

# Tips and Tricks to Optimizing Outcomes Bland Embolization: My Top 5 Technical Pearls

(Don't worry, I know you won't do it!)

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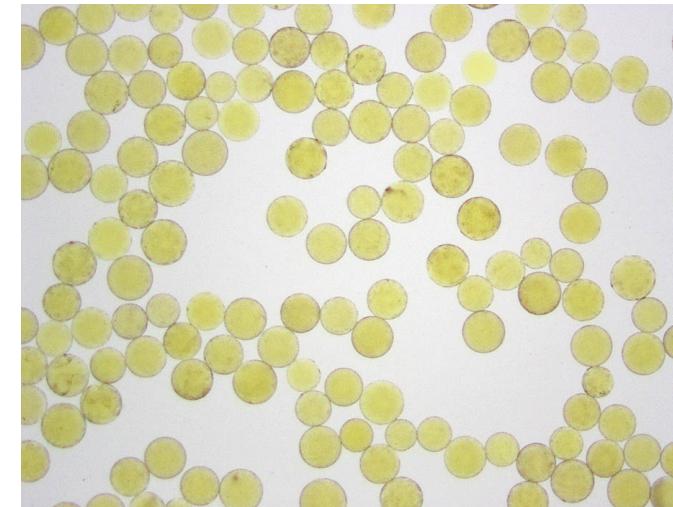
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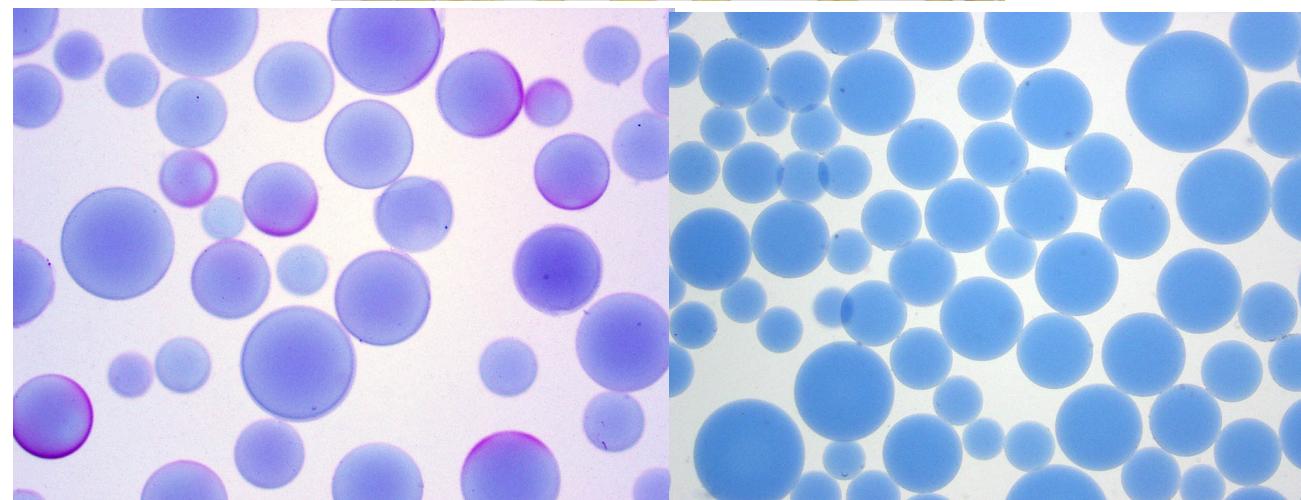
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# “Know Thy Embolics”

(This should probably  
be the first “pearl”)



Embozene™ 100 micron



Embospheres™ 100-300 micron   Bead Block™ 100-300 micron

# Pretreatment CT 1.31.16

Arterial Phase



Portal Venous Phase



Embolization 2.9.16, Used 0.5cc 40 $\mu$  Embozene™

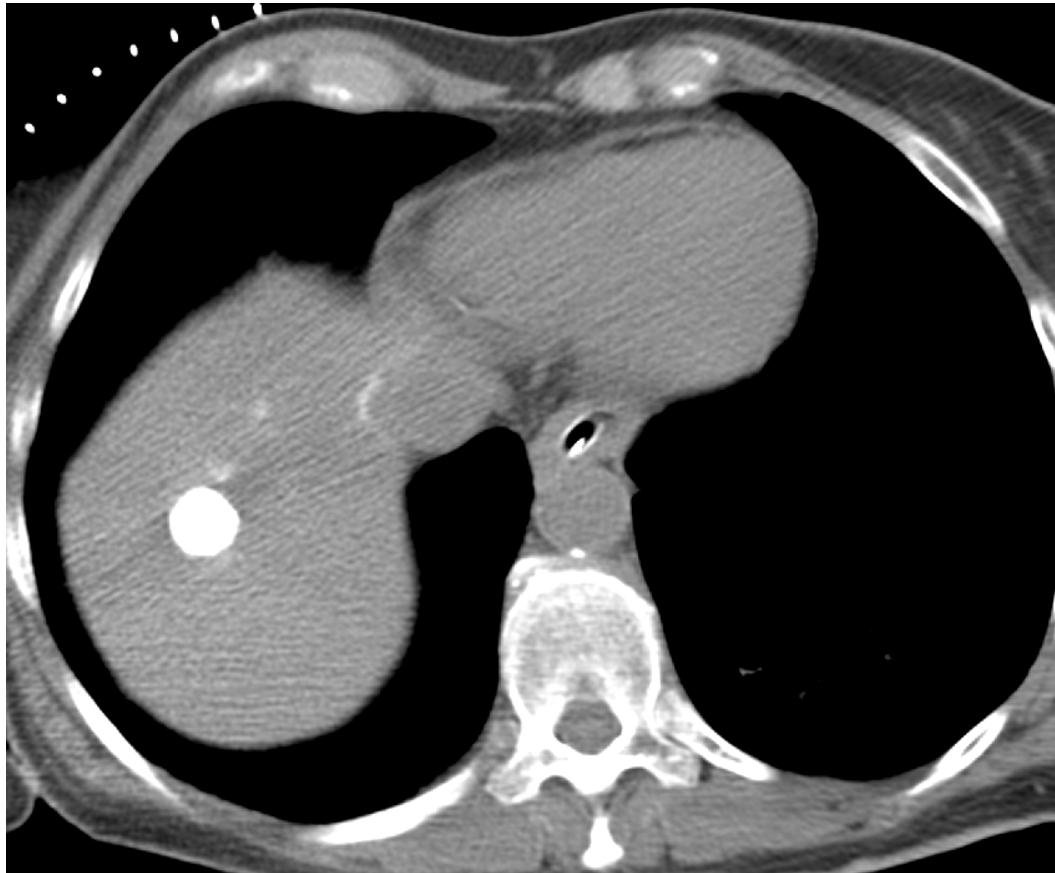
**#1: Anesthesia!!**



# Immediate Post-Embolization CT and Biopsy 2.9.16

**#2: You can see what you bland embolize!!**

CT with Marker Grid



Biopsy

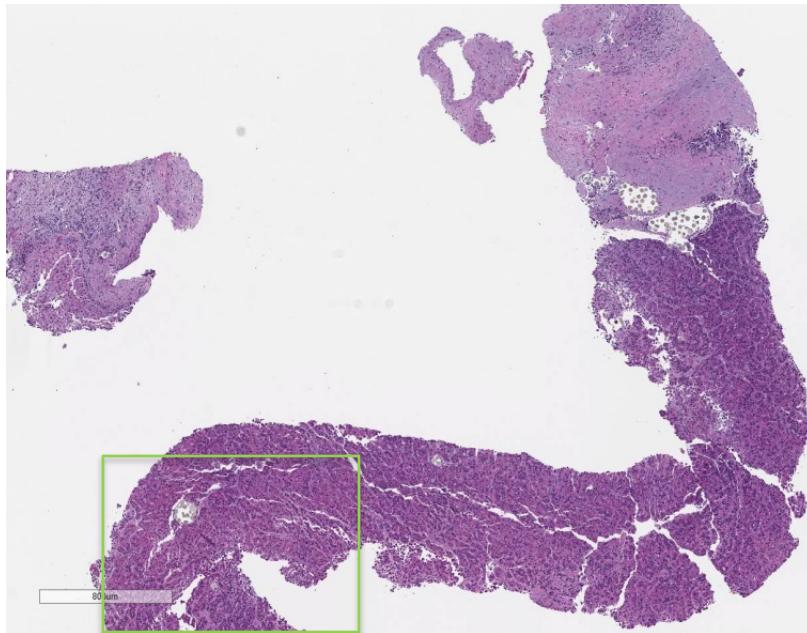


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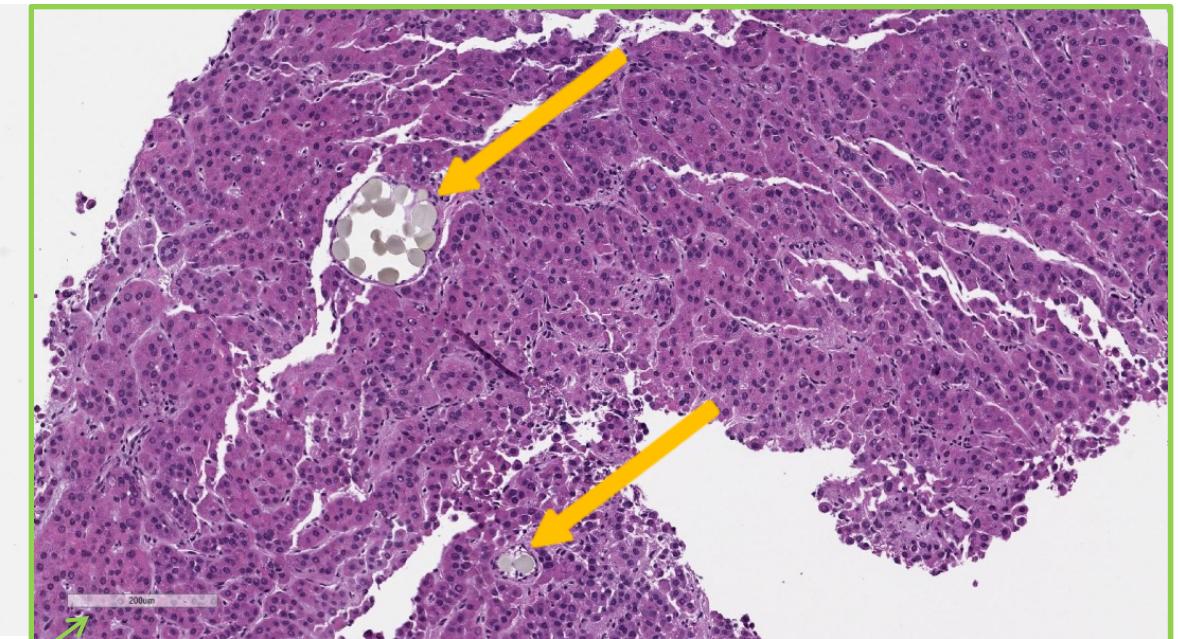
# Histopathology from the Biopsy

## #3: Biopsy OK after embolization

Low Power



High Power

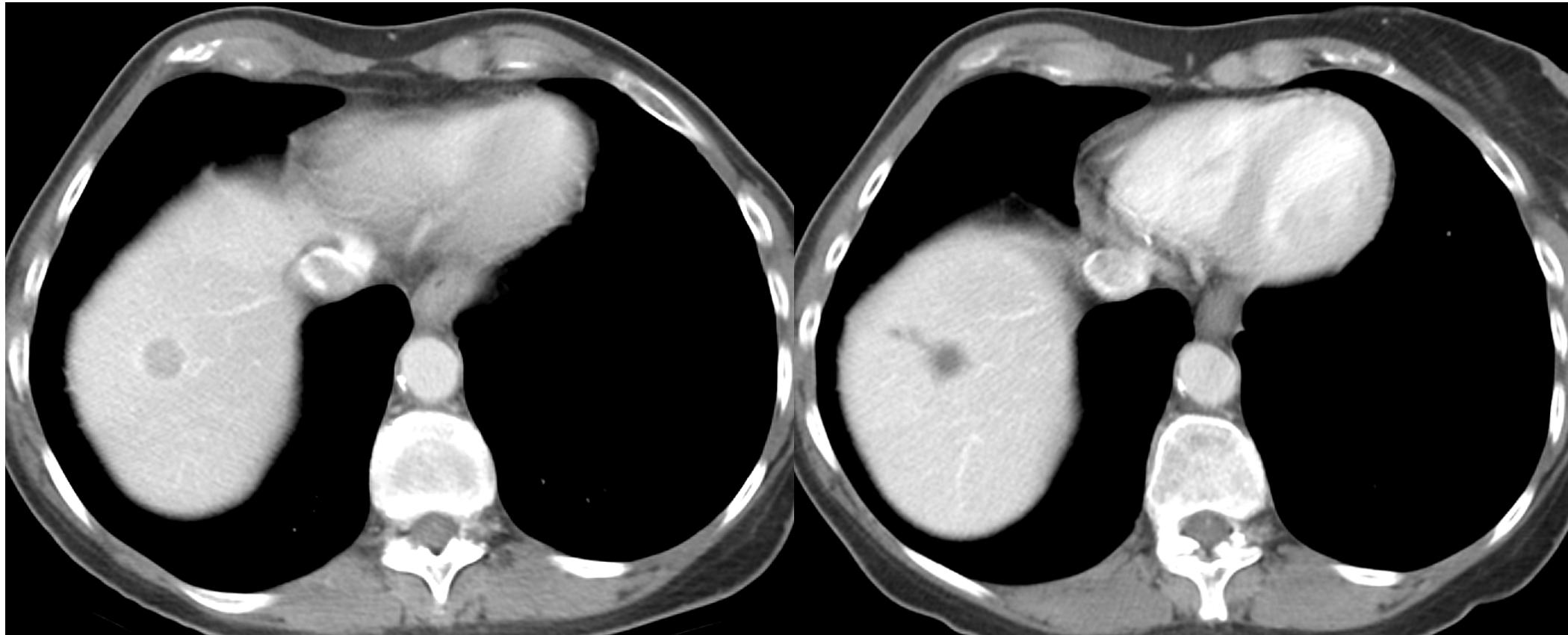


200-micron scale

# Pretreatment and 1-Month Post-Treatment CT Portal Venous Phase Scans

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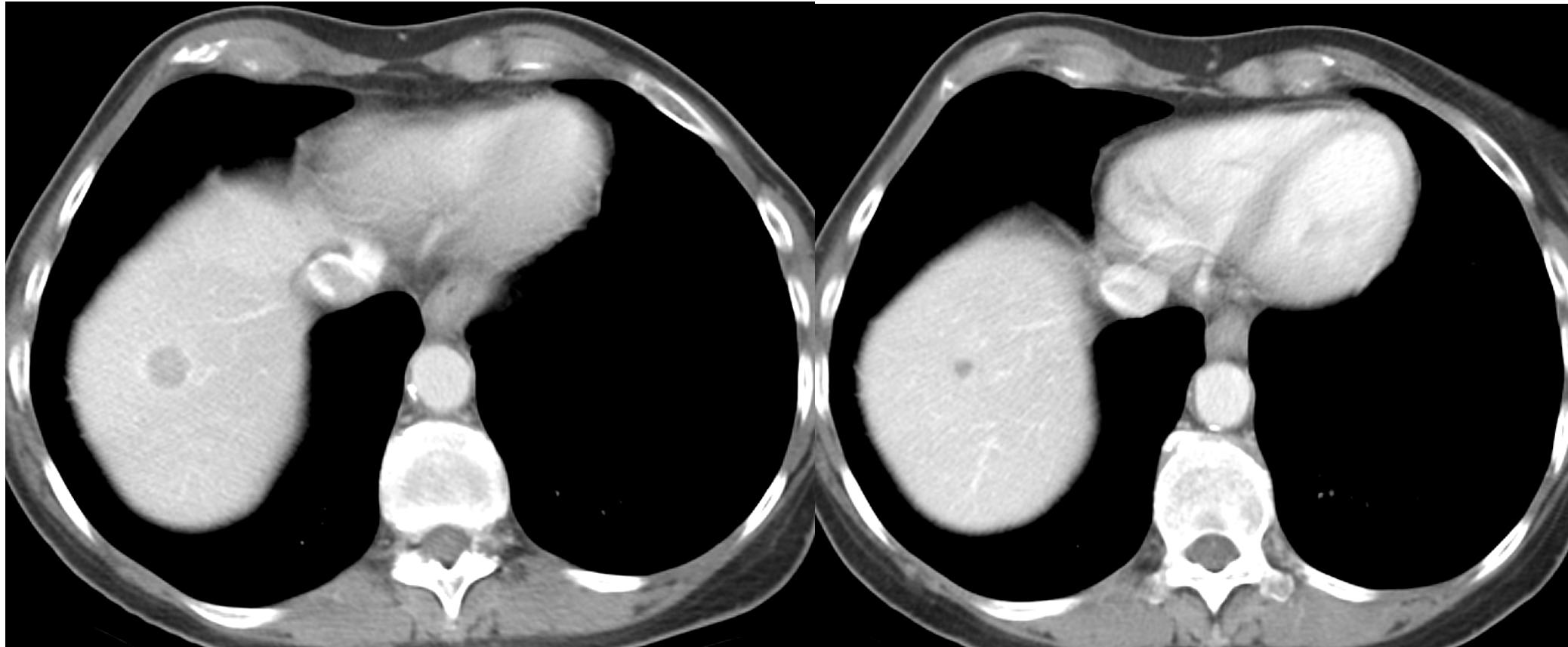
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# Pretreatment and 8-month Post-Treatment CT Portal Venous Phase Scans

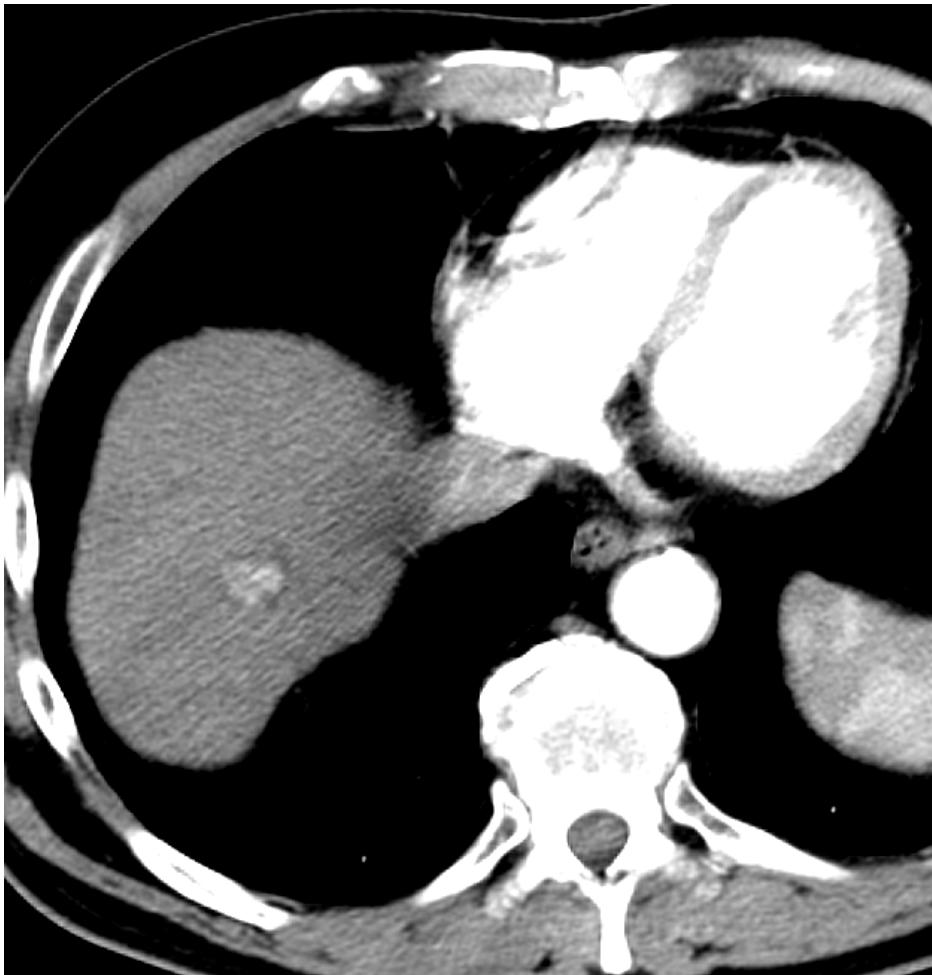
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9.23.16

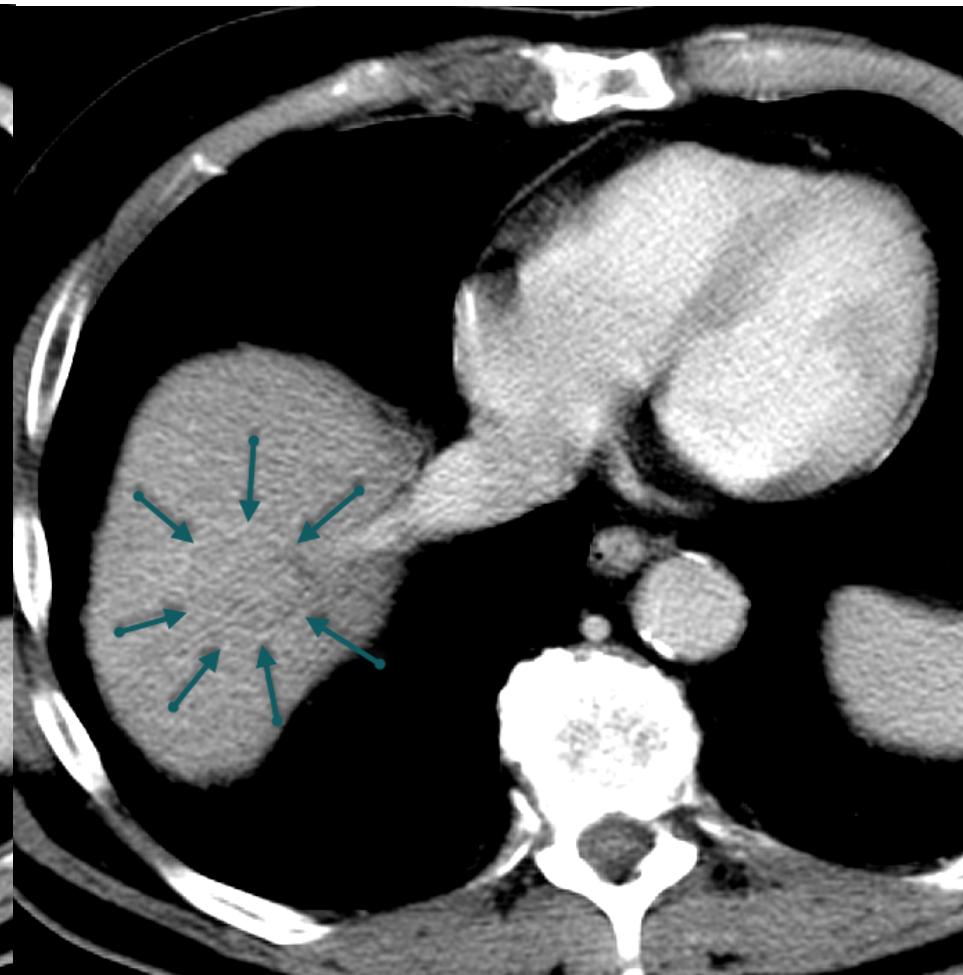


# Pretreatment CT 12.22.16

Arterial Phase

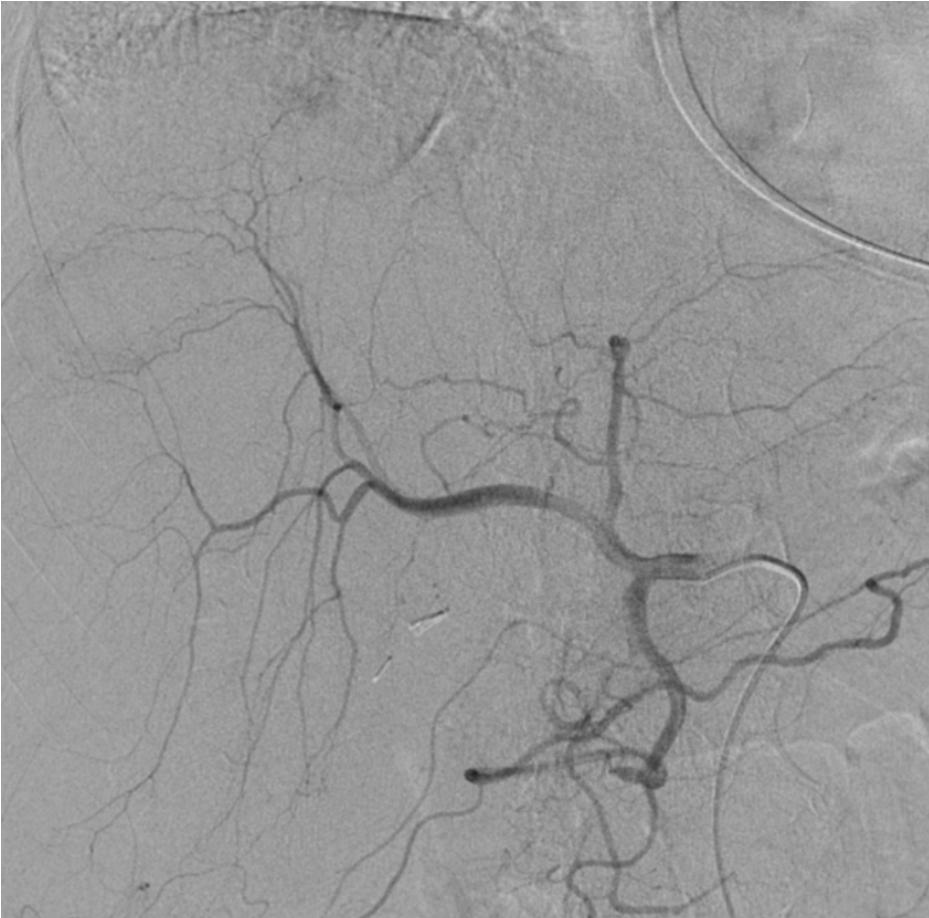


Portal Venous Phase

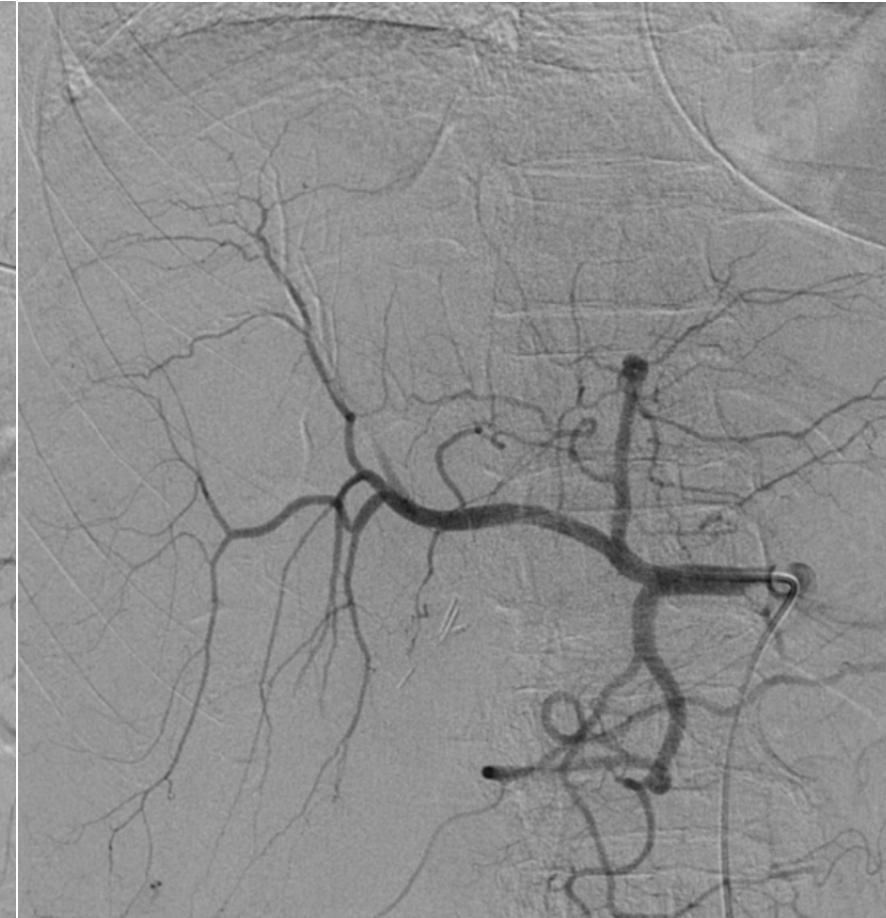


# CHA Angiography 1.17.17

**Pre-Embolization**



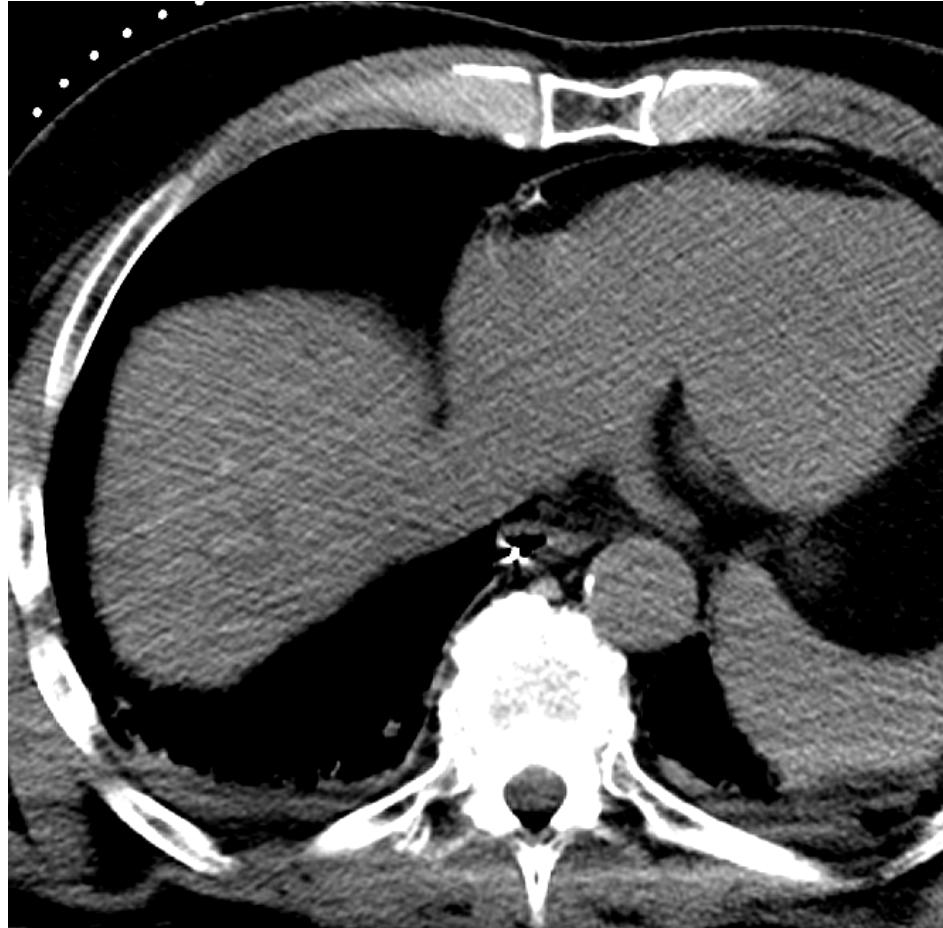
**Post-Embolization**



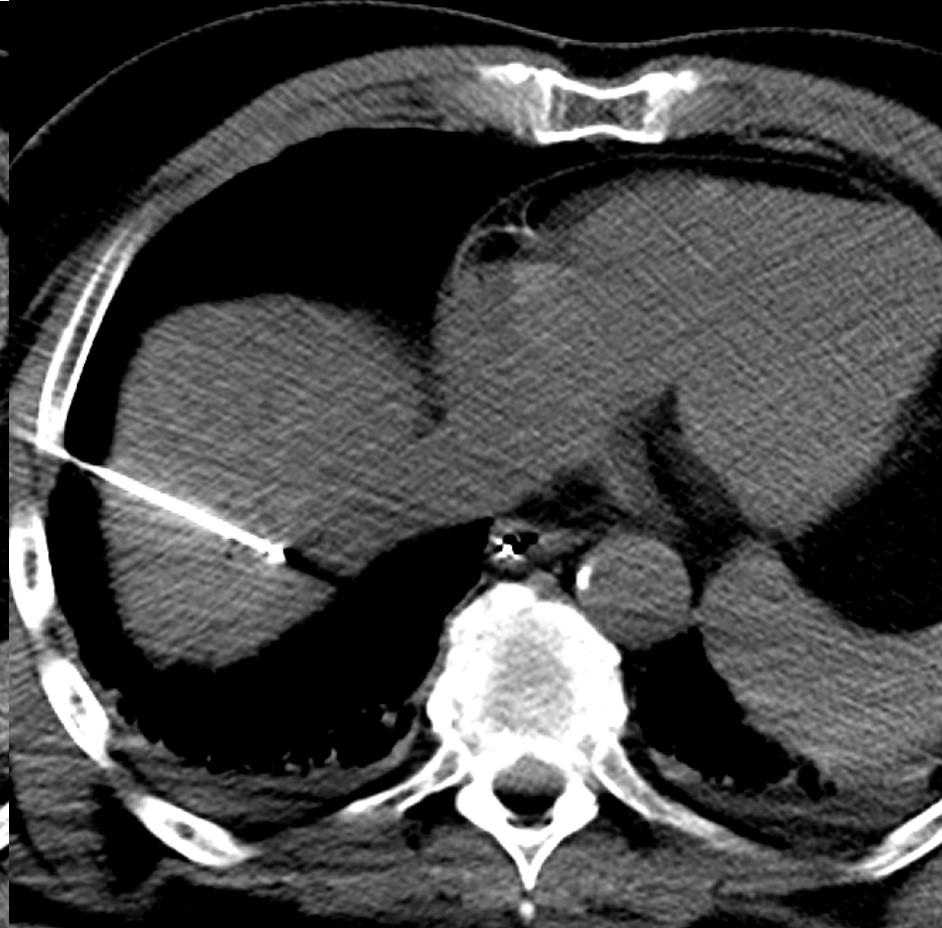
# Post-Embolization Biopsy & Ablation 1.17.17

## #4: Embo + Ablation

Immediate CT

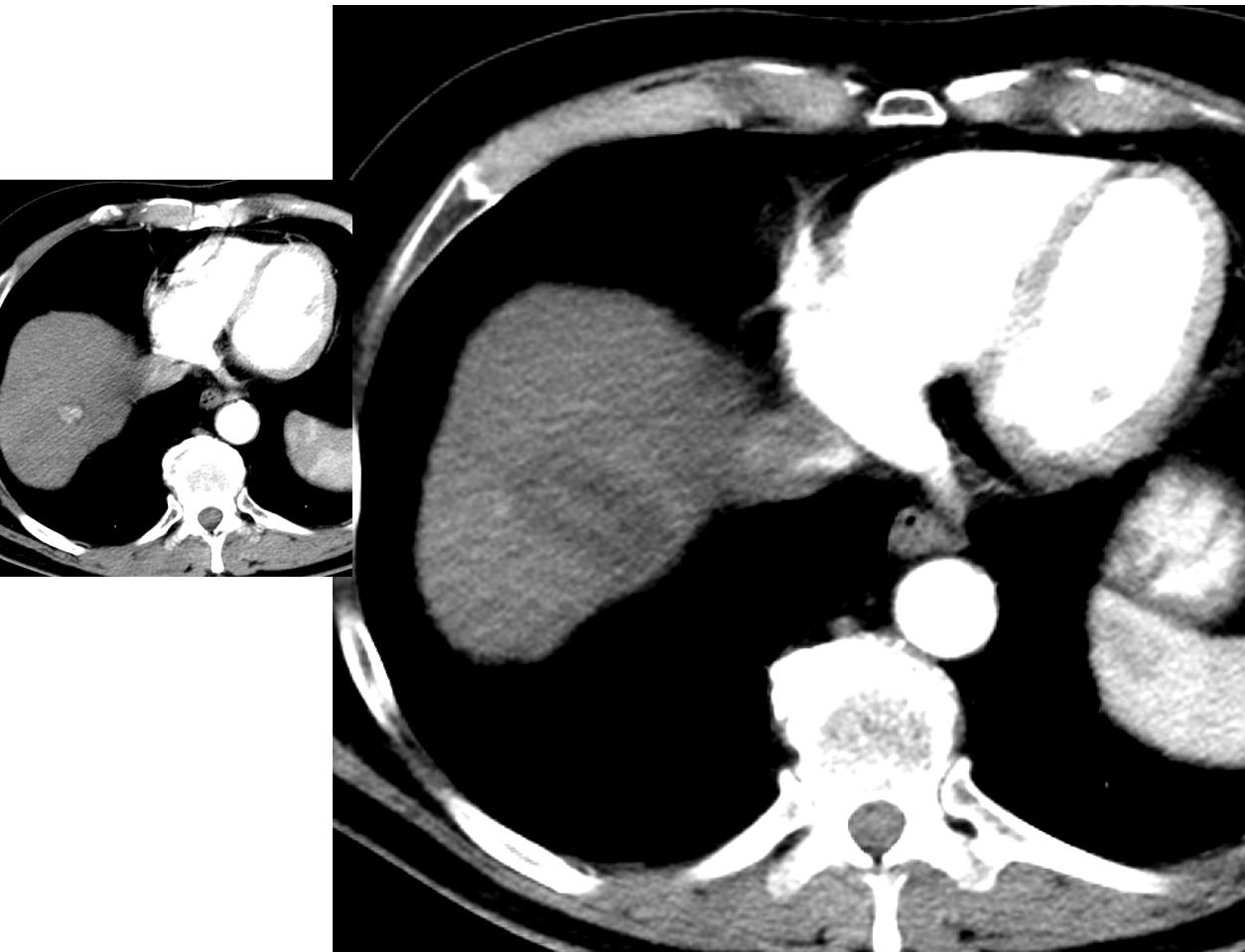


Ablation Biopsy

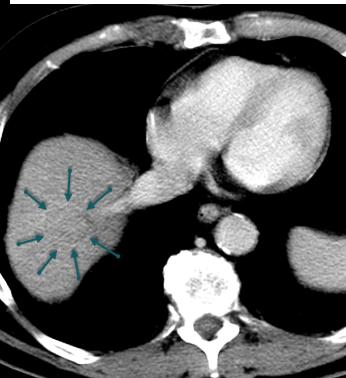
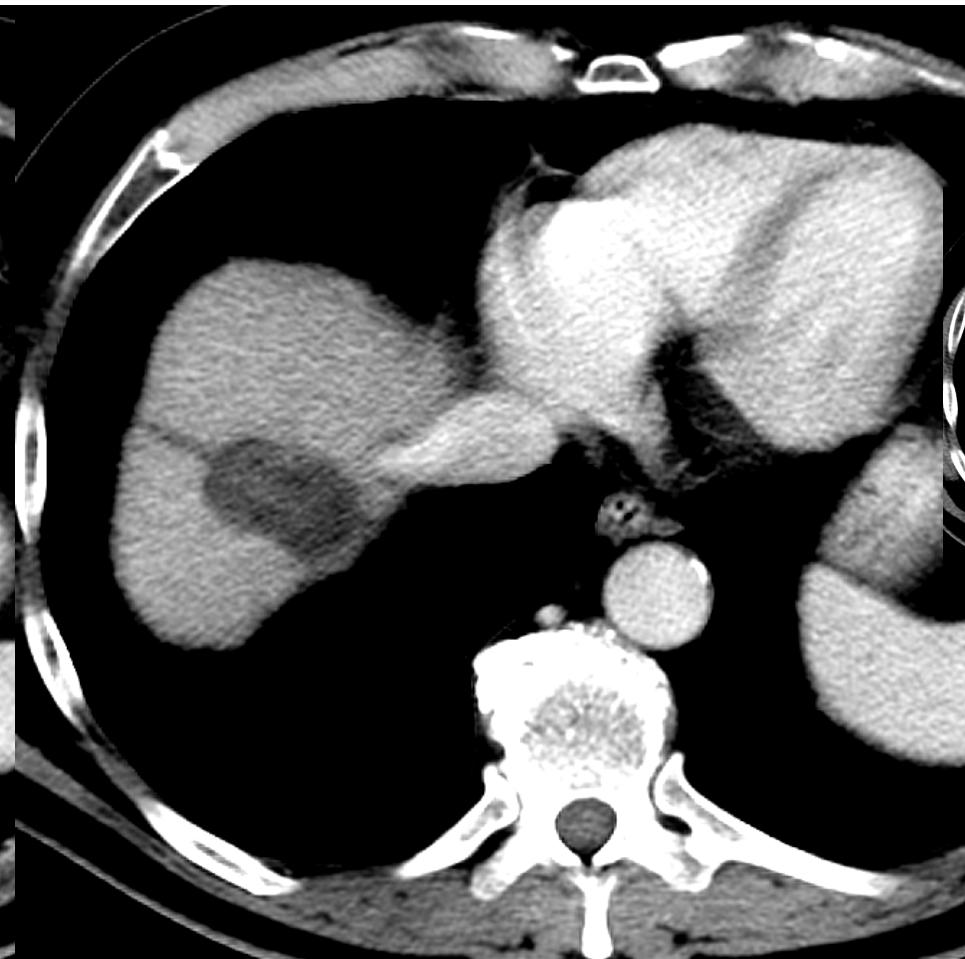


# Multi-Phase CT 1 Week After treatment 1.24.17

Arterial Phase



Portal Venous Phase

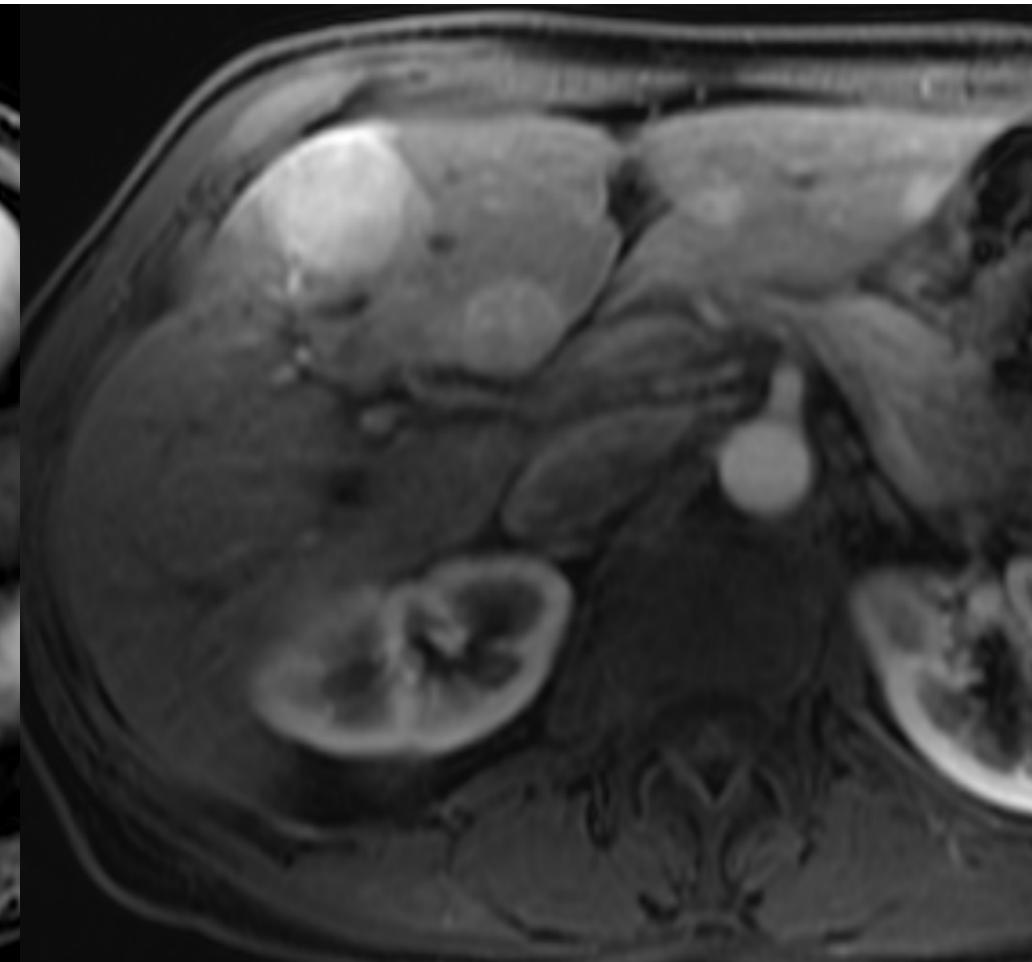
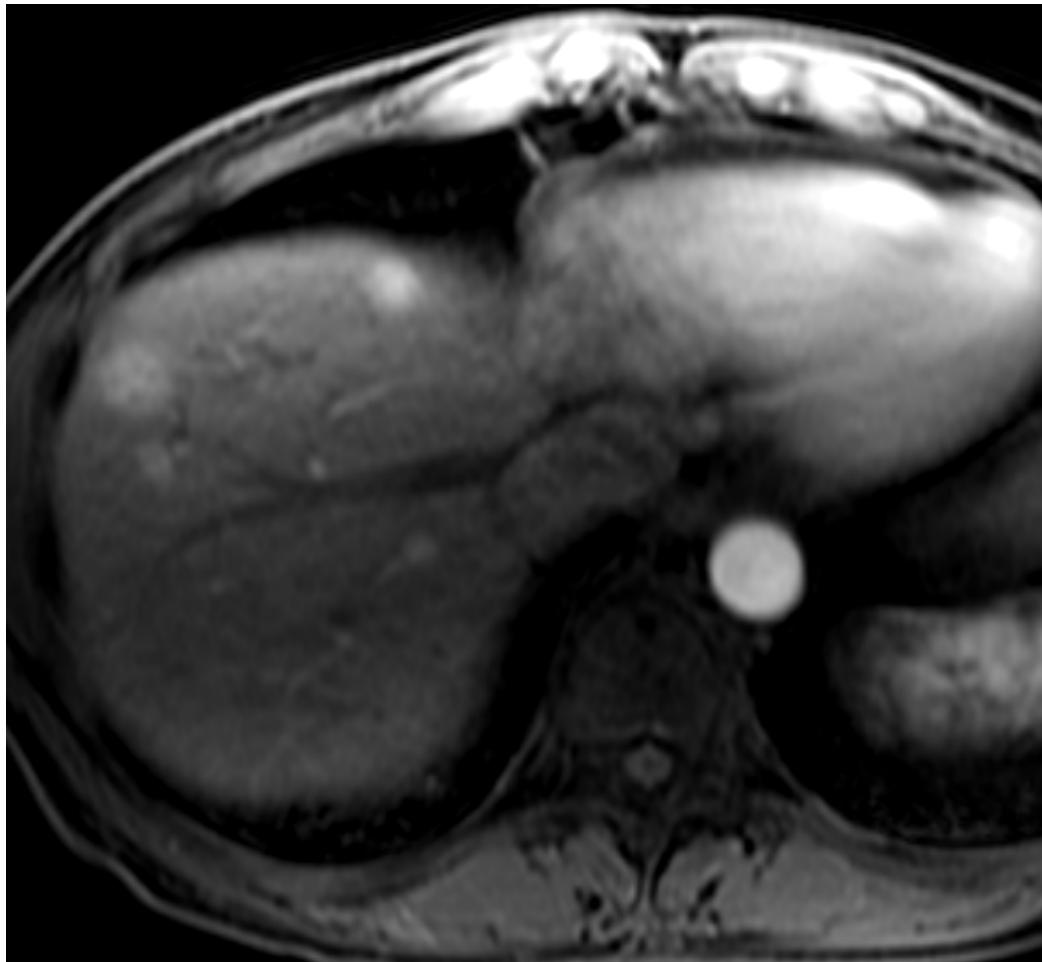


MR 10.18.2016



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# Pretreatment MR 10.18.16

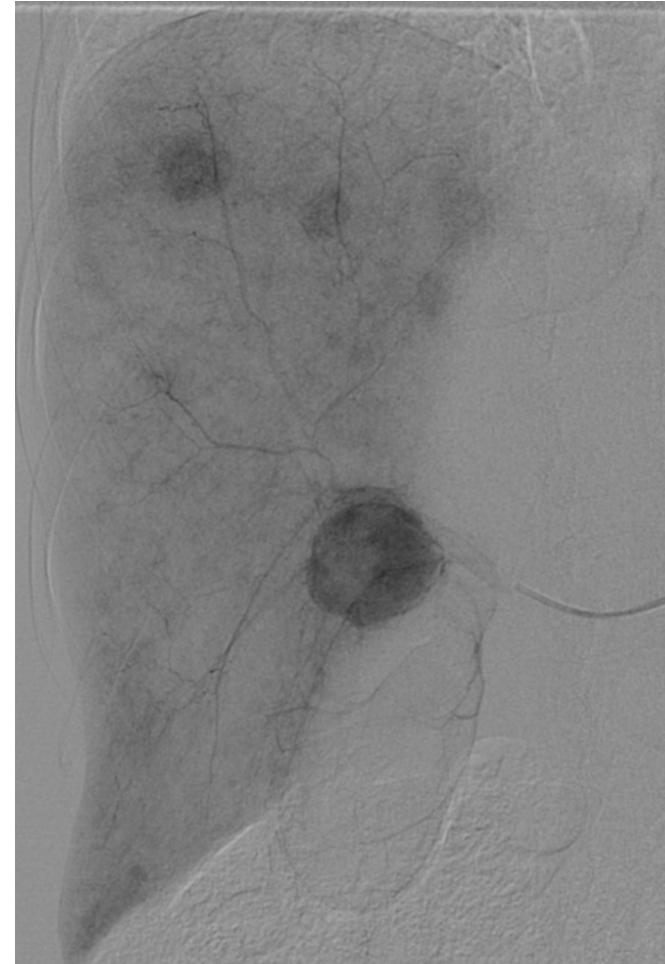


# Right Hepatic Angiogram 1.23.17

Early Arterial

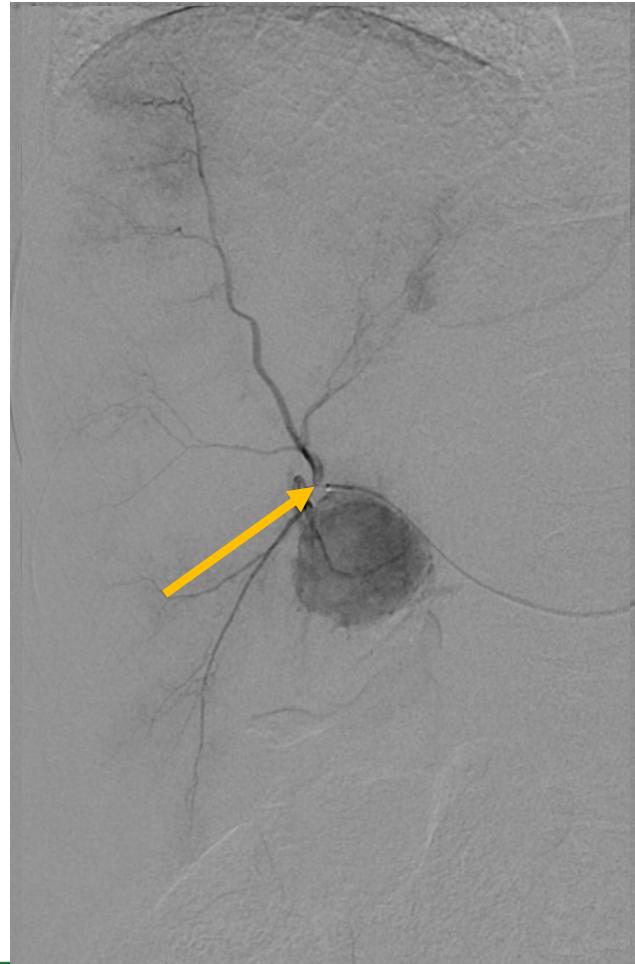


Parenchymal Phase



# RHA Angiography Pre/Post-Embolization 1.23.17

Pre-Embolization Anterior RHA



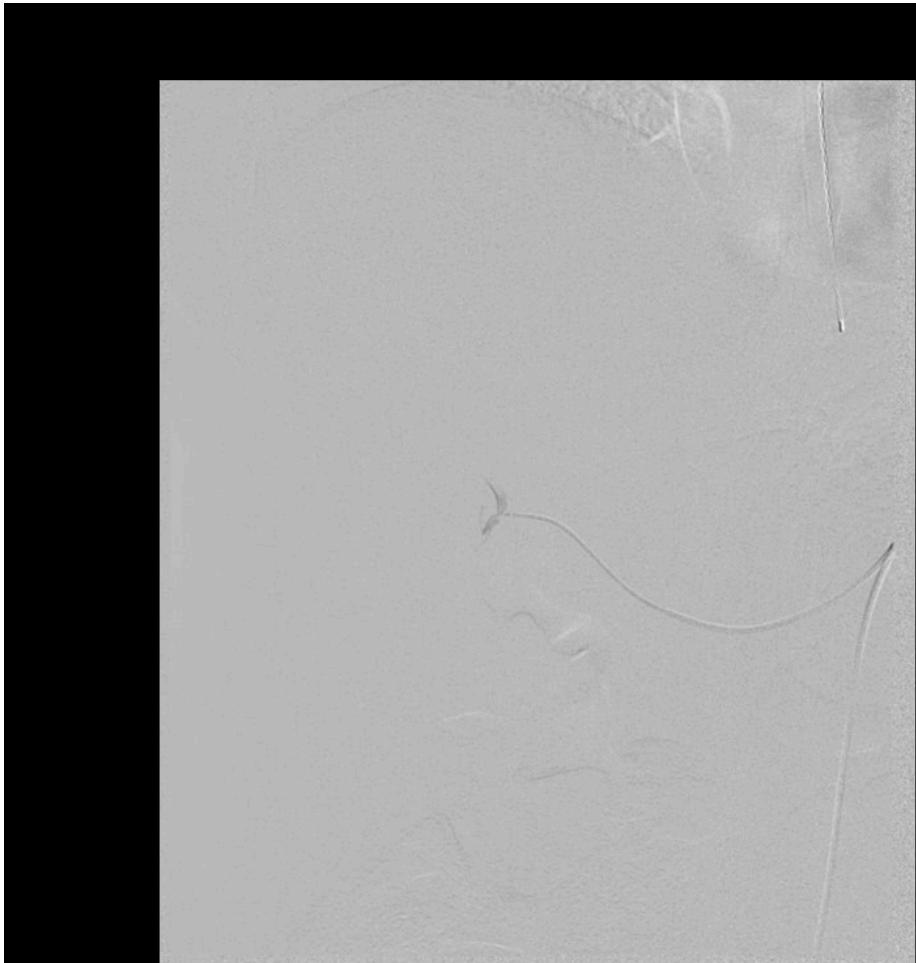
Post-Embolization Anterior RHA



Used 1cc 75-micron  
Embozene

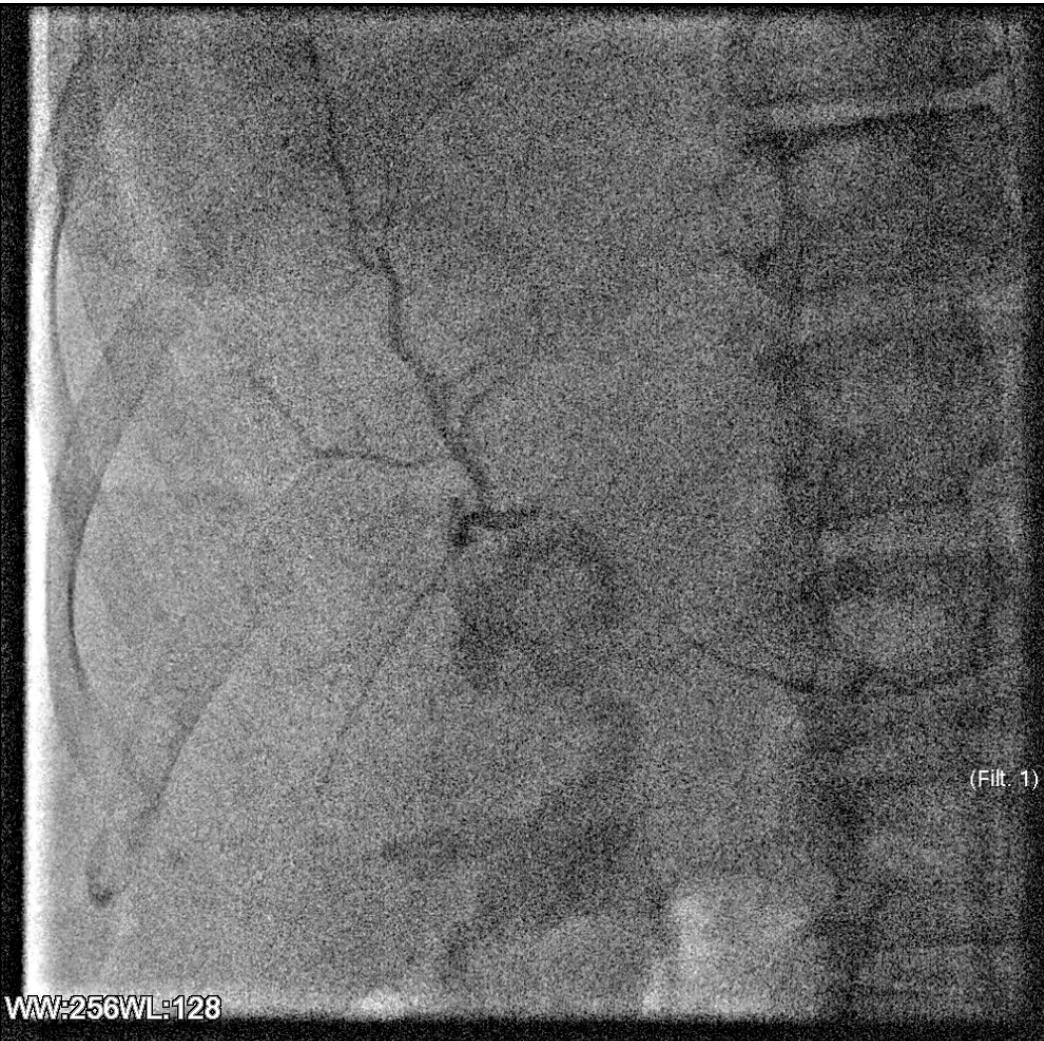
## #5: Patience & Stasis

### Embolize to Stasis



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(Filt. 2)



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# Replaced RHA Angiogram Post-Embolization

Early Arterial



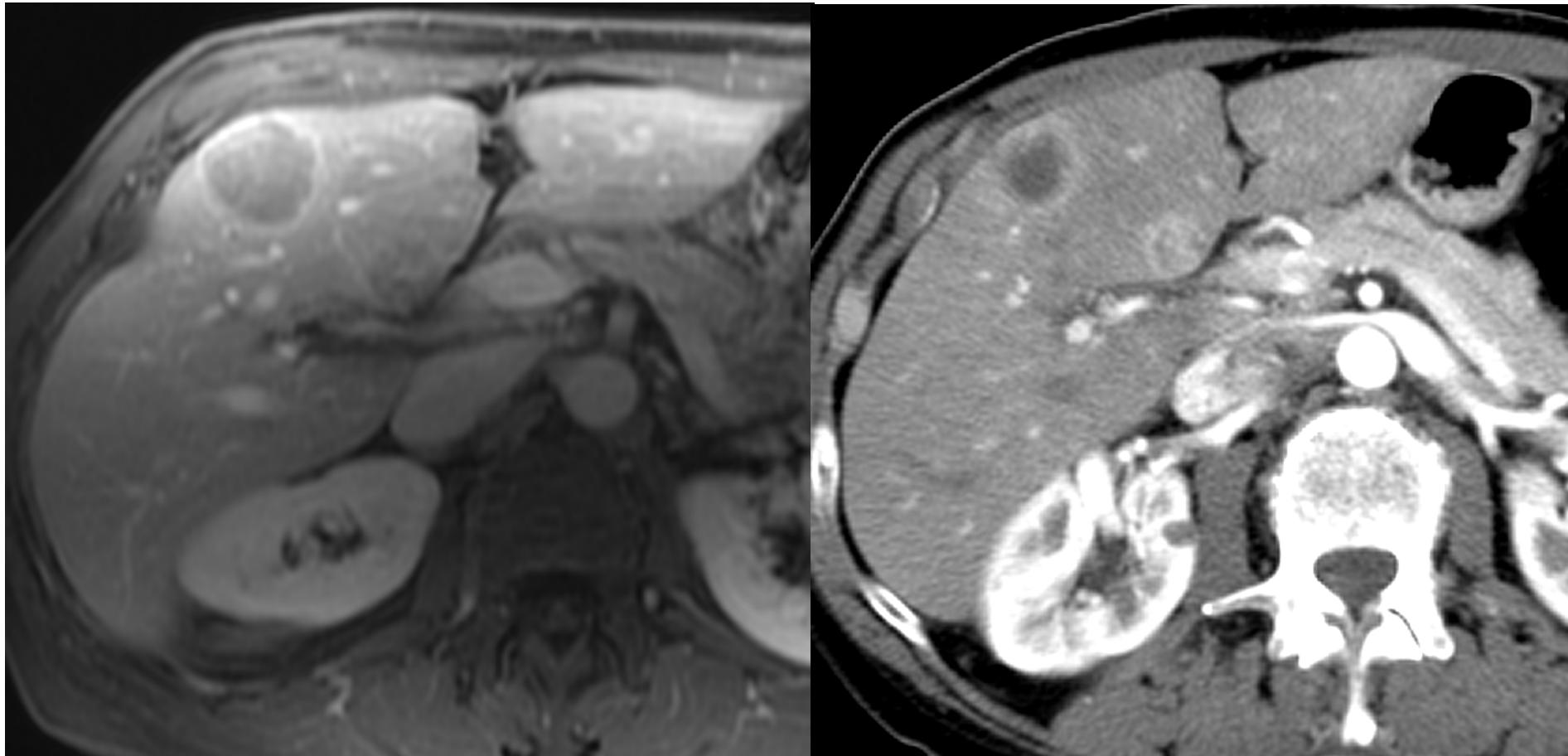
Parenchymal Phase



# CT 1 Month After Embolization

MR 10.18.2016

CT 2.24.2017



# Take-Home Points

- Small particles
- Stasis
- Immediate post-embo CT
- Biopsy OK after embo
- Ablation
- Dronabinol pre
- General anesthesia
- Steroids, ketorolac
- Dronabinol, ketorolac post-embolization

Thanks!

