XVI. Diseases of the Respiratory System 179

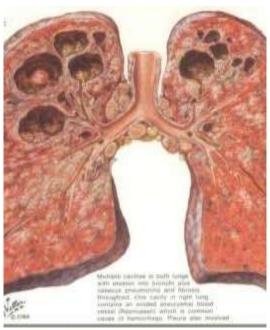
Primary Tu	berculosis (healed)	II-6.3312			
Lung:	Shows a Ghon's lesion				
	The Ghon's lesion:	A tuberculous focus			
		• Lies at the upper part of the lower lobe			
		Subpleural			
		Rounded			
		• Small (1 cm. in diameter)			
		Hard in consistence			
		Chalky white			
		Calcified			
		Encapsulated by fibrous tissue			

N.B.:

Healing (by fibrosis, calcification and even ossification) is common in primary tuberculosis.
 Patient→ recovers or dies

Healing			Allergic child		
•	Gradual building up of immunity.	•	Exudation and caseation.		
•	• Healing of pulmonary and nodal lesions:		Bronchial lymph nodes → caseate and erode a		
	 Calcification 		bronchus → caseous aspiration pneumonia or		
	 Ossification. 		bronchopneumonia in the lower lobe \rightarrow fatal.		
		•	No attempt at a limiting fibrosis.		
		•	No recovery.		

- 1. More primary infection now develops in adults than in children.
- 2. **Primary infection is characterized by the Ghon's lesion**, seen in its active form in children (or adults who have had no previous infection) and in its healed form (fibrosed or/and calcified) in adults.
- 3. The patient either recovers or dies;
- 4. The disease does not become chronic and no chronic cavity formation.
- 5. Focal lesion + involvement of regional lymph nodes = First infection.
- 6. Apical lesion with no involvement of regional lymph node = Second infection but with healed primary local lesion.



Primary Tuberculosis (healed)								
Lung	Shows a calcified focus in the upper part of the lower lobe of							
	the right lung (Ghon's lesion)							
Lymph nodes	(bronchopulmonary)	Calcified						
	(tracheobronchial)	Calcified						

N.B.

• The organs (tongue, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi and lungs) were removed from an adult female patient who died from severe haemorrhage during delivery of a child; a case of placenta previa.

