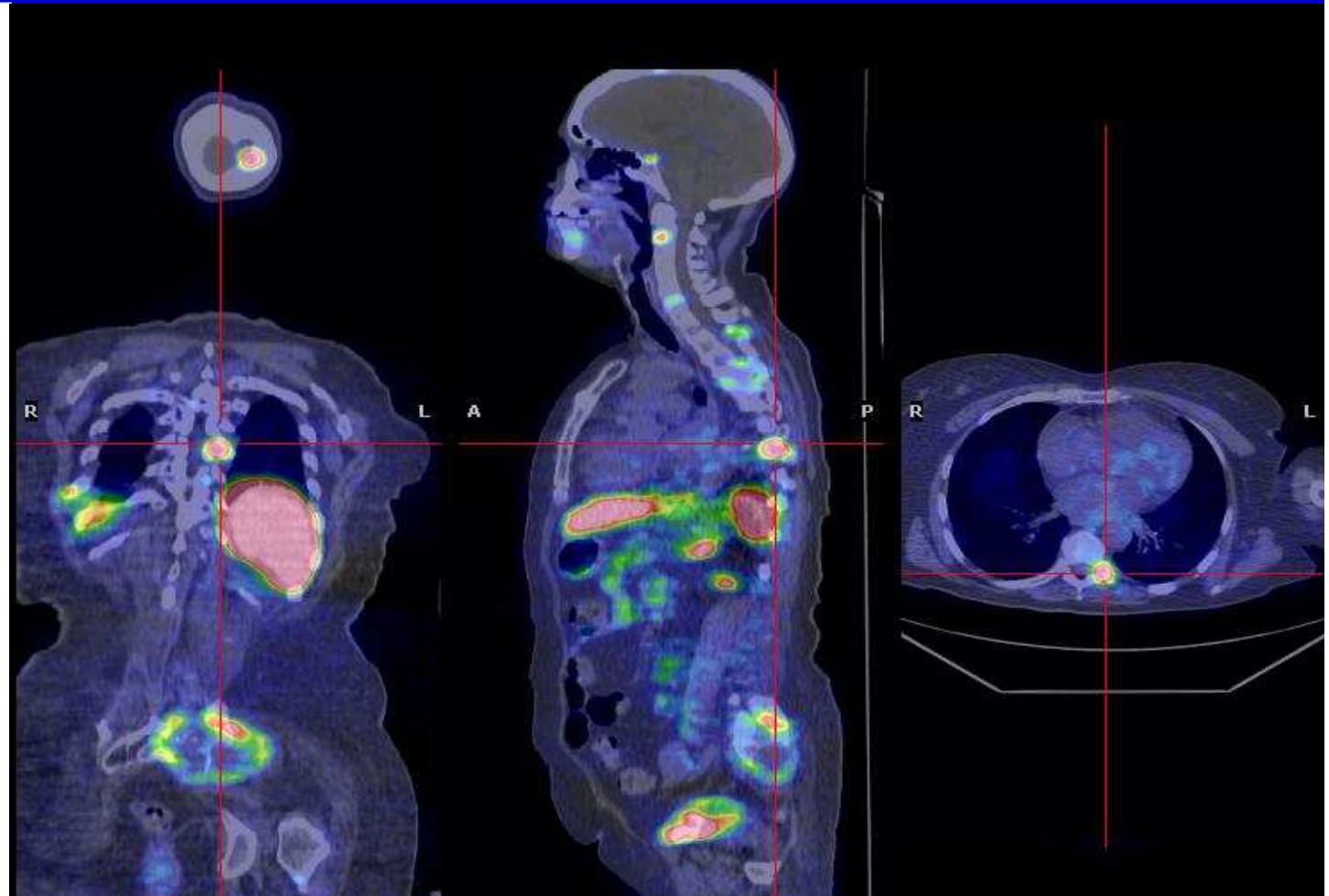
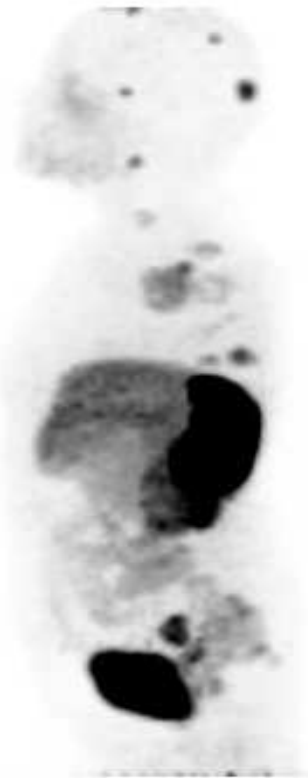
B.M. male, 75 year old ^{68}Ga -DOTATOC PET/CT:
Diffuse lung metastases (+ bone and lymph node mts)



Metastatic differentiated thyroid cancer negative at radioiodine scan

P.M. female, 61 year old

^{68}Ga -DOTATOC PET/CT: multiple bone metastases



Before therapy



Sept 2007

**After 4 cycles
 ^{90}Y -DOTATOC
(cumulative dose 268 mCi)**



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Molto importante!!!!!!

Discussione Interdisciplinare

