

# DCIS on Breast MRI

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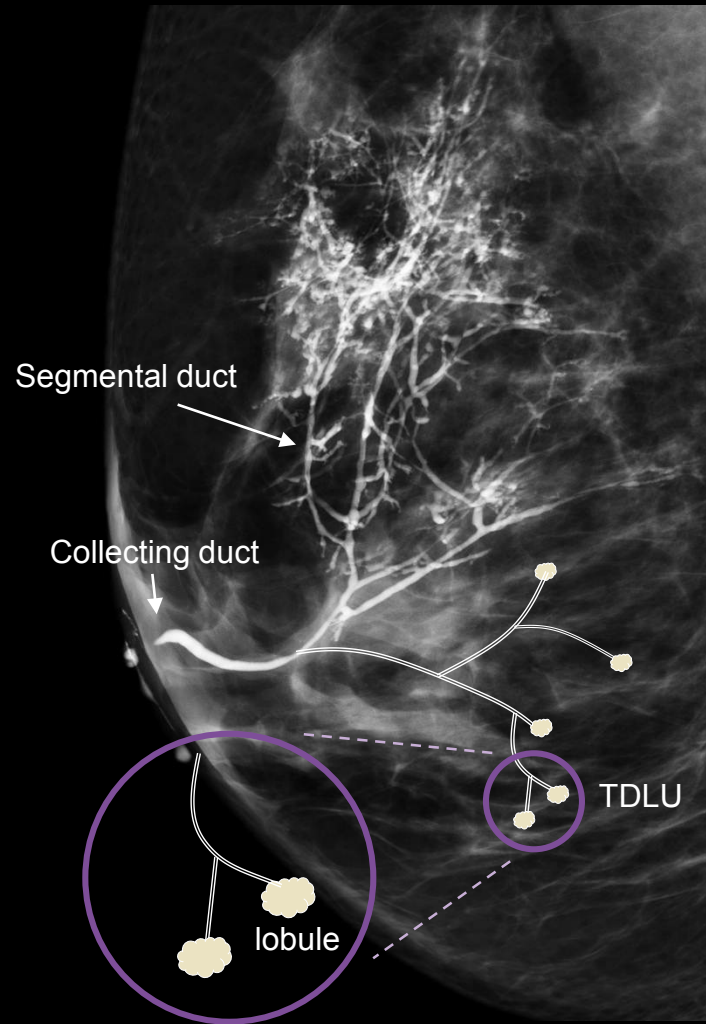


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# DCIS Background

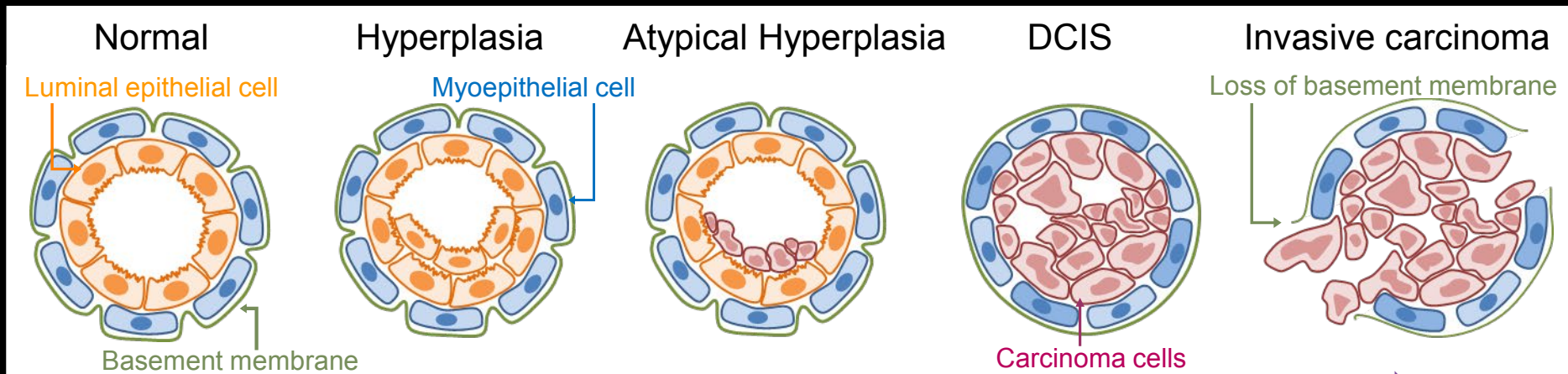
- Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS); aka – intraductal carcinoma
  - Bloodgood<sup>1</sup>, 1908: “comedo-carcinoma”
  - Broders<sup>2</sup>, 1932: “ductal carcinoma in situ”
- Intraductal proliferation of abnormal epithelial cells<sup>3</sup>
  - Diagnosis frequency ↑ w/ screening mammography
  - Lacks ability to invade surrounding tissue and metastasize



1. Bloodgood JC. Chapter 31: Kelly and Noble's Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery (Vol 3)
2. Broders AC. JAMA 1932; 99: 1670-1674
3. Allegra *et al.* J Natl Cancer Inst 2010; 102 (3): 161-169.

# Breast Cancer Pathogenesis

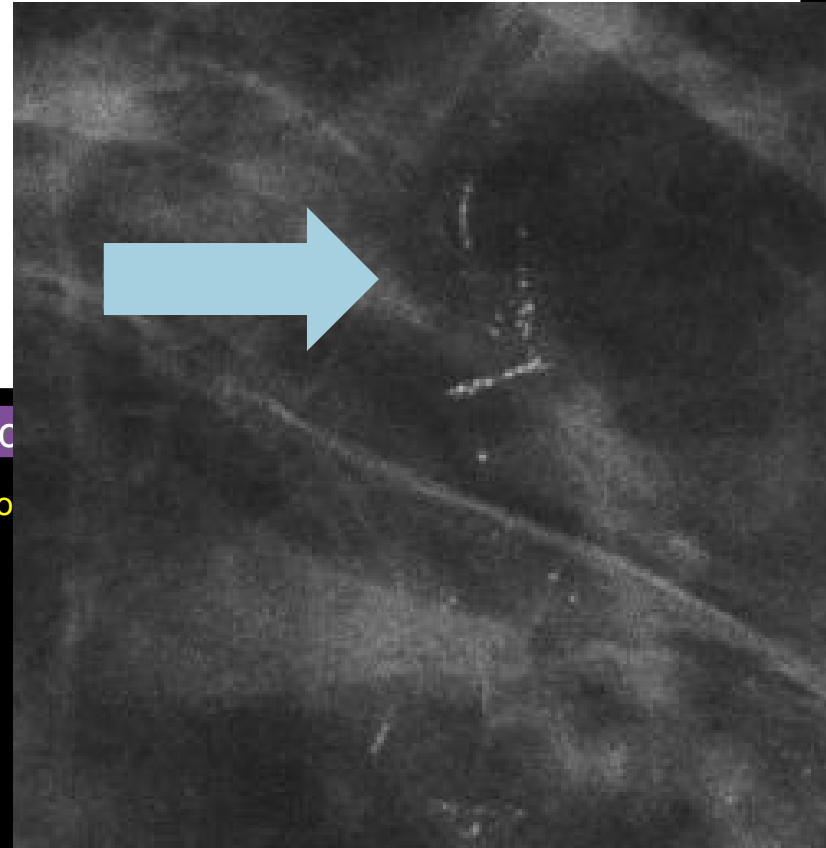
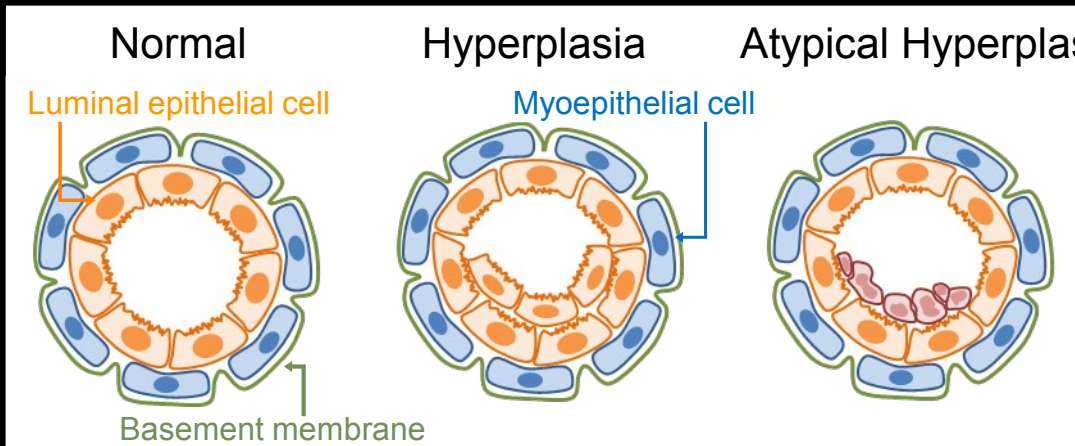
- Prevailing theory: DCIS represents the most biologically aggressive lesion in a spectrum of intraductal proliferations
  - Non-obligate precursor to invasive disease



Progression to invasive carcinoma

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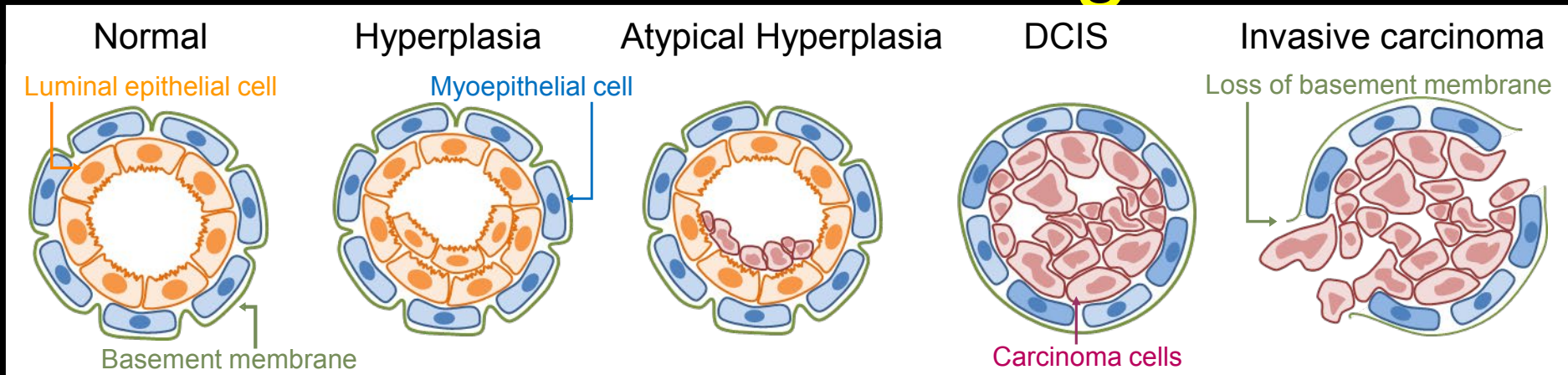
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## Atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH)/ Low grade DCIS

Challenging to distinguish on CNB (and imaging)

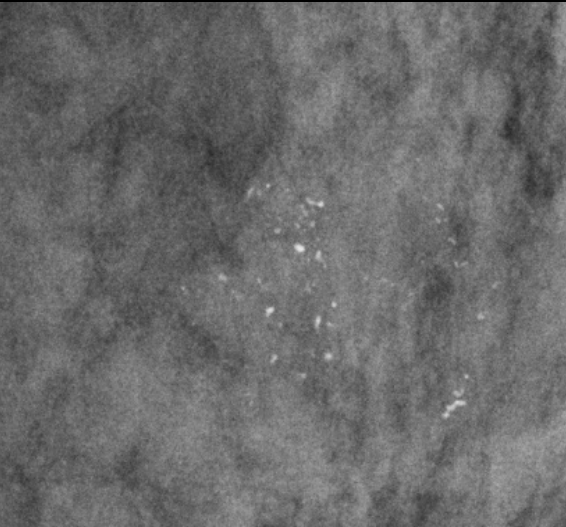
Monotonous, low-grade, intraductal epithelial proliferations

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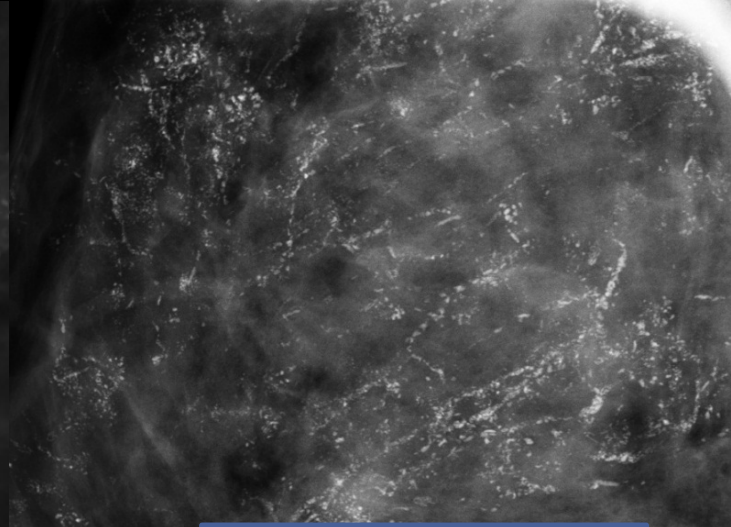
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Intermediate grade DCIS



High grade DCIS



DCIS with microinvasion

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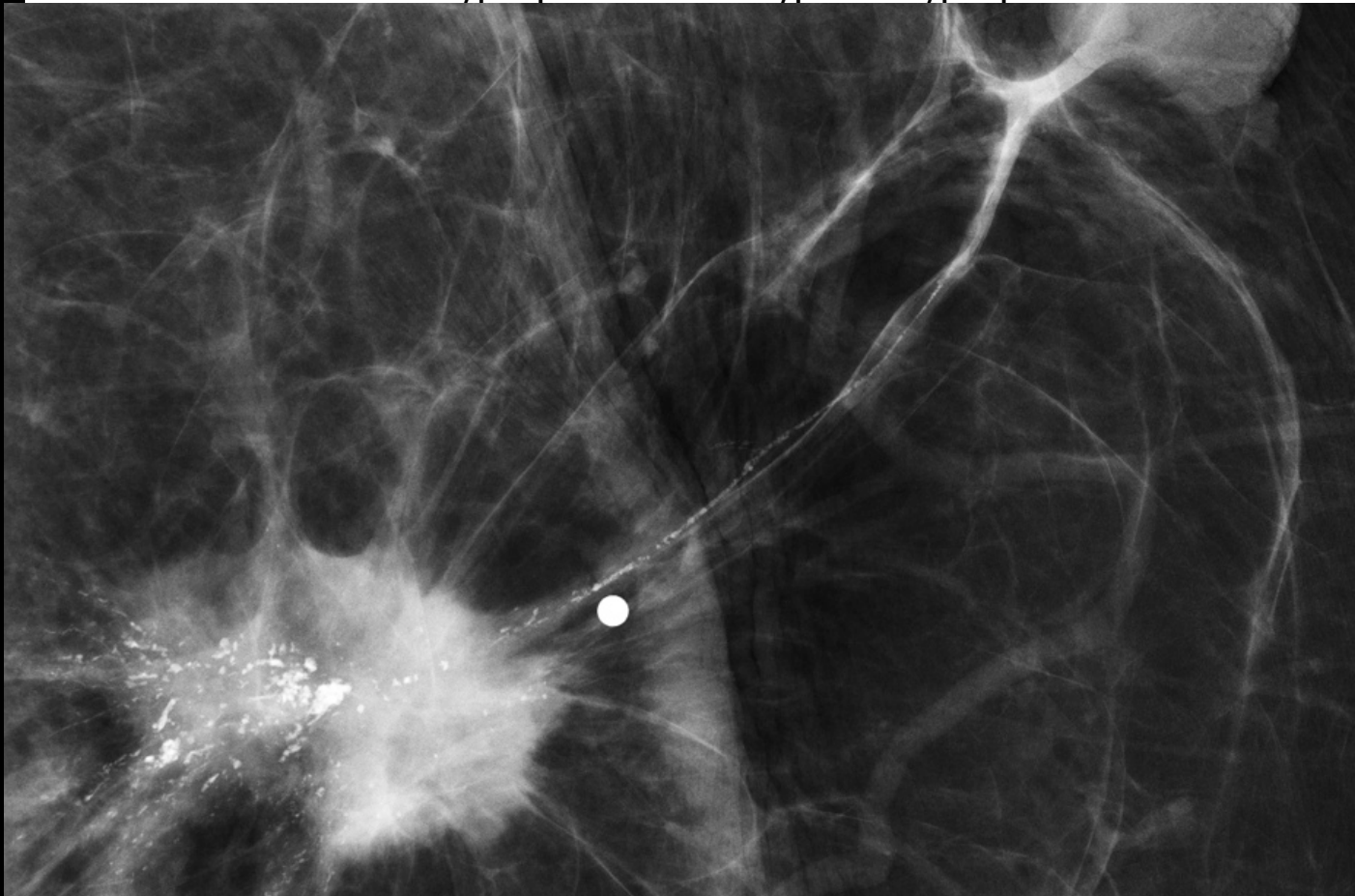
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Hyperplasia

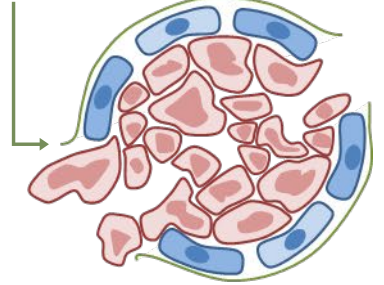
Atypical Hyperplasia

DCIS

Invasive carcinoma



Loss of basement membrane



# Genome Evolution of DCIS

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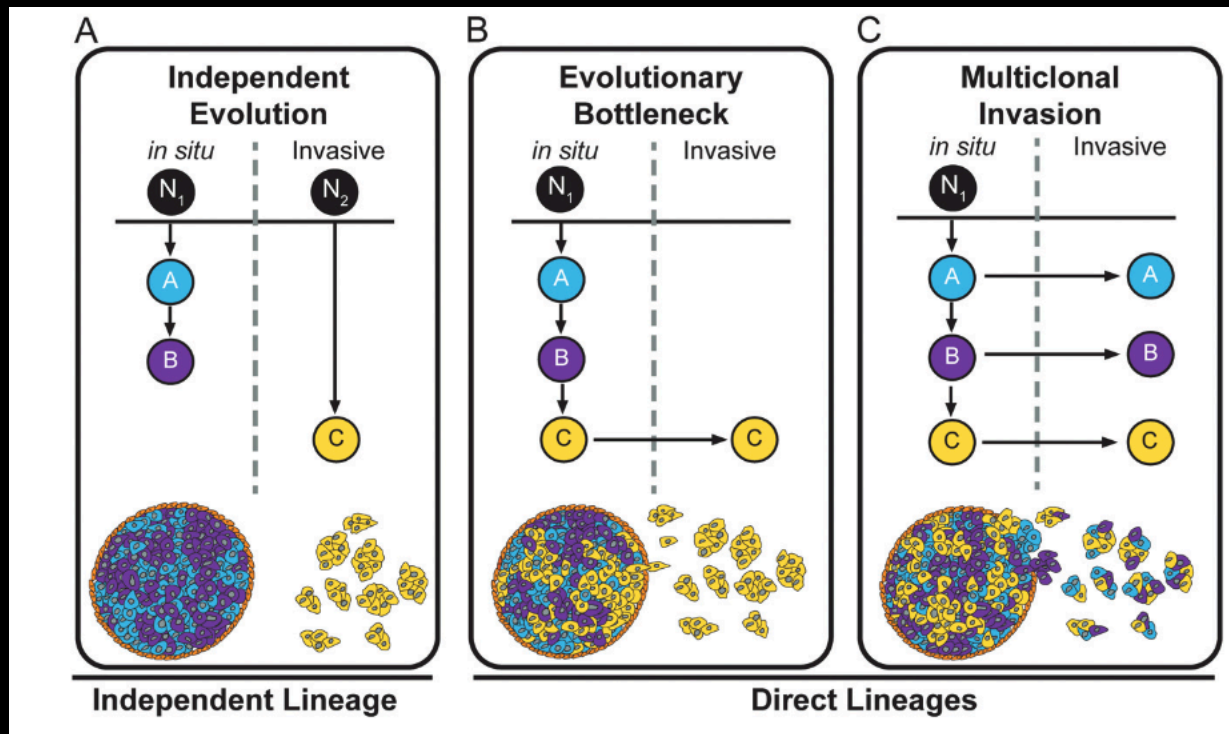


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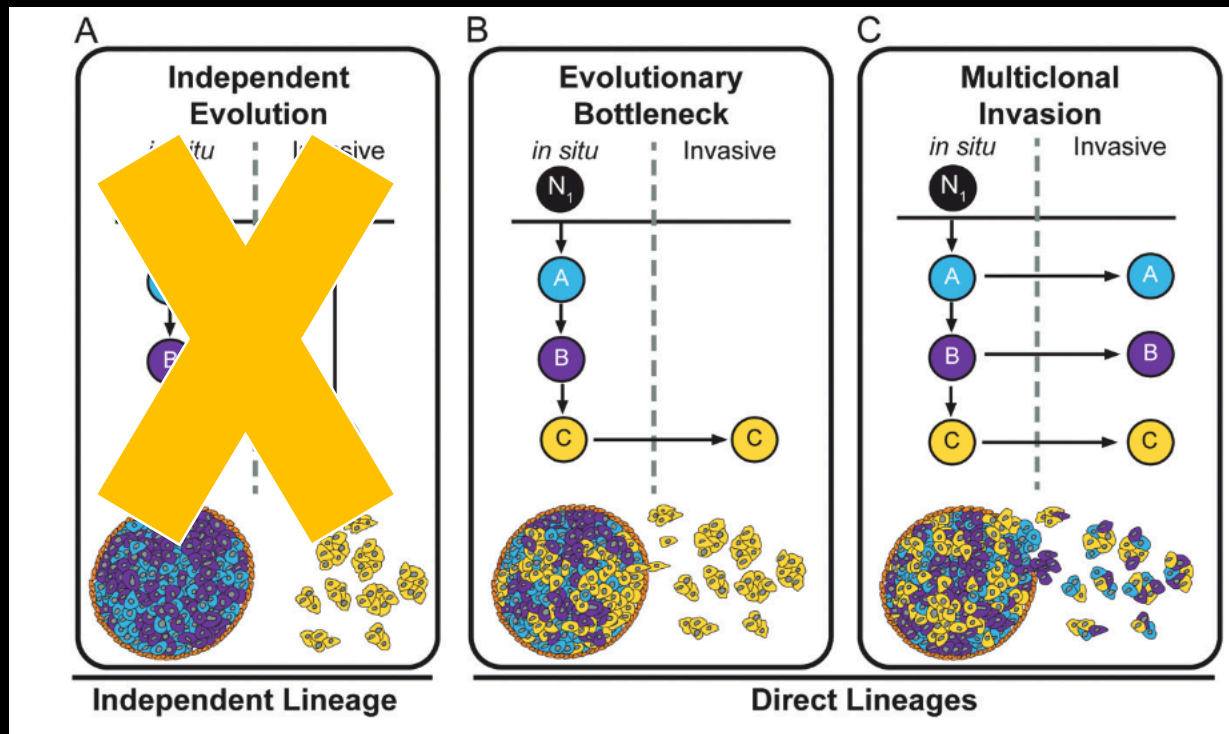


Figure 2

# DCIS Tumor Microenvironment

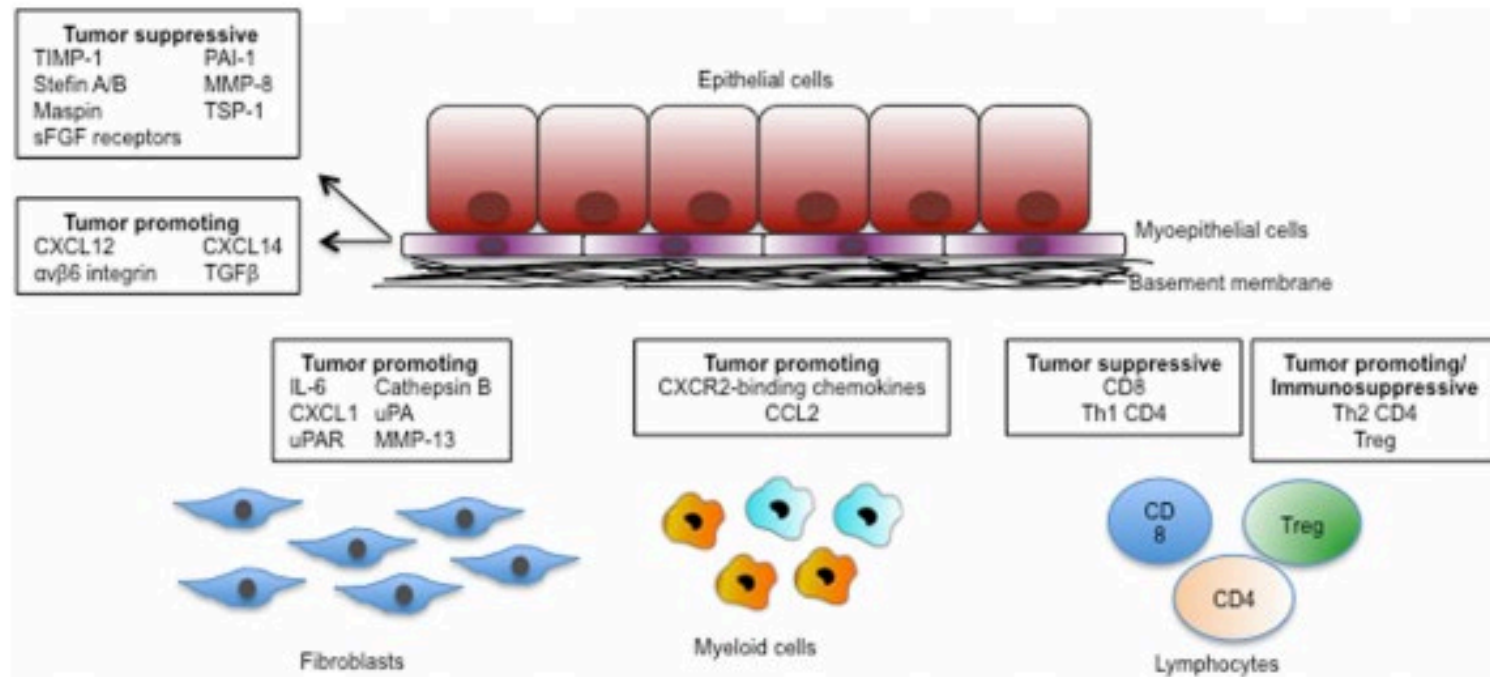
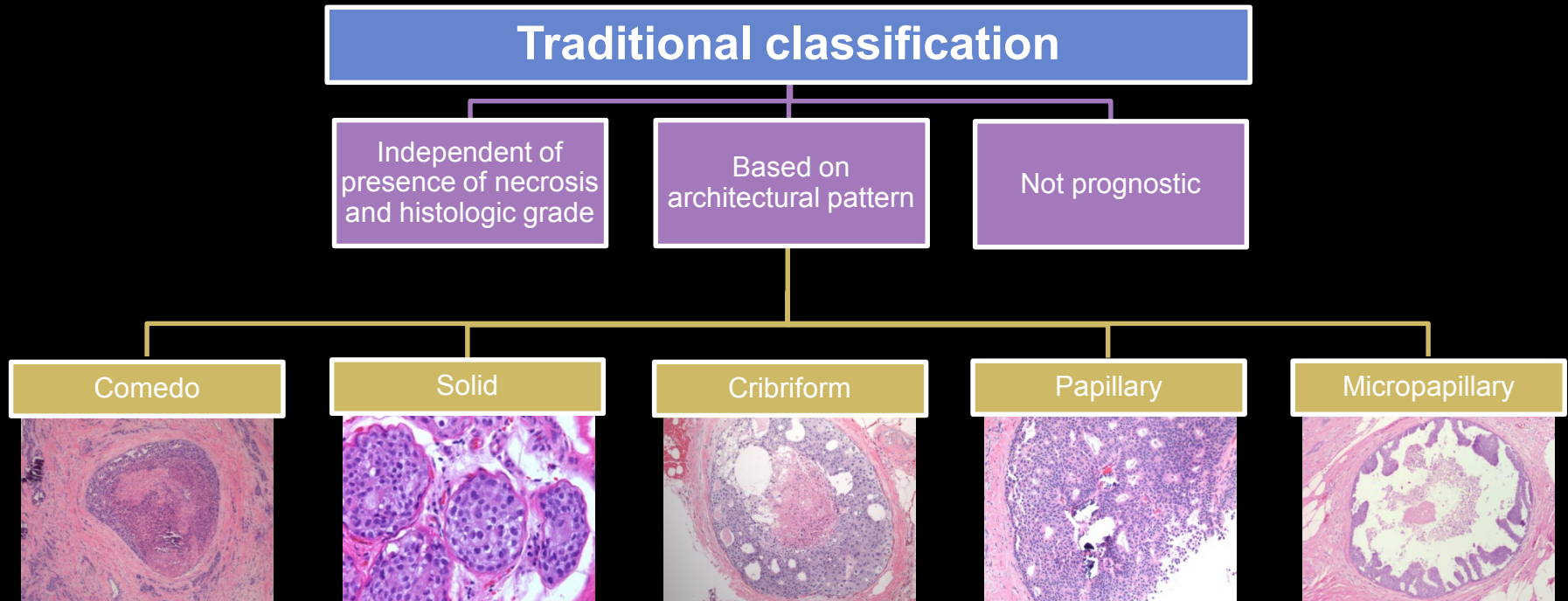


Figure 2

Myoepithelial cells, fibroblasts, and immune cells

# Pathological Classification



Descriptive but not prognostic

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Low/Intermediate Nuclear

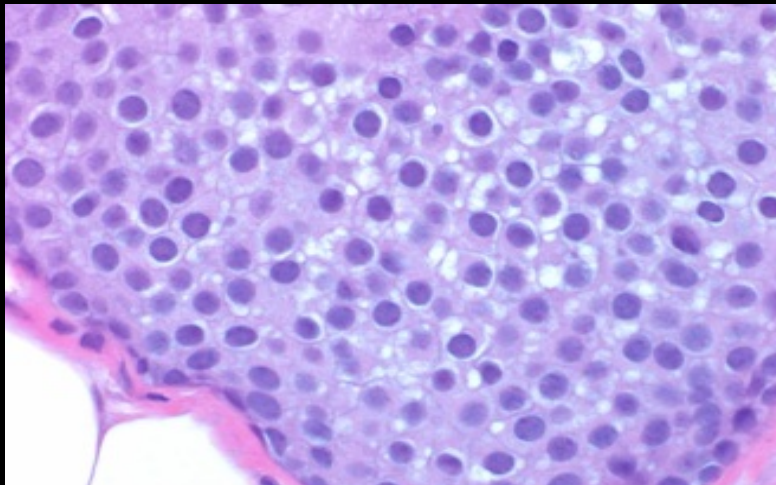
No necrosis

Group 1

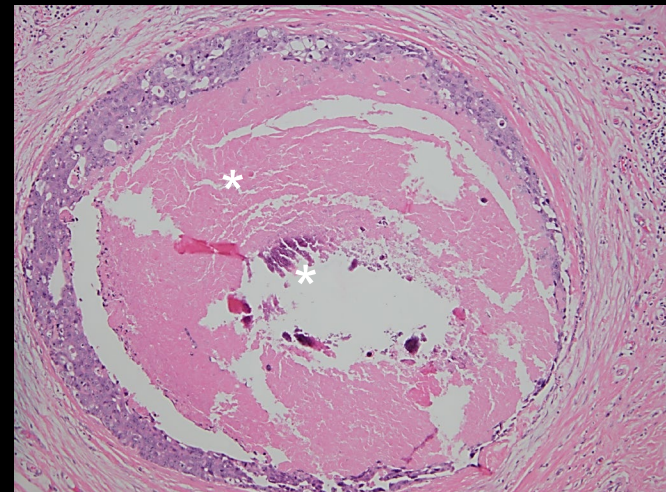
50% of DCIS lesions contain >1 nuclear grade

High Nuclear grade

Group 3



Low grade DCIS with small nuclei, minimal nuclear pleomorphism and infrequent mitoses



High grade DCIS with central "comedo-type" necrosis and microcalcification\*

# Prognostic Features: Molecular

- Oncotype DX DCIS Score: 12 gene assay with weighting factors

## Proliferation Group

- Ki-67
- STK15
- Survivin
- CCNB1 (cyclin B1)
- MYBL2

## Hormone Receptors

- PR
- GSTM1

## Reference Genes

- ACTB ( $\beta$ -actin)
- GAPDH
- RPLPO
- GUS
- TFRC

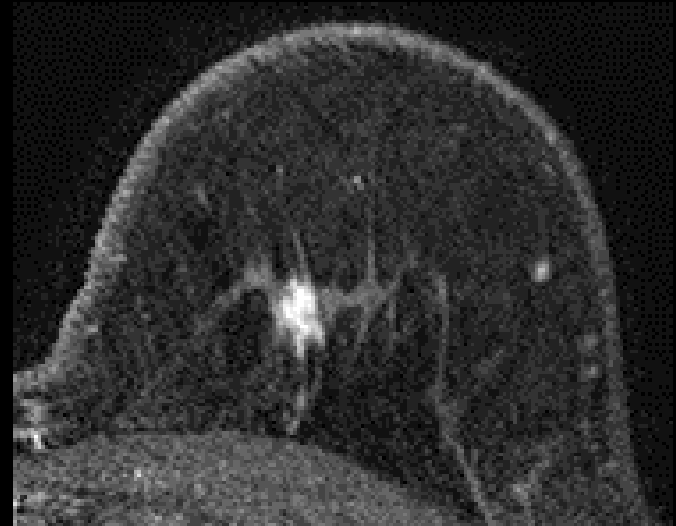
$$\text{DCIS Score}_{\mu} = 0.31 \times \text{prolif group score} - 0.08 \times PR - 0.09 \times GSTM1$$

# Prognostic Features: Clinical

- Younger Age
- Family History of Breast Cancer
- Larger DCIS span
- Positive/Close margins on excision
- Prognostic Models (combine clinical and pathology features)
  - USC/Van Nuys Prognostic Index
  - MSK Nomogram

# DCIS Presentations

- Pre-screening era → mass, nipple discharge, Paget's
- Now > 90% of DCIS lesions are asymptomatic
  - Screening mammography
  - Screening MRI in high-risk patients

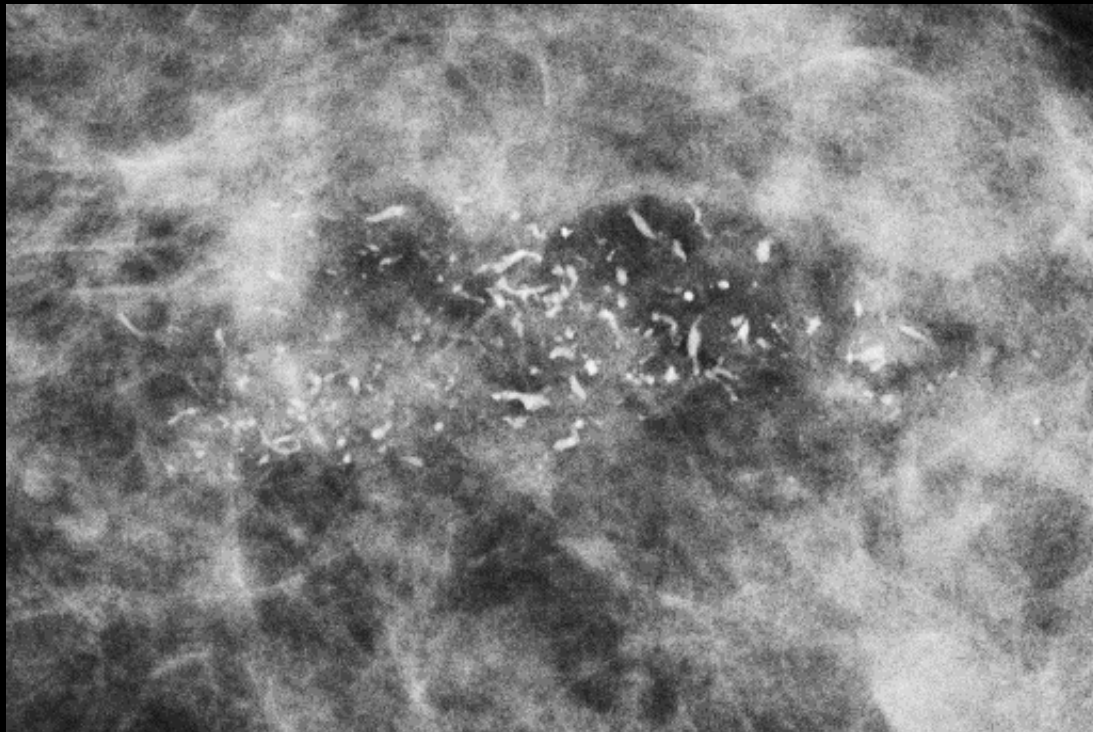


# Microcalcifications

- Two forms of microcalcifications
  - Calcium Oxalate –benign pathology
  - **Calcium Phosphate (primarily hydroxyapatite)**
    - malignant and benign pathologies
- Unclear why DCIS can exhibit calcifications
  - Degenerative or dystrophic (Passive)
  - Secretory process (Active)
  - Activation of bone matrix proteins (Active)

# Mammography

- Hallmark: Segmental or linearly distributed fine pleomorphic/linear-branching microcalcification
- Masses and asymmetries are less common
  - DCIS lesions that present as masses are more commonly low grade



# Biology – Mammography Features

Mammographic Feature	Histology
Mass or asymmetry (no calcifications) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Low grade
“Rod shaped”, ductal distribution, branching calcifications <sup>1</sup>	Necrosis
Round, punctate calcifications <sup>1</sup>	Low grade, Absence of necrosis
<u>Casting-type calcifications<sup>4</sup></u>	High grade, necrosis
<u>Fine-pleomorphic or fine-linear branching calcifications<sup>2,5</sup></u>	High grade, necrosis

<sup>1</sup>Evans *et al.* Am J Roentgenol, 1994. 162(6): p. 1307-11.

<sup>2</sup>Barreau *et al.* Eur J Radiol, 2005. 54(1): p. 55-61.

<sup>3</sup>Yang, WT *et al.* Am J Roentgenol, 2004. 182(1): p. 101-10.

<sup>4</sup>Holmberg *et al.* Br J Cancer, 2013. 108(4): p. 812-819.

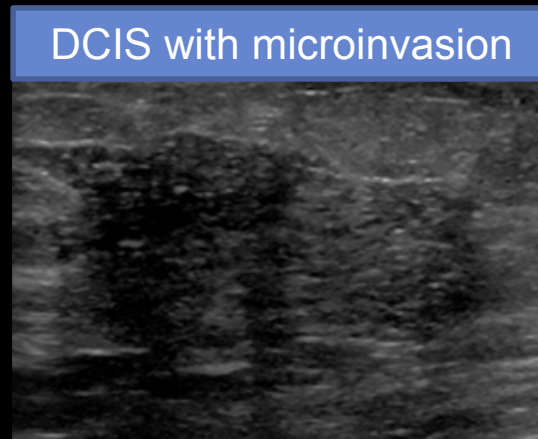
<sup>5</sup>Holland *et al.* Semin Diagn Pathol 1994;11:181–92.

# Ultrasound

- 8-50% of DCIS lesions are visible on US<sup>1</sup>
- Most commonly presents as a round or oval masses<sup>2,3</sup>
- “Non-mass forms” (e.g. dilated duct with internal echoes) on US are probably under-recognized
  - Account for 60% of DCIS lesions in one study<sup>4</sup>



Oval circumscribed solid mass



Irregular mass with echogenic foci  
consistent with calcifications



Complex solid and cystic mass

<sup>1</sup> Moon et al. *Ultrasound Med Biol* 2019 Jan;45(1):68-77

<sup>2</sup> Lee et al. *J Clin Ultrasound*, 2013. 41(8): p. 465-71.

<sup>3</sup> Wang et al. *Radiographics*, 2013. 33(1): p. 213-228.

<sup>4</sup> Watanabe et al. *Ultrasound Med Biol* 2017 May;43(5):918-925

# Biology – Ultrasound Features

- Screen-detected DCIS on US (n=71) vs. Mammography (n=165)<sup>1</sup>
  - High grade: 4.2% vs. 26.1%
  - Comedonecrosis: 33.8% vs. 66.7%
  - Her2 positivity: 8.5% vs. 35.2%

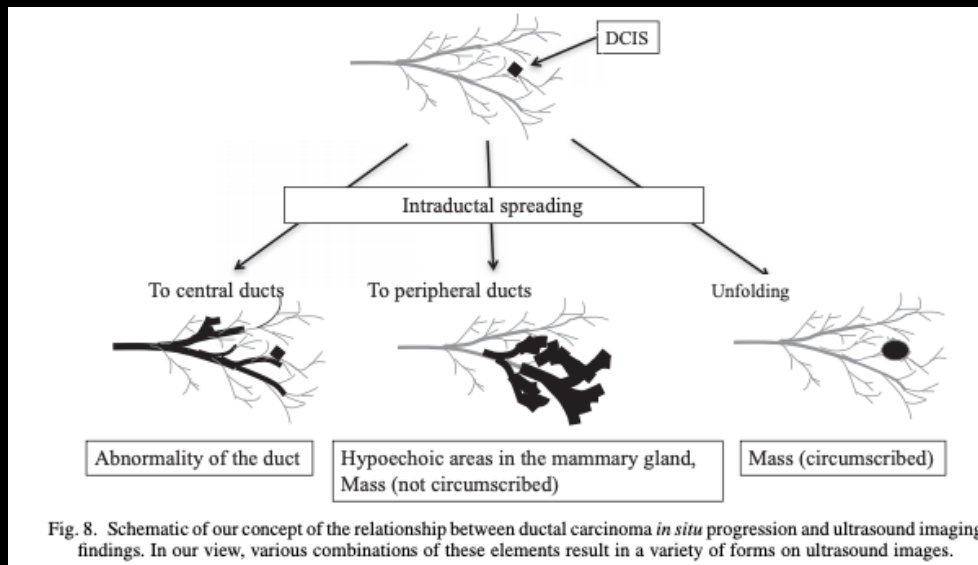


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Higher spatial resolution → improved morphologic characterization<sup>2</sup>

MRI superior for DCIS extent evaluation<sup>3</sup>

**MRI = most sensitive imaging modality for detection of DCIS and determination of EOD**

Breast MRI considered poor for DCIS evaluation<sup>1</sup>

NME identified as an MRI feature<sup>2</sup>

Sensitivity = 92% (vs. 56%); greater proportion of high grade<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Boetes *et al.* Eur Radiol, 1997. 7(8): p. 1231-4

<sup>2</sup>Lehman. J Natl Cancer Inst Monogr, 2010. 2010(41): p. 150-1.

<sup>3</sup>Berg *et al.* Radiology, 2004. 233(3): p. 830-49.

<sup>4</sup>Kuhl *et al.* Lancet, 2007. 370(9586): p. 485-92.

# Science to Practice

Christiane K. Kuhl, MD

## Science to Practice: Why Do Purely Intraductal Cancers Enhance on Breast MR Images?



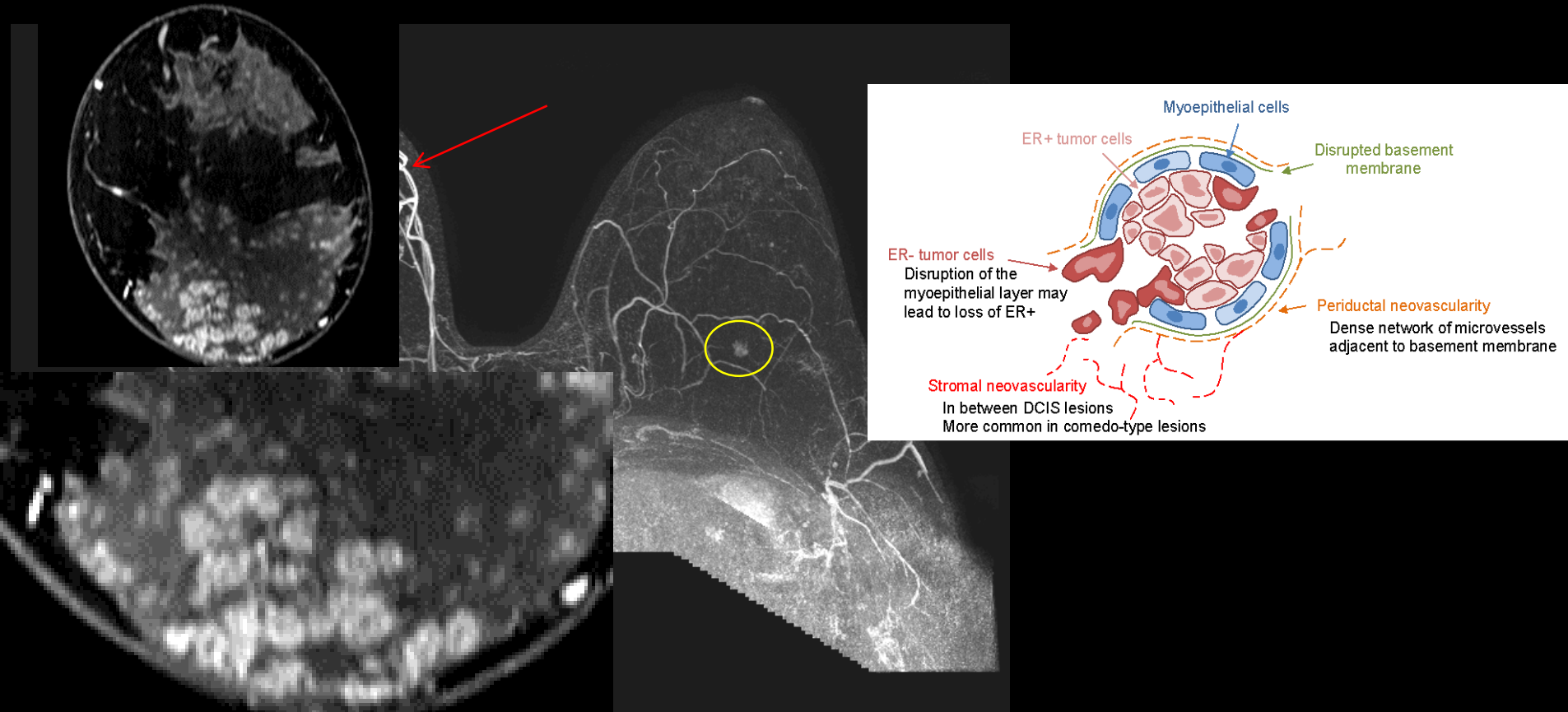
### Jansen et al, 2009, Radiology

- 23 transgenic mice, all injected with gadolinium
- 12 underwent DCE imaging, 11 were sacrificed 2 min after injection and underwent X-ray fluorescence microscopy

**Confirmed gadolinium diffuses into the ducts**

# MRI Findings

## Biology of DCIS on MRI



Non-mass enhancement (NME) and enhancement kinetics are based on abnormal periductal or stromal vascularity, which may be due to disruption in the myoepithelial cells (which secrete angiogenesis inhibitors) that line the duct

# DCIS Appearance on MRI

- Non-mass enhancement (NME) 60-80%
- Mass 14-34%
- Focus of enhancement: 1-12%

<sup>1</sup>Yamada *et al.* Radiographics, 2010. 30(5): p. 1183-98.

<sup>2</sup>Buadu *et al.* Radiology 1996; 200(3):639-649.

<sup>3</sup>Jansen *et al.* Radiology 2007;245(3):684-691.

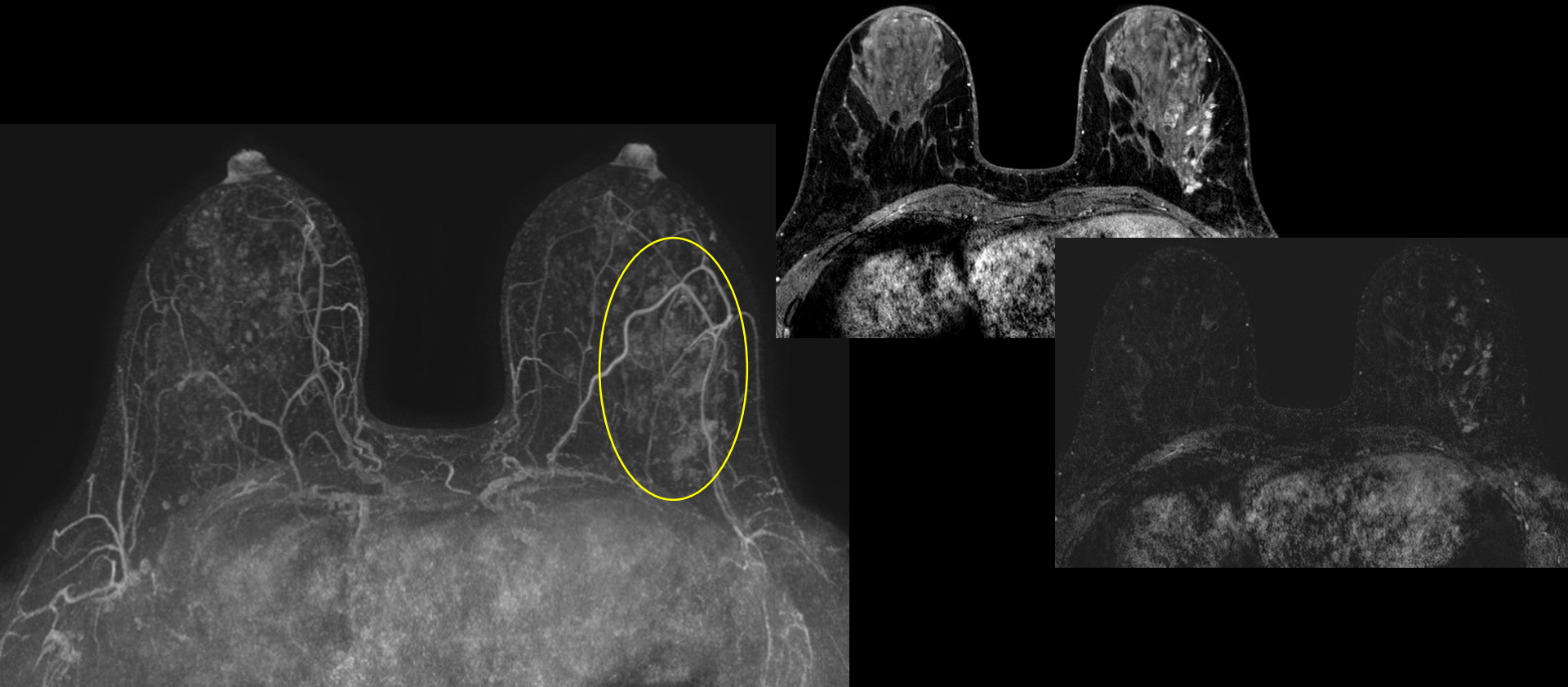
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<sup>5</sup>Menell *et al.* Breast J 2005;11(6):382-390.

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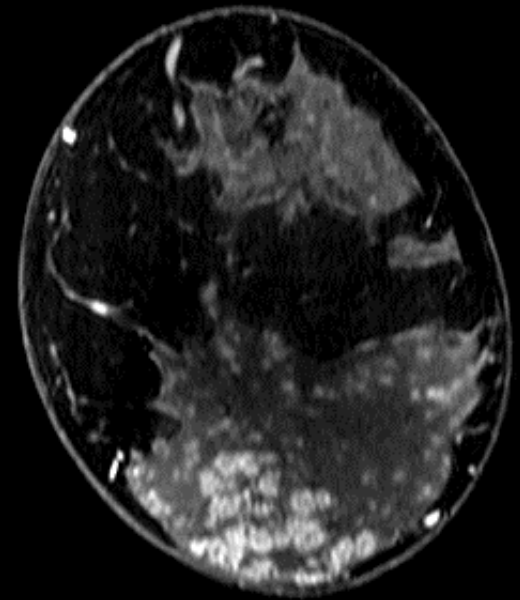
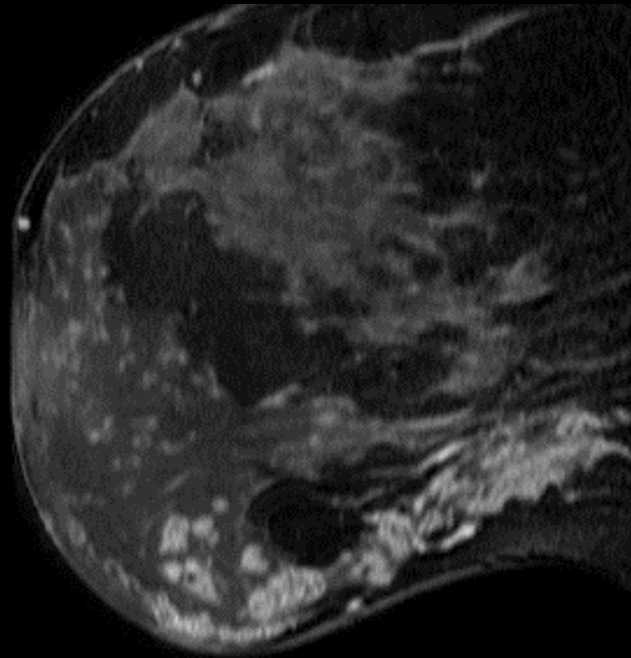
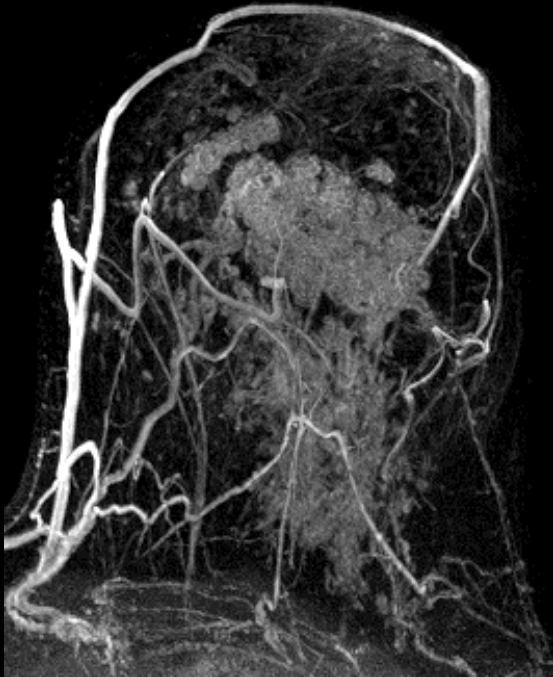
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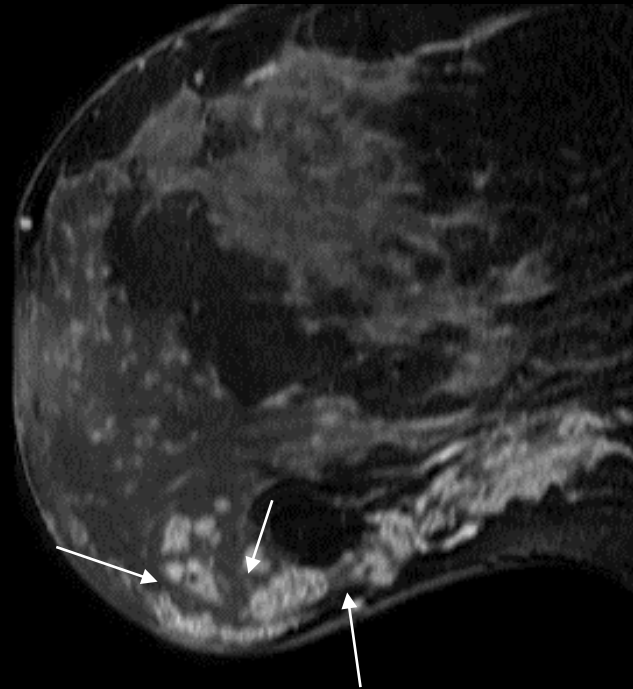
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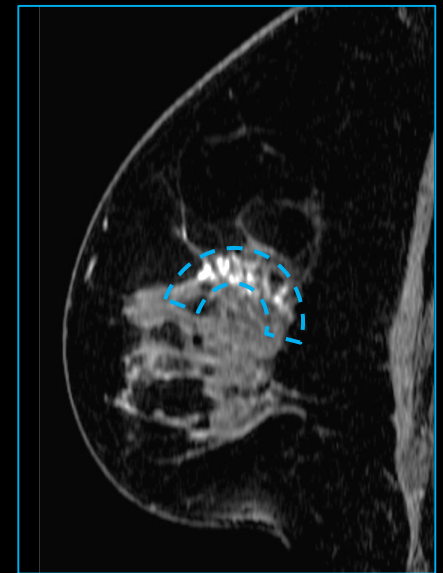
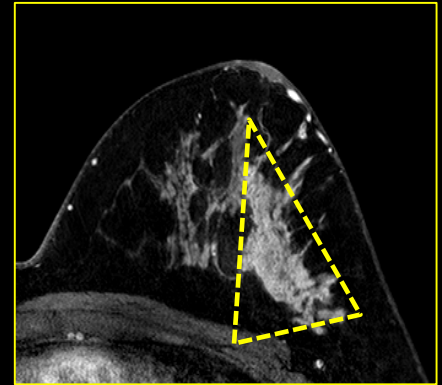
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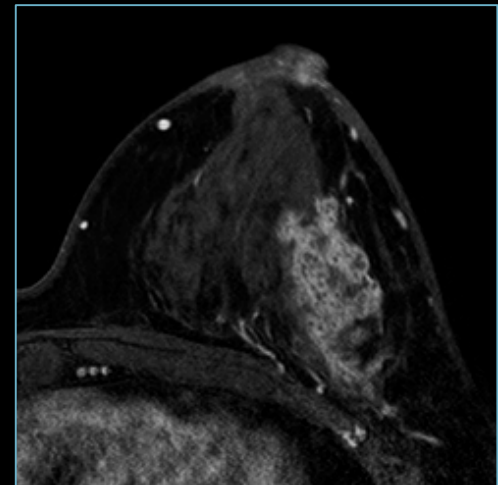
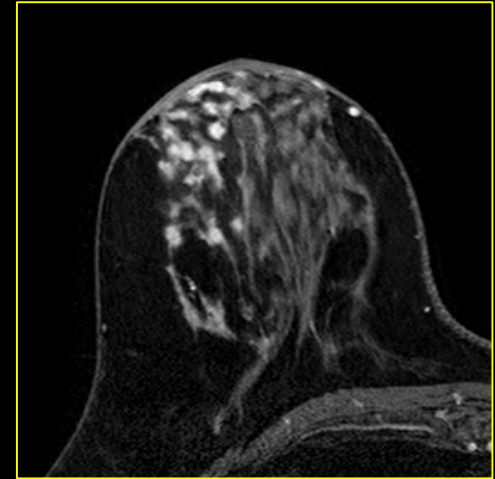
# DCIS – NME Distribution

- **Segmental: triangle/cone with apex pointing toward nipple**
  - Most common distribution (14-77% lesions)
- **Linear/ductal: straight or curved, may branch**
  - 1-24%
- **Focal area: small confined area, generally < 25% of a quadrant**
  - 16-33%



# DCIS – NME Internal Enhancement

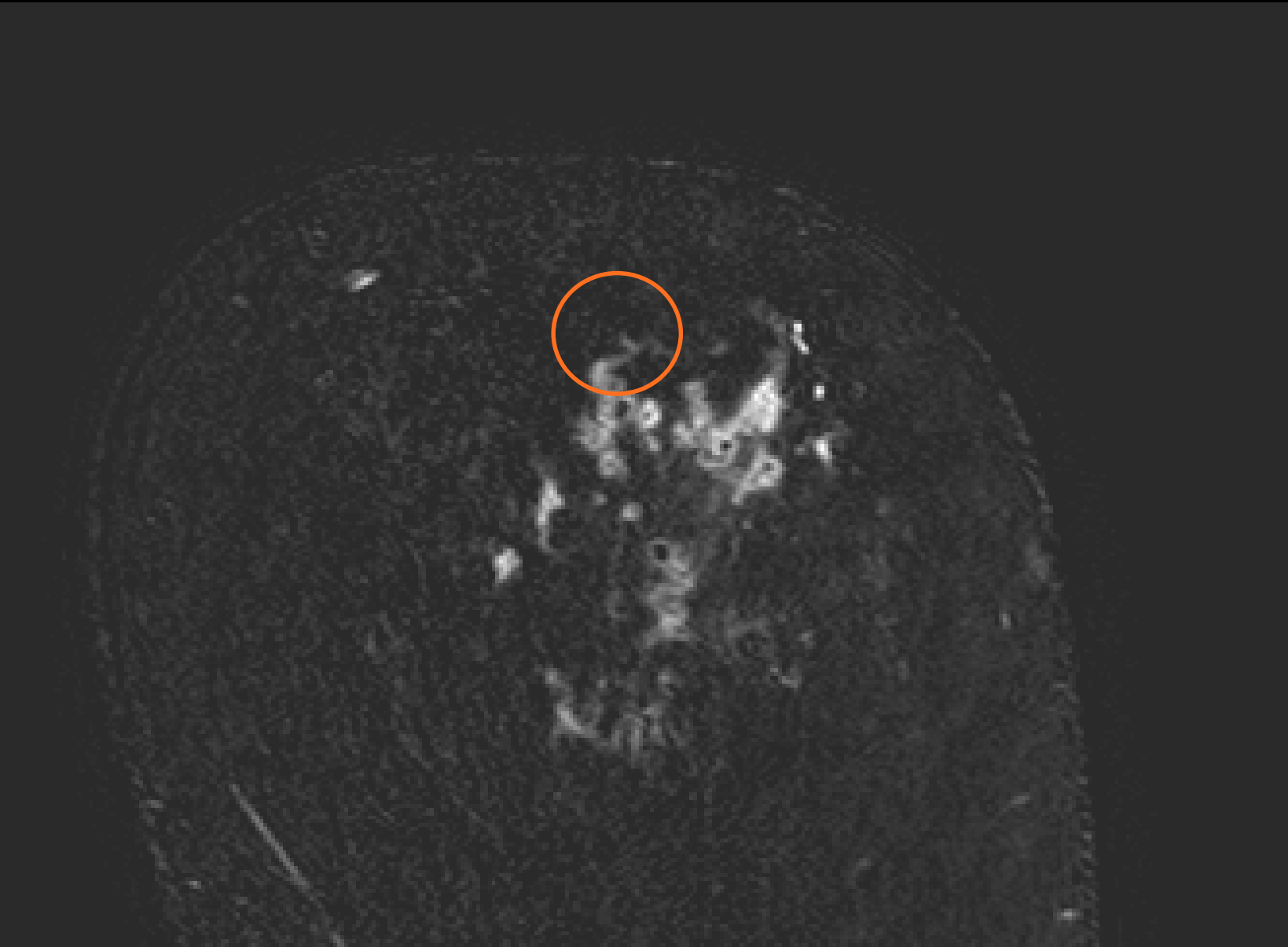
- **Clumped:** cobblestone- or grape-like
  - 41-64% of DCIS lesions
- **Heterogeneous:** non-uniform, separated by areas of parenchyma or fat
  - 16-29% of DCIS lesions
- **Clustered ring:** thin rings around ducts
  - Potentially more specific for malignancy (~63%)



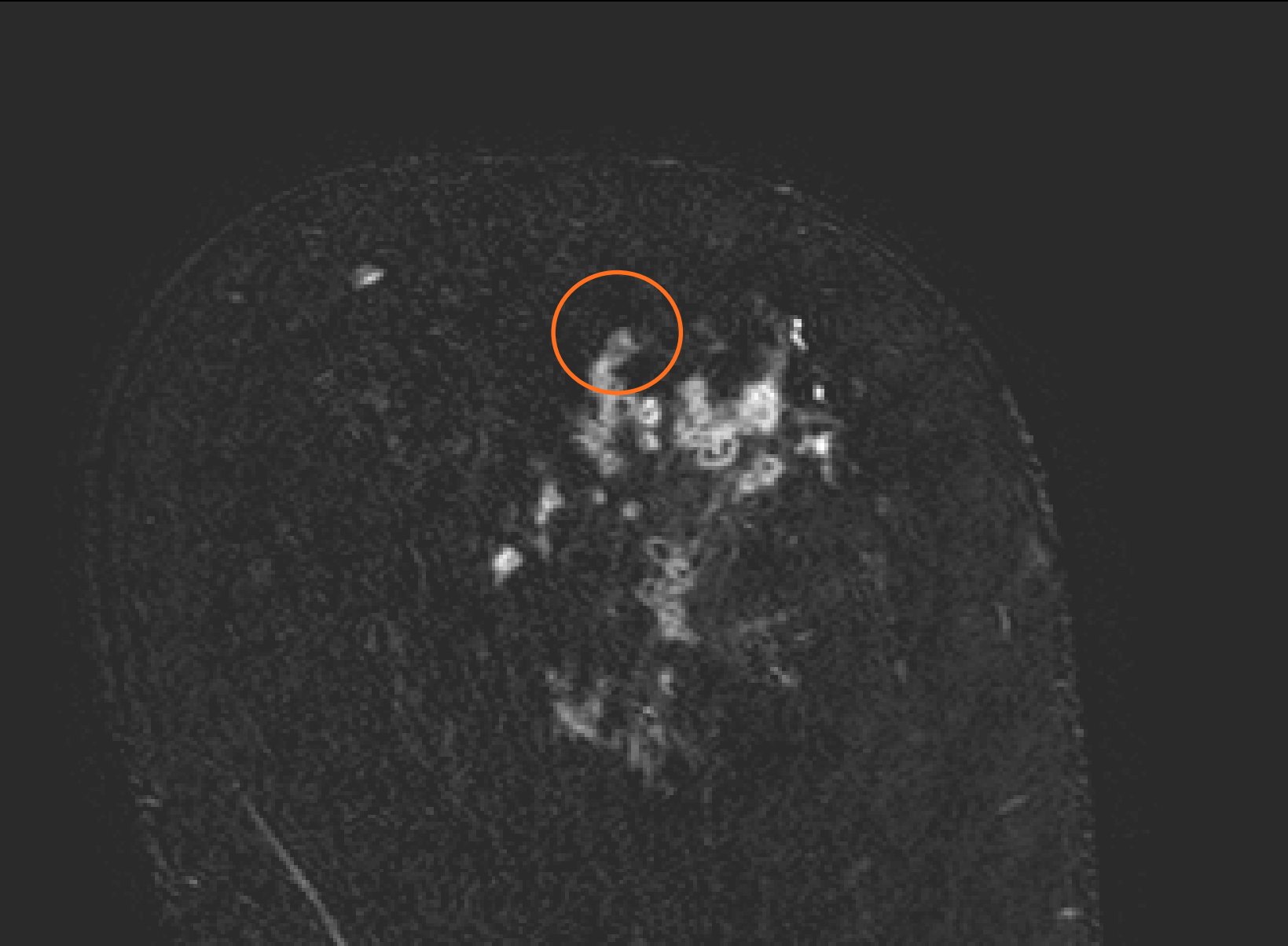
# DCIS Presenting as a Mass on MRI

- Mass = 3D space-occupying lesion, convexity
- Focus = “dot” of unique enhancement
- Less common DCIS presentation (14-41%)
  - Larger lesions or those that cause focal distention of a duct/TDLU can create a “mass”

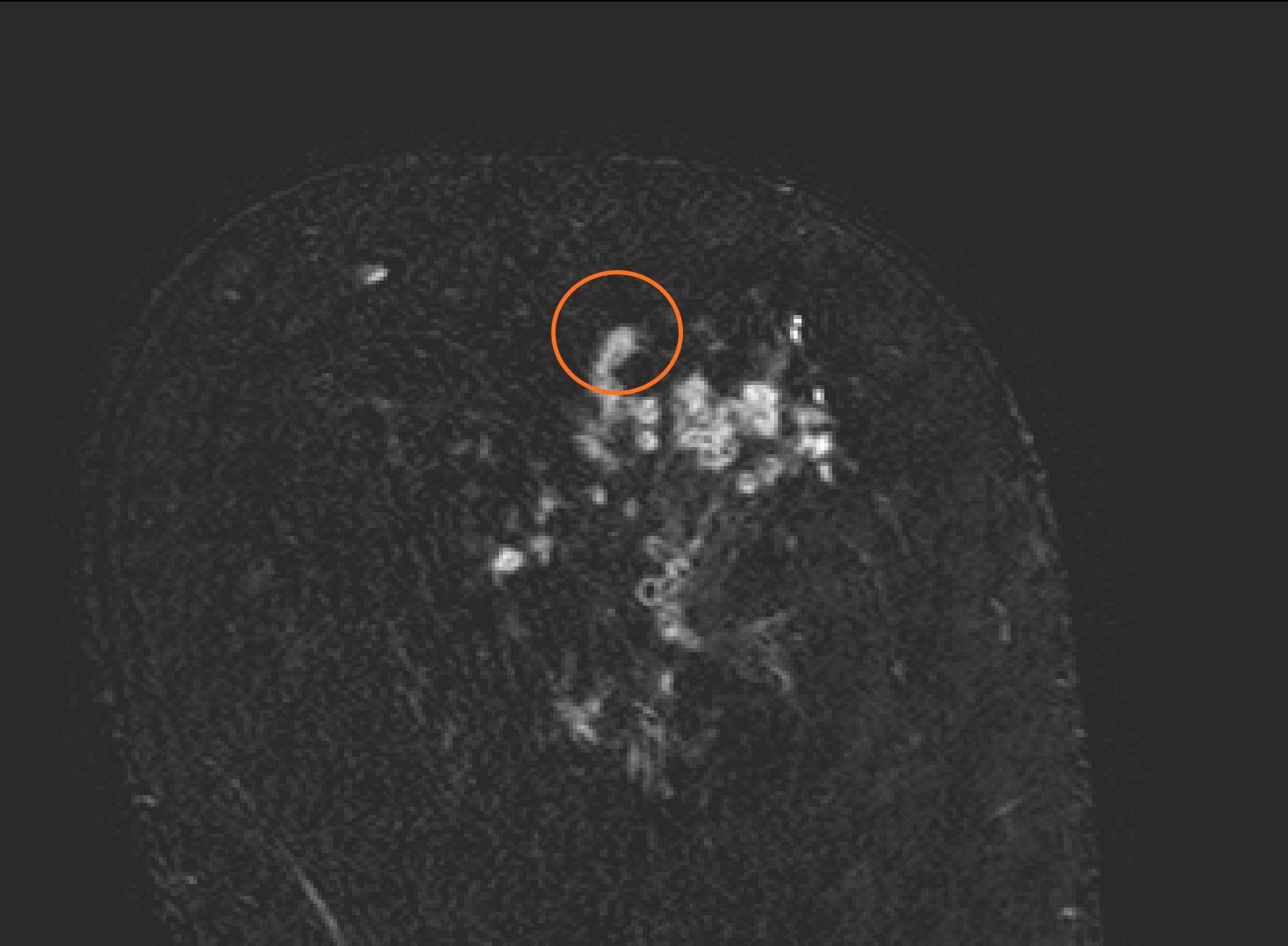
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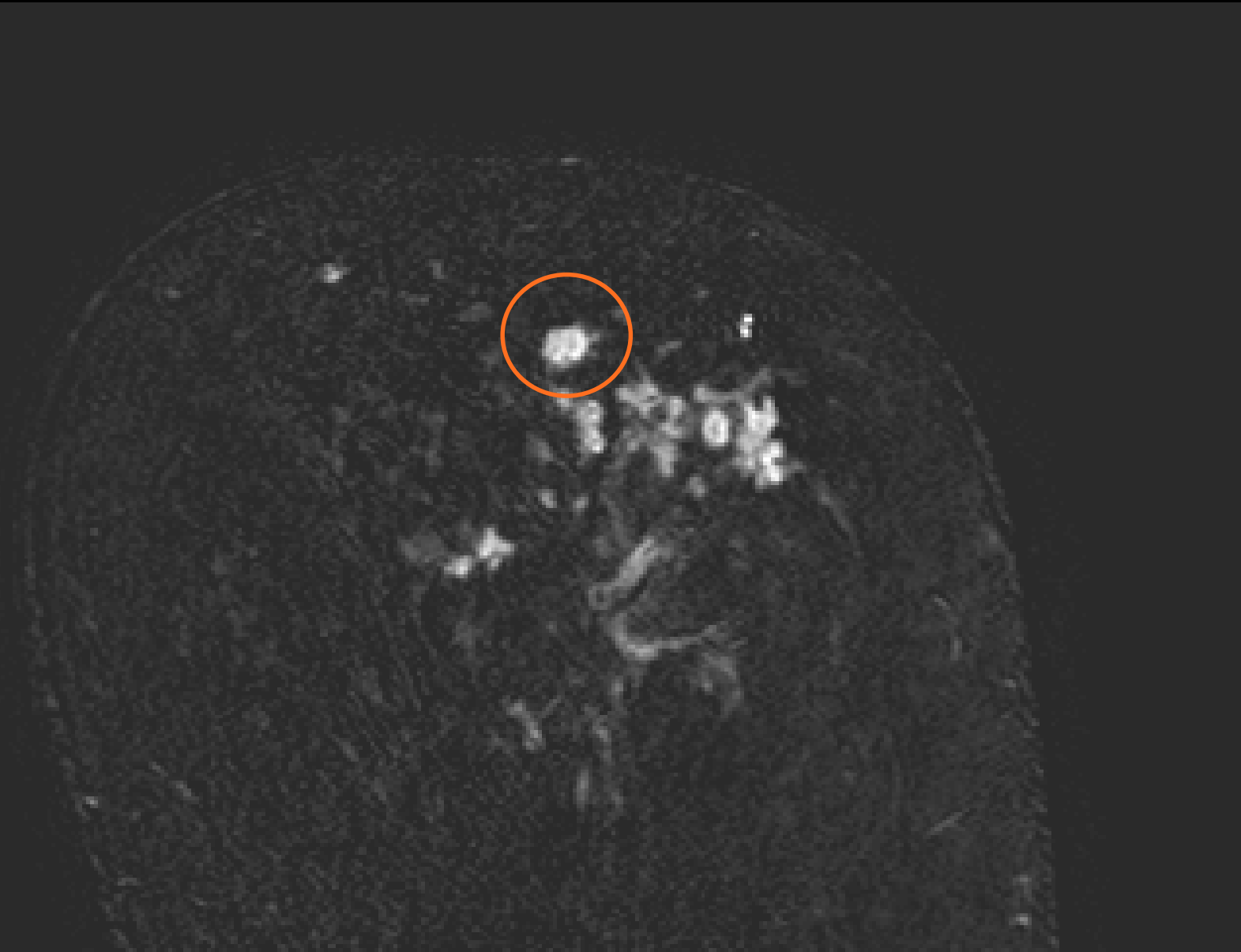
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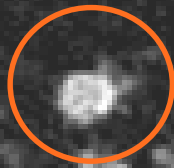
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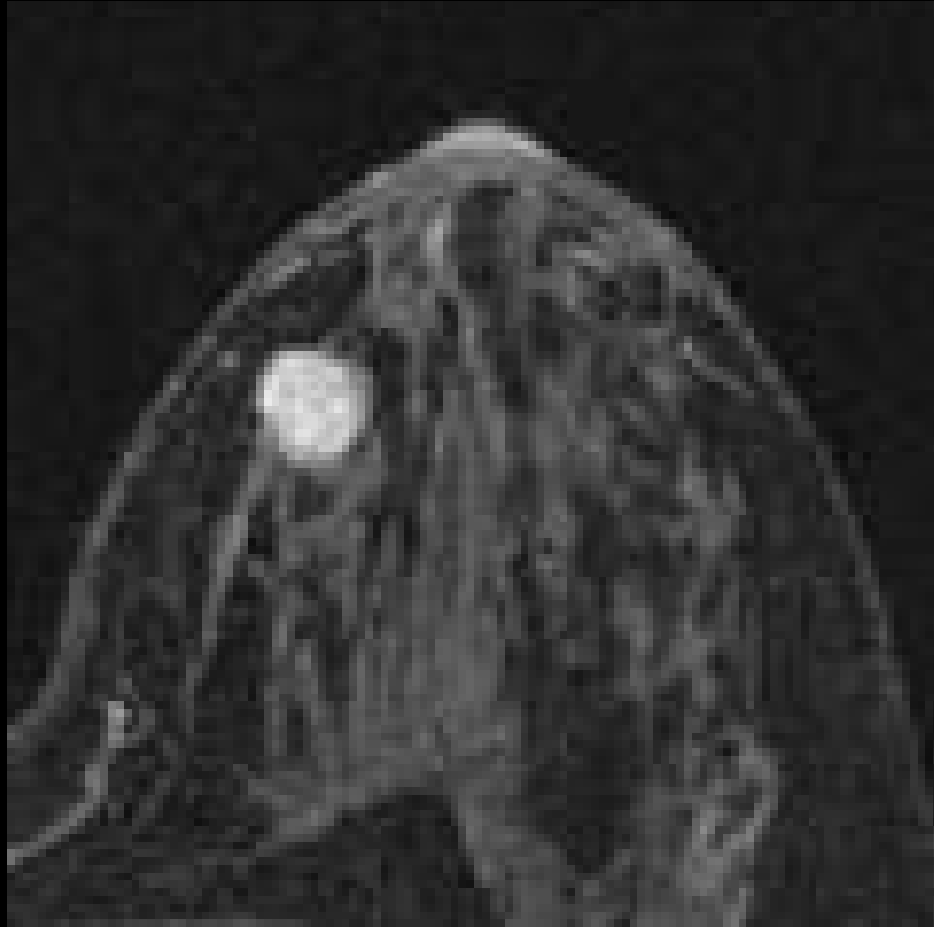
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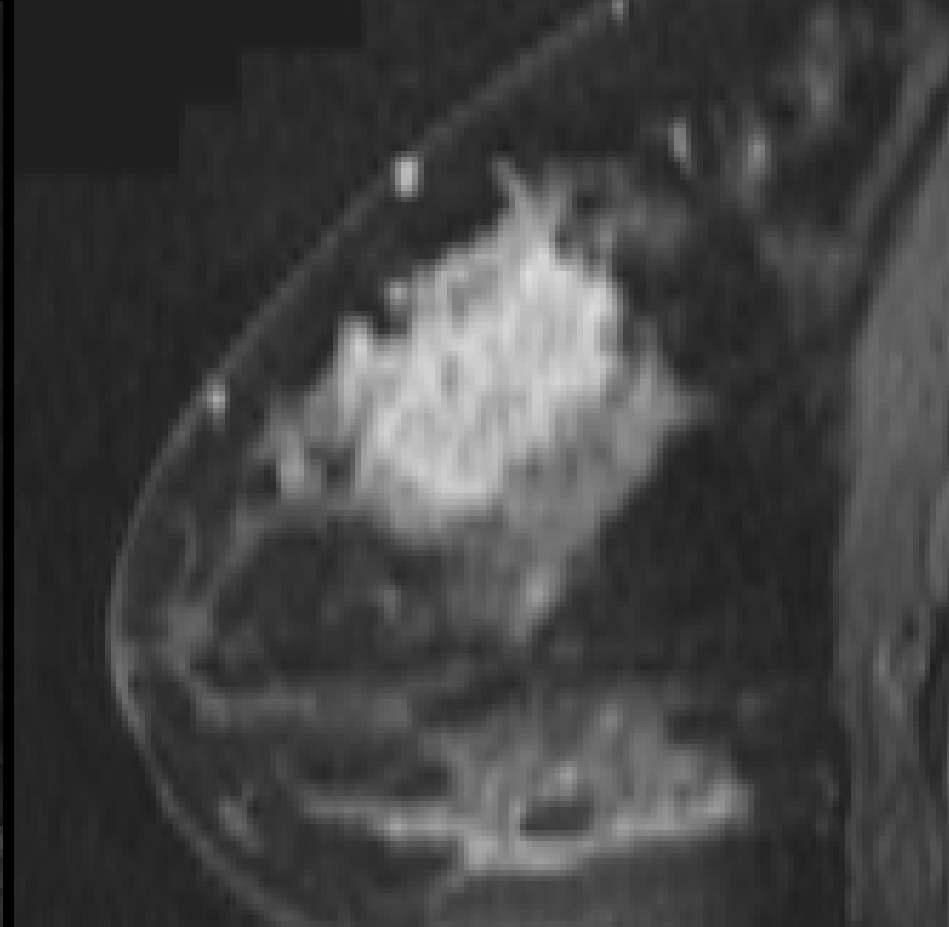


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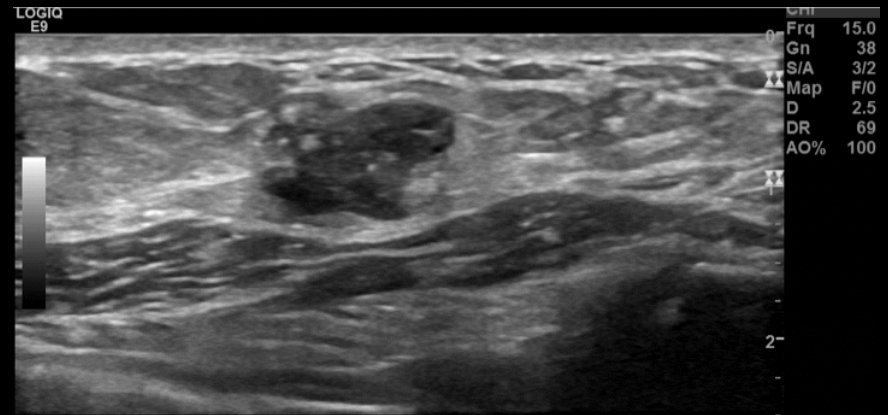
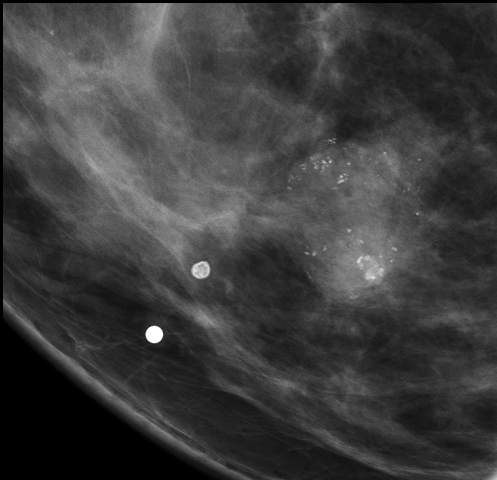


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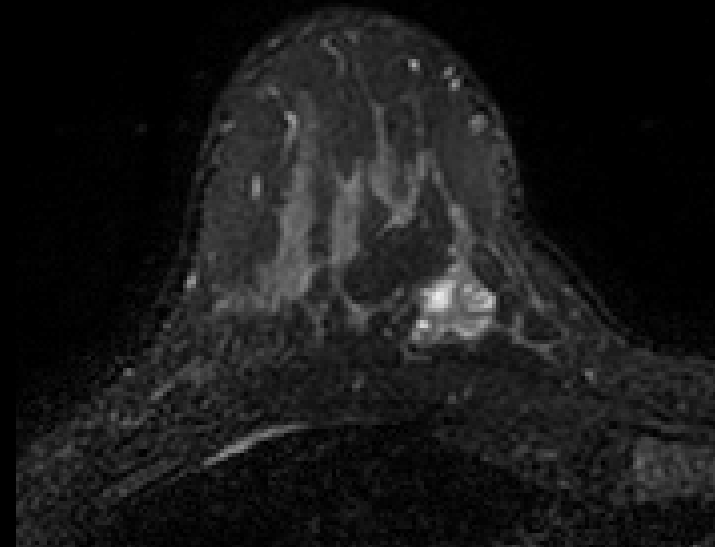
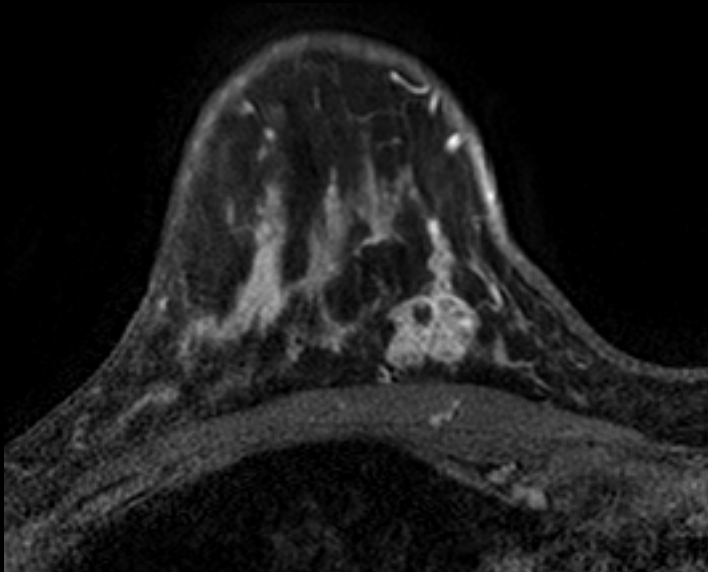


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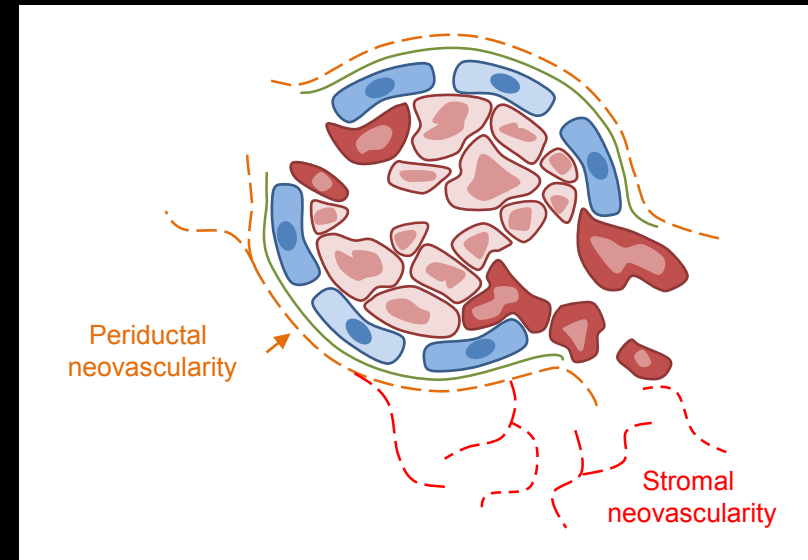
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39 yo with palpable left breast mass  
High Grade DCIS

# DCIS Kinetic Features

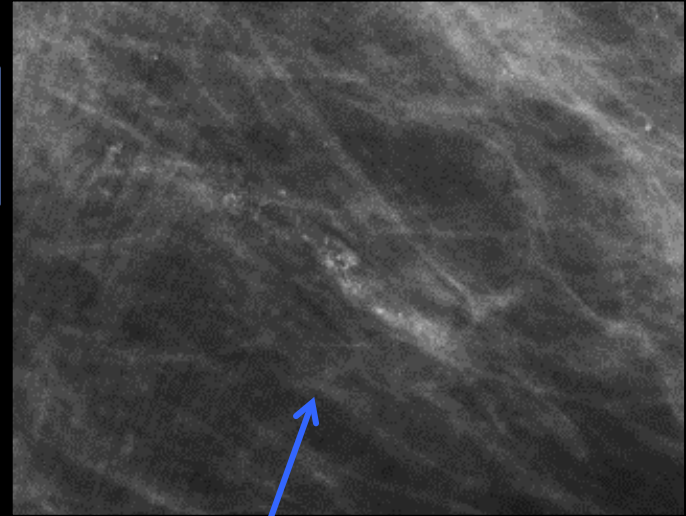
- Indirect measure of perfusion and diffusion of blood/nutrients
  - Periductal space
  - Basement membrane
- DCIS delayed phase is more variable than invasive cancers
  - Washout (28-44%)
  - Plateau (20-52%)
  - Persistent (20-30%)



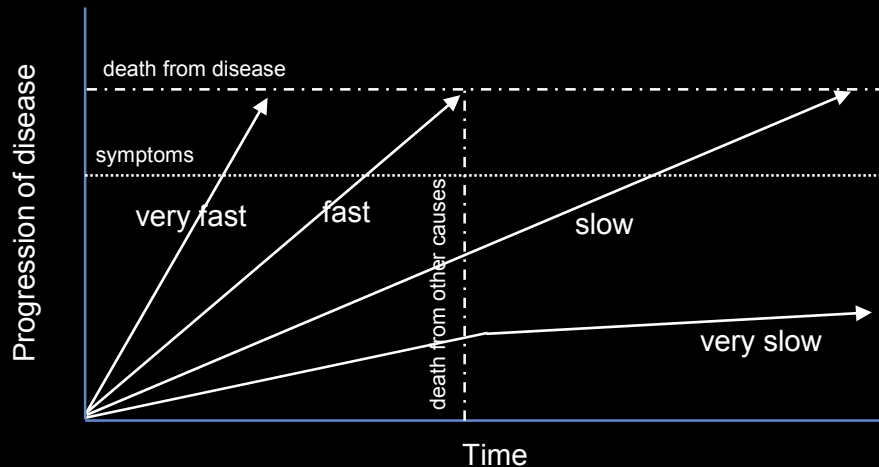
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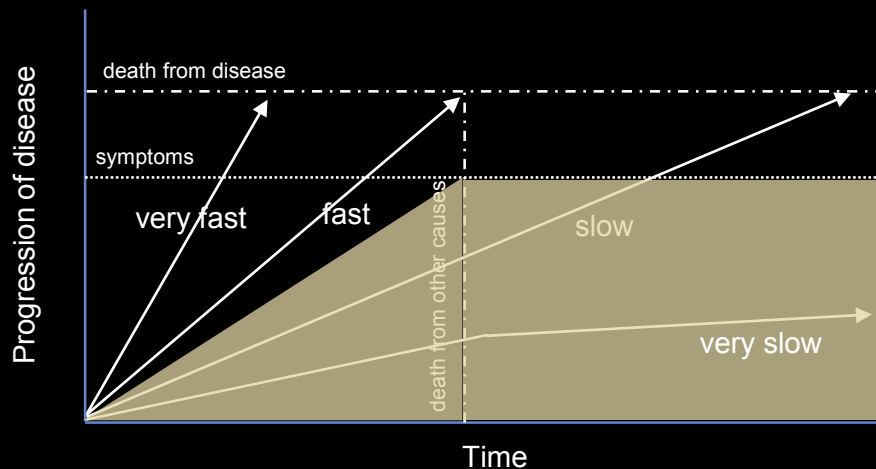
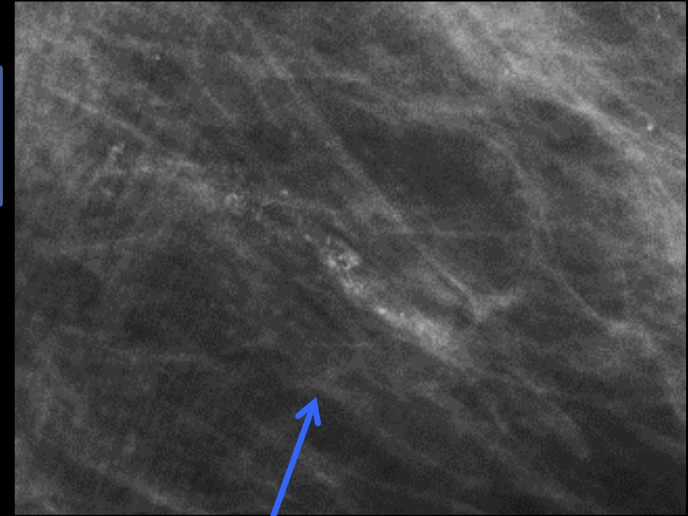
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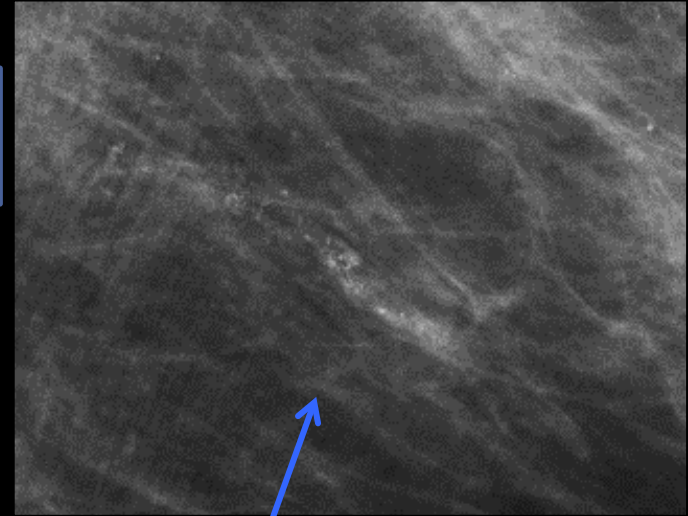


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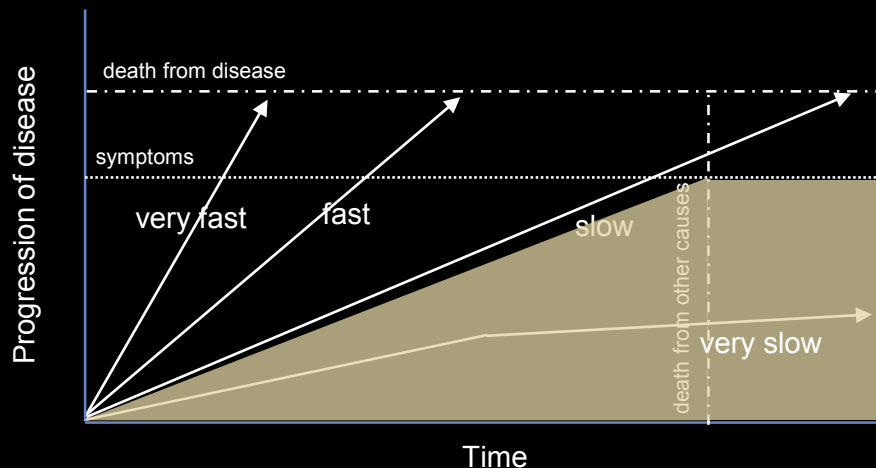
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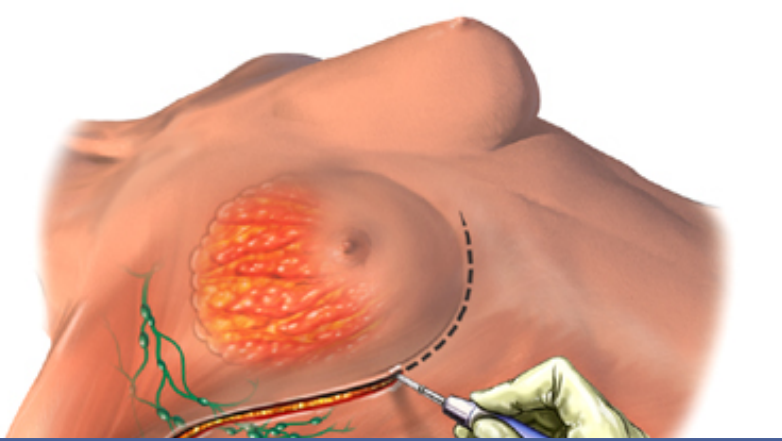
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- 3% of DCIS is treated non-surgically
- 75% of DCIS undergoing BCT include radiation therapy
- 25% of women with DCIS choose an unnecessary mastectomy

## Overtreatment



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## Overdiagnosis

# The New York Times

HEALTH

## Prone to Error: Earliest Steps to Find Cancer

By STEPHANIE SAUL JULY 19, 2010

Monica Long had expected a routine appointment. But here she was in her new oncologist's office, and he was delivering deeply disturbing news.

Nearly a year earlier, in 2007, a pathologist at a small hospital in Cheboygan, Mich., had found the earliest stage of breast cancer for Ms. Long. Extensive surgery followed, leaving Ms. Long's right breast missing a sizeable chunk.

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HEALTH

## Doubt Is Raised Over Value of Surgery for Breast Lesion at Earliest Stage

By GINA KOLATA AUG. 20, 2015

As many as 60,000 American women each year are told they have a very early stage of breast cancer — Stage 0, as it is commonly known — a possible precursor to what could be a deadly tumor. And almost every one of the women has either a lumpectomy or a mastectomy, and often a double mastectomy, removing a healthy breast as well.

# DCIS Detection: Evolving Opinions

Journal of Surgical Oncology 1998;69:60–62

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### How To Prevent Invasive Breast Cancer: Detect and Excise Duct Carcinoma In Situ

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“...currently there is one presumed method to prevent invasive breast cancer, detect and excise ductal carcinoma in situ.”

# DCIS Detection: Evolving Opinions

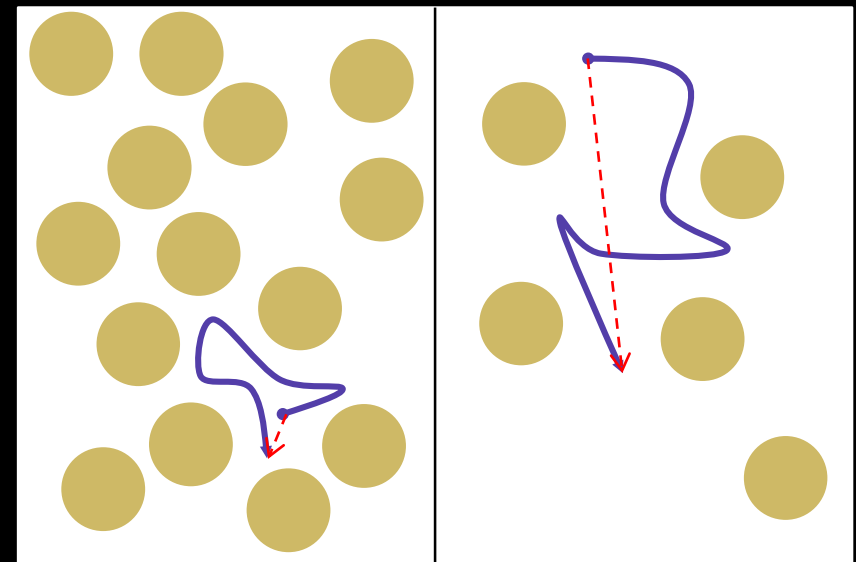
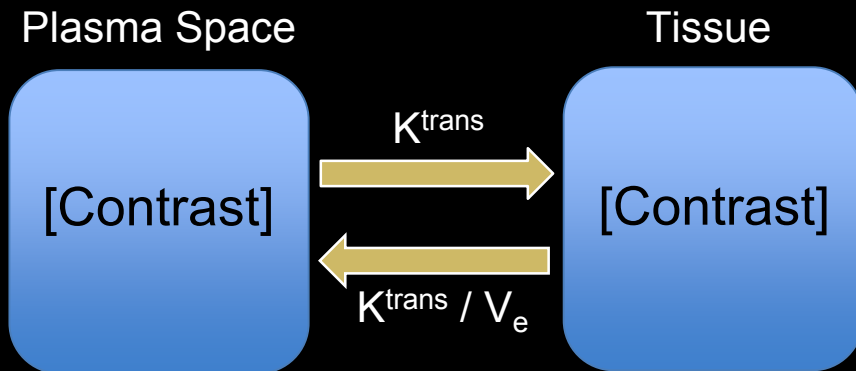
## Selecting Individualized Treatment for Patients With Ductal Carcinoma in Situ of the Breast: The Search Continues

Lawrence J. Solin, *Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA* JCO February 20, 2012 vol. 30 no. 6 577-579

- “Although some patients with DCIS will develop a subsequent invasive malignancy over time, most will not.”

# Opportunities for MRI

- Whole lesion (and normal tissue) assessments
  - High spatial resolution imaging at higher field strengths
  - Dynamic contrast-enhanced (DCE) Pharmacokinetic (PK) modeling
  - Diffusion weighted imaging (DWI)



High cell density

Low cell density

DCE PK models assess vascular permeability

DWI probes cellular density

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# Can MRI Guide Biopsies?

## Evolving Paradigm for Imaging, Diagnosis, and Management of DCIS

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J Am Coll Radiol 2013;10:918-923.

- Change risk thresholds for biopsy?
  - Currently 2% risk of malignancy
- Personalized screening approaches
- Utilize advanced imaging to stratify risk and biopsy

# Can MRI Guide Biopsies?

Radiology

## Assessment of BI-RADS Category 4 Lesions Detected with Screening Mammography and Screening US: Utility of MR Imaging<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** To investigate the utility of magnetic resonance (MR) imaging according to different types of Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System (BI-RADS) category 4 findings from screening mammography and/or screening ultrasonography (US).

- MG finding of “pure clustered  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ”, n = 78
  - 18/21 MG-detected DCIS lesions were true positives on MRI
  - 3/21 were false negatives (12%) on MRI
    - all were low NG DCIS; 6 to 11 mm in size

# Can MRI Guide Biopsies?

## MR Imaging for Diagnosis of Malignancy in Mammographic Microcalcifications: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** To assess the use of magnetic resonance (MR) imaging for diagnosis of malignancy in lesions that manifest as microcalcifications at mammography.

- 60% of biopsies of calcifications → benign pathology
- Pooled NPV to exclude invasive/microinvasive disease was 99%

# Can MRI Guide Biopsies?

Original contribution

Is breast MRI a helpful additional diagnostic test in suspicious mammographic microcalcifications?

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- 152 suspicious Ca<sup>2+</sup>, MRI <8 weeks prior to biopsy
  - 81 benign, 71 malignant (41 DCIS, 30 invasive)
- 32 cases were downgraded to BI-RADS 2/3 on MRI
  - Missed 2 DCIS lesions, both non-high grade, ER+, her2-
- NPV=94%

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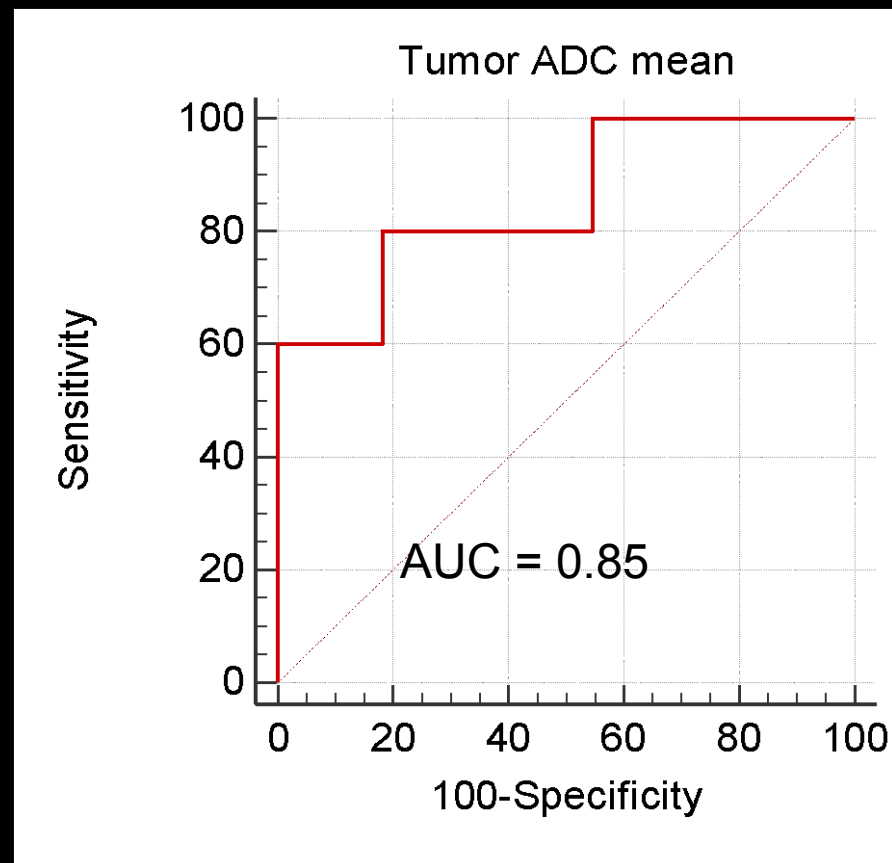
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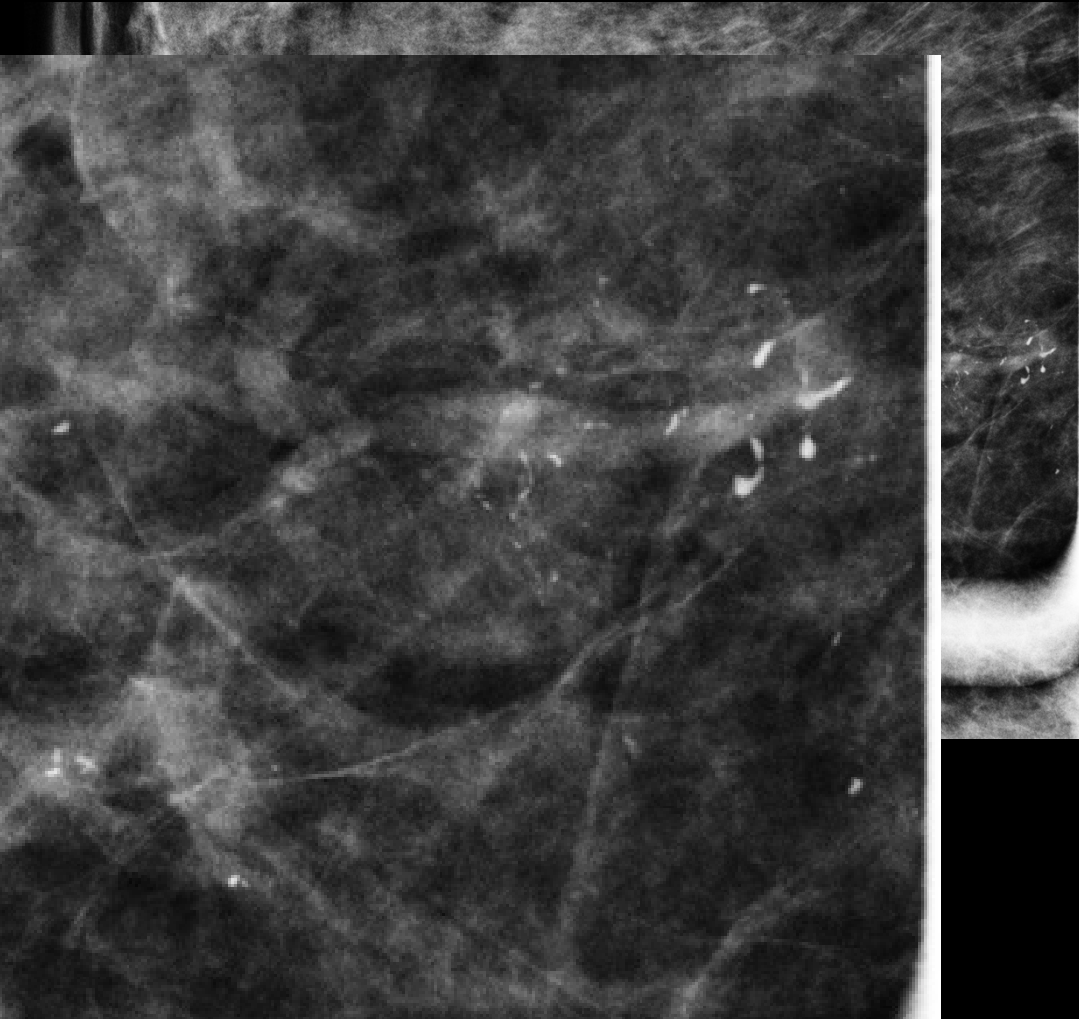
- Goto et al., 2012, Eur Radiology
  - NME lesions with increased T2 signal and larger size more likely to upgrade to invasive disease
- Wisner et al., 2013, Breast Journal
  - Reader study: invasion correlated with presence of a mass and “perception of occult invasion”
  - Invasion correlated with washout (SER) when % enhancement was 130%

# Can MRI Identify CNB-occult Invasive Disease?

- 16 MRI-detected lesions yielding DCIS on CNB
- 5/16 lesions (31%) upgraded to IDC at surgery
- Lower ADC correlated with upgrade to invasion ( $p=0.03$ )



# Can MRI Improve Pre-operative Extent of Disease?

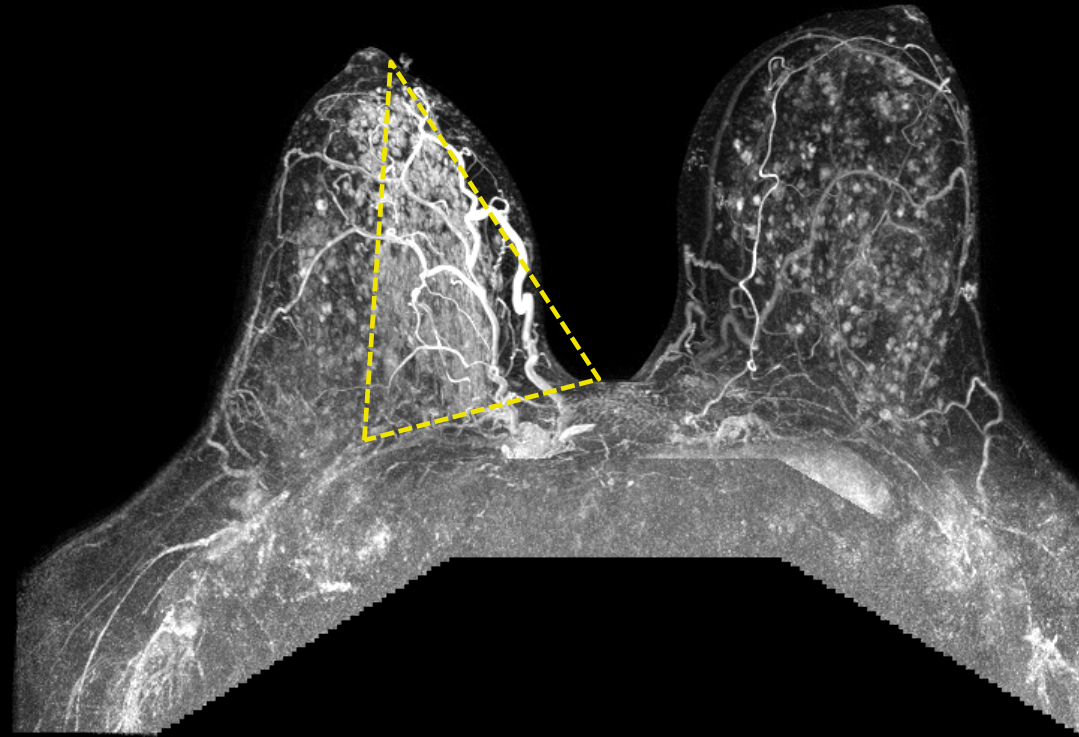


52 year old woman with mammographically detected grouped, fine pleomorphic calcifications spanning 30 mm in UIQ

Pathology → Intermediate to high nuclear grade DCIS

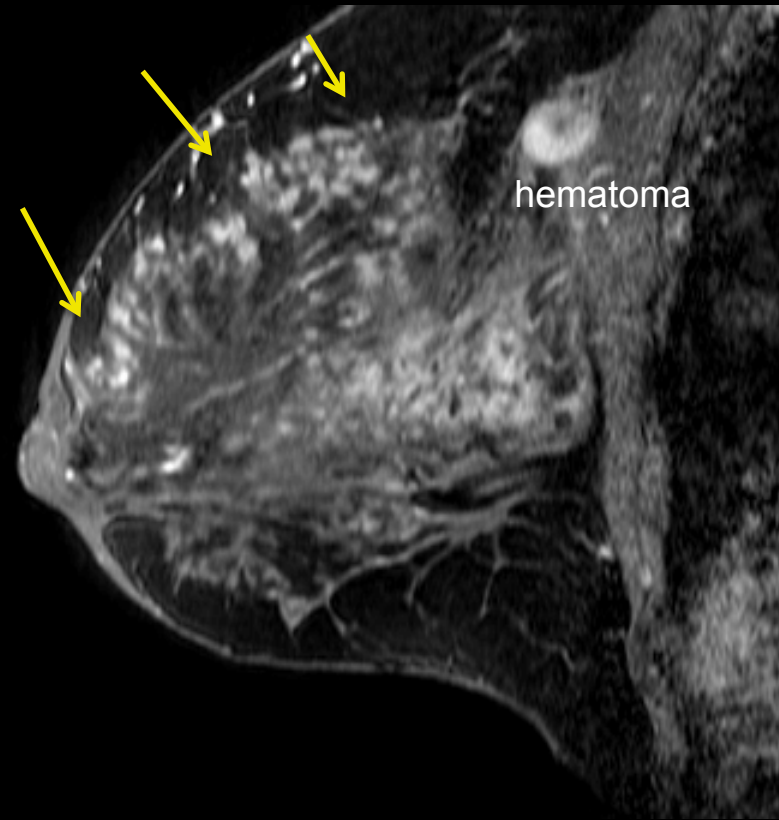
# DCIS EOD Example

Marked BPE, left breast is negative



Segmental NME spanning 10 cm

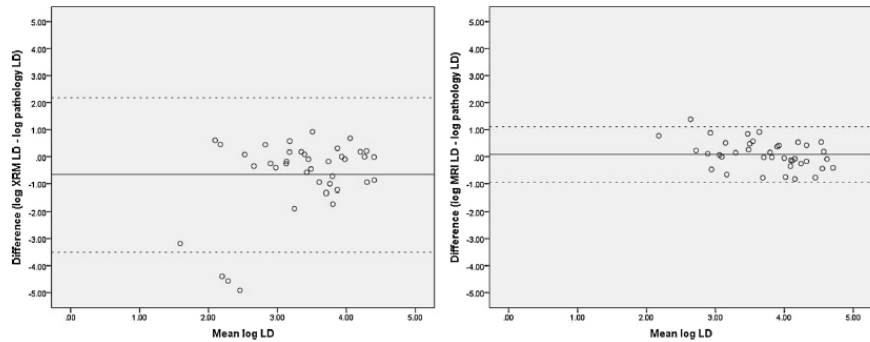
MRI-guided biopsy of the anterior aspect → high grade DCIS



# Can MRI Improve Pre-op Evaluation of DCIS Extent?

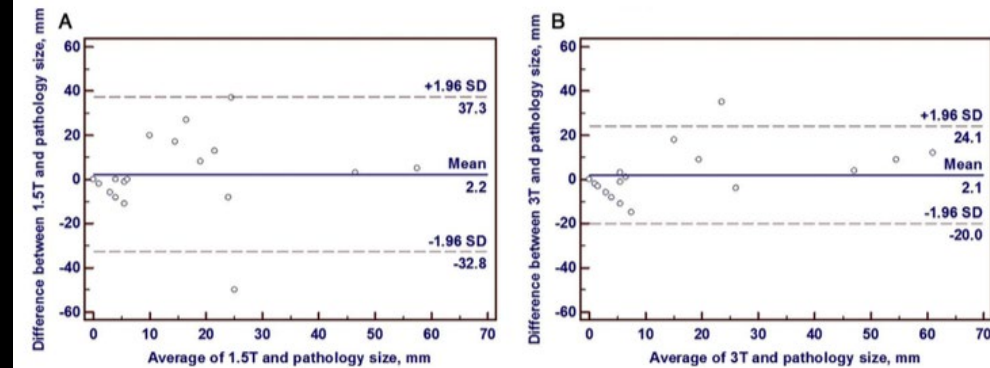
3T MRI vs. MG

*M.D. Pickles et al. / European Journal of Radiology 84 (2015) 603-610*



Pickles et al, 2015 EJR

1.5T vs. 3T MRI



Rahbar et al, 2015 EJR

- 39 patients with CNB-diagnosed DCIS
- All underwent preoperative MG and 3T MRI
- 3T MRI more closely represented pathologic extent than MG

- 20 patients with CNB-diagnosed DCIS
- All underwent preoperative 3T and 1.5T MRI
- 3T MRI more closely represented pathologic extent than 1.5T

# Can MRI Translate To ↓ Surgeries?

Systematic review

## Meta-analysis of the effect of preoperative breast MRI on the surgical management of ductal carcinoma *in situ*

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Conclusion: Preoperative MRI in women with DCIS is not associated with improvement in surgical outcomes.

### Challenges

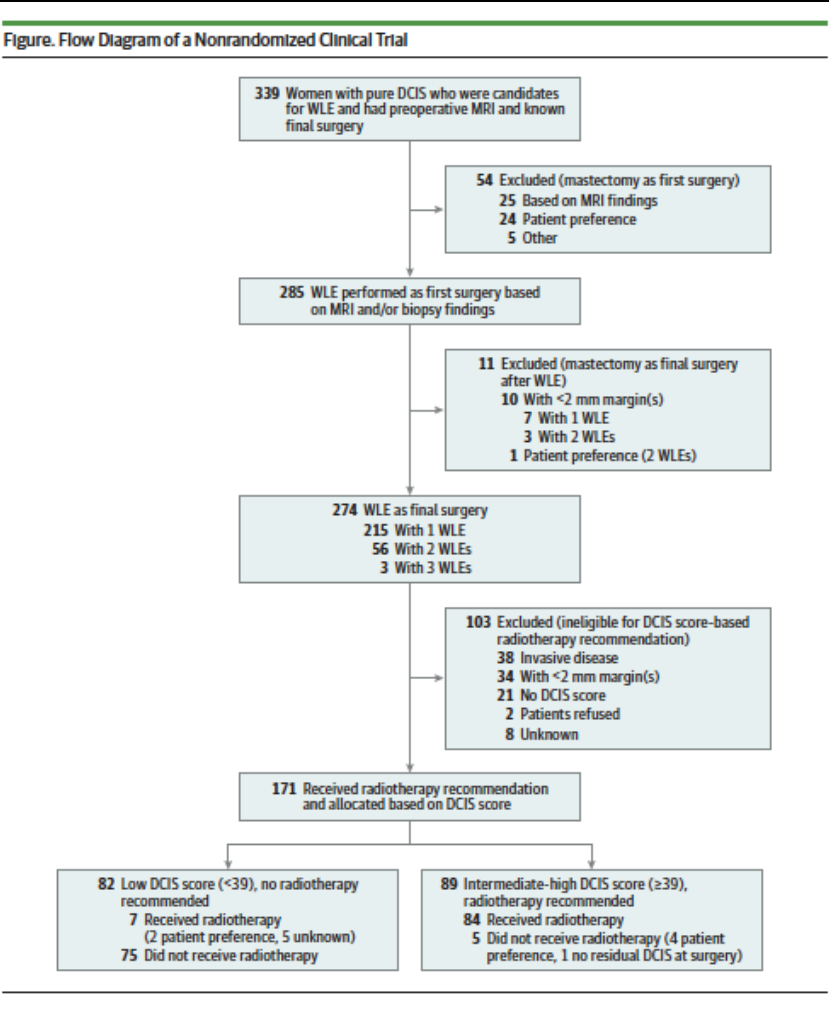
- Patient populations of MRI vs. no-MRI
- Surgical practices
- Patient preferences

# Association of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and a 12-Gene Expression Assay With Breast Ductal Carcinoma In Situ Treatment

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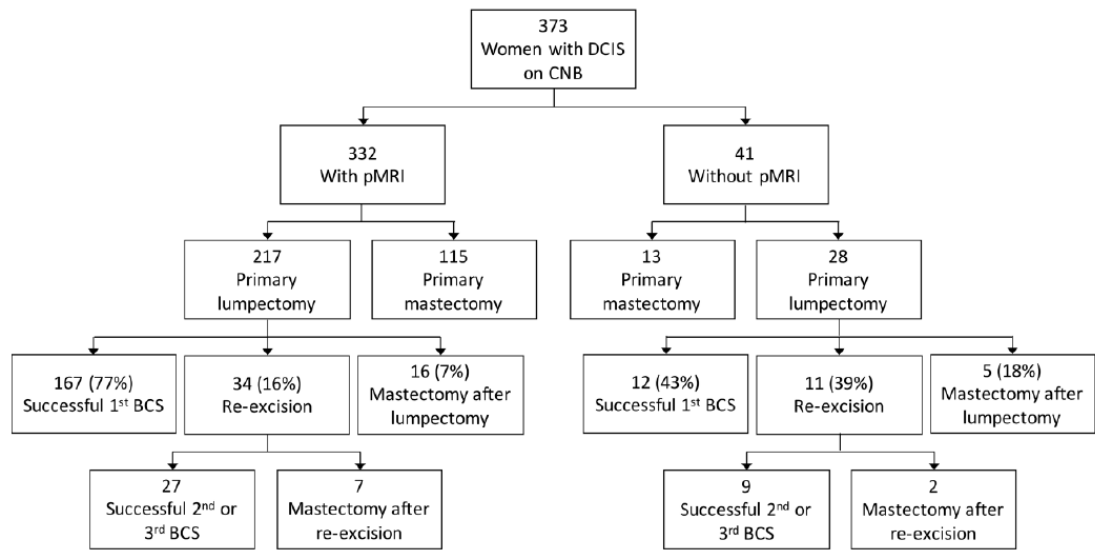
Reshaping the future of patient care



## 339 women w/ CNB-diagnosed pure DCIS

- MRI findings → <1/2 of mastectomies
- 285 attempted WLE after MRI
  - 274 successful (96%)
  - 215 single successful WLE (75%)
- 91% compliance with recommendation for no radiation on basis of MRI and Oncotype Score

# UW study: Lam et al



- pMRI vs. no-pMRI
  - fewer surgeries (1.2 vs. 1.5, P<0.001)
  - single successful BCS (77% vs. 43%, p<0.001)

Variable	Present Study (N=217)	Prior Studies		Differences					
		Morrow JAMA 2009 (N=359)	Langhans JAMA 2017 (N=727)	Present study vs. Morrow JAMA 2009			Present study vs. Langhans JAMA 2017		
				Value*	(95% CI)	p-value	Value*	(95% CI)	p-value
Years	2004-2013	2005-2007	2010-2013						
Source	Institutional Database	SEER Registry	Danish National Registry						
Successful BCS	194 (89.4%)	318 (88.0%†)	650 (89.4%)	1%	(-4, 7%)	0.69	0%	(-5, 5%)	>0.99
Single successful BCS	167 (77.0%)	218 (57.3%†)	456 (62.7%)	20%	(11, 27%)	<0.001	14%	(7, 21%)	<0.001
Number of surgeries	1.3 ± 0.5	1.5 ± 0.6	1.4 ± 0.6	-0.22	(-0.31, -0.12)	<0.001	-0.17	(-0.25, 0.08)	<0.001

\*Values are the calculated as the difference in percentage or mean number of surgeries (present study minus the prior study);

†Percentages are weighted to account for the survey design

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# Can MRI inform DCIS Biology & Risk?

MRI Feature	Histology
Focus of enhancement	Small, low grade, ER+
High ADC	Low nuclear grade
Linear ductal lesions	High Ki-67
Heterogeneous enhancement	ER+, low CD68
Clumped regional NME	Large, ER-, high Ki-67

<sup>1</sup>Esserman *et al.* J Clin Oncol, 2006. 24(28): p. 4603-10.

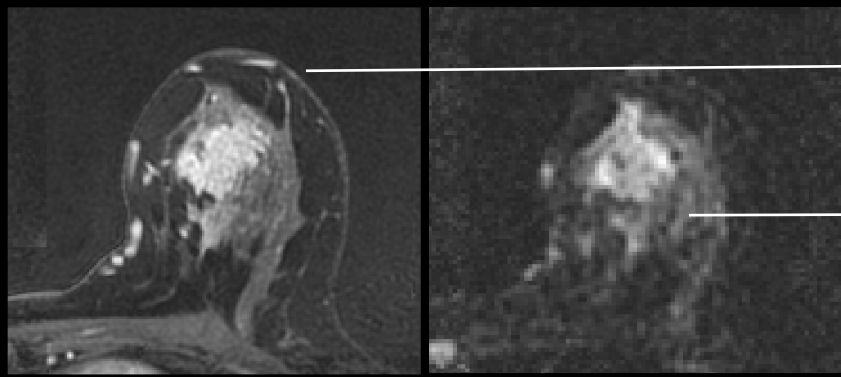
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# Modeling MRI Features to Predict Nuclear Grade

High nuclear grade DCIS lesion



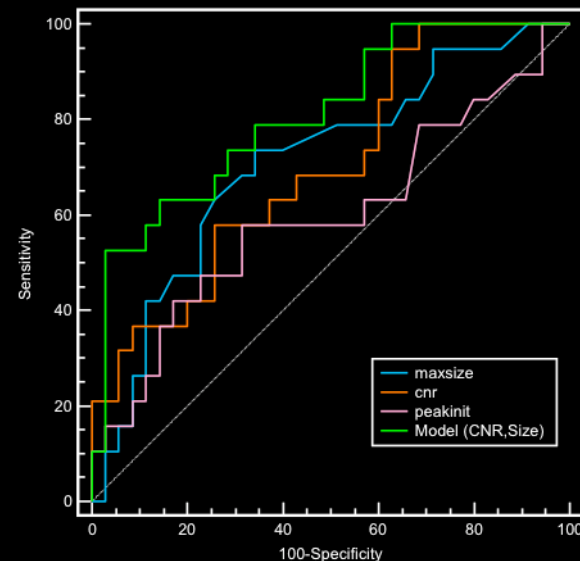
DCE MRI

DWI

Maximum lesion size  
Peak enhancement

DWI signal (CNR)  
Apparent Diffusion Coefficients

Best model combined maximum DCE MRI lesion size and DWI CNR



# MRI Radiomics to Predict Biology

## Computer-Aided Heterogeneity Analysis in Breast MR Imaging Assessment of Ductal Carcinoma In Situ: Correlating Histologic Grade and Receptor Status

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**Purpose:** To identify breast MR imaging biomarkers to predict histologic grade and receptor status of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).

- 55 DCIS lesions visible on MRI, 44% HNG, 80% ER+, 18% her2+
  - Smaller surface-to-area ratio predicted HNG
  - 17 radiomics metrics predicted her2 amplification
  - No features predicted ER+

# High-risk Tissue Microenvironment

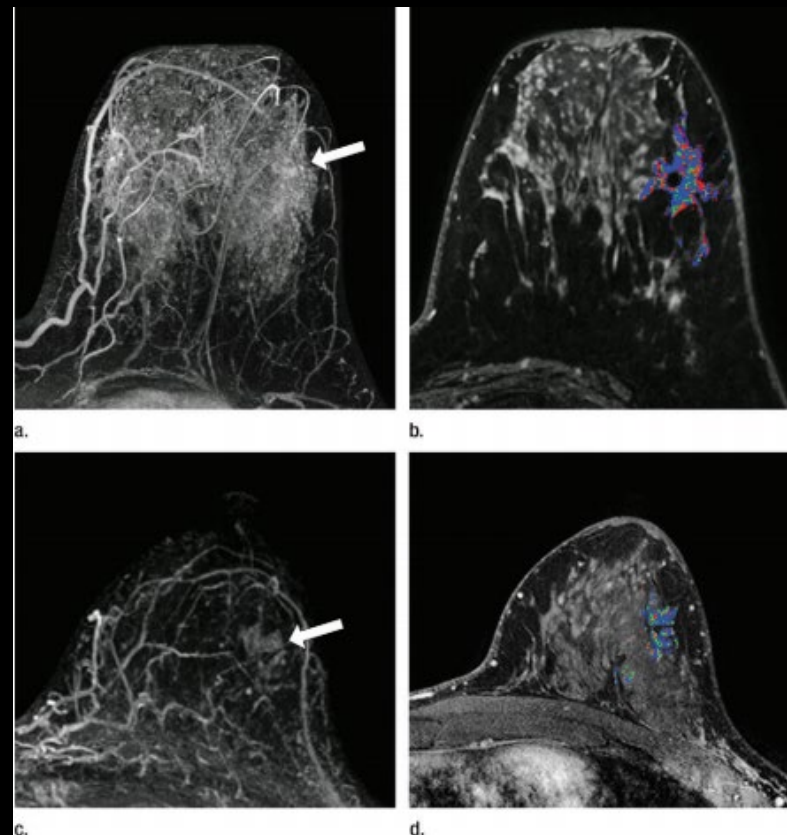
- Microenvironment role is underexplored to date
- Increasing evidence that normal tissue features, including BPE<sup>1,2,3</sup>, may be a marker of breast cancer development
- BPE adjacent to DCIS lesions may be a marker of DCIS recurrence<sup>4</sup>
  - 215 cases of pure DCIS → 15 ipsilateral recurrences
  - BPE AUC = 0.885

1. Dontchos et al. Radiology 2015 Aug; 276 (2):371-80
2. King et al. Radiology 2011. July; 260 (1): 50-60
3. Grimm et al. Academic Radiology. 2018.
4. Kim et al Radiology. 2014 Mar;270(3):699-707.

## Ductal Carcinoma in Situ:

Quantitative Preoperative Breast MR Imaging Features Associated with Recurrence after Treatment<sup>1</sup>

MRI Parameter	Recurrence Case Median (Range)	Non-Recurrence Control Median (Range)	Adjusted P-Value	Odds Ratio
FTV (cm <sup>3</sup> )	9.3 (0.5-43.7)	1.3 (0.4-5.0)	0.01	∞
Lesion peak SER	1.7 (1.2-1.9)	1.2 (0.9-1.7)	0.03	4.3
BPE Mean (%)	58 (31-86)	41 (27-70.5)	0.02	20.6



- Smaller volume DCIS lesions with lower peak SER and lower ipsilateral BPE were less likely to recur after treatment

# MRI to Improve DCIS management

- Can MRI guide biopsies?
  - Newer data are promising, not ready for practice
  - Change in BI-RADS thresholds?

# MRI to Improve DCIS management

- Can MRI guide surgeries?
  - MRI is more accurate than MG for EOD evaluation
  - Sites that take a multidisciplinary approach are more likely to benefit practically (fewer surgeries)
  - Future research needs to control for important confounding factors (QOL, surgeon preference, etc)

# MRI to Improve DCIS management

- Can MRI inform biology and risk?
  - Preliminary studies
    - Can correlate with surrogate markers of risk
    - Independently predict risk of recurrence
  - Future Studies
    - MR Radiomics
    - Standardize and validation of metrics in multi-center trials

# Summary

- DCIS is a controversial breast pathology
- Imaging of DCIS reflects its heterogeneous biology
- MRI is the most sensitive tool for DCIS detection, and preferentially identifies higher grade disease
- MRI has the potential to assist in decreasing overdiagnosis and overtreatment of DCIS

# Thank you!



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