# ENDORAMA "SECONDARY THYROID MASSES"

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# Learning objectives:

- Epidemiology and etiology of secondary thyroid masses
- Clinical features and diagnosis of secondary thyroid masses; pitfalls of FNA
- Role of surgery in secondary thyroid masses



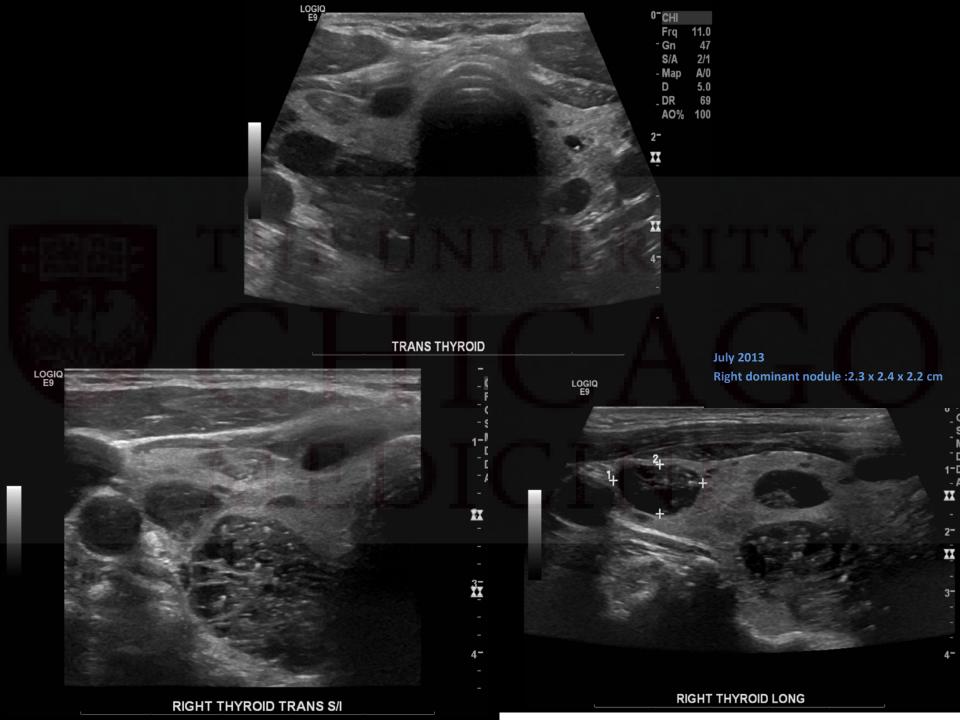


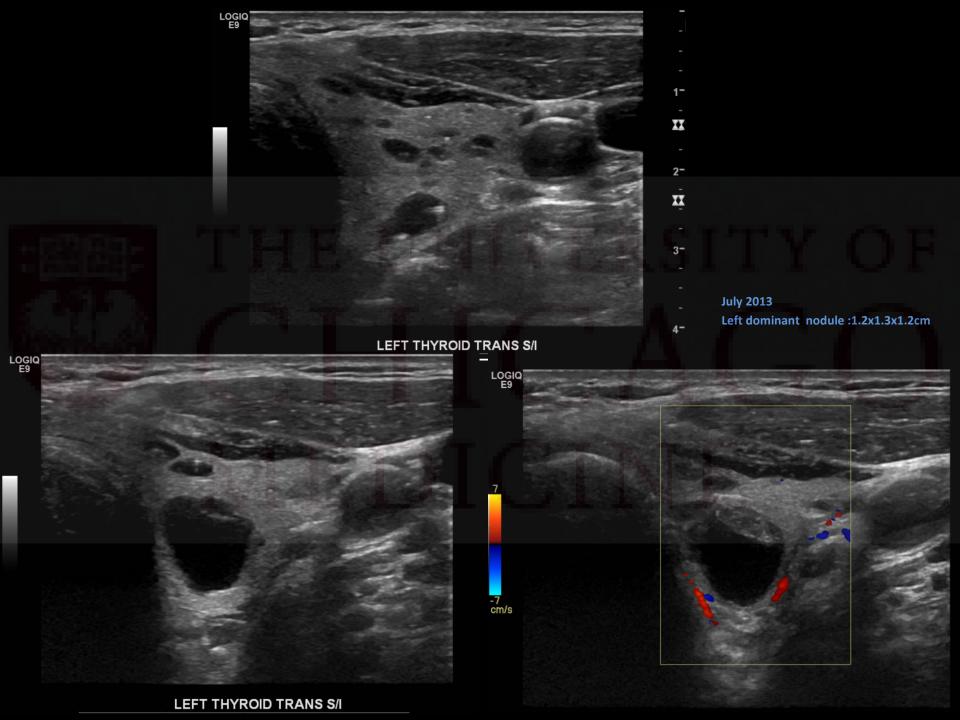
### **HISTORY**

 77 y/o M who presented to Endo surgery clinic for evaluation of bilateral thyroid nodules

- Med & Surg Hx
- DM, Afib (on apixaban), HTN, CHF(EF 25%)
- Left renal cell carcinoma s/p L nephrectomy 2005 and then
- R nephrectomy in 2010( for suspicious renal cyst).
- HD and placed on Renal transplant list
- Noted to have multiple bilateral thyroid nodule in July 2013( on screening CT for transplant. This was followed with Thyroid US.







# **HISTORY**

- Asymptomatic:
  - no neck pain , pressure, Normal voice/phonation
  - No toxic symptoms.
- No hx of exposure to radiation
- No family history of thyroid cancer/ problems
- TSH 0.12, Free T4: 1.04, T3: 95





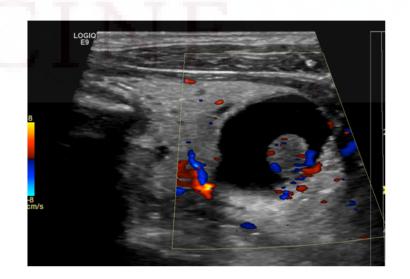
# JULY 2013 - APRIL 2016

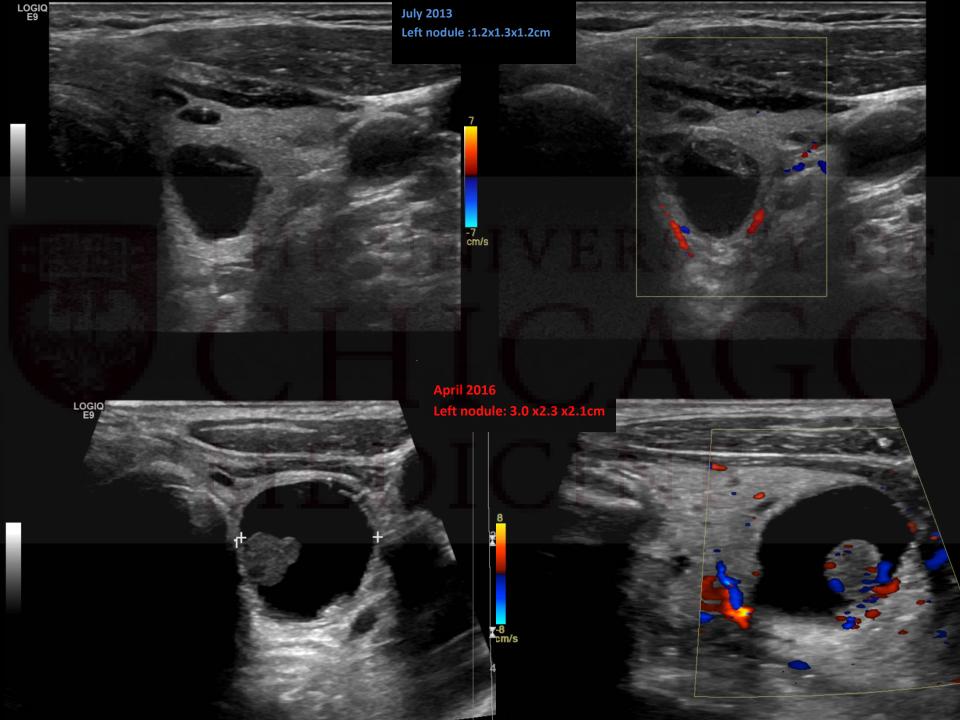
- FNA of dominant rt nodules on 7/29/13 → benign colloid nodule
- Thyroid US Dec 2014→ No interval change





- F/U Thyroid April 2016:
  - 个size of dominant left lobe nodule
  - new vascular polypoid component
  - no other interval change



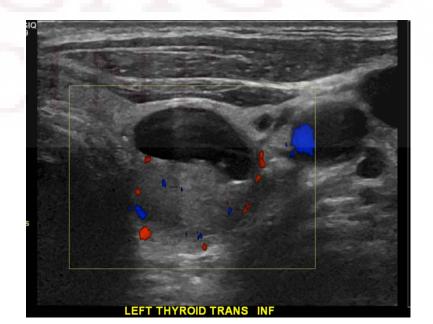


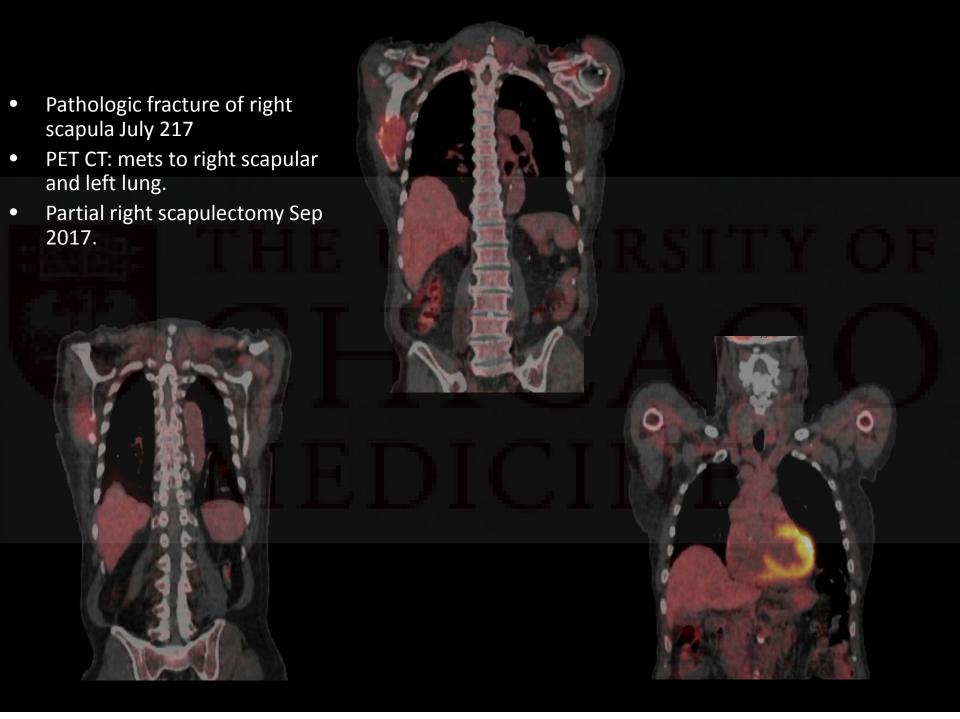
## APRIL 2016 – DEC 2017

- Repeat US Sept 2016:
  - ↓size of left nodule itself
- ↑ size of vascular polypoid mass (1.1 x 1 x 1.1cm from 0.75 x 0.75 x 0.8cm in April 2016)
- FNA of dominant left nodules on Oct
   2016 & repeated Dec 2016 →
   inconclusive/non diagnostic
  - Thyroid US June 2017
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# MEDICINE



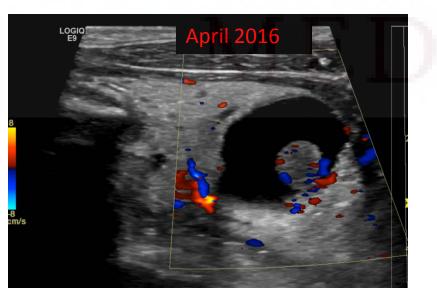
# SEPT 2019- NOV 2019

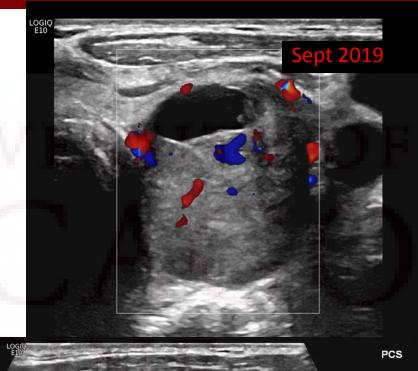
#### Sept 2019 Thyr US:

- ↑size of solid component 4.5x3.5x2.8cm.

#### Previously:

- 2.4x2.2x1.8cm Dec 2017
- 1.3 x 1.8 x 1.7cm Jun 2017
- 1 x 1 x 1.1 cm Sept 2016







# NEXT STEP?





- Seen in Endo Surgery clinic on 10/24/19
- Physical Exam:
  - Trachea normal, normal range of motion,
  - Phonation normal.
  - Neck supple. No neck tenderness present.
  - No tracheal deviation, no edema
  - Normal range of motion present.
  - No thyroid mass palpable and no thyromegaly

Consented for a total thyroidectomy



- OR for total thyroidectomy on 11/8/19
- Large left thyroid mass infiltrating and completing encasing the left RLN
- Left RLN subsequently freed from tumor but lost signal.
- Completed a left thyroidectomy and FS of specimen returned as very suspicious for PTC
- Total thyroidectomy was aborted; Left RLN injury





- FINAL PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS
   Left thyroid lobe; lobectomy (22.2 g):
  - Metastatic renal cell carcinoma (4 cm, left mid-lower pole),
  - Margins focally involved by carcinoma.

# MEDICINE



### SECONDARY THYROID MASSES

#### **Epidemiology**

- Incidence of 0.3-3% of all thyroid malignancy, clinically <sup>1,2</sup>
  - \* upto 24% in autopsy series 3
- 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> decade, M:F 1:4-5.
- Large majority are metachronous; as far as 21 years post diagnosis of primary 4,9
- Time to event of Sec Thyroid mass
- More aggressive cancer (e.g lungs ca) have shorter interval.
- Less aggressive cancers (e.g RCC and Breast) have longer interval <sup>3,4</sup>
- RCC is the commonest origin, but lung cancer is the commonest in autopsy series 3,4,5

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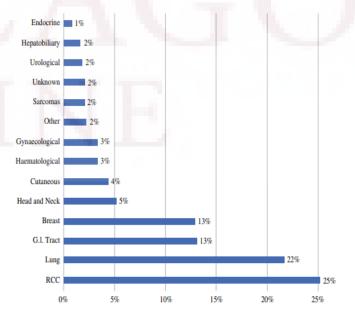


REVIEW ARTICLE - ENDOCRINE TUMORS

#### Metastasis to the Thyroid Gland: A Critical Review

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FIG. 1 Total number of cases of metastasis to thyroid reported in literature stratified by site of primary tumor





### SECONDARY THYROID MASSES

#### Clinical presentation & diagnosis

- 78% present with palpable neck mass, other incidental on imaging 5
- 35-80% will present with metastasis elsewhere. 5,6,7
- Abnormal LFT are relatively uncommon; late in disease if present.<sup>6,8</sup>
- Late stage disease present with symptoms of advanced thyroid cancer; dysphonia, dysphagia etc.<sup>3</sup>
- To increase the likelihood of a preoperative diagnosis, core or open biopsy have been considered. 3,10
  - \*Pitfalls
  - FNA: bloody aspirate
  - CNB: Traumatic

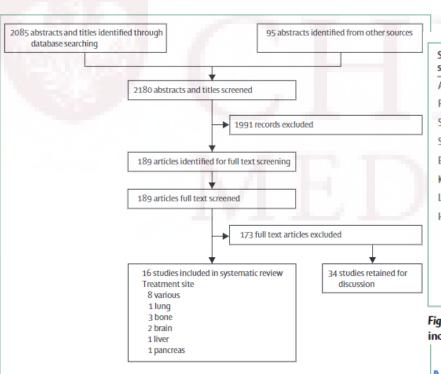
#### **Treatment & Survival**

- Surgery and/ or extent of surgery depends on the nature of primary tumor and surgical risks.
- Resection increases OS and CSS especially when RCC is tumor of origin 11,12
- Median survival 6-14 months without resection vs 27 – 40.8 months after resection
- Local resection; thyroid lobectomy vs total thyroidectomy.
- Margin is important;  $\uparrow$  recurrence after TL vs TT( 5 vs 13%, p < 0.005)<sup>11</sup>
- Secondary thyroid mets itself is not a poor prognostic marker 3,5
- No role for radioactive/radiation



#### SECONDARY THY MASS: SURGICAL RESECTION





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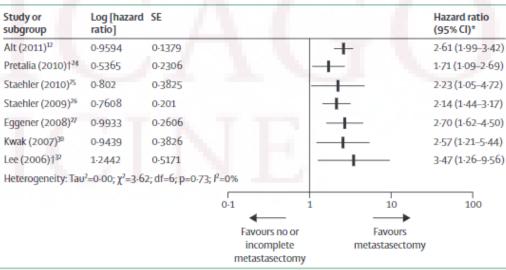


Figure 2: Forest plot of hazard ratios for overall survival or cancer-specific survival in studies comparing incomplete or no metastasectomy versus complete metastasectomy

Median survival 14 months without resection vs 40.8 months after resection

#### Guidelines

#### EAU Guidelines on Renal Cell Carcinoma: 2014 Update

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#### Recommendation

- Local resection of all RCC mets when medically feasible \*except bone and brain
- Radiation therapy for bone and brain



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