

# A Triple Threat:

Influenza, SARS-CoV-2 & Coccidioidomycosis

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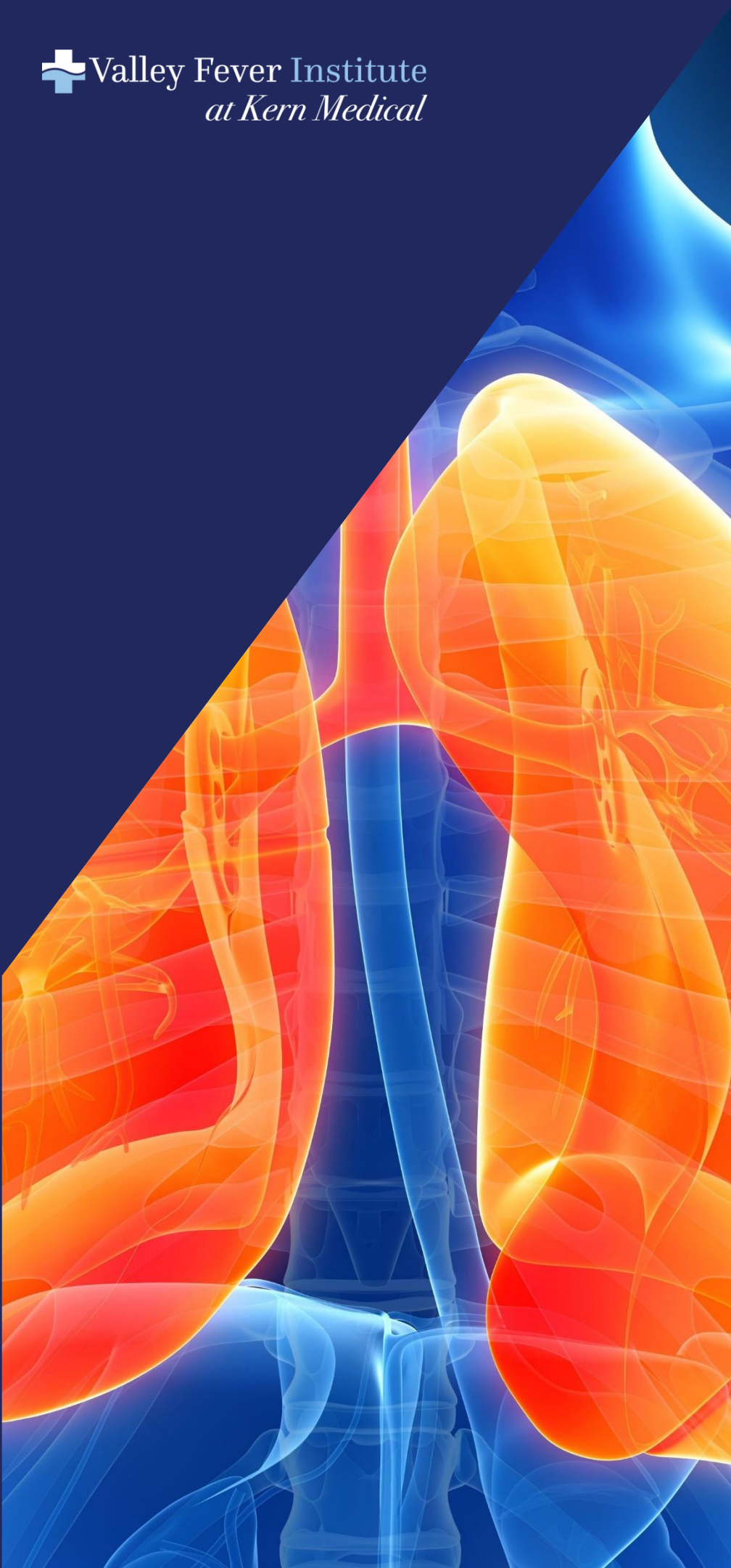
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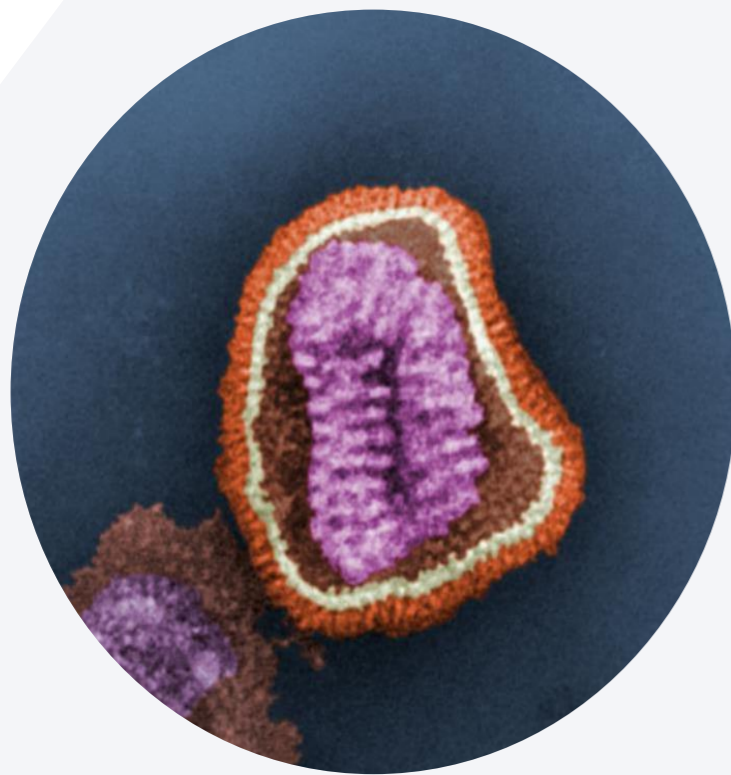
# Epidemiologic and Clinical features of Influenza, SARS-CoV-2 & Coccidioidomycosis

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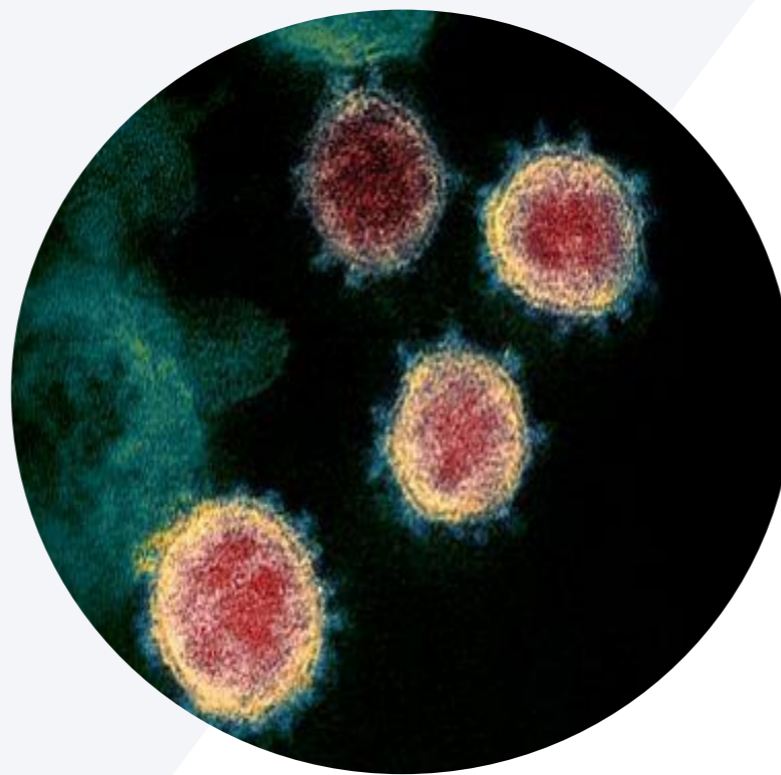
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## INFLUENZA



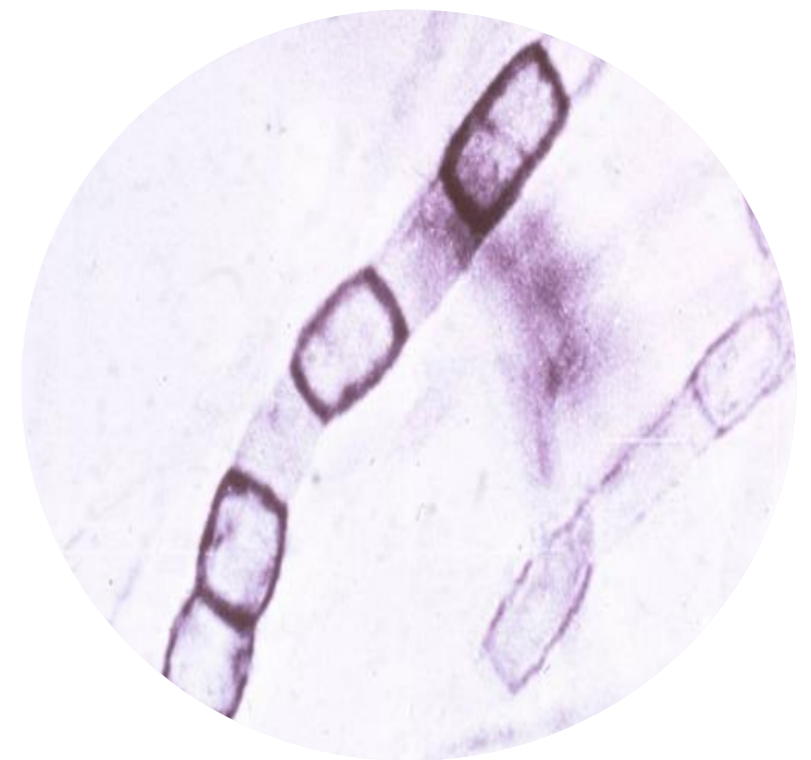
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## SARS-COV-2



120nm

## COCCI



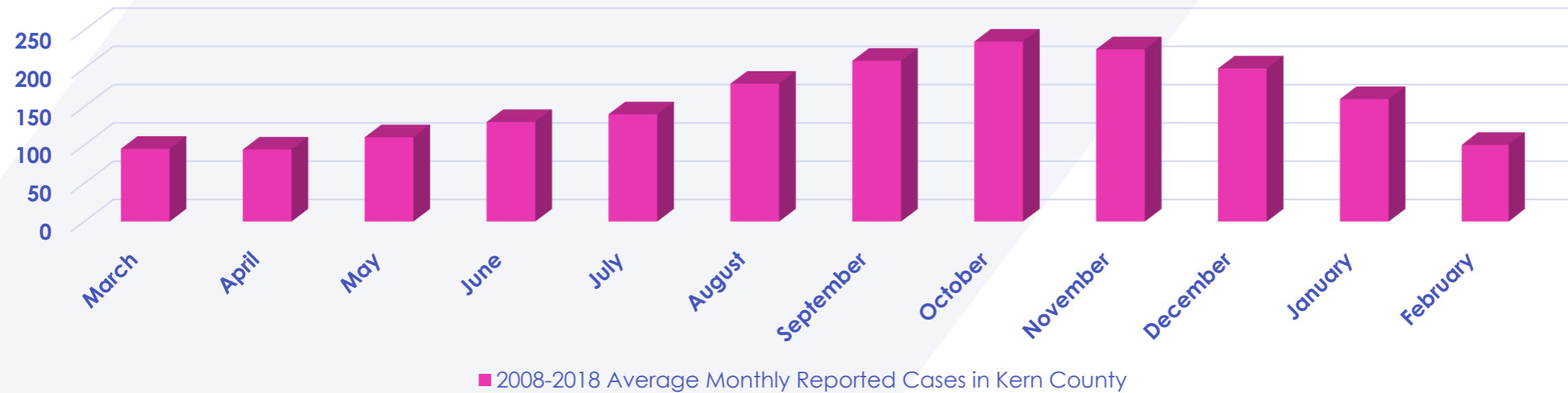
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# A Triple Threat

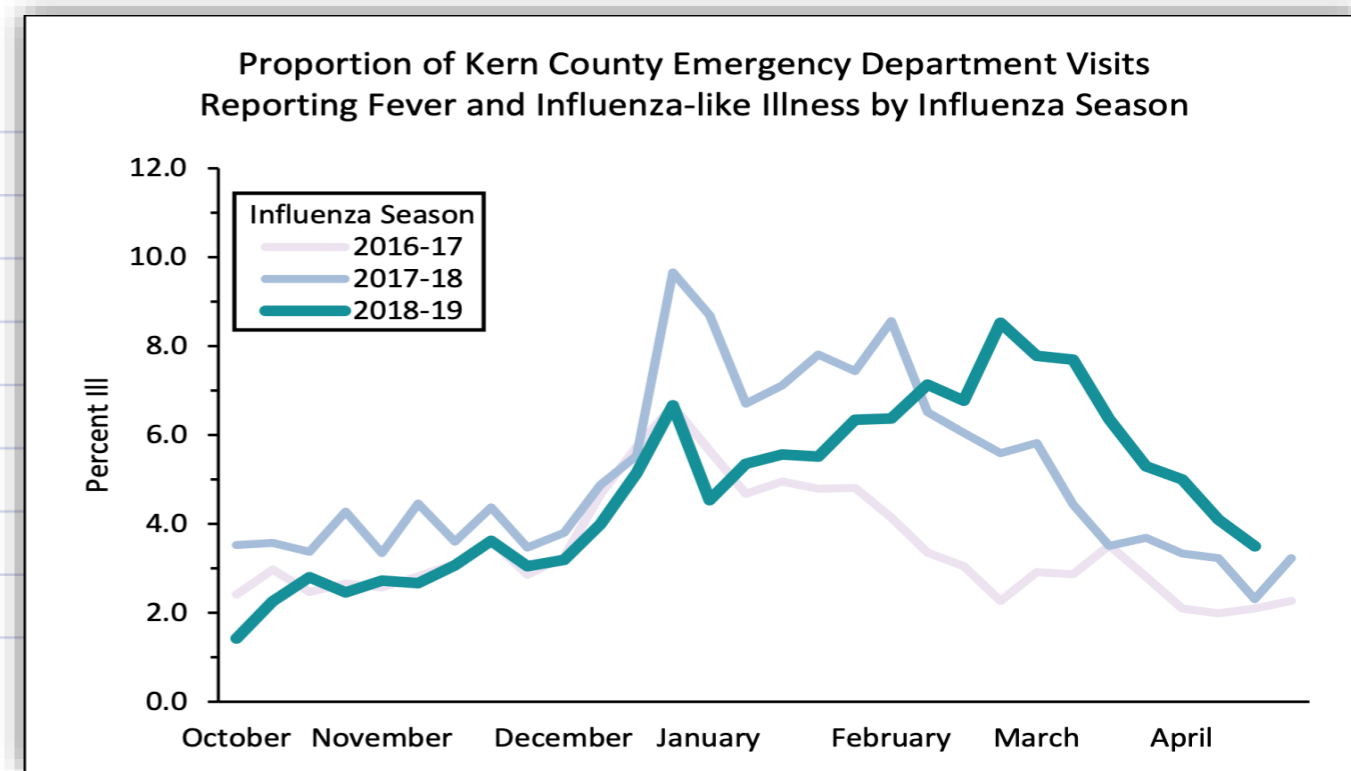
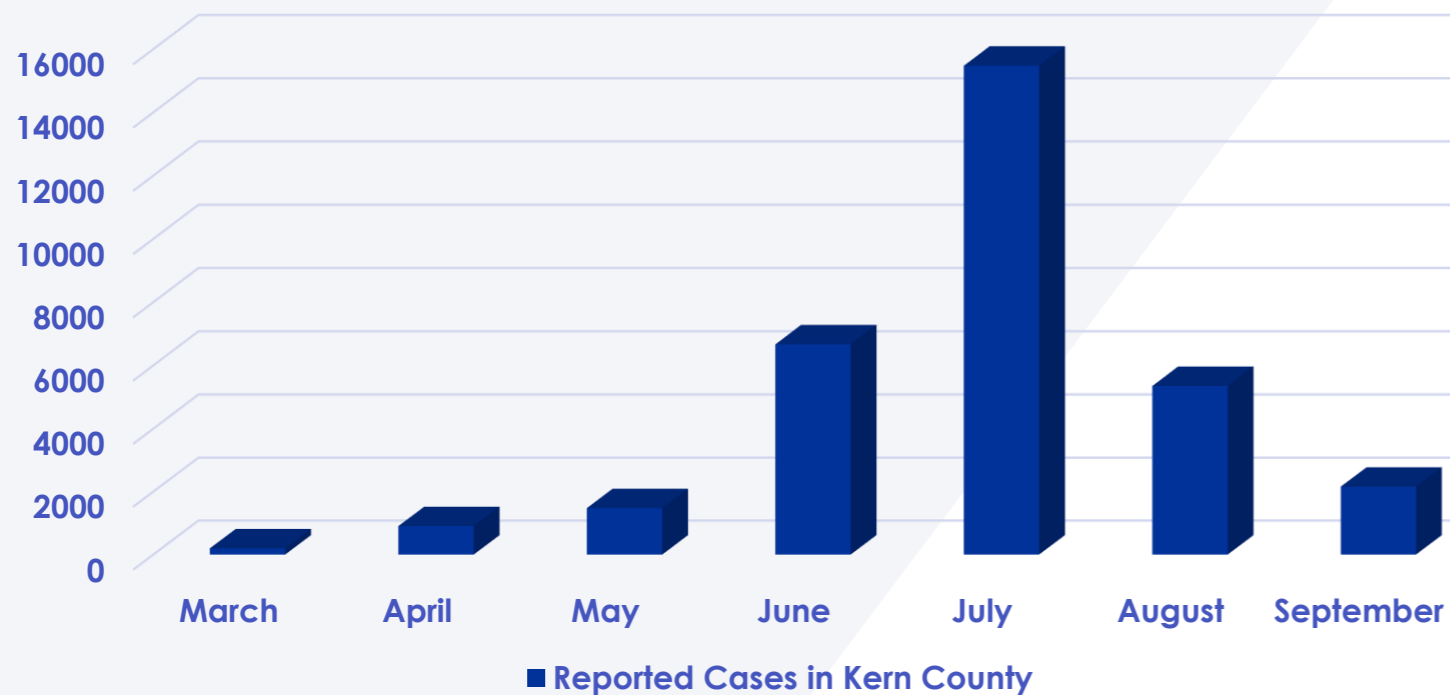
- Respiratory symptoms are among the most common reason patients seek medical attention
- The number of patients presenting with respiratory symptoms is daunting
- We are currently amid a historic SARS-CoV-2 pandemic
- We are at the threshold of an influenza season of unknown onset, duration or severity
- Primary Pulmonary Coccidioidomycosis is always a possible diagnosis

# Seasonality

## Coccidioidomycosis



## SARS-CoV-2



# Demographics - SARS-CoV-2

31,785 (73 New)

Total Resident Cases

15,729

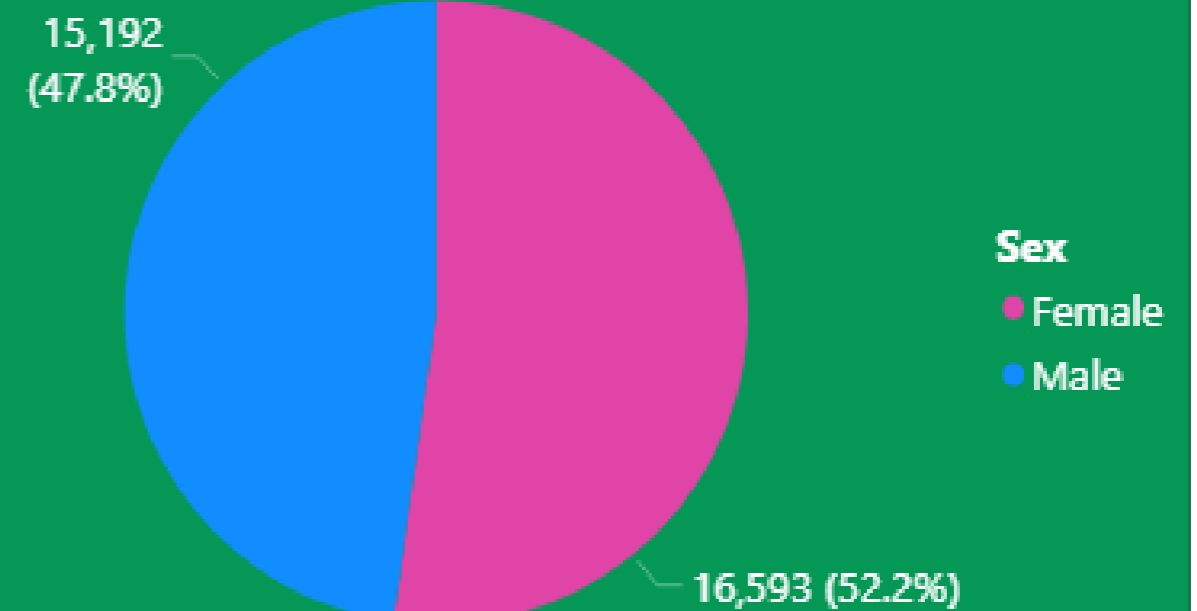
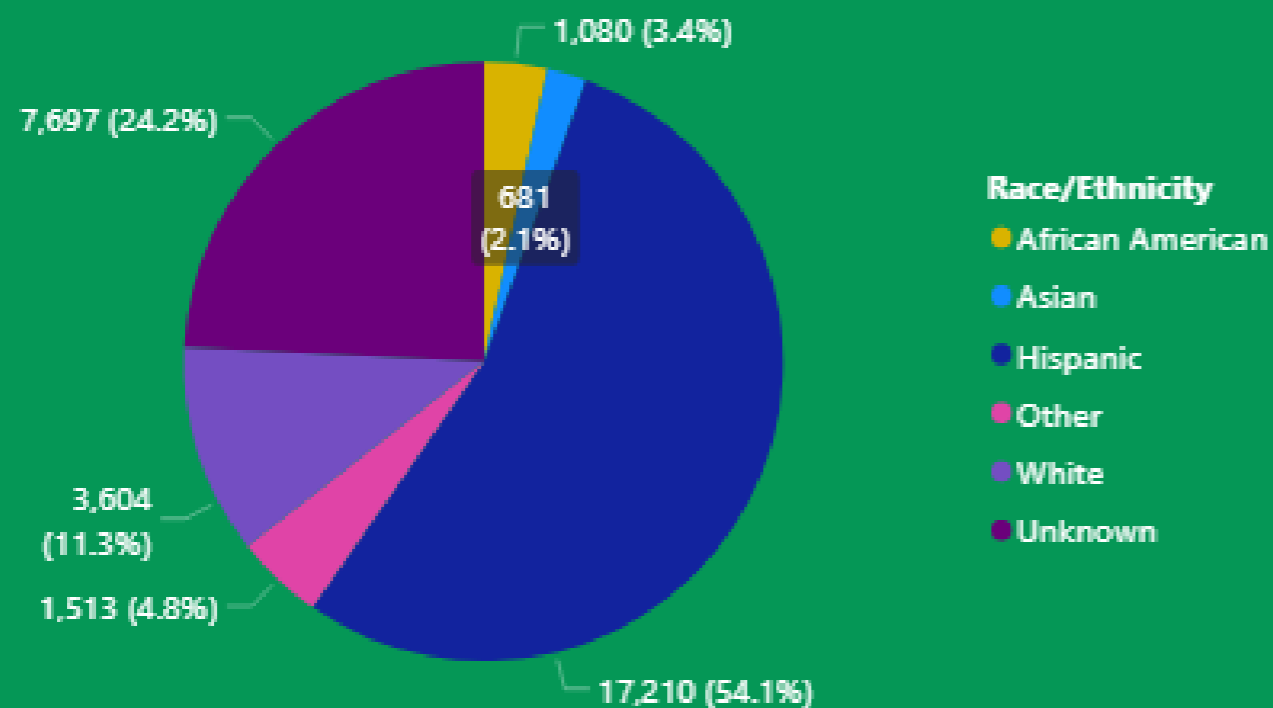
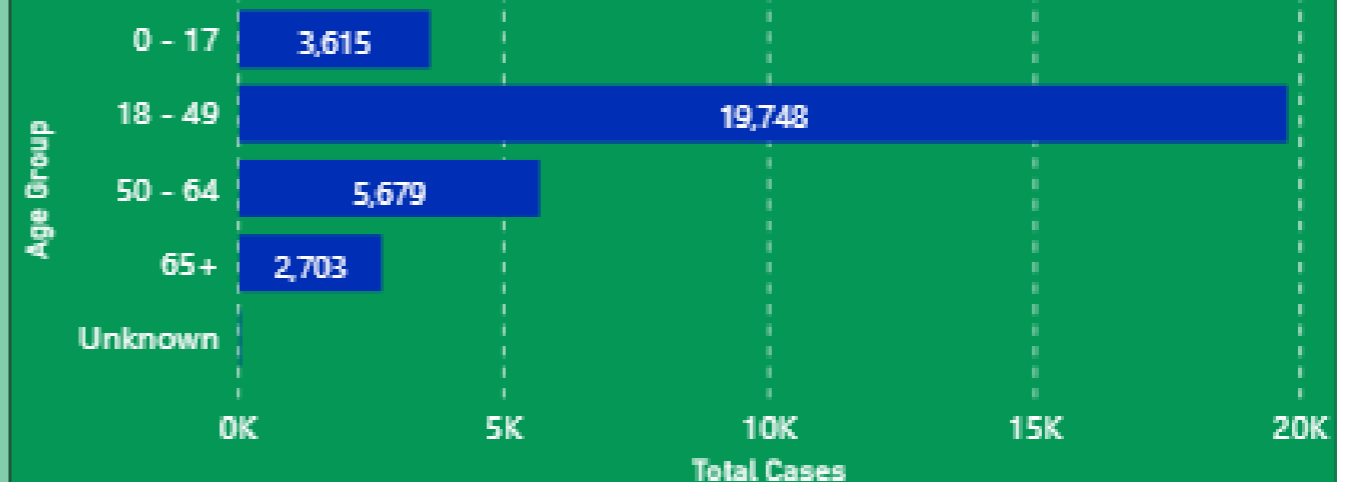
Recovered Residents

361 (1 New)

Kern Resident Deaths

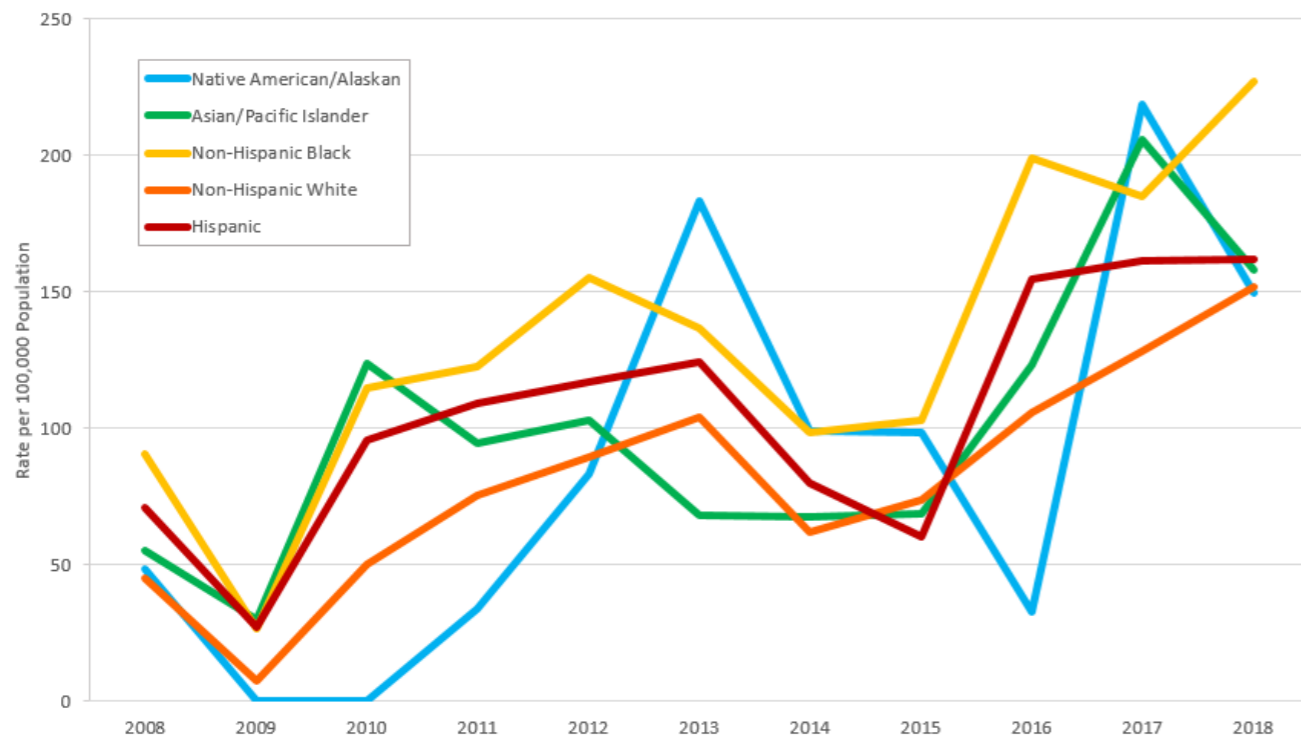
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Non-Resident Cases

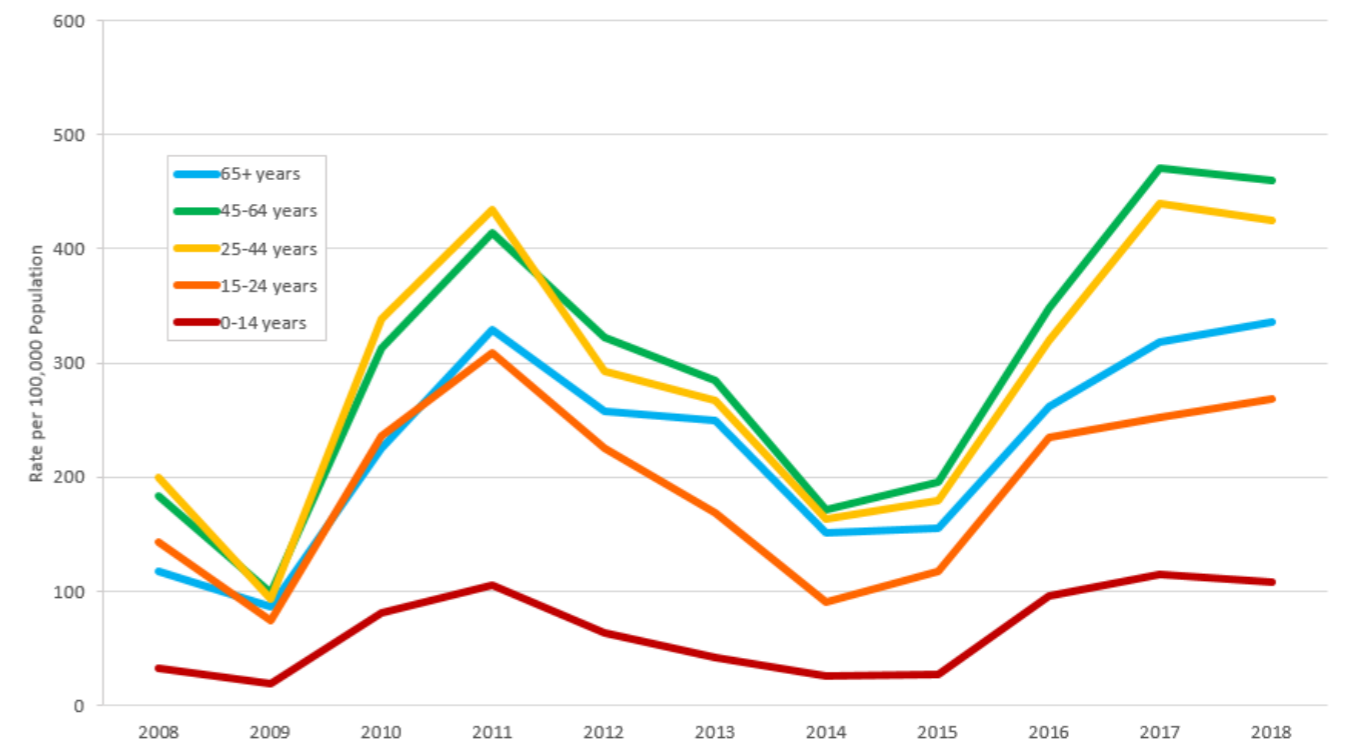


# Demographics - Cocci

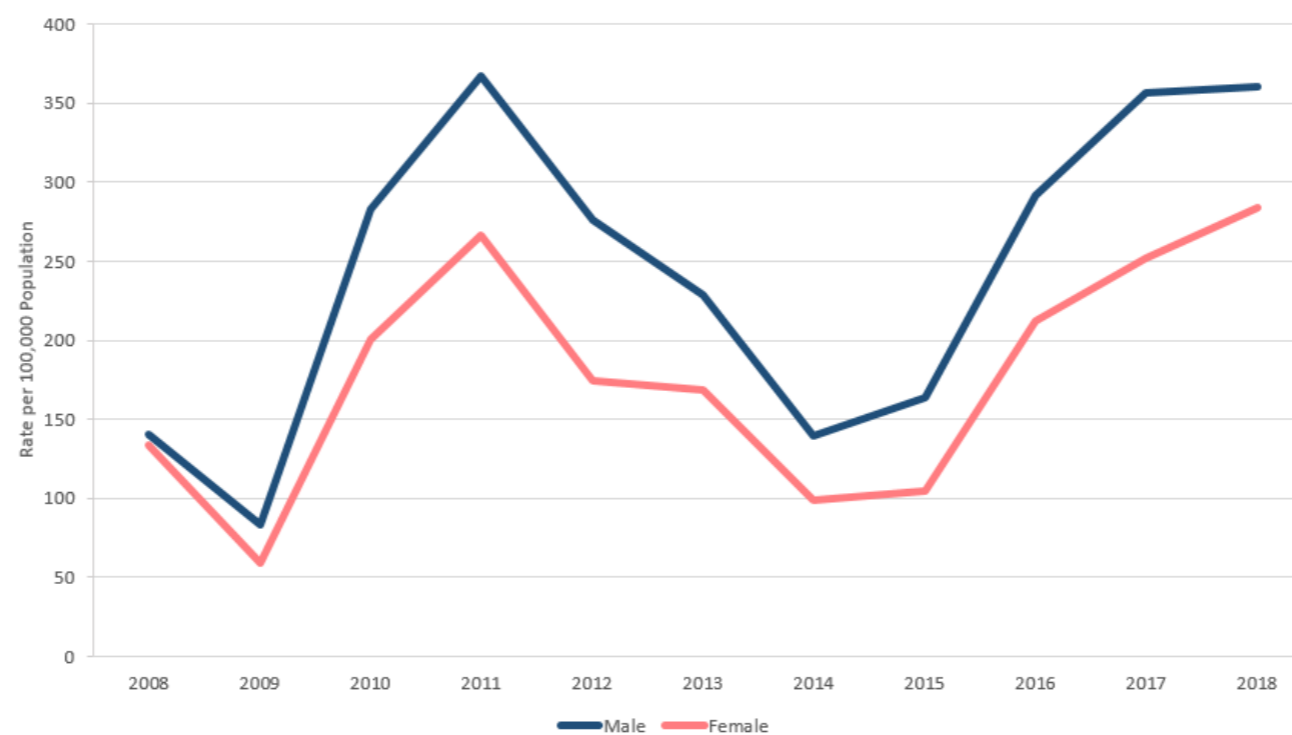
Kern County Valley Fever Incidence Rate by Race and Ethnicity, 2008-2018



Kern County Valley Fever Incidence Rate by Age Group, 2008-2018



Kern County Valley Fever Incidence Rate by Gender, 2008-2018



# Infectious Disease Transmission

**Influenza**

**Contagious**

**SARS-CoV-2**

**Contagious**

**Coccidioidomycosis**

**Non-Contagious**

## Airborne Epidemics

	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Coccidioidomycosis
Seasonality	November – April	March – Present (2020)	June – December
Transmission	Droplets Aerosol Surfaces	Droplets Aerosol Surfaces	Aerosol Fomite
Incubation	3 days	5-6 days	1 – 4 weeks
Kern County Deaths/100k	0.8	40	1.3

# Clinical Presentations: Triple Threat

- Asymptomatic
- Acute Bronchitis
- Pneumonic
- Non – Pneumonic



# Acute Bronchitis (Non-COPD)

~ 90%	< 10%
Rhinovirus	Mycoplasma
Influenza	Chlamydophila
RSV	Bordetella Pertussis
Metapneumovirus	
Coronavirus non-CoV-2	
Adenovirus	

**Bacterial Superinfection**

**Influenza**

**Relatively Common**

**SARS-CoV-2**

**Uncommon**

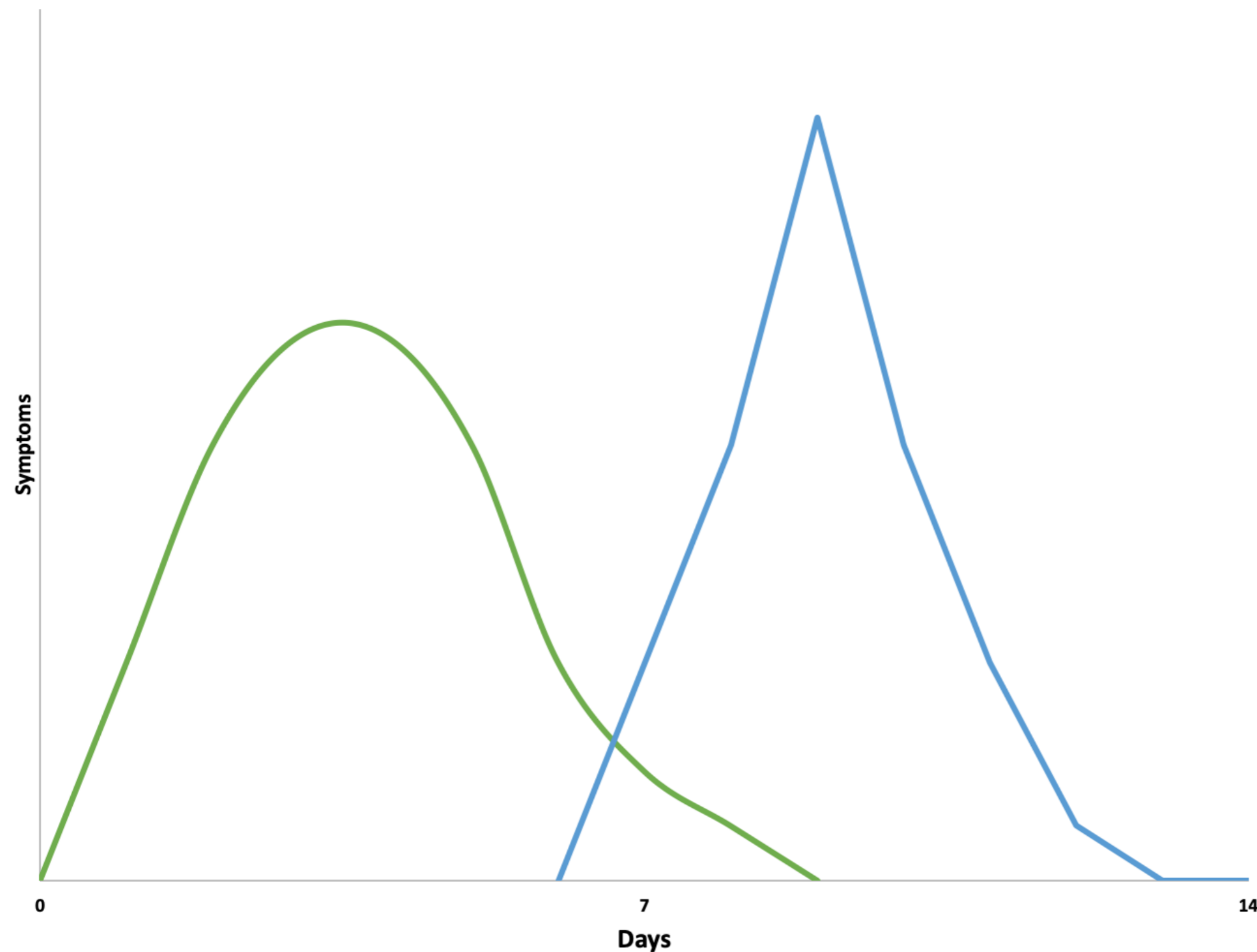
**Coccidioidomycosis**

**Very Rare**

# Community Acquired Pneumonia

Common	Uncommon
Staphylococcus Pneumoniae	MSSA
Haemophilus Influenzae	MRSA
Moraxella Catarrhalis	Streptococcus Pyogenes
Legionella Pneumophila	Gram negatives
Mycoplasma Pneumoniae	Anaerobes
Chlamydophila Pneumoniae	

# Bimodal Symptom Distribution



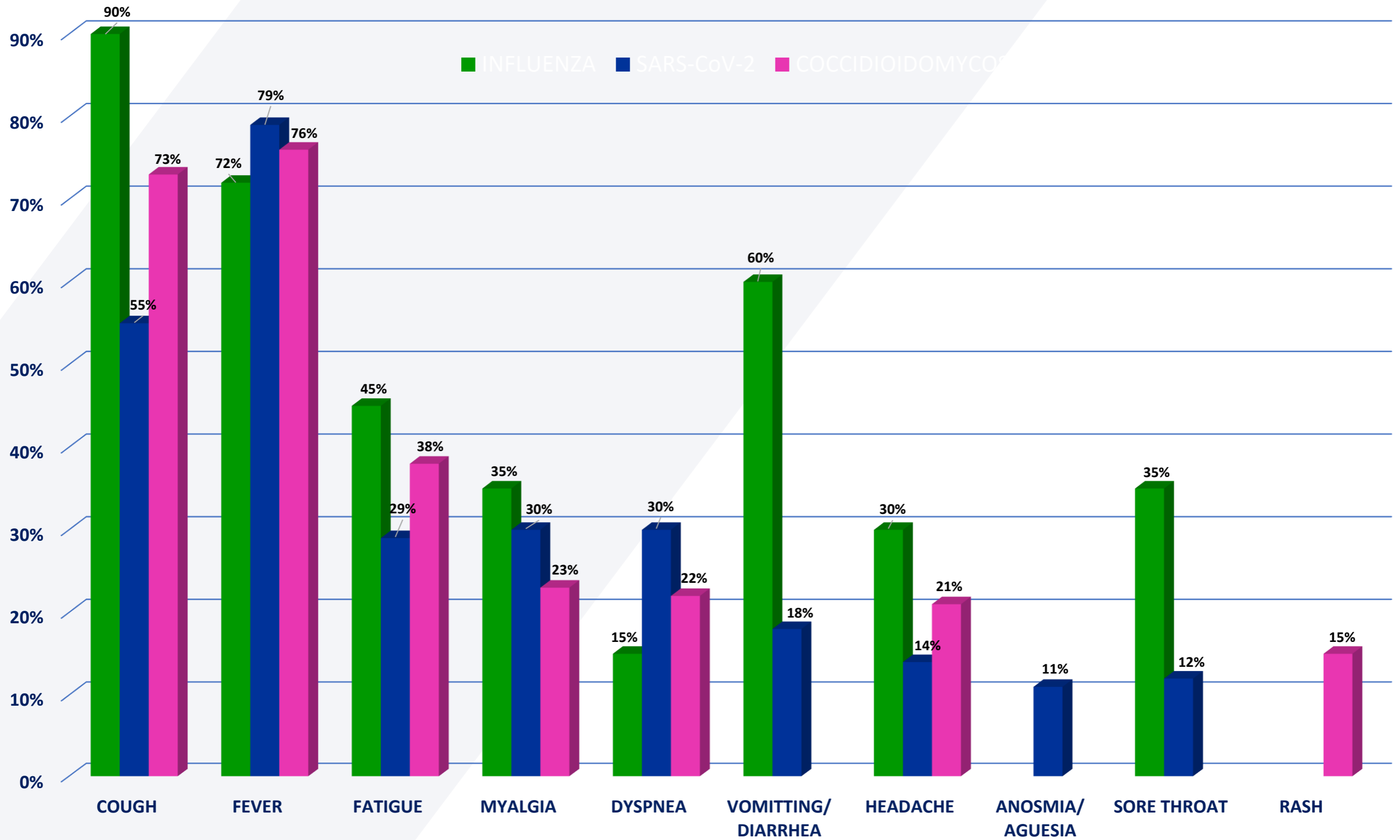
**Influenza**

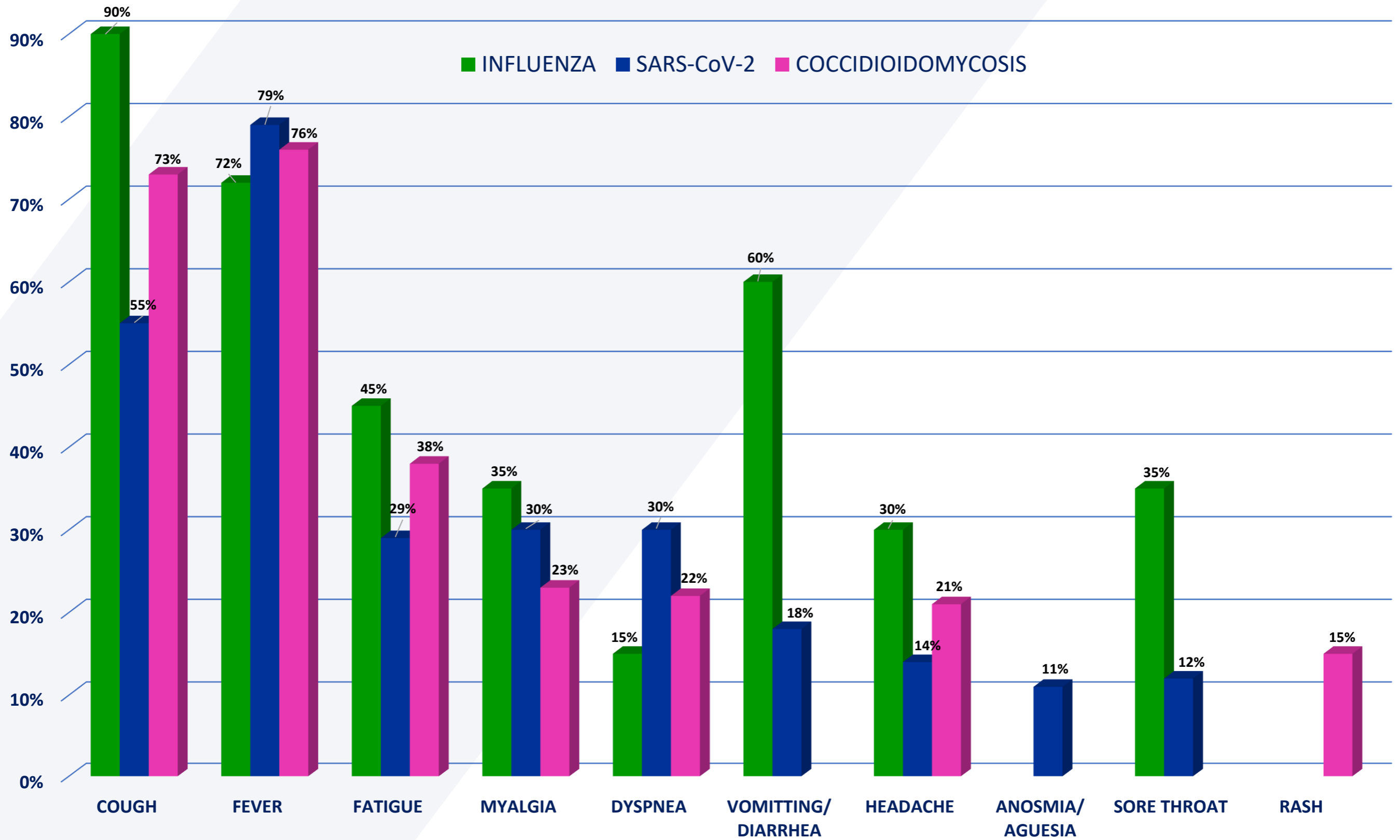
**Bacterial Superinfection**

- S. Pneumoniae
- MSSA
- MRSA
- Others

# Acuity

SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza negative patients who have been symptomatic for 10 days should be considered for Coccidioidomycosis

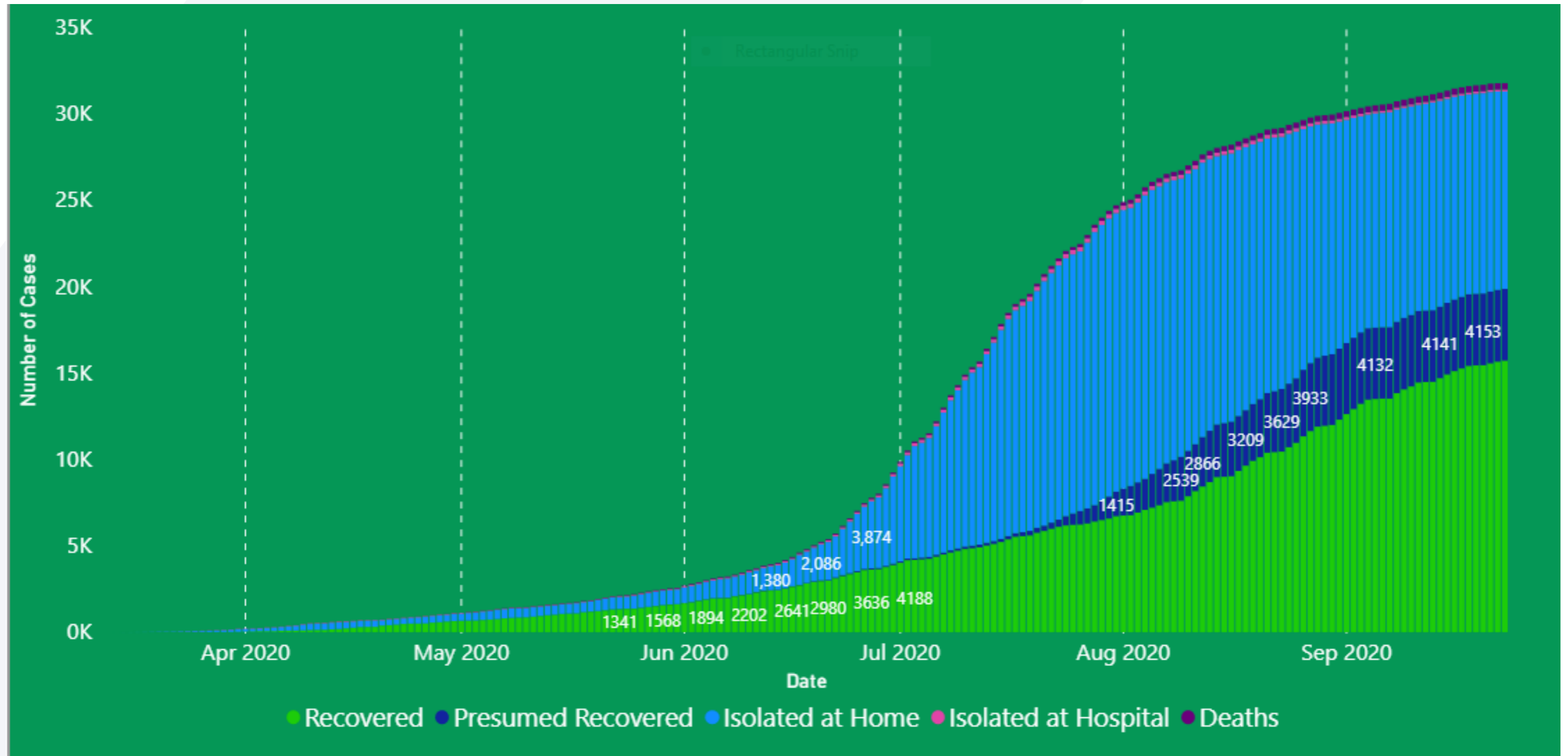




# How to Lower Your Risk

Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Coccidioidomycosis
Face Mask	Face Mask	Face Mask
Maintain Physical Distancing (6 feet)	Maintain Physical Distancing (6 feet)	Wet down dusty areas before working/playing in them
Hand washing	Hand washing	Stay indoors with windows and doors closed (during dust storms) and use recirculating air-conditioning
Annual Flu Immunization	Immunization <i>(we hope)</i>	Immunization <i>(we hope)</i>

# Kern County Case Status





# Diagnostically Differentiating Influenza, SARS-CoV-2 & Coccidioidomycosis

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## Diagnostic Availability

	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Cocci
Molecular			Uncommon
Antigen			
Antibody			
Culture			Uncommon

## Diagnostic Turn Around Time

	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Cocci
<b>Molecular</b>		15-30 minutes 1-8 hours	N/A
<b>Antigen</b>	<15 minutes	<15 Minutes	3-5 Days
<b>Antibody</b>		1-4 hours	
<b>Culture</b>		Rapid: 1-3 days Conventional: 3-10 days	

## Diagnostic Limitations

	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Cocci
Molecular			
Antigen			
Antibody			
Culture			

## Diagnostic Sensitivity

	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Cocci
Molecular			
Antigen			
Antibody			
Culture			

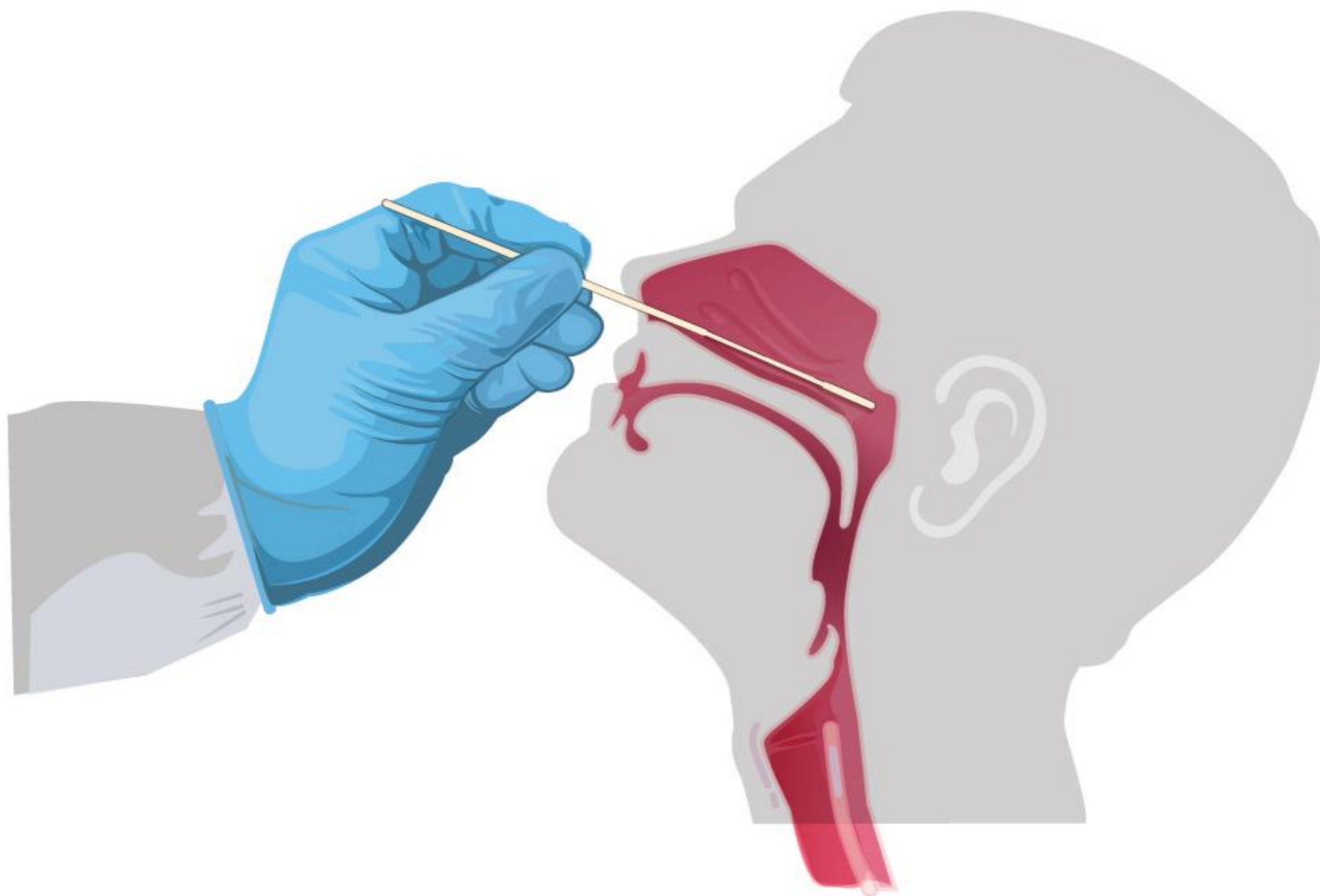
## Diagnostic Specificity

	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Cocci
Molecular			
Antigen			
Antibody			
Culture			

## Acquisition-symptomatic

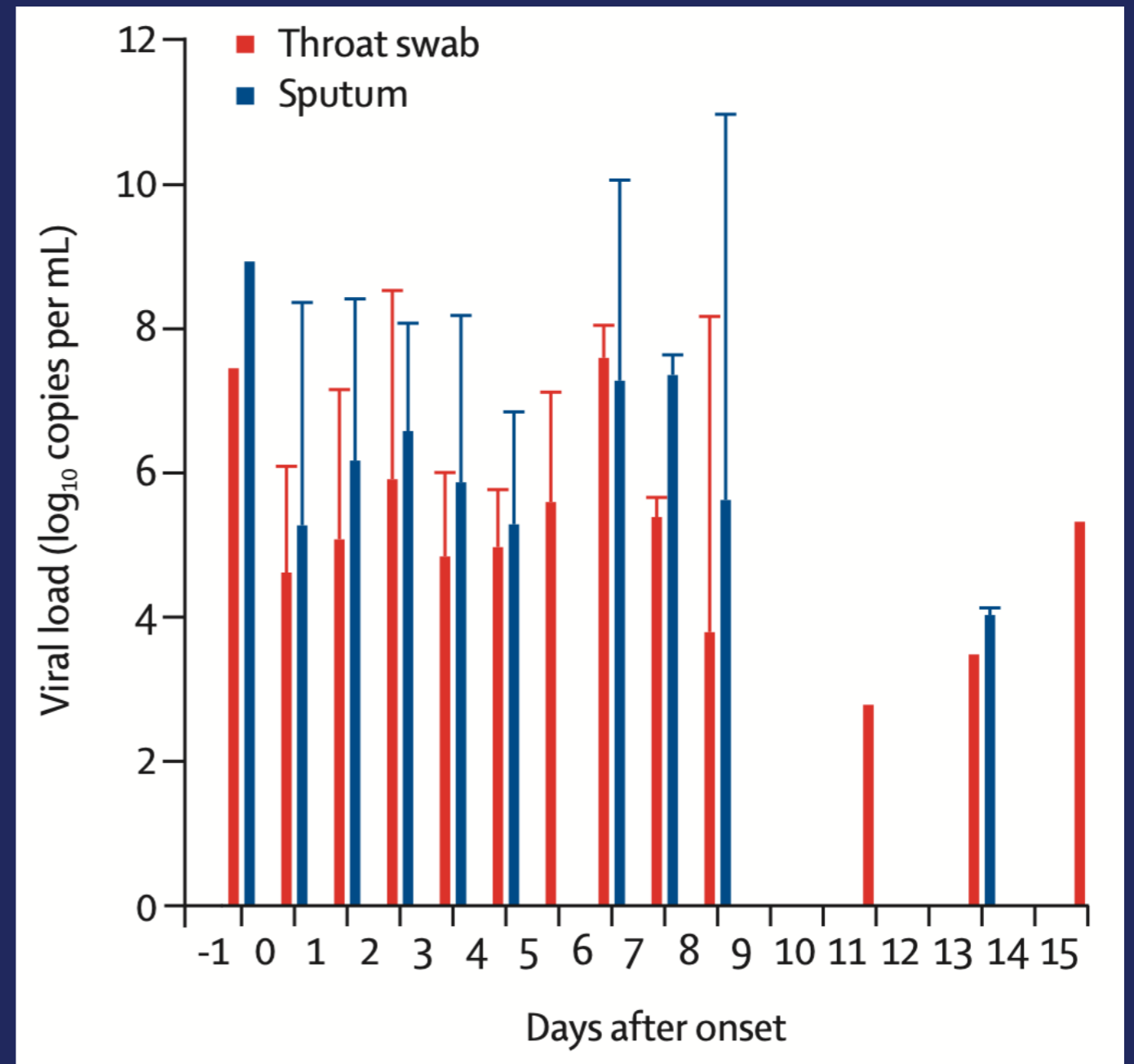
	Influenza	SARS-CoV-2	Cocci
Molecular			
Antigen			
Antibody		Convalescent	
Culture			

# Nasopharyngeal Swab



# SARS-CoV-2 Viral Load Median in throat and sputum samples

Collected from 80 patients at different stages after disease onset



# Basis for Establishing a Diagnosis of Coccidioidomycosis

Skin Tests

Serologic Test (tube precipitins, complement fixation, etc.)

Wet mounts of sputum, pus and body fluids

Histologic studies of biopsy specimens from skin, lung, etc.

Cultures of sputum, pus and body fluids

# Laboratory Findings

Most routine laboratory findings are unremarkable

Serum procalcitonin: normal

ESR often 1-2x above the upper limits of normal

WBC count usually normal or only slightly elevated

Eosinophilia in approximately one-quarter of patients

Symptoms and routine laboratory abnormalities associated with coccidioidomycosis.

Yozwiak ML, Lundergan LL, Kerrick SS, Galgiani JN

West J Med. 1988;149(4):419.

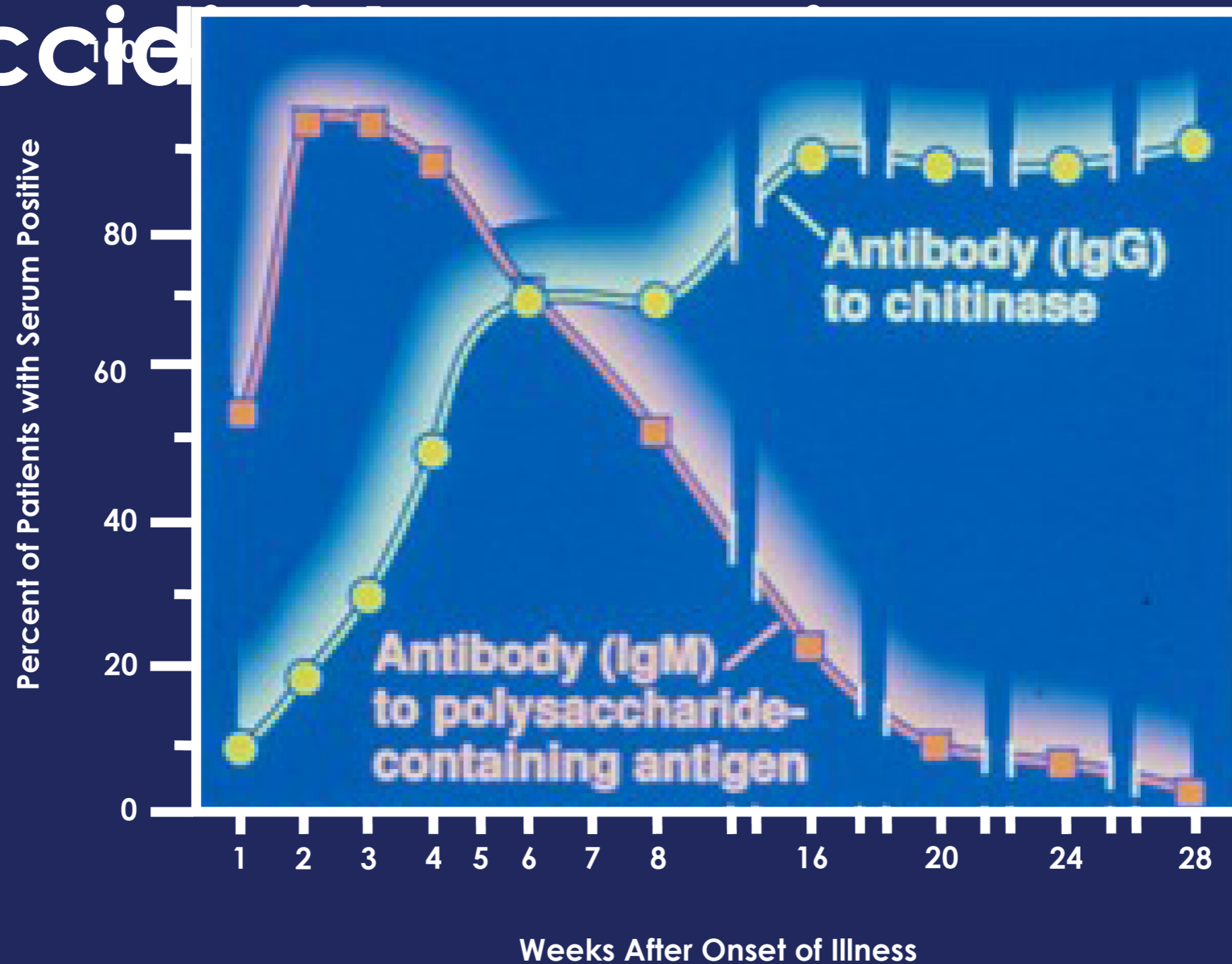
EIA : A very sensitive and commonly used method for diagnosing coccidioidomycosis, detects IgM and IgG antibodies.

ID: detects IgM, positive early in disease course.

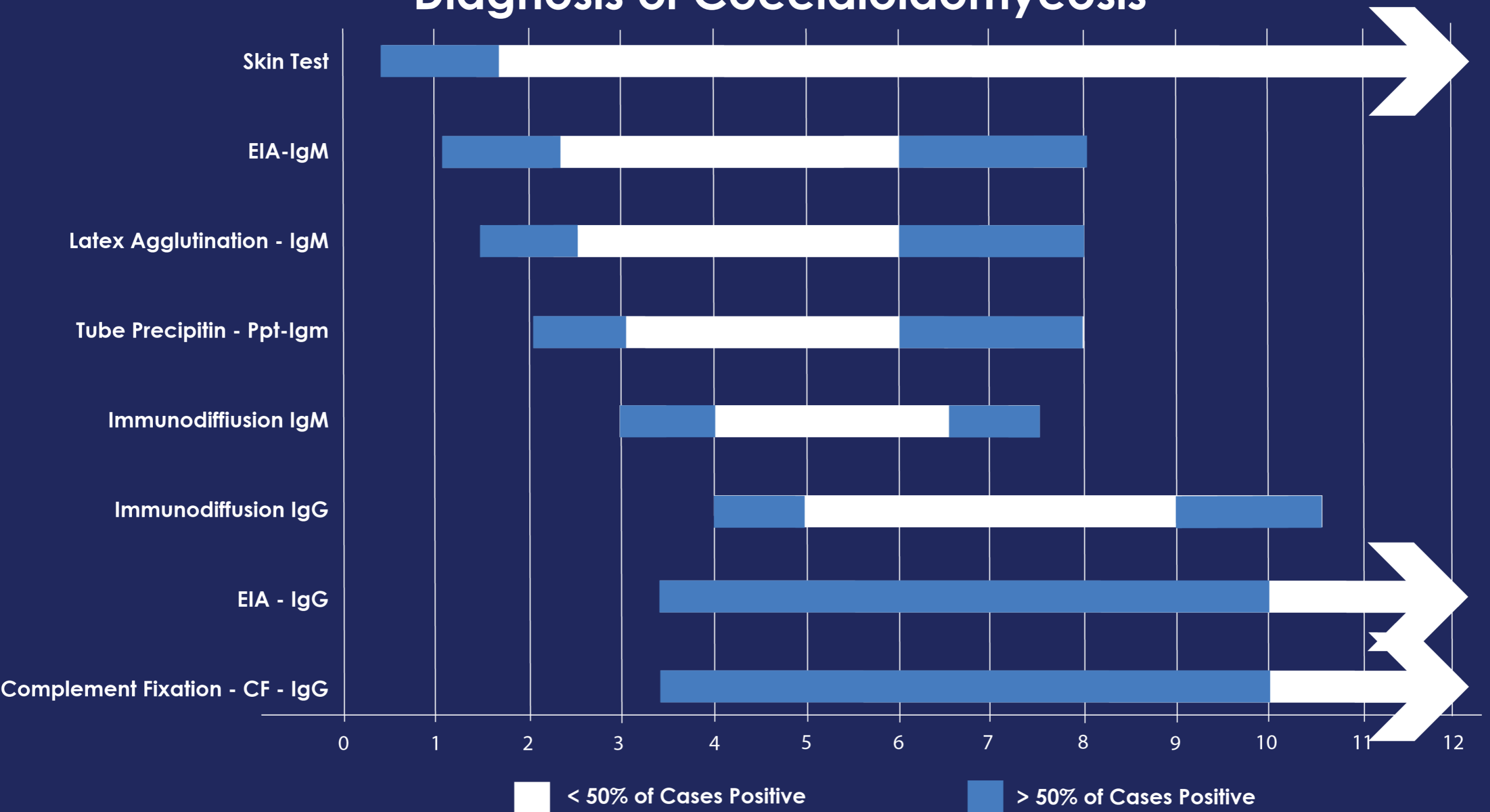
CF: detects IgG, assessment of disease severity.

LFA: is a rapid test (~30 minutes) to detect the presence of total antibodies against *Coccidioides* spp (IgM or IgG).

# Coccidia



# Course of Serum Reactivity to Serological Methods for the Diagnosis of Coccidioidomycosis



# Urinary antigen detection:

Not widely used, but may have some utility in diagnosing coccidioidomycosis in immunocompromised patients with severe forms of the disease.

# Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR):

For detection of *Coccidioides* directly from lower respiratory specimens.

## C-F Titer in Primary and Disseminated Coccidioidomycosis

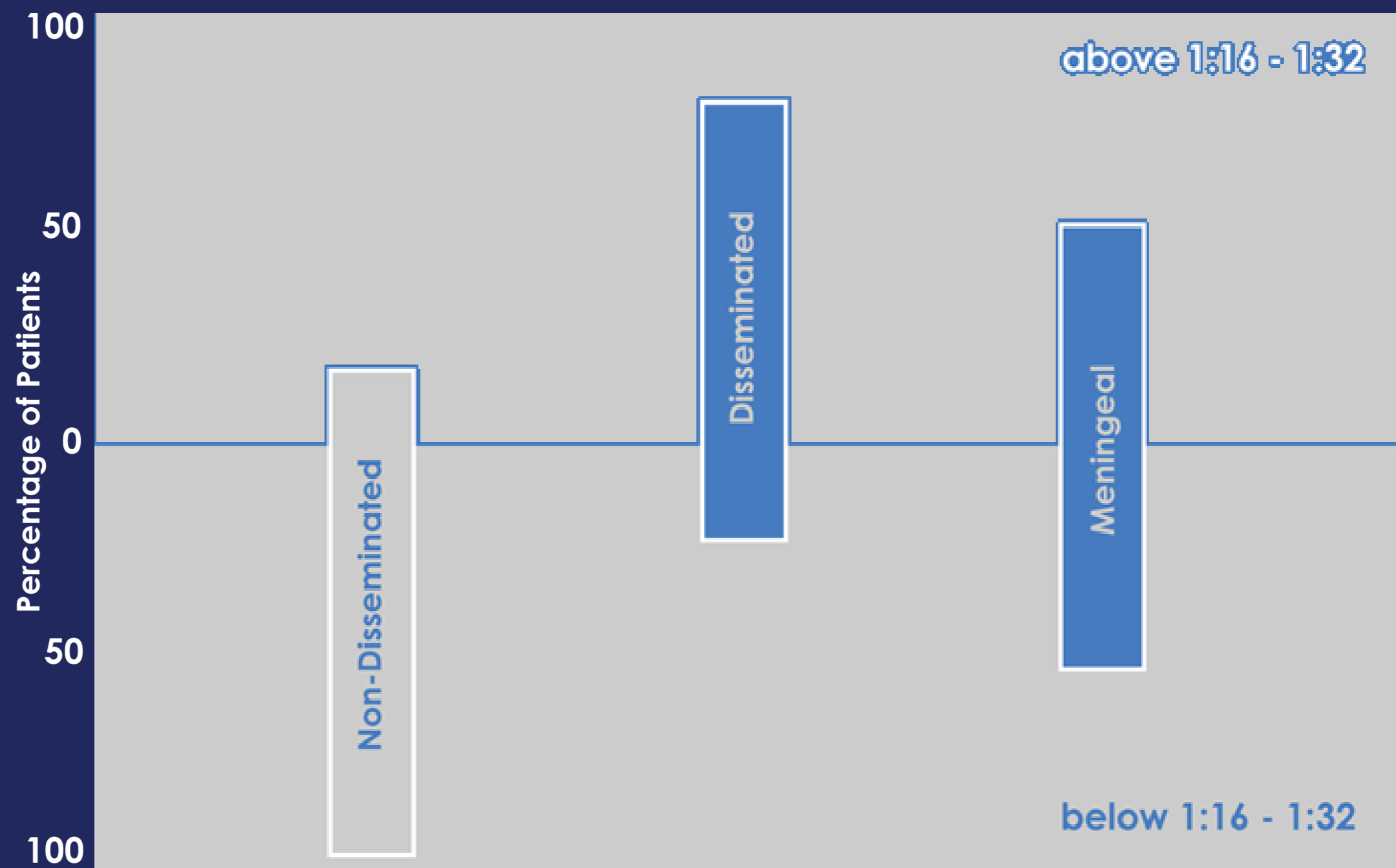


Fig. 4 - Range and significance of complement fixation titers in Coccidioidomycosis

# Coccidioides Culture:

Can be performed on tissue or respiratory specimens.

It is not routinely used to diagnose valley fever.

Collecting specimens may need invasive procedure ( BAL, biopsy ).

Cocci grows readily on a variety of culture media at 35°C and is usually visually apparent in 2-7 days.



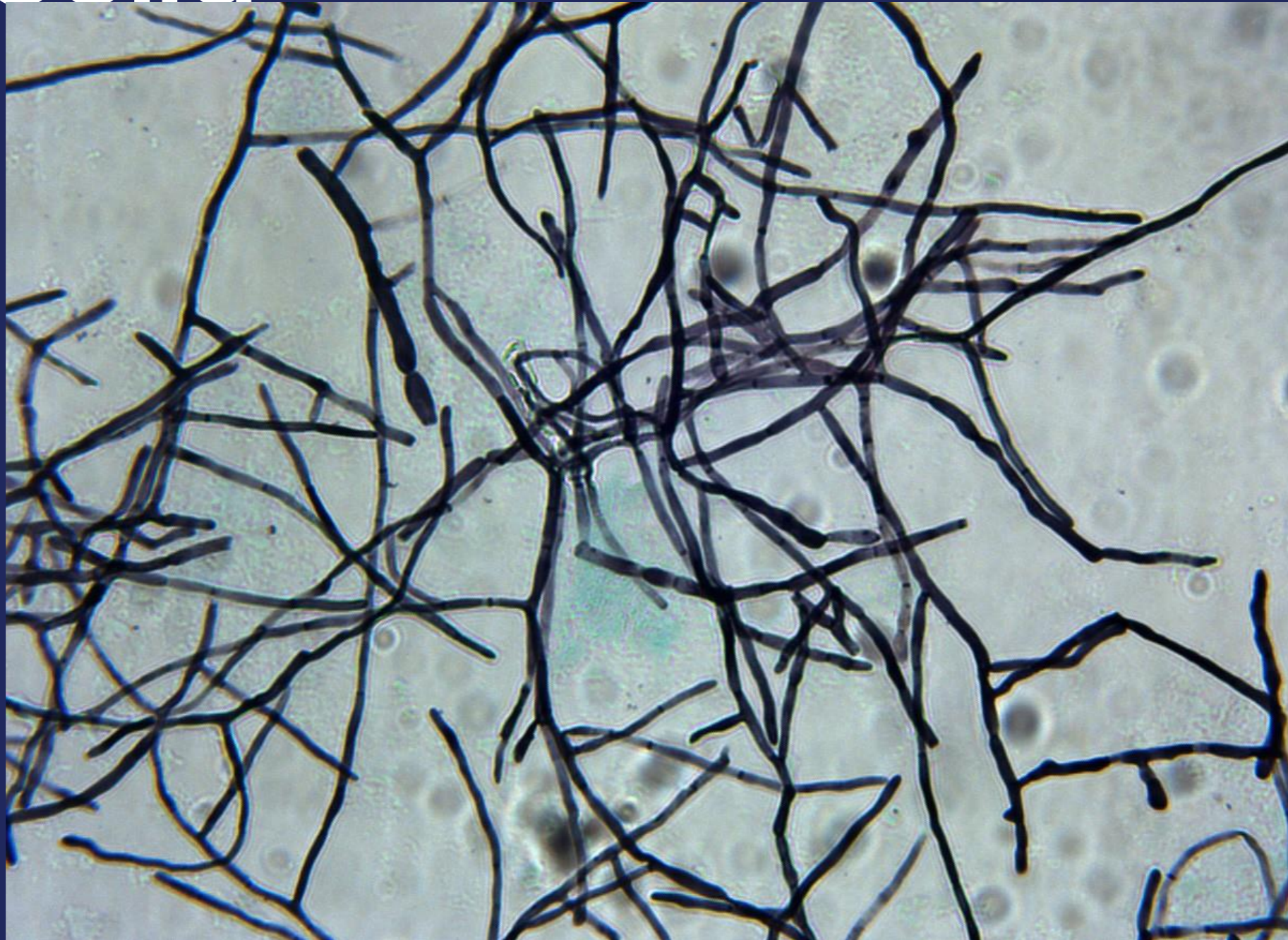
# Microscopy:

Pathognomonic structure is the spherule.

The diagnosis can be established in fixed tissue using a variety of stains, including hematoxylin-eosin and Gomori methenamine-silver.

Low sensitivity.

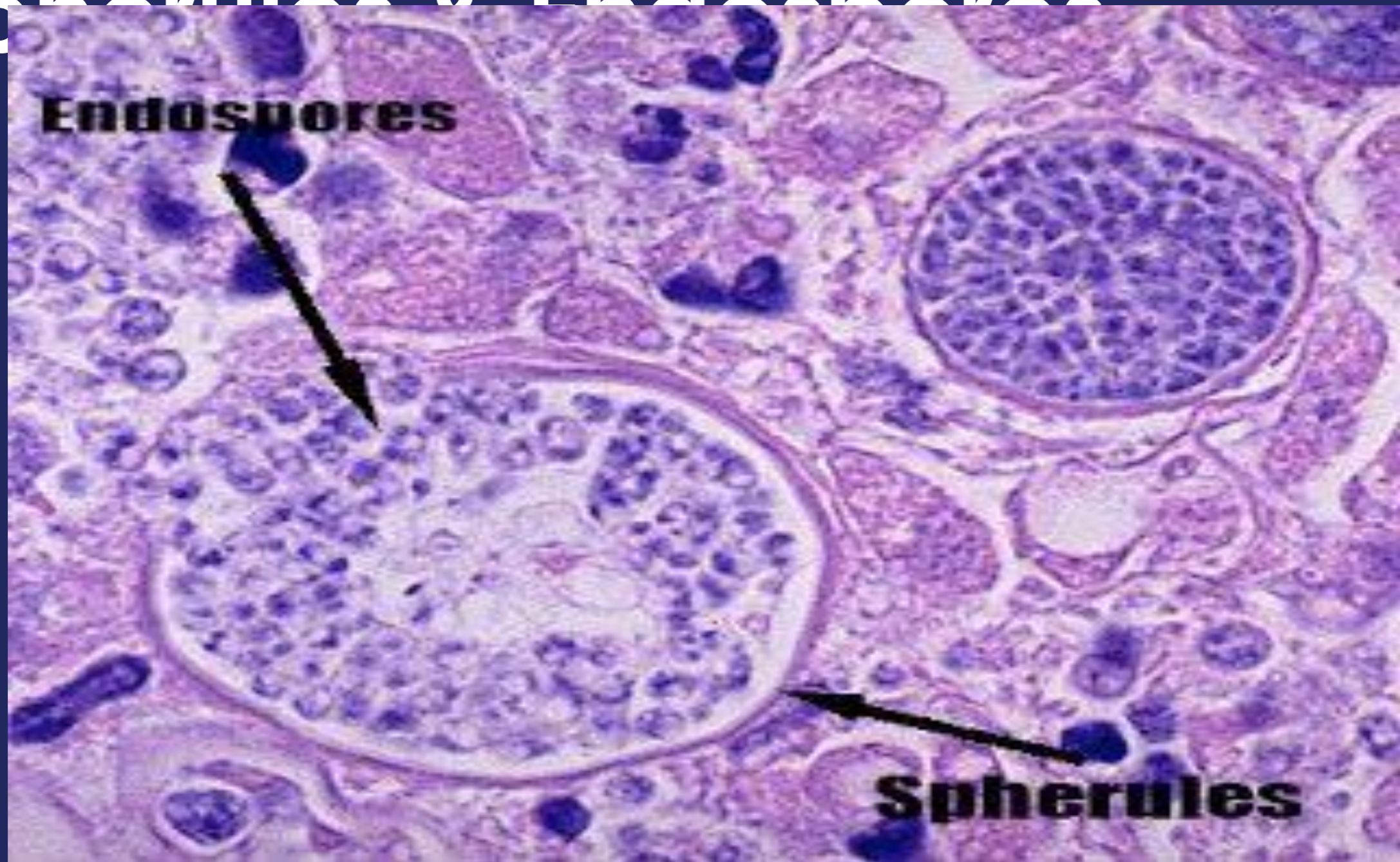
# Mycelia



# Arthroconidia



# Spherules & Endospores





# Radiologically Distinguishing Influenza, SARS-CoV-2 & Coccidioidomycosis

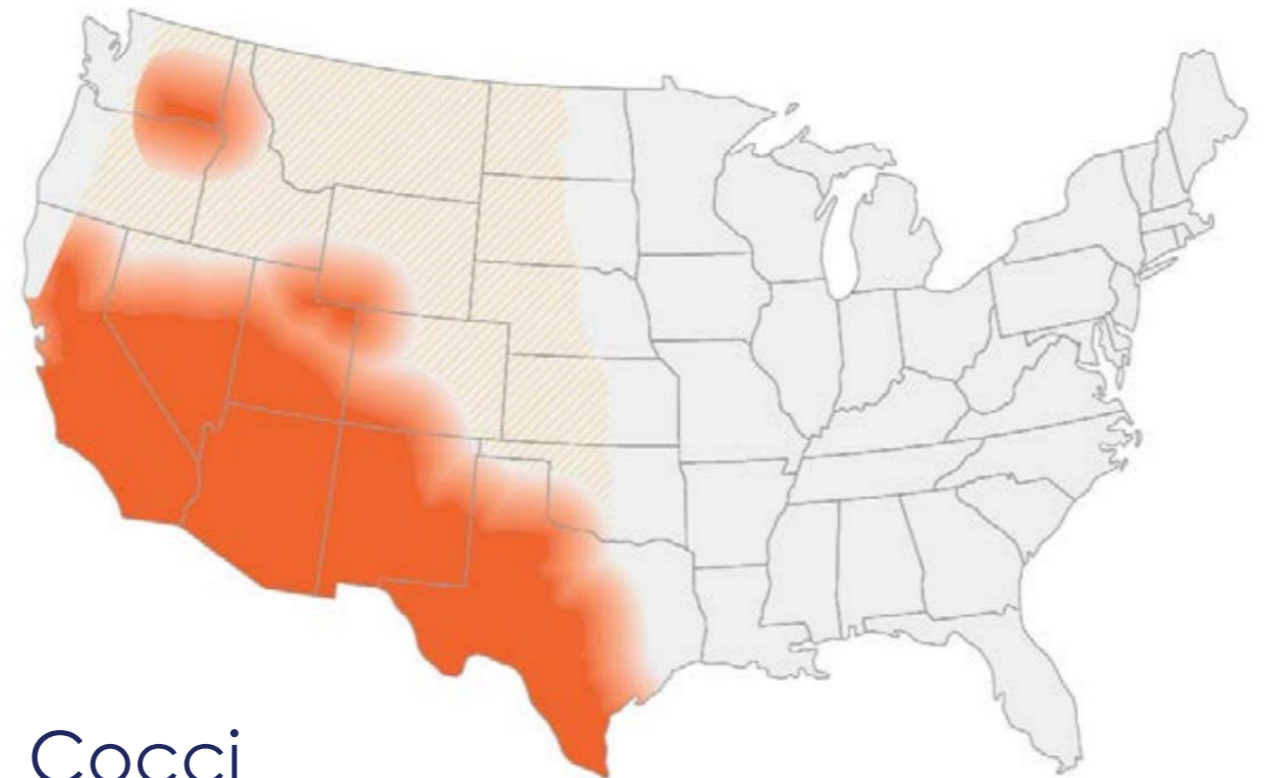
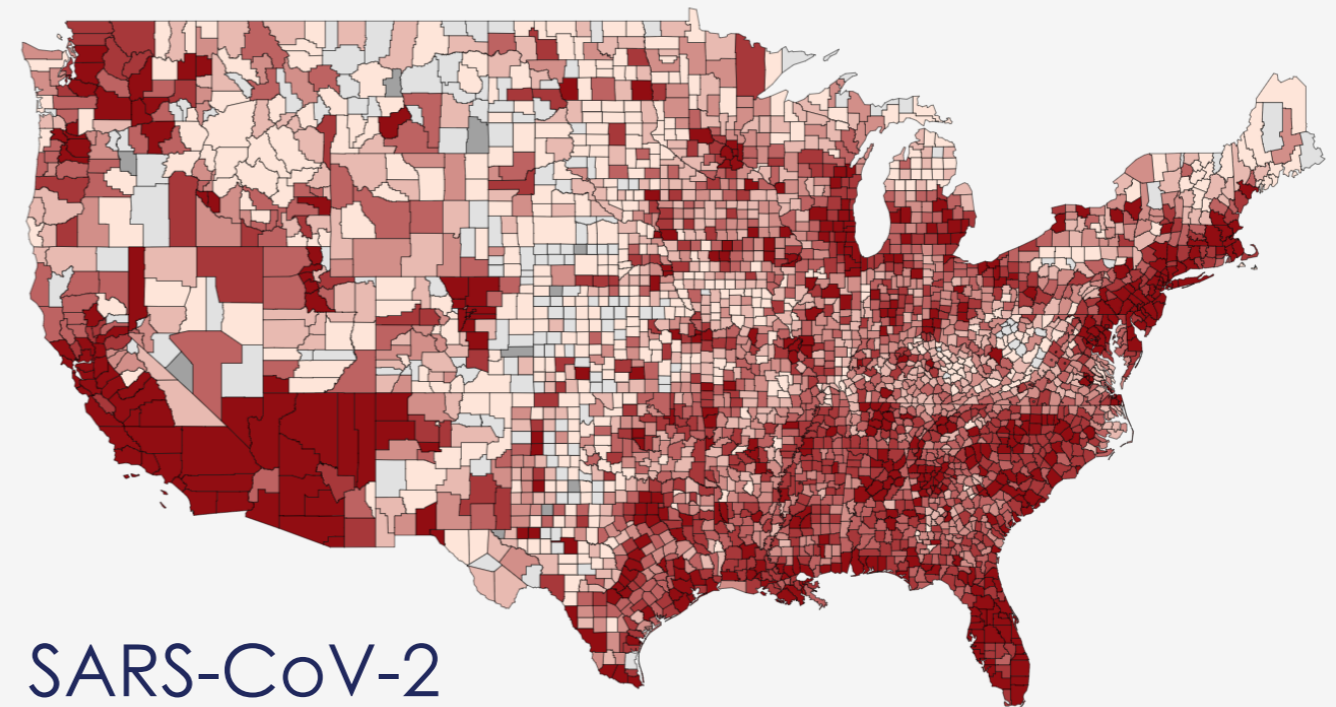
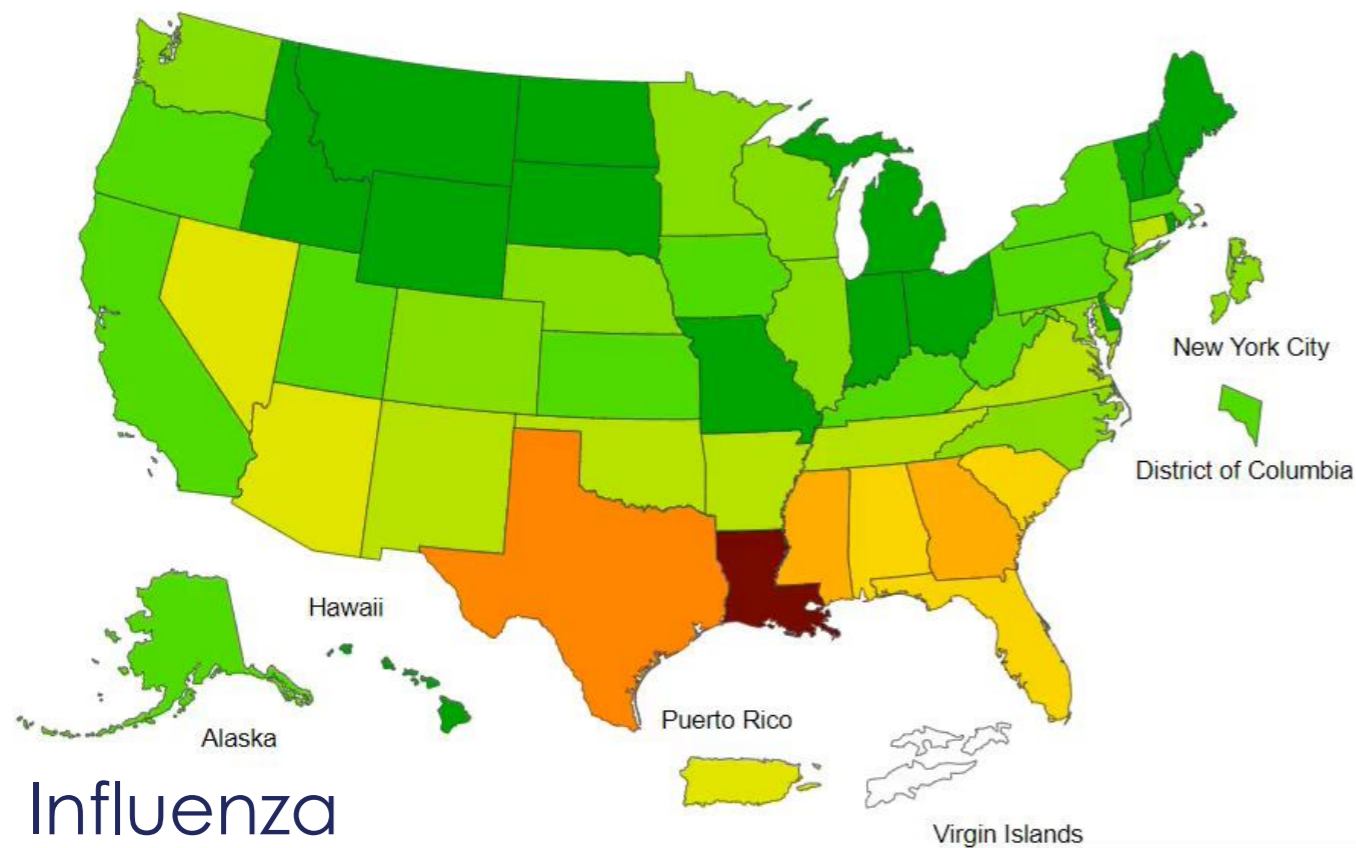
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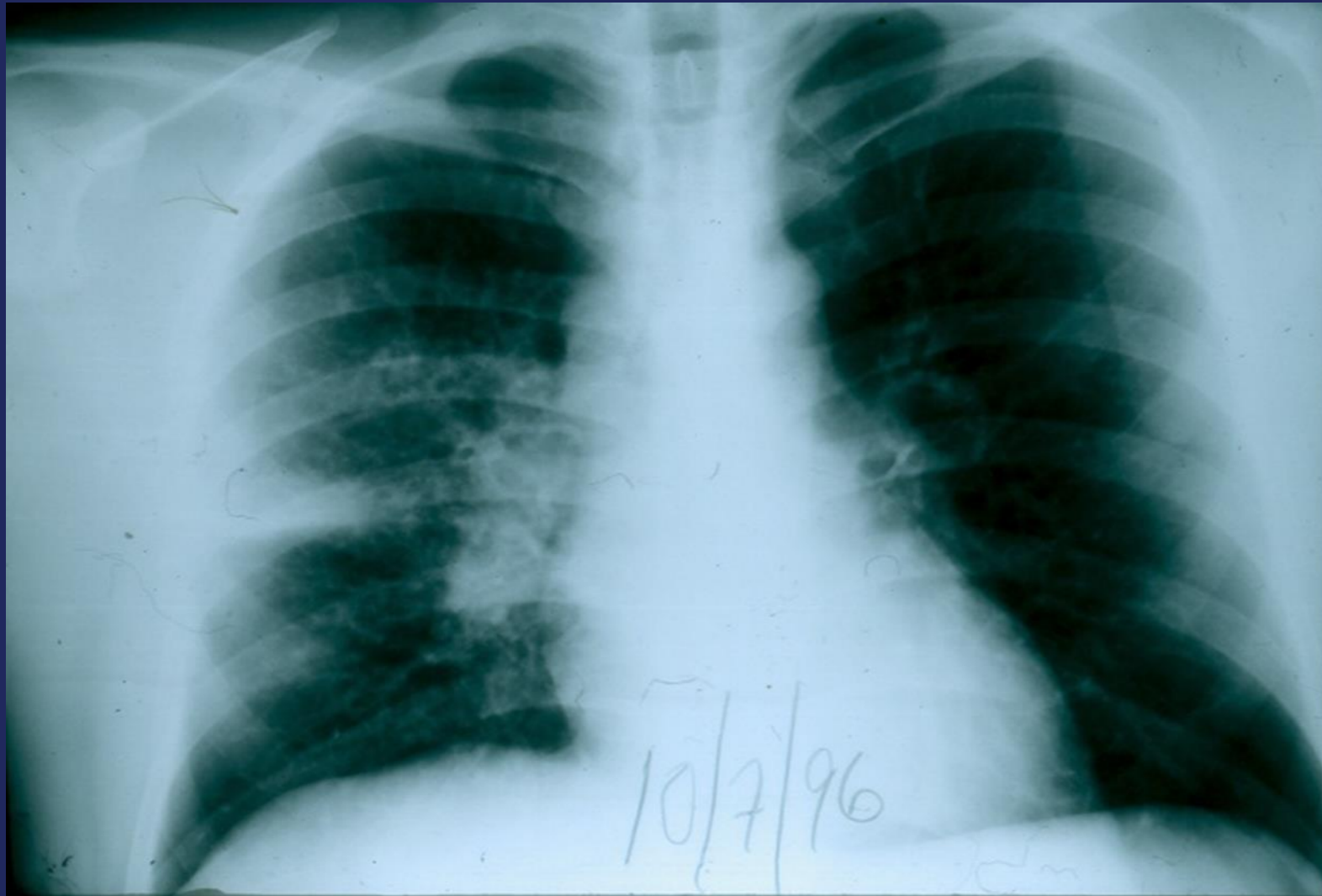
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# US Map

2019-20 Influenza Season Week 45 ending Nov 09, 2019



# Pulmonary Cocci (40%)

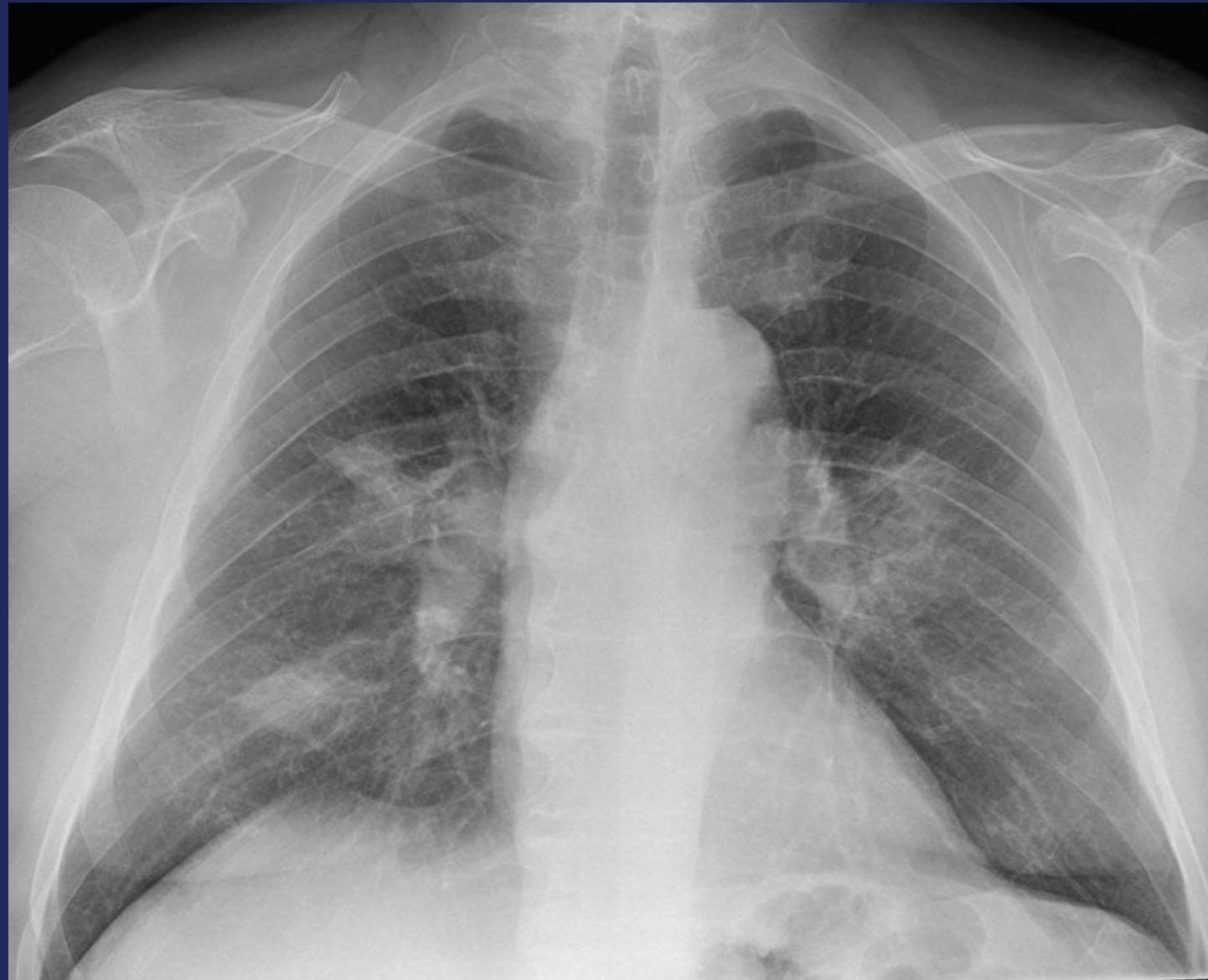


RUL sitting on the fissure with hilar adenopathy

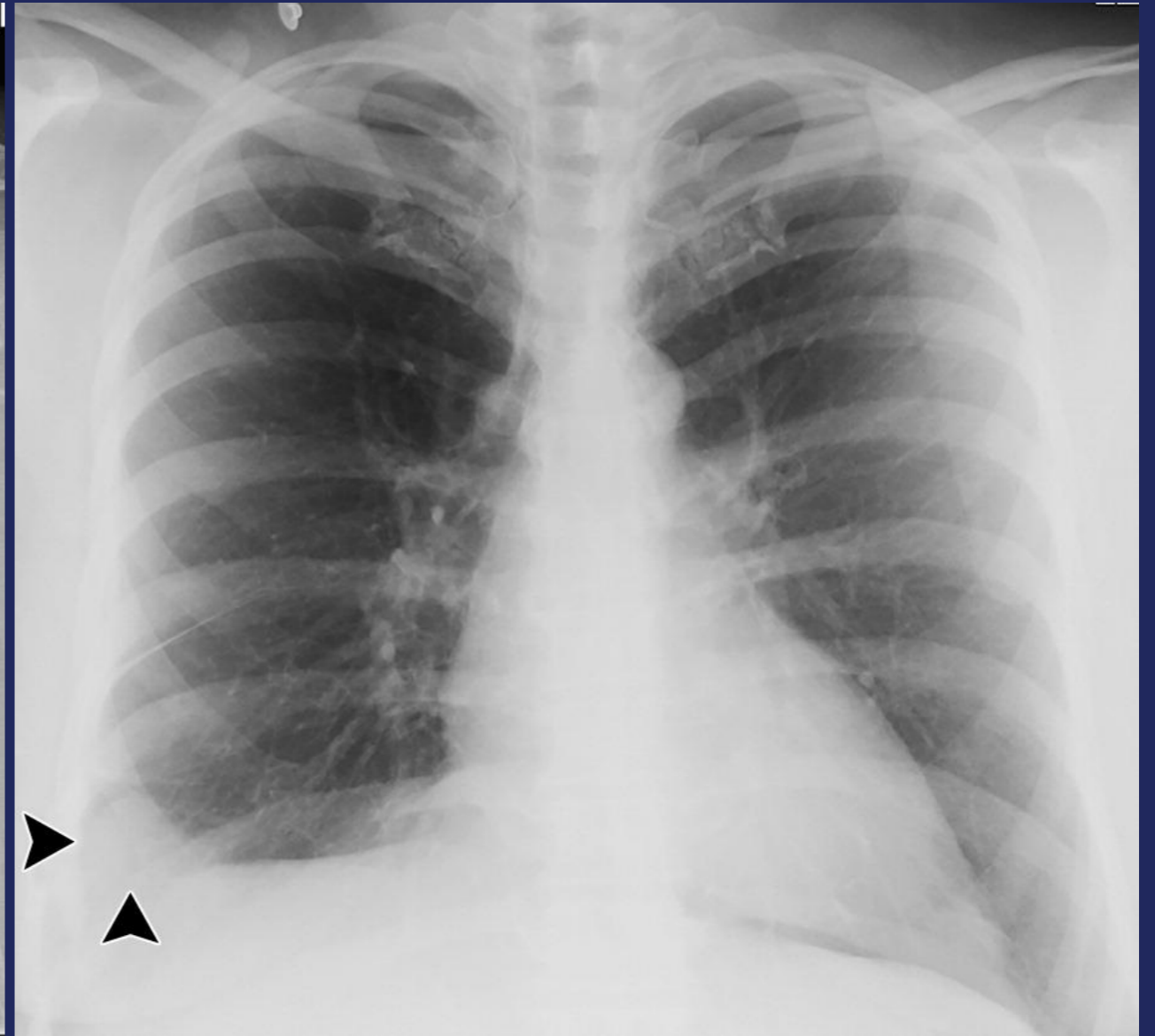


LUL

# Pulmonary Cocci

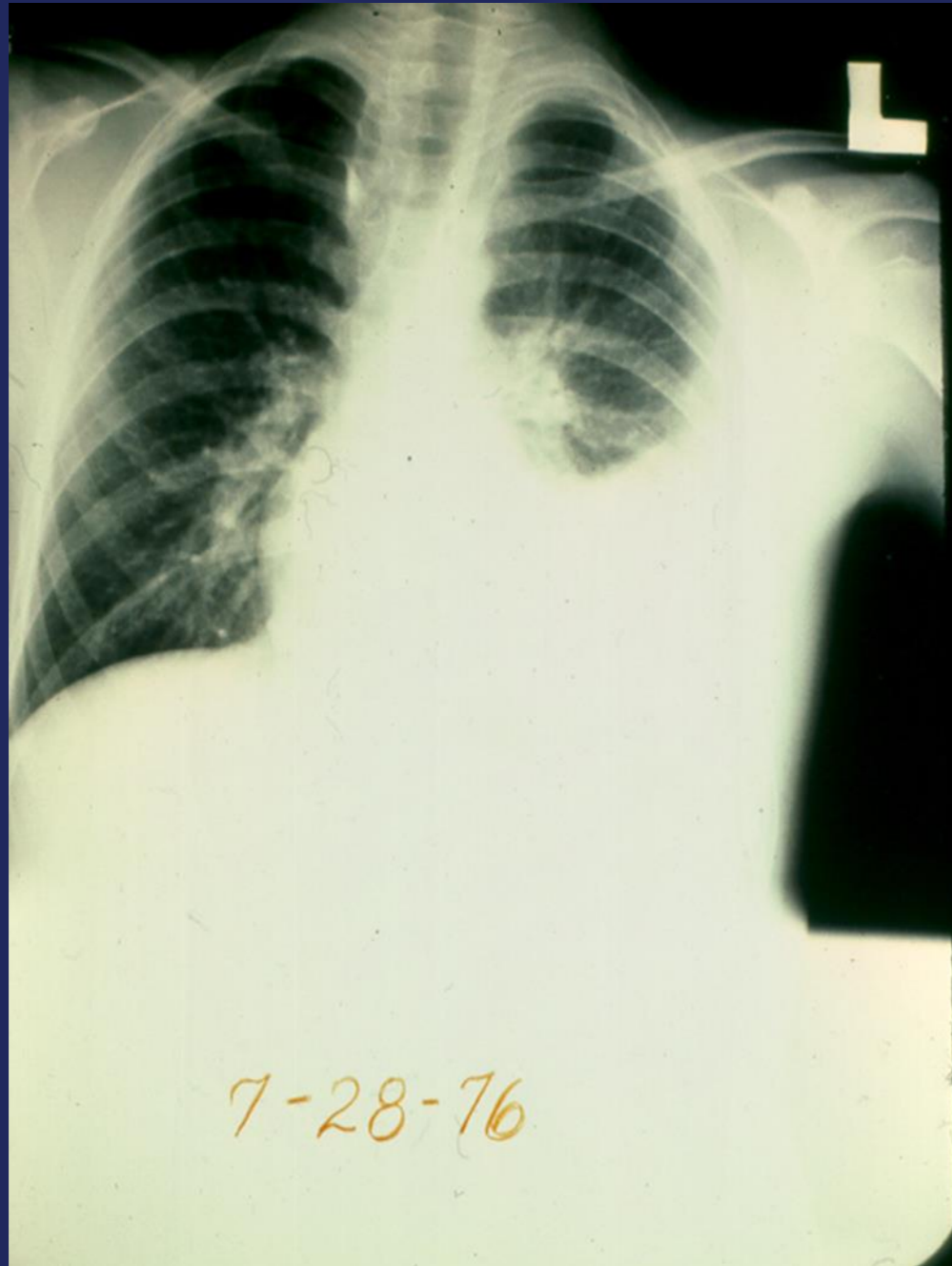


Bilateral Multifocal Consolidations

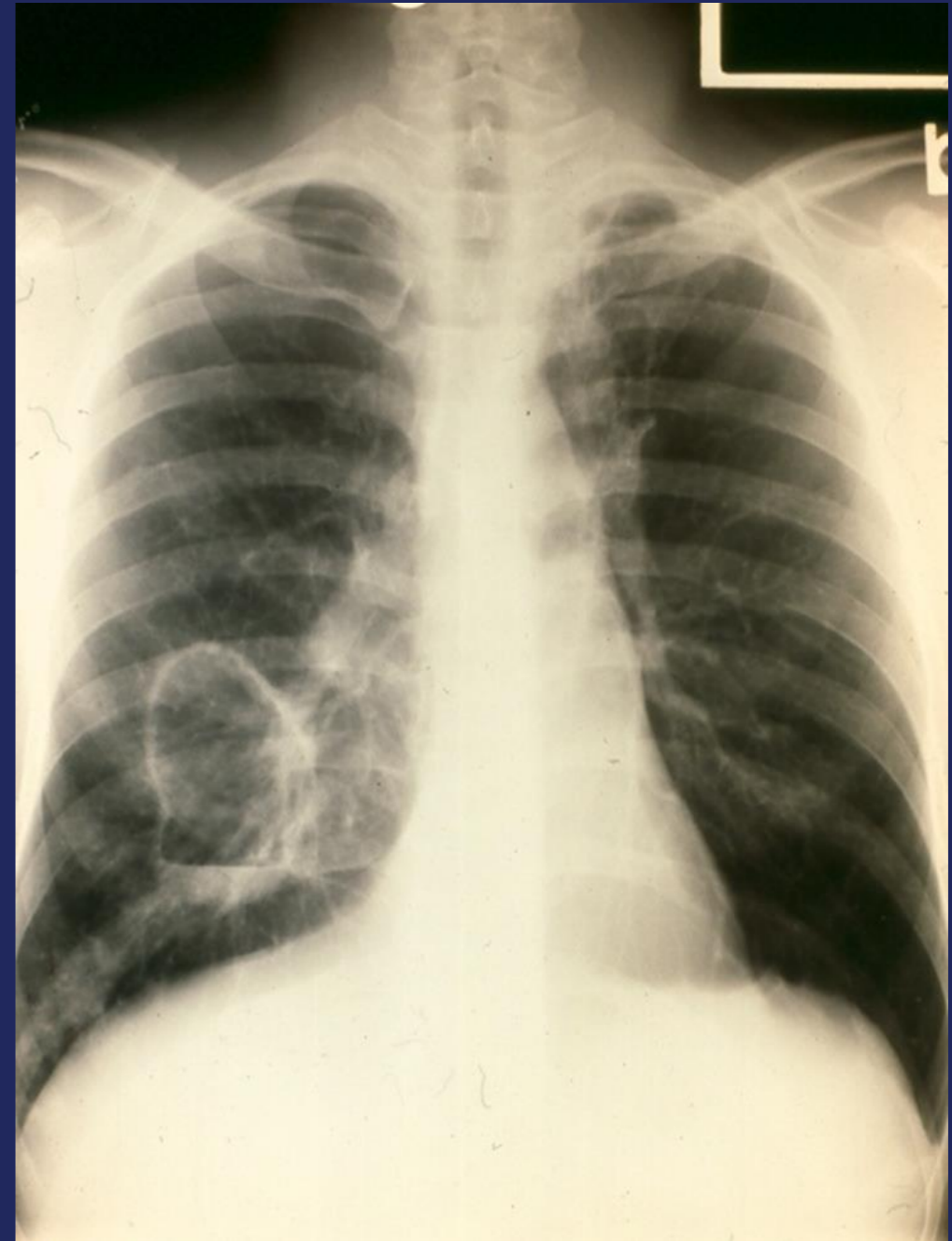


Nodular Opacity

# Pulmonary Cocci

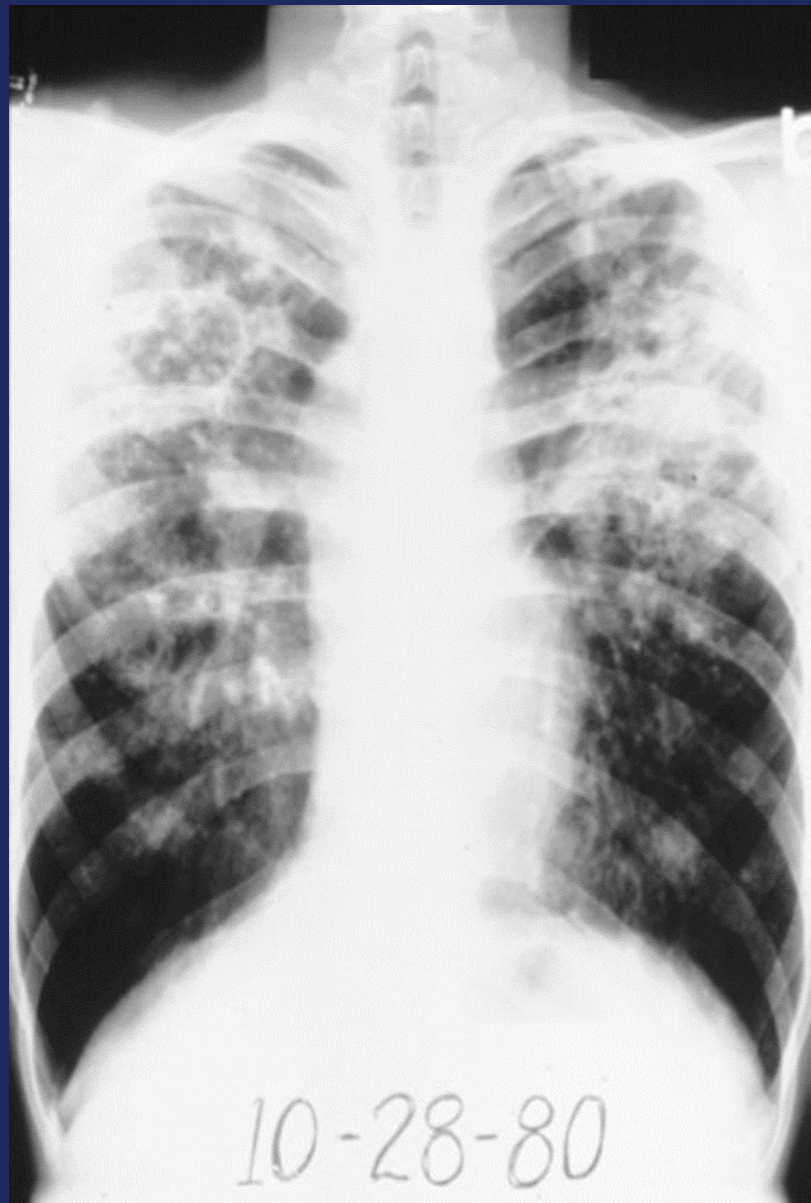


Pleural Effusion

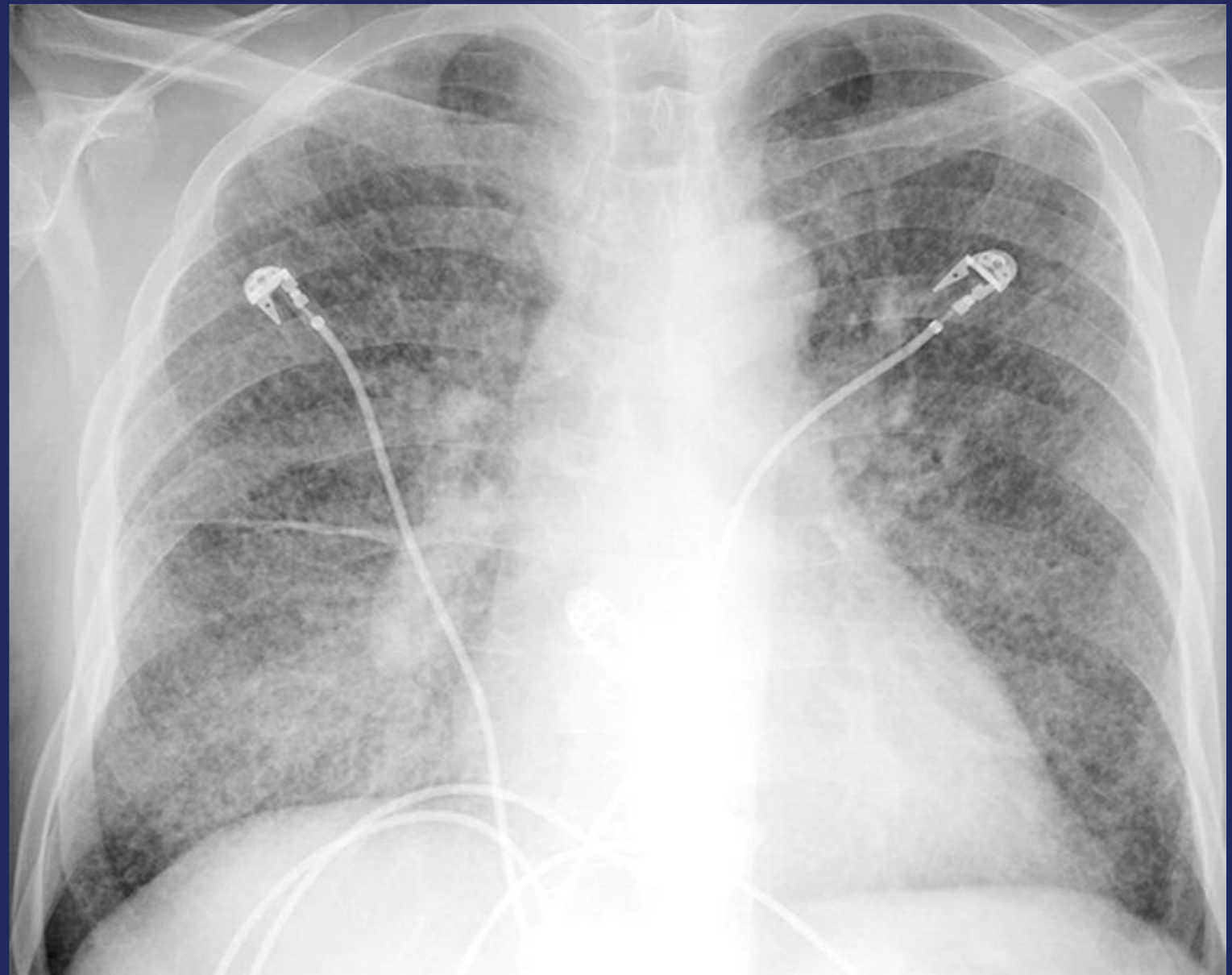


Cavity with Air Fluid Level

# Pulmonary Cocci

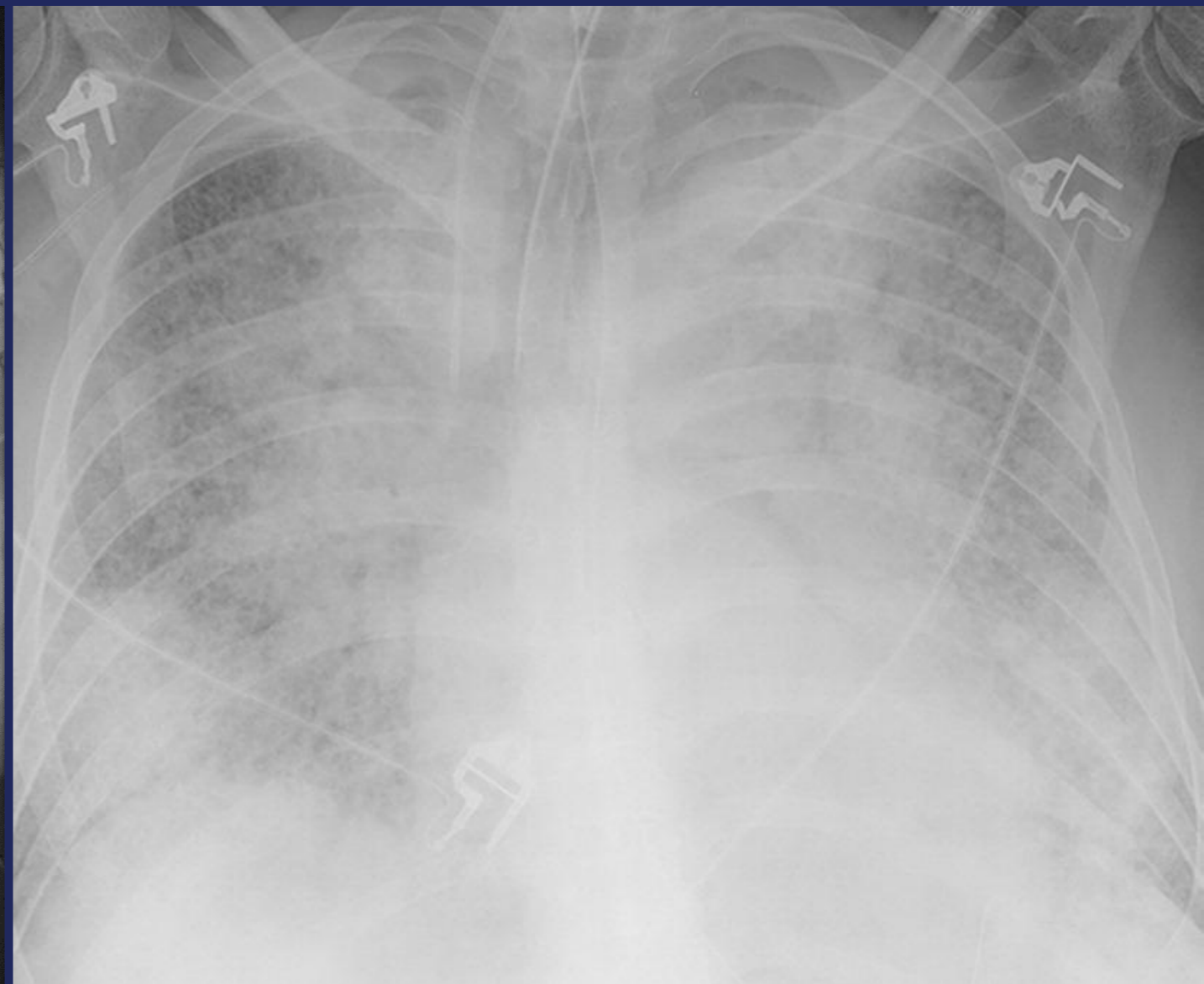


Fibro cavitory



Miliary

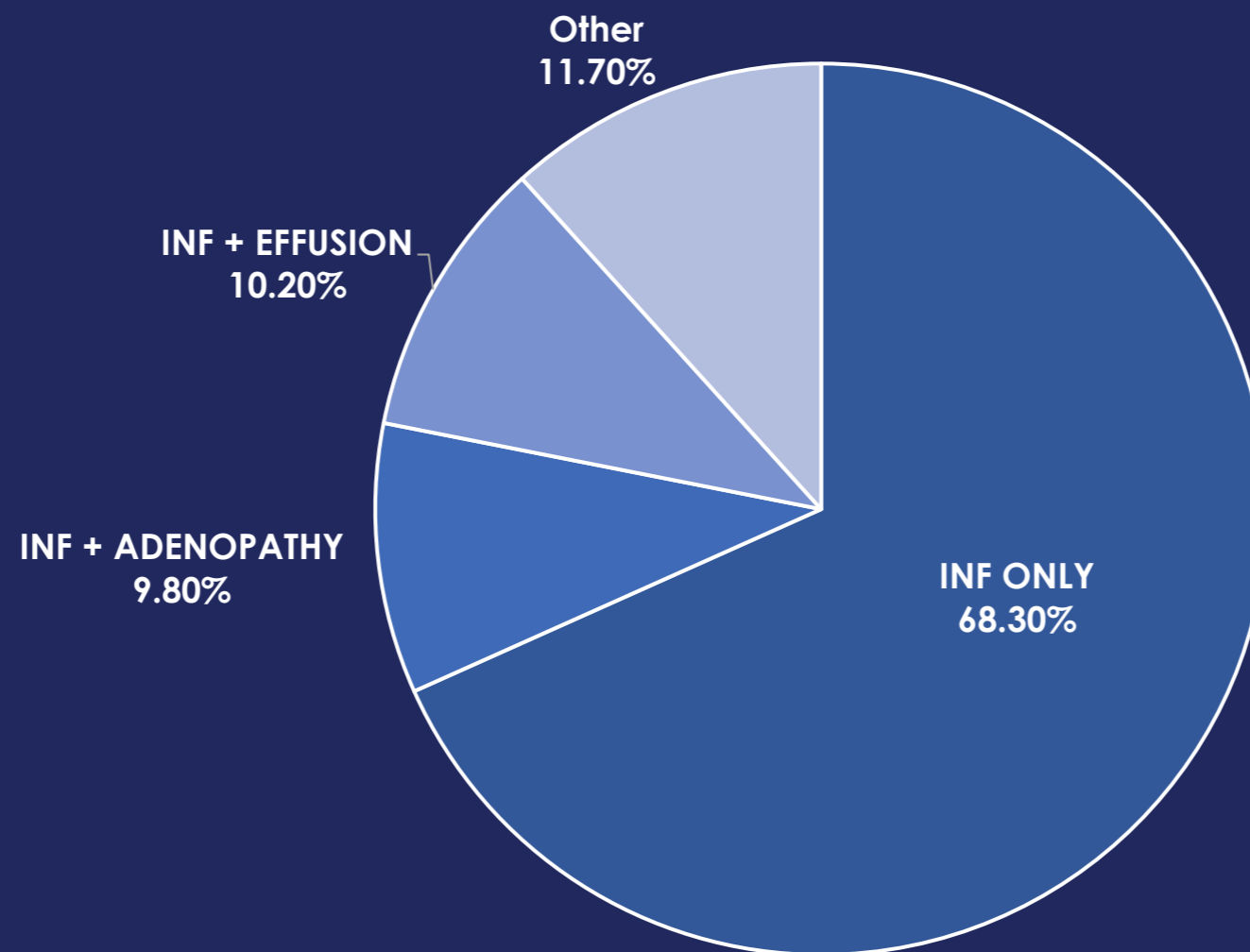
# Pulmonary Cocci



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# Pulmonary Cocci

## Radiographic Abnormalities

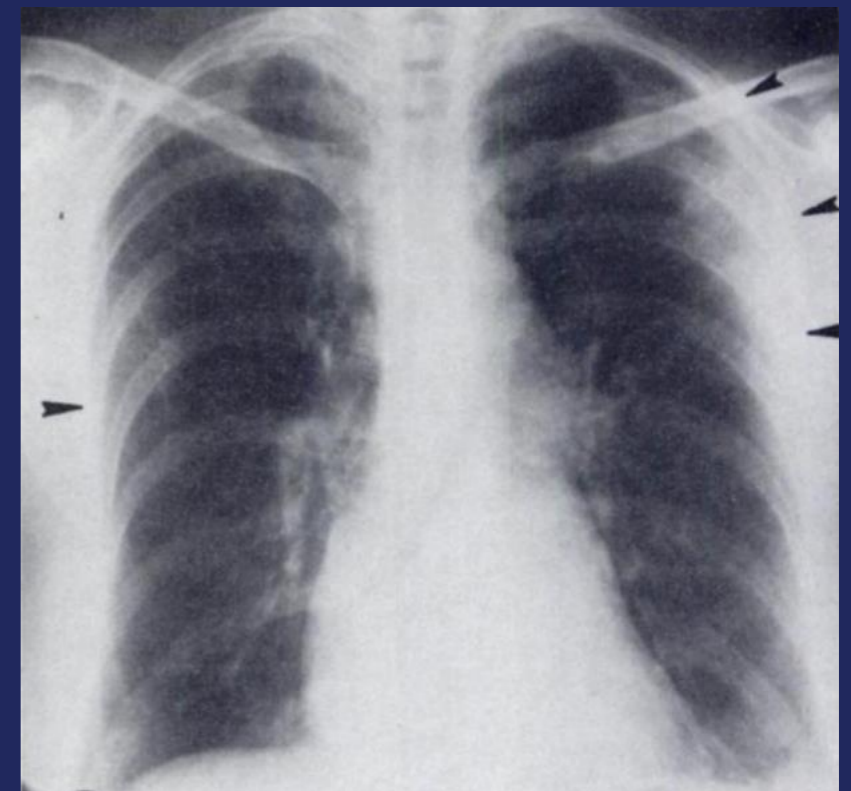


**Note: Normal CXR**  
**CXR Not Done**

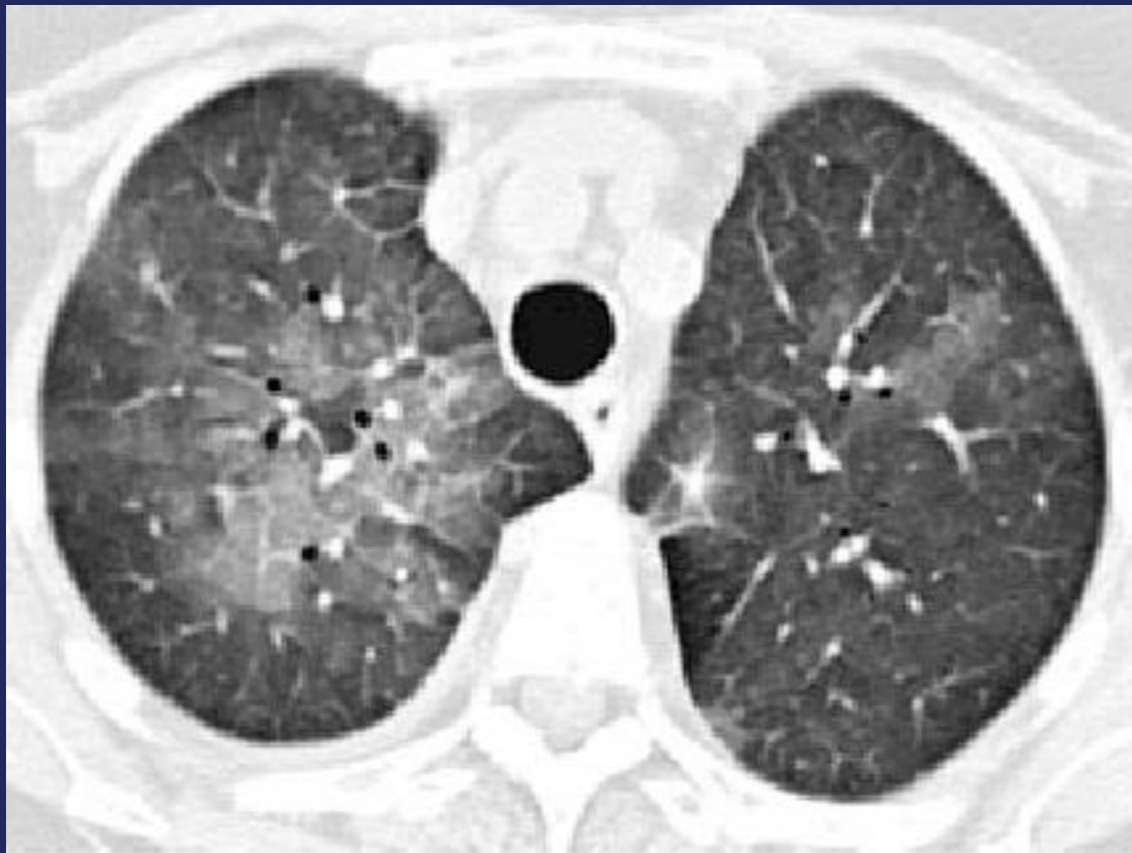
74/436	13.8%
52/536	9.7%

# Ground Glass History

- 1976: A case of psittacosis from Japan...“Fun-shaped ground glass-like shadow”
- 1977: Chronic eosinophilic pneumonia  
“We added a category called:  
“ground glass”  
others have described as  
“amorphous airlessness”  
“Cloudy densities”  
“texture of haze or cloud”

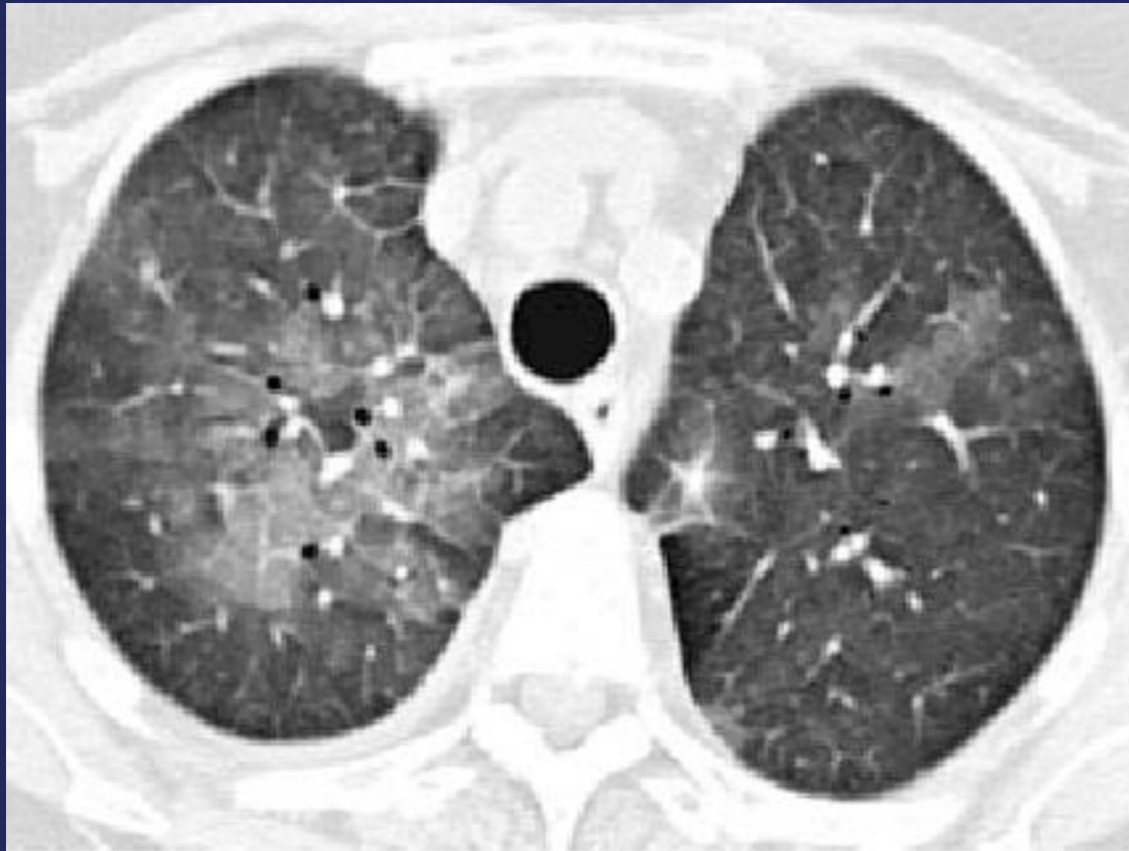


# GGO Fleischner Society: 1984



Ground glass, adj.  
Any extended, finely granular pattern of pulmonary opacity within which normal anatomic details are partly obscured; from a fancied resemblance to etched or abraded glass

# GGO Fleischner Society: 2008

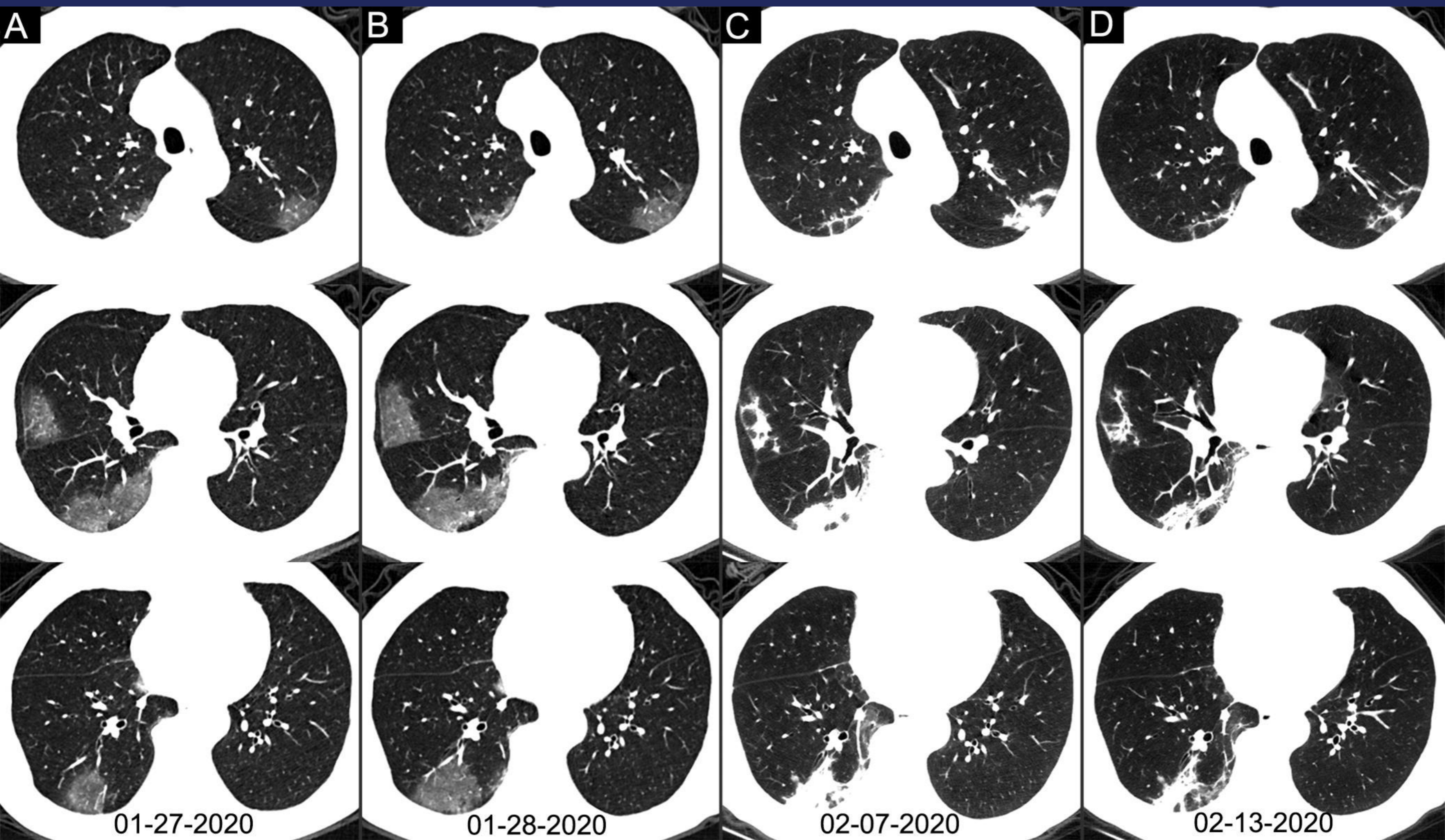


Chest x-ray: An area of hazy increased lung opacity margins of pulmonary vessels may be indistinct

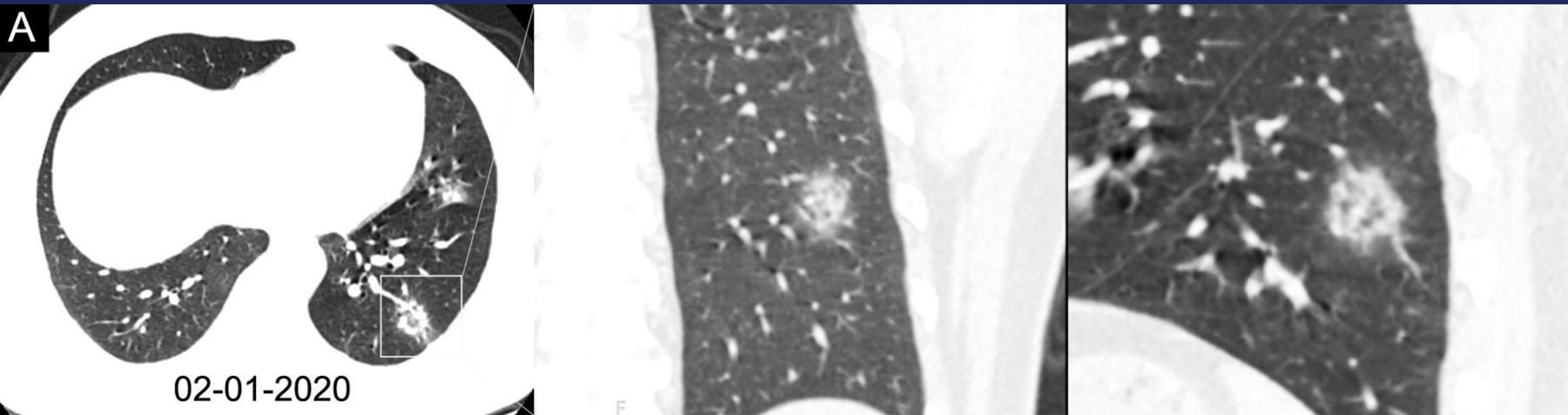
CT Scan: hazy increased opacity of lung, with preservation of bronchial & vascular margins

It is caused by partial filling of airspaces, interstitial thickening (due to fluid, cells, and/or fibrosis), partial collapse of alveoli, increased capillary blood volume, or a combination of these, the common factor being the partial displacement of air (59,60). Ground-glass opacity is less opaque than consolidation, in which broncho-vascular margins are obscured

# SARS-CoV-2



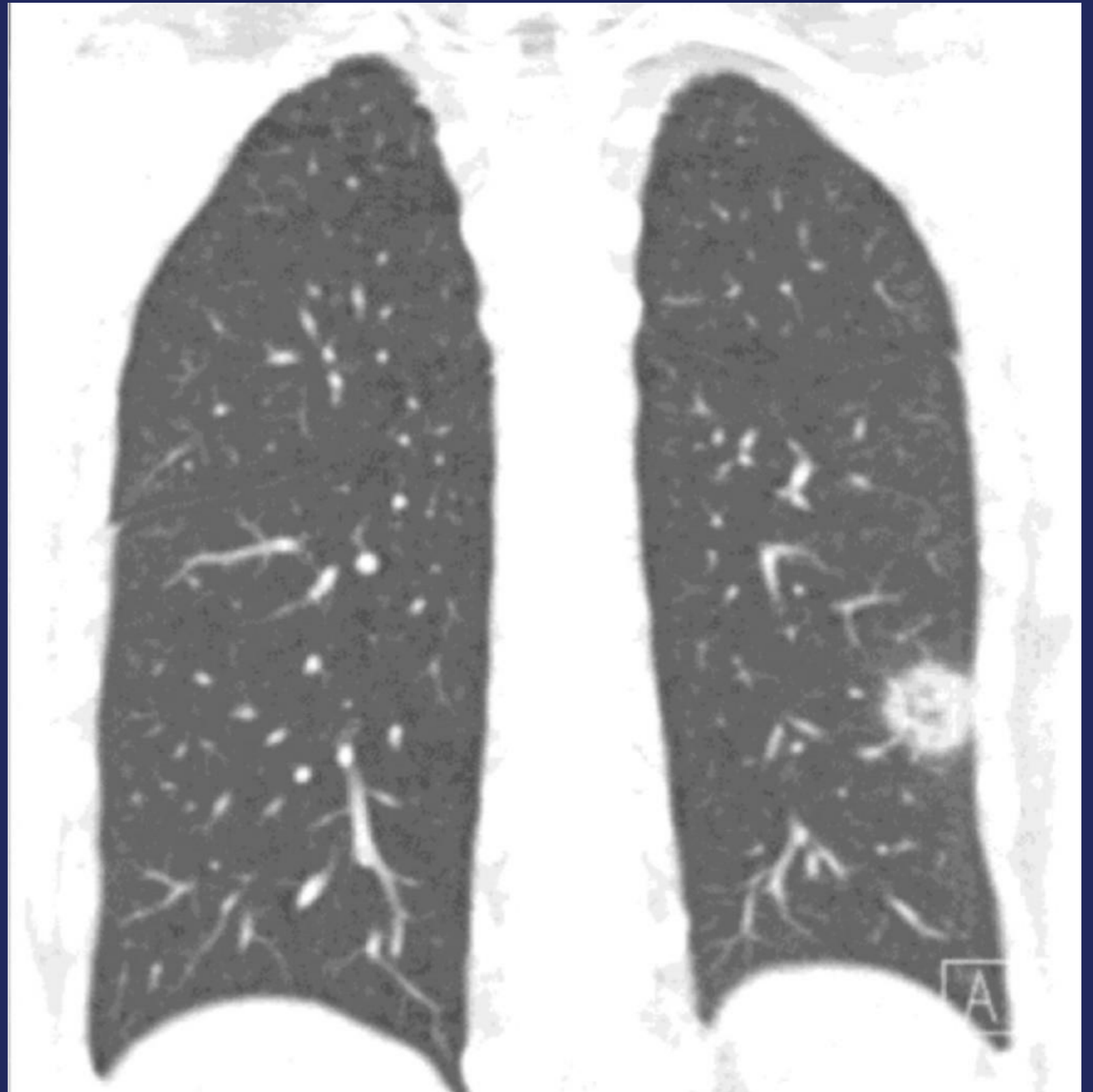
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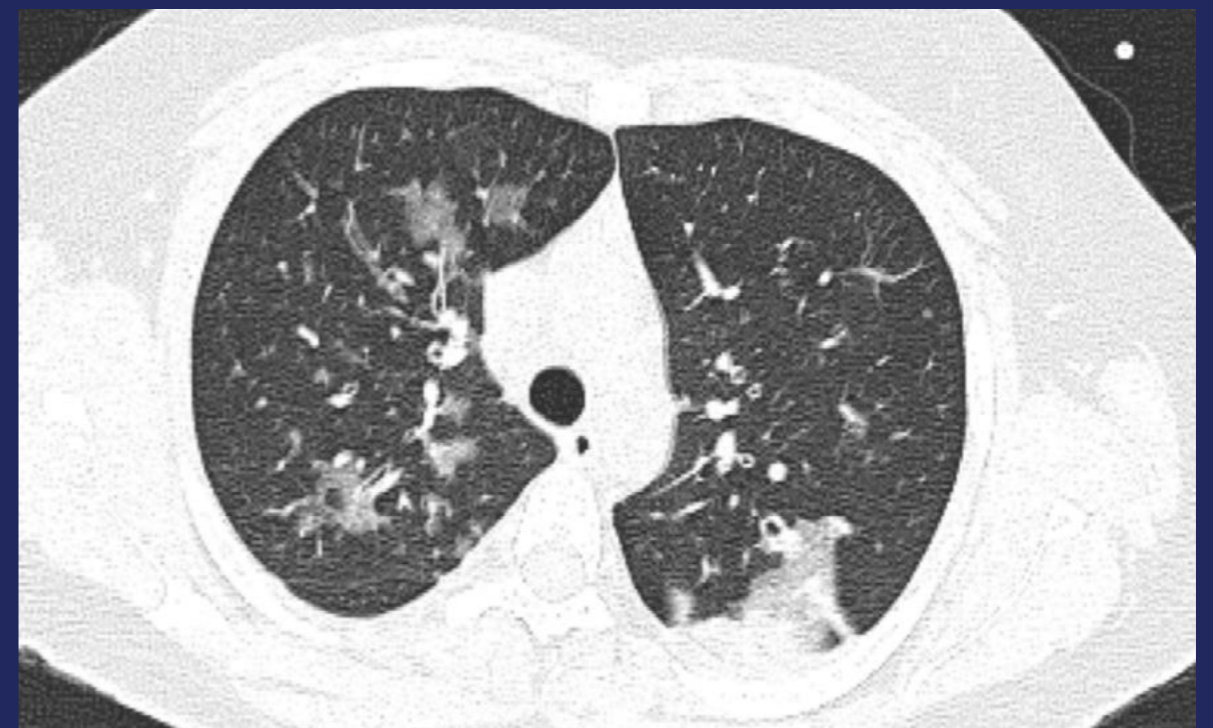
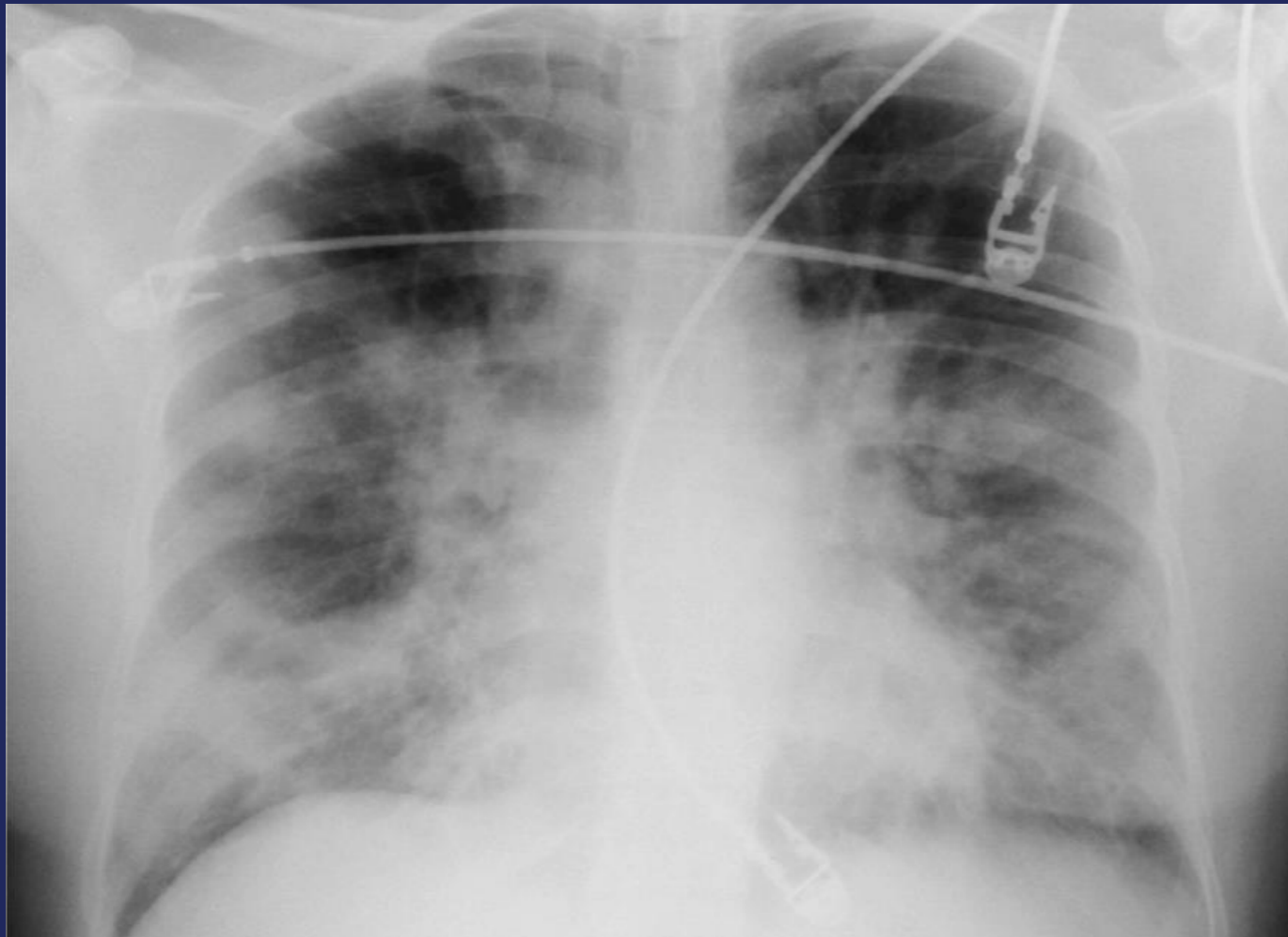
Nodule with reversed halo sign in left lower lobe

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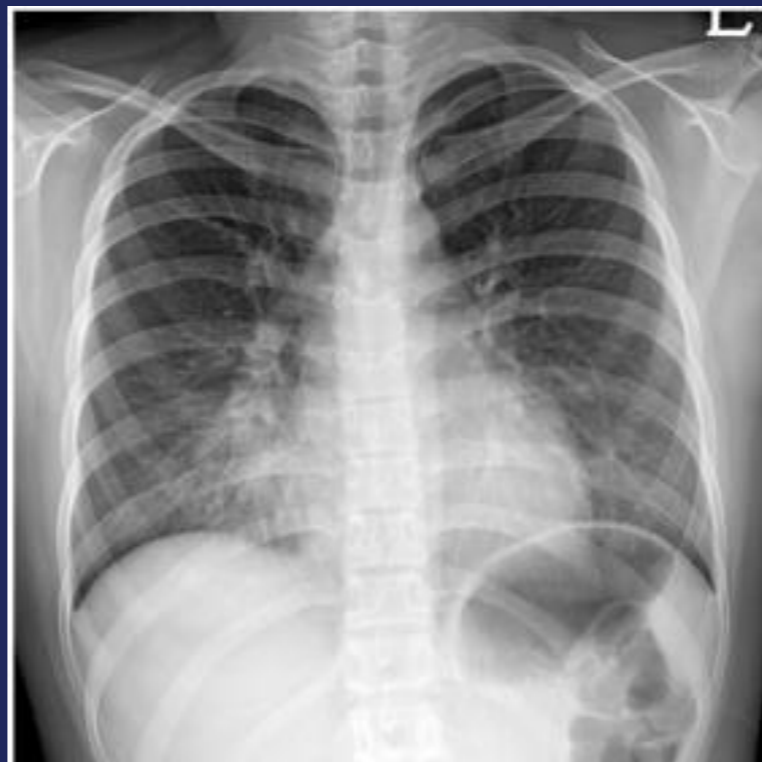
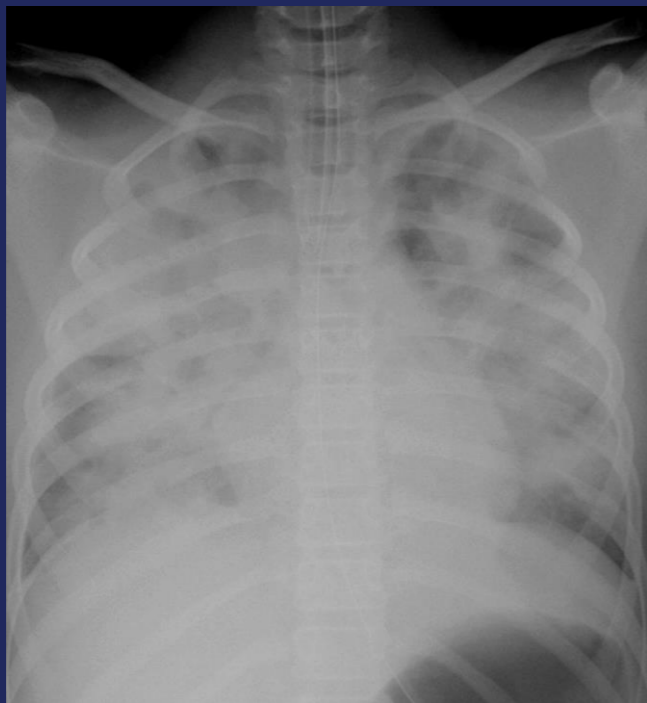
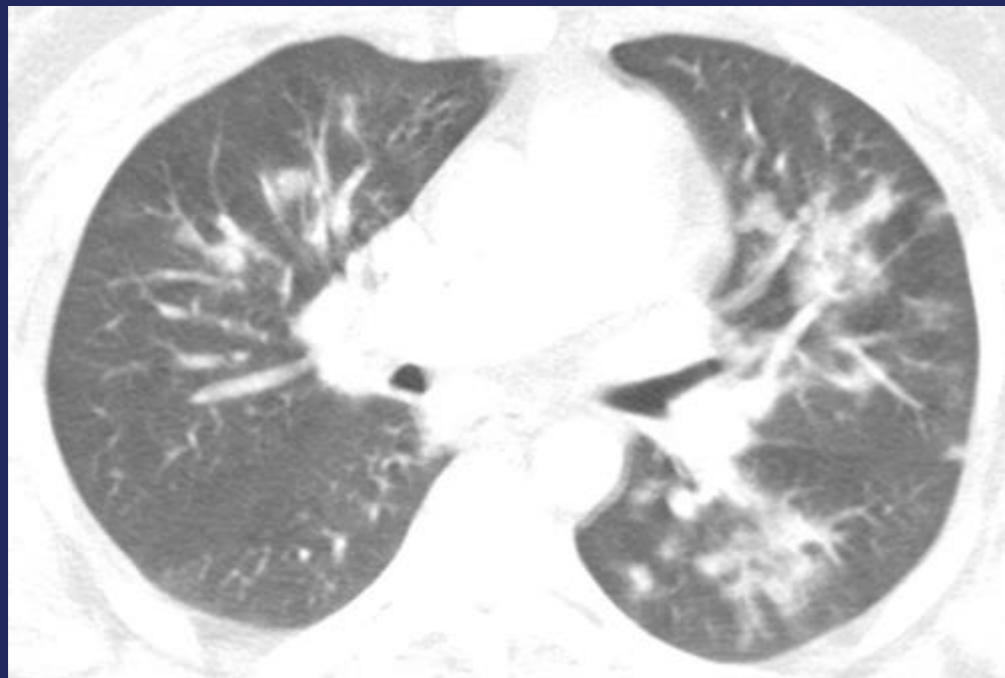
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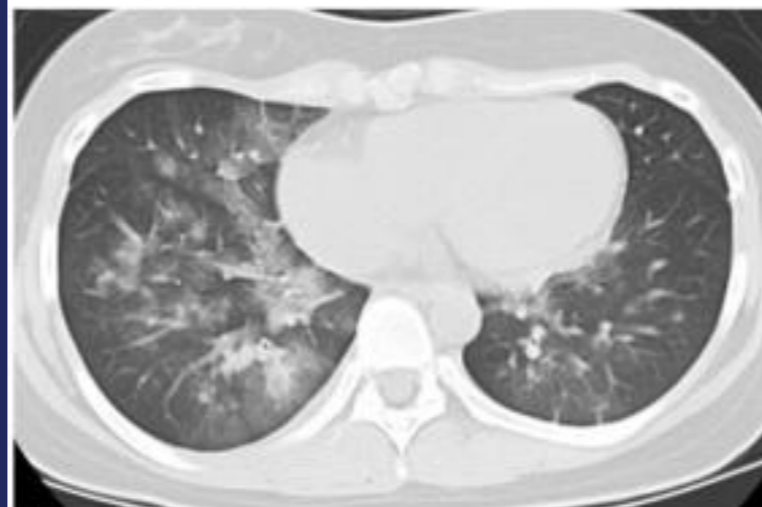
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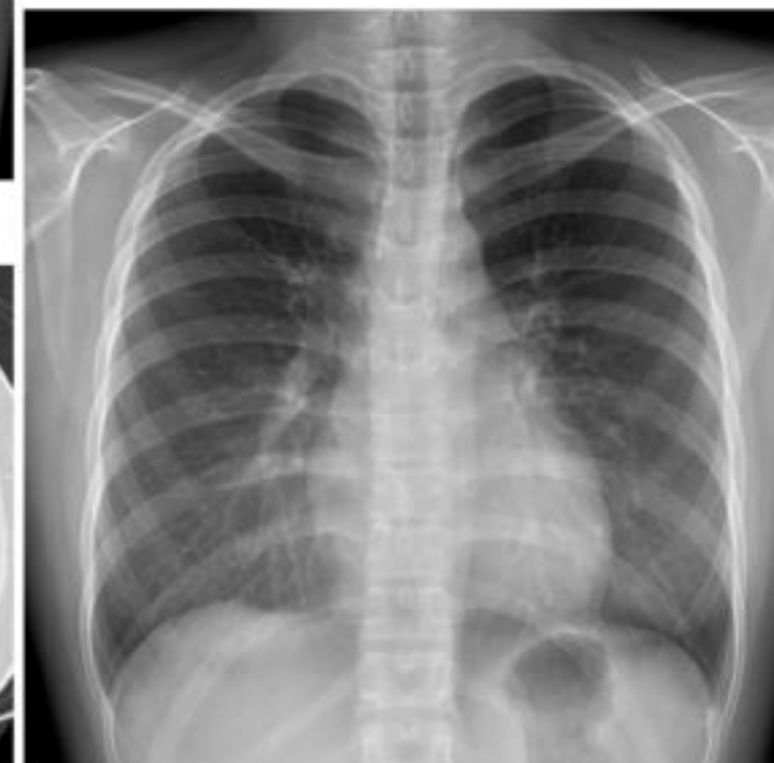
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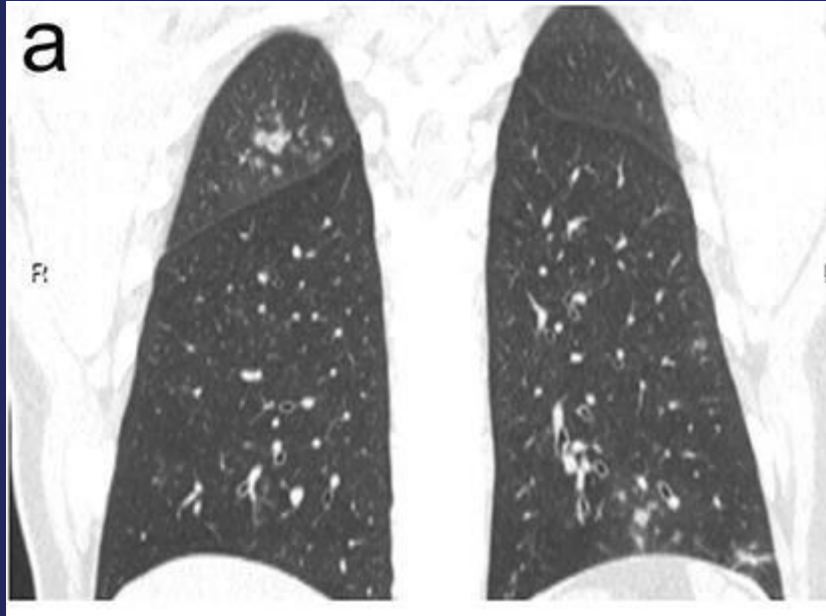
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# GGO with Clear Margins: SARS-CoV-2

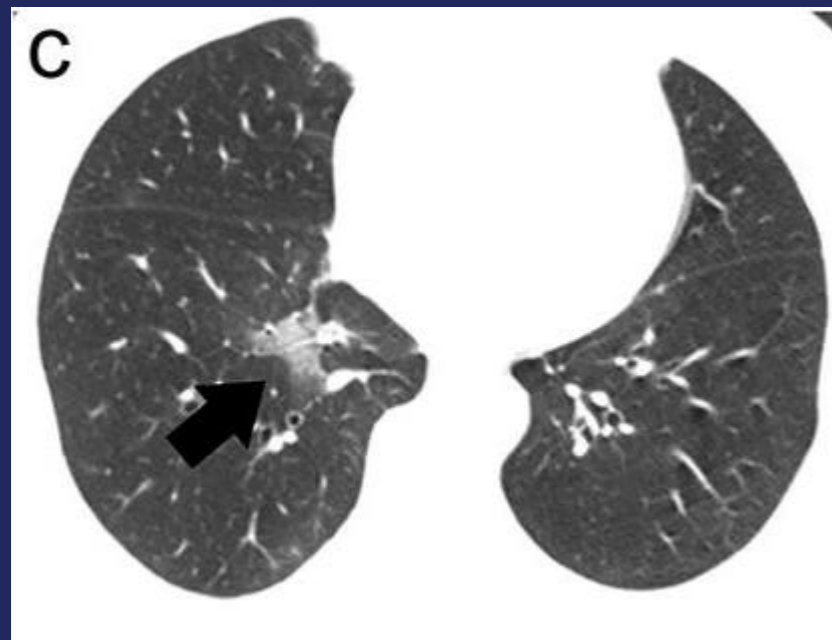


GGO Lesions	SARS-CoV-2	Influenza
Peripheral distribution	++	+
Location (lobes)	Balanced Multiple	More Inferior
With consolidation	+	+
Margins	>50% clear	vague
Pattern	Patchy	Cluster like
Shrinking contour	+	
Bronchial wall thickening		+

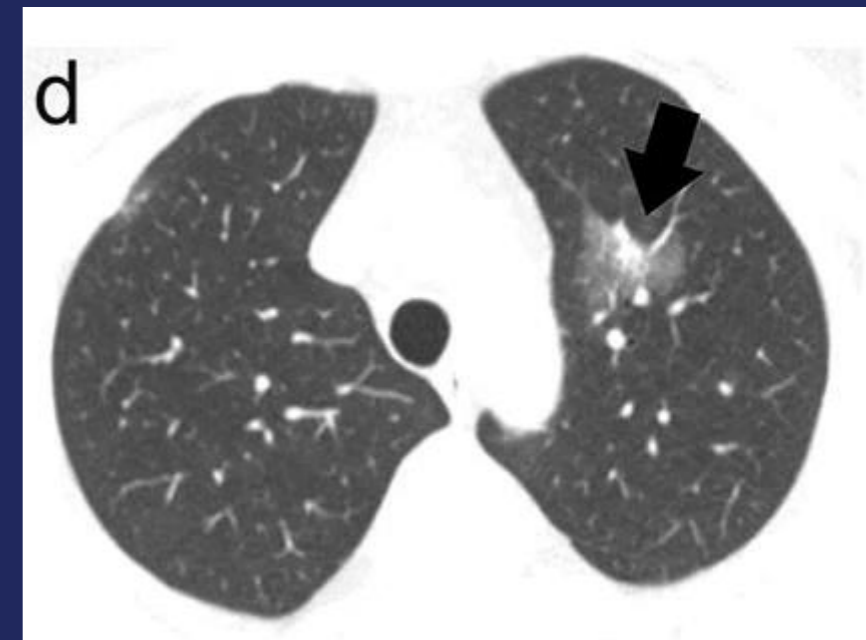


# Cluster Like GGO: Influenza

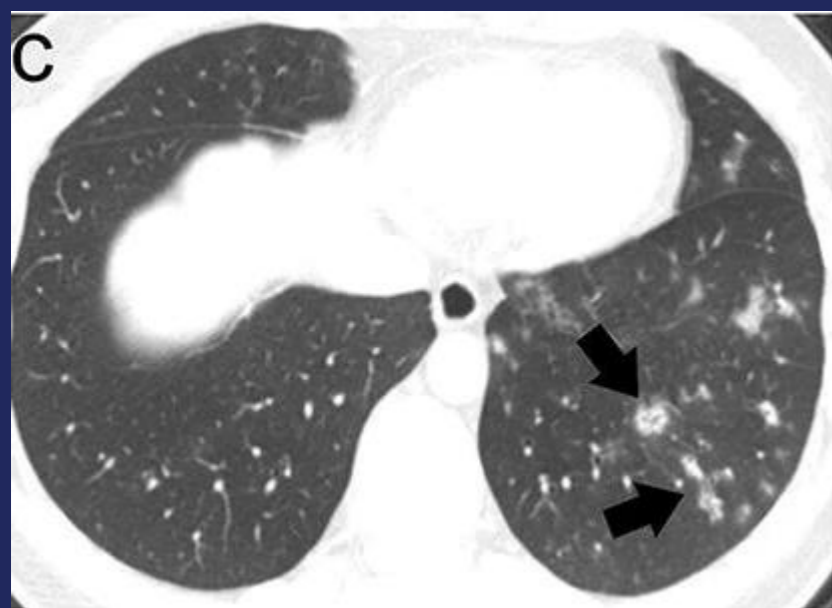




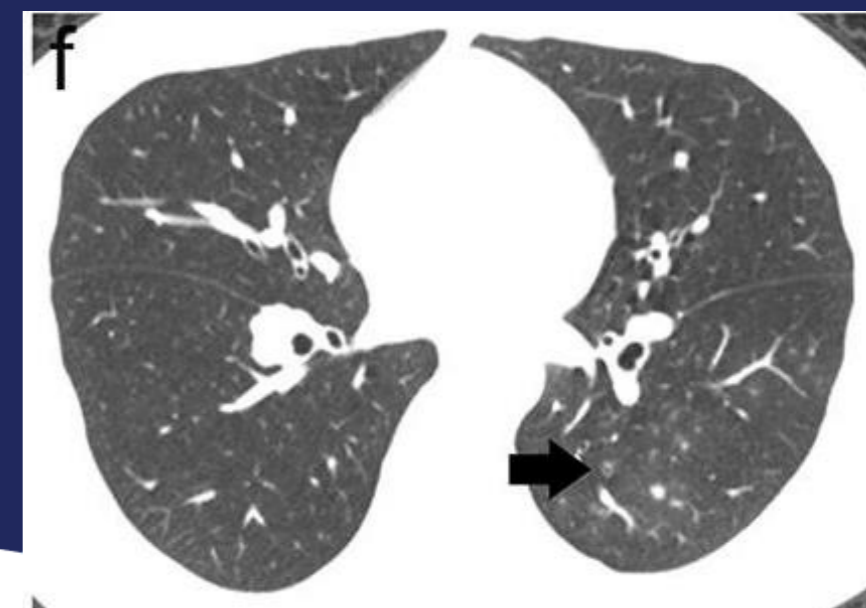
## Shrinking Contour: SARS-CoV-2



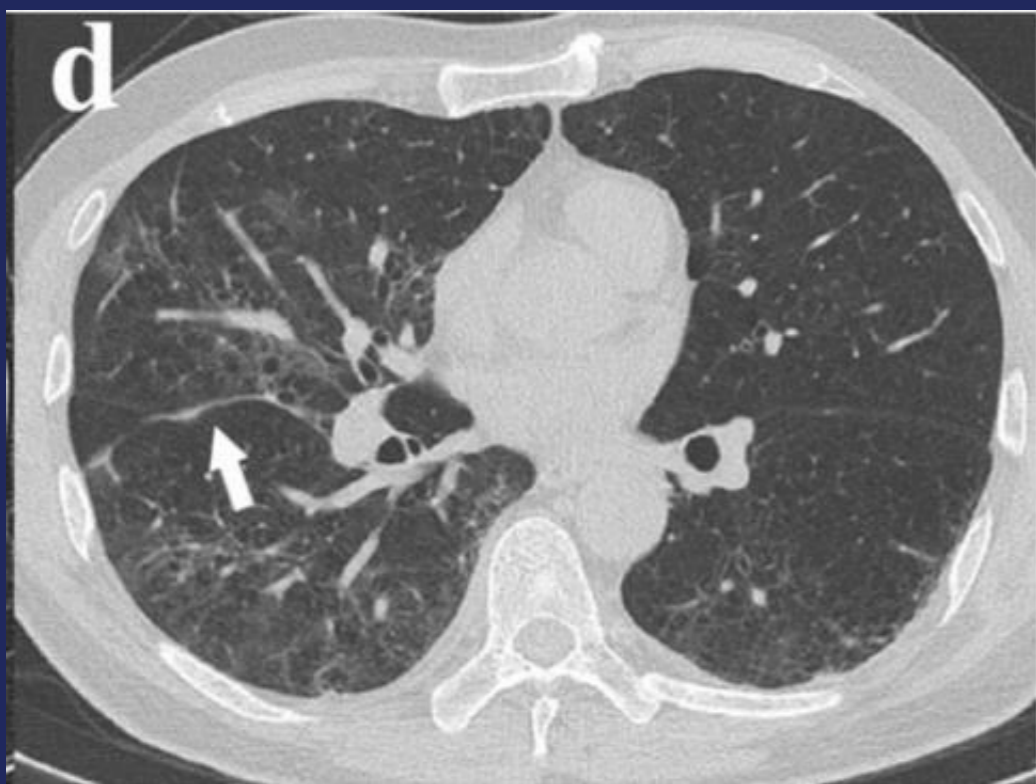
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Bronchial wall thickening		+



## Bronchial Wall Thickening: Influenza



CT Characteristics	SARS-CoV-2	Influenza
Rounded GGO	+	
Nodules		+
Tree-in-bud sign		+
Intralobular Septal thickening	+	
Pleural effusion		+
Pure GGO with no nodules	+++	
Pure GGO with Intralobular Septal thickening	++	
Rounded GGO with no nodules	++	
Intralobular Septal thickening with no nodules	+++	
Rounded GGO with Intralobular Septal thickening with no pleural effusion	++	



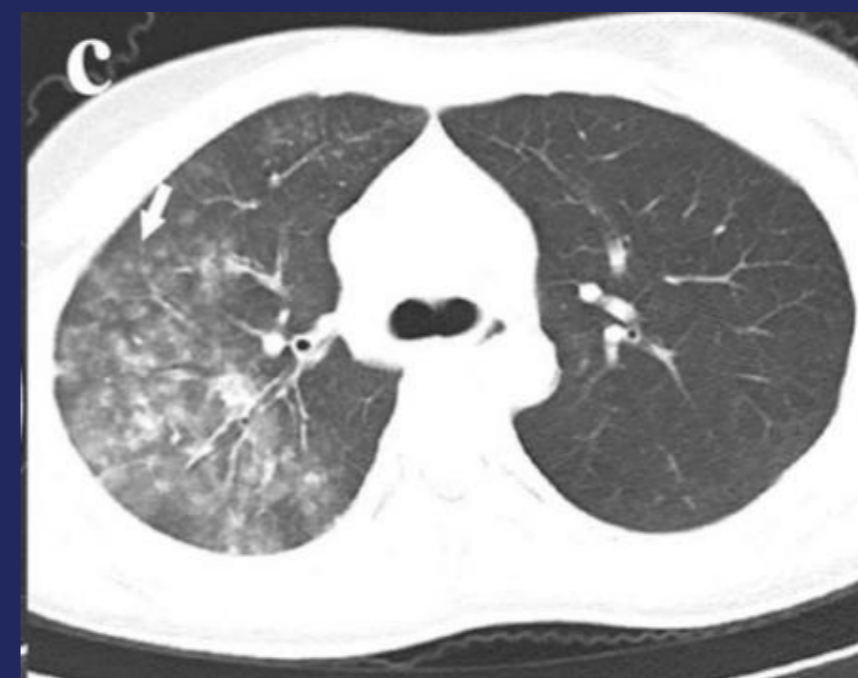
Rounded GGO:  
SARS-CoV-2

Intralobular Septal  
Thickening



CT Characteristics	SARS-CoV-2	Influenza
Rounded GGO	+	
Nodules		+
Tree-in-bud sign		+
Intralobular Septal thickening	+	
Pleural effusion		+
Pure GGO with no nodules	+++	
Pure GGO with Intralobular Septal thickening	++	
Rounded GGO with no nodules	++	
Intralobular Septal thickening with no nodules	+++	
Rounded GGO with Intralobular Septal thickening with no pleural effusion	++	

Nodules &  
Tree-in-Bud Sign:  
  
Influenza



# SAnds PPC

- An observational **S**tudy to **A**ssess the Prevalence and Outcomes of **P**rimarily **P**ulmonary **C**occidioidomycosis in Persons Aged >14 years Presenting with Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Endemic Areas
- Identify CAP patient or patient with Newly diagnosed CAP & Cocci
- Study Phone line at **(661) 706-6748**
- Research Team will determine participant eligibility and reach out to them if they qualify

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# Questions?

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