

# MRI

4<sup>o</sup> ΔΙΑΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΑΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗΣ ΣΤΗ ΡΕΥΜΑΤΟΛΟΓΙΑ 2022-24

**ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ 17<sup>ου</sup> ΚΥΚΛΟΥ**

**Σάββατο 24 Φεβρουαρίου 2024**

**ΠΑΡΑΚΛΙΝΙΚΟΣ ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΤΗ ΡΕΥΜΑΤΟΛΟΓΙΑ  
(ΑΠΕΙΚΟΝΙΣΗ-ΕΡΓΑΣΤΗΡΙΑΚΟΣ ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ)**

9:00-09:30	Απλές ακτινογραφίες/CT	Μπαλανίκα Α.
9:30-10:00	Υπερηχογράφημα	Ραφτάκης Ι.
10:00-10:30	MRI	Καραντάνας Α.
10:30-11:00	Μέτρηση οστικής πυκνότητας	Γαζή Σ.
11:00-11:30	Διάλειμμα	
11:30-12:00	Αυτοαντισώματα	Καψιγεώργου Ε.
12:00-12:30	Παρακέντηση αρθρώσεων και εξέταση αρθρικού υγρού	Αυγουστίδης Ν.
12:30-13:00	Βασικές αρχές επιδημιολογίας - στατιστικής: Τι πρέπει να γνωρίζει ο ρευματολόγος	Μπερτσιάς Γ.



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# Objectives

Learn how to recognize on MR images

**7 imaging signs** used in Rheumatology

*(aSpA / Inflammatory Joint Disease)*

## Με δυό λόγια

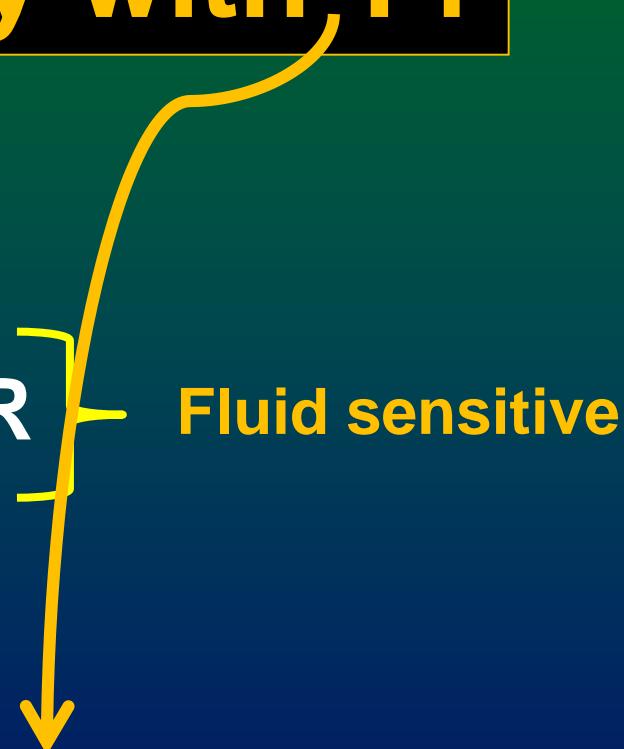
- Οι ασθενείς εισέρχονται σε σταθερό μαγνητικό πεδίο
- Τα πρωτόνια ευθυγραμμίζονται στον άξονα του πεδίου
- RF, αποκλίνουν τα πρωτόνια
- Σταματά το RF
- Λαμβάνουμε σήμα με αντένα (πηνίο)
- Το επιπρόσθετο βαθμιδωτό μαγνητικό πεδίο οριοθετεί στο χώρο το σήμα
- Ανάλυση σήματος με μετασχηματισμό Fourier
- Σχηματισμός εικόνας



# Basic pulse sequences

- T1-w
- T2-w
- PD/T2 fat suppressed / STIR
- GRE
- Fat suppressed Gd enhanced T1-w

Gd: only with T1



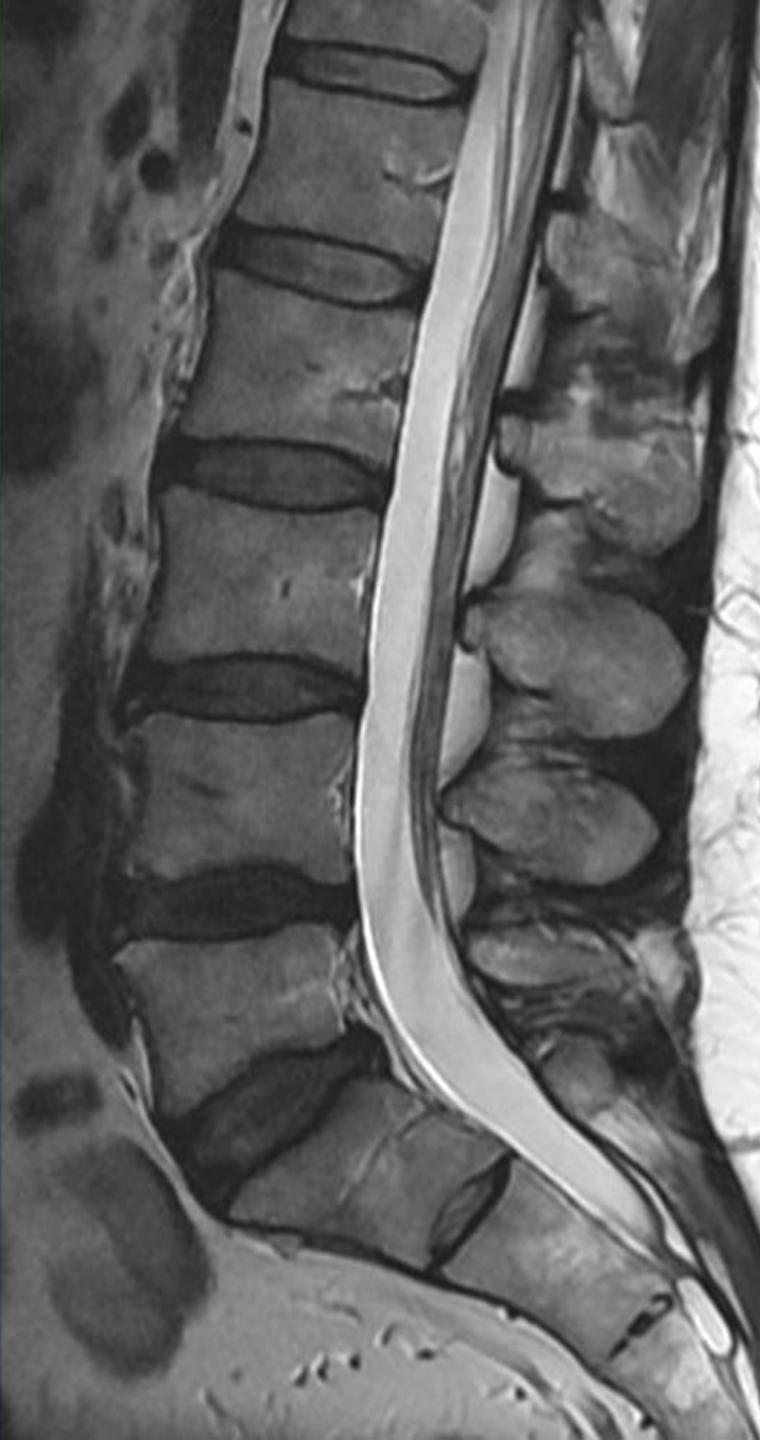
A grayscale axial MRI scan of the spine. The intervertebral discs appear dark, while the surrounding fat tissue appears bright. The vertebral bodies show varying degrees of signal intensity.

T1-w

Water: dark

Fat: bright

Bone marrow SI > discs



T2-w

Water: bright

Fat: variable



# T2-W

*mainly neurologic/orthopaedic/neurosurgery use*

*Spinal cord, roots, discs*

**CSF:** bright

**Bone marrow:** limited value

# Fat suppression: bright on black

*essential to detect edema*



## Fat suppressed PD/T2

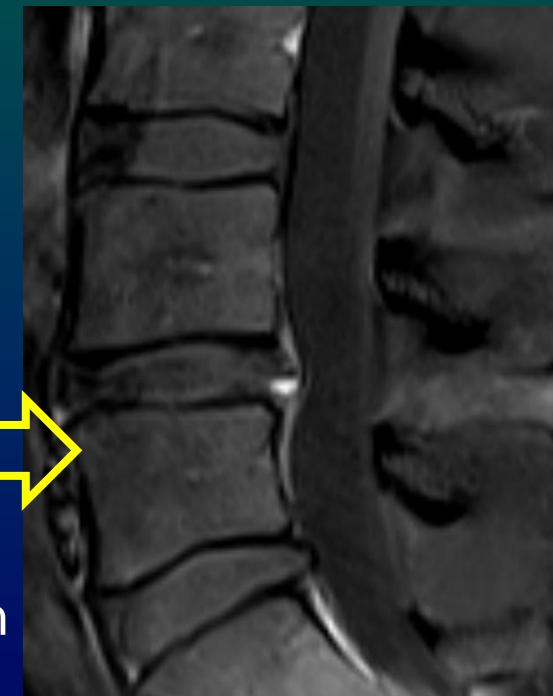
Spectral presaturation with extra RF pulse

◀ STIR

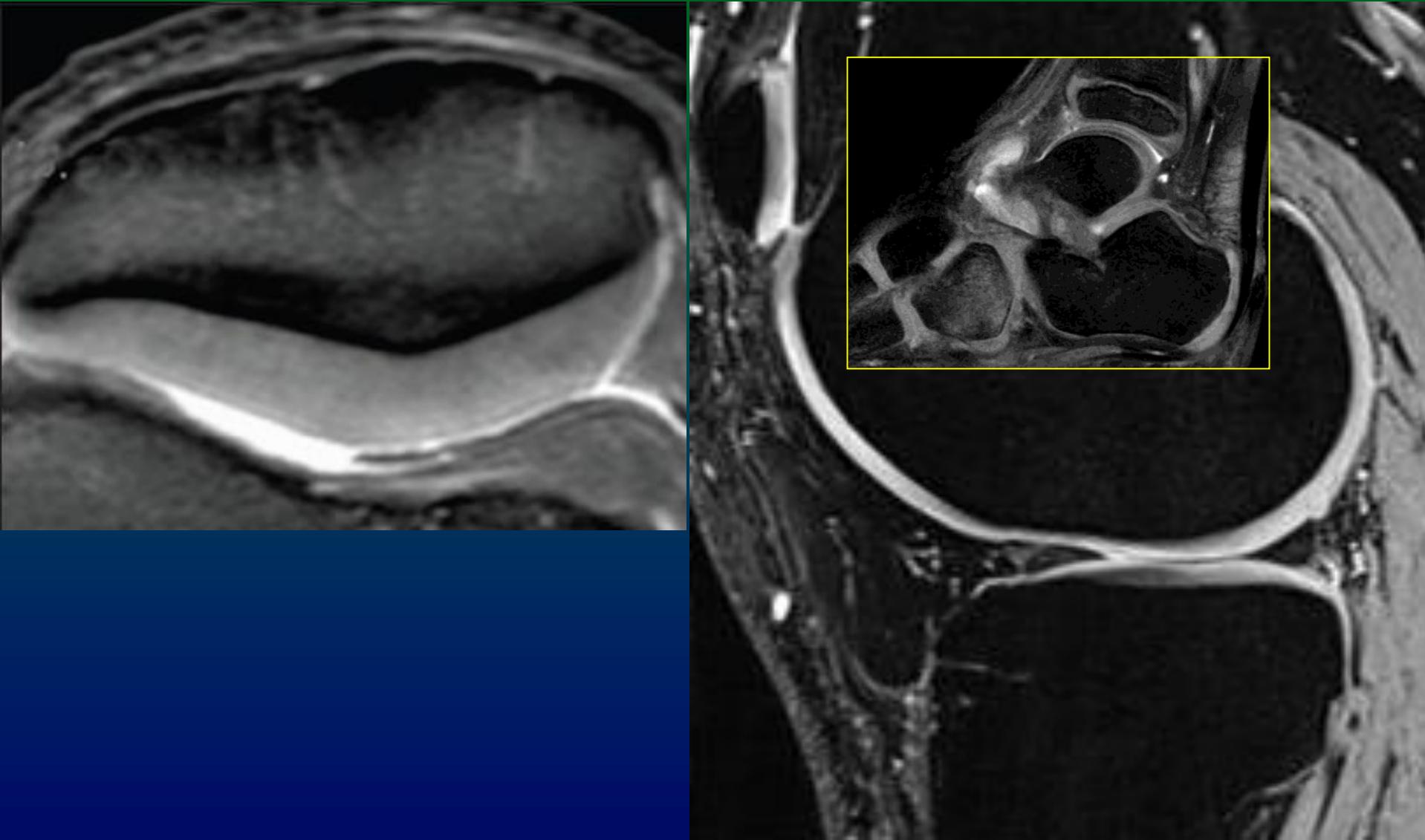
Inverted RF pulse

Gd-enhanced T1 ▶

Spectral presaturation



# Intermediate weighted - GRE



# Basic terminology

- Synovitis
- Bone marrow edema
- Enthesopathy
- Erosion
- Fat deposition
- Subarticular sclerosis
- Ankylosis

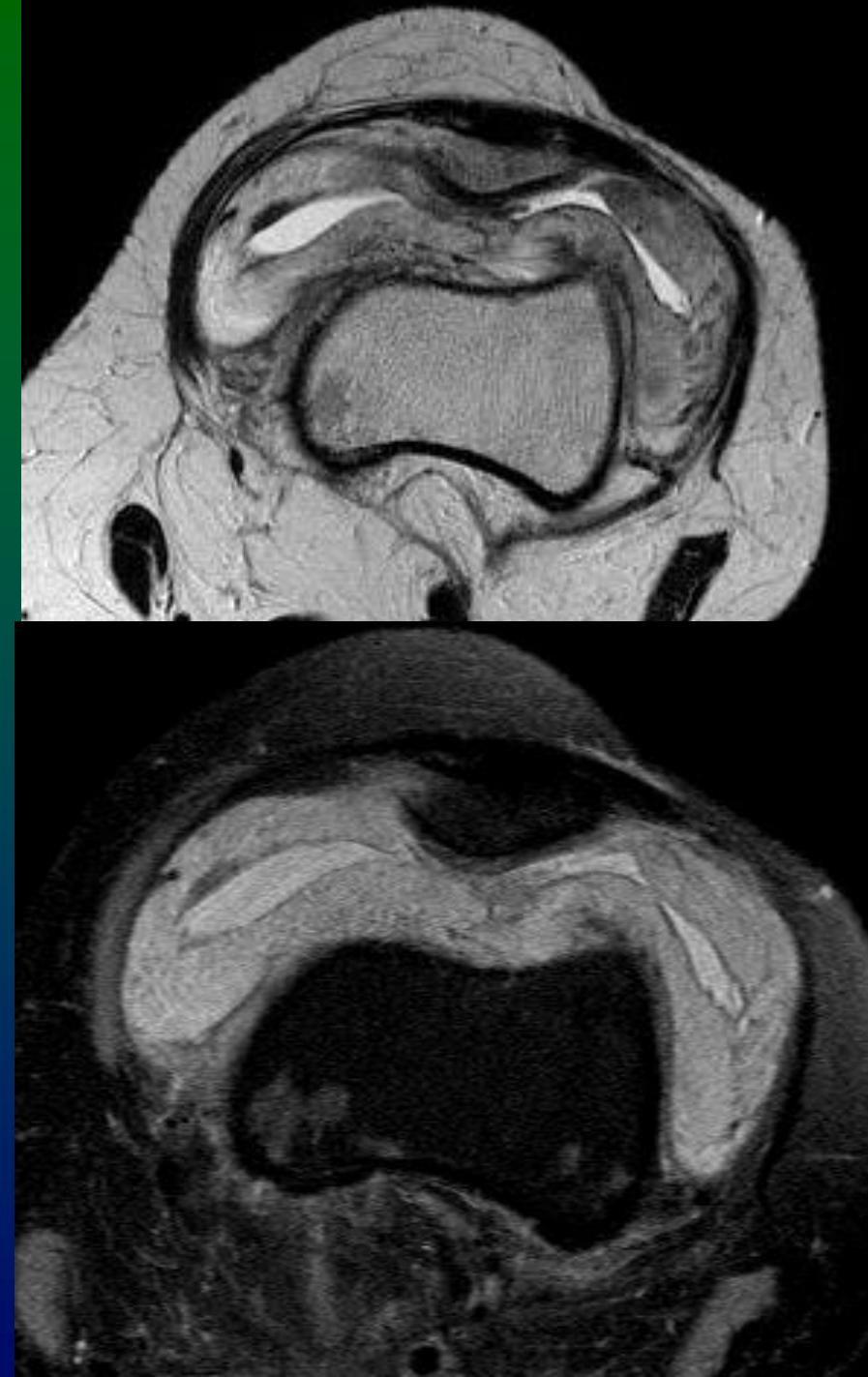


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### Synovitis

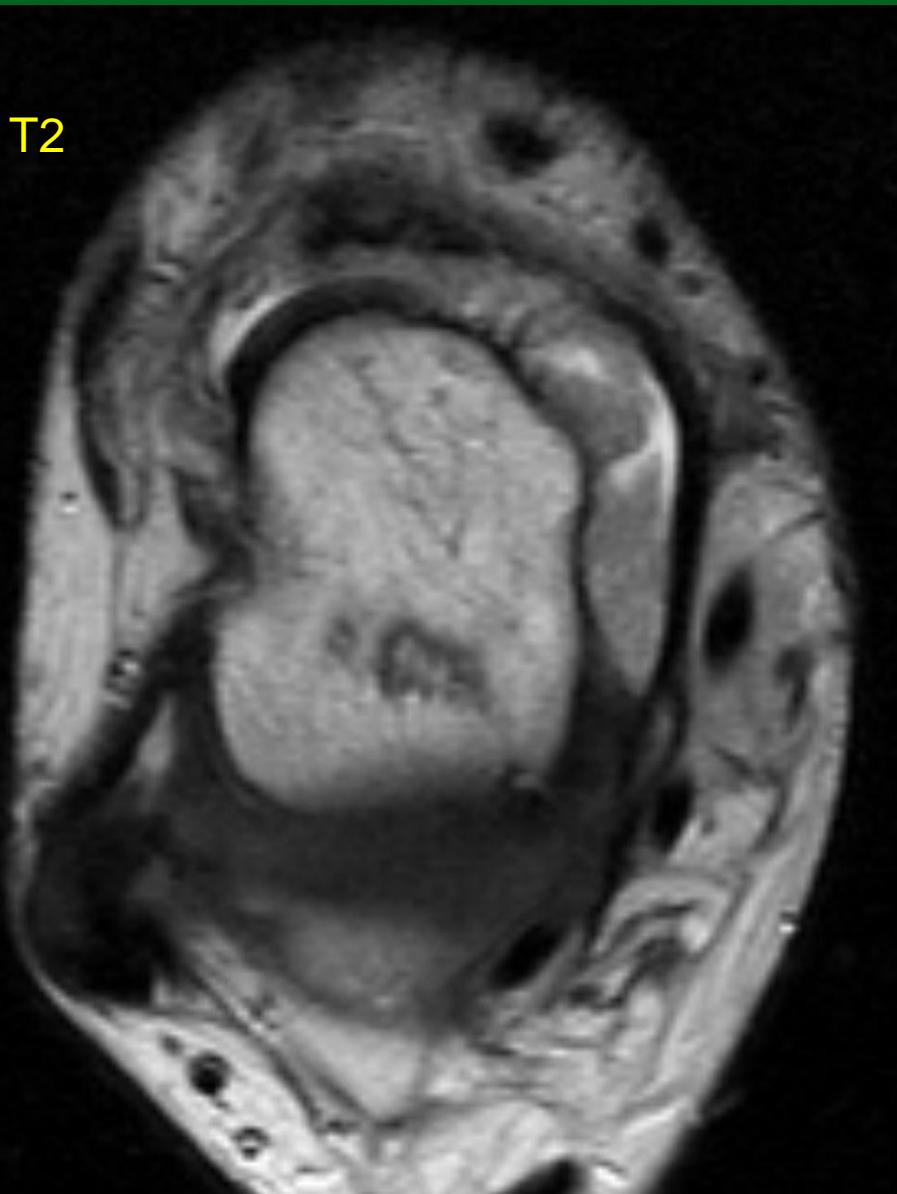
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- “dirty” effusion
- Apparent thickening
- Synovial enhancement

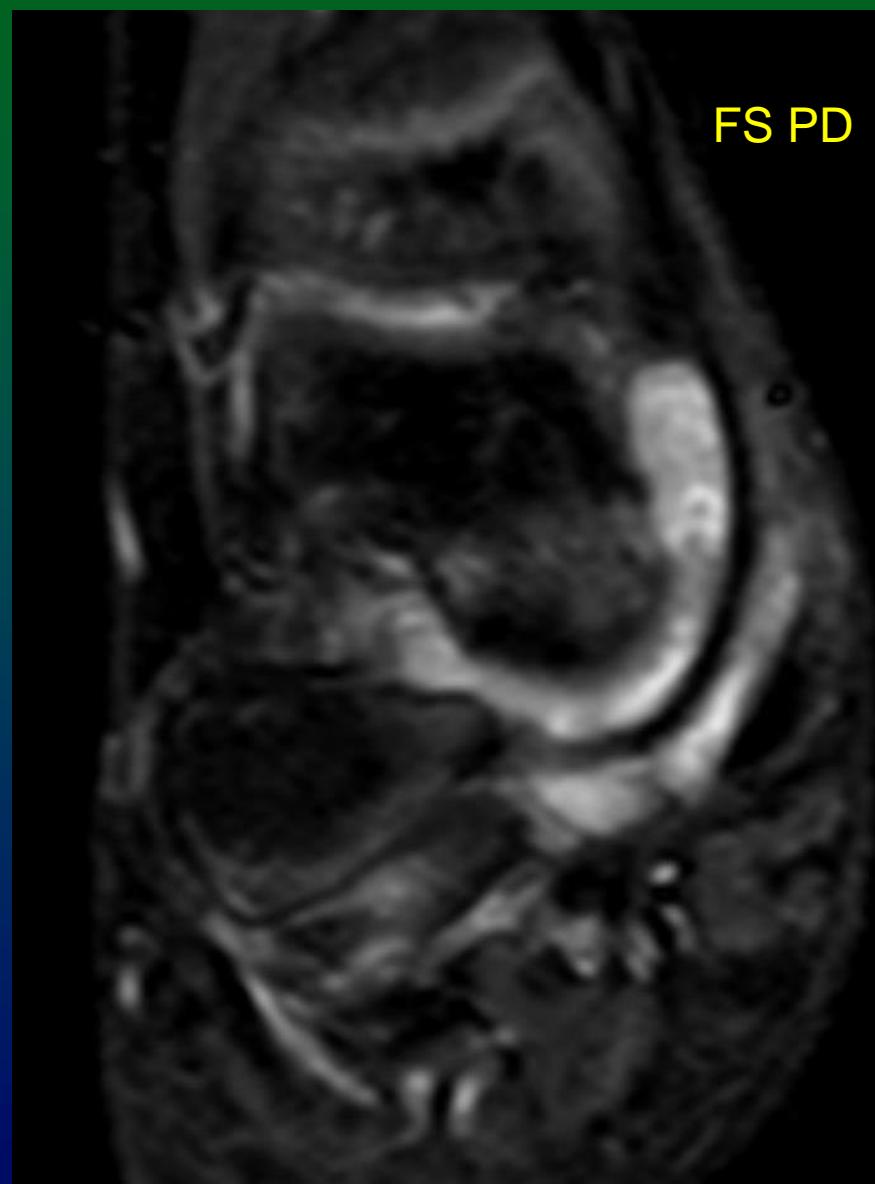


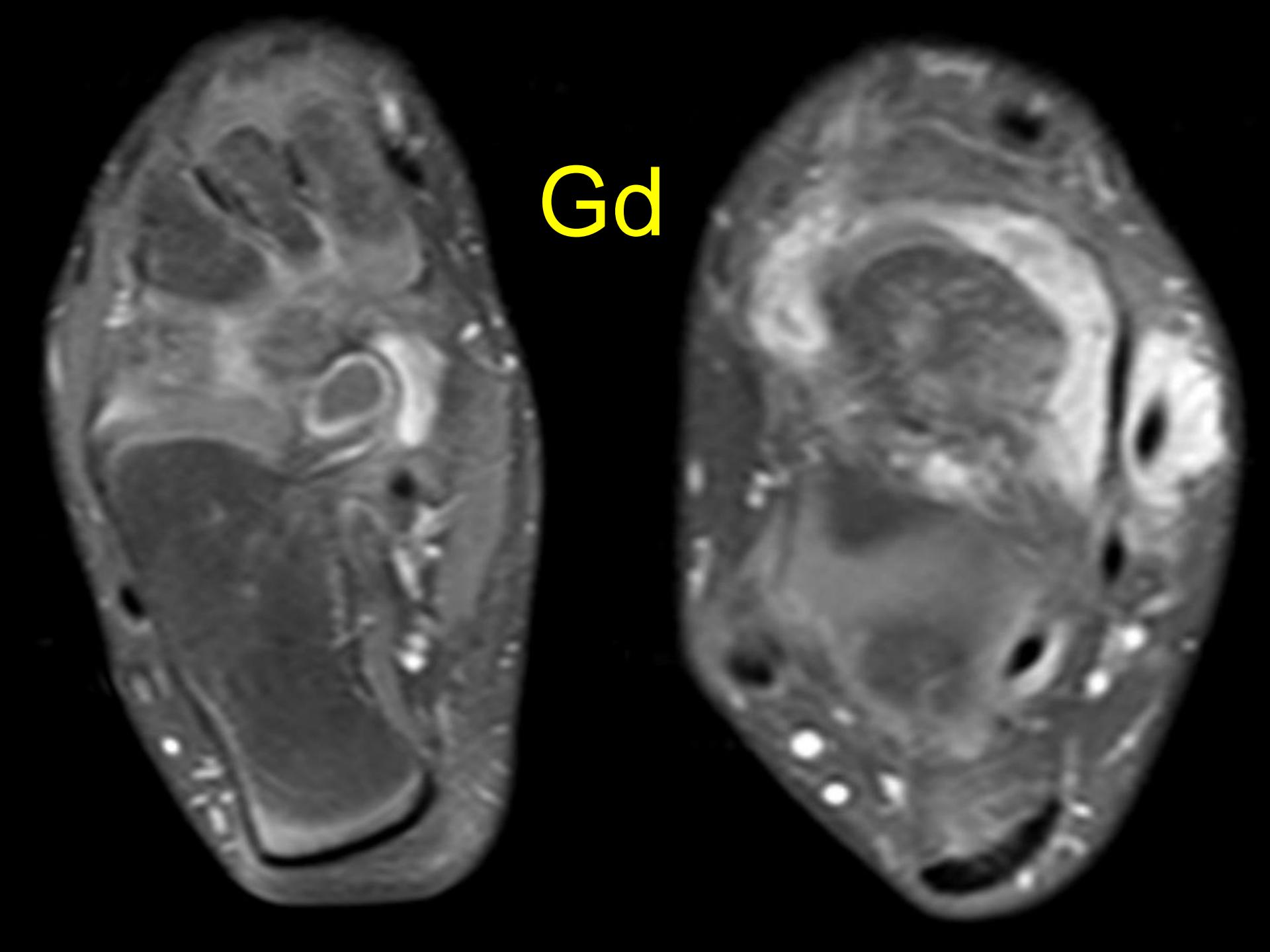
**5f, JIA**

T2



FS PD





Gd

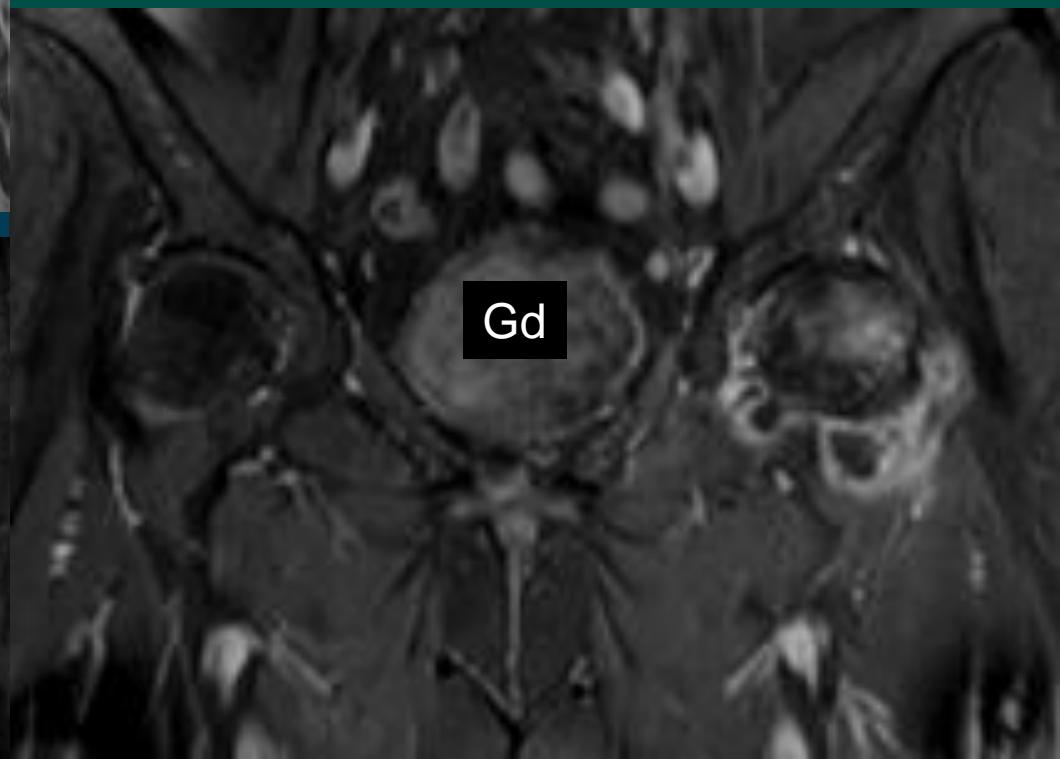
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# BME



66f, 10y Seronegative RA

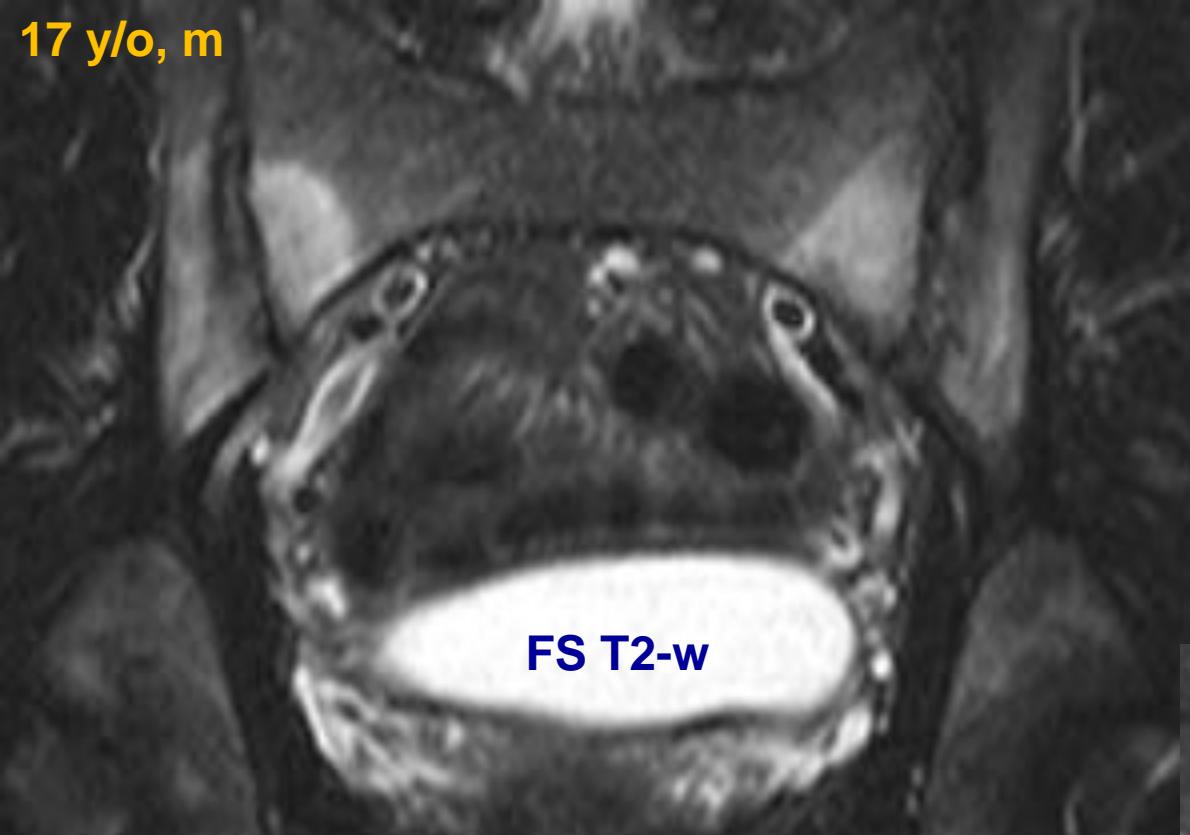
4m painful hip L.



# aSpA: Early disease

- Subchondral BME
- **Sacroiliitis**: hallmark of AS, especially in early stage
- **MRI**: method of choice (fat suppressed PD/T2-w, STIR) **Sens. >90%**

17 y/o, m

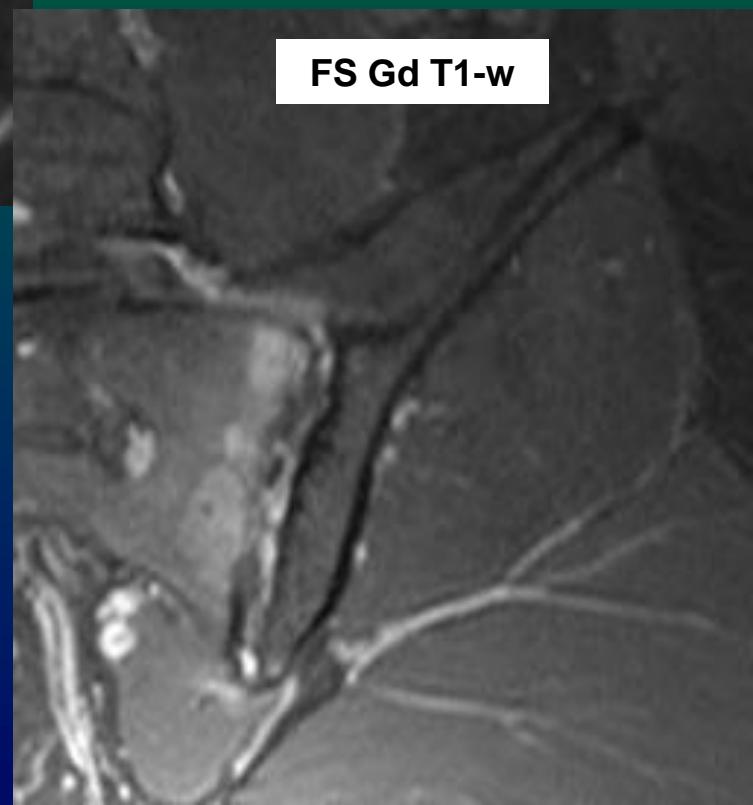


FS T2-w

High SI on fluid sens. Imagea

Gd: enhancement

FS Gd T1-w



BME: observed within a few w of IBP presentation



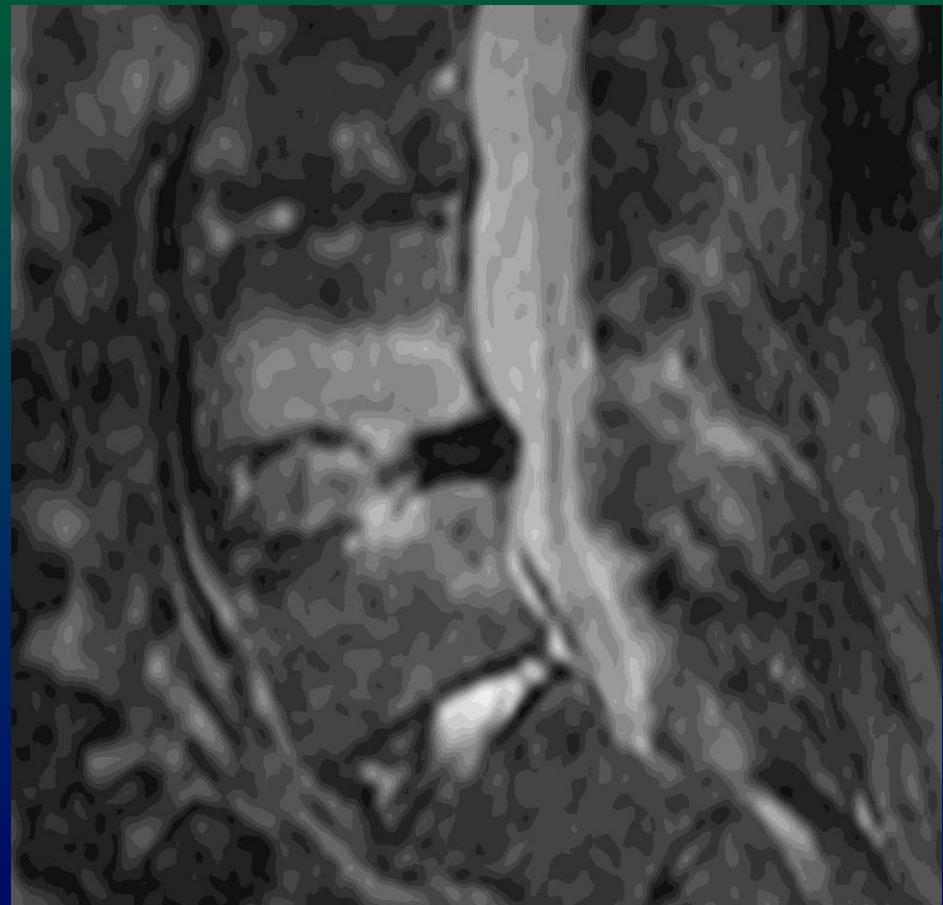
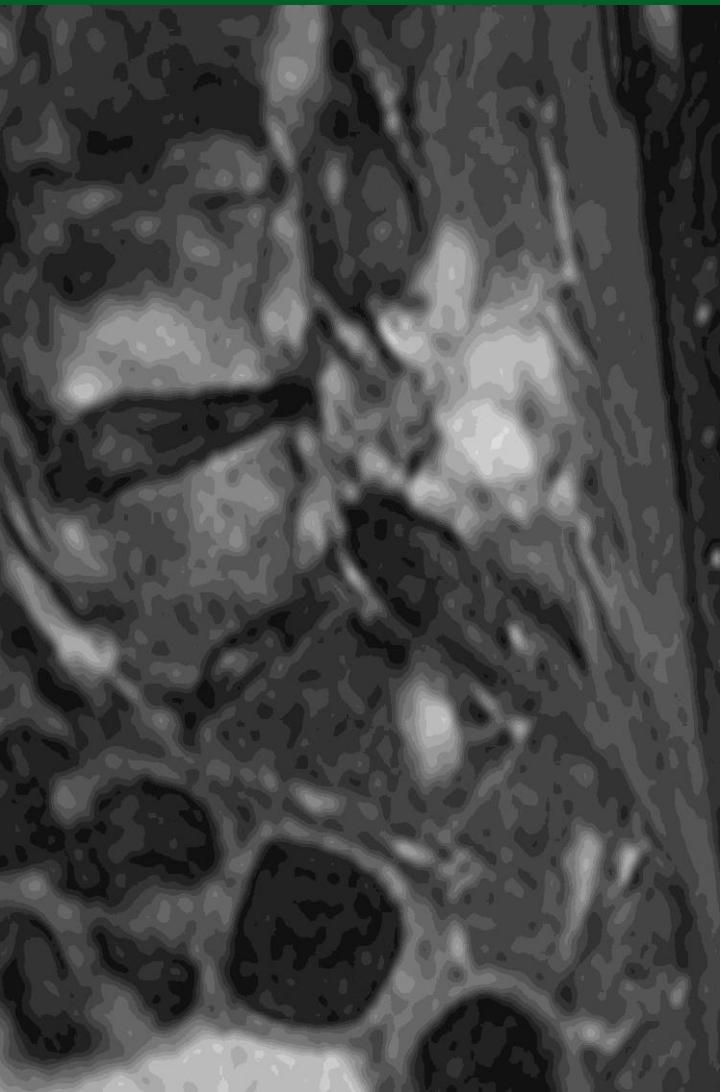
Subchondral BME: osteitis

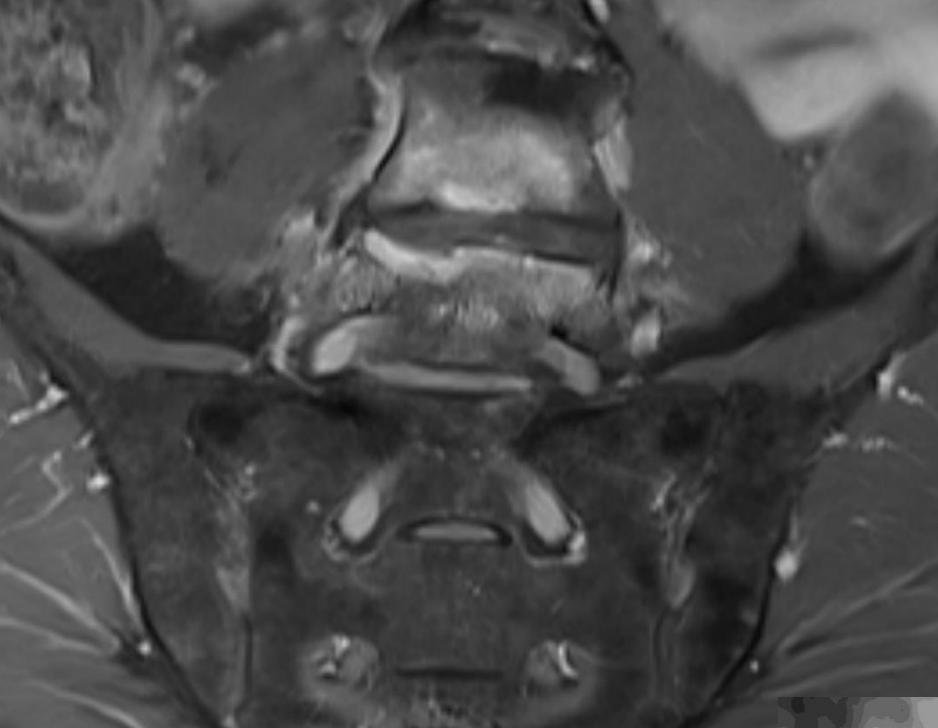
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# Enthesitis

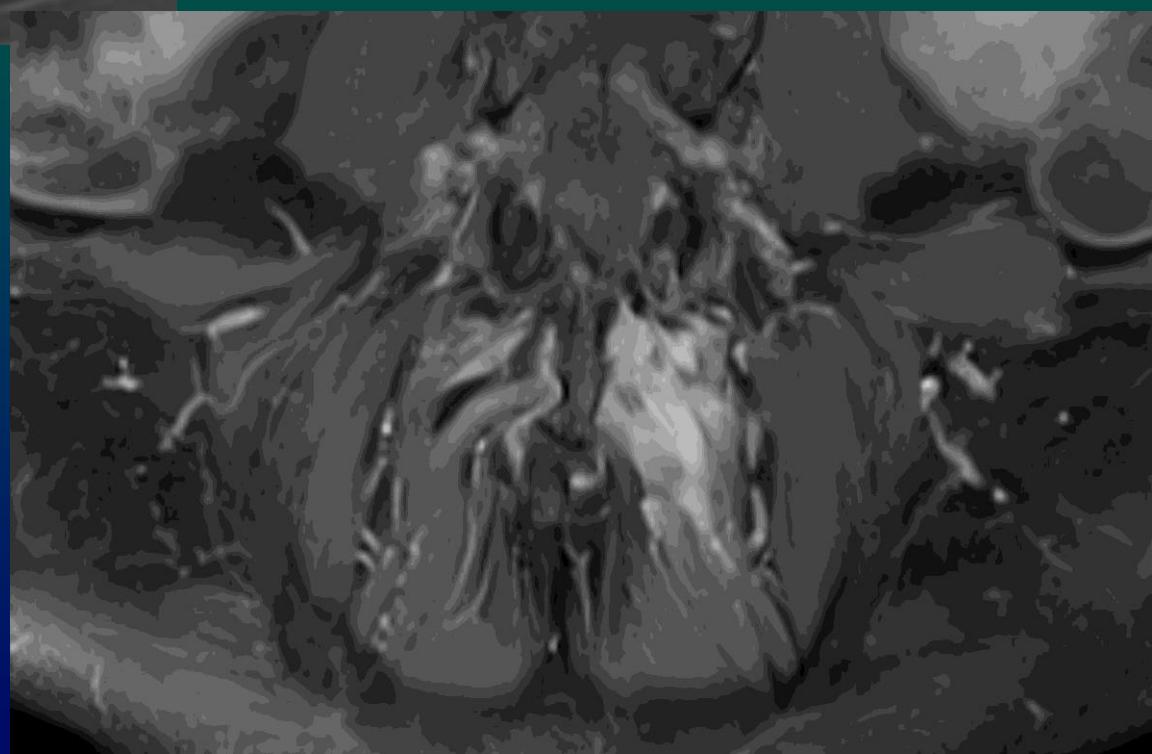
High SI at junctional areas

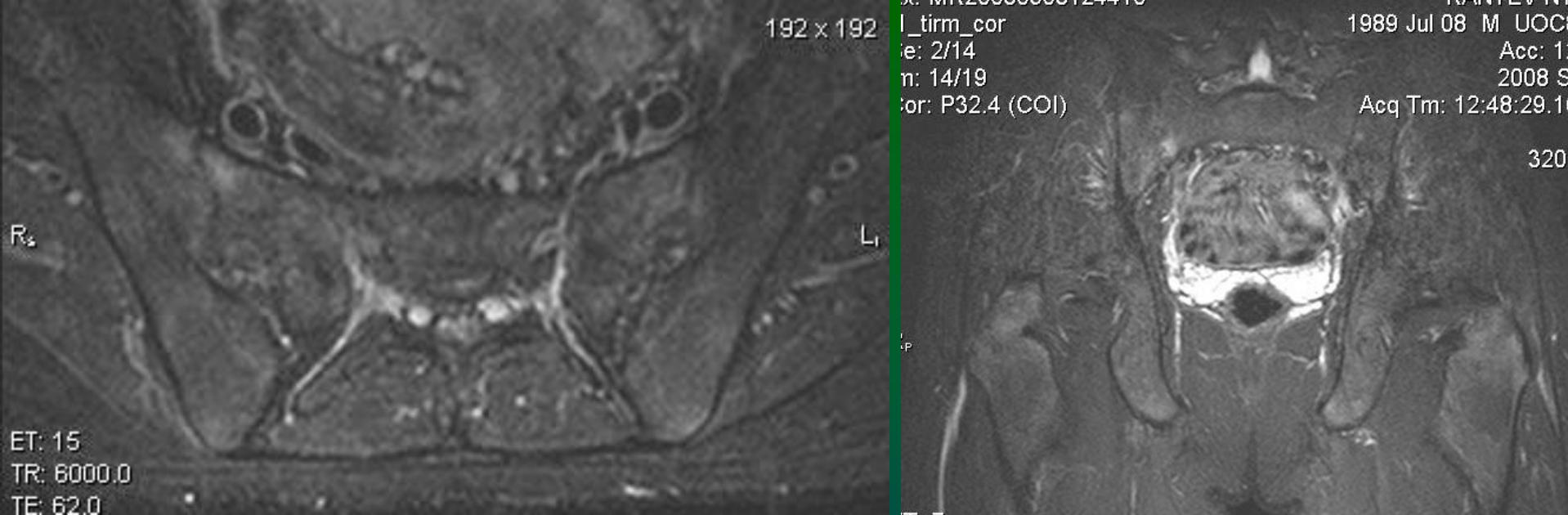
May extend to adjacent BM and surrounding ST





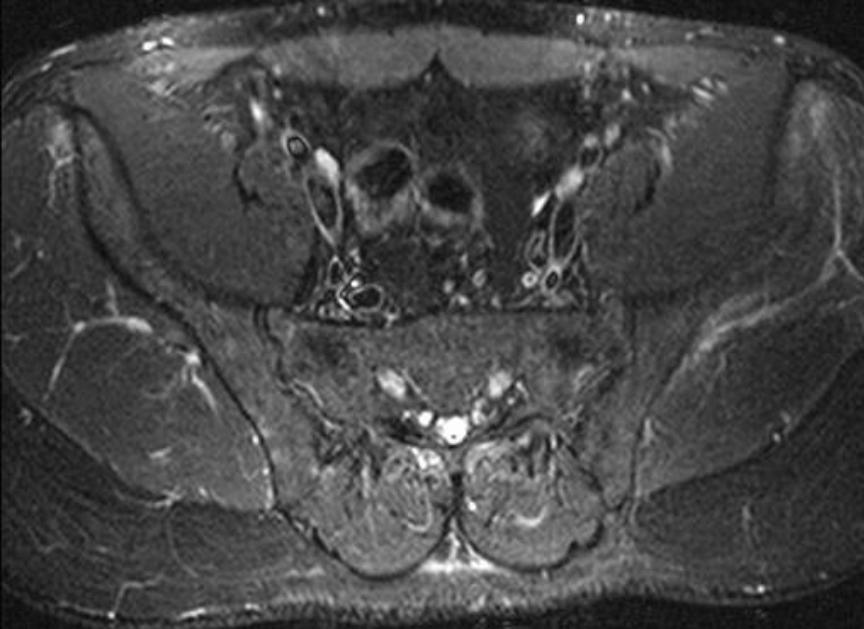
Gd



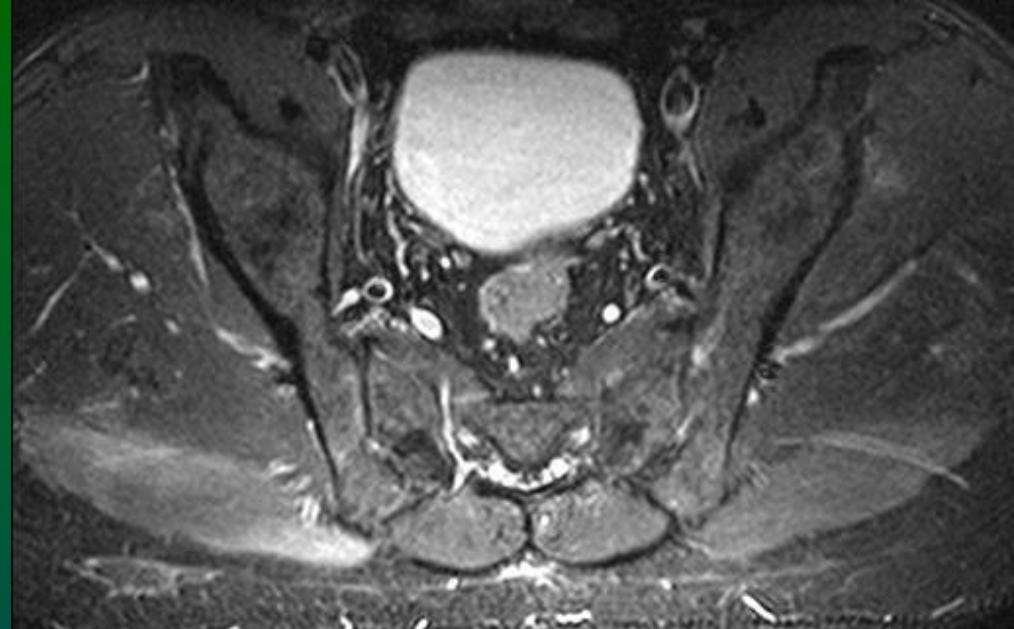


19 y/o, m Hip enthesitis + early SI

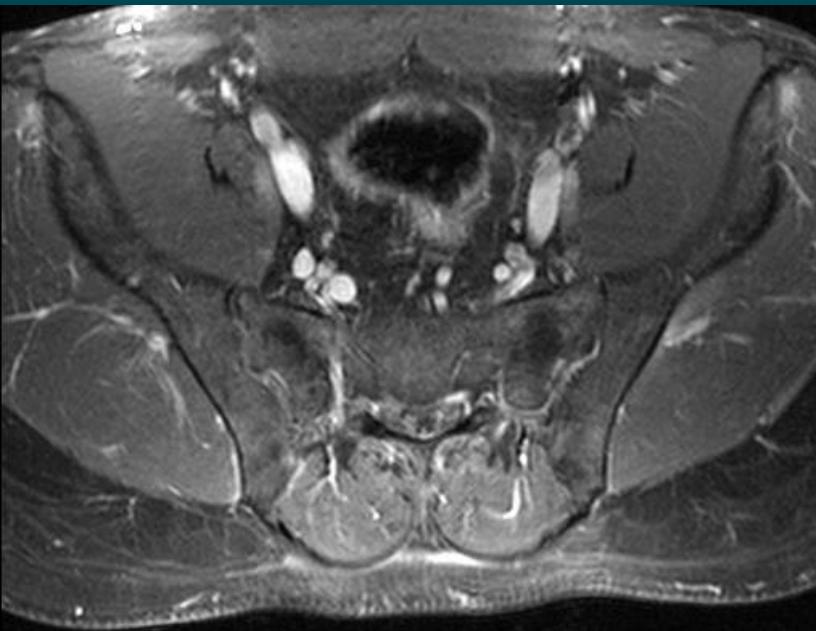




39 y/o, m



2 month pain



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- **Erosions**



Cortical disruption

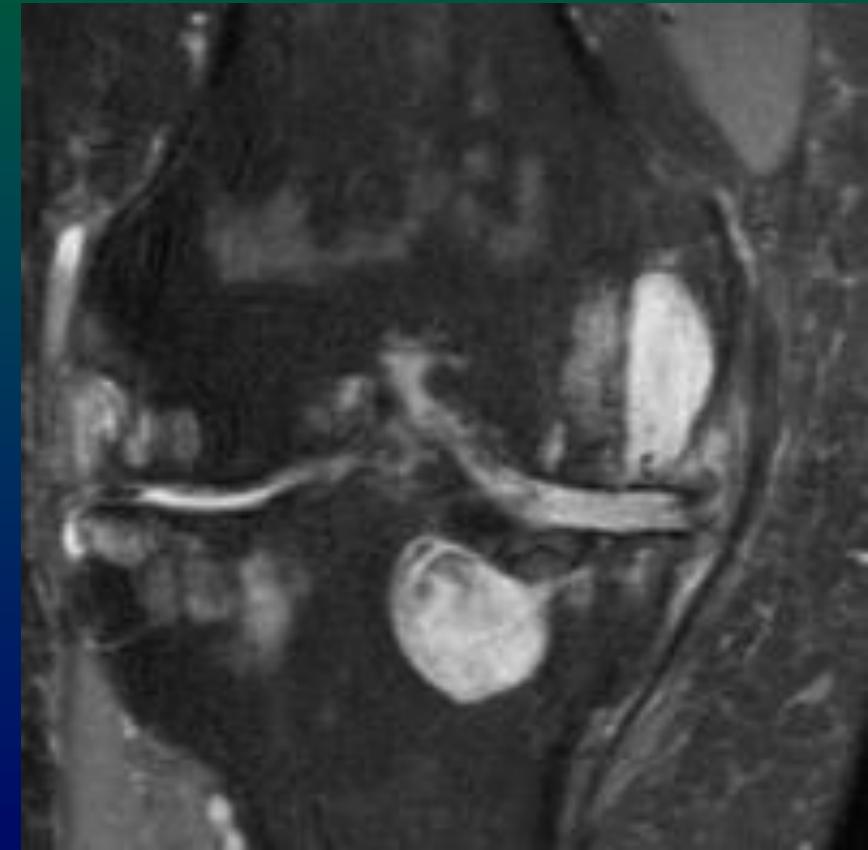
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**Bony defects at the joint surface**

Low SI on T1-w



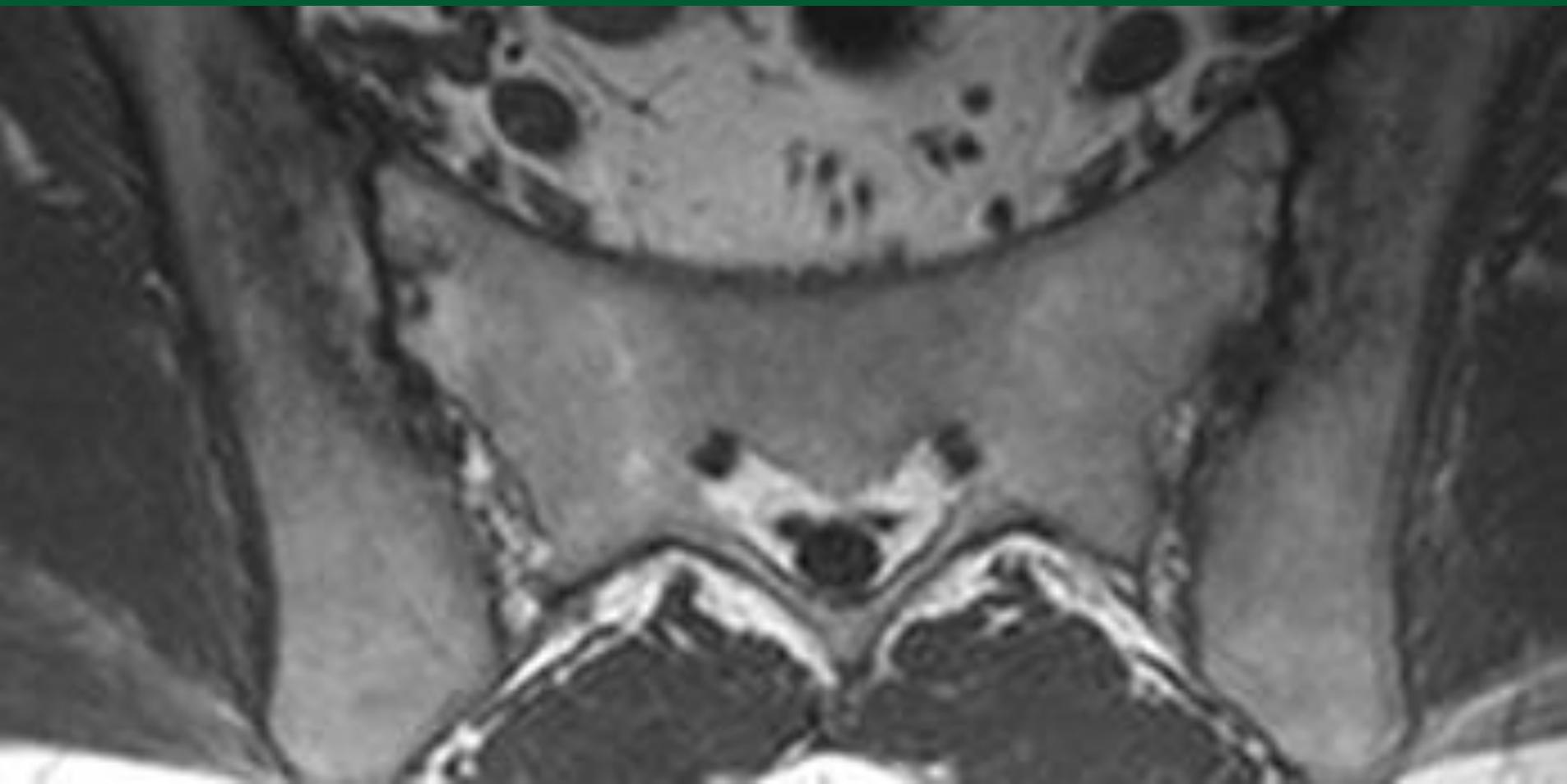
**High SI on fluid sensitive sequences**



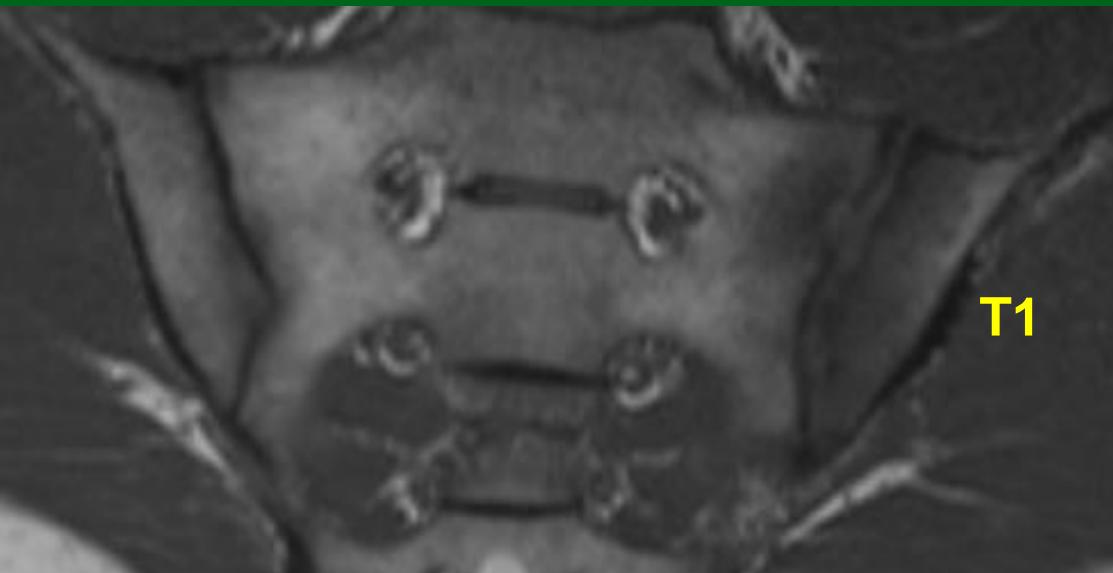
# Erosions

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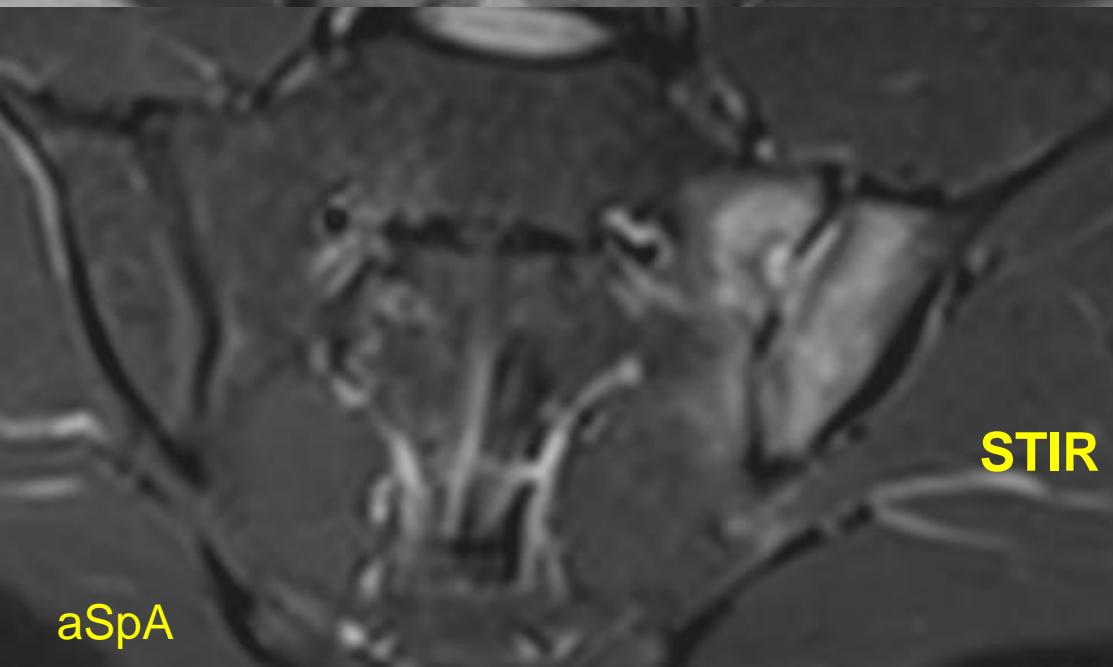
- Confluent lesions cause a false widening



# Acute on chronic

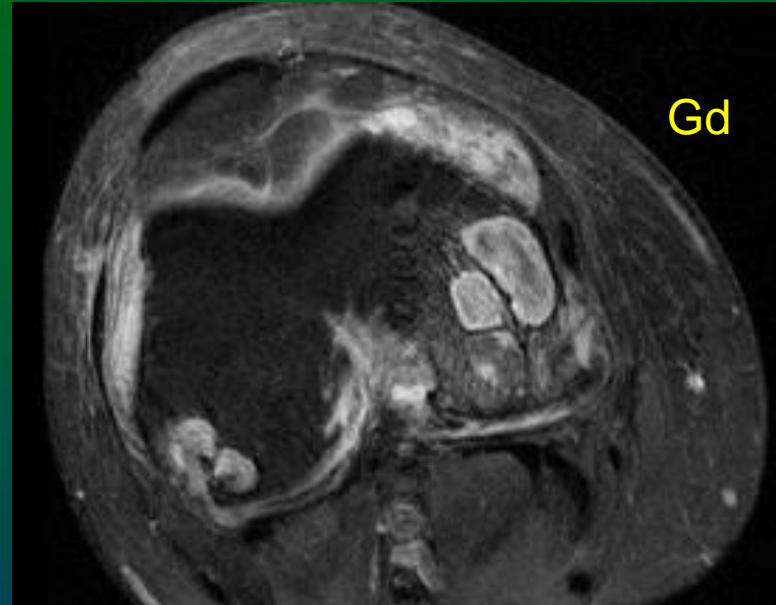


T1

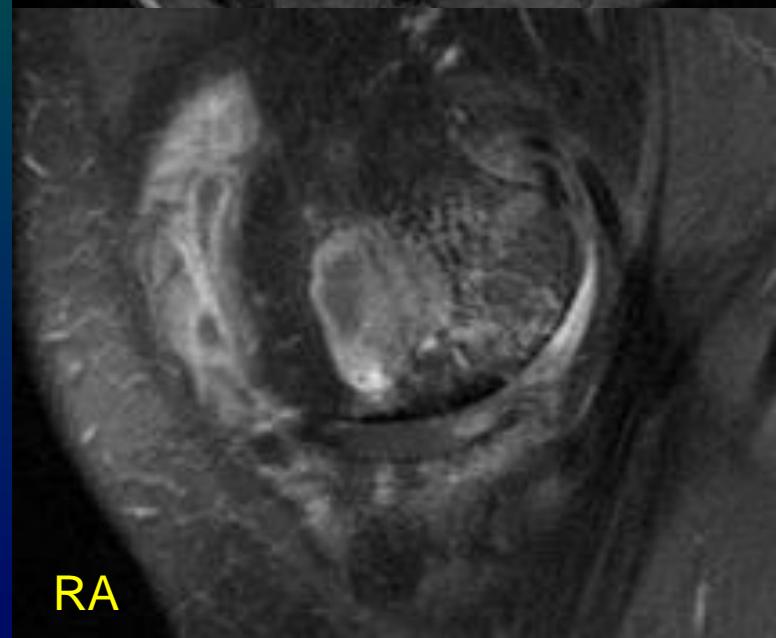


STIR

aSpA



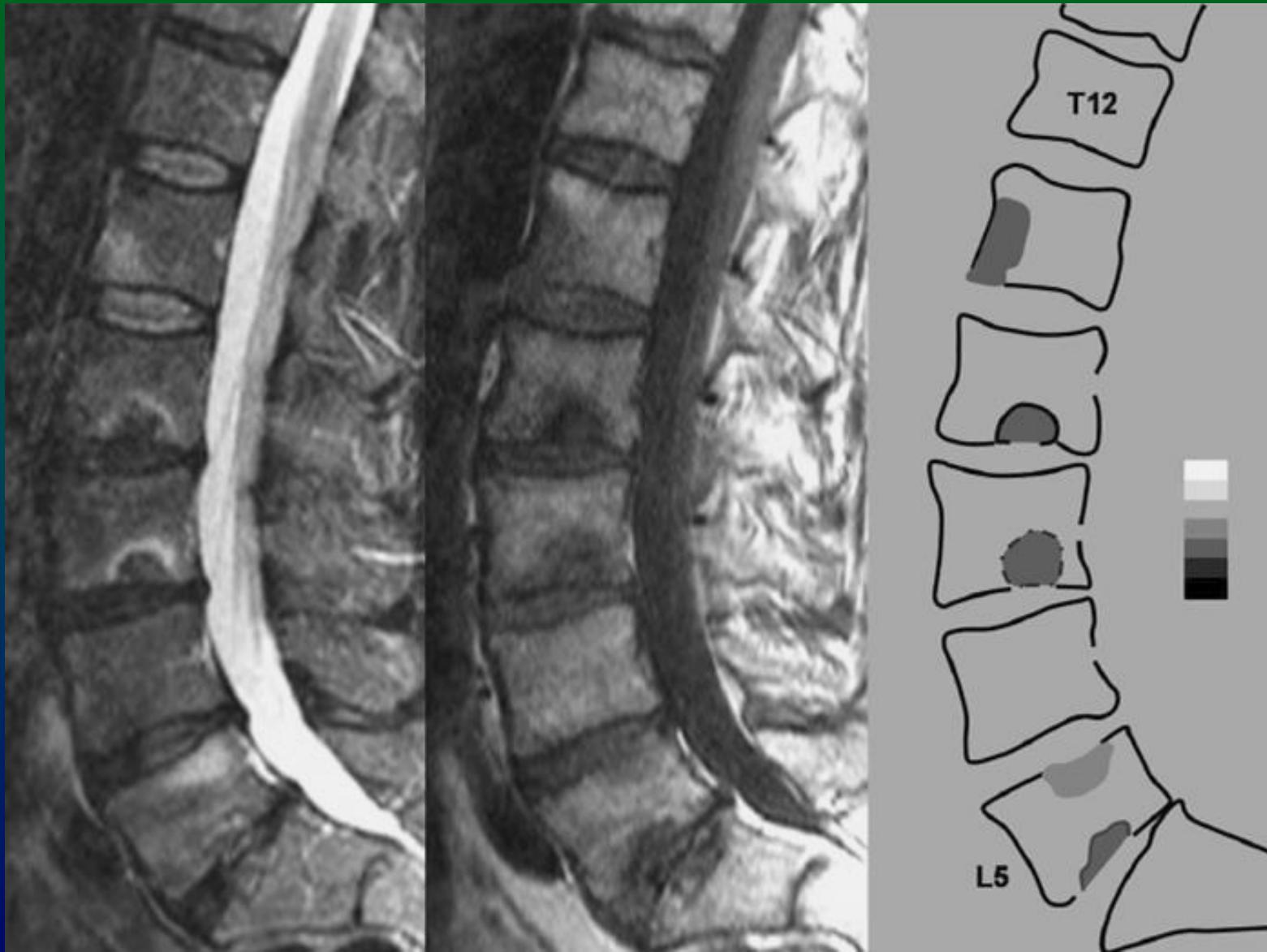
Gd



RA

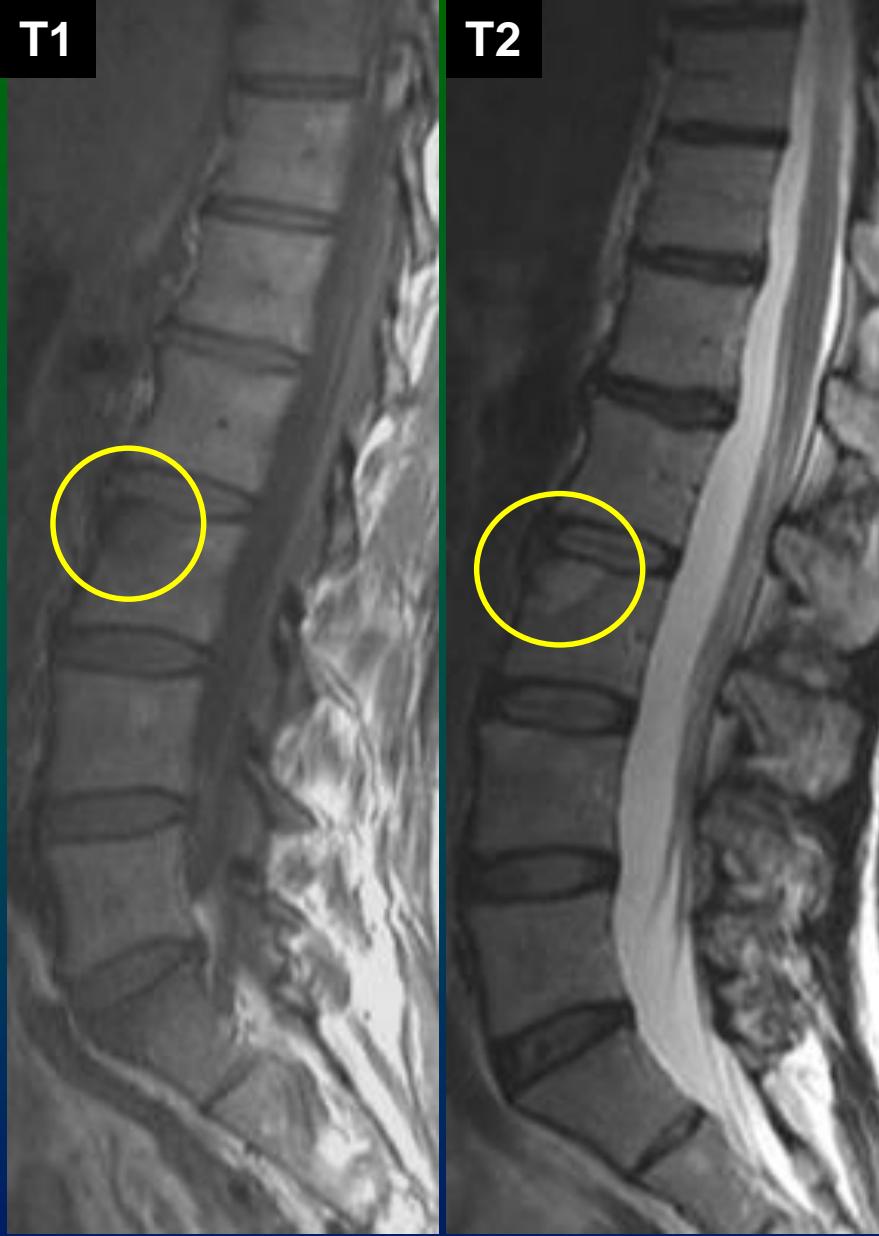
# Erosions

Combined inflammatory lesions Romanus and Andersson



T1

T2



>3 corners in the absence of  
osteophytes or Schmorl nodes

spec. 97% in pts < 40y

## Romanus lesion

*67% of pts with SPa*

Andersson lesions:  
Erosions within intervertebral spaces

2 adjacent levels is  
characteristic of AS

33% of pts with Spa

Specificity 59%



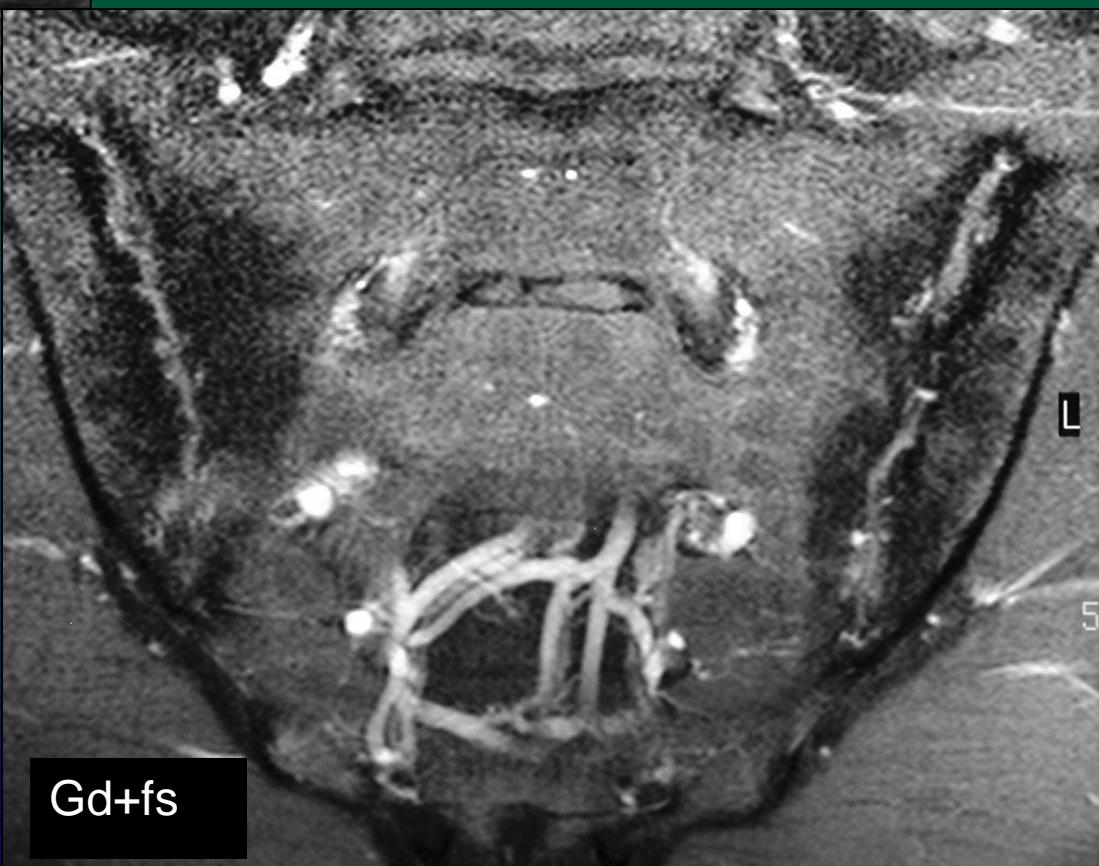


- Fatty infiltration: healed inflammation, inactive lesion
- High SI T1, low SI on fluid sensitive sequences, no enhancement
- Indicates previous inflammation

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## • Fat deposition

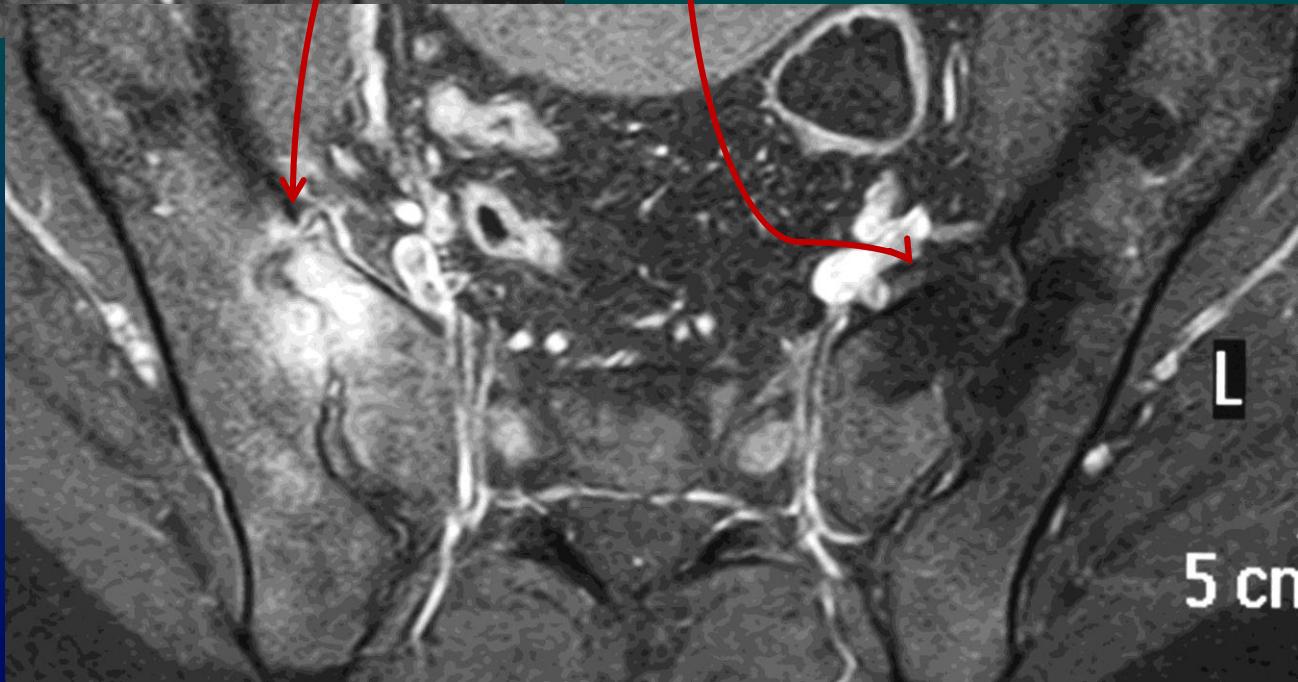
- Subarticular sclerosis
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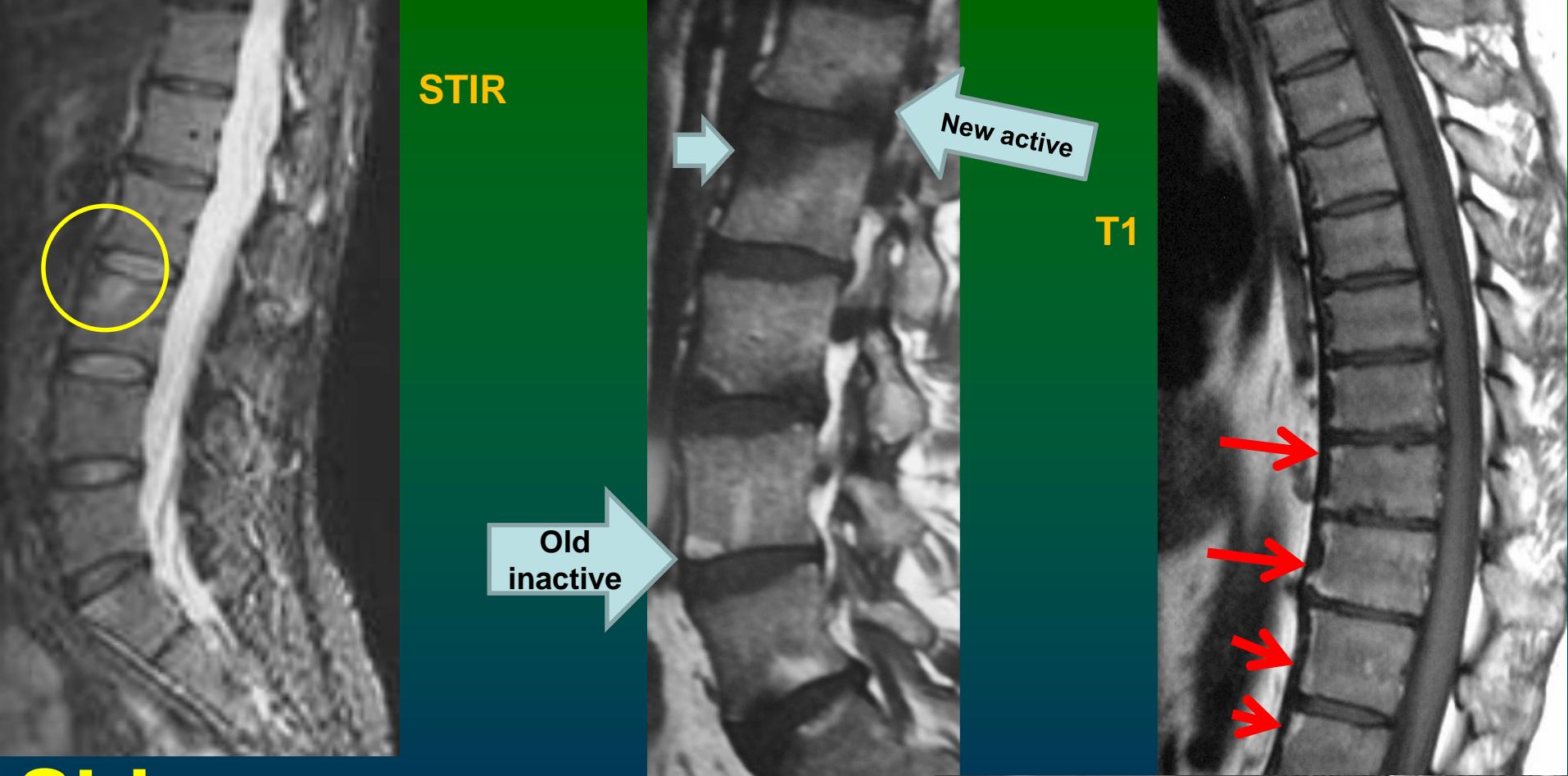


Gd+fs



**FS Gd T1:  
acute and  
chronic lesions**





## Shiny corners

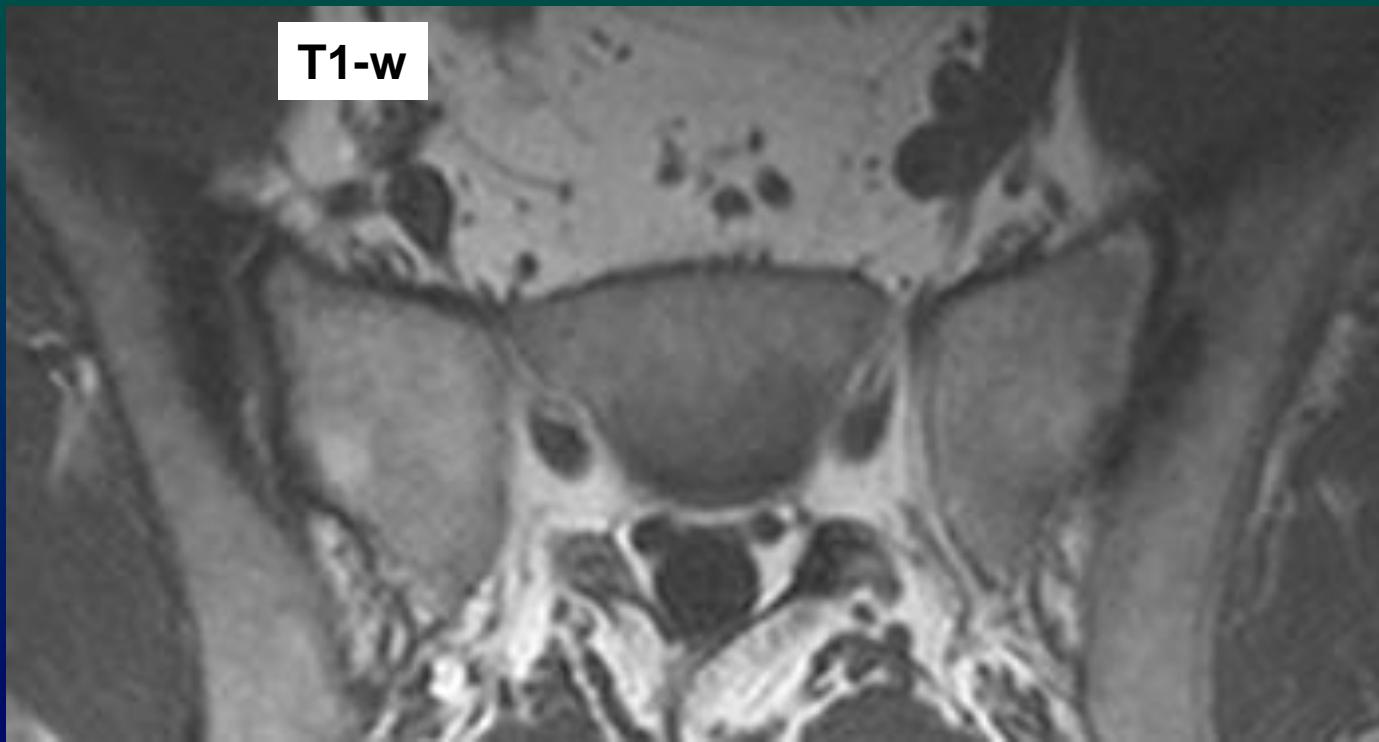
MRI edema: active lesions

MRI fat/sclerosis: inactive

XR/CT sclerotic: chronic

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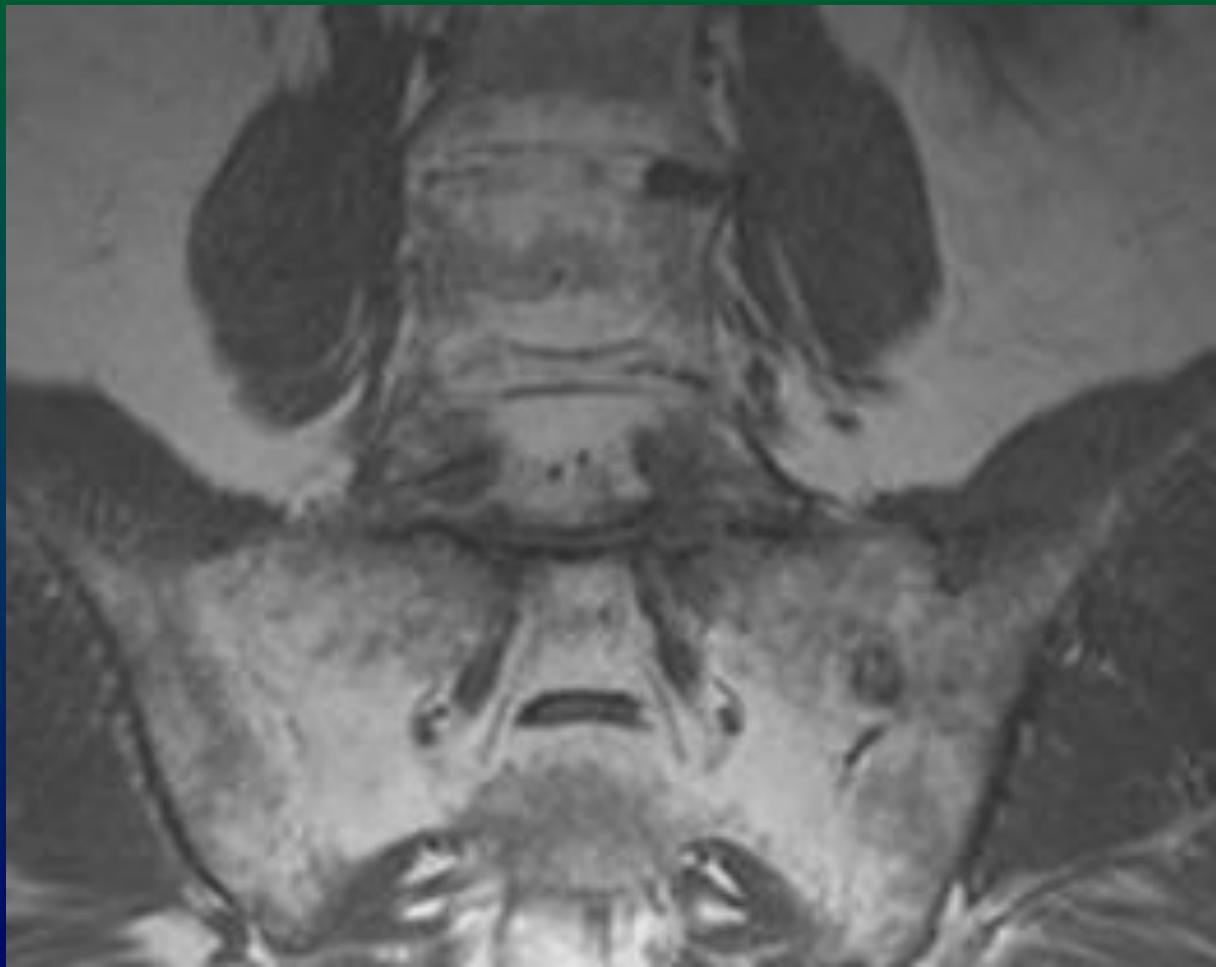
- Low SI on T1-w/STIR, not enhancing
- Typically extends >5mm from the joint surface



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- **Ankylosis**

- Fusion of bone surfaces via osseous bridges across the joint



A grayscale MRI scan of a human spine in a sagittal plane. The vertebrae are clearly visible, showing the intervertebral discs and the surrounding soft tissue. A prominent, thick, dark vertical structure runs along the center of the spine, representing the fused (ankylosed) intervertebral discs.

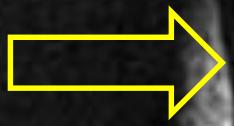
Ankylosis

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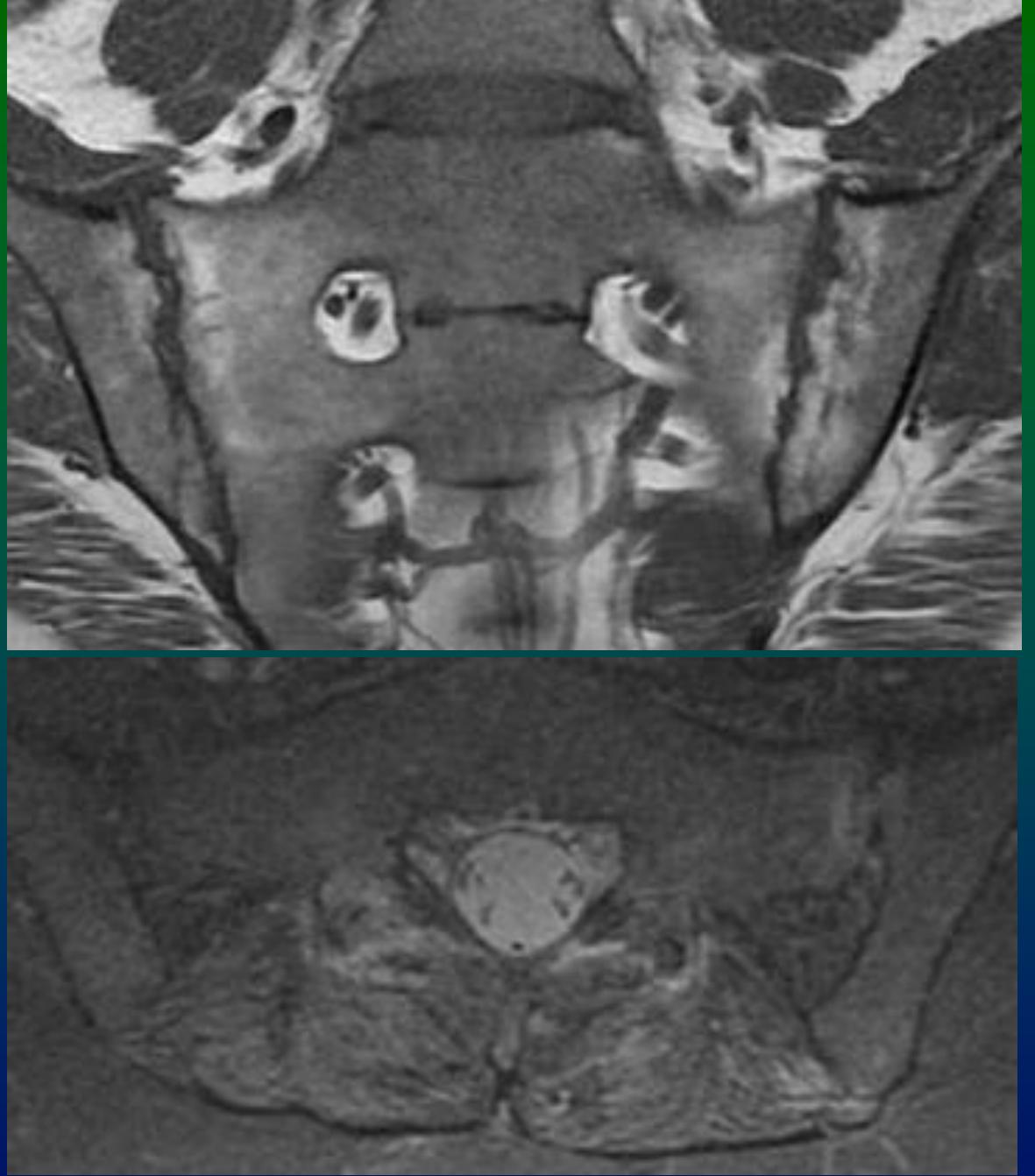
A grayscale MRI scan of a human spine in a sagittal plane. A black rectangular box with a yellow border is overlaid on the image, highlighting a specific area. Inside this box, the following text is displayed:

Osseous bridges and new bone  
formation occur in the IV disks

A solid green horizontal bar positioned at the top of the second column of the image.



Ankylosis



- 
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  - Bone marrow edema
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## • **Ankylosis**

Disc paradox

*Early ankylosis*



# Early changes

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- MRI>>Scintigraphy>CT>>X Rays
- Soft tissue changes
- Bone marrow edema

Ευχαριστώ

