

# RADY 413 Case Presentation

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30-year-old female presenting for  
follow-up on HER2/neu+ invasive ductal  
carcinoma

# Patient history

Ms. SH is a 30-year-old female presenting for follow-up on right HER2/neu+ invasive ductal carcinoma following 6 cycles of neoadjuvant chemotherapy. She was initially able to palpate the mass, but she is no longer able to palpate it.

# List of imaging studies

- \* Bilateral breast MRI with contrast (pre/post neoadjuvant chemotherapy)

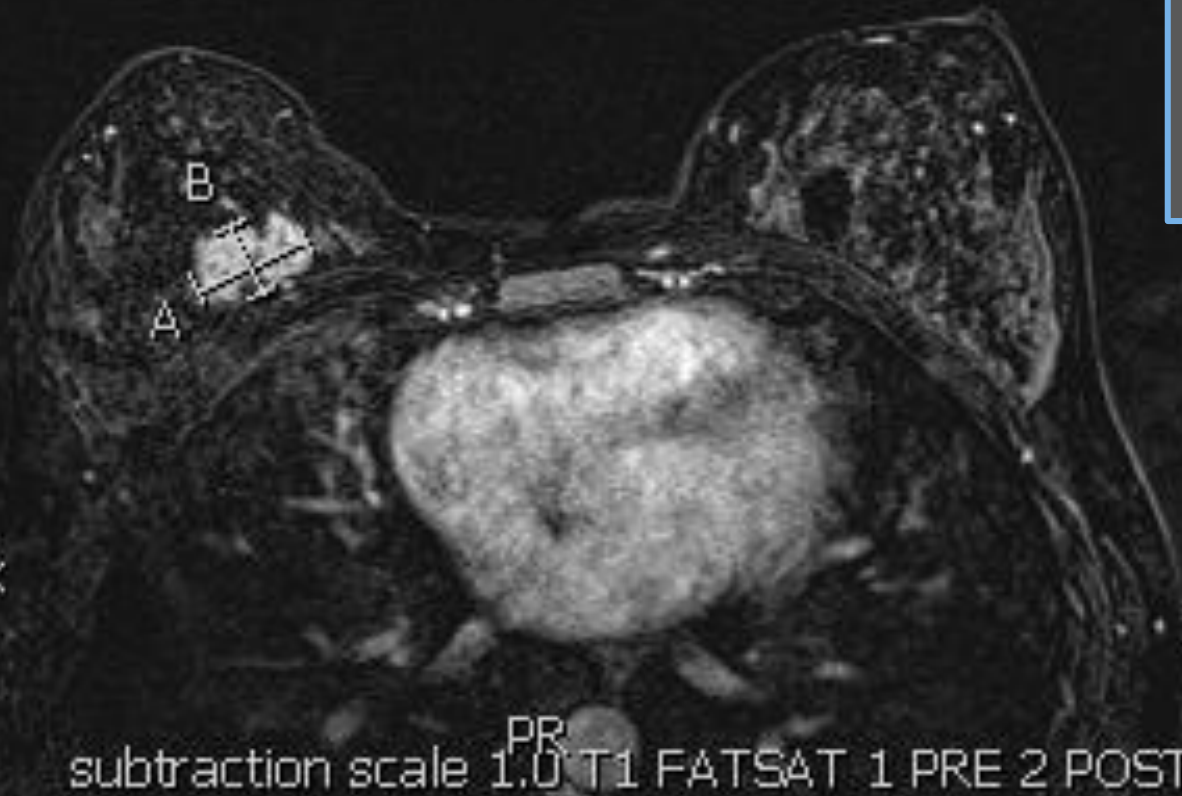
# Breast MRI Pre Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

A: 2.54 cm

B: 1.58 cm

Axial T1 C+ Subtracted image  
RT BREAST                      LT BREAST

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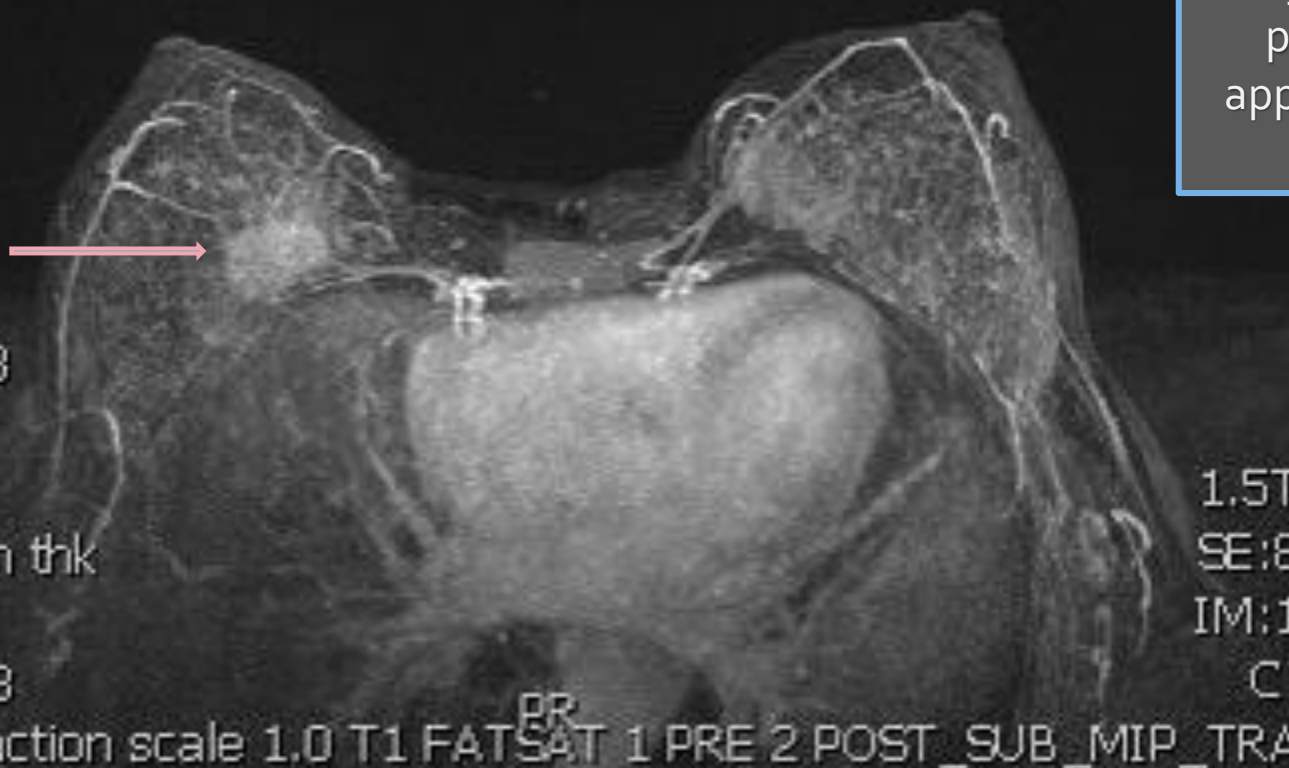


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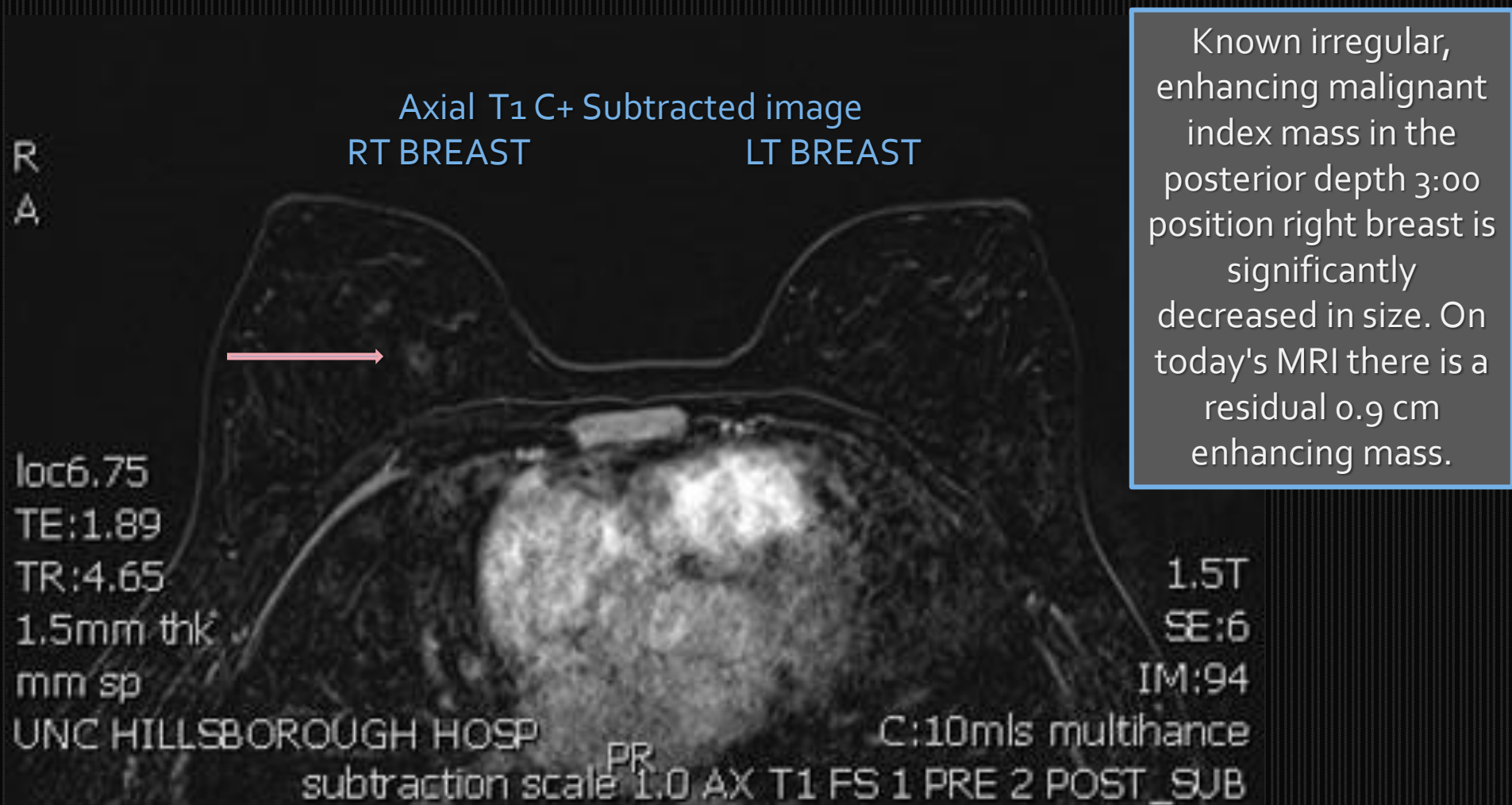
Axial maximum intensity projection (MIP) image  
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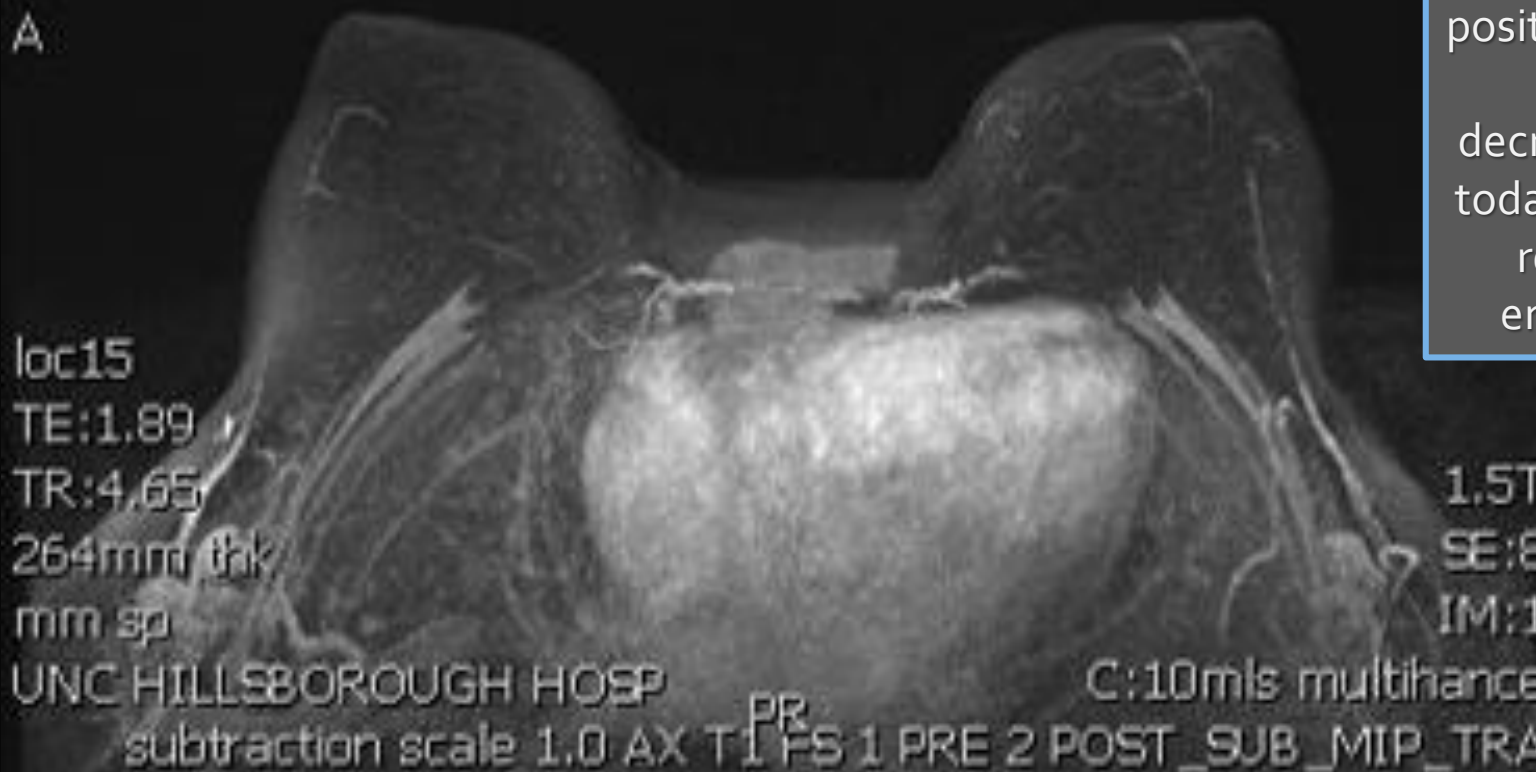


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# Breast MRI Pre and Post Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy



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loc15  
TE:1.89  
TR:4.65  
264mm thk

This is a post-chemotherapy breast MRI scan. The enhancing mass seen in the pre-chemotherapy scan is significantly reduced in size and intensity, indicating a dramatic response to the neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

Images cropped to show right breast are pre- and post-chemotherapy dramatic response . She receives the assignment of Assessment Category **BIRADS 6: Known Biopsy-Proven Malignancy** on each study because she a) has a known malignancy and b) has not yet undergone her definitive therapy (surgery).

# Patient outcome

- \* Patient planned to undergo needle localized segmental mastectomy with sentinel node biopsy

# Discussion: BI-RADS®

## Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System

- \* Developed in 1993 by ACR to improve the reporting of mammograms
- \* Standardized reporting to reduce confusion in breast imaging interpretations and management recommendations
- \* Late UNC Professor Emeritus Robert McLelland original BI-RADS® committee
  
- \* BI-RADS®-Mammography Fifth Edition 2013
- \* BI-RADS®-Ultrasound Second Edition 2013
- \* BI-RADS®-MRI Second Edition 2013

# Discussion: Assessment Categories

- \* BI-RADS® Category 0: INCOMPLETE - NEED ADDITIONAL IMAGING EVALUATION AND/OR PRIOR MAMMOGRAMS FOR COMPARISON
- \* BI-RADS® Category 1: NEGATIVE
- \* BI-RADS® Category 2: BENIGN
- \* BI-RADS® Category 3: PROBABLY BENIGN
- \* BI-RADS® Category 4: SUSPICIOUS
- \* BI-RADS® Category 5: HIGHLY SUGGESTIVE OF MALIGNANCY
- \* BI-RADS® Category 6: KNOWN BIOPSY-PROVEN MALIGNANCY

- \* Category 0: INCOMPLETE - NEED ADDITIONAL IMAGING EVALUATION AND/OR PRIOR MAMMOGRAMS FOR COMPARISON  
Recall for additional imaging and/or comparison with prior examinations
- \* Category 1: NEGATIVE (0% risk of malignancy)  
Routine mammography screening
- \* Category 2: BENIGN (0% risk of malignancy)  
Routine mammography screening
- \* Category 3: PROBABLY BENIGN (<2% risk of malignancy)  
Short interval 6 month follow-up *OR* continued surveillance
- \* Category 4: SUSPICIOUS (2-95% risk of malignancy)  
Biopsy should be performed in the absence of clinical contraindications
- \* Category 5: HIGHLY SUGGESTIVE OF MALIGNANCY (>95% risk)  
Biopsy should be performed in the absence of clinical contraindications
- \* Category 6: KNOWN BIOPSY-PROVEN MALIGNANCY (100% risk)  
Surgical excision when clinically appropriate

# Discussion: Her2/neu+ IDC and Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

- \* Neoadjuvant chemotherapy may reduce tumor size and improve overall prognosis, particularly in patients with Her2/neu+ (or ER+/PR+) breast cancers due to the development of targeted therapies based on immunohistochemically detected tumor markers
- \* MRI is a useful imaging modality in assessing a patient's response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- \* The patient remains a BIRADS 6 while monitoring response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy

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- \* Although tumors have traditionally been staged anatomically, we are beginning to recognize the important role of tumor biomarkers in determining a patient's overall prognosis
- \* Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the eighth edition of the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging manual now incorporates a tumor's HER2/neu and estrogen-/progesterone-receptor status into staging

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- \* For example: Under the new staging system, a breast cancer formerly classified as T<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> Her2+ would be considered Stage I
- \* Previously, any lymph node involvement would increase a cancer to Stage II or higher
- \* Staging manual revision reflects the fact that most patients with T<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> Her2+ breast cancer respond very well to targeted therapy



# References

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