

Interstitial Lung Diseases and Restrictive Lung Diseases


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Restrictive lung diseases

- An assortment of disparate pulmonary diseases with common feature of reduced VC, small resting lung volumes, but no resistance to expiratory gas flow
- Physiologic consequences of parenchymal pleuropulmonary disease, chest wall abnormalities, neuromuscular disease

Vital Capacity = maximum amount of air one can expel from fully inhaled lungs



The Intersitium of the lung

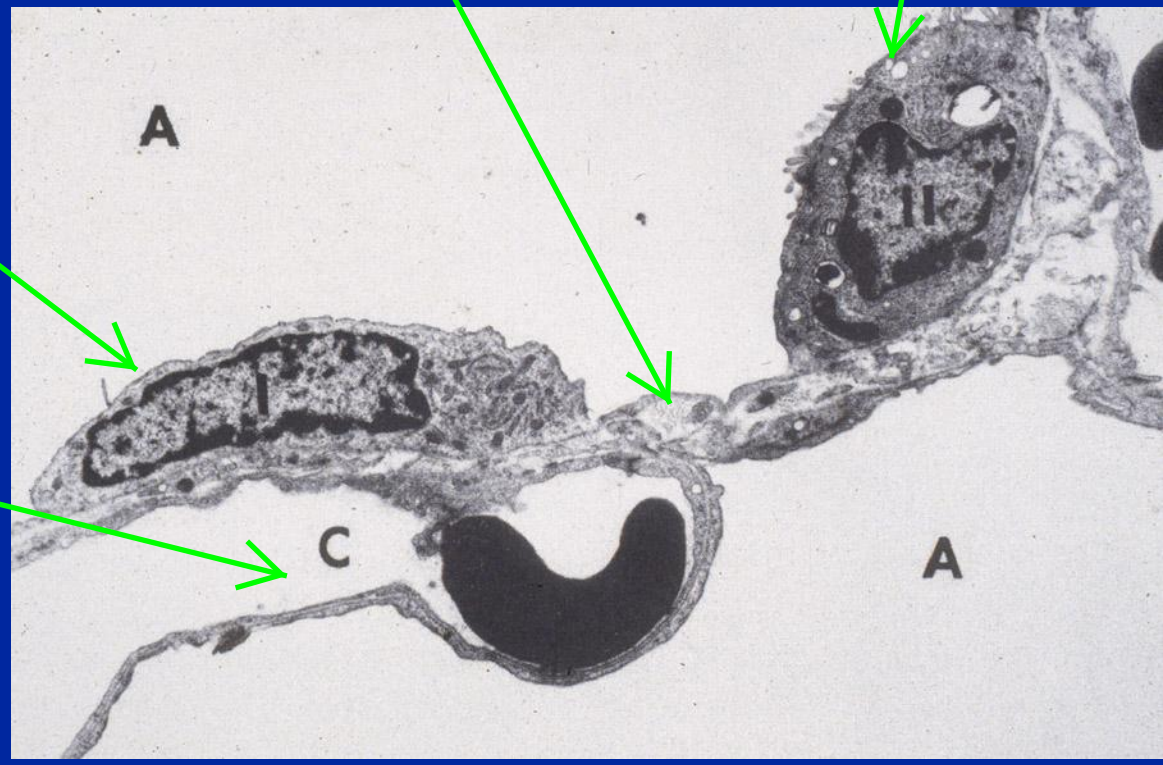
- The anatomic space between the basement membrane on which the alveolar pneumocytes reside and the foot processes of the capillary endothelial cells
- May be expanded by edema, inflammation or fibrosis.
- Lymphovascularity may be occluded by metastatic tumor, so-called lymphangitic carcinomatosis

Type I
Pneumocyte

Capillary

Interstitium

Type II
Pneumocyte



"Interstitium can be expanded by fibrosis, inflammation and so forth"

DISORDERS OF UNKNOWN CAUSE

"This is not a lecture in diagnostic surgical pathology. I don't want you guys to get too caught up in the histology."

- **Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis**
- **Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia (Bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia, B.O.O.P.)**
- **Sarcoidosis**
- **Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis**

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

Extent to which oxygen passes from lungs into blood. This is determined by the diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide

Insidious onset of progressive SOB, restrictive physiology on PFT's and reduced DLCO

Pulmonary Function Test

- “Usual” (UIP) form with diffuse interstitial fibrosis, honeycomb lung and variable chronic inflammation. Poorly responsive to corticosteroids, indication for transplant in younger

Usual interstitial pneumonia

Buzz word for lung tissue at end stage

Transplant if patient is young because UIP doesn't respond well to treatment. Provide supportive care if patient is older.

ATS/ERS Classification of Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia

American and European Societies that classify these diseases.

- UIP
- NSIP
- Organizing Pneumonia (COP/BOOP)
- DAD/AIP
- RB-IID
- DIP
- LIP

We will mostly focus on UIP and NSIP

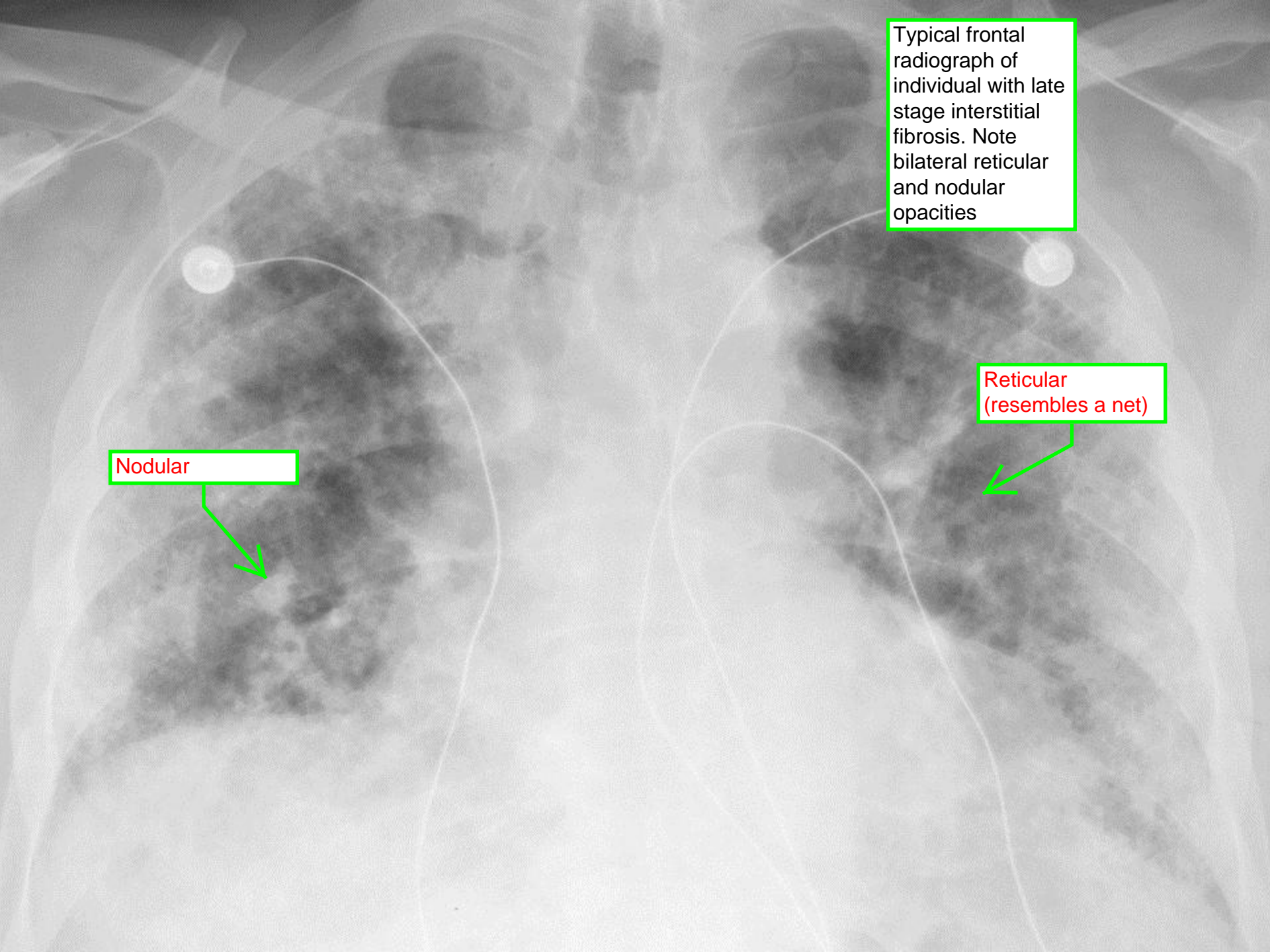
Usual Interstitial Pneumonia (UIP)

Mostly read slide

- The *usual* pattern observed by the pathologist histologically at surgical lung biopsy
- When pulmonologists speak of caring for patients with “idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis” they are *usually* referring to the diagnosis of UIP
- Clinical picture of insidious onset of SOB, crackles on lung exam, digital clubbing, and restrictive physiology on PFT’s

Preserved expiratory flow rates but low lung volumes (opposite of obstructive lung diseases)





Typical frontal radiograph of individual with late stage interstitial fibrosis. Note bilateral reticular and nodular opacities

Nodular



Reticular (resembles a net)



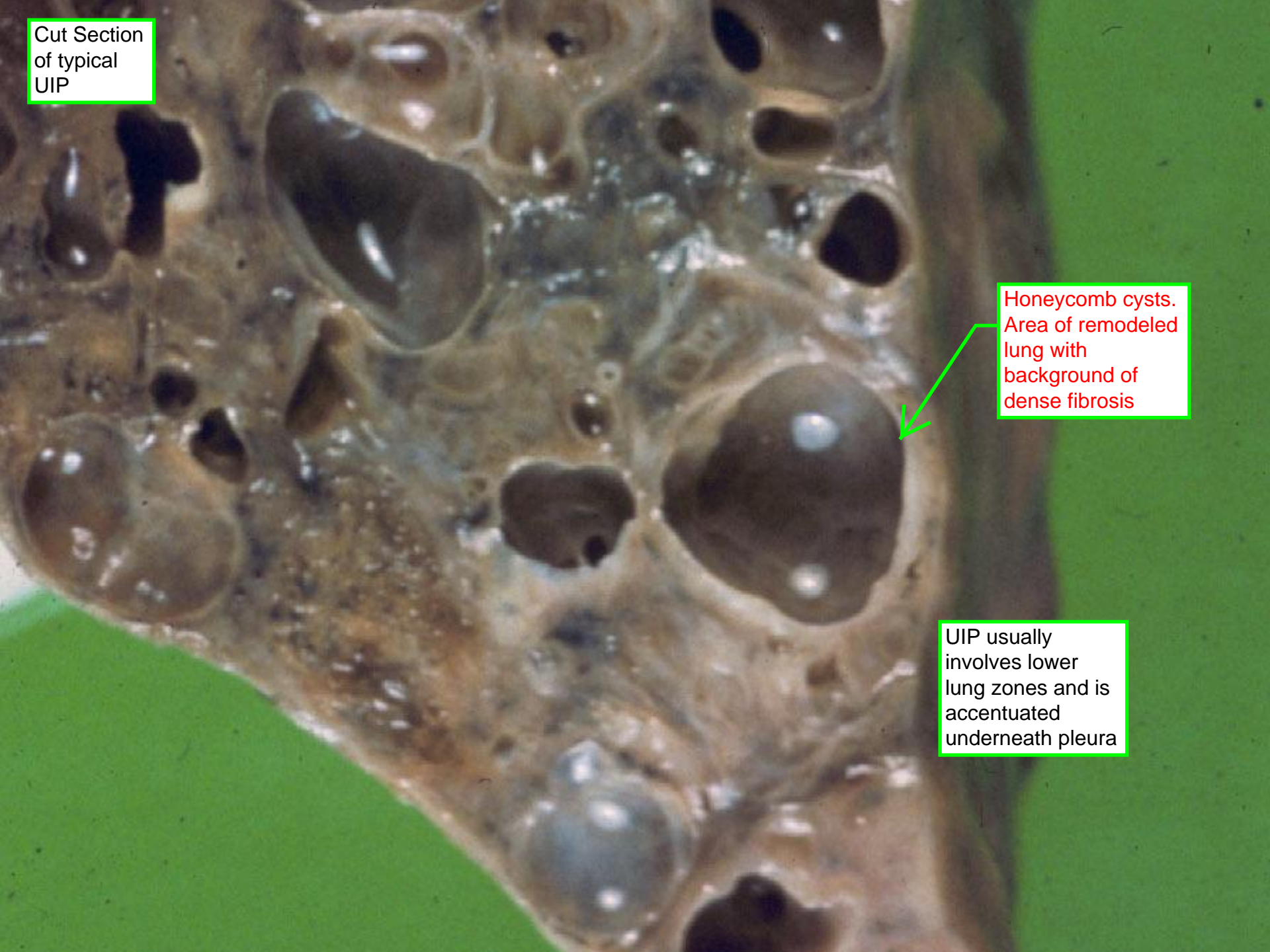
Surface of lung
looks pebbled/
cobblestoned



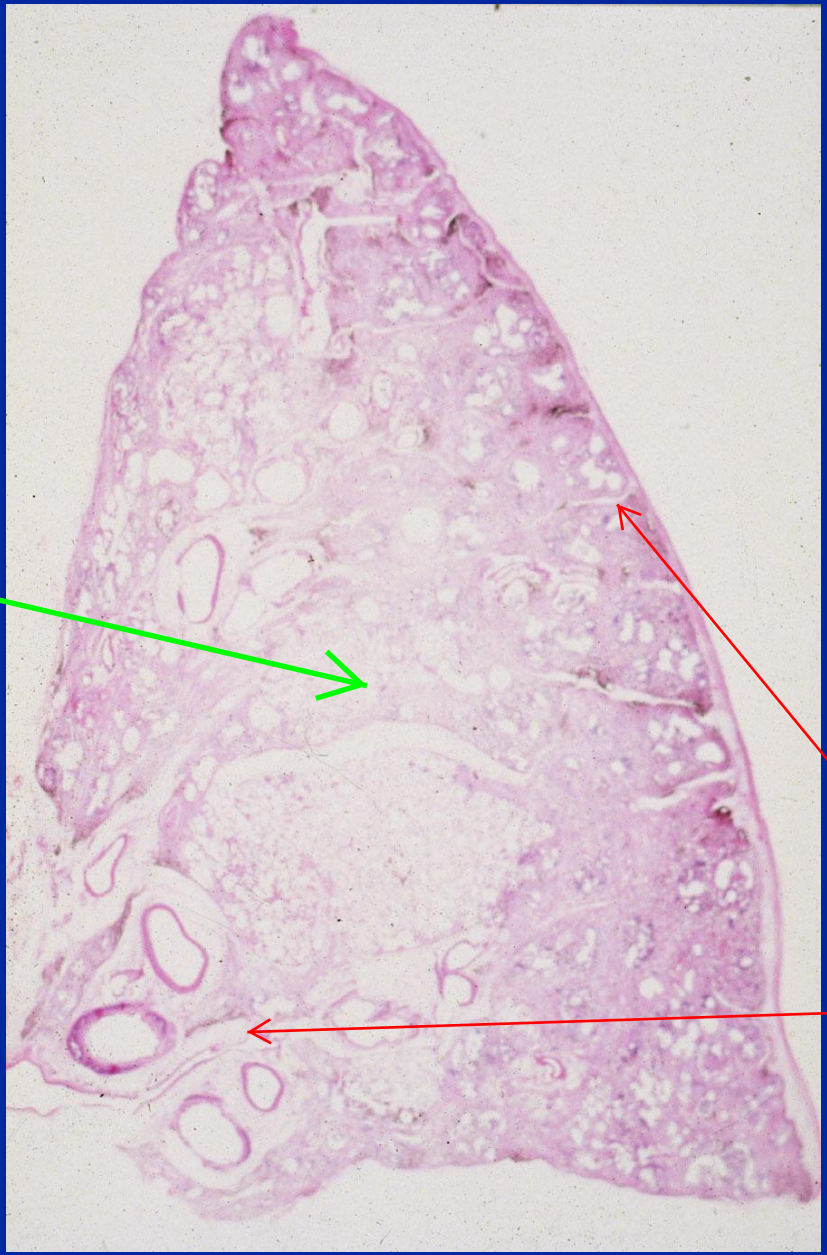
Cut Section
of typical
UIP

Honeycomb cysts.
Area of remodeled
lung with
background of
dense fibrosis

UIP usually
involves lower
lung zones and is
accentuated
underneath pleura

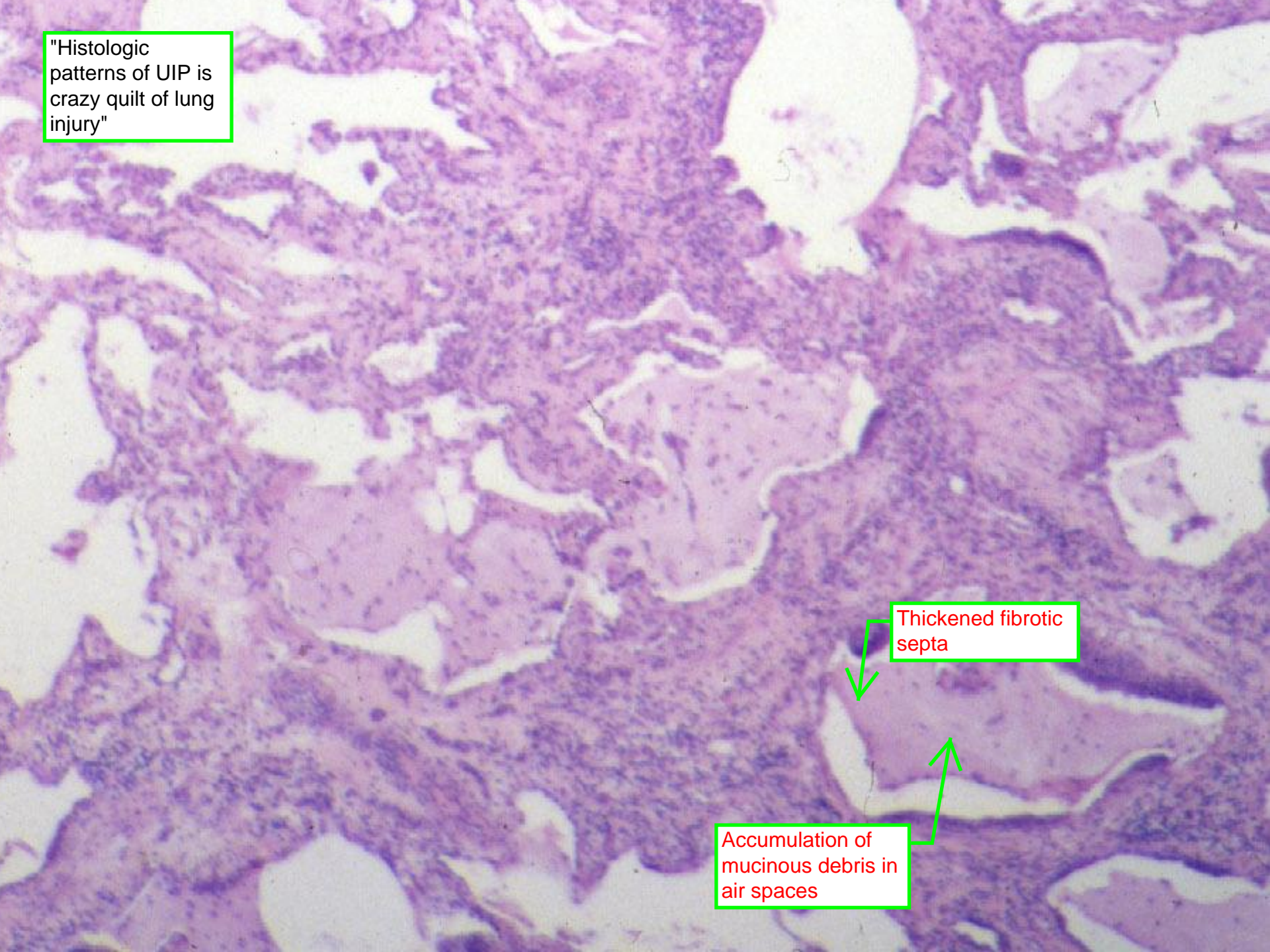


Central part of the lung tends to be spared



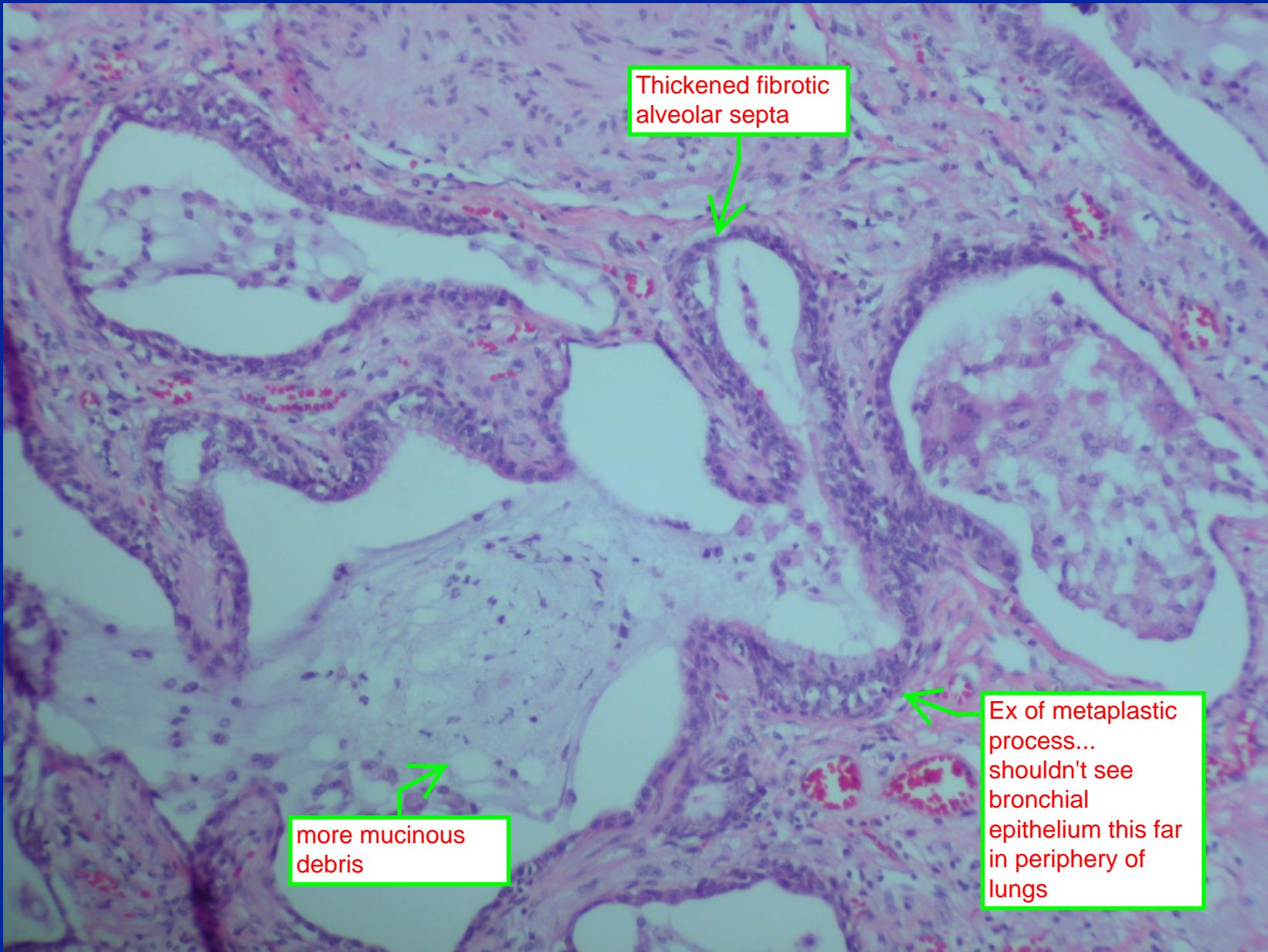
Note again with UIP it is accentuated in the lower lung zones and underneath the pleura

"Histologic patterns of UIP is crazy quilt of lung injury"



Thickened fibrotic septa

Accumulation of mucinous debris in air spaces

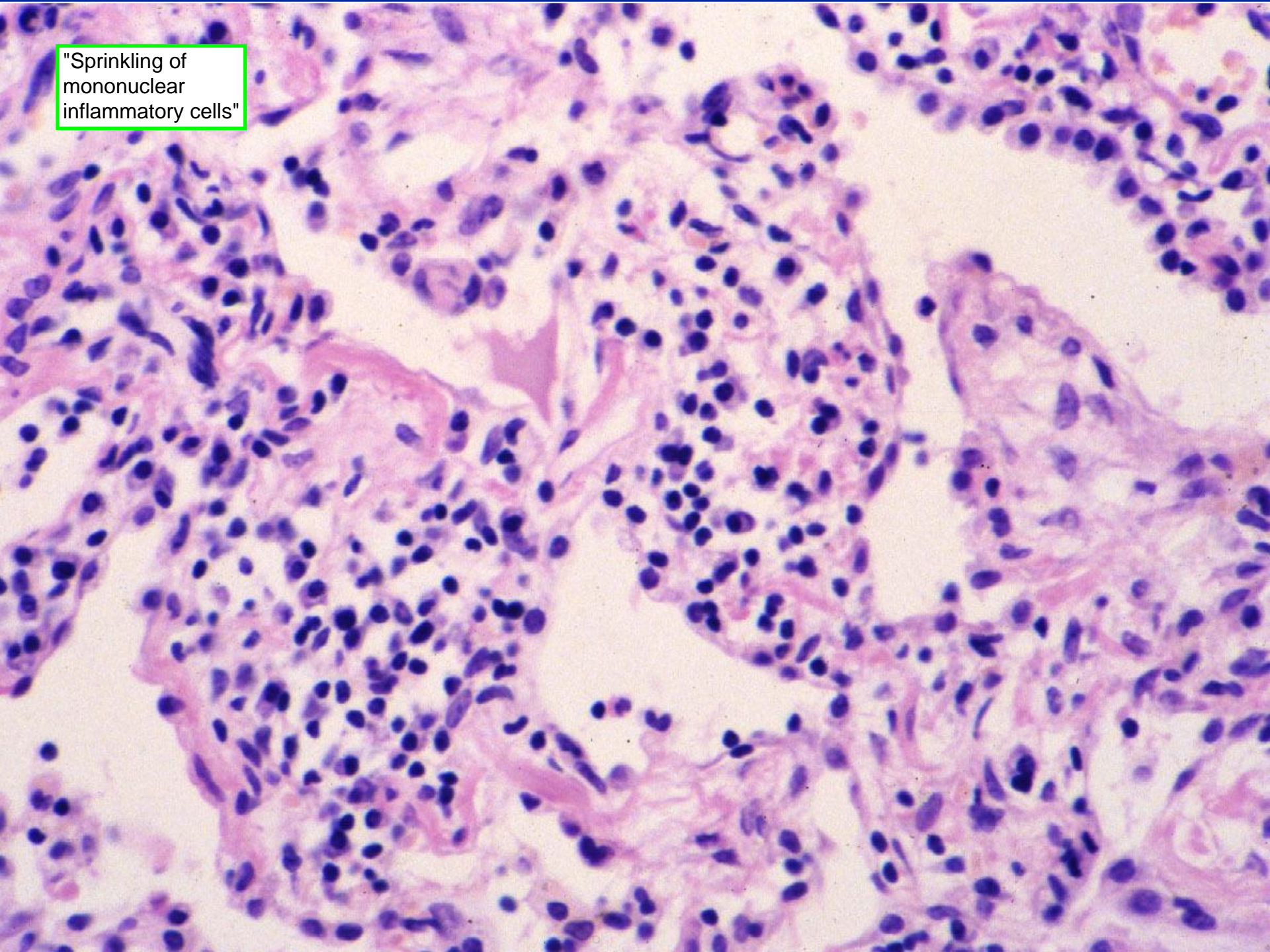


Thickened fibrotic alveolar septa

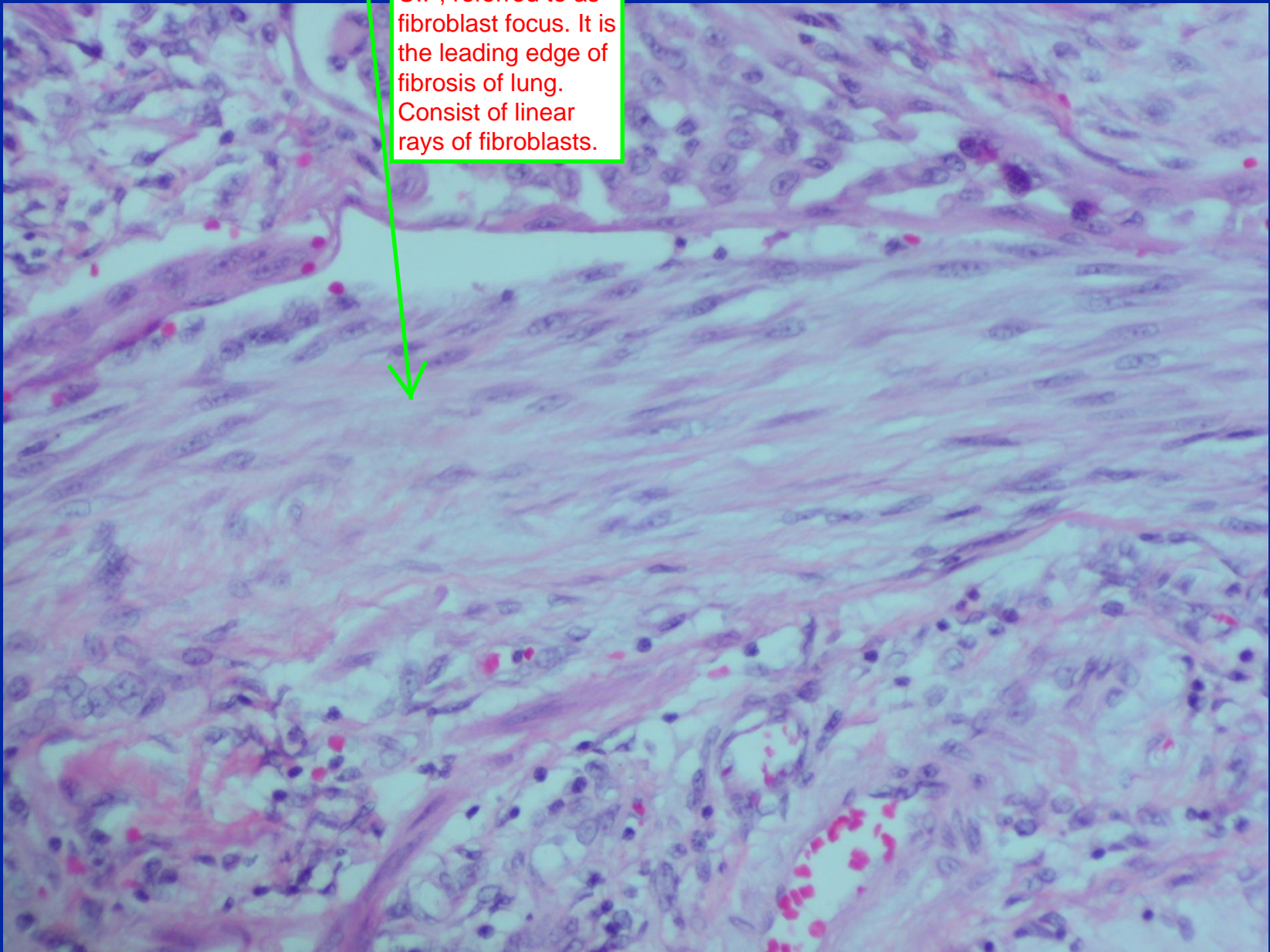
more mucinous debris

Ex of metaplastic process... shouldn't see bronchial epithelium this far in periphery of lungs

"Sprinkling of mononuclear inflammatory cells"



Classic lesion with
UIP, referred to as
fibroblast focus. It is
the leading edge of
fibrosis of lung.
Consist of linear
rays of fibroblasts.

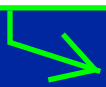


Bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia (BOOP)

**Common response to pulmonary
inflammatory injury- seen w/ CVD**

**Post-infectious, may be seen adjacent
to some other primary process e.g.
tumor, may be component of other
primary process e.g. HP, or reflect
pulmonary toxicity due to drugs**

**When BOOP
occurs without
injury**



**Idiopathic- cryptogenic organizing
pneumonia**

BOOP

- **Clinical features include dyspnea, constitutional symptoms**
- **good response to steroids, although will relapse if not treated long enough**

As long as the lungs are not irreversibly scarred by collagen deposition there is the possibility they will be responsive to therapy.

Appears same as
UIP on X-ray with
nodular and
reticular opacities

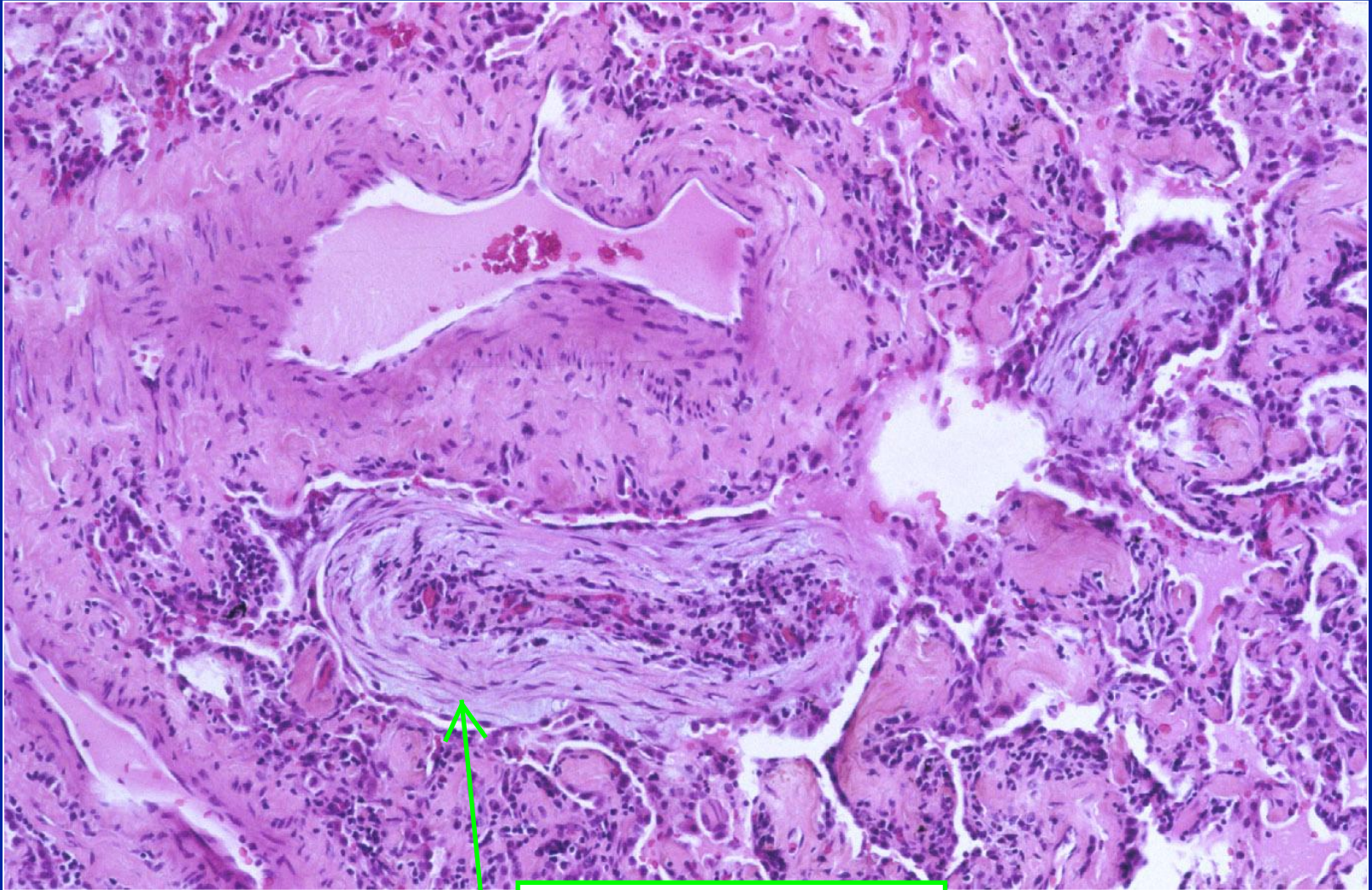


On CT scan still see "fluffy" reticular and nodular infiltrates in the air spaces



Histologic features of BOOP

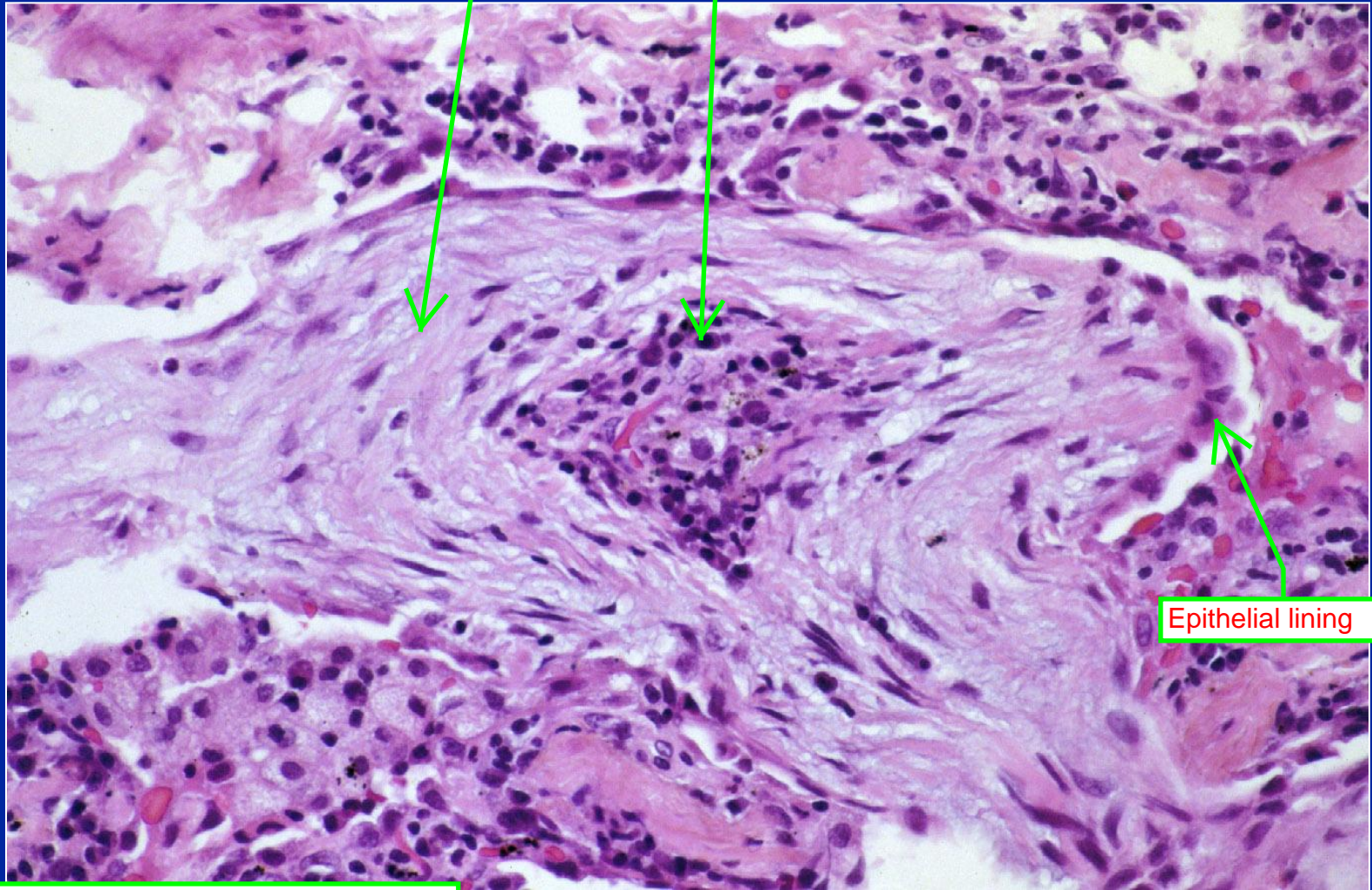
- **Plugs of loose edematous connective tissue in small airways**
- **Typically have a core of inflammatory cells and epithelialization at periphery**



Fibroblast focus, but instead of being in interstitium like in UIP, this is making its way through an alveolar duct

Young edematous
connective tissue

Central core of
inflammatory cells



Epithelial lining

You should assume this will be responsive to therapy because there is no honeycomb pattern indicative of late stage disease

Non-specific Interstitial Pneumonia (NSIP)

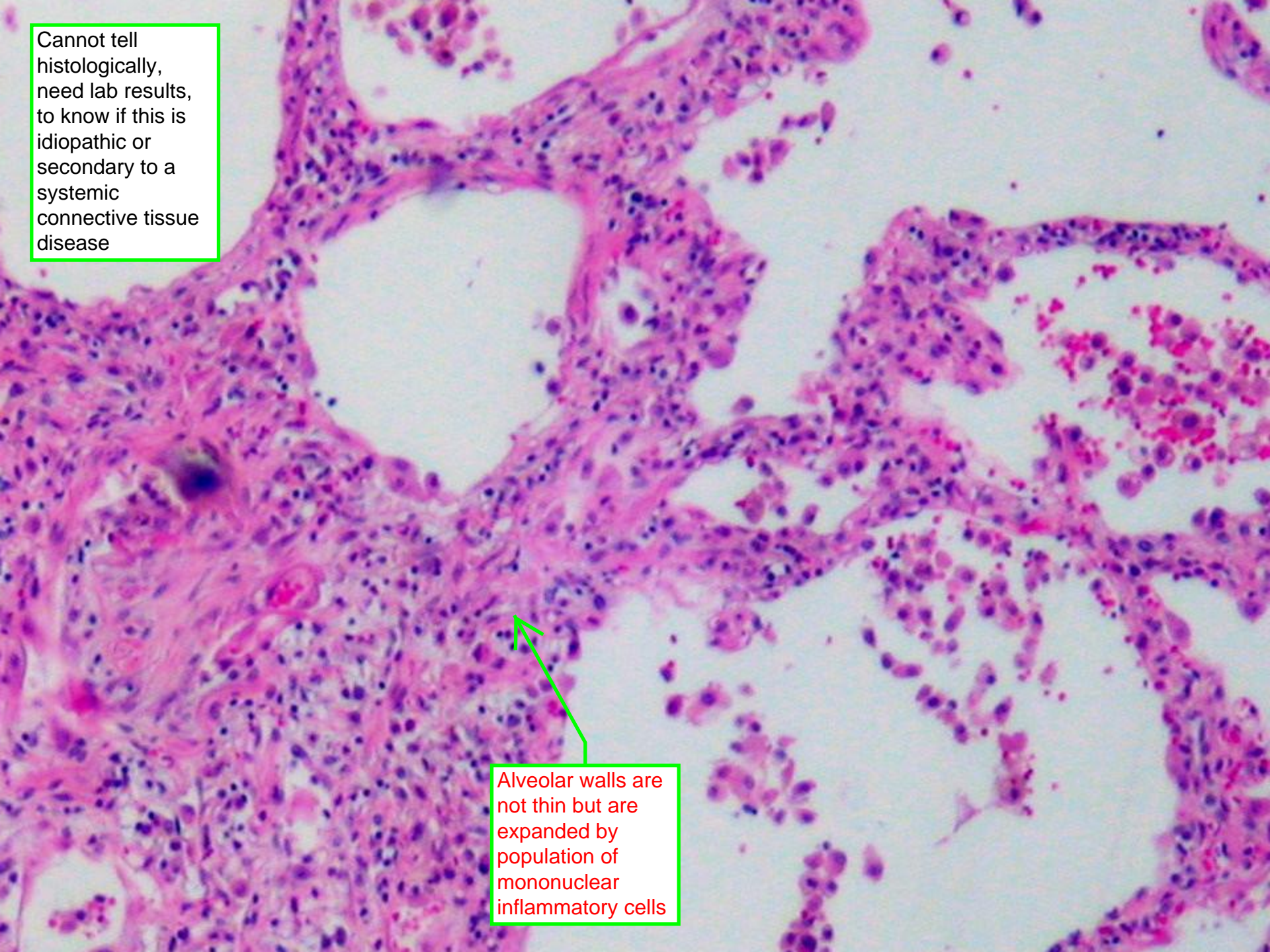
- Cellular Pattern
- Fibrosing Pattern
- Non-idiopathic associations include connective tissue disorders (RA, scleroderma, SLE, polymyositis and other systemic inflammatory disorders- PBC, Hashimoto's thyroiditis)

Rheumatoid arthritis

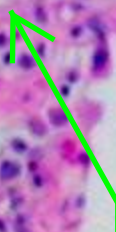
Lupus

Patient often presents with systemic inflammatory process as well

Primary biliary cirrhosis

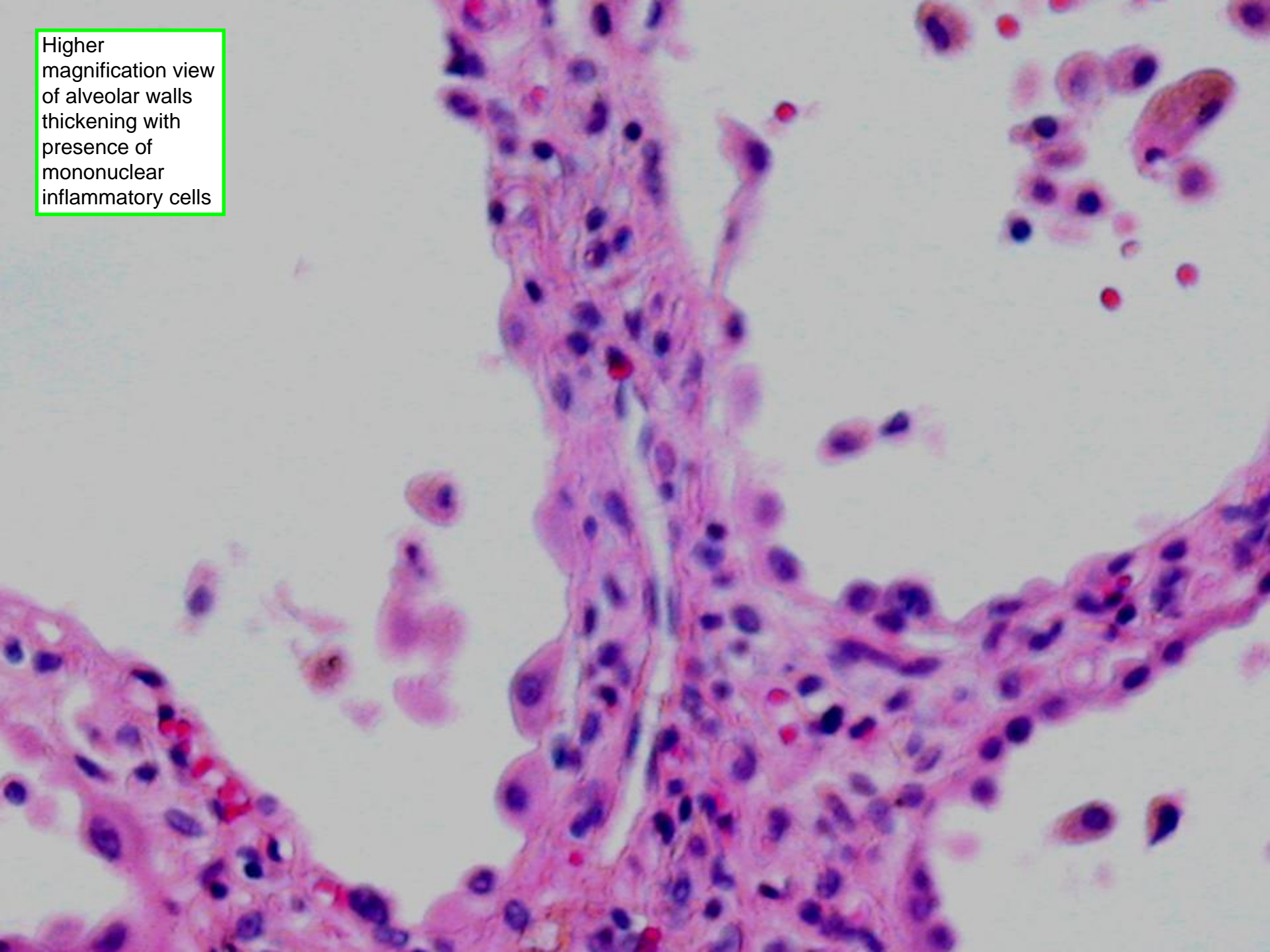


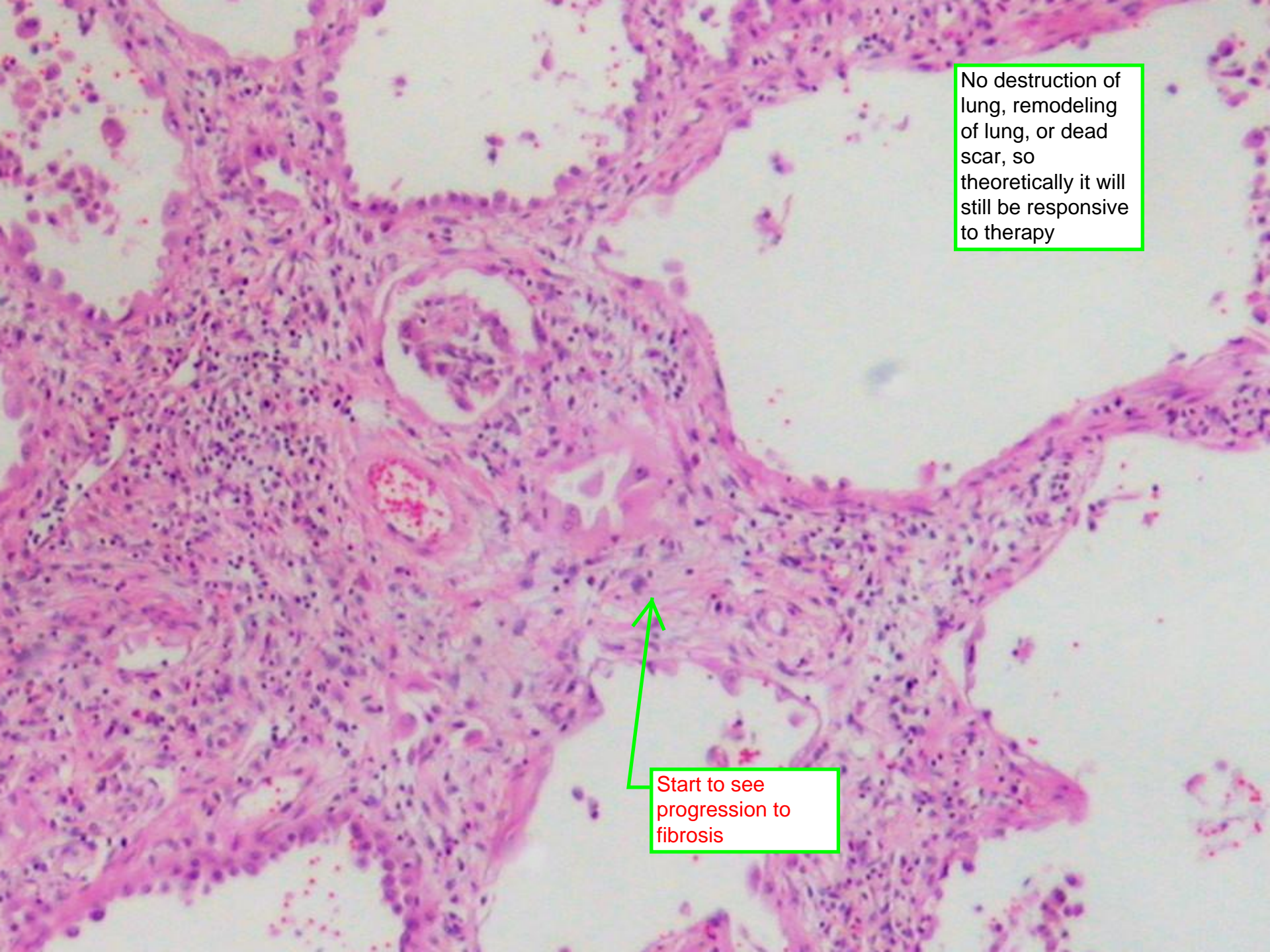
Cannot tell histologically, need lab results, to know if this is idiopathic or secondary to a systemic connective tissue disease



Alveolar walls are not thin but are expanded by population of mononuclear inflammatory cells

Higher magnification view of alveolar walls thickening with presence of mononuclear inflammatory cells



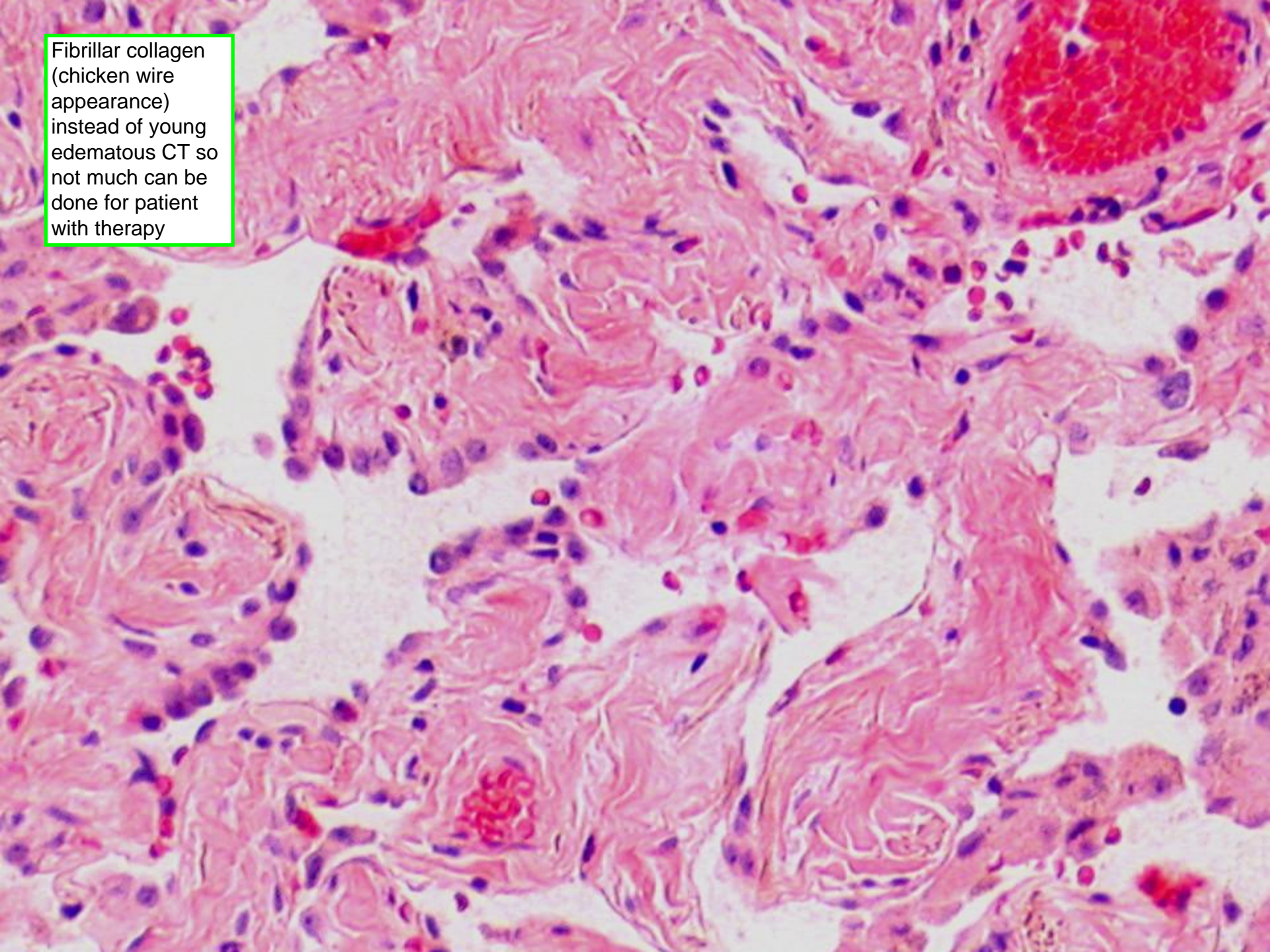


No destruction of lung, remodeling of lung, or dead scar, so theoretically it will still be responsive to therapy



Start to see progression to fibrosis

Fibrillar collagen
(chicken wire
appearance)
instead of young
edematous CT so
not much can be
done for patient
with therapy



Sarcoidosis

Can involve many different organ systems (CNS, skin, etc.)

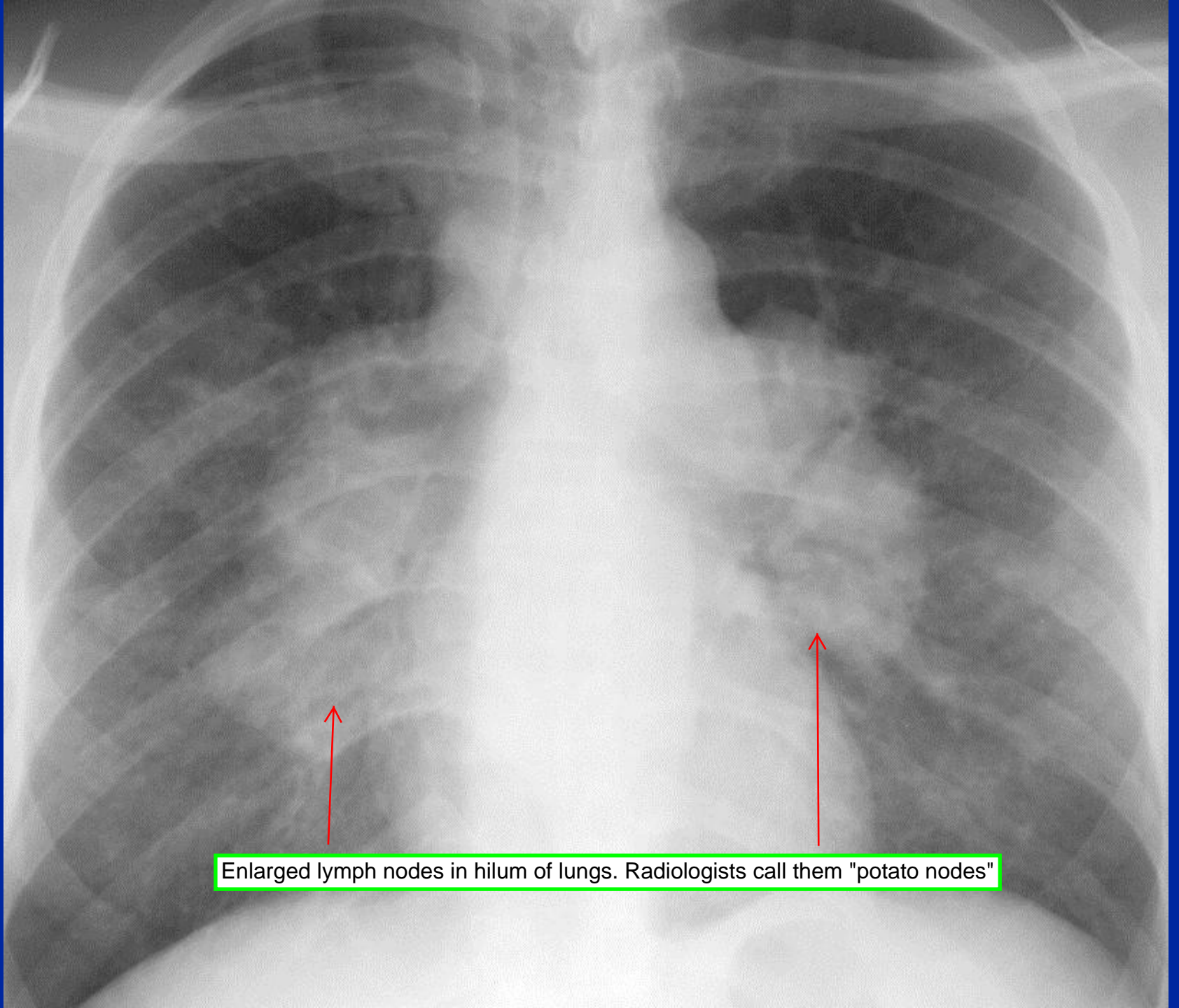
- **Idiopathic systemic disease characterized by the presence of non-necrotizing epithelioid granulomata in many tissues and organs**
- **Epidemiology- highest rates in USA in southeast among AA, disease originally described in northern European women, rare in China and SE Asia**

No one knows what exactly causes sarcoidosis

Pulmonary sarcoidosis

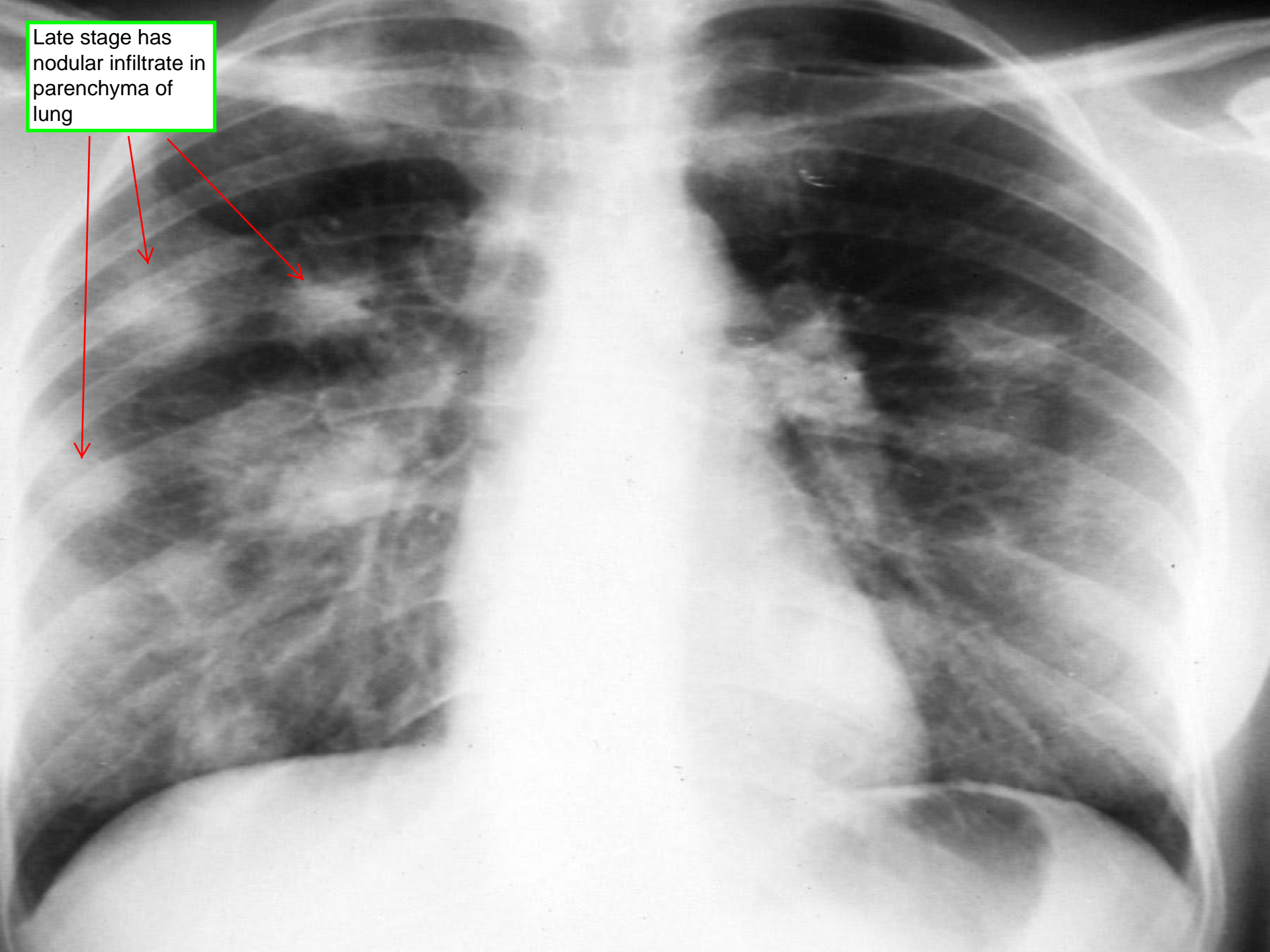
- **Variable clinical presentation- from the asymptomatic to severe impairment with CNS/cardiac ocular/cutaneous involvement, constitutional symptoms**
- **Typical bilateral hilar lymphadenopathy +/- parenchymal infiltrates on CXR**

Usually malignant processes present unilaterally so when it is bilateral in a young individual think sarcoidosis

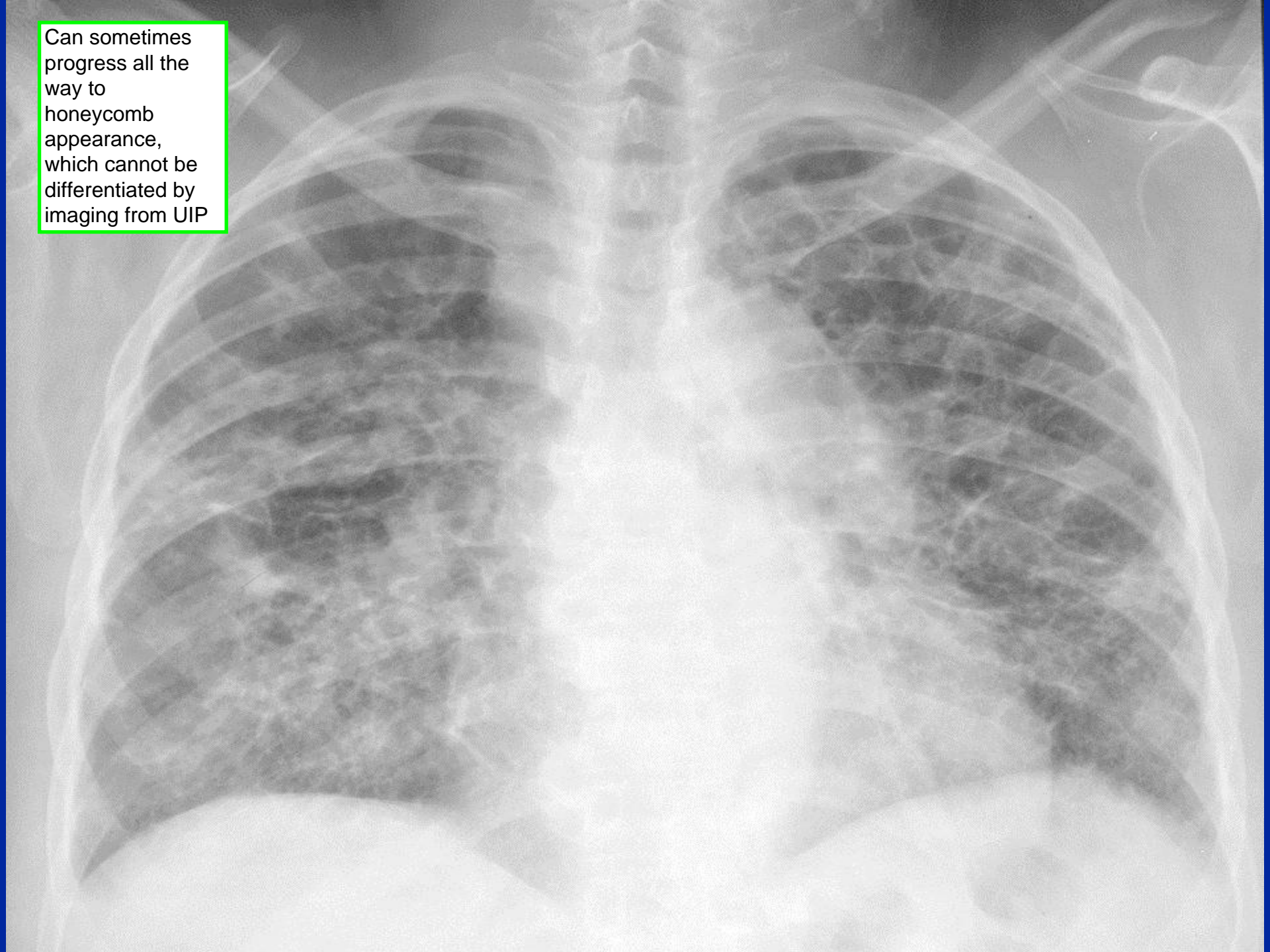


Enlarged lymph nodes in hilum of lungs. Radiologists call them "potato nodes"

Late stage has
nodular infiltrate in
parenchyma of
lung



Can sometimes progress all the way to honeycomb appearance, which cannot be differentiated by imaging from UIP



Pathology of sarcoidosis


- Compact, non-necrotizing granulomata comprised of epithelioid histiocytes, giant cells with inclusions in lymph nodes or in lymphovascular distribution, notably in the walls of airways
- Diagnose by excluding its mimics: mycobacteria, fungi, Be

Berylliosis



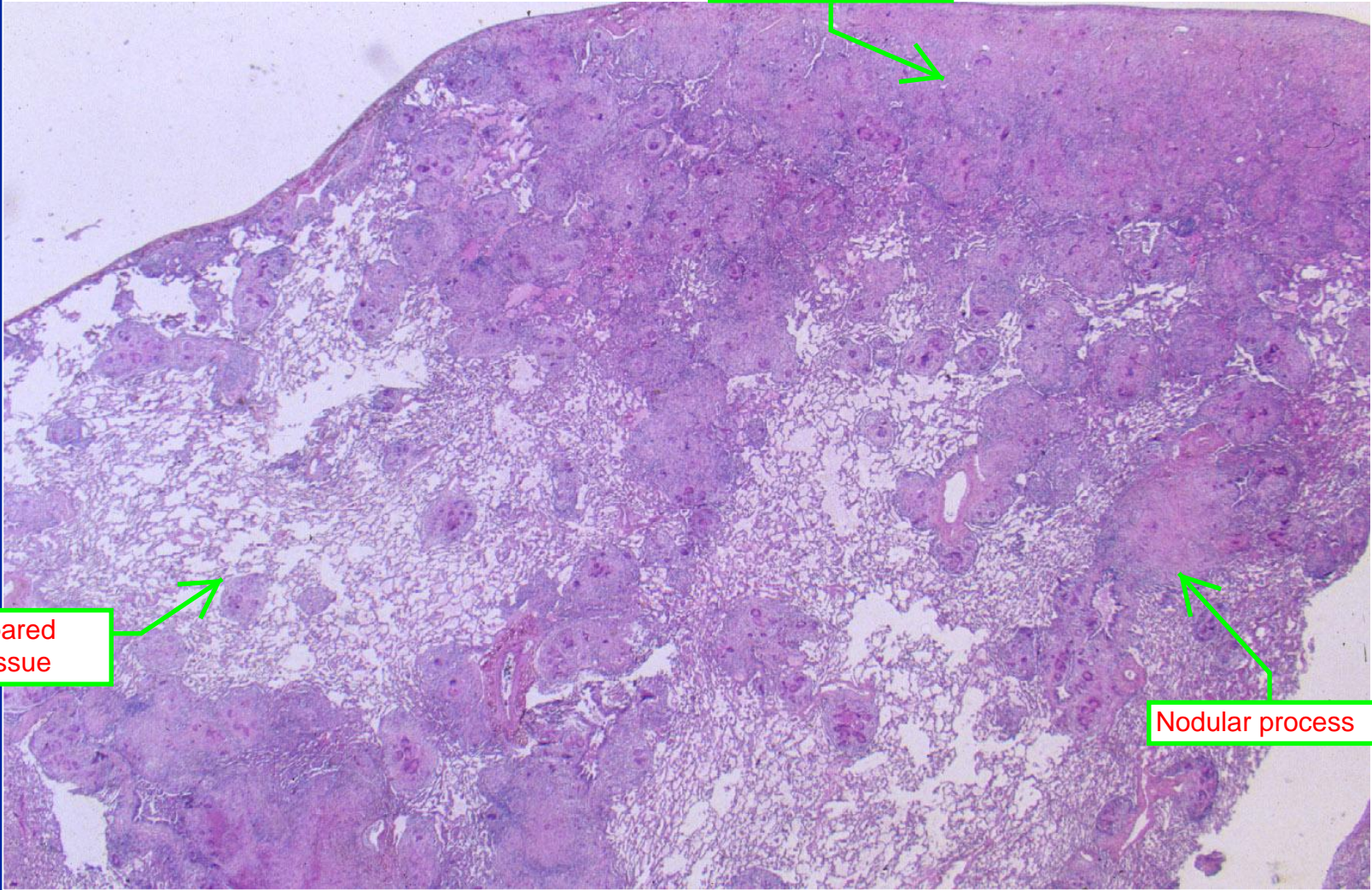
Sarcoidosis- clinical course

- Highly variable, may be present as an asymptomatic radiographic abnormality, most have respiratory or constitutional complaints
- Corticosteroids are the mainstay of therapy, 60-80% will recover, 10% die from CNS or cardiac involvement pulmonary fibrosis. Poor transplant candidates



Because this is a systemic disease a lung transplant may not be enough

Sheet of granulomas near pleura that have grown together

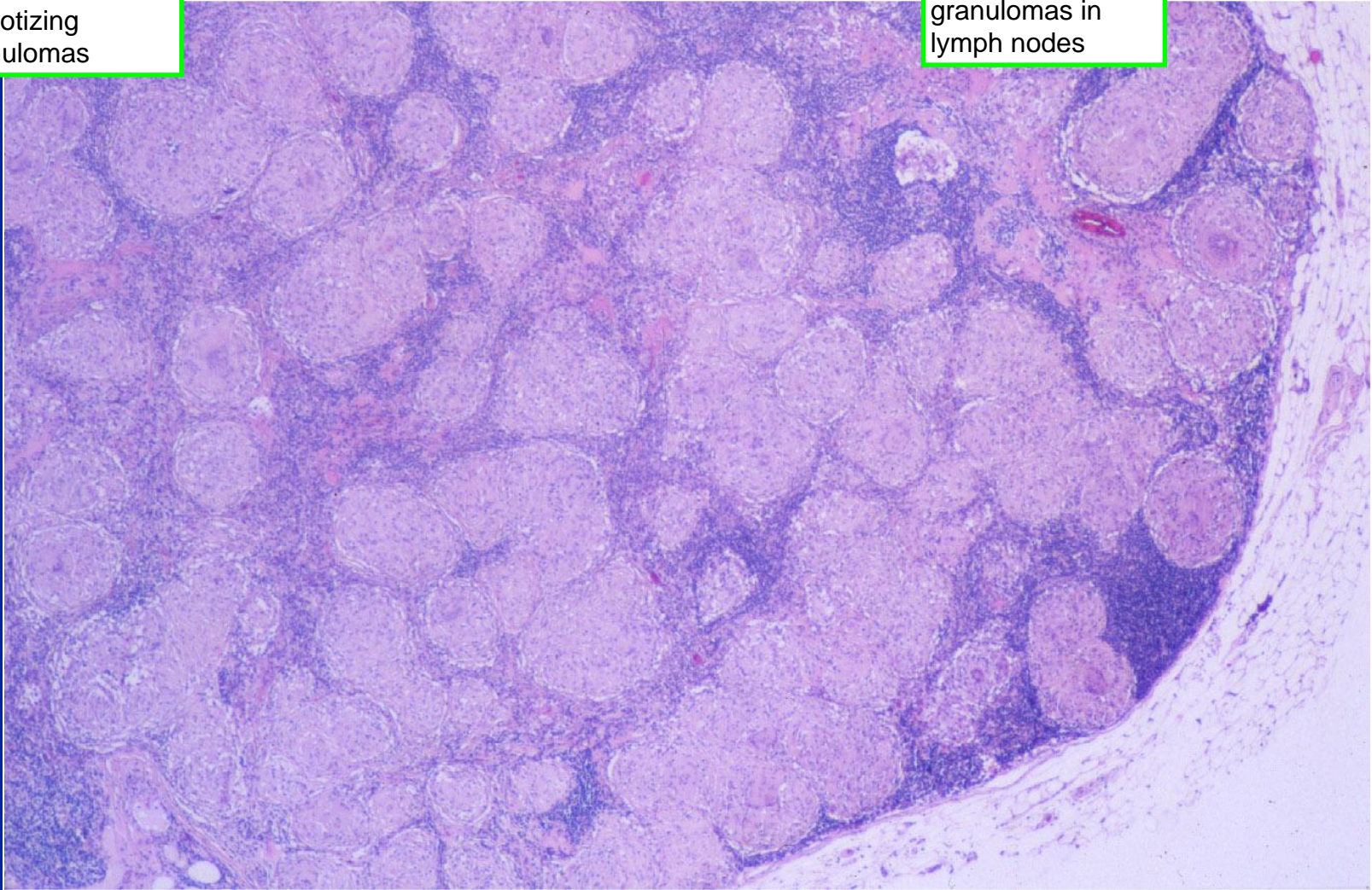


Area of spared alveolar tissue

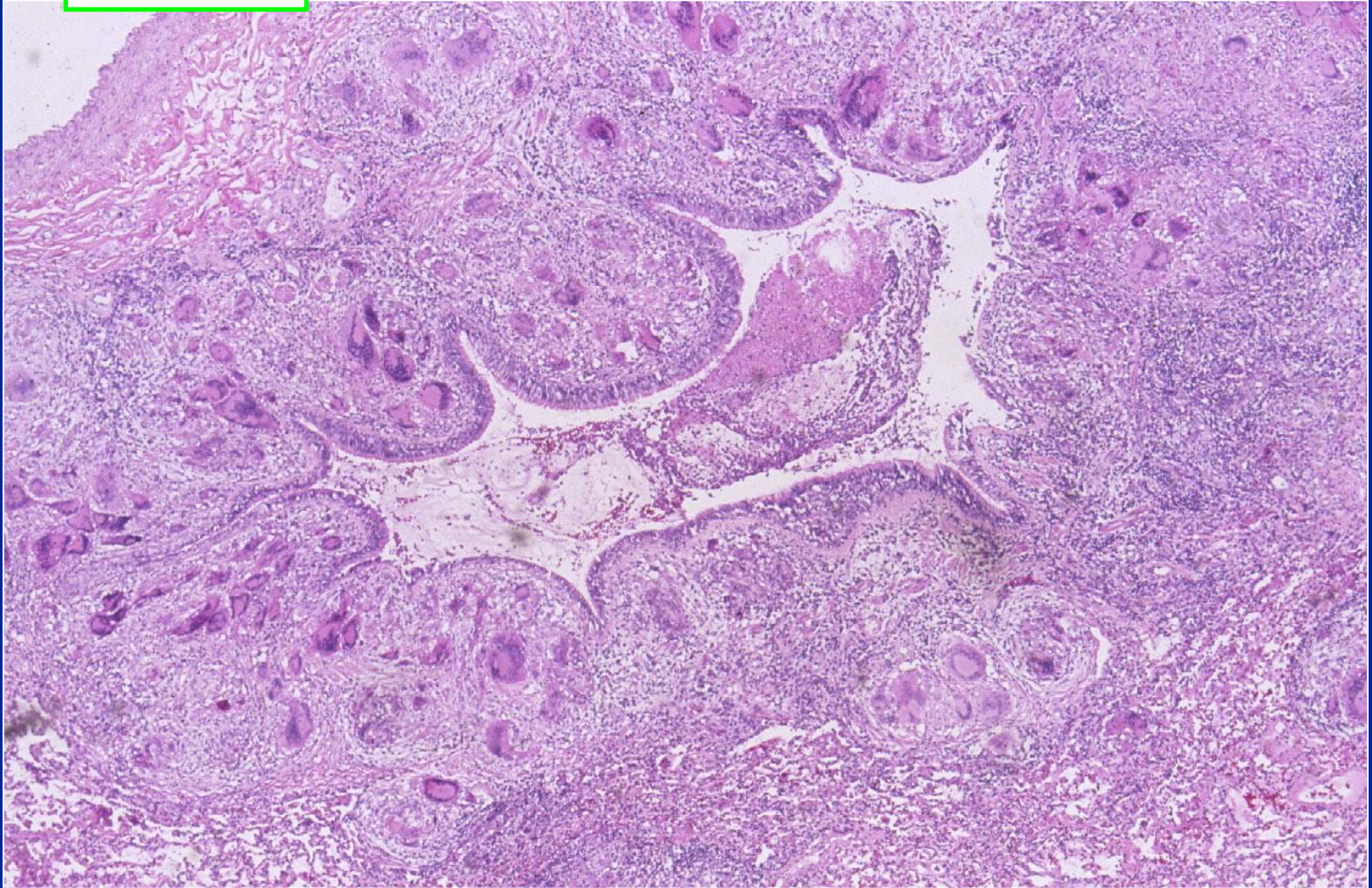
Nodular process

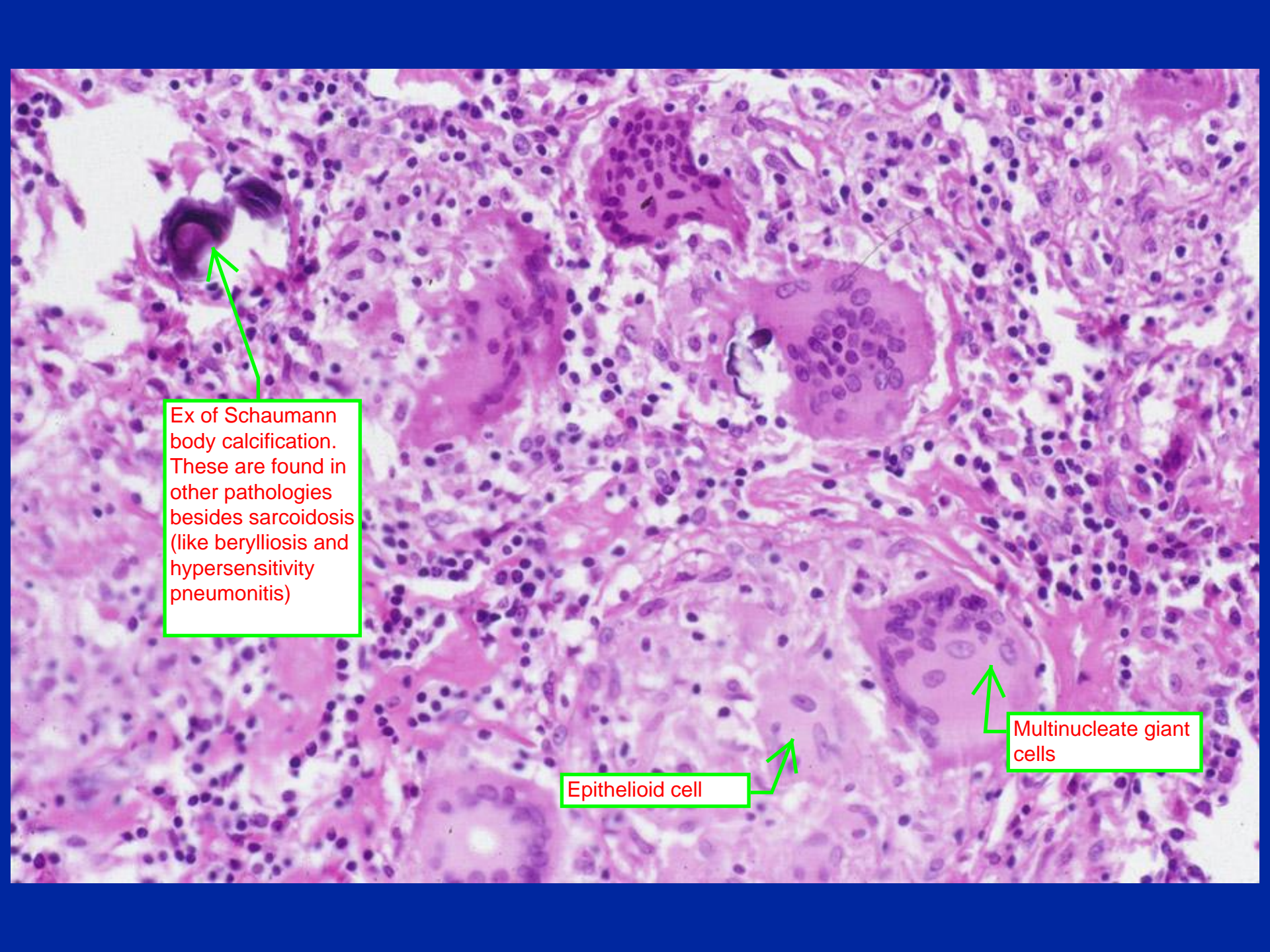
Lymph nodes also have pattern of diffuse and confluent non-necrotizing granulomas

Few things besides sarcoidosis can cause wall-to-wall granulomas in lymph nodes



Appreciate
granulomas in wall
of airway cross-
section



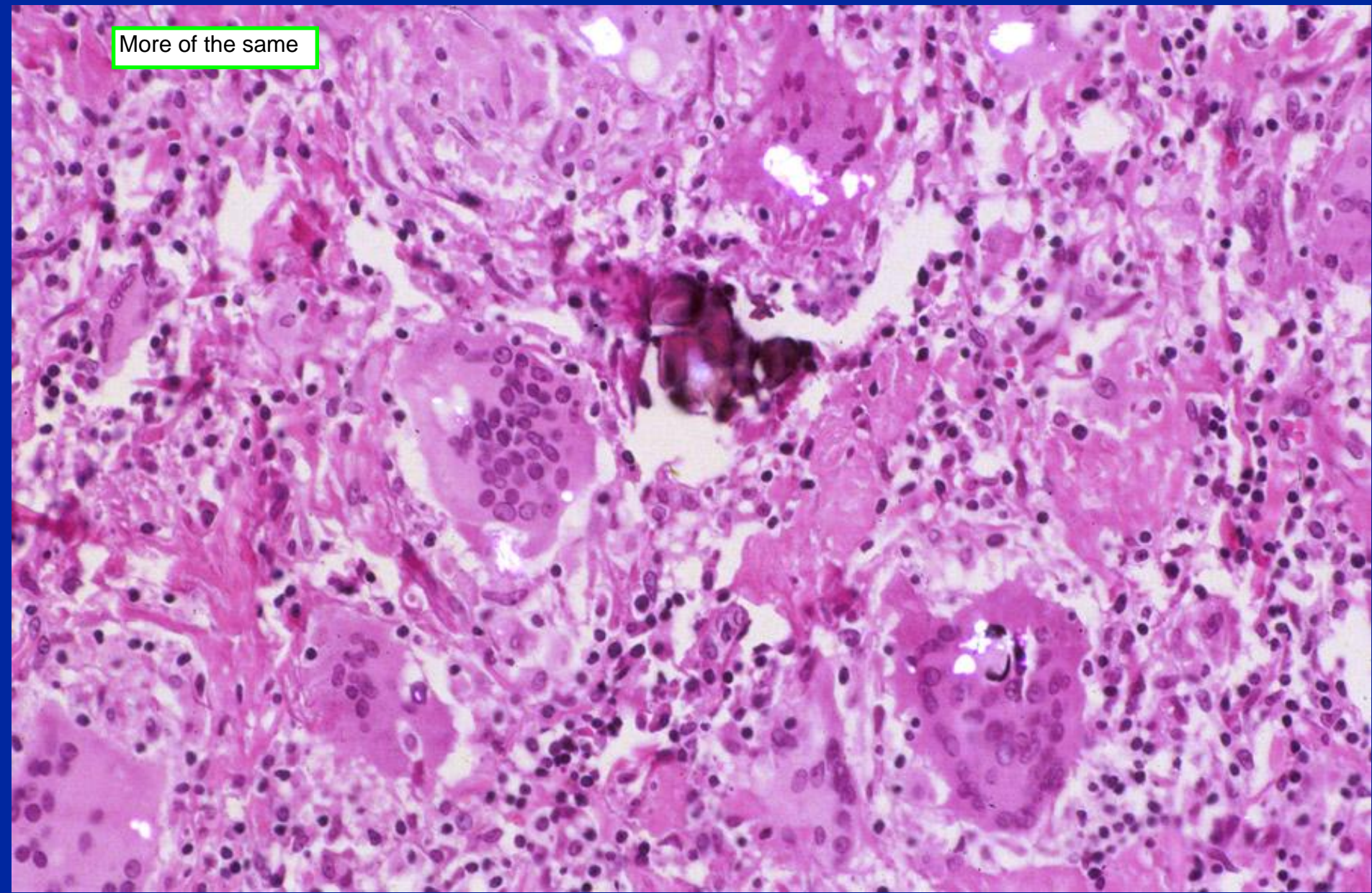


Ex of Schaumann body calcification. These are found in other pathologies besides sarcoidosis (like berylliosis and hypersensitivity pneumonitis)

Epithelioid cell

Multinucleate giant cells

More of the same



Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis

- Disease of children and young adults characterized by anemia, hemoptysis and pulmonary infiltrates
- Pathology features injury to alveolar epithelium and interstitial fibrosis in addition to varying degrees and ages of intraalveolar hemorrhage
- Not associated with anti-BM AB's

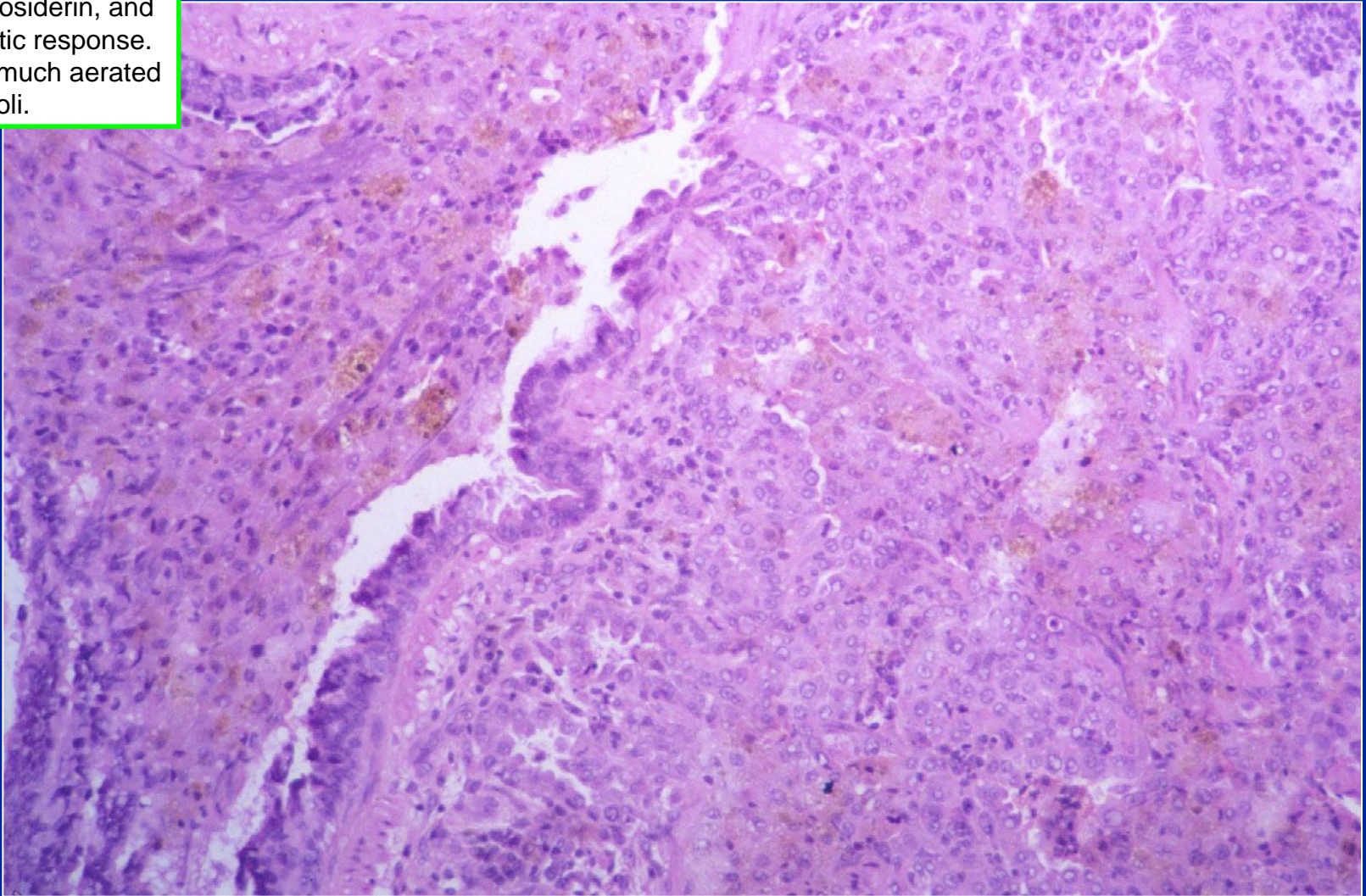
Extravasated blood is good at causing fibrosis, such as during hemothorax due to trauma

Anti-basement membrane antibodies, such as Goodpastures

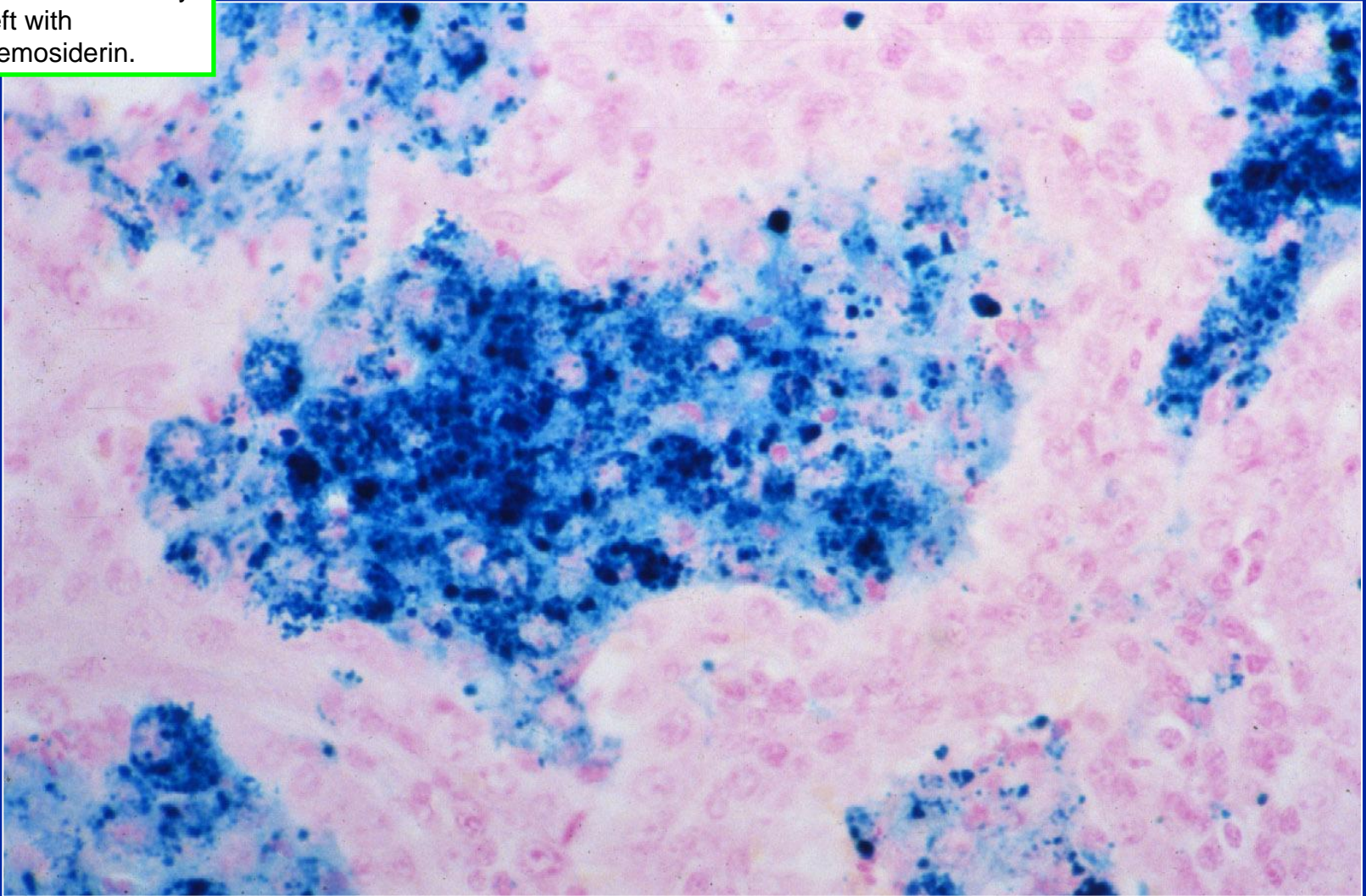


Brick red
discoloration due
to extravasated
blood ending up in
alveolar spaces

Not a lot of aerated lung tissue... mostly old blood, hemosiderin, and fibrotic response. Not much aerated alveoli.



Pearls Iron stain.
Erythrocytes
(source of iron)
break down. Only
left with
hemosiderin.



ILD RELATED TO CIGARETTE SMOKING

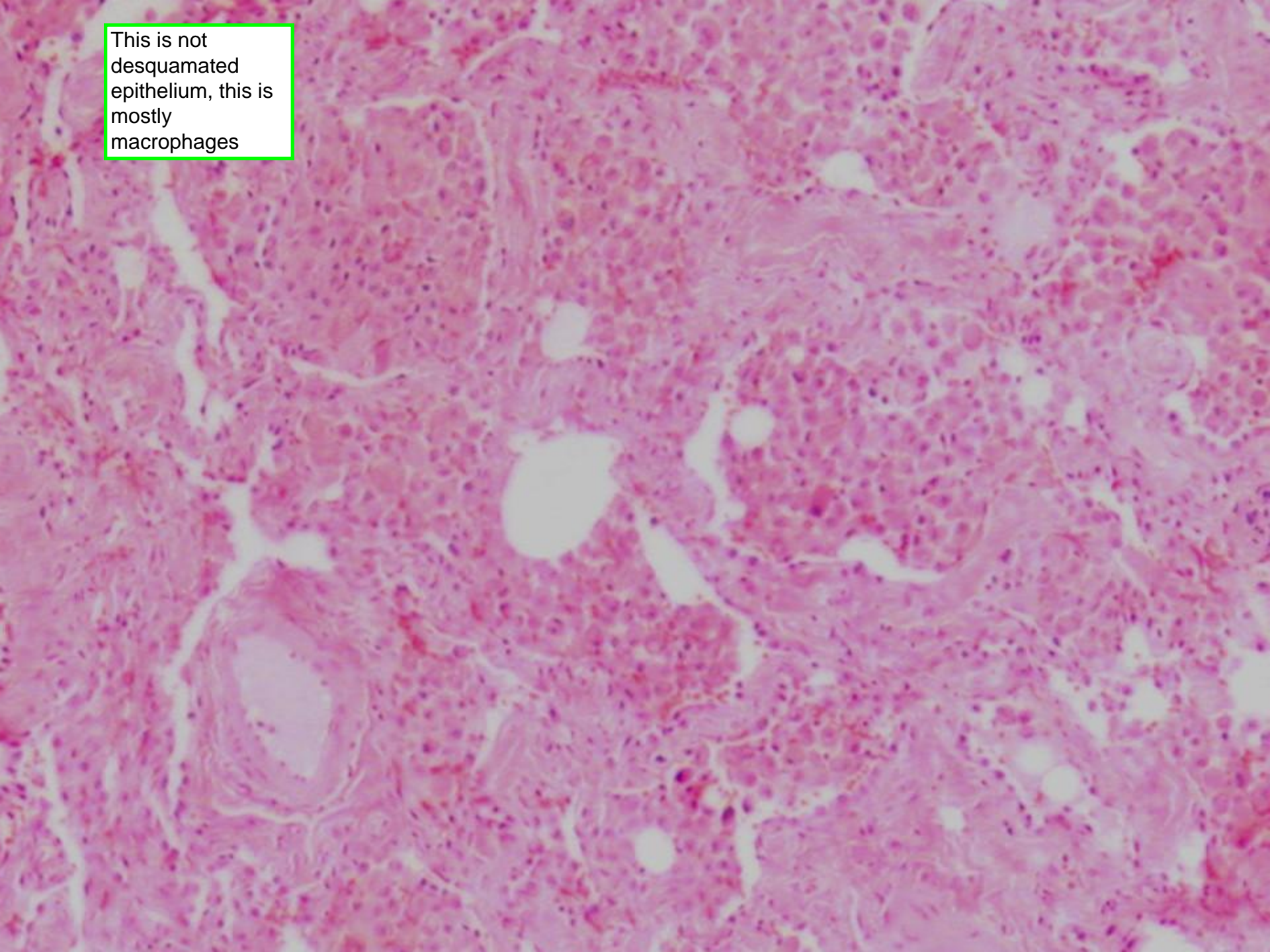
- **Desquamative interstitial pneumonia (D.I.P.)**
- **Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis (Eosinophilic granuloma)**
- **Respiratory bronchiolitis associated interstitial lung disease (R.B.I.L.D.)**

Poor term. It is not
desquamative or
interstitial.

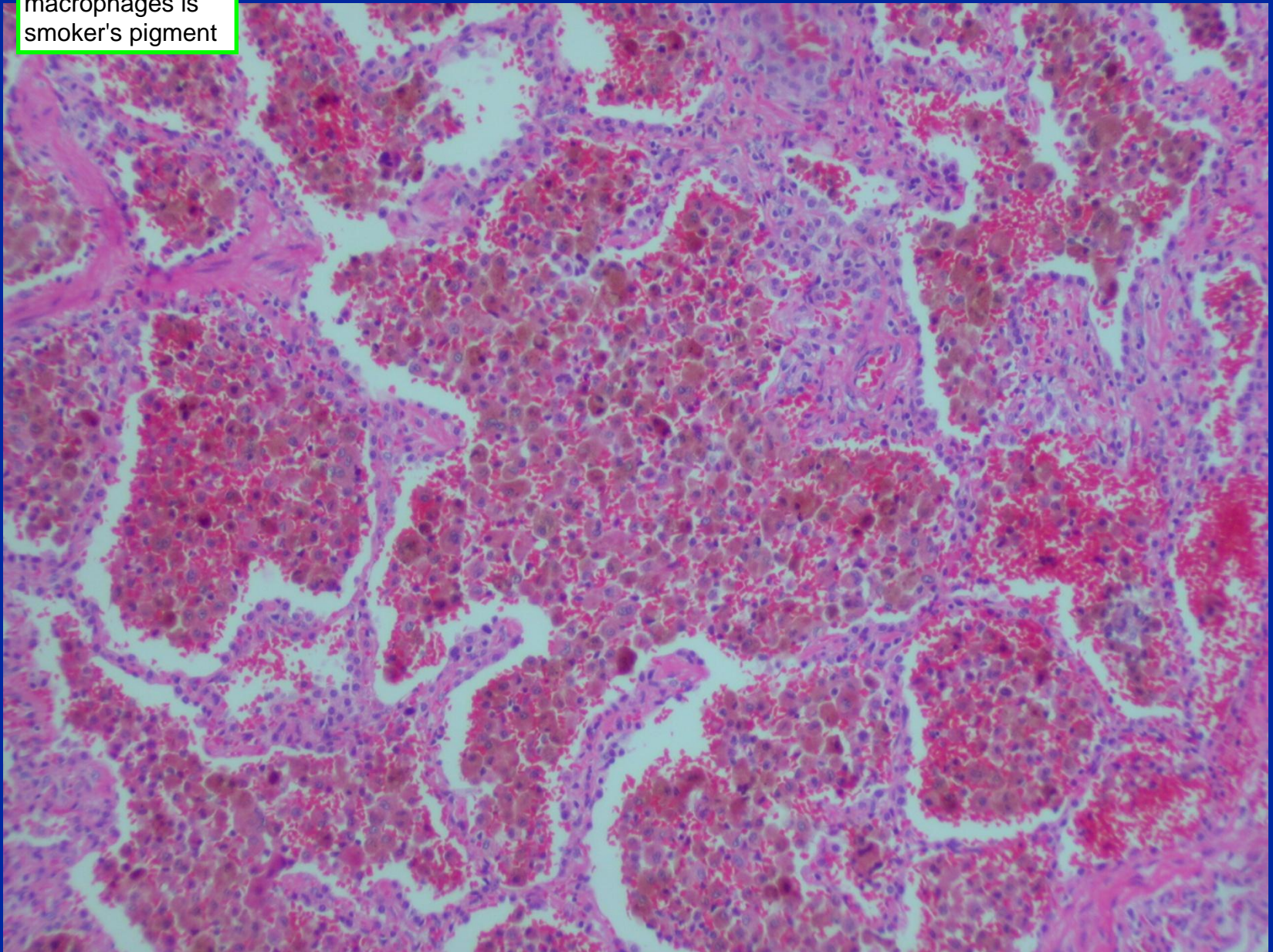
DESQUAMATIVE INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA (D.I.P.)

Desquamative
means when
epithelium sloughs

This is not
desquamated
epithelium, this is
mostly
macrophages

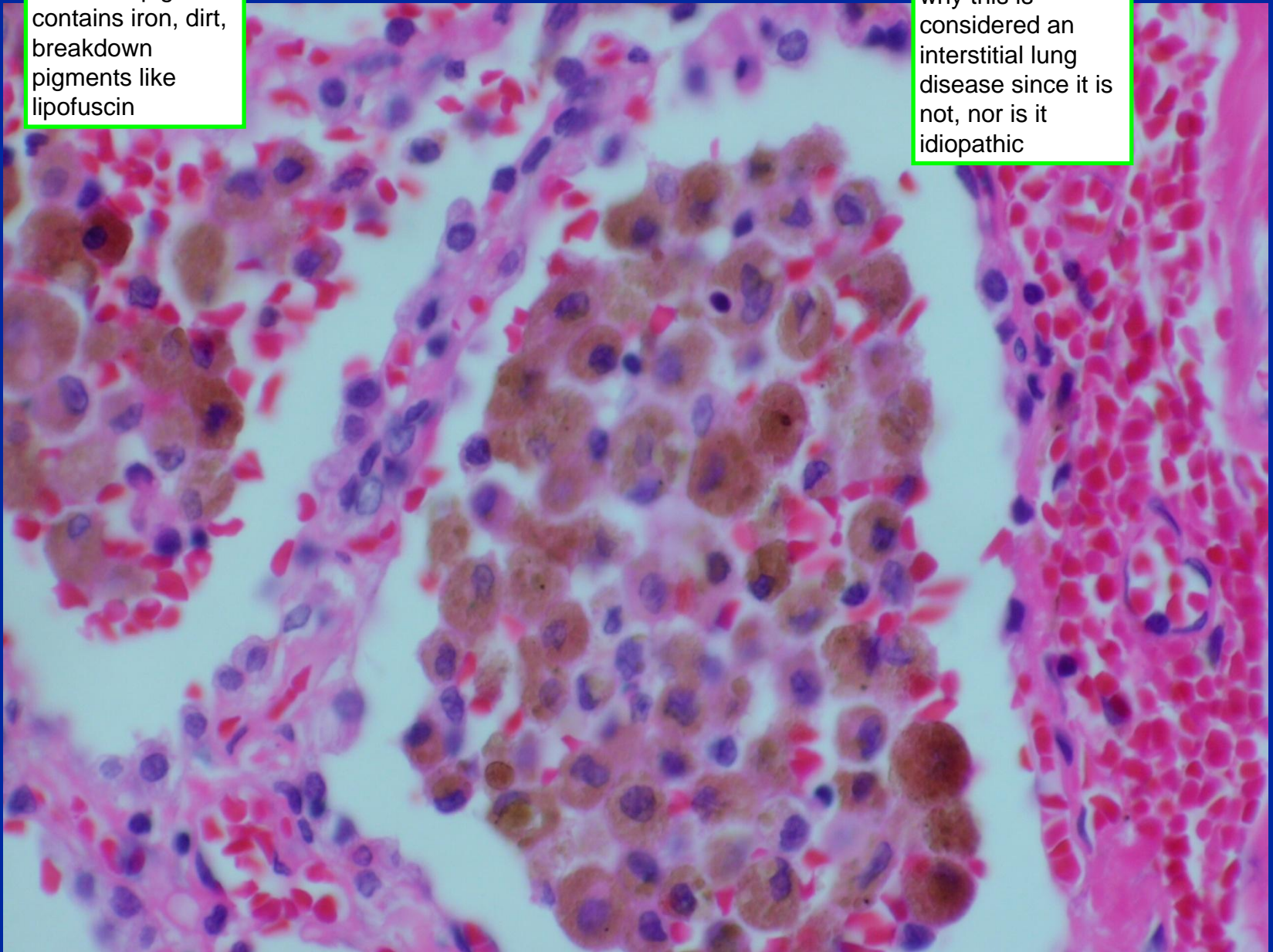


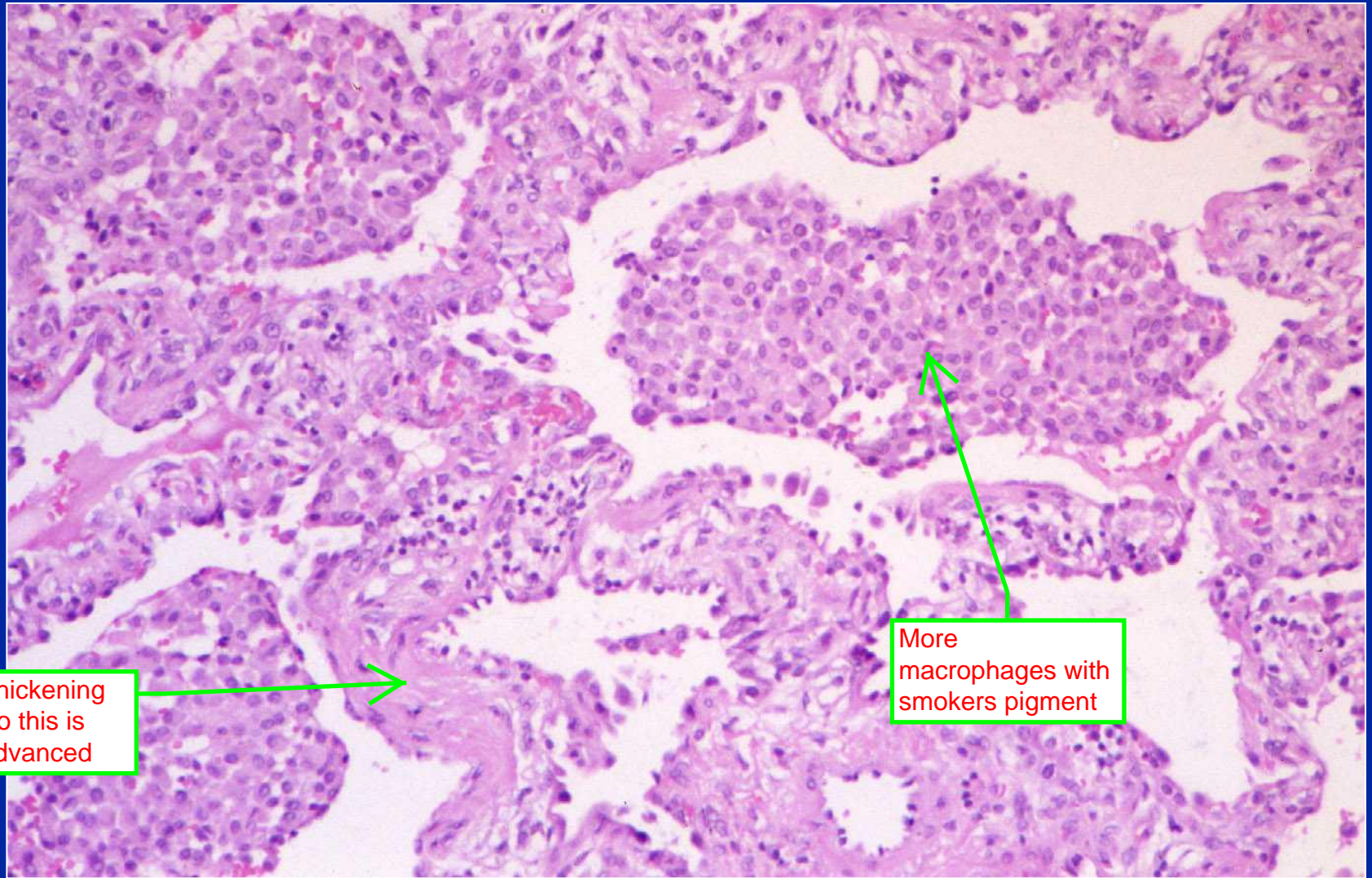
Brown tinge to macrophages is smoker's pigment



Smoker's pigment
contains iron, dirt,
breakdown
pigments like
lipofuscin

He has no idea
why this is
considered an
interstitial lung
disease since it is
not, nor is it
idiopathic





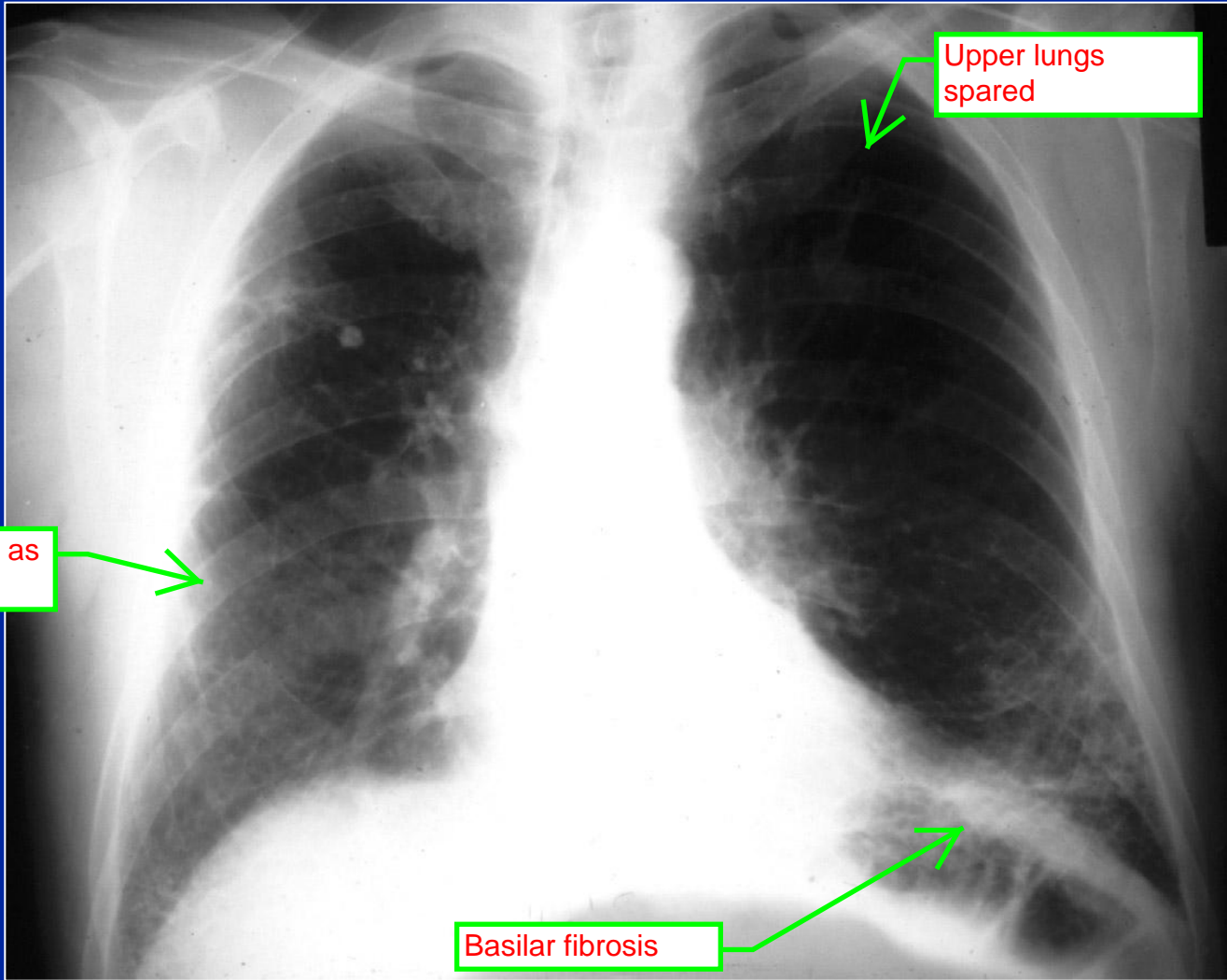
Some thickening of CT so this is more advanced

More macrophages with smokers pigment

COLLAGEN VASCULAR DISORDER RELATED ILD

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Scleroderma
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Sjogren's syndrome
- Polymyositis/dermatomyositis
- Mixed connective tissue disorder

All of the previous diseases are seen both idiopathically and with systemic disorders like these. Often SOB that leads them to Dr visit



Fibrosis on side as well

Upper lungs spared

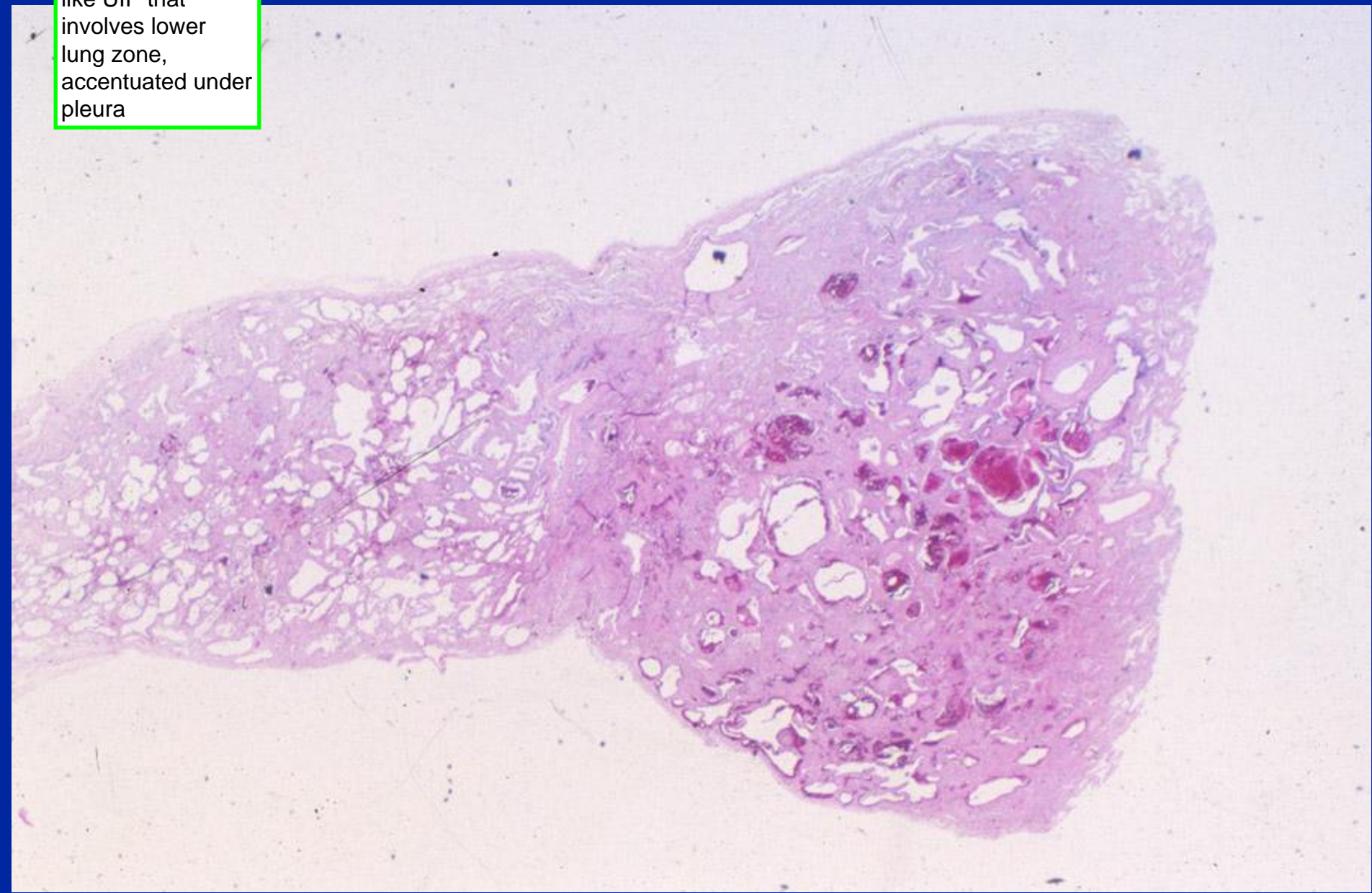
Basilar fibrosis

Maybe it's UID...

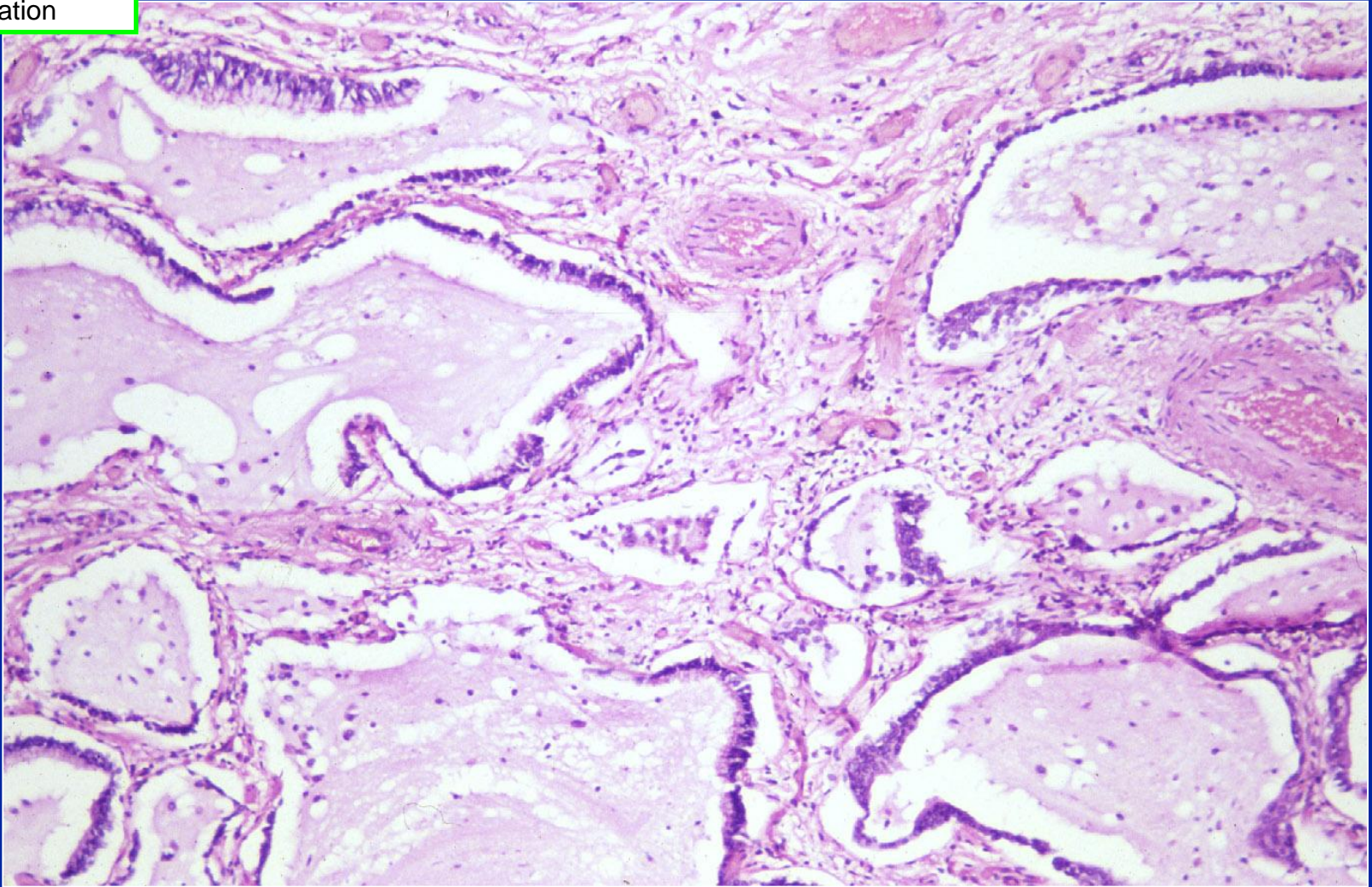
... But there's also swan-neck deformities and ulnar deviation characteristic of rheumatoid arthritis



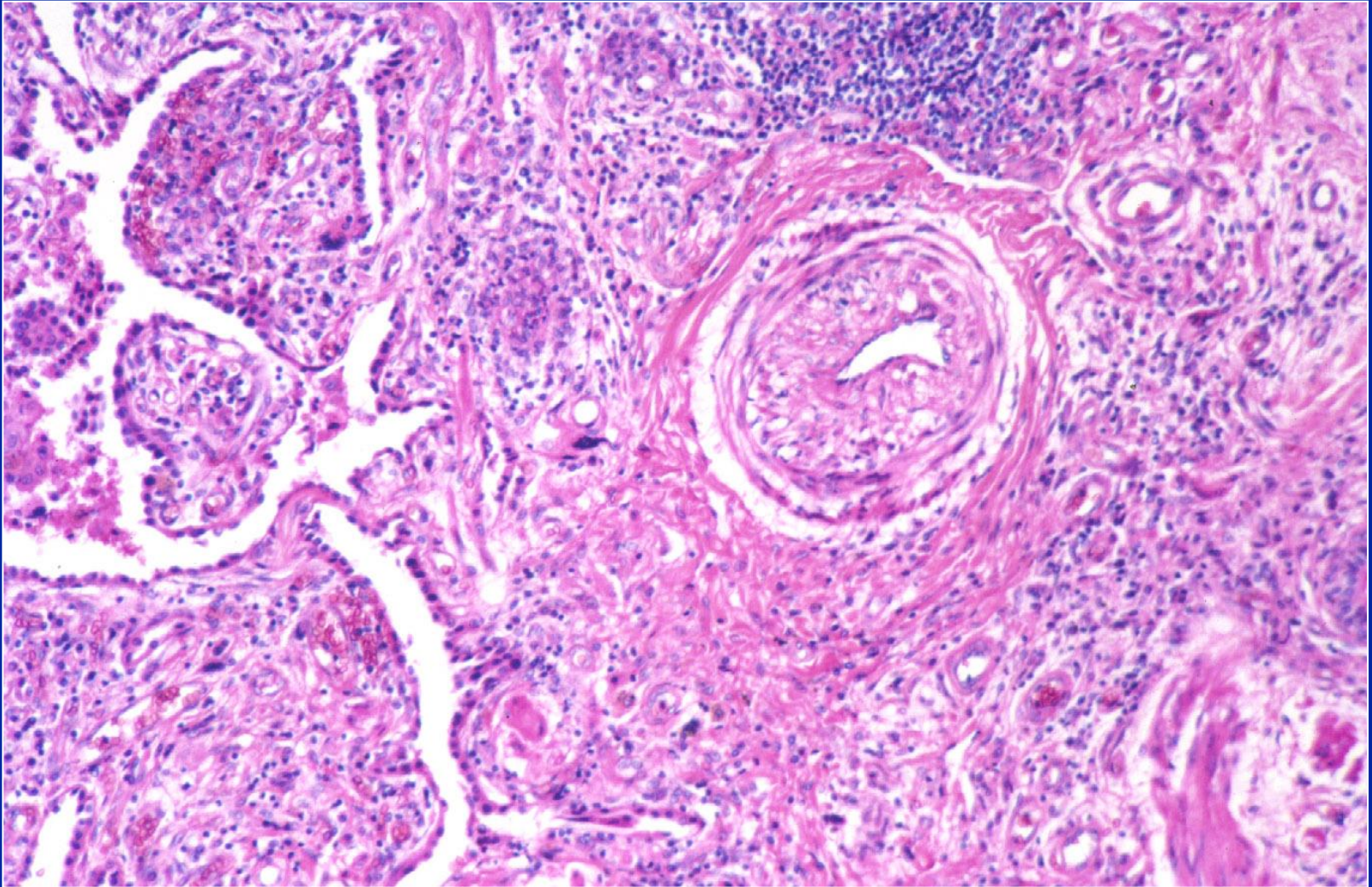
...back to looking like UIP that involves lower lung zone, accentuated under pleura



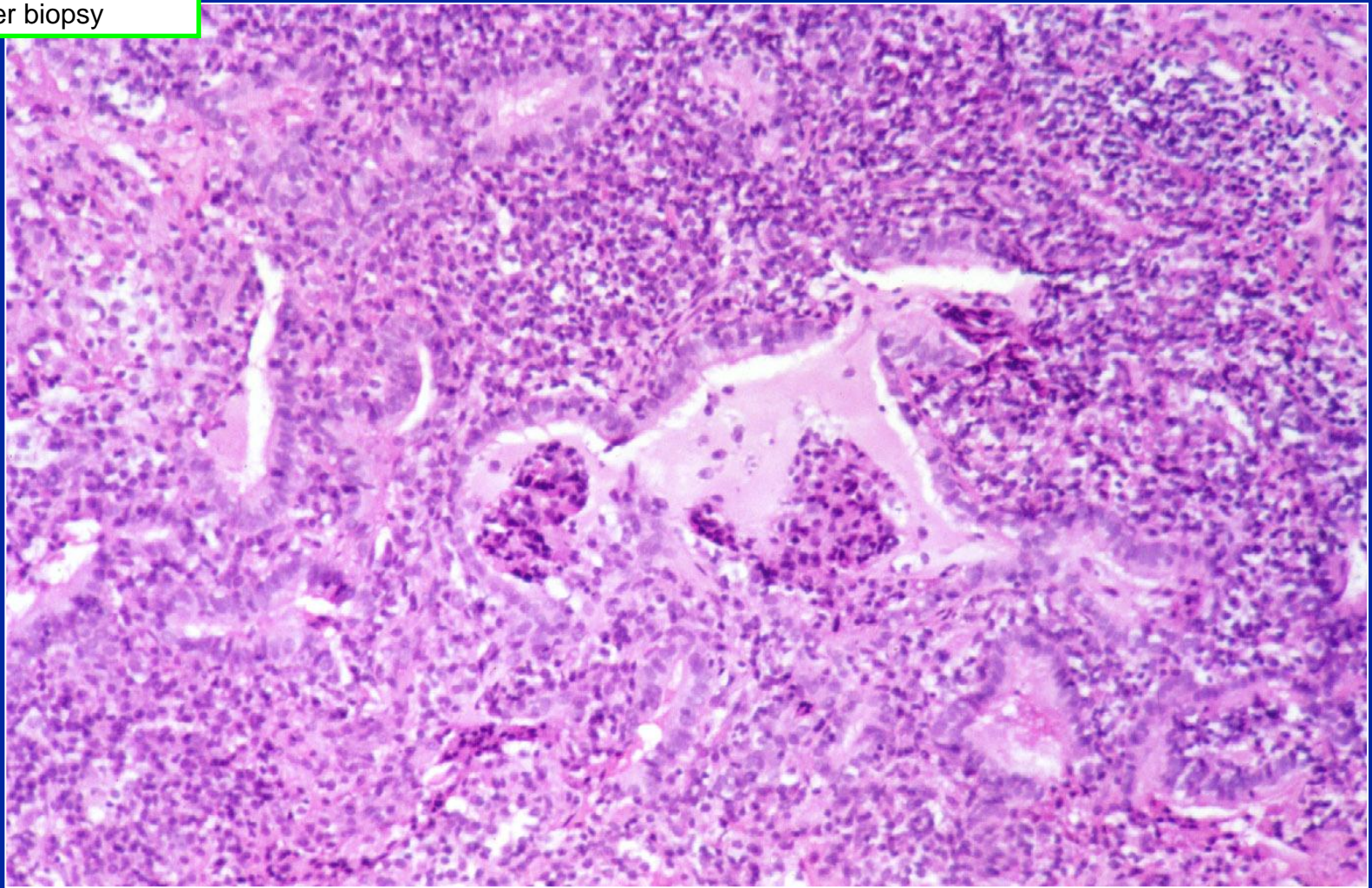
Can see bronchial metaplasia, mucinous debris, interstitial inflammation



More fibrosis and
inflammation...
very exciting



Often don't know if
it is connective
tissue disease or
idiopathic until
after biopsy



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