

# CBCT

## Anatomy and Incidental Findings

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# Objectives

## CBCT

- Consider features for selecting a unit
- Develop a plan for managing images
- Identify basic anatomy
- Recognize common incidental findings



# CBCT

## FEATURES

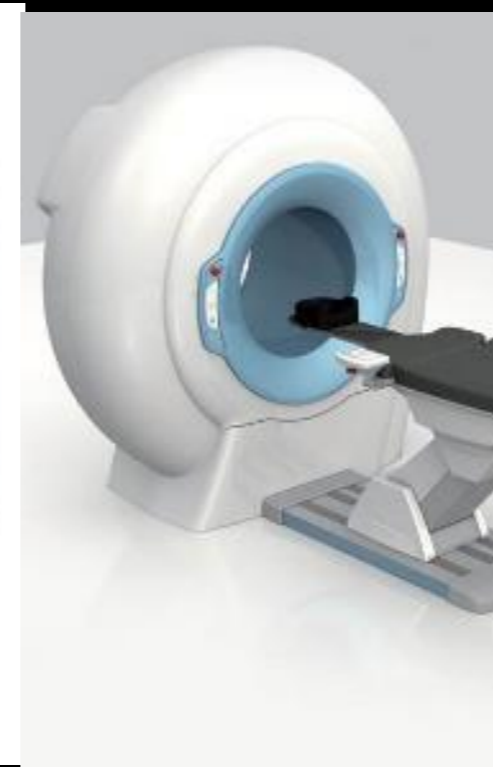




Morita  
Veraviewpocs



VaTech Master 3DS



NewTom 5G



iCAT Next  
Generation



Iluma



ProMax 3D  
Max



Orthophos SL



Pax-Reve 3D



Accuitomo 170



CB 500



Galileos



Scanora 3D



NewTom VGi



Skyview



Suni 3D



Veraviewepocs



Picasso Trio



Orion



CS 9300



Orthophos XG 3D



Prexion



Promax 3D

# Important Principle

Spend time investigating the company and services offered.

Support is crucial.

There are BIG differences.

Carestream



DANAHER



north  
america

PLANMECA

NewTom

Cone Beam 3D Imaging



PreXion  
make IT visible

sirona.

The Dental Company

vatech

# What will you use the unit for in your practice?

✓ Implant therapy	50%
✓ Endodontics	15%
✓ Craniofacial Assessment	11%
✓ Pathology	10%
✓ TMJ Assessment	6%
✓ Impacted Teeth	5%
✓ Other	3%



# What fields of view will you need?



Large (15x15)



Medium Large (10x10)



Medium (8x8)



Small (5x5)

Features



15 x 15 cm

## Large FOV

Orthodontics

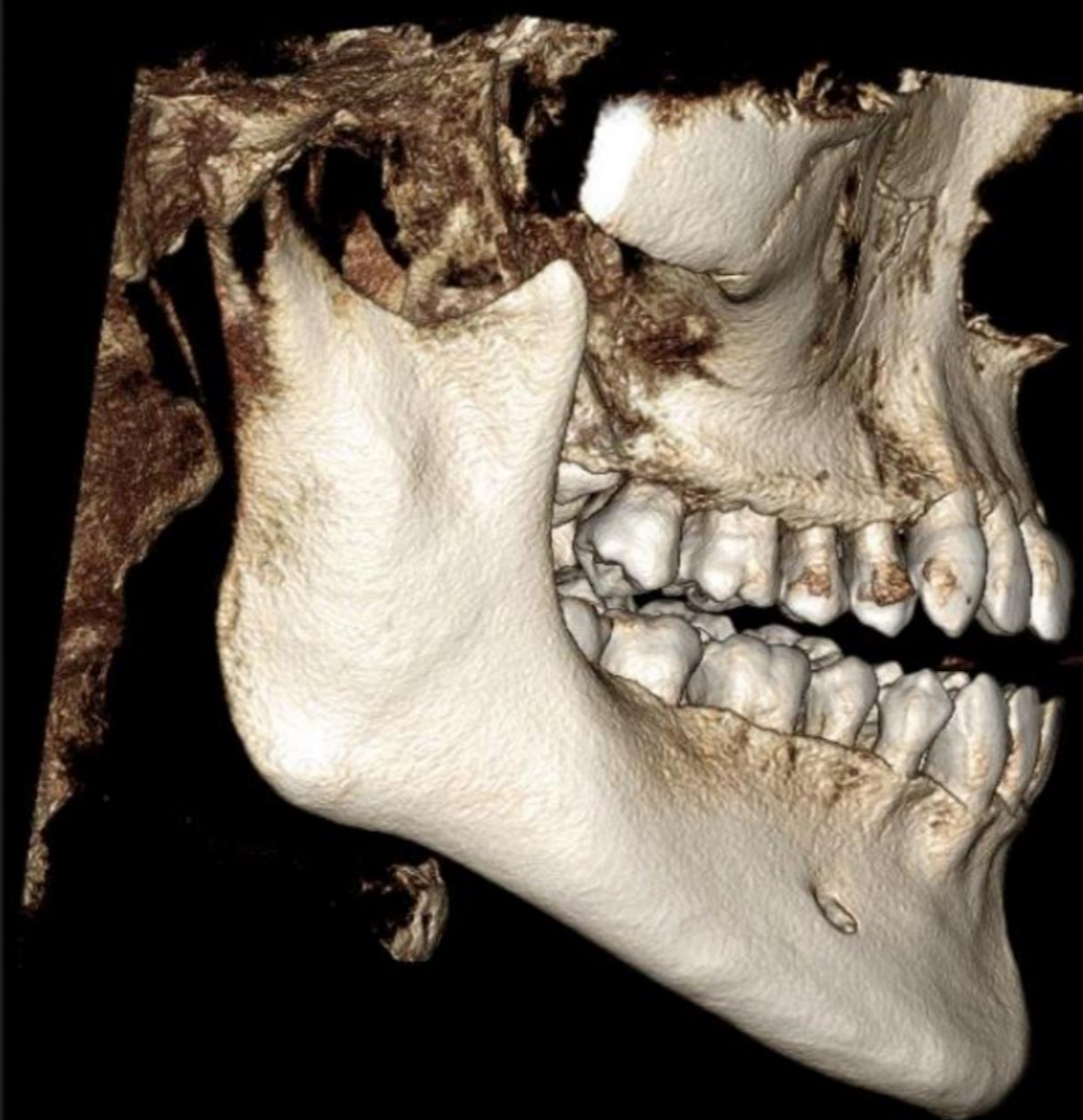
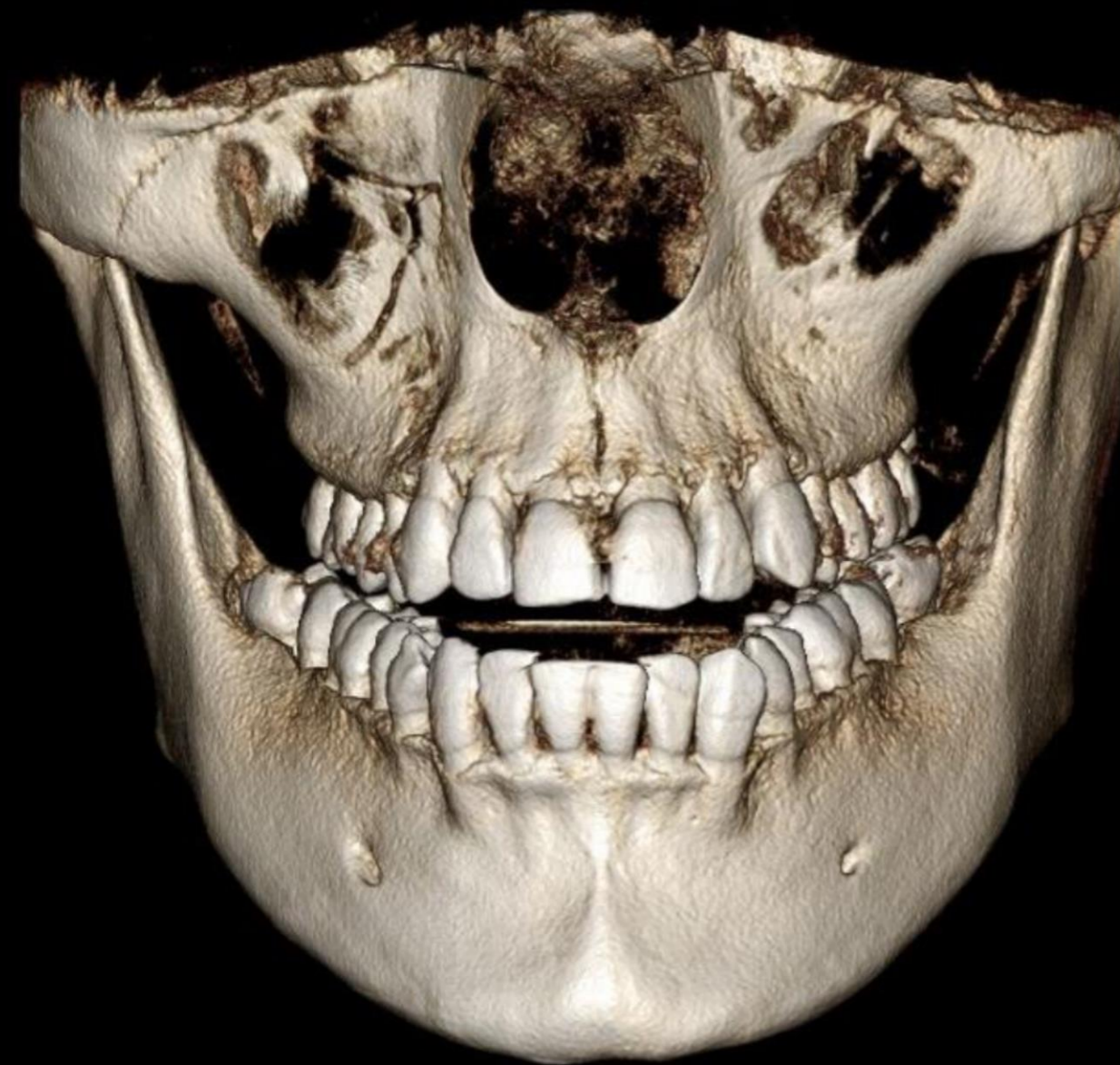
Jaw pathologies

TMJ evaluation

Maxillofacial trauma  
assessment

Features





11 x 10 cm

## Medium FOV

Entire Arch of Interest  
Surgical Guide Fabrication

Overall Nice Size for  
General Dentistry



8 x 8 cm

Medium FOV

Entire Arch of Interest  
Surgical Guide Fabrication

Lacks condyles

Overall Nice Size for  
General Dentistry

Features



5 x 5 cm

Small FOV

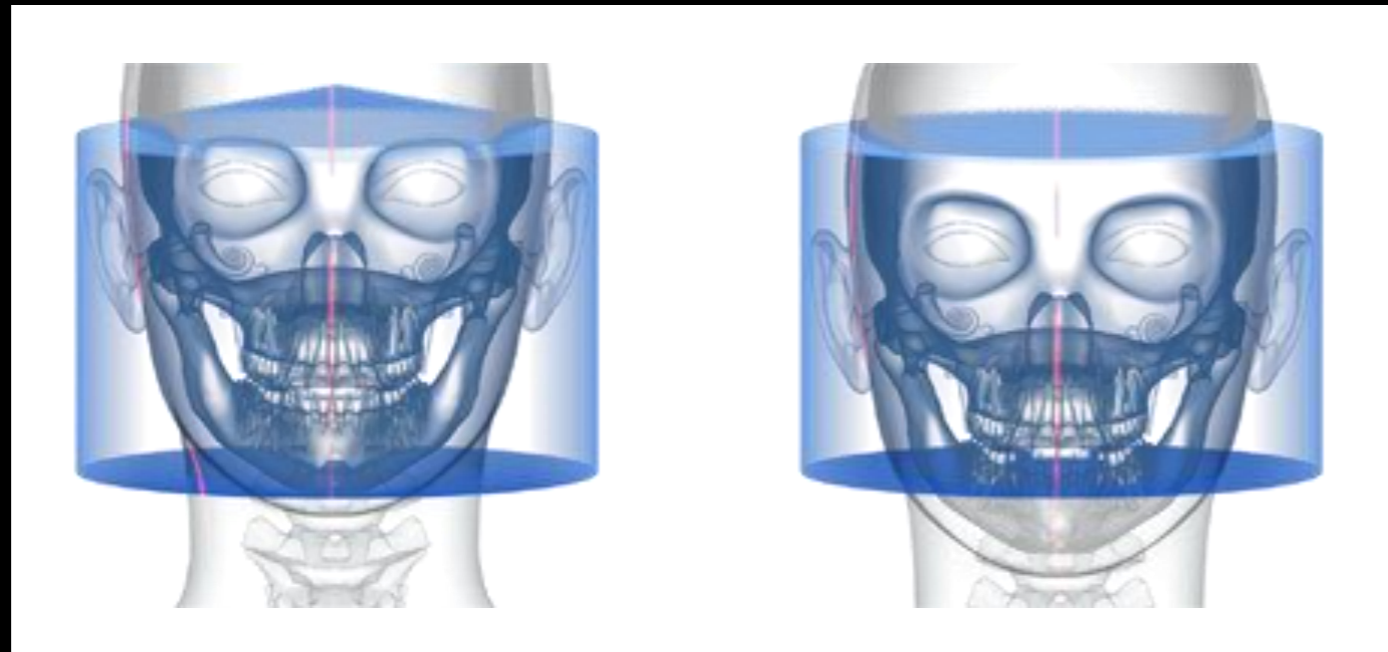
Great for single implant

High resolution

Limited anatomy to evaluate

Features

**Maxillofacial / Orthodontics / Sinus modes**



Facial  $\Phi 17 \times 13.5 \text{cm}$   
20s –  $300\mu\text{m}$

Sinus  $\Phi 17 \times 11 \text{cm}$   
12s –  $250\mu\text{m}$

**Jaw modes**

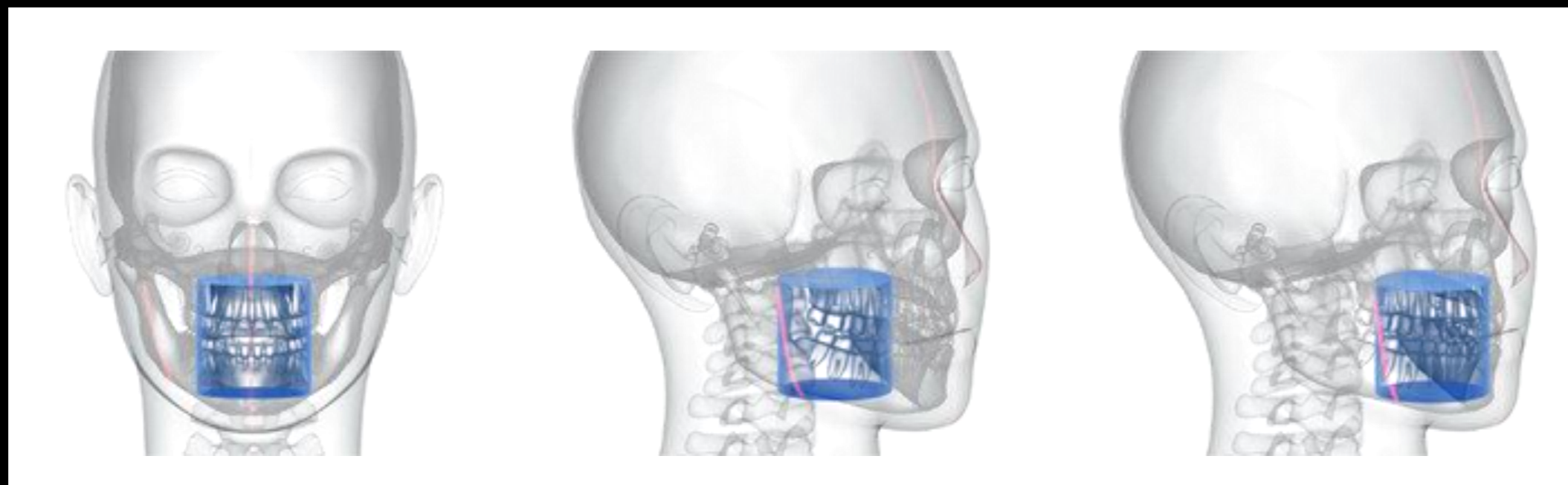


Dual jaw  $\Phi 10 \times 10 \text{cm}$  12s –  
 $183\mu\text{m}$

Single jaw  $\Phi 10 \times 5 \text{cm}$   
12s –  $183\mu\text{m}$

Dual jaw  $\Phi 8 \times 8 \text{cm}$   
20s –  $200\mu\text{m}$

**Focused modes / Teeth modes**

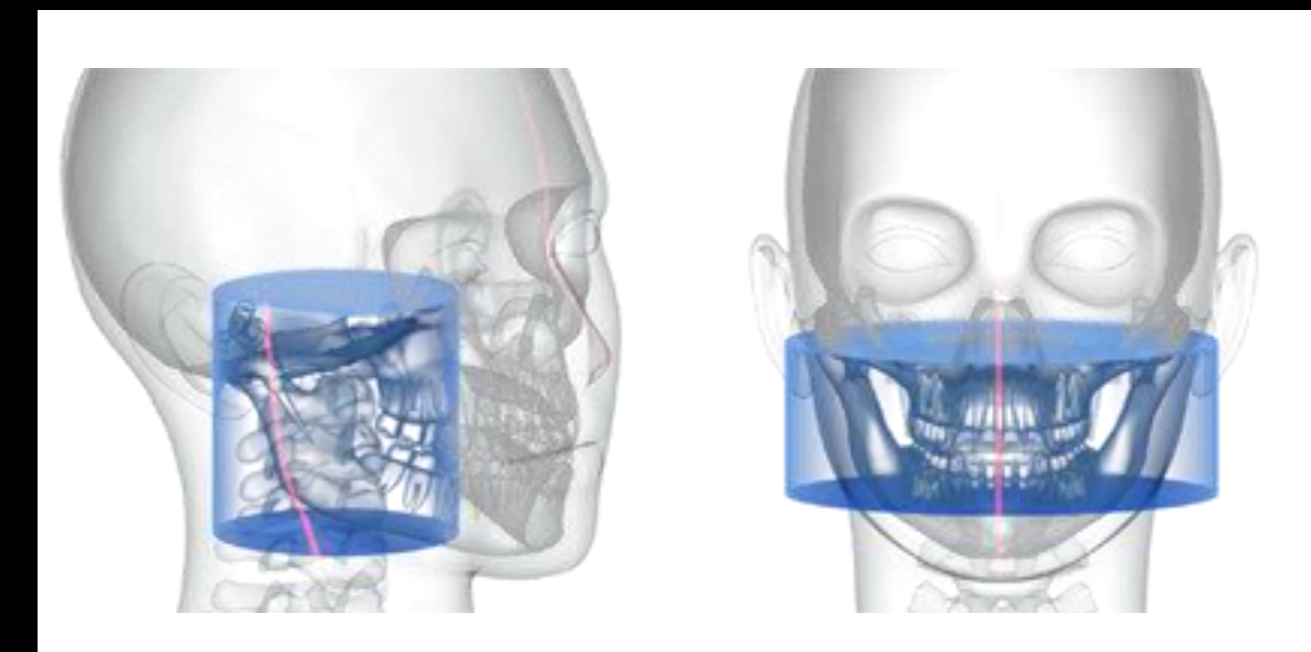


Incisive  $\Phi 5 \times 5 \text{cm}$   
12 or 20s –  $90\mu\text{m}$

Molar  $\Phi 5 \times 5 \text{cm}$   
12 or 20s –  $90\mu\text{m}$

Premolar  $\Phi 5 \times 5 \text{cm}$   
12 or 20s –  $90\mu\text{m}$

**TMJ modes**

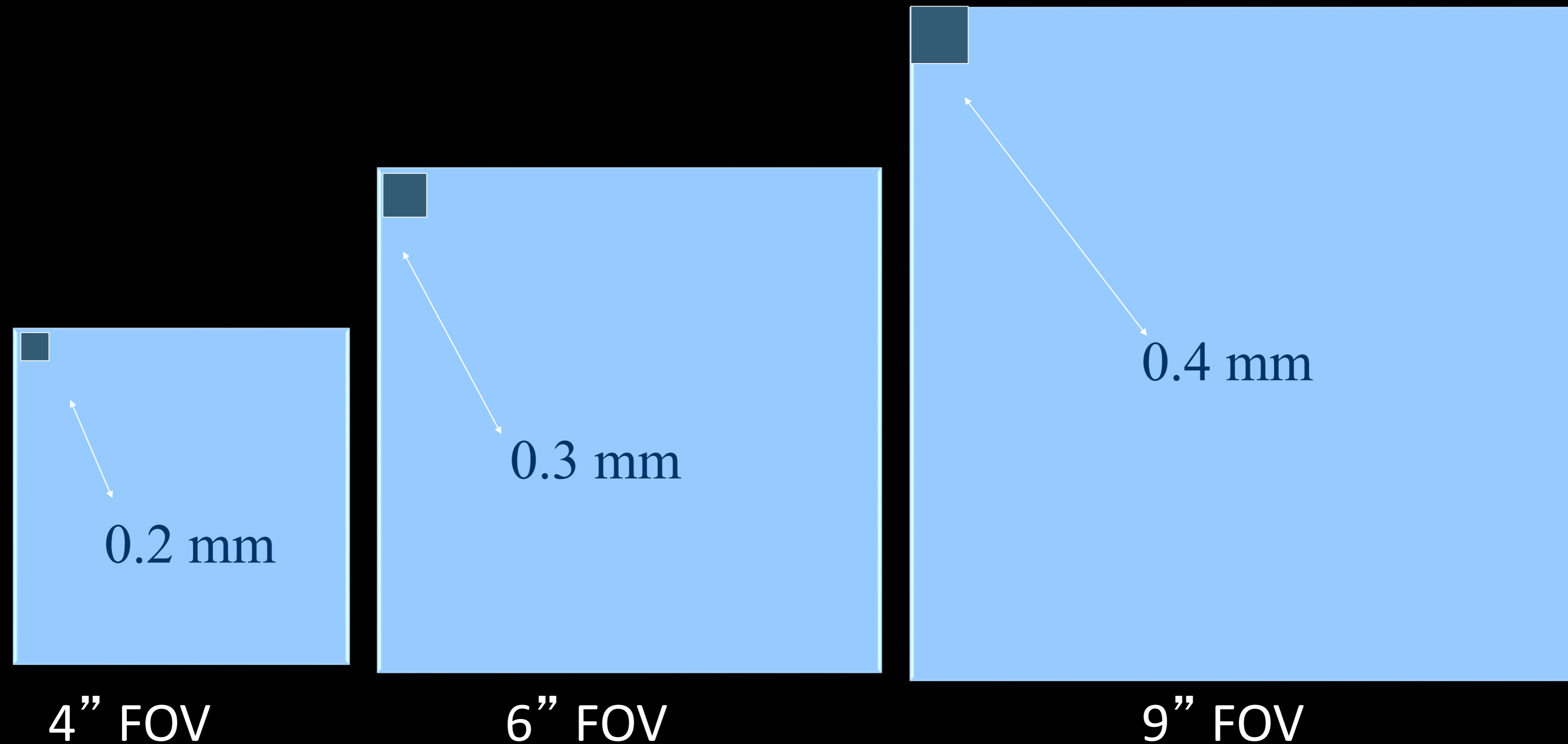


Single TMJ  $\Phi 8 \times 8 \text{cm}$  20s –  
 $200\mu$

Dual TMJ  $\Phi 17 \times 6 \text{cm}$   
12s –  $183\mu\text{m}$

*Compliments Dr. Don Tyndall*

# Pixel size versus FOV - 512 x 512 matrix



Increasing image noise (can be overcome with more radiation)



Compliments Dr. Andre Mol

Features

# Medium FOV CBCT-Dose Calculations

Medium FOV Techniques	Effective Dose in $\mu\text{Sv}$	Dose as multiple of average† Panoramic Dose	Days of per capita background*	Probability of x in a million fatal cancer‡
CB Mercuray – “Panoramic” FOV	560	35	68	30.8
Classic i-CAT – Standard scan	69	4	8	3.8
Next Generation i-CAT Landscape mode	87	5	11	4.8
Galileos – (default exposure)	70	4	9	3.9
SCANORA 3D – large FOV	76	5	9	4.2
Newton VG	109	7	13	6.0
CB-500 – extended diameter scan	89	6	11	4.9
Kodak 9500 9 cm x 15 cm (medium adult)	98	6	12	5
Somaton 64 MDCT	860	53	105	47.3
Somaton 64 MDCT w/ CARE Dose 4D	534	33	65	29.4

\*3,000  $\mu\text{Sv}$  NCRP Report No. 145, 2003 †Average of 5 units ‡dose in  $\mu\text{Sv} \times 5.5 \times 10^{-2}$

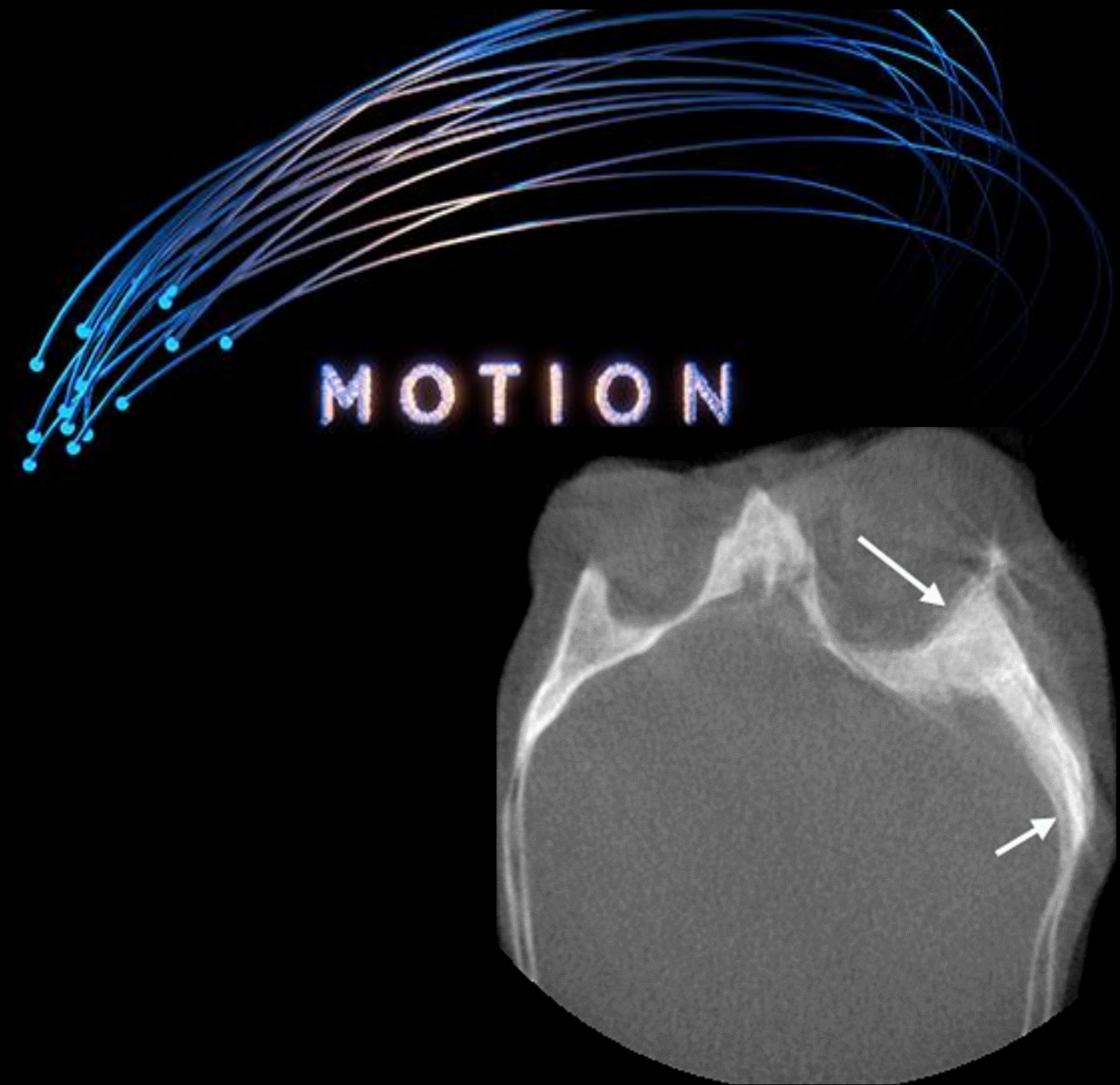
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12X

Compliments Dr. John Ludlow

# Poor Image Quality

Scan time and Patient Motion  
Proper patient stabilization  
Involuntary motion



# CBCT

Management Plan





# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation



# Training

✓ Acquisition

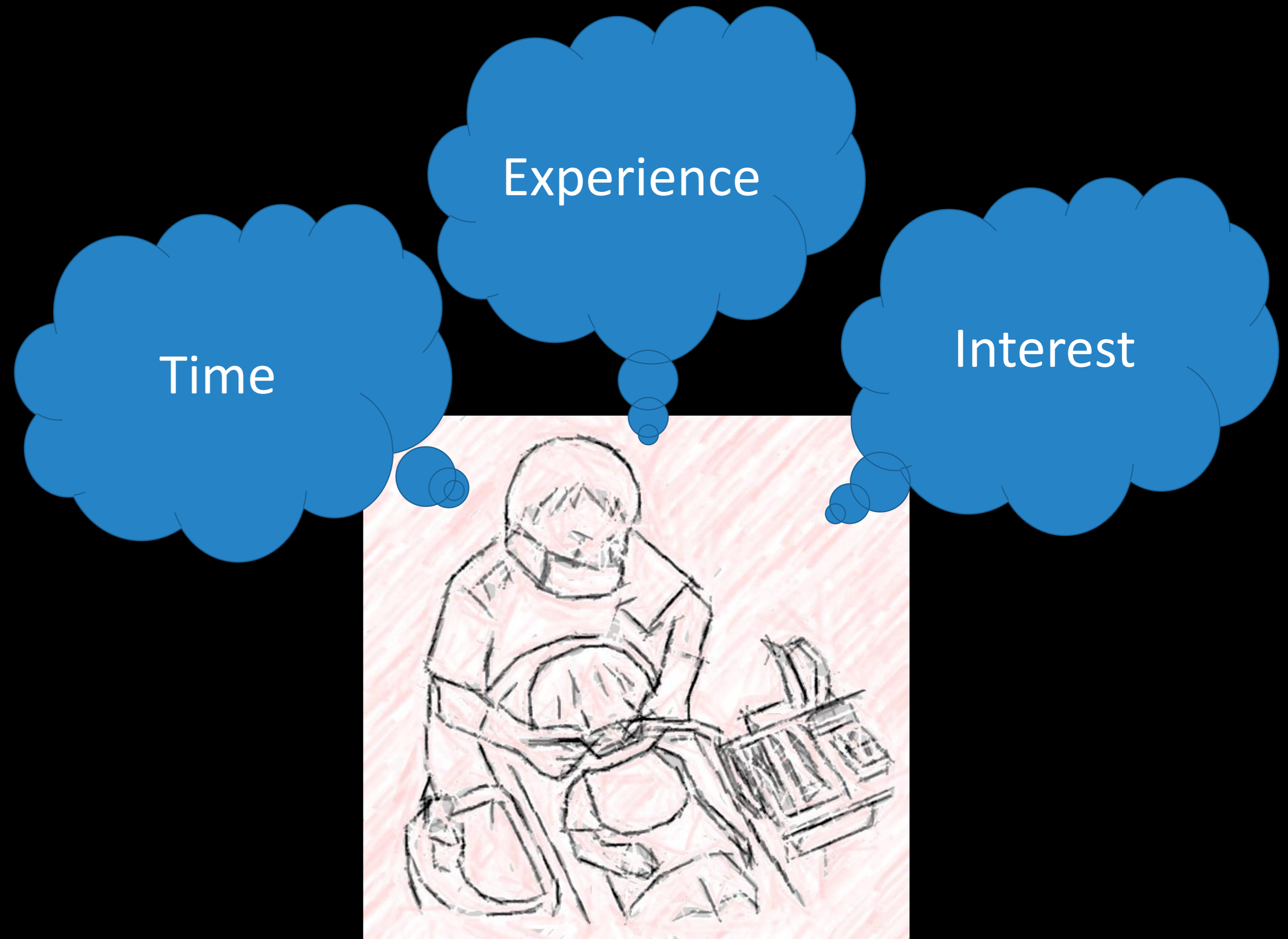
✓ Interpretation

✓ Detailed review of the area of interest.

✓ Review of the remainder of the structures captured.

# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation



# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation

1. Develop a Systematic Review Process
2. Recognize Normal Anatomy
3. Use Symmetry
4. Recognize Radiographic Signs
5. Categorize disease and/or abnormalities

# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation

## Systematic Review

- TEMPLATE
- Maxilla and Maxillary Teeth
  - Mandible and Mandibular Teeth
  - Nose and Paranasal Sinuses
  - TMJs
  - Neck and Cervical Spine
  - Skull Base



### Step 1

#### AXIAL VIEW

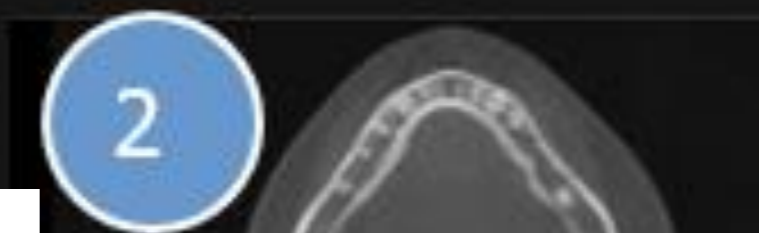
- Cranial bones and skull base
  - Frontal, parietal, temporal, occipital bones
  - Anterior fossa structures
  - Middle fossa structures
  - Posterior fossa structures
- Orbits
- Paranasal sinuses
  - Frontal
  - Ethmoidal
  - Sphenoidal
  - Maxillary
  - \*\*Pterygopalatine fossa
- Airway
  - Nasal cavity
  - Nasopharynx
  - Oropharynx
  - hypopharynx
- Spine

#### CORONAL VIEW

- Skull base
- Orbits
- Paranasal Sinuses
- Nasal Cavity
- Airway
- Spine

#### SAGITTAL VIEW

- Skull base
- Orbits
- Paranasal Sinuses
- Nasal Cavity
- Airway
- Spine



### Step 2

#### MAXILLA

- Axial
- Coronal
- Sagittal

#### MANDIBLE

- Axial
- Coronal
- Sagittal



### Step 3

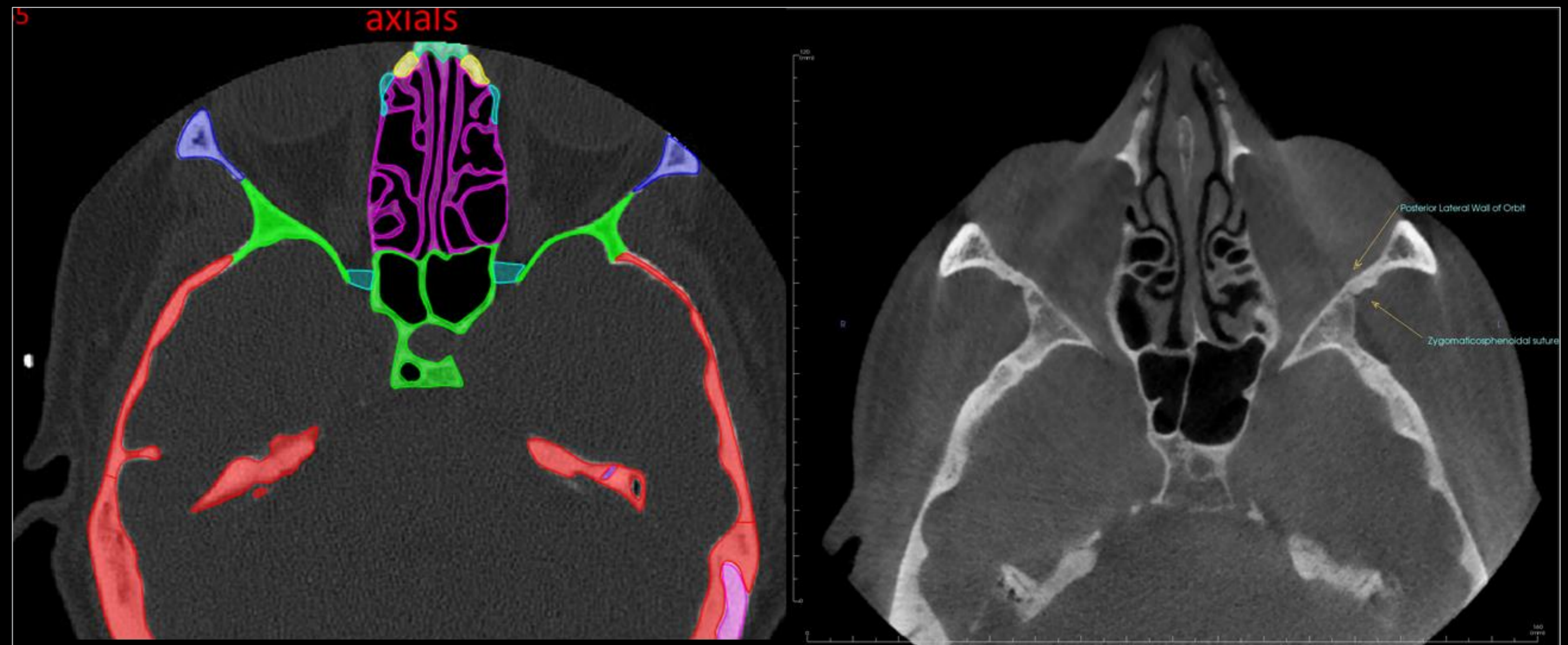
#### REGION OF INTEREST

- Axial
- Coronal
- Sagittal



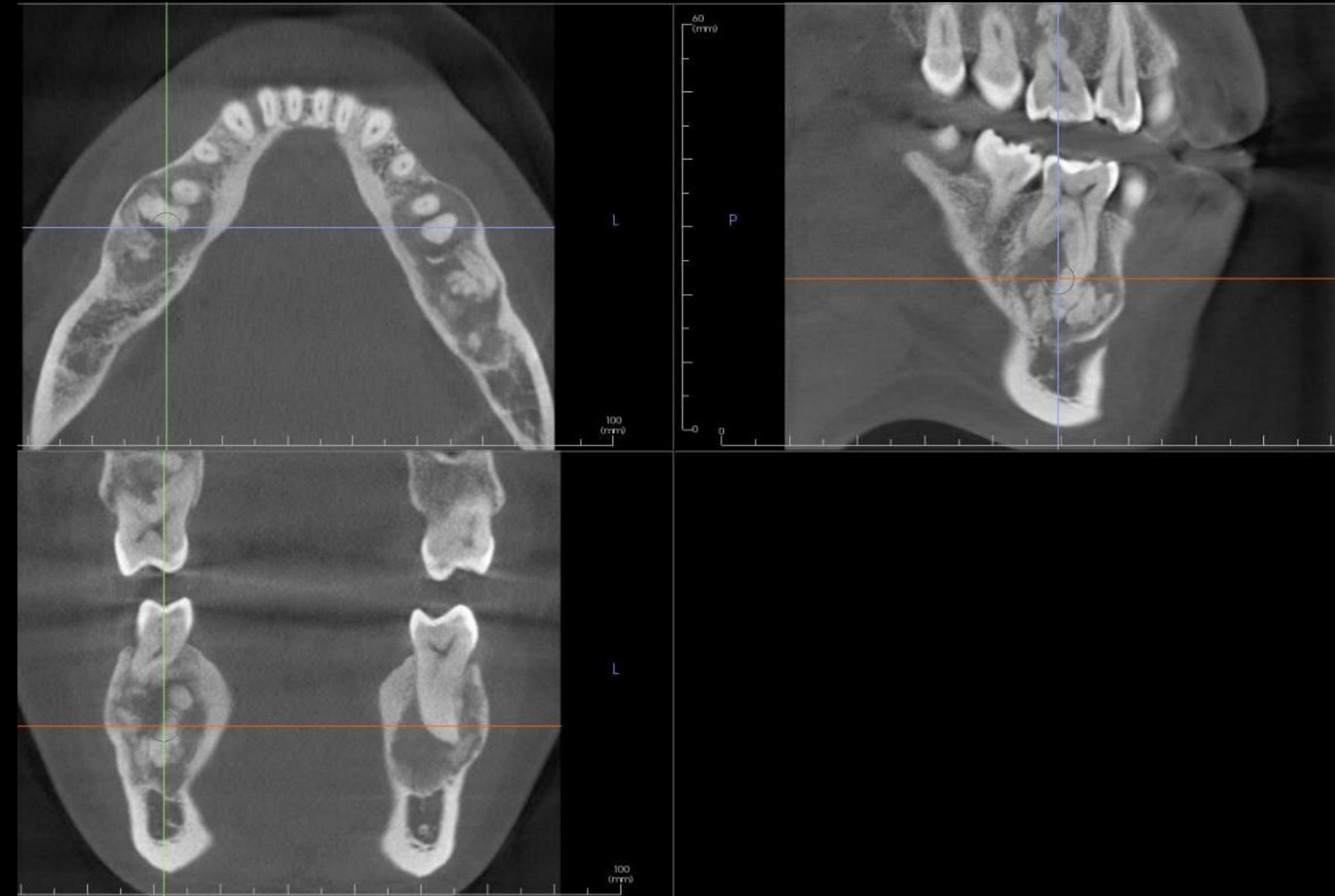
# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation
  - ✓ Identification
  - ✓ Asymmetry



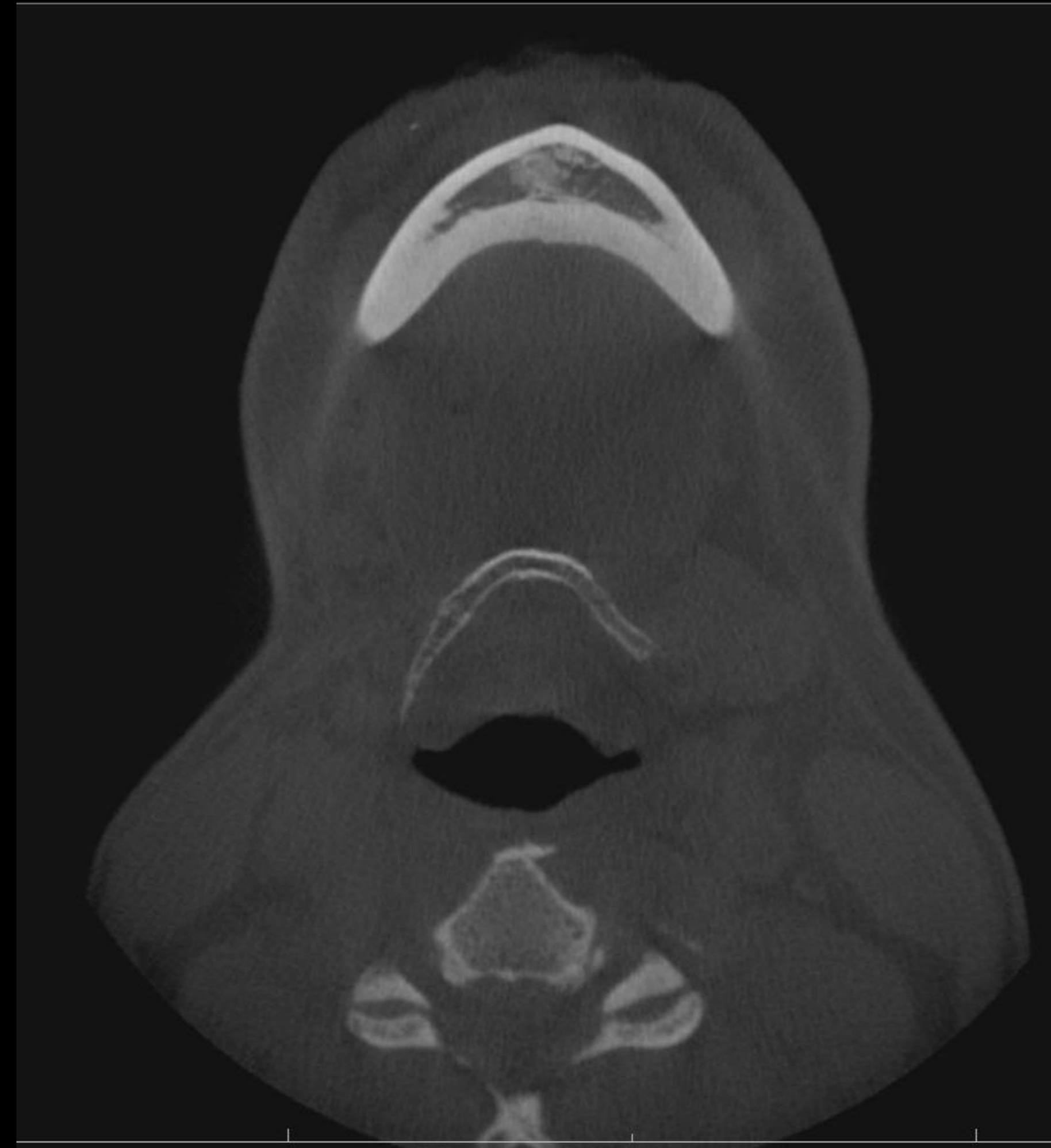
# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation
  - ✓ Identification
  - ✓ Asymmetry
  - ✓ Change in size, shape, density
  - ✓ Alteration in cortical or cancellous bone



# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation
  - ✓ Soft tissues
  - ✓ Extensive destruction

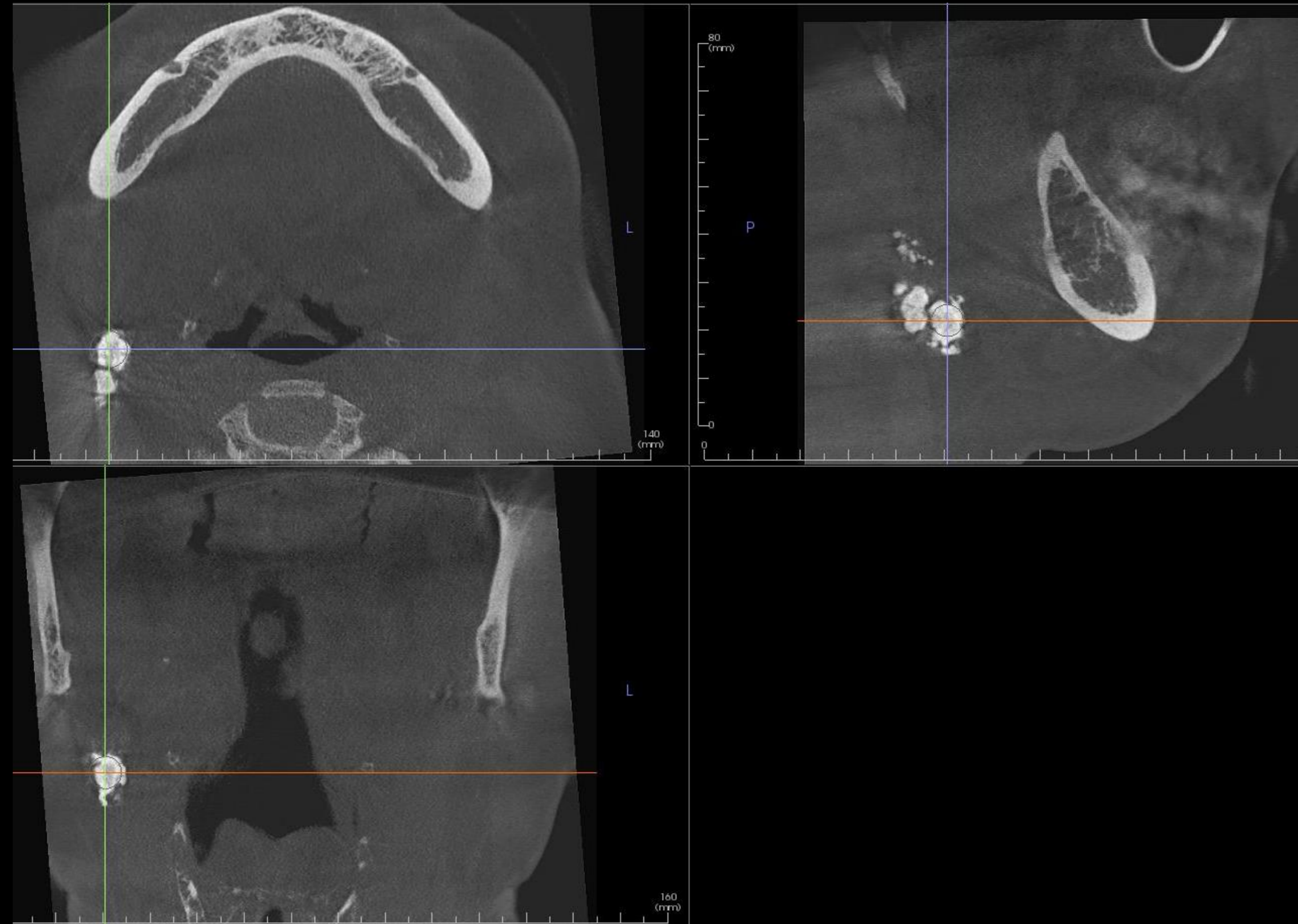


CBCT limitation: showing small differences in density



# Training

- ✓ Acquisition
- ✓ Interpretation
  - ✓ Soft tissues
  - ✓ Extensive destruction
  - ✓ Calcifications



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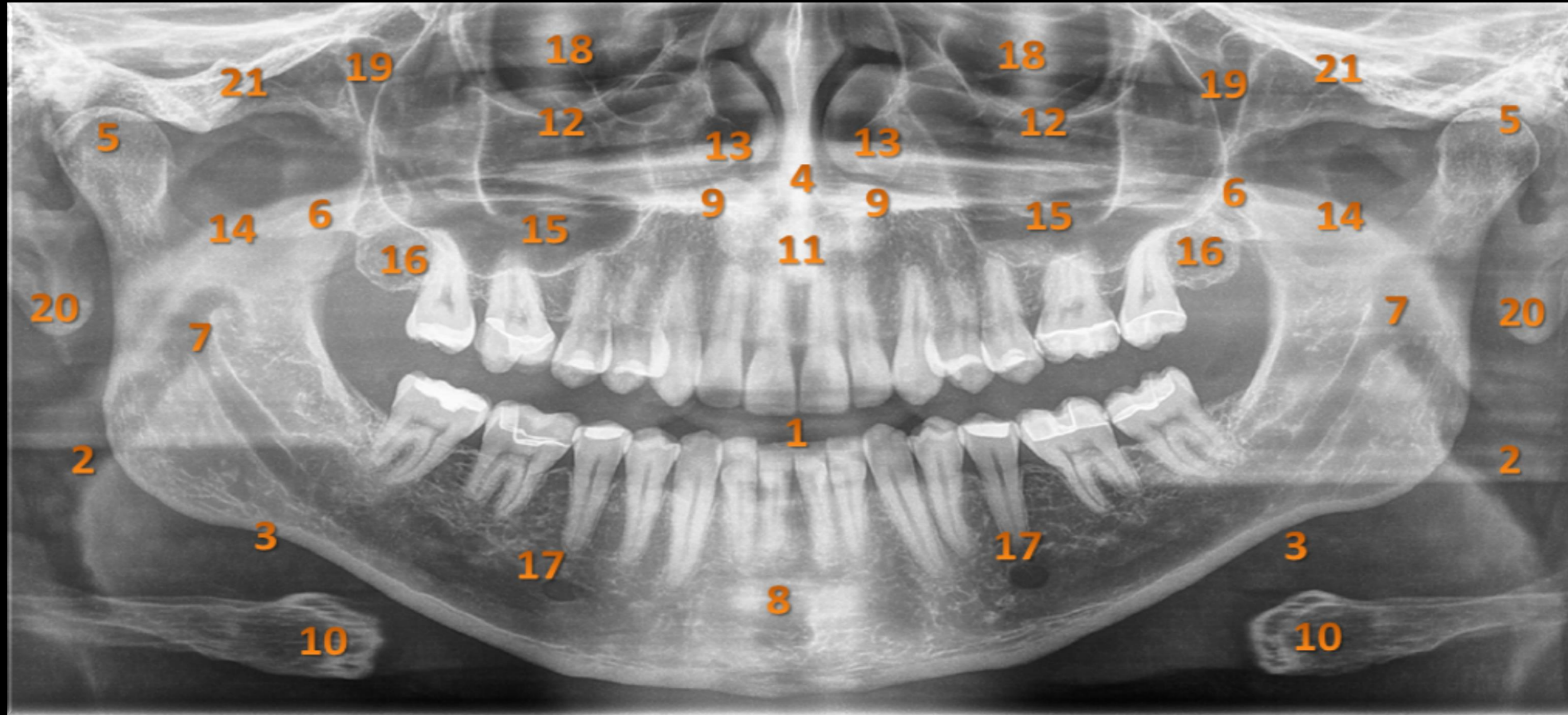
Management Plan

# CBCT

Anatomy



# Panoramic Landmarks



1 Air space/lips open	8 Genial tubercles	15 Maxillary sinus
2 Air space/swallow	9 Hard palate	16 Maxillary tuberosity
3 Angle of mandible	10 Hyoid	17 Mental foramen
4 Anterior nasal spine	11 Incisive canal	18 Orbit
5 Condylar head (with TMJ expanded)	12 Infraorbital margin	19 Pterygomaxillary fissure
6 Coronoid process	13 Lower turbinate	20 Shadow of outer ear
7 Entrance of mandibular canal	14 Mandibular notch	21 Zygomatic arch

**Axial**



**Sagittal**

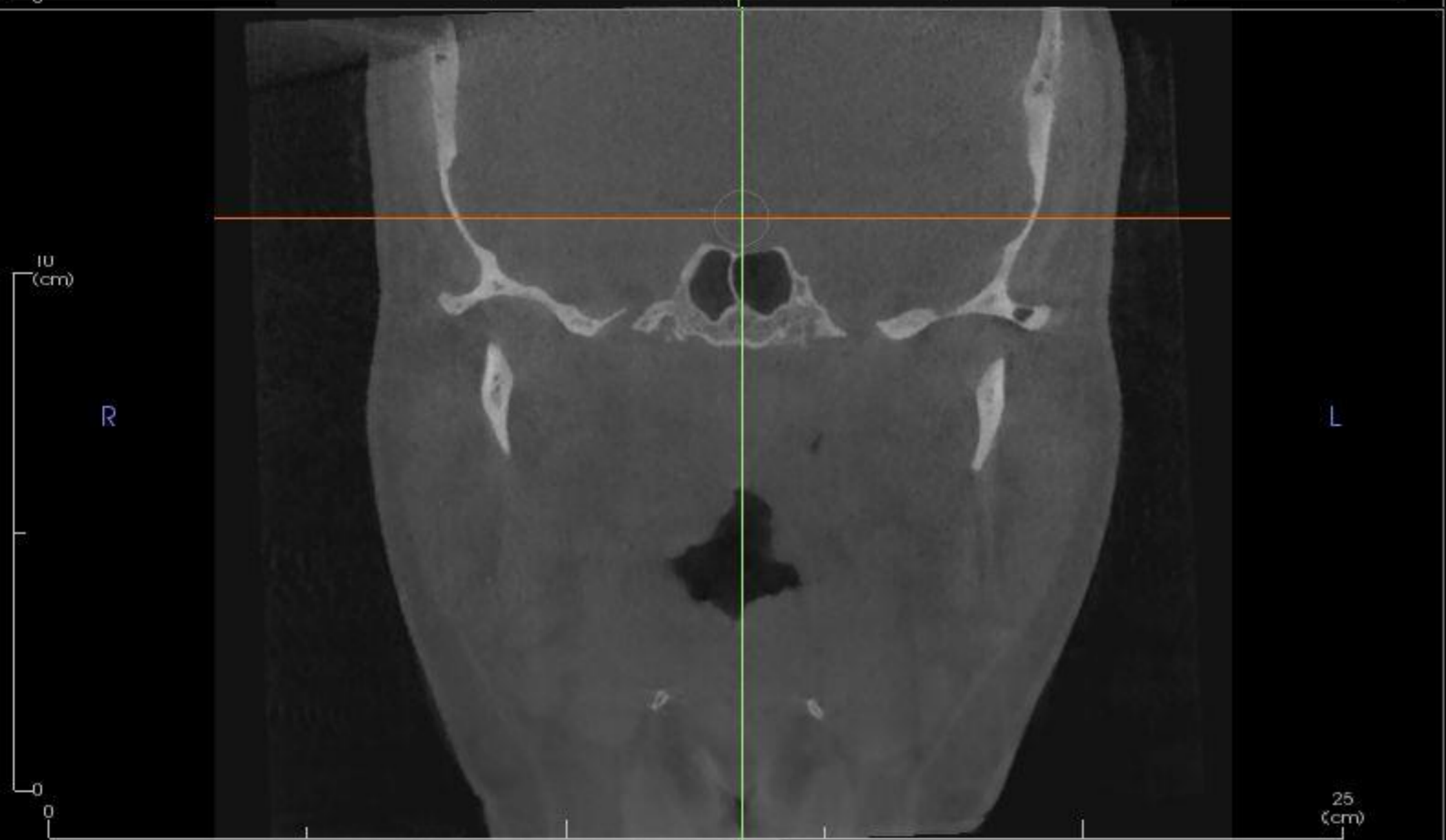
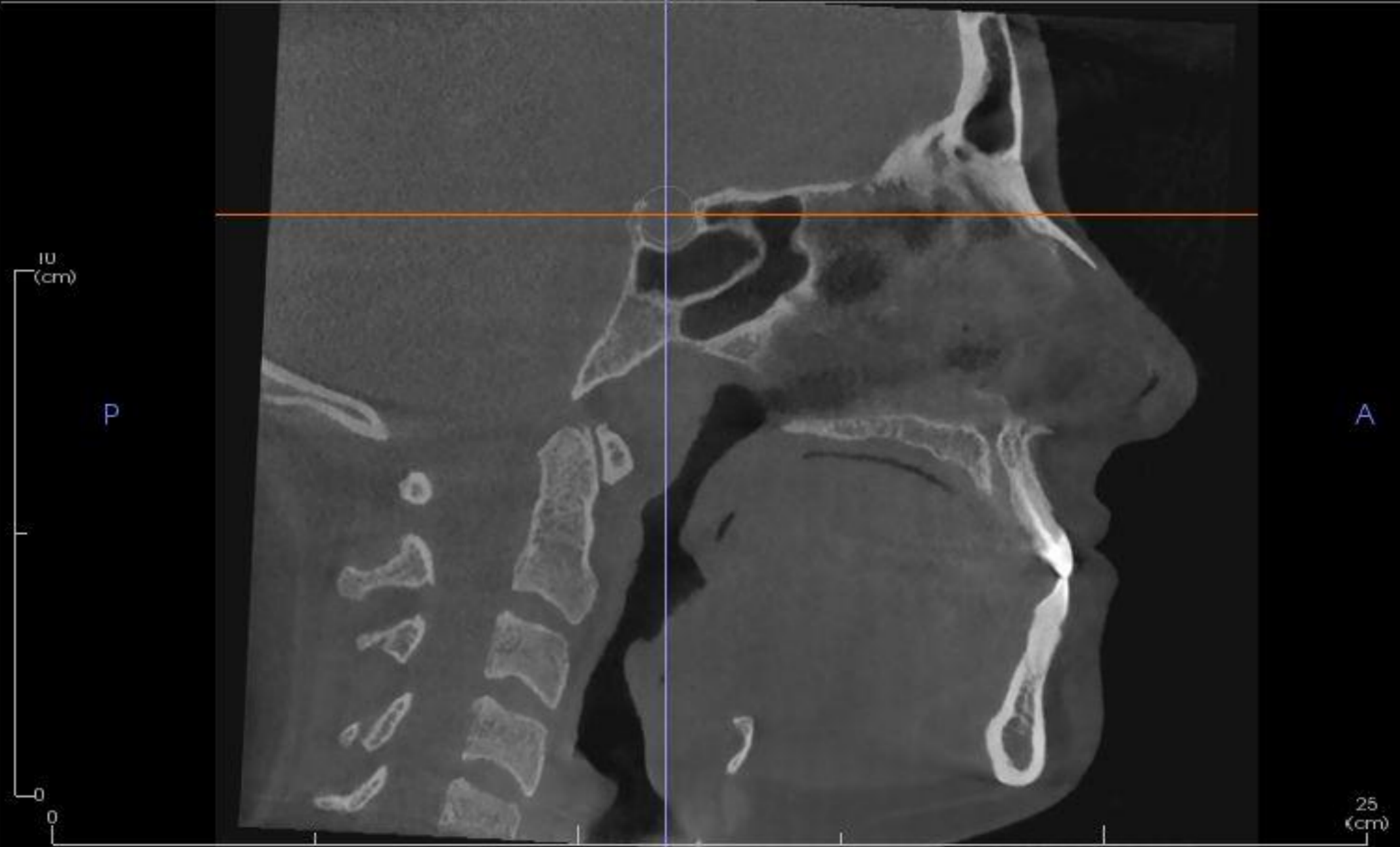
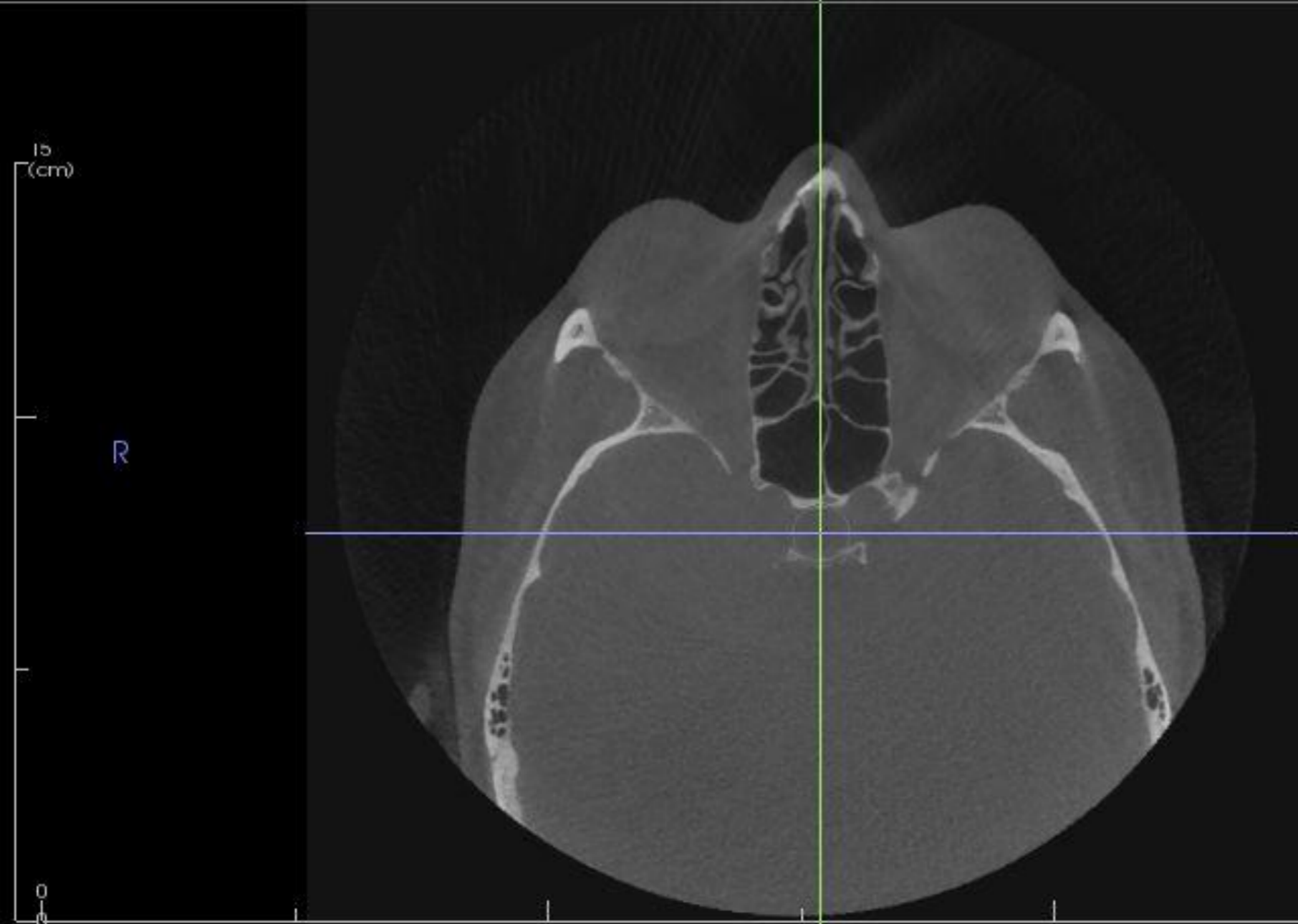


**Coronal**



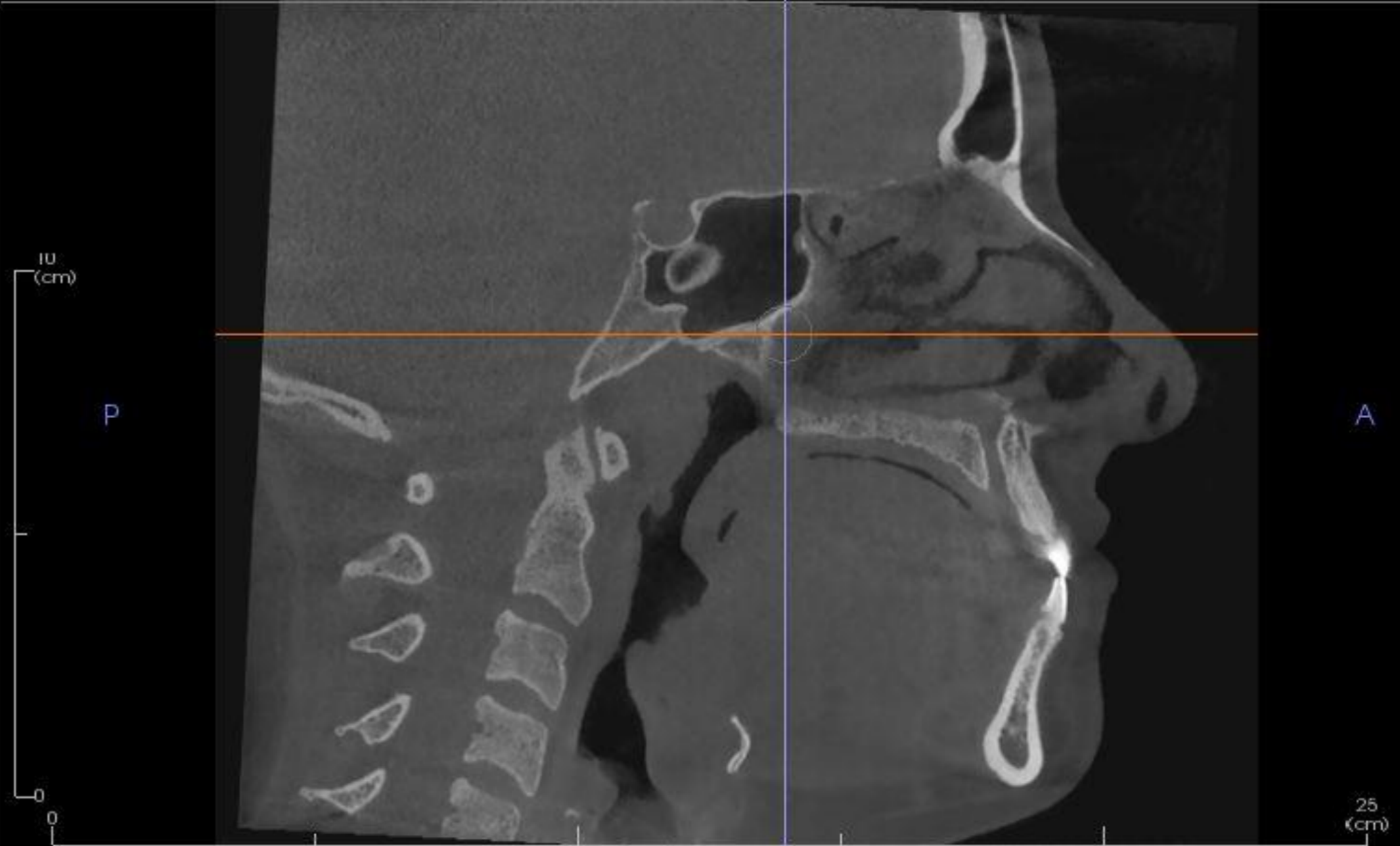
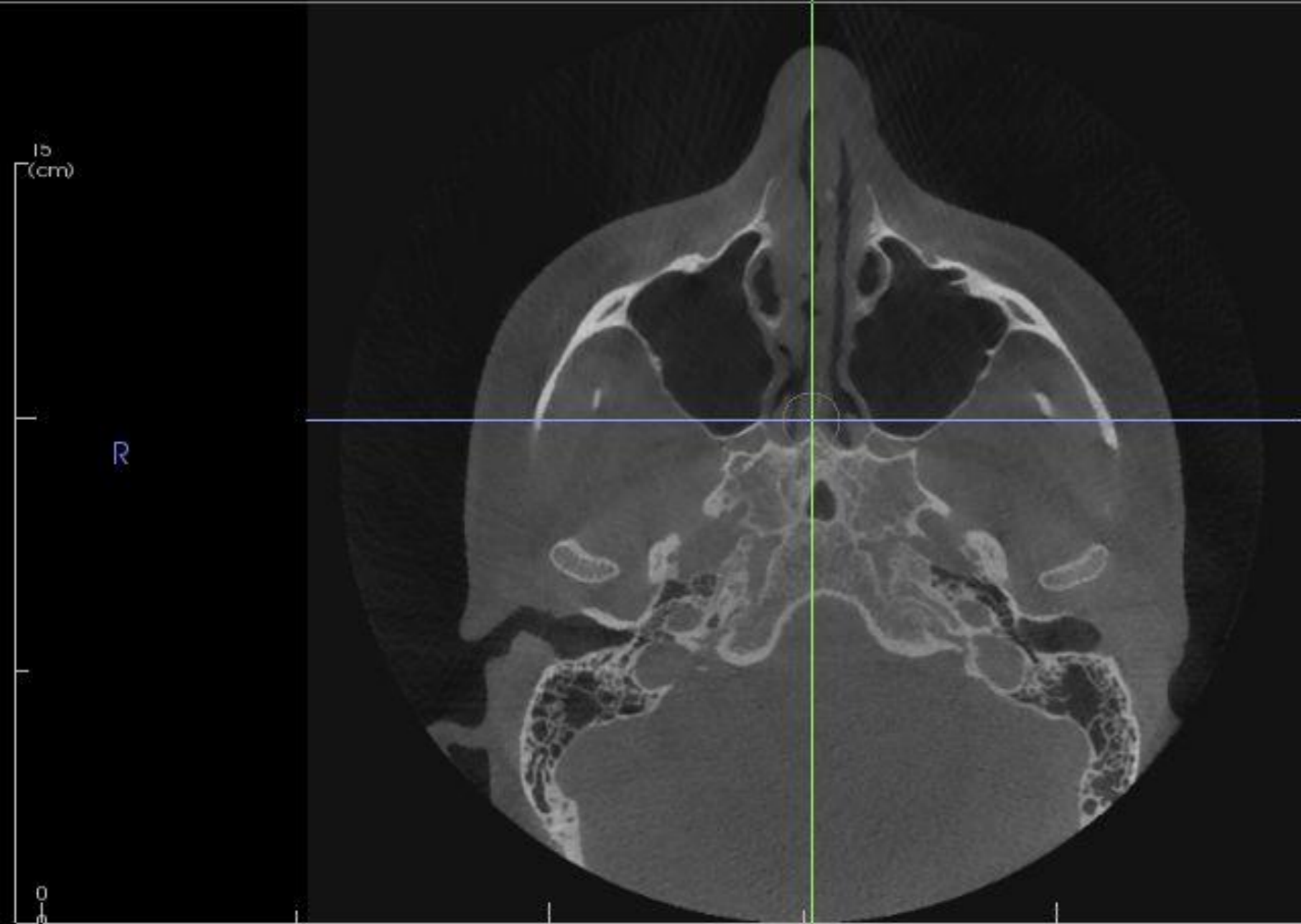
**Volume  
Render**





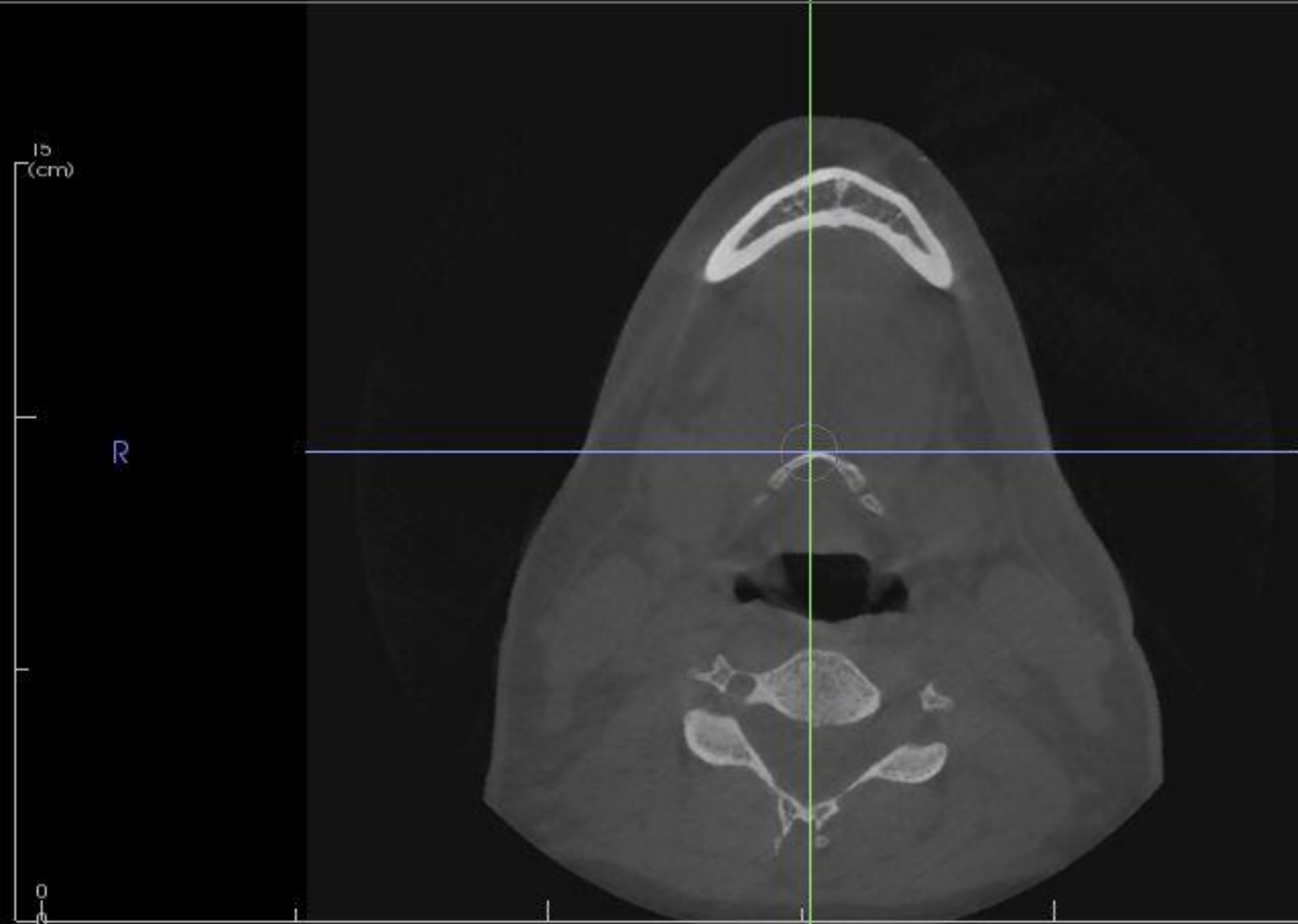
## Level Sella Turcica

- orbits
- zygomatic bone
- ethmoid sinuses
- middle cranial fossa



## Level Nasal Fossa

maxillary sinuses  
nasolacrimal ducts  
pterygopalatine fossa/pterygomaxillary fissure  
mandibular condyles  
clivus  
posterior cranial fossa



## Level hyoid bone

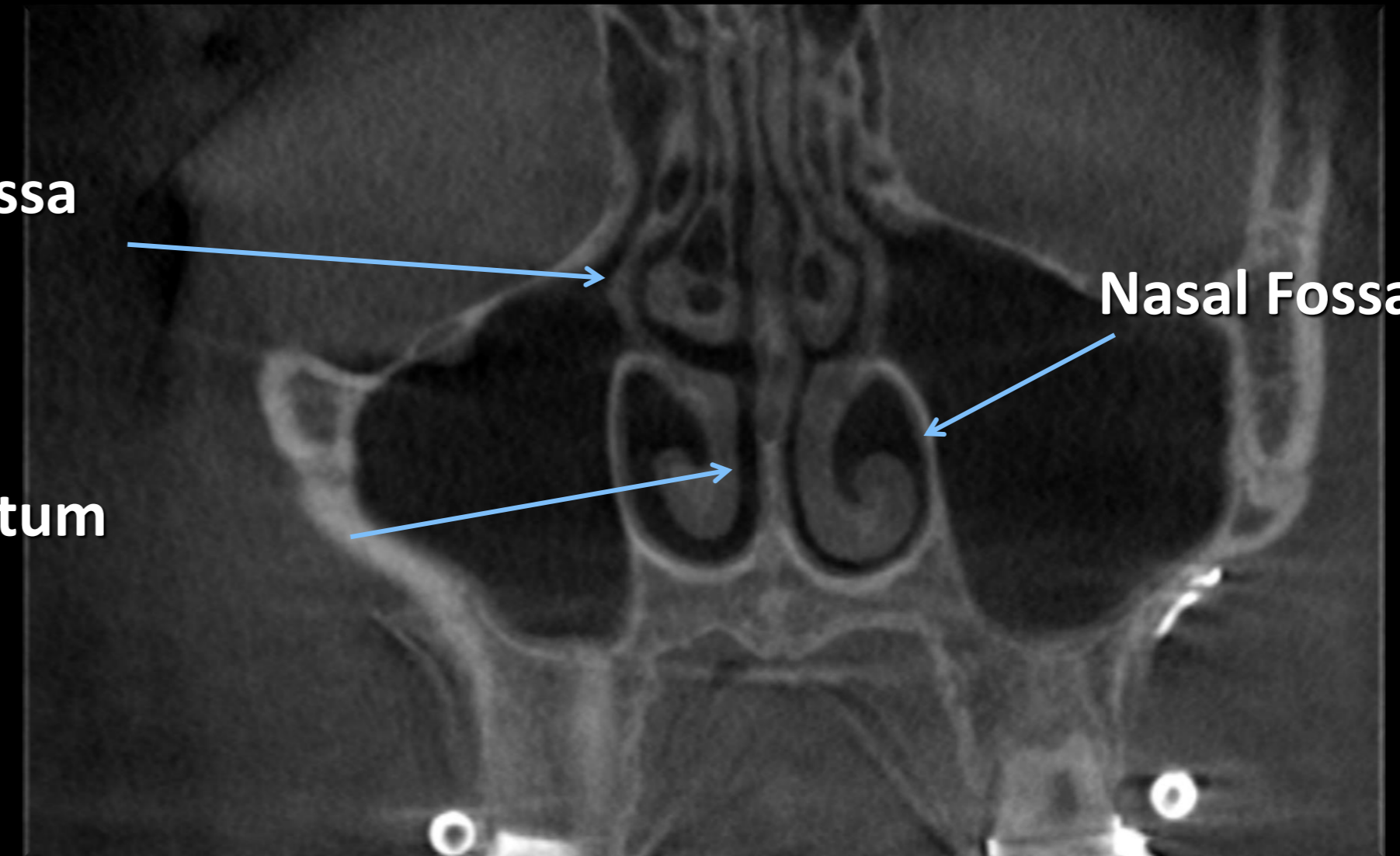
cervical vertebrae C3 and C4  
submandibular glands  
hypopharynx

# Nasal Fossa and Septum



Nasal Fossa

Nasal Septum



## 4 Functions

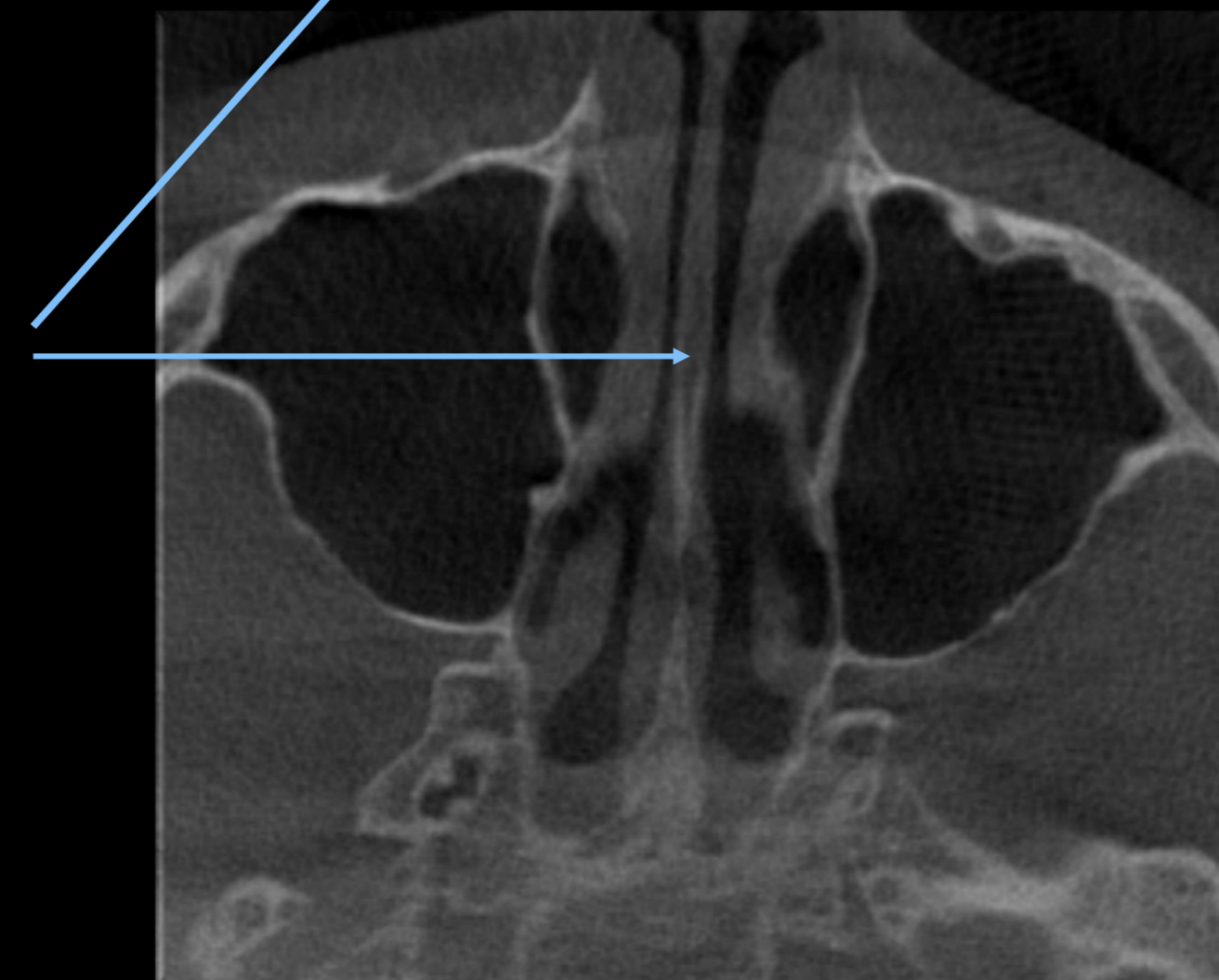
- Warms and humidifies air
- Removes and traps pathogens
- Responsible for sense of smell
- Drains and clears the paranasal sinuses



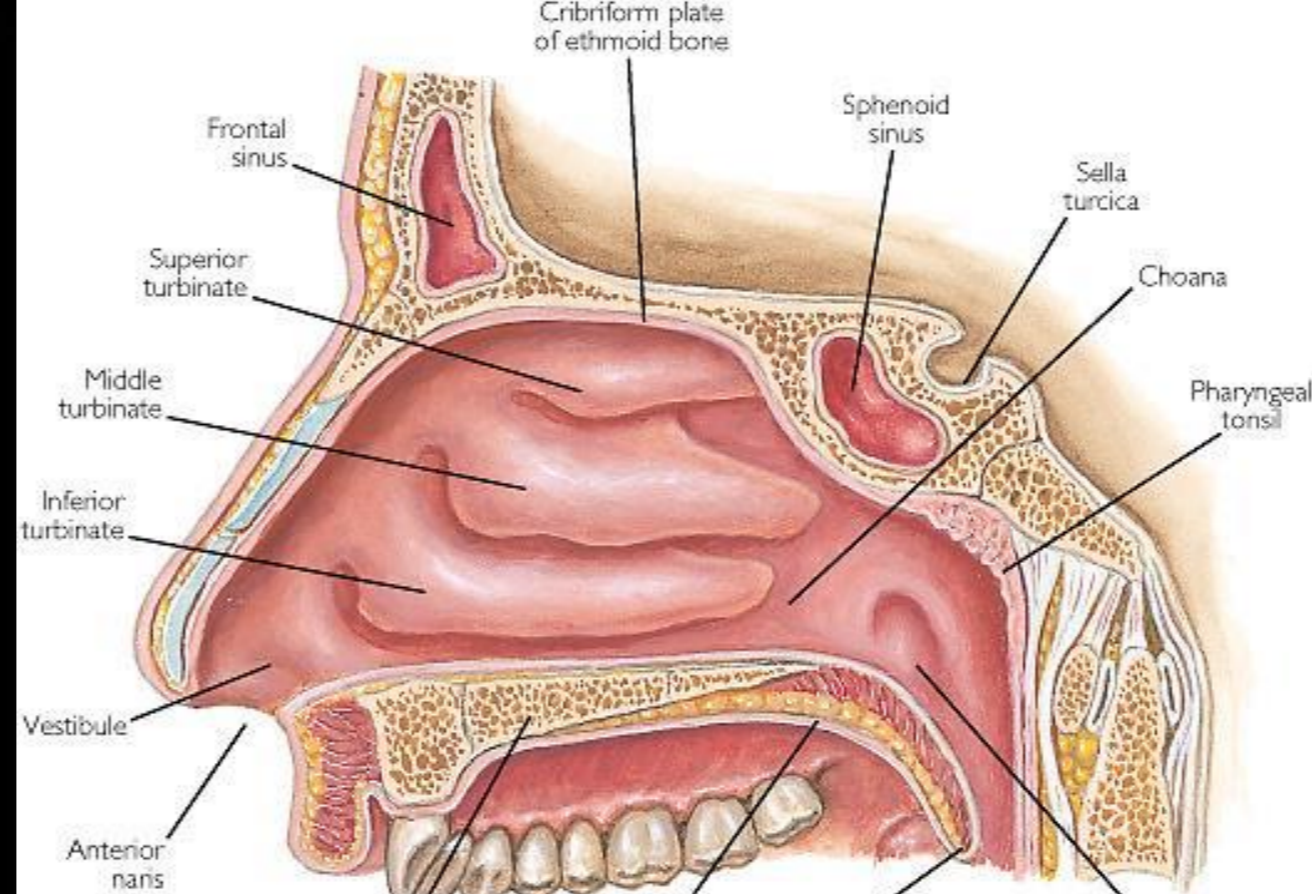
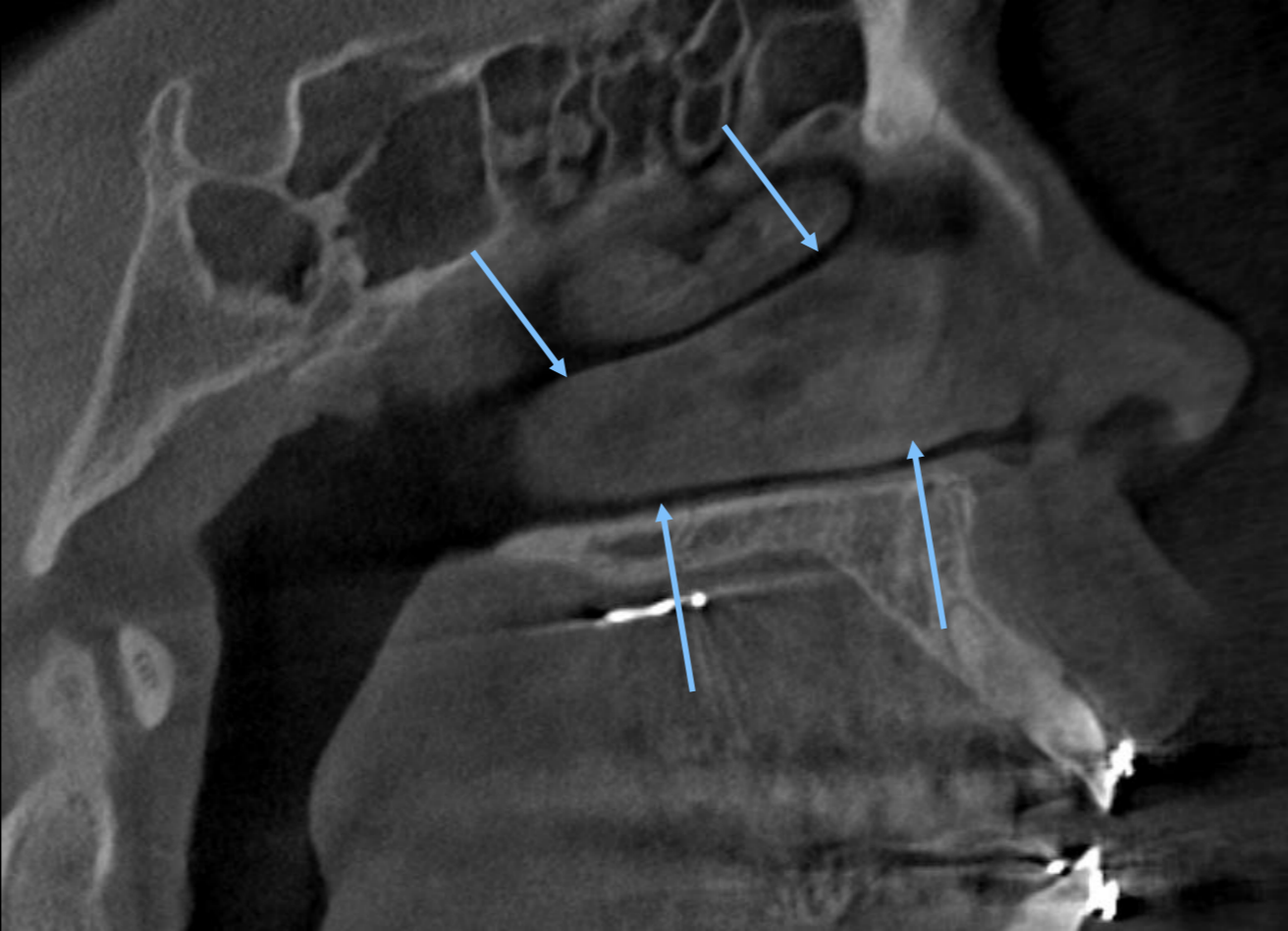
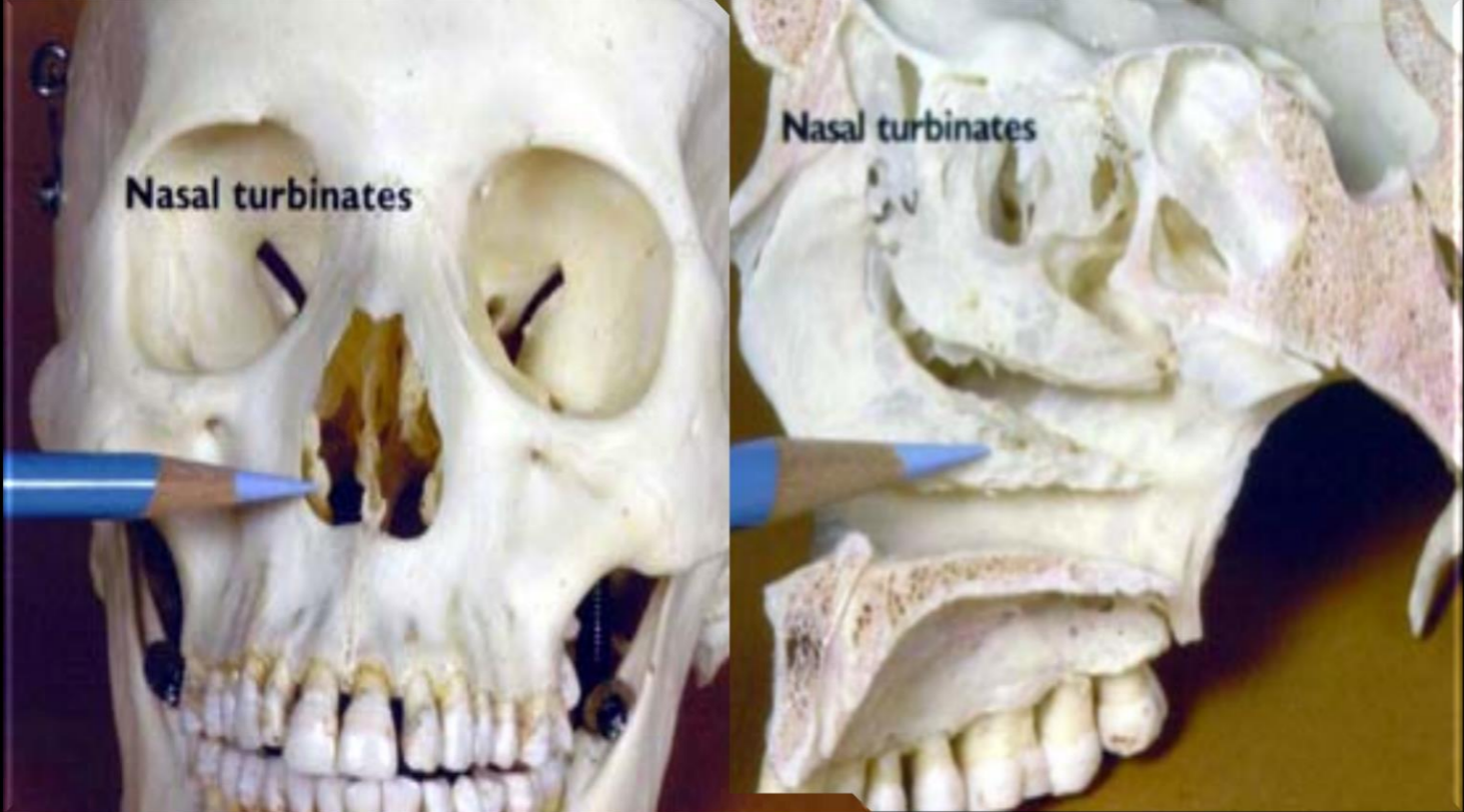
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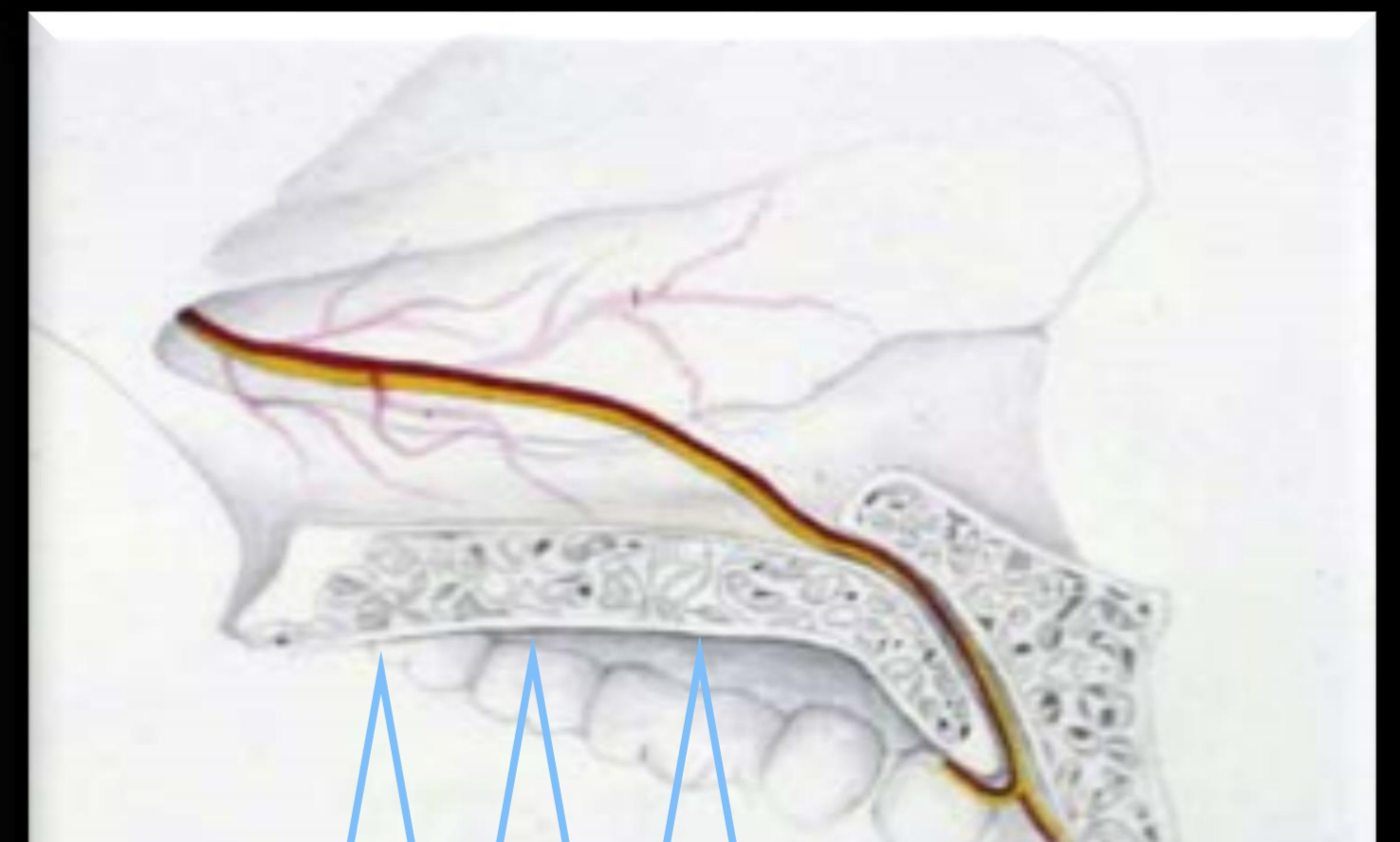
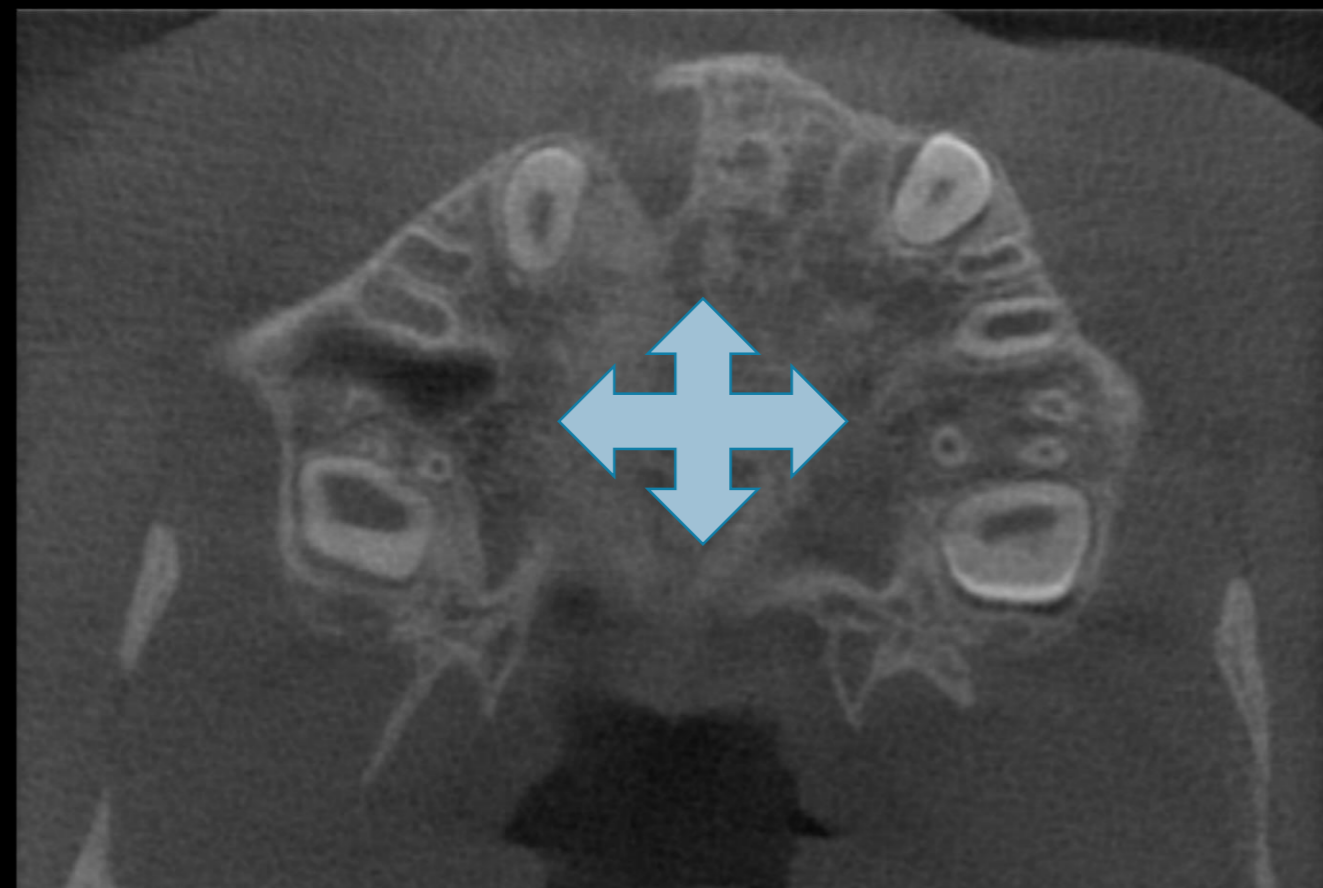
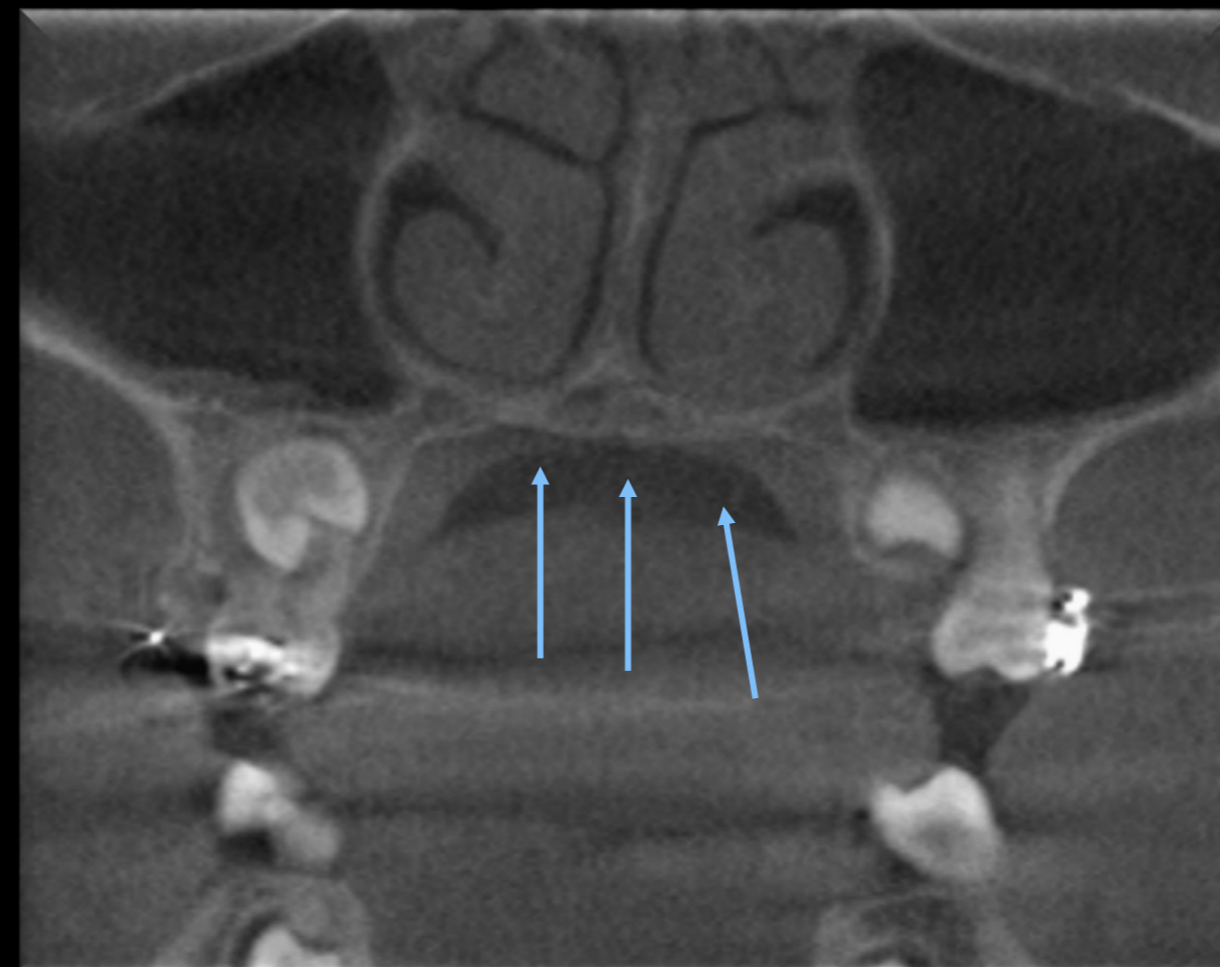
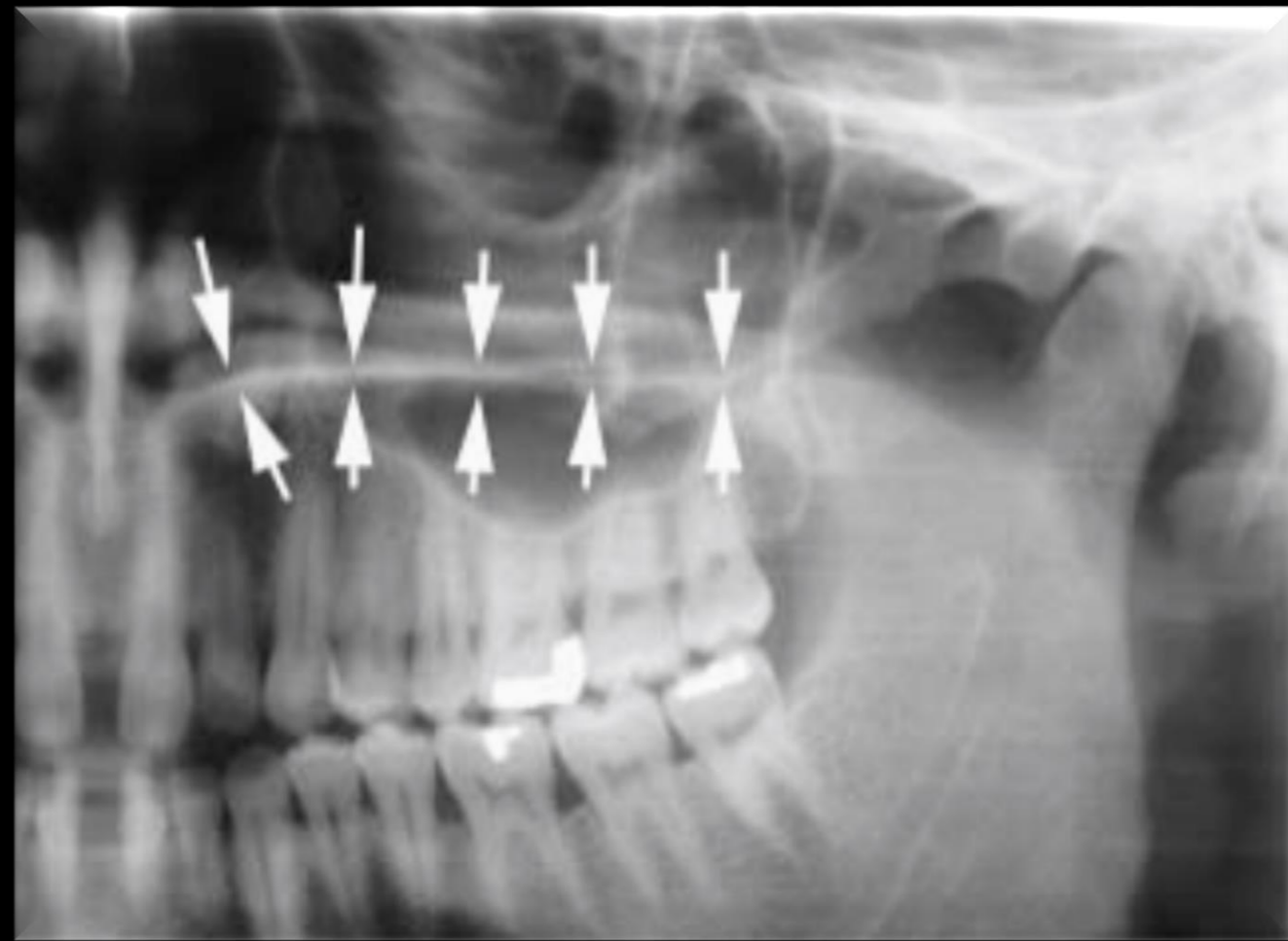
Nasal  
Septum



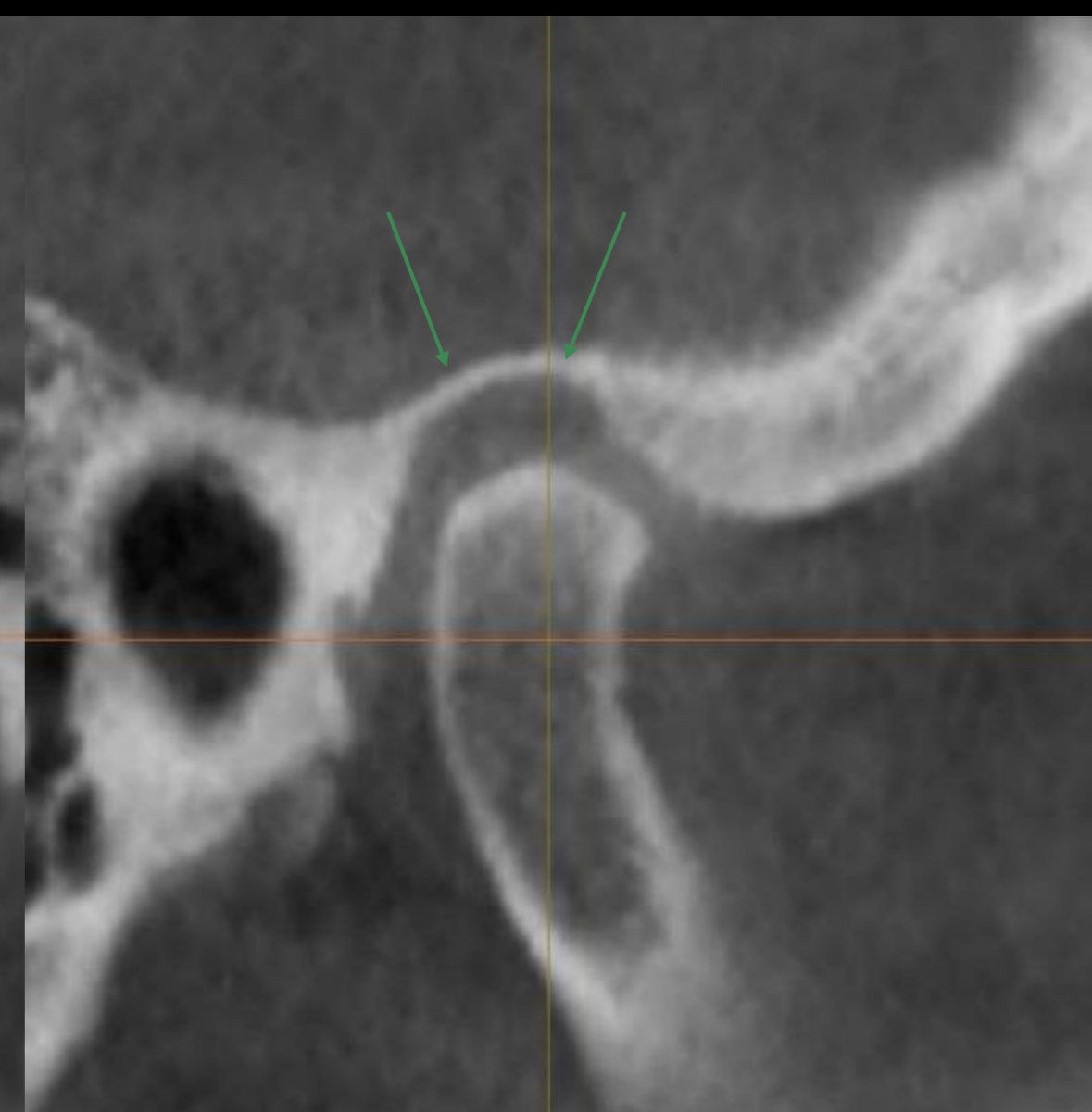
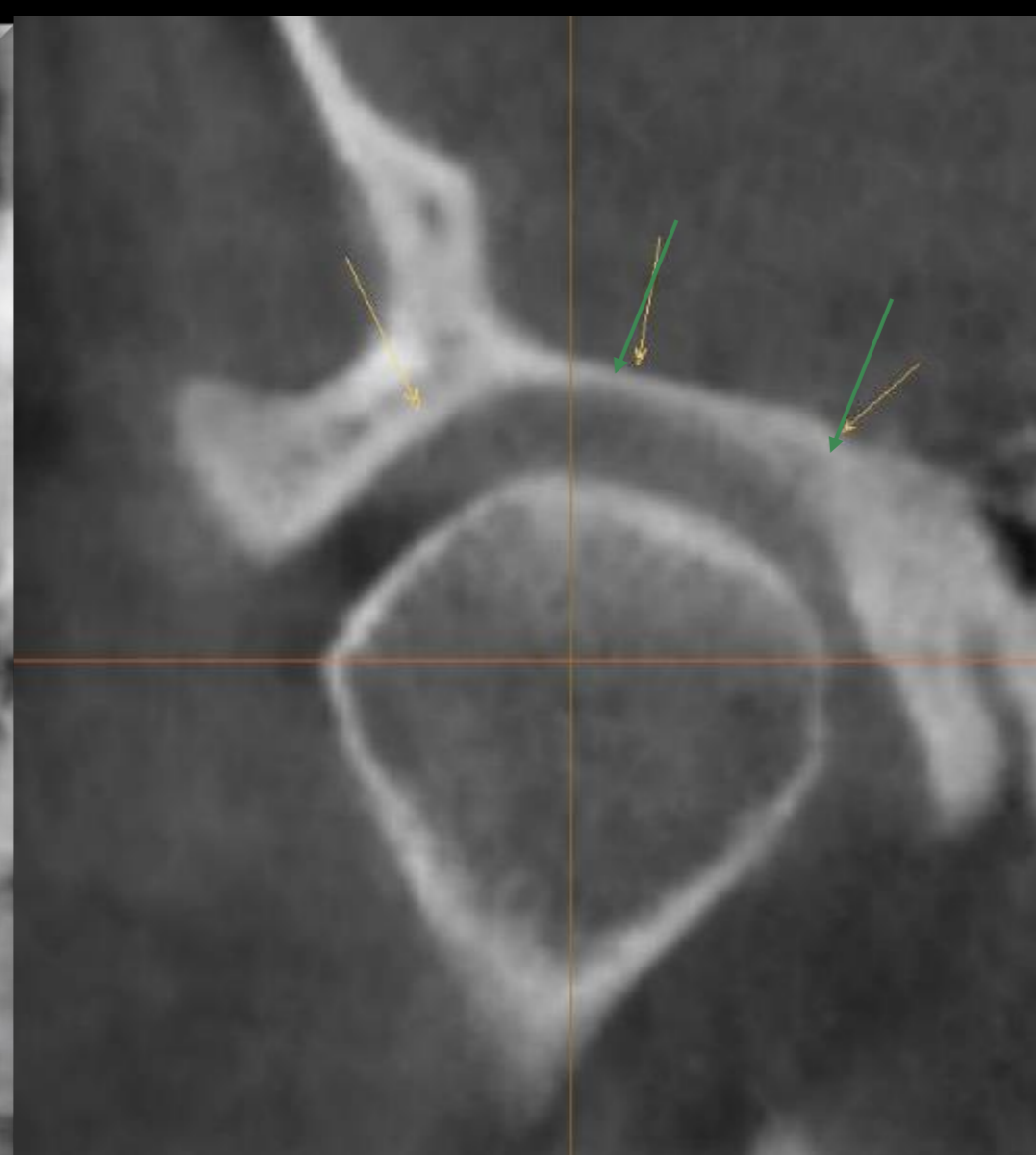
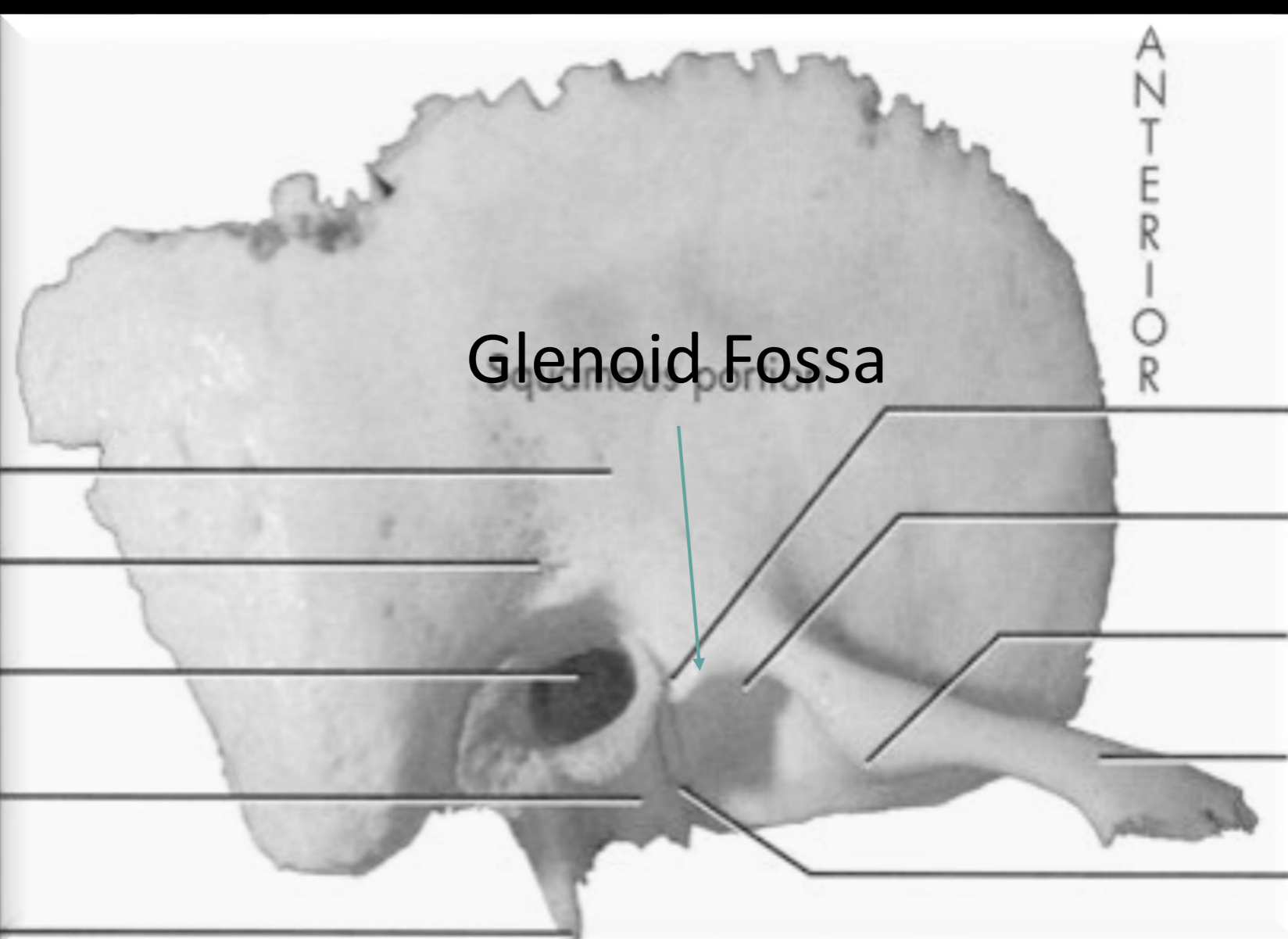
# Nasal Turbinates



# Hard Palate/Floor of Nasal Fossa

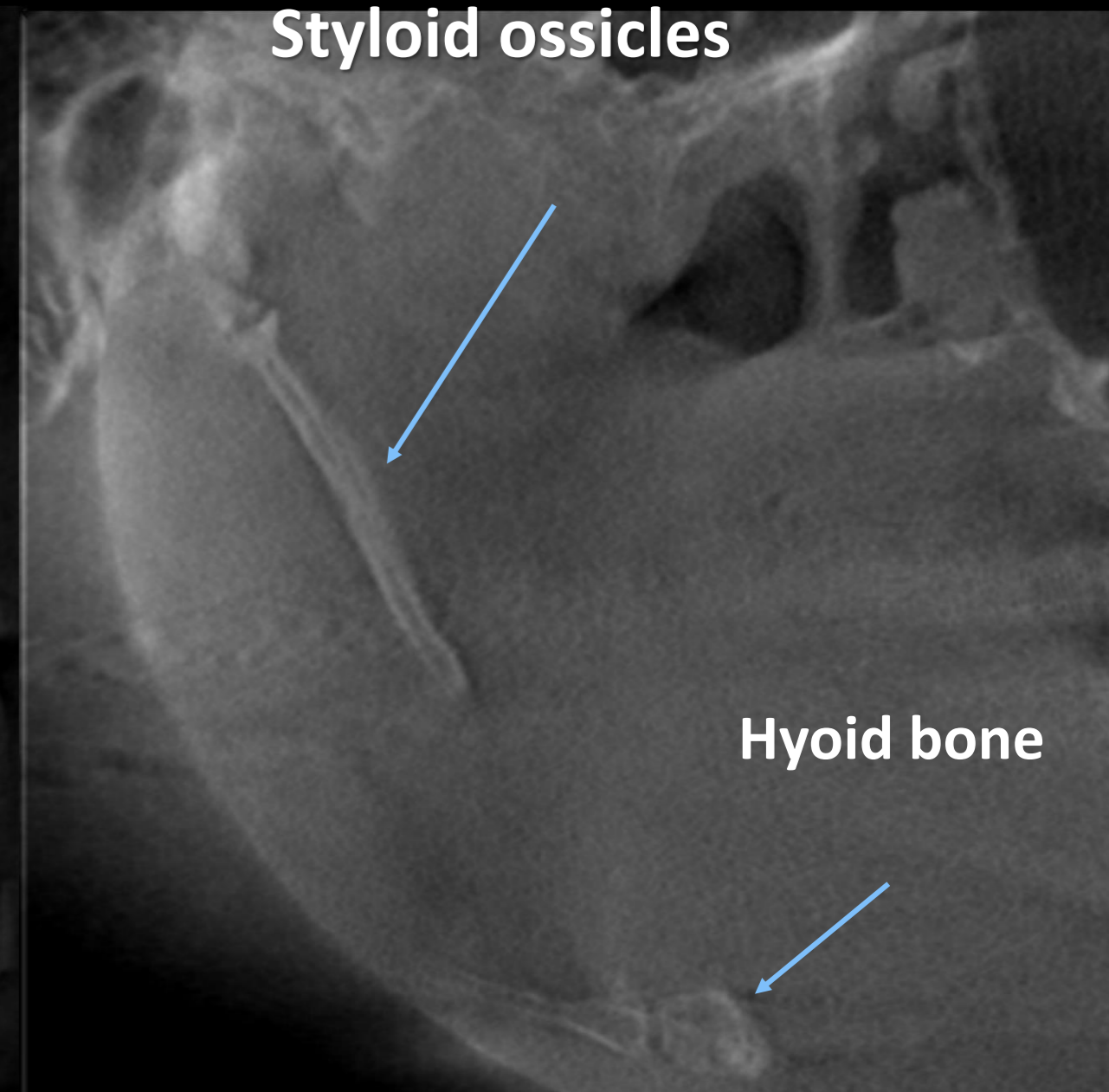
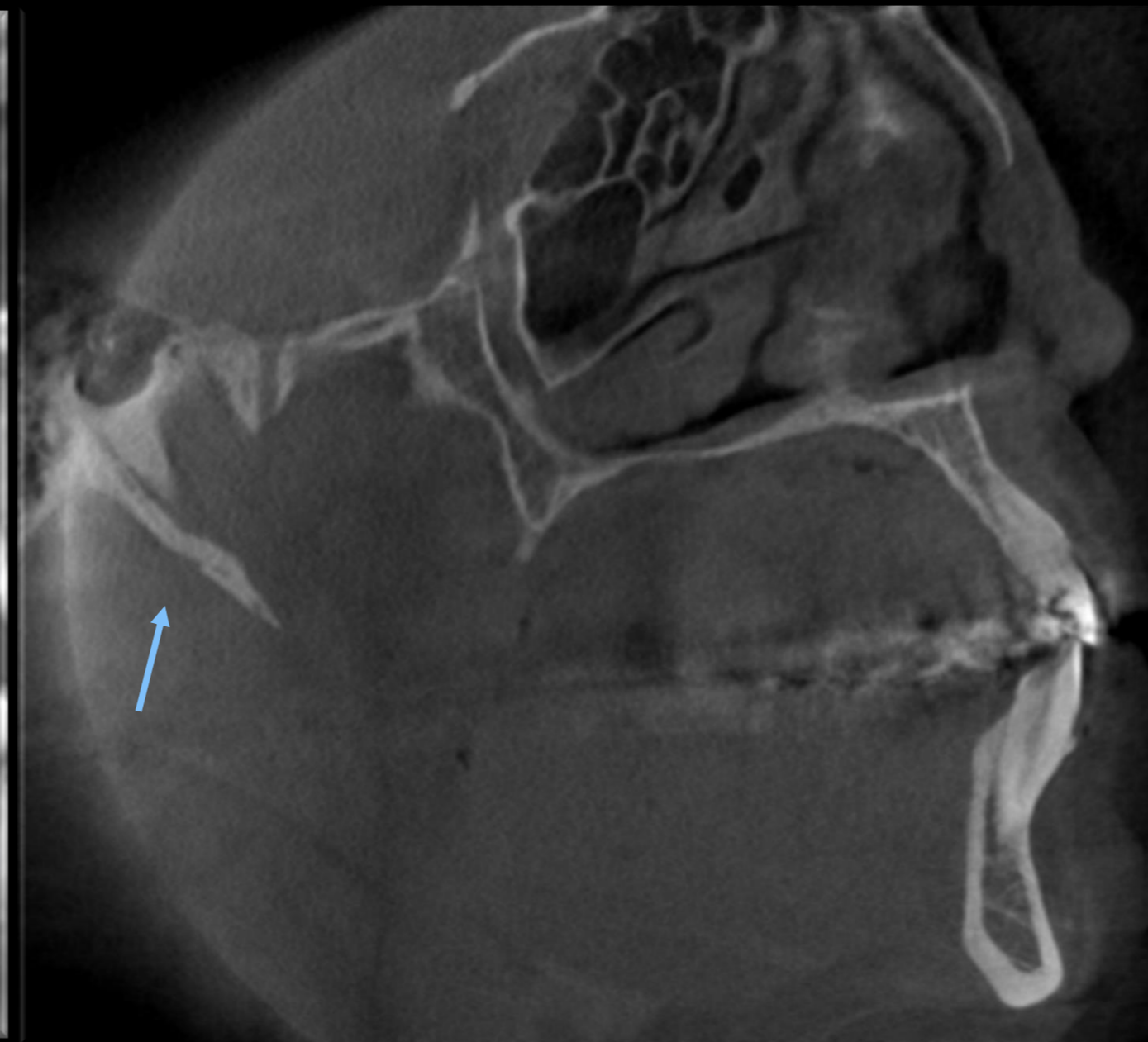
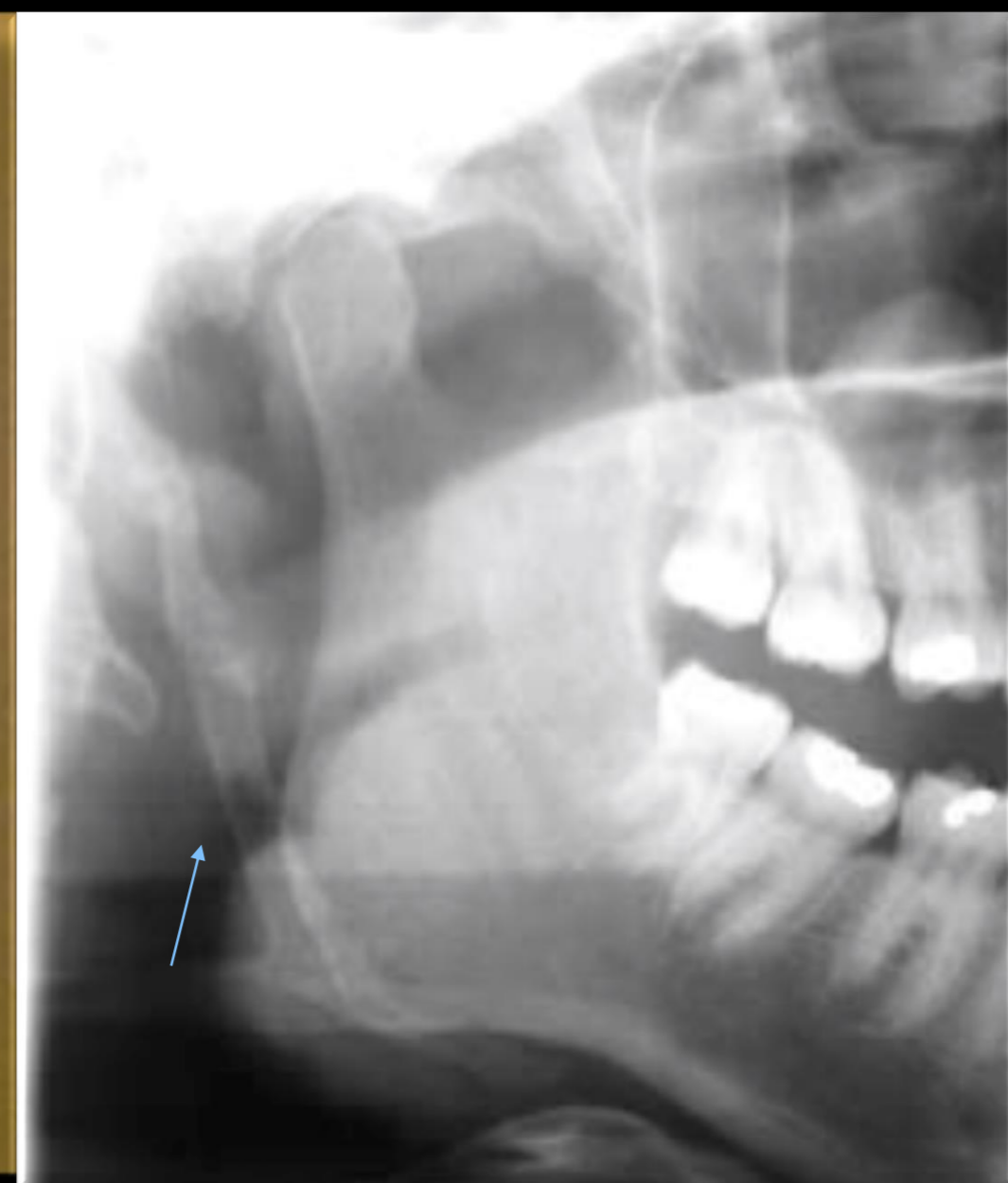
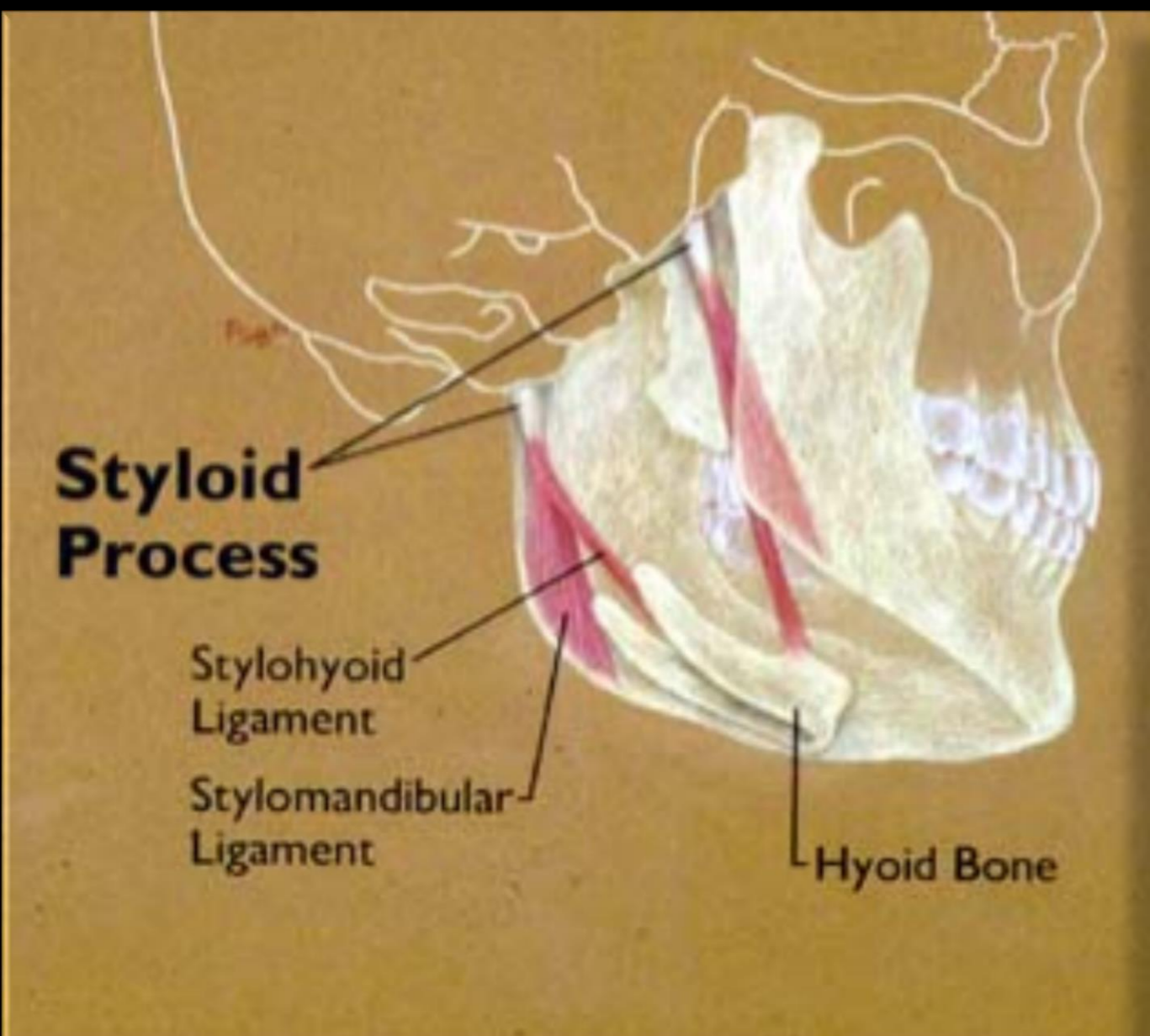


# Glenoid Fossa

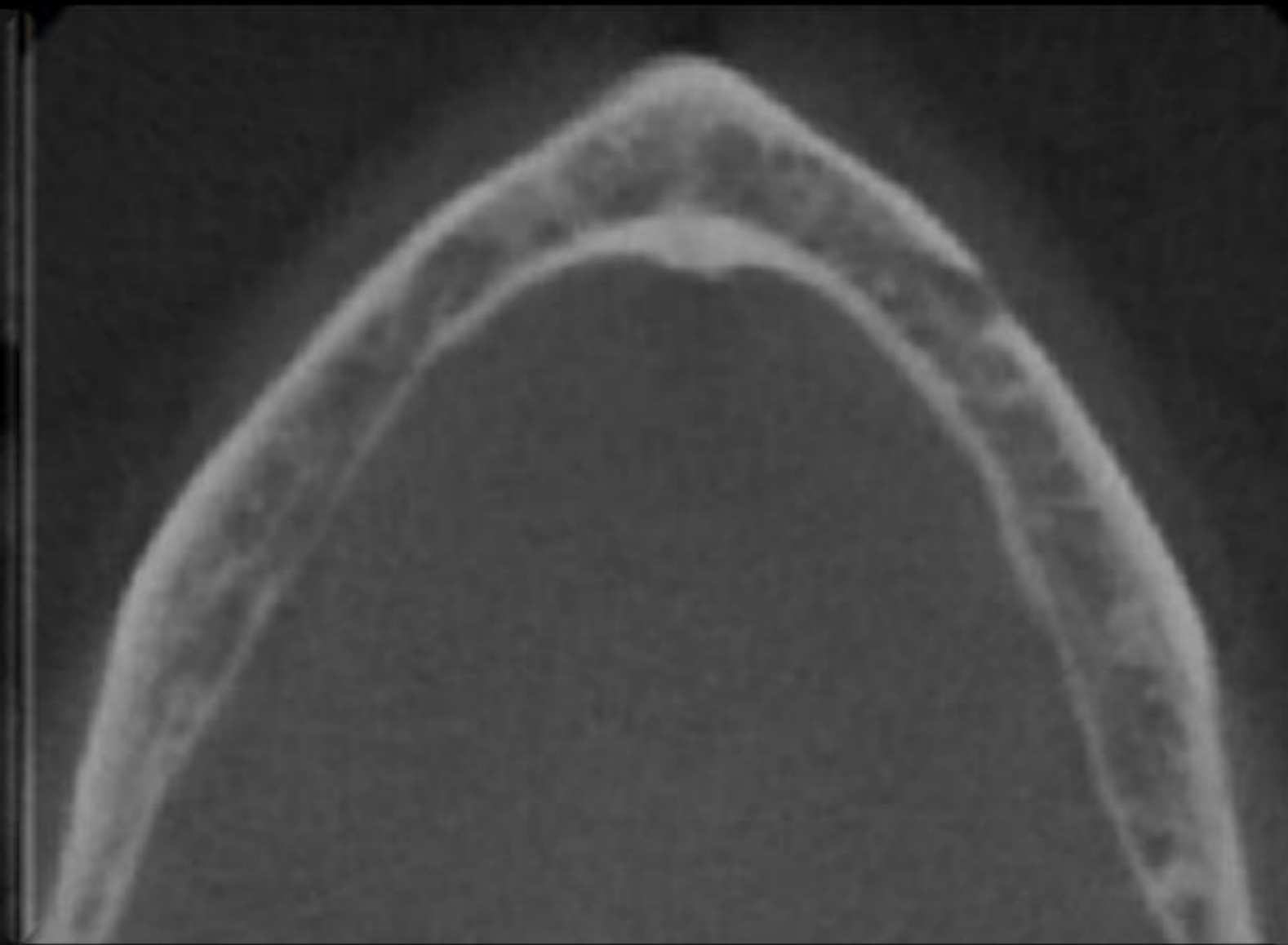
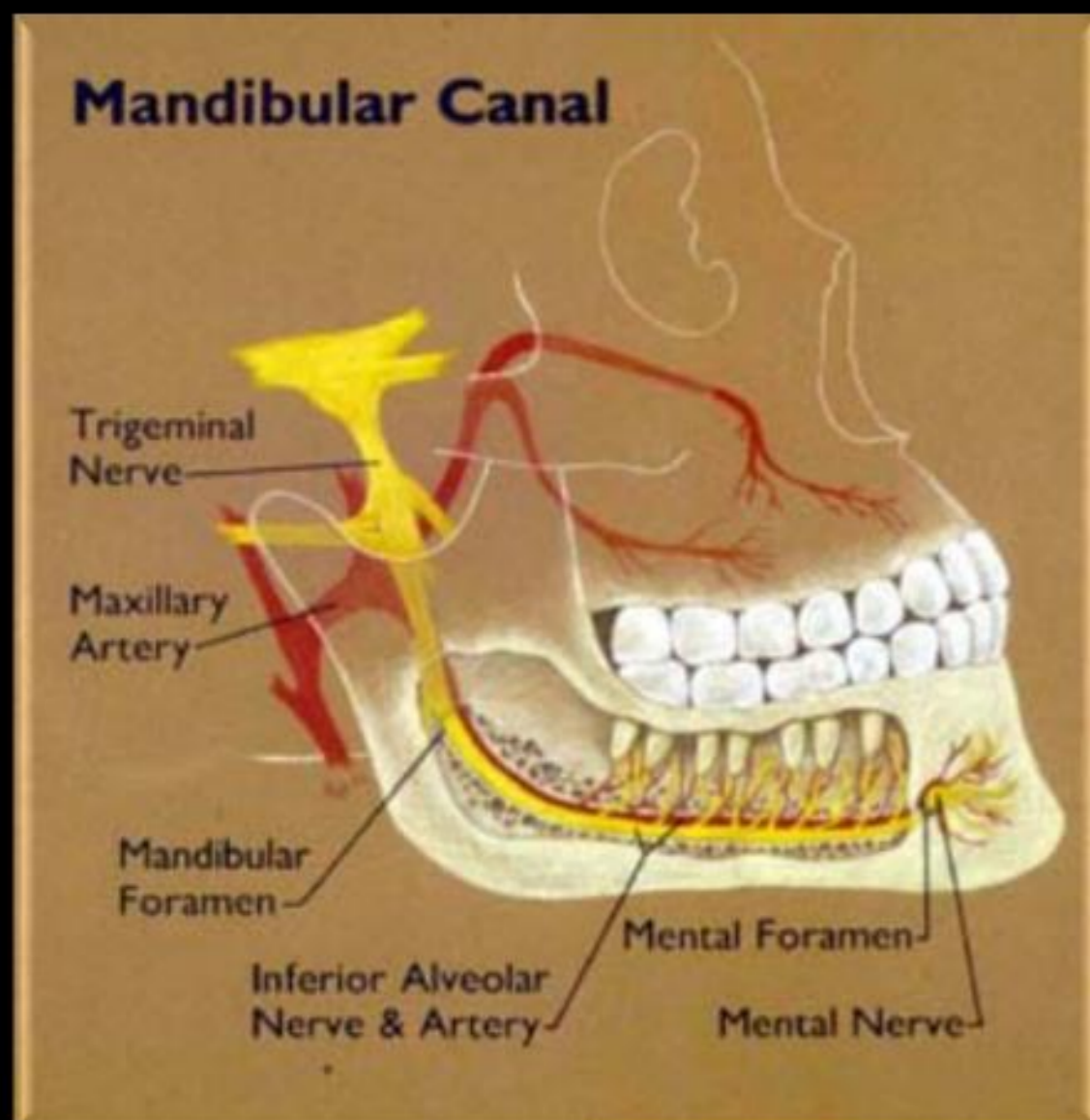


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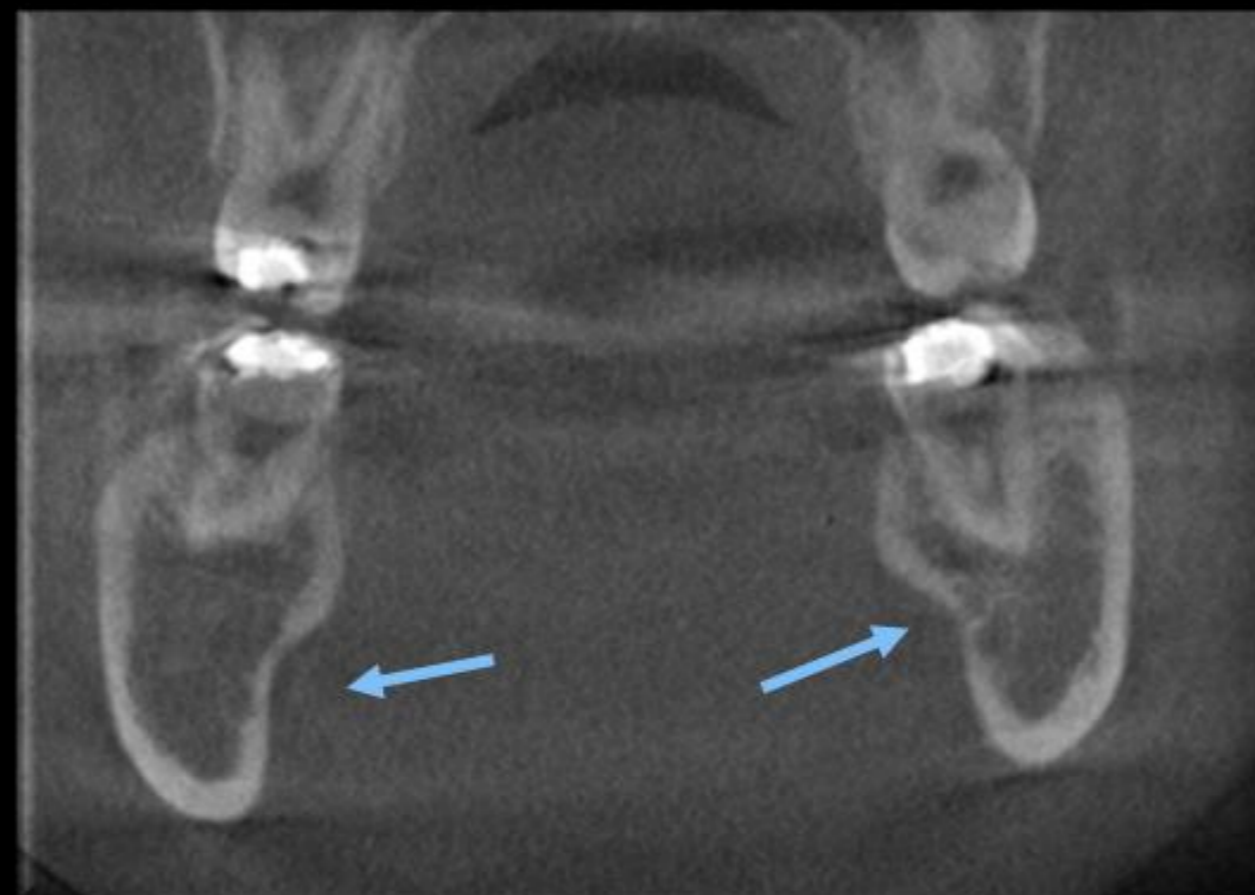
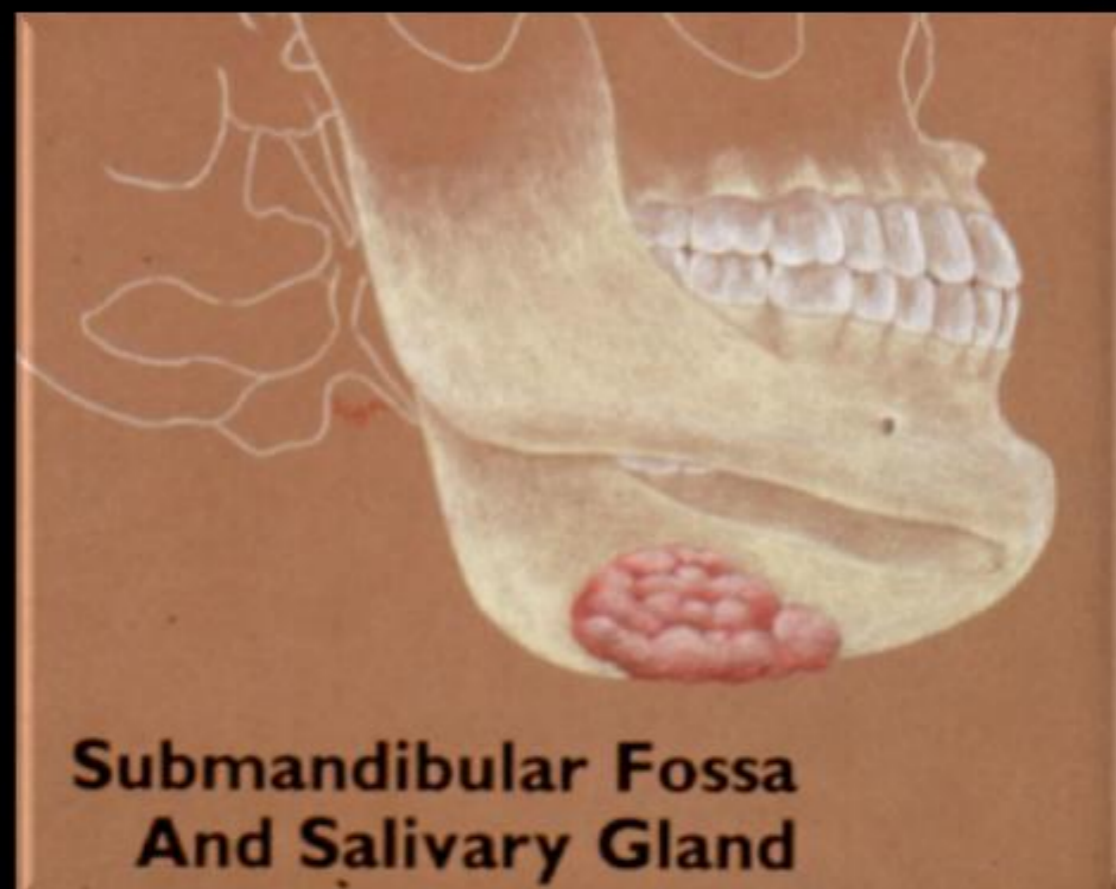
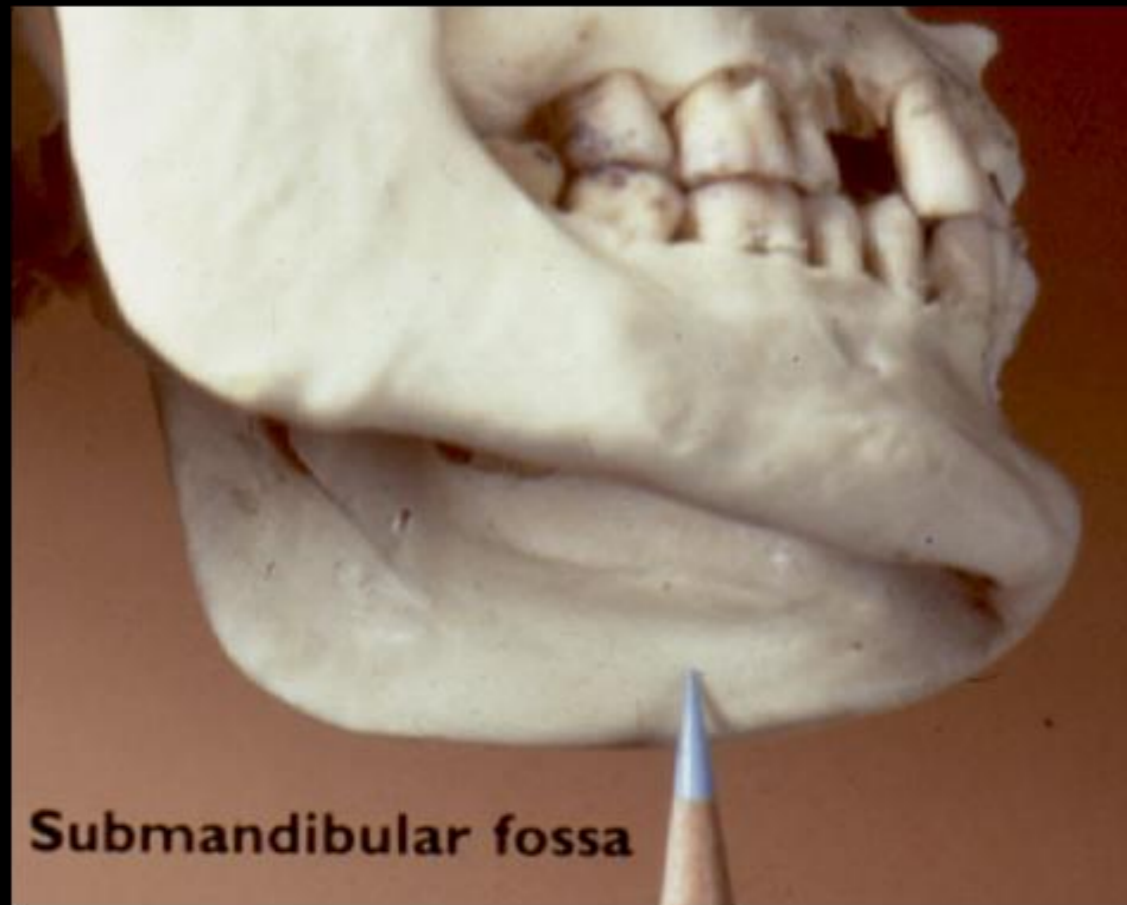
Styloid ossicles



# Mandibular Canal



# Submandibular Fossa



# CBCT

Incidental Findings





# Incidental findings

## Findings not associated with the purpose of the exam

Edwards et al. J Am Dent Assoc 2013; 144(3): 161-170. systematic review

- ✓ Frequency per scan 1 - 3
- ✓ Number of scans with incidental findings 25 – 93%

Price et al. Clin Oral Implants Res 2012; 23(11):1261-1268.

- ✓ Frequency per scan 3
- ✓ 272 scans with 881 incidental findings
  - ✓ Airway and paranasal sinuses 35%
  - ✓ Soft tissue calcifications 20%
  - ✓ Bone pathology 17.5%
  - ✓ TMJ 15.4%
  - ✓ Endodontic 11.3%

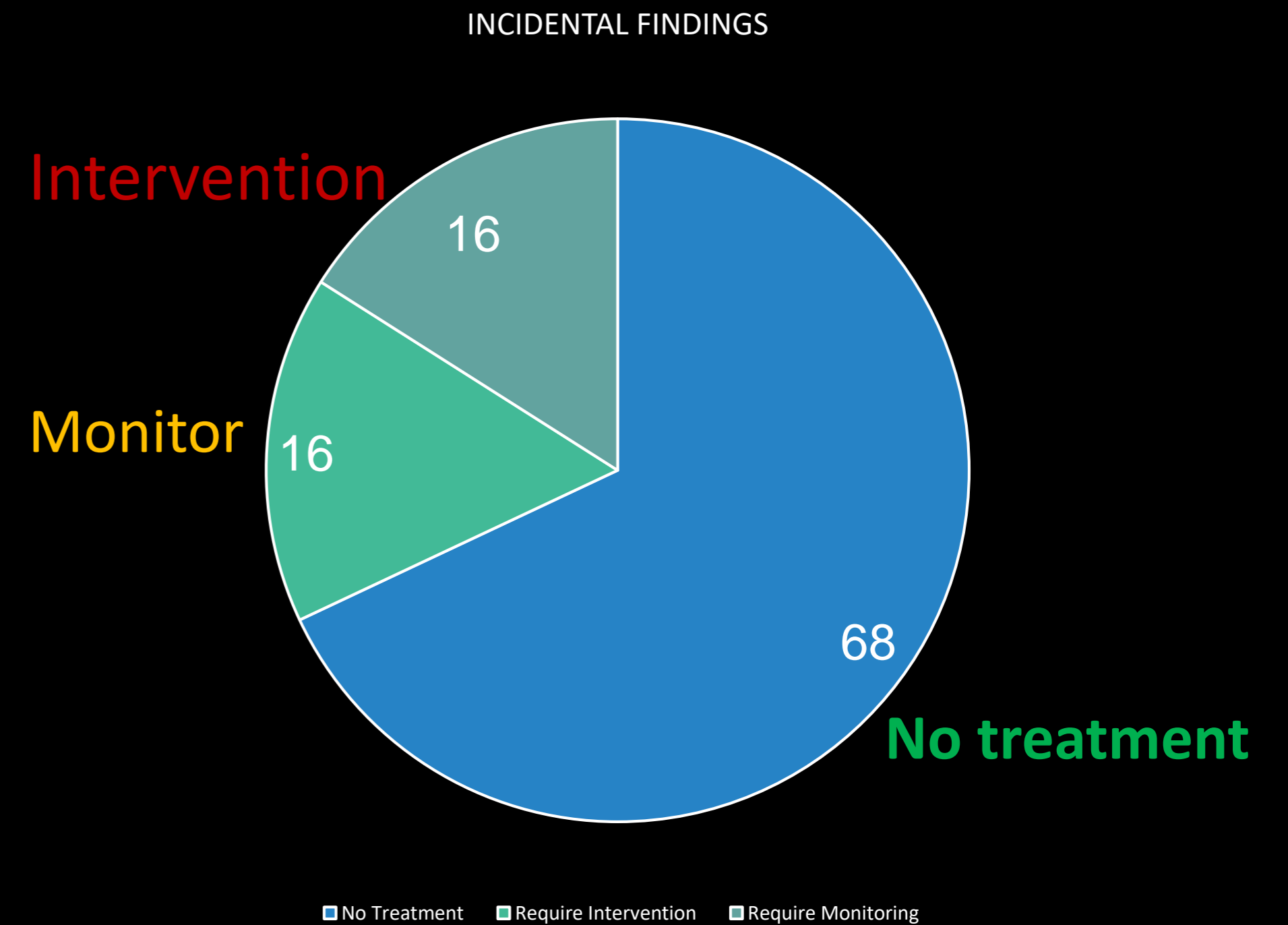
# Incidental findings

## Findings not associated with the purpose of the exam

Most incidental findings require no treatment or follow up.

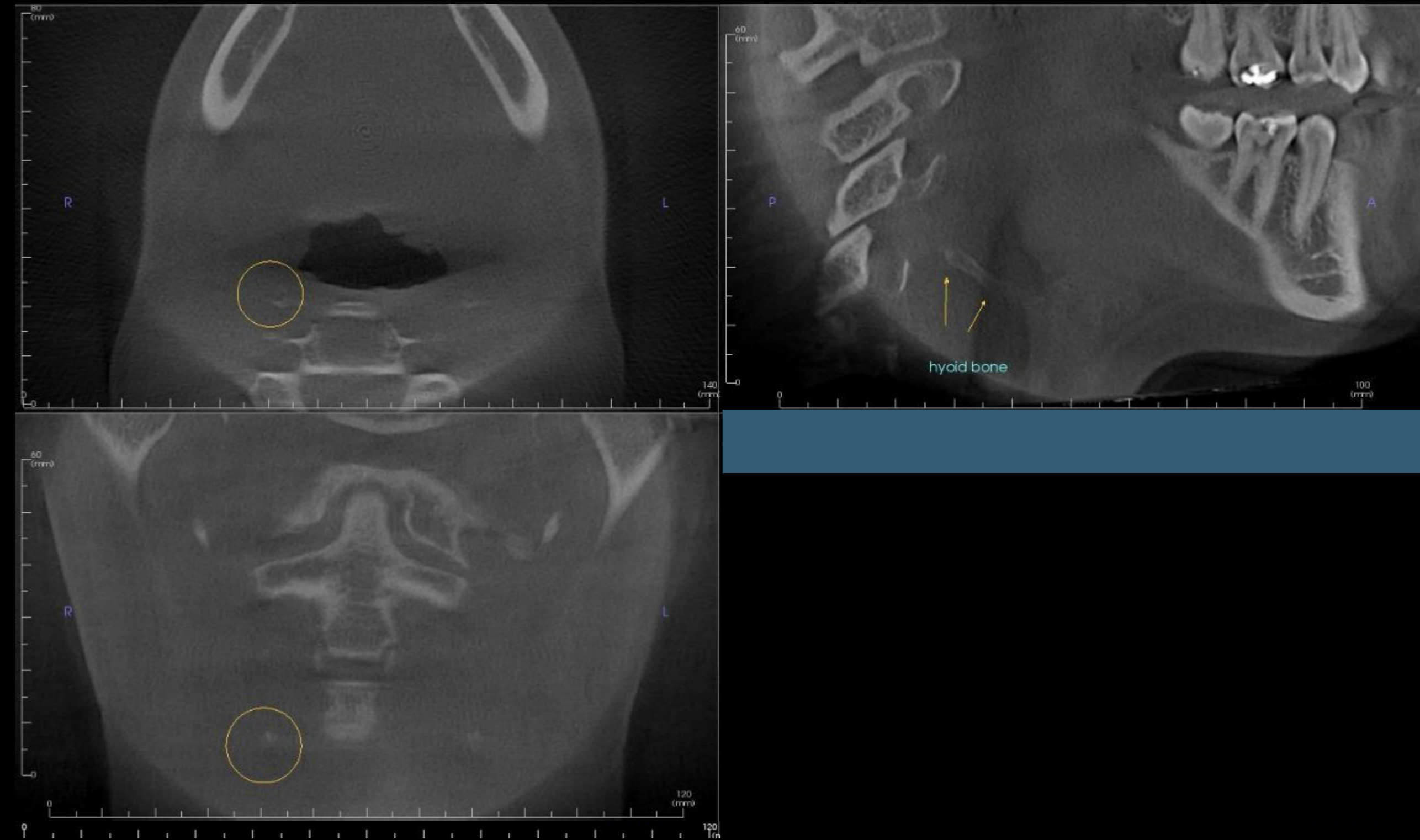
Lack of recognition may have severe consequences.

Lack of training may lead to higher false-positives.



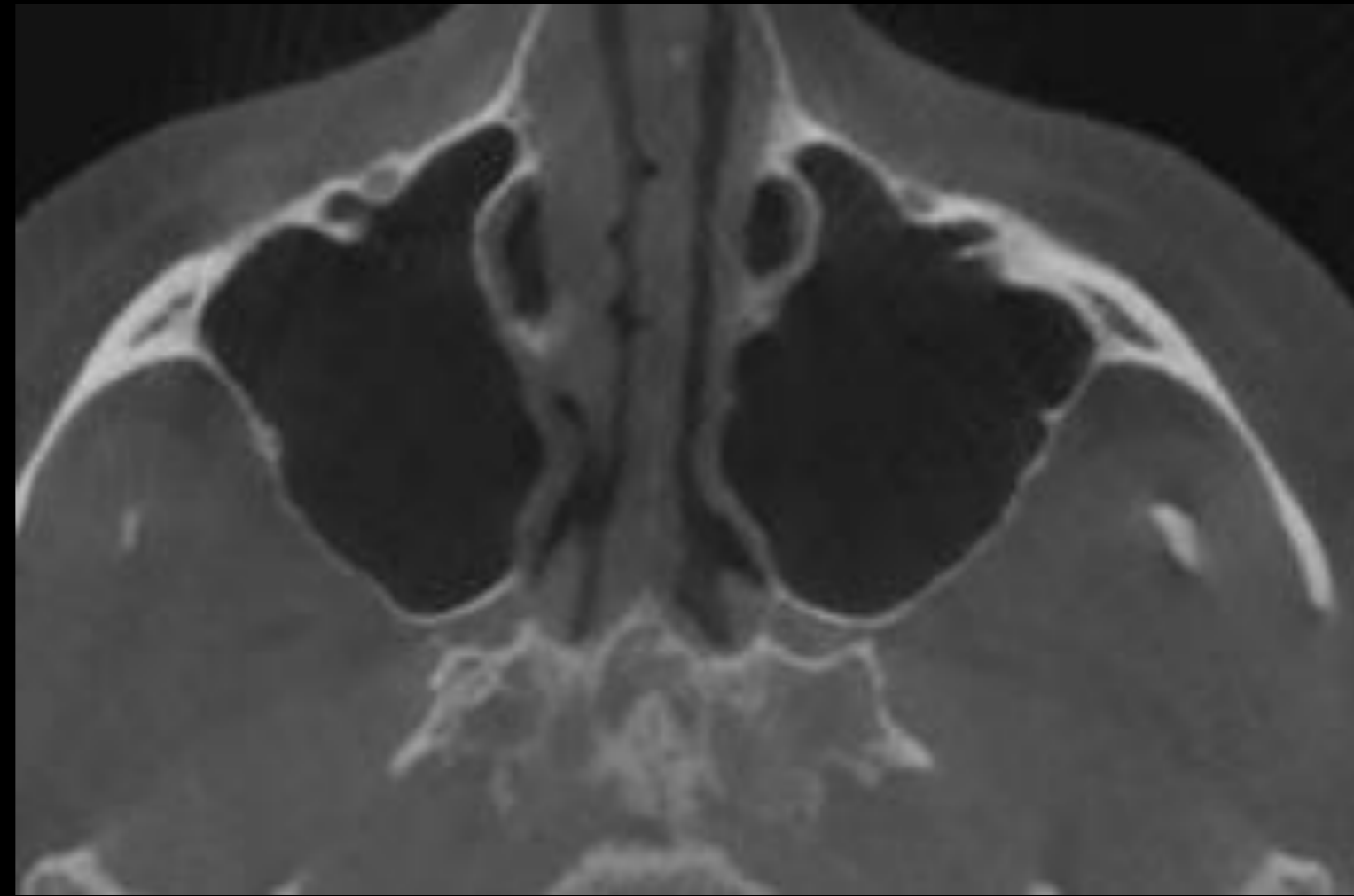
# Carotid Space Calcifications

- ✓ Deposits of fat, cholesterol, inflammatory cells within artery
- ✓ Progressive narrowing reduces blood flow
- ✓ Well-defined, high density, ring-like opacities



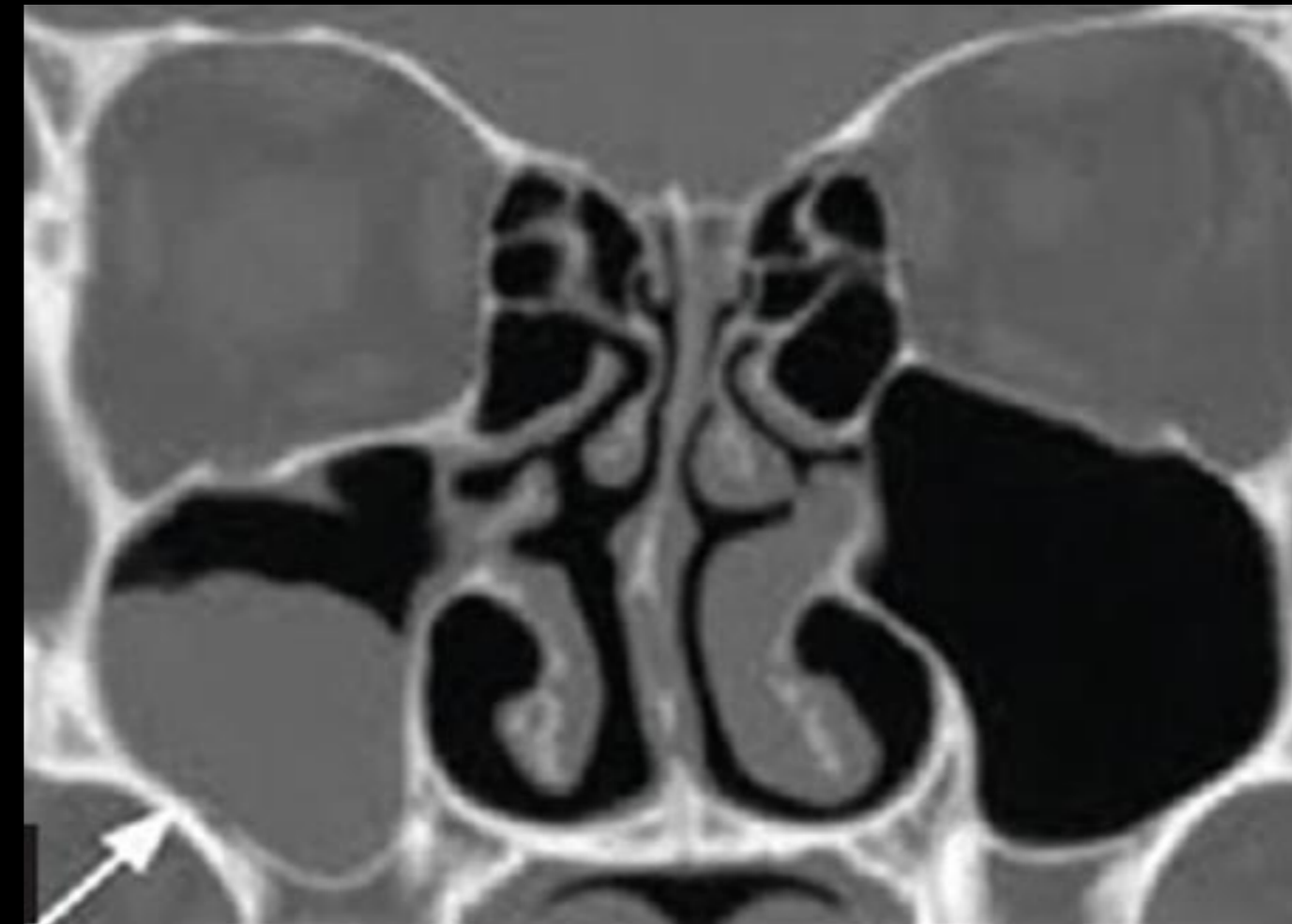
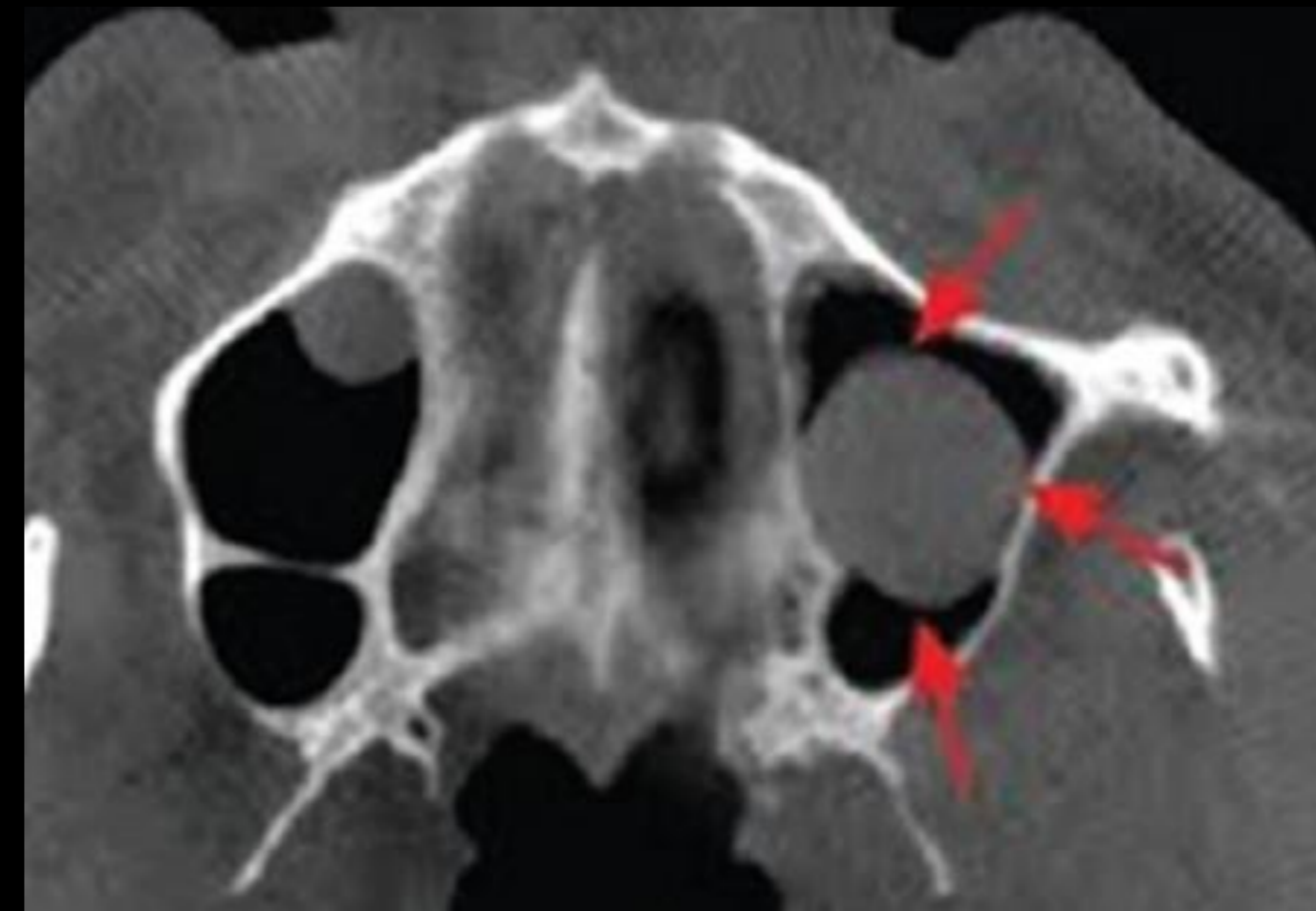
# Paranasal Sinuses

- ✓ Mucosal thickening
- ✓ Thickened borders



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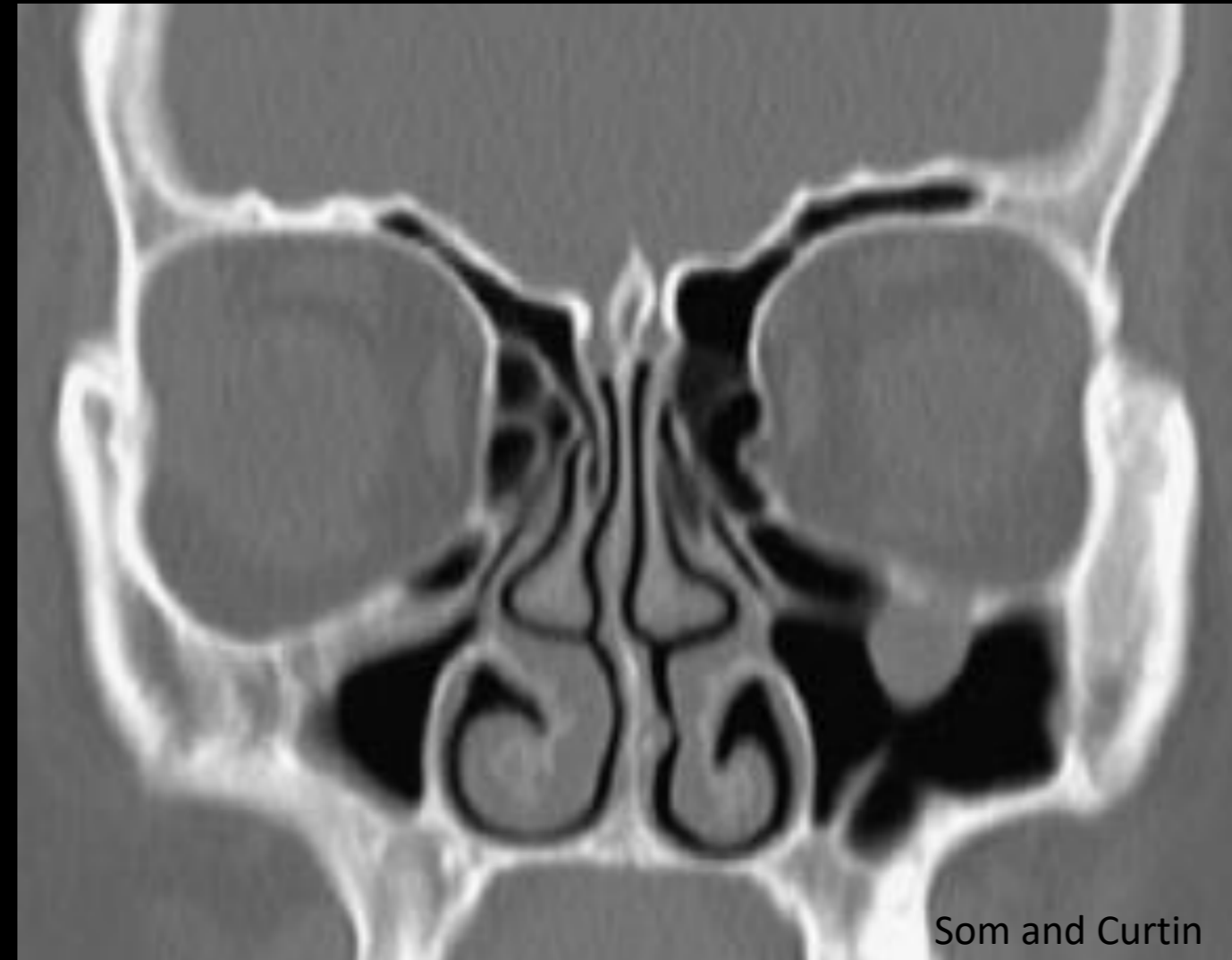
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Jafari-Pozve, N. et al Indian Journal of Dental Research; 2018 (29): 4; 410-413

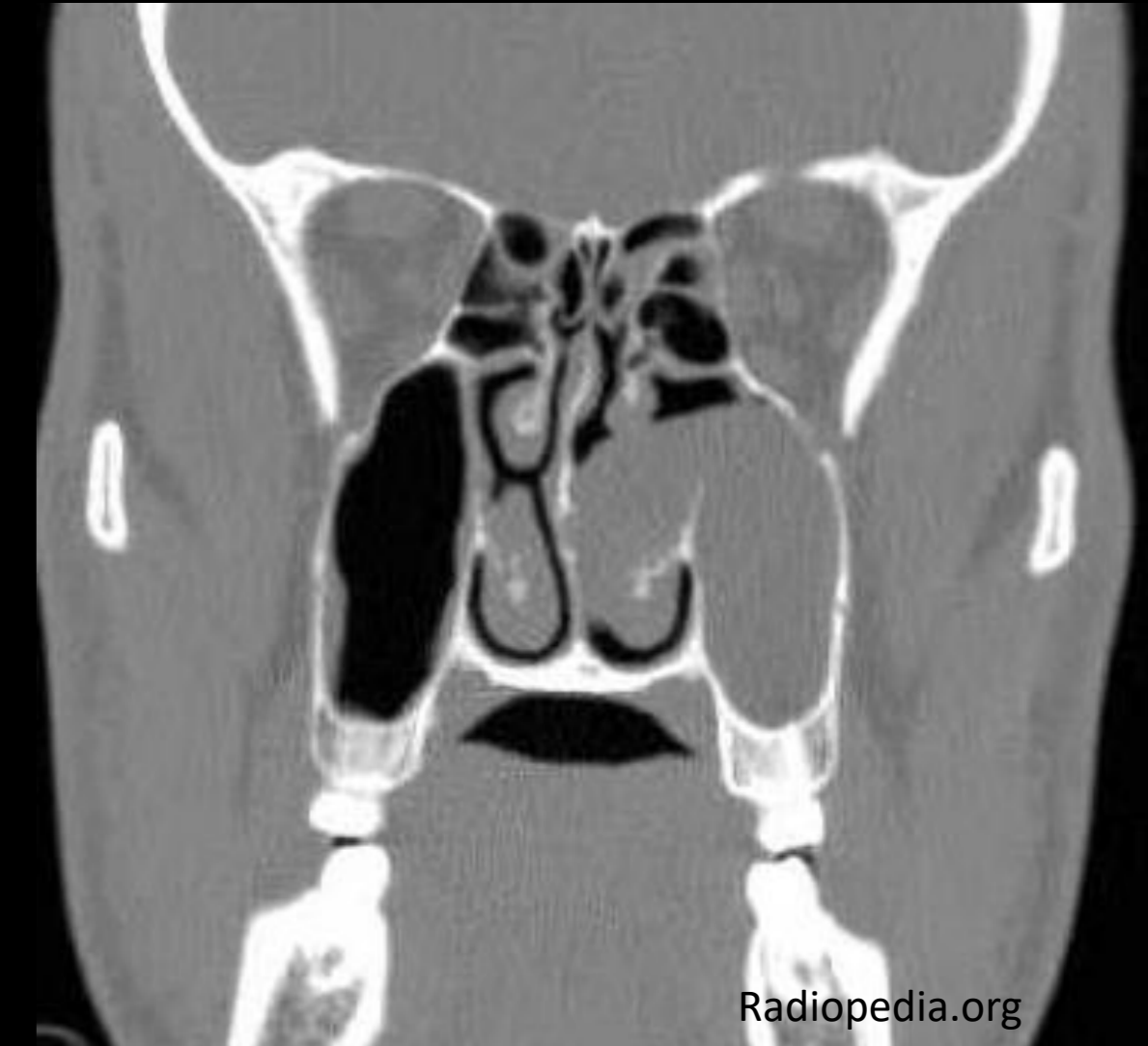
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Intrasinus polyp

- Defined, soft tissue density
- Patent ostium
- No bone destruction



Antrochoanal polyp

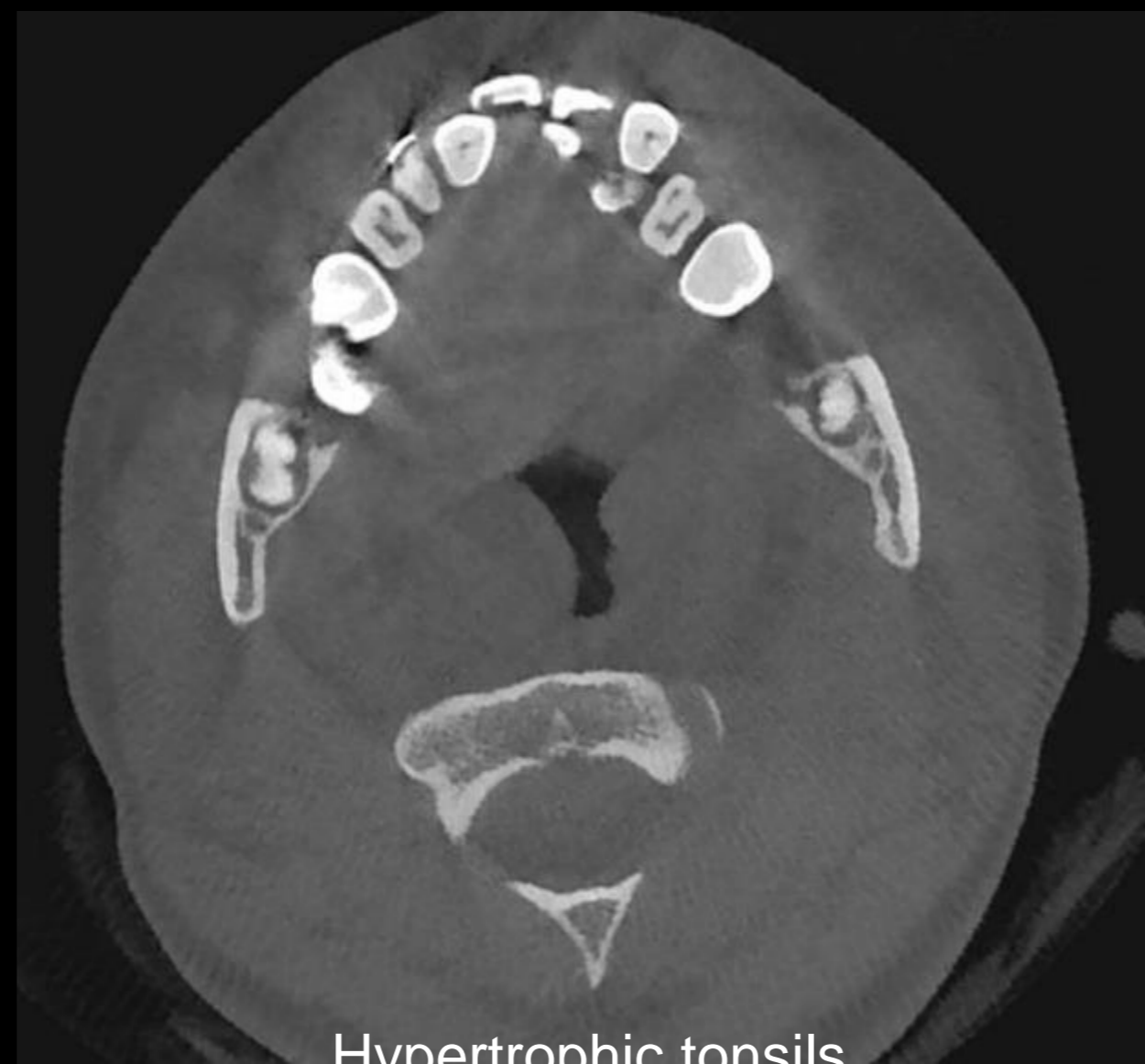
- Defined, soft tissue density
- Widened ostium
- Extends posteriorly to nasopharynx
- No bone destruction

# Airway Asymmetry

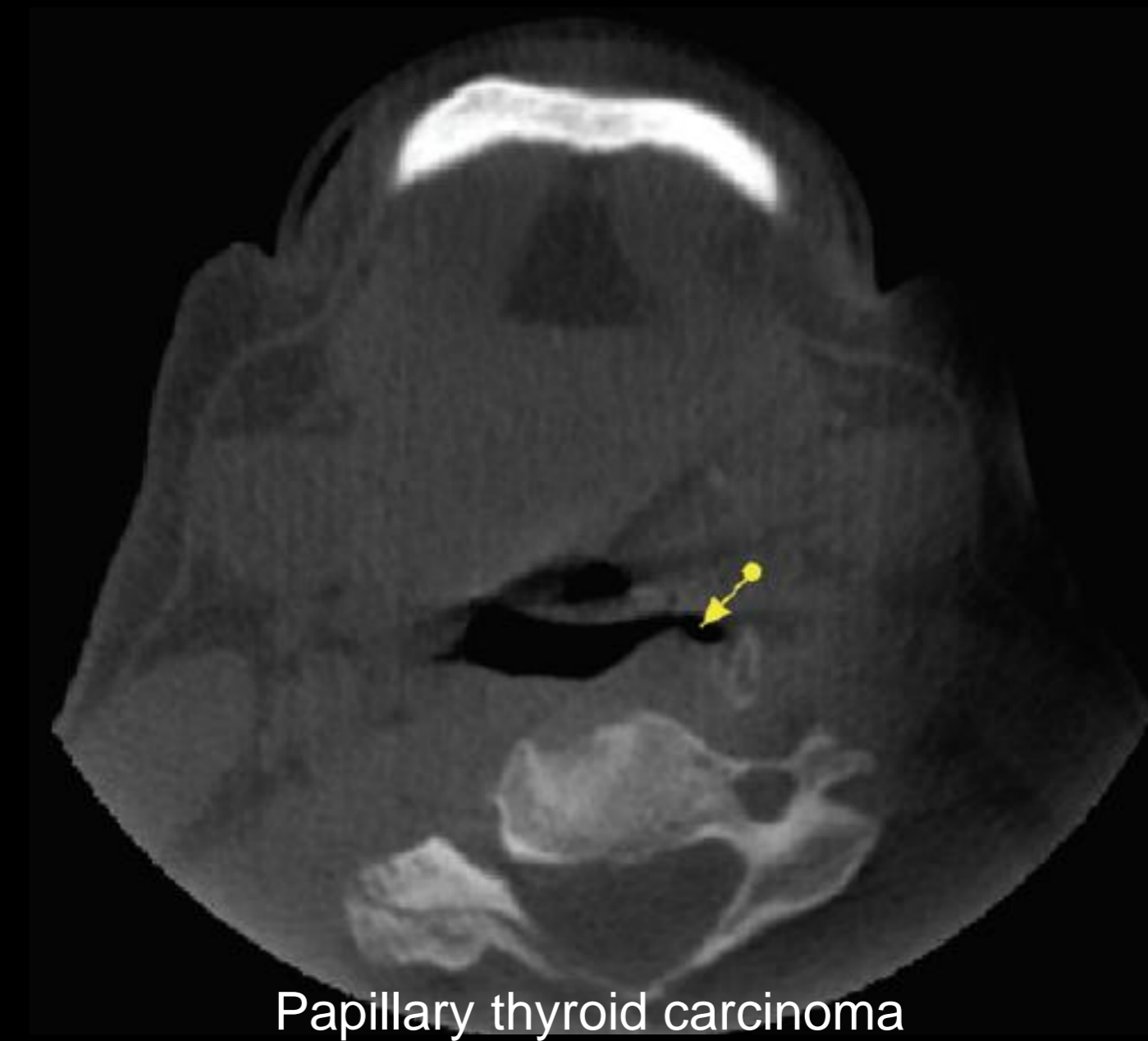
- ✓ May result from artifacts (breathing/swallowing during scan)
- ✓ May result from hypertrophic tonsils
- ✓ May result from benign or malignant tumors from adjacent spaces



Artifact



Hypertrophic tonsils



Papillary thyroid carcinoma

# Endodontics

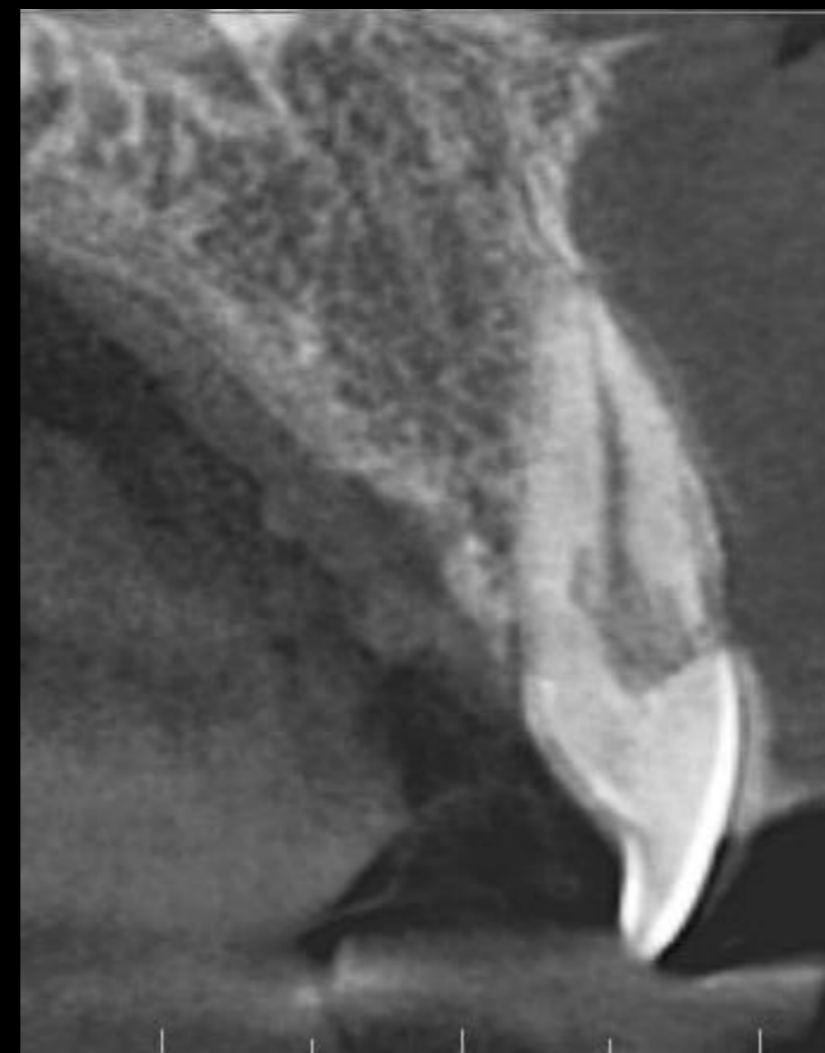
✓ Resorption





# Endodontics

✓ Resorption



Incidental Findings

# CBCCT Examples...

# Summary

## CBCT

- Reviewed features for selecting a unit
- Discussed a plan for managing images
- Identified basic anatomy
- Demonstrated common incidental findings



# Implant Treatment

- ✓ Pre-treatment site planning
- ✓ Surgical Guides
- ✓ Postoperative evaluation\*

## Position statement of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology on selection criteria for the use of radiology in dental implantology with emphasis on cone beam computed tomography

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A Position Paper Subcommittee of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR) reviewed the literature since the original position statement on selection criteria for radiology in dental implantology, published in 2000. All current planar modalities, including intraoral, panoramic, and cephalometric, as well as cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) are discussed, along with radiation dosimetry and anatomy considerations. We provide research-based, consensus-derived clinical guidance for practitioners on the appropriate use of specific imaging modalities in dental implant treatment planning. Specifically, the AAOMR recommends that cross-sectional imaging be used for the assessment of all dental implant sites and that CBCT is the imaging method of choice for gaining this information. This document will be periodically revised to reflect new evidence. (Oral Surg Oral Med Oral Pathol Oral Radiol 2012;113: 817-826)

In 2000, the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR) published a position paper on the role of imaging in dental-implant treatment planning.<sup>1</sup> They state, "After reviewing the current literature, the AAOMR recommends that some form of cross-sectional imaging be used for implant cases and that conventional cross-sectional tomography be the method of choice for gaining this information for most patients receiving implants." Since then, the introduction and increased use of maxillofacial cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) has had an impact on the availability of digital, cross-sectional imaging and expanded imaging clinical applications for dental-implant imaging.<sup>2-18</sup>

In 2008, the Executive Council (EC) of the AAOMR published an executive opinion statement on the performance and interpretation of CBCT in dentistry.<sup>19</sup> The EC proposed guidelines and principles for CBCT

use in contemporary dental practice; these included practitioner responsibilities, the requirement for documentation, and the need for radiation-dose and quality-assurance optimization. If CBCT is used (as with any radiographic imaging technology), the benefits to the patient must outweigh the risks associated with exposure to ionizing radiation.

The purpose of developing imaging selection criteria for implant therapy is to identify the most appropriate imaging technology for each stage of patient care.<sup>1</sup> The development of selection criteria is based on review of treatment-decision and outcome-assessment studies. Although more than 10 years have passed since publication of the AAOMR position paper on dental implants,<sup>1</sup> studies of the clinical efficacy of cross-sectional imaging for implant planning decisions have been equivocal.<sup>20-25</sup>

The purpose of this document is to summarize current knowledge about maxillofacial imaging (with emphasis on CBCT) for dental, endosseous-implant therapy and to provide up-to-date radiographic selection criteria for dental implantology. The recommendations presented are not prescriptive but rather advisory and are intended to provide the dental profession with current considered opinions on the appropriate imaging for implant dentistry. The underlining goal is to maximize diagnostic efficiency while minimizing patient radiation risk.

### CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SELECTION CRITERIA FOR DENTAL IMPLANTOLOGY

The diagnostic phase of dental-implant therapy and, in particular, the appropriate choice of radiographic ex-

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# Endodontics

- ✓ Nonspecific signs and symptoms
- ✓ Possible complex morphology
- ✓ Detection of root fracture
- ✓ Dentoalveolar trauma
- ✓ Resorptive defects
- ✓ Outcome assessment\*

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**AAE and AAOMR Joint Position Statement**

**Use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Endodontics—2015/2016 Update**

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The following statement was prepared by the Special Committee to Revise the Joint American Association of Endodontists/American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Position Statement on the Use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Endodontics. It was approved by the AAE Board of Directors and AAOMR Executive Council in May 2015. Recommendations 13 and 14 were added by the Committee and approved in May 2016.

**INTRODUCTION**

This updated joint position statement of the American Association of Endodontists and the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology is intended to provide scientifically based guidance to clinicians regarding the use of cone beam computed tomography in endodontic treatment and reflects new developments since the 2010 statement (1). The guidance in this statement is not intended to substitute for a clinician's independent judgment in light of the conditions and needs of a specific patient.

Endodontic disease adversely affects quality of life and can produce significant morbidity in afflicted patients. Radiography is essential for the successful diagnosis of odontogenic and non-odontogenic pathoses, treatment of the root canal systems of a compromised tooth, biomechanical instrumentation, evaluation of final canal obturation, and assessment of healing.

Until recently, radiographic assessments in endodontic treatment were limited to intraoral and panoramic radiography. These radiographic technologies provide two-dimensional representations of three-dimensional anatomic structures. If any element of the geometric configuration is compromised, the image may demonstrate errors (2). In more complex cases, radiographic projections with different beam angulations can allow parallax localization. However, complex anatomy and surrounding structures can render interpretation of planar images difficult.

The advent of CBCT has made it possible to visualize the dentition, the maxillofacial skeleton, and the relationship of anatomic structures in three dimensions (3). CBCT, as with any technology, has known limitations, including a possible higher radiation dose to the patient. Other limitations include potential for artifact generation, high levels of scatter and noise, and variations in dose distribution within a volume of interest (4).

CBCT should be used only when the patient's history and a clinical examination demonstrate that the benefits to the patient outweigh the potential risks. CBCT should not be used routinely for endodontic

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