

**Case 17 Abnormality on CXR. Wedge resection of 30mm left lower lobe  
56 yr male**

- **A section of lung shows a large necrotising granuloma with surrounding palisading histiocytes perpendicular to the necrobiotic centre.**
- **No carbon or silicon is seen in the necrotic area.**
- **Compressed surrounding lung parenchyma is seen with scattered non-specific interstitial inflammation,**
- **No dysplasia or malignancy is seen.**
- **No vasculitis**

**Diagnosis: Rheumatoid nodule lung**

**Comment**

**Exclude TB with ZN stain/PCR**

**Exclude Wegener's granulomatosis**

**After ruling out an infective process steroids can be administered**

**Rheumatoid nodule assoc. with an increased serum Rheumatoid factor**

**Assoc. with Joint disease**