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to our children Mathias and Patrick
who mean so much to me

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"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.
Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men
with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

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PREFACE

The depth of medical knowledge and scope of image interpretation expected from an average general radiologist has soared over the last two decades. The emergence of subspecialties within radiology is witness to this development. Books have become available on so many different imaging topics and in such a large number that it is impossible even for the avid reader to consume them all, catalogue them, and have instant access to them. While some radiologists have the luxury to practice exclusively in their area of special interest with impressive expertise, many practice a much broader scope of diagnostic radiology and find themselves occasionally in situations where recollections have become nebulous. I know that I regret my inability to recall many facts or - more frustrating - where to look them up. In a busy practice it is simply not possible to take time out and disappear in the library.

Radiology Review Manual has become my carry-on memory jogger, in an attempt to put into a single reference much of the information that is or could be relevant to my practice. I use it like a dictionary, always available at my workstation. It is published under the assumption that many colleagues practice like I do: trying to do a good job vis-a-vis significant time constraints. This concept has resonated well with the radiologic community. The popularity of the "green giant" or the "green bible", as it has been dubbed by residents, confirms the usefulness of this type of publication. At the time of this writing approximately 28,000 copies have been sold, one half outside the United States of America.

Radiology Review Manual was created in preparation for the specialty exam as the "book under the pillow." I have to credit the idea to publish this material to several residents at the Johns Hopkins Hospital who urged me to do so. Over the years, this material has been changed and expanded. Our voluminous field of diagnostic radiology makes it necessary to use an outline style for the sake of conserving space and thus provides only an extract of information. This may, at times, jeopardize the full meaning of statements when the context is lost. It should be kept in mind that this book is not intended for the novice and that it requires familiarity with the subject of radiology and the background information of major textbooks.

How to use this book:

The organization of this book has caused a major headache as any topic can be looked at from various points of view. I have selected just one of many possibilities to avoid redundancy. The material is presented in a manner that is in keeping with the topics of the current board exam. Unfortunately, this grouping is inconsistent, sectioning off by age (Pediatric Radiology) and image modality (Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound). In order to avoid repetition, pediatric entities are subsumed within organ systems. Ultrasound and Nuclear Medicine are used from head to heel and consequently are mentioned in all body sections. However, Nuclear Medicine is treated in a separate section when emphasis is on technique and functional aspects not covered elsewhere. The skull and spine, a crossing point of many subspecialties, are dealt with as the first part of the CNS section. A section on eye, ear, nose, and throat topics is placed at the end of the section on CNS disorders. Small chapters on statistics and contrast media are added.

The organization within the individual chapters follows the practical approach of reading films. The initial step of film interpretation is the description of radiologic patterns that serves to identify categories in which they belong. Therefore, radiologic patterns for differential diagnoses are found in the first portion of a chapter. Once the diagnostic possibilities have been reviewed in brief outline, one can look up detailed information about a disease entity in the last segment of a chapter. The disease entities are presented in alphabetical order. Both these segments are separated by a few pages of functional, anatomic, or embryologic aspects. Occasionally, important clinical signs and their differential diagnoses, relevant to the practice of radiology, are included in the first portion of a chapter. Mnemonics (which I personally abhor) have been liberally added by request. Accepted therapies for contrast reactions are printed on the inside of the back cover page for immediate access. A table of contents and abbreviations used throughout the book are found in front. A user-friendly index, which selectively refers to those pages with significant information concludes the manual. Notice that many systemic diseases will be mentioned in more than one chapter with some unavoidable redundancy. However, emphasized are those manifestations of the disease that occur within the organ under which it is listed. The index also includes so-called "buzz words" that are miraculously attached to diseases.

The backbone of the book are disease entities, radiologic symptoms, as well as lists of differential diagnosis. Disease entities are headed by their most commonly used name with other designations listed below. As a radiologic diagnosis should be entertained in context with its probability to be correct, percentages in regard to frequency of signs and symptoms are included liberally, often giving the lowest and the highest number found in the literature. The truth may be somewhere in between for a nonselected patient population, and occasionally a third number is provided between the high and low number as the most frequently cited. Arbitrary choices have been made in situations when different or contradictory results are found in the literature - unfortunately, an occurrence not at all infrequent.

Lists of differential diagnoses can be presented in many fashions. There is no right or wrong way, but there certainly is a chaotic versus an organized approach. An orderly thought process portrays familiarity with a problem. Examinees have always felt that "nailing" the diagnosis is secondary, but including it in one's consideration is paramount to a successful exam. Accordingly, an attempt is made to categorize differential diagnostic considerations or etiologies of certain diseases in a manner digestible for recapitulation. It is a common experience that this is not always possible, logically satisfactory, or complete.

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I sincerely hope that Radiology Review Manual will serve you in the same manner it has helped me in preparation for the board exam, in teaching situations, and particularly in my daily work assignments.



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ABBREVIATIONS

√	radiologic sign
■	clinical sign, symptom
=	equals, is
@	at anatomic location of
/	or, per
+	and, plus, with
±	with or without
<	less than
>	more than, over
⚡	important comment
AAA	abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABC	aneurysmal bone cyst
AC	abdominal circumference
ACA	anterior cerebral artery
ACE	angiotensin converting enzyme
ACom	anterior communicating artery
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADEM	acute disseminated encephalo-myelitis
ADH	antidiuretic hormone
AFP	alpha-fetoprotein
AICA	anterior inferior cerebellar artery
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ALL	acute lymphoblastic leukemia
AMA	antimitochondrial antibody
AML	acute myeloblastic leukemia
AML	angiomyolipoma
aML	anterior mitral valve leaflet
ANA	antinuclear antibodies
Angio	angiography
ANT	anterior
Ao	aorta
AP	anteroposterior
APUD	amine precursor uptake and decarboxylation
APVR	anomalous pulmonary venous return
ARA-C	arabinoside C
ARDS	acute respiratory distress syndrome
AS	aortic stenosis
ASA	acetylsalicylic acid
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASH	asymmetric septal hypertrophy
aTL	anterior tricuspid valve leaflet
ATN	acute tubular necrosis
AV	arteriovenous
AV	atrioventricular
AVF	arteriovenous fistula
AVM	arteriovenous malformation
AVN	avascular necrosis
AVNA	atrioventricular node artery
Ba	barium
BCDDP	breast cancer detection demonstration project
BCG	bacille Calmette-Guérin
BE	barium enema
BIDA	butyl iminodiacetic acid
BIH	benign intracranial hypertension
BKG	background
BOOP	Bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia
BP	blood pressure
BPD	biparietal diameter
BPH	benign prostatic hyperplasia
bpm	beats per minute
BPP	biophysical profile
BSA	body surface area
Bx	biopsy
Ca	calcium
CAD	coronary artery disease
CAM	cystic adenomatoid malformation
CBD	common bile duct
CC	craniocaudad
CCA	common carotid artery
CCAM	congenital cystic adenomatoid malformation
CCK	cholecystokinin
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CECT	contrast-enhanced computed tomography
CEMR	contrast-enhanced MR
CFI	color flow imaging

cGy centigray = rad
CHD common hepatic duct; congenital heart defect
CHF congestive heart failure
CLL chronic lymphatic leukemia
CMC carpometacarpal
CML chronic myelogenous leukemia
CMV cytomegalovirus
CNS central nervous system
CO carbon monoxide
CoA coarctation of aorta
COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPA cerebellopontine angle
CPPD calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate
CPR cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CRT cathode ray tube
CSF cerebrospinal fluid
CST contraction stress test
CT cardiothoracic ratio
CT computed tomography
CVA cerebrovascular accident
CWP coal worker's pneumoconiosis
Cx complication
CXR chest x-ray

DCIS ductal carcinoma in situ
DDx differential diagnosis
DES diethylstilbestrol
DIC disseminated intravascular coagulation
DIDA diethyl iminodiacetic acid
DIL drug-induced lupus erythematosus
DIP desquamative interstitial pneumonia
DIP distal interphalangeal
DISH diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis
DISIDA diisopropyl iminodiacetic acid
DIT diiodotyrosine
DMSA dimercaptosuccinic acid
DTPA diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid
DVT deep vein thrombosis
Dx diagnosis

EAC external auditory canal
ECA external carotid artery
ECD endocardial cushion defect
ECF extracellular fluid
ECG electrocardiogram
ECHO echocardiogram
ED end-diastole
EDV end-diastolic volume
EEG electroencephalogram
EF ejection fraction
EFW estimated fetal weight
EG eosinophilic granuloma
eg exempli gratia
EHDP ethylene hydroxydiphosphonate
ERC endoscopic retrograde cholangiography
ES end-systole
esp. especially
ESR erythrocyte sedimentation rate
ESV end-systolic volume

F female
FDA Federal Drug Administration
FDG fluorodeoxyglucose
FEV forced expiratory volume
FIGO Fédération Internationale de Gynécologie et d'Obstétrique
FISP fast imaging with steady-state precession
FLASH fast low-angle shot
FN false negative
FNH follicular nodular hyperplasia
FP false positive
FRC functional residual capacity
FS fractional shortening
FSH follicle stimulating hormone
FUO fever of unknown origin
FWHM full-width at half-maximum

GA gestational age
GB gallbladder
GBM glioblastoma multiforme
GBS group B streptococcus
Gd gadolinium
GE gastroesophageal
GER gastroesophageal reflux
GFR glomerular filtration rate
GI gastrointestinal
GIST gastrointestinal stromal tumor
GMRH germinal matrix-related hemorrhage

GN	glomerulonephritis
GNRH	gonadotropin releasing hormone
GRE	gradient refocused echo
GU	genitourinary
Hb	hemoglobin
HC	head circumference
hCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
Hct	hematocrit
HD	Hodgkin disease
HIAA	hydroxyindole acetic acid
HIDA	hepatic 2,6-dimethyl iminodiacetic acid
HIP	health insurance plan
Histo	histology
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HL	Hodgkin lymphoma
HOCM	hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy; high-osmolarity contrast media
HPT	hyperparathyroidism
HRCT	high-resolution CT
HSA	human serum albumin
HSE	herpes simplex encephalitis
HSG	hysterosalpingography
HSV	herpes simplex virus
HTLV	human T-cell lymphotropic virus
HU	Hounsfield unit
HWP	hepatic wedge pressure
Hx	history
IAC	internal auditory canal
ICA	internal carotid artery
IDA	iminodiacetic acid
IDM	infant of diabetic mother
IDP	iminodiphosphonate
ie	id est
IHSS	idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
IM	intramuscular
IMA	inferior mesenteric artery
In	indium
IPF	idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
IPH	idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis
IR	inversion recovery
IRP	international reference preparation
IS	ileosacral; international standard
IUD	intrauterine device
IUGR	intrauterine growth retardation
IV	intravenous
IVC	inferior vena cava
IVH	intraventricular hemorrhage
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
IVS	intraventricular septum
IVU	intravenous urogram
KCC	Kulchitzky cell carcinoma
KUB	kidney + ureter + bladder on one film
L	left
L-DOPA	3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-levo-alanin
LA	left atrium
LAD	left anterior descending
LAO	left anterior oblique
LAT	lateral
LATS	long-acting thyroid stimulating
LAV	lymphadenopathy-associated virus
LCA	left coronary artery
LCIS	lobular carcinoma in situ
LCX	left circumflex coronary artery
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LE	lupus erythematosus
LES	lower esophageal sphincter
LGA	large for gestational age
LH	luteinizing hormone
LIP	lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitis
LL	lower lobes
LLL	left lower lobe
LLQ	left lower quadrant
Lnn	lymph nodes
LOCM	low-osmolarity contrast media
LPA	left pulmonary artery
LPO	left posterior oblique
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
LUL	left upper lobe
LUQ	left upper quadrant
LV	left ventricle
LVET	left ventricular ejection time
LVFT2	left ventricular slow filling time

LVOT left ventricular outflow tract
 LVT1 left ventricular fast filling time

M male
 MA menstrual age
 MAA macroaggregated albumin
 MAG mercaptoacetyltriglycine
 MAI Mycobacterium avium intracellulare
 MCA middle cerebral artery
 MCDK multicystic dysplastic kidney
 MCK multicystic kidney
 MCP metacarpophalangeal
 MDP methylene diphosphonate
 MEA multiple endocrine adenomas
 MEN multiple endocrine neoplasms
 MFH malignant fibrous histiocytoma
 MIBG metaiodobenzylguanidine
 MID multi-infarct dementia
 MIT moniodotyrosine
 ML middle lobe
 MLCN multilocular cystic nephroma
 MLO mediolateral oblique
 MMAA mini-microaggregated albumin colloid
 MMFR maximal midexpiratory flow rate
 MPS mucopolysaccharidosis
 MR magnetic resonance
 MS-AFP maternal serum a-fetoprotein
 MTP metatarsophalangeal
 MUGA multiple gated acquisition
 MV mitral valve
 Myelo myelography

N.B. nota bene
 NBS National Bureau of Standards
 NEC necrotizing enterocolitis
 NECT nonenhanced computed tomography
 NHL non-Hodgkin lymphoma
 NPH normal pressure hydrocephalus
 NPH nucleus pulposus herniation
 npl neoplasm
 NPO nulla per os
 NSAID nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
 NST nonstress test
 NTD neural tube defect
 NUC nuclear medicine

OB-US obstetrical ultrasound
 OCG oral cholecystogram
 OCVM occult vascular malformation
 OHP orthogonal-hole test pattern
 OHSS ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome
 OIH orthiodohippurate

P phosphorus
 PA posteroanterior
 PA pulmonary artery
 PAC premature atrial contraction
 PAH para-aminohippurate
 PAP primary atypical pneumonia
 PAP pulmonary alveolar proteinosis
 PAPVR partial anomalous pulmonary venous return
 PAS periodic acid Schiff
 Path pathology
 PAVM pulmonary arteriovenous malformation
 PBF pulmonary blood flow
 PCA posterior cerebral artery
 PCAVC persistent complete atrioventricular canal
 PCKD polycystic kidney disease
 PCom posterior communicating artery
 PCP Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia
 PCWP pulmonary capillary wedge pressure
 PD posterior descending artery
 PDA patent ductus arteriosus
 PE pulmonary embolism
 PEEP positive end expiratory pressure
 PEP preejection period
 PET positron emission tomography
 pHPT primary hyperparathyroidism
 PICA posterior inferior cerebellar artery
 PIE pulmonary infiltrate with eosinophilia
 PIE pulmonary interstitial emphysema
 PIOPED prospective investigation of pulmonary embolus detection
 PIP proximal interphalangeal
 PIPIDA paraisopropyl iminodiacetic acid
 PLES parallel-line-equal spacing
 PM photomultiplier
 PMF progressive massive fibrosis

PML	progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
pML	posterior mitral valve leaflet
PMN	polymorphonuclear
PMT	photomultiplier tube
PNET	primitive neuroectodermal tumor
PO	per oral
POST	posterior
PPD	purified protein derivative
PPG	photoplethysmography
PPLO	pleuropneumonia-like organism
ppm	posterior papillary muscle
PS	pulmonary stenosis
PSS	progressive systemic sclerosis
PTC	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography
PTH	parathyroid hormone
pTL	posterior tricuspid valve leaflet
PTU	propylthiouracil
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
PVE	periventricular echogenicity
PVH	pulmonary venous hypertension
PVL	periventricular leukomalacia
PVNS	pigmented villonodular synovitis
PYP	pyrophosphate
PVR	pulse volume recording; postvoid residual
R	right
RA	rheumatoid arthritis
RA	right atrium
RAO	right anterior oblique
RBC	red blood cell
RCA	right coronary artery
RCC	renal cell carcinoma
RDS	respiratory distress syndrome
RES	reticuloendothelial system
RI	resistive index
RIND	reversible ischemic neurologic deficit
RISA	radioiodine serum albumin
RLL	right lower lobe
RLQ	right lower quadrant
RML	right middle lobe
ROC	receiver operating characteristic
ROI	region of interest
RPA	right pulmonary artery
RPF	renal plasma flow
RPO	right posterior oblique
RTA	renal tubular acidosis
RUL	right upper lobe
RV	residual volume
RV	right ventricle
RVOT	right ventricular outflow tract
Rx	therapy
S/P	status post
SAE	subcortical arteriosclerotic encephalopathy
SAG	sagittal
SAH	subarachnoid hemorrhage
SAM	systolic anterior motion of mitral valve
SANA	sinoatrial node artery
SBE	subacute bacterial endocarditis
SBO	salpingo-oophorectomy
SD	standard deviation
SE	spin echo
SGA	small for gestational age
sHPT	secondary hyperparathyroidism
SIJ	sacroiliac joint
SFA	superficial femoral artery
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SMA	superior mesenteric artery
SMV	superior mesenteric vein
Sn	stannum
SOB	small bowel obstruction
SONK	spontaneous osteonecrosis of knee
S/P	status post
SPECT	single photon emission
SQ	subcutaneous
STIR	short tau inversion recovery
SV	stroke volume
SVC	superior vena cava
T1WI	T1-weighted image
T2WI	T2-weighted image
TAH	total abdominal hysterectomy
TAPVR	total anomalous pulmonary venous return
TB	tuberculosis
TBG	thyroxin-binding globulin
TBPA	thyroxin-binding prealbumin

TCC transitional cell carcinoma
TDLU terminal ductal lobular unit
TE tracheoesophageal fistula
TGA transposition of great arteries
tHPT tertiary hyperparathyroidism
TIA transitory ischemic attack
TLC total lung capacity
TN true negative
TOF tetralogy of Fallot
TORCH toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus, herpes virus
TP true positive
TR repetition time
TRH thyrotropin-releasing hormone
TRV transverse
TSH thyroid-stimulating hormone
TURP transurethral resection of prostate
TV tidal volume

UGI upper gastrointestinal series
UIP usual interstitial pneumonia
UL upper lobe
UPJ ureteropelvic junction
US ultrasound
USP XX United States Pharmacopoeia, 20th edition
UTI urinary tract infection
UVJ ureterovesical junction

VC vital capacity
VIP vasoactive intestinal peptides
VMA vanillylmandelic acid
V/Q ventilation perfusion
VS interventricular septum
VSD ventricular septal defect

WBC white blood cells
WDHA watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, achlorhydria
WDHH watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, hypochlorhydria
XGP xanthogranulomatous pyelonephritis





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DIFFERENTIAL-DIAGNOSTIC GAMUT OF BONE DISORDERS

Conditions to be considered = "dissect bone disease with a DIATTOM" **D**ysplasia + **D**ystrophy **I**nfection **A**nomalies of development **T**umor + [tumorlike conditions](#)
Trauma **O**steochondritis + ischemic necrosis **M**etabolic disease **D**YSPLASIA= disturbance of bone growth **D**YSTROPHY= disturbance of nutrition

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Dense Metaphyseal Bands *mnemonic:*"Heavy Cretins Sift Scurrilously through Rickety Systems"**Heavy** metal poisoning (lead, bismuth, [phosphorus](#)) **Cretinism** Syphilis, congenital **Scurvy** **Rickets** (healed) **Systemic** illness also:normal variant; methotrexate therapy*mnemonic:*"DENSE LINES"**D**-vitamin intoxication **Elemental** arsenic, bismuth, [phosphorus](#) **Normal** variant **Systemic** illness **Estrogen** to mother during pregnancy **Leukemia**, **Lead** poisoning **Infection** (TORCH), **Idiopathic hypercalcemia** **Never** forget [rickets](#) **Early** [hypothyroidism](#) **Scurvy**, **Sickle** cell disease

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=decrease in bone density *Categories:* 1. [Osteoporosis](#) = decreased osteoid production 2. [Osteomalacia](#) = undermineralization of osteoid 3. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) 4. [Multiple myeloma](#) / diffuse metastases

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Osteoporosis = reduced bone mass of normal composition secondary to (a) osteoclastic resorption (85%) (trabecular, endosteal, intracortical, subperiosteal) (b) osteocytic resorption (15%) *Incidence*: 7% of all women between ages 35-40 years; 1 in 3 women > age 65 years *Etiology*: A. CONGENITAL DISORDERS 1. [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) (the only osteoporosis with bending) 2. [Homocystinuria](#) B. IDIOPATHIC (bone loss begins earlier + proceeds more rapidly in women) 1. Juvenile osteoporosis: <20 years 2. Adult osteoporosis: 20-40 years 3. Postmenopausal osteoporosis: >50 years (40-50% lower trabecular bone mineral density in elderly than in young women) 4. Senile osteoporosis: >60 years progressively decreasing bone density at a rate of 8% in females; 3% in males C. NUTRITIONAL DISTURBANCES [Scurvy](#); protein deficiency (malnutrition, nephrosis, chronic liver disease, alcoholism, anorexia nervosa, kwashiorkor, starvation), [calcium](#) deficiency D. ENDOCRINOPATHY Cushing disease, hypogonadism ([Turner syndrome](#), eunuchoidism), [hyperthyroidism](#), [hyperparathyroidism](#), [acromegaly](#), [Addison disease](#), [diabetes mellitus](#), pregnancy E. [RENAL OSTEODYSTROPHY](#) decrease / same / increase in spinal trabecular bone; rapid loss in appendicular skeleton F. IMMOBILIZATION = disuse osteoporosis G. COLLAGEN DISEASE, [RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS](#) H. BONE MARROW REPLACEMENT infiltration by [lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#), [multiple myeloma](#), diffuse metastases, marrow hyperplasia secondary to hemolytic anemia I. DRUG THERAPY heparin (15,000-30,000 U for >6 months), methotrexate, corticosteroids, vitamin A J. RADIATION THERAPY K. LOCALIZED OSTEOPOROSIS Sudeck dystrophy, [transient osteoporosis of hip](#), [regional migratory osteoporosis](#) of lower extremities ■ serum [calcium](#), [phosphorus](#), alkaline phosphatase frequently normal ■ hydroxyproline may be elevated during acute stage *Technique*: (1) Single photon absorptiometry measures primarily cortical bone of appendicular bones, single-energy I-125 radioisotope source Site: distal radius (= wrist bone density), os calcis Dose: 2-3 mrem Precision: 1-3% (2) Dual photon absorptiometry radioactive energy source with two photon peaks; should be reserved for patients <65 years of age because of interference from osteophytosis + vascular calcifications Site: vertebrae, femoral neck Dose: 5-10 mrem; Precision: 2-4% (3) Quantitative computed tomography high-turnover cancellous bone + low-turnover compact bone can be measured separately Site: vertebrae L1-L3, other sites (a) single energy: 300-500 mrem; 6-25% precision (b) dual energy: 750-800 mrem; 5-10% precision (4) Dual energy radiography = quantitative digital radiography = dual energy x-ray absorptiometry x-ray tube produces a two-peak energy spectrum Site: vertebrae, femoral neck Dose: <3 mrem; Precision: 1-2% ♦ Radiographs are insensitive prior to bone loss of 25-30% ♦ Bone scans do NOT show a diffuse increase in activity Location: axial skeleton (lower dorsal + lumbar spine), proximal humerus, neck of femur, wrist, ribs ↓ decreased number + thickness of trabeculae ↓ cortical thinning (endosteal + intracortical resorption) ↓ juxtaarticular [osteopenia](#) with trabecular bone predominance ↓ delayed [fracture](#) healing with poor callus formation (DDx: abundant callus formation in [osteogenesis imperfecta](#) + [Cushing syndrome](#)) @ Spine ↓ diminished radiographic density ↓ vertical striations (= marked thinning of transverse trabeculae with relative accentuation of vertical trabeculae along lines of stress) ↓ prominence of endplates ↓ "picture framing" (= accentuation of cortical outline with preservation of external dimensions secondary to endosteal + intracortical resorption) ↓ compression deformities with protrusion of intervertebral disks ↓ biconcave vertebrae ↓ Schmorl nodes ↓ wedging ↓ decreased height of vertebrae ↓ absence of osteophytes Cx: (1) Fractures at sites rich in labile trabecular bone (eg, vertebrae, wrist) in postmenopausal osteoporosis (2) Fractures at sites containing cortical + trabecular bone (eg, hip) in senile osteoporosis Rx: [calcitonin](#), sodium fluoride, diphosphonates, parathyroid hormone supplements, estrogen replacement

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Osteomalacia =accumulation of excessive amounts of uncalcified osteoid with bone softening + insufficient mineralization of osteoid due to(a)high remodeling rate: excessive osteoid formation + normal / little mineralization(b)low remodeling rate: normal osteoid production + diminished mineralization *Etiology*: (1)dietary deficiency of vitamin D₃ + lack of solar irradiation(2)deficiency of metabolism of vitamin D:-chronic renal tubular disease-chronic administration of phenobarbital (alternate liver pathway)-diphenylhydantoin (interferes with vitamin D action on bowel)(3)decreased absorption of vitamin D:-[malabsorption](#) syndromes (most common)-partial gastrectomy (self-restriction of fatty foods)(4)decreased deposition of [calcium](#) in bone-diphosphonates (for treatment of [Paget disease](#)) *Histo*:excess of osteoid seams + decreased appositional rate • bone pain / tenderness; muscular weakness • serum [calcium](#) slightly low / normal • decreased serum [phosphorus](#) • elevated serum alkaline phosphatase ✓ uniform [osteopenia](#) ✓ fuzzy indistinct trabecular detail of endosteal surface ✓ thin cortices of long bone ✓ coarsened frayed trabeculae decreased in number + size ✓ bone deformity from softening: hourglass thorax, bowing of long bones, buckled / compressed pelvis ✓ increased incidence of fractures, biconcave vertebral bodies ✓ mottled skull ✓ [pseudofractures](#)

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Localized Osteopenia 1. Disuse atrophy *Etiology*: local immobilization secondary to (a) [fracture](#) (more pronounced distal to [fracture](#) site) (b) neural paralysis (c) muscular paralysis 2. [Reflex sympathetic dystrophy](#) = Sudeck dystrophy 3. Regional migratory [osteoporosis](#), transient [osteoporosis](#) of hip 4. Osteolytic tumor 5. Lytic phase of [Paget disease](#) 6. Inflammation: [rheumatoid arthritis](#), osteomyelitis, [tuberculosis](#) 7. Early phase of [bone infarct](#) and hemorrhage 8. Burns + [frostbite](#)

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Bone Marrow Edema =hypointensity on T1WI + hyperintensity on T2WI1.Transient [osteoporosis](#) of hip2.Osteonecrosis = early stage of AVN3.Trauma(a)"bone bruise"(b)radiographically occult [fracture](#) in elderly women4.Infection = osteomyelitis5.Infiltrative neoplasm

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Transverse Lucent Metaphyseal Lines *mnemonic: "LINING"* Leukemia Illness, systemic ([rickets](#), [scurvy](#)) Normal variant Infection, transplacental (congenital syphilis)
Neuroblastoma metastases **Growth lines**

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Frayed Metaphyses *mnemonic:* "CHARMS" **C**ongenital infections ([rubella](#), syphilis) **H**ypophosphatasia **A**chondroplasia **R**ickets **M**etaphyseal dysostosis **S**curvy

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PERIOSTEAL REACTION

1.Trauma, [hemophilia](#)2.Infection3.Inflammatory: arthritis4.Neoplasm5.Congenital:physiologic in newborn6.Metabolic:[hypertrophic osteoarthropathy](#), [thyroid acropachy](#), [hypervitaminosis A](#)7.Vascular:venous stasis

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Solid Periosteal Reaction = reaction to periosteal irritant[✓] even + uniform thickness >1 mm[✓] persistent + unchanged for weeks *Patterns:* (a) thin: [eosinophilic granuloma](#), [osteoid osteoma](#) (b) dense undulating: vascular disease (c) thin undulating: pulmonary osteoarthropathy (d) dense elliptical: [osteoid osteoma](#); long-standing malignant disease (with destruction) (e) cloaking: storage disease; chronic infection

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Interrupted Periosteal Reaction = pleomorphic, rapidly progressing process undergoing constant change (a) lamellated = "onion skin": [acute osteomyelitis](#); malignant tumor ([osteosarcoma](#), [Ewing sarcoma](#)) (b) perpendicular = "sunburst": [osteosarcoma](#); [Ewing sarcoma](#); [chondrosarcoma](#); [fibrosarcoma](#); [leukemia](#); metastasis; [acute osteomyelitis](#) (c) amorphous: malignancy (deposits may represent extension of tumor / periosteal response); [osteosarcoma](#) (d) Codman triangle: hemorrhage; malignancy ([osteosarcoma](#), [Ewing sarcoma](#)); [acute osteomyelitis](#); [fracture](#)

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Symmetric Periosteal Reaction In Adulthood 1.[Vascular insufficiency \(lower extremity\)](#)2.[Hypertrophic osteoarthropathy](#)3.[Pachydermoperiostosis](#)4.[Thyroid acropachy](#)5.[Fluorosis](#)6.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)7.[Psoriatic arthritis](#)8.[Reiter syndrome](#)9.[Idiopathic-degenerative](#)

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Periosteal Reaction In Childhood (a)benign1. Physiologic (up to 35%): symmetric involvement of diaphyses during first 1-6 months of life2. [Battered child syndrome](#)3. [Infantile cortical hyperostosis](#) <6 months of age4. [Hypervitaminosis A](#)5. [Scurvy](#)6. [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#)7. Congenital syphilis(b)malignant1. Multicentric [osteosarcoma](#)2. Metastases from [neuroblastoma](#) + [retinoblastoma](#)3. Acute [leukemia](#)*mnemonic:*"PERIOSTEAL SOCKS"**P**hysiologic, **P**rostaglandin **E**osinophilic granuloma **R**ickets **I**nfantile cortical hyperostosis **O**steomyelitis **S**curvy **T**rauma **E**wing sarcoma **A**-hypervitaminosis **L**eukemia + [neuroblastoma](#) **S**yphilis **O**steosarcoma **C**hild abuse **K**inky hair syndrome **S**ickle cell disease

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BONE TUMOR

Assessment of aggressiveness A.BENIGN1.Diagnosis certain: no further work-up necessary2.Asymptomatic lesion with highly probable diagnosis may be followed clinically3.Symptomatic lesion with highly probable diagnosis may be treated without further work-upB.CONFUSING LESIONnot clearly categorized as benign or malignant; needs staging work-up C.MALIGNANTneeds staging work-up *Staging work-up*: Bone scan:identifies polyostotic lesions (eg, [multiple myeloma](#), metastatic disease, primary [osteosarcoma](#) with bone-forming metastases, histiocytosis, [Paget disease](#))Chest CT:identifies metastatic deposits + changes further work-up and therapy*Local staging with MR imaging*: (1)Margins: encapsulated / infiltrating(2)Compartment: intra- / extracompartmental(3)Intraosseous extent + skip lesions(4)Soft-tissue extent (DDx: hematoma, edema)(5)Joint involvement(6)Neurovascular involvementLocal assessment with CT:matrix / rim calcifications

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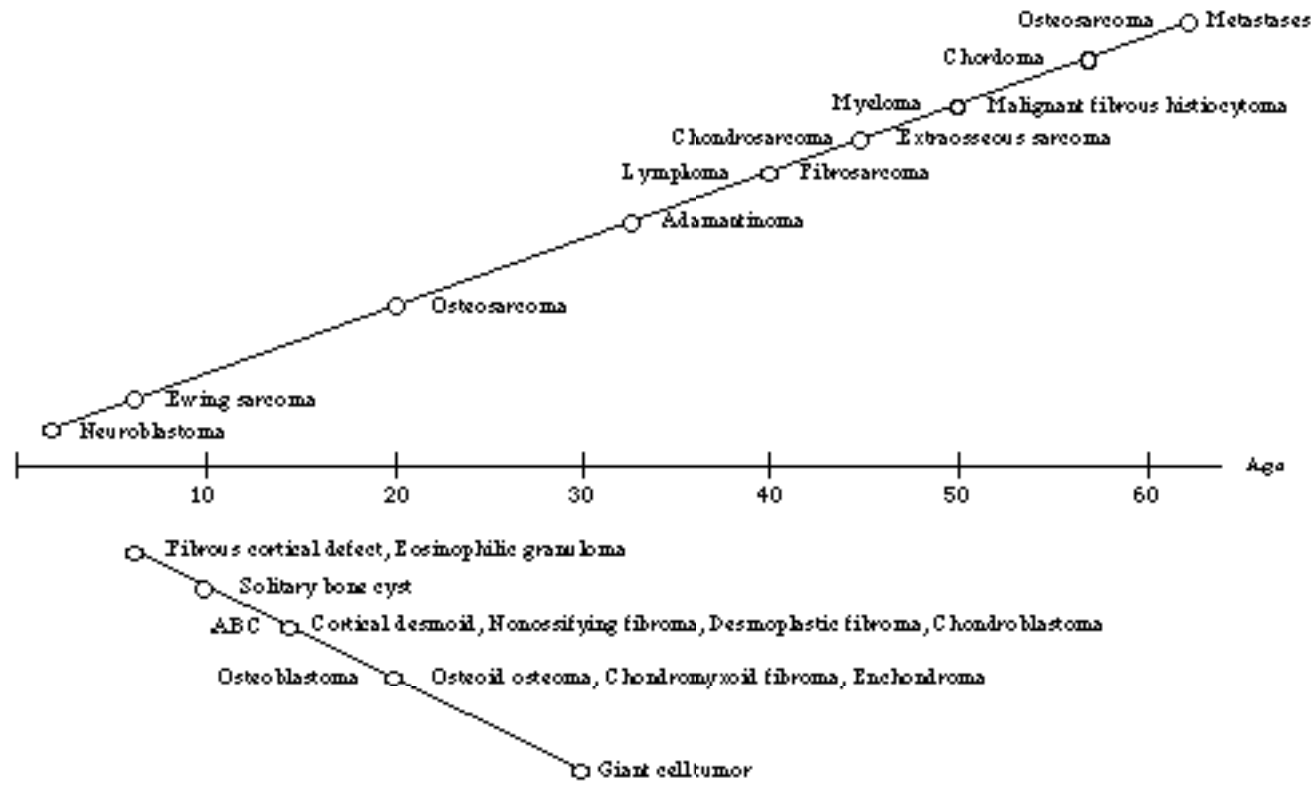


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Age Incidence of Malignant Bone Tumors \approx 80% of bone tumors are correctly determined on the basis of age alone! Age (years) Tumor-----
0-10 [Neuroblastoma](#) 0-10 Ewing tumor in tubular bones (diaphysis) 10-30 [Osteosarcoma](#) (metaphysis); Ewing tumor in flat bones 30-40 Reticulum cell sarcoma (similar histology to Ewing tumor); [fibrosarcoma](#); malignant [giant cell tumor](#) (similar histology to [fibrosarcoma](#)); parosteal sarcoma; [lymphoma](#) >40 Metastatic carcinoma; [multiple myeloma](#); [chondrosarcoma](#)



Average Age for Occurrence of Benign and Malignant Bone Tumors

SARCOMAS BY AGE: mnemonic: "Every Other Runner Feels Crampy Pain On Moving" Ewing sarcoma 0-10 years Osteogenic sarcoma 10-30 years Reticulum cell sarcoma 20-40 years Fibrosarcoma 20-40 years Chondrosarcoma 40-50 years Parosteal sarcoma 40-50 years Osteosarcoma 60-70 years Metastases 60-70 years
ROUND CELL TUMORS: arise in mid shaft; osteolytic; reactive new bone formation; no tumor new bone mnemonic: "LEMON" Leukemia, Lymphoma Ewing sarcoma, Eosinophilic granuloma Multiple myeloma Osteomyelitis Neuroblastoma
MALIGNANCY WITH SOFT-TISSUE INVOLVEMENT mnemonic: "My Mother Eats Chocolate Fudge Often" Metastasis Myeloma Ewing sarcoma Chondrosarcoma Fibrosarcoma Osteosarcoma

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Tumor Matrix of Bone Tumors *Cartilage-forming Bone Tumors* A.BENIGN1.[Enchondroma](#)2.Parosteal chondroma3.[Chondroblastoma](#)4.[Chondromyxoid](#)

[fibroma](#)5.OsteochondromaB.MALIGNANT1.[Chondrosarcoma](#)† centrally located ringlike / flocculent / flecklike radiodensities **Bone-forming Tumors**

A.BENIGN1.[Osteoma](#)2.[Osteoid osteoma](#)3.[Osteoblastoma](#)4.[Ossifying fibroma](#)B.MALIGNANT1.Osteogenic sarcoma † inhomogeneous / homogeneous radiodense collections of variable size + extent **Fibrous Connective Tissue Tumors** A.BENIGN FIBROUS BONE LESIONS(a)cortical1.[Benign cortical defect](#)2.Avulsion cortical irregularity(b)medullary1.[Herniation pit](#)2.[Nonossifying fibroma](#)3.[Ossifying fibroma](#)4.Congenital generalized [fibromatosis](#)(c)corticomedullary1.[Nonossifying fibroma](#)2.[Ossifying fibroma](#)3.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)4.Cherubism5.[Desmoplastic fibroma](#)6.FibromyxomaB.MALIGNANT1.[Fibrosarcoma](#)

Tumors of Histiocytic Origin

A.LOCALLY AGGRESSIVE1.[Giant cell tumor](#)2.[Benign fibrous histiocytoma](#)B.MALIGNANT1.[Malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#)

Tumors of Fatty Tissue Origin

A.BENIGN1.Intraosseous [lipoma](#)2.Parosteal [lipoma](#)B.MALIGNANT1.Intraosseous [liposarcoma](#)† Lipomas follow the signal intensity of subcutaneous fat in all sequences!

Tumors of Vascular Origin <1% of all bone tumors A.BENIGN1.[Hemangioma](#)2.[Glomus tumor](#)3.[Lymphangioma](#) 4.Cystic

[angiomas](#)5.[Hemangiopericytoma](#)B.MALIGNANT1.Malignant [hemangiopericytoma](#)2.[Angiosarcoma](#) = hemangioendothelioma Metastatic sites:lung, brain, lymph nodes, other bones **Tumors of Neural Origin** A.BENIGN1.Solitary neurofibroma2.NeurilemomaB.MALIGNANT1.Neurogenic sarcoma = malignant schwannoma

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Pattern of Bone Destruction A. GEOGRAPHIC BONE DESTRUCTION Indicative of slow-growing usually benign tumor ✓ well-defined smooth / irregular margin ✓ short zone of transition B. MOTH-EATEN BONE DESTRUCTION Indicative of more rapid growth as in malignant [bone tumor](#) / osteomyelitis ✓ less well defined / demarcated lesional margin ✓ longer zone of transition *mnemonic: "H LEMMON"* Histiocytosis X Lymphoma Ewing sarcoma Metastasis Multiple myeloma Osteomyelitis Neuroblastoma C. PERMEATIVE BONE DESTRUCTION Aggressive bone lesion with rapid growth potential (eg, [Ewing sarcoma](#)) ✓ poorly demarcated lesion imperceptibly merging with uninvolved bone ✓ long zone of transition D. SIZE OF LESION Primary malignant tumors are larger than benign tumors E. ELONGATED LESION ✓ greatest lesional diameter is >1 1/2 times the least diameter [Ewing sarcoma](#), reticulum cell sarcoma, [chondrosarcoma](#), [angiosarcoma](#)

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Tumor Position in Transverse Plane A.CENTRAL MEDULLARY LESION1.[Enchondroma](#)2.[Solitary bone cyst](#)B.ECCENTRIC MEDULLARY LESION1.[Giant cell tumor](#)2.Osteogenic sarcoma, [chondrosarcoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#)3.[Chondromyxoid fibroma](#)C.CORTICAL LESION1.[Nonossifying fibroma](#)2.[Osteoid osteoma](#)D.PAROSTEAL / JXTACORTICAL LESION1.Juxtacortical chondroma2.Osteochondroma3.Parosteal osteogenic sarcoma

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Tumor Position in Longitudinal Plane A.EPIPHYSEAL LESION1.[Chondroblastoma](#)2.Intraosseous [ganglion](#)3.[Giant cell tumor](#) (originating in metaphysis)*mnemonic:"CAGGIE"***C**hondroblastoma **A**neurysmal bone cyst **G**iant cell tumor **G**eode **I**nfection **E**osinophilic granuloma [after 40 years of age throw out "CEA" and insert metastases / myeloma] B.METAPHYSEAL LESION1.[Nonossifying fibroma](#)2.[Chondromyxoid fibroma](#)3.[Solitary bone cyst](#)4.Osteochondroma5.[Brodie abscess](#)6.Osteogenic sarcoma, [chondrosarcoma](#)C.DIAPHYSEAL LESION1.Round cell tumor (eg, [Ewing sarcoma](#))2.[Nonossifying fibroma](#)3.[Solitary bone cyst](#)4.[Aneurysmal bone cyst](#)5.[Enchondroma](#)6.[Osteoblastoma](#)7.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)*mnemonic:"FEMALE"***F**ibrous dysplasia **E**osinophilic granuloma **M**etastasis **A**damantinoma **L**eukemia, **L**ymphoma **E**wing sarcoma

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Tumorlike Conditions 1. [Solitary bone cyst](#) 2. Juxta-articular ("synovial") cyst 3. [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) 4. [Nonossifying fibroma](#); cortical defect; [cortical desmoid](#) 5. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) 6. Reparative giant cell granuloma 7. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (monostotic; polyostotic) 8. [Myositis ossificans](#) 9. "Brown tumor" of hyperparathyroidism 10. [Massive osteolysis](#)

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Bubbly Bone Lesion *mnemonic:* "FOG MACHINES" **F**ibrous dysplasia, **F**ibrous cortical defect **O**steoblastoma **G**iant cell tumor **M**yeloma (plasmacytoma), **M**etastases from kidney, thyroid, breast **A**neurysmal bone cyst / **A**ngioma **C**hondromyxoid fibroma, **C**hondroblastoma **H**istiocytosis X, **H**yperparathyroid brown tumor, **H**emophilia **I**nfection ([Brodie abscess](#), Echinococcus, [coccidioidomycosis](#)) **N**onossifying fibroma **E**nchondroma, **E**pithelial inclusion cyst **S**imple unilocular bone cyst **I**nfectious **Bubbly Lesion** 1.[Brodie abscess](#) (Staph. aureus)2.[Coccidioidomycosis](#)3.Echinococcus4.Atypical mycobacterium5.Cystic [tuberculosis](#) **Blowout Lesion** A.METASTASES Carcinoma of thyroid, kidney, breast B.PRIMARY **BONE TUMOR**1.[Fibrosarcoma](#)2.[Multiple myeloma](#) (sometimes)3.[Aneurysmal bone cyst](#)4.Hemophilic pseudotumor

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loculated4.[Aneurysmal bone cyst](#): delicate, horizontally oriented trabeculae5.[Hemangioma](#): striated radiating trabeculae

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Lytic Bone Lesion Surrounded By Marked Sclerosis *mnemonic:* "BOOST" **B**rodie abscess **O**steoblastoma **O**steoid [osteoma](#) **S**tress [fracture](#) **T**uberculosis

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Multiple Lytic Lesions *mnemonic:* "FEEMHI" **F**ibrous dysplasia **E**nchondromas **E**osinophilic granuloma **M**etastases, **M**ultiple myeloma **H**yperparathyroidism (brown tumors), **H**emangiomas **I**nfection

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Lytic Bone Lesion In Patient <30 Years Of Age *mnemonic:*"CAINES"**C**hondroblastoma **A**neurysmal bone cyst **I**nfection **N**onossifying fibroma **E**osinophilic granuloma
Solitary bone cyst

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Lytic Bone Lesion On Both Sides Of Joint *mnemonic:*"SAC"Synovioma Angioma Chondroid lesion

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Classification: (1) **OSTEOCHONDRODYSPLASIA**=abnormalities of cartilage / bone growth and development (a) identifiable at birth: -usually lethal: [achondrogenesis](#), [fibrochondrogenesis](#), [thanatophoric dysplasia](#), short rib syndrome-usually nonlethal: [chondrodysplasia punctata](#), camptomelic dysplasia, achondroplasia, [diastrophic dysplasia](#), [chondroectodermal dysplasia](#), Jeune syndrome, [spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita](#), mesomelic dysplasia, cleidocranial dysplasia, oto-palato-digital syndrome (b) identifiable in later life: hypochondroplasia, [dyschondrosteosis](#), spondylometaphyseal dysplasia, acromicric dysplasia (c) abnormal bone density: [osteopetrosis](#), [pyknodysostosis](#), Melnick-Needles syndrome (2) **DYSOSTOSIS**=malformation of individual bones singly / in combination (a) with cranial + facial involvement: craniosynostosis, craniofacial dysostosis (Crouzon), [acrocephalosyndactyly](#), acrocephalopolysyndactyly, branchial arch syndromes (Treacher-Collins, Franceschetti, acrofacial dysostosis, oculo-auriculo-vertebral dysostosis, hemifacial microsomia, oculo-mandibulo-facial syndrome (b) with predominant axial involvement: vertebral segmentation defects (Klippel-Feil), Sprengel anomaly, spondylocostal dysostosis, oculovertbral syndrome (c) with predominant involvement of extremities: acheiria (= absence of hands), apodia (= absence of feet), [polydactyly](#), [syndactyly](#), camptodactyly, [Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome](#), pancytopenia-dysmelia syndrome (Fanconi), Blackfan-Diamond anemia with thumb anomaly, thrombocytopenia-radial aplasia syndrome, cardiomeic syndromes (Holt-Oram), focal femoral deficiency, multiple synostoses (3) **IDIOPATHIC OSTEOLYSIS**=disorders associated with multifocal resorption of bone (4) **CHROMOSOMAL ABERRATION** (5) **PRIMARY METABOLIC DISORDER** (a) [calcium](#) / [phosphorus](#): [hypophosphatasia](#) (b) complex carbohydrates: mucopolysaccharidosis *Terminology:* Micromelia=shortening involves entire limb (eg, humerus, radius + ulna, hand) Rhizomelia=shortening involves proximal segment (eg, humerus) Mesomelia=shortening involves intermediate segment (eg, radius + ulna) Acromelia=shortening involves distal segment (eg, hand)

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Micromelic Dwarfism =disproportionate shortening of entire legA.Mild micromelic [dwarfism](#) 1.Jeune syndrome2.Ellis-van Creveld syndrome=[chondroectodermal dysplasia](#) 3.Diastrophic [dwarfism](#)B.Mild bowed micromelic [dwarfism](#)1.Camptomelic dysplasia2.[Osteogenesis imperfecta](#), type IIIC.Severe micromelic [dwarfism](#)1.[Thanatophoric dysplasia](#)2.[Osteogenesis imperfecta](#), type II3.[Homozygous achondroplasia](#)4.[Hypophosphatasia](#)5.Short-rib [polydactyly](#) syndrome6.[Fibrochondrogenesis](#)

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Acromelic Dwarfism =distal shortening (hands, feet)¹.[Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia](#)

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Rhizomelic Dwarfism =shortening of proximal segments (humerus, femur)*mnemonic:"MA CAT"*Metatrophic [dwarfism](#) Achondrogenesis (most severe shortening)
Chondrodysplasia punctata (autosomal recessive) [Thanatophoric dysplasia](#) Achondroplasia, heterozygous

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Osteochondrodysplasia A. Failure of (a) articular cartilage: spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia (b) ossification center: [multiple epiphyseal dysplasia](#) (c) proliferating cartilage: achondroplasia (d) spongiosa formation: [hypophosphatasia](#) (e) spongiosa absorption: [osteopetrosis](#) (f) periosteal bone: [osteogenesis imperfecta](#) (g) endosteal bone: idiopathic [osteoporosis](#) B. Excess of (a) articular cartilage: [dysplasia epiphysealis hemimelica](#) (b) hypertrophic cartilage: [enchondromatosis](#) (c) spongiosa: multiple exostosis (d) periosteal bone: progressive diaphyseal dysplasia (e) endosteal bone: hyperphosphatemia

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Lethal Bone Dysplasia in order of frequency 1. [Thanatophoric dysplasia](#) 2. [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) type II 3. [Achondrogenesis](#) type I + II 4. Jeune syndrome (may be nonlethal) 5. [Hypophosphatasia](#), congenital lethal form 6. [Chondroectodermal dysplasia](#) (usually nonlethal) 7. [Chondrodysplasia punctata](#), rhizomelic type 8. Camptomelic dysplasia 9. Short-rib [polydactyly](#) syndrome 10. [Homozygous achondroplasia](#) Lethal short-limbed dysplasias typically are manifest on sonograms before 24 weeks MA!

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Late-onset Dwarfism [1.Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia tarda](#)[2.Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia](#)[3.Pseudoachondroplasia](#)[4.Metaphyseal chondrodysplasia](#)[5.Dyschondrosteosis](#)[6.Cleidocranial dysostosis](#)[7.Progressive diaphyseal dysplasia](#)

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Large Head In Fetus 1.[Achondroplasia](#)2.[Thanatophoric dysplasia](#)

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LIMB REDUCTION ANOMALIES

Amelia=absence of limb Hemimelia=absence of distal parts Phocomelia=proximal reduction with distal parts attached to trunk

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Aplasia / Hypoplasia of Radius *mnemonic:*"The Furry Cat Hit My Dog"Thrombocytopenia-absent radius syndrome **Fanconi anemia** **Cornelia de Lange syndrome**
Holt-Oram syndrome **Myositis ossificans progressiva** (thumb only) **Diastrophic dwarfism** ("hitchhikers thumb")

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Pubic Bone Maldevelopment *mnemonic:*"CHIEF"**C**leidocranial dysostosis **H**ypospadia, epispadia **I**diopathic Exstrophy of bladder **F** for [syringomyelia](#)

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Bone Overdevelopment 1.[Marfan syndrome](#)2.[Klippel-Trénaunay syndrome](#)3.Nerve territory-oriented macrodactyly(a)[Macrodystrophia lipomatosa](#)(b)Fibrolipomatous hamartoma with macrodactyly

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Erlenmeyer Flask Deformity =expansion of distal end of long bones, usually femur1.[Gaucher disease](#), Niemann-Pick disease2.[Rickets](#)3.Anemia, eg, thalassemia4.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)5.[Osteopetrosis](#)6.Heavy metal poisoning7.Metaphyseal dysplasia = Pyle disease8.[Down syndrome](#)9.Achondroplasia10.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)11.[Hypophosphatasia](#)*mnemonic:*"TOP DOG"**T**halassemia **O**steopetrosis **P**yle disease **D**iaphyseal aclasis **O**llier disease **G**aucher disease

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Approach to Arthritis *mnemonic:*"ABCDES" **A**lignment **B**one mineralization **C**artilage loss **D**istribution **E**rosion **S**oft tissues

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Signs of Arthritis *Prevalence of arthritis:* 15% of population in USA
Conventional x-ray: \checkmark narrowing of radiologic joint space (a) uniform = inflammatory arthritis (b) nonuniform = degenerative arthritis \checkmark evidence of disease on both sides of joint: \checkmark osteopenia \checkmark subchondral sclerosis \checkmark erosion \checkmark subchondral cyst formation \checkmark malalignment \checkmark joint effusion \checkmark joint bodies
NUC: \checkmark increase in regional blood flow (active disease) \checkmark distribution of disease
MR: \checkmark irregularity + narrowing of articular cartilage \checkmark Gd-DTPA enhancement of synovium (active disease)

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Classification of Arthritides A. [SEPTIC ARTHRITIS](#) 1. Tuberculous 2. Pyogenic 3. [Lyme arthritis](#) 4. Fungal arthritis: Candida, Coccidioides immitis, Blastomyces dermatitidis, Histoplasma capsulatum, Sporothrix schenckii, Cryptococcus neoformans, Aspergillus fumigatus B. [COLLAGEN / COLLAGEN-LIKE DISEASE](#) 1. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) 2. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) 3. [Psoriatic arthritis](#) 4. Rheumatic fever 5. [Sarcoidosis](#) C. [BIOCHEMICAL ARTHRITIS](#) 1. [Gout](#) 2. [Chondrocalcinosis](#) 3. [Ochronosis](#) 4. Hemophilic arthritis D. [DEGENERATIVE JOINT DISEASE](#) = [Osteoarthritis](#) E. [TRAUMATIC](#) 1. Secondary [osteoarthritis](#) 2. Neurotrophic arthritis 3. [Pigmented villonodular synovitis](#) F. [ENTEROPATHIC ARTHROPATHY](#) (a) [INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE](#) 1. [Ulcerative colitis](#) (in 10-20%) 2. [Crohn disease](#) (in 5%): peripheral arthritis increases with colonic disease 3. [Whipple disease](#) (in 60-90% transient intermittent polyarthritis: [sacroiliitis](#), spondylitis) Resection of diseased bowel is associated with regression of arthritic symptomatology! (b) [INFECTIOUS BOWEL DISEASE](#) Infectious agents: Salmonella, Shigella, Yersinia (c) after intestinal bypass surgery [SPONDYLARTHROSIS](#) + positive HLA-B 27 [HISTOCOMPATIBILITY COMPLEX](#) 1. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) 95% 2. Reiter disease 80% 3. Arthropathy of inflammatory bowel disease 75% 4. Psoriatic spondylitis 70% 5. Normal population 10%

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Synovial Disease with Decreased Signal Intensity = hemosiderin deposition 1.[Pigmented villonodular synovitis](#)2.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)3.[Hemophilia](#)

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Chondrocalcinosis *mnemonic*: "WHIP A DOG" **W**ilson disease **H**emochromatosis, **H**emophilia, **H**ypothyroidism, **1°** **H**yperparathyroidism (15%), **H**ypophosphatasia, **F**amilial **H**ypomagnesemia **I**diopathic (aging) **P**seudogout (CPPD) **A**rthritis (rheumatoid, postinfectious, traumatic, degenerative), **A**myloidosis, **A**cromegaly **D**iabetes mellitus **O**chronosis **G**out *mnemonic*: "3 Cs" **C**ystals **C**PPD, sodium urate ([gout](#)) **C**ations [calcium](#) (any cause of [hypercalcemia](#)), copper, iron **C**artilage degeneration [osteoarthritis](#), [acromegaly](#), [ochronosis](#)

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Subchondral Cyst =SYNOVIAL CYST = SUBARTICULAR PSEUDOCYST= NECROTIC PSEUDOCYST = GEODES *Etiology*:bone necrosis allows pressure-induced intrusion of synovial fluid into subchondral bone; in conditions with synovial inflammation*Cause*:(1) [Osteoarthritis](#) (2) [Rheumatoid arthritis](#)(3) Osteonecrosis (4) CPPD[✓] size of cyst usually 2-35 mm[✓] may be large + expansile (especially in CPPD)*DDx*:(1)[Giant cell tumor](#)(2)[Pigmented villonodular synovitis](#)(3)[Metastasis](#)(4)[Intraosseous ganglion](#)(5)[Hemophilia](#)

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Premature [Osteoarthritis](#) *mnemonic:* "COME CHAT" Calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate arthropathy Ochronosis Marfan syndrome Epiphyseal dysplasia Charcot joint = neuroarthropathy Hemophilic arthropathy Acromegaly Trauma

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Arthritis With Demineralization *mnemonic:*"HORSE"**H**emophilia **O**steomyelitis **R**heumatoid arthritis, **R**eiter disease **S**cleroderma **E**rythematosis, systemic lupus

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Arthritis Without Demineralization 1.[Gout](#)2.Neuropathic arthropathy3.Psoriasis4.Reiter disease5.[Pigmented villonodular synovitis](#)*mnemonic:"PONGS"*Psoriatic arthritis Osteoarthritis Neuropathic joint **Gout** Sarcoidosis

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Articular Disorders Of The Hand + Wrist

- Osteoarthritis** = degenerative joint disease=abnormal stress with minor + major traumatic episodes *Target areas:* DIP, PIP, 1st CMC, trapezioscapoid ✓ sclerosis + osteophytes
- Erosive osteoarthritis** = inflammatory [osteoarthritis](#) *Age:* predominantly middle-aged / postmenopausal women ■ acute inflammatory episodes *Target areas:* DIP, PIP, 1st CMC, trapezioscapoid ✓ subchondral "gull wing" erosions ✓ rare ankylosis
- Psoriatic arthritis**=rheumatoid variant / seronegative spondyloarthropathy; peripheral manifestation in monarthritis / asymmetric oligoarthritis / symmetric polyarthritis *Target areas:* all hand + wrist joints (commonly distal) ✓ "mouse ears" marginal erosions ✓ new bone formation
- Rheumatoid arthritis**=synovial proliferative granulation tissue = pannus *Target areas:* PIP, MCP, all wrist joints, ulnar styloid ✓ marginal poorly defined erosions ✓ joint deformities
- Gouty arthritis** ■ monosodium urate crystals in synovial fluid ■ asymptomatic periods from months to years *Target areas:* commonly CMC + all hand joints ✓ development of chronic tophaceous [gout](#) ✓ well-defined erosions with overhanging edge (often periarticular) ✓ joint space narrowing
- Calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate crystal deposition disease** = CPPD *Target areas:* MCP, radiocarpal ✓ [chondrocalcinosis](#) ✓ "degenerative changes" in unusual locations ✓ no erosions
- SLE**=myositis, symmetric polyarthritis, deforming nonerosive arthropathy, osteonecrosis *Target areas:* PIP, MCP ✓ reversible deformities
- Scleroderma** = [progressive systemic sclerosis](#) (PSS) *Target areas:* DIP, PIP, 1st CMC ✓ tuft resorption ✓ soft-tissue calcifications

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Arthritis Involving Distal Interphalangeal Joints *mnemonic:* "POEM" Psoriatic arthritis Osteoarthritis Erosive [osteoarthritis](#) Multicentric reticulohistiocytosis

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Ankylosis Of Interphalangeal Joints *mnemonic:*"S - Lesions"
1.Psoriatic arthritis2.Ankylosing spondylitis3.Erosive [osteoarthritis](#)4.Still disease

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Sacroiliitis *Anatomy*: only anterior inferior aspect of sacroiliac apposition is covered with cartilage (1 mm thick hyalin cartilage on iliac side, 3-5 mm thick fibrous cartilage on sacral side); 2-5 mm normal joint width *Positioning*: Ferguson view = AP projection with 23° angulation toward head A.BILATERAL SYMMETRICAL 1. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) small regular erosion = loss of definition of white cortical line on iliac side ankylosis ossification of intraosseous ligaments 2. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (in late stages) joint space narrowing without reparation osteoporosis ankylosis may occur 3. Deposition arthropathy: [gout](#), CPPD, [ochronosis](#), [acromegaly](#) slow loss of cartilage subchondral reparative bone + osteophytes 4. Enteropathic arthropathy: B.BILATERAL ASYMMETRICAL 1. [Psoriatic arthritis](#) large + extensive erosive + reparative process occasional ankylosis 2. [Reiter syndrome](#) 3. [Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis](#) C.UNILATERAL 1. Infection 2. [Osteoarthritis](#) from abnormal mechanical stress irregular narrowing of joint space with subchondral bone repair osteophytes at anterosuperior / -inferior aspect of joint (may resemble ankylosis) DDx: [Hyperparathyroidism](#) subchondral bone resorption on iliac side resembling erosion + widening of joint

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Sacroiliac Joint Widening *mnemonic:* "CRAP TRAP" **C**olitis **R**heumatoid arthritis **A**bscess (infection) **P**arathyroid disease **T**rauma **R**eiter syndrome **A**nkylosing spondylitis **P**soriasis

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Sacroiliac Joint Fusion *mnemonic:* "CARPI" Colitic spondylitis Ankylosing spondylitis Reiter syndrome Psoriatic arthritis Infection (TB)

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Widened Symphysis Pubis *mnemonic:* "EPOCH" **E**xstrophy of the bladder **P**runo belly syndrome **O**steogenesis imperfecta **C**leidocranial dysostosis **H**ypothyroidism

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Arthritis Of Interphalangeal Joint Of Great Toe 1.[Psoriatic arthritis](#)2.Reiter disease3.[Gout](#)4.Degenerative joint disease

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Enthesopathy Enthesis = osseous attachment of tendon composed of 4 zones, ie, tendon itself + unmineralized fibrocartilage + mineralized fibrocartilage + bone
Cause: 1. Degenerative disorder 2. Seronegative arthropathies: [ankylosing spondylitis](#), Reiter disease, [psoriatic arthritis](#) 3. [Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis](#) 4. [Acromegaly](#) 5. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (occasionally) Location: at site of tendon + ligament attachment ✓ bone proliferation (enthesophyte) ✓ calcification of tendon + ligament ✓ erosion

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Epiphyseolysis =SLIPPED EIPHYSIS (zone of maturing hypertrophic cartilage affected, not zone of proliferation)1.Idiopathic / juvenile epiphyseolysisAge:12-15 years (? puberty-related hormonal dysregulation) ■ adiposogenital type; tall stature2.[Renal osteodystrophy](#)3.[Hyperparathyroidism](#) in chronic renal disease4.[Hypothyroidism](#)5.Radiotherapy

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Rib Lesions A. BENIGN RIB TUMOR 1. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (most common benign lesion) ^v predominantly posterior location 2. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) 3. [Benign cortical defect](#) 4. [Hemangioma](#) of bone 5. [Enchondroma](#): at costochondral / costovertebral junction 6. [Osteochondroma](#): at costochondral / costovertebral junction 7. [Giant cell tumor](#) 8. [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) B. PRIMARY MALIGNANT RIB TUMOR 1. [Chondrosarcoma](#) (calcified matrix) 2. [Osteosarcoma](#) (rare) 3. [Fibrosarcoma](#) C. SECONDARY MALIGNANT RIB TUMOR-in adult: 1. Metastasis (most common malignant lesion) 2. [Multiple myeloma](#) 3. [Desmoid tumor](#)-in child: 1. [Ewing sarcoma](#) 2. Metastatic [neuroblastoma](#) D. TRAUMATIC RIB DISORDER 1. Healing [fracture](#) (a) cough fractures: 4-9th rib in anterior axillary line (b) fatigue [fracture](#): 1st rib (from carrying a heavy back pack) 2. Radiation osteitis E. Aggressive granulomatous infections=osteomyelitis

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Rib Notching On Inferior Margin =minimal scalloping to deep ridges along the neurovascular groove. Minor undulations in the inferior ribs are normal. The medial third of posterior ribs near transverse process of vertebrae may be notched normally!
A. ARTERIAL Cause: intercostal aa. function as collaterals to descending aorta / lung
(a) Aorta: coarctation, thrombosis (b) Subclavian artery: Blalock-Taussig shunt (c) Pulmonary artery: pulmonary stenosis, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), absent pulmonary artery
B. VENOUS Cause: enlargement of intercostal veins (a) AV malformation of chest wall (b) Superior vena cava obstruction
C. NEUROGENIC 1. Intercostal neuroma 2. Neurofibromatosis 3. Poliomyelitis / quadriplegia / paraplegia
D. OSSEOUS 1. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) 2. Thalassemia 3. Melnick-Needles syndrome

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Bulbous Enlargement Of Costochondral Junction 1.Rachitic rosary2.[Scurvy](#)3.Achondroplasia

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Wide Ribs 1. Marrow hyperplasia (anemias) 2. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) 3. [Paget disease](#) 4. Achondroplasia 5. [Mucopolysaccharidoses](#)

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Expansile Rib Lesion *mnemonic:* "FEEL THE CLAMP" **F**ibrous dysplasia **E**osinophilic granuloma **E**nchondroma **L**ymphoma **T**uberculosis **H**ematopoiesis **E**wing sarcoma **C**hondromyxoid fibroma **L**eukemia **A**neurysmal bone cyst **M**etastases **P**lasmacytoma

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Penciled Distal End Of Clavicle *mnemonic:* "SHIRT Pocket" **S**cleroderma **H**yperparathyroidism **I**nfection **R**heumatoid arthritis **T**rauma **P**rogeria

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Destruction Of Medial End Of Clavicle *mnemonic:"MILERS"* **M**etastases **I**nfection **L**ymphoma **E**osinophilic granuloma **R**heumatoid arthritis **S**arcoma

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Carpal Angle = angle of 130° formed by tangents to proximal row of [carpal bones](#). A. DECREASED CARPAL ANGLE (<124°) 1. [Turner syndrome](#) 2. [Hurler syndrome](#) 3. [Morquio syndrome](#) 4. Madelung deformity B. INCREASED CARPAL ANGLE (>139°) 1. [Down syndrome](#) 2. [Arthrogyrosis](#) 3. Bone dysplasia with epiphyseal involvement

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Metacarpal Sign =tangent between 4th + 5th metacarpals intersects 3rd metacarpal = shortening of 4th metacarpal 1. Idiopathic 2. [Gonadal dysgenesis: Turner syndrome, Klinefelter syndrome](#) 3. Pseudo- and [pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism](#) 4. Ectodermal dysplasia = [Cornelia de Lange syndrome](#) 5. [Hereditary multiple exostoses](#) 6. Peripheral dysostosis 7. [Basal cell nevus syndrome](#) 8. [Melorheostosis mnemonic: "Ping Pong Is Tough To Teach"](#) Pseudohypoparathyroidism Pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism Idiopathic Trauma Turner syndrome Trisomy 13-18

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Lucent Lesion In Finger A. **BENIGN TUMOR** 1. [Giant cell tumor](#) 2. [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) 3. Brown tumor 4. Hemophilic pseudotumor 5. [Epidermoid inclusion cyst](#) 6. [Glomus tumor](#) 7. [Solitary bone cyst](#) 8. [Osteblastoma](#) 9. [Enchondroma](#) B. **MALIGNANT TUMOR** 1. [Osteosarcoma](#) 2. [Fibrosarcoma](#) 3. Metastasis from lung, breast, [malignant melanoma](#) *mnemonic:* "GAMES PAGES" **G**lomus tumor **A**rthritis ([gout](#), rheumatoid) **M**etastasis (lung, breast) **E**nchondroma **S**imple cyst (inclusion) **P**ancreatitis **A**neurysmal bone cyst **G**iant cell tumor **E**pidermoid **S**arcoid

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Acroosteolysis 1. Acroosteolysis: (a) acquired, (b) familial 2. [Massive osteolysis](#) 3. [Essential osteolysis](#) 4. [Ainhum disease](#) **Acquired Acroosteolysis mnemonic:** "PETER's DIAPER SPLASH" **P**soriasis, **P**orphyrin **E**hlers-Danlos syndrome **T**hrombocytopenic purpura **A**ngiitis obliterans **R**aynaud disease **D**iabetes, **D**ermatomyositis, **D**ilantin therapy **I**njury (thermal + electrical burns, [frostbite](#)) **A**rteriosclerosis obliterans **P**VC (polyvinylchloride) worker **E**pidermolysis bullosa **R**heumatoid arthritis, **R**eiter syndrome **S**cleroderma, **S**arcoidosis **P**rogeria, **P**yknodysostosis **L**eprosy, **L**esch-Nyhan syndrome **A**bsence of pain **S**yringomyelia **H**yperparathyroidism also in: yaws; [Kaposi sarcoma](#); [pachydermoperiostosis](#) lytic destructive process involving distal + middle phalanges NO [periosteal reaction](#) epiphyses resist osteolysis until late **A**croosteosclerosis = focal opaque areas + endosteal thickening 1. Incidental in middle-aged women 2. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) 3. [Sarcoidosis](#) 4. [Scleroderma](#) 5. [Systemic lupus erythematosus](#) 6. [Hodgkin disease](#) 7. Hematologic disorders

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Fingertip Calcifications 1. [Scleroderma / CREST syndrome](#) 2. [Raynaud disease](#) 3. [Systemic lupus erythematosus](#) 4. [Dermatomyositis](#) 5. [Calcinosis circumscripta universalis](#) 6. [Hyperparathyroidism](#)

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Syndactyly =osseous ± cutaneous fusion of digits1.[Apert syndrome](#)2.[Carpenter syndrome](#)3.[Down syndrome](#)4.[Neurofibromatosis](#)5.[Poland syndrome](#)6.Others

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Polydactyly Frequently associated with: 1.[Carpenter syndrome](#)2.Ellis-van Creveld syndrome3.[Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#)4.Polysyndactyly syndrome5.Short rib-polydactyly syndrome6.[Trisomy 13](#)

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Clinodactyly =curvature of finger in mediolateral plane1.Normal variant2.[Down syndrome](#)3.Multiple dysplasia4.Trauma, arthritis, contractures

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Brachydactyly =shortening / broadening of metacarpals ± phalanges1. [Idiopathic](#)2. [Trauma](#)3. [Osteomyelitis](#)4. [Arthritis](#)5. [Turner syndrome](#)6. [Osteochondrodysplasia](#)7. [Pseudohypoparathyroidism](#), [Pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism](#)8. [Mucopolysaccharidoses](#)9. [Cornelia de Lange syndrome](#)10. [Basal cell nevus syndrome](#)11. [Hereditary multiple exostoses](#)

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Snapping Hip Syndrome A.INTRAARTICULAR1.Osteocartilaginous bodiesB.EXTRA-ARTICULAR = tendon slippage1.fascia lata / gluteus maximus over greater trochanter2.iliopectineal tendon over iliopectineal eminence3.long head of biceps femoris over ischial tuberosity4.iliofemoral ligament over anterior portion of hip capsule

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Protrusio Acetabuli =acetabular floor bulging into pelvis[✓] acetabular line projecting medially to ilioischial line by >3 mm (in males) / >6 mm (in females)[✓] crossing of medial + lateral components of pelvic "teardrop" (U-shaped radiodense area medial to hip joint with (a) lateral aspect = acetabular articular surface (b) medial aspect = anteroinferior margin of quadrilateral surface of ilium)A.UNILATERAL1.[Tuberculous arthritis](#)2. Trauma3.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)B.BILATERAL1.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)2.[Paget disease](#)3.[Osteomalacia](#) *mnemonic:*"PROT"**P**aget disease **R**heumatoid arthritis **O**steomalacia (HPT) **T**rauma

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Pain With Hip Prosthesis Approximately 120,000 hip arthroplasties per year in USA 1.Heterotopic ossification2.Trochanteric bursitis3.Prosthetic [fracture](#) / periprosthetic [fracture](#) / cement [fracture](#)4.Dislocation5.Loosening (10-30% after 10 years)(a)aseptic loosening (most common)*Cause*:mechanical wear + tear(b)septic loosening (1-9%)*Organism*:Staphylococcus epidermidis (50%), Staphylococcus aureus, PeptostreptococcusPlain film: ✓ subsidence of prosthesis✓ area of lucency >2 mm at bone-cement interface✓ focal lytic area (due to foreign body granuloma / abscess)✓ rapid bone resorption (due to particulate debris / infection)✓ extensive periostitis (in infection, but rare)NUC (83% sensitive, 88% specific): ✓ increased [uptake](#) of bone agent, gallium-67, indium-111-labeled leukocytes, complementary technetium-labeled sulfur colloid + combinationsArthrography: ✓ irregularity of joint pseudocapsule✓ filling of nonbursal spaces / sinus tracts / abscess cavitiesAspiration of fluid under fluoroscopy (12-93% sensitive, 83-92% specific for infection): ✓ injection of contrast material to confirm intraarticular location

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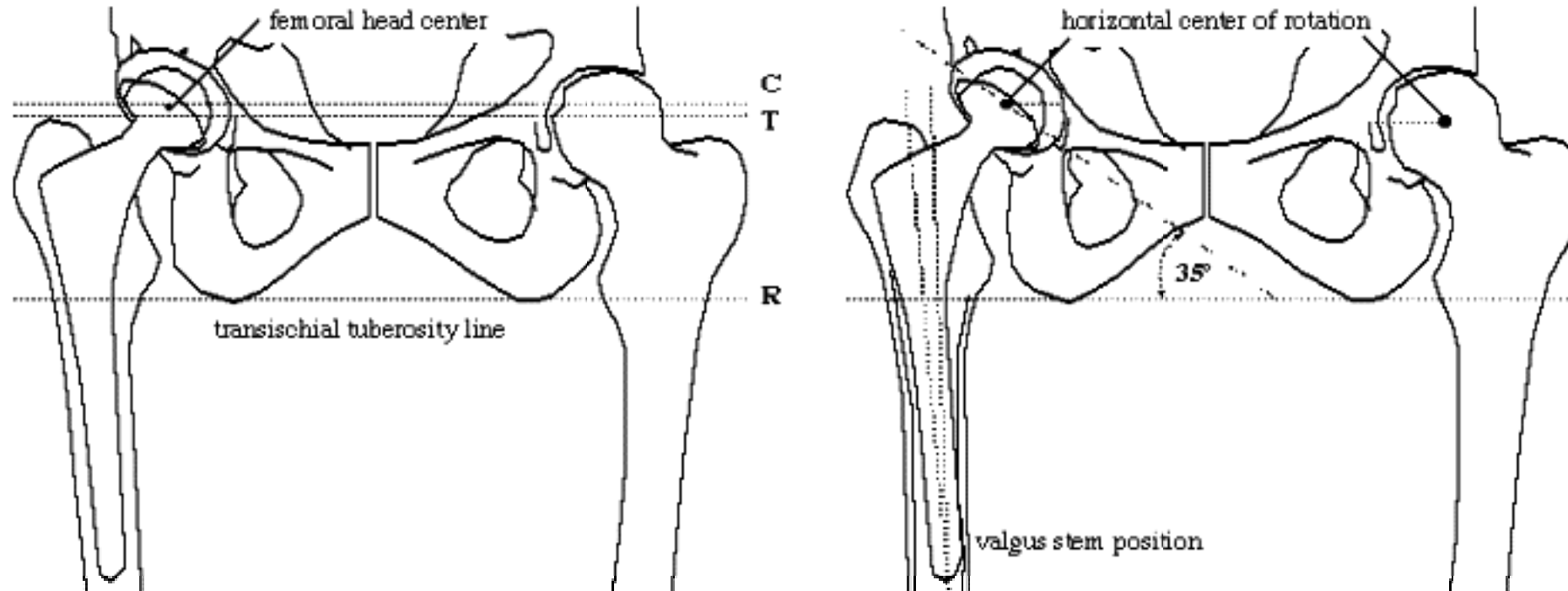


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Evaluation Of Total Hip Arthroplasty Measurements Reference line:transischial tuberosity line (R)



1. **Leg** length = vertical position of acetabular component=comparing level of greater / lesser tuberosity (T) with respect to line R
 High placement:shorter **leg**, less effective muscles crossing the hip joint
 Low placement:longer **leg**, muscles stretched to point of spasm with risk of dislocation
 2. Vertical center of rotation=distance from center of femoral head (C) to line R
 3. Horizontal center of rotation=distance from center of femoral head (C) to teardrop / other medial landmark
 Lateral position:iliopsoas tendon crosses medial to femoral head center of rotation increasing risk of dislocation
 4. Lateral acetabular inclination = horizontal version=angle of cup in reference to line R ($40^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ desirable)
 Less angulation:stable hip, limited abduction
 Greater angulation:risk of [hip dislocation](#)
 5. Varus / neutral / valgus stem position
 Varus position:tip of stem rests against medial endosteum, increased risk for loosening
 Valgus position:tip of stem rests against lateral endosteum, not a significant problem
 6. Acetabular anteversion ($15^\circ \pm 10^\circ$ desirable)=lateral radiograph of groin
 Retroversion:risk of [hip dislocation](#)
 7. Femoral neck anteversionworks synergistically with acetabular anteversion, true angle assessed by CT

Radiographic findings

A. **NORMAL**
 irregular cement-bone interface=normal interdigitation of polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) with adjacent bone remodeling providing a mechanical interlock
 PMMA is not a glue!
 thin lucent line along cement-bone interface=0.1-1.5 mm thin connective tissue membrane ("demarcation") along cement-bone interface accompanied by thin line of bone sclerosis

B. **ABNORMAL**
 wide lucent zone at cement-bone interface= ≥ 2 mm lucent line along bone-cement interface due to granulated membrane
 Cause:component loosening \pm reaction to particulate debris (eg, PMMA, polyethylene)
 lucent zone at metal-cement interface along proximal lateral aspect of femoral stem=suboptimal metal-cement contact at time of surgery / loosening
 well-defined area of bone destruction(= histiocytic response, aggressive granulomatous disease) Cause:granulomatous reaction as response to particulate debris / infection / tumor
 asymmetric positioning of femoral head within acetabular component Cause:acetabular wear / dislocation of femoral head / acetabular disruption / liner displacement / deformity
 cement [fracture](#) Cause:loosening

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Tibiotalar Slanting =downward slanting of medial tibial plafond1.[Hemophilia](#)2.Still disease3.[Sickle cell disease](#)4.Epiphyseal dysplasia5.Trauma

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Abnormal Foot Positions A.FOREFOOT1.Varus = adduction=axis of 1st metatarsal deviated medially relative to axis of talus2.Valgus = abduction=axis of 1st metatarsal deviated laterally relative to axis of talus3.Inversion = supination=inward turning of sole of foot4.Eversion = pronation=outward turning of sole of footB.HINDFOOTtalipes (talus, pes) = any deformity of the ankle and hindfoot 1.Equinus=hindfoot abnormality with reversal of calcaneal pitch so that the heel cannot touch the ground2.Calcaneal foot=very high calcaneal pitch so that forefoot cannot touch the ground3.Pes planus = flatfoot=low calcaneal pitch + (usually) heel valgus + forefoot eversion4.Pes cavus=high calcaneal pitch (fixed high arch)

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Clubfoot = Talipes Equinovarus Common severe congenital deformity characterized by ■ equinus of heel (reversed calcaneal pitch) ■ heel varus (talocalcaneal angle of almost zero on AP view with both bones parallel to each other) ■ metatarsus adductus (axis of 1st metatarsal deviated medially relative to axis of talus)1.[Arthrogyrosis multiplex congenita](#)2.[Chondrodysplasia punctata](#)3.[Neurofibromatosis](#)4.[Spina bifida](#)5.[Myelomeningocele](#)

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Rocker-bottom Foot = Vertical Talus \checkmark vertically oriented talus with increased talocalcaneal angle on lateral view \checkmark dorsal navicular dislocation at talonavicular joint \checkmark heel equinus \checkmark rigid deformity *Associated with:* [Arthrogyposis](#) multiplex congenita; [spina bifida](#); [trisomy 13-18](#)

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Heel Pad Thickening =heel pad thickening >25 mm (normal <21 mm)*mnemonic:*"MAD COP"**M**ixedema **A**cromegaly **D**ilantin therapy **C**allus **O**besity **P**eripheral edema

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Histologic Classification Of Soft-tissue Lesions A.FATTY1.[Lipoma](#)2.[Angiolipoma](#)3.[Liposarcoma](#)B.FIBROUS1.Fibroma2.Nodular fasciitis3.Aggressive [fibromatosis](#) / desmoid4.[Fibrosarcoma](#)C.MUSCLE1.Rhabdomyoma2.[Leiomyoma](#)3.[Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)4.LeiomyosarcomaD.VASCULAR1.[Hemangioma](#)2.[Hemangiopericytoma](#)3.HemangiosarcomaE.LYMPH1.[Lymphangioma](#)2.Lymphangiosarcoma3.Lymphadenopathy in [lymphoma](#) / metastasisF.SYNOVIAL1.[Nodular synovitis](#)2.[Pigmented villonodular synovitis](#)3.Synovial sarcomaG.NEURAL1.Neurofibroma2.Neurilemoma3.[Ganglioneuroma](#)4.Malignant [neuroblastoma](#)5.NeurofibrosarcomaH.CARTILAGE AND BONE1.[Myositis ossificans](#)2.Extraskeletal [osteoma](#)3.Extraskeletal chondroma4.Extraskeletal [chondrosarcoma](#)5.Extraskeletal [osteosarcoma](#)

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Fat-containing Soft-tissue Masses A. BENIGN LIPOMATOUS TUMORS 1. [Lipoma](#) 2. Intra- / intermuscular [lipoma](#) 3. Synovial [lipoma](#) 4. [Lipoma](#) arborescens = diffuse synovial [lipoma](#) 5. [Neural fibrolipoma](#) = fibrolipomatous tumor of nerve 6. [Macrodystrophia lipomatosa](#) B. LIPOMA VARIANTS 1. [Lipoblastoma](#) (exclusively in infancy + early childhood) 2. [Lipomatosis](#) = diffuse overgrowth of mature adipose tissue infiltrating through the soft tissues of affected extremity / trunk 3. [Hibernoma](#) = rare benign tumor of brown fat; often in peri- / interscapular region, axilla, thigh, chest wall¹ marked hypervascularity C. MALIGNANT LIPOMATOUS TUMOR 1. [Liposarcoma](#) D. OTHER FAT-CONTAINING TUMORS 1. [Hemangioma](#) 2. [Elastofibroma](#) E. LESIONS MIMICKING FAT-CONTAINING TUMORS 1. Myxoid tumors: intramuscular [myxoma](#), extraskeletal myxoid [chondrosarcoma](#), myxoid [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) 2. Neural tumors: neurofibroma, neurilemoma, malignant schwannoma¹ 73% have tissue attenuation less than muscle 3. Hemorrhage

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Muscle Hyperintensity On STIR Images A.INFLAMMATION1.Polymyositis2.[Dermatomyositis](#)3.Inclusion body myositisB.CELLULAR INFILTRATE1.[Lymphoma](#)2.Bacterial myositisC.EDEMAD.RHABDOMYOLYSIS1.Sport / electric injury2.Diabetic muscular infarction3.Focal nodular myositis4.Metabolic myopathy: eg, phosphofructokinase deficiency, hypokalemia, alcohol overdose5.Viral myositisE.TRAUMATIC DENERVATION

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Extraskeletal Osseous + Cartilaginous Tumors A. OSSEOUS SOFT-TISSUE TUMORS ✓ cloudlike "cumulus" type of calcification 1. [Myositis ossificans](#) 2. [Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva](#) 3. Soft-tissue [osteoma](#) 4. [Extraskeletal osteosarcoma](#) 5. [Myositis ossificans](#) variants (a) Panniculitis ossificans (b) Fasciitis ossificans (c) Fibro-osseous pseudotumor of digits B. CARTILAGINOUS SOFT-TISSUE TUMORS ✓ arcs and rings, spicules and floccules of calcification 1. [Synovial osteochondromatosis](#) 2. [Soft-tissue chondroma](#) 3. Extraskeletal [chondrosarcoma](#) DDX: (1) Synovial sarcoma (2) [Benign mesenchymoma](#) = [lipoma](#) with chondroid / osseous metaplasia (3) Malignant mesenchymoma = 2 or more unrelated sarcomatous components (4) Calcified / ossified tophus of [gout](#) (5) Ossified soft-tissue masses of [melorheostosis](#) (6) [Pilomatricoma](#) = calcifying epithelioma of Malherbe • lesion arises from hair matrix cells with slow growth confined to the subcutaneous tissue of the face, neck, upper extremities ✓ central sandlike calcifications (84%) ✓ peripheral ossification (20%) (7) [Tumoral calcinosis](#)

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Soft-tissue Calcification *Metastatic Calcification* = deposit of [calcium](#) salts in previously normal tissue(1) as a result of elevation of Ca x P product above 60-70 (2) with normal Ca x P product after [renal transplant](#) Location:lung (alveolar septa, bronchial wall, vessel wall), kidney, gastric mucosa, heart, peripheral vesselsCause: (a)Skeletal deossification1.1° HPT2.Ectopic HPT production (lung / kidney tumor)3.[Renal osteodystrophy](#) + 2° HPT4.[Hypoparathyroidism](#)(b)Massive bone destruction1.Widespread bone metastases2.Plasma cell myeloma3.[Leukemia](#)(c)Increased intestinal absorption1.[Hypervitaminosis D2](#).Milk-alkali syndrome3.Excess ingestion / IV administration of [calcium](#) salts4.Prolonged immobilization5.[Sarcoidosis](#)(d)Idiopathic [hypercalcemia](#) **Dystrophic Calcification** =in presence of normal serum Ca + P levels secondary to local electrolyte / enzyme alterations in areas of tissue injuryCause: (a)Metabolic disorder without [hypercalcemia](#)1.[Renal osteodystrophy](#) with 2° HPT2.[Hypoparathyroidism](#)3.[Pseudohypoparathyroidism](#)4.[Pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism](#)5.[Gout](#)6.Pseudogout = [chondrocalcinosis](#)7.[Ochronosis](#) = alkaptonuria8.[Diabetes mellitus](#)(b) Connective tissue disorder1.Scleroderma2.[Dermatomyositis](#)3.[Systemic lupus erythematosus](#)(c)Trauma1.Neuropathic calcifications2.[Frostbite](#)3.[Myositis ossificans](#) progressiva4.Calcific tendinitis / bursitis(d)Infestation1.Cysticercosis2.Dracunculosis (guinea worm)3.Loiasis4.Bancroft filariasis5.[Hydatid disease](#)6.[Leprosy](#)(e)Vascular disease1.Atherosclerosis2.Media sclerosis (Mönckeberg)3.Venous calcifications4.Tissue infarction (eg, [myocardial infarction](#))(f)Miscellaneous1.[Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)2.Pseudoxanthoma elasticum3.Werner syndrome = [progeria](#)4.Calcinosis (circumscripta, universalis, [tumoral calcinosis](#))5.Necrotic tumor **Generalized Calcinosis** (a)Collagen vascular disorders1.Scleroderma2.[Dermatomyositis](#)(b)Idiopathic [tumoral calcinosis](#)(c)Idiopathic calcinosis universalis

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Interstitial Calcinosis

Calcinosis Circumscripta 1.Acrosclerosis: granular deposits around joints of fingers + toes, fingertips2.Scleroderma: acrosclerosis + absorption of ends of distal phalanges3.**Dermatomyositis**: extensive subcutaneous deposits4.Varicosities: particularly in calf5.1° [Hyperparathyroidism](#): infrequently periarticular calcinosis6.[Renal osteodystrophy](#) with 2° [hyperparathyroidism](#): extensive vascular deposits even in young individuals7.[Hypoparathyroidism](#): occasionally around joints; symmetrical in basal ganglia8.Vitamin D intoxication: periarticular in [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (puttylike); [calcium](#) deposit in tophi **Calcinosis Universalis** Progressive disease of unknown origin Age:children + young adults✓ plaquelike [calcium](#) deposits in skin + subcutaneous tissues; sometimes in tendons + muscles✓ NO true bone formation

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Soft-tissue Ossification =formation of trabecular bone1.[Myositis ossificans](#) progressiva / circumscripta2.[Paraosteopathy](#)3.Soft-tissue [osteosarcoma](#)4.Parosteal [osteosarcoma](#)5.Posttraumatic periostitis = periosteoma6.Surgical scar7.Severely burned patient

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Connective Tissue Disease =CTD = [COLLAGEN VASCULAR DISEASE]=group of disorders that share a number of clinical + laboratory features ■

Features:(a)relatively specific: arthritis, myositis, [Raynaud phenomenon](#) with digital ulceration, tethered skin in extremities + trunk, malar rash sparing nasolabial folds, morning stiffness(b)relatively nonspecific: polyarthralgias (most common initial symptom), myalgias, mottling of extremities, muscle weakness + tenderness ■

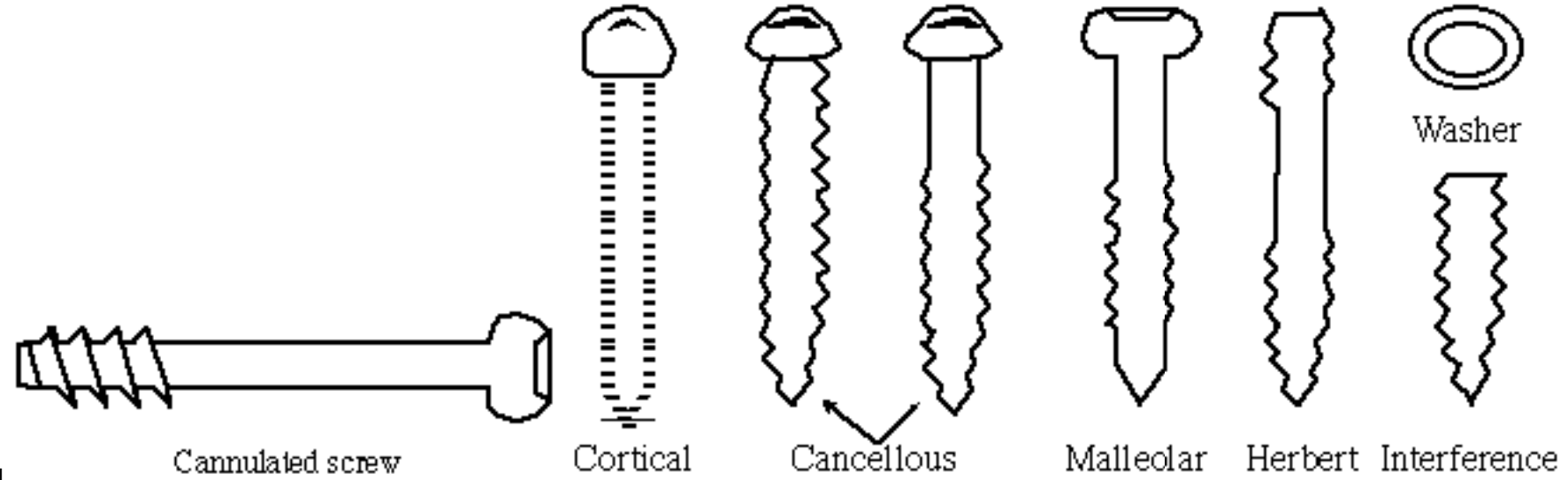
Laboratory findings:(a)relatively specific: ANA in peripheral rim / nucleolar pattern, anti-DNA, elevated muscle enzyme(b)relatively nonspecific: ANA in homogeneous pattern, anti-single-stranded DNA, positive rheumatoid factor *Types and most distinctive features:* 1.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)positive rheumatoid factor, prominent morning stiffness, symmetric erosive arthritis2.[Systemic lupus erythematosus](#)malar rash, photosensitivity, serositis, renal disorders with hemolytic anemia, leukopenia, lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia, positive antinuclear antibody (ANA)3.[Sjögren syndrome](#)dry eyes + mouth, abnormal Schirmer test4.Scleroderma[Raynaud phenomenon](#), skin thickening of distal extremities proceeding to include proximal extremities + chest + abdomen, positive ANA in a nucleolar pattern5.Polymyositis, [dermatomyositis](#)heliotrope rash over eyes, proximal muscle weakness, elevated muscle enzymes, inflammation at muscle biopsy **Mixed Connective Tissue Disease** = disorder that shares distinctive features of ≥ 2 different connective tissue diseases in same patient (eg, overlapping features of SLE, PSS, polymyositis) ■ pulmonary hypertension (due to interstitial pulmonary [fibrosis](#) / intimal proliferation of pulmonary arterioles)

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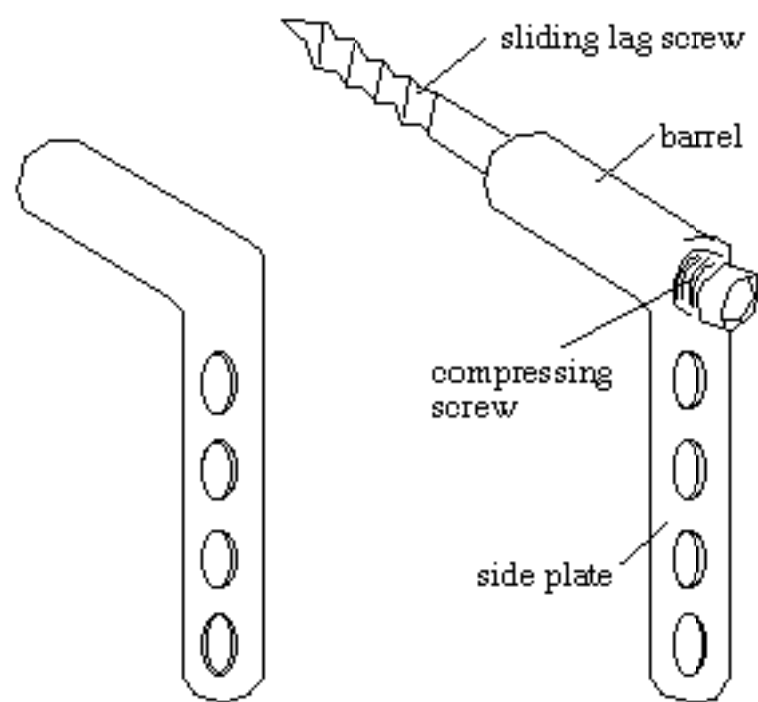
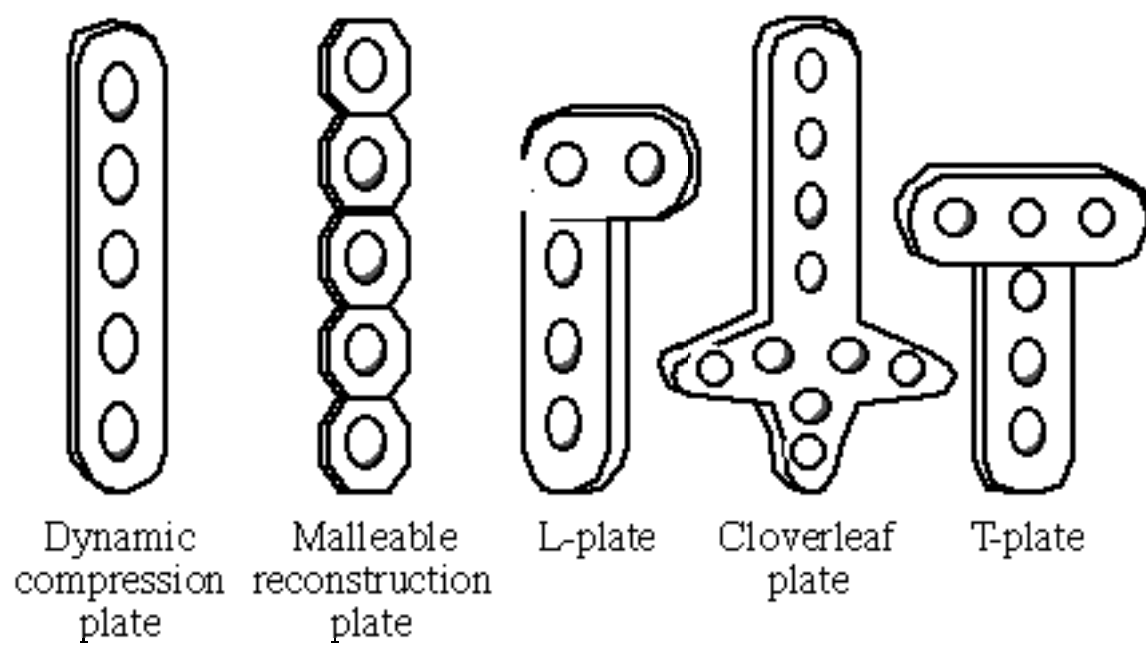




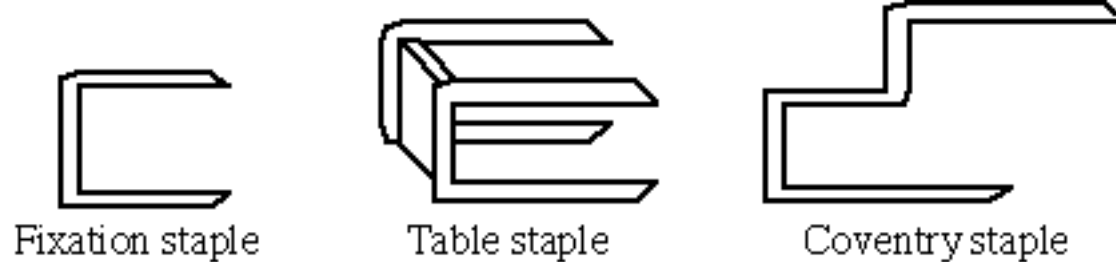
Internal Fixation Devices A.Screws
1.Cortical screw = threaded over entire length, shallow closely spaced threads, blunt tip
2.Cancellous screw = wide thread diameter with varying length of smooth shank between head + threads
3.Malleolar screw = partially threaded
4.Interference screw = short, fully threaded, cancellous thread pattern, self-tapping tip, recessed head
5.Cannulated screw = hollow screw inserted over guide pin
6.Herbert screw = cannulated screw threaded on both ends with



B.Washer
1.Flat washer = increase surface area over which force is distributed
2.Serrated washer = spiked edges used for affixing avulsed ligaments
C.Plates-Compression plate = used for compression of stable fractures-Neutralization plate = protects fracture from bending, rotation + axial-loading forces-Buttress plate = support of unstable fractures in compression / axial loading
1.Straight plate (a) straight plate with round holes (b) dynamic compression plate = oval holes (c) tubular plate = thin pliable plate with concave inner surface (d) reconstruction plate = thin pliable plate to allow bending, twisting, contouring
2.Special plates T-shaped, L-shaped, Y-shaped, cloverleaf, spoon, cobra, condylar blade plate, dynamic compression screw system



D.Staples Fixation = bone = epiphyseal = fracture staples with smooth / barbed surface -Coventry = stepped



osteotomy staple-stone = table staple
extruded wire of variable thickness

E.Wires
1.K wire = unthreaded segments of
2.Cerclage wiring = wire placed around bone
3.Tension band wiring = figure-of-eight wire placed on tension side of bone

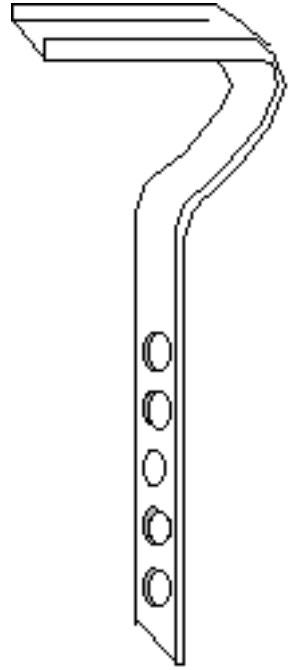


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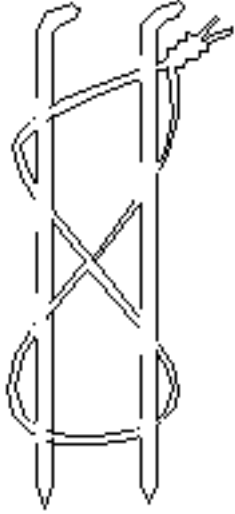
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External Fixation Devices = smooth / threaded pins / wires attached to an external frame (a) unilateral pin = enters bone only from one side 1. Steinmann pin = large-caliber wire with pointed tip 2. Rush pin = smooth intramedullary pin 3. Schanz screw = pin threaded at one end to engage cortex, smooth at other end to connect to external fixation device 4. Knowles pin (for femoral neck fracture) (b) transfixing pin = passes through extremity supported by external fixation device on both ends



Blade plate



Pins + figure-of-eight band wiring



Rush pin



Chamley-Mueller



Thompson



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Intramedullary Fixation Devices (a)nail = driven into bone without reaming(b)rod = solid / hollow device with blunted tip driven into reamed channel(c)interlocking nail = accessory pins / screws / deployable fins placed to prevent rotation1.Rush pin = beveled end + hooked end2.Ender nail = oval in cross section3.Sampson rod = slightly curved rigid rod with fluted surface4.Küntscher nail = cloverleaf in cross section with rounded tip

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Calcium A.99% in bone B.serum calcium(a)protein-bound fraction (albumin)(b) ionic (pH-dependent) 3% as calcium citrate / phosphate in serum *Absorption*: facilitated by vitamin D *Excretion*: related to dietary intake; >500 mg/24 hours = hypercalciuria

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Phosphorus *Absorption*: requires sodium; decreased by aluminum hydroxide gel in gut *Excretion*: increased by estrogen, [parathormone](#) decreased by vitamin D, growth hormone, glucocorticoids

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Parathormone *Major stimulus:* low levels of serum [calcium](#) ions (action requires vitamin D presence) *Target organs:* (a) BONE: increase in osteocytic + osteoclastic activity mobilizes [calcium](#) + phosphate = bone resorption (b) KIDNEY: (1) increase in tubular reabsorption of [calcium](#) (2) decrease in tubular reabsorption of phosphate (+ amino acids) = phosphate diuresis (c) GUT: increased absorption of [calcium](#) + [phosphorus](#) *Major function:* • increase of serum [calcium](#) levels • increase in serum

	PTH ACTION	NET EFFECT
Principal:	(1) phosphate diuresis (2) resorption of Ca + P from bone	(1) Serum: increase in Ca decrease in P
Secondary:	(3) resorption of Ca from gut (4) reabsorption of Ca from renal tubule	(2) Urine: increase in Ca increase in P

alkaline phosphatase (50%)

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Vitamin D Metabolism required for (1)adequate [calcium](#) absorption from gut(2)synthesis of [calcium](#)-binding protein in intestinal mucosa(3)[parathormone](#) effects (stimulation of osteoclastic + osteocytic resorption of bone)*Biochemistry*: inactive form of vitamin D₃ present through diet / exposure to sunlight; vitamin D₃ is converted into 25-OH-vitamin D₃ by liver and then converted into 1,25-OH vitamin D₃ (= hormone) by kidney Stimulus for conversion:(1)hypophosphatemia(2)PTH elevation*Action*: (a) INTESTINE:(1)increased absorption of [calcium](#) from bowel(2)increased absorption of phosphate from distal small bowel(b) BONE:(1)proper mineralization of osteoid(2)mobilization of [calcium](#) + phosphate (potentiates [parathormone](#) action)(c) KIDNEY:(1)increased absorption of [calcium](#) from renal tubule(2)increased absorption of phosphate from renal tubule

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Calcitonin secreted by parafollicular cells of thyroid *Major stimulus*:increase in serum [calcium](#) *Target organs*: (a) BONE:(1)inhibits [parathormone](#)-induced osteoclasts by reducing number of osteoclasts(2)enhances deposition of [calcium](#) phosphate; responsible for sclerosis in [renal osteodystrophy](#)(b) KIDNEY:inhibits phosphate reabsorption in renal tubule(c) GUT:increases [excretion](#) of sodium + water into gut *Major function*:decreases serum [calcium](#) + phosphate

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PHYSIS

Four distinct zones of cartilage in longitudinal layers (1)Germinal zone = small cellsadjacent to epiphyseal ossification center(2)Proliferating zone = flattened cellsarranged in columns(3)Hypertrophic zone = swollen vacuolated cells(4)Zone of provisional calcification

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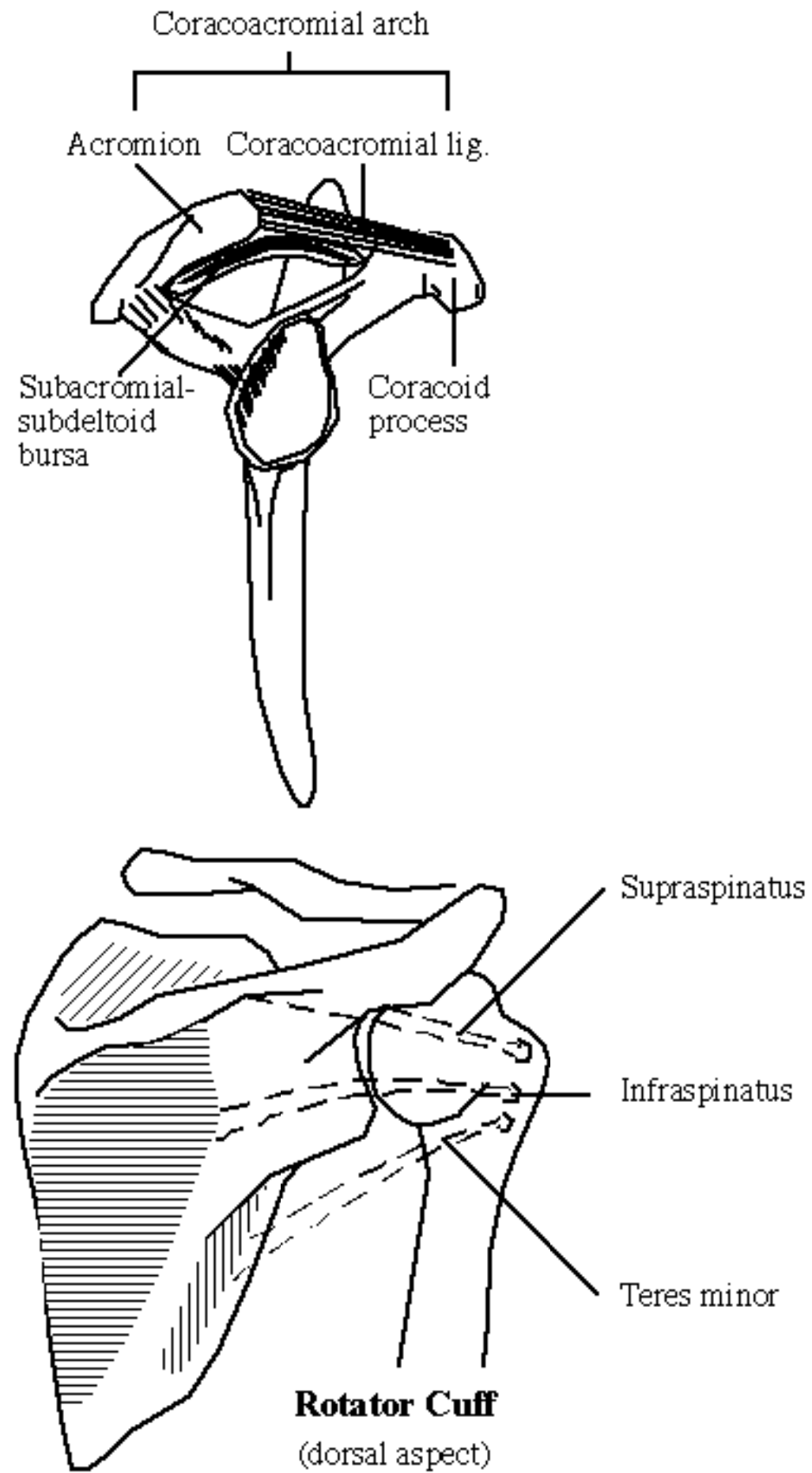
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SHOULDER

Rotator cuff muscles

mnemonic: "SITS" Supraspinatus Infrapinatus Teres minor Subscapularis



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Name of muscle Origin Insertion

Deltoid lateral third of clavicle deltoid tuberosity of humerus lateral border of acromion deltoid tuberosity of humerus lower part of spinous process of scapula deltoid tuberosity of humerus

Subscapularis medial 2/3 of costal surface of scapula superior aspect of lesser tubercle of humerus

Pectoralis major

- clavicular portion medial half of clavicle crest of greater tubercle of humerus - sternocostal portion manubrium + corpus of sternum crest of greater tubercle of humerus -

abdominal portion anterior sheath of rectus abdominis crest of greater tubercle of humerus **Pectoralis minor** 2nd / 3rd-5th ribs superomedial aspect of coracoid process

Biceps brachii - long head supraclavicular tubercle of scapula tuberosity of radius - short head tip of coracoid process tuberosity of radius **Coracobrachialis** tip of coracoid

process medial surface of middle third of humerus **Supraspinatus** supraspinatous fossa of scapula greater tubercle of humerus, highest facet

Infraspinatus infraspinatous fossa of scapula greater tubercle of humerus, middle facet **Teres minor** upper 2/3 of lateral border of scapula greater tubercle of humerus,

lower facet **Teres major** dorsum of inferior angle of scapula inferior crest of lesser tubercle of humerus

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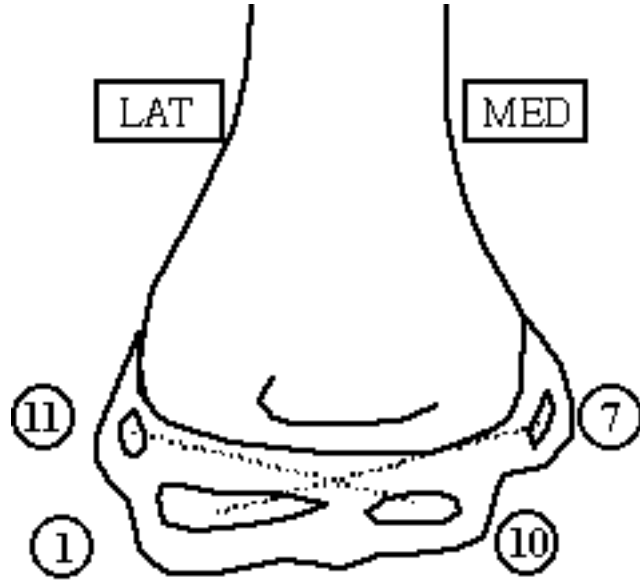
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OCCURRENCE OF BONE CENTERS AT ELBOW

mnemonic: "CRITOE" Capitellum 1 year (3-6 months) Radial head 4 years (3-6 years) Internal humeral epicondyle 7 years (4-6 years, last to fuse) Trochlea 10 years (9-10 years) Olecranon 10 years (6-10 years) External humeral epicondyle 11 years (9-12 years) *mnemonic: "Nelsons X: 1, 7, 10, 11 years"*



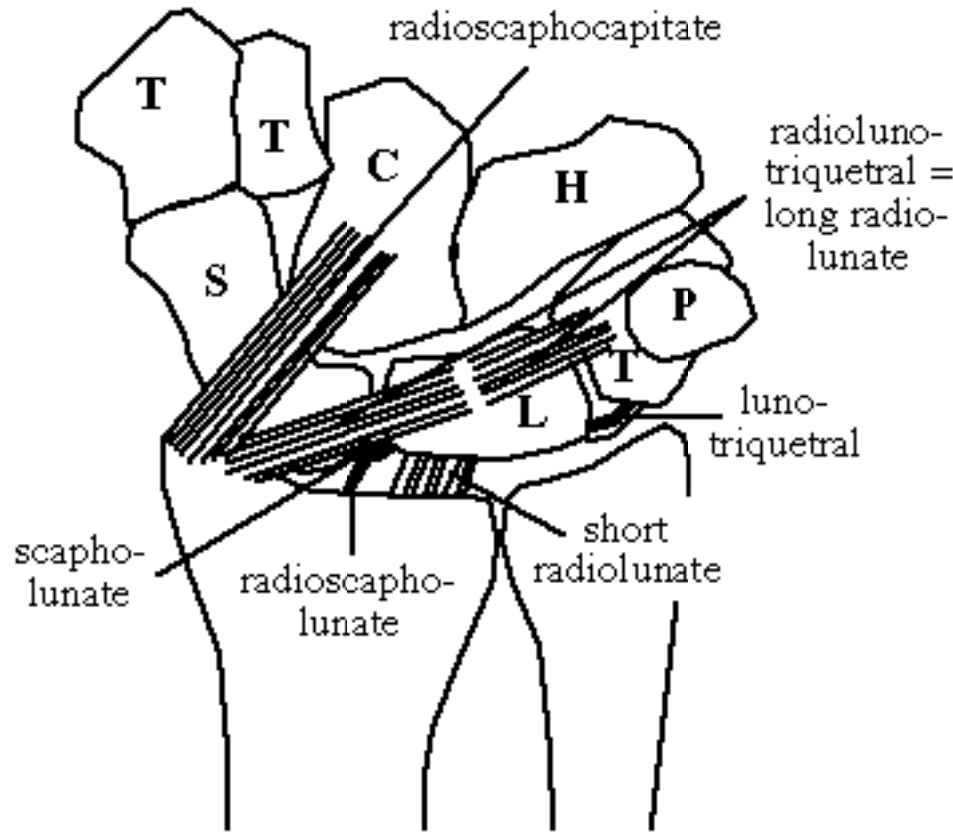
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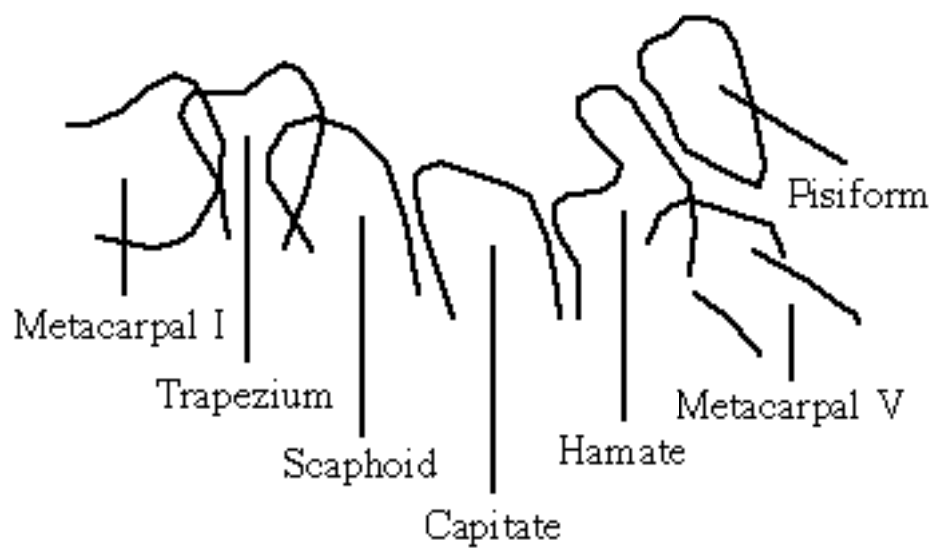


CARPAL BONES

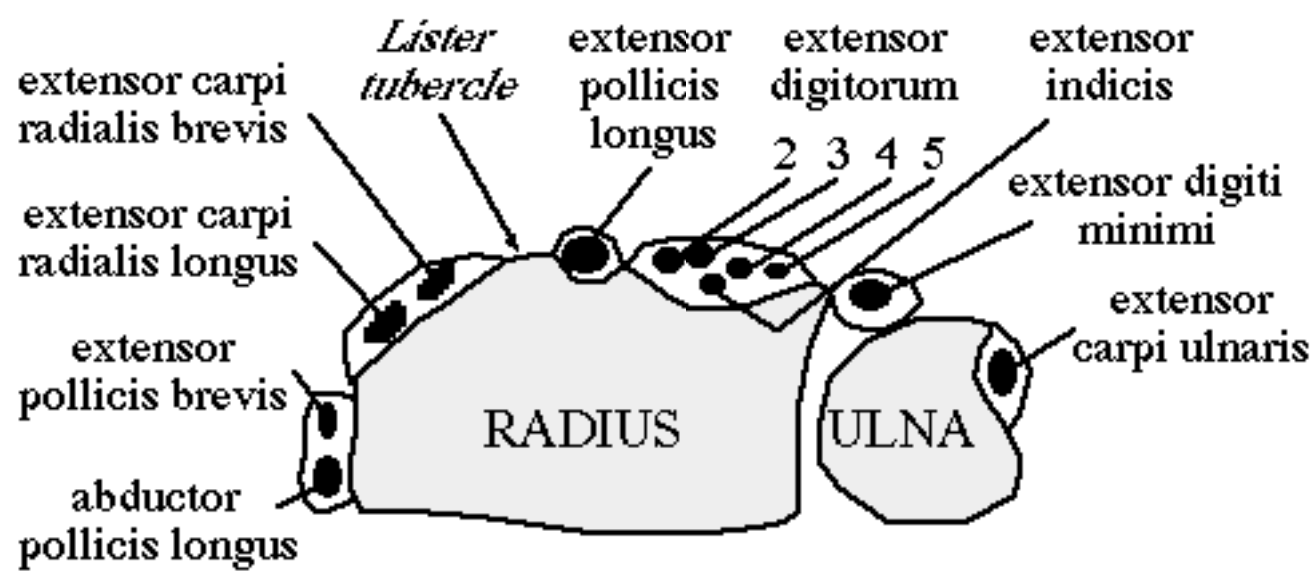
mnemonic: "Some Lovers Try Positions That They Can't Handle" proximal row ScaphoidTrapeziumLunateTrapezoidTriquetrumCapitatePisiformHamate ◊
Remember that trapezium comes before trapezoid in the dictionary as well!



Carpal Bones and Ligaments
(volar aspect)



Carpal Tunnel View



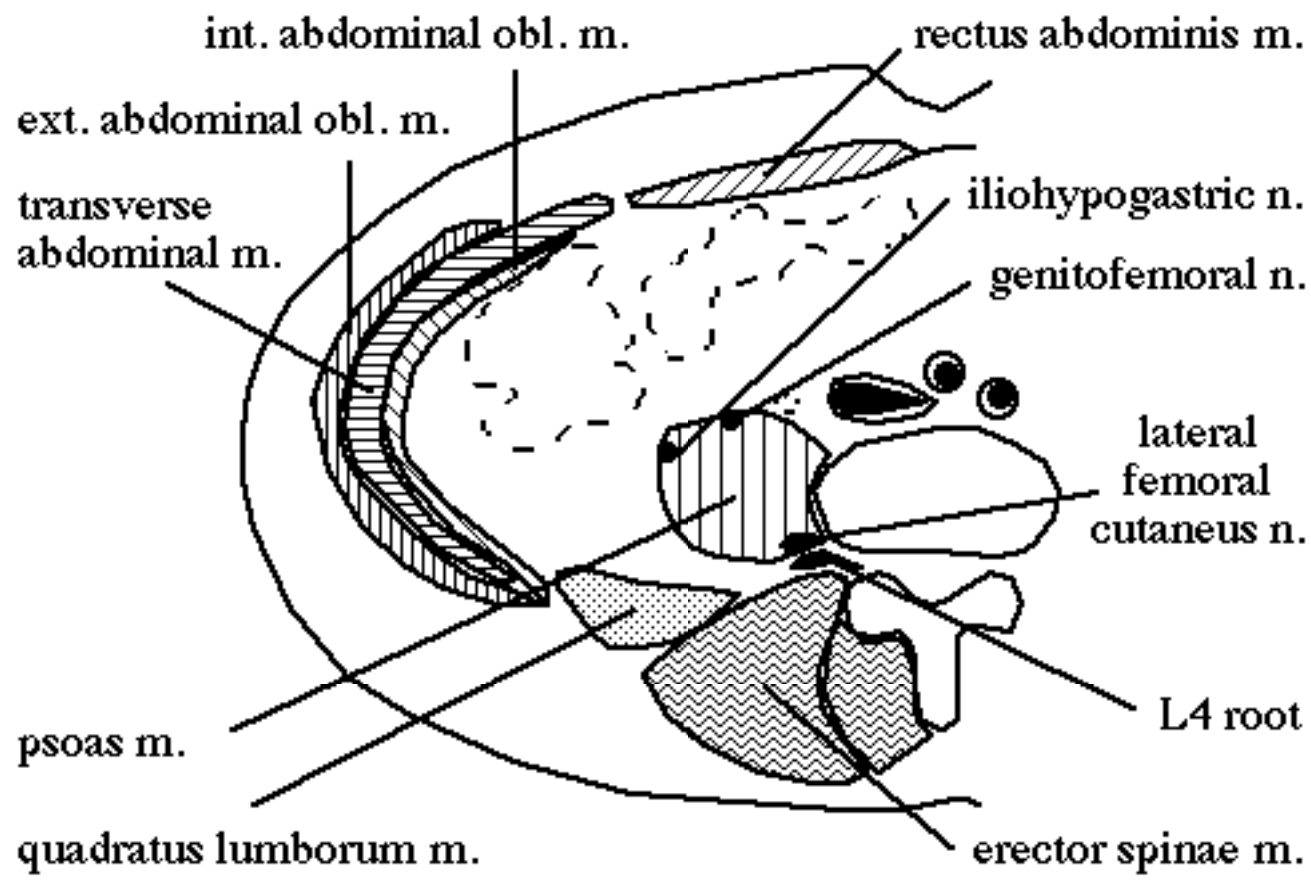
**Wrist Cross Section of Distal Radioulnar Joint
With the 6 Extensor Compartments**

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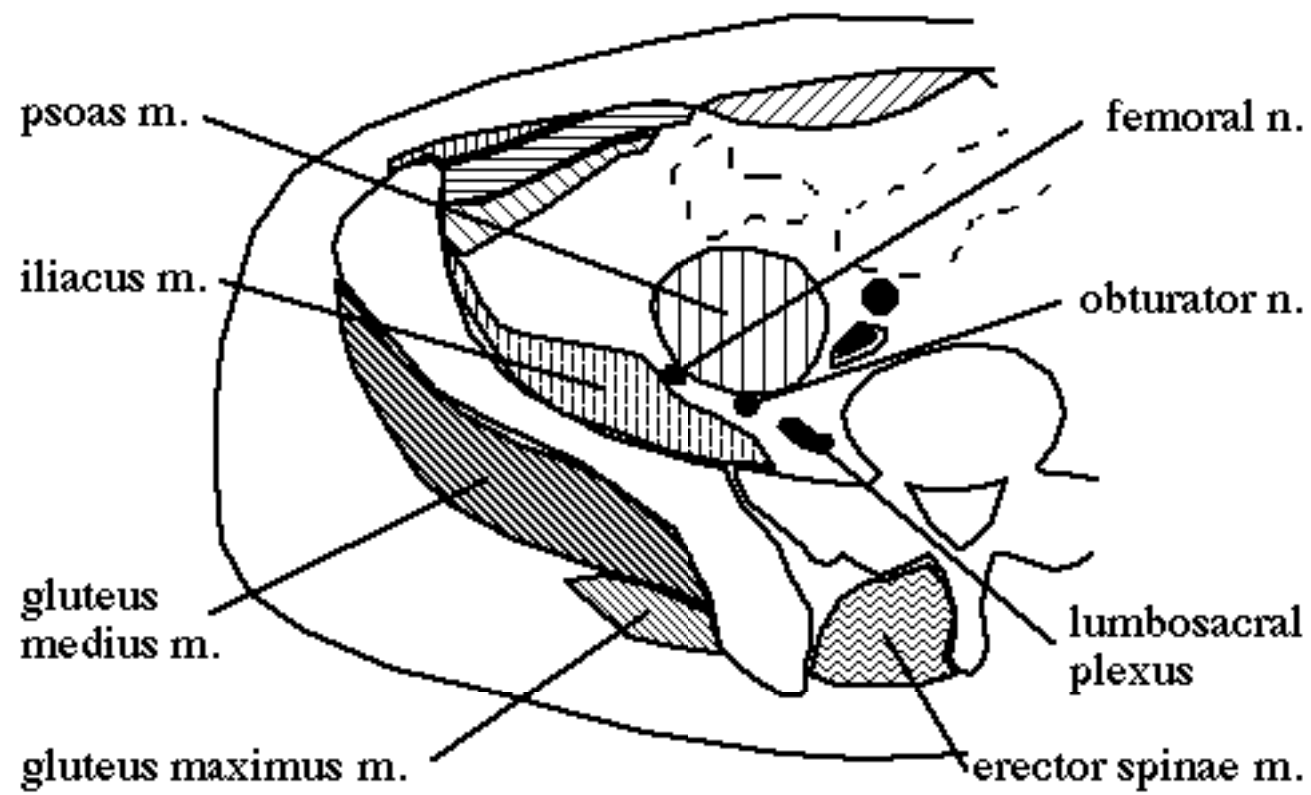




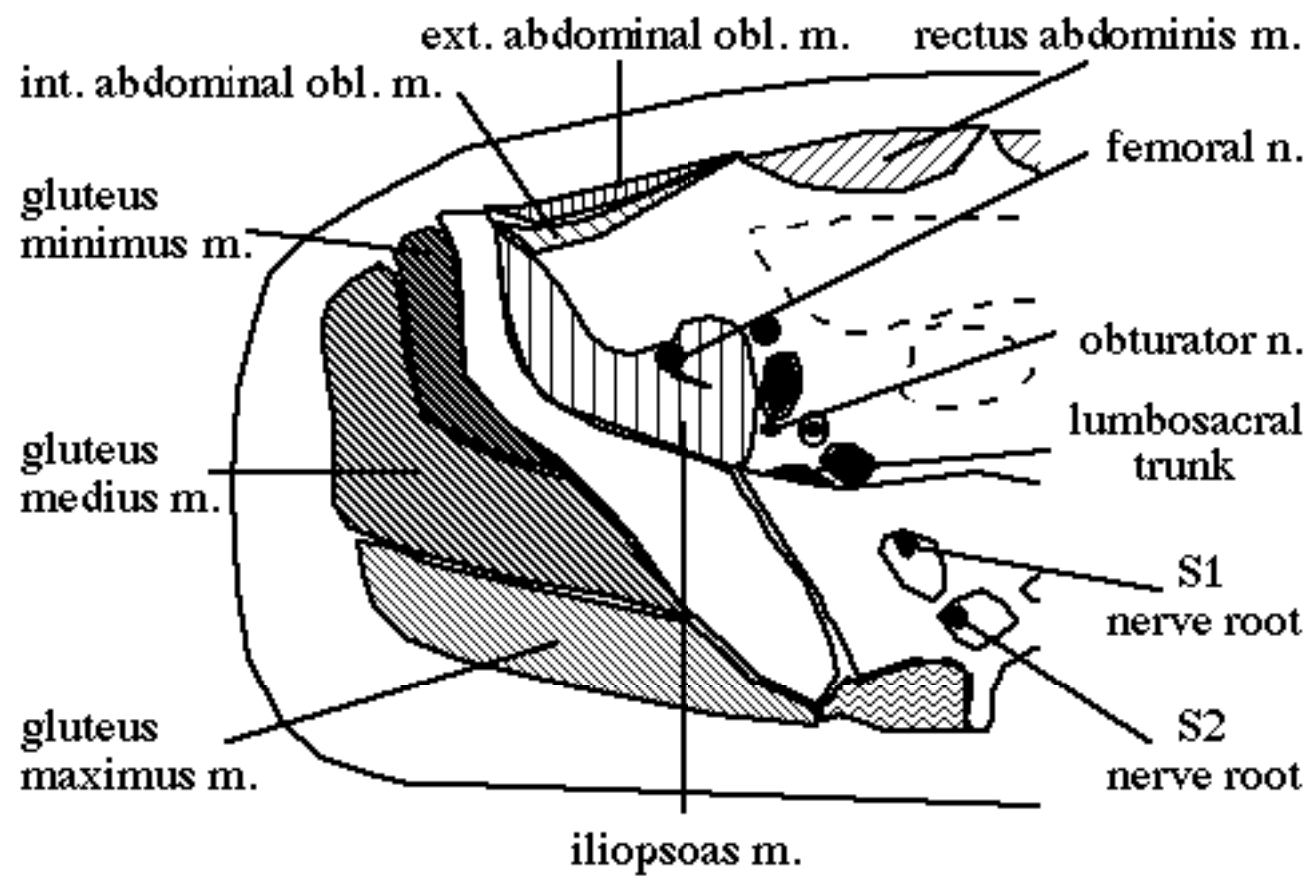
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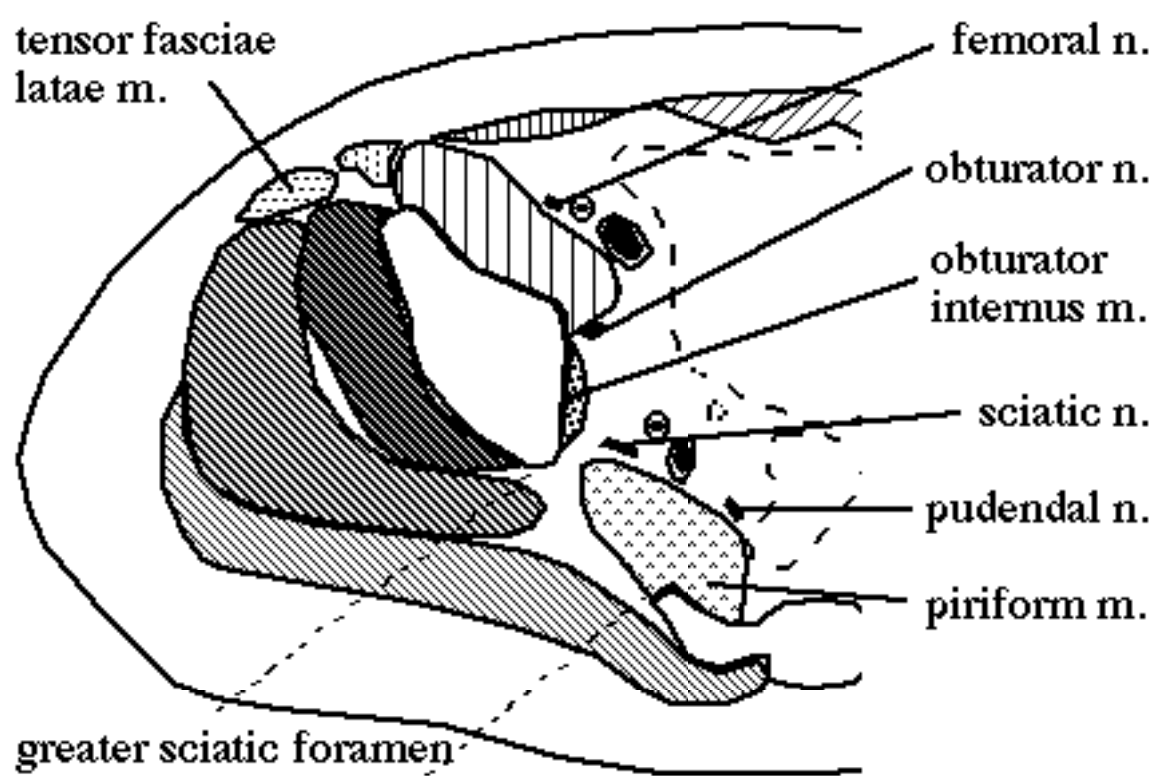
Cross-section Through L4-5



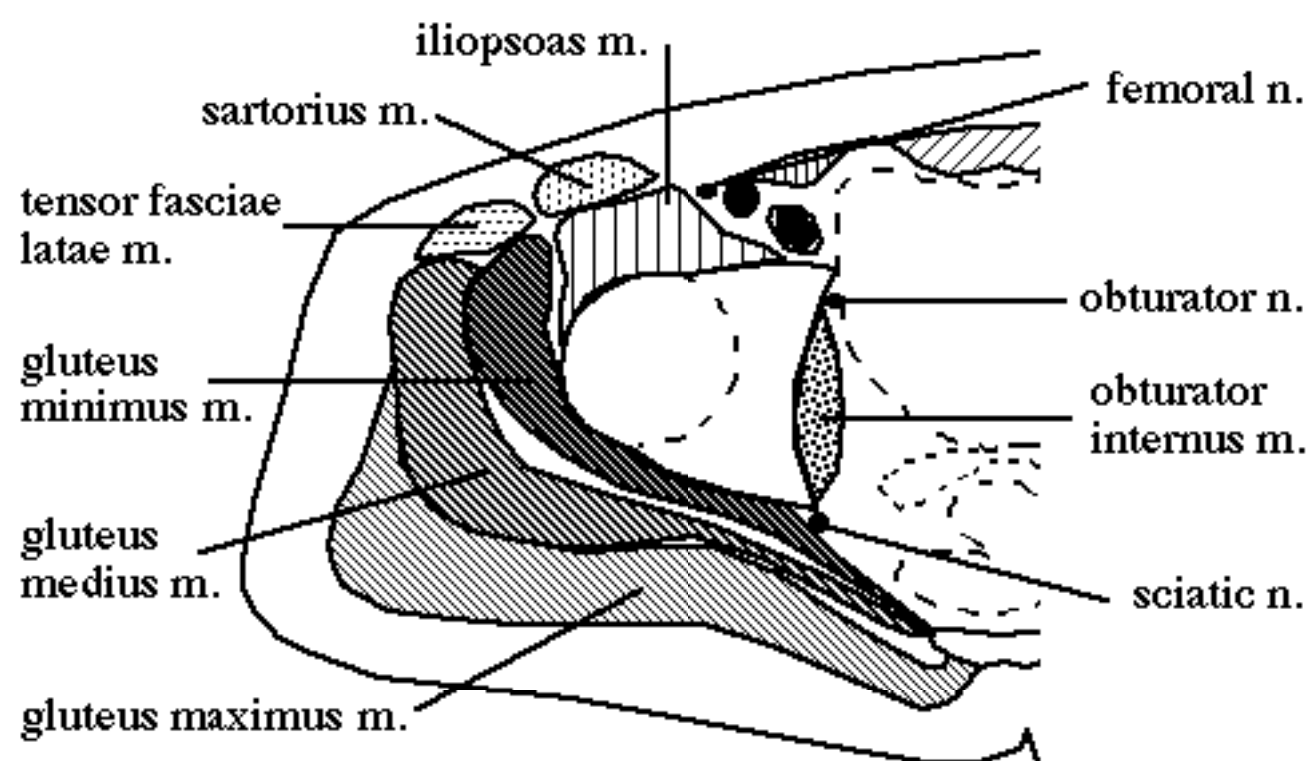
Cross-section Through L5-S1



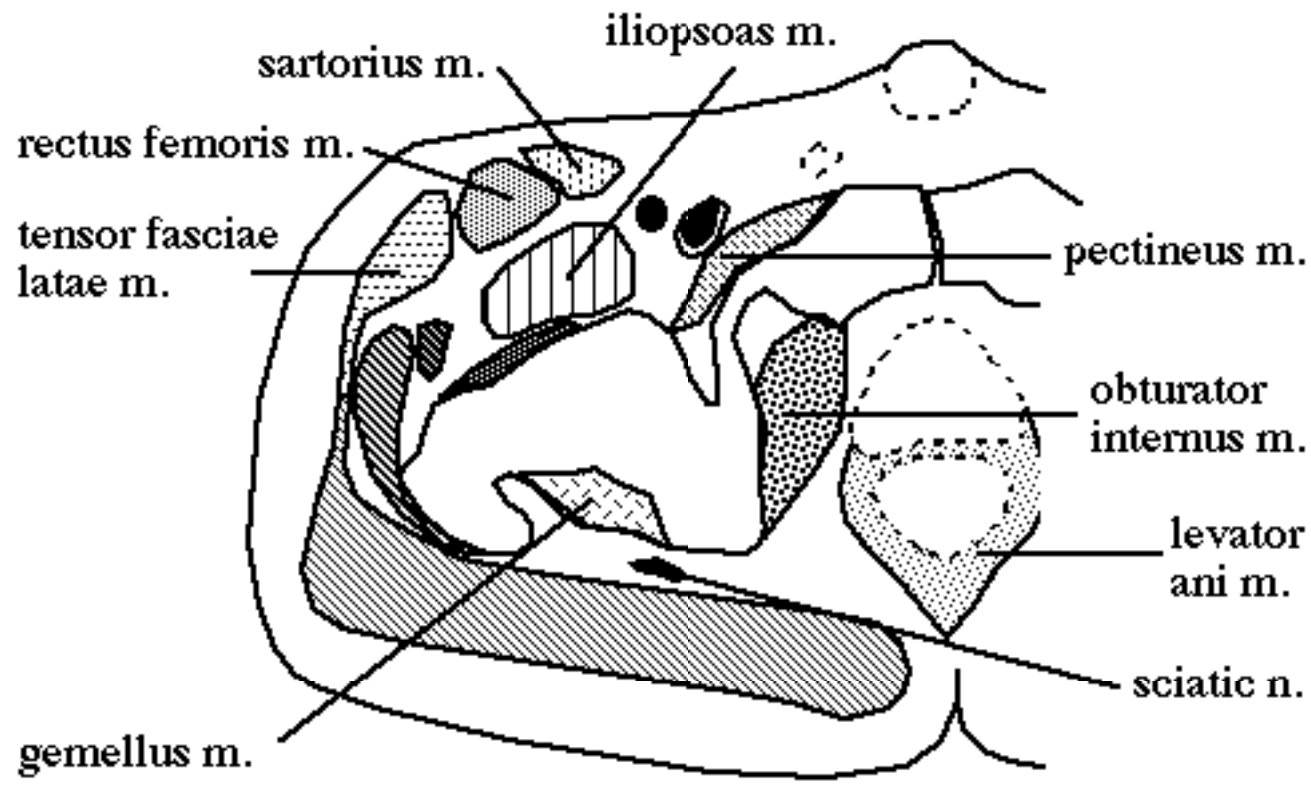
Cross-section Through S1-2



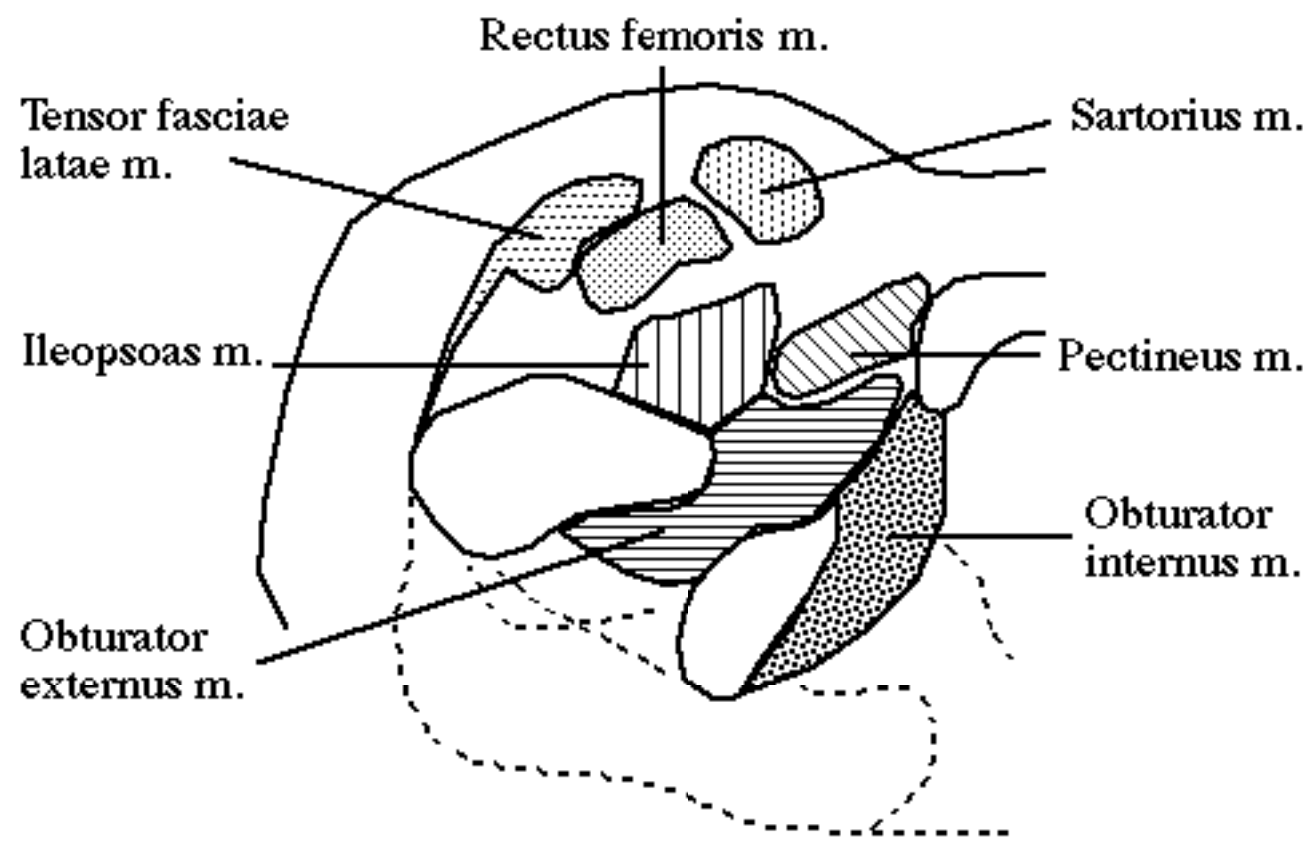
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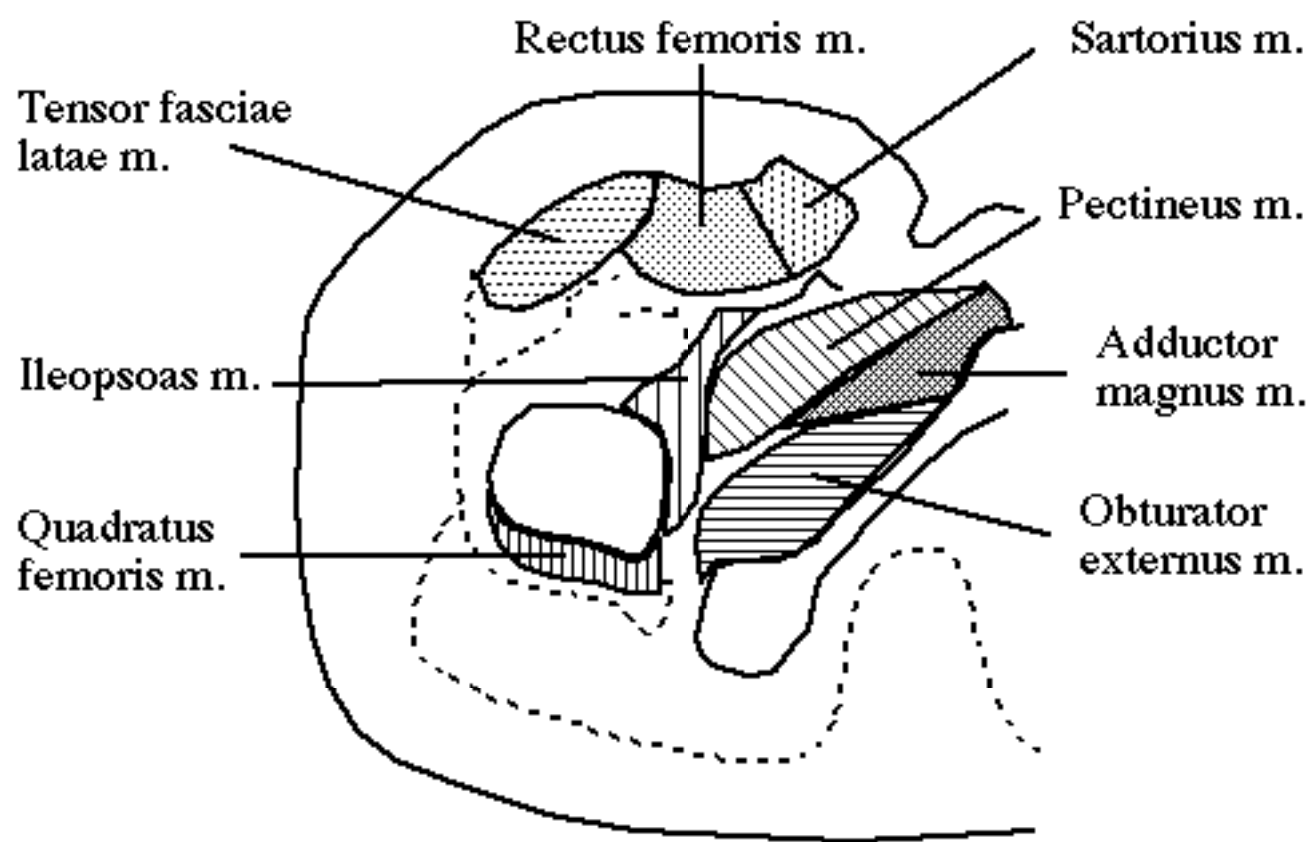
Cross-section Through Acetabular Roof



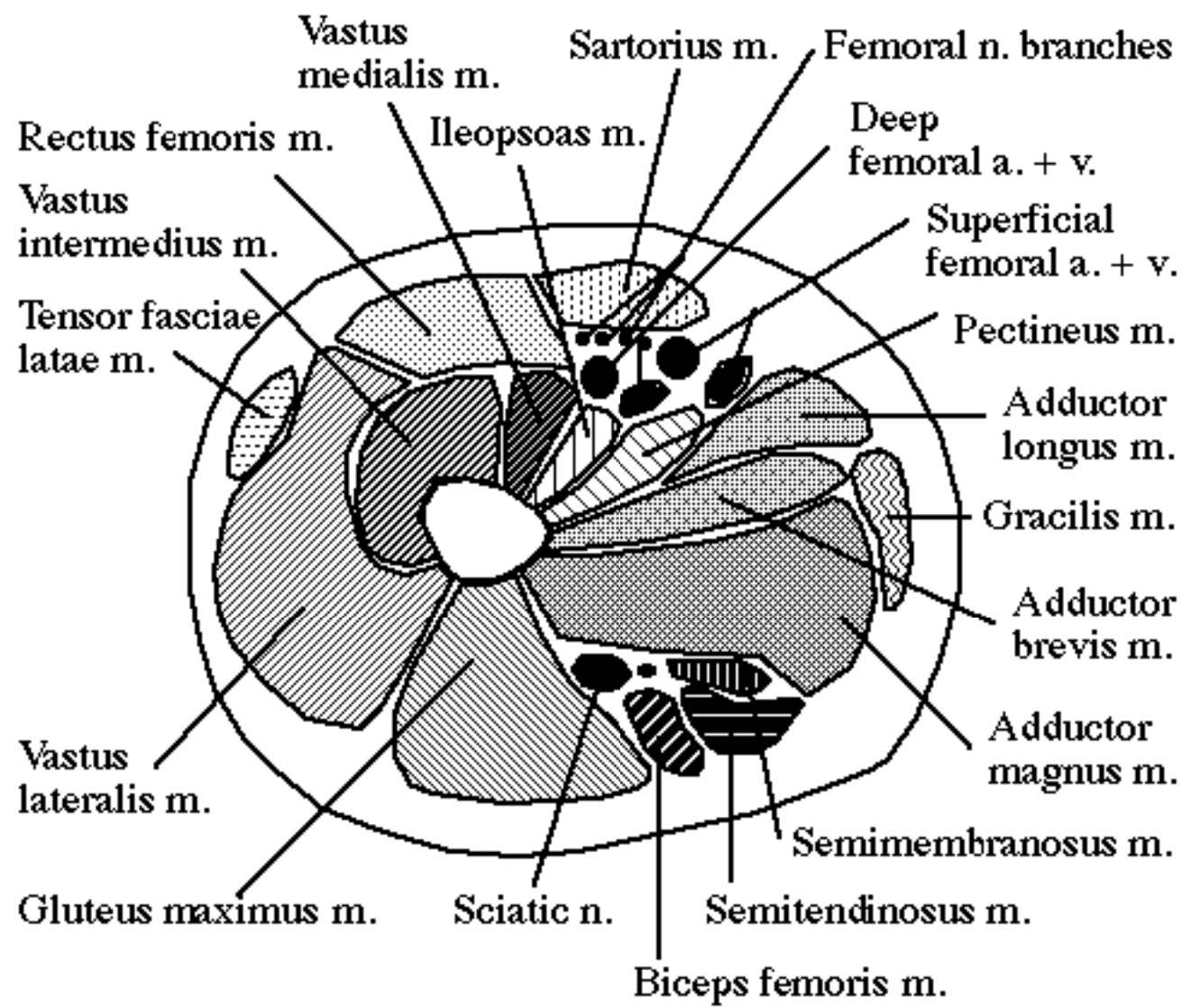
Cross-section Through Greater Trochanter



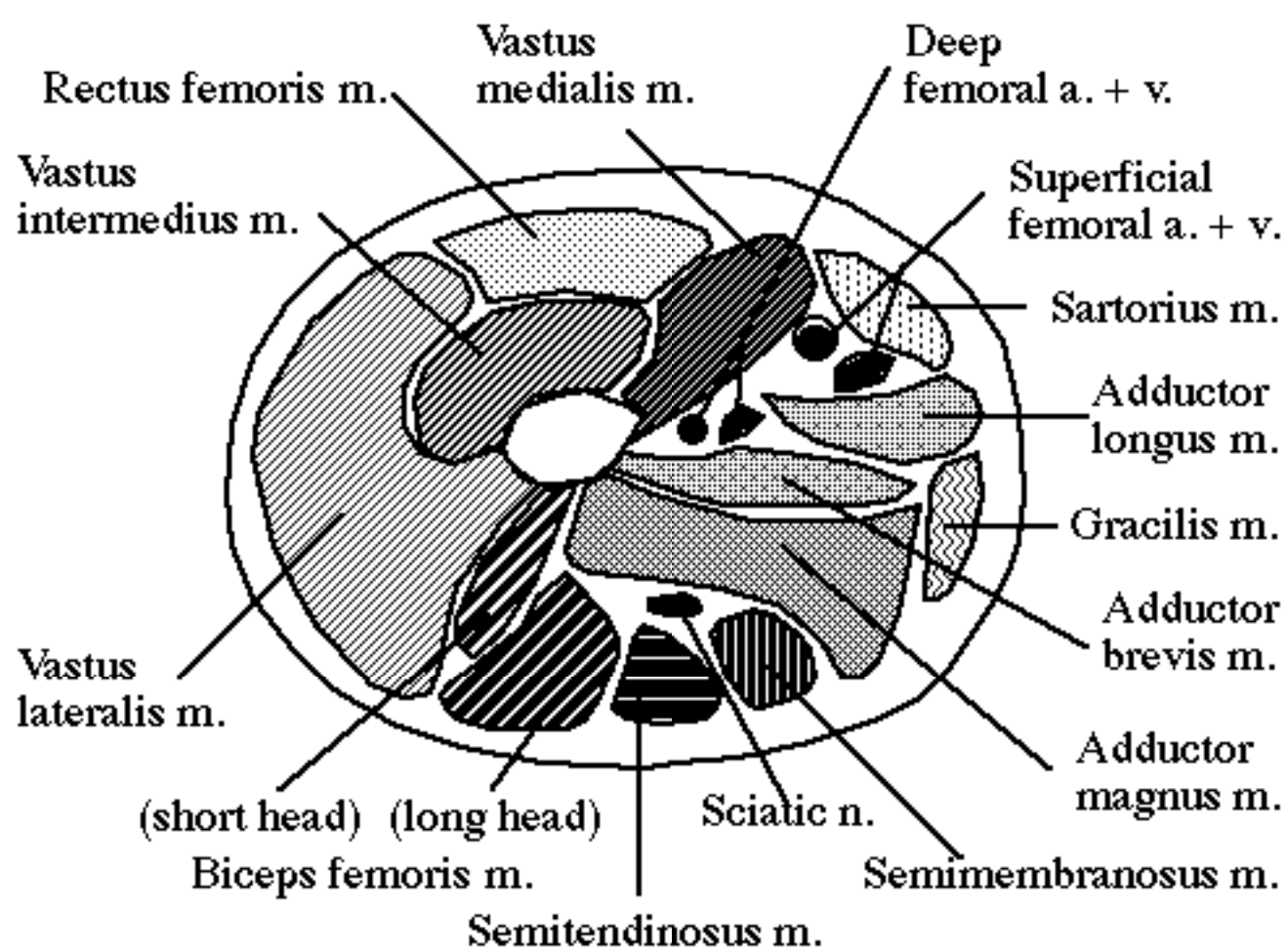
Cross-section Through Obturator Foramen



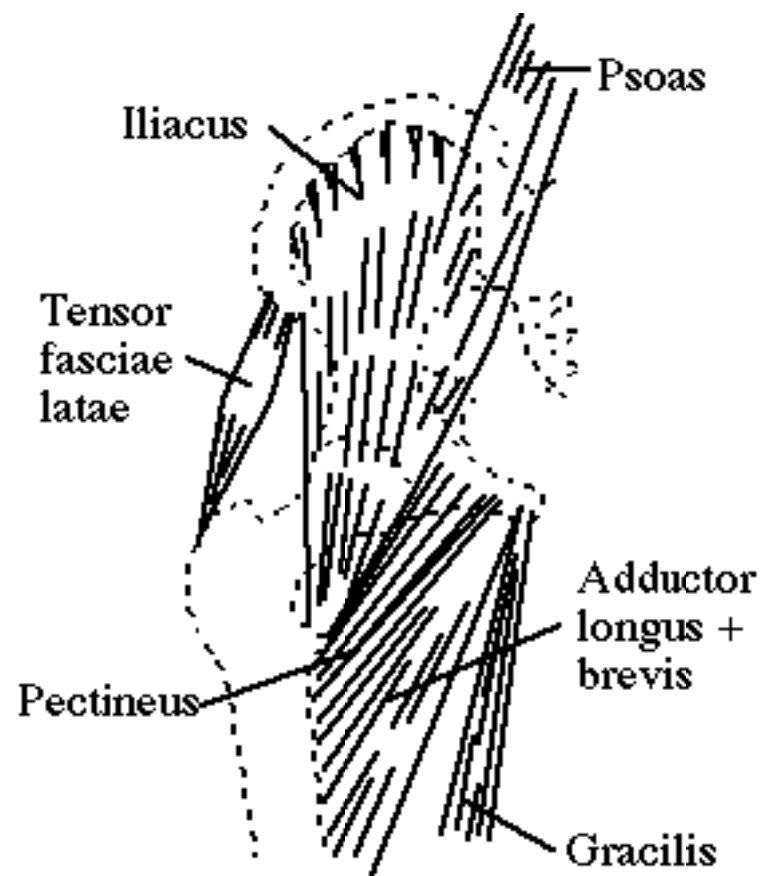
Cross-section Through Level of Minor Trochanter



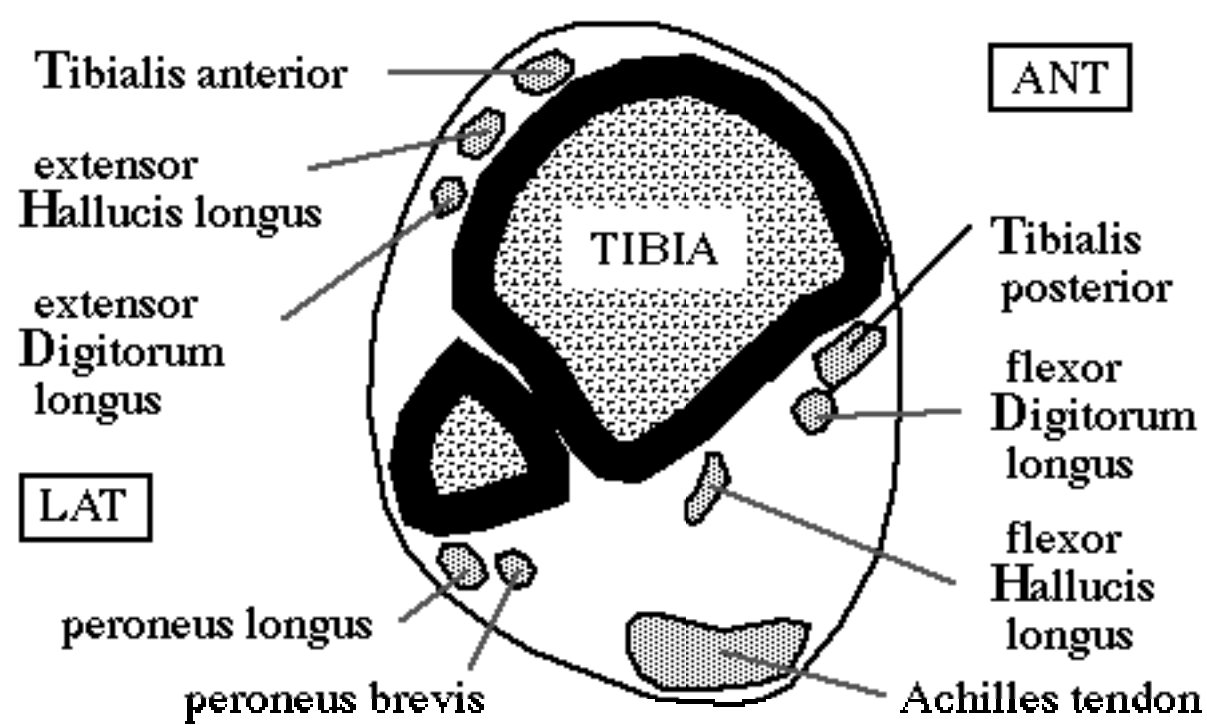
Cross-section Through Proximal Thigh



Cross-section Through Mid Thigh



Musculature About the Hip



Cross-section Through Distal Right Leg
mnemonic for posterior tendons: "Tom, Dick and Harry"

Tibialis posterior
Digitorum longus (flexor)
Hallucis longus (flexor)

[Muscle Attachments of Thigh Anterior Cruciate Ligament \(ACL\) Posterior Cruciate Ligament \(PCL\) Medial \(Tibial\) Collateral Ligament Lateral \(Fibular\) Collateral Ligament](#)

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Muscle Attachments of Thigh

Name of muscle *Origin* *Insertion*

Gracilis inferior pubic ramus pes anserinus **Semimembranosus** ischial tuberosity medial tibial condyle **Semitendinosus** ischial tuberosity pes anserinus **Biceps femoris** - long head ischial tuberosity fibular head - short head lateral linea aspera fibular head **Adductor** - longus superior pubic ramus medial linea aspera - magnus inferior pubic ramus medial linea aspera **Sartorius** anterior superior iliac spine pes anserinus **Quadriceps** - rectus anterior inferior iliac spine patellar tendon - vastus lateralis greater trochanter patellar tendon - vastus medialis medial intertrochanteric line patellar tendon **Iliopsoas** - iliacus ilium lesser trochanter - psoas lumbar spine lesser trochanter **Tensor fasciae latae** anterior superior iliac spine anterolateral tibia **Cruciate ligaments**

⚡ Both cruciate ligaments are intracapsular but extrasynovial!

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Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) Origin:inner face of lateral femoral condyleInsertion:noncartilaginous region of anterior aspect of intercondylar eminence of tibiaAnatomy:several distinct bundles of fibers(1) posterior bulk = spiraling together at femoral origin (2) anteromedial bundle diverging at tibial insertion ✓ thin solid taut dark band (sagittal MR with knee in extension) almost parallel to intercondylar roof(= Blumensaat line) ✓ thin hypointense band parallel to inner aspect of lateral femoral condyle + fanlike configuration toward tibial spine (coronal MR) ✓ thin ovoid hypointense band proximally, elliptical configuration distally with higher intensity (axial MR) ✓ greater signal intensity than posterior cruciate ligament (due to anatomy)

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Posterior Cruciate Ligament (PCL) Origin:in a depression posterior to intercondylar region of tibia below joint surface Insertion:most distal + anterior aspect of inner face of medial femoral condyle ✓ thick dark band slightly posteriorly convex (arclike course on sagittal MR with knee in extension) ✓ medial to ACL (coronal MR)
Collateral ligaments of knee joint

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Medial (Tibial) Collateral Ligament Origin: just distal to adductor tubercle of femur Insertion: anteromedial face of tibia distal to level of tibial tubercle about 5 cm below joint line (a) deep portion: -menisofemoral ligament-meniscotibial ligaments (b) superficial portion-vertical band from femoral epicondyle to pes anserinus-posterior oblique ligament = posterior oblique band from femoral epicondyle to semimembranosus tendon deep and superficial dark bands separated by a thin bursa + fatty tissue (on coronal MR)

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Lateral (Fibular) Collateral Ligament Origin:lateral aspect of lateral femoral condyleInsertion:styloid process of fibular head^v bicipital tendon + iliotibial band join lateral collateral ligament

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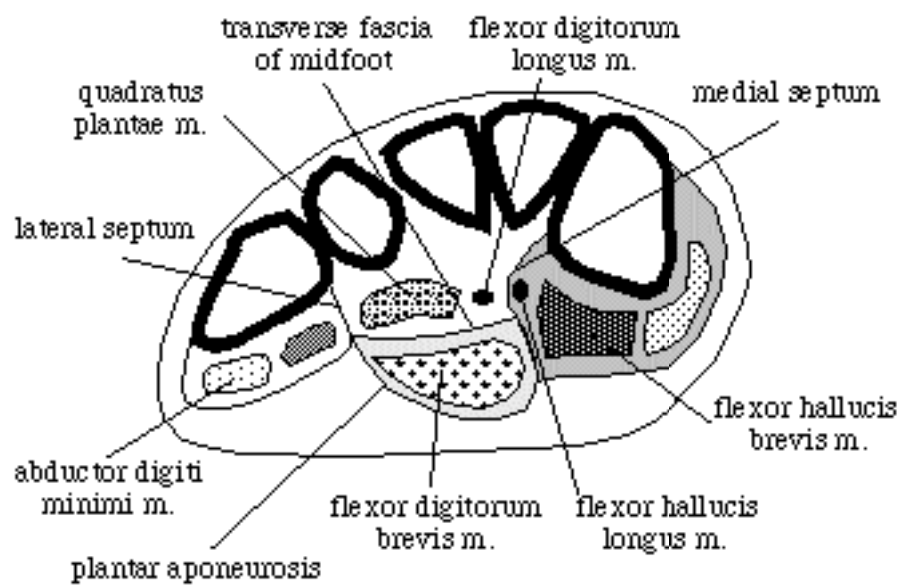
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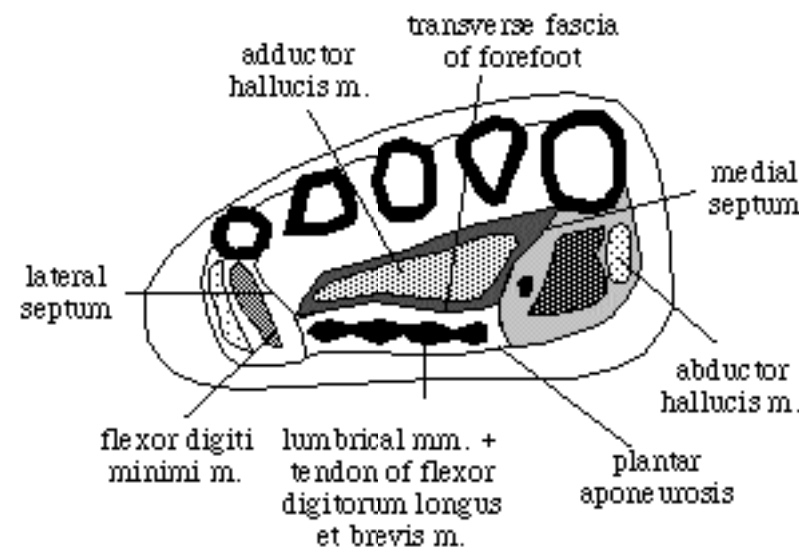
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Plantar Compartments of the Foot



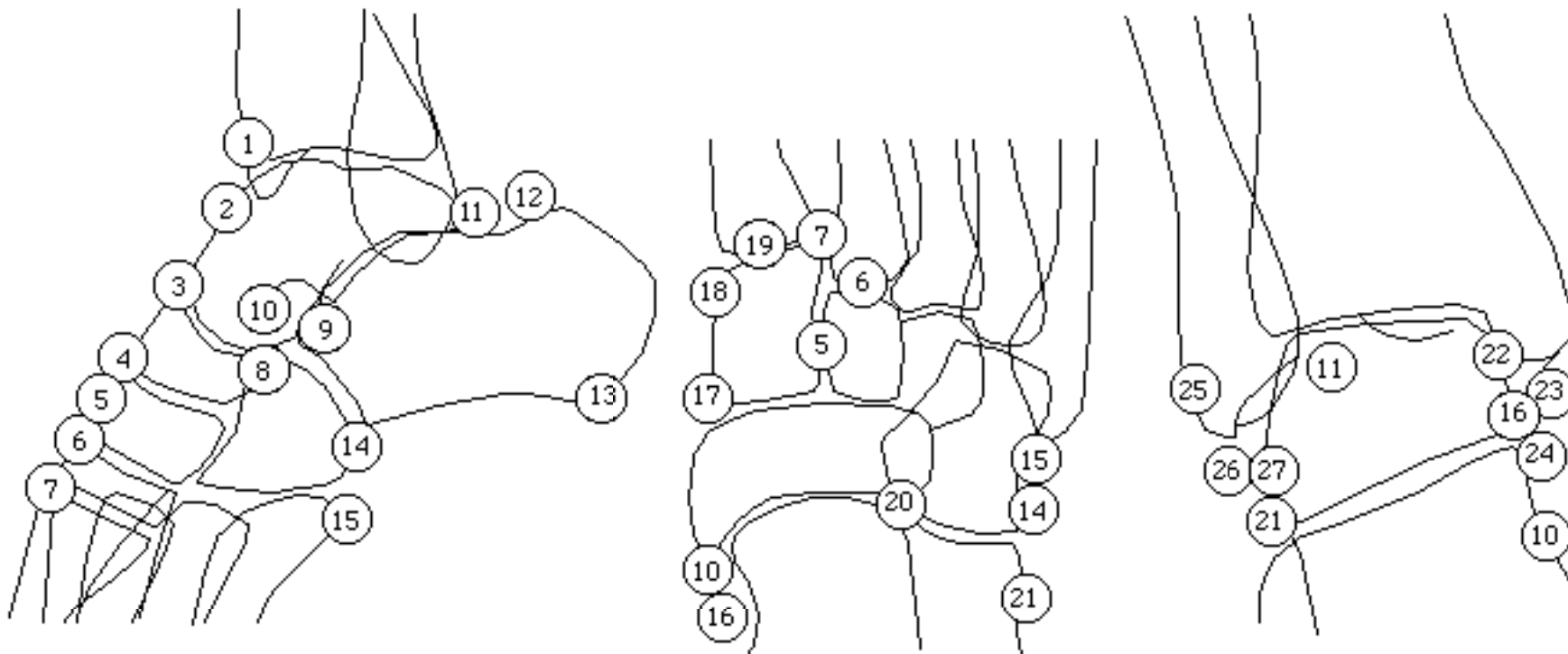
Plantar Compartments of the Midfoot

- Medial compartment = bordered by medial septum (extending from plantar aponeurosis to navicular bone, medial cuneiform bone, and lateral border of plantar surface of 1st metatarsal bone); contains abductor hallucis m. + flexor hallucis brevis m. + flexor hallucis longus tendon
- Lateral compartment = bordered by lateral septum (extending from plantar aponeurosis to medial surface of 5th metatarsal bone); contains abductor m. + short flexor m. + opponens m. of 5th toe
- Central compartment = bordered by medial + lateral septa; communicates directly with posterior compartment of calf; subdivided by horizontal septa: adductor hallucis m. separated from quadratus plantae m. contains flexor digitorum brevis m. + flexor digitorum longus tendon + quadratus plantae m. + lumbricales mm. + adductor hallucis m.
- Deep subcompartment = bordered by transverse fascia of fore foot; separated from quadratus plantae m.; contains adductor hallucis m.

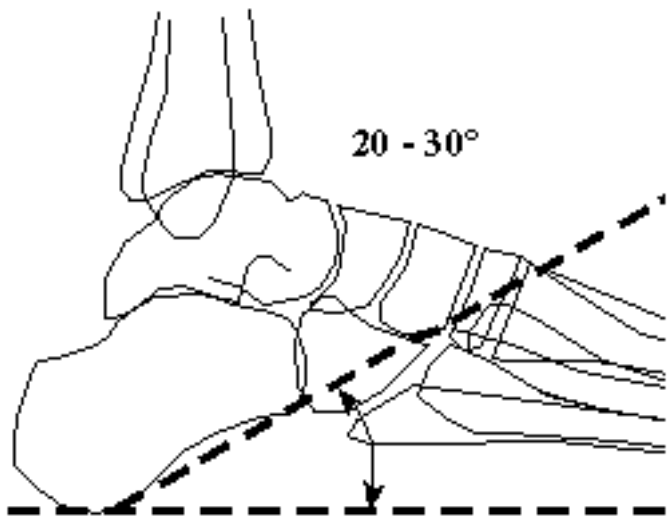


Plantar Compartments of the Forefoot

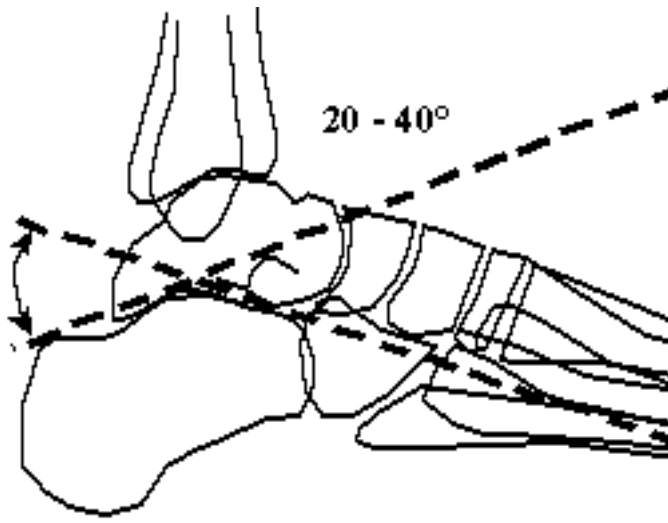
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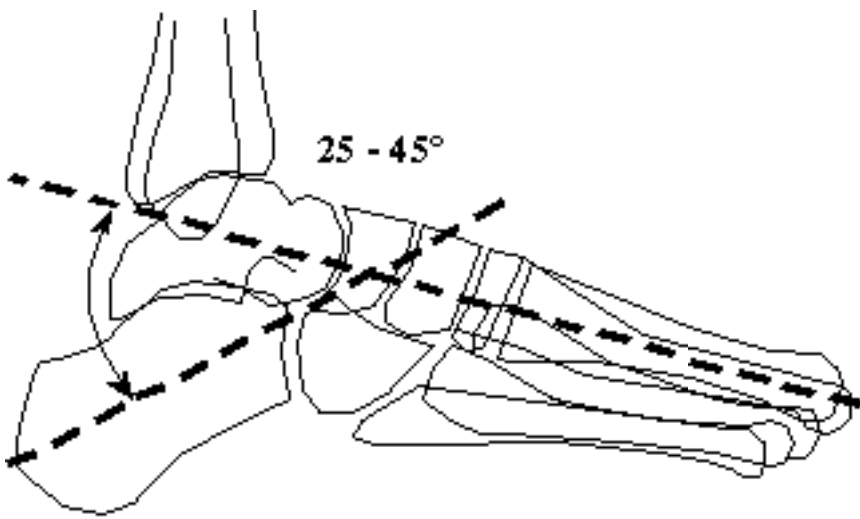
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| 1 Os talotibiale | 10 Os tibiale externum | 19 Os cuneometatarsale I plantare |
| 2 Os supratolare | 11 Trigonum | 20 Cuboides secundarium |
| 3 Os suprnaviculare | 12 Os accessorium supracalcaneum | 21 Os trochleare calcanei |
| 4 Os infranaviculare | 13 Os subcalcis | 22 Sesamoid talus - int. malleolus |
| 5 Os intercuneiforme | 14 Os peroneum | 23 Os subtibiale |
| 6 Os cuneometatarsale II dorsale | 15 Os vesalianum | 24 Os sustentaculi |
| 7 Os intermetatarsale | 16 Talus accessorius | 25 Os retinaculi |
| 8 Secondary cuboid | 17 Os cuneonaviculare mediale | 26 Os subfibulare |
| 9 Calcaneus secundarius | 18 Sesamum tibiale anterius | 27 Talus secundarius |



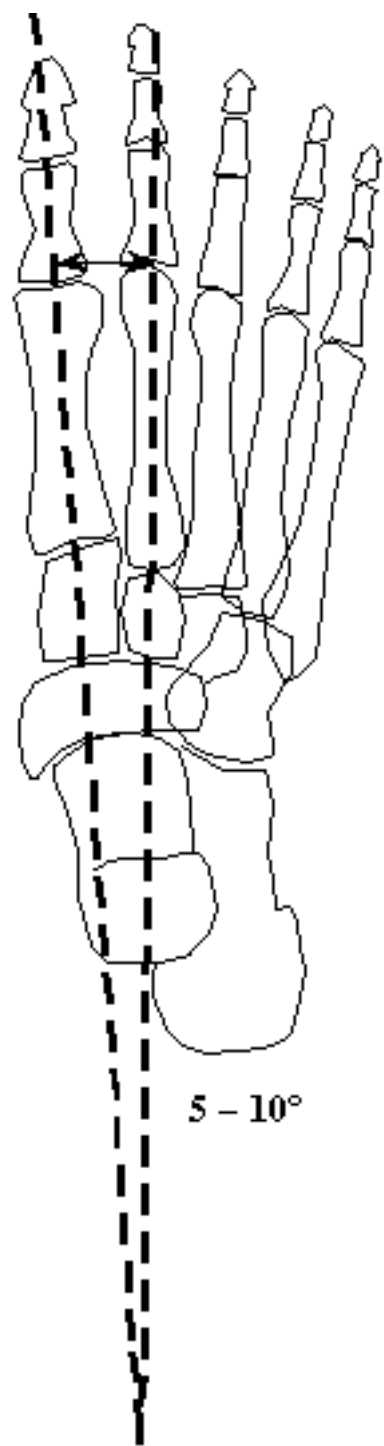
Calcaneal Pitch = Calcaneal Inclination Angle = determines longitudinal arch of foot; angle between line drawn along the inferior border of calcaneus connecting the anterior and posterior prominences + line representing the horizontal surface



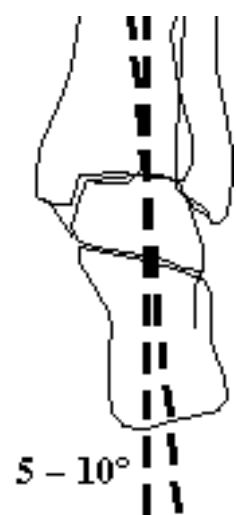
Boehler Angle = angle between first line drawn from posterosuperior prominence of calcaneus anteriorly to sustentaculum tali + second line drawn from anterosuperior prominence posteriorly to sustentaculum tali; measures integrity of calcaneus



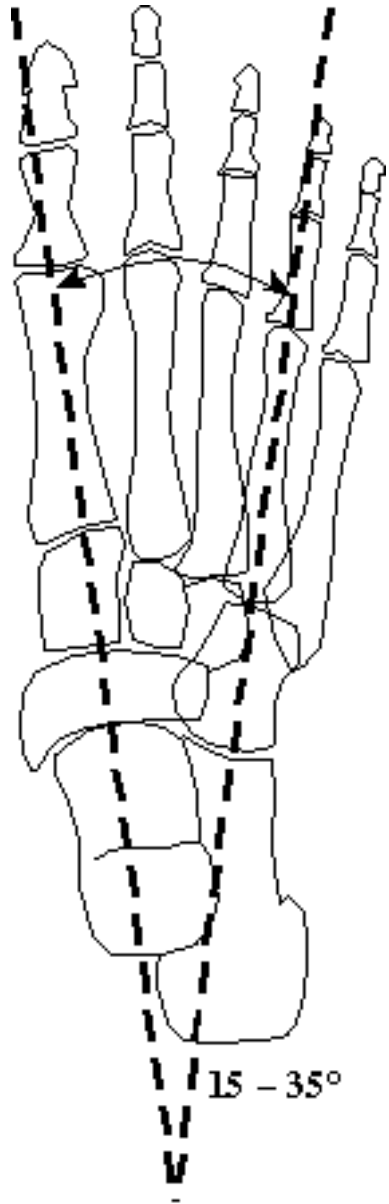
Talocalcaneal Angle on LAT View = angle between lines drawn through mid-transverse planes of talus + calcaneus; the midtalar line parallels the longitudinal axis of the first metatarsal



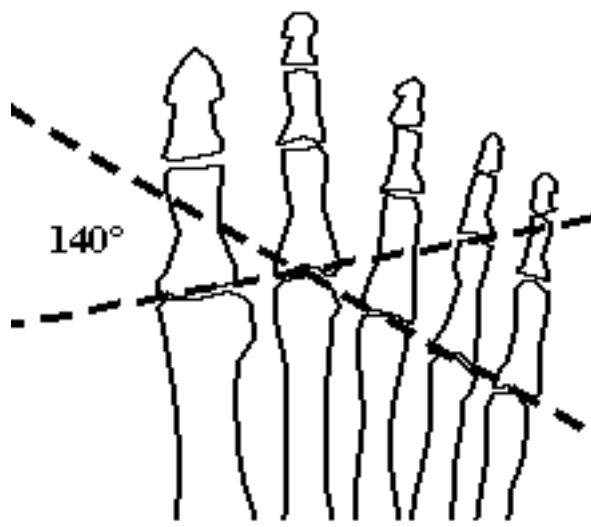
Intermetatarsal Angle amount that 1st + 2nd metatarsals diverge from each other



Heel Valgus cannot be measured directly on radiographs but inferred from the talocalcaneal angle and estimated on coronal CT sections



Talocalcaneal Angle on AP View = KITE ANGLE = the midtalar and midcalcaneal lines parallel the 1st + 4th metatarsals; angle is greater in infants



Angle of Metatarsal Heads = obtuse angle formed by lines tangential to metatarsal heads

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ACHONDROGENESIS

=autosomal recessive lethal chondrodystrophy characterized by extreme micromelia, short trunk, large cranium TRIAD: (1) severe short-limb [dwarfism](#) (2) lack of vertebral calcification (3) large head with normal / decreased calvarial ossification *Birth prevalence*: 2.3:100,000 *Path*: disorganization of cartilage A. TYPE I = Parenti-Fraccaro disease = defective enchondral + membranous ossification ✓ complete lack of ossification of calvarium + spine + pelvis ✓ absent sacrum + pubic bone ✓ extremely short long bones without bowing, especially femur, radius, ulna ✓ thin ribs with multiple fractures (frequent) B. TYPE II = Langer-Saldino disease = defective enchondral ossification only ✓ good ossification of skull vault ✓ nonossification of lower lumbar vertebrae + sacrum ✓ short + stubby horizontal ribs without fractures • often subcutaneous edema ✓ irregular flared metaphyses (esp. humerus) ✓ short trunk with narrow chest + protruding abdomen ✓ redundant soft tissues ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (common) ✓ increase in HC:AC ratio *Prognosis*: lethal often in utero / within few hours or days after birth (respiratory failure) *DDx*: often confused with thanatophoric [dwarfism](#)

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Heterozygous Achondroplasia ♀ Prototype of rhizomelic [dwarfism](#)! = autosomal dominant / sporadic (80%) disease with quantitatively defective endochondral bone formation; related to advanced paternal age; epiphyseal maturation + ossification unaffected *Incidence*: 1:26,000-66,000 births, most common of lethal bone dysplasias; M < F • normal intelligence + motor function • neurologic defects • classically circus dwarfs @ Skull • flat nasal bridge (hypoplastic base of skull) • brachycephaly with enlarged bulging forehead (nonprogressive [hydrocephalus](#)) • relative prognathism ✓ large calvarium with frontal bossing ✓ broad mandible ✓ shortened base of skull + small [foramen magnum](#) ✓ communicating [hydrocephalus](#) caused by constricted basicranium + [foramen magnum](#) (obstruction of basal cisterns + aqueduct) @ Chest & spine • protuberant abdomen • prominent buttocks ✓ squaring of inferior scapular margin ✓ narrow chest with short anteriorly flared ribs ✓ hypoplastic bullet- / wedge-shaped vertebra = rounded anterior beaking of vertebra in upper lumbar spine (DDx: Hurler disease) ✓ posterior vertebral scalloping ✓ scoliosis ✓ [spinal stenosis](#) (ventrodorsal + interpediculate space) in lumbar spine ✓ laminar thickening ✓ bulging discs ✓ wide intervertebral foramina ✓ lumbar angular kyphosis (gibbus) + sacral lordosis @ Pelvis • rolling gait from backward tilt of pelvis and hip joints ✓ square-shaped flattened iliac bones with tombstone configuration ("champagne glass") ✓ lack of flaring of iliac wings ✓ horizontal acetabula (flat acetabular angle) ✓ small sacrosciatic notch @ Extremities • short stubby limbs + fingers • trident hand = separation of 2nd + 3rd digit and inability to approximate 3rd + 4th finger • limited range of motion of elbow ✓ [brachydactyly](#) (short tubular bones of hand + feet), especially short proximal + middle phalanges ✓ "trumpet" appearance with short long bones and metaphyseal flaring (normal width of metaphysis) ✓ predominantly rhizomelic shortness of long bones (femur, humerus) ✓ short femoral necks ✓ limb bowing ✓ "ball-in-socket" epiphysis = broad V-shaped distal femoral metaphysis in which epiphysis is incorporated ✓ high position of fibular head (fibula less short) ✓ short ulna with thick proximal + slender distal end OB-US (diagnosable >21-27th week GA): ✓ shortening of proximal long bones: femur length <99th percentile between 21 and 27 weeks MA ✓ increased BPD, HC, HC:AC ratio ✓ decreased FL:BPD ratio ✓ normal mineralization, no fractures ✓ normal thorax + normal cardiothoracic ratio ✓ three-pronged (= trident) hand = 2nd + 3rd + 4th finger of similarly short length without completely approximating each other (= PATHOGNOMONIC) Cx: (1) [Hydrocephalus](#) + [syringomyelia](#) (small [foramen magnum](#)) (2) Recurrent ear infection (poorly developed facial bones) (3) Neurologic complications (compression of spinal cord, lower brain stem, cauda equina, nerve roots): apnea and sudden death (4) Crowded dentition + malocclusion *Prognosis*: long life *DDx*: various [mucopolysaccharidoses](#)

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Homozygous Achondroplasia =hereditary autosomal dominant disease with severe features of achondroplasia (disproportionate limb shortening, more marked proximally than distally)*Risk*:marriage of two achondroplasts to each other✓ large cranium with short base + small face✓ flattened nose bridge✓ [short ribs](#) with flared ends✓ hypoplastic vertebral bodies✓ decreased interpedicular distance✓ short squared innominate bones✓ flattened acetabular roof✓ small sciatic notch✓ short limb bones with flared metaphyses✓ short, broad, widely spaced tubular bones of hand*Prognosis*:often stillborn; lethal in neonatal period (from respiratory failure)*DDx*:[thanatophoric dysplasia](#)

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ACROCEPHALOSYNDACTYLY

=syndrome characterized by(1)increased height of skull vault due to generalized craniosynostosis (= acrocephaly, oxycephaly)(2)[syndactyly](#) of fingers / toes Type I:[Apert syndrome](#) = acrocephalosyndactylyType II: Vogt cephalosyndactylyType III:Acrocephalosyndactyly with asymmetry of skull + mild [syndactyly](#)Type IV:Wardenburg typeType V:Pfeiffer type

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ACROOSTEOLYSIS, FAMILIAL

dominant inheritance Age: onset in 2nd decade; M:F = 3:1 • sensory changes in hands + feet • destruction of nails • joint hypermobility • swelling of plantar of foot with deep wide ulcer + ejection of bone fragments @ Skull ✓ [wormian bones](#) ✓ craniostynostosis ✓ basilar impression ✓ protuberant occiput ✓ resorption of alveolar processes + loss of teeth @ Spine ✓ spinal [osteoporosis](#) ± [fracture](#) ✓ kyphoscoliosis + progressive decrease in height

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ACROMEGALY

Etiology: excess growth hormone due to eosinophilic adenoma / hyperplasia • gigantism in children (DDx: **Soto syndrome** of cerebral gigantism = large skull, mental retardation, [cerebral atrophy](#), advanced bone age) ✓ osseous enlargement (phalangeal tufts, vertebrae) ✓ flared ends of long bone ✓ cystic changes in carpals, femoral trochanters ✓ [osteoporosis](#) @ Hand • spadelike hand ✓ widening of terminal tufts @ Skull ✓ prognathism (= elongation of mandible) in few cases ✓ sellar enlargement + erosion ✓ enlargement of [paranasal sinuses](#): large frontal sinuses (75%) ✓ calvarial hyperostosis (especially inner table) ✓ enlarged occipital protuberance @ Vertebrae ✓ posterior scalloping in 30% (secondary to pressure of enlarged soft tissue) ✓ anterior new bone ✓ loss of disk space (weakening of cartilage) @ Soft tissue ✓ heel pad >25 mm @ Joints ✓ premature [osteoarthritis](#) (commonly knees)

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ACTINOMYCOSIS

Organism: *Actinomyces israelii*, Gram-positive anaerobic pleomorphic small bacterium with proteolytic activity, superficially resembling the morphology of a hyphal fungus; closely related to mycobacteria
Histo: mycelial form in tissue; rod-shaped bacterial form normally inhabiting [oropharynx](#) (dental caries, gingival margins, tonsillar crypts) + GI tract
Predisposed: individuals with very poor dental hygiene, immunosuppressed patients
Location: mandibulofacial > intestinal > lung
Types: (1) Mandibulo- / cervicofacial actinomycosis (common)
Cause: poor oral hygiene • draining cutaneous sinuses • "sulfur granules" in sputum / exudate = colonies of organisms arranged in circular fashion = mycelial clumps with thin hyphae 1-2 mm in diameter
✓ osteomyelitis of mandible (most frequent bone involved) with destruction of mandible around tooth socket
✓ no new-bone formation
✓ spread to soft tissues at angle of jaw + into neck
(2) Abdominal / ileocecal actinomycosis (60%)
Cause: rupture / surgery of appendix; IUD use
Location: initially localized to cecum / appendix • fever, leukocytosis, mild anemia • weight loss, nausea, vomiting, pain • chronic sinus in groin
✓ fold thickening + ulcerations (resembling [Crohn disease](#))
✓ rupture of abdominal viscus (usually appendix)
✓ fistula formation
✓ abscess in liver (15%), retroperitoneum, psoas muscle (containing yellow "sulfur granules" = 1-2 mm colony of gram-positive bacilli)
(3) Pleuropulmonary actinomycosis
Cause: hematogenous spread / inhalation
@ Lung • draining chest wall sinuses (spread through fascial planes)
✓ consolidation extending across interlobar fissures (acute airspace [pneumonia](#) rare)
✓ cavitary lesion (abscess)
✓ pleuritis + [empyema](#)
@ Vertebra + ribs ✓ destruction of vertebra with preservation of disk + small paravertebral abscess without calcification (DDx to [tuberculosis](#): disk destroyed, large abscess with [calcium](#))
✓ thickening of cervical vertebrae around margins
✓ destruction / thickening of ribs
@ Tubular bones of hands
✓ destructive lesion of mottled permeating type
✓ cartilage destruction + subarticular erosive defects in joints (simulating TB) Rx: surgical débridement + penicillin

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ADAMANTINOMA

=(MALIGNANT) ANGIOBLASTOMA = locally aggressive / malignant lesion *Histo*:pseudoeithelial cell masses with peripheral columnar cells in a palisade pattern with varying amounts of fibrous stroma; areas of squamous / tubular / alveolar / vessel transformation; prominent vascularity; resembles ameloblastoma of the jaw *Age*:25-50 years, commonest in 3rd-4th decade ■ frequently history of trauma ■ local swelling ± pain *Location*:middle 1/3 of tibia (90%), fibula, ulna, carpals, metacarpals, humerus, shaft of femur ✓ eccentric round osteolytic lesion with sclerotic margin, may have additional foci in continuity with major lesion (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ may show mottled density ✓ bone expansion frequent ✓ often multiple *Prognosis*:tendency to recur after local excision; after several recurrences pulmonary metastases may develop *DDx*:[fibrous dysplasia](#) (possibly related)

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AINHUM DISEASE

=DACTYLOLYSIS SPONTANEA [ainhum = fissure, saw, sword] *Etiology*: unknown *Histo*: hyperkeratotic epidermis with fibrotic thickening of collagen bundles below; chronic lymphocytic inflammatory reaction may be present; arterial walls may be thickened with narrowed vessel lumina *Incidence*: up to 2% *Age*: usually in males in 4th + 5th decades; Blacks (West Africa) + their American descendants; M > F • deep soft-tissue groove forming on medial aspect of plantar surface of proximal phalanx with edema distally • painful ulceration may develop *Location*: mostly 5th / 4th toe (rarely finger); near interphalangeal joint; mostly bilateral sharply demarcated progressive bone resorption of distal / middle phalanx with tapering of proximal phalanx to complete autoamputation (after an average of 5 years) *osteoporosis* *Rx*: early surgical resection of groove with Z plasty *DDx*: (1) Neuropathic disorders (diabetes, [leprosy](#), syphilis) (2) Trauma (burns, [frostbite](#)) (3) [Acroosteolysis](#) from inflammatory arthritis, infection, polyvinyl chloride exposure (4) Congenitally constricting bands in [amniotic band syndrome](#)

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AMYLOIDOSIS

=accumulation + infiltration of a chemically diverse group of protein polysaccharides in body tissues; tends to form around capillaries + endothelial cells of larger blood vessels causing ultimately vascular obliteration with infarction *Path*: stains with Congo red ■ bone pain ■ periarticular rubbery soft-tissue swelling + stiffness (shoulders, hips, fingers) ■ Bence-Jones protein (without myeloma) ✓ periarticular soft-tissue swelling (amyloid deposited in synovium, joint capsule, tendons, ligaments) ± extrinsic osseous erosion ✓ subluxation of proximal humerus + femoral neck ✓ osteoporosis ✓ coarse trabecular pattern (DDx: [sarcoidosis](#)) ✓ focal medullary lytic lesion with endosteal scalloping (± secondary invasion + erosion of articular bone) ✓ pathologic fractures may occur (vertebral [fracture](#))

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ANEURYSMAL BONE CYST

=expansile lesion of bone containing thin-walled blood-filled cystic cavities; name derived from roentgen appearance *Etiology*: (a) primary ABC (65-99%) local circulatory disturbance as a result of trauma (b) secondary ABC (1-35%) arising in preexisting [bone tumor](#) causing venous obstruction / [arteriovenous fistula](#): [giant cell tumor](#) (39%), [osteoblastoma](#), [chondroblastoma](#), angioma, telangiectatic [osteosarcoma](#), [solitary bone cyst](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#), xanthoma, [chondromyxoid fibroma](#), [nonossifying fibroma](#), metastatic carcinoma *Histo.*: "intraosseous [arteriovenous malformation](#)" with honeycombed spaces filled with blood + lined by granulation tissue / osteoid; areas of free hemorrhage; sometimes multinucleated giant cells; solid component predominates in 5-7% *Types*: 1. INTRAOSSEOUS ABC=primary cystic / telangiectatic tumor of giant cell family, originating in bone marrow cavity, slow expansion of cortex; rarely related to history of trauma 2. EXTRAOSSEOUS ABC=posttraumatic hemorrhagic cyst; originating on surface of bones, erosion through cortex into marrow *Age*: peak age 16 years (range 10-30 years); in 75% <20 years; F > M • pain of relatively acute onset with rapid increase of severity over 6-12 weeks • ± history of trauma • neurologic signs (radiculopathy to quadriplegia) if in spine *Location*: (a) spine (12-30%) with slight predilection for posterior elements; thoracic > lumbar > cervical spine (22%); involvement of vertebral body (40-90%); may involve two contiguous vertebrae (25%) (b) long bones: eccentric in metaphysis of femur, tibia, humerus, fibula; pelvis ✓ purely lytic eccentric radiolucency ✓ aggressive expansile ballooning lesion of "soap-bubble" pattern + thin internal trabeculations ✓ rapid progression within 6 weeks to 3 months ✓ sclerotic inner portion ✓ almost invisible thin cortex (CT shows integrity) ✓ tumor respects epiphyseal plate ✓ no [periosteal reaction](#) (except when fractured) CT: ✓ "blood-filled sponge" = fluid-fluid levels due to blood sedimentation (in 10-35%) MR: ✓ multiple cysts of different signal intensity representing different stages of blood by-products ✓ low-signal intensity rim = intact thickened periosteal membrane NUC: ✓ "doughnut sign" = peripheral increased [uptake](#) (64%) *Angio*: ✓ hypervascularity in lesion periphery (in 75%) *Prognosis*: 20-30% recurrence rate *Rx*: complete resection; embolotherapy; radiation therapy (subsequent sarcoma possible) *Cx*: (1) pathologic [fracture](#) (frequent) (2) extradural block with paraplegia *DDx*: (1) [Giant cell tumor](#) (particularly in spine) (2) Hemorrhagic cyst (end of bone / epiphysis, not expansile) (3) [Enchondroma](#) (4) Metastasis (renal cell + [thyroid carcinoma](#)) (5) Plasmacytoma (6) Chondro- and [fibrosarcoma](#) (7) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (8) Hemophilic pseudotumor (9) Hydatid cyst

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ANGIOMATOSIS

= diffuse infiltration of bone / soft tissue by hemangiomas / lymphangiomas lesions *Age*: first 3 decades of life *May be associated with*: [chylothorax](#), chyloperitoneum, lymphedema, hepatosplenomegaly, [cystic hygroma](#) A. OSSEOUS ANGIOMATOSIS (30-40%) • indolent course *Location*: femur > ribs > spine > pelvis > humerus > scapula > other long bones > clavicle ✓ osteolysis with honeycomb / latticework ("hole-within-hole") appearance ✓ may occur on both sides of joint *DDx*: solitary osseous [hemangioma](#) B. CYSTIC ANGIOMATOSIS = extensive involvement of bone *Histo*: endothelial lined cysts in bone *Age*: peak 10-15 years; range of 3 months to 55 years *Location*: long bones, skull, flat bones ✓ multiple osteolytic metaphyseal lesions of 1-2 mm to several cm with fine sclerotic margins + relative sparing of medullary cavity ✓ may show overgrowth of long bone ✓ endosteal thickening ✓ sometimes associated with soft-tissue mass ± phleboliths ✓ chylous [pleural effusion](#) suggests fatal prognosis *DDx*: (other polyostotic diseases as) histiocytosis X, [fibrous dysplasia](#), metastases, [Gaucher disease](#), congenital [fibromatosis](#), [Maffucci syndrome](#), [neurofibromatosis](#), [enchondromatosis](#) C. SOFT-TISSUE ANGIOMATOSIS (60-70%) = VISCERAL ANGIOMATOSIS • poor prognosis D. ANGIOMATOUS SYNDROMES 1. [Maffucci syndrome](#) 2. [Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome](#) 3. [Klippel-Trénaunay-Weber disease](#) 4. [Kasabach-Merritt syndrome](#) 5. [Gorham disease](#)

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ANGIOSARCOMA

= aggressive vascular malignancy with frequent local recurrence + distant metastasis *Histo*:vascular channels surrounded by hemangiomatous / lymphomatous cellular elements with high degree of anaplasia Age:M:F = 2:1 *Associated with*: **Stewart-Treves syndrome**

=[angiosarcoma](#) with chronic lymphedema developing in postmastectomy patients Location:skin (in 33%); soft tissue (in 24%);bone (in 6%): tibia (23%), femur (18%), humerus (13%), pelvis (7%) *DDx*:hemangioendothelioma, [hemangiopericytoma](#)

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ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS

= chronic inflammatory disease of unknown etiology primarily affecting spine Age:15-35 years; M:F = 4:1-10:1;Caucasians:Blacks = 3:1 Associated with:(1)[ulcerative colitis](#), regional enteritis(2)iritis in 25%(3)aortic insufficiency + atrioventricular conduction defect • HLA-B 27 positive in 96% • insidious onset of low back pain + stiffness Location:axial skeleton; HALLMARK is sacroiliac joint involvement; peripheral skeleton (10-20%) temporomandibular joint space narrowing, erosions, osteophytosis @ Hand (30%) Target area:MCP, PIP, DIP exuberant osseous proliferation [osteoporosis](#), joint space narrowing, osseous erosions (deformities less striking than in [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) @ Sacroiliac / symphysis pubis initially sclerosis of joint margins primarily on iliac side (bilateral + symmetric late in disease, may be unilateral + asymmetric early in disease) later irregularities + widening of joint (cartilage destruction) bony fusion @ Spine straightening / squaring of anterior vertebral margins = osteitis of anterior corners reactive sclerosis of corners of vertebral bodies asymmetric erosions of laminae + spinous process at level of lumbar spine marginal syndesmophyte formation = thin vertical radiodense spicules bridging the vertebral bodies = ossification of outer fibers of annulus fibrosus (NOT anterior longitudinal ligament) "trolley-track" sign on AP view = central line of ossification (supraspinous + interspinous ligaments) with two lateral lines of ossification (apophyseal joints) "bamboo" spine on AP view = undulating contour due to syndesmophytes; prone to [fracture](#) resulting in pseudarthrosis disk ballooning ± disk calcification apophyseal + costovertebral ankylosis periostitic "whiskering": ischial tuberosity, iliac crest, ischiopubic rami, greater femoral trochanter, external occipital protuberance, calcaneus dorsal arachnoid diverticula in lumbar spine with erosion of posterior elements (Cx: [cauda equina syndrome](#)) [atlantoaxial subluxation](#) @ Chest bilateral upper lobe pulmonary [fibrosis](#) (1%) with upward retraction of hila (DDx: [tuberculosis](#)) @ Cardiovascular 1.Aortitis (5%) of ascending aorta ± aortic valve insufficiency Prognosis:20% progress to significant disability; occasionally death from cervical spine [fracture](#) / aortitis DDx:(1)[Reiter syndrome](#) (unilateral asymmetric SI joint involvement, paravertebral ossifications)(2)[Psoriatic arthritis](#) (unilateral asymmetric SI joint involvement, paravertebral ossifications)(3)Inflammatory bowel disease

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ANTERIOR TIBIAL BOWING

=WEISMANN-NETTER SYNDROME = congenital painless nonprogressive bilateral anterior [leg](#) bowing Age: beginning in early childhood • may be accompanied by mental retardation, goiter, anemia ✓ anterior bowing of tibia + fibula, bilaterally, symmetrically at middiaphysis ✓ thickening of posterior tibial + fibular cortices ✓ minor radioulnar bowing ✓ kyphoscoliosis ✓ extensive dural calcification *DDx*: Luetic saber shin (bowing at lower end of tibia + anterior cortical thickening)

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APERT SYNDROME

@Skull oxycephalic skull + flat occiput + [hypertelorism](#) + bilateral exophthalmos + underdeveloped [paranasal sinuses](#) + underdeveloped maxilla with prognathism + high pointed arch of palate + prominent vertical crest in middle of forehead ([increased intracranial pressure](#)) + V-shaped anterior fossa due to elevation of lateral margins of lesser sphenoid + sella may be enlarged + cervical spine may be fused @Hand & feet + fusion of distal portions of phalanges, metacarpals / carpals (2nd, 3rd + 4th digit) + absence of middle phalanges + missing / supernumerary carpal / tarsal bones + pseudarthroses

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ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA OF BONE

Etiology: (a) acquired (usually gunshot wound) (b) congenital *Location:* lower extremity most frequent ✓ soft-tissue mass ✓ presence of large vessels ✓ phleboliths (DDx: long-standing varicosity) ✓ accelerated bone growth ✓ cortical osteolytic defect (= pathway for large vessels into medulla) ✓ increased bone density

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ARTHROGRYPOSIS

=ARTHROGRYPOSIS MULTIPLEX CONGENITA= nonprogressive congenital syndrome complex characterized by poorly developed + contracted muscles, deformed joints with thickened periarticular capsule and intact sensory system *Pathophysiology*: congenital / acquired defect of motor unit (anterior horn cells, nerve roots, peripheral nerves, motor endplates, muscle) early in fetal life with immobilization of joints at various stages in their development *Cause*:? neurotropic agents, toxic chemicals, hard drugs, hyperthermia, neuromuscular blocking agents, myotonic abnormalities, mechanical immobilization *Incidence*: 0.03% of newborn infants; 5% risk of recurrence in sibling *Path*: diminution in size of muscle fibers + fat deposits in fibrous tissue *Associated with*: (1) neurogenic disorders (90%) (2) myopathic disorders (3) skeletal dysplasias (4) intrauterine limitation of movement (myomata, amniotic band, twin, [oligohydramnios](#)) (5) connective tissue disorders *Distribution*: all extremities (46%), lower extremities only (43%), upper extremities only (11%); peripheral joints >> proximal joints; symmetrical ■ clubfoot ■ congenital dislocation of hip ■ claw hand ■ diminished muscle mass ■ skin webs ✓ flexion + extension contractures ✓ [osteopenia](#) ± pathologic fractures ✓ congenital dislocation of hip ✓ carpal coalition ✓ vertical talus ✓ calcaneal valgus deformity

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ASPHYXIATING THORACIC DYSPLASIA

=JEUNE DISEASE = autosomal recessive disorder *Incidence*: 100 cases *Associated with*: renal anomalies (hydronephrosis), PDA • reduced thoracic mobility (abdominal breathing) + frequent pulmonary infections • progressive [renal failure](#) + hypertension @ Chest ✓ markedly narrow + elongated bell-shaped chest ✓ normal size of heart leaving little room for lungs ✓ horizontal clavicles at level of 6th cervical vertebra ✓ short horizontal ribs + irregular bulbous costochondral junction @ Pelvis ✓ trident pelvis (retardation of ossification of triradiate cartilage) ✓ small iliac bone flared + shortened in cephalocaudal diameter ("wineglass" pelvis) ✓ short ischial + pubic bones ✓ reduced acetabular angle ✓ premature ossification of capital femoral epiphysis @ Extremities ✓ rhizomelic brachymelia (humerus, femur) = long bones shorter + wider than normal ✓ metaphyseal irregularity ✓ postaxial hexadactyly ✓ shortening of distal phalanges + cone-shaped epiphyses in hands + feet @ Kidneys ✓ enlarged kidneys with linear streaking on nephrogram OB-US: ✓ proportionate shortening of long bones ✓ small thorax with decreased circumference ✓ increased cardiothoracic ratio ✓ occasionally [polydactyly](#) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) *Prognosis*: neonatal death in 80% (respiratory failure + infections) *DDx*: Ellis-van Creveld syndrome

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AVASCULAR NECROSIS

= AVN = OSTEONECROSIS = ASEPTIC NECROSIS = consequence of interrupted [blood supply](#) to bone with death of cellular elements *Histo:* (a)cellular ischemia leading to death of hematopoietic cells (in 6-12 hours), osteocytes (in 12-48 hours) and lipocytes (in 2-5 days)(b)necrotic debris in intertrabecular spaces + proliferation and infiltration by mesenchymal cells + capillaries(c)mesenchymal cells differentiate to osteoblasts on the surface of dead trabeculae synthesizing new bone layers + resulting in trabecular thickening *Pathogenesis:* (1)obstruction of extra- and intraosseous vessels by arterial embolism, venous thrombosis, traumatic disruption, external compression (increased marrow space pressure)(2)cumulative stress from cytotoxic factors *Cause:* A.Traumatic interruption of arteries@femoral head:1.Femoral neck [fracture](#) (60-75%)2.Dislocation of hip joint (25%)3.Slipped capital femoral epiphysis (15-40%)@carpal scaphoid:4-6 months after [fracture](#) (in 10-15%), in 30-40% of nonunion of scaphoid [fracture](#) Site:proximal fragment (most common)@humeral head (infrequent)B.Embolization of arteries1.Hemoglobinopathy: sickle-cell disease2.Nitrogen bubbles: [Caisson disease](#)C.[Vasculitis](#)1.Collagen-vascular disease: SLE2.Radiation exposureD.Abnormal accumulation of cells1.Lipid-containing histiocytes: [Gaucher disease](#)2.Fat cells: steroid therapyE.Idiopathic1.[Spontaneous osteonecrosis of knee](#)2.[Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease](#)3.[Freiberg disease](#) *mnemonic:*"PLASTIC RAGS"**P**ancreatitis, **P**regnancy **L**egg-Perthes disease, **L**upus erythematosus **A**lcoholism, **A**therosclerosis **S**teroids **T**rauma (femoral neck [fracture](#), [hip dislocation](#)) **I**diopathic (Legg-Perthes disease), **I**nfection **C**aisson disease, **C**ollagen disease (SLE) **R**heumatoid arthritis, **R**adiation treatment **A**myloid **G**aucher disease **S**ickle cell disease *mnemonic:*"GIVE INFARCTS"**G**aucher disease **I**diopathic (Legg-Calvé-Perthes, Köhler, Chandler) **V**asculitis (SLE, [polyarteritis nodosa](#), [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) **E**nvironmental ([frostbite](#), thermal injury) **I**rradiation **N**eoplasia (-associated coagulopathy) **F**at (prolonged corticosteroid use increases marrow) **A**lcoholism **R**enal failure + dialysis **C**aisson disease **T**rauma (femoral neck [fracture](#), [hip dislocation](#)) **S**ickle cell disease **N**O predisposing factors in 25%! Location:femoral head (most common), humeral head, femoral condyles

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Avascular Necrosis of Hip Involvement of one hip increases risk to contralateral hip to 70%! Age: 20-50 years • hip / groin / thigh / knee pain • limited range of motion Plain film (positive only several months after symptoms): ✓ radiolucent crescent parallel to articular surface secondary to subchondral structural collapse of necrotic segment Site: anterosuperior portion of femoral head (best seen on frogleg view) ✓ preservation of joint space (DDx: arthritis) ✓ flattening of articular surface ✓ increased density of femoral head (compression of bony trabeculae following microfracture of nonviable bone, calcification of dendritic marrow, creeping substitution = deposition of new bone) **Classification** (Steinberg): Stage O=normal Stage I=normal / barely detectable trabecular mottling; abnormal bone scan / MRI Stage IIA=focal sclerosis + **osteopenia** Stage IIB=distinct sclerosis + **osteoporosis** + early crescent sign Stage IIIA=subchondral undermining ("crescent sign") + cyst formation Stage IIIB=mild alteration in femoral head contour / subchondral **fracture** + normal joint space Stage IV=marked collapse of femoral head + significant acetabular involvement Stage V=joint space narrowing + acetabular degenerative changes NUC (80-85% **sensitivity**): ✦ Bone marrow imaging (with radiocolloid) more sensitive than bone imaging (with diphosphonates) ✦ More sensitive than plain films in early AVN (evidence of ischemia seen as much as 1 year earlier) ✦ Less sensitive than MR **Technique**: imaging improved with double counts, pinhole collimation ✓ early: cold = photopenic defect (interrupted **blood supply**) ✓ late: "doughnut sign" = cold spot surrounded by increased **uptake** secondary to (a) capillary revascularization + new-bone synthesis (b) degenerative **osteoarthritis** CT (utilized for staging of known disease): ✓ staging upgrades in 30% compared with plain films MR (90-100% **sensitivity** for symptomatic disease): **Prevalence** of clinically occult disease: 6% ✦ MR imaging changes reflect the death of marrow fat cells (not death of osteocytes with empty lacunae)! ✦ Sagittal images particularly useful! **Classification** (Mitchell): Stage T1 T2 analogous to A high intermediate fat B high high subacute blood C low high fluid / edema D low low **fibrosis** EARLY AVN: ✓ decreased Gd-enhancement on short-inversion-recovery (STIR) images (very early) ✓ low-signal intensity band with sharp inner interface + blurred outer margin on T1WI within 12-48 hours (= mesenchymal + fibrous repair tissue, amorphous cellular debris, thickened trabecular bone) seen as (a) band extending to subchondral bone plate (b) complete ring (less frequent) ✓ "double-line sign" on T2WI (in 80%) [MORE SPECIFIC] = juxtaposition of inner hyperintense band (granulation tissue) + outer hypointense band (chemical shift artifact / **fibrosis** + sclerosis) ADVANCED AVN: ✓ "pseudohomogeneous edema pattern" = inhomogeneous large areas of mostly decreased signal intensity on T1WI ✓ hypo- to hyperintense lesion on T2WI ✓ contrast-enhancement of interface + surrounding marrow + within lesion SUBCHONDRAL **FRACTURE**: ✓ predilection for anterosuperior portion of femoral head (sagittal images!) ✓ cleft of low-signal intensity running parallel to the subchondral bone plate within areas of fatlike signal intensity on T1WI ✓ hyperintense band (= **fracture** cleft filled with articular fluid / edema) within the intermediate- or low-signal-intensity necrotic marrow on T2WI ✓ lack of enhancement within + around **fracture** cleft EPIPHYSEAL COLLAPSE: ✓ focal depression of subchondral bone Cx: **early osteoarthritis** through collapse of femoral head + joint incongruity in 3-5 years if left untreated Rx: (1) core decompression (for grade 0-II): most successful with <25% involvement of femoral head (2) osteotomy (for grade 0-II) (3) arthroplasty / arthrodesis / total hip replacement (for grade >III) DDx: **bone marrow edema** (ill-delimited marrow changes, no reactive interface); epiphyseal **fracture** (speckled / linear hypointense areas, focal depression of epiphyseal contour)

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Blount Disease =TIBIA VARA=[avascular necrosis](#) of medial tibial condyle Age:>6 years ■ limping, lateral bowing of leg[†] medial tibial condyle enlarged + deformed (DDx: [Turner syndrome](#))[†] irregularity of metaphysis (medially + posteriorly prolonged with beak)

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Calvé-Kümmel-Verneuil Disease = VERTEBRAL OSTEOCHONDROSIS = VERTEBRA PLANA = [avascular necrosis](#) of vertebral body Age: 2-15 years ✓ uniform collapse of vertebral body into flat thin disk ✓ increased density of vertebra ✓ neural arches NOT affected ✓ disks are normal with normal intervertebral disk space ✓ intravertebral vacuum cleft sign (PATHOGNOMONIC) DDx: [Eosinophilic granuloma](#), metastatic disease

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Freiberg Disease =osteochondrosis of head of 2nd (3rd / 4th) metatarsal Age:10-18 years; M:F = 1:3 ■ metatarsalgia, swelling, tenderness Early: √ flattening, increased density, cystic lesions of metatarsal head √ widening of metatarsophalangeal joint Late: √ osteochondral fragment √ sclerosis + flattening of metatarsal head √ increased cortical thickening

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Kienböck Disease =LUNATOMALACIA= [avascular necrosis](#) of lunate bone *Predisposed:* individuals engaged in manual labor with repeated / single episode of trauma
Age: 20-40 years *Associated with:* ulna minus variant (short ulna) in 75% ■ progressive pain + soft-tissue swelling of wrist *Location:* uni- > bilateral (usually right hand) ✓
initially normal radiograph ✓ [fracture](#) / osteonecrosis of lunate ✓ increased density + altered shape + collapse of lunate Cx: scapholunate separation, ulnar deviation of triquetrum, degenerative joint disease in radiocarpal / midcarpal compartments Rx: ulnar lengthening / radial shortening, lunate replacement

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Köhler Disease = [avascular necrosis](#) of tarsal scaphoid Age: 3-10 years; boys ✓ irregular outline ✓ fragmentation ✓ disklike compression in AP direction ✓ increased density ✓ joint space maintained ✓ decreased / increased [uptake](#) on radionuclide study

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Legg-Calvé-Perthes Disease = COXA PLANA = idiopathic [avascular necrosis](#) of femoral head in children; one of the most common sites of AVN; 10% bilateral

Age: (a) 4-8 years: M:F = 5:1 (b) adulthood: **Chandler disease**

Cause: trauma in 30% (subcapital [fracture](#), [epiphyseolysis](#), esp. posterior dislocation), closed reduction of congenital [hip dislocation](#), prolonged interval between injury and reduction
Pathophysiology: femoral head [blood supply](#) insufficient (epiphyseal plate acts as a barrier in ages 4-10; ligamentum teres vessels become nonfunctional; [blood supply](#) is from medial circumflex artery + lateral epiphyseal artery only)
Stages: I=histologic + clinical diagnosis without radiographic findings II=sclerosis ± cystic changes with preservation of contour + surface of femoral head III=loss of structural integrity of femoral head IV=in addition loss of structural integrity of acetabulum ■ 1 week-6 months (mean 2.7 months) duration of symptoms prior to initial presentation: limping, pain NUC (may assist in early diagnosis): ↓ decreased [uptake](#) (early) in femoral head = interruption of [blood supply](#) ↓ increased [uptake](#) (late) in femoral head = (a) revascularization + bone repair (b) degenerative [osteoarthritis](#) ↓ increased acetabular activity with associated degenerative joint disease
X-RAY: Early signs: ↓ femoral epiphysis smaller than on contralateral side (96%) ↓ sclerosis of femoral head epiphysis (sequestration + compression) (82%) ↓ slight widening of joint space due to thickening of cartilage, failure of epiphyseal growth, presence of joint fluid, joint laxity (60%) ↓ ipsilateral bone demineralization (46%) ↓ alteration of pericapsular soft-tissue outline due to atrophy of ipsilateral periarticular soft tissues (73%) ↓ rarefaction of lateral + medial metaphyseal areas of neck ↓ NEVER destruction of articular cortex as in bacterial arthritis
Late signs: ↓ delayed osseous maturation of a mild degree ↓ "radiolucent crescent line" of subchondral [fracture](#) = small archlike subcortical lucency (32%) ↓ subcortical [fracture](#) on anterior articular surface (best seen on frogleg view) ↓ femoral head fragmentation ↓ femoral neck cysts (from intramedullary hemorrhage in response to stress fractures) ↓ loose bodies (only found in males) ↓ coxa plana = flattened collection of sclerotic fragments (over 18 months) ↓ coxa magna = remodeling of femoral head to become wider + flatter in mushroom configuration to match widened metaphysis + epiphyseal plate
CT: ↓ loss of "asterisk" sign (= starlike pattern of crossing trabeculae in center of femoral head) with distortion of asterisk and extension to surface of femoral head
MR: ↓ normal signal intensity in marrow of femoral epiphysis replaced by low signal intensity on T1WI + high signal intensity on T2WI = "asterisk" sign ↓ "double-line" sign (80%) = sclerotic nonsignal rim producing line between necrotic + viable bone edged by a hyperintense rim of granulation tissue ↓ fluid within [fracture](#) plane ↓ hip joint incongruity: lateral femoral head uncovering, labral inversion, femoral head deformity
Cx: severe degenerative joint disease in early adulthood

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Panner Disease =osteonecrosis of capitellum

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Preiser Disease =nontraumatic osteonecrosis of scaphoid

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Spontaneous Osteonecrosis of Knee = SONK Cause: ? [meniscal tear](#) (78%), trauma with resultant microfractures, vascular insufficiency, degenerative joint disease, severe chondromalacia, [gout](#), [rheumatoid arthritis](#), joint bodies, intra-articular steroid injection (45-85%) Age: 7th decade (range 13-83 years) • acute onset of pain Location: weight-bearing medial condyle more toward epicondylus (95%), lateral condyle (5%), may involve tibial plateau radiographs usually normal (within 3 months after onset) ✓ positive bone scan within 5 weeks (most sensitive) ✓ flattening of weight-bearing segment of medial femoral epicondyle ✓ radiolucent focus in subchondral bone + peripheral zone of osteosclerosis ✓ horizontal subchondral [fracture](#) (within 6-9 months) + osteochondral fragment ✓ [periosteal reaction](#) along medial side of femoral shaft (30-50%) Cx: [osteoarthritis](#)

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BASAL CELL NEVUS SYNDROME

=GORLIN SYNDROME = syndrome of autosomal dominant inheritance characterized by (1) multiple cutaneous basal cell carcinomas (2) jaw cysts (3) ectopic calcifications (4) skeletal anomalies ■ multiple nevoid basal cell carcinomas (nose, mouth, chest, back) at mean age of 19 years; after puberty aggressive, may metastasize ■ pitlike defects in palms + soles *Associated with:* high incidence of [medulloblastoma](#) in children ✓ multiple mandibular + maxillary cysts (dentigerous cysts + ectopic dentition) ✓ anomalies of upper 5 ribs: bifid, fused, dysplastic ✓ bifid spinous processes, [spina bifida](#) ✓ scoliosis (cervical + upper thoracic) ✓ hemivertebrae + block vertebrae ✓ [Sprengel deformity](#) (scapula elevated, hypoplastic, bowed) ✓ [brachydactyly](#) ✓ extensive calcification of falx + tentorium ✓ ectopic calcifications of subcutaneous tissue, [ovaries](#), sacrotuberous ligaments, mesentery ✓ bony bridging of sella turcica

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BATTERED CHILD SYNDROME

= CAFFEY-KEMPE SYNDROME = CHILD ABUSE = PARENT / INFANT TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME = NONACCIDENTAL TRAUMA Most common cause of serious intracranial injuries in children <1 year of age; 3rd most common cause of death in children after sudden infant death syndrome + true accidents *Prevalence*: 1.7 million cases reported + 833,000 substantiated in United States in 1990 (45% neglected children, 25% physically abused, 16% sexually abused children); resulting in 2,500-5,000 deaths/year; 5-10% of children seen in emergency rooms *Age*: usually <2 years • skin burns, bruising, lacerations, hematomas (SNAT = suspected nonaccidental trauma) @ Skeletal trauma (50-80%) *Site*: multiple ribs, transverse [fracture](#) of sternum, costochondral / costovertebral separation, lateral end of clavicles, scapula, acromion, skull, anterior-superior wedging, vertebral compression, vertebral [fracture](#) dislocation, disk space narrowing, spinous processes, tibia, metacarpus • multiple asymmetric fractures in different stages of repair (HALLMARK = repeated injury) • separation of distal epiphysis • marked irregularity + fragmentation of metaphyses (DDx: osteochondritis stage of congenital syphilis; infarctions of [scurvy](#)) • "corner" [fracture](#) (11%) = "bucket-handle" [fracture](#) = avulsion of an arcuate metaphyseal fragment overlying the lucent epiphyseal cartilage secondary to sudden twisting motion of extremity about knee, elbow, distal tibia, fibula, radius, ulna (periosteum easily pulled away from diaphysis but tightly attached to metaphysis) • isolated spiral [fracture](#) (15%) of diaphysis secondary to external rotatory force applied to femur / humerus • extensive [periosteal reaction](#) from large subperiosteal hematoma (DDx: [scurvy](#), copper deficiency) • exuberant callus formation at [fracture](#) sites • cortical hyperostosis extending to epiphyseal plate (DDx: not in [infantile cortical hyperostosis](#)) • avulsion [fracture](#) of ligamentous insertion; frequently seen without [periosteal reaction](#) @ [Head trauma](#) (13-25%) Most common cause of death + physical disability (1) Impact injury with translational force: skull [fracture](#) (flexible calvaria + meninges decrease likelihood of skull fractures), subdural hematoma, brain contusion, cerebral hemorrhage, infarction, generalized edema (2) Whiplash injury with rotational force: shearing injuries + associated [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) • bulging fontanelles, convulsions Skull film (associated [fracture](#) in 1%): • linear [fracture](#) > comminuted [fracture](#) > diastases (conspicuously absent) CT: • subdural hemorrhage (most common): interhemispheric location most common • [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) • epidural hemorrhage (uncommon) • cerebral edema (focal, multifocal, diffuse) • acute cerebral contusion as ovoid collection of intraparenchymal blood with surrounding edema MR: more sensitive in identifying hematomas of differing ages • white matter shearing injuries as areas of prolonged T1 + T2 at corticomedullary junction, centrum semiovale, corpus callosum @ Viscera (3%) Second leading cause of death in child abuse *Cause*: crushing blow to abdomen (punch, kick) *Age*: often >2 years • small bowel / gastric rupture • hematoma of duodenum / jejunum • contusion / laceration of lung, pancreas, liver, [spleen](#), kidney • traumatic [pancreatic pseudocyst](#) Cx: (1) Brain atrophy (up to 100%) (2) Infarction (50%) (3) [Subdural hygroma](#) (4) Encephalomalacia (5) [Porencephaly](#) DDx: normal periostitis of infancy, [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), congenital insensitivity to pain, [infantile cortical hyperostosis](#), Menkes kinky hair syndrome, Schmid-type chondrometaphyseal dysplasia, [scurvy](#), congenital syphilitic metaphysitis

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BENIGN CORTICAL DEFECT

=developmental intracortical bone defect
Age: usually 1st-2nd decade; uncommon in boys <2 years of age; uncommon in girls <4 years of age
Site: metaphysis of long bone
well-defined intracortical round / oval lucency
usually <2 cm long
sclerotic margins
Cx: pathologic / avulsion [fracture](#) following minor trauma (infrequent)
Prognosis: (1) Spontaneous healing resulting in sclerosis / disappearance (2) Ballooning of endosteal surface of cortex = [fibrous cortical defect](#) (3) Medullary extension resulting in [nonossifying fibroma](#)

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BONE INFARCT

Etiology: A. Occlusion of vessel: (a) thrombus: thromboembolic disease, sickle cell anemia (SS + SC hemoglobin), [polycythemia rubra vera](#) (b) fat: [pancreatitis](#) (intramedullary fat necrosis from circulating lipase), alcoholism (c) gas: [Caisson disease](#), astronauts B. Vessel wall disease: 1. Arteritis: SLE, [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [polyarteritis nodosa](#), [sarcoidosis](#) 2. Arteriosclerosis C. Vascular compression by deposition of: (a) fat: corticosteroid therapy (eg, [renal transplant](#), Cushing disease) (b) blood: trauma (fractures + dislocations) (c) inflammatory cells: osteomyelitis, infection, histiocytosis X (d) edema: radiation therapy, [hypothyroidism](#), [frostbite](#) (e) substances: [Gaucher disease](#) (vascular compression by lipid-filled histiocytes), [gout](#) D. Others: idiopathic, hypopituitarism, [pheochromocytoma](#) (microscopic thrombotic disease), osteochondroses

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Medullary Infarction † Nutrient artery is the sole [blood supply](#) for diaphysis! Location: distal femur, proximal tibia, iliac wings, ribs, humeri (a) Acute phase: † NO radiographic changes without cortical involvement † area of rarefaction † bone marrow scan: diminished [uptake](#) in medullary RES for long period of time † bone scan: photon-deficient lesion within 24-48 hours; increased [uptake](#) after collateral circulation established (b) Healing phase: (complete healing / [fibrosis](#) / calcification) † demarcation by zone of serpiginous / linear calcification + ossification parallel to cortex † dense bone indicating revascularization

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Cortical Infarction ϕ Requires compromise of (a) nutrient artery and (b) periosteal vessels! Age: particularly in childhood where periosteum is easily elevated by edema
 \surd [avascular necrosis](#) = osteonecrosis \surd [osteochondrosis dissecans](#) Cx: (1) Growth disturbances \surd cupped / triangular / coned epiphyses \surd "H-shaped" vertebral bodies (2) [Fibrosarcoma](#) (most common), [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#), benign cysts (3) [Osteoarthritis](#)

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BONE ISLAND

=ENOSTOSIS = ENDOSTEOMA = COMPACT ISLAND= FOCAL SCLEROSIS = SCLEROTIC BONE ISLAND= CALCIFIED MEDULLARY DEFECT=focal lesion of densely sclerotic (compact) bone nesting within spongiosaAge:any age (mostly 20-80 years of age); grows more rapidly in childrenHisto:nest of lamellar compacted bone with haversian system embedded within medullary canalPathogenesis: ? misplaced cortical hamartoma, ? developmental error of endochondral ossification as a coalescence of mature bone trabeculae with failure to undergo remodeling • asymptomaticLocation:ilium + proximal femur (88-92%), ribs, spine (1-14%), humerus, phalanges (not in skull)✓ round / oval solitary osteoblastic lesion with abrupt transition to surrounding normal trabecular bone✓ long axis of bone island parallels long axis of bone✓ usually 2-10 mm in size; lesion >2 cm in longest axis = GIANT BONE ISLAND✓ "brush border" = "thorny radiations" = sharply demarcated margins with feathery peripheral radiations (HALLMARK)✓ may show activity on bone scan, esp. if large (33%)✓ may demonstrate slow growth / decrease in size (32%)✓ NO involvement of cortex / radiolucencies / [periosteal reaction](#)Prognosis:may increase to 8-12 cm over years (40%); may decrease / disappearDDx:(1)Osteoblastic metastasis (aggressive, break through cortex, [periosteal reaction](#))(2)Low-grade [osteosarcoma](#) (cortical thickening, extension beyond medullary cavity)(3)[Osteoid osteoma](#) (pain relieved by aspirin, nidus)(4)Benign [osteoblastoma](#)(5)Involuting [nonossifying fibroma](#) replaced by dense bone scar(6)Eccentric focus of monostotic [fibrous dysplasia](#)(7)[Osteoma](#) (surface lesion)

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BRUCELLOSIS

=multisystemic zoonosis of worldwide distribution; endemic in Saudi Arabia, Arabian Peninsula, South America, Spain, Italy (secondary to ingestion of raw milk / milk products)
Organism: small Gram-negative nonmotile, nonsporing, aflagellate, nonencapsulated coccobacilli: *Brucella abortus*, *B. suis*, *B. canis*, *B. melitensis*
Histo: small intracellular pathogens shed in excreta of infected animals (urine, stool, milk, products of conception) cause small noncaseating granuloma within
RES Location: commonest site of involvement is reticulo-endothelial system; musculoskeletal system ■ 1-3 weeks between initial infection + symptoms
Radiologic evidence of disease in 69% of symptomatic sites!
@Brucellar spondylitis (53%)
Age: 40 years is average age at onset ■ pain, localized tenderness, radiculopathy, myelopathy
Location: lumbar (71%) > thoracolumbar (10%) > lumbosacral (8%) > cervical (7%) > thoracic (4%)
(a) focal form: bone destruction at disk/vertebral junction (anterior aspect of superior endplate) associated with bone sclerosis + anterior osteophyte formation + small amount of gas
(b) diffuse form: entire vertebral endplate / whole vertebral body affected with spread to adjacent disks + vertebral bodies bone destruction associated with sclerosis small amount of disk gas (25-30%) obliteration of paraspinal muscle-fat planes no / minimal epidural extension
DDx: TB (paraspinal abscess, gibbus)
@Extraspinal disease
(a) Brucellar synovitis (81%) Location: knee > sacroiliac joint > [shoulder](#) > hip > sternoclavicular joint > ankle > elbow Site: organism localized in synovial membrane ■ serosanguinous sterile joint effusion
(b) Brucellar destructive arthritis (9%) indistinguishable from tuberculous / pyogenic arthritis
(c) Brucellar osteomyelitis (2%) ■ pain, tenderness, swelling
(d) Brucellar myositis (2%)
Dx: serologic tests (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, counterimmunoelectrophoresis, rose bengal plate test)
Rx: combination of aminoglycosides + tetracyclines
DDx: [fibrous dysplasia](#), benign tumor, [osteoid osteoma](#)

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CAISSON DISEASE

=DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS = THE BENDS *Etiology*: during too rapid decompression = reduction of surrounding pressure (ascent from dive, exit from caisson / hyperbaric chamber, ascent to altitude) nitrogen bubbles form (nitrogen more soluble in fat of panniculus adiposus, spinal cord, brain, bones containing fatty marrow) ■ "the bends" = local pain in knee, elbow, [shoulder](#), hip ■ neurologic symptoms (paresthesia, major cerebral / spinal involvement) ■ "chokes" = substernal discomfort + coughing (embolization of pulmonary vessels) Location: mostly in long tubular bones of lower extremity (distal end of shaft + epiphyseal portion); symmetrical lesions ✓ early: area of rarefaction ✓ healing phase: irregular new-bone formation with greater density ✓ peripheral zone of calcification / ossification ✓ ischemic necrosis of articular surface with secondary [osteoarthritis](#)

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CALCIUM PYROPHOSPHATE DIHYDRATE CRYSTAL DEPOSITION DISEASE

= PSEUDOGOUT = FAMILIAL [CHONDROCALCINOSIS](#) = most common crystalline arthropathy *Types*: 1. Osteoarthritic form (35-60%) 2. Pseudogout = acute synovitis (10-20%) 3. Rheumatoid form (2-6%) 4. Pseudoneuropathic arthropathy (2%) 5. Asymptomatic with tophaceous pseudogout (common) *Associated with*: hyperparathyroidism, hypothyroidism, hemochromatosis, hypomagnesemia *Prevalence*: widespread in older population; M:F = 3:2 ■ [calcium](#) pyrophosphate crystals in synovial fluid + within leukocytes (characteristic weakly positive birefringent diffraction pattern) ■ acute / subacute / chronic joint inflammation *Location*: (a) knee (especially meniscus + cartilage of patellofemoral joint) (b) wrist (triangular fibrocartilage in distal radioulnar joint bilaterally) (c) pelvis (sacroiliac joint, symphysis) (d) spine (annulus [fibrosis](#) of lumbar intervertebral disk; NEVER in nucleus pulposus as in [ochronosis](#)) (e) [shoulder](#) (glenoid), hip (labrum), elbow, ankle, acromioclavicular joint ✓ polyarticular [chondrocalcinosis](#) (in fibro- and hyaline cartilage) ✓ disproportionate narrowing of patellofemoral joint ✓ involvement of tendons, bursae, pinnae of the ear ✓ pyrophosphate arthropathy resembles [osteoarthritis](#): joint space narrowing, extensive subchondral sclerosis ✓ large [subchondral cyst](#) (HALLMARK) ✓ numerous intra-articular bodies (fragmentation of subchondral bone)

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CAMPOMELIC DYSPLASIA

=sporadic / autosomal recessive [dwarfism](#) *Incidence*:0.05:10,000 births *Associated with*: 1. [Hydrocephalus](#) (23%) 2. Congenital heart disease (30%): VSD, ASD, tetralogy, AS 3. [Hydronephrosis](#) (30%) • pretibial dimple ✓ macrocephaly, cleft palate, [micrognathia](#) (90-99%) @Chest & spine ✓ hypoplastic scapulae (92%) ✓ narrow bell-shaped chest ✓ hypoplastic vertebral bodies + nonmineralized pedicles (especially lower cervical spine) @Pelvis ✓ vertically narrowed iliac bones ✓ vertical inclination of ischii ✓ wide symphysis ✓ narrow iliac bones with small wings ✓ shallow acetabulum @Extremities (lower extremity more severely affected) ✓ dislocation of hips + knees ✓ anterior bowing (= campo) of long bones: marked in tibia + moderate in femur ✓ hypoplastic fibula ✓ small secondary ossification center of knee ✓ small primary ossification center of talus ✓ clubfoot OB-US: ✓ bowing of tibia + femur ✓ decreased thoracic circumference ✓ hypoplastic scapulae ✓ ± cleft palate *Prognosis*: death usually <5 months of age (within first year in 97%) due to respiratory insufficiency

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CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

=entrapment syndrome caused by chronic pressure on the median nerve within the carpal tunnel
Cause: repetitive wrist / finger flexion; carpal tunnel crowding by cyst / mass / flexor tendon tendinitis or tenosynovitis / anomalous origin of lumbrical muscles
Pathogenesis: probably ischemia with venous congestion (stage 1), nerve edema from anoxic damage to capillary endothelium (stage 2), impairment of venous + arterial [blood supply](#) (stage 3) ■ nocturnal hand discomfort ■ weakness, clumsiness, finger paresthesias
MR: ✓ "pseudoneuroma" of median nerve = swelling of median nerve proximal to carpal tunnel ✓ swelling of nerve within carpal tunnel ✓ increased signal intensity of nerve on T2WI ✓ volar bowing of flexor retinaculum ✓ swelling of tendon sheath (due to tenosynovitis) ✓ mass(es) within carpal tunnel ✓ marked enhancement (nerve edema = breakdown of blood-nerve barrier) ✓ no enhancement (ischemia) provoked by wrist held in an extended / flexed position

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CARPENTER SYNDROME

=ACROCEPHALOPOLYSYNDACTYLY type 2 autosomal recessive ■ retardation ■ hypogonadism ✓ [patent ductus arteriosus](#) ✓ acro(oxy)cephaly ✓ preaxial polysyndactyly + soft-tissue [syndactyly](#)

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CHONDROBLASTOMA

=CODMAN TUMOR = BENIGN CHONDROBLASTOMA = CARTILAGE-CONTAINING [GIANT CELL TUMOR](#) *Incidence*: 1% of primary bone neoplasms (700 cases in world literature) *Age*: peak in 2nd decade (range of 8-59 years); 10-26 years (90%); M:F = 2:1; occurs before cessation of enchondral bone growth *Path*: derived from primitive cartilage cells *Histo*: polyhedral chondroblasts + multinucleated giant cells + nodules of pink amorphous material (= chondroid) = epiphyseal chondromatous [giant cell tumor](#) (resembles [chondromyxoid fibroma](#)); "chicken wire" calcification = pericellular deposition of calcification is virtually PATHOGNOMONIC ■ symptomatic for months to years prior to treatment ■ mild joint pain, tenderness, swelling (joint effusion) ■ limitation of motion *Location*: (a) long bones (80%): proximal femur + greater trochanter (23%), distal femur (20%), proximal tibia (17%), proximal humerus (17%) 2/3 in lower extremity, 50% about knee may occur in apophyses (minor + greater trochanter, patella, greater tuberosity of humerus) (b) flat bones: near triradiate cartilage of innominate bone (c) short tubular bones of hand + feet *Site*: eccentric medullary, subarticular location with open growth plate (98% begin within epiphysis); tumor growth may continue to involve metaphysis (50%) + rarely diaphysis oval / round eccentrically placed lytic lesion of epiphysis 1-4 cm in diameter occupying < one-half of epiphysis well-defined sclerotic margin, lobulated in 50% punctate / irregular calcifications in 25-30-50% (cartilaginous clumps better visualized by CT) intact cortical border thick [periosteal reaction](#) in metaphysis (50%) / joint involvement periostitis of adjacent metaphysis / diaphysis (30-50%) open growth plate in majority of patients *MR*: MR tends to overestimate extent + aggressiveness due to large area of reactive edema intermediate to low signal intensity on T2WI relative to fat extensive intramedullary signal abnormalities consistent with [bone marrow edema](#) peripheral rim of very low signal intensity hypointense changes on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI in adjacent soft tissues (muscle edema) in 50% ± joint effusion *Prognosis*: almost always benign; may become locally aggressive; rarely metastasizes *Dx*: surgical biopsy *Rx*: curettage + bone chip grafting (recurrence in 25%) *DDx*: (1) Ischemic necrosis of femoral head (may be indistinguishable, more irregular configuration) (2) [Giant cell tumor](#) (usually larger + less well demarcated, not calcified, older age group with closed growth plate) (3) [Chondromyxoid fibroma](#) (4) [Enchondroma](#) (5) Osteomyelitis (less well-defined, variable margins) (6) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (7) Intraosseous [ganglion](#) (8) [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#) (less well-defined, variable margins) (9) Primary bone sarcoma

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CHONDRODYSPLASIA PUNCTATA

=CONGENITAL [STIPPLED EPIPHYSES](#)=DYSPLASIA EPIPHYSEALIS PUNCTATA=CHONDRODYSTROPHIA CALCIFICANS CONGENITA =proportional / mesomelic [dwarfism](#)*Etiology*:peroxisomal disorder characterized by fibroblast plasmalogen deficiency*Incidence*:1:110,000 birthsA.AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE CHONDRODYSPLASIA PUNCTATA = RHIZOMELIC TYPE*Associated with*:CHD (common) ■ flat face ■ congenital cataracts ■ ichthyotic skin thickening ■ mental retardation ■ cleft palate¹ multiple small punctate calcifications of varying size in epiphyses (knee, hip, [shoulder](#), wrist), in base of skull, in posterior elements of vertebrae, in respiratory cartilage and soft tissues (neck, rib ends) before appearance of ossification centers¹ prominent symmetrical shortening of femur + humerus (rarely all limbs symmetrically affected)¹ congenital dislocation of hip¹ flexion contractures of extremities¹ clubfeet¹ metaphyseal splaying of proximal tubular bones (in particular about knee)¹ thickening of diaphyses¹ prominent vertebral + paravertebral calcifications¹ coronal clefts in vertebral bodies*Prognosis*:death usually <1 year of age*DDx*:[Zellweger syndrome](#)B.CONRADI-HÜNERMANN DISEASE= NONRHIZOMELIC TYPE more common milder nonlethal variety; autosomal dominant ■ normal intelligence¹ more widespread but milder involvement as above*Prognosis*:survival often into adulthood Cx:respiratory failure (severe underdevelopment of ribs), tracheal stenosis, spinal cord compression*DDx*:(1)Cretinism (may show epiphyseal fragmentation, much larger calcifications within epiphysis)(2)Warfarin embryopathy(3)[Zellweger syndrome](#)

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CHONDROECTODERMAL DYSPLASIA

=ELLIS-VAN CREVELD SYNDROME = MESODERMAL DYSPLASIA=autosomal recessive acromesomelic [dwarfism](#)*Incidence*:120 cases; in inbred Amish communities*Associated with*:congenital heart disease in 50% (single atrium, ASD, VSD) • ectodermal dysplasia:-absent / hypoplastic brittle spoon-shaped nails-irregular + pointed teeth, partial anodontia, teeth may be present at birth-scant / fine hair • obliteration of maxillary mucobuccal space (thick frenula between alveolar mucosa + upper lip) • strabismus • genital malformations: epispadia, hypospadias, hypoplastic external genitalia, undescended testicles✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ accelerated skeletal maturation✓ normal spine@ Skull ✓ [wormian bones](#)✓ cleft lip@ Chest ✓ long narrow thorax in AP + transverse dimensions✓ horizontal ribs + elevated clavicles@ Pelvis ✓ small flattened ilium✓ trident shape of acetabulum with indentation in roof + bony spur (almost pathognomonic)✓ acetabular + tibial exostoses@ Extremities ✓ thickening + shortening of all long bones, more severe in forearms + lower legs (radius + tibia > humerus + femur)✓ excessive shortening of fibula✓ widening of proximal tibial shaft + delayed development of tibial plateau✓ dislocation of radial head (due to shortening of ulna)✓ carpal / [tarsal coalition](#) = frequent fusion of two / more carpal (hamate + capitate) + tarsal bones✓ supernumerary [carpal bones](#)✓ hypoplasia / absence of terminal phalanges + cone-shaped epiphyses✓ postaxial [polydactyly](#) common (usually finger, rarely toe) ± [syndactyly](#) of hands + feet✓ carpal fusion (after complete ossification) OB-US: ✓ proportional shortening of long bones✓ small thorax with decreased circumference✓ increased cardiothoracic ratio✓ ASD✓ [polydactyly](#) *Prognosis*:death within first month of life in 33% (due to respiratory / cardiac complications)*DDx*:[Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia](#) (difficult distinction); rhizomelic achondroplasia

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CHONDROMALACIA PATELLAE

= pathologic softening of patellar cartilage *Cause*:trauma, tracking abnormality of patella • anterior knee pain • asymptomatic (incidental arthroscopic diagnosis)

Classification of Chondromalacia Patellae		
Grade	Arthroscopic pathology	T1 WI of MRI
1	softening + swelling of articular cartilage	focal hypointense areas not extending to cartilage surface / subchondral bone
2	blistering of articular cartilage producing deformity of surface	focal hypointense areas extending to cartilage surface with preservation of sharp cartilage margins
3	surface irregularity + cartilage fibrillation with minimal extension to subchondral bone ("brush-border sign")	focal hypointense areas extending to articular surface but not to osseous surface; loss of sharp dark margin between articular cartilage of patella + trochlea
4	ulceration with exposure of subchondral bone	focal hypointense areas extending from subchondral bone to cartilage surface; cartilage thinned to subchondral bone

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CHONDROMYXOID FIBROMA

Rare benign cartilaginous tumor; initially arising in cortex *Incidence*: <1% of all bone tumors *Histo*: chondroid + fibrous + myxoid tissue (related to [chondroblastoma](#)); may be mistaken for [chondrosarcoma](#) *Age*: peak 2nd-3rd decade (range of 5-79 years); M:F = 1:1 • slowly progressive local pain, swelling, restriction of motion *Location*: (a) long bones (60%): about knee (50%), proximal tibia (82% of tibial lesions), distal femur (71% of femoral lesions), fibula (b) short tubular bones of hand + feet (20%) (c) flat bones: pelvis, ribs (classic but uncommon) *Site*: eccentric, metaphyseal (47-53%), metadiaphyseal (20-43%), metaepiphyseal (26%), diaphyseal (1-10%), epiphyseal (3%) ✓ expansile ovoid lesion with radiolucent center + oval shape at each end of lesion ✓ long axis parallel to long axis of host bone (1-10 cm in length and 4-7 cm in width) ✓ geographic bone destruction (100%) ✓ well-defined sclerotic margin (86%) ✓ expanded shell = bulged + thinned overlying cortex (68%) ✓ partial cortical erosion (68%) ✓ scalloped margin (58%) ✓ septations (57%) may mimic trabeculations ✓ stippled calcifications within tumor in advanced lesions (7%) ✓ NO [periosteal reaction](#) (unless fractured) *Prognosis*: 25% recurrence rate following curettage *Cx*: malignant degeneration distinctly unusual *DDx*: (1) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (2) Simple bone cyst (3) [Nonossifying fibroma](#) (4) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (5) [Enchondroma](#) (6) [Chondroblastoma](#) (7) [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) (8) [Fibrous cortical defect](#) (9) [Giant cell tumor](#)

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CHONDROSARCOMA

A. PRIMARY CHONDROSARCOMA B. SECONDARY CHONDROSARCOMA as a complication of a preexisting skeletal abnormality such as 1. Osteochondroma 2. [Enchondroma](#) 3. Parosteal chondroma Metastases (uncommon) to: lung CT: ✓ chondroid matrix mineralization of "rings and arcs" (CHARACTERISTIC) in 70% ✓ nonmineralized portion of tumor hypodense to muscle (high water content of hyaline cartilage) ✓ extension into soft-tissues MR: ✓ low to intermediate signal intensity on T1WI ✓ high signal intensity on T2WI + hypointense areas (due to mineralization)

[Peripheral Chondrosarcoma](#) [Central Chondrosarcoma](#) [Clear Cell Chondrosarcoma](#) [Extraskeletal Chondrosarcoma](#)

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Peripheral Chondrosarcoma = EXOSTOTIC [CHONDROSARCOMA](#) = malignant degeneration of [hereditary multiple exostoses](#) and rarely of a solitary exostosis (beginning in cartilaginous cap of osteochondroma) *Peak age*: 5th-6th decade; M:F = 1.5:1 • asymptomatic / pain + swelling (45%) *Location*: pelvis, scapula, sternum, ribs, ends of humerus / femur, skull, facial bones ✓ unusually large soft-tissue mass attached to bone ✓ flocculent / streaky chondroid calcification (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ dense radiopaque center with streaks radiating to periphery (not marginated) ✓ thickening of cortex at site of attachment ✓ late destruction of bone *DDx*: (1) Osteochondroma (densely calcified with multiple punctate calcifications) (2) Parosteal [osteosarcoma](#) (more homogeneous density of calcified osteoid)

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Central Chondrosarcoma = ENDOSTEAL [CHONDROSARCOMA](#) *Incidence*: 3rd most common primary [bone tumor](#) (1st [multiple myeloma](#), 2nd [osteosarcoma](#)) *Histo*: arises from chondroblasts (tumor osteoid is never formed) *Age*: median 45 years; 50% >40 years; 10% in children (rapidly fatal); M:F = 2:1 ■ hyperglycemia as paraneoplastic syndrome (85%) *Location*: neck of femur, pubic rami, proximal humerus, ribs, skull (sphenoid bone, cerebellopontine angle, mandible), sternum, spine (3-12%) *Site*: central + meta- / diaphysis ✓ expansile osteolytic lesion 1 to several cm in size ✓ short transition zone ± sclerotic margin (well defined from host bone) ✓ ± small irregular punctate / snowflake type of calcification; single / multiple ✓ late: loss of definition + break through cortex ✓ endosteal cortical thickening, sometimes at a distance from the tumor ✓ presence of large soft-tissue mass *DDx*: benign [enchondroma](#), osteochondroma, [osteosarcoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#)

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Clear Cell Chondrosarcoma ϕ Usually mistaken for [chondroblastoma](#) because of low grade malignancy (may be related)! *Histo*: small lobules of tissue composed of cells with centrally filled vesicular nuclei surrounded by large clear cytoplasm *Age*: 19-68 years, predominantly after epiphyseal fusion *Location*: proximal femur, proximal humerus, proximal ulna, lamina vertebrae (5%); pubic ramus *Site*: epiphysis ∇ single lobulated oval / round sharply marginated lesion of 1-2 cm in size ∇ surrounding increased bone density ∇ aggressive rapid growth over 3 cm ∇ may contain calcifications ∇ bone often enlarged ∇ indistinguishable from conventional [chondrosarcoma](#) / [chondroblastoma](#) (slow growth over years)

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Extraskeletal Chondrosarcoma *Incidence:* 2% of all soft-tissue sarcomas **Myxoid Extraskeletal Chondrosarcoma** (most common) *Histo:* surrounded by fibrous capsule + divided into multiple lobules by fibrous septa; delicate strands of small elongated chondroblasts are suspended in an abundant myxoid matrix; foci of mature hyaline cartilage are rare *Mean age:* 50 years (range 4-92 years); M > F • slowly growing soft-tissue mass • pain + tenderness (33%) • Metastatic in 40-45% at time of presentation! *Location:* extremities (thigh most common) *Site:* deep soft tissues; subcutis (25%) • lobulated soft-tissue mass WITHOUT calcification / ossification • usually between 4 and 7 cm in diameter *MR:* • approximately equal to muscle on T1WI + equal to fat on T2WI • may mimic a cyst / **myxoma** *Prognosis:* 45% 10-year survival rate; 5-15 years survival after development of metastases **Extraskeletal Mesenchymal Chondrosarcoma** 50% of all mesenchymal chondrosarcomas arise in soft tissues *Histo:* proliferation of small primitive mesenchymal cells with scattered islands of cartilage; **hemangiopericytoma**-like vascular pattern *Bimodal age distribution.* M = F (a) tumors of head + neck in 3rd decade (common): meninges, periorbital region (b) tumors of thigh + trunk in 5th decade • frequently metastasized to lungs + lymph nodes • matrix mineralization (50-100%) characterized as rings + arcs / flocculent + stippled calcification / dense mineralization *MR:* • approximately equal to muscle on T1WI + equal to fat on T2WI • signal voids from calcifications • homogeneous enhancement *Prognosis:* 25% 10-year survival rate

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CLEIDOCRANIAL DYSOSTOSIS

=CLEIDOCRANIAL DYSPLASIA = MUTATIONAL DYSOSTOSIS=delayed ossification of midline structures (particularly of membranous bone)Autosomal dominant disease @ Skull • large head ✓ diminished / absent ossification of skull (in early infancy) ✓ [wormian bones](#) ✓ widened fontanelles + sutures with delayed closure ✓ persistent metopic suture ✓ brachycephaly + prominent bossing ✓ large mandible ✓ high narrow palate (± cleft) ✓ hypoplastic [paranasal sinuses](#) ✓ delayed / defective dentition@Chest ✓ hypoplasia / absence (10%) of clavicles (defective development usually of lateral portion, R > L (DDx: congenital pseudarthrosis of clavicle) ✓ thorax may be narrowed + bell-shaped ✓ supernumerary ribs ✓ incompletely ossified sternum ✓ hemivertebrae, spondylosis (frequent)@ Pelvis ✓ delayed ossification of bones forming symphysis pubis (DDx: [bladder exstrophy](#)) ✓ hypoplastic iliac bones@Extremities ✓ radius short / absent ✓ elongated second metacarpals ✓ pseudoepiphyses of metacarpal bases ✓ short hypoplastic distal phalanges of hand ✓ pointed terminal tufts ✓ coned epiphyses ✓ coxa vara = deformed / absent femoral necks ✓ accessory epiphyses in hands + feet (common)OB-US: ✓ cephalopelvic disproportion (large fetal head + narrow birth canal of affected maternal pelvis) necessitates cesarean section

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COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS

Histo: chronic granulomatous process in bones, joints, periarticular structures
Location: (a) bones: most frequently in metaphyses of long bones + medial end of clavicle, spine, ribs, pelvis / bony prominences of patella, tibial tuberosity, calcaneus, olecranon, acromion (b) weight-bearing joints (33%): knee, ankle, wrist, elbow • "desert rheumatism" (c) tenosynovitis of hand, bursitis
focal areas of destruction, formation of cavities (early) = [bubbly bone lesion](#) bone sclerosis surrounding osteolysis (later, rare) proliferation of overlying periosteum destruction of vertebra with preservation of disk space
psoas abscess indistinguishable from [tuberculosis](#), may calcify joints rarely infected (usually monoarticular from direct extension of osteomyelitic focus): synovial effusion, [osteopenia](#), joint space narrowing, bone destruction, ankylosis soft-tissue abscesses common
DDx: [tuberculosis](#)

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CONGENITAL INSENSITIVITY TO PAIN WITH ANHYDROSIS

=rare autosomal recessive disorder presumably on the basis of abnormal neural crest development
Age: presenting at birth
Incidence: 15 reported cases
Path: absence of dorsal + sympathetic ganglia, deficiency of neural fibers <6 µm in diameter + disproportionate number of fibers of 6-10 µm in diameter
■ history of painless injuries + burns (DDx: familial dysautonomia, congenital sensory neuropathy, hereditary sensory radicular neuropathy, acquired sensory neuropathy, [syringomyelia](#))
■ abnormal pain + temperature perception
■ burns, bruises, infections are common
■ biting injuries of fingers, lips, tongue
■ absence of sweating
■ mental retardation
CRITERIA: (1) defect must be present at birth (2) general insensitivity to pain (3) general mental / physical retardation
✓ epiphyseal separation in infancy (epiphyseal injuries result in growth problems)
✓ metaphyseal fractures in early childhood
✓ diaphyseal fractures in late childhood
✓ Charcot joints = neurotrophic joints (usually weight-bearing joints) with effusions + synovial thickening
✓ ligamentous laxity
✓ bizarre deformities + gross displacement + considerable hemorrhage (unnoticed fractures + dislocations)
✓ osteomyelitis + [septic arthritis](#) may occur + progress extensively
DDx: (1) sensory neuropathies (eg, [diabetes mellitus](#)), (2) hysteria, (3) syphilis, (4) mental deficiency, (5) [syringomyelia](#), (6) organic brain disease

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CORNELIA DE LANGE SYNDROME

=Amsterdam [dwarfism](#) • mental retardation (IQ <50) • hirsutism; hypoplastic genitalia • feeble growling cry • high forehead; short neck • arched palate • bushy eyebrows meeting in midline + long curved eyelashes • small nose with depressed bridge; upward tilted nostrils; excessive distance between nose + upper lip • small + brachycephalic skull • hypoplasia of long bones (upper extremity more involved) • forearm bones may be absent • short radius + elbow dislocation • thumbs placed proximally (hypoplastic 1st metacarpal) • short phalanges + [clinodactyly](#) of 5th finger

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CORTICAL DESMOID

=AVULSIVE CORTICAL IRREGULARITY=PERIOSTEAL / SUBPERIOSTEAL DESMOID= SUBPERIOSTEAL / CORTICAL ABRASION= SUBPERIOSTEAL
CORTICAL DEFECT=rare fibrous lesion of the periosteum Age:peak 14-16 years (range of 3-17 years); M:F = 3:1 Histo:shallow defect filled with proliferating fibroblasts, multiple small fragments of resorbing bone (microavulsions) at tendinous insertions • no localizing signs / symptoms Location:posteromedial aspect of medial femoral epicondyle along medial ridge of linea aspera at attachment of adductor magnus aponeurosis; 1/3 bilateral ✓ area of cortical thickening ✓ 1-2 cm irregular, shallow, concave saucerlike crater with sharp margin ✓ lamellated [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ localized cortical hyperostosis proximally (healing phase) ✗ May be confused with a malignant tumor (eg, [osteosarcoma](#)) / osteomyelitis!

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CRI-DU-CHAT SYNDROME

=deletion of short arm of 5th chromosome (5 p) • generalized [dwarfism](#) due to marked growth retardation • failure to thrive • peculiar high-pitched cat cry (hypoplastic [larynx](#)) • antimongoloid palpebral fissures • strabismus • profound mental retardation • round facies • low set ears *Associated with:* congenital heart disease (obtain CXR!) • [agenesis of corpus callosum](#) • [microcephaly](#) • [hypertelorism](#) • small mandible • faulty long-bone development • short 3rd, 4th, 5th metacarpals • long 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th proximal phalanges • [horseshoe kidney](#) Dx: made clinically

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CROUZON DISEASE

=CRANIOFACIAL SYNOSTOSIS / DYSOSTOSIS=[Apert syndrome](#) without [syndactyly](#)=characterized by skull + cranial base deformities secondary to craniosynostosis, [maxillary hypoplasia](#), shallow orbits, ocular proptosis *Prevalence*:1:25,000 *Etiology*:autosomal dominant inheritance (in 67%) • parrot-beak nose • strabismus • deafness • mental retardation • dental abnormalities ✓ acro(oxy)cephaly / brachycephaly / scaphocephaly / trigonocephaly / "cloverleaf" skull (premature craniosynostosis) ✓ [hypertelorism](#) + exophthalmos ✓ hypoplastic maxilla (relative prominence of mandible)OB-US: ✓ cloverleaf appearance (coronal view) + bilateral frontal indentations (axial view) of skull ✓ increased interorbital distance + ocular proptosis ✓ mild [ventriculomegaly](#)

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CRUCIATE LIGAMENT INJURY

A. COMPLETE TEAR failure to identify ligament amorphous areas of high signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI with inability to define ligamentous fibers focal discrete complete disruption of all visible fibers
B. PARTIAL / INTRASUBSTANCE TEAR abnormal signal intensity within substance of ligament with some intact + some discontinuous fibers

[Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury \(ACL\)](#) [Posterior Cruciate Ligament Injury \(PCL\)](#)

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Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury (ACL) ⚡ If the ACL appears intact in one of the sagittal oblique sequences discordant findings in other sequences can be disregarded! Site: intrasubstance tear near insertion of femoral condyle (frequently); bone avulsion (rarely) ✓ hyperintense signal (= focal fluid collection / soft-tissue edema) replacing the tendon substance in acute tear ✓ mass (hematoma + torn fibers) in intercondylar notch near femoral attachment ✓ concavity of anterior margin of ligament *Indirect findings:* ⚡ The indirect signs of ACL injury have a low [sensitivity](#) but high [specificity](#)! ✓ bone bruise in lateral compartment (posterolateral tibia + mid lateral femur) in >50% ✓ deepening of lateral femoral sulcus >1.5 mm ✓ posterior displacement of posterior horn of lateral meniscus >3.5 mm behind tibial plateau ✓ anterior translation of tibia (= anterior drawer sign) ✓ PCL bowing = angle between proximal + distal limbs of PCL <105° False-positive Dx: (1) slice thickness / interslice gap too great (2) adjacent fluid / synovial proliferation (3) cruciate [ganglion](#) / synovial cyst *Associated injuries:* [meniscal tear](#) (lateral > medial) in 65%
Chronic ACL Tear ✓ often complete absence of ligament ✓ bridging fibrous scar within intercondylar notch (simulating an intact ligament) **Partial ACL Tear** (15%) ⚡ Extremely difficult to diagnose! 40-50% of partial tears are missed on MR! • positive Lachman test (in 12-30%) ✓ MR primary signs positive for injury (in 33-43%)

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Posterior Cruciate Ligament Injury (PCL) *Prevalence:* 2-23% of all knee injuries; midsubstance of PCL most frequently involved (best seen on sagittal images); bone avulsion from posterior tibial insertion (<10%), best seen on lateral plain film *Mechanism:* (1) Direct blow to proximal anterior tibia with knee flexed (dashboard accident); midsubstance PCL tear; injury to posterior joint capsule; bone contusion at anterior tibial plateau + femoral condyles farther posteriorly (2) Hyperextension of knee; avulsion of tibial attachment of PCL (with preservation of PCL substance) ± ACL rupture; bone contusion in anterior tibial plateau + anterior aspect of femoral condyles (3) Severe ab-/adduction + rotational forces + injury to collateral ligaments *Associated with:* coexistent ligamentous injury in 70% anterior cruciate ligament 27-38% medial collateral ligament 20-23% lateral collateral ligament 6-7% medial [meniscal tear](#) 32-35% lateral [meniscal tear](#) 28-30% bone marrow injury 35-36% effusion 64-65% In 30% of cases injury of PCL is isolated! • posterior tibial laxity • difficult to evaluate arthroscopically unless ACL torn

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DERMATOMYOSITIS

=POLYMYOSITIS= inflammatory myopathy of unknown etiology with diffuse nonsuppurative inflammation of striated muscle *Pathophysiology*: damaged chondroitin sulfate no longer inhibits calcification *Path*: atrophy of muscle bundles followed by edema and coagulation necrosis, [fibrosis](#), calcification *Histo*: mucoid degeneration with round cell infiltrates concentrated around blood vessels *Age*: bimodal: 5-15 and 50-60 years; M:F = 1:2 ■ elevated muscle enzymes (creatinine kinase, aldolase) ■ myositis-specific autoantibodies: anti-Jo-1(a) anti-aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase ■ arthritis, [Raynaud phenomenon](#), fever, fatigue ■ [interstitial lung disease](#) *Prognosis*: requires prolonged treatment (b) anti-Mi-2 antibodies: ■ V-shaped chest rash (= shawl rash) ■ cuticular overgrowth *Prognosis*: good response to medication (c) anti-signal recognition particle antibodies ■ abrupt onset myositis ± heart involvement @ Skeleton ✓ linear + confluent calcifications in soft tissues of extremities (quadriceps, deltoid, calf muscles), elbows, knees, hands, abdominal wall, chest wall, axilla, inguinal region) in 75% ✓ pointing + [resorption of terminal tufts](#) ✓ rheumatoid-like arthritis (rare) ✓ "floppy-thumb" sign Cx: flexion contractures; soft-tissue ulceration @ Chest ■ respiratory muscle weakness ✓ disseminated pulmonary infiltrates (reminiscent of scleroderma) @ Myocardium ✓ changes similar to skeletal muscle @ GI tract ■ dysphagia ✓ atony + dilatation of esophagus ✓ atony of small intestines + colon ACUTE FORM ■ fever, joint pain, lymphadenopathy, [splenomegaly](#), subcutaneous edema *Prognosis*: death within a few months CHRONIC FORM = insidious onset with periods of spontaneous remission and relapse ■ low-grade fever, muscular aches + pains, edema ■ muscle weakness (due to active inflammation, necrosis, muscle atrophy with fatty replacement, steroid-induced myopathy) ✓ first symptom in 50% ■ skin erythema: heliotrope rash (= dusky erythema of eyelids) with periorbital edema, Gottron sign (= scaly erythematous papules of knuckles, major joints and upper body) ✓ first symptom in 25% Cx: high incidence of malignant neoplasms in GI tract, lung, kidney, ovary, breast Dx: muscle biopsy (normal in up to 15%)

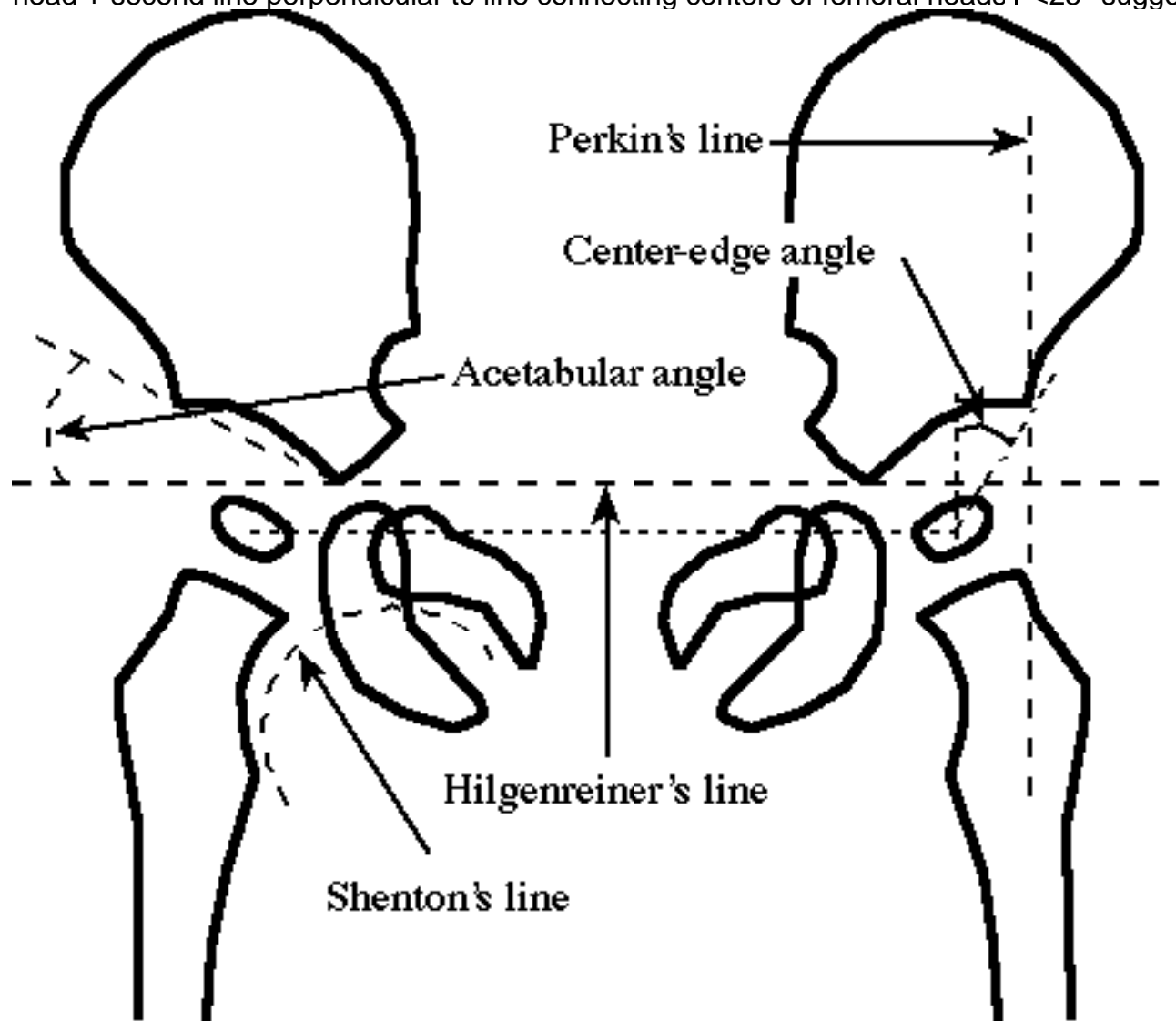
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DEVELOPMENTAL DYSPLASIA OF HIP (DDH)

=CONGENITAL DYSPLASIA OF HIP=abnormal laxity of ligaments + joint capsule resulting in dislocation / subluxation / dysplasia irrespective of prenatal (congenital) or postnatal onset
Etiology: (a)mechanical:-oligohydramnios (restricted space in utero)-firstborn (tight maternal musculature)-breach position (hyperflexion of hip results in shortening of iliopsoas muscle; L > R)(b)physiologic:-maternal estrogen (not inactivated by immature fetal liver) blocking cross-linkage of collagen fibrils
Incidence:0.15% of neonates
Increased risk: (1)infants born in frank breach position (25%; risk of breach:vertex = 6:1)(2)congenital torticollis (10%)(3)skull-molding deformities, neuromuscular disorders (eg, myelodysplasia)(4)family history of DDH (6%): 6% risk for subsequent sibling of normal parents, 36% risk for subsequent sibling of one affected parent; 12% risk for patients own children(5)foot deformities [metatarsus adductus, clubfoot](2%)
Increased prevalence:females, firstborns (60%), pregnancy with oligohydramnios
Age:most dislocations probably occur after birth;M:F = 1:4 -Caucasians > Blacks
Classification:
 Type 1=DISLOCATABLE UNSTABLE HIP
Incidence:0.25-0.85% of all newborn infants;2/3 are firstborns
 slight increase in femoral anteversion
 mild marginal abnormalities in acetabular cartilage
 early labral eversion
Prognosis:60% will become stable after 1 week; 88% will become stable by age of 2 months
 Type 2=SUBLUXED HIP
 loss of femoral head sphericity
 increased femoral anteversion
 early labral inversion
 shallow acetabulum
 Type 3=DISLOCATED HIP
 accentuated flattening of femoral head
 shallow acetabulum
 limbus formation (= inward growth + hypertrophy of labrum)
 positive Ortolani (reduction) test = reduction of proximal femur into the acetabulum by progressive abduction of flexed hips ± associated with audible "click"
 positive Barlow (dislocation) test = displacement of proximal femur by progressive adduction with downward pressure on flexed hips
 Allis sign = Galeazzi sign = affected knee is lower with knees bent in supine position
 asymmetric skin folds + shortening of thigh on dislocated side
 Trendelenburg test = visible drooping + shortening on dislocated side with child standing on both feet, then one foot
Location:left:right:bilateral = 11:1:4
Radiologic lines: 1.Line of Hilgenreiner =line connecting superolateral margins of triradiate cartilages
 2.Acetabular angle / index=slope of acetabular roof = angle that lies between Hilgenreiners line and a line drawn from most superolateral ossified edge of acetabulum to superolateral margin of triradiate cartilage
 >30° strongly suggests dysplasia
 3.Perkins line=vertical line to Hilgenreiners line through the lateral rim of acetabulum
 4.Shentons curved line=arc formed by inferior surface of superior pubic ramus (= top of obturator foramen) + medial surface of proximal femoral metaphysis to level of lesser trochanter
 disruption of line (DDx: coxa valga)
 5.Center-edge angle=angle subtended by one line drawn from the acetabular edge to center of femoral head + second line perpendicular to line connecting centers of femoral heads
 <25° suggests femoral head instability



AP pelvic radiograph: >6-8 weeks of age (von Rosen view = legs abducted

45° + thighs internally rotated)
 proximal + lateral migration of femur
 eccentric position of femoral epiphysis (position estimated by a circle drawn with a diameter equivalent to width of femoral neck)
 interrupted discontinuous arc of Shentons line
 line drawn along axis of femoral shaft will not pass through upper edge of acetabulum but intersect the anterior-superior iliac spine (during Barlow maneuver)
 apex of metaphysis lateral to edge of acetabulum
 femoral shaft above horizontal line drawn through the Y-symphyses
 unilateral shortening of vertical distance from femoral ossific nucleus / femoral metaphysis to Hilgenreiners line
 femoral ossific nucleus / medial beak of femoral metaphysis outside inner lower quadrant of coordinates established by Hilgenreiners + Perkins lines
 acetabular dysplasia = shallow incompletely developed acetabulum
 development of false acetabulum
 delayed ossification of femoral epiphysis (usually evident between 2nd and 8th month of life)

US (practical only up to 8-10 months of age): direct visualization of unossified femoral head

Sonographic Hip Types		
Type	Description	alpha- / beta angle
1	mature hip	>60°
1A	narrow cartilaginous roof	<55°
1B	wide cartilaginous roof	>55°
2	deficient bony acetabulum	
2A	physiologic <3 months	50 - 59°
2B	delayed ossification >3 months	
2C	concentric but unstable; critical range	43 - 49° 70 - 77°
2D	decentered = subluxed	>77°
3	eccentric = dislocated	<43°
4	severe dysplasia with inverted labrum	

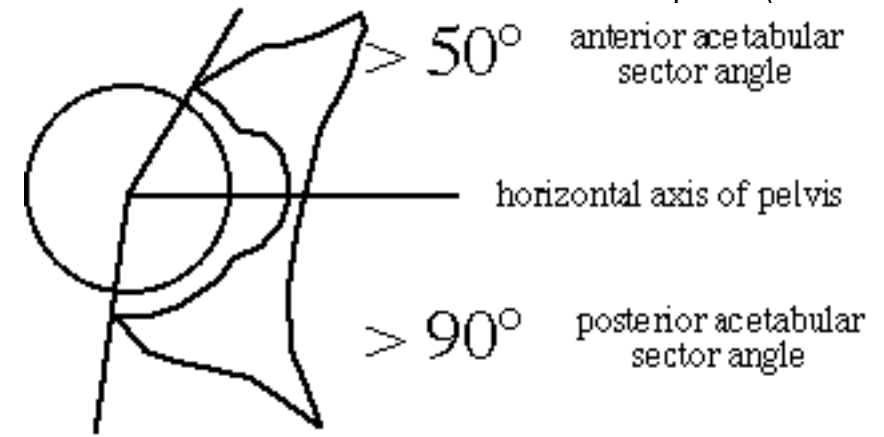
(1) alpha angle = angle between straight lateral edge of ilium + bony acetabular margin (on coronal view); determines sonographic hip type

(2) beta angle = angle between straight lateral edge of ilium + fibrocartilaginous acetabulum; determines nuances of sonographic hip type

Coronal View of Left Hip

femoral head position at rest in neutral position: normal / subluxed = decentered / dislocated = eccentric
 hip instability under motion + stress maneuvers: normal / lax = subluxable / subluxed / dislocatable = unstable / dislocated reducible / dislocated irreducible
 subluxability up to 6 mm is normal in newborns (still under influence

of maternal hormones); decreasing to 3 mm by 2nd day of life examination should be performed >2 weeks of age! dislocatable (= concentric but unstable) hip can be pushed out of hip joint (Barlow positive) by "piston" maneuver (= pushing / pulling in AP direction with hip flexed) posterior + superior dislocation of head against ilium dislocated (= eccentric) hip can be reduced (Ortolani positive) hypoechoic femoral head not centered over triradiate cartilage between pubis + ischium (on transverse view) increased amount of soft-tissue echoes ("pulvinar") between femoral head and acetabulum cartilaginous acetabular labrum interposed between head and acetabulum (inverted labrum) disparity in presence + size of ossific nucleus disparity in size of femoral head equator sign = <50% of femoral head lies medial to line drawn along iliac bone (on coronal view); 58% to 33% coverage is indeterminate, <33% coverage is abnormal delayed ossification of acetabular corner wavy contour of bony acetabulum with only slight curvature abnormally acute alpha angle (= angle between straight lateral edge of ilium + bony acetabular margin) 4°-6° interobserver variation! Prognosis: alpha-angle <50° at birth / 50° - 59° after 3 months indicates significant risk for dislocation without treatment; follow-up at 4-week intervals are recommended CT: sector angle = angle between line drawn from center of femoral head to acetabular rim + horizontal axis of pelvis (= reflection of



Acetabular sector angles (in normal right hip)

acetabular support) anterior acetabular sector angle <50° posterior acetabular sector angle <90°
 Cx: (1) [Avascular necrosis](#) of femoral head (2) Intra-articular obstacle to reduction (a) pulvinar = fibrofatty tissue at apex of acetabulum (b) hypertrophy of ligamentum teres (c) labral hypertrophy / inversion (3) Extra-articular obstacle to reduction (a) iliopsoas tendon impingement on anterior joint capsule with infolding of joint capsule Rx: (1) Flexion-abduction-external rotation brace (Pavlik harness) / splint / spica cast (2) Femoral varus osteotomy (3) Pelvic (Salter) / acetabular rotation (4) Increase in acetabular depth (Pemberton) (5) Medialization of femoral head (Chiari)

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DESMOPLASTIC FIBROMA

=INTRAOSSEOUS [DESMOID TUMOR](#)=rare locally aggressive benign neoplasm of bone with borderline malignancy resembling soft-tissue desmoids / musculoaponeurotic [fibromatosis](#)*Incidence*:107 cases in world literature*Histo*:intracellular collagenous material in fibroblasts with small nuclei*Age*:mean of 21 years (range 15 months to 75 years); in 90% <30 years; M:F = 1:1 ■ slowly progressive pain + local tenderness ■ palpable mass*Location*:mandible (26%), ilium (14%), >50% in long bones (femur [14%], humerus [11%], radius [9%], tibia [7%], clavicle), scapula, vertebra, calcaneus*Site*:central meta- / diaphyseal (if growth plate open); may extend into epiphysis with subarticular location (if growth plate closed)✓ *geographic* (96%) / moth-eaten (4%) bone destruction without matrix mineralization✓ narrow (96%) / poorly defined (4%) zone of transition✓ no marginal sclerosis (94%)✓ residual columns of bone with "pseudotrabeculae" are CLASSIC (91%)✓ bone expansion (89%); may grow to massive size (simulating [aneurysmal bone cyst](#) / metastatic [renal cell carcinoma](#))✓ breach of cortex + soft-tissue mass (29%)*Cx*:pathologic [fracture](#) (9%)*Prognosis*:52% rate of local recurrence*Rx*:wide excision*DDx*:(1)[Giant cell tumor](#) (round rather than oval, may extend into epiphysis + subchondral bone plate)(2)[Fibrous dysplasia](#) (occupies longer bone, contains mineralized matrix, often with sclerotic rim)(3)[Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (eccentric blowout appearance rather than fusiform)(4)[Chondromyxoid fibroma](#) (eccentric with delicate marginal sclerosis + scalloped border)

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DIASTROPHIC DYSPLASIA

=DIASTROPHIC [DWARFISM](#) = EPIPHYSEALDYSOSTOSIS= autosomal recessive severe rhizomelic [dwarfism](#) secondary to generalized disorder of cartilage followed by fibrous scars + ossifications • diastrophic = "twisted" habitus • "cauliflower ear" = ear deformity from inflammation of pinna • [laryngomalacia](#) • lax + rigid joints with contractures • normal intellectual development@ Axial skeleton ✓ cleft palate (25%) ✓ cervical [spina bifida](#) occulta ✓ hypoplasia of odontoid ✓ severe progressive kyphoscoliosis of lumbar spine (not present at birth) ✓ narrowed interpedicular space in lumbar spine ✓ short + broad bony pelvis ✓ posterior tilt of sacrum@ Extremities ✓ severe micromelia (predominantly rhizomelic= humerus + femur shorter than distal long bones ✓ widened metaphysis ✓ flattened epiphysis (retardation of epiphyseal ossification) with invagination of ossification centers into distal ends of femora ✓ multiple joint flexion contractures (notably of major joints) ✓ dislocation of one / more large joints (hip, elbow), lateral dislocation of patella ✓ coxa vara (common) ✓ medially bowed metatarsals ✓ clubfoot = severe talipes equinovarus ✓ ulnar deviation of hands ✓ oval + hypoplastic 1st metacarpal bone + abducted proximally positioned thumb = "hitchhikers thumb" (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ bizarre [carpal bones](#) with supernumerary centers ✓ widely spaced fingersOB-US: ✓ proportionately shortened long bones ✓ hitchhiker thumb ✓ clubfeet ✓ joint contractures ✓ abnormal spinal curvature*Prognosis*: death in infancy (due to abnormal softening of tracheal cartilage)

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DIFFUSE IDIOPATHIC SKELETAL HYPEROSTOSIS

=DISH = FORESTIER DISEASE = ANKYLOSING HYPEROSTOSIS= common ossifying diathesis characterized by bone proliferation at sites of tendinous + ligamentous attachment (entheses) *Etiology:* (1) may be caused by altered vitamin A metabolism (elevated plasma levels of unbound retinol)(2) long-term ingestion of retinoid derivatives for dermatologic disorders (eg, Accutane®);? hypertrophic variant of spondylosis deformans *Age:* >50 years; M:F = 3:1 ■ pain, tenderness in extraspinal locations ■ restricted motion of vertebral column ■ hyperglycemia ■ positive HLA-B27 in 34% *Location:* lower thoracic > lower cervical > entire lumbar spine ✓ anterior + lateral right-sided osteophytes of vertebral column (not on left because of aorta) ✓ disk spaces well preserved, no apophyseal ankylosis, no [sacroiliitis](#) ✓ flowing ossification along anterior / anterolateral aspect of at least 4 contiguous vertebral bodies ✓ "whiskering" at iliac crest, ischial tuberosity, trochanters ✓ spurs of olecranon process of ulna + calcaneus (plantar + posterior surface) + anterior surface of patella ✓ broad osteophytes at lateral acetabular edge, inferior portions of sacroiliac joints, superior aspect of symphysis pubis ✓ ossification of iliolumbar + sacrotuberous + sacroiliac ligaments (high probability for presence of spinal DISH, DDX: fluorosis) ✓ ossification of coracoclavicular ligament, patellar ligament, tibial tuberosity, interosseous membranes ✓ increased incidence of hyperostosis frontalis interna *DDx:* (1) Fluorosis (increased skeletal density) (2) [Acromegaly](#) (posterior scalloping, skull features) (3) [Hypoparathyroidism](#) (4) X-linked hypophosphatemic vitamin D-resistant [rickets](#) (5) [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) (squaring of vertebral bodies, coarser syndesmophytes, [sacroiliitis](#), apophyseal alteration) (6) Intervertebral osteochondrosis (vacuum phenomenon, vertebral body marginal sclerosis, decreased intervertebral disk height)

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Hip Dislocation *Incidence:*5% of all dislocationsA.**POSTERIOR HIP DISLOCATION** (80-85%)*Mechanism:*classical dashboard injury (= flexed knee strikes dashboard)*Associated with:*fractures of posterior rim of acetabulum, femoral headB.**ANTERIOR HIP DISLOCATION** (5-10%)1.anterior obturator dislocation2.superoanterior / pubic hip dislocation*Associated with:*fractures of acetabular rim, greater trochanter, femoral neck, femoral head (characteristic depression on posterosuperior and lateral portion)C.**CENTRAL ACETABULAR FRACTURE-DISLOCATION***Mechanism:*force applied to lateral side of trochanter

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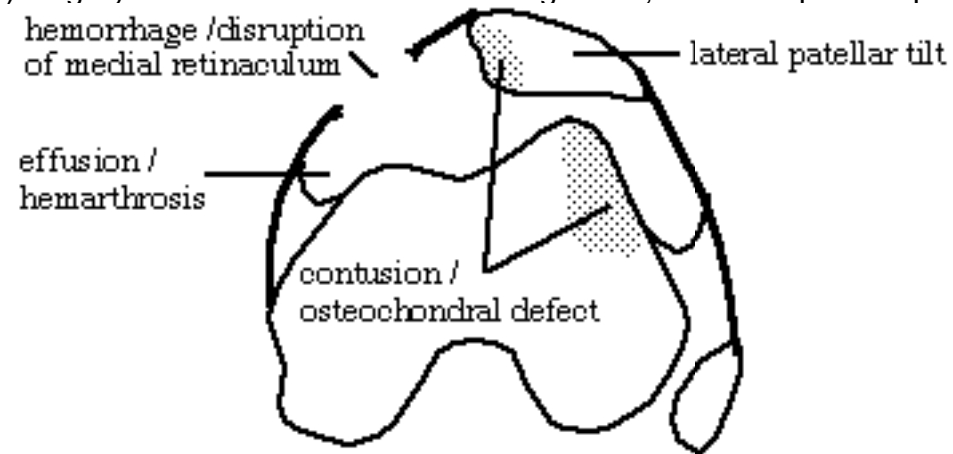


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Patellar Dislocation = TRANSIENT LATERAL PATELLAR DISLOCATION *Incidence:* 2-3% of all knee injuries *Mechanism:* during attempt to slow forward motion while pivoting medially on a planted foot; internal rotation of femur and quadriceps contraction produces a net lateral force *Associated with:* medial [meniscal tear](#) / major ligamentous injury in 31% *Age:* young physically active people • hemarthrosis (most common cause of hemarthrosis in young conscripts) • swelling + tenderness of medial retinaculum >50% not clinically diagnosed initially! ↑ increased signal intensity / thickening / disruption of medial patellar retinaculum ↓ lateral patellar tilt ↓ contusion / microfracture / osteochondral injury of nonarticular surface of lateral femoral condyle + medial articular surface of patella ↓ hemarthrosis *Rx:* (1) Temporary immobilization + rehabilitation: successful in 75% (2) Surgery: fixation of osteochondral fragments, medial capsule repair, lateral retinacular release, vastus medialis et



MR Imaging Signs of Patellar Dislocation

lateralis rearrangement, medial retinaculum reefing

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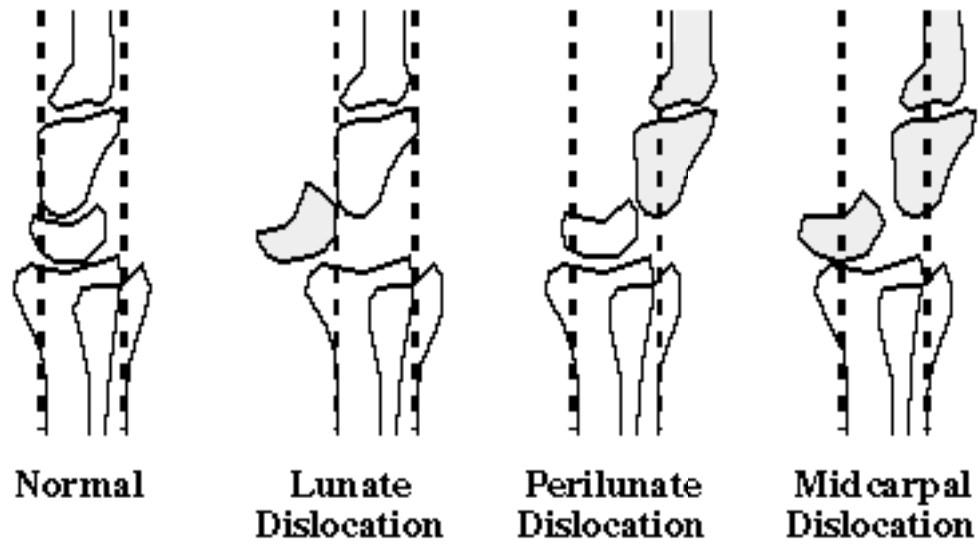
Shoulder Dislocation *Sternoclavicular dislocation* (3%) Acromioclavicular dislocation (12%) Glenohumeral dislocation (85%) †Glenohumeral joint dislocations make up >50% of all dislocations! A. ANTERIOR / SUBCORACOID **SHOULDER DISLOCATION** (96%) *Types*: subcoracoid, subglenoid, subclavicular, intrathoracic *Mechanism*: external rotation + abduction; 40% recurrent *Age*: in younger individuals *May be associated with*: † **fracture** of greater tuberosity (15%) † Bankart lesion = **fracture** of anterior glenoid rim (originally only referring to injury of anterior band of glenohumeral ligament) † **fracture** of anterior rim of glenoid † Hill-Sachs defect (50%) = depression **fracture** of posterolateral surface of humeral head at / above level of coracoid process (impaction against glenoid rim in subglenoid type) B. POSTERIOR **SHOULDER DISLOCATION** (2-4%) *Cause*: (a) traumatic: convulsive disorders / electric shock therapy (b) nontraumatic: voluntary, involuntary, congenital, developmental *Types*: subacromial, subglenoid, subspinous † In >50% unrecognized initially + subsequently misdiagnosed as frozen **shoulder** † Average interval between injury and diagnosis is 1 year! † rim sign (66%) = distance between medial border of humeral head + anterior glenoid rim <6 mm *May be associated with*: † trough sign (75%) = "reverse Hill-Sachs" = compression **fracture** of anteromedial humeral head (tangential Grashey view of glenoid!) † **fracture** of posterior glenoid rim † avulsion **fracture** of lesser tuberosity C. INFERIOR **SHOULDER DISLOCATION** (1-2%) = LUXATIO ERECTA = extremity held over head in fixed position with elbow flexed *Mechanism*: severe hyperabduction of arm resulting in impingement of humeral head against acromion † humeral articular surface faces inferiorly *Cx*: **rotator cuff tear**; **fracture** of acromion ± inferior glenoid fossa ± greater tuberosity; neurovascular injury D. SUPERIOR **SHOULDER DISLOCATION** (<1%) = humeral head driven upward through rotator cuff *May be associated with*: **fracture** of humerus, clavicle, acromion *DDx*: drooping **shoulder** (transient phenomenon after **fracture** of surgical neck of humerus due to hemarthrosis / muscle imbalance)

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Wrist Dislocation *Mechanism:* fall on outstretched hand *Incidence:* 10% of all carpal injuries **Lunate Dislocation** Perilunate Dislocation 2-3 times more common than lunate dislocation accompanied by [fracture](#) in 75% (= transscaphoid perilunate dislocation) ✓ most commonly dorsal dislocation **Rotary Subluxation of Scaphoid** =tearing of interosseous ligaments of lunate, scaphoid, capitate *Mechanism:* acute dorsiflexion of wrist; may be associated with [rheumatoid arthritis](#) ✓ gap >4 mm between scaphoid + lunate (PA view) ✓ foreshortening of scaphoid ✓ ring sign of distal pole of scaphoid **Midcarpal Dislocation**



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DOWN SYNDROME

=MONGOLISM = TRISOMY 21 (95% nondisjunction, 5% translocation) *Incidence*: 1:870 liveborn infants, most common karyotype / chromosomal abnormality in U.S. • mental retardation • hypotonia in infancy • characteristic facies • Simian crease @ Skull ✓ [hypotelorism](#) ✓ persistent metopic suture (40-79%) after age 10 ✓ hypoplasia of sinuses + facial bones ✓ microcrania (brachycephaly) ✓ delayed closure of sutures + fontanelles ✓ dental abnormalities (underdeveloped tooth No. 2) ✓ flat-bridged nose @ Axial skeleton ✓ [atlantoaxial subluxation](#) (25%) ✓ anterior scalloping of vertebral bodies ✓ "squared vertebral bodies" = centra high and narrow = positive lateral lumbar index (ratio of horizontal to vertical diameters of L2) @ Chest ✓ congenital heart disease (40%): [endocardial cushion defect](#), VSD, [tetralogy of Fallot](#) ✓ hypersegmentation of manubrium = 2-3 ossification centers (90%) ✓ gracile ribs; 11 pairs of ribs (25%) @ Pelvis ✓ flaring of iliac wings (decreased iliac angle + index) = "Mickey Mouse ears" / "elephant ears" ✓ flattening of acetabular roof (decreased acetabular angle) ✓ tapering of ischial rami @ Extremities ✓ metaphyseal flaring ✓ [clinodactyly](#) (50%); widened space between first two digits of hands + feet ✓ hypoplastic and triangular middle + distal phalanges of 5th finger = acromicria (DDx: normal individuals, cretins, achondroplastic dwarfs) ✓ pseudoepiphyses of 1st + 2nd metacarpals @ Gastrointestinal ✓ [umbilical hernia](#) ✓ "double bubble" sign (8-10%) = [duodenal atresia](#) / stenosis / [annular pancreas](#) ✓ tracheoesophageal fistula ✓ anorectal anomalies ✓ [Hirschsprung disease](#) OB-US: • triple-marker screening test: • low maternal [alpha-fetoprotein](#) (20-30%) • increased HCG (DDx: decreased in [trisomy 18](#)) • decreased unconjugated estriol (ue3) • advanced maternal age in 1:385 livebirths for women >35 years of age ✓ HOWEVER: 80% of fetuses with Down syndrome are born to mothers <35 years of age ✓ occipital-[nuchal skin thickening](#) ≥6 mm during 19-24 weeks (in 45-80%) / ≥5 mm during 14-18 weeks on transcerebellar diameter view (69% [positive predictive value](#), 0.5% false positives) ✓ ratio of measured-to-expected femur length ≤0.91 [expected femur length: $-9.3105 + 0.9028 \times \text{BPD}$] ([sensitivity](#) 40%, [specificity](#) 95%, false-positive rate of 2-7%, 0.3% PPV for low-risk population [1:700], 1% PPV for high-risk population [1:250]) ✓ elevated BPD / femur ratio (secondary to short femur) ✓ ratio of measured-to-expected humerus length ≤0.90 [expected humerus length: $-7.9404 + 0.8492 \times \text{BPD}$] (1-2% PPV for low-risk population; 3% PPV for high-risk population) ✓ major structural malformations: ✓ VSD / complete AV canal (50%) ✓ [cystic hygroma](#), resolved by 20th week MA ✓ [omphalocele](#) ✓ double bubble of [duodenal atresia](#) (8-10%), not apparent before 22 weeks GA ✓ hydrothorax ✓ mild cerebral ventricular dilatation ✓ [agenesis of corpus callosum](#) ✓ [imperforate anus](#) ✓ mild fetal pyelectasis (17-25%) ✓ hyperechoic bowel at <20 weeks GA (15%, in 0.6% of normals) ✓ intracardiac echogenic focus, usually in left ventricle = thickening of papillary muscle (18%, in 5% of normals) ✓ sandal-gap deformity = separation of great toe (45%) ✓ hypoplasia of middle phalanx of 5th digit resulting in [clinodactyly](#) (= inward curve) in 60% ✓ flared ilium = iliac wings rotated toward coronal plane at SIJ describing an angle of >70° with each other ✓ brachycephaly ✓ small cerebellum ✓ IUGR (in 30%) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) Cx: [leukemia](#) (increased frequency 3-20 x)

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DYSCHONDROSTEOSIS

=LÉRI-LAYANI-WEILL SYNDROME = mesomelic long-bone shortening (forearm + leg); autosomal dominant M:F = 1:4 • limited motion of elbow + wrist / bilateral Madelung deformity / radial shortening in relation to ulna / bowing of radius laterally + dorsally / dorsal subluxation of distal end of ulna / carpal wedging between radius + ulna (due to triangular shape of distal radial epiphysis + underdevelopment of ulna) DDX: Pseudo-Madelung deformity (from trauma / infection)

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DYSPLASIA EPIPHYSEALIS HEMIMELICA

=TREVOR DISEASE = TARSOEPIPHYSEAL ACLASIS=eccentric usually medial epiphyseal cartilaginous overgrowth of one / more epiphyses; spontaneous occurrenceAge:2-4 years; M > FMay be associated with: hemihypertrophy • limitation of joint mobility (due to localized painless mass)Location:localized to tarsus, carpus, knee, ankle;occasionally generalized^v osteochondroma-like growth from one side of epiphysisCx:genu valgumDDx:osteochondroma

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ECHINOCOCCUS OF BONE

Occurs occasionally in the U.S.; usually in foreign-born individuals; bone involvement in 1% *Histo*:no connective tissue barrier; daughter cysts extend directly into bone@Pelvis, sacrum, rarely long tubular bones✓ round / irregular regions of rarefaction✓ multiloculated lesion (bunch of grapes)✓ no sharp demarcation (DDx: chondroma, [giant cell tumor](#)) with secondary infection✓ thickening of trabeculae with generalized perifocal condensation✓ cortical breakthrough with soft-tissue mass@Vertebra✓ sclerosis without pathologic [fracture](#)✓ intervertebral disks not affected✓ vertebral lamina often involved✓ frequently involvement of adjacent ribs

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EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME

=group of autosomal dominant diseases of connective tissue characterized by abnormal collagen synthesis
Types: 10 types have been described that differ clinically, biochemically, and genetically
Age: present at birth; predominantly in males
• hyperelasticity of skin
• fragile brittle skin with gaping wounds and poor healing
• molluscoid pseudotumors over pressure points
• hyperextensibility of joints
• joint contractures with advanced age
• bleeding tendency (fragility of blood vessels)
• blue sclera, microcornea, myopia, keratoconus, ectopia lentis
@Soft tissues
✓ multiple ovoid calcifications (2-10 mm) in subcutis / in fatty cysts ("spheroids"), most frequently in periarticular areas of legs
✓ ectopic bone formation
@Skeleton
✓ hemarthrosis (particularly in knee)
✓ malalignment / subluxation / dislocation of joints on stress radiographs
✓ recurrent dislocations (hip, patella, [shoulder](#), radius, clavicle)
✓ precocious osteoarthritis (predominantly in knees)
✓ ulnar synostosis
✓ kyphoscoliosis
✓ [spondylololsthesis](#)
✓ [spina bifida](#) occulta
@Chest
✓ diaphragmatic hernia
✓ panacinar [emphysema](#) + bulla formation
✓ [tracheobronchomegaly](#) + [bronchiectasis](#)
@Arteries
✓ aneurysm of great vessels, [aortic dissection](#), tortuosity of arch, ectasia of pulmonary arteries
AORTOGRAPHY CONTRAINDICATED!(Cx following arteriography: [aortic rupture](#), hematomas)
@GI tract
✓ ectasia of gastrointestinal tract

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ELASTOFIBROMA

=benign tumorlike lesion forming as a reaction to mechanical friction *Incidence*: in 24% of women + 11% of men >55 years (autopsy study) *Age*: elderly; M:F = 1:2 *Histo*: enlarged irregular serrated elastic hypereosinophilic fibers, collagen, scattered fibroblasts, occasional lobules of adipose tissue ■ asymptomatic ■ may remain clinically inapparent *Location*: between inferior margin of scapula + posterior chest wall; bilateral in 25% *✓* inhomogeneous poorly defined lesion of soft-tissue attenuation similar to muscle *✓* well-defined intermediate-signal intensity lesion with interlaced areas of fat-intensity signal on T1WI + T2WI

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ENCHONDROMA

=benign cartilaginous growth in medullary cavity; bones preformed in cartilage are affected (NOT skull) Age:10-30 years; M:F = 1:1 *Histo*:lobules of hyaline cartilage • usually asymptomatic, painless swelling Location:(frequently multiple = [enchondromatosis](#))(a)in 40% small bones of wrists + hand (most frequent tumor here), distal + mid aspects of metacarpals, proximal / middle phalanges(b)femur, tibia, humerus, radius, ulna, foot, rib Site:centeral + diaphyseal, epiphysis only affected after closure of growth plate ✓ oval / round lucency near epiphysis with fine marginal line ✓ scalloped endosteum ✓ ground-glass appearance ✓ calcification: pinhead, stippled, flocculent, "rings and arcs" pattern ✓ bulbous expansion of bone with thinning of cortex ✓ Madelung deformity = bowing deformities of limb, discrepant length ✓ NO cortical breakthrough / [periosteal reaction](#) Cx:(1)pathologic [fracture](#)(2)malignant degeneration in long-bone enchondromas in 15-20% *DDx*:(1)[Epidermoid inclusion cyst](#) (phalangeal tuft, Hx of trauma, more lucent)(2)Unicameral bone cyst (rare in hands, more radiolucent)(3)[Giant cell tumor](#) of tendon sheath (commonly erodes bone, soft-tissue mass outside bone)(4)[Fibrous dysplasia](#) (rare in hand, mostly polyostotic)(5)[Bone infarct](#)(6)[Chondrosarcoma](#)

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ENCHONDROMATOSIS

=OLLIER DISEASE = DYSCHONDROPLASIA=MULTIPLE ENCHONDROMATOSIS=nonhereditary failure of cartilage ossification Age:early childhood presentation • growth disparity with [leg](#) / arm shortening • hand + feet deformity Location:predominantly unilateral monomelic distribution (a) localized (b) regional (c) generalized ✓ rounded masses / columnar streaks of decreased density from epiphyseal plate into diaphysis of long bones = cartilaginous rests ✓ bony spurs pointing toward the joint (DDx: exostosis points away from it) ✓ cartilaginous areas show punctate calcifications with age ✓ associated with dwarfing of the involved bone due to impairment of epiphyseal fusion ✓ clublike deformity of metaphyseal region ✓ cartilaginous metaphyseal expansion with cortical expansion + thinning + breakthrough ✓ bowing deformities of limb bones ✓ discrepancy in length = Madelung deformity (radius, ulna) ✓ small bones of feet + hands: aggressive deforming tumors that may break through cortex secondary to tendency to continue to proliferate ✓ fanlike radiation of cartilage from center to crest of ilium Cx:sarcomatous transformation (in 25-50%): [osteosarcoma](#) (young adults); chondro- / [fibrosarcoma](#) (in older patients)

[Maffucci Syndrome](#)

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Maffucci Syndrome =nonhereditary mesodermal dysplasia characterized by [enchondromatosis](#) + multiple soft-tissue cavernous hemangiomas Age:generally not before puberty; M > F • multiple nodules particularly on digits + extremities (cavernous hemangiomas) • normal intelligence Location:unilateral involvement / marked asymmetry; distinct predilection for hands + feet ✓ phleboliths may be present ✓ striking tendency for enchondromata to be very large projecting into soft tissues ✓ growth disturbance of long bones (common) Cx:(1)malignant transformation of(a)[enchondroma](#) to [chondrosarcoma](#) (15-20%)(b)soft-tissue [hemangioma](#) to vascular sarcoma (in 3-5%)(2)increased prevalence of ovarian carcinoma, pancreatic carcinoma, CNS [glioma](#)

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ENGELMANN-CAMURATI DISEASE

=PROGRESSIVE DIAPHYSEAL DYSPLASIA=ENGELMANN DISEASE = RIBBING DISEASE (as forme fruste) Autosomal dominant Age:5-25 years, M > F • neuromuscular dystrophy = delayed walking (18-24 months) with wide-based waddling gait; often misdiagnosed as muscular dystrophy / [poliomyelitis](#) • weakness + easy fatigability • bone pain + tenderness usually in midshaft of long bones • underdevelopment of muscles secondary to malnutrition • NORMAL laboratory values Location: usually symmetrical; NO involvement of hands, feet, ribs, scapulae @Skull (initially affected) ✓ amorphous increase in density at base of skull @Long bones (bilateral symmetrical distribution) ✓ fusiform enlargement of diaphyses with cortical thickening (endosteal + periosteal accretion of mottled new bone) and progressive obliteration of medullary cavity; symmetrical involvement ✓ progression of lesions along long axis of bone toward either end ✓ abrupt demarcation of lesions (metaphyses + epiphyses spared) ✓ relative elongation of extremities ✓ NORMAL epiphyses + metaphyses DDX: (1) [Chronic osteomyelitis](#) (single bone) (2) [Hyperphosphatasemia](#) (high alkaline phosphatase levels) (3) [Paget disease](#) (age, new-bone formation, increased alkaline phosphatase) (4) [Infantile cortical hyperostosis](#) (fever; mandible, rib, clavicles; regresses, <1 year of age) (5) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (predominantly unilateral, subperiosteal new bone) (6) [Osteopetrosis](#) (very little bony enlargement) (7) Vitamin A poisoning

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EPIDERMOID INCLUSION CYST

=INTRAOSSEOUS KERATIN CYST = IMPLANTATION CYST
Age: 2nd-4th decade; M > F
Histo: stratified squamous epithelium, keratin, cholesterol crystals (soft white cheesy contents) • history of trauma (implantation of epithelium under skin with secondary bone erosion) • asymptomatic
Location: superficially situated bones such as calvarium (typically in frontal / parietal bone), phalanx (usually terminal tuft of middle finger), L > R hand, occasionally in foot
well-defined round osteolysis with sclerotic margin
cortex frequently expanded + thinned
NO calcifications / [periosteal reaction](#) / soft-tissue swelling
pathologic [fracture](#) often without [periosteal reaction](#)
DDx: (a) in finger: [glomus tumor](#), [enchondroma](#) (rare in terminal phalanx) (b) in skull: infection, metastasis (poorly defined), [eosinophilic granuloma](#) (beveled margin)

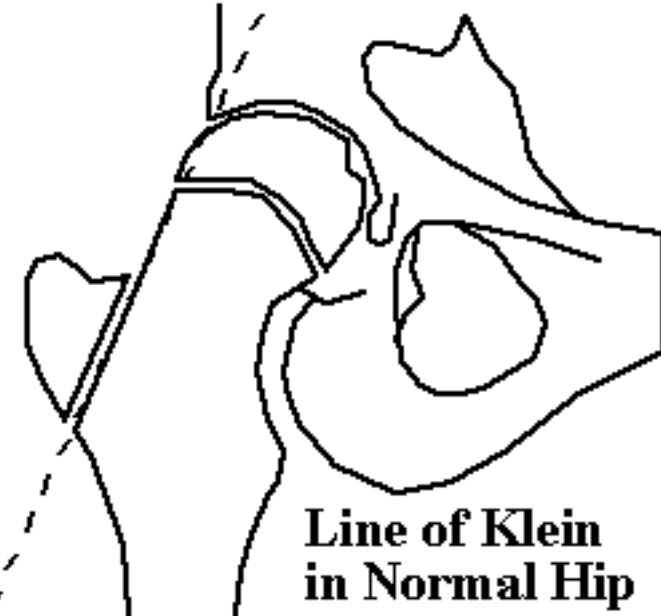
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EPIPHYSEOLYSIS OF FEMORAL HEAD

=SLIPPED CAPITAL FEMORAL EPIPHYSIS=atraumatic [fracture](#) through hypertrophic zone of physeal plate *Frequency*:2:100,000 people *Etiology*: growth spurt, [renal osteodystrophy](#), [rickets](#), childhood irradiation, growth hormone therapy, trauma (Salter-Harris type I epiphyseal injury) *Pathogenesis*:widening of physeal plate during growth spurt + change in orientation of [physis](#) from horizontal to oblique increases shear forces *Age*:overweight 8-17 year old boys (mean age for boys 13, for girls 11 years); M > F; black > white *Associated with*: (a)malnutrition, endocrine abnormality, developmental dysplasia of hip (during adolescence)(b)delayed skeletal maturation (after adolescence) • hip pain (50%) / knee pain (25%) for 2-3 weeks *Location*:usually unilateral; bilateral in 20-37% (at initial presentation in 9-18%) ✓ widening of epiphyseal plate (preslip phase) ✓ irregularity + blurring of physeal [physis](#) ✓ demineralization of neck metaphysis ✓ posteromedial displacement of head (acute slip) ✓ decrease in neck-shaft angle with alignment change in the growth plate to a more vertical orientation ✓ line of Klein (= line drawn along superior edge of femoral neck)



fails to intersect the femoral head

✓ epiphysis appears smaller due to posterior slippage:early slips are best seen on cross-table LAT view *CAVE*:positioning into a frogleg view may cause further displacement ✓ sclerosis + irregularity of widened [physis](#) (chronic slip) ✓ metaphyseal blanch sign = area of increased opacity in proximal part of metaphysis (healing response) Grading (based on femoral head position): mild displaced by <1/3 of metaphyseal diameter moderate displaced by 1/3-2/3 of diameter severe displaced by >2/3 of metaphyseal diameter *Cx*:(1)Chondrolysis = acute cartilage necrosis (7-10%)=rapid loss of >50% of thickness of cartilage ✓ joint space <3 mm (2)[Avascular necrosis](#) of femoral head (15%) risk increases with advanced degree of slip, delayed surgery for acute slip, anterior pin placement, large number of fixation pins, subcapital osteotomy (3)Pistol-grip deformity = broadening + shortening of femoral neck in varus deformity (4)Degenerative [osteoarthritis](#) (90%) (5)Limb-length discrepancy due to premature physeal closure *Rx*:(1) limitation of activity, (2) prophylactic pinning Attempted reductions increase risk of AVN!

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ESSENTIAL OSTEOLYSIS

Progressive slow bone-resorptive disease *Histo*:proliferation + hyperplasia of smooth muscle cells of synovial arterioles progressive osteolysis of carpal + tarsal bones
thinned pointed proximal ends of metacarpals + metatarsals elbows show same type of destruction bathrocephalic depression of base of skull *DDx*:(1) [Massive osteolysis](#) = Gorham disease (local destruction of contiguous bones, usually not affecting hands / feet) (2) Tabes dorsalis (3) [Leprosy](#) (4) [Syringomyelia](#) (5) Scleroderma (6) [Raynaud disease](#) (7) Regional posttraumatic osteolysis (8) Ulcero-mutilating acropathy (9) Mutilating forms of [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (10) Acrodynia mutilante (nonhereditary)

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EWING SARCOMA

=EWING TUMOR *Incidence*: 4-10% of all bone tumors (less common than osteo- / [chondrosarcoma](#)); most common malignant [bone tumor](#) in children Clinically, radiologically, and histologically very similar to PNET! *Histo*: small round cells, uniformly sized + solidly packed (DDx: [lymphoma](#), [osteosarcoma](#), myeloma, [neuroblastoma](#), carcinoma, [eosinophilic granuloma](#)) invading medullary cavity and entering subperiosteum via Haversian canals producing periostitis, soft-tissue mass, osteolysis; glycogen granules present (DDx to reticulum cell sarcoma); absence of alkaline phosphatase (DDx to [osteosarcoma](#)) *Age*: peak 15 years (range 5 months to 54 years); in 30% <10 years; in 39% 11-15 years; in 31% >15 years; in 50% <20 years; in 95% 4-25 years; M:F = 2:1; Caucasians in 96% ■ severe localized pain ■ soft-tissue mass ■ fever, leukocytosis, anemia (in early metastases) simulating infection *Location*: femur (25%), pelvis-iliac (14%), tibia (11%), humerus (10%), fibula (8%), ribs (6%) (a) long bones in 60%: metadiaphysis (44%), middiaphysis (33%), metaphysis (15%), metaepiphyseal (6%), epiphyseal (2%); usually no involvement of epiphysis as tumor originates in medullary cavity with invasion of Haversian system (b) flat bones in 40%: pelvis, scapula, skull, vertebrae (in 3-10%; sacrum > lumbar > thoracic > cervical spine); ribs (in 7% > age 10; in 30% < age 10) >20 years of age predominantly in flat bones <20 years of age predominantly in cylindrical bones (tumor derived from red marrow) 8-10 cm long lytic lesion in shaft of long bone (62% lytic, 23% mixed density, 15% dense) mottled "moth-eaten" destructive permeative lesion (72%) (late finding) penetration into soft tissue (55%) with preservation of tissue planes (DDx: osteomyelitis with diffuse soft-tissue swelling) early fusiform lamellated "onionskin" [periosteal reaction](#) (53%) / spiculated = "sunburst" / "hair-on-end" (23%), Codman triangle cortical thickening (16%) cortical destruction (18%) ± cortical sequestration reactive sclerotic new bone (30%) bone expansion (12%) Ewing sarcoma of rib: disproportionately large inhomogeneous soft-tissue mass with large intrathoracic + minimal extrathoracic component *Metastases to*: lung, bones, regional lymph nodes in 11-30% at time of diagnosis, in 40-45% within 2 years of diagnosis *Cx*: pathologic [fracture](#) (5-14%) *Prognosis*: 60-75% 5-year survival *DDx*: (1) [Multiple myeloma](#) (older age group) (2) [Osteomyelitis](#) (duration of pain <2 weeks) (3) [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) (solid [periosteal reaction](#)) (4) [Osteosarcoma](#) (ossification in soft tissue, near age 20, no lamellar [periosteal reaction](#)) (5) [Reticulum cell sarcoma](#) (clinically healthy, between 30 and 50 years, no glycogen) (6) [Neuroblastoma](#) (< age 5) (7) [Anaplastic metastatic carcinoma](#) (>30 years of age) (8) [Osteosarcoma](#) (9) [Hodgkin disease](#)

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EXTRAMEDULLARY HEMATOPOIESIS

=compensatory response to deficient bone marrow blood cell production *Etiology*: prolonged erythrocyte deficiency due to (1) destruction of RBC: acquired hemolytic anemia, sickle cell anemia, thalassemia, [hereditary spherocytosis](#), idiopathic severe anemia, erythroblastosis fetalis (2) inability of normal blood-forming organs to produce erythrocytes: [iron deficiency anemia](#), pernicious anemia, myelofibrosis, [myelosclerosis](#), [polycythemia](#), carcinomatous / lymphomatous replacement of bone marrow ([leukemia](#), [Hodgkin disease](#)) NO hematologic disease in 25% • absence of pain, bone erosion, calcification • chronic anemia Sites: in areas of fetal erythropoiesis @ [spleen](#), liver, lymph nodes @ adrenal glands @ mediastinum, heart, [thymus](#) @ lung @ renal pelvis @ gastrointestinal lymphatics @ dura mater (falx cerebri and over brain convexity) @ cartilage, broad ligaments @ thrombi, adipose tissue frequently bilateral paraspinal masses with round + lobulated margins between T8 and T12 extramedullary hematopoiesis may compress cord [splenomegaly](#) / absent [spleen](#) lack of calcification / bone erosion

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FAMILIAL IDIOPATHIC ACROOSTEOLYSIS

=HAJDU-CHENEY SYNDROME=rare bizarre entity of unknown etiology Location: may be unilateral • fingernails remain intact • sensory changes + plantar ulcers rare
✓ pseudoclubbing of fingers + toes with osteolysis of terminal + more proximal phalanges ✓ genu varum / valgum ✓ hypoplasia of proximal end of radius ✓ subluxation of
radial head ✓ scaphocephaly, basilar impression ✓ wide sutures, persistent metopic suture, [Wormian bones](#), poorly developed sinuses ✓ kyphoscoliosis ✓ severe
[osteoporosis](#) + fractures at multiple sites (esp. of spine) ✓ [protrusio acetabuli](#)

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FANCONI ANEMIA

=autosomal recessive disease with severe hypoplastic anemia + skin pigmentation + skeletal and urogenital anomalies ■ skin pigmentation (melanin deposits) in 74% (trunk, axilla, groin, neck) ■ anemia onset between 17 months and 22 years of age ■ bleeding tendency (pancytopenia) ■ hypogonadism (40%) ■ [microphthalmia](#) (20%)
✓ anomalies of radial component of upper extremity (strongly suggestive): ✓ absent / hypoplastic / supernumerary thumb ✓ hypoplastic / absent radius ✓ absent / hypoplastic navicular / greater multangular bone ✓ slight / moderate [dwarfism](#) ✓ minimal [microcephaly](#) ✓ renal anomalies (30%): renal aplasia, ectopia, [horseshoe kidney](#) *Prognosis*: fatal within 5 years after onset of anemia; patients family shows high incidence of [leukemia](#)

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FARBER DISEASE

=DISSEMINATED LIPOGRANULOMATOSIS *Histo*: foam cell granulomas; lipid storage of neuronal tissue (accumulation of ceramide + gangliosides) ■ hoarse weak cry
■ swelling of extremities; generalized joint swelling ■ subcutaneous + periarticular granulomas ■ intermittent fever, dyspnea ■ lymphadenopathy ✓ capsular distension
of multiple joints (hand, elbow, knee) ✓ juxta-articular bone erosions from soft-tissue granulomas ✓ subluxation / dislocation ✓ disuse / steroid
deossification *Prognosis*: death from respiratory failure within 2 years

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FIBROCHONDROGENESIS

=autosomal recessive lethal short-limb skeletal dysplasia *Incidence*: 5 cases ✓ severe micromelia + broad dumbbell-shaped metaphyses ✓ flat + clefted pear-shaped vertebral bodies ✓ short + cupped ribs ✓ frontal bossing ✓ low-set abnormally formed ears *Prognosis*: stillbirth / death shortly after birth *DDx*: (1) [Thanatophoric dysplasia](#) (2) Metatropic dysplasia (3) Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia

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FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA

=[MYOSITIS OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA](#) (misnomer since primarily connective tissues are affected)=rare slowly progressive sporadic / autosomal dominant disease with variable penetrance characterized by remissions + exacerbations of fibroblastic proliferation, subsequent calcification + ossification of subcutaneous fat, skeletal muscle, tendons, aponeuroses, ligaments *Histo*: edema with proliferating fibroblasts in a loose myxoid matrix; subsequent collagen deposition plus calcification + ossification of collagenized fibrous tissue in the center of nodules *Age*: presenting by age 2 years (50%) • initially subcutaneous painful masses on neck, shoulders, upper extremities • progressive involvement of remaining musculature of back, chest, abdomen, lower extremities • lesions may ulcerate and bleed • muscles of back + proximal extremities become rigid followed by thoracic kyphosis • inanition secondary to jaw trismus (masseter, temporal muscle) • "wry neck" = torticollis (due restriction of sternocleidomastoid muscle) • respiratory failure (thoracic muscles affected) • conductive hearing loss (fusion of [middle ear](#) ossicles) A. ECTOPIC OSSIFICATION ✓ rounded / linear calcification in neck / shoulders, paravertebral region, hips, proximal extremity, trunk, palmar + plantar fascia forming ossified bars + bony bridges ✓ ossification of voluntary muscles, complete by 20-25 years (sparing of sphincters + head) B. SKELETAL ANOMALIES may appear before ectopic ossification • [clinodactyly](#) ✓ microdactyly of big toes (90%) and thumbs (50%)= usually only one large phalanx present / synostosis of metacarpal + proximal phalanx (first sign) ✓ phalangeal shortening of hand + foot (middle phalanx of 5th digit) ✓ shortened 1st metatarsal + hallux valgus (75%) ✓ shortened metacarpals + metatarsals ✓ shallow acetabulum ✓ short widened femoral neck ✓ thickening of medial cortex of tibia ✓ progressive fusion of posterior arches of cervical spine ✓ narrowed AP diameter of cervical + lumbar vertebral bodies ✓ ± bony ankylosis CAVE: surgery is hazardous causing accelerated ossification at the surgical site

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FIBROMA OF SOFT TISSUE

Histo: hypocellular highly collagenic tumor *Age*: 3rd and 4th decades; M > F *Location*: tendon sheath of distal upper extremity *✓* slowly growing lesion 1-5 cm in size *MR*: *✓* small hypointense nodule on all pulse sequences

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FIBROMATOSIS

=[DESMOID TUMOR](#)=benign aggressively growing lesion Location:[shoulder](#), pelvis, abdomen, thigh Site:fascia in / around muscle[✓] mostly <10 cm in diameter MR: [✓] poorly defined (with invasion of fat / muscle) / lobulated well-defined lesion[✓] isointense with muscle on T1WI[✓] hyperintense (hypercellular) / hyperintense with areas of low intensity (intermixed with fibrous components) / hypointense (hypocellular) on T2WI Cx:compresses / engulfs adjacent structures

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FIBROSARCOMA

Incidence: 4% of all primary bone neoplasm *Etiology:* A. PRIMARY FIBROSARCOMA (70%) B. SECONDARY FIBROSARCOMA (30%) 1. following radiotherapy of [giant cell tumor](#) / [lymphoma](#) / [breast cancer](#) 2. underlying benign lesion: [Paget disease](#) (common); [giant cell tumor](#), [bone infarct](#), osteomyelitis, [desmoplastic fibroma](#), [enchondroma](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#) (rare) 3. dedifferentiation of low-grade [chondrosarcoma](#) *Histo:* spectrum of well to poorly differentiated fibrous tissue proliferation; will not produce osteoid / chondroid / osseous matrix *Age:* predominantly in 3rd-5th decade (range of 8-88 years); M:F = 1:1 *Metastases to:* lung, lymph nodes • localized painful mass *Location:* tubular bones in young, flat bones in older patients; femur (40%), tibia (16%) (about knee in 30-50%), jaw, pelvis (9%); rare in small bones of hand + feet or spinal column *Site:* eccentric at diaphyseal-metaphyseal junction into metaphysis; intramedullary / periosteal A. CENTRAL FIBROSARCOMA = intramedullary ✓ well-defined lucent bone lesion ✓ thin expanded cortex ✓ aggressive osteolysis with geographic / ragged / permeative bone destruction + wide zone of transition ✓ occasionally large osteolytic lesion with cortical destruction, [periosteal reaction](#) + soft-tissue invasion ✓ sequestration of bone may be present (DDx: [eosinophilic granuloma](#), bacterial granuloma) ✓ sparse periosteal proliferation (uncommon) ✓ intramedullary discontinuous spread ✓ no calcification DDx: [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#), myeloma, telangiectatic [osteosarcoma](#), [lymphoma](#), [desmoplastic fibroma](#), osteolytic metastasis B. PERIOSTEAL FIBROSARCOMA = rare tumor arising from periosteal connective tissue *Location:* long bones of lower extremity, jaw ✓ contour irregularity of cortical border ✓ [periosteal reaction](#) with perpendicular bone formation may be present ✓ rarely extension into medullary cavity *Cx:* pathologic [fracture](#) (uncommon) *Prognosis:* 20% 10-year survival DDx: (1) Osteolytic [osteosarcoma](#) (2nd-3rd decade) (2) [Chondrosarcoma](#) (usually contains characteristic calcifications) (3) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (eccentric blown-out appearance with rapid progression) (4) Malignant [giant cell tumor](#) (begins in metaphysis extending toward joint)

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FIBROUS CORTICAL DEFECT

Incidence: 30% of children; M:F = 2:1 *Age:* peak age of 7-8 years (range of 2-10 years); mostly before epiphyseal closure *Histo:* fibrous tissue from periosteum invading underlying cortex • asymptomatic *Location:* metaphyseal cortex of long bone; posterior medial aspect of distal femur, proximal tibia, proximal femur, proximal humerus, ribs, ilium, fibula ✓ round when small, average diameter of 1-2 cm ✓ oval, extending parallel to long axis of host bone ✓ cortical thinning + expansion may occur ✓ smooth, well-defined / scalloped margins ✓ larger lesions are multilocular ✓ involution over 2-4 years *Prognosis:* (a) potential to grow and encroach on the medullary cavity leading to [nonossifying fibroma](#) (b) bone islands in the adult may be residue of incompletely involuted cortical defect

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FIBROUS DYSPLASIA

=LICHTENSTEIN-JAFFE DISEASE=benign fibro-osseous developmental anomaly of the mesenchymal precursor of bone, manifested as a defect in osteoblastic differentiation and maturation
Cause: probable gene mutation during embryogenesis
Age: 1st-2nd decade (highest incidence between 3 and 15 years), 75% before age 30; progresses until growth ceases; M:F = 1:1
Histo: medullary cavity replaced by immature matrix of collagen with small irregularly shaped trabeculae of immature "woven" bone + inadequate mineralization; never replaced by mature lamellar bone
Types: A. MONOSTOTIC FORM (70-80%) • usually asymptomatic until 2nd-3rd decade
Location: ribs (28%), proximal femur (23%), craniofacial bones (10-25%)
 B. POLYOSTOTIC FORM (20-30%)
Age: mean age of 8 years • 2/3 symptomatic by age 10 • [leg](#) pain, limp, pathologic [fracture](#) (75%) • abnormal vaginal bleeding (25%)
Location: unilateral + asymmetric; femur (91%), tibia (81%), pelvis (78%), foot (73%), ribs, skull + facial bones (50%), upper extremities, lumbar spine (14%), clavicle (10%), cervical spine (7%)
Site: metadiaphysis • [leg](#) length discrepancy (70%) • "shepherds crook" deformity (35%) • facial asymmetry • tibial bowing • rib deformity
 C. CRANIOFACIAL FORM = LEONTIASIS OSSEA
Incidence: in 10-25% of monostotic form / in 50% of polyostotic form / isolated • cranial asymmetry • facial deformity • exophthalmos • visual impairment
Location: sphenoid, frontal, maxillary, ethmoid bones > occipital, temporal bones • unilateral overgrowth of facial bones + calvarium (NO extracranial lesions) • outward expansion of outer table maintaining convexity (DDx: [Paget disease](#) with destruction of inner + outer table) • prominence of external occipital protuberance
Cx: neurologic deficit secondary to narrowed cranial foramina (eg, blindness)
 D. CHERUBISM (special variant)=autosomal dominant disorder of variable penetrance
Age: childhood; more severe in males • symmetric involvement of mandible + maxilla
Prognosis: regression after adolescence
May be associated with: (a) endocrine disorders: [precocious puberty](#) in girls-[hyperthyroidism](#)-[hyperparathyroidism](#): renal stones, calcinosis-[acromegaly](#)-[diabetes mellitus](#)-[Cushing syndrome](#): [osteoporosis](#), acne-growth retardation (b) soft-tissue [myxoma](#) (rare): typically multiple intramuscular lesions
VARIANT: McCune-Albright syndrome (10%) (1) polyostotic unilateral fibrous dysplasia (2) "coast of Maine" café-au-lait spots (35%) (3) endocrine dysfunction: menarche in infancy (20%), [hyperthyroidism](#) • swelling + tenderness • limp, pain (± pathologic [fracture](#)) • increased alkaline phosphatase • advanced skeletal + somatic maturation (early) • coast of Maine café-au-lait spots = yellowish to brownish patches of cutaneous pigmentation with irregular / serrated border, predominantly on back of trunk (30-50%), buttocks, neck, shoulders; often ipsilateral to bone lesions (DDx: "coast of California" spots of [neurofibromatosis](#))
Common location: rib cage (30%), craniofacial bones [calvarium, mandible] (25%), femoral neck + tibia (25%), pelvis
Site: metaphysis is primary site with extension into diaphysis (rarely entire length) • normal bone architecture altered + remodeled • lesions in medullary cavity: radiolucent / "ground-glass" appearance / increased density • trabeculated appearance due to reinforced subperiosteal bone ridges in wall of lesion • expansion of bones (ribs, skull, long bones) • well-defined sclerotic margin of reactive bone = ring • endosteal scalloping with thinned / lost cortex (ribs, long bones) and intervening normal cortex is HALLMARK • lesion may undergo calcification + enchondral bone formation = fibrocartilaginous dysplasia • increased activity on bone scan during early perfusion + on delayed images @Skull • skull deformity with cranial nerve compromise • proptosis
Location: frontal bone > sphenoid bone; hemicranial involvement (DDx: [Paget disease](#) is bilateral) • sclerotic skull base, may narrow neural foramina (visual + hearing loss) • widened diploic space with displacement of outer table, inner table spared (DDx: [Paget disease](#), inner table involved) • obliteration of sphenoid + frontal sinuses due to encroachment by fibrous dysplastic bone • inferolateral displacement of orbit • sclerosis of orbital plate + small orbit + hypoplasia of frontal sinuses (DDx: [Paget disease](#), [meningioma](#) en plaque) • occipital thickening • cystic calvarial lesions, commonly crossing sutures • mandibular cystic lesion (very common)= osteocementoma, [ossifying fibroma](#) @Pelvis + ribs • cystic lesions (extremely common) • [protrusio acetabuli](#) @Extremities • short stature as adult / [dwarfism](#) • premature fusion of ossification centers • epiphysis rarely affected before closure of growth plate • bowing deformities + discrepant limb length (tibia, femur) due to stress of normal weight bearing • "shepherds crook" deformity of femoral neck= coxa vara • pseudarthrosis in infancy = [osteofibrous dysplasia](#) (DDx: [neurofibromatosis](#)) • premature onset of arthritis
Cx: (1) Transformation into osteo- / chondro- / [fibrosarcoma](#) or [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) (0.5-1%, more often in polyostotic form) • increasing pain • enlarging soft-tissue mass • previously mineralized lesion turns lytic (2) Pathologic fractures: transformation of woven into lamellar bone may be seen, subperiosteal healing without endosteal healing
DDx: (1) HPT (chemical changes, generalized deossification, subperiosteal resorption) (2) [Neurofibromatosis](#) (rarely osseous lesions, cystic intraosseous neurofibroma rare, café-au-lait spots smooth, familial disease) (3) [Paget disease](#) (mosaic pattern histologically, radiographically identical to monostotic cranial lesion) (4) [Osteofibrous dysplasia](#) (almost exclusively in tibia of infants, monostotic, lesion begins in cortex) (5) [Nonossifying fibroma](#) (6) Simple bone cyst (7) [Giant cell tumor](#) (no sclerotic margin) (8) [Enchondromatosis](#) (9) [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) (10) [Osteoblastoma](#) (11) [Hemangioma](#) (12) [Meningioma](#)

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Benign fibrous histiocytoma *Incidence:*0.1% of all bone tumors *Histo:*interlacing bundles of fibrous tissue in storiform pattern (whorled / woven) interspersed with mono- / multinucleated cells resembling histiocytes, benign giant cells, and lipid-laden macrophages; resembles [nonossifying fibroma](#) / fibroxanthoma *Age:*23-60 years

- localized intermittently painful soft-tissue swelling *Location:*long bone, pelvis, vertebra (rare) *Site:*typically in epiphysis / epiphyseal equivalent well-defined radiolucent lesion with septa / soap-bubble appearance / no definable matrix may have reactive sclerotic rim narrow transition zone (= nonaggressive lesion) no [periosteal reaction](#) *Rx:*curettage *DDx:*[nonossifying fibroma](#) (childhood / adolescence, asymptomatic, eccentric metaphyseal location)

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Atypical Benign Fibrous Histiocytoma *Histo:*"atypical aggressive" features = mitotic figures present / lytic defect with irregular edges *Prognosis:* may metastasize

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Malignant Fibrous Histiocytoma =MFH = MALIGNANT FIBROUS XANTHOMA=XANTHOSARCOMA = MALIGNANT HISTIOCYTOMA = [FIBROSARCOMA](#)

VARIANT Histo: spindle-cell neoplasm of a mixture of fibroblasts + giant cells resembling histiocytes with nuclear atypia and pleomorphism in pinwheel arrangement; closely resembles high-grade [fibrosarcoma](#) (= fibroblastic cells arranged in uniform pattern separated by collagen fibers)(a)pleomorphic-storiform subtype (50-60%)(b)myxoid subtype (25%)(c)giant cell subtype (5-10%)(d)inflammatory subtype (5-10%)(e)angiomatoid subtype (<5%)**Age:**10-90 (average 50) years; peak prevalence in 5th decade; more frequent in Caucasians;M:F = 3:2**Location:**potential to arise in any organ (ubiquitous mesenchymal tissue); soft tissues >> bone
Soft-tissue MFH Incidence:20-30% of all soft-tissue sarcomas; most common primary malignant soft-tissue tumor of late adult life!Any deep-seated invasive intramuscular mass in a patient >50 years of age is most likely MFH!**Location:**extremities (75%), [lower extremity (50%), upper extremity (25%)], retroperitoneum (15%), head + neck (5%)**Site:**within large muscle groups ■ large painless soft-tissue mass with progressive enlargement over several months! mass usually 5-10 cm in size with increase over months / years! poorly defined curvilinear / punctate peripheral calcifications / ossifications (in 5-20%)! cortical erosion of adjacent bone (HIGHLY SUGGESTIVE FEATURE)**CT:** well-defined soft-tissue mass with central hypodense area = myxoid MFH (DDx: hemorrhage, necrosis, leiomyosarcoma with necrosis, myxoid lipo- / [chondrosarcoma](#))! enhancement of solid components**MR:** inhomogeneous poorly defined lesion iso- / hyperintense to muscle on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI**Prognosis for soft-tissue MFH:** larger + more deeply located tumors have a worse prognosis; 2-year survival rate of 60%; 5-year survival rate of 50%; local recurrence rate of 44%; metastatic rate of 42% (lung, lymph nodes, liver, bone) **DDx:**(1)[Liposarcoma](#) (younger patient, presence of fat in >40%, calcifications rare)(2)[Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)(3)Synovial sarcoma (cortical erosion)

Osseous MFH Prevalence:5% of all primary malignant bone tumors ■ painful, tender, rapidly enlarging mass ■ pathologic [fracture](#) (20%)**Associated with:** prior radiation therapy, bone infarcts, [Paget disease](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#), osteonecrosis, fibroxanthoma (= [nonossifying fibroma](#)), [enchondroma](#), [chronic osteomyelitis](#) !20% of all osseous MFH arise in areas of abnormal bone!**Location:**femur (45%), tibia (20%), 50% about knee; humerus (10%); ilium (10%); spine; sternum; clavicle; rarely small bones of hand + feet**Site:**central metaphysis of long bones (90%); eccentric in diaphysis of long bones (10%)! radiolucent defect with ill-defined margins (2.5-10 cm in diameter)! extensive mineralization / small areas of focal metaplastic calcification! permeation + cortical destruction! expansion in smaller bones (ribs, sternum, fibula, clavicle)! occasionally lamellated [periosteal reaction](#) (especially in presence of pathologic [fracture](#))! soft-tissue extension**Cx:**pathologic [fracture](#) (30-50%)**DDx:**(1) metastasis (2) [fibrosarcoma](#) (often with sequestrum) (3) reticulum cell sarcoma (4) [osteosarcoma](#) (5) [giant cell tumor](#) (6) plasmacytoma **Pulmonary MFH** (extremely rare)! solitary pulmonary nodule without calcification! diffuse infiltrate**NUC:** increased [uptake](#) of Tc-99m MDP (mechanism not understood)! increased [uptake](#) of Ga-67 citrate**US:** well-defined mass with hyperechoic + hypoechoic (necrotic) areas**CT:** mass of muscle density with hypodense areas (necrosis)! invasion of abdominal musculature, but not IVC / renal veins (DDx to [renal cell carcinoma](#))**Angio:** hypervascularity + early venous return

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FOCAL FIBROCARILAGINOUS DYSPLASIA OF TIBIA

Associated with: tibia vara *Age:* 9-28 months *Histo:* dense hypocellular fibrous tissue resembling tendon with lacuna formation • slight shortening of affected leg *Location:* insertion of pes anserinus (= tendinous insertion of gracilis, sartorius, semitendinous muscles) distal to proximal tibial physis; unilateral involvement ✓ unilateral tibia vara ✓ well-defined elliptic obliquely oriented lucent defect in medial tibial metadiaphyseal cortex ✓ sclerosis along lateral border of lesion ✓ absence of bone margin superomedially *Prognosis:* resolution in 1-4 years *DDx:* (1) Unilateral [Blount disease](#) (typically bilateral in infants, varus angulation of upper tibia, decreased height of medial tibial metaphysis, irregular physis) (2) [Chondromyxoid fibroma](#), [eosinophilic granuloma](#), [osteoid osteoma](#), [osteoma](#), fibroma, chondroma (not associated with tibia vara, soft-tissue mass)

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FRACTURE

=soft-tissue injury in which there is a break in the continuity of bone or cartilage
General description: (1)OPEN / [CLOSED]open Fx=communication between fractured bone + skin(2)[COMPLETE] / INCOMPLETEcomplete Fx=all cortical surfaces disruptedincomplete Fx=partial separation of bonegreenstick Fx=break of one cortical margin only due to tensionbuckle / torus Fx=buckling of cortex due to compressionbowing Fx=plastic deformity of bonelead-pipe Fx=combination of greenstick + torus Fx(3)SIMPLE / COMMINUTEDsimple Fx=noncomminutedcomminuted Fx=>2 fragmentssegmental Fx=isolated segment of shaftbutterfly fragment=V-shaped fragment not completely circumscribed by cortex(4)DIRECTION OF FRACTURE LINE in relation to long axis of bone:transverse, oblique, oblique-transverse, spiral
Special terminology: avulsion Fx=fragment pulled off by tendon / ligament from parent bonetranschondral Fx=cartilaginous surface involvedchondral Fx=cartilage alone involvedosteocondral Fx=cartilage + subjacent bone involved
Description of anatomic positional changes: =change in position of distal fracture fragment in relation to proximal fracture fragment
LENGTH = longitudinal change of fragments distraction=increase from original anatomic lengthshortening=decrease from original anatomic length-impacted=fragments driven into each other-overriding=also includes latitudinal changes-overlapping=bayonet apposition
DISPLACEMENT =latitudinal change of anatomic axis:-undisplaced-anterior, posterior, medial / ulnar, lateral / radial
ANGULATION / TILT =long axes of fragments intersect at the fracture apex:-medial / lateral, ventral / dorsal-varus=angular deviation of distal fragment toward midline on frontal projection-valgus=angular deviation of distal fragment away from midline on frontal projectioneg, "ventral angulation of fracture apex" eg, "in anatomic / near anatomic alignment"
ROTATION ⚡Difficult to detect radiographically! ⚡ differences in diameters of apposing fragments ⚡ mismatch of fracture line
geometry-internal / external rotation
NUC: Typical time course: 1.Acute phase (3-4 weeks)abnormal in 80% <24 hours, in 95% <72 hours ⚡elderly patients show delayed appearance of positive scan ⚡ broad area of increased tracer **uptake** (wider than fracture line)2.Subacute phase (2-3 months) = time of most intense tracer accumulation ⚡ more focal increased tracer **uptake** corresponding to fracture line3.Chronic phase (1-2 years) ⚡ slow decline in tracer accumulation ⚡ in 65% normal after 1 year; >95% normal after 3 years
Return to normal: ⚡non-weight-bearing bone returns to normal more quickly than weight-bearing bone ⚡rib fractures return to normal most rapidly ⚡complicated fractures with orthopedic fixation devices take longest to return to normal
1.Simple fractures: 90% normal by 2 years2.Open reduction / fixation: <50% normal by 3 years3.Delayed union: slower than normal for type of fracture4.Nonunion: persistent intense **uptake** in 80%5.Complicated union (true pseudarthrosis, soft-tissue interposition, impaired **blood supply**, presence of infection) ⚡ intense **uptake** at fracture ends ⚡ decreased **uptake** at fracture site6.Vertebraal compression fractures: 60% normal by 1 year; 90% by 2 years; 97% by 3 years

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Pathologic Fracture =fracture at site of preexisting osseous abnormalityCause.tumor, [osteoporosis](#), infection, metabolic disorder

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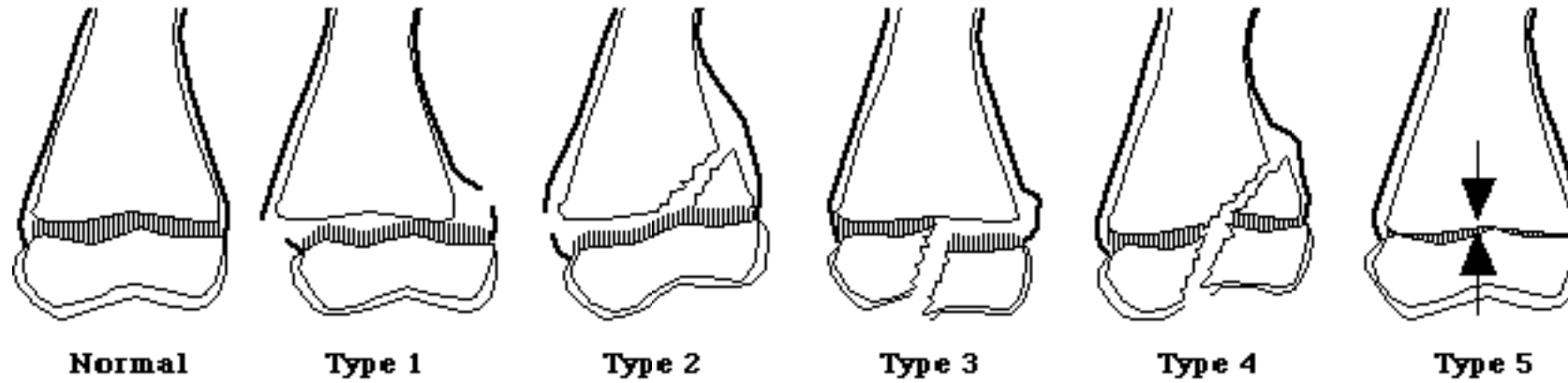
Stress Fracture = fractures produced as a result of repetitive prolonged muscular action on bone that has not accommodated itself to such action **Insufficiency Fracture** = normal physiologic stress applied to bone with abnormal elastic resistance / deficient mineralization **Cause:** 1. [Osteoporosis](#) 2. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) 3. [Paget disease](#) 4. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) 5. [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) 6. [Osteopetrosis](#) 7. [Osteomalacia / rickets](#) 8. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) 9. [Renal osteodystrophy](#) 10. Radiation therapy 11. Prolonged corticosteroid treatment **Location:** lower extremity (calcaneus, tibia, fibula), thoracic vertebra, sacrum, ilium, pubic bone **Pelvic Insufficiency Fracture** • severe pain in lower back, buttock, groin • walking ability impaired **Incidence:** 1.8-5% of women >55 years **Predisposed:** postmenopausal women **Location:** sacral ala, parasymphseal region of os pubis, pubic rami, supra-acetabular region, iliac blades, superomedial portion of ilium **Types:** (a) occult **fracture:** Site: sacrum > supra-acetabulum, ilium ✓ sclerotic band, cortical disruption, **fracture** line ✓ Often obscured by overlying bowel gas! (b) aggressive **fracture:** Site: parasymphysis, pubic rami ✓ exuberant callus formation, osteolysis + fragments (with prolonged or delayed healing / chronic nonunion) **CAVE:** **fracture** may be misdiagnosed as neoplasm; interpretation also histologically difficult **NUC:** ✓ butterfly / H-shaped ("Honda sign") / asymmetric incomplete H-shaped pattern of sacral **uptake** ✓ pelvic outlet view for parasymphseal fx **CT** (most accurate modality): ✓ sclerotic band, linear **fracture** line, cortical disruption, fragmentation, displacement ✓ Excludes bone destruction + soft-tissue masses! **Prognosis:** healing in 12-30 months **Fatigue Fracture** = normal bone subjected to repetitive stresses (none of which is singularly capable of producing a **fracture**) leading to mechanical failure over time **Risk factors:** new / different / rigorous repetitive activity; female sex; increased age; Caucasian race; low bone mineral density; low **calcium** intake; fluoride treatment for [osteoporosis](#); condition resulting in altered gait • activity-related pain abating with rest • constant pain with continued activity 1. **Clay shovelers fracture:** spinous process of lower cervical / upper [thoracic spine](#) 2. **Clavicle:** postoperative (radical neck dissection) 3. **Coracoid process of scapula:** trap shooting 4. **Ribs:** carrying heavy pack, golf, coughing 5. **Distal shaft of humerus:** throwing ball 6. **Coronoid process of ulna:** pitching ball, throwing javelin, pitchfork work, propelling wheelchairs 7. **Hook of hamate:** swinging golf club / tennis racquet / baseball bat 8. **Spondylolysis** = pars interarticularis of lumbar vertebrae: ballet, lifting heavy objects, scrubbing floors 9. **Femoral neck:** ballet, long-distance running 10. **Femoral shaft:** ballet, marching, long-distance running, gymnastics 11. **Obturator ring of pelvis:** stooping, bowling, gymnastics 12. **Patella:** hurdling 13. **Tibial shaft:** ballet, jogging 14. **Fibula:** long-distance running, jumping, parachuting 15. **Calcaneus:** jumping, parachuting, prolonged standing, recent immobilization 16. **Navicular:** stomping on ground, marching, prolonged standing, ballet 17. **Metatarsal** (commonly 2nd MT): marching, stomping on ground, prolonged standing, ballet, postoperative bunionectomy 18. **Sesamoids of metatarsal:** prolonged standing **X-ray** (15% sensitive in early fractures, increasing to 50% on follow-up): -cancellous (trabecular) bone (notoriously difficult to detect) ✓ subtle blurring of trabecular margins ✓ faint sclerotic radiopaque area of peritrabecular callus (50% change in bone density needed) ✓ sclerotic band (due to trabecular compression + callus formation) usually perpendicular to cortex-compact (cortical) bone ✓ "gray cortex sign" = subtle ill definition of cortex ✓ intracortical radiolucent striations (early) ✓ solid thick lamellar periosteal new bone formation ✓ endosteal thickening (later) ✓ follow-up radiography after 2-3 weeks of conservative therapy **NUC** ("gold standard" = almost 100% sensitive): ✓ abnormal **uptake** within 6-72 hours of injury (prior to radiographic abnormality) ✓ "stress reaction" = focus of subtly increased **uptake** ✓ focal fusiform area of intense cortical **uptake** ✓ abnormal **uptake** persists for months **MR** (very sensitive modality; fat saturation technique most sensitive to detect increase in water content of medullary edema / hemorrhage): ✓ diminished marrow signal intensity on T1WI ✓ increased marrow signal intensity on T2WI ✓ low-intensity band contiguous with cortex on T2WI = **fracture** line of more advanced lesion **CT** (least sensitive modality): helpful in: longitudinal stress **fracture** of tibia; in confusing pediatric stress **fracture** (to detect endosteal bone formation) **DDx:** (1) [Shin splints](#) (activity not increased in angiographic / blood-pool phase) ✓ long linear **uptake** on posteromedial (soleus muscle) / anterolateral (tibialis anterior muscle) tibial cortex on delayed images (from stress to periosteum at muscle insertion site) (2) [Osteoid osteoma](#) (eccentric, nidus, solid **periosteal reaction**, night pain) (3) Chronic sclerosing osteomyelitis (dense, sclerotic, involving entire circumference, little change on serial radiographs) (4) [Osteomalacia](#) (bowed long bones, looser zones, gross fractures, demineralization) (5) Osteogenic sarcoma (metaphyseal, aggressive **periosteal reaction**) (6) Ewing tumor (lytic destructive appearance with soft-tissue component, little change on serial radiographs)

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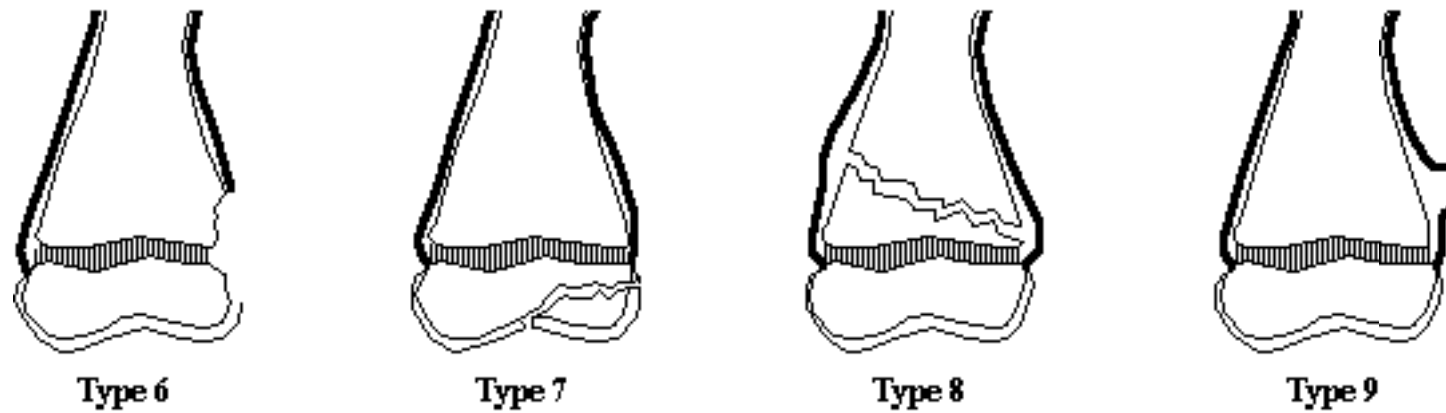




Epiphyseal Plate Injury Prevalence:6-18-30% of bone injuries in children <16 years of age Peak age:12 years Location:distal radius (28%), phalanges of hand (26%), distal tibia (10%), distal phalanges of foot (7%), distal humerus (7%), distal ulna (4%), proximal radius (4%), metacarpals (4%), distal fibula (3%) Mechanism:80% shearing force; 20% compression Resistance to trauma: ligament > bone > [physis](#) (hypertrophic zone most vulnerable) **Salter-Harris classification** (considering probability of growth disturbance) Prognosis is worse in lower extremities (ankle + knee) irrespective of Salter-Harris type!



Salter -Harris Classification of Epiphyseal Plate Injuries



Rang and Ogden's Additions to Salter-Harris

mnemonic:"SALTR" Slip of [physis](#)=type 1 Above [physis](#)=type 2 Lower than [physis](#)=type 3 Through [physis](#)=type 4 Rammed [physis](#)=type 5 **Salter Type 1**(6-8.5%)=slip of epiphysis due to shearing force separating epiphysis from [physis](#) Line of cleavage:confined to [physis](#) Location:most commonly in phalanges, distal radius (includes: apophyseal avulsion, slipped capital femoral epiphysis) displacement of epiphyseal ossification center Prognosis:favorable irrespective of location **Salter Type 2**(73-75%)=shearing force splits growth plate Line of [fracture](#):through [physis](#) + extending through margin of metaphysis separating a triangular metaphyseal fragment (= "corner sign") Location:distal radius (33-50%), distal tibia + fibula, phalanges Prognosis:good, may result in minimal shortening **Salter Type 3**(6.5-8%)=intra-articular [fracture](#), often occurring after partial closure of [physis](#) Line of [fracture](#):vertically / obliquely through epiphysis + extending horizontally to periphery of [physis](#) Location:distal tibia, distal phalanx, rarely distal femur epiphysis split vertically Prognosis:fair (imprecise reduction leads to alteration in [linearity](#) of articular plane) **Salter Type 4**(10-12%) Location:lateral condyle of humerus, distal tibia [fracture](#) involves metaphysis + [physis](#) + epiphysis Prognosis:guarded (may result in deformity + angulation) **Salter Type 5**(<1%)=crush injury with injury to vascular supply Location:distal femur, proximal tibia, distal tibia Often associated with [fracture](#) of adjacent shaft no immediate radiographic finding shortening of bone + cone epiphysis / angular deformity on follow-up Prognosis:poor (impairment of growth in 100%) **Triplane Fracture** (6%) Location:distal tibia, lateral condyle of distal humerus vertical [fracture](#) of epiphysis + horizontal cleavage plane within [physis](#) + oblique [fracture](#) of adjacent metaphysis MR: focal dark linear area (= line of cleavage) within bright [physis](#) on gradient echo images (GRE) Cx:(1)progressive angular deformity from segmental arrest of germinal zone growth with formation of a bone bridge across [physis](#) = "bone bar"(2)limb length discrepancy from total cessation of growth(3)articular incongruity from disruption of articular surface(4)Bone infarction in metaphysis / epiphysis

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Apophyseal Injury *Mechanism:* avulsive force \rightarrow [Physis](#) under secondary ossification center is weakest part! *At risk:* hurdlers, sprinters, cheerleaders (repetitive to and fro adduction / abduction + flexion / extension) ■ pain, point tenderness, swelling

Location *Muscle origin / insertion*

anterior superior iliac spine sartorius muscle + tensor fasciae femoris m. anterior inferior iliac spine rectus femoris muscle lesser trochanter psoas muscle ischial tuberosity hamstring muscle greater trochanter gluteal muscle iliac crest abdominal muscles symphysis pubis adductor muscle
✓ irregularity at site of avulsion ✓ displaced pieces of bone of variable size ✓ abnormal foci of ossification

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Elbow Fracture common among children 2-14 years of age @Soft-tissue displacement of anterior + posterior fat pads(= elbow joint effusion with supracondylar / lateral condylar / proximal ulnar fractures) supinator fat pad (= fracture of proximal radius) focal edema medially (= medial epicondyle fx) / laterally (= lateral condyle fx)@Humerus (80%)Supracondylar fracture (55%) Mechanism:hyperextension with vertical stress transverse fracture line distal fragment posteriorly displaced / tilted anterior humeral line intersecting anterior to posterior third of capitellum (on lateral x ray) **Lateral condylar fracture (20%)** Mechanism:hyperextension with varus stress fracture line between lateral condyle + trochlea / through capitellum**Medial epicondylar fracture (5%)** Mechanism:hyperextension with valgus stress avulsion of medial epicondyle (by flexor muscles of forearm) may become trapped in joint space (after reduction of concomitant elbow dislocation)@Radius (10%)Mechanism:hyperextension with valgus stress Salter-Harris type II / IV fracture transverse metaphyseal / radial neck fractureMechanism:hyperextension with varus stress dislocation as part of Monteggia fracture (from rupture of annular ligament)@Ulna (10%) longitudinal linear fracture through proximal shaftMechanism:hyperextension with vertical stress transverse fracture through olecranonMechanism:hyperextension with valgus / varus stress; blow to posterior elbow in flexed position coronoid process avulsionMechanism:hyperextension-rotation associated with forceful contraction of brachial m.

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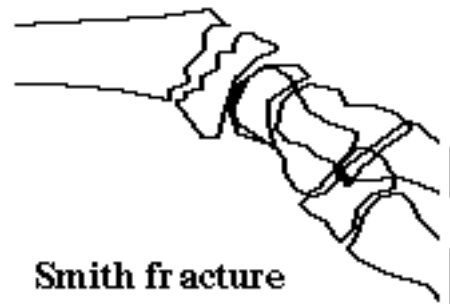


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Forearm [Fracture](#)



Smith fracture



Colles fracture



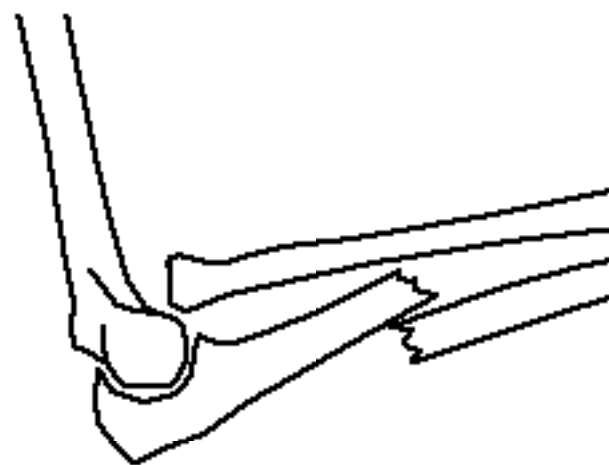
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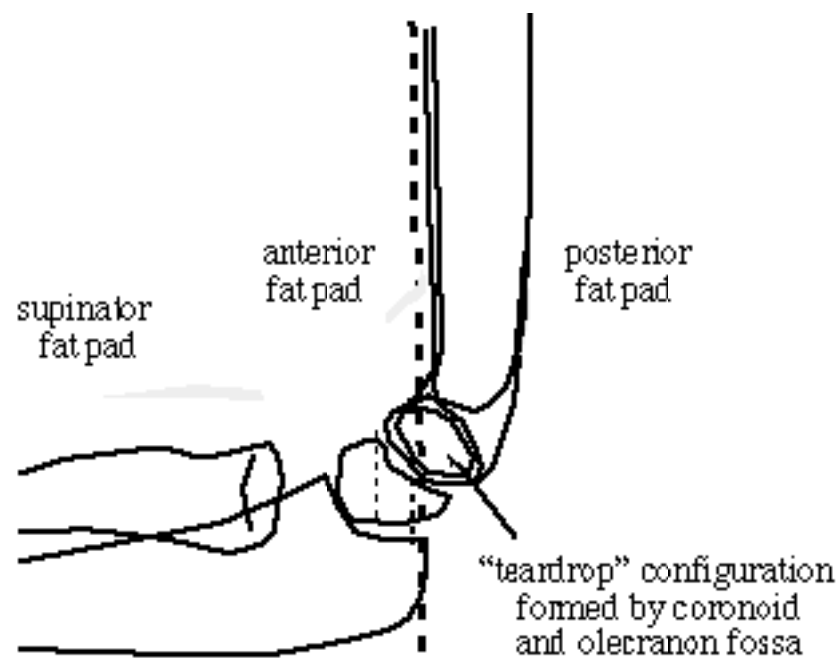
Chauffeur fracture



Galeazzi fracture



Monteggia fracture



Anterior Humeral Line and Elbow Fat Pads

[Barton Fracture](#)

Mechanism: fall on outstretched hand / intra-articular oblique fracture of dorsal lip of distal radius / carpus dislocates with distal fragment up and back on radius

Chauffeur Fracture = name derived from direct trauma to radial side of wrist sustained from recoil of crank used in era of hand-cranked automobiles = HUTCHINSON FRACTURE

Mechanism: acute dorsiflexion + abduction of hand / triangular fracture of radial styloid process

Colles Fracture Most common fracture of forearm

Mechanism: fall on outstretched hand / radial fracture in distal 2 cm ± ulnar styloid fracture / dorsal displacement of distal fragment / "silver-fork" deformity

Cx: posttraumatic arthritis

Rx: anatomic reduction important

Significant postreduction deformity: 1. Residual positive ulnar variance >5 mm indicates unsatisfactory outcome in 40% 2. Dorsal angulation of palmar tilt >15° decreases grip strength + endurance in >50%

Galeazzi Fracture **Mechanism:** fall on outstretched hand with elbow flexed / radial fracture in distal third + subluxation / dislocation of distal radioulnar joint / dorsal angulation / ulnar plus variance (= radial shortening) of >10 mm implies complete disruption of interosseous membrane = complete instability of radioulnar joint

Cx: (1) high incidence of nonunion, delayed union, malunion (unstable fracture) (2) limitation of pronation / supination

Monteggia Fracture **Mechanism:** direct blow to the forearm / anteriorly angulated proximal ulnar fracture + anterior dislocation of radiohumeral joint / may have associated wrist injury

Cx: nonunion, limitation of motion at elbow, nerve abnormalities

Reverse Monteggia Fracture = dorsally angulated proximal ulnar fracture + posterior dislocation of radial head

Smith Fracture = REVERSE COLLES FRACTURE

Mechanism: hyperflexion with fall on back of hand / distal radial fracture / ventral displacement of fragment / radial deviation of hand / "garden spade" deformity

Cx: altered function of carpus

Hand Fracture

Bennett Fracture **Mechanism:** forced abduction of thumb / intra-articular fracture / dislocation of base of 1st metacarpal / small fragment of 1st metacarpal continues to articulate with trapezium / lateral retraction of 1st metacarpal shaft by abductor pollicis longus

Rx: anatomic reduction important, difficult to keep in anatomic alignment

Cx: pseudarthrosis

Boxers Fracture **Mechanism:** direct blow with clenched fist / transverse fracture of distal metacarpal (usually 5th)

Gamekeepers Thumb = SKIERS THUMB; originally described as chronic lesion in hunters strangling rabbits

Incidence: 6% of all skiing injuries; 50% of skiing injuries to the hand

Mechanism: violent abduction of thumb with injury to ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) in 1st MCP (faulty handling of ski pole) / disruption of ulnar collateral ligament of 1st MCP joint, usually occurring distally near insertion on proximal phalanx / radial stress examination necessary to document ligamentous disruption / displacement of UCL superficial to aponeurosis of adductor pollicis (= Stener lesion) [torn end of UCL may be marked by avulsed bone fragment]

Navicular Fracture = SCAPHOID FRACTURE

Most frequently fractured of all carpal bones

Mechanism: fall on dorsiflexed outstretched hand

• pain + tenderness at anatomic snuff box

Radiographic misses: 25-33-65% N.B.: If initial radiograph negative, reexamine in 2 + 6 weeks after treatment with short-arm spica cast!

MR: high sensitivity

Bone scan: up to 100% sensitive, 93% PPV after 2-3 days

Prognosis: dependent on / displaced fracture = >1 mm offset / angulation / rotation of fragments (less favorable) / location (blood supply derived from distal part): -distal 1/3 (10%) = usually fragments reunite -middle-third (70%) = failure to reunite in 30% -proximal 1/3 (20%) = failure to reunite in 90%

orientation of fracture -transverse / horizontal oblique = relatively stable -vertical oblique (less common) = unstable

Good prognosis with distal fracture + no displacement + no ligamentous injury

Less favorable prognosis with displaced / comminuted fracture + proximal pole fracture

Cx: avascular necrosis of proximal fragment

Rolando Fracture / comminuted intra-articular fracture through base of thumb

Prognosis: worse than Bennetts fracture (difficult to reduce)

Pelvic Fracture

Malgaigne Fracture **Mechanism:** direct trauma

• shortening of involved extremity

vertical fractures through one side of pelvic ring (1) superior to acetabulum (2) inferior to acetabulum (3) ± sacroiliac dislocation / fracture

Bucket Handle Fracture / double vertical fracture through superior and inferior pubic rami + sacroiliac joint dislocation on contralateral side

Knee Fracture

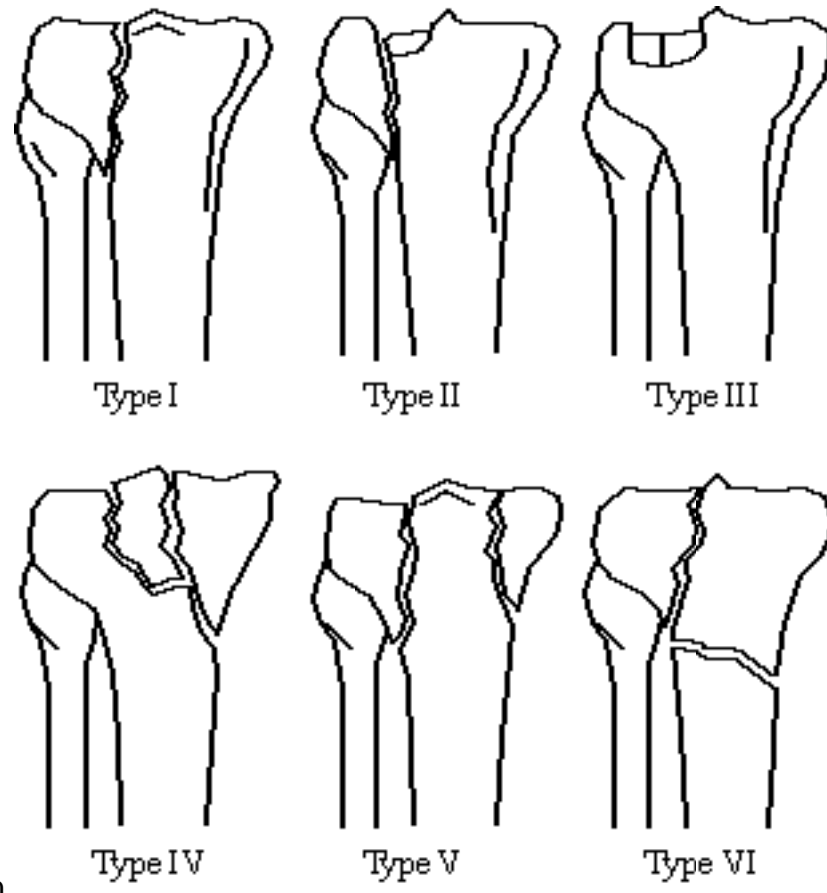
Segond Fracture **Mechanism:** external rotation + varus stress causing excessive tension on the lateral capsular ligament

Associated with: lesion of anterior cruciate ligament (75-100%), meniscal tear (67%)

• anterolateral instability of the knee

small cortical avulsion fracture of proximal lateral tibial rim immediately distal to lateral plateau

Tibial Plateau Fracture (Schatzker classification) **Mechanism:** valgus force ("bumper / fender fracture" from lateral force of automobile against a



pedestrians fixed knee) / compression force often in extension

Type I=wedge-shaped pure cleavage fracture 6% Type II=combined cleavage + median compression fracture 25% Type III=pure compression fracture 36% Type IV=medial plateau fracture with a split / 10% depressed comminution Type V =bicondylar fracture, often with 3% inverted Y appearance Type VI=transverse / oblique fracture with 20% separation of metaphysis from diaphysis Lateral plateau fractures (type I-III) are most common! Fractures of medial plateau are associated with greater violence and higher percentage of associated injuries!

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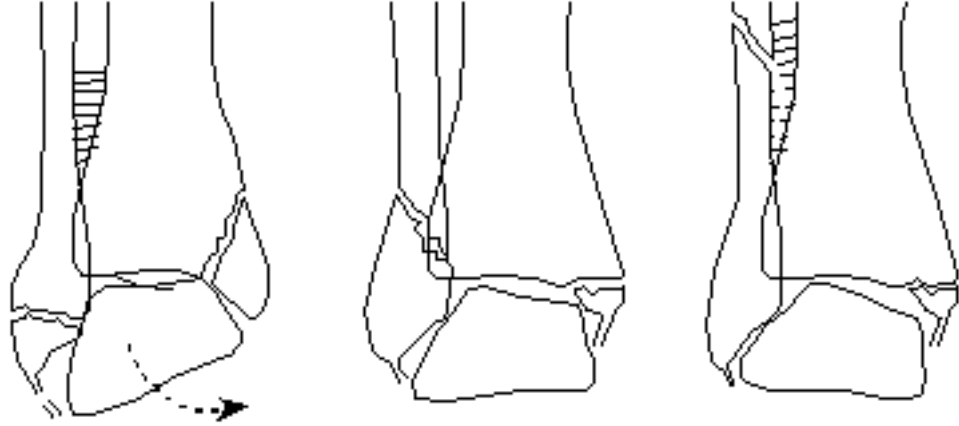


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Foot Fracture Ankle Fracture *Incidence:* ankle injuries account for 10% of all emergency room visits; 85% of all ankle sprains involve lateral ligaments. Ligamentous connections at ankle: (a) binding tibia + fibula 1. anterior inferior tibiofibular ligament (= tibiofibular syndesmosis) 2. posterior inferior tibiofibular ligament 3. transverse tibiofibular ligament 4. interosseous membrane (b) lateral malleolus 85% of all ankle sprains involve these ligaments: 1. anterior talofibular ligament 2. posterior talofibular ligament 3. calcaneofibular ligament (c) medial malleolus = deltoid ligament with 1. navicular portion 2. sustentaculum portion 3. talar portion



Supination-Adduction Supination-Abduction Pronation-External Rotation

A. SUPINATION-ADDUCTION = INVERSION-ADDUCTION INJURY *Mechanism:* (1) avulsive forces affect lateral ankle structures (2) impactive forces secondary to talar shift stress medial structures ✓ sprain / rupture of lateral collateral ligament ✓ anterior tibiofibular ligament ruptures alone in 66% ✓ injury of all 3 lateral ligaments in 20% *Prognosis:* chronic lateral ankle instability in 10-20% ✓ transverse avulsion of malleolus sparing tibiofibular ligaments ✓ oblique fracture of medial malleolus ± posterior lip fracture B. SUPINATION-ABDUCTION = EVERSION / EXTERNAL ROTATION *Mechanism:* (1) avulsive forces on medial structures (2) impacting forces on lateral structures (talar impact) ✓ lateral subluxation of talus ✓ oblique / spiral fracture of lateral malleolus ✓ partial disruption of tibiofibular ligament ✓ sprain / rupture / avulsion of deltoid ligament ✓ transverse fracture of medial malleolus (a) **Pott fracture** ✓ fracture of fibula above an intact tibiofibular ligament (b) **Dupuytren fracture** ✓ fracture of fibula above a disrupted tibiofibular ligament C. PRONATION-EXTERNAL ROTATION = EVERSION + EXTERNAL ROTATION ✓ tear of tibiofibular ligament / avulsion of anterior tubercle (Tillaux-Chaput) / avulsion of posterior tubercle (Volkman) ✓ tear of interosseous membrane = lateral instability ✓ fibular fracture higher than ankle joint (Maisonneuve fracture if around knee) **Chopart Fracture** ✓ fracture / dislocation through midtarsal joint (calcaneocuboid + talonavicular) ✓ commonly associated with fractures of the bones abutting the joint **Jones Fracture** *Mechanism:* plantar flexion + inversion (stepping off a curb) ✓ transverse avulsion fracture of base of 5th metatarsal (insertion of peroneus brevis tendon) **Lisfranc Fracture** *Mechanism:* metatarsal heads fixed and hindfoot forced plantarward and into rotation ✓ fracture / dislocation of tarsometatarsal joints **Calcaneal Fracture** *Incidence:* most commonly fractured tarsal bone; 60% of all tarsal fractures; 2% of all fractures in the body; commonly bilateral *Mechanism:* fall from heights *May be associated with:* lumbar vertebral fracture *Age:* 95% in adults, 5% in children-adulthood: intra-articular (75%), extra-articular (25%) - childhood: extra-articular (63-92%) *Classification:* (a) Extra-articular fracture of calcaneal tuberosity: beak type, vertical, horizontal, medial avulsion (b) Intra-articular fracture - subtalar joint involvement: undisplaced, displaced, comminuted - calcaneocuboid joint involvement ✓ apex of lateral talar process does not point to "crucial angle" of Gissane ✓ Bohler angle decreased below 28°-40°

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FROSTBITE

Cause: (1) cellular injury + necrosis from freezing process (2) cessation of circulation secondary to cellular aggregates + thrombi forming as a result of exposure to low temperatures below -13° Celsius (usually cold air) ● firm white numb areas in cutis (separation of epidermal-dermal interface) *Location:* feet, hands (thumb commonly spared due to protection by clenched fist) *Early changes:* ✓ soft-tissue swelling + loss of tissue at tips of digits **CHILD** ✓ fragmentation / premature fusion / destruction of distal phalangeal epiphyses ✓ secondary infection, articular cartilage injury, joint space narrowing, sclerosis, osteophytosis of DIP ✓ shortening + deviation / deformity of fingers **ADULT** ✓ [osteoporosis](#) (4-10 weeks after injury) ✓ periostitis ✓ acromutilation (secondary to osteomyelitis + surgical removal) + tuftal resorption (result of soft-tissue loss) ✓ small round punched-out areas near edge of joint ✓ interphalangeal joint abnormalities (simulating [osteoarthritis](#)) ✓ calcification / ossification of pinna *Angio:* ✓ vasospasm, stenosis, occlusion ✓ proliferation of arterial + venous collaterals (in recovery phase) *Bone scintigraphy:* ✓ persistent absence of [uptake](#) (= lack of vascular perfusion) indicates nonviable tissue *Rx:* selective [angiography](#) with intraarterial reserpine

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GANGLION

Ganglion=mucin-containing cyst arising from tendon sheath / joint capsule / bursa / subchondral bone lined by flat spindle-shaped cells
Synovial cyst=cyst continuous with joint capsule lined by synovial cells (term is used by some synonymously with ganglion)

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Soft-tissue Ganglion =cystic tumorlike lesion usually attached to a tendon sheath *Origin*:synovial herniation / coalescence of smaller cysts formed by myxomatous degeneration of periarticular connective tissue ■ uni- / multilocular swelling *Location*:hand, wrist, foot *Site*:arise from tendon, muscle, semilunar cartilage ✓ soft-tissue mass with surface bone resorption ✓ periosteal new-bone formation ✓ arthrography may demonstrate communication with joint / tendon sheath ✓ internal septations *Rx*:steroid injection may improve symptomatology

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Intraosseous Ganglion =benign subchondral radiolucent lesion WITHOUT degenerative arthritis ■ mild localized pain (4% of patients with unexplained wrist pain)Age:middle age *Origin*:(1)mucoid degeneration of intraosseous connective tissue perhaps due to trauma / ischemia(2)penetration of juxtaosseous soft-tissue [ganglion](#) into underlying bone (occasionally)*Path*:uni- / multilocular cyst surrounded by fibrous lining, containing gelatinous materialLocation:epiphysis of long bone (medial malleolus, femoral head, proximal tibia, [carpal bones](#)) / subarticular flat bone (acetabulum)✓ well-demarcated solitary 0.6-6 cm lytic lesion✓ sclerotic margin✓ NO communication with joint✓ increased radiotracer [uptake](#) on bone scintigraphy (in 10%)*DDx*:posttraumatic / degenerative cyst

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Periosteal Ganglion = cystic structure with viscid / mucinous contents *Incidence*: 11 cases in literature *Age*: 39-50 years; M > F • swelling, mild tenderness *Location*: long tubular bones of lower extremity ✓ cortical erosion / scalloping / reactive bone formation ✓ NO intraosseous component (endosteal surface intact) *CT*: ✓ well-defined soft-tissue mass adjacent to bone cortex with fluid contents *MR*: ✓ homogeneous isointense signal to muscle on T1WI ✓ homogeneous hyperintense signal to fat on T2WI ✓ NO internal septations (DDx to soft-tissue [ganglion](#)) *DDx*: periosteal chondroma without matrix calcification, [cortical desmoid](#), subperiosteal [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), acute subperiosteal hematoma (history of trauma / blood dyscrasia), subperiosteal abscess (involvement of adjacent bone marrow) *Rx*: surgical excision (local recurrence possible)

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GARDNER SYNDROME

=autosomal dominant syndrome characterized by (1) osteomas (2) soft-tissue tumors (3) colonic polyps Location of osteomas: [paranasal sinuses](#); outer table of skull (frequent); mandible (at angle) endosteal cortical thickening / osteomas in any bone may have solid periosteal cortical thickening osteomas / exostoses may protrude from periosteal surface wavy cortical thickening of superior aspect of ribs polyps: colon, stomach, duodenum, ampulla of Vater, small intestine Cx: high incidence of carcinoma of duodenum / ampulla of Vater

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GAUCHER DISEASE

=rare autosomal recessive disorder / dominant (in a few), common among Ashkenazi Jews; M < F *Etiology*: deficiency of lysosomal hydrolase acid β -glucosidase (= glucocerebrosidase) leads to accumulation of glucosyl ceramide within cells of RES (liver, [spleen](#), bone marrow, lung, lymph nodes) *Histo*: bone-marrow aspirate shows Gaucher cells (kerafin-laden histiocytes) *Types*: (1) Rapidly fatal infantile form = type 2: 1-12 months ■ early onset of significant hepatosplenomegaly ■ severe progressive neurologic symptoms: seizures, mental retardation, spasticity *Prognosis*: fatal during first 2 years of life (2) Juvenile form = type 3: 2-6 years ■ mild neurologic involvement *Prognosis*: survival into adolescence (3) Adult form = type 1 (most common form in USA) *Prognosis*: longest time of survival; pulmonary involvement / hepatic failure may lead to early death ■ hepatosplenomegaly, impairment of liver function, [ascites](#) ■ elevated serum acid phosphatase ■ pancytopenia, anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia (hypersplenism) ■ [hemochromatosis](#) (yellowish brown pigmentation of conjunctiva + skin) ■ dull bone pain; bone involvement in 75% *Location*: axial skeleton, distal femur, pelvis, predominantly proximal + other long bones ✓ *generalized osteopenia* (decrease in trabecular bone density) ✓ striking cortical thinning + bone widening ✓ endosteal scalloping (due to marrow packing) ✓ [Erlenmeyer flask deformity](#) of distal femur + proximal tibia ✓ numerous sharply circumscribed lytic lesions resembling metastases / [multiple myeloma](#) (marrow replacement) ✓ [periosteal reaction](#) = cloaking ✓ weakening of subchondral bone + degenerative arthritis ✓ bone infarction in long-bone metaphyses (common) ✓ H-shaped / "step-off" / biconcave "fish-mouth" vertebra @ [Spleen](#) ✓ multiple nodular lesions of low attenuation without enhancement on CT / hypoechoic or hyperechoic on US (= clusters of RES cells laden with glucosyl ceramide) @ Lung ✓ diffuse reticulonodular infiltrates at lung bases (= infiltration with Gaucher cells) *Cx*: ✓ >90% have orthopedic complications at some time (1) pathologic fractures + compression fractures of vertebrae (2) osteonecrosis of femoral head, humeral head, wrist, ankle (common) (3) osteomyelitis (increased incidence) (4) [myelosclerosis](#) in long-standing disease (5) repeated pulmonary infections *Prognosis*: highly variable clinical course; strong relationship between splenic volume and disease severity

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GIANT CELL REPARATIVE GRANULOMA

=GIANT CELL REACTION *Histo*: numerous giant cells in exuberant fibrous matrix, osteoid formation, areas of hemorrhage *Peak age*: 2nd + 3rd decade (range from childhood to 76 years); M:F = 1:1 *Location*: mandible, maxilla, small bones of hand + feet • pain + mass in affected bone ✓ expansile lytic defect with thinning of overlying cortex ✓ [periosteal reaction](#) may be present ✓ soft-tissue swelling / extension beyond cortex ✓ no matrix calcification *Cx*: pathologic [fracture](#) *Rx*: curettage (50% recurrence rate) / local excision *DDx*: (1) [Enchondroma](#) (same location, matrix calcification) (2) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (rare in small bones of hand + feet, typically prior to epiphyseal closure) (3) [Giant cell tumor](#) (more aggressive appearance) (4) Infection (clinical) (5) Brown tumor of HPT (periosteal bone resorption, abnormal Ca + P levels)

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GIANT CELL TUMOR

=OSTEOCLASTOMA = probably arise from zone of intense osteoclastic activity in skeletally immature patients *Incidence*: 4.2% of all primary bone tumors; 21% of benign skeletal tumors *Histo*: multinucleated osteoclastic giant cells intermixed throughout a spindle cell stroma (giant cells characteristic of all reactive bone disease, seen in [pigmented villonodular synovitis](#), benign [chondroblastoma](#), nonosteogenic fibroma, [chondromyxoid fibroma](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#)) *Age*: in 98.3% after (in 1.7% before) epiphyseal plate fusion; 14% < age 20; 70-80% between 20 and 40 years; M:F = 1:1 *May be associated with*: [Paget disease](#) (in 50-60% located in skull + facial bones) ■ tenderness + pain at affected site ■ weakness + sensory deficits (if in spine) *Location*: (a) 85% in long bones-lower extremity (50-60% about knee): distal end of femur > proximal end of tibia-upper extremity (away from elbow): distal end of radius > proximal end of humerus (b) 15% in flat bones: pelvis, sacrum near SIJ (common, 2nd only to [chordoma](#)) > thoracic > cervical > lumbar spine (5-7%), rib (anterior / posterior end), skull *Site*: eccentric in metaphysis of long bones, adjacent to / in ossified epiphyseal line, subarticular if epiphyseal plate is fused (MOST TYPICAL) ✓ expansile solitary lytic bone lesion ("soap bubble"), large at diagnosis ✓ conspicuous peripheral trabeculae without tumor matrix ✓ no sclerosis / [periosteal reaction](#) (aggressive rapid growth) in absence of [fracture](#) ✓ may break through bone cortex with cortical thinning, soft-tissue invasion (25%), pathologic [fracture](#) (5%) ✓ destruction of vertebral body with secondary invasion of posterior elements (DDx: ABC, [osteoblastoma](#)) ✓ frequently vertebral collapse ✓ involves adjacent vertebral disks + vertebrae, crosses sacroiliac joint ✓ may cross joint space in long bones (exceedingly rare) *NUC*: ✓ diffusely increased [uptake](#) ± "doughnut" sign of central photopenia *Angio*: ✓ hypervascular lesion *CT*: ✓ tumor of soft-tissue attenuation with foci of low attenuation (hemorrhage / necrosis) ✓ well-defined margins ± thin rim of sclerosis *MR*: ✓ heterogeneous signal intensity with low to intermediate intensity on T1WI + T2WI (63-96%) due to collagen + hemosiderin content ✓ focal cystic areas ✓ low-signal-intensity pseudocapsule *Cx*: 15% malignant within first 5 years (M:F = 3:1); metastases to lung *Prognosis*: locally aggressive; 40-60% recurrence rate *Rx*: complete resection; excision + radiation therapy *DDx*: (1) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (in posterior elements of spine with invasion of vertebral body) (2) Brown tumor of HPT (lab values) (3) Cartilage tumor: [chondroblastoma](#), [enchondroma](#) (not epiphyseal), [chondromyxoid fibroma](#), [chondrosarcoma](#) (4) Bone abscess (5) [Hemangioma](#) (6) [Fibrous dysplasia](#)

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GLOMUS TUMOR

= hamartoma composed of cells derived from neuromyo-arterial apparatus (regulating blood flow in skin) **Glomus body** = encapsulated oval organ of 300 µm length; located in reticular dermis (= deepest layer of skin); concentrated in tips of digits (93-501/cm²); composed of an afferent arteriole, an anastomotic vessel (= Sucquet-Hoyer canal lined by endothelium + surrounded by smooth muscle fibers), a primary collecting vein, the intraglomerular reticulum + capsule *Histo:*(a) vascular (b) myxoid (c) solid form *Prevalence:* 1-5% of soft-tissue tumors of hand *Age:* mostly in 4-5th decade ■ joint tenderness + pain (on average of 4-7 years duration prior to diagnosis) ■ Love test = eliciting pain by applying precise pressure with a pencil tip ■ Hildreth sign = disappearance of pain after application of a tourniquet proximally on arm (PATHOGNOMONIC) @SUBUNGUAL GLOMUS TUMOR ✓ increased distance between dorsum of phalanx + underside of nail (25%) ✓ extrinsic bone erosion (14-25-65%), often with sclerotic border ✓ small hypoechoic tumor by US (>3 mm detectable) ✓ homogeneously high-signal-intensity lesion on T2WI (detectable if >2 mm in diameter) @GLOMUS TUMOR OF BONE occasionally within bone ✓ resembles [enchondroma](#) *DDx:* (1) Mucoïd cyst (painless, in proximal nail fold, communicating with DIP joint, associated with [osteoarthritis](#)) (2) Angioma (more superficially located)

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GOUT

=deposition of positively birefringent monosodium urate monohydrate crystals in poorly vascularized tissues (synovial membranes, articular cartilage, ligaments, bursae) leading to destruction of cartilage
Age: >40 years; males (in women gout may occur after menopause)
Cause: A. Idiopathic Gout **Incidence:** 0.3%; M:F = 20:1
(1) Overproduction of uric acid (phosphoribosyl transferase deficiency)
(2) Abnormality of renal urate [excretion](#)
B. Secondary Gout rarely cause for radiographically apparent disease
(1) [Myeloproliferative disorders](#) + sequelae of their treatment: [polycythemia vera](#), [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), [multiple myeloma](#)
(2) [Blood dyscrasias](#)
(3) Endocrinologic: myxedema, [hyperparathyroidism](#)
(4) [Chronic renal failure](#)
(5) Enzyme defects: [glycogen storage disease](#)
(6) Vascular: [myocardial infarction](#), hypertension
(7) [Lead poisoning](#)
Stages: (1) asymptomatic hyperuricemia (2) acute monarticular gout (3) polyarticular gout (4) chronic tophaceous gout = multiple large urate deposits
Location: (a) joints: hands + feet (1st MTP joint most commonly affected = podagra), elbow, wrist (carpometacarpal compartment especially common), knee, [shoulder](#), hip, sacroiliac joint (15%, unilateral)
(b) ear > bones, tendon, bursa
Involvement of hip + spine is rare
Radiologic features usually not seen until 6-12 years after initial attack
Radiologic features present in 50% of inflicted patients
@ Soft tissues
✓ calcific deposits in gouty tophi in 50% (sodium urate crystals not radiopaque, only after [calcium](#) deposition)
✓ eccentric juxta-articular lobulated soft-tissue masses (hand, foot, ankle, elbow, knee)
✓ bilateral effusion of bursae olecrani (PATHOGNOMONIC)
✓ aural calcification
@ Joint
✓ preservation of joint space initially (important clue!)
✓ absence of periarticular demineralization (DDx: [rheumatoid arthritis](#))
✓ erosion of joint margins (resembling [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) but with sclerosis
✓ cartilage destruction (late in course of disease)
✓ periarticular swelling (in acute monarticular gout)
✓ [chondrocalcinosis](#) (menisci, articular cartilage of knee) resulting in secondary [osteoarthritis](#)
✓ round / oval subarticular cysts up to 3 cm
@ Bone
✓ "punched-out" lytic bone lesion ± sclerosis of margin = "mouse / rat bite" from erosion of long-standing soft-tissue tophus
✓ "overhanging margin" (40%) = elevated osseous spicule in sites of tophus formation associated with erosion of adjacent bone (in intra- and extra-articular locations) (HALLMARK)
✓ ischemic necrosis of femoral / humeral heads
✓ bone infarction due to deposits at vascular basement membrane (DDx: [bone island](#))
Coexisting disorders: 1. Psoriasis 2. [Glycogen storage disease](#) Type I 3. Hypo- and [hyperparathyroidism](#) 4. [Down syndrome](#) 5. Lesch-Nyhan syndrome (choreoathetosis, spasticity, mental retardation, self-mutilation of lips + fingertips)
NOT associated with [rheumatoid arthritis](#)! Rx: colchicine, allopurinol (effective treatment usually does not improve roentgenograms)

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GRANULOCYTIC SARCOMA

=CHLOROMA = MYELOBLASTOMA=solid tumor consisting of primitive precursors of the granulocytic series of WBCs (myeloblasts, promyelocytes, myelocytes)*Associated with:*AML (3-8%), CML (1%), [polycythemia](#) rubra vera, myelofibrosis with myeloid metaplasia, hypereosinophilic syndrome ■ 60% are of green color (chloroma) due to high levels of myeloperoxidase (30% are white / gray / brown depending on preponderance of cell type + oxidative state of myeloperoxidase)*Location:*orbit, subcutaneous tissue, paranasal sinus, lymph node, bone, organs; often multiple*Site:*propensity for bone marrow (arises from bone marrow traversing haversian canal + reaching the periosteum), perineural + epidural tissue✓ *osteolysis with ill-defined margins*✓ *homogeneous enhancement on CT / MR(DDx to hematoma / abscess)MR: ✓ isointense to brain / bone marrow / muscle on T1WI + T2WI**Prognosis:*resolution under chemotherapy ± radiation therapy; recurrence rate of 23%*DDx:*osteomyelitis, histiocytosis X, [neuroblastoma](#), [lymphoma](#), [multiple myeloma](#)

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HEMANGIOENDOTHELIAL SARCOMA

= HEMANGIOENDOTHELIOMA =HEMANGIOEPITHELIOMA=neoplasm of vascular endothelial cells of intermediate aggressiveness with either benign or malignant behavior *Histo*:irregular anastomosing vascular channels lined by one / several layers of atypical anaplastic endothelial cells Age:4th-5th decade; M:F = 2:1 ● history of trauma / irradiation

[Soft-tissue Hemangioendothelioma \(common\)](#) [Osseous Hemangioendothelioma \(rare\)](#)

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Soft-tissue Hemangioendothelioma (common)

Location: deep tissues of extremities Site: in 50% closely related to a vessel (often a vein)

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Osseous Hemangioendothelioma (rare)

Age: 2nd-3rd decade of life; M > F Location: calvarium, spine, femur, tibia, humerus, pelvis; multicentric lesions in 30% often with regional distribution (less aggressive) ✓
eccentric lesion in metaphysis of long bones ✓ osteolytic aggressively destructive area with indistinct margins (high grade) ✓ well-demarcated margins with scattered
bony trabeculae (low grade) ✓ osteoblastic area in vertebrae, contiguous through several vertebrae Metastases to: lung (early) Prognosis: 26% 5-year survival
rate DDx: [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), poorly differentiated [fibrosarcoma](#), highly vascular metastasis, alveolar [rhabdomyosarcoma](#)

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HEMANGIOMA

A. **CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMA** (most common)=small-caliber vessels lined by flattened epithelium Site:skin, subcutaneous tissue; vertebral body Age:first few years of life (a) Juvenile capillary hemangioma = strawberry nevus *Prevalence*:1:200 births; in 20% multiple *Prognosis*:involutes in 75-90% by age 7 years (b) Verrucous capillary hemangioma (c) Senile capillary hemangioma ✓ enlarged arteries + arteriovenous shunting ✓ pooling of contrast material B. **CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOMA**=dilated blood-filled spaces lined by flattened endothelium Site:deeper soft tissues, frequently intramuscular; calvarium Age:childhood ✓ phleboliths = dystrophic calcification in organizing thrombus ✓ large cystic spaces ✓ enlarged arteries + arteriovenous shunting ✓ pooling of contrast material *Prognosis*:NO involution C. **ARTERIOVENOUS HEMANGIOMA** =persistence of fetal capillary bed with abnormal communications of an increased number of normal / abnormal arteries and veins *Etiology*:(?) congenital [arteriovenous malformation](#) Age:young patients Site:soft tissues (a) superficial lesion without arteriovenous shunting (b) deep lesion with arteriovenous shunting
• limb enlargement, bruit • distended veins, overlying skin warmth • Branham sign = reflex bradycardia after compression ✓ large tortuous serpentine feeding vessels ✓ fast blood flow + dense staining ✓ early draining veins D. **VENOUS HEMANGIOMA**=thick-walled vessels containing muscle Site:deep soft tissues of retroperitoneum, mesentery, muscles of lower extremities Age:adulthood ✓ ± phleboliths ✓ serpentine vessels with slow blood flow ✓ vessels oriented along long axis of extremity (in 78%) + neurovascular bundle (in 64%) ✓ multifocal involvement (in 37%) ✓ muscle atrophy with increased subcutaneous fat ✓ may be normal on arterial [angiography](#)

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Osseous Hemangioma *Incidence:* 10% *Histo:* mostly cavernous; capillary type is rare *Age:* 4th-5th decade; M:F = 2:1 ■ usually asymptomatic @ Vertebra (28% of all skeletal hemangiomas) *Incidence:* in 5-11% of all autopsies; multiple in 1/3 *Histo:* capillary hemangioma interspersed in fatty matrix. The larger the degree of fat overgrowth, the less likely the lesion will be symptomatic! *Age:* >40 years; female *Location:* in lower thoracic / upper lumbar spine ✓ "accordion" / "corduroy" / "honeycomb" vertebra = coarse vertical trabeculae with osseous reinforcement adjacent to bone resorption caused by vascular channels (also in [multiple myeloma](#), [lymphoma](#), metastasis) ✓ bulge of posterior cortex ✓ extraosseous extension beyond bony lesion (with cord compression) ✓ paravertebral soft-tissue extension ✓ lesion enhancement CT: ✓ polka-dot appearance = small punctate areas of sclerosis (= thickened vertical trabeculae) MR: ✓ mottled pattern of low-to-high intensity on T1WI + very-high intensity on T2WI depending on degree of adipose tissue (CHARACTERISTIC) Cx: vertebral collapse (unusual), spinal cord compression @ Calvarium (20% of all hemangiomas) *Location:* frontal / parietal region *Site:* diploe ✓ <4 cm round osteolytic lesion with sunburst / weblike / spoke-wheel appearance of trabecular thickening ✓ expansion of outer table to a greater extent than inner table producing palpable lump @ Flat bones & long bones (rare)-ribs, clavicle, mandible, zygoma, nasal bones, metaphyseal ends of long bones (tibia, femur, humerus) ✓ radiating trabecular thickening ✓ bubbly bone lysis creating honeycomb / latticelike / "hole-within-hole" appearance MR: ✓ serpentine vascular channels with low signal intensity on T1WI + high signal intensity on T2WI (= slow blood flow) / low signal intensity on all sequences (= high blood flow) NUC (bone / RBC-labeled scintigraphy): ✓ photopenia / moderate increased activity

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Soft-tissue Hemangioma *Incidence:* 7% of all benign tumors; most frequent tumor of infancy + childhood *Nonvascular elements:* fat, smooth muscle, fibrous tissue, thrombus, bone *Fat overgrowth* may be so extensive that some areas of lesion may be misdiagnosed as [lipoma](#) *Age:* primarily in children; M < F *Intermittent change in size* *painful* *bluish discoloration of overlying skin (rare)* *may dramatically increase in size during pregnancy* *Location:* usually intramuscular; synovia (<1% of all hemangiomas); common in head and neck *nonspecific soft-tissue mass* *may extend into bone* \pm longitudinal / axial bone overgrowth (secondary to chronic hyperemia) *may contain phleboliths (30% of lesions, SPECIFIC)* *nonspecific curvilinear / amorphous calcifications* *may contain such large amounts of fat as to be indistinguishable from lipoma* *CT:* *poorly defined mass with attenuation similar to muscle* *areas of decreased attenuation approximating subcutaneous fat (= fat overgrowth)* *MR:* *poorly marginated mass isointense to muscle on T1WI* *areas with increased signal intensity on T1WI in periphery of lesion extending into septations (= fat)* *well-marginated markedly hyperintense mass on T2WI (increased free water content in stagnant blood)* *tubular structures with blood flow characteristics (flow void / inflow enhancement; contrast enhancement)* *phleboliths as low-intensity areas inside lesion* *high-signal-intensity areas on T1WI + T2WI (= hemorrhage)* *US:* *complex mass* *low-resistance arterial signal (occasionally)* *Synovial Hemangioma* *repetitive bleeding into joint* *Location:* knee (60%), elbow (30%) *DDx:* hemophilic arthropathy (polyarticular)

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HEMANGIOPERICYTOMA

=borderline tumor with benign / locally aggressive / malignant behavior (counterpart of [glomus tumor](#)) Age: 4th-5th decade; M:F = 1:1 Path: large vessels predominantly in tumor periphery Histo: cells packed around vascular channels containing cystic + necrotic areas; arising from cells of Zimmerman that are located around vessels @ Soft tissue = deep-seated well-circumscribed lesion arising in muscle Location: lower extremity in 35% (thigh), pelvic cavity, retroperitoneum • painless slowly growing mass up to 20 cm @ Bone (rare) Location: lower extremity, vertebrae, pelvis, skull (dura similar to [meningioma](#)) ✓ osteolytic lesions in metaphysis of long / flat bone ✓ subperiosteal large blowout lesion (similar to [aneurysmal bone cyst](#)) Angio: ✓ displacement of main artery ✓ pedicle of tumor feeder arteries ✓ spider-shaped arrangement of vessels encircling tumor ✓ small corkscrew arteries ✓ dense tumor stain DDx: hemangioendothelioma, [angiosarcoma](#)

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HEMOCHROMATOSIS

1. PRIMARY HEMOCHROMATOSIS=autosomal recessive / indeterminate inheritance (abnormal iron-loading gene) in thalassemia, sideroblastic anemia 2. [SECONDARY HEMOCHROMATOSIS](#)=excessive iron absorption in anemias, myelofibrosis, portacaval shunt, exogenous administration of iron, porphyria cutanea tarda, beer brewed in iron vessels + deposition of excessive iron in liver, pancreas, [spleen](#), GI tract, kidney, gonads, heart, endocrine glands (pituitary, hypothalamus) Age: >40 years; M:F = 10:1 (females protected by menstruation) • [cirrhosis](#) • "bronzed diabetes" • [congestive heart failure](#) • skin pigmentation • hypogonadism • arthritic symptoms (30%) • increase in serum iron @SkeletonSite: most commonly in hands (metacarpal heads, particularly 2nd + 3rd MCP joints), carpal + proximal interphalangeal joints, knees, hips ✓ generalized [osteoporosis](#) ✓ small subchondral cystlike rarefactions with fine rim of sclerosis (metacarpal heads) ✓ arthropathy in 50% with iron deposition in synovium ✓ uniform joint space narrowing ✓ enlargement of metacarpal heads ✓ eventually osteophyte formation ✓ [chondrocalcinosis](#) in >60%, knees most commonly affected (a) [calcium](#) pyrophosphate deposition (inhibition of pyrophosphatase enzyme within cartilage which hydrolyzes pyrophosphate to soluble orthophosphate) (b) calcification of triangular cartilage of wrist, menisci, annulus fibrosus, ligamentum flavum, symphysis pubis, Achilles tendon, plantar fascia @Brain MRI: ✓ marked loss in signal intensity of anterior lobe of [pituitary gland](#) (iron deposition) Cx: hepatoma (in 30%) *Prognosis*: death from CHF (30%), death from hepatic failure (25%) *DDx*: (1) Pseudogout (no arthropathy) (2) [Psoriatic arthritis](#) (skin + nail changes) (3) [Osteoarthritis](#) (predominantly distal joints in hands) (4) [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (5) [Gout](#) (may also have [chondrocalcinosis](#))

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HEMOPHILIA

=X-linked deficiency / functional abnormality of coagulation factor VIII (= hemophilia A) in >80% / factor IX (= hemophilia B = Christmas disease) *Incidence*: 1:10,000 males @ Hemarthrosis (most common) *Histo*: hypertrophic synovial membrane with pannus formation that erodes cartilage, loss of subchondral bone plate, formation of subarticular cysts • tense red warm joint with decreased range of motion (muscle spasm) • fever, elevated WBC (DDx: [septic arthritis](#)) Location: in knee, ankle, elbow ✓ soft-tissue swelling of joint ✓ enlargement of epiphysis (secondary to synovial hyperemia) ✓ thinning of joint cartilage (particularly patella) secondary to cartilage destruction ✓ erosion of articular surface with multiple subchondral cysts ✓ superimposed degenerative joint disease ✓ "squared" patella ✓ widening of intercondylar notch ✓ medial "slanting" of tibiotalar joint ✓ juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) @ Hemophilic pseudotumor (1-2%) = posthemorrhagic cystic swelling within muscle + bone characterized by pressure necrosis + destruction (a) juvenile form = usually multiple intramedullary expansile lesions without soft-tissue mass in small bones of hand / feet (before epiphyseal closure) (b) adult form = usually single intramedullary expansile lesion with large soft-tissue mass in ilium / femur (c) soft-tissue involvement of retroperitoneum (psoas muscle), bowel wall, renal collecting system ✓ mixed cystic expansile lesion ✓ bone erosion + pathologic [fracture](#) CT: ✓ sometimes encapsulated mass containing areas of low attenuation + calcifications MR: ✓ hemorrhage of varying age N.B.: Needle aspiration / biopsy / excision may cause fistulae / infection / uncontrolled bleeding! Rx: palliative radiation therapy (destroys vessels prone to bleed) + transfusion of procoagulation factor concentrate

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HEREDITARY HYPERPHOSPHATASIA

= "JUVENILE [PAGET DISEASE](#)" = rare autosomal recessive disease with sustained elevation of serum alkaline phosphatase, especially in individuals of Puerto Rican descent *Histo*: rapid turnover of lamellar bone without formation of cortical bone; immature woven bone is rapidly laid down, but simultaneous rapid destruction prevents normal maturation *Age*: 1st-3rd year; usually stillborn • rapid enlargement of calvarium + long bones • [dwarfism](#) • cranial nerve deficit (blind, deaf) • hypertension • frequent respiratory infections • pseudoxanthoma elasticum • elevated alkaline phosphatase \checkmark deossification = decreased density of long bones with coarse trabecular pattern \checkmark metaphyseal growth deficiency \checkmark wide irregular epiphyseal lines (resembling [rickets](#) in childhood), persistent metaphyseal defects (40% of adults) \checkmark bowing of long bones + fractures with irregular callus \checkmark widened medullary canal with cortical thinning (cortex modeled from trabecular bone) \checkmark skull greatly thickened with wide tables, cotton wool appearance \checkmark vertebra plana *OB-US*: \checkmark diagnosis suspected in utero in 20% *Cx*: pathologic fractures; vertebra plana universalis *DDx*: (1) [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) (2) Polyostotic [fibrous dysplasia](#) (3) [Paget disease](#) (> age 20, not generalized) (4) Pyle disease (spares midshaft) (5) van Buchem syndrome (only diaphyses > age 20, no long-bone bowing) (6) Engelmann syndrome (lower limbs)

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HEREDITARY MULTIPLE EXOSTOSES

=DIAPHYSEAL ACLASIS *Inheritance*: autosomal dominant (unaffected female may be carrier) *Age*: discovered between 2 and 10 years; M:F = 2:1 *Path*: ectopic cartilaginous rest in metaphysis + defect in periosteum; cap of hyaline cartilage; often bursa formation over cap ■ usually painless mass near joints ■ tendons, blood vessels, nerves may be impaired ■ mechanical limitation of joint movement *Location*: multiple + usually bilateral; common sites are knee, elbow, scapula, pelvis, ribs *Site*: metaphyses of long bones near epiphyseal plate (distance to epiphyseal line increases with growth) ✓ cortex + cancellous bone of exostosis contiguous to host bone ✓ slope on epiphyseal side + right angle on diaphyseal side of stalk = points away from joint + toward center of shaft ✓ occasionally small punctate calcifications, incartilaginous cap ✓ shortening of 4th + 5th metacarpals ✓ supernumerary fingers / toes ✓ Madelung / reversed Madelung deformity = radius usually longer + bowed ✓ occasionally results in disproportionate shortening of an extremity, radioulnar synostosis, dislocation of radial head *Prognosis*: exostosis begins in childhood; stops growing when nearest epiphyseal center fuses *Cx*: (1) Cord compression secondary to involvement of posterior spinal elements (2) Malignant transformation to [chondrosarcoma](#) in <5%; iliac bone commonest site; growth with irregularity of outline + fuzziness; sudden painful growth spurt

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HEREDITARY SPHEROCYTOSIS

=autosomal dominant congenital hemolytic anemia
Age: anemia begins in early infancy to late adulthood • rarely severe anemia • jaundice • spherocytes in peripheral smear
bone changes rare (due to mild anemia); long bones rarely affected
widening of diploe with displacement + thinning of outer table
hair-on-end appearance
Rx: splenectomy corrects anemia even though spherocytemia persists
improvement in skeletal alterations following splenectomy

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HERNIATION PIT

=SYNOVIAL HERNIATION PIT = CONVERSION DEFECT=ingrowth of fibrous + cartilaginous elements from adjacent joint through perforation in cortex
Histo:fibroalveolar tissue
Age:usually in older individuals • may be symptomatic • no clinical significance
Location:anterior superolateral aspect of proximal femoral neck; uni- or bilateral
Site:subcortical ✓ well-circumscribed round lucency ✓ usually <1 cm in diameter ✓ reactive thin sclerotic border ✓ hyperintense area on T2WI ✓ bone scan may be positive

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HOLT-ORAM SYNDROME

Autosomal dominant; M < F *Associated with CHD*:secundum type ASD (most common), VSD, persistent left SVC, tetralogy, coarctation • intermittent cardiac arrhythmia • bradycardia (50-60/min) Location: upper extremity only involved; symmetry of lesions is the rule; left side may be more severely affected ✓ aplasia / hypoplasia of radial structures: thumb, 1st metacarpal, [carpal bones](#), radius ✓ "fingerized" hypoplastic thumb / triphalangeal thumb ✓ slender elongated hypoplastic carpals + metacarpals ✓ hypoplastic radius; absent radial styloid ✓ shallow glenoid fossa (voluntary dislocation of [shoulder](#) common) ✓ hypoplastic clavicle ✓ high arched palate ✓ cervical scoliosis ✓ pectus excavatum

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HOMOCYSTINURIA

Autosomal recessive disorder *Etiology*:cystathionine B synthetase deficiency results in defective methionine metabolism with accumulation of homocystine + homocysteine in blood and urine; causes defect in collagen / elastin structure ■ thromboembolic phenomena due to stickiness of platelets ■ ligamentous laxity ■ downward + inward dislocation of lens (DDx: upward + outward dislocation in [Marfan syndrome](#)) ■ mild / moderate mental retardation ■ crowding of maxillary teeth and protrusion of incisors ■ malar flush✓ arachnodactyly in 1/3 (DDx: [Marfan syndrome](#))✓ [microcephaly](#)✓ enlarged [paranasal sinuses](#)✓ [osteoporosis](#) of vertebrae (biconcave / flattened / widened vertebrae)✓ scoliosis✓ pectus excavatum / carinatum (75%)✓ [osteoporosis](#) of long bones (75%) with bowing + [fracture](#)✓ children: metaphyseal cupping (50%); enlargement of ossification centers in 50% (knee, [carpal bones](#)); epiphyseal calcifications (esp. in wrist, resembling [phenylketonuria](#)); delayed ossification✓ Harris lines = multiple growth lines✓ genu valgum, coxa valga, coxa magna, pes cavus✓ premature vascular calcifications*Prognosis*:death from

	Marfan Syndrome	Homocystinuria
<i>Inheritance:</i>	autosomal dominant	autosomal recessive
<i>Biochemical defect:</i>	not known	cystathionine synthetase
<i>Osteoporosis:</i>	no	yes
<i>Spine:</i>	scoliosis	biconcave vertebrae
<i>Lens dislocation:</i>	upward	downward
<i>Arachnodactyly:</i>	100%	33%

[occlusive vascular disease](#) / minor vascular trauma

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HYPERPARATHYROIDISM

=uncontrolled production of parathyroid hormone
Age: middle age; M:F = 1:3
Histo: decreased bone mass secondary to increased number of osteoclasts, increased osteoid volume (defect in mineralization), slightly increased number of osteoblasts
● increase in parathyroid hormone (100%)
● increase in serum alkaline phosphatase (50%)
● elevation of serum [calcium](#) (due to accelerated bone turnover and increased [calcium](#) absorption) + decrease in serum phosphate (30%)
● hypotonicity of muscles, weakness, constipation, difficulty in swallowing, duodenal / gastric peptic ulcer disease (secondary to [hypercalcemia](#))
● polyuria, polydipsia (hypercalciuria + hyperphosphaturia)
● renal colic + renal insufficiency (nephrocalcolosis + [nephrocalcinosis](#))
● rheumatic bone pain + tenderness (particularly at site of brown tumor), pathologic [fracture](#) secondary to brown tumor
A. BONE RESORPTION
(a) subperiosteal (most constant + specific finding; virtually PATHOGNOMONIC of hyperparathyroidism):
✓ lacelike irregularity of cortical margin; may progress to scalloping / spiculation (pseudoperiostitis)
Site: phalangeal tufts (earliest involvement), radial aspect of middle phalanx of 2nd + 3rd finger beginning in proximal metaphyseal region (early involvement), bandlike zone of resorption in middle / base of terminal tuft, distal end of clavicles, medial tibia plateau, medial humerus neck, medial femoral neck, distal ulna, superior + inferior margins of ribs in midclavicular line, lamina dura of skull and teeth
(b) subchondral:
✓ pseudowidening of joint space
✓ collapse of cortical bone + overlying cartilage with development of erosion, cyst, joint narrowing (similar to [rheumatoid arthritis](#))
Site: DIP joint (most commonly 4th + 5th digit), MCP joint, PIP joint, distal clavicle, acromioclavicular joint (clavicular side), "pseudowidening" of sacroiliac joint (iliac side), sternoclavicular joint, symphysis pubis, "scalloping" of posterior surface of patella, Schmorl nodes; typically polyarticular
(c) cortical (due to osteoclastic activity within haversian canal):
✓ intracortical tunneling
✓ scalloping along inner cortical surface (endosteal resorption)
(d) trabecular:
✓ spotty deossification with indistinct + coarse trabecular pattern
✓ granular salt and pepper skull
✓ loss of distinction between inner and outer table
✓ ground-glass appearance
(e) subligamentous:
✓ bone resorption with smooth scalloped / irregular ill-defined margins
Site: inferior surface of calcaneus (long plantar tendons + aponeurosis), inferior aspect of distal clavicle (coracoclavicular ligament), greater trochanter (hip abductors), lesser trochanter (iliopsoas), anterior inferior iliac spine (rectus femoris), humeral tuberosity (rotator cuff), ischial tuberosity (hamstrings), proximal extensor surface of ulna (anconeus), posterior olecranon (triceps)
B. BONE SOFTENING
✓ basilar impression of skull
✓ wedged vertebrae, kyphoscoliosis, biconcave vertebral deformities
✓ bowing of long bones
✓ slipped capital femoral epiphysis
C. BROWN TUMOR = OSTEOCLASTOMA
Cause: PTH-stimulated osteoclastic activity (more frequent in 1° HPT; in 1.5% of 2° HPT)
Path: localized replacement of bone by vascularized fibrous tissue (osteitis fibrosa cystica) containing giant cells; lesions may become cystic following necrosis + liquefaction
Location: jaw, pelvis, rib, metaphyses of long bones (femur), facial bones, axial skeleton
Site: often eccentric / cortical; frequently solitary
✓ expansile lytic well-marginated cystlike lesion (DDx: [giant cell tumor](#))
✓ endosteal scalloping
✓ destruction of midportions of distal phalanges with telescoping
D. OSTEOSCLEROSIS
More frequent in 2° HPT
Cause: ? PTH-stimulated osteoblastic activity, ? role of [calcitonin](#) (poorly understood)
Site: strong predilection for axial skeleton, pelvis, ribs, clavicles, metaphysis + epiphysis of appendicular skeleton
✓ "rugger jersey spine" (resembling the stripes on rugby jerseys) = sclerosis of vertebral endplates with intervening normal osseous density
E. SOFT-TISSUE CALCIFICATION
More frequent in 2° HPT; metastatic calcification when Ca x P product > 70 mg/dL
(a) cornea, viscera (lung, stomach, kidney)
(b) periarticular in hip, knee, [shoulder](#), wrist
(c) arterial tunica media (resembling [diabetes mellitus](#))
(d) [Chondrocalcinosis](#) (15-18%) = calcification of hyaline / fibrous cartilage in menisci, wrist, [shoulder](#), hip, elbow
F. EROSION ARTHROPATHY
● asymptomatic
✓ simulates [rheumatoid arthritis](#) with preserved joint spaces
G. PERIOSTEAL NEW-BONE FORMATION
Cause: PTH-stimulation of osteoblasts
Site: pubic ramus along iliopectineal line (most frequent), humerus, femur, tibia, radius, ulna, metacarpals, metatarsals, phalanges
✓ linear new bone paralleling cortical surface; may be laminated; often separated from cortex by radiolucent zone
✓ increase in cortical thickness (if [periosteal reaction](#) becomes incorporated into adjacent bone)
Sequelae:
1. Renal stones / [nephrocalcinosis](#) (70%)
2. Increased osteoblastic activity (25%)
● increased alkaline phosphatase
(a) osteitis fibrosa cystica
✓ subperiosteal bone resorption + cortical tunneling
✓ brown tumors (primary HPT)
(b) bone softening
✓ fractures
3. Peptic ulcer disease (increased gastric secretion from [gastrinoma](#))
4. Calcific [pancreatitis](#)
5. Soft-tissue calcifications (2° HPT)
6. Marginal joint erosions + subarticular collapse (DIP, PIP, MCP)

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Primary Hyperparathyroidism = pHPT = 1° HPT = [hypercalcemia](#) due to uncontrolled secretion of [parathormone](#) by one / more hyperfunctioning [parathyroid glands](#) featuring (1) brown tumor (2) [chondrocalcinosis](#) (20-30%) requires surgical Rx *Incidence*: 25 / 100,000 per year; incidence of bone lesions in HPT is 25-40% *Etiology*: (a) Parathyroid adenoma (87%): single (80%); multiple (7%) (b) Parathyroid hyperplasia (10%): chief cell (5%); clear cell (5%) (c) Parathyroid carcinoma (3%) *Histo*: increased number of osteoclasts, increased osteoid volume (defect in mineralization), slightly increased osteoblasts = decreased bone mass *Age*: 3rd-5th decade; M:F = 1:3 *Associated with*: (a) Wermer syndrome = MEA I (+ [pituitary adenoma](#) + pancreatic islet cell tumor) (b) Sipple syndrome = MEA II (+ medullary [thyroid carcinoma](#) + [pheochromocytoma](#)) X-ray (skeletal involvement in 20%): thin cortices with lacy cortical pattern (subperiosteal bone resorption) brown tumor (particularly in jaw + long bones) osteitis cystica fibrosa (= intertrabecular fibrous connective tissue) NUC: normal bone scan in 80% foci of abnormal [uptake](#): calvarium (especially periphery), mandible, sternum, acromioclavicular joint, lateral humeral epicondyles, hands increased [uptake](#) in brown tumors extraskelatal [uptake](#): cornea, cartilage, joint capsules, tendons, periarticular areas, lungs, stomach normal renal [excretion](#) [except in stone disease / [calcium](#) nephropathy (10%)] Rx: pathologic glands identified by experienced surgeons in 90-95% on initial neck exploration (ectopic + supernumerary glands often overlooked at operation; recurrent [hypercalcemia](#) in 3-10%) Surgical risk for repeat surgery 6.6% recurrent laryngeal nerve injury 20.0% permanent [hypoparathyroidism](#) <1.0% perioperative mortality

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Secondary Hyperparathyroidism =sHPT = 2° HPT = diffuse / adenomatous hyperplasia of all four [parathyroid glands](#) as a compensatory mechanism in any state of hypocalcemia featuring (1) soft-tissue calcifications (2) osteosclerosis requires medical Rx *Etiology*: (a) [renal osteodystrophy](#) (renal insufficiency + [osteomalacia](#) / [rickets](#)) (b) [calcium](#) deprivation, maternal [hypoparathyroidism](#), pregnancy, hypovitaminosis D (c) rise in serum phosphate leading to decrease in [calcium](#) by feedback mechanism • low to normal [calcium](#) levels • $\text{Ca}^{2+} \text{PO}_4^{2-}$ solubility product often exceeded NUC: ✓ "superscan" in 2° HPT: ✓ absent kidney sign ✓ increased bone-to-soft tissue [uptake](#) ratio ✓ increased [uptake](#) in calvarium, mandible, acromioclavicular region, sternum, vertebrae, distal third of long bones, ribs ✓ diffuse Tc-99m MDP [uptake](#) in lungs (60%)

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Tertiary Hyperparathyroidism =tHPT = 3° HPT = development of autonomous PTH adenoma in patients with chronically overstimulated hyperplastic [parathyroid glands](#) (renal insufficiency);[†]requires surgical Rx*Clue*:(a)intractable [hypercalcemia](#)(b)inability to control [osteomalacia](#) by vitamin D administration

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Ectopic [Parathormone Production](#) =pseudohyperparathyroidism as paraneoplastic syndrome in [bronchogenic carcinoma](#) + [renal cell carcinoma](#)

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HYPERTROPHIC OSTEOARTHROPATHY

=HYPERTROPHIC PULMONARY OSTEOARTHROPATHY *Etiology:* (1) Release of vasodilators which are not metabolized by lung (2) Increased flow through AV shunts (3) Reflex peripheral vasodilation (vagal impulses) (4) Hormones: estrogen, growth hormone, prostaglandin A. THORACIC CAUSES (a) malignant tumor (0.7-12%): [bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (88%), mesothelioma, [lymphoma](#), pulmonary metastasis from osteogenic sarcoma, melanoma, [renal cell carcinoma](#), [breast cancer](#) (b) benign tumor: benign pleural fibroma, tumor of ribs, [thymoma](#), esophageal [leiomyoma](#), pulmonary [hemangioma](#), pulmonary congenital cyst (c) chronic infection / inflammation: pulmonary abscess, [bronchiectasis](#), [blastomycosis](#), TB (very rare); [cystic fibrosis](#), interstitial [fibrosis](#) (d) congenital heart disease with R-to-L shunt B. EXTRATHORACIC CAUSES (a) GI tract: [ulcerative colitis](#), amebic + bacillary dysentery, intestinal TB, [Whipple disease](#), [Crohn disease](#), [gastric ulcer](#), bowel [lymphoma](#), [gastric carcinoma](#) (b) liver disease: biliary + alcoholic [cirrhosis](#), posthepatic [cirrhosis](#), chronic active hepatitis, bile duct carcinoma, benign bile duct stricture, [amyloidosis](#), liver abscess (c) undifferentiated [nasopharyngeal carcinoma](#), pancreatic carcinoma, chronic myelogenous [leukemia](#) ■ burning pain, painful swelling of limbs, and stiffness of joints: ankles (88%), wrists (83%), knees (75%), elbows (17%), shoulders (10%), fingers (7%) ■ peripheral neurovascular disorders: local cyanosis, areas of increased sweating, paresthesia, chronic erythema, flushing + blanching of skin ■ hippocratic fingers + toes (clubbing) ■ hypertrophy of extremities (soft-tissue swelling) Location: tibia + fibula (75%), radius + ulna (80%), proximal phalanges (60%), femur (50%), metacarpus + metatarsus (40%), humerus + distal phalanges (25%), pelvis (5%); unilateral (rare) Site: in diaphyseal regions ✓ periosteal proliferation of new bone, at first smooth then undulating + rough, most conspicuous on concavity of long bones (dorsal + medial aspects) ✓ regression of [periosteal reaction](#) after thoracotomy ✓ soft-tissue swelling ("clubbing") of distal phalanges Bone scan (reveals changes early with greater [sensitivity](#) + clarity): ✓ symmetric diffusely increased [uptake](#) along cortical margins of diaphysis + metaphysis of tubular bones of the extremities with irregularities ✓ increased periarticular [uptake](#) (= synovitis) ✓ scapular involvement in 2/3 ✓ mandible ± maxilla abnormal in 40%

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HYPERVITAMINOSIS A

Age: usually infants + children ■ anorexia, irritability ■ loss of hair, dry skin, pruritus, fissures of lips ■ jaundice, enlargement of liver ✓ separation of cranial sutures secondary to [hydrocephalus](#) (coronal > lambdoid) in children <10 years of age, may appear within a few days ✓ symmetrical solid periosteal new-bone formation along shafts of long + short bones (ulna, clavicle) ✓ premature epiphyseal closure + thinning of epiphyseal plates ✓ accelerated growth ✓ tendinous, ligamentous, pericapsular calcifications ✓ changes usually disappear after cessation of vitamin A ingestion *DDx*: [Infantile cortical hyperostosis](#) (mandible involved)

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HYPERVITAMINOSIS D

=excessive ingestion of vitamin D (large doses act like [parathormone](#)) • loss of appetite, drowsiness, headaches • polyuria, polydipsia, renal damage • anemia • diarrhea • convulsions • excessive phosphaturia ([parathormone](#) decreases tubular absorption) • [hypercalcemia](#) + hypercalciuria ✓ deossification ✓ widening of provisional zone of calcification ✓ cortical + trabecular thickening ✓ alternating bands of increased + decreased density near / in epiphysis (zone of provisional calcification) ✓ vertebra outlined by dense band of bone + adjacent radiolucent line within ✓ dense calvarium ✓ metastatic calcinosis in (a) arterial walls (between age 20 and 30) (b) kidneys = [nephrocalcinosis](#) (c) periarticular tissue (puttylike) (d) premature calcification of falx cerebri (most consistent sign!)

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HYPOPARATHYROIDISM

Etiology: A. Idiopathic Hypoparathyroidism=rare condition of unknown cause • round face, short dwarflike, obese • mental retardation • cataracts • dry scaly skin, atrophy of nails • dental hypoplasia (delayed tooth eruption, impaction of teeth, supernumerary teeth) B. Secondary Hypoparathyroidism=accidental removal / damage to [parathyroid glands](#) in thyroid surgery / radical neck dissection (5%); I-131 therapy (rare); external beam radiation; hemorrhage; infection; [thyroid carcinoma](#); [hemochromatosis](#) (iron deposition) • tetany = neuromuscular excitability (numbness, cramps, carpopedal spasm, laryngeal stridor, generalized convulsions) • hypocalcemia + hyperphosphatemia • normal / low serum alkaline phosphatase ✓ premature closure of epiphyses ✓ hypoplasia of tooth enamel + dentine; blunting of roots ✓ generalized increase in bone density in 9% ✓ localized thickening of skull ✓ sacroiliac sclerosis ✓ bandlike density in metaphysis of long bones (25%), iliac crest, vertebral bodies ✓ thickened lamina dura (inner table) + widened diploe ✓ deformed hips with thickening + sclerosis of femoral head + acetabulum @ Soft tissue ✓ [intracranial calcifications](#) in basal ganglia, choroid plexus, occasionally in cerebellum ✓ calcification of spinal and other ligaments ✓ subcutaneous calcifications ✓

	HypoPT	PseudoHypoPT	PseudopseudoHypoPT
<i>Serum-Ca</i>	down	down	norm
<i>Serum-P</i>	up	up	norm
<i>Alk Phos</i>	down.horm	down.horm	norm

ossification of muscle insertions ✓ ectopic bone formation

<i>Response to PTH-injection</i>	Norm / HypoPT	PseudoHypoPT
<i>Urine-AMP</i>	up	norm
<i>Urine-P</i>	up	norm
<i>Plasma-AMP</i>	up	norm

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HYPOPHOSPHATASIA

=autosomal recessive congenital disease with low activity of serum-, bone-, liver-alkaline phosphatase resulting in poor mineralization (deficient generation of bone crystals) *Incidence*: 1:100,000 *Histo*: indistinguishable from [rickets](#) ■ phosphoethanolamine in urine as precursor of alkaline phosphatase ■ normal serum [calcium](#) + [phosphorus](#) A.GROUP I = neonatal = congenital lethal form ✓ marked demineralization of calvarium ("caput membranaceum" = soft skull) ✓ lack of calcification of metaphyseal end of long bones ✓ streaky irregular spotty margins of calcification ✓ cupping of metaphysis ✓ angulated shaft fractures with abundant callus formation ✓ short poorly ossified ribs ✓ poorly ossified vertebrae (especially neural arches) ✓ small pelvic bones OB-US: ✓ high incidence of intrauterine fetal demise ✓ increased echogenicity of falx (enhanced sound transmission secondary to poorly mineralized calvarium) ✓ poorly mineralized short bowed tubular bones + multiple fractures ✓ poorly mineralized spine ✓ short poorly ossified ribs ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) *Prognosis*: death within 6 months B.GROUP II = juvenile severe form onset of symptoms within weeks to months ■ moderate / severe [dwarfism](#) ■ delayed weight bearing ✓ resembles [rickets](#) ✓ separated cranial sutures; craniostenosis in 2nd year *Prognosis*: 50% mortality C.GROUP III = adult mild form recognized later in childhood / adolescence / adulthood ■ [dwarfism](#) ✓ clubfoot, genu valgum ✓ demineralization of ossification centers (at birth / 3-4 months of age) *Prognosis*: excellent; after 1 year no further progression D.GROUP IV = latent form heterozygous state ■ normal / borderline levels of alkaline phosphatase ■ patients are small for age ■ disturbance of primary dentition ✓ bone fragility + healed fractures ✓ enlarged chondral ends of ribs ✓ metaphyseal notching of long bones ✓ [Erlenmeyer flask deformity](#) of femur

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HYPOTHYROIDISM

A. Childhood = CRETINISM: *Frequency*: 1:4,000 live births have congenital hypothyroidism *Cause*: sporadic hypoplasia / ectopia of thyroid / delayed skeletal maturation (appearance + growth of ossification centers, epiphyseal closure) / fragmented [stippled epiphyses](#) / wide sutures / fontanelles with delayed closure / delayed dentition / delayed / decreased pneumatization of sinuses + mastoids / [hypertelorism](#) / dense vertebral margins / demineralization / hypoplastic phalanges of 5th finger MR: / reduced myelination of brain (usually beginning during midgestation) OB-US: / fetal goiter (especially in hyperthyroid mothers treated with methimazole / propylthiouracil / I-131) B. Adulthood: / calvarial thickening / sclerosis / wedging of dorsolumbar vertebral bodies / coxa vara with flattened femoral head / premature atherosclerosis No skeletal changes with adult onset!

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INFANTILE CORTICAL HYPEROSTOSIS

=CAFFEY DISEASE=uncommon self-limiting proliferative bone disease of infancy; remission + exacerbations are common *Cause*:? infectious; ? autosomal dominant with variable expression + incomplete penetrance / sporadic occurrence (rare) *Age*:<6 months, reported in utero; M:F = 1:1 *Histo*:inflammation of periosteal membrane, proliferation of osteoblasts + connective tissue cells, deposition of immature bony trabeculae ■ sudden, hard, extremely tender soft-tissue swellings over bone ■ irritability, fever ■ ± elevated ESR, increased alkaline phosphatase ■ leukocytosis, anemia *Location*:mandible (80%) > clavicle > ulna + others (except phalanges + vertebrae + round bones of wrists and ankles) *Site*:hyperostosis affects diaphysis of tubular bones asymmetrically, epiphyses spared ✓ massive periosteal new-bone formation + perifocal soft-tissue swelling ✓ "double-exposed" ribs ✓ narrowing of medullary space (= proliferation of endosteum) ✓ bone expansion with remodeling of old cortex *Prognosis*:usually complete recovery by 30 months *Rx*:mild analgesics, steroids **Chronic Infantile Hyperostosis** Disease may persist or recur intermittently for years ✓ bowing deformities, osseous bridging, diaphyseal expansion ■ delayed muscular development, crippling deformities *DDx*:(1) [Hypervitaminosis A](#) (rarely <1 year of age)(2) Periostitis of prematurity (3) Healing [rickets](#)(4) [Scurvy](#) (uncommon <4 months of age)(5) Syphilis (focal destruction) (6) Child abuse(7) Prostaglandin administration (usually following 4-6 weeks of therapy) (8) Osteomyelitis(9) [Leukemia](#) (10) [Neuroblastoma](#) (11) Kinky hair syndrome (12) [Hereditary hyperphosphatasia](#)

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INFANTILE MYOFIBROMATOSIS

=GENERALIZED HAMARTOMATOSIS = CONGENITAL MULTIPLE [FIBROMATOSIS](#) = MULTIPLE VASCULAR LEIOMYOMAS = DESMOFIBROMATOSIS=rare disorder characterized by proliferation of fibroblasts *Cause:unknown* *Frequency:most common fibromatosis in childhood* *Age:at birth (in 60%), <2 years (in 89%)* *Path:well-marginated soft-tissue lesion 0.5-3 cm in diameter with scarlike consistency ± infiltration of surrounding tissues* *Histo:spindle-shaped cells in short bundles and fascicles in periphery of lesion; hemangiopericytoma-like pattern in center with necrosis, hyalinization, calcification (1)* Solitary lesion (50-75%)dermis, subcutis, muscle (86%) Location:head, neck, trunk, bone (9%), GI tract (4%) *Prognosis:spontaneous regression in 100%; recurrence after surgical excision in 7-10%(2)* Multicentric disease (25-50%) Location:skin (98%), subcutis (98%), muscle (98%), bone (57%), viscera (25-37%): lung (28%), heart (16%), GI tract (14%), pancreas (9%), liver (8%) *Prognosis:related to extent + location of visceral lesions with cardiopulmonary + GI involvement as harbingers of poor prognosis (death in 75-80%); spontaneous regression (33%)* ■ firm nodules in skin, subcutis, muscle ■ ± overlying scarring of skin with ulceration @ Skeleton Location:any bone may be involved; commonly in femur, tibia, rib, pelvis, vertebral bodies, calvarium; often symmetric Site:metaphysis of long bones √ eccentric lobulated lytic foci with smooth margins 0.5 -1.0 cm in size √ well-defined with narrow zone of transition √ initially no sclerosis; sclerotic margin with healing √ osseous foci may increase in size and number √ healing leaves little residual abnormality √ unusual osseous findings: √ periosteal reaction, pathologic fracture √ vertebra plana, kyphoscoliosis with posterior scalloping of vertebral bodies NUC (bone scan): √ increased / little radiotracer uptake *DDx:(1)* [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#) (skin lesions) (2) [Neurofibromatosis](#) (multiple masses) (3) Osseous hemangiomas / lymphangiomatosis / lipomatosis (4) Metastatic [neuroblastoma](#) (5) Multiple nonossifying fibromas (6) [Enchondromatosis](#) (7) Unusual infection (8) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) @ Soft tissue √ solid mass with central necrosis √ central / peripheral solitary / multiple calcifications √ ± contrast enhancement CT: √ attenuation similar to muscle MR: √ hypo- to hyperintense mass on T1WI + T2WI *DDx:(1)* [Neurofibromatosis](#) (2) Infantile [fibrosarcoma](#), leiomyosarcoma (3) [Angiomatosis](#) @ Lung √ interstitial [fibrosis](#), reticulonodular infiltrates √ discrete mass √ generalized bronchopneumonia @ GI tract √ diffuse narrowing with multiple small filling defects

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IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA

Age: infants affected *Cause:* (1) inadequate iron stores at birth (2) deficient iron in diet (3) impaired gastrointestinal absorption of iron (4) excessive iron demands from blood loss (5) [polycythemia](#) vera (6) cyanotic CHD ✓ widening of diploe + thinning of tables with sparing of occiput (no red marrow) ✓ hair-on-end appearance of skull ✓ [osteoporosis](#) in long bones (most prominent in hands) ✓ absence of facial bone involvement

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JACCOUD ARTHROPATHY

After subsidence of frequent severe attacks of rheumatic fever *Path*:periarticular fascial + tendon [fibrosis](#) without synovitis • rheumatic valve disease Location:primarily involvement of hands; occasionally in great toe ✓ muscular atrophy ✓ periarticular swelling of small joints of hands + feet ✓ ulnar deviation + flexion of MCP joints most marked in 4th + 5th finger ✓ NO joint narrowing / erosion

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JUVENILE APONEUROTIC FIBROMA

Rare benign fibrous tumor *Histo*:cellular dense fibrous tissue with focal chondral elements infiltrating adjacent structures (= cartilaginous tumor)*Age*:children + adolescents; male preponderance*Location*:deep palmar fascia of hand + wrist soft-tissue mass overlying inflamed bursa (often mistaken for calcified bursitis) stippled calcifications interosseous soft-tissue mass of forearm + wrist bone erosion may occur*DDx*:synovial sarcoma, chondroma, [fibrosarcoma](#), [osteosarcoma](#), [myositis ossificans](#)

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KLINEFELTER SYNDROME

47,XXY (rarely XXYY) chromosomal abnormality *Incidence*:1:750 live births (probably commonest chromosomal aberration) ■ testicular atrophy (hyalinization of seminiferous tubules) = small / absent testes, sterility (azoospermia) ■ eunuchoid constitution: [gynecomastia](#); paucity of hair on face + chest; female pubic escutcheon ■ mild mental retardation ■ high level of urinary gonadotropins + low level of 17-ketosteroids after puberty ❖NO distinctive radiological findings! ❖ may have delayed bone maturation ❖ failure of [frontal sinus](#) to develop ❖ small bridged sella turcica ❖ ± scoliosis, kyphosis ❖ ± coxa valga ❖ ± [metacarpal sign](#) (short 4th metacarpal) ❖ accessory epiphyses of 2nd metacarpal bilaterally **47,XXX = Superfemale Syndrome** ■ usually over 6 feet tall; subnormal intelligence; frequently antisocial behavior

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KLIPPEL-TRÉNAUNAY SYNDROME

=sporadic (nonhereditary) rare mesodermal abnormality that usually affects a single lower limb characterized by a triad of: (1)port-wine nevus = unilateral large flat infiltrative cutaneous capillary [hemangioma](#) often in dermatomal distribution on affected limb; may fade in 2nd-3rd decade(2)gigantism = overgrowth of distal digits / entire extremity (especially during adolescent growth spurt) involving soft-tissue + bone(3)varicose veins on lateral aspect of affected limb; usually ipsilateral to [hemangioma](#)*Pathogenesis*: superficial lateral venous channel of large caliber thought to represent the fetal lateral limb bud vein that has failed to regress; tissue overgrowth is secondary to impaired venous return *Age*:usually in children; M:F = 1:1*Associated with*: -[polydactyly](#), [syndactyly](#), [clinodactyly](#), oligodactyly, ectrodactyly, congenital dislocation of hip-hemangiomas of colon / bladder (3-10%)-spinal hemangiomas + AVMs-hemangiomas in liver / [spleen](#)-lymphangiomas of limb*Location*:lower extremity (10-15 x more common than upper extremity); bilateral in <5%*Findings*: increased metatarsal / metacarpal + phalangeal size[✓] cortical thickening[✓] punctate calcifications (phleboliths) in pelvis (bowel wall, urinary bladder)[✓] pulmonary vein varicosities[✓] cystic lung lesions*Venogram*:[✓] aplasia / hypoplasia of lower extremity veins (18-40%): ? selective flow of contrast material up the lateral venous channel may fail to opacify the deep venous system[✓] valveless collateral venous channels (? persistent lateral limb bud vein = Klippel-Trénaunay vein) draining into deep femoral vein / iliac veins*Color Doppler US*:[✓] normal deep veins*DDx*:(1)**Parke-Weber syndrome**= congenital persistence of multiple microscopic AV fistulas + spectrum of Klippel-Trénaunay-Weber syndrome(2)[Neurofibromatosis](#) (café-au-lait spots, axillary freckling, cutaneous neurofibromas, macrodactyly secondary to plexiform neurofibromas, wavy cortical reaction, early fusion of growth plate, limb hypertrophy not as extensive / bilateral)(3)[Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#) (aniridia, [macroglossia](#), cryptorchidism, [Wilms tumor](#), broad metaphyses, thickened long-bone cortex, advanced bone age, periosteal new-bone formation, hemihypertrophy)(4)Macrodystrophia lipomatosis (hyperlucency of fat, distal phalanges most commonly affected, overgrowth ceases with puberty, usually limited to digits)(5)[Maffucci syndrome](#) (cavernous hemangiomas, soft tissue hypertrophy, phleboliths, multiple enchondromas)

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LANGERHANS CELL HISTIOCYTOSIS

=HISTIOCYTOSIS X (former name)=poorly understood group of disorders characterized by proliferation of Langerhans cells (normally responsible for first-line immunologic defense in the skin)*Cause*:uncertain (? primary proliferative disorder possibly due to defect in immunoregulation; neoplasm)*Path*:influx of eosinophilic leukocytes simulating inflammation; reticulum cells accumulate cholesterol + lipids (= foam cells); sheets or nodules of histiocytes may fuse to form giant cells, cytoplasm contains (? viral) Langerhans bodies*Histo*:Langerhans cells are similar to mononuclear macrophages + dendritic cells as the two major types of nonlymphoid mononuclear cells involved in immune + nonimmune inflammatory response; derived from promonocytes (= bone marrow stem cell)*Age*:any age, mostly presenting at 1-4 years; M:F = 1:1*Location*:bone + bone marrow, lymph nodes, [thymus](#), ear, liver and [spleen](#), gallbladder, GI tract, endocrine system*DDx*:osteomyelitis, [Ewing sarcoma](#), [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), metastatic [neuroblastoma](#)

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Letterer-Siwe Disease =acute disseminated, fulminant form of histiocytosis X characterized by wasting, pancytopenia (from bone marrow dysfunction), generalized lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly *Incidence*:1: 2,000,000; 10% of histiocytosis X *Age*:several weeks after birth to 2 years *Path*:generalized involvement of reticulum cells; may be confused with [leukemia](#) ■ hemorrhage, purpura (secondary to coagulopathy) ■ severe progressive anemia / pancytopenia ■ intermittent fever ■ failure to grow / [malabsorption](#) + hypoalbuminemia ■ skin rash: scaly erythematous seborrhea-like brown to red papules *Location*:especially pronounced behind ears, in axillary, inguinal, and perineal areas ✓ hepatosplenomegaly + lymphadenopathy (most often cervical) ✓ obstructive jaundice @ Bone involvement (50%): ✓ widespread [multiple lytic lesions](#); "raindrop" pattern in calvarium *Prognosis*:70% mortality rate

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Hand-Schüller-Christian Disease = chronic disseminated form of histiocytosis X (15-40%) in 10% characterized by a triad of (1) exophthalmos (2) [diabetes insipidus](#) (3) lytic skull lesions *Path*: proliferation of histiocytes, may simulate [Ewing sarcoma](#) *Age at onset*: 5-10 years (range from birth to 40 years); M:F = 1:1 • [diabetes insipidus](#) (30-50%) often with large lytic lesion in sphenoid bone / panhypopituitarism • otitis media with mastoid + [inner ear](#) invasion • exophthalmos (33%), sometimes with orbital wall destruction • generalized eczematoid skin lesions (30%) • ulcers of mucous membranes (gingiva, palate) @ Bone ✓ osteolytic skull lesions with overlying soft-tissue nodules ✓ "geographic skull" = ovoid / serpiginous destruction of large area ✓ "floating teeth" with mandibular involvement ✓ destruction of petrous ridge + mastoids + sella turcica @ Orbit ✓ diffuse orbital disease with multiple osteolytic bone lesions @ Soft tissue ✓ hepatosplenomegaly (rare) with scattered granuloma ✓ lymphadenopathy (may be massive) ✓ gallbladder wall thickening (from infiltration) @ Lung ✓ cyst + bleb formation with spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) (25%) ✓ ill-defined diffuse nodular infiltration often progressing to [fibrosis](#) + honeycomb lung *Prognosis*: spontaneous remissions + exacerbations

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Eosinophilic Granuloma = most benign variety of histiocytosis X (60-80%) localized to bone. Age: 5-10 years (highest frequency); range 2-30 years; <20 years (in 75%); M:F = 3:2. Path: bone lesions arise within medullary canal (RES). Histo: proliferation of histiocytes + infiltrate by variable number of inflammatory cells (eosinophils, lymphocytes, neutrophils, plasma cells) • eosinophilia in blood + CSF. Location: monostotic involvement in 50-75%; calvarium > mandible > large long bones of upper extremity > ribs > pelvis > vertebrae. Skull (50%) Site: diploic space of parietal bone (most commonly involved) + [temporal bone](#) (petrous ridge, mastoid) ✓ round / ovoid punched-out lesion with serrated + beveled edge. DDX: venous lake, arachnoid granulation, parietal foramen, epidermoid cyst, [hemangioma](#) ✓ sharply marginated without sclerotic rim (DDx: epidermoid with bone sclerosis) ✓ sclerotic margin during healing phase (50%) ✓ "hole-within-hole" appearance = uneven involvement of inner + outer table ✓ "[button sequestrum](#)" = central bone density within lytic lesion ✓ soft-tissue mass overlying the lytic process in calvarium (often palpable) ✓ isodense homogeneously enhancing mass in hypothalamus / [pituitary gland](#) @ Orbit ✓ benign focal mass ± infiltration of orbital bones @ Mastoid process • intractable otitis media with chronically draining ear (in [temporal bone](#) involvement) ✓ destructive lesion near mastoid antrum. DDX: mastoiditis, [cholesteatoma](#), metastasis. Cx: extension to [middle ear](#) may destroy ossicles leading to deafness @ Jaw • gingival + contiguous soft-tissue swelling ✓ "floating" teeth, [fracture](#) @ Axial skeleton (25%) ✓ "vertebra plana" = "coin on edge" = Calvé disease (6%) = collapse of vertebra (most commonly thoracic); preserved disk space; rare involvement of posterior elements; no kyphosis; most common cause of vertebra plana in children ✓ lytic lesion in supra-acetabular region @ Proximal long bones (15%) • painful bone lesion + swelling. Site: mostly diaphyseal, epiphyseal lesions are uncommon ✓ expansile lytic lesion with ill-defined / sclerotic edges ✓ endosteal scalloping, widening of medullary cavity ✓ cortical thinning, intracortical tunneling ✓ erosion of cortex + soft-tissue mass ✓ laminated [periosteal reaction](#) (frequent), may show interruptions ✓ may appear rapidly within 3 weeks ✓ lesions respect joint space + growth plate @ Lung involvement (20%) Incidence: 0.05 to 0.5 / 100,000 annually. Age: peak between 20 and 40 years. Strong association between smoking + primary pulmonary [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#) ✓ 3-10 mm nodules ✓ reticulonodular pattern with predilection for apices ✓ may develop into honeycomb lung ✓ recurrent pneumothoraces (25%) ✓ [rib lesions](#) with fractures (common) ✓ [pleural effusion](#), hilar adenopathy (unusual). NUC: ✓ negative bone scans in 35% (radiographs more sensitive) ✓ bone lesions generally not Ga-67 avid ✓ Ga-67 may be helpful for detecting nonosseous lesions. Prognosis: excellent with spontaneous resolution of bone lesions in 6-18 months

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LAURENCE-MOON-BIEDL SYNDROME

• retardation • obesity • hypogonadism[✓] / craniosynostosis[✓] / polysyndactyly

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LEAD POISONING

=PLUMBISM *Path*: lead concentrates in metaphyses of growing bones (distal femur > both ends of tibia > distal radius) leading to failure of removal of calcified cartilaginous trabeculae in provisional zone • loss of appetite, vomiting, constipation, abdominal cramps • peripheral neuritis (adults), meningoencephalitis (children) • anemia • lead line at gums (adults) ✓ bands of increased density at metaphyses of tubular bones (only in growing bone) ✓ lead lines may persist ✓ clubbing if poisoning severe (anemia) ✓ bone-in-bone appearance *DDx*: (1) Healed [rickets](#) (2) Normal increased density in infants <3 years of age

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LEPROSY

=HANSEN DISEASE *Organism*: *Mycobacterium leprae* *Types*: (1)lepromatous: in cutis, mucous membranes, viscera(2)neural: enlarged indurated nodular nerve trunks; anesthesia, muscular atrophy, neurotrophic changes(3)mixed form Osseous changes in 15-54% of patients: SPECIFIC SIGNS Location:center of distal end of phalanges / eccentric ill-defined areas of decalcification, reticulated trabecular pattern, small rounded osteolytic lesions, cortical erosions joint spaces preserved healing phase: complete resolution / bone defect with sclerotic rim + endosteal thickening nasal spine absorption + destruction of maxilla, nasal bone, alveolar ridge enlarged nutrient foramina in clawlike hand erosive changes of unguis tufts NONSPECIFIC SIGNS soft-tissue swelling; calcification of nerves contractures / deep ulcerations neurotrophic joints (distal phalanges in hands, MTP in feet, Charcot joints in tarsus)

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LEUKEMIA OF BONE

A. CHILDHOOD most common malignancy of children *Histo*: acute lymphoblastic [leukemia](#) (in 75%) • migratory para-articular arthralgias (25-50%) due to adjacent metaphyseal lesions (may be confused with acute rheumatic fever / [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) • fever, elevated erythrocyte sedimentation rate • hepatosplenomegaly, occasionally lymphadenopathy • Peripheral blood smears may be negative in aleukemic form! Skeletal manifestations in 50-90%: (a) Diffuse [osteopenia](#) (most common pattern) ✓ diffuse demineralization of spine + long bones (= leukemic infiltration of bone marrow + catabolic protein / mineral metabolism) ✓ coarse trabeculation of spongiosa (due to destruction of finer trabeculae) ✓ multiple biconcave / partially collapsed vertebrae (14%) (b) "Leukemic lines" (40-53% in acute lymphoblastic [leukemia](#)): ✓ transverse radiolucent metaphyseal bands, uniform + regular across the width of metaphysis (= leukemic infiltration of bone marrow / [osteoporosis](#) at sites of rapid growth) Location: large joints (proximal tibia, distal femur, proximal humerus, distal radius + ulna) ✓ horizontal / curvilinear bands in vertebral bodies + edges of iliac crest ✓ dense metaphyseal lines after treatment (c) Focal destruction of flat / tubular bones: ✓ multiple small clearly defined ovoid / spheroid osteolytic lesions (destruction of spongiosa, later cortex) in 30-60% ✓ moth-eaten appearance, sutural widening, prominent convolutional markings of skull ✓ Lytic lesions distal to knee / elbow in children are suggestive of [leukemia](#) (rather than metastases)! (d) Isolated periostitis of long bones (infrequent): ✓ smooth / lamellated / sunburst pattern of [periosteal reaction](#) (cortical penetration by sheets of leukemic cells into subperiosteum) in 12-25% (e) Metaphyseal osteosclerosis + focal osteoblastic lesion (very rare) ✓ osteosclerotic lesions (late in disease due to reactive osteoblastic proliferation) ✓ mixed lesions (lytic + bone-forming) in 18% Dx: sternal marrow / peripheral blood smear Cx: proliferation of leukemic cells in marrow leads to extraskelatal hematopoiesis D Dx: metastatic [neuroblastoma](#), [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#) B. ADULTHOOD Death usually occurs before skeletal abnormalities manifest ✓ [osteoporosis](#) ✓ solitary radiolucent foci (vertebral collapse) ✓ permeating radiolucent mottling (proximal humerus)

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LIPOBLASTOMA

=postnatal proliferation of mesenchymal cells with a spectrum of differentiation ranging from prelipoblasts (spindle cells) to mature adipocytes *Path*:immature adipose tissue separated by septa into multiple lobules *Histo*:uni- and multivacuolated lipoblasts interspersed between spindle / stellate mesenchymal cells; suspended in myxoid stroma *Age*:<3 years of age; M:F = 2:1 *Location*:subcutaneous tissue of extremities, neck, trunk, perineum, retroperitoneum *^* fatty tumor with enhancing soft-tissue component *DDx*:[liposarcoma](#) (extremely rare in children)

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LIPOMA OF BONE

=INTRAOSSEOUS [LIPOMA](#) *Incidence:* <1:1,000 primary bone tumors *Age:* any (4th-6th decade); M:F = 1:1 *May be associated with:* hyperlipoproteinemia • asymptomatic / localized bone pain *Location:* calcaneus, extremities (proximal femur > tibia, fibula, humerus), ilium, skull, mandible, maxilla, ribs, vertebrae, sacrum, coccyx, radius *Site:* metaphysis ✓ expansile nonaggressive radiolucent lesion ✓ loculated / septated appearance (trabeculae) ✓ thin well-defined sclerotic border ✓ ± thinned cortex (NO cortical destruction) ✓ NO [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ may contain clump of calcification centrally (= dystrophic calcification from fat necrosis) ✓ VIRTUALLY
DIAGNOSTIC: @Calcaneus ✓ in triangular region between major trabecular groups (LAT projection) ✓ calcified / ossified nidus @Proximal femur ✓ on / above intertrochanteric line ✓ marked ossification of margins of lesion ✓ Radiographic appearance similar to unicameral bone cyst (infarcted [lipoma](#) = unicameral bone cyst ?) *DDx:* [fibrous dysplasia](#), simple bone cyst, posttraumatic cyst, [giant cell tumor](#), [desmoplastic fibroma](#), [chondromyxoid fibroma](#), [osteoblastoma](#)

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LIPOMA OF SOFT TISSUE

Most common mesenchymal tumor composed of mature adipose tissue *Histo*: mature fat cells (adipocytes) that are uniform in size + shape, occasionally have fibrous connective tissue as septations; fat unavailable for systemic metabolism • stable size after initial period of discernible growth *Age*: 5th-6th decade; M > F *Location*: (a) superficial = subcutaneous [lipoma](#) (more common) in posterior trunk, neck, proximal extremities (b) deep [lipoma](#) in retroperitoneum, chest wall, deep soft tissue of hands + feet; multiple in 5-7% (up to several hundred tumors) ✓ mass of fat opacity / density / intensity identical to subcutaneous fat ✓ cortical thickening (with adjacent parosteal [lipoma](#)) *CT*: ✓ well-defined + homogeneous tumor with low attenuation coefficient (-65 to -120 HU) ✓ no enhancement following IV contrast material *MR*: ✓ well-defined + homogeneous, often with septations ✓ signal intensity characteristics similar to subcutaneous fat: hyperintense on T1WI + moderately intense on T2WI ✓ differentiation from other lesions by fat suppression technique

[Angiolipoma](#) [Benign Mesenchymoma](#) [Lipoma Arborescens](#) [Neural Fibrolipoma](#)

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Angiolipoma =lesion composed of fat separated by small branching vesselsAge:2nd + 3rd decade; 5% familial incidence ■ tenderLocation:upper extremity, trunk
signal characteristics of fat + mixed with varying numbers of large / small vessels mostly encapsulated lesion, may infiltrate

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Benign Mesenchymoma = long-standing [lipoma](#) with chondroid + osseous metaplasia Infiltrating [Lipoma](#) = INTRAMUSCULAR [LIPOMA](#) = relatively common benign lipomatous tumor extending between muscle fibers that become variably atrophic *Peak age: 5th-6th decade; M > F* Location: thigh (50%), [shoulder](#), upper arm

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Lipoma Arborescens =DIFFUSE SYNOVIAL [LIPOMA](#) = [lipoma](#)-like lesion composed of hypertrophic synovial villi distended with fat, probably reactive process to chronic synovitisLocation:knee; monarticular*Frequently associated with:* degenerative joint disease, chronic [rheumatoid arthritis](#), prior trauma

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Neural Fibrolipoma = FIBROLIPOMATOUS HAMARTOMA OF NERVE = rare tumorlike condition characterized by sausage-shaped / fusiform enlargement of a nerve by fibrofatty tissue *Age*: early adulthood before age 30 years / at birth *Histo*: infiltration of epineurium + perineurium by fibrofatty tissue with separation of nerve bundles • soft slowly enlarging mass • pain, tenderness, decreased sensation, paresthesia *Location*: volar aspect of hand, wrist, forearm *Site*: median n. (most frequently), ulnar n., radial n., brachial plexus; *May be associated with*: macrodactyly (in 2/3) = [macro dystrophia lipomatosa](#) √ may not be visible radiographically *MR*: √ longitudinally oriented, cylindrical, linear / serpiginous structures of signal void about 3 mm in diameter (= nerve fascicles with epi- and perineural [fibrosis](#)) separated by areas of fat signal intensity (= mature fat infiltrating the interfascicular connective tissue) *US*: √ "cablelike appearance" = alternating hyper- and hypoechoic bands on US *Dx*: cyst, [ganglion](#), [lipoma](#), traumatic [neuroma](#), plexiform neurofibroma, vascular malformation

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LIPOSARCOMA

Malignant tumor of mesenchymal origin with bulk of tumor tissue differentiating into adipose tissue *Incidence*: 12-18% of all malignant soft-tissue tumors; 2nd most common soft-tissue sarcoma in adults (after [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#)) *Age*: 5th-6th decade *Histo*: (a) well-differentiated (b) myxoid in 40-50% (most common): proliferating fibroblasts, plexiform capillary pattern, myxoid matrix, fat amount <10% (c) round cell = poorly differentiated myxoid (d) pleomorphic • usually painless mass (may be painful in 10-15%) *Location*: trunk (42%), lower extremity (41%), upper extremity (11%), head + neck (6%); particularly in thigh + retroperitoneum *Spread*: hematogenous to lung, visceral organs; myxoid liposarcoma shows tendency for serosal + pleural surfaces, subcutaneous tissue, bone ✓ nonspecific soft-tissue mass (frequently fat is radiologically not detectable) ✓ inhomogeneous mass with soft-tissue + fatty components ✓ enhancement after IV contrast material (contradistinction to [lipoma](#)) ✓ concomitant mass in retroperitoneum / thigh (in up to 10% of myxoid liposarcomas) as multicentric lesion / metastasis ✓ mass of near water density / hypoechoic / hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI in myxoid liposarcoma (high content of myxoid cells)

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LYME ARTHRITIS

Agent: spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*; transmitted by tick *Ixodes dammini* *Histo*: inflammatory synovial fluid, hypertrophic synovia with vascular proliferation + cellular infiltration • history of erythema chronicum migrans • endemic areas: Lyme, Connecticut, first recognized location; now also throughout United States, Europe, Australia • recurrent attacks of arthralgias within days to 2 years after tick bite (80%) *Location*: mono- / oligoarthritis of large joints (especially knee) ¹ erosion of cartilage / bone (4%) *Rx*: antibiotics *DDx*: (1) Rheumatic fever (2) [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (3) Gonococcal arthritis (4) [Reiter syndrome](#)

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LYMPHANGIOMA

=sequestered noncommunicating lymphoid tissue lined by lymphatic endothelium *Cause*: congenital obstruction of lymphatic drainage *Subtypes*: (1) Capillary lymphangioma (rare) *Location*: subcutaneous tissue (2) Cavernous lymphangioma *Location*: about the mouth + tongue (3) Cystic lymphangioma (most common) = [cystic hygroma](#) *Associated with*: hydrops fetalis, [Turner syndrome](#) *Location*: head, neck (75%), axilla (20%), extension into mediastinum (3-10%) ■ soft fluctuant mass
Lymphangiomas are frequently a mixture of subtypes! *Age*: found at birth (50-65%); within first 2 years of life (90%) *Location*: soft tissue; bone (rare) √ multilocular cystic lesion with fibrous septations √ occasionally serpentine vascular channels √ opacification during lymphangiography / direct puncture √ clear / milky fluid on aspiration *DDx*: [hemangioma](#) (blood on aspiration)

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LYMPHOMA OF BONE

=RETICULUM CELL SARCOMA = HISTIOCYTIC LYMPHOMA = PRIMARY LYMPHOMA OF BONE (the generalized form of reticulum cell sarcoma is [lymphoma](#)); 2-6% of all primary malignant bone tumors in children *Incidence of bone marrow involvement*: 5-15% in [Hodgkin disease](#); 25-40% in non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) ϕ bone marrow involvement indicates progression of disease ϕ bone marrow imaging-guidance for biopsy! NUC: 40% [sensitivity](#); 88% [specificity](#) MR: 65% [sensitivity](#); 90% [specificity](#) *Histo*: sheets of reticulum cells, larger than those in [Ewing sarcoma](#) (DDx: myeloma, inflammation, [osteosarcoma](#), [eosinophilic granuloma](#)) *Age*: any age; peak age in 3rd-5th decade; 50% <40 years; 35% <30 years; M:F = 2:1 \bullet striking contrast between size of lesion + patients well-being *Location*: lower femur, upper tibia (40% about knee), humerus, pelvis, scapula, ribs, vertebra *Site*: dia- / metaphysis \checkmark cancellous bone erosion (earliest sign) \checkmark mottled permeative pattern of separate coalescent areas \checkmark late cortical destruction \checkmark lamellated / sunburst periosteal response (less than in [Ewing sarcoma](#)) \checkmark lytic / reactive new-bone formation \checkmark associated soft-tissue mass without calcification \checkmark synovitis of knee joint common *Cx*: pathologic [fracture](#) (most common among malignant bone tumors) *Prognosis*: 50% 5-year survival *DDx*: (1) [Osteosarcoma](#) (less medullary extension, younger patients) (2) Ewing tumor (systemic symptoms, debility, younger patients) (3) Metastatic malignancy (multiple bones involved, more destructive)

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MACRODYSTROPHIA LIPOMATOSA

=rare nonhereditary congenital form of localized gigantism = [neural fibrolipoma](#) with macrodactyly *Path*: striking increase in adipose tissue in a fine fibrous network involving periosteum, bone marrow, nerve sheath, muscle, subcutaneous tissue *May be associated with*: syn-, clino-, [polydactyly](#) • painless *Location*: 2nd or 3rd digit of hand / foot; unilateral; one / few adjacent digits may be involved in the distribution of the median / plantar nerves ✓ long + broad splayed phalanges with endosteal + periosteal bone deposition ✓ overgrowth of soft tissue, greatest at volar + distal aspects ✓ slanting of articular surfaces ✓ lucent areas of fat (DIAGNOSTIC) *Prognosis*: accelerated maturation possible; growth stops at puberty *DDx*: fibrolipomatous hamartoma associated with macrodystrophia lipomatosa (indistinguishable), Klippel-Trénaunay-Weber syndrome, lymphangiomatosis, hemangiomatosis, [neurofibromatosis](#), chronic vascular stimulation, Proteus syndrome

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MARFAN SYNDROME

=ARACHNODACTYLY = autosomal dominant familial disorder of connective tissue with high penetrance but extremely variable expression, new mutations in 15% *Etiology*: fibrillin gene defect on chromosome 15 resulting in abnormal cross-linking of collagen fibers *Prevalence*: 5:100,000; M:F = 1:1 A. MUSCULOSKELETAL MANIFESTATIONS • tall thin stature with long limbs, arm span greater than height • muscular hypoplasia + hypotonicity • scarcity of subcutaneous fat (emaciated look) ✓ generalized [osteopenia](#) @Skull • elongated face ✓ dolichocephaly ✓ prominent jaw ✓ high arched palate @Hand • Steinberg sign = protrusion of thumb beyond the confines of the clenched fist (found in 1.1% of normal population) • metacarpal index (averaging the 4 ratios of length of 2nd through 5th metacarpals divided by their respective middiaphyseal width) >8.8 (male) or 9.4 (female) ✓ arachnodactyly = elongation of phalanges + metacarpals ✓ flexion deformity of 5th finger @Foot ✓ pes planus ✓ clubfoot ✓ hallux valgus ✓ hammer toes ✓ disproportionate elongation of 1st digit of foot @Spine • ratio of measurement between symphysis and floor + crown and floor >0.45 ✓ pectus carinatum / excavatum (common) ✓ scoliosis / kyphoscoliosis (45-60%) ✓ increased incidence of [Scheuermann disease](#) and spondylosis ✓ dural ectasia ✓ increased interpedicular distance ✓ posterior scalloping ✓ presacral + lateral sacral meningoceles ✓ expansion of sacral spinal canal ✓ enlargement of sacral foramina ✓ winged scapulae @Joints • ligamentous laxity + hypermobility + instability ✓ premature [osteoarthritis](#) ✓ patella alta ✓ genu recurvatum ✓ recurrent dislocations of patella, hip, clavicle, mandible ✓ slipped capital femoral epiphysis ✓ progressive [protrusio acetabuli](#) (50%), bilateral > unilateral, F > M B. OCULAR MANIFESTATIONS • bilateral ectopia lentis, usually upward + outward (secondary to poor zonular attachments) • glaucoma, [macrophthalmia](#) • hypoplasia of iris + ciliary body • contracted pupils (absence of dilator muscle) • myopia, [retinal detachment](#) • strabismus, ptosis • blue sclera • megalocornea = flat enlarged thickened cornea C. CARDIOVASCULAR MANIFESTATIONS (60-98%) affecting mitral valve, ascending aorta, pulmonary artery, splenic + mesenteric arteries (occasionally) ♦ Cause of death in 93%! • chest pain, palpitations, shortness of breath, fatigue • mid-to-late systolic murmur + one / more clicks *Associated with* congenital heart defect (33%): incomplete coarctation, ASD @Aorta (cause of death in 55%) *Histo*: myxomatous degeneration of aortic annulus ✓ "tulip bulb aorta" = symmetrical dilatation of aortic sinuses of Valsalva slightly extending into ascending aorta (58%) ✓ annuloaortic ectasia = combination of aortic root dilatation + [aortic regurgitation](#) ✓ fusiform aneurysm of ascending aorta, rarely beyond innominate artery (due to cystic medial necrosis) ✓ aortic wall calcification rare Cx: (1) [Aortic regurgitation](#) (in 81% if root diameter >5 cm; in 100% if root diameter >6 cm) (2) [Aortic dissection](#) (3) [Aortic rupture](#) (secondary to progressive aortic root dilatation) @Mitral valve *Histo*: myxomatous degeneration of valve leads to redundancy + laxness • mid-to-late systolic murmur + one / more clicks ✓ "floppy valve syndrome" (95%) = redundant chordae tendineae with [mitral valve prolapse](#) + regurgitation Cx: (1) [Mitral regurgitation](#) (2) Rupture of chordae tendineae (rare) @Coarctation (mostly not severe) @Pulmonary artery aneurysm + dilatation of pulmonary arterial root (43%) @Cor pulmonale (secondary to chest deformity) D. PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS ✓ cystic lung disease ✓ recurrent spontaneous pneumothoraces E. ABDOMINAL MANIFESTATION ✓ recurrent biliary obstruction *DDx*: (1) [Homocystinuria](#) ([osteoporosis](#)) (2) [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#) (3) Congenital contractural arachnodactyly (ear deformities, NO ocular / cardiac abnormalities) (4) Type III MEN (medullary [thyroid carcinoma](#), mucosal neuromas, [pheochromocytoma](#), marfanoid habitus)

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MASSIVE OSTEOLYSIS

=GORHAM DISEASE = "VANISHING BONE" SYNDROME = PHANTOM BONE = [HEMANGIOMA OF BONE](#)=infrequent disorder of unknown etiology with unpredictable course + progression *Incidence*:>100 cases described *Histo*:massive proliferation of hemangiomatous / lymphangiomatous tissue with large sinusoid spaces + [fibrosis](#) *Age*:children + adults <40 years *Associated with*:soft-tissue hemangiomas without calcifications • frequently history of severe trauma (50%) • little / no pain *Location*:any bone; most commonly major long bones (humerus, [shoulder](#), mandible), innominate bone, spine, thorax, short tubular bones of hand + feet (unusual) *✓* progressive relentless destruction of bone *✓* lack of reaction (no [periosteal reaction](#), no repair) *✓* advancing edge of destruction not sharply delineated *✓* tapering margins of bone ends at sites of osteolysis with conelike spicule of bone (early changes) *✓* no respect for joints *✓* may destroy all bones in a particular area

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MASTOCYTOSIS

=URTICARIA PIGMENTOSA=mast cell accumulation in multiple organs Age:<6 months (50%) Associated with: [myeloproliferative disorders](#), acute non-lymphatic [leukemia](#), malignant [lymphoma](#), mast cell [leukemia](#) • hyperpigmented skin lesions exhibiting "wheal and flare" phenomenon when disturbed • pruritus, flushing • pancytopenia (chronic neutropenia) @Skeletal involvement (70%) • bone and joint pain ✓ [osteoporosis](#) (due to release of heparin + prostaglandin by mast cells activating osteoclasts) ✓ scattered well-defined sclerotic foci with focal / diffuse involvement (due to release of histamine by mast cells promoting osteoblastic activity); often alternating with areas of bone rarefaction Predilected sites: skull, spine, ribs, pelvis, humerus, femur @Abdomen ✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ lymphadenopathy: retroperitoneal, periportal, mesenteric ✓ thickening of omentum, + mesentery ✓ [ascites](#) @GI tract • nausea, vomiting, diarrhea ✓ thickened nodular irregular folds in small bowel (due to infiltration by mast cells, lymphocytes, plasma cells) ✓ duodenal ulcers (due to release of histamine increasing gastric acid secretion)

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MELORHEOSTOSIS

Nonhereditary disease of unknown etiology; often incidental finding *Age*: slow chronic course in adults; rapid progression in children *Associated with*: [osteopoikilosis](#), [osteopathia striata](#), tumors / malformations of blood vessels ([hemangioma](#), vascular nevi, [glomus tumor](#), AVM, aneurysm, lymphedema, lymphangiectasia) ■ severe pain + limited joint motion (bone may encroach on nerves, blood vessels, or joints) ■ thickening + [fibrosis](#) of overlying skin (resembling scleroderma) ■ muscle atrophy (frequent) *Location*: diaphysis, usually monomelic with at least two bones involved in dermatomal distribution (follows spinal sensory nerve sclerotomes); entire cortex / limited to one side of cortex; more common in lower limb; skull, spine, ribs rarely involved ✓ "candle wax dripping" = continuous / interrupted streaks / blotches of sclerosis along tubular bone beginning at proximal end extending distally with slow progression ✓ may cross joint with joint fusion ✓ small opacities in scapula + hemipelvis (similar to [osteopoikilosis](#)) ✓ discrepant limb length ✓ flexion contractures of hip + knee ✓ genu valgum / varus ✓ dislocated patella ✓ ossified soft-tissue masses (27%) *DDx*: (1) [Osteopoikilosis](#) (generalized) (2) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (normal bone structure not lost, not as dense) (3) Engelmann disease (4) Hyperostosis of [neurofibromatosis](#), [tuberous sclerosis](#), hemangiomas (5) Osteoarthropathy

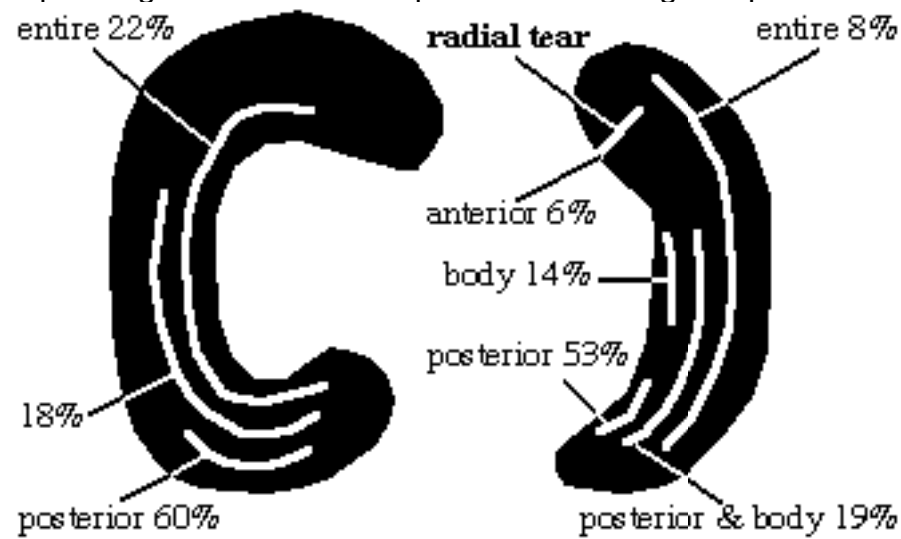
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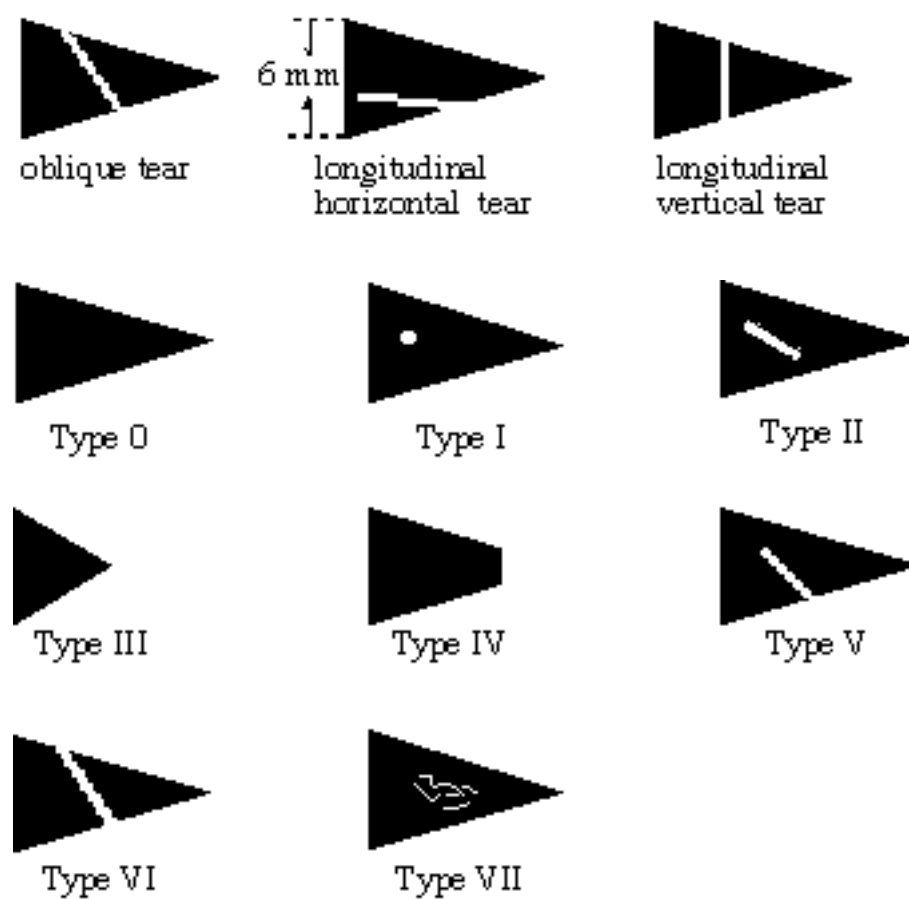
MENISCAL TEAR

Type of tear: A. **LONGITUDINAL TEAR** 1. Horizontal cleavage tear **Cause:** usually degenerative **Associated with:** meniscal cyst **Site:** primarily involving the central horizontal plane of meniscus beginning at inner margin 2. Bucket handle tear **Cause:** traumatic **Site:** usually in medial rarely in lateral meniscus **longitudinal vertical tear with unstable displaced inner fragment** 3. Peripheral tear **Cause:** traumatic **vertical tear in peripheral third of meniscus** B. **OBLIQUE TEARS** **Site:** common in midportion of medial meniscus **both horizontal and vertical components** **commonly extending to inferior surface of meniscus** 1. Parrot beak tear **Cause:** usually degenerative **Site:** in body of lateral meniscus near the junction of body + posterior horn **fraying of free edge** 2. Flap tear = oblique + incomplete tear **Cause:** traumatic, at times degenerative C. **TRANSVERSE TEAR = RADIAL TEAR** **Site:** posterior + midportion of lateral meniscus **peripheral displacement of meniscus** "absent" / gray meniscus posteriorly **Cx:** lack of resistance to hoop stresses D. **MENISCOCAPSULAR SEPARATION** = tearing of peripheral attachments of meniscus **linear regions of fluid separating meniscus from capsule** **uncovering of a portion of tibial plateau owing to inward movement of separated meniscus**



Medial Meniscus Tears

Lateral Meniscus Tears



MR Classification

Grade Type MR finding PPV for tear 0 normal meniscus 1% 1 globular / punctate intrameniscal signal 2% 2 linear signal not extending to surface 5% 3 short tapered apex of meniscus 23% 4 truncated / blunted apex of meniscus 71% 3 signal extending to only one surface 85% 3 signal extending to both surfaces 95% 3 6 comminuted reticulated signal pattern 82%

Diagnosis of tear hinges on surface involvement! Intrameniscal signal may be a sign of persistent vascularity in children + young adults (type VII)! Truncation artifact + magic angle artifact may cause increased intrameniscal signal! Grade 3 signal identified only on a single image is unlikely to be confirmed as a tear at surgery! Site of injury: (a) medial meniscus in 45%: no isolated tears of body / anterior horn (b) lateral meniscus in 22%: posterior horn involved in 80% of all lateral meniscal tears (c) both menisci involved in 33% **Associated with:** ligamentous injury • asymptomatic in up to 20% of older individuals **signal extending to articular surface (type V + VI)** **notch sign = linear signal intensity becoming wider as it extends toward meniscal surface indicates type V finding (tapering toward surface = type II finding)** **meniscal cyst = implies presence of meniscal tear** **DDx:** synovial cyst, tendon sheath fluid, fluid within normal synovial recess, fluid collection remote from meniscus **MR sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy:** Tear of **Sensitivity Specificity Accuracy** medial meniscus 95% 88% 59-92% lateral meniscus 81% 96% 87-92% anterior cruciate lig. 91-96% posterior cruciate lig. up to 99% **MR has a high negative predictive value!** 60-97% **accuracy** for arthrography 84-99% **accuracy** for arthroscopy (poor at posterior horn of medial meniscus)

Interpretative errors (12% for experienced radiologist): Lateral meniscus: 5.0% FN (middle + posterior horn) 1.5% FP (posterior horn) Medial meniscus: 2.5% FN (posterior horn) 2.5% FP (posterior horn) **PITFALLS:** A. Normal variants simulating tears: 1. Superior recess on posterior horn of medial meniscus 2. Popliteal hiatus **hiatus of popliteal tendon separates lateral meniscus from joint capsule** **Seen above posterior aspect of lateral meniscus on most superficial sagittal slice** **Tendon moves behind + inferior to meniscus on adjacent deeper sections!** 3. Transverse ligament **Course:** connects anterior horns of both menisci **overrides superior aspect of menisci before completely fusing to meniscus** **Trace the cross section of the transverse ligament through the infrapatellar fat pad on more central images!** 4. Menisiofemoral ligaments **Origin:** superior + medial aspect of posterior horn of lateral meniscus **Attachment:** medial femoral condyle **demonstrated in 1/3 of cases on SAG images** (a) Wrisberg ligament **posterior to posterior cruciate ligament** (b) Humphry ligament **anterior to posterior cruciate ligament** **Finding usually limited to single most medial image!** 5. Soft tissue between capsule + medial meniscus B. Healed meniscus **persistent grade 3 signal at least up to 6 months** **S/P meniscectomy (false-positive type IV finding)** C. Degenerative changes **grade 1 signal = globular increase in intensity** **grade 2 signal = linear signal not extending to articular surface** D. Discoid meniscus = abnormally shaped enlarged discus-like meniscus **Prevalence:** in 1.5-15.5% **Age:** children, adolescents **Site:** lateral >> medial meniscus **centrally displaced fragment with meniscus apparently of normal size (coronal images)**

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MESOMELIC DWARFISM

=heritable bone dysplasia with shortening of intermediate segments (radius + ulna or tibia + fibula)A.**Langer type**autosomal recessive ■ mental impairment✓ mesomelic shortening of limbs✓ hypoplasia of ulna + fibula✓ hypoplasia of mandible with short condylesB.**Nievergelt type**autosomal dominant✓ severe mesomelic shortening of lower limbs✓ marked thickening of tibia + fibula in central portion✓ clubfoot (frequent)C.Reinhardt type:autosomal dominantD.Robinow type:autosomal dominantE.Werner type:autosomal dominantF.**Lamy-Bienenfeld type**autosomal dominant ■ ligamentous laxity✓ shortening of radius + ulna + tibia✓ absent fibula✓ normal femur + humerus ✓ shortening of all long bones at birth, most marked in tibia + radius✓ modeling deformity with widening of diaphysis✓ mild to moderate bowing✓ hypoplasia of fibula with absent lateral malleolus✓ short + thick ulna with hypoplastic distal end✓ Madelung deformity of wrist✓ hypoplasia of a vertebral body may be present

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METAPHYSEAL CHONDRODYSPLASIA

=severe short-limbed [dwarfism](#) metaphyseal flaring ([Erlenmeyer flask deformity](#)) extending into diaphysis. **A. Schmid type** (most common) autosomal dominant • waddling gate Distribution: more marked in lower limbs; mild involvement of hands + wrists shortened bowed long bones widened epiphyseal growth plates irregular widened cupped metaphyses coxa vara genu varum DDX: vitamin D-refractory [rickets](#) **B. McKusick type** autosomal recessive (eg, in Amish) • sparse brittle hair, deficient pigmentation • normal intelligence shortening of long bones with normal width cupped + widened metaphyses with lucent defects short middle phalanges + narrow distal phalanges becoming triangular and bullet-shaped (more frequent in hands than feet) widened costochondral junctions + cystic lucencies **C. Jansen type** (less common) sporadic occurrence with wide spectrum • intelligence normal / retarded • serum [calcium](#) levels often elevated Distribution: symmetrical involvement of all long + short tubular bones widened epiphyseal plates expanded irregular + fragmented metaphyses (unossified cartilage extending into diaphyses) DDX: [rickets](#) **D. Pyle disease** = Metaphyseal dysplasia • often tall • often asymptomatic Distribution: major long bones, tubular bones of hands, medial end of clavicle, sternal end of ribs, innominate bone splaying of proximal + distal ends of long bones with thinned cortex relative constriction of central portion of shafts craniofacial hyperostosis genu valgum

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METASTASES TO BONE

15-100 times more common than primary skeletal neoplasms! *Frequency:*
if primary known if primary unknown

breast 35% prostate 25% prostate 30% lymphoma 15% lung 10% breast 10% kidney 5% lung 10% uterus 2% thyroid 2% stomach 2% colon 1% others 13%

METASTASES OF PRIMARY BONE TUMORS 1. [Osteosarcoma](#): 2% with distant metastases, adjuvant therapy has changed the natural history of the disease in that bone metastases occur in 10% of osteosarcomas without metastases to the lung 2. [Ewing sarcoma](#): 13% with distant metastases
SOLITARY BONE LESION 1/3 of all causes only 7% due to metastasis 1/3 in patients with known malignancy due to metastasis (55%), due to trauma (25%), due to infection (10%) Location: axial skeleton (64-68%), ribs (45%), extremities (24%), skull (12%) *mnemonic: "Several Kinds Of Horribly Nasty Tumors Leap Promptly To Bone"* Sarcoma, Squamous cell carcinoma Kidney tumor Ovarian cancer Hodgkin disease Neuroblastoma Testicular cancer Lung cancer Prostate cancer Thyroid cancer Breast cancer [Breast cancer](#): extensive osteolytic lesions; involvement of entire skeleton; pathologic fractures common Thyroid / kidney: often solitary; rapid progression with bone expansion (bubbly); frequently associated with soft-tissue mass (distinctive) Rectum / colon: may resemble [osteosarcoma](#) with sunburst pattern + osteoblastic reaction Hodgkin tumor: upper lumbar + lower [thoracic spine](#), pelvis, ribs; osteolytic / occasionally osteoblastic lesions [Neuroblastoma](#): extensive destruction, resembles [leukemia](#) (metaphyseal band of rarefaction), mottled skull destruction + [increased intracranial pressure](#), perpendicular spicules of bone Ewing tumor: extensive osteolytic / osteoblastic reaction *Mode of spread*: through bloodstream / lymphatics / direct extension Location: predilection for marrow-containing skeleton (skull, spine, ribs, pelvis, humeri, femora) 1/3 single / multiple lesions of variable size 1/3 usually nonexpansile 1/3 joint spaces + intervertebral spaces preserved (cartilage resistant to invasion)

[Osteolytic Bone Metastases](#) [Osteoblastic Bone Metastases](#) [Mixed Bone Metastases](#) [Expansile / Bubbly Bone Metastases](#) [Permeative Bone Metastases](#) [Bone Metastases With "Sunburst" Periosteal Reaction \(infrequent\)](#) [Bone Metastases With Soft-tissue Mass](#) [Calcifying Bone Metastases](#) [Skeletal Metastases In Children](#) [Skeletal metastases in adult](#) [Role Of Bone Scintigraphy In Bone Metastases](#) [Role Of Magnetic Resonance Imaging](#)

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Osteolytic Bone Metastases *Most common cause:* [neuroblastoma](#) (in childhood); lung cancer (in adult male); [breast cancer](#) (in adult female), thyroid cancer; kidney; colon ^{1/} may begin in spongy bone (associated with soft tissue mass in ribs)^{1/} vertebral pedicles often involved (not in [multiple myeloma](#))

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Osteoblastic Bone Metastases = evidence of slow-growing neoplasm Primary: prostate, breast, [lymphoma](#), malignant [carcinoid](#), [medulloblastoma](#), mucinous adenocarcinoma of GI tract, TCC of bladder, pancreas, [neuroblastoma](#) Most common cause: [prostate cancer](#) (in adult male); [breast cancer](#) (in adult female) mnemonic: "5 Bees Lick Pollen" Brain ([medulloblastoma](#)) Bronchus Breast Bowel (especially [carcinoid](#)) Bladder Lymphoma Prostate V frequent in vertebrae + pelvis V may be indistinguishable from [Paget disease](#)

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Calcifying Bone Metastases *mnemonic: "BOTTOM"* **B**reast **O**steosarcoma **T**esticular **T**hyroid **O**vary **M**ucinous adenocarcinoma of GI tract

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Skeletal Metastases In Children 1.[Neuroblastoma](#) (most often)2.[Retinoblastoma](#)3.Embryonal [rhabdomyosarcoma](#)4.Hepatoma5.Ewing tumor

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Skeletal metastases in adult *mnemonic*: "Common Bone Lesions Can Kill The Patient" Colon Breast Lung Carcinoid Kidney Thyroid Prostate

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Role Of Bone Scintigraphy In Bone Metastases *Pathophysiology*: accumulation of tracer at sites of reactive bone formation False-negative scan: very aggressive metastases False-positive scan: degeneration, healing fractures, metabolic disorders Baseline bone scan: (a) high [sensitivity](#) for many metastatic tumors to bone (particularly carcinoma of breast, lung, prostate); 5% of metastases have normal scan; 5-40% occur in appendicular skeleton (b) substantially less sensitive than radiographs in infiltrative marrow lesions ([multiple myeloma](#), [neuroblastoma](#), histiocytosis) (c) [screening of asymptomatic patients](#)-useful in: [prostate cancer](#), [breast cancer](#)-not useful in: non-small-cell [bronchogenic carcinoma](#), gynecologic malignancy, head and neck cancer \checkmark multiple asymmetric areas of increased [uptake](#) \checkmark axial > appendicular skeleton (dependent on distribution of bone marrow); vertebrae, ribs, pelvis involved in 80% \checkmark [superscan](#) in diffuse bony metastases Follow-up bone scan: \checkmark stable scan = suggestive of relatively good prognosis \checkmark increased activity in: (a) enlargement of bone lesions / appearance of new lesions indicate progression of the disease (b) "healing flare" phenomenon (in 20-61%) = transient increase in lesion activity secondary to healing under antineoplastic treatment concomitant with increased sclerosis, detected at 3.2 ± 1.4 months after initiation of hormonal / chemotherapy, of no additional favorable prognostic value (c) [avascular necrosis](#) particularly in hips, knees, shoulders caused by steroid therapy (d) [osteoradionecrosis](#) / radiation-induced [osteosarcoma](#) \checkmark decreased activity in: (a) predominately osteolytic destruction (b) metastases under radiotherapy; as early as 2-4 months with minimum of 2000 rads **ROLE OF BONE SCAN IN BREAST CANCER** Routine preoperative bone scan not justified: Stage I: unsuspected metastases in 2%, mostly single lesion Stage II: unsuspected metastases in 6% Stage III: unsuspected metastases in 14% Follow-up bone scan: At 12 months no new cases; at 28 months in 5% new metastases; at 30 months in 29% new metastases Conversion from normal: Stage I: in 7% Stage II: in 25% Stage III: in 58% \checkmark With axillary lymph node involvement conversion rate 2.5 x that of those without \checkmark Serial follow-up examinations are important to assess therapeutic efficacy + prognosis! **ROLE OF BONE SCAN IN PROSTATE CANCER** Stage B: 5% with skeletal metastases Stage C: 10% with skeletal metastases Stage D: 20% with skeletal metastases Test sensitivities for detection of osseous metastases: (a) Scintigraphy 1.0 (b) Radiographic survey 0.68 (c) Alkaline phosphatase 0.5 (d) Acid phosphatase 0.5 *DDx*: pulmonary metastasis (SPECT helpful in distinguishing nonosseous lung from overlying rib [uptake](#))

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Role Of Magnetic Resonance Imaging ideal for bone marrow imaging due to high contrast between bone marrow fat + water-containing metastatic deposits (1)Focal lytic lesion:✓ hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI(2)Focal sclerotic lesion:✓ hypointense on T1WI + T2WI(3)Diffuse inhomogeneous lesions:✓ inhomogeneously hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI(4)Diffuse homogeneous lesions:✓ homogeneously hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI

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METATROPHIC DYSPLASIA

=HYPERPLASTIC ACHONDROPLASIA= METATROPHIC [DWARFISM](#) metatrophic = "changeable" (change in proportions of trunk to limbs over time secondary to developing kyphoscoliosis in childhood) • longitudinal double skin fold overlying coccyx ✓ long bones short with dumbbell-like / trumpet-shaped configuration (exaggerated metaphyseal flaring) ✓ "hourglass" phalanges (short with widened ends) ✓ wide separation of major joint spaces (thick articular cartilage) ✓ delayed ossification of flat irregular epiphyses @Chest ✓ cylindrical narrowed elongated thorax ✓ short + [wide ribs](#) ✓ pectus carinatum @Vertebrae ✓ odontoid hypoplasia with atlantoaxial instability ✓ progressive kyphoscoliosis ✓ [platyspondyly](#) + very wide intervertebral spaces ✓ wedge- / keel-shaped vertebral bodies @Pelvis ✓ coccygeal appendage similar to a tail (rare but CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ short squared iliac bones + irregular acetabula ✓ narrowed greater sciatic notch *Prognosis*: compatible with life, increased disability from kyphoscoliosis *DDx*: achondroplasia, [mucopolysaccharidoses](#)

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MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSES

=lysosomal storage disorder from deficiency of specific lysosomal enzymes involved in degradation of mucopolysaccharides

Mucopolysaccharidoses					
Type	Eponym	Inheritance	Enzyme Deficiency	Urinary Glycosaminoglycan	Neurologic Signs
I-H	Hurler	autosomal recessive	alpha-L-iduronidase	dermatan sulfate	marked
II	Hunter	X-linked recessive	iduronate sulfatase	dermatan / heparan sulfate	mild to moderate
III	Sanfilippo	autosomal recessive		heparan sulfate	mental deterioration
	A		heparan sulfate sulfatase		
	B		N-acetyl-alpha-D-glucosaminidase		
	C		alpha-glucosamine-N-acetyl-transferase		
	D		N-acetylglucosamine-6-sulfate sulfatase		
IV	Morquio A-D	autosomal recessive	N-acetylgalactosamine-6-sulfate sulfatase	keratan sulfate	none
I-S (V)	Scheie	autosomal recessive	beta-galactosidase	heparan sulfate	none
VI	Maroteaux-Lamy	autosomal recessive	arylsulfatase B	dermatan sulfate	none
VII	Sly	autosomal recessive	beta-glucuronidase	dermatan sulfate heparan sulfate	variable

Type I= Hurler Type V= Scheie Type II= Hunter Type VI=

Maroteaux-Lamy Type III= Sanfilippo Type VII= Sly Type IV= Morquio
 All autosomal recessive except for Hunter (X-linked)
 Associated with: valvular heart disease
 corneal clouding
 retardation (prominent in types I, II, III, VII)
 skeletal involvement dominates in types IV and VI
 scaphocephaly, macrocephaly; thick calvarium;
 hypertelorism
 platyspondyly with kyphosis + dwarfism
 irregularity at anterior aspect of vertebral bodies
 atlantoaxial subluxation (laxity of transverse ligament / hypoplasia or absence of odontoid)
 limb contractures
 broad hands
 hepatosplenomegaly @ Brain
 brain atrophy
 varying degree of hydrocephalus
 multiple white matter changes within cerebral hemispheres (diffuse hypodense areas, prolongation of T1 + T2)
 Cx: cord compression at atlantoaxial joint (types IV + VI)
 Dx: combination of clinical features, radiographic abnormalities correlated with genetic + biochemical studies
 Prenatal Dx: occasionally successful analysis of fibroblasts cultured from amniotic fluid

[Hurler Syndrome](#) [Morquio Syndrome](#)

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Hurler Syndrome =GARGOYLISM = PFAUNDLER-HURLER DISEASE=MPS I-H; autosomal recessive diseaseCause:homozygous for MPS III gene with excess chondroitin sulfate B due to deficient X-L iduronidase (= Hurler corrective factor)Incidence:1:10,000 birthsAge:usually appears >1st year • **dwarfism** • progressive mental deterioration after 1-3 years • large head; sunken bridge of nose; **hypertelorism** • early corneal clouding progressing to blindness • "gargoyle" features = everted lips + protruding tongue • teeth widely separated + poorly formed • progressive narrowing of nasopharyngeal **airway** • protuberant abdomen (secondary to dorsolumbar kyphosis + hepatosplenomegaly) • urinary **excretion** of chondroitin sulfate B (dermatan sulfate) + heparan sulfate • Reilly bodies (metachromic granules) in white blood cells or bone marrow cells @Skull (earliest changes >6 months of age)✓ frontal bossing✓ calvarial thickening✓ premature fusion of sagittal + lambdoid sutures✓ deepening of optic chiasm✓ enlarged **J-shaped sella** (undermining of anterior clinoid process)✓ small facial bones✓ wide mandibular angle + underdevelopment of condyles✓ communicating **hydrocephalus**@Extremities✓ thick periosteal cloaking of long-bone diaphyses (early changes)✓ swelling of diaphyses + tapering of either end: distal humerus, radius, ulna, proximal ends of metacarpals, ribs✓ enlargement of shaft due to dilatation of medullary canal with cortical thinning✓ deossification✓ flexion deformities of knees + hips✓ trident hands; clawing (occasionally)✓ delayed maturation of irregular **carpal bones**@Spine✓ thoracolumbar kyphosis with lumbar gibbus✓ oval centra with normal / increased height + anterior beak at T12/L1/L2✓ long slender pedicles✓ spatulate rib configuration@Pelvis✓ widely flared iliac wings✓ constriction of iliac bones✓ coxa valga**Prognosis:**death by age 10-15 years

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Morquio Syndrome =KERATOSULFATURIA = MPS IV;autosomal recessive; excess keratosulfateIncidence:1:40,000

birthsEtiology:N-acetylgalactosamine-6-sulfatase deficiency resulting in defective degradation of keratan sulfate (mainly in cartilage, nucleus pulposus, cornea)Age:normal at birth; skeletal changes manifest within first 18 months • excessive urinary [excretion](#) of keratan sulfate • normal intelligence • weakness + hypotonia • [dwarfism](#) with short trunk (<4 feet tall) • head thrust forward + sunken between high shoulders • normal intelligence • corneal opacities evident around age 10 • progressive deafness • short nose, wide mouth, spacing between teeth • semicrouching stance + knock knees from flexion deformities of knees + hips @Skull✓ mild dolichocephaly✓ [hypertelorism](#)✓ poor mastoid air cell development✓ short nose + depression of bridge of nose✓ prominent maxilla@Chest✓ increased AP diameter + marked pectus carinatum✓ slight lordosis with wide [short ribs](#)✓ bulbous costochondral junctions✓ failure of fusion of sternal segments@Spine✓ hypoplasia / absence of odontoid process of C2✓ C1-C2 instability with anterior subluxation✓ thick C2-body with narrowing of vertebral canal✓ atlas close to occiput / posterior arch of C1 within [foramen magnum](#)✓ [platyspondyly](#) = universal vertebra plana esp. affecting lumbar spine (DDx: normal height in [Hurler syndrome](#))✓ ovoid vertebral bodies with central anterior beak / tongue at lower thoracic / upper lumbar vertebrae✓ mild gibbus at thoracolumbar transition = low dorsal kyphosis✓ exaggerated lumbar lordosis✓ widened intervertebral disk spaces@Pelvis✓ "goblet-shaped" / "wineglass" pelvis = constricted iliac bodies + elongated pelvic inlet + flared iliac wings✓ oblique hypoplastic acetabular roofs@Femur✓ initially well-formed femoral head epiphysis, involution + fragmentation by age 3-6 years✓ lateral subluxation of femoral heads; later [hip dislocation](#)✓ wide femoral neck + coxa valga deformity@Tibia✓ delayed ossification of lateral proximal tibial epiphysis✓ sloping of superior margin of tibia plateau laterally + severe genu valgum@Hand & foot✓ short bones of forearm with widening of proximal ends✓ delayed appearance + irregularity of carpal centers✓ small irregular [carpal bones](#)✓ proximally pointed short metacarpals 2-5✓ enlarged joints; hand + foot deformities (flat feet)✓ ulnar deviation of hand Cx:cervical myelopathy (traumatic quadriplegia / [leg](#) pains / subtle neurologic abnormality) most common cause of death secondary to C2 abnormality; frequent respiratory infections (from respiratory paralysis)Rx:early fusion of C1-C2Prognosis:may live to adulthoodDDx:(1)[Hurler syndrome](#) (normal / increased vertebral height; vertebral beak inferior)(2)Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia (autosomal dominant, present at birth, absent flared ilia / deficient acetabular ossification, small acetabular angle, deficient ossification of pubic bones, varus deformity of femoral neck, minimal involvement of hand + foot, myopia)

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MULTIPLE EPIPHYSEAL DYSPLASIA

=FAIRBANK DISEASE = ? tarda form of chondrodystrophia calcificans congenita ✓ mild limb shortening ✓ irregular mottled calcifications of epiphyses (in childhood + adolescence) ✓ epiphyseal irregularities + premature degenerative joint disease, especially of hips (in adulthood) ✓ short phalanges *DDx*: Legg-Perthes disease, [hypothyroidism](#)

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MULTIPLE MYELOMA

Most common primary malignant neoplasm in adults *Histo*: normal / pleomorphic plasma cells (not pathognomonic), may be mistaken for lymphocytes (lymphosarcoma, reticulum cell sarcoma, Ewing tumor, [neuroblastoma](#)) (a) diffuse infiltration: myeloma cells intimately admixed with hematopoietic cells (b) tumor nodules: displacement of hematopoietic cells by masses entirely composed of myeloma cells *Age*: usually 5th- 8th decade; 98% >40 years; rare < age 30; M:F = 2:1 (a) DISSEMINATED FORM: >40 years of age (98%); M:F = 3:2 (b) SOLITARY FORM: mean age 50 years • bone pain (68%) • normochromic normocytic anemia (62%) • RBC rouleau formation • renal insufficiency (55%) • [hypercalcemia](#) (30-50%) • proteinuria (88%) • Bence-Jones proteinuria (50%) • increased globulin production (monoclonal gammopathy) *Location*: A. DISSEMINATED FORM: scattered; axial skeleton predominant site; vertebrae (50%) > ribs > skull > pelvis > long bones (distribution correlates with normal sites of red marrow) B. SOLITARY FORM: vertebrae > pelvis > skull > sternum > ribs C. SPINAL PLASMA CELL MYELOMA • sparing of posterior elements (no red marrow) (DDx: metastatic disease) • paraspinal soft-tissue mass with extradural extension • scalloping of anterior margin of vertebral bodies (osseous pressure from adjacent enlarged lymph nodes) • generalized [osteoporosis](#) with accentuation of trabecular pattern, especially in spine (early) • punched out appearance of widespread osteolytic areas (skull, long bones) with endosteal scalloping and uniform size • diffuse osteolysis (pelvis, sacrum) • expansile osteolytic lesions (ballooning) in ribs, pelvis, long bones • soft-tissue mass adjacent to bone destruction (= extrapleural + paraspinal mass adjacent to ribs / vertebral column) • periosteal new-bone formation exceedingly rare • involvement of mandible (rarely affected by metastatic disease) • sclerosis may occur after chemotherapy, radiotherapy, fluoride administration • sclerotic form of multiple myeloma (1-3%) (a) solitary sclerotic lesion: frequently in spine (b) [diffuse sclerosis associated with POEMS syndrome](#): Polyneuropathy Organomegaly Endocrine abnormalities M-protein Skin changes MR (recognition dependent on knowledge of normal range of bone marrow appearance for age): • hypointense focal areas on T1WI (25%) • hyperintense focal areas on T2WI (53%) • absence of fatty infiltration (nonspecific) **SENSITIVITY OF BONE SCANS VS. RADIOGRAPHS** Radiographs: in 90% of patients and 80% of sites Bone scan: in 75% of patients and 24-54% of sites Gallium scan: in 55% of patients and 40% of sites • 30% of lesions only detected on radiographs • 10% of lesions only detected on bone scans *Cx*: (1) renal involvement frequent (2) predilection for recurrent pneumonias (leukopenia) (3) secondary [amyloidosis](#) in 6-15% (4) pathologic fractures occur often *Prognosis*: 20% 5-year survival; death from renal insufficiency, bacterial infection, thromboembolism *DDx*: - with [osteopenia](#): (1) Postmenopausal [osteoporosis](#) (2) [Hyperparathyroidism](#) - with lytic lesion: (1) Metastatic disease (2) [Amyloidosis](#) (3) Myeloid metaplasia - with sclerotic lesion: (1) [Osteopoikilosis](#) (2) [Lymphoma](#) (3) Osteoblastic metastasis (4) [Mastocytosis](#) (5) [Myelosclerosis](#) (6) Fluorosis (7) [Lymphoma](#) (8) [Renal osteodystrophy](#) **Myelomatosis** • generalized deossification without discrete tumors • vertebral flattening

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MYELOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDERS

=autonomous clonal disorder initiated by an acquired pluripotential hematopoietic stem cell
Types: 1. [Polycythemia vera](#) 2. Chronic granulomatous [leukemia](#) = chronic myelogenous [leukemia](#) 3. Essential idiopathic thrombocytopenia 4. Agnogenic myeloid metaplasia (= primary myelofibrosis + [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#) in liver + [spleen](#))
Pathophysiology: -self-perpetuating intra- and extramedullary hematopoietic cell proliferation without stimulus-trilinear panmyelosis (RBCs, WBCs, platelets)-myelofibrosis with progression to [myelosclerosis](#)-myeloid metaplasia = [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#) (normocytic anemia, leukoerythroblastic anemia, reticulocytosis, low platelet count, normal / reduced WBC count)

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MYELOSCLEROSIS

=AGNOGENIC MYELOID METAPLASIA=MYELOPROLIFERATIVE SYNDROME=PSEUDOLEUKEMIA= hematologic disorder of unknown etiology with gradual replacement of bone marrow elements by [fibrosis](#) Characterized by (1)[extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)(2)progressive [splenomegaly](#)(3)anemia(4)variable changes in number of granulocytes + platelets; often predated by [polycythemia vera](#)Age:usually >50 yearsPath:fibrous / bony replacement of bone marrow; [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)Associated with:metastatic carcinoma, chemical poisoning, chronic infection (TB), acute myelogenous [leukemia](#), [polycythemia vera](#), McCune-Albright syndrome, histiocytosis ■ dyspnea, weakness, fatigue, weight loss, hemorrhage ■ normochromic normocytic anemia; [polycythemia](#) may precede myelosclerosis in 59% ■ dry marrow aspirateLocation:red marrow-containing bones in 40% (thoracic cage, pelvis, femora, humeral shafts, lumbar spine, skull, peripheral bones)✓ [splenomegaly](#)✓ widespread diffuse increase in density (ground glass)✓ "jail-bar" ribs✓ sandwich / rugger jersey spine✓ generalized increase in bone density in skull + obliteration of diploic space; scattered small rounded radiolucent lesions; or combination of bothNUC: ✓ diffuse increased [uptake](#) of bone tracer in affected skeleton, possibly "[superscan](#)"✓ increased [uptake](#) at ends of long bones DDx:(a)with [splenomegaly](#): chronic [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), [mastocytosis](#)(b)without [splenomegaly](#): osteoblastic metastases, fluorine poisoning, [osteopetrosis](#), chronic renal disease

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MYOSITIS OSSIFICANS

=PSEUDOMALIGNANT OSSEOUS TUMOR OF SOFT TISSUE = EXTRAOSSEOUS LOCALIZED NONNEOPLASTIC BONE AND CARTILAGE FORMATION = MYOSITIS OSSIFICANS CIRCUMSCRIPTA = HETEROTOPIC OSSIFICATION=benign solitary self-limiting ossifying soft-tissue mass typically occurring within skeletal muscle
Age:adolescents, young athletic adults; M > F
Path:lesion rimmed by compressed fibrous connective tissue + surrounded by atrophic skeletal muscle (myositis = misnomer since no primary inflammation of muscle present)
Histo: (a)early: focal hemorrhage + degeneration + necrosis of damaged muscle; histiocytic invasion; central nonossified core of proliferating benign fibroblasts + myofibroblasts; mesenchymal cells enclosed in ground substance assume characteristics of osteoblasts with subsequent mineralization + peripheral bone formation(b)intermediate age (3-6 weeks): "zone phenomenon" with central area of cellular variation and atypical mitotic figures (impossible to differentiate from soft-tissue sarcoma); middle zone of immature osteoid; outer zone of well-formed mature trabeculated dense bone
 ■ history of direct trauma (75%) ■ pain, tenderness, soft-tissue mass
Location:large muscles of extremities (80%)(a)within muscle: anterolateral aspect of thigh + arm; temporal muscle; small muscles of hands; gluteal muscle; "**riders bone**" (adductor longus); "**fencers bone**" (brachialis); "**dancers bone**" (soleus); breast, elbow, knee(b)periosteal at tendon insertion: **Pellegrini-Stieda disease** (medial collateral ligament of knee)
 ✓ faint calcifications develop in 2-6 weeks after onset of symptoms
 ✓ well-defined partially ossified soft-tissue mass apparent by 6-8 weeks, becoming smaller + mature by 5-6 months
 ✓ radiolucent zone separating lesion from bone (DDx: periosteal sarcoma on stalk) ✓ ± [periosteal reaction](#)
CT: ✓ well-defined mineralization at periphery of lesion after 4-6 weeks + less distinct lucent center (DDx: sarcoma with ill-defined periphery + calcified ossific center) ✓ diffuse ossification in mature lesion
MR: Early phase: ✓ mass with poorly defined margins ✓ inhomogeneously hyperintense to fat on T2WI ✓ isointense to muscle on T1WI ✓ contrast enhancement
 Intermediate phase: ✓ isointense / slightly hyperintense core on T1WI, increasing in intensity on T2WI ✓ rim of curvilinear areas of decreased signal intensity surrounding the lesion (= peripheral mineralization / ossification) ✓ increased peritumoral signal intensity on T2WI(= edema of diffuse myositis) ✓ focal signal abnormality within bone marrow (= marrow edema)
 Mature phase: ✓ well-defined inhomogeneous mass with signal intensity approximating fat ✓ decreased signal intensity surrounding lesion + within (dense ossification + [fibrosis](#), hemosiderin from previous hemorrhage)
NUC: ✓ intense tracer accumulation on bone scan (directly related to deposition of [calcium](#) in damaged muscle) ✓ in phase of mature ossification activity becomes reduced + surgery may be performed with little risk of recurrence
Angio: ✓ diffuse tumor blush + fine neovascularity in early active phase ✓ avascular mass in mature healing phase
Prognosis:? resorption in 1 year
DDx: ✓ In early stages difficult to differentiate histologically + radiologically from soft-tissue sarcomas!
 (1)[Osteosarcoma](#)(2)[Synovial sarcoma](#)(3)[Fibrosarcoma](#)(4)[Chondrosarcoma](#)(5)[Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)(6)[Parosteal sarcoma](#) (usually metaphyseal with thick densely mineralized attachment to bone)(7)[Posttraumatic periostitis](#) (ossification of subperiosteal hematoma with broad-based attachment to bone)(8)[Acute osteomyelitis](#) (substantial soft-tissue edema + early [periosteal reaction](#))(9)[Tumoral calcinosis](#) (periarticular calcific masses of lobular pattern with interspersed lucent soft-tissue septa)(10) [Osteochondroma](#) (stalk contiguous with normal adjacent cortex + medullary space)

[Myositis Ossificans Variants](#)

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Myositis Ossificans Variants *Panniculitis ossificans* Location:subcutis of mostly upper extremities ✓ less prominent zoning phenomenon *Fasciitis ossificans* Location:fascia *Fibro-osseous pseudotumor of digits* =FLORID REACTIVE PERIOSTITIS Age:mean age of 32 years (range 4 -64 years);M:F = 1:2 • fusiform swelling / mass Location:predominantly fingers (2nd > 3rd > 5th), occasionally toes Site:proximal > distal > middle phalanx ✓ radiopaque soft-tissue mass with radiolucent band between mass + cortex ✓ visible calcifications (50%) ✓ focal periosteal thickening (50%) ✓ cortical erosion (occasionally)

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NAIL-PATELLA SYNDROME

=FONG DISEASE = ILIAC HORNS = FAMILIAL / HEREDITARY OSTEO-ONYCHODYSPLASIA=OSTEO-ONYCHODYSOSTOSIS = HOOD SYNDROME=ELBOW-PATELLA SYNDROME=rare autosomal dominant disorder characterized by symmetrical meso- and ectodermal anomalies *Etiology*:? enzymatic defect in collagen metabolism *Age*:evident in 2nd + 3rd decades ■ aplasia / hypoplasia of thumb + index fingernails ■ bilateral spooning / splitting / ridging of fingernails ■ abnormal gait ■ abnormal pigmentation of iris ■ renal dysfunction (secondary to abnormal glomerular basement membrane): proteinuria, hematuria, failure later in life ✓ bilateral posterior iliac horns in 80% (occasionally capped by an epiphysis) **DIAGNOSTIC** ✓ flared iliac crest with protuberant anterior iliac spines ✓ genu valgum due to asymmetrical development of femoral condyles ✓ prominent tibial tubercles ✓ fragmentation / hypoplasia / absence of patella; frequently with recurrent lateral dislocations ✓ radial head / capitellum hypoplasia with subluxation / dislocation of radial head dorsally and increased carrying angle of elbow (DDx: congenital dislocation of radial head) ✓ [clinodactyly](#) of 5th finger ✓ short 5th metacarpal ✓ flexion contractures of hip, knee, elbow, fingers, foot ✓ deltoid, triceps, quadriceps hypoplasia ✓ mandibular cysts (occasionally) ✓ scoliosis ✓ [renal osteodystrophy](#) **DDx**:(1)[Seckel syndrome](#)(2)"Bird-headed [dwarfism](#)" (absence of patella, radial head dislocation)(3)Popliteal pterygium syndrome (absence of patella, toenail dysplasia)

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NECROTIZING FASCIITIS

Incidence: 500 cases in literature *Age:* 58 ± 14 years; M>F *Cause:* deep internal infection / malignancy (perforated [duodenal ulcer](#) / retroperitoneal appendix, retroperitoneal / perirectal infection, infiltrating rectal / sigmoid carcinoma) *Predisposed:* patients with diabetes, cancer, alcohol / drug abuse, poor nutrition *Organism:* Staphylococcus, E. coli, Bacteroides, Streptococcus, Peptostreptococcus, Klebsiella, Proteus, C. perfringens (5-15%) (multiple organisms in 75%) *Histo:* necrotic superficial fascia, leukocytic infiltration of deep fascial layers; fibrinoid thrombosis of arterioles + venules with vessel wall necrosis; microbial infiltration of destroyed fascia ■ indolent (1-21 days delay before diagnosis) ■ nonspecific symptoms: severe pain, fever, leukocytosis, shock, altered mental status ■ crepitus (50%), overlying skin may be completely intact *Location:* lower extremity, arm, neck, back, male perineum / scrotum (= [Fournier gangrene](#)) ✓ asymmetric fascial thickening with fat stranding (80%) from fluid ✓ gas in soft-tissues dissecting along fascial planes from gas-forming organisms (in 55%) ✓ associated deep abscess (35%) ✓ ± secondary muscle involvement *Prognosis:* poor with delay in diagnosis *Rx:* extensive surgical débridement *DDx:* (1) myonecrosis (infection originating in muscle) (2) fasciitis-panniculitis syndromes (chronic swelling of skin + underlying soft-tissues + fascial planes in arm + calf) (3) soft-tissue edema of CHF / [cirrhosis](#) (symmetrical diffuse fat stranding)

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NEUROPATHIC OSTEOARTHROPATHY

=NEUROTROPHIC JOINT = CHARCOT JOINT=traumatic arthritis due associated with loss of sensation + proprioception of affected limb
Pathogenesis:(1)decreased pain sensation produces repetitive trauma(2)sympathetic dysfunction results in local hyperemia + bone resorption
Cause: A.Congenital1.[Myelomeningocele](#)2.Congenital indifference to pain = asymboliaB.Acquired(a)central neuropathy1.Injury to brain / spinal cord2.[Syringomyelia](#) (in 1/3 of patients): [shoulder](#), elbow3.Neurosyphilis = tabes dorsalis (in 15-20% of patients): hip, knee, ankle, tarsals4.Spinal cord tumors / infection(b)peripheral neuropathy1.[Diabetes mellitus](#) (most common cause, although incidence low): ankle, foot, hand2.[Leprosy](#)3.Peripheral nerve injury(c)others1.Scleroderma, [Raynaud disease](#), [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)2.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#), psoriasis3.Amyloid infiltration of nerves, adrenal hypercorticismC.Iatrogenicprolonged use of pain-relieving drugs
mnemonic:"DS6"**D**iabetes **S**ymphylis**S**pina bifida**S**teroids**S**yringomyelia**S**pinal cord injury**S**cleroderma
Pathology: (a)atrophic resorptive / hyperemic phase:osteoclasts + macrophages remove bone + cartilage debris making bone susceptible to fractures + joint destruction(b)hypertrophic reparative sclerotic phase • no history of trauma • swollen + warm joint with normal WBC count + ESR (infection may coexist) • usually painless joint; pain at presentation (in 1/3) with decreased response to deep pain + proprioception • joint changes frequently precede neurologic deficit • synovial fluid: frequently xanthochromic / bloody, lipid crystals (from bone marrow)✓ persistent joint effusion (first sign)✓ narrowing of joint space✓ speckled calcification in soft tissue (= calcification of synovial membrane)✓ fragmentation of eburnated subchondral bone✓ NO juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) (unless infected)✓ "bag-of-bones" appearance in late stage (= marked deformities around joint)**mnemonic:** "6 Ds"✓ **D**ense subchondral bone (= sclerosis)✓ **D**egeneration (= attempted repair by osteophytes)✓ **D**estruction of articular cortex (with sharp margins resembling those of surgical amputation)✓ **D**eformity ("pencil point" deformity of metatarsal heads)✓ **D**ebris (loose bodies)✓ **D**islocation (nontraumatic)✓ subluxation of joints (laxity of periarticular soft tissues)✓ talonavicular displacement with midfoot arthropathy (common in diabetic neuropathy)✓ progressive rapid bone resorption✓ joint distension (by fluid, hypertrophic synovitis, osteophytes, subluxation)MR: ✓ decreased signal intensity in bone marrow on T1WI + T2WI (due to osteosclerotic changes)@Spine (involved in 6-21%):✓ lysis / sclerosis of intervertebral + facet joints✓ scoliosis✓ large osteophytes with beaking

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NODULAR SYNOVITIS

= [GIANT CELL TUMOR](#) OF TENDON SHEATH *Histo*:very cellular tumor with a capsule that separates the tumor into lobules *Location*:soft tissue of hand, occasionally lower extremity *✓* lobulated lesion with well-defined nodules up to 4 cm in size *✓* located along tendon sheath (CHARACTERISTIC) *MR*: *✓* low signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI (hemosiderin deposition)

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NONOSSIFYING FIBROMA

=FIBROXANTHOMA = NONOSTEOGENIC FIBROMA=XANTHOMA = XANTHOGRANULOMA OF BONE=FIBROUS METAPHYSEAL-DIAPHYSEAL DEFECT=FIBROUS MEDULLARY DEFECT
Incidence: up to 40% of all children >2 years of age
Etiology: lesion resulting from proliferative activity of a [fibrous cortical defect](#) that has expanded into medullary cavity
Histo: whorled bundles of spindle-shaped fibroblasts + scattered multinucleated giant cells + foamy xanthomatous cells
Age: 8-20 years; 75% in 2nd decade of life • usually asymptomatic
Location: shaft of long bone; mostly in bones of lower extremity, especially about knee (distal femur + proximal tibia); distal tibia; fibula
Site: eccentric metaphyseal, several cm shaftward from epiphysis, mostly intramedullary, rarely purely diaphyseal
Multiple fibroxanthomas (in 8-10%)
Associated with: [neurofibromatosis](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#), [Jaffe-Campanacci syndrome](#) ✓
multilocular ovoid bubbly osteolytic area ✓ alignment along long axis of bone, about 2 cm in length ✓ dense sclerotic border toward medulla; V- or U-shaped at one end ✓ endosteal scalloping + thinning ± overlying bulge ✓ migrates toward center of diaphysis ✓ resolves with age ✓ minimal / mild [uptake](#) on bone scan
Prognosis: spontaneous healing in most cases
Cx: (1) Pathologic [fracture](#) (not uncommon) (2) Hypophosphatemic vitamin D-resistant [rickets](#) + [osteomalacia](#) (tumor may secrete substance that increases renal tubular resorption of [phosphorus](#))
DDx: (1) [Adamantinoma](#) (midshaft of tibia) (2) [Chondromyxoid fibroma](#) (bulging of cortex more striking)

[Jaffe-Campanacci Syndrome](#)

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Jaffe-Campanacci Syndrome = [nonossifying fibroma](#) with extraskeletal manifestations in children ■ mental retardation ■ hypogonadism ■ ocular defect ■ cardiovascular congenital defect ■ café-au-lait spots

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NOONAN SYNDROME

=PSEUDO-TURNER = MALE [TURNER SYNDROME](#)=phenotype similar to [Turner syndrome](#) but with normal karyotype (occurs in both males + females) Striking familial incidence • short / may have normal height • webbed neck • gonadism / normal gonads • delayed puberty • mental retardation ✓ [osteoporosis](#) ✓ retarded bone age ✓ cubitus valgus @Skull ✓ mandibular hypoplasia with dental malocclusion ✓ [hypertelorism](#) ✓ biparietal foramina ✓ dolichocephaly, [microcephaly](#) / cranial enlargement ✓ webbed neck @Chest ✓ sternal deformity: pectus excavatum / carinatum ✓ right-sided congenital heart disease (valvar [pulmonic stenosis](#), ASD, eccentric hypertrophy of left ventricle, PDA, VSD) ✓ coronal clefts of spine ✓ may have pulmonary lymphangiectasis @Gastrointestinal tract ✓ [intestinal lymphangiectasia](#) ✓ eventration of diaphragm ✓ renal [malrotation](#), renal duplication, [hydronephrosis](#), large redundant extrarenal pelvis DDx: [Turner syndrome](#) (mental retardation rare, renal anomalies frequent)

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OCHRONOSIS

=ALKAPTONURIA = inherited absence of homogentisic acid oxidase with excessive homogentisic acid production + deposition in connective tissue including cartilage, synovium, and bone
Histo: abnormally pigmented cartilage subject to deterioration resulting in calcification + denudation of cartilaginous tissue
M:F = 2:1
● black pigment in soft tissues (in 2nd decade): yellowish skin; gray pigmentation of sclera; bluish tinge of ears + nose cartilage
● alkaptonuria with black staining of diapers
● heart failure, [renal failure](#) (pigment deposition)
@SpineAge: middle age
Site: lumbar region with progressive ascension
✓ laminated calcification of multiple intervertebral disks
✓ disk space drastically narrowed
✓ multiple "vacuum" phenomena (common)
✓ [osteoporosis](#) of adjoining vertebrae
✓ massive osteophytosis + ankylosis of spine (in older patient)
✓ spotty calcifications in tissue anterior to vertebral bodies
@Joints
✓ hypertrophic changes in humeral head
✓ severe premature progressive osteoarthritic changes in [shoulder](#), knee, hip, spine of young patients
✓ intra-articular osseous bodies
✓ small calcifications in para-articular soft tissues + tendon insertions

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ORODIGITOFACIAL SYNDROME

=OROFACIODIGITAL SYNDROME=group of heterogeneous defects, probably representing varying expressivity, involving face, [oral cavity](#), and limbs

Etiology:autosomal trisomy of chromosome No. 1 with 47 chromosomes; X-linked dominant Sex:nuclear chromatin pattern female (lethal in male)*Associated with*:renal polycystic disease • mental retardation • [hypertelorism](#) • cleft lip + tongue, lingual hamartoma • bifid nasal tip • cleft in palate + jaw bone • hypoplasia of mandible ([micrognathia](#)) + occiput of skull • hypodontia • [clinodactyly](#), [syndactyly](#), [brachydactyly](#) (metacarpals may be elongated), polysyndactyly, duplication of hallux

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OSGOOD-SCHLATTER DISEASE

=traumatically induced disruption of the attachment of the patellar ligament to the tibial tuberosity (NOT osteonecrosis); bilateral in 25% Age:10-15 years; M > F Cause:trauma (common in sports that involve jumping, kicking, squatting) = ? cartilaginous avulsion [fracture](#), ? tendinitis ■ local pain + tenderness on pressure ■ swelling of overlying soft tissue ✓ soft-tissue swelling in front of tuberosity (= edema of skin + subcutaneous tissue) ✓ thickening of distal portion of patellar tendon ✓ indistinct margin of patellar tendon ✓ increased radiodensity of infrapatellar fat pad ✓ avulsion with separation of small ossicles from the developing ossification center of tibial tuberosity ✓ single / multiple ossifications in avulsed fragment ✓ comparison with other side (irregular development normal) MR: ✓ increased signal intensity at tibial insertion site of patellar tendon on T1WI + T2WI ✓ distension of deep infrapatellar bursa ✓ bone marrow signal changes in tibial tuberosity + tibial apophysis (rare) Cx:nonunion of bone fragment, patellar subluxation, chondromalacia, avulsion of patellar tendon, genu recurvatum Rx:immobilization / steroid injection D Dx:(1)normal ossification pattern of tibial tuberosity between ages 8-14 (no symptoms)(2)Osteitis: tuberculous / syphilitic(3)Soft-tissue sarcoma with calcifications

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OSLER-WEBER-RENDU SYNDROME

=[HEREDITARY HEMORRHAGIC TELANGIECTASIA](#)=autosomal dominant systemic fibrovascular dysplasia of all vessels resulting in (1) telangiectasias (2) arteriovenous malformations (AV hemangiomas) (3) aneurysms ■ frequent bleeding into mucous membranes, skin, lungs, genitourinary system, gastrointestinal system (due to vascular weakness) ■ [congestive heart failure](#) (due to AV shunting)

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OSSIFYING FIBROMA

Closely related to [fibrous dysplasia](#) + [adamantinoma](#) Age:2nd-4th decade; M < F *Histo*:maturing cellular fibrous spindle cells with osteoblastic activity producing many calcific cartilaginous + bone densities Location: frequently in face @Mandible, maxilla • painless expansion of tooth-bearing portion of jaw 1-5 cm well-circumscribed round / oval tumor moderate expansion of intact cortex homogeneous tumor matrix dislodgment of teeth @Tibia eccentric ground-glass lesion (resembling [fibrous dysplasia](#)) Cx:frequent recurrences

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OSTEITIS CONDENSANS ILII

Incidence: 2% of population *Cause:* chronic stress secondary to instability of pubic symphysis *Age:* young multiparous women • associated with low back pain when instability of pubic symphysis present
triangular area of sclerosis along inferior anterior aspect of ileum adjacent to SI joint (joint space uninvolved) ✓ similar triangle of reparative bone on sacral side ✓ usually bilateral + symmetric; occasionally unilateral ✓ sclerosis dissolves in 3-20 years following stabilization of pubic symphysis *DDx:* (1) [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) (affects ilium + sacrum, joint space narrowing, involvement of other bones) (2) [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (asymmetric, joint destruction) (3) [Paget disease](#) (thickened trabecular pattern)

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OSTEOARTHRITIS

=DEGENERATIVE JOINT DISEASE = decreased chondroitin sulfate with age creates unsupported collagen fibrils followed by cartilage degeneration / joint space narrowing / sclerosis / eburnation of subchondral bone in areas of stress / [subchondral cyst](#) formation (geodes) / osteophytosis at articular margin / nonstressed area @ Hand + foot *Target area*: 1st MCP; trapezioscapoid; DIP > PIP; 1st MTP / radial subluxation of 1st metacarpal base / Bouchard nodes = osteophytosis at PIP joint / Heberden nodes = osteophytosis at DIP joint: M:F = 1:10 @ Hip / superior migration of femoral head (less frequently medial / axial) / femoral + acetabular osteophytes, sclerosis, cyst formation / thickening / buttressing of medial femoral cortex @ Knee / medial femorotibial compartment usually first to be involved / varus deformity @ Spine / sclerosis + narrowing of intervertebral apophyseal joints / osteophytosis usually associated with discogenic disease

[Erosive Osteoarthritis](#) [Early Osteoarthritis](#)

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Erosive Osteoarthritis =inflammatory form of osteoarthrosis *Predisposed:*postmenopausal females *Site:*DIP + PIP joints of hands; bilateral + symmetric [✓] "bird-wing" / "sea-gull" joint configuration = central erosions [✓] may lead to bony ankylosis *DDx:*[Rheumatoid arthritis](#), [Wilson disease](#), chronic liver disease, [hemochromatosis](#)

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Early [Osteoarthritis](#) *mnemonic:* "Early OsteoArthritis" Epiphyseal dysplasia, multiple Ochronosis Acromegaly

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OSTEOBLASTOMA

=GIANT [OSTEOID OSTEOMA](#) = OSTEOGENIC FIBROMA OF BONE = [OSSIFYING FIBROMA](#)=rare benign tumor with unlimited growth potential + capability of malignant transformation *Incidence*: <1% of all primary bone tumors; 3% of all benign bone tumors *Age*: mean age of 16-19 years; 6-30 years (90%); 2nd decade (55%); 3rd decade (20%); M:F = 2:1 *Path*: lesion >1.5 cm; smaller lesions are classified as [osteoid osteoma](#) *Histo*: numerous multinucleated giant cells (osteoclasts), irregularly arranged osteoid + bone; very vascular connective tissue stroma with interconnecting trabecular bone; trabeculae broader + longer than in [osteoid osteoma](#) • asymptomatic in <2% • dull localized pain of insidious onset (84%), worse at night in 7-13% • response to salicylates in 7% • localized swelling, tenderness, decreased range of motion (29%) • painful scoliosis in 50% (with spinal / rib location) secondary to muscle spasm, may be convex toward side of tumor • paresthesias, mild muscle weakness, paraparesis, paraplegia (due to cord compression) • occasional systemic toxicity (high WBC, fever) *Location*: (rarely multifocal) (a) spine (33-37%): 62-94% in posterior elements, secondary extension into vertebral body (28-42%); cervical spine (31%), [thoracic spine](#) (34%), lumbar spine (31%), sacrum (3%) (b) long bones (26-32%): femur (50%), tibia (19%), humerus (19%), radius (8%), fibula (4%); unusual in neck of femur (c) small bones of hand + feet (15-26%): dorsal talus neck (62%), calcaneus (4%), scaphoid (8%), metacarpals (8%), metatarsals (8%) (d) calvarium + mandible (= cementoblastoma) *Site*: diaphyseal (58%), metaphyseal (42%); eccentric (46%), intracortical (42%), centric (12%), may be periosteal ✓ similar to [osteoid osteoma](#): ✓ radiolucent nidus >2 cm (range of 2-12 cm) in size ✓ well demarcated (83%) ✓ ± stippled / ringlike small flecks of matrix calcification ✓ reactive sclerosis (22-91%) / no sclerosis (9-56%) ✓ progressive expansile lesion that may rapidly increase in size (25%): ✓ cortical expansion (75-94%) / destruction (20-22%) ✓ tumor matrix radiolucent (25-64%) / ossified (36-72%) ✓ sharply defined soft-tissue component ✓ thin shell of periosteal new bone (58-77%) / no [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ scoliosis (35%) ✓ [osteoporosis](#) due to disuse + hyperemia in talar location ✓ rapid calcification after radiotherapy *CT*: ✓ multifocal matrix mineralization, sclerosis ✓ expansile bone remodeling, thin osseous shell *NUC*: ✓ intense focal accumulation of bone agent (100%) *Angio*: ✓ tumor blush in capillary phase (50%) *MR*: ✓ low to intermediate signal intensity on T1WI ✓ mixed intermediate to high intensity on T2WI ✓ surrounding edema *Prognosis*: 10% recurrence after excision; incomplete curettage can effect cure due to cartilage production + trapping of host lamellar bone *DDx*: (1) Osteo- / [chondrosarcoma](#) (periosteal new bone) (2) [Osteoid osteoma](#) (dense calcification + halo of bone sclerosis, stable lesion size <2 cm due to limited growth potential) (3) Cartilaginous tumors (lumpy matrix calcification) (4) [Giant cell tumor](#) (no calcification, epiphyseal involvement) (5) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (6) Osteomyelitis (7) [Hemangioma](#) (8) [Lipoma](#) (9) Epidermoid (10) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (11) Metastasis (12) [Ewing sarcoma](#)

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OSTEOCHONDROSIS DISSECANS

=OSTEOCHONDRITIS DISSECANS=OSTEOCHONDRAL FRACTURE=fragmentation + possible separation of a portion of the articular surface
Etiology:
(1) subchondral fatigue fracture as a result of shearing, rotatory / tangentially aligned impaction forces (2) ? autosomal dominant trait associated with short stature, endocrine dysfunction, [Scheuermann disease](#), [Osgood-Schlatter disease](#), tibia vara, [carpal tunnel syndrome](#)
Age: adolescence; M > F
■ asymptomatic / vague complaints
■ clicking, locking, limitation of motion
■ swelling, pain aggravated by movement
Location: (a) knee: medial (in 10% lateral) femoral condyle close to fossa intercondylaris; bilateral in 20-30% (b) humeral head (c) capitellum of elbow (d) talus
✓ purely cartilaginous fragment unrecognized on plain film
✓ fracture line parallels joint surface
✓ mouse = osteochondrotic fragment
Location: posterior region of knee joint, olecranon fossa, axillary / subscapular recess of glenohumeral joint
✓ mouse bed = sclerosed pit in articular surface
✓ soft-tissue swelling, joint effusion
DDx: spontaneous osteonecrosis, neuroarthropathy, degenerative joint disease, [synovial osteochondromatosis](#)

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OSTEOFIBROUS DYSPLASIA

=entity previously mistaken for [fibrous dysplasia](#) Age:newborn up to 5 years Histo:fibrous tissue surrounding trabeculae in a whorled storiform pattern Location:normally confined to tibia (mid-diaphysis in 50%), lesion begins in anterior cortex; ipsilateral fibula affected in 20% enlargement of tibia with anterior bowing cortex thin / invisible periosteal expansion sclerotic margin (DDx: nonosteogenic fibroma, [chondromyxoid fibroma](#)) spontaneous regression in 1/3 Cx: pathologic [fracture](#) in 25%, fractures will heal with immobilization; infrequently complicated by pseudarthrosis DDx: [fibrous dysplasia](#), [Paget disease](#)

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OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA

=PSATHYROSIS = FRAGILITAS OSSIUM = LOBSTEIN DISEASE=heterogeneous group of a generalized connective tissue disorder leading to micromelic [dwarfism](#) characterized by bone fragility, blue sclerae, and dentinogenesis imperfecta/*incidence*:overall in 1:28,500 (20,000-60,000) live births; M:F = 1:1 *Histo*:immature collagen matrix *Clinical types*: 1.OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA CONGENITA=disease manifest at birth (occurring in utero); autosomal dominant; corresponds to type II; lethal variety 2.OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA TARDA=usually not manifest at birth; recessive / sporadic corresponds to type I + IV; nonlethal variety • soft skull (caput membranaceum) • hyperlaxity of joints • blue sclerae • poor dentition • [otosclerosis](#) • thin loose skin ✓ diffuse demineralization, deficient trabecular structure, cortical thinning ✓ defective cortical bone: increase in diameter of proximal ends of humeri + femora; slender fragile bone; multiple cystlike areas ✓ multiple fractures + pseudarthrosis with bowing (vertebral bodies, long bones) ✓ normal / exuberant callus formation ✓ rib thinning / notching ✓ thin calvarium ✓ sinus + mastoid cell enlargement ✓ thickened undermineralized otic capsule (= [otosclerosis](#)) ✓ [wormian bones](#) persisting into adulthood ✓ basilar impression (= [platybasia](#)) ✓ biconcave vertebral bodies + Schmorl nodes, increased height of intervertebral disk space ✓ bowing deformities after child begins to walk Cx:(1)impaired hearing / deafness from [otosclerosis](#) (20-60%)(2)death from intracranial hemorrhage (abnormal platelet function) Dx:chorionic villous sampling

[Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type I](#) [Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type II](#) [Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type III](#) [Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type IV](#)

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Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type I Autosomal dominant; compatible with life *Age at presentation:* 2-6 years

■ blue sclerae ■ presenile deafness ■ normal / abnormal dentinogenesis ✓ infants of normal weight + length ✓ [osteoporosis](#) ✓ fractures in neonate (occurring during delivery) OB-US: ✓ marked bowing of long bones ✓ NO IUGR

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Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type II = CONGENITAL LETHAL OI Autosomal recessive / sporadic; perinatal lethal form *Incidence*: 1:54,000 births; most frequent variety ■ blue sclerae ■ ligamentous laxity + loose skin ✓ shortened broad crumpled long bones ✓ bone angulations, bowing, demineralization ✓ localized bone thickening from callus formation ✓ thin beaded ribs ± fractures resulting in bell-shaped / narrow chest ✓ thin poorly ossified skull ✓ spinal [osteopenia](#) ✓ [platyspondyly](#) OB-US: A normal sonogram after 17 weeks MA excludes the diagnosis! ✓ increased through-transmission of skull (extremely poor mineralization) ✓ unusually good visualization of brain surface ✓ unusually good visualization of orbits ✓ increased visualization of intracranial arterial pulsations ✓ abnormal compressibility of skull vault with transducer ✓ decreased visualization of skeleton ✓ multiple fetal fractures + deformities of long bones + ribs ✓ wrinkled appearance of bone (= more than one [fracture](#) in single bone) ✓ beaded ribs (callus formation around fractures) ✓ abnormally short limbs ✓ small thorax (collapse of thoracic cage) ✓ decreased fetal movement ✓ infants small for gestational age (frequent) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) *Prognosis*: stillborn / death shortly after birth due to [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) *DDx*: congenital [hypophosphatasia](#), [achondrogenesis](#) type I

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Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type III =SEVERE PROGRESSIVELY DEFORMING OIAutosomal recessive / dominant; progressively deforming disorder compatible with life ■ bluish sclerae during infancy which turn pale with time ■ joint hyperlaxity (50%) ↓ decreased ossification of skull ↓ normal vertebrae + pelvis ↓ progressive deformities of limbs + spine into adulthood ↓ shortened + bowed long bones ↓ ± rib fractures ↓ multiple fractures present at birth in 2/3 of cases ↓ fractures heal well ↓ OB-US: ↓ short + bowed long bones ↓ fractures ↓ humerus almost normal in shape ↓ normal thoracic circumference *Prognosis*: progressive limb + spine deformities during childhood / adolescence

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Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type IV Autosomal dominant; mildest form with best prognosis ■ normal scleral color ■ little tendency to develop hearing loss ✓ tubular bones of normal length; mild femoral bowing may occur ✓ [osteoporosis](#) OB-US: ✓ bowing of long bones

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OSTEOID OSTEOMA

=benign skeletal neoplasm composed of osteoid + woven bone less than 1.5 cm in diameter per definition *Incidence*: 12% of benign skeletal neoplasms *Etiology*:? inflammatory response *Histo*: small nidus of osteoid-laden interconnected trabeculae with a background of highly vascularized fibrous connective tissue surrounded by zone of reactive bone sclerosis; osteoblastic rimming; indistinguishable from [osteoblastoma](#) *Age*: 10-20 years (51%); 2nd + 3rd decade (73%); 5-25 years (90%); range of 19 months-56 years; uncommon <5 and >40 years of age; M:F = 2:1; uncommon in Blacks • tender to touch + pressure • local pain (95-98%), weeks to years in duration, worse at night, decreased by activity • salicylates give relief in 20-30 minutes in 75-90% • prostaglandin E2 elevated 100-1000 x normal within nidus (probable cause of pain and vasodilatation) *Location*: (a) meta- / diaphysis of long bones (73%): upper end of femur (43%), hands (8%), feet (4%); frequent in proximal tibia + femoral neck, fibula, humerus; no bone exempt (b) spine (10-14%): predominantly in posterior elements (50% in pedicle + lamina + spinous process; 20% in articular process) of lumbar (59%), cervical (27%), thoracic (12%), sacral (2%) segments • painful scoliosis, focal / radicular pain • gait disturbance, muscle atrophy (c) skull, rib, ischium, mandible, patella *Classification*: **Cortical osteoid osteoma** (most common) = nidus within cortex ✓ solid / laminated [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ fusiform sclerotic cortical thickening in shaft of long bone ✓ radiolucent area within center of osteosclerosis **Cancellous Osteoid Osteoma** (intermediate frequency) = intramedullary ✗ Intra-articular lesion difficult to identify with delay in diagnosis of 4 months-5 years! *Site*: juxta- / intra-articular at femoral neck, vertebral posterior elements, small bones of hands + feet ✓ little osteosclerosis / sclerotic cortex distant to nidus (functional difference of intra-articular periosteum) ✓ joint space widened (effusion, synovitis) **Subperiosteal Osteoid Osteoma** (rare) = round soft-tissue mass adjacent to bone *Site*: juxta- / intra-articular at medial aspect of femoral neck, hands, feet (neck of talus) ✓ juxtacortical mass excavating the cortex (bony pressure atrophy) with almost no reactive sclerosis ✓ round / oval radiolucent nidus (75%) of <1.5 cm in size ✓ variable surrounding sclerosis ± central calcification ✓ painful scoliosis concave toward lesion / kyphoscoliosis / hyperlordosis / torticollis with spinal location (due to spasm) ✓ may show extensive synovitis + effusion + premature loss of cartilage with intra-articular site (lymphofollicular synovitis) ✓ [osteoarthritis](#) (50%) with intra-articular site 1.5-22 years after onset of symptomatology ✓ regional [osteoporosis](#) (probably due to disuse) ✗ *Radiographically difficult areas*: vertebral column, femoral neck, small bones of hand + feet *NUC*: ✓ intensely increased radiotracer [uptake](#) (increased blood flow + new-bone formation) ✓ double density sign = small area of focal activity (nidus) superimposed on larger area of increased tracer [uptake](#) *CT* (for detection + precise localization of nidus): ✓ small well-defined round / oval nidus surrounded by variable amount of sclerosis ✓ nidus enhances on dynamic scan ✓ nidus with variable amount of mineralization (50%): punctate / amorphous / ringlike / dense *MR* (diminished conspicuity of lesion compared with CT): ✓ nidus isointense to muscle on T1WI ✓ signal intensity increases to between that of muscle + fat / remains low on T2WI ✓ perinidal inflammation of bone marrow (63%) ✓ perinidal soft-tissue inflammation / edema (47%) ✓ synovitis + joint effusion with intra-articular site *Angio*: ✓ highly vascularized nidus with intense circumscribed blush appearing in early arterial phase + persisting late into venous phase *Prognosis*: no growth progression, infrequent regression *Rx*: (1) complete surgical excision of nidus (reactive bone regresses subsequently) (2) percutaneous CT-guided removal (3) percutaneous ablation with radio-frequency electrode / laser / alcohol *DDx*: (1) Cortical osteoid [osteoma](#): [Brodie abscess](#), sclerosing osteomyelitis, syphilis, [bone island](#), stress [fracture](#), [osteosarcoma](#), [Ewing sarcoma](#), osteoblastic metastasis, [lymphoma](#), subperiosteal [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), [osteoblastoma](#) (progressive growth) (2) Intra-articular osteoid [osteoma](#): inflammatory / septic / tuberculous / [rheumatoid arthritis](#), nonspecific synovitis / [Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease](#)

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OSTEOMA

= benign tumor of membranous bone (hamartoma) *Age*:adult life *Associated with*:[Gardner syndrome](#) (multiple osteomas + colonic polyposis) *Location*:inner / outer table of calvarium (usually from external table), [paranasal sinuses](#) (frontal / [ethmoid sinuses](#)), mandible, nasal bones *well-circumscribed round extremely dense structureless lesion usually <2 cm in size* **Fibrous Osteoma** Probably a form of [fibrous dysplasia](#) *Age*:childhood *less dense than osteoma / radiolucent* *expanding external table without affecting internal table* *DDx*:endostoma, [bone island](#), [bone infarct](#) (located in medulla)

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Acute Osteomyelitis Age: most commonly affects children *Organisms*: (a) newborns: S. aureus, Group B streptococcus, Escherichia coli (b) children: S. aureus (blood cultures in 50% positive) (c) adults: S. aureus (60%), enteric species (29%), Streptococcus (8%) (d) drug addicts: Pseudomonas (86%), Klebsiella, Enterobacteriaceae; (57 days average delay in diagnosis) (e) [sickle cell disease](#): Salmonella *Cause*: (1) Genitourinary tract infection (72%) (2) Lung infection (14%) (3) Dermal infection (14%): direct contamination from a soft-tissue lesion in diabetic patient *Pathogenesis*: (a) hematogenous spread (b) direct implantation from a traumatic / iatrogenic source (c) extension from adjacent soft-tissue infection *Location*: @ Lower extremity (75%): over pressure points in diabetic foot @ Vertebrae (53%): lumbar (75%) > thoracic > cervical @ Radial styloid (24%) @ Sacroiliac joint (18%) ■ leukocytosis + fever (66%) A. ACUTE NEONATAL OSTEOMYELITIS Age: onset <30 days of age ■ little / no systemic disturbance ✓ multicentric involvement more common; often joint involvement ✓ bone scan falsely negative / equivocal in 70% B. ACUTE OSTEOMYELITIS IN INFANCY Age: <18 months of age *Pathomechanism*: spread to epiphysis because transphyseal vessels cross growth plate into epiphysis ✓ striking soft-tissue component ✓ subperiosteal abscess with extensive periosteal new bone Cx: frequent joint involvement *Prognosis*: rapid healing C. ACUTE OSTEOMYELITIS IN CHILDHOOD Age: 2-16 years of age *Pathomechanism*: transphyseal vessels closed; metaphyseal vessels adjacent to growth plate loop back toward metaphysis locating the primary focus of infection into metaphysis; abscess formation in medulla with cortical spread ✓ sequestration frequent ✓ periosteal elevation (with disruption of periosteal [blood supply](#)) ✓ small single / multiple osteolytic areas in metaphysis ✓ extensive [periosteal reaction](#) parallel to shaft (after 3-6 weeks); may be "lamellar nodular" (DDx: [osteoblastoma](#), [eosinophilic granuloma](#)) ✓ shortening of bone with destruction of epiphyseal cartilage ✓ growth stimulation by hyperemia + premature maturation of adjacent epiphysis ✓ midshaft osteomyelitis less frequent site ✓ serpiginous tract with small sclerotic rim (PATHOGNOMONIC) D. ACUTE OSTEOMYELITIS IN ADULTHOOD ✓ delicate periosteal new bone ✓ joint involvement common *Radiographs*: ✓ initial radiographs often normal (notoriously poor in early phase of infection for as long as 10 days) ✓ localized soft-tissue swelling adjacent to metaphysis with obliteration of usual fat planes (after 3-10 days) ✓ area of bone destruction (lags 7-14 days behind pathologic changes) ✓ involucrum = cloak of laminated / spiculated [periosteal reaction](#) (develops after 20 days) ✓ sequestrum = detached necrotic cortical bone (develops after 30 days) ✓ cloaca formation = space in which dead bone resides MR: ✓ bone marrow hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI (= water-rich inflammatory tissue) *DDx*: [neuropathic osteoarthropathy](#), aseptic arthritis, acute [fracture](#), recent surgery ✓ focal / linear cortical involvement hyperintense on T2WI ✓ hyperintense halo surrounding cortex on T2WI = subperiosteal infection ✓ hyperintense line on T2WI extending from bone to skin surface + enhancement of borders (= sinus tract) *Abscess characteristics*: ✓ hyperintense enhancing rim (= hyperemic zone) around a central focus of low intensity (= necrotic / devitalized tissue) on contrast-enhanced T1WI ✓ hyperintense fluid collection surrounded by hypointense pseudocapsule on T2WI + contrast-enhancement of granulation tissue ✓ hyperintense adjacent soft tissues on T2WI ✓ fat-suppressed contrast-enhanced imaging (88% sensitive + 93% specific compared with 79% + 53% for nonenhanced MR imaging) NUC ([accuracy](#) approx. 90%): (1) Ga-67 scans: 100% [sensitivity](#); increased [uptake](#) 1 day earlier than for Tc-99m MDP ✓ Gallium helpful for [chronic osteomyelitis](#)! (2) Static Tc-99m diphosphonate: 83% [sensitivity](#) 5-60% false-negative rate in neonates + children because of (a) masking effect of epiphyseal plates (b) early diminished blood flow with infection (c) spectrum of [uptake](#) pattern from hot to cold (3) Three-phase skeletal scintigraphy: 92% [sensitivity](#), 87% [specificity](#) *Phase 1*: Radionuclide [angiography](#) = perfusion phase of regional blood flow *Phase 2*: "blood pool" images *Phase 3*: "bone uptake" *Limitations*: diagnostic difficulties in children, in posttraumatic / postoperative state, diabetic neuropathy (poor [blood supply](#)), neoplasia, [septic arthritis](#), [Paget disease](#), healed osteomyelitis, noninfectious inflammatory process *DDx*: cellulitis (decrease in activity over time) (4) WBC-scan: (a) In-111-labeled leukocytes: best agent for acute infections (b) Tc-99m labeled leukocytes: preferred over In-111-leukocyte imaging especially in extremities ✓ WBC scans have largely replaced gallium imaging for acute osteomyelitis due to improved photon flux + improved dosimetry (higher dose allowed relative to In-111) allowing faster imaging + greater resolution ✓ "cold" area in early osteomyelitis subsequently becoming "hot" if localized to long bones / pelvis (not seen in vertebral bodies) ✓ local increase in radiopharmaceutical [uptake](#) (positive within 24-72 hours) Cx: (1) Soft-tissue abscess (2) Fistula formation (3) Pathologic [fracture](#) (4) Extension into joint (5) Growth disturbance due to epiphyseal involvement (6) Neoplasm (7) [Amyloidosis](#) (8) Severe deformity with delayed treatment

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Chronic Osteomyelitis ✓ thick irregular sclerotic bone with radiolucencies, elevated periosteum, chronic draining sinus **Sclerosing Osteomyelitis of Garré**
=low-grade infection, no purulent exudateLocation:mandible (most commonly)✓ focal bulge of thickened cortex (sclerosing [periosteal reaction](#))**DDx:osteoid osteoma,**
stress [fracture](#) **Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis** =benign self-limited disease of unknown etiologyAge:children + adolescents; M:F = 1:2**Histo:nonspecific**
subacute / chronic osteomyelitis ■ pain, soft-tissue swelling, limited motionLocation:tibia > femur > clavicle > fibulaSite:metaphyses of long bones; often symmetric✓
small areas of bone lysis, often confluent

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Brodie Abscess =subacute pyogenic osteomyelitis (smoldering indolent infection)*Organism*:S. aureus (most common)*Histo*:granulation tissue + eburnation*Age*:more common in children; M > F*Location*:predilection for ends of tubular bones (proximal / distal tibial metaphysis most common); carpal + tarsal bones*Site*:metaphysis, rarely traversing the open growth plate; epiphysis (children + infants)*✓* central area of lucency surrounded by dense rim of reactive sclerosis*✓* lucent channel-like / tortuous configuration extending toward growth plate (PATHOGNOMONIC)*✓* periosteal new-bone formation*✓* ± adjacent soft-tissue swelling*✓* may persist for many months*MR*:*✓* "double line" effect = high signal intensity of granulation tissue surrounded by low signal intensity of bone sclerosis on T2W*✓* well-defined low- to intermediate-signal lesion outlined by low-signal rim on T1W*DDx*:[Osteoid osteoma](#)

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Epidermoid Carcinoma *Etiology:* complication of [chronic osteomyelitis](#) (0.2-1.7%) *Histo:* squamous cell carcinoma (90%); occasionally: basal cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, fibro-sarcoma, [angiosarcoma](#), reticulum cell sarcoma, spindle cell sarcoma, [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), parosteal [osteosarcoma](#), plasmacytoma *Age:* 30-80 (mean 55) years; M >> F *Latent period:* 20-30 (range of 1.5-72) years ■ history of childhood osteomyelitis ■ exacerbation of symptoms with increasing pain, enlarging mass ■ change in character / amount of sinus drainage *Location:* at site of chronically / intermittently draining sinus; tibia (50%), femur (21%) ¹ lytic lesion superimposed on changes of [chronic osteomyelitis](#) ² soft-tissue mass ³ pathologic [fracture](#) *Prognosis:* (1) early metastases in 14-20-40% (within 18 months) (2) no recurrence in 80%

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OSTEOPATHIA STRIATA

=VOORHOEVE DISEASE • usually asymptomatic (similar to [osteopoikilosis](#)) Location: all long bones affected; the only bone sclerosis primarily involving metaphysis (with extension into epi- and diaphysis) ✓ longitudinal striations of dense bone in metaphysis ✓ radiating densities of "sunburst" appearance from acetabulum into ileum

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OSTEOPETROSIS

=ALBERS-SCHÖNBERG DISEASE = MARBLE BONE DISEASE = rare hereditary disorder *Path*:defective osteoclast function with failure of proper reabsorption + remodeling of primary spongiosum; bone sclerotic + thick but structurally weak + brittle A.INFANTILE AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE TYPE ■ failure to thrive ■ premature senile appearance of facies ■ severe dental caries ■ anemia, leukocytopenia, thrombocytopenia (severe marrow depression) ■ cranial nerve compression (optic atrophy, deafness) ■ hepatosplenomegaly ([extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)) ■ lymphadenopathy ■ [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) (due to thrombocytopenia) *May be associated with*: [renal tubular acidosis](#) + cerebral calcification *Prognosis*:survival beyond middle life uncommon (death due to recurrent infection, massive hemorrhage, terminal [leukemia](#)) B.BENIGN ADULT AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT TYPE ■ 50% asymptomatic ■ recurrent fractures, mild anemia ■ occasionally cranial nerve palsy *Prognosis*:normal life expectancy ✓ [diffuse osteosclerosis](#) = generalized dense amorphous structureless bones with obliteration of normal trabecular pattern; mandible least commonly involved ✓ cortical thickening with medullary encroachment ✓ [Erlenmeyer flask deformity](#) = clublike long bones due to lack of tubulization + flaring of ends ✓ [bone-within-bone appearance](#) ✓ "sandwich" vertebrae ✓ alternating sclerotic + radiolucent transverse metaphyseal lines (phalanges, iliac bones) as indicators of fluctuating course of disease ✓ longitudinal metaphyseal striations ✓ obliteration of mastoid cells, [paranasal sinuses](#), basal foramina by osteosclerosis ✓ sclerosis predominantly involving base of skull; calvaria often spared Cx:(1)usually transverse fractures (common because of brittle bones) with abundant callus + normal healing(2)crowding of marrow (myelophthitic anemia + [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#))(3)frequently terminates in acute [leukemia](#) Rx:bone marrow transplant DDx:(1)Heavy metal poisoning(2)[Melorheostosis](#) (limited to one extremity)(3)[Hypervitaminosis D](#)(4)[Pyknodysostosis](#)(5)[Fibrous dysplasia](#) of skull / face

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OSTEOPOIKILOSIS

=OSTEOPATHIA CONDENSANS DISSEMINATA Often autosomal dominant; M > F ■ asymptomatic *Histo*: compact bone islands *Location*: in most metaphyses + epiphyses (rarely extending into midshaft); concentrated at glenoid + acetabulum, wrist, ankle, pelvis; rare in skull, ribs, vertebral centra, mandible ✓ small foci of ovoid / lenticular opacification (2-10 mm) in cancellous bone ✓ long axis of lesions parallel to long axis of bone *Prognosis*: not progressive, no change after cessation of growth *DDx*: (1) Epiphyseal dysplasia (metaphyses normal) (2) [Melorheostosis](#) (diaphyseal involvement)

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OSTEORADIONECROSIS

Cause: deleterious effect of radiation on osteoblasts, osteoclasts, vascular damage, increased susceptibility of irradiated bone to infection *Time of onset:* 1-3 years following radiation therapy *Dose:* >6,000 cGy in adults; >2,000 cGy in children *✓* focal lytic area with abnormal bone matrix *✓* ± cortical thinning from chronic infection *✓* ± pathologic [fracture](#) *DDx:* neoplastic involvement (soft-tissue mass)

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OSTEOSARCOMA

Most common malignant primary [bone tumor](#) in young adults + children; 2nd most common primary malignant [bone tumor](#) after [multiple myeloma](#)
Prevalence: 4-5:1,000,000; 15% of all primary bone tumors confirmed at biopsy *Types & Frequency*: A. Conventional osteosarcoma: -high-grade intramedullary 75%-telangiectatic 4.5-11%-low-grade intraosseous 4-5%-small cell 1-4%-[osteosarcomatosis](#) 3-4%-gnathic 6-9% B. Surface / juxtacortical osteosarcoma: 4-10%-intracortical rare-parosteal 65%-periosteal 25%-high-grade surface 10% C. Extrasketal 4% D. [Secondary osteosarcoma](#) 5-7% *Prognosis*: dependent on age, sex, tumor size, site, classification; best predictor is degree of tissue necrosis in postresection specimen following chemotherapy (91% survival with tumor necrosis >90%, 14% survival with <90% tumor necrosis)

[Extrasketal Osteosarcoma](#) [High-grade Intramedullary Osteosarcoma](#) [High-grade Surface Osteosarcoma](#) [Intracortical Osteosarcoma](#) [Low-grade Intraosseous Osteosarcoma](#) [Osteosarcoma of Jaw](#) [Osteosarcomatosis](#) [Parosteal Osteosarcoma](#) [Periosteal Osteosarcoma](#) [Secondary Osteosarcoma](#) [Small-cell Osteosarcoma](#) [Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma](#)

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Extraskeletal Osteosarcoma =located within soft tissue without attachment to bone / periosteum *Incidence*:1% of soft-tissue sarcomas *Histo*:variable amounts of neoplastic osteoid + bone + cartilage; frequently associated with [fibrosarcoma](#), [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#), malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor *Mean age*:50 years; 94% >30 years of age; M > F *Location*:lower extremity (thigh in 42-47%), upper extremity (12-23%), retroperitoneum (8-17%), buttock, back, orbit, submental, axilla, abdomen, neck, kidney, breast ■ slowly growing soft-tissue mass ■ painful + tender (25-50%) ■ history of trauma (12-31%): in preexisting [myositis ossificans](#) / site of intramuscular injection ✓ often deep-seated + fixed soft-tissue tumor (average diameter of 9 cm) ✓ focal / massive area of mineralization (>50%) ✓ increased radionuclide [uptake](#) on bone scan *Prognosis*: (1)multiple local recurrences (in 80-90%) after interval of 2 months to 10 years(2)metastases after interval of 1 month to 4 years: lungs (81-100%), lymph nodes (25%), bone, subcutis, liver(3)death within 2-3 years (>50%) with tumor size as major predictor

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High-grade Intramedullary Osteosarcoma = CENTRAL [OSTEOSARCOMA](#) = CONVENTIONAL [OSTEOSARCOMA](#) *Histo*: arising from undifferentiated mesenchymal tissue; forming fibrous / cartilaginous / osseous matrix (mostly mixed) that produces osteoid / immature bone (a) osteoblastic (50-80%) (b) chondroblastic (5-25%) (c) fibroblastic-fibrohistiocytic (7-25%) *Age*: bimodal distribution 10-25 years and >60 years; 21% <10 years; 68% <15 years; 70% between 10 and 30 years; M:F = 3:2 to 2:1; >35 years: related to preexisting condition • painful swelling (1-2 months duration) • fever (frequent) • slight elevation of alkaline phosphatase • [diabetes mellitus](#) (paraneoplastic syndrome) in 25% *Location*: long bones (70-80%), femur (40-45%), tibia (16-20%); 50-55% about knee; proximal humerus (10-15%); cylindrical bone <30 years; flat bone (ilium) >50 years *Site*: origin in metaphysis (90-95%) / diaphysis (2-11%) / epiphysis (<1%); growth through open [physis](#) with extension into epiphysis (75-88%) *Doubling time*: 20-30 day √ usually large bone lesion of >5-6 cm when first detected √ cloudlike density (90%) / almost normal density / osteolytic (fibroblastic type) √ aggressive [periosteal reaction](#): sunburst / hair-on-end / onion-peel = laminated / Codman triangle √ moth-eaten bone destruction + cortical disruption √ soft-tissue mass with tumor new bone (osseous / cartilaginous type) √ transphyseal spread before plate closure (75-88%); [physis](#) does NOT act as a barrier to tumor spread √ spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) (due to subpleural metastases) *NUC* (bone scintigraphy): √ intensely increased activity on blood flow, blood pool, delayed images (hypervascularity, new-bone formation) √ soft-tissue extension demonstrated, especially with SPECT √ bone scan establishes local extent (extent of involvement easily overestimated due to intensity of [uptake](#)), skip lesions, [metastases to bone](#) + soft tissues *CT*: √ soft-tissue attenuation (nonmineralized portion) replacing fatty bone marrow √ low attenuation (higher water content of chondroblastic component / hemorrhage / necrosis) √ very high attenuation (mineralized matrix) *MR* (preferred modality): √ tumor of intermediate signal intensity on T1WI + high signal intensity on T2WI √ clearly defines marrow extent (best on T1WI), vascular involvement, soft-tissue component (best on T2WI) *Evaluate for*: (1) extent of marrow + soft-tissue involvement (2) invasion of epiphysis (3) joint (19-24%) + neurovascular involvement (4) viable tumor + mineralized matrix for biopsy *Metastases* (in 2% at presentation): (a) hematogenous lung metastases (15%): calcifying; spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) secondary to subpleural cavitating nodules rupturing into pleural space (b) lymph nodes, liver, brain (may be calcified) (c) skeletal metastases uncommon (unlike [Ewing sarcoma](#)); skip lesions = discontinuous tumor foci in marrow cavity in 1-25% *Cx*: (1) pathologic [fracture](#) (15-20%) (2) radiation-induced [osteosarcoma](#) (30 years delay) *Rx*: chemotherapy followed by wide surgical resection *Prognosis*: 60-80% 5-year survival (1) amputation: 20% 5-year survival; 15% develop skeletal metastases; 75% dead within <2 years (2) multidrug chemotherapy: 55% 4-year survival more proximal lesions carry higher mortality (0% 2-year survival for axial primary) Predictors of poor outcome: metastasis at presentation, soft-tissue mass >20 cm, pathologic [fracture](#), skip lesions in marrow Predictors of poor response to chemotherapy: no change / increase in size of soft-tissue mass, increase in bone destruction *DDx*: [Osteoid osteoma](#), sclerosing osteomyelitis, Charcot joint

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High-grade Surface Osteosarcoma Location:femur, humerus, fibulaSite:diaphysis[✓] similar to periosteal [osteosarcoma](#)[✓] often involve entire circumference of bone[✓]
frequent invasion of medullary canal*Prognosis*:identical to conventional intramedullary [osteosarcoma](#)

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Intracortical Osteosarcoma Rarest form of [osteosarcoma](#) *Histo*:sclerosing variant of [osteosarcoma](#) which may contain small foci of chondro- or [fibrosarcoma](#) Location:femur, tibia[✓] tumor <4 cm in diameter[✓] intracortical geographic bone lysis[✓] tumor margin may be well defined with thickening of surrounding cortex[✓] metastases in 29%

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Low-grade Intraosseous Osteosarcoma =WELL-DIFFERENTIATED / SCLEROSING [OSTEOSARCOMA](#) Age:most frequently 3rd decade; M:F = 1:1 ■ protracted clinical course with nonspecific symptoms Location:about the knee Site:metaphysis; often with extension into epiphysis¹ may have well-defined margins + sclerotic rim¹ [diffuse sclerosis](#)¹ expansile remodeling of bone¹ subtle signs of aggressiveness: bone lysis, focally indistinct margin, cortical destruction, soft-tissue mass, [periosteal reaction](#) Cx:transformation into high-grade [osteosarcoma](#) DDx:[fibrous dysplasia](#), [nonossifying fibroma](#), [chondrosarcoma](#), [chondromyxoid fibroma](#)

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Osteosarcoma of Jaw =GNATHIC [OSTEOSARCOMA](#) *Average age:34 years (10-15 years older than in conventional [osteosarcoma](#))* *Histo:*chondroblastic predominance (~50%), osteoblastic predominance (~25%); better differentiated (grade 2 or 3) than conventional [osteosarcoma](#) (grade 3 or 4) • simulating periodontal disease: rapidly enlarging mass, lump, swelling • paresthesia (if inferior alveolar nerve involved) • painful / loose teeth, bleeding gum Location:body of mandible (lytic), alveolar ridge of maxilla (sclerotic), maxillary antrum ✓ osteolytic / osteoblastic / mixed pattern ✓ osteoid matrix (60-80%) ✓ aggressive [periosteal reaction](#) for mandibular lesion ✓ soft-tissue mass (100%) ✓ opacification of [maxillary sinus](#) (frequent in maxillary lesions) *Prognosis:*40% 5-year survival rate (lower probability of metastases, lower grade) *DDx:*metastatic disease (lung, breast, kidney), [multiple myeloma](#), direct invasion by contiguous tumor from [oral cavity](#), [Ewing sarcoma](#), primary [lymphoma](#) of bone, [chondrosarcoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#), [acute osteomyelitis](#), ameloblastoma, [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#), [giant cell reparative granuloma](#), "brown tumor" of HPT

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Osteosarcomatosis = MULTIFOCAL [OSTEOSARCOMA](#) = MULTIPLE SCLEROTIC [OSTEOSARCOMA](#) *Etiology:* (a) multicentric type of [osteosarcoma](#) (b) multiple metastatic bone lesions *Classification* (Amstutz): Type I multiple synchronous bone lesions occurring within 5 months + patient ≤ 18 years of age Type II multiple synchronous bone lesions occurring within 5 months + patient > 18 years of age Type III early metachronous metastatic [osteosarcoma](#) occurring 5 to 24 months after diagnosis Type III late metachronous metastatic [osteosarcoma](#) occurring > 24 months after diagnosis *Age:* Amstutz type I = 4-18 (mean 11) years Amstutz type II = 19-63 (mean 30) years *Site:* metaphysis of long bones; may extend into epiphyseal plate / begin in epiphysis \checkmark multicentric simultaneously appearing lesions with a radiologically dominant tumor (97%) \checkmark smaller lesions are densely opaque (osteoblastic) \checkmark lesions bilateral + symmetrical \checkmark early: bone islands \checkmark late: entire metaphysis fills with sclerotic lesions breaking through cortex \checkmark lesions are of same size \checkmark lung metastases (62%) *Prognosis:* uniformly poor with mean survival of 12 (range, 6-37) months *DDx:* heavy metal poisoning, sclerosing osteitis, progressive diaphyseal dysplasia, [melorheostosis](#), [osteopoikilosis](#), bone infarction, [osteopetrosis](#)

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Parosteal Osteosarcoma *Frequency:* 4% of all osteosarcomas; 65% of all juxtacortical osteosarcomas *Origin:* outer layer of periosteum; slowly growing lesion with fulminating course if tumor reaches medullary canal *Histo:* low-grade lesion with higher-grade regions (22-64%), invasion of medullary canal (8-59%); fibrous stroma + extensive osteoid with small foci of cartilage *Age:* peak age 38 years (range of 12-58 years); 50% > age 30 (for central [osteosarcoma](#) 75% < age 30); M:F = 2:3 *Location:* posterior aspect of distal femur (50-65%), either end of tibia, proximal humerus, fibula, rare in other long bones *Site:* metaphysis (80-90%) ■ palpable mass
✓ large lobulated "cauliflower-like" homogeneous ossific mass extending away from cortex ✓ "string sign" = initially fine radiolucent line separating tumor mass from cortex (30-40%) ✓ tumor stalk (= attachment to cortex) grows with tumor obliterating the radiolucent cleavage plane ✓ cortical thickening without aggressive [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ tumor periphery less dense than center (DDx: [myositis ossificans](#) with periphery more dense than center + without attachment to cortex) ✓ large soft-tissue component with osseous + cartilaginous elements *Prognosis:* 80-90% 5- and 10-year survival rates (best prognosis of all osteosarcomas) *DDx:* osteochondroma, [myositis ossificans](#), juxtacortical hematoma, extrasosseous [osteosarcoma](#)

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Periosteal Osteosarcoma *Origin:* deep layer of periosteum *Histo:* intermediate-grade lesion; highly chondroblastic lesion with smaller areas of osteoid formation *Age:* peak 10-20 years (range of 13-70 years) *Location:* femur and tibia (85-95%), ulna and humerus (5-10%) *Site:* diaphysis / metadiaphysis of long bone; limited to periphery of cortex with normal endosteal margin + medullary canal (resembles parosteal sarcoma) *Tumor:* 7-12 cm in length, 2-4 cm in width, involving 50% of osseous circumference *Tumor base:* closely attached to cortex over entire extent of tumor *Appearance:* tumor lies in apparent depression on bone surface causing scalloped surface of thickened diaphyseal cortex *Spicules:* short spicules of new bone perpendicular to shaft extending into broad-based elliptical soft-tissue mass *Characteristics:* solid (cortical thickening) / aggressive [periosteal reaction](#) (Codman triangle) at upper and lower margins of lesion *NO* cortical destruction / medullary cavity invasion *Characteristics:* chondroblastic areas of low attenuation on CT, hypointense on T1WI, very hyperintense on T2WI *Prognosis:* 80-90% cure rate (better prognosis than central [osteosarcoma](#) with 50% 5-year survival but worse than parosteal [osteosarcoma](#)) *DDx:* juxtacortical [chondrosarcoma](#)

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Secondary Osteosarcoma Cause:malignant transformation within benign process(1)[Paget disease](#) (67-90%)0.2-7.5% of patients with [Paget disease](#) develop [osteosarcoma](#) dependent on extent of disease(2)sequela of irradiation (6-22%) 2-40 years ago ([malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) most common; [fibrosarcoma](#) 3rd most common)0.02-4% of patients with radiation therapy develop [osteosarcoma](#) related to exposure dose (usually >1,000 cGy)(3)osteonecrosis, [fibrous dysplasia](#), metallic implants, [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), [chronic osteomyelitis](#), [retinoblastoma](#) (familial bilateral type)*Path*:high-grade anaplastic tissue with little / no mineralizationAge:middle-aged / late adulthoodVaggressive bone destruction in area of preexisting condition associated with large soft-tissue mass*Prognosis*:<5% 5-year survival rate

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Small-cell Osteosarcoma Age:similar to conventional [osteosarcoma](#); M:F = 1:1Histo:small round blue cells (similar to [Ewing sarcoma](#)) lacking cellular [uniformity](#) and consistently producing fine reticular osteoidLocation:distal femurSite:metaphysis with frequent extension into epiphysis; diaphysis (in 15%)[†] predominantly permeative lytic medullary lesion[†] cortical breakthrough[†] aggressive [periosteal reaction](#)[†] associated soft-tissue mass[†]Prognosis:extremely poor

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Telangiectatic Osteosarcoma = MALIGNANT BONE ANEURYSM
Frequency: 4-11% of all osteosarcomas
Age: 3-67 (mean 20) years; M:F = 3:2
Path: malignant osteoid-forming sarcoma of bone with large blood-filled vascular channels
Histo: hemorrhagic + cystic + necrotic spaces occupying >90% of the lesion before therapy; blood-filled cavernous vessels lined with osteoclastic giant cells
Location: about knee (62%); distal femur (48%), proximal tibia (14%), proximal humerus (16%)
Site: metaphysis (90%); extension into epiphysis (87%)
✓ geographic bone destruction with a wide zone of transition
✓ marked aneurysmal expansion of bone (19%)
✓ fluid-fluid levels (90%)
✓ nodular calcific foci of osteoid (61-81%)
✓ "doughnut sign" = peripherally increased uptake with central photopenia on bone scan
DDx: [aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (no enhancing rim of viable tumor along lesion periphery)

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OXALOSIS

Rare inborn error of metabolism *Etiology*:excessive amounts of oxalic acid combine with [calcium](#) and deposit throughout body (kidneys, soft tissue, bone) • hyperoxaluria = urinary [excretion](#) of oxalic acid >50 mg/ day • progressive [renal failure](#) ✓ [osteoporosis](#) = cystic rarefaction + sclerotic margins in tubular bones on metaphyseal side, may extend throughout diaphysis ✓ erosions on concave side of metaphysis near epiphysis (DDx: [hyperparathyroidism](#)) ✓ [bone-within-bone appearance](#) of spine ✓ [nephrocalcinosis](#) (2° HPT: subperiosteal resorption, rugger jersey spine, sclerotic metaphyseal bands) Cx:pathologic fractures

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PACHYDERMOPERIOSTOSIS

=OSTEODERMOPATHIA HYPERTROPHICANS (TOURNAINE-SOLENTE-GOLE) = PRIMARY [HYPERTROPHIC OSTEOARTHROPATHY](#) Autosomal dominant
Age: 3-38 years with progression into late 20s / 30s; M >> F • large skin folds of face + scalp Location: epiphyses + diaphyseal region of tubular bones; distal third of bones of legs + forearms (early); distal phalanges rarely involved ✓ enlargement of [paranasal sinuses](#) ✓ irregular periosteal proliferation of phalanges + distal long bones (hand + feet) beginning in epiphyseal region at tendon / ligament insertions ✓ thick cortex, BUT NO narrowing of medulla ✓ clubbing ✓ may have [acroosteolysis](#) Prognosis: progression ceases after several years DDX: pulmonary osteoarthropathy, [thyroid acropachy](#)

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PAGET DISEASE

=OSTEITIS DEFORMANS = multifocal chronic skeletal disease due to chronic paramyxoviral infection *Prevalence*: 3% of individuals >40 years; 10% of persons >80 years; higher prevalence in northern latitudes *Age*: >55 years (in 3%); >85 years (in 10%); unusual <40 years; M:F = 2:1 *Histo*: increased resorption + increased bone formation; newly formed bone is abnormally soft with disorganized trabecular pattern ("mosaic pattern") causing deformity (a) ACTIVE PHASE = OSTEOLYTIC PHASE = aggressive bone resorption with lytic lesions, replacement of hematopoietic bone marrow by fibrous connective tissue with numerous large vascular channels (b) INACTIVE PHASE = QUIESCENT PHASE = decreased bone turnover with skeletal sclerosis + cortical accretion + loss of excessive vascularity (c) MIXED PATTERN (common) = lytic + sclerotic phases usually coexist ■ asymptomatic (1/5) ■ fatigue ■ enlarged hat size ■ peripheral nerve compression ■ neurologic disorders from compression of brainstem (basilar invagination) ■ hearing loss, blindness, facial palsy (narrowing of neural foramina) - rare ■ pain from (a) primary disease process - rare (b) pathologic [fracture](#) (c) malignant transformation (d) degenerative joint disease / rheumatic disorder aggravated by skeletal deformity ■ local hyperthermia of overlying skin ■ high-output [congestive heart failure](#) from markedly increased perfusion (rare) ■ increased alkaline phosphatase (increased bone formation) ■ hydroxyproline increased (increased bone resorption) ■ normal serum [calcium](#) + [phosphorus](#) Sites: usually polyostotic + asymmetric; pelvis (75%) > lumbar spine > [thoracic spine](#) > proximal femur > calvarium > scapula > distal femur > proximal tibia > proximal humerus *Sensitivity*: scintigraphy + radiography (60%) scintigraphy only (27%) radiography only (13%) ✓ thick coarse trabeculae + cortical thickening ✓ cystlike areas (fat-filled marrow cavity / blood-filled sinusoids / liquefactive degeneration + necrosis of proliferating fibrous tissue) @ Skull (involvement in 29-65%) ✓ inner + outer table involved ✓ diploic widening ✓ [osteoporosis](#) circumscripta = well-defined lysis, most commonly in calvarium anteriorly, occasionally in long bones (destructive active stage) ✓ "cotton wool" appearance = mixed lytic + blastic pattern of thickened calvarium (late stage) ✓ basilar invagination with encroachment on [foramen magnum](#) ✓ deossification + sclerosis in maxilla ✓ sclerosis of base of skull @ Long bones (almost invariable at end of bone; rarely in diaphysis) ✓ "candle flame" / "blade of grass" lysis = advancing tip of V-shaped lytic defect in diaphysis of long bone originating in subarticular site (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ lateral curvature of femur, anterior curvature of tibia (commonly resulting in [fracture](#)) @ Small / flat bones ✓ bubbly destruction + periosteal successive layering @ Pelvis ✓ thickened trabeculae in sacrum, ilium; rarefaction in central portion of ilium ✓ thickening of iliopsoas line ✓ acetabular protrusion (DDx: metastatic disease not deforming) + secondary degenerative joint disease @ Spine (upper cervical, low dorsal, midlumbar) ✓ lytic / coarse trabeculations at periphery of bone ✓ "picture-frame vertebra" = [bone-within-bone appearance](#) = enlarged square vertebral body with reinforced peripheral trabeculae + radiolucent inner aspect, typically in lumbar spine ✓ "[ivory vertebra](#)" = blastic vertebra with increased density ✓ ossification of spinal ligaments, paravertebral soft tissue, disk spaces Bone scan: ✓ usually markedly increased [uptake](#) (symptomatic lesions strikingly positive) ✓ normal scan in some sclerotic burned-out lesions ✓ marginal [uptake](#) in lytic lesions ✓ enlargement + deformity of bones Bone marrow scan: ✓ sulfur colloid bone marrow [uptake](#) is decreased (marrow replacement by cellular fibrovascular tissue) MR: ✓ hypointense area / area of signal void on T1WI + T2WI (cortical thickening, coarse trabeculation) ✓ widening of bone ✓ reduction in size + signal intensity of medullary cavity (replacement of high-signal-intensity fatty marrow by increased medullary bone formation) ✓ focal areas of higher signal intensity than fatty marrow (= cystlike fat-filled marrow spaces) ✓ areas of decreased signal intensity within marrow on T1WI + increased intensity on T2WI (= fibrovascular tissue resembling granulation tissue) Cx: (1) Associated neoplasia (0.7-20%) (a) sarcomatous transformation into [osteosarcoma](#) (22-90%), [fibrosarcoma](#) / [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) (29-51%), [chondrosarcoma](#) (1-15%) ✓ osteolysis in pelvis, femur, humerus (b) [giant cell tumor](#) (3-10%) ✓ lytic expansile lesion in skull, facial bones (c) [lymphoma](#), plasma cell myeloma (2) [Fracture](#) (a) "banana [fracture](#)" = tiny horizontal cortical infarctions on convex surfaces of lower extremity long bones (lateral bowing of femur, anterior bowing of tibia); (b) compression fractures of vertebrae (soft bone despite increased density) (3) Extradural spinal block (bone-forming phase / compression fractures) with neurologic deficits (4) Early-onset [osteoarthritis](#) Rx: [calcitonin](#), diphosphonate, mithramycin *Detection of recurrence*: (a) in 1/3 detected by bone scan (b) in 1/3 detected by biomarkers (alkaline phosphatase, urine hydroxyproline) (c) in 1/3 by scan + biomarkers simultaneously ✓ diffuse (most common) / focal increase in tracer [uptake](#) ✓ extension of [uptake](#) beyond boundaries of initial lesion DDx: Osteosclerotic metastases, [Hodgkin disease](#), vertebral [hemangioma](#)

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PARAOSTEOARTHROPATHY

=HETEROTOPIC BONE FORMATION = ECTOPIC OSSIFICATION = [MYOSITIS OSSIFICANS](#) Common complication following surgical manipulation, total hip replacement (62%) and chronic immobilization (spinal cord injury / neuromuscular disorders) *Mechanism*: pluripotent mesenchymal cell lays down matrix for formation of heterotopic bone similar to endosteal bone *Causes*: para- / quadriplegia (40-50%), [myelomeningocele](#), [poliomyelitis](#), severe head injury, cerebrovascular disease, CNS infections (tetanus, rabies), surgery (commonly following total hip replacement) *Evolution*: calcifications seen 4-10 weeks following insult; progression for 6-14 months; trabeculations by 2-3 months; stable lamellar bone ankylosis in 5% by 12-18 months ∇ largest quantity of calcifications around joints, especially hip, along fascial planes ∇ disuse [osteoporosis](#) of lower extremities ∇ renal calculi (elevation of serum [calcium](#) levels) *Radiographic grading system* (Brooker): 0 no [soft-tissue ossification](#) I separate small foci of ossification II >1 cm gap between opposing bone surfaces of heterotopic ossifications III <1 cm gap between opposing bone surfaces IV bridging ossification Bone scan: ∇ tracer accumulation in ectopic bone ∇ assessment of maturity for optimal time of surgical resection (indicated by same amount of [uptake](#) as normal bone) Cx: Ankylosis in 5% Rx: 1000-2000 rad within 4 days following surgical removal

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PHENYLKETONURIA

High incidence of x-ray changes in phenylalanine-restricted infants: ✓ metaphyseal cupping of long bones (30-50%), especially wrist ✓ calcific spicules extending vertically from metaphysis into epiphyseal cartilage (DDx to [rickets](#)) ✓ sclerotic metaphyseal margins ✓ [osteoporosis](#) ✓ delayed skeletal maturation DDx: [Homocystinuria](#)

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PHOSPHORUS POISONING

Etiology:(1)ingestion of metallic [phosphorus](#) (yellow [phosphorus](#))(2)treatment of rachitis or TB with phosphorized cod liver oilLocation:long tubular bones, ilium¹/
multiple transverse lines (intermittent treatment with [phosphorus](#))¹ lines disappear after some years

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PIERRE ROBIN SYNDROME

May be associated with: CHD, defects of eye and ear, [hydrocephalus](#), [microcephaly](#) • glossoptosis[✓] [micrognathia](#) = hypoplastic receding mandible[✓] arched ± cleft palate[✓] rib pseudarthrosis Cx: [airway](#) obstruction (relatively large tongue), aspiration

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PIGMENTED VILLONODULAR SYNOVITIS

=PVNS = benign highly vascular synovial proliferation
Cause: frequent history of antecedent trauma
Histo: (1) hyperplasia of undifferentiated connective tissue with multinucleated large cells ingesting hemosiderin / lipid (foam / giant cells) (2) villonodular appearance of synovial membrane ± fibrosis (3) pressure erosion / invasion of adjoining bone
Age: mainly 2nd-4th decade (range 12-68 years); 50% <40 years; M < F
■ hemorrhagic "chocolate" effusion without trauma
■ insidious onset of swelling, pain of long duration
■ decreased range of motion, joint locking
Location: knee, ankle, hip, elbow, [shoulder](#), tarsal + carpal joints; predominantly monoarticular (DDx: degenerative arthritis)
✓ soft-tissue swelling around joint (effusion + synovial proliferation)
✓ dense soft-tissues (hemosiderin deposits)
✓ subchondral pressure erosion at margins of joint
✓ multiple sites of deossification appearing as cysts
✓ NO calcifications, [osteoporosis](#), joint space narrowing (until late)
MR: ✓ masses of synovial tissue in a joint with effusion
✓ scalloping / truncation of prefemoral fat pad
✓ predominantly low signal intensity on all sequences (due to presence of iron) is
CHARACTERISTIC ✓ often heterogeneous low + high signal intensity on T2WI (hemosiderin deposits in masses + para-articular fat)
DDx: hemosiderin deposits in other diseases (eg, [rheumatoid arthritis](#))
Rx: synovectomy, arthrodesis, arthroplasty, radiation
DDx: Synovial sarcoma (solitary calcified mass outside joint); synovial [hemangioma](#)
INTRA-ARTICULAR LOCALIZED NODULAR SYNOVITIS = synovial lining without hemosiderin

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POLAND SYNDROME

May be associated with: aplasia of mamilla / breast Autosomal recessive ∇ unilateral absence of the sternocostal head of the pectoralis major muscle ∇ ipsilateral [syndactyly](#) + [brachydactyly](#) ∇ rib anomalies

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POLIOMYELITIS

✓ [osteoporosis](#) ✓ [soft-tissue calcification](#) / ossification ✓ [intervertebral disk calcification](#) ✓ rib erosion commonly on superior margin of 3rd + 4th rib (secondary to pressure from scapula) ✓ "bamboo" spine (resembling [ankylosing spondylitis](#)) ✓ sacroiliac joint narrowing

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POPLITEAL CYST

=BAKER CYST = synovial cyst in the posterior aspect of knee joint communicating with posterior joint capsule *Prevalence*: 19% in general orthopedic patients, 61% in patients with [rheumatoid arthritis](#) *Pathophysiology*: formed by escape of synovial effusion into one of the bursae; fluid trapped by one-way valvular mechanism (a) Bunsen-type valve = expanding cyst compresses the communicating channel (b) ball-type valve = ball composed of fibrin + cellular debris plugs the communication channel *Etiology*: (1) arthritis ([rheumatoid arthritis](#) most common) (2) internal derangement (meniscal / anterior cruciate ligament tears) (3) [pigmented villonodular synovitis](#) ■ pseudothrombophlebitis syndrome (= pain + swelling in calf) ■ cellulitis (after leakage / rupture) *Location*: (a) gastrocnemio-semimembranous bursa = posterior to gastrocnemius muscle at level of medial condyle (b) supralateral bursa = between lateral head of gastrocnemius muscle + distal end of biceps muscle superior to lateral condyle (uncommon) (c) popliteal bursa = beneath lateral meniscus + anterior to popliteal muscle (uncommon) ✓ communication with bursa (documented on arthrogram) ✓ hypointense collection on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI *Types*: 1. Intact cyst ✓ smooth contour 2. Dissected cyst ✓ smooth contour extending along fascial planes (usually between gastrocnemius + soleus) 3. Ruptured cyst ✓ leakage into calf tissues *DDx of other synovial cysts about the knee*: (1) Meniscal cyst (at lateral / medial side of joint line; associated with horizontal cleavage tears) (2) Tibiofibular cyst (at proximal tibiofibular joint which communicates with knee joint in 10%) (3) Cruciate cyst (surrounding anterior / posterior cruciate ligaments following ligamentous injury)

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PROGERIA

=HUTCHINSON-GILFORD SYNDROME=autosomal recessive inheritance; most commonly in populations with consanguineous marriages (Japanese, Jewish)
Age: shortly after adolescence; M:F = 1:1
Characteristic habitus + stature: • symmetric retardation of growth • absent adolescent growth spurt • dwarf with short stature + light body weight • spindly extremities with stocky trunk • beak-shaped nose + shallow orbits
Premature senescence: • birdlike appearance • graying of hair + premature baldness • hyperpigmentation • voice alteration • diffuse arteriosclerosis • bilateral cataracts • [osteoporosis](#)
Scleroderma-like skin changes: • atrophic skin + muscles • circumscribed hyperkeratosis • telangiectasia • tight skin • cutaneous ulcerations • localized soft-tissue calcifications
Endocrine abnormalities: • diabetes • hypogonadism
Skull: • generalized [osteoporosis](#) • thin cranial vault • delayed sutural closure + [wormian bones](#)
Hypoplastic facial bones (maxilla + mandible)
Chest: • narrow thorax + slender ribs • progressive resorption with fibrous replacement of outer portions of thinned clavicles (HALLMARK) • coronary artery + heart valve calcifications with cardiac enlargement
Extremities & joints: • short + slender long bones • coxa valga • valgus of humeral head • [acroosteolysis](#) of terminal phalanges (occasionally) • flexion + extension deformities of toes (hallux valgus, pes planus) • excessive degenerative joint disease of major + peripheral joints • neurotrophic joint lesions (feet) • widespread osteomyelitis + [septic arthritis](#) (hands, feet, limbs)
Soft tissue: • soft-tissue atrophy of extremities • soft-tissue calcifications around bony prominences (ankle, wrist, elbow, knee) • peripheral vascular calcifications = premature atherosclerosis
Prognosis: most patients die in their 30s / 40s from complications of arteriosclerosis ([myocardial infarction](#), [stroke](#)) or neoplasm (sarcoma, [meningioma](#), [thyroid carcinoma](#))
DDx: [Cockayne syndrome](#) (mental retardation, retinal atrophy, deafness, family history)

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PSEUDOACHONDROPLASIA

- normal face + head ✓ limb shortening ✓ irregular epiphyses ✓ scoliosis ✓ coxa vara ✓ marked shortening of bones in hands + feet
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PSEUDOFRACTURES

=LOOSER LINES = LOOSER ZONES = OSTEOID SEAMS = MILKMAN SYNDROME = insufficiency stress fractures + nonunion (incomplete healing due to mineral deficiency)
Path: area of unmineralized woven bone occurring at sites of mechanical stress / nutrient vessel entry
Associated with: (1) [Osteomalacia / rickets](#) (2) [Paget disease](#) ("banana fracture") (3) [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) tarda (4) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (5) Organic renal disease in 1% (6) Renal tubular dysfunction (7) Congenital [hypophosphatasia](#) (8) Congenital hyperphosphatasia ("juvenile [Paget disease](#)") (9) Vitamin D [malabsorption](#) / deficiency (10) [Neurofibromatosis](#) *mnemonic:* "POOF"
Paget disease **O**steomalacia **O**steogenesis imperfecta **F**ibrous dysplasia
Common locations: scapulae (axillary margin, lateral + superior margin), medial femoral neck + shaft, pubic + ischial rami, ribs, lesser trochanter, ischial tuberosity, proximal 1/3 of ulna, distal 1/3 of radius, phalanges, metatarsals, metacarpals, clavicle
✓ typically bilateral + symmetric at right angles to bone margin
✓ paralleled by marginal sclerosis in later stages
✓ healing [fracture](#) with little or no callus response
✓ 2-3 mm stripe of lucency at right angle to cortex (= osteoid seams formed within stress-induced infractions (PATHOGNOMONIC) + nonunion (= incomplete healing due to mineral deficiency)

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PSEUDOHYPOPARATHYROIDISM

=PHypoPT = congenital X-linked dominant abnormality with renal + skeletal resistance to PTH due to (1) end organ resistance (2) presence of antienzymes (3) defective hormone. May be associated with: [hyperparathyroidism](#) due to hypocalcemia; F > M ■ short obese stature ■ mental retardation ■ corneal + lenticular opacity ■ abnormal dentition (hypoplasia, delayed eruption, excessive caries) ■ hypocalcemia + hyperphosphatemia (resistant to PTH injection) ■ normal levels of PTH
 ✓ [brachydactyly](#) in bones in which epiphysis appears latest (metacarpal, metatarsal bones I, IV, V) (75%) ✓ accelerated epiphyseal maturation resulting in [dwarfism](#) + coxa vara / valga ✓ multiple diaphyseal exostoses (occasionally) ✓ calcification of basal ganglia + dentate nucleus ✓ calcification / ossification of skin + subcutaneous

	PHypoPT	PPHypoPT
✓ calcification of basal ganglia	44%	8%
✓ soft-tissue calcifications	55%	40%
✓ metacarpal shortening (4 + 5 always involved)	75%	90%
✓ metatarsal shortening (3 + 4 involved)	70%	99%

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PSEUDOPSEUDOHYPOPARATHYROIDISM

=PPHypoPT = different expression of same familial disturbance with identical clinical + radiographic features as [pseudohypoparathyroidism](#) • short stature, round facies • NO blood chemical changes (normal [calcium](#) + [phosphorus](#)) • normal response to injection of PTH • [brachydactyly](#)

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PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

Uncommon disease involving synovium + ligamentous attachments with propensity for [sacroiliitis](#) / spondylitis classified as seronegative spondyloarthropathy 6/c
Incidence: <5% of patients with psoriasis (peripheral arthritis in 5%, [sacroiliitis](#) in 29%, peripheral arthritis + [sacroiliitis](#) in 10%)
Path: synovial inflammation (less prominent than in [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) with early [fibrosis](#) of proliferative synovium; bony proliferation at joint margins / tendon insertions / subperiosteum
Types: (1) true psoriatic arthritis (31%) (2) psoriatic arthritis resembling [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (38%) (3) concomitant rheumatoid + psoriatic arthritis (31%)
● skin rash precedes / develops simultaneously with onset of arthritis in 85%
● Arthritis antedates dermatological changes by an interval of up to 20 years!
● pitting, discoloration, hyperkeratosis, subungual separation, ridging of nails (in 80%)
● positive HLA-B27 in 80%
● negative rheumatoid factor
Location: widely variable distribution + asymmetry with involvement of lower + upper extremities
distinctive pattern: terminal interphalangeal joints, ray distribution, unilateral polyarticular asymmetrical distribution
✓ NO / minimal juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) (early stage); frequent [osteoporosis](#) (later stages)
✓ [periosteal reaction](#) frequent @ Hand + foot
Target area: DIP, PIP, MCP
✓ "sausage digit" = soft-tissue swelling of entire digit
✓ asymmetrical destruction of distal interphalangeal joints (erosive polyarthritis) + osseous resorption
✓ bony ankylosis (10%)
✓ "pencil-in-cup" deformity = erosions with ill-defined margins + adjacent proliferation at periosteal new bone (CHARACTERISTIC)
✓ ivory phalanx = sclerosis of terminal phalanx (28%)
✓ destruction of interphalangeal joint of 1st toe with exuberant [periosteal reaction](#) + bony proliferation at distal phalangeal base (PATHOGNOMONIC)
✓ poorly defined diffuse new bone formation at attachment of Achilles tendon + plantar aponeurosis
✓ erosions at superior / posterior margin of calcaneus (20%)
✓ [acroosteolysis](#) (occasionally) @ Axial skeleton
✓ "floating" osteophyte = large bulky vertically oriented asymmetrical paravertebral [soft-tissue calcification](#) involving the disk annulus (not endplates), separate from edges of vertebrae
Location: lower cervical, thoracic, upper lumbar spine
✓ squaring of vertebrae in lumbar region
✓ [sacroiliitis](#) (40%) = asymmetrical / unilateral [sacroiliac joint widening](#), increased density, fusion
✓ apophyseal joint narrowing + sclerosis
✓ [atlantoaxial subluxation](#) + odontoid abnormalities
DDx: (1) [Reiter syndrome](#) (affects only lower extremity) (2) [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (bilaterally symmetric well-defined erosions, juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#))

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PYKNODYSOSTOSIS

=autosomal recessive disease; probably variant of [cleidocranial dysostosis](#) Age: children; M:F = 2:1 • [dwarfism](#) (resembling [osteopetrosis](#)) • mental retardation (10%) • widened hands + feet • dystrophic nails • yellowish discoloration of teeth • characteristic facies (beaked nose, receding jaw) ✓ brachycephaly + [platybasia](#) ✓ wide cranial sutures, [wormian bones](#) ✓ thick skull base ✓ hypoplasia of mandible + obtuse mandibular angle ✓ hypoplasia + nonpneumatization of [paranasal sinuses](#) ✓ nonsegmentation of C1/2 and L5/S1 ✓ generalized increased density of long bones with thickened cortices ✓ clavicular dysplasia ✓ hypoplastic tapered terminal tufts ✓ multiple spontaneous fractures DDX: (1) [Osteopetrosis](#) (no mandibular / skull abnormality, no phalangeal hypoplasia, no transverse metaphyseal bands, anemia, [Erlenmeyer flask deformity](#); "bone-within-bone" appearance) (2) [Cleidocranial dysostosis](#) (no dense bones / terminal phalangeal hypoplasia, short stature)

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RADIATION INJURY TO BONE

Pathogenesis: vascular compromise with obliterative endarteritis + periarteritis followed by damage to osteoblasts with decreased matrix production (growing bone + periosteal new bone most sensitive) *Dose effects:* >300 rad: microscopic changes >400 rad: growth retardation <600-1200 rad: histological recovery retained >1200 rad: pronounced cellular damage to chondrocytes; bone marrow atrophy + cartilage degeneration after >6 months; vascular [fibrosis](#). **BONE GROWTH DISTURBANCE**
✓ growth plate widening in 1-2 months, often returning to normal by 6 months ✓ joint space widening after 8-10 months ✓ metaphyseal bowing ✓ ricketlike irregularity + fraying of metaphysis ✓ abnormal tubulation + premature fusion of [physis](#). **B. RADIATION OSTEITIS**= bone mottling due to [osteopenia](#) + coarse trabeculation + focally increased bone density ✓ [osteopenia](#) about 1 year after radiation ✓ periostitis ✓ increased fragility with sclerosis (= insufficiency fx) ✓ [avascular necrosis](#) ✓ [osteoradionecrosis](#) MR: ✓ increased intensity of spinal bone marrow on T1WI + T2WI corresponding to radiation port (fatty infiltration) *DDx:* recurrent malignancy, radiation-induced sarcoma, infection. **C. BENIGN NEOPLASM** Most likely in patients <2 years of age at treatment; with doses of 1600-6425 rads *Latent period:* 1.5-14 years 1. Exostosis = Osteochondroma 2. [Osteoblastoma](#). **D. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM=RADIATION-INDUCED SARCOMA** *Latency period:* 3-55 (average of 11-14) years *Minimum dose:* 1,660-3,000 rad *Criteria:* (a) malignancy occurring within irradiated field (b) latency period of >5 years (c) histologic proof of sarcoma (d) microscopic evidence of altered histology of the original lesion *Histo:* 1. [Osteosarcoma](#) (90%) = 4-11% of all osteogenic sarcomas 2. [Fibrosarcoma](#) > [chondrosarcoma](#) > [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) • pain, soft-tissue mass, rapid progression of lesion

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REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY

=CAUSALGIA = [SHOULDER-HAND SYNDROME](#) = POSTTRAUMATIC [OSTEOPOROSIS](#) = SUDECK DYSTROPHY=serious + potentially disabling condition with poorly understood origin + cause *Etiology*: (1)Trauma in >50% ([fracture](#), [frostbite](#); may be trivial) affects 0.01% of all trauma patients(2)Idiopathic in 27% (immobilization, infection)(3)[Myocardial ischemia](#) in 6%(4)CNS disorders in 6% affects 12-21% of patients with hemiplegia(5)Discogenic disease in 5% • burning pain, tenderness, allodynia, hyperpathia • soft-tissue swelling ± pitting edema out of proportion to degree of injury • dystrophic skin + nail changes • sudomotor changes: hyperhidrosis + hypertrichosis • vasomotor instability ([Raynaud phenomenon](#), local vasoconstriction / -dilatation) • end-stage (after 6-12 months): contractures, atrophy of skin + soft tissues Location: hands and feet distal to injury ✓ periarticular soft-tissue swelling ✓ patchy [osteopenia](#) (50%) as early as 2-3 weeks after onsets of symptoms (DDx: disuse [osteopenia](#)) ✓ generalized [osteopenia](#) = ground-glass appearance (endosteal + intracortical excavation; subperiosteal bone resorption; lysis of juxta-articular + subchondral bone)NUC (3-phase bone scan): ✓ increased flow + increased blood pool + increase in periarticular [uptake](#) on delayed images in affected part (60%) ✓ diminished flow / delayed [uptake](#) (15-20%)Rx:sympathetic block, a-/b-adrenergic blocking agents, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, radiation therapy, hypnosis, acupuncture, acupressure, transcutaneous nerve stimulation, physiotherapy, [calcitonin](#), corticosteroids, early mobilization

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REITER SYNDROME

=triad of (1) arthritis (2) uveitis (3) urethritis; 98% male Types: (1)endemic (venereal)(2)epidemic (postdysenteric) ■ Hx of sexual exposure / diarrhea 3-11 days before onset of urethritis ■ mucocutaneous lesions (keratosis blennorrhagia, balanitis circinata sicca) ■ uveitis, conjunctivitis ■ positive HLA-B27 in 76% Location: asymmetric mono- / pauciarticular polyarthritis articular soft-tissue swelling + joint space narrowing in 50% (particularly knees, ankles, feet) widening + inflammation of Achilles + patella tendons "fluffy" [periosteal reaction](#) (DISTINCTIVE) at metatarsal necks, proximal phalanges, calcaneal spur, tibia + fibula at ankle and knee juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) (rare in acute stage) CHRONIC CHANGES ■ recurrent joint attacks in a few cases calcaneal spur at insertion of plantar fascia + Achilles tendon periarticular deossification marginal erosions, loss of joint space bilateral sacroiliac changes indistinguishable from ankylosing / psoriatic spondylitis isolated osteophyte usually in thoracolumbar area, separated from vertebral body Cx: [gastric ulcer](#) + hemorrhage; aortic incompetence; heart block; [amyloidosis](#)

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RELAPSING POLYCHONDritis

=generalized recurring inflammation + destruction of cartilage in joints, ears, nose, [larynx](#), airways *Etiology*: acquired metabolic disorder (? abnormal acid mucopolysaccharide metabolism / hypersensitivity / altered immunity *Histo*: loss of cytoplasm in chondrocytes; plasma cell + lymphocyte infiltration ● saddle-nose deformity ● swollen + tender ears, cauliflower ears ● hearing loss (obstruction of external auditory meatus) ● cough, hoarseness, dyspnea (collapse of trachea) ● arthralgia @Head ✓ calcification of pinna of ear @Chest ✓ ectasia + collapsibility with narrowing of trachea and mainstem bronchi ✓ generalized + localized [emphysema](#) ✓ [aortic aneurysm](#) (10%), mostly in ascending aorta, may be multiple / dissecting ✓ costochondritis @Bone ✓ periarticular [osteoporosis](#) ✓ erosive changes in [carpal bones](#) resembling [rheumatoid arthritis](#) ✓ soft-tissue swelling around joints + styloid process of ulna ✓ erosive irregularities in sacroiliac joints ✓ disk space erosion + increased density of articular plates *Rx*: corticosteroids

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RENAL OSTEODYSTROPHY

=constellation of musculoskeletal abnormalities that occur with [chronic renal failure](#) as a combination of (a) [osteomalacia](#) (adults) / [rickets](#) (children) (b) 2° HPT with osteitis cystica fibrosa + soft-tissue calcifications (c) osteosclerosis (d) soft-tissue + vascular calcifications *Classification:* (1) Glomerular form = acquired renal disease: [chronic glomerulonephritis](#) (common) (2) Tubular form = [congenital renal osteodystrophy](#): 1. Vitamin D-resistant [rickets](#) = hypophosphatemic [rickets](#) 2. Fanconi syndrome = impaired resorption of glucose, phosphate, amino acids, bicarbonate, uric acid, sodium, water 3. [Renal tubular acidosis](#) *Pathogenesis:* (a) Renal insufficiency causes a decrease in vitamin D conversion into the active 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (done by 25-OH-D-1- α hydroxylase, which is exclusive to renal tissue mitochondria); vitamin D deficiency slows intestinal [calcium](#) absorption; *vitamin D resistance predominates* and [calcium](#) levels stay low (Ca x P product remains almost normal secondary to hyperphosphatemia); low [calcium](#) levels lead to [OSTEOMALACIA](#); additional factors responsible for [osteomalacia](#) are inhibitors to calcification produced in the uremic state, aluminium toxicity, dysfunction of hepatic enzyme system (b) Renal insufficiency with diminished filtration results in phosphate retention; maintenance of Ca x P product lowers serum [calcium](#) directly, which in turn increases PTH production (2° HPT); 2° HPT predominates associated with mild vitamin D resistance and leads to an increase in Ca x P product with [SOFT-TISSUE CALCIFICATION](#) in kidney, lung, joints, bursae, blood vessels, heart as well as OSTEITIS FIBROSA (c) Mixture of (a) and (b): increased serum phosphate inhibits vitamin D activation via feedback regulation • phosphate retention • hypocalcemia A. [OSTEOPENIA](#) (in 0-25-83%) = diminution in number of trabeculae + thickening of stressed trabeculae = increased trabecular pattern *Cause:* combined effect of (1) [Osteomalacia](#) (reduced bone mineralization due to acquired insensitivity to vitamin D / antivitamin D factor) (2) [Osteitis fibrosa cystica](#) (bone resorption) (3) [Osteoporosis](#) (decrease in bone quantity) *Contributing factors:* chronic metabolic acidosis, poor nutritional status, pre- and posttransplantation azotemia, use of steroids, [hyperparathyroidism](#), low vitamin D levels Cx: [fracture](#) predisposition (lessened structural strength) with minor trauma / spontaneously; [fracture](#) prevalence increases with duration of hemodialysis + remains unchanged after renal transplantation Site: vertebral body (3-25%), pubic ramus, rib (5-25%) Milkman [fracture](#) / Looser zones (in 1%) metaphyseal fractures *Prognosis:* [osteopenia](#) may remain unchanged / worsen after renal transplantation + during hemodialysis B. [RICKETS](#) (children) *Cause:* in CRF normal vessels fail to develop orderly along cartilage columns in zone of provisional calcification; this results in disorganized proliferation of the zone of maturing + hypertrophying cartilage and disturbed endochondral calcification Location: most apparent in areas of rapid growth such as knee joints / diffuse bone demineralization / widening of growth plate / irregular zone of provisional calcification / metaphyseal cupping + fraying / bowing of long bones, scoliosis / diffuse concave impression at multiple vertebral endplates, basilar invagination / slipped epiphysis (10%): capital femoral, proximal humerus, distal femur, distal radius, heads of metacarpals + metatarsals / general delay in bone age C. SECONDARY HPT (in 6-66%) *Cause:* inability of kidneys to adequately excrete phosphate leads to hyperplasia of parathyroid chief cells (2° HPT); excess PTH affects the development of osteoclasts, osteoblasts, osteocytes • hyperphosphatemia • hypocalcemia • increased PTH levels / subperiosteal, cortical, subchondral, trabecular, endosteal, subligamentous bone resorption / osteoclastoma = brown tumor = osteitis fibrosa cystica in 1.5-1.7% (due to PTH-stimulated osteoclastic activity; more common in 1° HPT) / periosteal new-bone formation (8-25%) / [chondrocalcinosis](#) (more common in 1° HPT) D. OSTEOSCLEROSIS (9-34%) One of the most common radiologic manifestations; most commonly with [chronic glomerulonephritis](#); may be the sole manifestation of renal osteodystrophy / diffuse chalky density: thoracolumbar spine in 60% (rugged jersey spine); also in pelvis, ribs, long bones, facial bones, base of skull (children) *Prognosis:* may increase / regress after renal transplantation E. SOFT-TISSUE CALCIFICATIONS (a) metastatic secondary to hyperphosphatemia (solubility product for [calcium](#) + phosphate [Ca²⁺ x PO₄⁻²] exceeds 60-75 mg/dL in extracellular fluid), [hypercalcemia](#), alkalosis with precipitation of [calcium](#) salts (b) dystrophic secondary to local tissue injury Location: (a) arterial (27-83%): in medial + intimal elastic tissue Location: dorsal pedis a., forearm, hand, wrist, [leg](#) / pipestem appearance without prominent luminal involvement (b) periarticular (0-52%): multifocal, frequently symmetric, may extend into adjacent joint • chalky fluid / pastelike material • inflammatory response in surrounding tenosynovial tissue / discrete cloudlike dense areas / fluid-fluid level in [tumoral calcinosis](#) *Prognosis:* often regresses with treatment (c) visceral (79%): heart, lung, stomach, kidney / fluffy amorphous "tumoral" calcification Rx: 1. Decrease of [phosphorus](#) absorption in bowel (in hyperphosphatemia) 2. Vitamin D₃ administration (if vitamin D resistance predominates) 3. Parathyroidectomy for 3° HPT (= autonomous HPT)

[Congenital Renal Osteodystrophy](#)

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Congenital Renal Osteodystrophy Vitamin D-Resistant Rickets = PHOSPHATE DIABETES = PRIMARY HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA = FAMILIAL HYPOPHOSPHATEMIC RICKETS = rare X-linked dominant disorder of renal tubular reabsorption characterized by (1) impaired resorption of phosphate in proximal renal tubule (due to defect in renal brush-border membrane) (2) inappropriately low synthesis of 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D₃ [1,25(OH)₂D₃] in renal tubules resulting in decreased intestinal resorption of [calcium](#) + phosphate Age: <1 year • hypophosphatemia + hyperphosphaturia • elevated serum alkaline phosphatase • normal plasma + urine [calcium](#) • normal / low serum 1,25(OH)₂D₃ ✓ classic rachitic changes ✓ skeletal deformity, particularly bowed legs ✓ retarded bone age; [dwarfism](#) if untreated ✓ osteosclerosis / bone thickening (from overabundance of incompletely calcified matrix) Rx: phosphate infusion + large doses of vitamin D DDX: vitamin-D-deficient and -dependent [rickets](#) (absence of muscle weakness + seizures + tetany) **Fanconi Syndrome** Triad of (1) hyperphosphaturia (2) amino aciduria (3) renal glucosuria (normal blood glucose) *Etiology*: renal tubular defect ✓ [rickets](#), [osteomalacia](#), osteitis fibrosa, osteosclerosis *Prognosis*: functional renal impairment likely when bone changes occur Rx: large doses of vitamin D + alkalinization **Renal Tubular Acidosis** • systemic acidosis, bone lesions ✓ [rickets](#), [osteomalacia](#), [pseudofractures](#), [nephrocalcinosis](#), osteitis fibrosa (rare) (a) Lightwood syndrome = salt-losing nephritis (self-limited form) • NO [nephrocalcinosis](#) (b) Butler-Albright syndrome (severe form) • [nephrocalcinosis](#)

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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

=generalized [connective tissue disease](#)=Type III hypersensitivity = delayed hypersensitivity=immune complex disease (= formation of antigen-antibody complexes with complement fixation) *Cause*:genetic predisposition; ? reaction to antigen from Epstein-Barr virus / certain strains of E. coli *Age*:highest incidence 40-50 years; M:F = 1:3 if <40 years; M:F = 1:1 if >40 years *Pathogenesis*:injury to synovial endothelial cells; synovitis with synovial hypertrophy leads to impaired nutrition with chondronecrosis, joint narrowing, subluxation, and ankylosis *Diagnostic criteria* of American Rheumatism Association (at least 4 criteria should be present): (1) morning stiffness for ≥ 1 hour (2) swelling of ≥ 3 joints, particularly of wrist, metatarsophalangeal or proximal interphalangeal joints for >6 weeks (3) symmetric swelling (4) typical radiographic changes (5) rheumatoid nodules (6) positive rheumatoid factor ■ morning stiffness ■ fatigue, weight loss, anemia ■ [carpal tunnel syndrome](#) ■ rheumatoid factor (positive in 85-94%) = IgM-antibody= agglutination of sensitized sheep RBCs closely correlating with disease severity; false positive: normal (5%), asbestos workers with fibrosing alveolitis (25%), viral / bacterial / parasitic infection, other inflammatory diseases ■ antinuclear antibodies (positive in many) ■ LE cells (positive in some) ■ positive latex flocculation test ■ hormonal influence:(a)decrease in activity during pregnancy(b)men with RA have low testosterone levels *Location*:symmetric involvement of diarthrodial joints *Target areas*: all five MCP, PIP, interphalangeal joint of thumb, all wrist compartments (especially radiocarpal, inferior radioulnar, pisiform-triquetral joints); medial aspect of MTP + interphalangeal joints of foot (esp. great toe); earliest changes seen in 2nd + 3rd MCP, 3rd PIP *EARLY SIGNS*: ✓ fusiform periarticular soft-tissue swelling (result of effusion) ✓ regional [osteoporosis](#) (disuse + local hyperthermia) ✓ widened joint space ✓ marginal + central bone erosions (less common in large joints); site of first erosion is classically base of proximal phalanx of 4th finger ✓ changes in the ulnar styloid + distal radioulnar joint ✓ [atlantoaxial subluxation](#) >2.5 mm (in >6%) ✓ giant synovial cyst *LATE SIGNS*: ✓ diffuse loss of interosseous space ✓ flexion + extension contractures with ulnar subluxation + dislocation ✓ marked destruction + fractures of joint space ✓ extensive destruction of bone ends ✓ bony fusion ✓ elevation of humeral heads (tear / atrophy of rotator cuff) ✓ resorption of distal clavicle ✓ erosion of superior margins of posterior portions of ribs 3-5 ✓ destruction + narrowing of disk spaces + irregular vertebral body outlines + absence of osteophytosis ✓ destruction of zygapophyseal joints without osteophyte formation ✓ resorption of spinous processes ✓ "stepladder appearance" of cervical spine due to subaxial subluxations ✓ [protrusio acetabuli](#) (from [osteoporosis](#)) ✓ synovial herniation + cysts (eg, [popliteal cyst](#)) ✓ calcaneal plantar spur *DDx*:SLE, [psoriatic arthritis](#), seronegative spondylarthropathies *EXTRA-ARTICULAR MANIFESTATIONS* (76%) (a)**Felty syndrome** (<1%)=rheumatoid arthritis (present for >10 years) + [splenomegaly](#) + neutropenia *Age*:40-70 years; F > M; rare in Blacks ■ rapid weight loss ■ therapy refractory [leg ulcers](#) ■ brown pigmentation over exposed surfaces of extremities (b)[Sjögren syndrome](#) (15%)=keratoconjunctivitis + xerostomia + rheumatoid arthritis (c)Pulmonary manifestations ✓ [pleural effusion](#), mostly unilateral, without change for months, usually not associated with parenchymal disease ✓ interstitial [fibrosis](#) with lower lobe predominance ✓ rheumatoid nodules (30%): well-circumscribed, peripheral, with frequent cavitation ✓ [Caplan syndrome](#) (= hyperimmune reactivity to silica inhalation with rapidly developing multiple pulmonary nodules) ✓ pulmonary hypertension secondary to arteritis (d)Subcutaneous nodules (in 5-35% with active arthritis) over extensor surfaces of forearm + other pressure points (eg, olecranon) without calcifications (DDx to [gout](#)) (e)Cardiovascular involvement 1.Pericarditis (20-50%) 2.Myocarditis (arrhythmia, heart block) 3.Aortitis (5%) of ascending aorta ± aortic valve insufficiency (f)Rheumatoid [vasculitis](#) Mimics periarteritis nodosa ■ polyneuropathy, cutaneous ulceration, gangrene, polymyopathy, myocardial / visceral infarction (g)Neurologic sequelae 1.Distal neuropathy (related to [vasculitis](#)) 2.Nerve entrapment ([atlantoaxial subluxation](#), [carpal tunnel syndrome](#), Baker cyst) (h)Lymphadenopathy (up to 25%) ✓ [splenomegaly](#) (1-5%)

Cystic Rheumatoid Arthritis Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

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Cystic Rheumatoid Arthritis =intraosseous cystic lesions as dominant feature *Pathogenesis*:increased pressure in synovial space from joint effusion decompresses through microfractures of weakened marginal cortex into subarticular bone ↑ increase in size + extent of cysts correlates with increased level of activity + absence of synovial cysts *Age*:as above; M:F = 1:1 ■ seronegative in 50% ↓ juxta-articular subcortical lytic lesions with well-defined sclerotic margins ↓ relative lack of cartilage loss, [osteoporosis](#), joint disruption *DDx*:[gout](#) (presence of urate crystals), [pigmented villonodular synovitis](#) (monarticular)

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Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis = [rheumatoid arthritis](#) in patients <16 years of age; M < F *Classification:* (1) Juvenile-onset adult type (10%) • IgM RA factor positive; age 8-9; poor prognosis ✓ erosive changes; peruse [periosteal reaction](#); hip disease with protrusio (2) Polyarthrits of the ankylosing spondylitic type • iridocyclitis; boys age 9-11 years ✓ peripheral arthritis; fusion of greater trochanter; complete fusion of both hips; heel spur (3) **Still disease**
(a) systemic (b) polyarticular (c) pauciarticular + iridocyclitis (30%) • fever, rash, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly; pericarditis, [dwarfism](#) • fatal kidney disease in 20% Age: 2-4 and 8-11 years of age; M < F Location: involvement of carpometacarpal joints ("squashed carpi" in adulthood), hind foot, hip (40-50%) ✓ [periosteal reaction](#) of phalanges; broadening of bones; accelerated bone maturation + early fusion (stunting of growth) • morning stiffness, arthralgia • subcutaneous nodules (10%) • skin rash (50%) • fever, lymphadenopathy Location: early involvement of large joints (hips, knees, ankles, wrists, elbows); later of hands + feet ✓ radiologic signs similar to [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (except for involvement of large joints first, late onset of bony changes, more ankylosis, wide metaphyses) ✓ periarticular soft-tissue swelling ✓ thinning of joint cartilage ✓ large cystlike lesions removed from articular surface (invasion of bone by inflammatory pannus); rare in children ✓ articular erosions at ligamentous + tendinous insertion sites ✓ joint destruction may resemble neuropathic joints ✓ juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) ✓ "balloon epiphyses" + "gracile bones" ([epiphyseal overgrowth](#) + early fusion with bone shortening secondary to hyperemia) @ Hand / foot ✓ "rectangular" phalanges (periostitis + cortical thickening) ✓ ankylosis in carpal joints @ Axial skeleton ✓ ankylosis of cervical spine (apophyseal joints), sacroiliac joints ✓ subluxation of atlantoaxial joint (66%) ✓ thoracic spinal compression fractures @ Chest ✓ [ribbon ribs](#) ✓ pleural + pericardial effusions ✓ interstitial pulmonary lesions (simulating scleroderma, [dermatomyositis](#)) ✓ solitary pulmonary nodules, may cavitate *Prognosis:* complete recovery (30%); secondary [amyloidosis](#)

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RICKETS

=[osteomalacia](#) during enchondral bone growth Age:4-18 months Histo:zone of preparatory calcification does not form, heap up of maturing cartilage cells; failure of osteoid mineralization also in shafts so that osteoid production elevates periosteum ■ irritability, bone pain, tenderness ■ craniotables ■ rachitic rosary ■ bowed legs ■ delayed dentition ■ swelling of wrists + ankles Location:metaphyses of long bones subjected to stress are particularly involved (wrists, ankles, knees) ↓ poorly mineralized epiphyseal centers with delayed appearance ↓ irregular widened epiphyseal plates (increased osteoid) ↓ increase in distance between end of shaft and epiphyseal center ↓ cupping + fraying of metaphysis with threadlike shadows into epiphyseal cartilage (weight-bearing bones) ↓ cortical spurs projecting at right angles to metaphysis ↓ coarse trabeculation (NO ground-glass pattern as in [scurvy](#)) ↓ [periosteal reaction](#) may be present ↓ deformities common (bowing of soft diaphysis, molding of epiphysis, fractures) ↓ bowing of long bones ↓ frontal bossing *mnemonic:*"RICKETS" Reaction of periosteum may occur Indistinct cortex Coarse trabeculation Knees + wrists + ankles mainly affected Epiphyseal plates widened + irregular Tremendous metaphysis (fraying, splaying, cupping) Spur (metaphyseal)

[Causes Of Rickets](#) [Classification Of Rickets](#)

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Causes Of Rickets I. *ABNORMALITY IN VITAMIN D METABOLISM*

Associated with reactive [hyperparathyroidism](#)A. Vitamin D deficiency(a) Dietary lack of vitamin D= famine [osteomalacia](#)(b) Lack of sunshine exposure(c) [Malabsorption](#) of vitamin D=gastroenterogenous [rickets](#)1. [pancreatitis](#) + biliary tract disease2. steatorrhea, celiac disease, postgastrectomy3. inflammatory bowel diseaseB. Defective conversion of vitamin D to 25-OH-cholecalciferol in liver1. Liver disease2. Anticonvulsant drug therapy (= induction of hepatic enzymes that accelerate degradation of biologically active vitamin D metabolites)C. Defective conversion of 25-OH-D3 to 1,25-OH-D3 in kidney1. [Chronic renal failure](#) = [renal osteodystrophy](#)2. Vitamin D-dependent [rickets](#) = autosomal recessive enzyme defect of 1-OHase II. *ABNORMALITY IN PHOSPHATE METABOLISM* not associated with [hyperparathyroidism](#) secondary to normal serum [calcium](#)A. Phosphate deficiency1. Intestinal [malabsorption](#) of phosphates2. Ingestion of aluminum salts [Al(OH)₂] forming insoluble complexes with phosphate3. Low phosphate feeding in prematurely born infants4. Severe [malabsorption](#) state5. Parenteral hyperalimentationB. Disorders of renal tubular reabsorption of phosphate1. [Renal tubular acidosis](#) (renal loss of alkali)2. deToni-Debré-Fanconi syndrome = hypophosphatemia, glucosuria, aminoaciduria3. Vitamin D-resistant [rickets](#)4. Cystinosis5. Tyrosinosis6. Lowe syndromeC. Hypophosphatemia with nonendocrine tumors=Oncogenic [rickets](#) = elaboration of humeral substance which inhibits tubular reabsorption of phosphates1. Sclerosing [hemangioma](#)2. [Hemangiopericytoma](#)3. Ossifying mesenchymal tumor4. [Nonossifying fibroma](#)D. [Hypophosphatasia](#) III. *CALCIUM DEFICIENCY* 1. Dietary [rickets](#) = milk-free diet (extremely rare)2. [Malabsorption](#)3. Consumption of substances forming chelates with [calcium](#)

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Classification Of Rickets I.Primary vitamin D-deficiency [rickets](#)II.Gastrointestinal [malabsorption](#)A.Partial gastrectomyB.Small intestinal disease: gluten-sensitive enteropathy / regional enteritisC.Hepatobiliary disease: chronic biliary obstruction / biliary [cirrhosis](#)D.Pancreatic disease: [chronic pancreatitis](#)III.Primary hypophosphatemia; vitamin D-deficiency [rickets](#)IV.Renal diseaseA.[Chronic renal failure](#)B.Renal tubular disorders: [renal tubular acidosis](#)C.Multiple renal defectsV.[Hypophosphatasia](#) + pseudohypophosphatasiaVI.Fibrogenesis imperfecta osseumVII.Axial [osteomalacia](#)VIII.Miscellaneous[Hypoparathyroidism](#), [hyperparathyroidism](#), thyrotoxicosis, [osteoporosis](#), [Paget disease](#), fluoride ingestion, ureterosigmoidostomy, [neurofibromatosis](#), [osteopetrosis](#), macroglobulinemia, malignancy

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ROTATOR CUFF LESIONS

SUBACROMIAL PAIN SYNDROME (1)[Impingement syndrome](#)(2)Rotator cuff tendinitis(3)Degeneration without impingement(4)[Shoulder](#) instability with secondary impingement(5)Instability without impingement

[Impingement Syndrome](#) [Glenohumeral Instability](#) [Rotator Cuff Tear](#) [Subacromial-Subdeltoid Bursitis](#) [Supraspinatus Tendinopathy / Tendinosis](#)

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Impingement Syndrome =lateral [shoulder](#) pain with abduction; common cause of rotator cuff tears; NOT radiographic diagnosis Age:lifelong process; 1st stage <25 years; 2nd stage 25-40 years; complete [rotator cuff tear](#) >40 years *Pathophysiology*: movement of humerus impinges rotator cuff tendons against coracoacromial arch resulting in microtrauma, which causes inflammation of subacromial bursa (= fibrous thickening of subacromial bursa) / rotator cuff (critical zone of rotator cuff = supraspinatus tendon 2 cm from its attachment to humerus) ∅ Impingement pathophysiology may be secondary to primary instability! *Impingement anatomy*: narrowing of subacromial space secondary to (1)acquired degenerative subacromial osteophyte / enthesophyte from(a)bony outgrowth along coracoacromial ligament(b)acromioclavicular joint [osteoarthritis](#)(2)congenital subacromial hook of anterior acromion(= subacromial spur) ∅ Impingement syndrome may exist without impingement anatomy! • painful arc of motion √ subacromial enthesophyte √ alteration in acromial shape + orientation √ thickening of coracoacromial ligament Cx:(1)partial / complete tear (may be precipitated by acute traumatic event on preexisting degenerative changes)(2)cuff tendinitis / degenerative tendinosis Dx:Lidocaine impingement test (= subacromial lidocaine injection relieves pain) Rx:acromioplasty (= removal of a portion of the acromion), removal of subacromial osteophytes, removal / lysis / débridement of coracoacromial ligament, resection of distal clavicle, removal of acromioclavicular joint osteophytes

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Glenohumeral Instability Glenohumeral stability is dependent on a functional anatomic unit (= anterior capsular mechanism) formed by: glenoid labrum, joint capsule, superior + middle + anteroinferior + posteroinferior glenohumeral ligaments, coracohumeral ligament, subscapularis tendon, rotator cuff *Age*: <35 years *Frequency*: acute, recurrent, fixed *Cause*: traumatic, microtraumatic, atraumatic *Direction*: anterior > multidirectional > inferior > posterior *Type of lesions*: labral abnormalities (compression, avulsion, shearing), capsular / ligamentous tear / avulsion *Associated lesions*: Hill-Sachs [fracture](#), trough line [fracture](#), glenoid [fracture](#), labral cyst †Normal clefts may exist within labrum! False positive for labral separation: (1) Articular cartilage deep to labrum (2) Glenohumeral ligaments passing adjacent to labrum

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Rotator Cuff Tear *Etiology:* (1) Attritional change + tendon degeneration due to aging, repeated microtrauma as a result of impingement between humeral head + coracoacromial arch, overuse of [shoulder](#) from professional / athletic activities (2) Acute trauma (rare) *Age:* most commonly >50 years *Location:* "critical zone" of supraspinatus tendon 1 cm medial to tendon attachment (area of relative hypovascularity) *Classification:* EXTENT OF TEAR (a) incomplete rupture = **partial tear** involves either bursal or synovial surface or remains intratendinous (b) complete rupture = **full-thickness** tear bridging subacromial bursa and glenohumeral joint - pure transverse tear - pure vertical / longitudinal tear - tear with retraction of tendon edges - global tear = **massive tear** / avulsion of cuff involving more than one of the tendons *TOPOGRAPHY OF TEAR* (a) extent in frontal plane: nondisplaced, minimally displaced, dramatically displaced (b) extent in anterior direction: supraspinatus tendon + coracohumeral ligament + subscapularis tendon (c) extent in posterior direction: supraspinatus tendon + infraspinatus + teres minor tendon *Arthrography* (71-100% sensitive, 71-100% specific for combined full + partial thickness tears) \checkmark opacification of subacromial-subdeltoid bursa *MR* (41-100% sensitive and 79-100% specific for combined full + partial thickness tears): \checkmark discontinuity of cuff with retraction of musculotendinous junction \checkmark focal / generalized intense / markedly increased signal intensity on T2WI (= fluid within cuff defect) in <50% \checkmark fluid within subacromial-subdeltoid bursa (**MOST SENSITIVE**) \checkmark low / moderate signal intensity on T2WI (= severely degenerated tendon, intact bursal / synovial surface, granulation / scar tissue filling the region of torn tendinous fibers) \checkmark cuff defect with contour irregularity \checkmark abrupt change in the signal character at boundary of the lesion \checkmark supraspinatus muscle atrophy (**MOST SPECIFIC**) *PITFALLS:* \checkmark hyperintense focus in distal supraspinatus tendon \checkmark gray signal isointense to muscle on all pulse sequences (a) partial volume averaging with superior + lateral infraspinatus tendon (b) vascular "watershed" area (c) magic angle effect = orientation of collagen fibers at 55° relative to main magnetic field \checkmark hyperintense focus within rotator cuff on T2WI (a) partial volume averaging with fluid in biceps tendon sheath / subscapularis bursa (b) partial volume averaging with fat of peribursal fat (c) motion artifacts: respiration, vascular pulsation, patient movement \checkmark fatty atrophy of muscle (a) impingement of axillary / suprascapular nn. = quadrilateral space syndrome *US* (scans in hyperextended position, 75-100% sensitive, 43-97% specific, 65-95% [negative predictive value](#), 55-75% [positive predictive value](#)): \checkmark nonvisualization of rotator cuff (large tear), most reliable sign \checkmark deltoid muscle directly on top of humeral head \checkmark defect filled with hypoechoic thickened bursa + fat (with hypervascularity on color Doppler) between deltoid and humeral head \checkmark focal nonvisualization of rotator cuff, reliable sign \checkmark "naked tuberosity sign" = retracted tendon leaves a bare area of bone \checkmark folding of bursal + peribursal fat tissue into focal defect \checkmark discontinuity of rotator cuff filled with joint fluid / hypoechoic reactive tissue \checkmark abrupt + sharply demarcated focal thinning \checkmark small comma-shaped area of hyperechogenicity (small tear filled with granulation tissue / hypertrophied synovium) *False negative:* longitudinal tear, partial tear *False positive:* intra-articular biceps tendon, [soft-tissue calcification](#), small scar / fibrous tissue

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Subacromial-Subdeltoid Bursitis common finding in rotator cuff tears ✓ peribursal fat totally / partially obliterated + replaced by low-signal-intensity tissue on all pulse sequences ✓ fluid accumulation within bursa

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Supraspinatus Tendinopathy / Tendinosis *Cause:*impingement, acute / chronic stress *Histo:*mucinous + myxoid degeneration^v increase in signal intensity in tendon on proton-density images without disruption of tendon^v tendinous enlargement + inhomogeneous signal pattern

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RUBELLA

=GERMAN MEASLES *Incidence*:endemic rate of 0.1% *Age*:infants (in utero transmission) • neonatal [dwarfism](#) (intrauterine growth retardation) • failure to thrive • retinopathy, cataracts, deafness • mental deficiency with [encephalitis](#) + [microcephaly](#) • thrombocytopenic purpura, petechiae, anemia ✓ "celery-stalk" sign (50%) = metaphyseal irregular margins + coarsened trabeculae extending longitudinally from epiphysis; distal end of femur > proximal end of tibia, humerus ✓ no [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ hepatosplenomegaly + adenopathy ✓ pneumonitis @ Cardiovascular: ✓ congenital heart disease (PDA) ✓ peripheral pulmonary artery stenosis ✓ necrosis of myocardium @ CNS ✓ punctate / nodular calcifications ✓ porencephalic cysts ✓ occasionally [microcephaly](#) *Prognosis*:osseous manifestations disappear in 1-3 months *DDx*:(1)CMV(2)Congenital syphilis (diaphysitis + epiphysitis)(3)Toxoplasmosis

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RUBINSTEIN-TAYBI SYNDROME

=BROAD THUMB SYNDROME=rare sporadic syndrome without known chromosomal / biochemical markers; M:F = 1:1 • small stature • mental, motor, language retardation@Characteristic facies • beaked / straight nose ± low nasal septum • antimongoloid slant of palpebral fissures • epicanthic folds • broad fleshy nasal bridge • high-arched palate • dental abnormalities@Ophthalmologic findings • strabismus, ptosis, refractive errors@Cutaneous findings • keloids, hirsutism, simian crease • flat capillary [hemangioma](#) on forehead / neck@Musculoskeletal findings✓ short broad "spatulate" terminal phalanges of thumb and great toe ± angulation deformity (MOST CONSISTENT + CHARACTERISTIC FINDING)✓ radial angulation of distal phalanx (50%) caused by trapezoid / delta shape of proximal phalanx✓ tufted "mushroom-shaped" fingers + webbing✓ thin tubular bones of hand + feet✓ club feet✓ skeletal maturation retardation✓ dysplastic ribs✓ [spina bifida](#) occulta✓ scoliosis✓ flat acetabular angle + flaring of ilia@Genitourinary tract anomalies✓ bilateral renal duplication✓ [renal agenesis](#)✓ bifid ureter✓ incomplete / delayed descent of testes@Cardiovascular abnormalities✓ [atrial septal defect](#)✓ [patent ductus arteriosus](#)✓ [coarctation of aorta](#)✓ valvular [aortic stenosis](#)✓ [pulmonic stenosis](#)OB-US: ✓ decreased head circumference✓ small for gestational ageCx in infancy:obstipation, feeding problems, recurrent upper respiratory infection

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SAPHO SYNDROME

=Synovitis, Acne, Palmoplantar pustulosis, Hyperostosis, Osteitis=PUSTULOTIC ARTHROSTEITIS=STERNOCLAVICULAR HYPEROSTOSIS=association between rheumatologic and cutaneous lesions (= seronegative spondyloarthritis) Delay of several years can separate osseous from cutaneous lesions! *Etiology*:? variant of psoriasis Age: young to middle-aged adults; M:F = 1:1 ■ palmoplantar pustulosis (52%) = chronic eruption of yellowish intradermal sterile pustules on palms + soles ■ severe acne (15%) = acne fulminans, acne conglobata ■ pain, soft-tissue swelling, limitation of motion at skeletal site of involvement @ Sternoclavicular joint (70-90%) Site: insertion of costoclavicular ligament, clavicles, manubrium sterni osteolysis at beginning of disease hyperostosis + osteosclerosis arthritis + ankylosis of sternoclavicular joint @ Axial skeleton (33%) osteosclerosis of one / more vertebral bodies disk space narrowing + endplate erosion paravertebral ossifications (mimicking marginal / nonmarginal syndesmophytes / massive bridging) unilateral sacroiliitis + associated osteosclerosis of adjacent iliac bone @ Appendicular skeleton (30%) Location: distal femur, proximal tibia, fibula, humerus, radius, ulna Site: metaphysis osteosclerosis / osteolysis + periosteal new bone formation with aggressive appearance @ Joints Location: knee, hip, ankle, DIP of hand synovial inflammation with juxta-articular osteoporosis (early) joint narrowing, marginal erosion, hyperostosis, enthesopathy (later) *Prognosis*: chronic course with unpredictable exacerbations + remissions *Rx*: nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, corticosteroids, analgesics, cyclosporine *DDx*: infectious osteomyelitis / spondylitis, osteosarcoma, Ewing sarcoma, metastasis, Paget disease, aseptic necrosis of clavicle

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SARCOIDOSIS

Osseous involvement in 6-15-20% ■ unimpaired joint function, joints are rarely involved Location: small bones of hands + feet (middle + distal phalanges) ✓ reticulated "lacelike" trabecular pattern in metaphyseal ends of middle + distal phalanges, metacarpals, metatarsals ✓ well-defined cystlike lesions of varying size ✓ neuropathy-like destruction of terminal phalanges (DDx: scleroderma) ✓ phalangeal endosteal sclerosis + periosteal new bone (infrequent) ✓ vertebral involvement unusual: destructive lesions with sclerotic margin ✓ [diffuse sclerosis](#) of multiple vertebral bodies ✓ paravertebral soft-tissue mass (DDx: indistinguishable from [tuberculosis](#)) ✓ osteolytic changes in skull

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SCURVY

=BARLOW DISEASE = vitamin C deficiency with defective osteogenesis from abnormal osteoblast function Age: 6-9 months (maternal vitamin C protects for first 6 months) ● irritability ● tenderness + weakness of lower limbs ● scorbutic rosary of ribs ● bleeding of gums (teething) ● legs drawn up + widely spread = pseudoparalysis Location: distal femur (esp. medial side), proximal and distal tibia + fibula, distal radius + ulna, proximal humerus, sternal end of ribs ✓ Wimberger ring = sclerotic ring around epiphysis indicating loss of epiphyseal density ✓ white line of Fränkel = metaphyseal zone of preparatory calcification (DDx: lead / [phosphorus poisoning](#), bismuth treatment, healing [rickets](#)) ✓ Trümmerfeld zone = radiolucent zone on shaft side of Fränkels white line (site of subepiphyseal infraction) ✓ Parke corner sign = subepiphyseal infraction / comminution resulting in mushrooming / cupping of epiphysis (DDx: syphilis, [rickets](#)) ✓ Pelkan spurs = metaphyseal spurs projecting at right angles to shaft axis ✓ "ground-glass" [osteoporosis](#) (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ cortical thinning ✓ subperiosteal hematoma with calcification of elevated periosteum (sure radiographic sign of healing) ✓ soft-tissue edema (rare)

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SEPTIC ARTHRITIS

Organism: most often due to *S. aureus*; Gonorrhea (indistinguishable from [tuberculous arthritis](#), but more rapid); Brucellar arthritis (indistinguishable from [tuberculosis](#), slow infection); Salmonella (commonly associated with [sickle cell disease](#) / [Gaucher disease](#)) (a)<4 years of age: *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *S. aureus*, *Haemophilus influenzae*(b)>4 years of age: *S. aureus*(c)>10 years of age: *S. aureus*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*Location: lower extremity (75%) with hip + knee in 90% ■ pain, limp, pseudoparalysis ■ warmth, swelling ■ septic clinical picture ■ bacteremia, leukocytosisACUTE SIGNS: ✓ initial radiographs frequently normal ✓ soft-tissue swelling (first sign secondary to local hyperemia + edema) ✓ joint distension (effusion) ± subluxation of hip and humerus in children ✓ joint space narrowing = rapid development of destruction of articular cartilage (not in [tuberculous arthritis](#))SUBACUTE SIGNS after 8-10 days: ✓ small erosions in articular cortex / loss of entire cortical outline (marginal erosions in [tuberculosis](#)) ✓ reactive bone sclerosis in underlying bone ✓ subchondral bone destruction (by synovial proliferation) ✓ defective reparation / ankylosis (if entire cartilage is destroyed) ✓ local bone atrophy (immobility) ✓ metaphyseal bone destruction (if osteomyelitis is source of septic joint)Dx: prompt arthrocentesis + blood cultureCx:(1)bone growth disturbance (lengthening, shortening, angulation)(2)chronic degenerative arthritis(3)ankylosis(4)osteonecrosis

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SHIN SPLINTS

=SHIN SORENESS = MEDIAL TIBIAL STRESS SYNDROME = SOLEUS SYNDROME=nonspecific term describing exertional lower [leg](#) pain *Incidence*:75% of exertional [leg](#) pain *Cause*:? atypical stress [fracture](#), traction periostitis, compartment syndrome • diffuse tenderness along posteromedial tibia in its middle to distal aspect *Location*:posterior / posteromedial tibial cortex Plain radiographs: ✓ normal / longitudinal periosteal new bone Bone scintigraphy: ✓ normal radionuclide angiogram + blood-pool phase (DDx to stress [fracture](#)) ✓ linear longitudinal [uptake](#) on delayed images MR: ✓ marrow edema / hemorrhage ✓ periosteal fluid

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SHORT-RIB [POLYDACTYLY SYNDROME](#)

=group of autosomal recessive disorders characterized by short limb dysplasia, constricted thorax, postaxial [polydactyly](#) (on ulnar / fibular side)TYPE I= SALDINO-[NOONAN SYNDROME](#)TYPE II= MAJEWSKI TYPETYPE III= NAUMOFF TYPETYPE BEEMER ✓ severe micromelia ✓ pointed femurs at both ends (type I); widened metaphyses (type III) ✓ narrow thorax ✓ extremely short horizontally oriented ribs ✓ distorted underossified vertebral bodies + incomplete coronal clefts ✓ [polydactyly](#) ✓ cleft lip / palate *Prognosis*:uniformly lethal

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SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Abnormal hemoglobins: HbS = DNA mutation substituting glutamic acid in position 6 on b-chain with valine HbC = DNA mutation substituting glutamic acid in position 6 on b-chain with lysine (a) homozygous = HbSS = sickle cell anemia (b) heterozygous = HbSA = sickling trait but no anemia (c) heterozygous variants: HbSC (less severe form) - HbS b-thalassemia anemia (seen occasionally) **Incidence:** 8-13% of American Blacks carry sickling factor (HbS); 1:40 with [sickle cell trait](#) will manifest sickle cell anemia (HbSS); 1:120 with [sickle cell trait](#) will manifest HbSC disease **Pathogenesis:** altered shape + plasticity of RBCs under lowered oxygen tension lead to increased blood viscosity, stasis, "log jam" occlusion of small blood vessels, infarction, necrosis, superinfection; damage of intima occurs most frequently in vessels with high [flow rates](#) (terminal ICA); sickling occurs in areas of (a) slow flow ([spleen](#), liver, renal medulla) (b) rapid metabolism (brain, muscle, fetal placenta) • chronic hemolytic anemia (increased sequestration of sickled RBCs in [spleen](#)), jaundice • chronic [leg ulcers](#), [priapism](#) • abdominal crisis • rheumatism-like joint pain • skeletal pain (osteomyelitis, cellulitis, bone marrow infarction) • [splenomegaly](#) (in children + infants), later organ atrophy Cx: high incidence of infections (lung, bone, brain) **Prognosis:** death <40 years (1) DEOSSIFICATION DUE TO MARROW HYPERPLASIA: porous decrease in bone density of skull (25%) widening of diploe with decrease in width of outer table (22%) vertical hair-on-end striations (5%) [osteoporosis](#) with thinning of trabeculae biconcave "fish" vertebrae (bone softening) in 70% widening of medullary space + thinning of cortices coarsening of trabecular pattern in long + flat bones rib notching pathologic fractures (2) THROMBOSIS AND INFARCTION Location: in diaphysis of small tubular bones (children); in metaphysis + subchondrium of long bones (adults) osteolysis (in ACUTE infarction) dystrophic medullary calcification [periosteal reaction](#) (bone-within-bone appearance) juxtacortical sclerosis Lincoln log = Reynold sign = H-vertebrae = steplike endplate depression articular disintegration collapse of femoral head (DDx: Perthes with involvement of metaphysis) MR: diffusely decreased signal of marrow on short + long TR/TE images (= hematopoietic marrow replacing fatty marrow) focal areas of decreased signal intensity on short TR/TE + increased intensity on long TR/TE (= acute marrow infarction) focal areas of decreased signal intensity on short TR/TE + long TR/TE images (= old infarction / [fibrosis](#)) (3) SECONDARY OSTEOMYELITIS **Organism:** Salmonella in unusual frequency, also Staphylococcus periostitis (DDx: indistinguishable from bone infarction) dactylitis = hand-foot syndrome (4) GROWTH EFFECTS (secondary to diminished [blood supply](#)) Location: particularly in metacarpal / phalanx bone shortening = premature epiphyseal fusion epiphyseal deformity with cupped metaphysis cup / peg-in-hole defect of distal femur diminution in vertebral height (shortening of stature + kyphoscoliosis) @Chest cardiomegaly + CHF @Gallbladder [cholelithiasis](#) @Brain **Pathophysiology:** chronic anemia produces cerebral hyperemia, hypervolemia, impaired autoregulation (a) cerebral blood flow cannot be increased leading to infarction in time of crisis (b) increased cerebral blood flow produces epithelial hyperplasia of large intracranial vessels (terminal ICA / proximal MCA) resulting in thrombus formation • [stroke](#) (5-17%): ischemic infarction (70%), ischemia of deep white matter (25%), hemorrhage (20%), embolic infarction Angio (in 87% abnormal): arterial stenosis / occlusion of supraclinoid portion of ICA + proximal segments of ACA and MCA [moyamoya syndrome](#) (35%) distal branch occlusion (secondary to thrombosis / embolism) aneurysm (rare) CT: cerebral infarction (mean age of 7.7 years) [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) (mean age of 27 years) @Kidney • hematuria • hyposthenuria • nephrotic syndrome • [renal tubular acidosis](#) (distal) • hyperuricemia • progressive renal insufficiency normal urogram (70%) [papillary necrosis](#) (20%) focal renal scarring (20%) smooth large kidney (4%) MR: decreased cortical signal on T2-weighted images (renal cortical iron deposition) @Spleen [splenomegaly](#) < age 10 (in patients with heterozygous sickle cell disease) Cx: splenic rupture [splenic infarction](#) hemosiderosis **Functional asplenia** = anatomically present nonfunctional spleen • Howell-Jolly bodies, siderocytes, anisocytosis, irreversibly sickled cells normal-sized / enlarged spleen on CT absence of tracer uptake on sulfur colloid scan **Autosplenectomy** = autoinfarction of spleen in homozygous sickle cell disease (function lost by age 5) **Histo:** extensive perivascular [fibrosis](#) with deposition of hemosiderin + calcium small (as small as 5-10 mm) densely calcified spleen **Acute splenic sequestration crisis** = sudden trapping of large amount of blood in spleen Cause: obstruction of small intrasplenic veins / sinusoids Age: (a) homozygous: infancy / childhood (b) heterozygous: any age • sudden splenic enlargement • rapid fall in hematocrit + rise in reticulocytes enlarged spleen multiple lesions at periphery of spleen: hypochoic by US, of low attenuation by CT, hyperintense on T1WI + T2WI (due to hemorrhage) **Prognosis:** in 50% death <2 years of age (due to hypovolemic shock) Bone marrow scintigraphy: usually symmetric marked expansion of hematopoietic marrow beyond age 20 involving entire femur, calvarium, small bones of hand + feet (normally only in axial skeleton + proximal femur and humerus) bone marrow defects indicative of acute / old infarction Tc-99m diphosphonate scan: increased overall skeletal uptake (high bone-to-soft tissue ratio) prominent activities at knees, ankles, proximal humerus (delayed epiphyseal closure / increased blood flow to bone marrow) bone marrow expansion (calvarial thickening with relative decrease in activity along falx insertion) decreased / normal uptake on bone scan within 24 hours in acute infarction / posthealing phase following infarction (cyst formation) increased uptake on bone scan after 2-10 days persistent for several weeks in healing infarction increased uptake on bone scan within 24-48 hours in osteomyelitis increased blood-pool activity + normal delayed image on bone scan in cellulitis renal enlargement with marked retention of tracer in renal parenchyma (medullary ischemia + failure of countercurrent system) in 50% persistent splenic uptake (secondary to degeneration, atrophy, [fibrosis](#), calcifications)

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Sickle Cell Trait Hb SA carrier; mild disease with few episodes of crisis + infection; sickling provoked only under extreme stress (unpressurized aircraft, anoxia with CHD, prolonged anesthesia, marathon running) *Incidence*: in 8-10% of American Blacks • may have normal blood count • recurrent gross hematuria ✓ [splenic infarction](#)

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SC Disease Hb SC carrier *Incidence:* 3% of American Blacks ■ retinal hemorrhages ■ hematuria due to multiple infarctions^v aseptic necrosis of hip

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Sickle-Thal Disease Resembling clinically Hb SS patients • anemia (no normal adult hemoglobin)¹ persistent [splenomegaly](#)

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SINDING-LARSEN-JOHANSSON DISEASE

=osteochondrosis of inferior pole of patella, often bilateral (NOT osteonecrosis / epiphysitis / osteochondritis) *Cause*: traction with contusion + subsequent tendinitis / traumatic avulsion of bone; repeated subluxation ± dislocation of patella *Age*: adolescents (often 10-14 years) *Predisposed*: cerebropastic children ■ tenderness + soft-tissue swelling over lower pole of patella ✓ peripatellar soft-tissue swelling ✓ calcification / ossification of patellar tendon ✓ small bone fragments at lower pole of patella (LAT view) *MR*: ✓ hypointense area on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI in inferior pole of patella + surrounding soft tissues

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SMALLPOX

5% of infants Location:elbow bilateral; metaphysis of long bones^v rapid bone destruction spreading along shaft^v [periosteal reaction](#)^v endosteal + cortical sclerosis frequent^v premature epiphyseal fusion with severe deformity^v ankylosis is frequent

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SOFT-TISSUE CHONDROMA

=EXTRASKELETAL CHONDROMA = CHONDROMA OF SOFT PARTS
Incidence: 1.5% of all benign soft-tissue tumors
Age: 30-60 years (range 1-85 years); M:F = 1.2:1
Histo: adult-type hyaline cartilage with areas of calcification + ossification; myxoid change; regions of increased cellularity + cytologic atypia
■ slow-growing soft-tissue mass
■ occasionally pain + tenderness
Location: hand (54-64%) + foot (20-28%)
✓ lobulated well-defined extraskeletal mass <2 cm in size
✓ may contain calcifications (33-70%) with ringlike appearance / ossifications
✓ scalloping of adjacent bone with sclerotic reaction
MR: ✓ high signal intensity on T2WI
✓ intermediate signal intensity on T1WI
Rx: local excision
Prognosis: 15-25% recurrence rate
DDx: (1) Extraskeletal myxoid [chondrosarcoma](#) (deep-seated in large muscles of upper + lower extremities, pelvic + [shoulder](#) girdles) (2) Periosteal chondroma

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SOFT-TISSUE [OSTEOMA](#)

=[OSTEOMA](#) OF SOFT PARTS (extremely rare)*Histo*:mature lamellar bone with well-defined haversian system; bone marrow, myxoid, vascular, fibrous connective tissue between bone trabeculae; collagenous capsule blending into benign hyaline cartilage *Location*:head (usually posterior part of tongue), thigh *NUC*: intense tracer accumulation, greater than adjacent bone

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SOLITARY BONE CYST

= UNICAMERAL / SIMPLE BONE CYST *Incidence*: up to 5% of primary bone lesions *Etiology*: ? trauma (synovial entrapment at capsular reflection), ? vascular anomaly (blockage of interstitial drainage) *Histo*: cyst filled with clear yellowish fluid often under pressure, wall lined with fibrous tissue + hemosiderin, giant cells may be present *Age*: 3-19 years (80%); occurs during active phase of bone growth; M:F = 3:1 ■ asymptomatic, unless fractured *Location*: proximal femur + proximal humerus (60-75%), fibula, at base of calcaneal neck (4%, >12 years of age), talus; rare in ribs, ilium, small bones of hand + feet (rare), NOT in spine / calvarium; solitary lesion *Site*: intramedullary centric metaphyseal, adjacent to epiphyseal cartilage (during active phase) / migrating into diaphysis with growth (during latent phase), does not cross epiphyseal plate ✓ 2-3 cm oval radiolucency with long axis parallel to long axis of host bone ✓ fine sclerotic boundary ✓ scalloping + erosion of internal aspect of underlying cortex ✓ photopenic area on bone scan (if not fractured) ✓ "fallen fragment" sign if fractured (20%) = centrally dislodged fragment falls into a dependent position *Prognosis*: mostly spontaneous regression *Cx*: pathologic fracture (65%) *DDx*: (1) [Enchondroma](#) (calcific stipplings) (2) [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (more irregular lucency) (3) [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) (4) [Chondroblastoma](#) (epiphyseal) (5) [Chondromyxoid fibroma](#) (more eccentric + expansile) (6) [Giant cell tumor](#) (7) [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (eccentric) (8) Hemorrhagic cyst (9) Brown tumor

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SOLITARY OSTEOCHONDROMA

=OSTEOCARTILAGINOUS EXOSTOSIS=hyperplastic / dysplastic bone disturbance; growth ends when nearest epiphyseal plate fuses. Most common benign growth of the skeleton! *Etiology*: displaced or aberrant physeal cartilage (? microtrauma); radiation induced with latency period of 17 months to 9 years in patient younger than 2 years receiving >2,500 cGy. *Age*: 1st-3rd decade; M>F. *Path*: continuity of lesion with marrow + cortex of host bone (HALLMARK). *Histo*: cartilage cap containing a basal surface with enchondral ossification (cortex + marrow space) • usually painless mass; painful with impingement of nerves / blood vessels. *Location*: long-bone metaphysis of femur, humerus, proximal radius, tibia (50% about knee); scapula; rib; pelvis; spine (1-5%, commonly cervical, esp. C2); in any bone that develops by enchondromal calcification. *Type*: (a) pedunculated form (b) broad-based sessile form (c) calcific form. Cortical bone with cartilaginous cap. Grows at right angles + toward diaphysis (tendon pull). Continuity of bone cortex to host bone. Continuity of medullary marrow space to host bone. Metaphyseal widening. Cx: (1) Impingement on nerves / blood vessels (2) Malignant transformation into chondro- / osteosarcoma (<1%). Signs of malignant degeneration *mnemonic*: "GLAD PAST" Growth after epiphyseal fusion Lucency (new radiolucency) Additional scintigraphic activity Destruction (cortical) Pain after puberty And Soft-tissue mass Thickened cartilaginous cap Rx: surgical excision (recurrence unusual)

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SOLITARY PLASMACYTOMA

=represents early stage of [multiple myeloma](#), precedes [multiple myeloma](#) by 1-20 years Age:5th-7th decade • negative marrow aspiration; no IgG spike in serum / urineA. SOLITARY MYELOMA OF BONE Site:thoracic / lumbar spine (most common) > pelvis > ribs > sternum, femora, humeri (common)✓ solitary "bubbly" osteolytic grossly expansile lesion✓ poorly defined margins, Swiss-cheese pattern✓ frequently pathologic [fracture](#) (collapse of vertebra)DDx:[giant cell tumor](#), [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), [osteoblastoma](#), solitary metastasis from renal cell / [thyroid carcinoma](#)B. EXTRAMEDULLARY PLASMACYTOMALocation:majority in head + neck; 80% in nasal cavity, [paranasal sinuses](#), upper airways of trachea, lung parenchyma

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Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Congenita Autosomal dominant / sporadic (most) ■ disproportionate [dwarfism](#) with spine + hips more involved than extremities ■ waddling gait + muscular weakness ■ flat facies ■ short neck ■ deafness ✓ cleft palate @Axial skeleton ✓ ovoid vertebral bodies + severe [platyspondyly](#) (incomplete fusion of ossification centers + flattening of vertebral bodies) ✓ hypoplasia of odontoid process (Cx: cervical myelopathy) ✓ progressive kyphoscoliosis (short trunk) involving thoracic + lumbar spine ✓ narrowing of disk spaces (resulting in short trunk) ✓ broad iliac bases + deficient ossification of pubis ✓ flat acetabular roof @Chest ✓ bell-shaped thorax ✓ pectus carinatum @Extremities ✓ normal / slightly shortened limbs ✓ severe coxa vara + genu valgum ✓ multiple accessory epiphyses in hands + feet ✓ talipes equinovarus Cx:(1)[Retinal detachment](#), myopia (50%)(2)Secondary arthritis in weight-bearing joints

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Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Tarda Sex-linked recessive form with milder manifestation + later clinical onset Age: apparent by 10 years; exclusive to males
hyperostotic new bone along posterior 2/3 of vertebral endplate (PATHOGNOMONIC) [platyspondyly](#) with depression of anterior 1/3 of vertebral body
narrowing with calcification of disk spaces + spondylitic bridging
short trunk
dysplastic joints (eg, flattened femoral heads)
premature [osteoarthritis](#) DDX: [Ochronosis](#)

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SPRENGEL DEFORMITY

=failure of descent of scapula secondary to fibrous / osseous omovertebral connection Associated with: [Klippel-Feil syndrome](#), renal anomalies • webbed neck • [shoulder](#) immobility / elevation of scapula

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SYNOVIAL OSTEOCHONDROMATOSIS

=SYNOVIAL CHONDROMATOSIS = JOINT CHONDROMA=benign self-limiting proliferative + metaplastic changes in the synovium with formation of intrasynovial cartilaginous / osteocartilaginous nodules *Cause*: hyperplastic synovium with cartilage metaplasia (foci <2-3 cm); loose body may remain free floating / conglomerate with other loose bodies into large mass / reattach to synovium with either reabsorption or continued growth *Histo*: foci of hyaline cartilage with mineralized chondroid matrix beneath synovial surface + within subsynovial connective tissue; hypercellularity + nuclear atypia may be confused with malignancy *Age*: presents in 3rd-5th decade; M:F = 2-4:1 ■ slow-growing soft-tissue mass in joint ■ progressive joint pain for several years with limitation of motion / locking ■ ± hemorrhagic joint effusion *Location*: knee (most common with >50%, in 10% bilateral) elbow > hip > [shoulder](#) > ankle > wrist; usually monarticular, occasionally bilateral *Sites*: within joint / tendon sheath / [ganglion](#) / bursa ✓ multiple calcified / ossified loose bodies in a single joint (bony shell of remodeled lamellar bone is rare) ✓ size of nodules varies between a few mm to several cm ✓ varying degrees of bone mineralization (1/3 of chondromas show no radiopacity) ✓ pressure erosion of adjacent bone in joints with tight capsule (eg, hip) ✓ widening of joint space (from accumulation of loose bodies) ✓ NO [osteoporosis](#) *CT*: ✓ intra-articular soft-tissue mass of near water attenuation containing multiple small calcifications *MR*: ✓ lobulated intra-articular mass isointense to muscle on T1WI + hyperintense to muscle on T2WI containing multiple foci of low signal intensity *Cx*: (1) long-standing disease may lead to degenerative arthritis (from chronic mechanical irritation + destruction of articular cartilage by loose bodies) (2) malignant dedifferentiation to [chondrosarcoma](#) *Rx*: removal of loose bodies (recurrence is common) *DDx*: (1) Synovial sarcoma, [chondrosarcoma](#) (2) Osteochondral [fracture](#) (Hx of trauma), osteochondritis dissecans, osteonecrosis (3) Secondary chondromatosis = joint surface disintegration ([rheumatoid arthritis](#), neuropathic arthropathy, [tuberculous arthritis](#), degenerative joint disease) (4) [Pigmented villonodular synovitis](#), synovial [hemangioma](#), [lipoma arborescens](#)

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SYNOVIOMA

=SYNOVIAL SARCOMA=slow-growing expansile malignant tumor originating in the synovial lining / bursa / tendon sheath; uncommonly intra-articular *Incidence*:10% of soft-tissue sarcomas *Histo*:fibrosarcomatous + synovial component *Age*:3rd-5th decade; M:F = 2:3 ■ painful soft-tissue mass *Location*:knee (most common), hip, ankle, elbow, wrist, hands, feet; usually solitary ✓ large spheroid well-defined soft-tissue mass ✓ lesion about 1 cm removed from joint cartilage ✓ amorphous calcifications (1/3), often at periphery ✓ involvement of adjacent bone (11-20%): ✓ [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ bone remodeling (pressure from tumor) ✓ invasion of cortex with wide zone of transition ✓ juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) *MR*: ✓ low signal intensity on T1WI ✓ inhomogeneously increased signal intensity on T2WI ✓ multilocular appearance with internal septation ✓ fluid-fluid levels (previous hemorrhage) *Rx*:local excision / amputation + radiation / chemotherapy

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SYPHILIS OF BONE

Congenital syphilis Transplacental transmission cannot occur <16 weeks gestational age • positive rapid plasma reagin (measures quantity of antibodies to assess new infection / efficacy of Rx) • positive microhemagglutination test for Treponema pallidum (remains reactive for life) ✓ [pneumonia alba](#) ✓ hepatomegaly Location: symmetrical bilateral osteomyelitis involving multiple bones (HALLMARK) A. Early phase ✓ Skeletal radiography abnormal in 19% of infected newborns without overt disease! 1. Metaphysitis ✓ lucent metaphyseal band adjacent to thin / widened zone of provisional calcification (disturbance in enchondral bone growth) ✓ frayed edge of metaphyseal-physeal junction (osteochondritis) = erosions + lytic defects 2. Diaphyseal periostitis = "lucent diaphysitis" ✓ solid / lamellated periosteal new-bone growth = [bone-within-bone appearance](#) 3. Spontaneous epiphyseal fractures causing Parrot pseudopalsy (DDx: [battered child syndrome](#)) 4. Bone destruction ✓ marginal destruction of spongiosa + cortex along side of shaft with widening of medullary canal (in short tubular bones) ✓ patchy rarefaction in diaphysis 5. Wimberger sign ✓ symmetrical focal bone destruction of medial portion of proximal tibial metaphysis (ALMOST PATHOGNOMONIC) B. Late phase • Hutchinson triad = dental abnormality, interstitial keratitis, 8th nerve deafness ✓ frontal bossing of Parrot = diffuse thickening of outer table ✓ saddle nose + high palate (syphilitic chondritis + rhinitis) ✓ short maxilla (maxillary osteitis) ✓ thickening at sternal end of clavicle ✓ "saber-shin" deformity = anteriorly convex bowing in upper 2/3 of tibia with bone thickening **Acquired Syphilis** = TERTIARY SYPHILIS resembles [chronic osteomyelitis](#) ✓ dense bone sclerosis of long bones ✓ irregular periosteal proliferation + endosteal thickening with narrow medulla ✓ extensive calvarial bone proliferation with mottled pattern (anterior half + lateral skull) in outer table (DDx: [fibrous dysplasia](#), [Paget disease](#)) ✓ ill-defined lytic destruction in skull, spine, long bones (gumma formation) ✓ enlargement of clavicle (cortical + endosteal new bone) ✓ Charcot arthropathy = neuropathic joints (lower extremities + spine)

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TARSAL COALITION

=abnormal fibrous / cartilaginous / bony fusion of two or more tarsal ossification centers Most important congenital problem of calcaneus clinically • asymptomatic / painful pes planus with peroneal spasm Age: fibrous coalition at birth, ossification during 2nd decade of life ✓ bone bars on lateral radiographs between calcaneus, talus, navicular (CT superior to other imaging) ✓ both feet affected in 20% Types: (1) calcaneonavicular coalition (30%) M:F = 1:1 • rigid flat foot ± pain in 2nd decade of life ✓ hypoplastic talar head ✓ narrowed calcaneonavicular joint with indistinct articular margins (2) talocalcaneal coalition (60%) • painful peroneal spastic flat foot, relieved by rest Site: middle facet (most frequently) ✓ prominent talar beak (66%) arising from dorsal aspect of head / neck of talus ✓ "ball-and-socket" ankle mortise ✓ asymmetric anterior talocalcaneal joint DDX: acquired intertarsal ankylosis (infection, trauma, arthritis, surgery)

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THALASSEMIA SYNDROMES

PHYSIOLOGIC HEMOGLOBINS (a)in adulthood:Hb A (98% = 2 a- and 2 b-chains); Hb A₂ (2% = 2 a- and 2 d-chains) (b)in fetal life, rapidly decreasing up to 3 months of newborn period: Hb F (= 2 a- and 2 g-chains) A.ALPHA-THALASSEMIA=decreased synthesis of a-chains leading to excess of b-chains + g-chains (Hb H = 4 b-chains; Hb Bart = 4 g-chains) ● disease begins in intrauterine life as no fetal hemoglobin is produced ● homozygosity is lethal (lack of oxygen transport)B.BETA-THALASSEMIA=decreased synthesis of b-chains leading to excess of a-chains + g-chains (= fetal hemoglobin) ● disease manifest in early infancy(a)homozygous defect = [thalassemia major](#) = Cooley anemia(b)heterozygous defect = [thalassemia minor](#)

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Thalassemia Major = COOLEY ANEMIA = MEDITERRANEAN ANEMIA = HEREDITARY LEPTOCYTOSIS = beta-thalassemia trait inherited from both parents (= homozygous) *Incidence*: 1% for American Blacks; 7.4% for Greek population; 10% for certain Italian populations *Age*: develops after newborn period • retarded growth • elevated serum bilirubin • hyperpigmentation of skin • hyperuricemia • secondary sexual characteristics retarded, normal menstruation rare (primary gonadotropin insufficiency from iron overload in [pituitary gland](#)) • hypochromic microcytic anemia (Hb 2-3 g/dL), nucleated RBC, target cells, reticulocytosis, decrease in RBC survival, leukocytosis • susceptible to infection (leukopenia secondary to [splenomegaly](#)) • bleeding diathesis (secondary to thrombocytopenia) @Skull: ✓ widening of diploic space with coarsened trabeculations and displacement + thinning of outer table (from marrow hyperplasia) ✓ severe hair-on-end appearance (frontal bone, NOT inferior to internal occipital protuberance) ✓ impediment of pneumatization of maxillary antra + mastoid sinuses ✓ lateral displacement of orbits ✓ rodent facies = ventral displacement of incisors (marrow overgrowth in maxillary bone) with dental malocclusion @Peripheral skeleton: ✓ earliest changes in small bones of hands + feet (>6 months of age) ✓ widened medullary spaces with thinning of cortices ✓ [osteoporosis](#) = atrophy + coarsening of trabeculae (marrow hyperplasia) ✓ [Erlenmeyer flask deformity](#) = bulging of normally concave outline of metaphyses ✓ premature fusion of epiphyses (10%), usually at proximal humerus + distal femur ✓ arthropathy (secondary to [hemochromatosis](#) + CPPD + acute gouty arthritis) ✓ regression of peripheral skeletal changes (as red marrow becomes yellow) @Chest: ✓ cardiac enlargement + [congestive heart failure](#) (secondary to anemia) ✓ paravertebral masses (= [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)) ✓ costal osteomas = expanded posterior aspect of ribs with thinned cortices @Abdomen: ✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ gallstones Cx: (1) Pathologic fractures (2) Sequelae of iron overload from transfusion therapy (absent puberty, [diabetes mellitus](#), adrenal insufficiency, myocardial insufficiency) *Prognosis*: usually death within 1st decade

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Thalassemia Minor =beta-thalassemia trait inherited from one parent (= heterozygous) ■ usually asymptomatic except for periods of stress (pregnancy, infection) ■ microcytic hypochromic anemia (Hb 9-11 g/dL) ■ occasionally jaundice + [splenomegaly](#)

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THANATOPHORIC DYSPLASIA

=sporadic lethal skeletal dysplasia characterized by severe rhizomelia (micromelic [dwarfism](#)) *Incidence*: 6.9:100,000 births; 1:6,400-16,700 births; most common [lethal bone dysplasia](#) • hypotonic infants • protuberant abdomen • extended arms + abducted externally rotated thighs @Head ✓ large head with short base of skull + prominent frontal bone ✓ occasionally trilobed cloverleaf skull = "Kleeblattschädel" @Chest ✓ narrow chest ✓ short horizontal ribs with cupped anterior ends ✓ small scapula + normal clavicles @Spine ✓ normal length of trunk ✓ reduction of interpediculate space of last few lumbar vertebrae ✓ extreme generalized [platyspondyly](#) = severe H-shaped vertebra plana ✓ excessive intervertebral space height @Pelvis ✓ iliac wings small + square (vertical shortening but wide horizontally) ✓ flat acetabulum ✓ narrow sacrosiatic notch ✓ short pubic bones @Extremities ✓ severe micromelia + bowing of extremities ✓ metaphyseal flaring = "telephone handle" appearance of long bones ✓ thornlike projections in metaphyseal area OB-US (findings may be seen very early in pregnancy): ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (71%) ✓ short-limbed [dwarfism](#) with extremely short + bowed "telephone receiver"-like femurs ✓ extremely small hypoplastic thorax with [short ribs](#) + narrowed in anteroposterior dimension ✓ protuberant abdomen ✓ macrocrania with frontal bossing ± [hydrocephalus](#) (increased HC:AC ratio) ✓ "cloverleaf skull" (in 14%) (DDx: encephalocele) ✓ diffuse [platyspondyly](#) ✓ redundant soft tissues *Prognosis*: often stillborn; uniformly fatal within a few hours / days after birth (respiratory failure) *DDx*: (1) Ellis-van Creveld syndrome (extra digit, acromesomelic short limbs) (2) [Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia](#) (less marked bone shortening, vertebrae spared) (3) Short-rib [polydactyly](#) syndrome (4) [Homozygous achondroplasia](#) (both parents affected)

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**THROMBOCYTOPENIA-ABSENT RADIUS
SYNDROME**

=TAR SYNDROME = rare autosomal recessive disorder
Age: presentation at birth *May be associated with:* CHD (33%): ASD, tetralogy ■ platelet count $<100,000/\text{mm}^3$
(decreased production by bone marrow) usually bilateral radial aplasia / hypoplasia uni- / bilaterally hypoplastic / absent ulna / humerus defects of hands, feet, legs
Prognosis: death in 50% in early infancy (hemorrhage)

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THYROID ACROPACHY

Onset: after 18 months following thyroidectomy for [hyperthyroidism](#) (does not occur with antithyroid medication) *Incidence:* 1-10% • clubbing, soft-tissue swelling • eu- / hypo- / hyperthyroid state *Location:* diaphyses of phalanges + metacarpals of hand; less commonly feet, lower legs, forearms *↓* thick spiculated lacy [periosteal reaction](#) *DDx:* (1) Pulmonary osteoarthropathy (painful) (2) [Pachydermoperiostosis](#) (3) Fluorosis (ligamentous calcifications)

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TRANSIENT REGIONAL [OSTEOPOROSIS](#)

Cause: unknown; ? overactivity of sympathetic nervous system + local hyperemia similar to [reflex sympathetic dystrophy](#) syndrome, trauma, synovitis, transient ischemia

[Regional Migratory Osteoporosis](#) [Transient Osteoporosis of Hip](#)

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Regional Migratory Osteoporosis = rapid onset of self-limiting episodes of severe localized [osteoporosis](#) and pain but repetitive occurrence of same symptoms in other regions of the same or opposite lower extremity • rapid onset of local pain • diffuse erythema, swelling, increased heat • significant disability due to severe pain on weight-bearing Age: middle-aged males Location: usually lower extremity (ie, ankle, knee, hip, foot) ✓ rapid localized [osteoporosis](#) within 4-8 weeks after onset migrating from one joint to another; may affect trabecular / cortical bone ✓ linear / wavy [periosteal reaction](#) ✓ preservation of subchondral cortical bone ✓ no joint space narrowing, bone erosion MR: ✓ affected area has low signal intensity on T1WI, high signal intensity on T2WI (= [bone marrow edema](#)) NUC: ✓ increased activity **Prognosis**: persists for 6-9 months in one area; cycle of symptoms may last for several years **Rx**: variable response to analgesics / corticosteroids **Partial Transient Osteoporosis** = variant of regional migratory [osteoporosis](#) with more focal pattern of [osteoporosis](#), which may eventually become more generalized (a) Zonal form = portion of bone involved, ie, one femoral condyle / one quadrant of femoral head (b) Radial form = only one / two rays of hand / foot involved

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Transient Osteoporosis of Hip =self-limiting disease of unknown etiology Age: typically in middle-aged males / in 3rd trimester of pregnancy in females involving left hip; M > F • spontaneous onset of hip and groin pain, usually progressive over several weeks • painful swelling of joint followed by progressive demineralization • rapid development of disability, limp, decreased range of motion Site: hip most commonly affected; generally only one joint at a time ✓ progressive marked [osteoporosis](#) of femoral head, neck, acetabulum (3-8 weeks after onset of illness) ✓ virtually PATHOGNOMONIC striking loss of subchondral cortex of femoral head + neck region ✓ NO joint space narrowing / subchondral bone collapse NUC: ✓ markedly increased [uptake](#) on bone scan without cold spots / inhomogeneities (positive before radiograph) MR: ✓ diffuse [bone marrow edema](#) involving femoral head + neck + sometimes intertrochanteric region ✓ small joint effusion Cx: pathologic [fracture](#) common *Prognosis*: spontaneous recovery within 2-6 months; recurrence in another joint within 2 years possible *DDx*: (1) AVN (cystic + sclerotic changes, early subchondral undermining) (2) Septic / [tuberculous arthritis](#) (joint aspiration) (3) Monarticular [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (4) Metastasis (5) [Reflex sympathetic dystrophy](#) (6) Disuse atrophy (7) Synovial chondromatosis (8) Villonodular synovitis

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TRANSIENT SYNOVITIS OF HIP

=OBSERVATION HIP = TRANSITORY SYNOVITIS = TOXIC SYNOVITIS = COXITIS FUGAX= nonspecific inflammatory reaction; most common nontraumatic cause of acute limp in a child *Etiology*:unknown *Age*:5-10 (average 6) years; M:F = 2:1 • developing limp over 1-2 days • pain in hip, thigh, knee • Hx of recent viral illness (65%) • mild fever (25%) ✓ radiographs usually normal ✓ joint effusion ✓ displacement of femur from acetabulum ✓ displacement of psoas line ✓ lateral displacement of gluteal line (least sensitive + least reliable) ✓ regional [osteoporosis](#) (? hyperemia, disuse) *Prognosis*:complete recovery within a few weeks *Dx*:per exclusion *Rx*:non-weight-bearing treatment *DDx*:trauma, Legg-Perthes disease, acute [rheumatoid arthritis](#), acute rheumatic fever, [septic arthritis](#), [tuberculosis](#), malignancy

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TREACHER COLLINS SYNDROME

=MANDIBULOFACIAL DYSOSTOSIS=autosomal dominant disease (with new mutations in 60%) characterized by bilateral malformations of eyes, malar bones, mandible, and ears resulting in birdlike face *Cause*: defect in growth of 1st + 2nd branchial arches before the 7th to 8th week of gestation • antimongoloid eye slant (drooping lateral lower eyelids due to hypoplasia of lateral canthal tendon of orbicular muscle) • sparse / absent lashes in lower eye lids, [coloboma](#) • dysplastic low-set auricles • preauricular skin tags / fistulas • conductive hearing loss (common) • extension of scalp hair growth onto cheek • craniosynostosis • egg-shaped orbits = drooping of outer inferior orbital rim • sunken cheek due to marked hypoplasia of zygomatic arches (= malar hypoplasia) • hypoplasia of lateral wall of orbits + shallow / incomplete orbital floor • hypoplasia of maxilla + [maxillary sinus](#) • pronounced [micrognathia](#) = mandibular hypoplasia with broad concave curve on lower border of body • microtia with small [middle ear](#) cavity • deformed / fused / absent auditory ossicles • atresia / stenosis of external auditory canal • high-arched / cleft palate OB-US: • [polyhydramnios](#) (from swallowing difficulty) *Prognosis*: early respiratory problems (tongue relatively too large for hypoplastic mandible) *DDx*: (1) Goldenhar-Gorlin syndrome (unilateral microtia + midface anomalies, hemivertebrae, block vertebrae, vertebral hypoplasia, [microphthalmia](#), [coloboma](#) of upper lid) (2) Acrofacial dysplasia (limb malformations) (3) [Crouzon disease](#) ([maxillary hypoplasia](#) with protrusion of mandible, [hypertelorism](#), exophthalmos, craniosynostosis)

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TRISOMY D SYNDROME

=[Trisomy 13-15](#) group syndrome *Etiology*: additional chromosome in D group; high maternal age • severe mental retardation • hypertonic infant • cleft lip + palate *Associated with*: capillary [hemangioma](#) of face + upper trunk • [hypotelorism](#) • [coloboma](#), cataract, [microphthalmia](#) • malformed ear with hypoplastic external auditory canal • hyperconvex nails ✓ postaxial [polydactyly](#) ✓ @Skull ✓ deficient ossification of skull ✓ cleft / absent midline structures of facial bones ✓ poorly formed orbits ✓ slanting of frontal bones ✓ [microcephaly](#) ✓ [arrhinencephaly](#) ✓ [holoprosencephaly](#) ✓ @Chest ✓ thin malformed ribs ✓ diaphragmatic hernia (frequent) ✓ congenital heart disease *Prognosis*: death within 6 months of age

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TRISOMY E SYNDROME

= Trisomy 16-18 group syndrome *Etiology*: additional chromosome at 18 or E group location *Sex*: usually female ■ hypertonic infants ■ mental + psychomotor retardation ■ typical facies: [micrognathia](#), high narrow palate with small buccal cavity, low-set deformed ears ■ flexed ulnar-deviated fingers + short adducted thumb ■ 2nd finger overlapping of 3rd (CHARACTERISTIC) *Associated with*: congenital heart disease in 100% (PDA, VSD); hernias; renal anomalies; eventration of diaphragm ✓ [stippled epiphyses](#) @Skull ✓ thin calvarium ✓ persistent metopic suture ✓ prominent occiput ✓ hypoplastic mandible (most constant feature) + maxilla @Chest ✓ increase in AP diameter of thorax ✓ hypoplastic sternum ✓ hypoplastic clavicles (DDx: [cleidocranial dysostosis](#)) ✓ slender + tapered ribs ✓ diaphragmatic eventration (common) @Pelvis ✓ small pelvis with forward rotation of iliac wings ✓ increased obliquity of acetabulum @Hand & foot ✓ adducted thumb = short 1st metacarpal + phalanges (DIAGNOSTIC) ✓ overlap of 2nd on 3rd finger (DIAGNOSTIC) ✓ flexed ulnar-deviated fingers ✓ short 1st toe ✓ varus deformities of forefoot + dorsiflexion of toes ✓ rocker bottom foot / extreme pes planus (frequent) OB-US: ✓ [hydrocephalus](#) ✓ [cystic hygroma](#) ✓ diaphragmatic hernia ✓ clubfoot ✓ overlapping index finger ✓ [choroid plexus cyst](#) (30%) *Prognosis*: child rarely survives beyond 6 months of age

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TUBERCULOSIS OF BONE

Incidence: 3-5% of tuberculous patients, 30% in patients with extrapulmonary [tuberculosis](#) *Age:* any, rare in 1st year of life, M:F = 1:1 ■ negative skin test excludes diagnosis ■ history of active pulmonary disease (in 50%) *Location:* vertebral column, hip, knee, wrist, elbow *Pathogenesis:* 1. Hematogenous spread from (a) primary infection of lung (particularly in children) (b) quiescent primary pulmonary site / extraosseous focus 2. Reactivation: especially in hip

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Tuberculous Arthritis = joint involvement usually secondary to adjacent osteomyelitis *Incidence*: 84% of skeletal [tuberculosis](#) *Pathophysiology*: synovitis with pannus formation leads to chondronecrosis *Age*: middle-aged / elderly • chronic pain, weakness, muscle wasting • soft-tissue swelling, draining sinus • joint fluid: high WBC count, low glucose level, poor mucin clot formation (similar to [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) *Location*: hip, knee > elbow, wrist, sacroiliac joint, glenohumeral, articulation of hand + foot *Pemister triad*: 1. gradual narrowing of joint space due to slow cartilage destruction (DDx: cartilage destruction in pyogenic arthritis is much quicker) 2. peripherally located (= marginal) bone erosions 3. juxta-articular [osteoporosis](#) *Early radiographs*: ✓ joint effusion (hip in 0%, knee in 60%, ankle in 80%) ✓ extensive [osteopenia](#) (deossification) adjacent to primarily weight-bearing joints ✓ soft tissues normal *Late radiographs*: ✓ small cystlike erosions along joint margins in non-weight-bearing line opposing one another (DDx: pyogenic arthritis erodes articular cartilage) ✓ no joint space narrowing for months ✓ articular cortical bone destruction earlier in joints with little unopposed surfaces (hip, [shoulder](#)) ✓ infection of subchondral bone forming "kissing sequestra" ✓ increased density with extensive soft-tissue calcifications in healing phase *Cx*: fibrous ankylosis, [leg](#) shortening *Dx*: synovial biopsy (in 90% positive), culture of synovial fluid (in 80% positive)

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Tuberculous Osteomyelitis *Incidence:* 16% of skeletal [tuberculosis](#) *Age:* children <5 years (0.5-14%), rare in adults ■ painless swelling of hand / foot *Location:* any bone *Site:* (a) epiphysis with spread to joint / spread from adjacent affected joint (most common) (b) metaphysis with transphyseal spread (in child) (DDx: pyogenic infections usually do not extend across [physis](#)) (c) diaphysis (<1%) initially round / oval poorly defined lytic lesion with minimal / no surrounding sclerosis varying amounts of eburnation + periostitis advanced epiphyseal maturity / overgrowth (due to hyperemia) ± limb shortening from premature physeal fusion cystic [tuberculosis](#) = well-marginated osseous lesions (a) in children (frequent): in peripheral skeleton, ± symmetric distribution, no sclerosis (b) in adults: in skull / [shoulder](#) / pelvis / spine, with sclerosis *spina ventosa* = tuberculous dactylitis = digit with exuberant periosteal new-bone formation of fusiform appearance secondary to erosion of endosteal cortex with lamellated / solid periosteal thickening in hands + feet

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Tuberculous Spondylitis =POTT DISEASE=destruction of vertebral body + intervertebral disk by tuberculous mycobacterium *Incidence*:<1% of patients with [tuberculosis](#); 25-60% of all skeletal [tuberculosis](#) *Age*:children / adults; M > F ■ insidious onset of back pain, stiffness ■ local tenderness ■ NO pulmonary lesions in 50% *Location*:thoracolumbar area (L1 most common), frequent involvement of multiple contiguous segments *Site*:vertebral body (82%) > posterior elements (18%) *Spread*: (a)hematogenous spread via paravertebral venous plexus of Batson: separate foci in 1-4%(b)contiguous into disk by penetrating subchondral bone plate + cartilaginous endplate (c)subligamentous spread beneath paraspinal ligaments to adjacent vertebral bodies ✓ erosion and collapse of vertebral endplates leads to narrowing of vertebral interspaces (first change) N.B.:vertebral disk space maintained longer than in pyogenic arthritis (disk itself preserved but fragmented) ✓ destruction of centra ✓ vertebra plana in children ✓ angular kyphotic deformity (= gibbus) in adults ✓ vertebra within a vertebra (= growth recovery lines) ✓ [ivory vertebra](#) (= reossification as healing response to osteonecrosis) ✓ large cold fusiform abscess in paravertebral gutters / psoas, commonly bilateral, ± anterolateral scalloping of vertebral bodies ✓ amorphous / teardrop-shaped calcification in paraspinal area between L1 + L5 (DDx: nontuberculous abscess rarely calcifies) ✓ "gouge defect" = mild contour irregularity of anterior and lateral aspect of vertebral body (= erosion from subligamentous extension of tuberculous abscess) *Cx*:angular kyphosis (= gibbus deformity), scoliosis, ankylosis, osteonecrosis, paralysis (spinal cord compression from abscess, granulation tissue, bone fragments, [arachnoiditis](#)) *Prognosis*:26-30% mortality rate *DDx*:1.Pyogenic spondylitis (rapid destruction, multiple abscess cavities, no thickening / calcification of abscess rim, little new-bone formation, posterior elements not involved) 2.Neoplasia (multiple noncontiguous lesions, no disk destruction, little soft-tissue involvement)

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TUMORAL CALCINOSIS

=LIPOCALCINOGRANULOMATOSIS=rare disease with progressive large nodular juxta-articular calcified soft-tissue masses in patients with normal serum [calcium](#) + [phosphorus](#) and no evidence of renal, metabolic, or collagen-vascular disease *Etiology*:autosomal dominant (1/3) with variable clinical expressivity; unknown biochemical defect of [phosphorus](#) metabolism responsible for abnormal phosphate reabsorption + 1,25-dihydroxy-vitamin D formation *Path*:multilocular cystic lesions with creamy white fluid (hydroxyapatite) + many giant cells (granulomatous foreign body reaction) surrounded by fibrous capsule *Age*: onset mostly within 1st / 2nd decade (range of 1-79 years); M:F = 1:1; predominantly in Blacks ■ progressive painful / painless soft-tissue mass with overlying skin ulceration + sinus tract draining chalky milklike fluid ■ swelling ■ limitation of motion ■ hyperphosphatemia + [hypervitaminosis D](#) ■ normal serum [calcium](#), alkaline phosphatase, renal function, parathyroid hormone @Soft tissueLocation:para-articular in hips > elbows > shoulders > feet, ribs, ischial spines; single / multiple joints; ALMOST NEVER knees; usually along extensor surface of joints (? initially a calcific bursitis)✓ dense loculated multiglobular homogeneously calcified soft-tissue mass of 1-20 cm in size✓ radiolucent septa (= connective tissue)✓ ± fluid-fluid levels with milk-of-[calcium](#) consistency✓ underlying bones NORMAL✓ increased tracer [uptake](#) of soft-tissue masses on bone scan@Bone✓ diaphyseal [periosteal reaction](#) (diaphysitis)✓ patchy areas of calcification in medullary cavity (calcific myelitis)@Teeth✓ bulbous root enlargement✓ pulp stones = intrapulp calcifications@Pseudoxanthoma elasticum-like features✓ calcosinosis cutis = skin calcifications✓ vascular calcifications✓ angiod streaks of retina *Prognosis*:tendency for recurrence after incomplete excisionRx:phosphate depletionDDx:[Chronic renal failure](#) on hemodialysis, CPPD, [paraosteopathy](#), [hyperparathyroidism](#)

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TURNER SYNDROME

=due to nondisjunction of sex chromosomes as (1) complete monosomy (45,XO) (2) partial monosomy (structurally altered second X chromosome) (3) mosaicism (XO + another sex karyotype) *Incidence*: 1:3,000-5,000 livebirths *Associated with*: coarctation, [aortic stenosis](#), [horseshoe kidney](#) (most common) • sexual infantilism: primary [amenorrhea](#), absent secondary sex characteristics • short stature; absence of prepubertal growth spurt • webbed neck; low irregular nuchal hair line • shield-shaped chest + widely spaced nipples • mental deficiency (occasionally) • high palate; thyromegaly • multiple pigmented nevi; keloid formation • idiopathic hypertension; elevated urinary gonadotropins @General ✓ normal skeletal maturation with growth arrest at skeletal age of 15 years ✓ delayed fusion of epiphyses > age 20 years ✓ [osteoporosis](#) during / after 2nd decade (gonadal hormone deficiency) ✓ [coarctation of aorta](#) (10%); [aortic stenosis](#) ✓ [renal ectopia](#) / [horseshoe kidney](#) ✓ lymphedema @Skull ✓ basilar impression; basal angle >140° ✓ parietal thinning ✓ small bridged sella ✓ [hypertelorism](#) @Axial skeleton ✓ hypoplasia of odontoid process + C1 ✓ osteochondrosis of vertebral plates ✓ squared lumbar vertebrae; kyphoscoliosis ✓ deossification of vertebrae ✓ small iliac wings; late fusion of iliac crests ✓ android pelvic inlet with narrowed pubic arch + small sacrosciatic notches @Chest ✓ thinning of lateral aspects of clavicles ✓ thinned + narrowed ribs with pseudonotching @Hand + arm ✓ positive [metacarpal sign](#) = relative shortening of 4th metacarpal = tangential line along heads of 5th + 4th metacarpals intersects 3rd metacarpal ✓ positive carpal sign = narrowing of scaphoid-lunate-triquetrum angle <117° ✓ phalangeal preponderance = length of proximal + distal phalanx exceeds length of 4th metacarpal by >3 mm ✓ shortening of 2nd + 5th middle phalanx (also in [Down syndrome](#)) ✓ "drumstick" distal phalanges = slender shaft + large distal head ✓ "insetting" of epiphyses into bases of adjacent metaphyses (phalanges + metacarpals) ✓ Madelung deformity = shortening of ulna / absence of ulnar styloid process ✓ cubitus valgus = bilateral radial tilt of articular surface of trochlea ✓ deossification of [carpal bones](#) @Knee ✓ tibia vara = enlarged medial femoral condyle + depression of medial tibial plateau (DDx: [Blount disease](#)) ✓ small exostosis-like projection from medial border of proximal tibial metaphysis @Foot ✓ deossification of tarsal bones ✓ shortening of 1st, 4th, and 5th metatarsals ✓ pes cavus OB-US: ✓ large nuchal [cystic hygroma](#) ✓ lymphangiectasia with generalized hydrops ✓ symmetrical edema of dorsum of feet ✓ CHD (20%): [coarctation of aorta](#) (70%), left heart lesions ✓ [horseshoe kidney](#) **Bonnevie-Ullrich Syndrome** = infantile form of Turner syndrome (1) congenital webbed neck (2) widely separated nipples (3) lymphedema of hands + feet

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VAN BUCHEM DISEASE

=GENERALIZED CORTICAL HYPEROSTOSIS may be related to hyperphosphatasemia • paralysis of [facial nerve](#) • auditory + ocular disturbances (in late teens secondary to foraminal encroachment) • increased alkaline phosphatase Location: skull, mandible, clavicles, ribs, long-bone diaphyses ✓ symmetrical generalized sclerosis + thickening of endosteal cortex ✓ obliteration of diploe ✓ spinous processes thickened + sclerotic DDX: (1) [Osteopetrosis](#) (sclerosis of all bones, not confined to diaphyses) (2) Generalized hyperostosis with pachydermia (involves entire long bones, considerable pain, skin changes) (3) Hyperphosphatasia (infancy, widened bones but decreased cortical density) (4) Engelmann disease (rarely generalized, involves lower limbs) (5) Pyle disease (does not involve middiaphyses) (6) Polyostotic [fibrous dysplasia](#) (rarely symmetrically generalized, [paranasal sinuses](#) abnormal, skull involvement)

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WILLIAMS SYNDROME

=IDIOPATHIC [HYPERCALCEMIA](#) OF INFANCY • elfin facies, dysplastic dentition • neonatal [hypercalcemia](#) • mental retardation@Skeletal manifestations✓ osteosclerosis (secondary to trabecular thickening)✓ dense broad zone of provisional calcification✓ radiolucent metaphyseal bands✓ dense vertebral endplates + acetabular roofs✓ bone islands in spongiosa✓ metastatic calcification✓ craniostenosis@Cardiovascular manifestations✓ supraaortic [aortic stenosis](#), aortic hypoplasia ✓ [pulmonic stenosis](#)✓ stenoses of major vessels (innominate, carotids, renal arteries)@GI and GU tract:✓ colonic diverticula✓ bladder diverticula*Prognosis*:spontaneous resolution after 1 year in most*Rx*:withhold vitamin D + [calcium](#)*DDx*:[Hypervitaminosis D](#)

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WILSON DISEASE

=HEPATOENTERIC DEGENERATION=autosomal recessive disease with excessive copper retention (= copper toxicosis) *Prevalence*: 1:33,000-200,000; 1:90 persons is a heterozygous carrier *Cause*: alteration of chromosome 13 resulting in inability of liver to excrete copper into bile; hypothetically due to either (a) lysosomal defect in hepatocytes, or (b) deficiency of biliary copper-binding proteins, or (c) persistence of fetal mode of copper metabolism, or (d) hepatic synthesis of high-affinity copper-binding proteins *Age of onset*: 7-50 years; hepatic manifestations predominate in children; neuropsychiatric manifestations predominate in adolescents + adults *Histo*: macrovesicular fat deposition in hepatocytes, glycogen degeneration of hepatocyte nuclei, Kupffer cell hypertrophy Stage 1 asymptomatic copper accumulation in hepatocytic cytosol Stage 2 redistribution of copper into hepatic lysosomes + circulation from saturated hepatocytic cytosol (a) gradual redistribution is asymptomatic (b) rapid redistribution causes fulminant hepatic failure / acute intravascular hemolysis Stage 3 [cirrhosis](#), neurologic, ophthalmologic, renal dysfunction may be reversible with therapy • tremor, rigidity, dysarthria, dysphagia (excessive copper deposition in lenticular region of brain) • intellectual impairment, emotional disturbance • Kayser-Fleischer ring (= green pigmentation surrounding limbus corneae) is DIAGNOSTIC • jaundice / [portal hypertension](#) (liver [cirrhosis](#)) • elevated copper concentration in serum ceruloplasmin (BEST SCREENING TEST) • decreased incorporation of orally administered radiolabeled copper into newly synthesized ceruloplasmin Skeletal manifestations (in 2/3): ✓ generalized deossification may produce pathologic fractures @ Joints: [shoulder](#) (frequent), knee, hip, wrist, 2nd-4th MCP joints • articular symptoms in 75%: pain, stiffness, gelling of joints ✓ subarticular cysts ✓ premature [osteoarthritis](#) (narrowing of joint space + osteophyte formation) ✓ osteochondritis dissecans ✓ [chondrocalcinosis](#) ✓ premature osteoarthritis of spine, prominent Schmorl nodes, wedging of vertebrae, irregularities of vertebral plates @ Brain Location: basal ganglia, rarely thalamus ✓ cerebral white matter atrophy ✓ hypodensities, prolongation of T1 + T2 Cx: [rickets](#) + [osteomalacia](#) (secondary to renal tubular dysfunction) in minority of patients Rx: life long pharmacologic therapy with chelation agents (penicillamine / trientine / zinc); liver transplantation

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LUMBOSACRAL POSTSURGICAL SYNDROME

=signs of dysfunction and disability + pain and paresthesia following surgery
Cause: A. Biomechanical failure 1. Primary disk herniation 2. Recurrent disk herniation (onset 1 week - 1 month) B. Failure of surgical treatment 1. Residual disk herniation (onset <1 week) 2. Perioperative intraspinal hemorrhage (onset <1 week) 3. Spinal / meningeal / neural inflammation (onset 1 week - 1 month) 4. Intraspinous scar formation (onset >1 month) (a) Epidural [fibrosis](#) / enhancing epidural plaque / mass (b) Fibrosing [arachnoiditis](#) / clumping of nerve roots / adhesion of roots to wall of thecal sac / abnormal enhancement of thickened meninges + matted nerve roots 5. Remote phenomena unrelated to spine

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FAILED BACK SURGERY SYNDROME

=failure of improvement following back surgery in 5-15% Interpretation in immediate postoperative period difficult, stabilization of findings occurs in 2-6 months

A. OSSEOUS CAUSES

1. [Spondylolisthesis](#)
2. Central stenosis
3. Foraminal stenosis
4. Pseudarthrosis

B. SOFT-TISSUE CAUSES

1. Adhesive [arachnoiditis](#) thickened irregular clumped nerve roots
2. Infection
3. Hemorrhage
4. Epidural [fibrosis](#) (scarring) heterogeneous enhancement on early T1WI (maximum at about 5 minutes post injection)
5. Recurrent disk herniation no enhancement on early T1WI (appears enhanced ≥ 30 minutes post injection)

C. SURGICAL ERRORS

1. Wrong level / side of surgery
2. Direct nerve injury

mnemonic: "ABCDEF"

Arachnoiditis **B**leeding **C**ontamination (infection) **D**isk (residual / recurrent / new level) **E**rror (wrong disk excised) **F**ibrosis (scar)

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CAUDA EQUINA SYNDROME

=constellation of signs + symptoms resulting from compressive lesion in lower lumbar spinal canal
Cause: (1) Displaced disk fragment (2) Intra- / extramedullary tumor (3) Osseous: [Paget disease](#), osteomyelitis, osteoarthritis of facet joints, complication of [ankylosing spondylitis](#) ■ diminished sensation in lower lumbar + sacral dermatomes ■ wasting + weakness of muscles ■ decreased ankle reflexes ■ [impotence](#) ■ disturbed sphincter function + overflow [incontinence](#) ■ decreased sphincter tone

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Mandibular Hypoplasia = [Micrognathia](#) A. WITH ABNORMAL EARS1. Treacher-Collins syndrome2. Goldenhar syndrome = facio-auriculo-vertebral spectrum (x-rays of vertebrae!)3. Langer-Giedion syndrome (IUGR, protruding ears)B. ABNORMALITIES OF EARS + OTHER ORGANS1. Miller syndrome (severe postaxial hand anomalies)2. Velo-cardio-facial syndrome (hand + cardiac lesions)3. Otopalatodigital syndrome - type II (hand abnormalities)4. Stickler syndrome (ear anomalies not severe)5. Pierre-Robin syndrome (large fleshy ears)C. NO EAR ANOMALIES1. [Pyknodysostosis](#)

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Destruction Of Temporomandibular Joint *mnemonic:*"HIRT"**H**yperparathyroidism **I**nfection **R**heumatoid arthritis **T**rauma

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Radiolucent Lesion Of Mandible A. SHARPLY MARGINATED LESION(a)around apex of tooth1. Radicular cyst2. Cementinoma(b)around unerupted tooth1. Dentigerous cyst2. Ameloblastoma(c)unrelated to tooth1. Simple bone cyst2. Fong disease3. [Basal cell nevus syndrome](#) B. POORLY MARGINATED LESIONS¹ "floating teeth": suggestive of primary / secondary malignancy¹ resorption of tooth root: hallmark of benign process(a)Infection1. Osteomyelitis: [actinomycosis](#)(b)Radiotherapy1. [Osteoradionecrosis](#)(c)Malignant neoplasm1. [Osteosarcoma](#) (1/3 lytic, 1/3 sclerotic, 1/3 mixed)2. Local invasion from gingival / buccal neoplasms (more common)3. Metastasis from breast, lung, kidney in 1% (in 70% adenocarcinoma)(d)Other1. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#): "floating tooth"2. [Fibrous dysplasia](#)3. Osteocementoma4. [Ossifying fibroma](#) (very common)

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Tooth Mass A. CYSTIC LESION 1. **Radicular cyst** (commonest) *Cause*: deep carious lesion / deep filling / trauma *Site*: intimately associated with apex of nonvital tooth
✓ apical lucency 2. **Ameloblastoma = adamantinoma of jaw**
locally aggressive lesion from enamel-type epithelial tissue elements around tooth; 1/3 arise from dentigerous cyst *Age*: 4 - 5th decade; M:F = 1:1 *Location*: mandible (75%), maxilla (25%), in region of bicuspid + molars (angle of mandible commonly affected) ✓ uni- / multilocular lytic lesion with scalloped margin + cortical expansion
✓ may be associated with impacted tooth / resorption of the root of a tooth *Prognosis*: frequently local recurrence even more aggressive after excision 3. **Primordial cyst**
arising from follicle of tooth that never developed ✓ absent tooth 4. **Giant cell reparative granuloma**
unrelated to tooth (nonodontogenic) ✓ lucent smooth multiloculated lesion 5. **Traumatic bone cyst**
in association with vital tooth ✓ sharply marginated lucent lesion with fingerlike projections between roots 6. **Dentigerous cyst**
= epithelial-lined cyst from odontogenic epithelium developing around unerupted tooth *Location*: maxilla (may expand into [maxillary sinus](#)), posterior mandible ✓ cystic
expansile lesion containing tooth *Cx*: may degenerate into ameloblastoma (rare) B. SCLEROTIC LESION 1. **Cementinoma = fibro-osteoma** = periapical cemental
dysplasia *Histo*: spindle-cell fibroblastic proliferation + cementum *Age*: 30-40 years of age; most common in women *Location*: in anterior portion of mandible, at apex of
vital tooth ✓ often multicentric ✓ mixed lucent + sclerotic lesion with little expansion, calcifies with time *DDx*: [ossifying fibroma](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#), [Paget disease](#) 2. True
cementoma = benign cementoblastoma 3. Gigantiform cementoma 4. **Hypercementosis**
= bulbous enlargement of a root (a) idiopathic (b) associated with [Paget disease](#) 5. Benign fibro-osseous lesions (a) [ossifying fibroma](#): young adults; mandible >
maxilla (b) monostotic [fibrous dysplasia](#): M < F, younger patients (c) condensing osteitis = focal chronic sclerosing osteitis ✓ near apex of nonvital tooth 6. [Paget disease](#)
involvement of jaw in 20%; maxilla > mandible *Location*: bilateral, symmetric involvement ✓ widened alveolar ridges ✓ flat palate ✓ loosening of teeth ✓
hypercementosis ✓ may cause destruction of lamina dura 7. **Torus mandibularis** = exostosis *Site*: midline of hard palate; lingual surface of mandible in region of
bicuspid

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Sutural Abnormalities

Wide Sutures =>10 mm at birth, >3 mm at 2 years, >2 mm at 3 years of age; (sutures are splittable up to age 12-15; complete closure by age 30)A.NORMAL VARIANTin neonate + prematurity; growth spurt occurs at 2-3 years and 5-7 years B.CONGENITAL UNDEROSSIFICATION [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#), [hypophosphatasia](#), [rickets](#), [hypothyroidism](#), [pyknodysostosis](#), cleidocranial dysplasia C.METABOLIC DISEASE [hypoparathyroidism](#); lead intoxication; hypo- / [hypervitaminosis A](#) D.RAISED INTRACRANIAL PRESSURECause:(1) intracerebral tumor (2) subdural hematoma (3) [hydrocephalus](#)Age:seen only if <10 years of ageLocation:coronal > sagittal > lambdoid > squamosal sutureE.INFILTRATION OF SUTURES Cause:metastases to meninges from(1) [neuroblastoma](#) (2) [leukemia](#)(3) [lymphoma](#) poorly defined marginsF.RECOVERYfrom (1) deprivational [dwarfism](#) (2) chronic illness (3) prematurity (4) [hypothyroidism](#) **Craniosynostosis** =CRANIOSTENOSIS = premature closure of sutures (normally at about 30 years of age)Age:often present at birth; M:F = 4:1 **Etiology:** A.Primary craniosynostosisB.Secondary craniosynostosis(a)hematologic: sickle cell anemia, thalassemia(b)metabolic: [rickets](#), [hypercalcemia](#), [hyperthyroidism](#), [hypervitaminosis D](#)(c)bone dysplasia: [hypophosphatasia](#), achondroplasia, metaphyseal dysplasia, mongolism, Hurler disease, skull hyperostosis, [Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome](#)(d)syndromes: Crouzon, Apert, Carpenter, Treacher-Collins, cloverleaf skull, craniotelsoncephalic dysplasia, arrhinencephaly(e)[microcephaly](#): brain atrophy / dysgenesis(f)after shunting proceduresTypes: Sagittal suture most commonly affected followed by coronal suture 1.**Scaphocephaly** = **Dolichocephaly** (55%)premature closure of sagittal suture (long skull)2.**Brachycephaly** = **Turricephaly** (10%)premature closure of coronal / lambdoid sutures (short tall skull)3.**Plagiocephaly** (7%)unilateral early fusion of coronal + lambdoidal suture (lopsided skull)4.**Trigonocephaly**: premature closure of metopic suture (forward pointing skull)5.**Oxycephaly**: premature closure of coronal, sagittal, lambdoid sutures 6.**Cloverleaf skull** = Kleeblattschädel:intrauterine premature closure of sagittal, coronal, lambdoid sutures; *May be associated with*: thanatophoric [dwarfism](#) sharply defined thickened sclerotic suture margins delayed growth of BPD in early pregnancy

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Wormian Bones =intrasutural ossicles in lambdoid, posterior sagittal, temporosquamosal sutures; normal up to 6 months of age (most frequently)*mnemonic:*"PORK CHOPS I"**P**yknodysostosis **O**steogenesis imperfecta **R**ickets in healing phase **K**inky hair syndrome **C**leidocranial dysostosis **H**ypothyroidism / **H**ypophosphatasia **O**topalatodigital syndrome **P**rimary [acroosteolysis](#) (Hajdu-Cheney) / **P**achydermoperiostosis / **P**rogeria **S**yndrome of Down **I**diopathic

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Increased Skull Thickness A. GENERALIZED 1. Chronic severe anemia (eg, thalassemia, [sickle cell disease](#)) 2. [Cerebral atrophy](#) following shunting of [hydrocephalus](#) 3. Engelmann disease: mainly skull base 4. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) 5. [Acromegaly](#) 6. [Osteopetrosis](#) B. FOCAL 1. [Meningioma](#) 2. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) 3. [Paget disease](#) 4. [Dyke-Davidoff-Mason syndrome](#) 5. Hyperostosis frontalis interna=dense hyperostosis of inner table of frontal bone; M < F *mnemonic*: "HIPFAM" Hyperostosis frontalis interna Idiopathic **Paget disease** **Fibrous dysplasia** **Anemia** (sickle cell, iron deficiency, thalassemia, spherocytosis) **Metastases** **Hair-on-end Skull** *mnemonic*: "HI NEST" **Hereditary spherocytosis** **Iron deficiency anemia** **Neuroblastoma** Enzyme deficiency (glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency causes hemolytic anemia) **Sickle cell disease** **Thalassemia major** **Leontiasis Ossea** =overgrowth of facial bones causing leonine (lionlike) facies 1. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) 2. [Paget disease](#) 3. [Cranio-metaphyseal dysplasia](#) 4. [Hyperphosphatasia](#)

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Osteolytic Lesion Of Skull A. NORMAL VARIANT 1. Emissary vein connecting venous systems inside + outside skull [✓] bony channel <2 mm in width 2. Venous lake = outpouching of diploic vein [✓] extremely variable in size, shape, and number [✓] irregular well-demarcated contour 3. Pacchionian granulations [✓] usually multiple lesions with irregular contour in parasagittal location (within 3 cm of superior sagittal sinus) primarily involving the inner table *Associated with:* impressions by arachnoid granulations 4. Parietal foramina nonossification of embryonal rests in parietal fissure; bilateral at superior posterior angles of parietal bone; hereditary transmission B. TRAUMA 1. Surgical burr hole 2. [Leptomeningeal cyst](#) C. INFECTION 1. Osteomyelitis 3. Syphilis 2. [Hydatid disease](#) 4. [Tuberculosis](#) D. CONGENITAL 1. Epidermoid / [dermoid](#) 2. [Neurofibromatosis](#) (asterion defect) 3. Meningoencephalocele 4. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) 5. [Osteoporosis](#) circumscripta of [Paget disease](#) E. BENIGN TUMOR 1. [Hemangioma](#) 2. Brown tumor 3. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) F. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. Solitary / multiple metastases 2. [Multiple myeloma](#) 3. [Leukemia](#) 4. [Neuroblastoma](#)
Solitary Lytic Lesion In Skull mnemonic: "HELP MFT HOLE" Hemangioma Epidermoid / [dermoid](#) Leptomeningeal cyst Postop, Paget disease Metastasis, Myeloma Fibrous dysplasia [Tuberculosis](#) Hyperparathyroidism Osteomyelitis Lambdoid defect ([neurofibromatosis](#)) Eosinophilic granuloma [Multiple Lytic Lesions In Skull](#) mnemonic: "BAMMAH" Brown tumor AVM Myeloma Metastases Amyloidosis Histiocytosis

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Lytic Area In Bone Flap *mnemonic:"RATI"* Radiation necrosis [Avascular necrosis](#) Tumor Infection

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Button Sequestrum *mnemonic:* "TORE ME" **T**uberculosis **O**steomyelitis **R**adiation **E**osinophilic granuloma **M**etastasis **E**pidermoid

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Absent Greater Sphenoid Wing *mnemonic: "M FOR MARINE"* **M**eningioma **F**ibrous dysplasia **O**ptic [glioma](#) **R**elapsing hematoma **M**etastasis **A**neurysm
Retinoblastoma **I**diopathic **N**eurofibromatosis **E**osinophilic granuloma

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Absence Of Innominate Line =OBLIQUE CAROTID LINE=vertical line projecting into orbit (on PA skull film) produced by orbital process of sphenoidA.CONGENITAL1.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)2.[Neurofibromatosis](#)B.INFECTIONC.TUMOR

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Widened Superior Orbital Fissure *mnemonic:* "A FAN" Aneurysm ([internal carotid artery](#)) Fistula (cavernous sinus) Adenoma (pituitary) Neurofibroma

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Tumors Of The Central Skull Base A.DEVELOPMENTAL1.EncephaloceleB.INFECTION / INFLAMMATION1.Extension from paranasal sinus / mastoid infection2.Complication of trauma3.Fungal disease: mucormycosis in diabetics, [aspergillosis](#) in immunosuppressed patients4.Sinus + nasopharyngeal [sarcoidosis](#)5.Radiation necrosisC.BENIGN1.[Juvenile angiofibroma](#)2.[Meningioma](#)3.[Chordoma](#)4.Pituitary tumor5.[Paget disease](#)6.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)D.MALIGNANT1.Metastasis: prostate, lung, breast2.[Chondrosarcoma](#)3.[Nasopharyngeal carcinoma](#)4.[Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)5.Perineural tumor spread: head + neck neoplasm

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Craniovertebral Junction Anomaly Basilar Invagination = primary developmental anomaly with abnormally high position of vertebral column prolapsing into skull base. *Associated with:* Chiari malformation, [syringohydromyelia](#) in 25-35%. *Cause:* 1. Condylus tertius = ossicle at distal end of clivus / pseudojoint with odontoid process / anterior arch of C2. Condylar hypoplasia / lateral masses of atlas may be fused to condyles / violation of Chamberlain line / widening of atlantooccipital joint axis angle / tip of odontoid >10 mm above bimastroid line. 3. Basiocciput hypoplasia / shortening of clivus / violation of Chamberlain line / clivus-canal angle typically decreased. 4. Atlantooccipital assimilation = complete / partial failure of segmentation between skull + 1st cervical vertebra / violation of Chamberlain line / clivus-canal angle decreased. *May be associated with:* fusion of C2 + C3. Cx: [atlantoaxial subluxation](#) (50%); sudden death • limitation in range of motion of CVJ / abnormal craniometry / C-spine + [foramen magnum](#) bulge into cranial cavity / elevation of posterior arch of C1. **Basilar Impression** = acquired form of basilar invagination with bulging of C-spine and [foramen magnum](#) into cranial cavity. *Cause:* [Paget disease](#), [Osteomalacia](#), [rickets](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#), [hyperparathyroidism](#), [Hurler syndrome](#), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), skull base infection. *mnemonic:* "PF ROACH" **P**aget disease **F**ibrous dysplasia **R**ickets **O**steogenesis imperfecta, **O**steomalacia **A**chondroplasia **C**leidocranial dysplasia **H**yperparathyroidism, **H**urler syndrome

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Platybasia = anthropometric term referring to flattening of skull base *May be associated with:* basilar invagination ■ cord symptoms ✓ craniocervical angle = clivus-canal angle becomes acute ($<150^\circ$) ✓ Welcher basal angle = sphenoid angle $>140^\circ$ ✓ bowstring deformity of cervicomedullary junction

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Atlas Anomalies A.POSTERIOR ARCH ANOMALIES



Atlas Ossification Center

secondary centers



Axis Ossification Center

secondary centers

1. Posterior atlas arch rachischisis (4%) Location: midline (97%), lateral through sulcus of [vertebral artery](#) (3%)[✓] absence of arch-canal line (LAT view)[✓] superimposed on odontoid process / axis body simulating a [fracture](#) (open-mouth odontoid view)
2. Total aplasia of posterior atlas arch
3. Keller-type aplasia with persistence of posterior tubercle
4. Aplasia with uni- / bilateral remnant + midline rachischisis
5. Partial / total hemiplasia of posterior arch
B. ANTERIOR ARCH ANOMALIES
1. Isolated anterior arch rachischisis (0.1%)
2. Split atlas = anterior + posterior arch rachischisis[✓] plump rounded anterior arch overlapping the odontoid process making identification of prepedal space impossible (LAT view)[✓] duplicated anterior margins (LAT view)

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Axis Anomalies



Atlas Ossification Center
secondary centers



Axis Ossification Center
secondary centers

1. Persistent ossiculum terminale = Bergman ossicle / unfused odontoid process >12 years of age DDx: type 1 odontoid [fracture](#) 2. Odontoid aplasia (extremely rare) 3. Os odontoideum = independent os cephalad to axis body in location of odontoid process / absence of odontoid process / anterior arch of atlas hypertrophic + situated too far posterior in relation to axis body Cx: atlantoaxial instability DDx: type 2 odontoid [fracture](#) (uncorticated margin) **Odontoid Erosion mnemonic:** "P LARD" Psoriasis Lupus erythematosus Ankylosing spondylitis Rheumatoid arthritis Down syndrome

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Atlantoaxial Subluxation =displacement of atlas with respect to axis(1)Posterior atlantoaxial subluxation (rare)(2)Anterior atlantoaxial subluxation (common)=distance between dens + anterior arch of C1 (measurement along midplane of atlas on lateral view):(a)predental space:>2.5 mm; >4.5 mm (in children)(b)retrodental space:<18 mm**Causes of subluxation:** (a)Congenital1. Occipitalization of atlas0.75% of population; fusion of basion + anterior arch of atlas 2. Congenital insufficiency of transverse ligament3. Os odontoideum / aplasia of dens4. [Down syndrome](#) (20%)5. [Morquio syndrome](#)6. Bone dysplasia(b)Arthritisdue to laxity of transverse ligament or erosion of dens 1. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#)2. [Psoriatic arthritis](#)3. [Reiter syndrome](#)4. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#)5. SLE rare: in [gout](#) + CPPD (c)Inflammatory processPharyngeal infection in childhood, retropharyngeal abscess, coryza, otitis media, mastoiditis, cervical adenitis, parotitis, alveolar abscess ↓ dislocation 8-10 days after onset of symptoms(d)Trauma (very rare without odontoid [fracture](#))(e)Marfan disease *mnemonic:* "JAP LARD" Juvenile [rheumatoid arthritis](#) Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis Lupus erythematosus Accident (trauma) Retropharyngeal abscess, Rheumatoid arthritis Down syndrome PSEUDOSUBLUXATION =ligamentous laxity in infants allows for movement of the vertebral bodies on each other, esp. C2 on C3

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SPINAL DYSRAPHISM

=abnormal / incomplete fusion of midline embryologic mesenchymal, neurologic, bony structures External signs (in 50%) • subcutaneous [lipoma](#) • spastic gait disturbance • hypertrichosis • foot deformities • pigmented nevi • absent tendon reflexes • skin dimple • sinus tract • bladder + bowel dysfunction • pathologic plantar response

[Spina Bifida Segmentation Anomalies Of Vertebral Bodies](#)

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Spina Bifida =incomplete closure of bony elements of the spine (lamina + spinous processes) posteriorly **Spina Bifida Occulta** = OCCULT [SPINAL DYSRAPHISM](#) =skin covered defect; 15% of [spinal dysraphism](#) • rarely leads to neurologic deficit in itself *Associated with:* vertebral defect (85 - 90%), lumbosacral dermal lesion (80%), ie, hairy tuft, dimple, sinus, nevus, hyperpigmentation, [hemangioma](#), subcutaneous mass 1. [Diastematomyelia](#) 2. [Lipomeningocele](#) 3. [Tethered cord syndrome](#) 4. [Filum terminale lipoma](#) 5. Intraspinal [dermoid](#) 6. Epidermoid cyst 7. [Myelocystocele](#) 8. [Split notochord syndrome](#) 9. [Meningocele](#) 10. [Dorsal dermal sinus](#) 11. Tight filum terminale syndrome **Spina Bifida Aperta** =SPINA BIFIDA CYSTICA=posterior protrusion of all / parts of the contents of the spinal canal through a bony spina bifida; 85% of [spinal dysraphism](#) • associated with neurologic deficit in >90% 1. Simple meningocele=herniation of CSF-filled sac without neural elements 2. Myelocele=midline plaque of neural tissue lying exposed at the skin surface 3. [Myelomeningocele](#)=a myelocele elevated above skin surface by expansion of subarachnoid space ventral to neural plaque 4. Myeloschisis= surface presentation of neural elements completely uncovered by meninges

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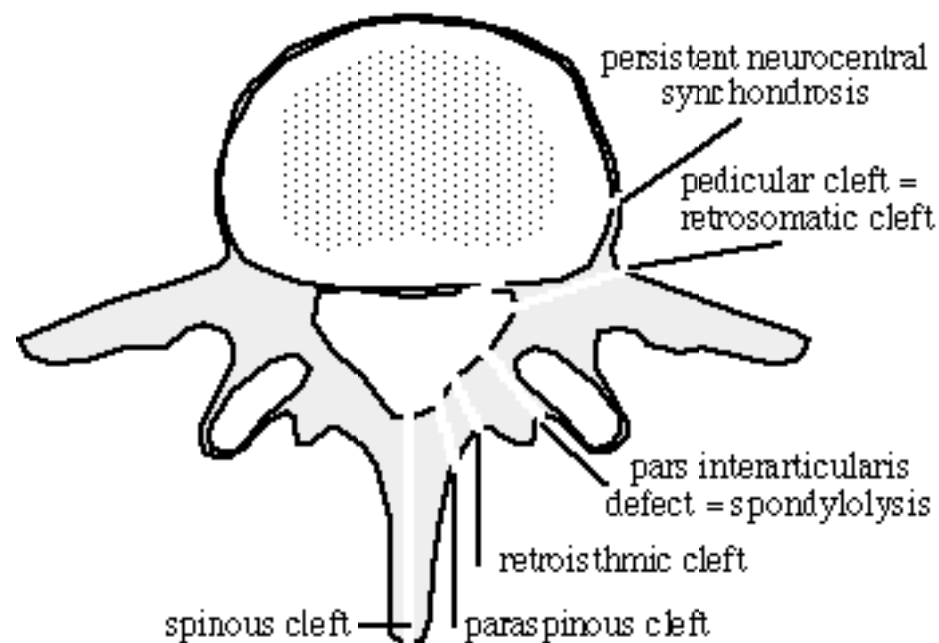


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Segmentation Anomalies Of Vertebral Bodies during 9 - 12th week of gestation two ossification centers form for the ventral + dorsal half of vertebral body



Clefts in Neural Arch

1. **Asomia** = agenesis of vertebral body / complete absence of vertebral body / hypoplastic posterior elements may be present
2. **Hemivertebra**
 - (a) Unilateral wedge vertebra / right / left hemivertebra / scoliosis at birth
 - (b) Dorsal hemivertebra / rapidly progressive kyphoscoliosis
 - (c) Ventral hemivertebra (extremely rare)
3. **Coronal cleft**
= failure of fusion of anterior + posterior ossification centers *May be associated with:* premature infant, Chondrodystrophia calcificans congenita
Location: usually in lower thoracic + lumbar spine / vertical radiolucent band just behind midportion of vertebral body; disappears mostly by 6 months of life
4. **Butterfly vertebra**
= failure of fusion of lateral halves secondary to persistence of notochordal tissue *May be associated with:* anterior [spina bifida](#) ± anterior meningocele / widened vertebral body with butterfly configuration (AP view) / adaptation of vertebral endplates of adjacent vertebral bodies
5. **Block vertebra**
= congenital vertebral fusion Location: lumbar / cervical / height of fused vertebral bodies equals the sum of heights of involved bodies + intervertebral disk / "waist" at level of intervertebral disk space
6. Hypoplastic vertebra
7. [Klippel-Feil syndrome](#)

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Small Vertebral Body 1. Radiation therapy during early childhood in excess of 1000 rads 2. [Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis](#) Location: cervical spine [atlantoaxial subluxation](#) may be present [vertebral fusion](#) may occur 3. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) Location: lumbar / lower [thoracic spine](#) [compression deformity](#) / [vertebra plana](#) 4. [Gaucher disease](#) = deposits of glucocerebrosides within RES [compression deformity](#) 5. [Platyspondyly](#) generalisata = flattened vertebral bodies associated with many hereditary systemic disorders ([achondroplasia](#), [spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia tarda](#), [mucopolysaccharidosis](#), [osteopetrosis](#), [neurofibromatosis](#), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), [thanatophoric dwarfism](#)) [disk spaces of normal height](#) **Vertebra Plana mnemonic:** FETISH" **Fracture** (trauma, [osteogenesis imperfecta](#)) **Eosinophilic granuloma** **Tumor** (metastasis, myeloma, [leukemia](#)) **Infection** **Steroids** ([avascular necrosis](#)) **Hemangioma** **Signs Of Acute Vertebral Collapse On MRI**
1. [OSTEOPOROSIS](#) [retropulsion of posterior bone fragment](#) 2. [MALIGNANCY](#) [epidural soft-tissue mass](#) [no residual normal marrow signal intensity](#) [abnormal enhancement](#)

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Enlarged Vertebral Body 1. [Paget disease](#) "picture framing"; bone sclerosis 2. Gigantism increase in height of body + disk 3. [Myositis ossificans](#) progressiva bodies greater in height than width [osteoporosis](#) ossification of ligamentum nuchae

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Enlarged Vertebral Foramen 1.Neurofibroma2.Congenital absence / hypoplasia of pedicle3.Dural ectasia ([Marfan syndrome](#), [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#))4.Intraspinal neoplasm5.Metastatic destruction of pedicle

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Cervical Spine Fusion *mnemonic:* "SPAR BIT" **S**enile hypertrophic ankylosis (DISH) **P**soriasis, **P**rogressive [myositis ossificans](#) **A**nkylosing spondylitis **R**eiter disease, **R**heumatoid arthritis (juvenile) **B**lock vertebra (Klippel-Feil) **I**nfection (TB) **T**rauma

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Vertebral Border Abnormality Straightening Of Anterior Border 1.[Ankylosing spondylitis](#)2.[Paget disease](#)3.[Psoriatic arthritis](#)4.Reiter disease5.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)6.Normal variant **Anterior** Scalloping Of Vertebrae 1.[Aortic aneurysm](#)2.Lymphadenopathy3.[Tuberculosis](#)4.[Multiple myeloma](#) (paravertebral soft-tissue mass) **Posterior Scalloping Of Vertebrae** in conditions associated with dural ectasia A.INCREASED INTRASPINAL PRESSURE1.Communicating [hydrocephalus](#)2.[Ependymoma](#)B.MESENCHYMAL TISSUE LAXITY1.[Neurofibromatosis](#) (secondary to dural ectasia / spinal tumor)2.[Marfan syndrome](#)3.[Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)4.Posterior meningoceleC.BONE SOFTENING1.[Mucopolysaccharidoses](#): Hurler, Morquio, Sanfilippo2.[Acromegaly](#) (lumbar vertebrae)3.[Ankylosing spondylitis](#) (lax dura acting on osteoporotic vertebrae)4.Achondroplasia *mnemonic:*"DAMN MALE SHAME"**Dermoid** **Ankylosing spondylitis** **Meningioma** **Neurofibromatosis** **Marfan syndrome** **Acromegaly** **Lipoma** **Ependymoma** **Syringohydromyelia** **Hydrocephalus** **Achondroplasia** **Mucopolysaccharidoses** **Ehlers-Danlos syndrome**

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Bony Projections From Vertebra 1. [Hurler syndrome](#) = gargoylism ✓ rounded appearance of vertebral bodies ✓ mild kyphotic curve with smaller vertebral body at apex of kyphosis displaying tongue-like beak at anterior half (usually at T12 / L1) ✓ "step-off" deformities along anterior margins 2. Hunter syndrome ✓ less severe changes than in [Hurler syndrome](#) 3. Morquio disease ✓ flattened + widened vertebral bodies ✓ anterior "tongue-like" elongation of central portion of vertebral bodies 4. [Hypothyroidism](#) = cretinism ✓ small flat vertebral bodies ✓ anterior "tongue-like" deformity (in children only) ✓ widened disk spaces + irregular endplates 5. Spondylosis deformans ✓ osteophytosis along anterior + lateral aspects of endplates with horizontal + vertical course as a result of shearing of the outer annular fibers (Sharpey fibers connecting the annulus fibrosus to adjacent vertebral body) 6. [Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis](#) (DISH) = Forestier disease ✓ flowing calcifications + ossifications along anterolateral aspect of >4 contiguous thoracic vertebral bodies ± osteophytosis 7. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) ✓ bilateral symmetric syndesmophytes (ossification of annulus fibrosus) ✓ "bamboo spine" ✓ "discal ballooning" = biconvex intervertebral disks secondary to osteoporotic deformity of endplates ✓ straightening of anterior margins of vertebral bodies (erosion) ✓ ossification of paraspinal ligaments 8. Fluorosis ✓ vertebral osteophytosis + hyperostosis ✓ sclerotic vertebral bodies + kyphoscoliosis ✓ calcification of paraspinal ligaments

Spine Ossification 1. Syndesmophyte = ossification of annulus fibrosus *Associated with:* [ankylosing spondylitis](#), [ochronosis](#) 2. Osteophyte = ossification of anterior longitudinal ligament *Associated with:* [osteoarthritis](#) 3. Flowing anterior ossification = ossification of disk, anterior longitudinal ligament, paravertebral soft tissues *Associated with:* [diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis](#) 4. Paravertebral ossification *Associated with:* [psoriatic arthritis](#), [Reiter syndrome](#)

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Vertebral Endplate Abnormality 1. [Osteoporosis](#) (senile / steroid-induced) ✓ "Fish-mouth vertebrae" (DDx: [osteomalacia](#), [Paget disease](#), [hyperparathyroidism](#)) ✓ bone sclerosis along endplates 2. [Sickle cell disease](#) ✓ "H-vertebrae" = compression of central portions from subchondral infarcts (DDx: other anemias, [Gaucher disease](#)) 3. [Schmorl node](#) = intraosseous [herniation of nucleus pulposus](#) at center of weakened endplate in disk herniation / [Scheuermann disease](#) 4. [Limbus vertebrae](#) = intraosseous herniation of disk material at junction of vertebral bony rim of centra + endplate (anterosuperior corner) 5. "Ring" epiphysis = normal aspect of developing vertebra (between 6 and 12 years of age) ✓ small steplike recess at corner of anterior edge of vertebral body 6. [Renal osteodystrophy](#) ✓ "rigger-jersey spine" = horizontal bands of increased opacity subjacent to vertebral endplates 7. [Myelofibrosis](#) ✓ "rigger-jersey spine" 8. [Osteopetrosis](#) ✓ "sandwich" / "hamburger" vertebrae = sclerotic endplates alternate with radiolucent midportions of vertebral bodies

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Bullet-shaped Vertebral Body *mnemonic:* "HAM" Hypothyroidism Achondroplasia Morquio syndrome

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Bone-within-bone Vertebra = "ghost vertebra" following stressful event during vertebral growth phase in childhood1. Stress line of unknown cause2.[Leukemia](#)3. Heavy metal poisoning4. Thorotrast injection, TB5.[Rickets](#)6.[Scurvy](#)7.[Hypothyroidism](#)8.[Hypoparathyroidism](#)

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Ivory Vertebra *mnemonic:* "LOST FROM CHOMP" **L**ymphoma **O**steopetrosis **S**ickle cell disease **T**rauma **F**luorosis **R**enal osteodystrophy **O**steoblastic metastasis
Myelosclerosis **C**hronic sclerosing osteomyelitis [Hemangioma](#) **O**steosarcoma **M**yeloma **P**aget disease

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Expansile Lesion Of Vertebrae A. INVOLVEMENT OF MULTIPLE VERTEBRAE Metastases, [multiple myeloma](#) / plasmacytoma, [lymphoma](#), [hemangioma](#), [Paget disease](#), [angiosarcoma](#), [eosinophilic granuloma](#) B. INVOLVEMENT OF TWO / MORE CONTIGUOUS VERTEBRAE Osteochondroma, [chordoma](#), [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), myeloma C. BENIGN LESION 1. Osteochondroma (1-5% with solitary osteochondromas, 7-9% with [hereditary multiple exostoses](#)) commonly cervical, esp. C2; commonly arising from posterior elements 2. [Osteoblastoma](#) (30-40% in spine) M:F = 2:1; equal distribution in spine; posterior elements (lamina, pedicle), may involve body if large; expansile lesion with sclerotic / shell-like rim, foci of calcified tumor matrix in 50% 3. [Giant cell tumor](#) (5-7% in spine) commonly sacrum, expansile lytic lesion of vertebral body with well-defined borders; secondary invasion of posterior elements; malignant degeneration in 5-20% after radiation therapy 4. [Osteoid osteoma](#) (10-25% in spine) commonly lower thoracic / upper lumbar spine, posterior elements (pedicle, lamina, spinous process), painful scoliosis with concavity toward lesion 5. [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) (12-30% in spine) thoracic > lumbar > cervical spine, posterior elements with frequent extension into vertebral bodies, well-defined margins, may arise from primary bone lesion ([giant cell tumor](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#)) in 50%, may involve two contiguous vertebrae 6. [Hemangioma](#) (30% in spine) 10% incidence in general population; commonly lower thoracic / upper lumbar spine, vertebral body, "accordion" / "corduroy" appearance 7. Hydatid cyst (1% in spine) slow-growing destructive lesion, well-defined sclerotic borders, endemic areas 8. [Paget disease](#) vertebral body ± posterior elements, enlargement of bone, "picture framing"; bone sclerosis 9. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) (6% in spine) most often cervical / lumbar spine, vertebral body, "vertebra plana"; multiple involvement common 10. [Fibrous dysplasia](#) (1% in spine) vertebral body, nonhomogeneous trabecular "ground glass" appearance 11. Enostosis (1-14% in spine) Location: T1-T7 > L2-L3 D. MALIGNANT 1. [Chordoma](#) (15% in spine) most common nonlymphoproliferative primary malignant tumor of the spine in adults; particularly C2, within vertebral body; violates disk space 2. Metastases (especially from lung, breast) Age: >50 years of age; Clue: pedicles often destroyed 3. [Multiple myeloma](#) / plasmacytoma Clue: vertebral pedicles usually spared 4. [Angiosarcoma](#) 10% involve spine, most commonly lumbar 5. [Chondrosarcoma](#) (3-12% in spine) 2nd most common nonlymphoproliferative primary malignant tumor of the spine in adults Site: vertebral body (15%), posterior elements (40%), both (45%) involvement of adjacent vertebra by extension through disk (35%) 6. [Ewing sarcoma](#) and PNET most common nonlymphoproliferative primary malignant tumor of the spine in children; metastases more common than primary Site: vertebral body with extension to posterior elements diffuse sclerosis + osteonecrosis (69%) 7. [Osteosarcoma](#) (0.6-3.2% in spine) Average age: 4th decade Location: lumbosacral segments Site: vertebral body, posterior elements (10-17%) may present as "ivory vertebra" 8. [Lymphoma](#) **Blowout Lesion Of Posterior Elements mnemonic: "GO APE"** Giant cell tumor Osteoblastoma Aneurysmal bone cyst Plasmacytoma Eosinophilic granuloma

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Bone Tumors Favoring Vertebral Bodies *mnemonic:* "CALL HOME" Chordoma Aneurysmal bone cyst Leukemia Lymphoma Hemangioma Osteoid [osteoma](#), Osteoblastoma Myeloma, Metastasis Eosinophilic granuloma **Primary Vertebral Tumors In Children** in order of frequency: 1. [Osteoid osteoma](#) 2. Benign [osteoblastoma](#) 3. [Aneurysmal bone cyst](#) 4. [Ewing sarcoma](#)

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Primary Tumor Of Posterior Elements *mnemonic:*"A HOG" Aneurysmal bone cyst Hydatid cyst, Hemangioma [Osteblastoma](#), Osteoid [osteoma](#) Giant cell tumor

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Vacuum Phenomenon In Intervertebral Disk Space =liberation of nitrogen gas from surrounding tissues into clefts with an abnormal nucleus or annulus attachment
Incidence:in up to 20% of plain radiographs / in up to 50% of spinal CT in patients > age 40
Cause: 1.Primary / secondary degeneration of nucleus pulposus2.Intraosseous herniation of disk (= [Schmorl node](#))3.Spondylosis deformans4.Adjacent vertebral metastatic disease with vertebral collapse5.Infection (extremely rare)

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Intervertebral Disk Calcification *mnemonic:* "A DISC SO WHITE" **A**myloidosis, **A**chromasia, **D**egenerative Infection **S**pinal fusion **C**PPD **S**pondylitis ankylosing **O**chronosis **W**ilson disease **H**emochromatosis, **H**omocystinuria, **H**yperparathyroidism **I**diopathic skeletal hyperostosis **T**raumatic **E**t ceteras: [Gout](#) and other causes of [chondrocalcinosis](#)

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Intervertebral Disk Ossification *Associated with:* fusion of vertebral bodies 1. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) 2. [Ochronosis](#) 3. Sequela of trauma 4. Sequela of disk-space infection 5. Degenerative disease

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Schmorl Node = chondrification defects where periosteal vessels penetrate cartilage plates of disk[✓] concave defects at upper and lower vertebral endplates with sharp margins produced by superior / inferior herniation of disk material[✓] MR: [✓] node of similar signal intensity as disk[✓] low signal intensity of rim[✓] associated with narrowed disk space[✓] *DDx: mnemonic: "SHOOT"* **S**cheuermann disease **H**yperparathyroidism **O**steoporosis **O**steomalacia **T**rauma

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Intramedullary Lesion 15% of spinal canal tumors in adults; 6% of spinal cord tumors in children (1/3 of spinal neoplasms in childhood)

A. TUMOR (a) primary: 1. [Ependymoma](#) (60% of all spinal cord tumors) 2. [Astrocytoma](#) (25%) 3. [Oligodendroglioma](#) (3%) 4. Epidermoid, [dermoid](#), teratoma (1-2%) 5. [Lipoma](#) (1%) Location: -cervical region: [astrocytoma](#)-thoracic region: teratoma-[dermoid](#), [astrocytoma](#)-lumbar region: [ependymoma](#), [dermoid](#) (b) metastatic: eg, [malignant melanoma](#), breast, lung B. CYSTIC LESION may show delayed filling of cystic space on CT-myelography 1. [Syringomyelia](#) 2. [Hydromyelia](#) 3. [Reactive cyst](#) 4. Hemangioblastoma (2 - 4%) C. VASCULAR 1. Cord concussion = reversible local edema 2. Hemorrhagic contusion 3. Cord transection 4. AVMD. CHRONIC INFECTION 1. Sarcoid 2. Transverse myelitis 3. Multiple sclerosis *mnemonic: "IM ASHAMED"* Inflammation (multiple sclerosis, [sarcoidosis](#), myelitis) **Medulloblastoma** **Astrocytoma** **Syringomyelia** / [hydromyelia](#) **Hematoma**, **Hemangioblastoma** **Arteriovenous malformation** **Metastasis** **Ependymoma** **Dermoid**

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Intradural Extramedullary Mass 1. Neurofibroma (25-35%) 2. [Meningioma](#) (25-45% of all spinal tumors) 3. [Lipoma](#) 4. [Dermoid](#) commonly conus / cauda equina; associated with [spinal dysraphism](#) (1/3) 5. [Ependymoma](#) commonly filum terminale; NO [spinal dysraphism](#) 6. "Drop metastases" from CNS tumors 7. Metastases from outside CNS 8. [Arachnoid cyst](#) 9. [Neurenteric cyst](#) 10. Hemangioblastoma *mnemonic*: "MAMA N" **M**etastasis **A**rachnoiditis **M**eningioma **A**VM, **A**rachnoid cyst **N**eurofibroma

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Epidural Extramedullary Lesion Epidural space = space between dura mater + bone containing epidural venous plexus, lymphatic channels, connective tissue, fat
Incidence: 30% of all spinal tumors
A. TUMOR (a) benign 1. [Dermoid](#), epidermoid 2. [Lipoma](#): over several segments 3. [Fibroma](#) 4. [Neurinoma](#) (with intradural component) 5. [Meningioma](#) (with intradural component) 6. [Ganglioneuroblastoma](#), [ganglioneuroma](#) (b) malignant 1. [Hodgkin disease](#) 2. [Lymphoma](#): most commonly in dorsal space 3. [Metastasis](#): breast, lung - most commonly from involved vertebrae without extension through dura 4. [Paravertebral neuroblastoma](#)
B. DISK DISEASE 1. [Bulging disk](#) 2. [Herniated nucleus pulposus](#) 3. [Sequestered nucleus pulposus](#)
C. OSSEOUS: [spinal stenosis](#), spondylosis
D. INFLAMMATION: epidural abscess
E. HEMATOMA
F. SYNOVIAL CYST *mnemonic: "MANDELIN"*
Metastasis (drop mets from CNS tumor), **Meningioma** **Arachnoiditis**, **Arachnoid cyst** **Neurofibroma**
Dermoid / epidermoid **Ependymoma** **Lipoma** **Infection** (TB, Cysticercosis) **Normal but tortuous roots**

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Tumors Of Nerve Roots And Nerve Sheaths = NEURINOMA A. ARISING FROM NERVE SHEATH 1. **Schwannoma** = encapsulated benign slowly growing neoplasm arising from Schwann cells Schwann cell = cell that surrounds cranial, spinal, and peripheral nerves producing myelin sheath around axons thus providing mechanical protection, serving as a tract for nerve regeneration NOTE that myelin sheaths within brain substance are made by oligodendrocytes! Usually sporadic tumor, but 5 - 20% of patients with solitary intracranial schwannomas have type 2 [neurofibromatosis](#)! *Histo*: cellular component (Antoni type A tissue) + myxoid component (Antoni type B tissue) Location: (a) extracranial: (most commonly) cervical spine roots, vagus nerve, sympathetic plexus (b) intracranial: mostly from sensory nerves, vestibulocochlear (VIII) cranial nerve (most common), trigeminal (V) cranial nerve (2nd most common) solitary fusiform well-encapsulated lesion MR: dark line surrounding the lesion (= capsule) frequently seen 2. **Neurofibroma** = tumor of nerve sheath composed of Schwann cells + fibroblasts with involvement of nerve, nerve fibers run through mass *Histo*: swirls of neuronal elements *Associated with*: [neurofibromatosis](#) type 1; M:F = 1:1 Potential for malignant transformation! The spinal neurofibroma is rarely sporadic and usually a sign of type 1 [neurofibromatosis](#)! Only 10% of patients with neurofibromas have von Recklinghausen disease! Location: any level, but particularly cervical (a) peripheral nerves nonencapsulated well-circumscribed fusiform mass of peripheral nerves (b) [intradural extramedullary mass](#) well-defined mass with dumbbell configuration (= extradural component extends through neural foramen) widening of intervertebral foramen + erosion of pedicles scalloping of vertebral bodies hypodense (CHARACTERISTIC) approaching characteristics of water / isodense to skeletal muscle usually NO contrast enhancement MR: homogeneous mass isointense to cord on T1WI hyperintense tumor on T2WI compared with surrounding fat "target sign" = low signal-intensity center on T2WI (due to collagen + condensed Schwann cells) *DDx*: conjoined nerve root sleeve B. ORIGINATING FROM NERVE 1. **Neuroma** = posttraumatic lesion forming at end of severed nerve 2. **Neurilemmoma** = nerve fibers diverge and course over the surface of the tumor mass

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Cord Lesions A. INFLAMMATION 1. Multiple sclerosis 2. Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis 3. Acute transverse myelitis ¹ involves half the cross-sectional area of cord 4. Lyme disease 5. Devic syndrome B. INFECTION 1. Cytomegalovirus 2. [Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#) 3. HIV C. VASCULAR 1. Anterior spinal artery infarct ¹ affects central gray matter first ¹ extends to anterior two-thirds of cord 2. Venous infarct / ischemia ¹ starts centrally progressing centripetally D. NEOPLASM

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Cord Atrophy 1. Multiple sclerosis 2. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 3. Cervical spondylosis 4. Sequelae of trauma 5. Ischemia 6. Radiation therapy 7. AVM of cord

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Delayed [Uptake](#) Of Water-Soluble Contrast In Cord lesion 1.[Syringohydromyelia](#)2.Cystic tumor of cord3.[Osteomalacia](#)exceedingly rare:4.Demyelinating disease5.Infection6.Infarction

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Extra-arachnoid Myelography A. SUBDURAL INJECTION ✓ spinal cord, nerve roots, blood vessels not outlined ✓ irregular filling defects ✓ slow flow of contrast material ✓ CSF pulsations diminished ✓ contrast material pools at injection site within anterior / posterior compartments B. EPIDURAL INJECTION ✓ contrast extravasation along nerve roots ✓ contrast material lies near periphery of spinal canal ✓ intraspinal structures are not well outlined

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Destructive Sacral Lesion *mnemonic*: "SPACEMON" **S**arcoma **P**lasmacytoma **A**neurysmal bone cyst **C**hordoma **E**pendymoma **M**etastasis **O**steomyelitis **N**eurolblastoma
Sacral Neoplasms 1. Metastases from breast, prostate, kidney, cervix, colon 2. [Multiple myeloma](#) 3. [Chordoma](#) (most common primary) 4. [Giant cell tumor](#) (most common benign tumor) 5. [Sacrocoxygeal teratoma](#)

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SPINAL FIXATION DEVICES

Function:(1)to restore anatomic alignment in fractures ([fracture](#) reduction)(2)to stabilize degenerative disease(3)to correct congenital deformities (scoliosis)(4)to replace diseased / abnormal vertebrae (infection, tumor)

[Posterior Fixation Devices](#) [Anterior Fixation Devices](#)

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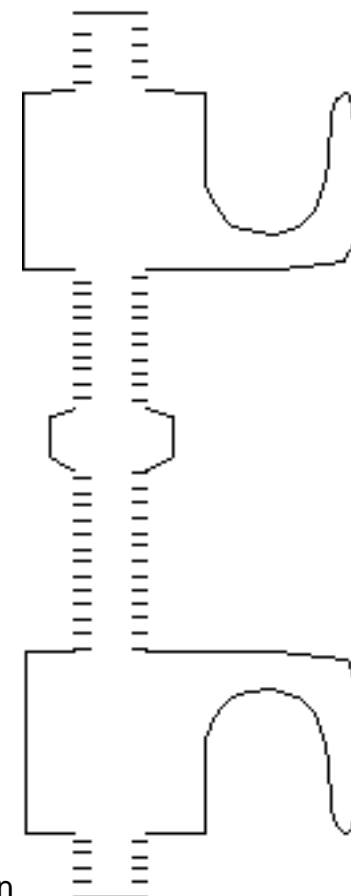
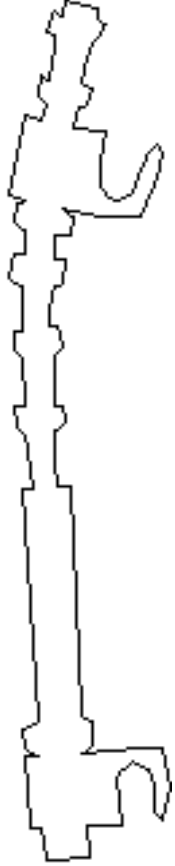


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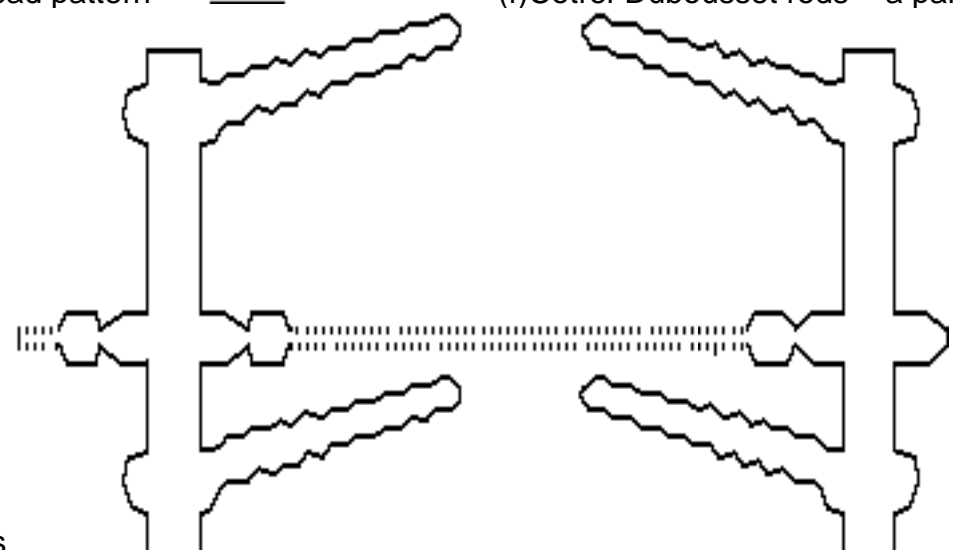


Posterior Fixation Devices using paired / unpaired rods attached with 1. Sublaminar wiring= passing a wire around lamina + rod 2. Interspinous wiring= passing a wire through a hole in the spinous process; a Drummond button prevents the wire from pulling through the bone 3. Subpars wiring= passing a wire around the pars interarticularis 4. Laminar / sublaminar hooks used on rods for compression / distraction forces to be applied to pedicles / laminae (a) upgoing hook curves under lamina (b) downgoing hook curves over lamina 5. Pedicle / transpedicular screws 6. Rods (a) Luque rod = straight / L-shaped smooth rod 6-8 mm in diameter (b) O-ring fixator, rhomboid-shaped bar, Luque rectangle, segmental rectangle = preshaped loop to form a flat rectangle (c) Harrington distraction rod (d) Harrington compression rod



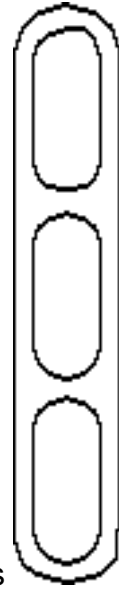
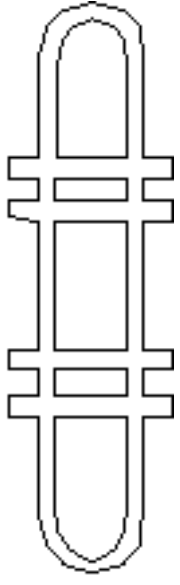
(e) Knodt rod = threaded distraction rod with a central fixed nut (turnbuckle) and opposing thread pattern

(f) Cotrel-Dubousset rods = a pair of



rods with a serrated surface connected by a cross-link with ≥ 4 laminar hooks / pedicle screws

7. Plates (a) Roy-Camille plates= simple straight plates with round holes (b) Luque plates= long oval holes with clips encircling the plate



(c)Steffee plates = straight plates with long slots

8.Translaminar screw= cancellous screws for single level fusion 9.Percutaneous pinning= (hollow) interference screws placed across disk level

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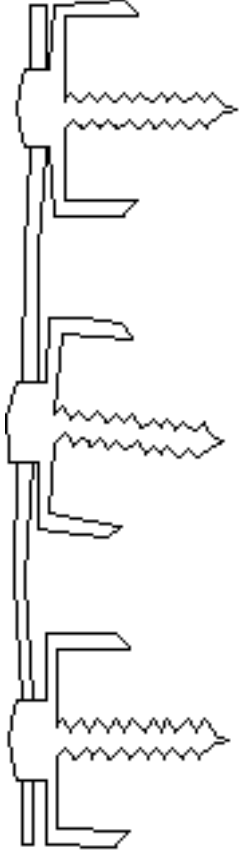


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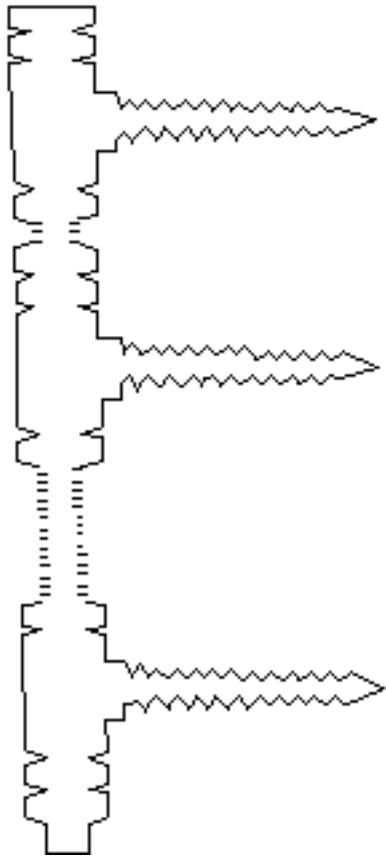
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Anterior Fixation Devices 1. Dwyer device= screws threaded into vertebral body over staples embedded into vertebral body connected by braided titanium wire; placed on convex side of spine



2. Zielke device= modified Dwyer system replacing cable with solid rod 3. Kaneda device= 2 curved vertebral plates with staples attached to vertebral bodies with screws, plates connected by 2 threaded rods attached to screw heads 4. Dunn device(similar to Kaneda device, discontinued)



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FORAMINA OF BASE OF SKULL

on inner aspect of middle cranial fossa 3 foramina are oriented along an oblique line in the greater sphenoidal wing from anteromedial behind the [superior orbital fissure](#) to posterolateral *mnemonic:*"rotos"foramen **rotundum** foramen **ovale** foramen **spinosum**

[Foramen Rotundum](#) [Foramen Ovale](#) [Foramen Spinosum](#) [Foramen Lacerum](#) [Foramen Magnum](#) [Pterygoid Canal](#) [Hypoglossal Canal](#) [Jugular Foramen](#)

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Foramen Rotundum =canal within greater sphenoid wing connecting middle cranial fossa + pterygopalatine fossaLocation:inferior and lateral to [superior orbital fissure](#)Course:extends obliquely forward + slightly inferiorly in a sagittal direction parallel to [superior orbital fissure](#)Contents: (a)nerves:V₂ (maxillary nerve)(b)vessels:(1)artery of foramen rotundum(2)emissary vv.† best visualized by coronal CT

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Foramen Ovale =canal connecting middle cranial fossa + infratemporal fossaLocation:medial aspect of sphenoid body, situated posterolateral to [foramen rotundum](#) (endocranial aspect) + at base of lateral pterygoid plate (exocranial aspect)*Contents:* (a)nerves:(1)V₃ (mandibular nerve)(2)lesser petrosal nerve (occasionally)(b)vessels:(1)accessory meningeal artery(2)emissary vv.

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Foramen Spinosum Location: on greater sphenoid wing posterolateral to [foramen ovale](#) (endocranial aspect) + lateral to eustachian tube (exocranial aspect) *Contents:*
(a) nerves: (1) recurrent meningeal branch of mandibular nerve (2) lesser superficial petrosal nerve (b) vessels: (1) middle meningeal a. (2) middle meningeal v.

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Foramen Lacerum Fibrocartilage cover (occasionally), carotid artery rests on endocranial aspect of fibrocartilage Location:at base of medial pterygoid plate
Contents:(inconstant)(a)nerve:nerve of [pterygoid canal](#) (actually pierces cartilage)(b)vessel:meningeal branch of ascending pharyngeal a.

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Foramen Magnum *Contents:* (a)nerves:(1)medulla oblongata(2)cranial nerve XI (spinal accessory n.)(b)vessels:(1)vertebral a.(2)anterior spinal a.(3)posterior spinal a.

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Pterygoid Canal =VIDIAN CANAL=within sphenoid body connecting pterygopalatine fossa anteriorly to [foramen lacerum](#) posteriorly Location:at base of pterygoid plate below [foramen rotundum](#)Contents: (a)nerves:Vidian nerve = nerve of pterygoid canal= continuation of greater superficial petrosal nerve (from cranial nerve VII) after its union with deep petrosal nerve (b)vessel:Vidian artery = artery of pterygoid canal= branch of terminal portion of internal maxillary a. arises in pterygopalatine fossa + passes through [foramen lacerum](#) posterior to Vidian n.

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Hypoglossal Canal =ANTERIOR CONDYLAR CANALLocation:in posterior cranial fossa anteriorly above condyle starting above anterolateral part of [foramen magnum](#), continuing in an anterolateral direction + exiting medial to [jugular foramen](#)Contents: (a)nerves:cranial nerve XII (hypoglossal nerve)(b)vessels:(1)pharyngeal artery(2)branches of meningeal artery

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Jugular Foramen Location:at the posterior end of petro-occipital suture directly posterior to carotid orifice(a)anterior part:(1)inferior petrosal sinus(2)meningeal branches of pharyngeal artery + occipital artery(b)intermediate part:(1)cranial nerve IX (glossopharyngeal nerve)(2)cranial nerve X (vagus nerve)(3)cranial nerve XI (spinal accessory nerve)(c)posterior part:internal jugular vein

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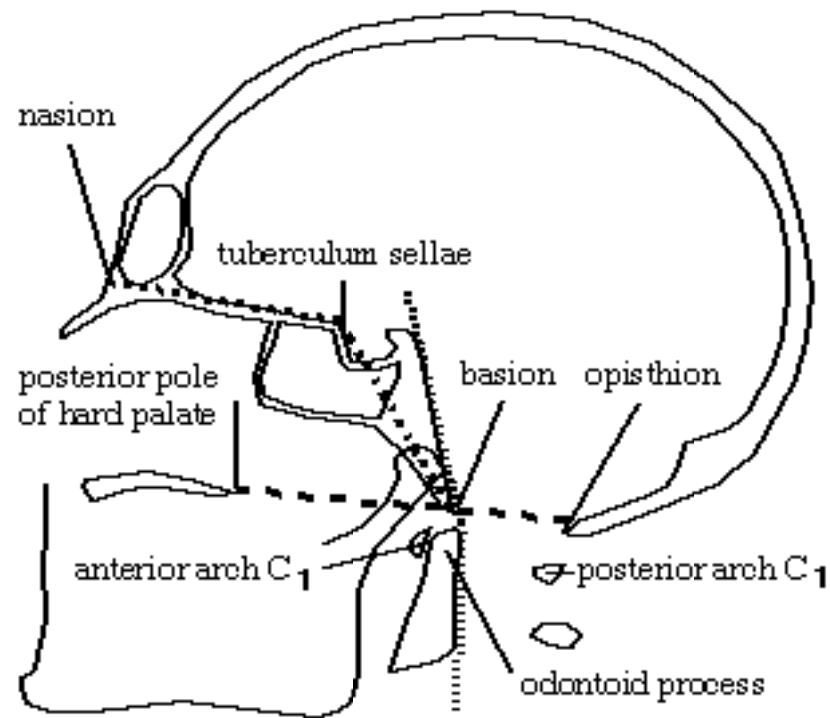
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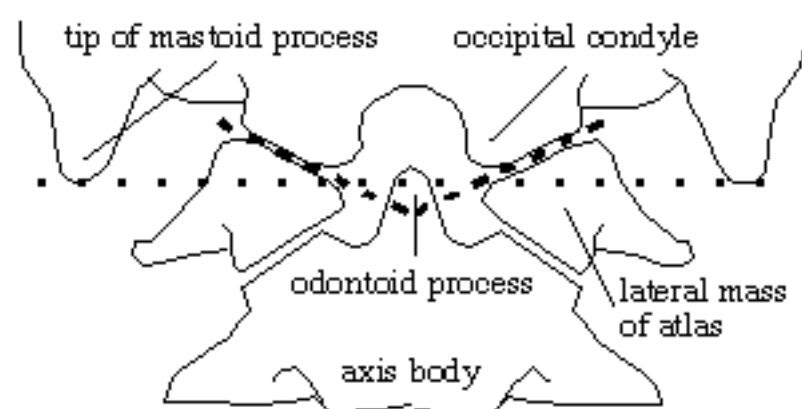


CRANIOVERTEBRAL JUNCTION

Craniometry:



- - - - - Chamberlain line
- Welcher basal angle ($\leq 140^\circ$)
- · - · - · - Craniocervical angle ($150^\circ - 180^\circ$)



- - - - - atlantooccipital joint axis angle ($124^\circ - 127^\circ$)
- · · · · bimastoid line

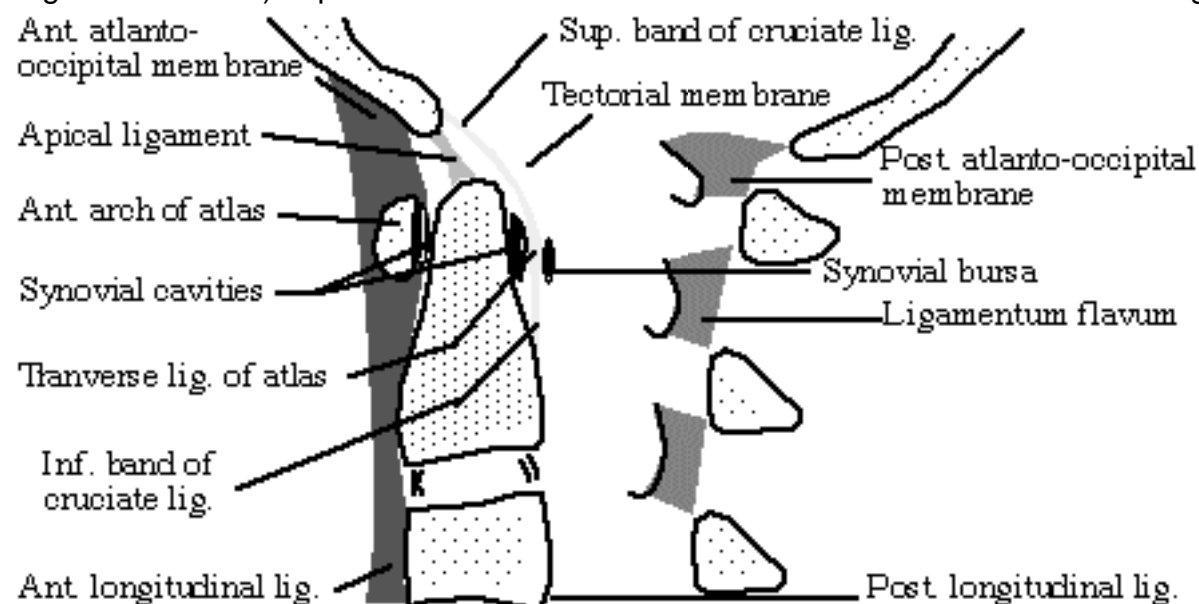
-LATERAL VIEW 1. **Chamberlain line** = line between posterior pole of hard palate + opisthion (= posterior

margin of **foramen magnum**) tip of odontoid process usually lies below / tangent to Chamberlain line tip of odontoid process may lie up to 1 ± 6.6 mm above the Chamberlain line 2. **McGregor line** = line between posterior pole of hard palate + most caudal portion of occipital squamosal surface substitute to Chamberlain line if opisthion not visible tip of odontoid < 5 mm above this line 3. **Wackenheim clivus baseline**

=BASILAR LINE = line along clivus usually falls tangent to posterior aspect of tip of odontoid process 4. **Craniocervical angle** = clivus-canal angle = angle formed by line along posterior surface of axis body and odontoid process + basilar line ranges from 150° in flexion to 180° in extension ventral spinal cord compression may occur at $< 150^\circ$ 5. **Welcher basal angle**

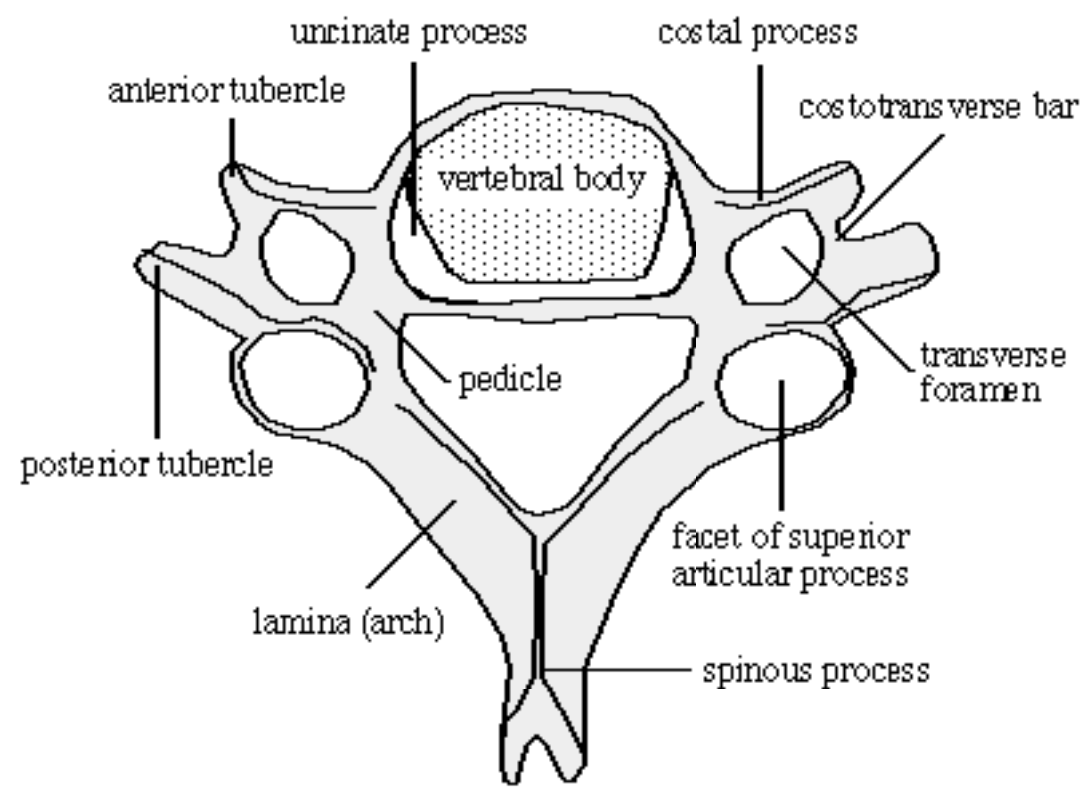
=formed by nasion-tuberculum line and tuberculum-basion line angle averages 132° (should be $< 140^\circ$) 6. **McRae line** = line between anterior lip (= basion) to posterior lip (= opisthion) of **foramen magnum** tip of odontoid below this line -ANTEROPOSTERIOR VIEW 7. **Atlanto-occipital joint axis angle**

=formed by lines drawn parallel to both atlanto-occipital joints lines intersect at center of odontoid process average angle of 125° (range of 124° to 127°) 8. **Digastric line** = line between incisurae mastoideae (origin of digastric muscles) tip of odontoid below this line 9. **Bimastoid line** = line connecting the tips of both mastoid



Joints and Ligaments of Occipito-atlanto-axial Region

processes tip of odontoid < 10 mm above this line



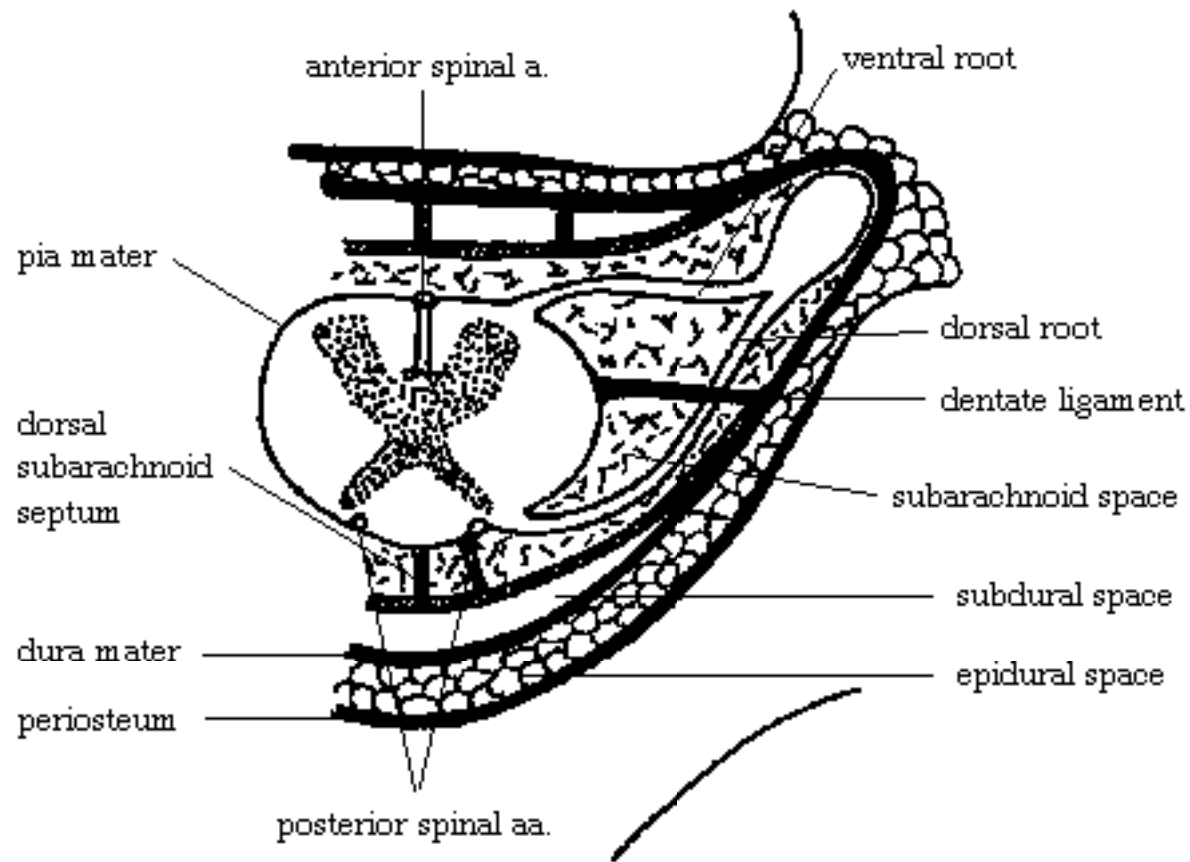
Typical Cervical Vertebra
(cranial aspect)

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MENINGES OF SPINAL CORD



A. PERIOSTEUM= continuation of outer layer of cerebral dura mater B. EPIDURAL SPACE consists of loose areolar tissue + rich plexus of veins (a) cervical + [thoracic spine](#): spacious posteriorly, potential space anteriorly (b) lower lumbar + sacral spine: may occupy more than half of cross-sectional area C. DURA= continuation of meningeal / inner layer of cerebral dura mater; ends at 2nd sacral vertebra + forms coccygeal ligament around filum terminale; sends tubular extensions around spinal nerves; is continuous with epineurium of peripheral nerves *Attachment*: at circumference of [foramen magnum](#), bodies of 2nd + 3rd cervical vertebrae, posterior longitudinal ligament (by connective tissue strands) D. SUBARACHNOID SPACE= space between arachnoid and pia mater containing CSF, reaching as far lateral as spinal ganglia dentate ligament partially divides CSF space into an anterior + posterior compartment extending from [foramen magnum](#) to 1st lumbar vertebra, is continuous with pia mater of cord medially + dura mater laterally (between exiting nerves) dorsal subarachnoid septum connects the arachnoid to the pia mater (cribriform septum) E. PIA MATER= firm vascular membrane intimately adherent to spinal cord, blends with dura mater in intervertebral foramina around spinal ganglia, forms filum terminale, fuses with periosteum of 1st coccygeal segment

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THORACIC SPINE

-12 load-bearing vertebrae-posterior arch (= pedicles, laminae, facets, transverse processes) handles tensional forces-vertebral bodies:(a)height of vertebrae anteriorly 2-3 mm less than posteriorly = mild kyphotic curvature(b)AP diameter: gradual increase from T1 to T12(c)transverse diameter: gradual increase from T3 to T12

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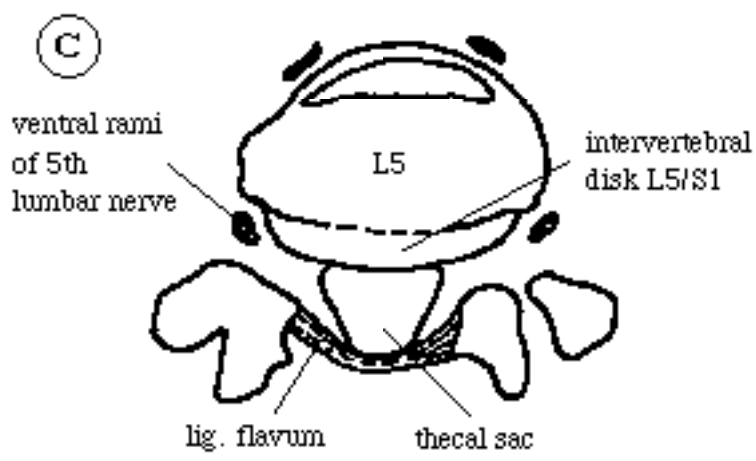
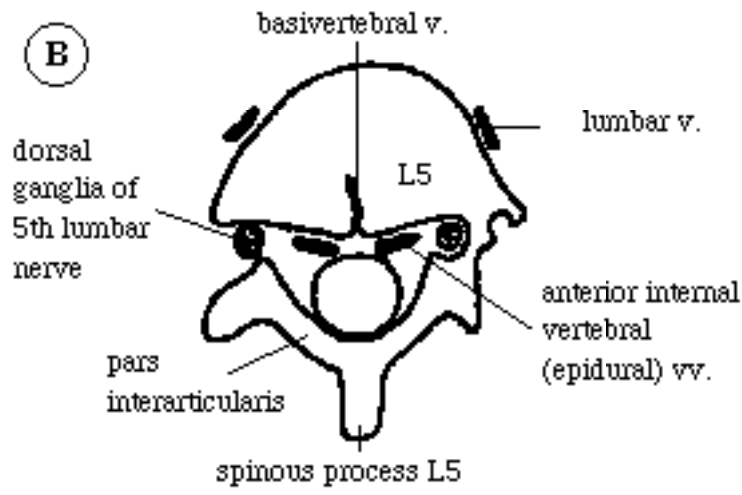
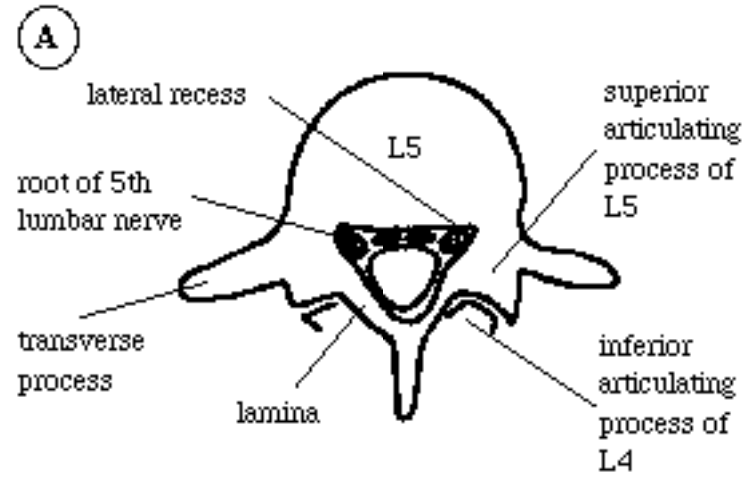
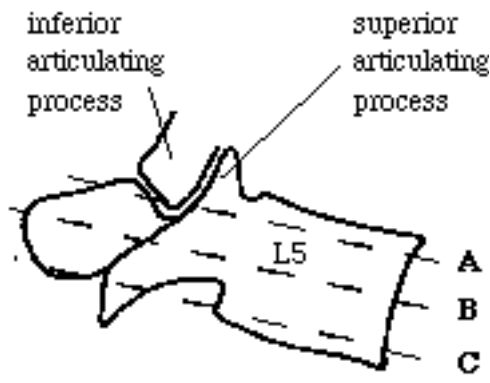
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THORACOLUMBAR SPINE (T11-L2)

-anterior column = anterior longitudinal ligament, anterior annulus fibrosus, anterior vertebral body-middle column = posterior longitudinal ligament, posterior annulus fibrosus, posterior vertebral body margin Integrity of the middle column is synonymous with stability!-posterior column = posterior elements + ligaments



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NORMAL POSITION OF CONUS MEDULLARIS

‡Vertebral bodies grow more quickly than spinal cord during fetal period of <19 weeks MA‡No significant difference regardless of age! Inferior-most aspect of conus:
L1-L2 level:normal (range T12 to L3)L2-L3 or higher:in 97.8%L3 level:indeterminate (in 1.8%)L3-L4 / lower:abnormalby 3 month:above inferior endplate of L2 (in 98%)
N.B.:If conus is at / below L3 level, a search should be made for tethering mass, bony spur, thick filum!

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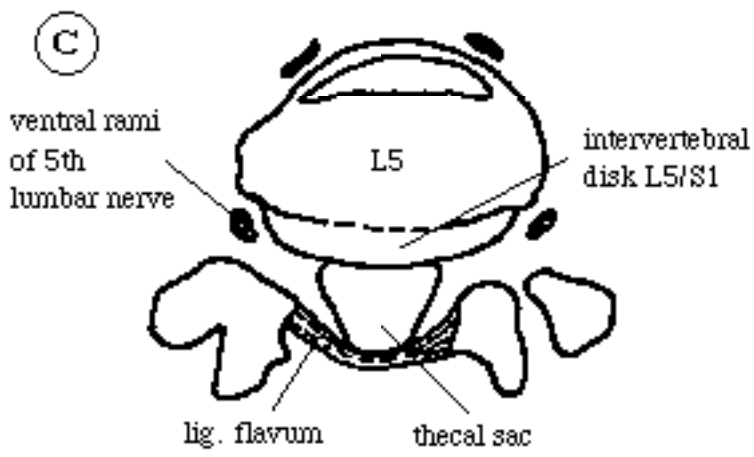
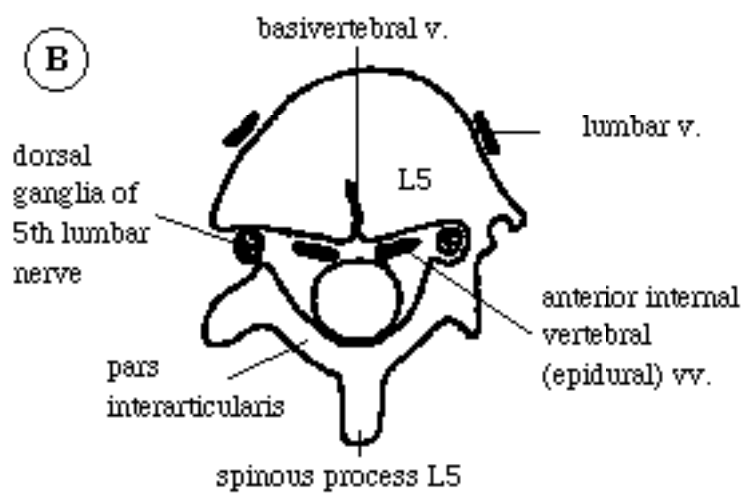
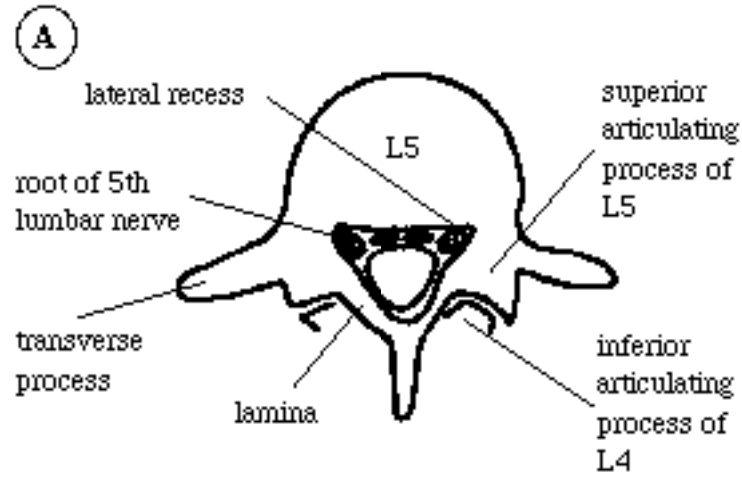
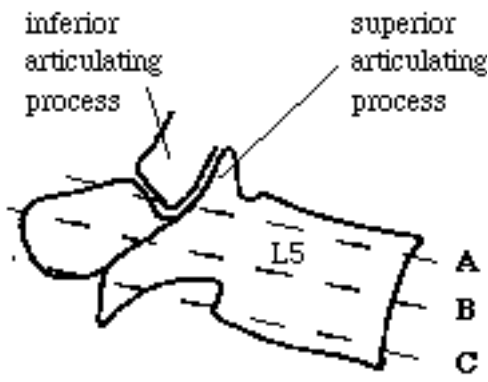


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CROSS-SECTIONS THROUGH 5TH LUMBAR VERTEBRA

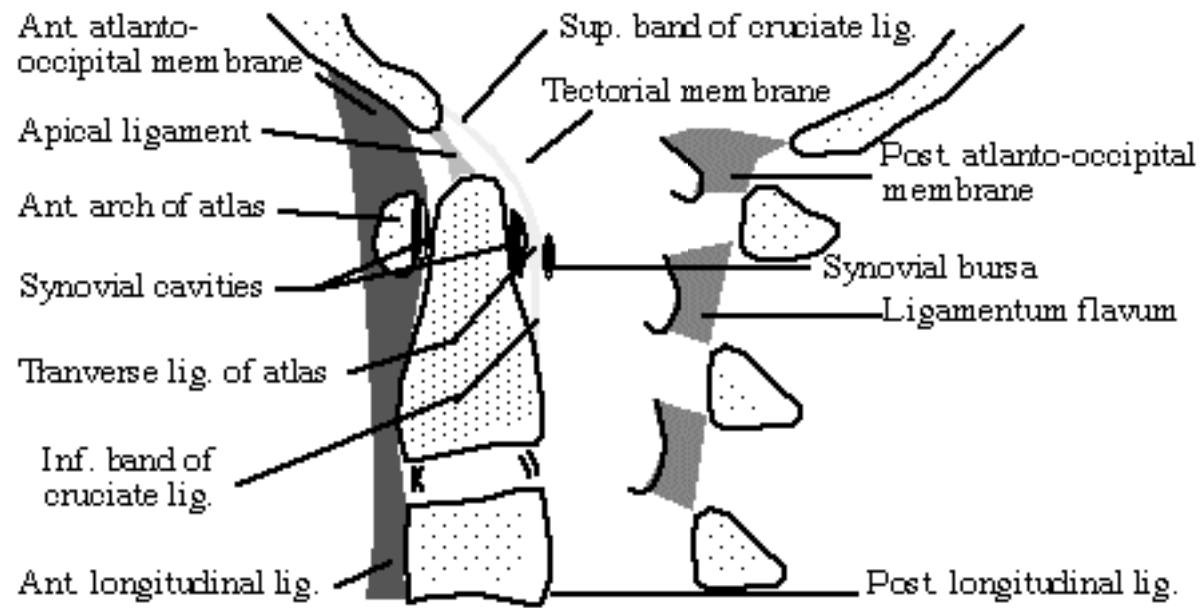


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JOINTS AND LIGAMENTS OF OCCIPITAL-ATLANTO-AXIAL REGION



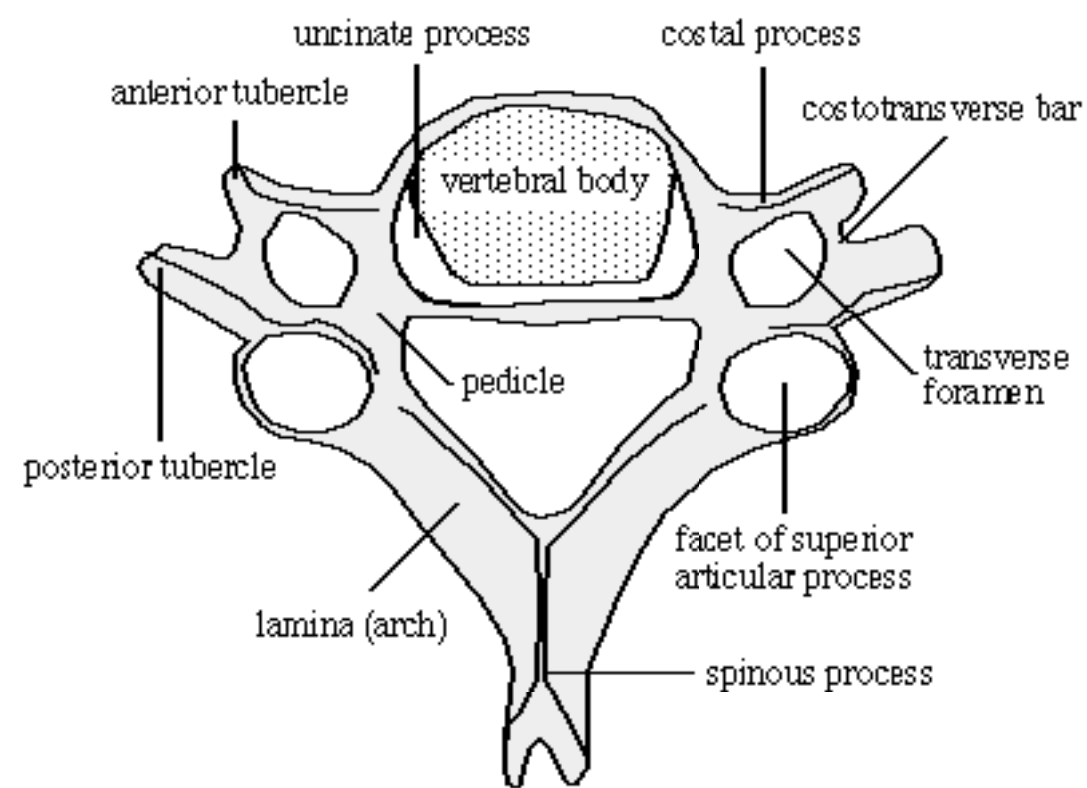
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TYPICAL CERVICAL VERTEBRA



Typical Cervical Vertebra
(cranial aspect)

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BIRTH TRAUMA

1. Caput succedaneum

=localized edema in presenting portion of scalp, frequently associated with microscopic hemorrhage + subcutaneous hyperemia
Cause: common after vaginal delivery
• soft superficial pitting edema
✓ crosses suture lines

2. Subgaleal hemorrhage

=hemorrhage subjacent to aponeurosis covering scalp beneath the occipito-frontalis muscle
• may become symptomatic secondary to blood loss
• firm fluctuant mass increasing in size after birth
• may dissect into subcutaneous tissue of neck
• usually resolves over 2-3 weeks

3. Cephalohematoma

=hematoma beneath outer layer of periosteum
Cause: incorrect application of obstetric forceps / skull fracture during birth
Incidence: 1-2% of all deliveries
Location: most commonly parietal
• firm tense mass
• usually increase in size after birth
• resolution in few weeks to months
✓ crescent-shaped lesion adjacent to outer table of skull

✓ will not cross cranial suture line
✓ may calcify / ossify causing thickening of diploe

4. Skull fracture
Incidence: 1% of all deliveries
✓ CT shows associated intracranial hemorrhage

5. Subdural hemorrhage (a) convexity hematoma (b) interhemispheric hematoma (c) posterior fossa hematoma

6. Benign subdural effusion

=benign condition that resolves spontaneously
• clear / xanthochromic fluid with elevated protein level
✓ extracerebral fluid collection accompanied by ventricular dilatation (= communicating hydrocephalus caused by impaired CSF absorption of these subdural fluid collections)

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INCREASED INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE

1. Intracranial mass 2. [Hydrocephalus](#) 3. Malignant hypertension 4. Diffuse cerebral edema 5. Increased venous pressure 6. Elevated CSF protein 7. Pseudotumor cerebri • papilledema ✓ enlargement of perioptic nerve subarachnoid space

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PROLACTIN ELEVATION

Normal level: up to 25 ng/mL. *Cause:* 1. Interference with hypothalamic-pituitary axis: (a) hypothalamic tumor (b) parasellar tumor (c) [pituitary adenoma](#) (d) [sarcoidosis](#) (e) histiocytosis (f) traumatic infundibular transection 2. Pharmacologic agents: alpha-methyl dopa, reserpine, phenothiazine, butyrophenone, tricyclic antidepressants, oral contraceptives 3. [Hypothyroidism](#) (TRH also stimulates prolactin) 4. [Renal failure](#) 5. [Cirrhosis](#) 6. Stress / recent surgery 7. Breast examination 8. Pregnancy 9. Lactation

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STROKE

=generic term designating a heterogeneous group of cerebrovascular disorders
Incidence: 3rd leading cause of death in United States (after heart disease + cancer); 2nd leading cause of death due to cardiovascular disease in U.S.; 2nd leading cause of death in patients >75 years of age; 450,000 new cases per year; 160 new strokes per 100,000 population per year; leading cause of death in Orient
Age: >55 years; M:F = 2:1
Risk factors: heredity, hypertension (50%), smoking, diabetes (15%), obesity, familial hypercholesterolemia, [myocardial infarction](#), atrial fibrillation, [congestive heart failure](#), alcoholic excess, oral contraceptives, high anxiety + stress
Etiology: A. NONVASCULAR (5%): eg, tumor, hypoxia B. VASCULAR (95%)
1. Brain infarction = ischemic stroke (80%) (a) Occlusive atheromatous disease of extracranial (35%) / intracranial (10%) arteries = large vessel disease between aorta + penetrating arterioles-critical stenosis, thrombosis, -plaque hemorrhage / ulceration / embolism (b) Small vessel disease of penetrating arteries (25%) = lacunar infarct (c) Cardiogenic emboli (6-15-23%)
[Ischemic heart disease](#) with mural thrombus -acute [myocardial infarction](#) (3% risk/year)-cardiac arrhythmia Valvular heart disease -postinflammatory (rheumatic) valvulitis-infective endocarditis (20% risk/year)-nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis (30% risk/year)-[mitral valve prolapse](#) (low risk)-[mitral stenosis](#) (20% risk/year)-prosthetic valves (1-4% risk/year) Nonvalvular atrial fibrillation (6% risk/year) Left atrial [myxoma](#) (27-55% risk/year) (d) Nonatheromatous disease (5%)-elongation, coil, kinks (up to 20%)
[fibromuscular dysplasia](#) (typically spares origin + proximal segment of ICA)-aneurysm (rare) may occur in cervical / petrous portion / intracranially-dissection: traumatic / spontaneous (2%)-cerebral arteritis (Takayasu, collagen disease, lymphoid granulomatosis, [temporal arteritis](#), Behçet disease, chronic [meningitis](#), syphilis)-postendarterectomy thrombosis / embolism / restenosis (e) Overactive coagulation (5%)
2. Hemorrhagic stroke (20%) (a) Primary [intracerebral hemorrhage](#) (15%)
-Hypertensive hemorrhage (40-60%)
-Amyloid angiopathy (15-25%)
-Vascular malformation (10-15%)
-Drugs: eg, anticoagulants (1-2%)
-Bleeding diathesis (<1%): eg, [hemophilia](#) (b) Vasospasm due to nontraumatic SAH (4%)
-Ruptured aneurysm (75-80%)
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Prognosis: (1) death during hospitalization (25%): alteration in consciousness, gaze preference, dense hemiplegia have a 40% mortality rate (2) survival with varying degrees of neurologic deficit (75%) (3) good functional recovery (40%)
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Role of imaging: 1. Confirm clinical diagnosis 2. Identify primary [intracerebral hemorrhage](#) 3. Detect structural lesions mimicking stroke: tumor, vascular malformation, subdural hematoma 4. Detect early complications of stroke: cerebral herniation, hemorrhagic transformation
Indications for cerebrovascular testing: 1. TIA = [transient ischemic attack](#) 2. Progression of carotid disease to 95-98% stenosis 3. Cardiogenic cerebral emboli
Temporal classification: 1. TIA = [transient ischemic attack](#) 2. RIND = reversible ischemic neurologic deficit = fully reversible prolonged ischemic event resulting in minor neurologic dysfunction for >24 hours
Incidence: 16 per 100,000 population per year 3. **Progressing stroke** = stepwise / gradually progressing accumulative neurologic deficit evolving over hours / days 4. **Slow stroke** = rare clinical syndrome presenting as developing neuronal fatigue with weakness in lower / proximal upper extremity after exercise; occurs in patients with occluded [internal carotid artery](#) 5. **Completed stroke** = severe + persistent stable neurologic deficit = cerebral infarction (death of neuronal tissue) as end stage of prolonged ischemia • level of consciousness correlates well with size of infarction
Prognosis: 6-11% recurrent stroke rate

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TRANSIENT ISCHEMIC ATTACK

=brief episode of transient focal neurological deficit owing to ischemia of <24 hours duration with return to pre-attack status/*Incidence*:31 per 100,000 population per year; increasing with age up to 300; 105,000 new cases per year in United States; M > F *Cause*:(1)embolic: usually from ulcerative plaque at carotid bifurcation(2)hemodynamic: fall in perfusion pressure distal to a high-grade stenosis / occlusion *Risk factors*: (1)Hypertension (linear increase in probability of [stroke](#) with increase in diastolic blood pressure)(2)Cardiac disorders (prior [myocardial infarction](#), angina pectoris, valvular heart disease, dysrhythmia, [congestive heart failure](#))(3)[Diabetes mellitus](#)(4)Cigarette smoking (weak) *Prognosis*:5.3% [stroke](#) rate per year for 5 years after first TIA; per year 12% increase of [stroke](#) / [myocardial infarction](#) / death; complete [stroke](#) in 33% within 5 years; complete [stroke](#) in 5% in 1 month A.CAROTID TIA (2/3) ■ carotid attacks <6 hours in 90% ■ transient weakness / sensory dysfunction CLASSICALLY in(a)hand / face with embolic event(b)proximal arm + lower extremity with hemodynamic event (watershed area)-motor dysfunction = weakness, paralysis, clumsiness of one / both limbs on same side-sensory alteration = numbness, loss of sensation, paresthesia of one / both limbs on same side-speech / language disturbance = difficulty in speaking (dys- / aphasia) / writing, in comprehension of language / reading / performing calculations-visual disturbance = loss of vision in one eye, homonymous hemianopia, amaurosis fugax ■ paresis (mono-, hemiparesis) in 61% ■ paresthesia (mono-, hemiparesthesia) in 57% ■ amaurosis fugax (= transient premonitory attack of impaired vision due to retinal ischemia) in 12% caused by transient hypotension or emboli of platelets / cholesterol crystals which may be revealed by fundoscopy ■ facial paresthesia in 30% B.VERTEBROBASILAR TIA (1/3) ■ vertebrobasilar events <2 hours in 90%-motor dysfunction = as with carotid TIA but sometimes changing from side to side including quadriplegia, diplopia, dysarthria, dysphagia-sensory alteration = as with carotid TIA usually involving one / both sides of face / mouth / tongue-visual loss = as with carotid TIA including uni- / bilateral homonymous hemianopia-disequilibrium of gait / postural disturbance, ataxia, imbalance / unsteadiness-drop attack = sudden fall to the ground without loss of consciousness ■ binocular visual disturbance in 57% ■ vertigo in 50% ■ paresthesia in 40% ■ diplopia in 38% ■ ataxia in 33% ■ paresis in 33% ■ headaches in 25% ■ seizures in 1.5% **Accelerating / crescendo TIA** =repeated periodic events of neurologic dysfunction with complete recovery to normal in interphase Rx:1.Carotid endarterectomy (1% mortality, 5% [stroke](#))2.Anticoagulation3.Antiplatelet agent: aspirin, ticlopidine-in patients with recently symptomatic TIA / minor [stroke](#) + >70% [carotid artery stenosis](#): prophylactic carotid endarterectomy + chronic low-dose aspirin therapy

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INFECTION IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PATIENTS

Cause: underlying malignancy, collagen disease, cancer therapy, [AIDS](#), immunosuppressive therapy in organ transplants *Organism:* Toxoplasma, Nocardia, Aspergillus, Candida, Cryptococcus
poorly defined hypodense zones with rapid enlargement in size + number, particularly affecting basal ganglia + centrum semiovale (poorly localized + encapsulated infection with poor prognosis) ring / nodular enhancement (sufficient immune defenses): Toxoplasma, Nocardia enhancement may be blunted by steroid Rx [AIDS](#) may be associated with: thrombocytopenia, [lymphoma](#), plasmacytoma, [Kaposi sarcoma](#), [progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#)

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TRIGEMINAL NEUROPATHY

• facial pain, numbness, weakness of masticatory muscles, trismus • diminished / absent corneal reflex • abnormal jaw reflex • decreased pain / touch / temperature sensation • atrophy of masticatory muscles • **tic douloureux** = paroxysmal facial pain (usually confined to V₂ and V₃) mainly caused by neurovascular compression (tortuous elongated [superior cerebellar artery](#) / [anterior inferior cerebellar artery](#) / verteobasilar dolichoectasia / venous compression)A. BRAIN STEM LESION1. Vascular: infarct, AVM2. Neoplastic: [glioma](#), metastasis3. Inflammatory: multiple sclerosis (1-8%), herpes rhombencephalitis4. Other: syringobulbiaB. CISTERNAL CAUSES1. Vascular: aneurysm, AVM, vascular compression2. Neoplastic: acoustic schwannoma, [meningioma](#), trigeminal schwannoma, epidermoid cyst, [lipoma](#), metastasis3. Inflammatory: neuritisC. MECKEL CAVE + CAVERNOUS SINUS1. Vascular: carotid aneurysm2. Neoplastic: [meningioma](#), trigeminal schwannoma, epidermoid cyst, [lipoma](#), [pituitary adenoma](#), base of skull neoplasm, metastasis, perineural tumor spread3. Inflammatory: Tolosa-Hunt syndromeD. EXTRACRANIAL1. Neoplastic: neurogenous tumor, squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, [lymphoma](#), [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#), [mucoepidermoid carcinoma](#), melanoma, metastasis, perineural tumor spread2. Inflammatory: [sinusitis](#)3. Other: masticator space abscess, trauma

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DEMENTIA

1. [Alzheimer disease](#) 2. [Pick disease](#) 3. Normal pressure [hydrocephalus](#) 4. Subdural hematoma 5. Brain mass

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CLASSIFICATION OF CNS ANOMALIES

A. DORSAL INDUCTION ANOMALY=defects of neural tube closure
1. Chiari malformation: at 4 weeks
2. Encephalocele: at 4 weeks
3. [Anencephaly](#)
4. [Spinal dysraphism](#)
5. [Hydromyelia](#)
B. VENTRAL INDUCTION ANOMALY
1. [Holoprosencephaly](#): 5 - 6 weeks
2. [Septo-optic dysplasia](#): 6 - 7 weeks
3. [Dandy-Walker malformation](#): 7 - 10 weeks
4. Agenesis of septum pellucidum
C. NEURONAL PROLIFERATION & HISTOGENESIS
1. [Neurofibromatosis](#): 5 weeks - 6 months
2. [Tuberous sclerosis](#): 5 weeks - 6 months
3. Primary [hydranencephaly](#): >3 months
4. Neoplasia
5. Vascular malformation (vein of Galen, AVM, [hemangioma](#))
D. NEURONAL MIGRATION ANOMALY due to infection, ischemia, metabolic disorders
1. [Schizencephaly](#): 2 months
2. Agyria + pachygyria: 3 months
3. Gray matter heterotopia: 5 months
4. Dysgenesis of corpus callosum: 2 - 5 months
5. [Lissencephaly](#)
6. Polymicrogyria
7. [Unilateral megalencephaly](#)
E. DESTRUCTIVE LESIONS
1. [Hydranencephaly](#)
2. [Porencephaly](#)
3. Hypoxia
4. Toxicosis
5. Inflammatory disease (TORCH)
(a) [Toxoplasmosis](#)
(b) [Rubella](#) ✓ punctate / nodular calcifications ✓
porencephalic cysts ✓ occasionally [microcephaly](#)
(c) [Cytomegalic inclusion disease](#) ✓ typically punctate / stippled / curvilinear periventricular calcifications ✓ often [hydrocephalus](#)
(d) [Herpes simplex](#)

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Phakomatoses =NEUROECUTANEOUS SYNDROMES=NEUROECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS=development of benign tumors / malformations especially in organs of ectodermal origin1.[Neurofibromatosis](#)2.[Tuberous sclerosis](#)3.[von Hippel-Lindau disease](#)4.[Sturge-Weber-Dimitri syndrome](#)5.[Ataxia-telangiectasia](#)

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DEGENERATIVE DISEASES OF CEREBRAL HEMISPHERES

=progressive fatal disease characterized by destruction / alteration of gray and white matter *Etiology*: genetic; viral infection; nutritional disorders (eg, anorexia nervosa, [Cushing syndrome](#)); immune system disorders (eg, [AIDS](#)); exposure to toxins (eg, CO); exposure to drugs (eg, alcohol, methotrexate + radiation) Leukodystrophy = degenerative [diffuse sclerosis](#) with symmetrical bilateral white matter lesions Leukoencephalopathy = disease of white matter A. DEMYELINATING DISEASE=normal myelin destroyed by disease process1. Multiple sclerosis (most frequent primary demyelinating disease)2. [Alzheimer disease](#) (most common of diffuse gray matter degenerative diseases)3. Parkinson disease (most common subcortical degenerative disease)4. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease5. Menkes disease (sex-linked recessive disorder of copper metabolism)6. [Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#)7. Disseminated necrotizing leukoencephalopathy8. [Globoid cell leukodystrophy](#)9. Spongiform degeneration10. [Cockayne syndrome](#)11. [Spongiform leukoencephalopathy](#)12. Myelinoclastic [diffuse sclerosis](#) (Schilder disease) B. DYSMYELINATING DISEASE=metabolic disorder (= enzyme deficiency) resulting in deficient / absent myelin sheaths(a)macrocephalic:1. [Alexander disease](#) (frontal areas affected first)2. [Canavan disease](#) (white matter diffusely affected)(b)hyperdense thalami, caudate nuclei, corona radiata1. Krabbe disease(c)family history (X-linked recessive)1. X-linked [adrenoleukodystrophy](#)2. [Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease](#)(d)others1. [Metachromatic leukodystrophy](#) (most common hereditary leukodystrophy)2. [Binswanger disease](#) (SAE)3. Multi-infarct [dementia](#) (MID)4. [Pick disease](#)5. Huntington disease6. [Wilson disease](#)7. [Reye syndrome](#)8. [Mineralizing microangiopathy](#)9. [Diffuse sclerosis](#)

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Cerebral Atrophy =irreversible loss of brain substance + subsequent enlargement of intra- and extracerebral CSF-containing spaces ([hydrocephalus ex vacuo](#) = [ventriculomegaly](#))A.DIFFUSE BRAIN ATROPHYCause: (a)Trauma, radiation therapy(b)Drugs (dilantin, steroids, methotrexate, marijuana, hard drugs, chemotherapy), alcoholism, hypoxia(c)Demyelinating disease (multiple sclerosis, [encephalitis](#))(d)Degenerative diseaseeg, [Alzheimer disease](#), [Pick disease](#), [Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease](#)(e)Cerebrovascular disease + multiple infarcts(f)Advancing age, anorexia, [renal failure](#)✓ enlarged ventricles + sulciB.FOCAL BRAIN ATROPHYCause:vascular / chemical / metabolic / traumatic / idiopathic ([Dyke-Davidoff-Mason syndrome](#))C.REVERSIBLE PROCESS SIMULATING ATROPHY (in younger people)Cause:anorexia nervosa, alcoholism, catabolic steroid treatment, pediatric malignancy✓ prominent sulci✓ ipsilateral dilatation of basal cisterns + ventricles✓ ex vacuo dilatation of ventricles✓ thinning of gyri

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Cerebellar Atrophy A.WITH [CEREBRAL ATROPHY](#)= generalized senile brain atrophy B.WITHOUT [CEREBRAL ATROPHY](#)1.Olivopontocerebellar degeneration / Marie ataxia / Friedreich ataxia • onset of ataxia in young adulthood2.[Ataxia-telangiectasia](#)3.Ethanol-toxicity: predominantly affecting midline (vermis)4.Phenytoin-toxicity: predominantly affecting cerebellar hemispheres5.Idiopathic degeneration secondary to carcinoma(= paraneoplastic), usually oat cell carcinoma of lung 6.Radiotherapy7.Focal cerebellar atrophy:(a) infarction (b) traumatic injury

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Extra-axial Tumor *mnemonic:* "MABEL" **M**eningioma **A**rachnoid cyst **B**ony lesion **E**pidermoid **L**eukemic / lymphomatous infiltration

	intra-axial	extra-axial
<i>Relationship to dura / bone</i>	no attachment until advanced	contiguous
<i>Local bony changes</i>	uncommon	common
<i>Displacement of cortex</i>	toward dura / bone	away from bone
<i>Subarachnoid cistern</i>	effaced	widened
<i>Feeding arteries</i>	pial feeding arteries	dural feeding arteries

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Leptomeningeal Disease A. INFLAMMATION 1. [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#) 2. [Sarcoidosis](#) 3. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) 4. Chemical [meningitis](#): rupture of epidermoid B. INFECTION 1. Bacterial [meningitis](#) 2. Tuberculous [meningitis](#) 3. Fungal [meningitis](#) 4. Neurosyphilis C. TUMOR (a) Primary meningeal tumor: 1. [Meningioma](#) 2. [Glioma](#): primary leptomeningeal glioblastomatosis / gliosarcomatosis 3. Melanoma / melanocytoma 4. Sarcoma 5. [Lymphoma](#) (b) CSF-spread from primary CNS tumor 1. [Medulloblastoma](#) 2. Germinoma 3. [Pineoblastoma](#) (c) Metastasis 1. Breast carcinoma 2. [Lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#) 3. Lung carcinoma 4. [Malignant melanoma](#) 5. Gastrointestinal carcinoma 6. Genitourinary carcinoma D. TRAUMA 1. Old [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) 2. Surgical scarring from craniotomy 3. Lumbar puncture

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Pericerebral Fluid Collection In Childhood A. ENLARGED SUBARACHNOID SPACE (a) due to macrocephaly (b) due to brain atrophy ✓ superficial cortical veins cross subarachnoid space to reach superior sagittal sinus ✓ wide sulci, normal configuration of gyri ✓ normal / prominent size of ventricles B. SUBDURAL FLUID COLLECTION (1) [Subdural hygroma](#) (2) Subdural [empyema](#) / abscess (due to [meningitis](#)) (3) Subdural hematoma ✓ superficial cortical veins are prevented to cross subarachnoid by presence of arachnoid / neomembrane ✓ wide interhemispheric fissure

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Ventriculomegaly A.MACROCEPHALY ■ increased intraventricular pressure(a)Obstruction to CSF flow1.Communicating [hydrocephalus](#)2.Noncommunicating [hydrocephalus](#)(b)Overproduction of CSF = nonobstructive [hydrocephalus](#)(c)NeoplasmB.MICROCEPHALY ■ normal intraventricular pressure(a)Primary failure of [brain growth](#)-dysgenesis1.[Holoprosencephaly](#)2.Aneuploidy syndromes (trisomies)3.Migrational (<6 layers)-environment: alcohol, drugs, toxins-infection: TORCH(b)Loss of brain mantle-Infection: TORCH-Vascular accident:1.[Hydranencephaly](#)2.[Schizencephaly](#)3.[Porencephaly](#)-Hemorrhage:1.[Porencephaly](#)2.LeukomalaciaC.NORMOCEPHALY

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Colpocephaly =dilatation of trigones + occipital horns + posterior temporal horns of lateral ventricles1.[Agenesis of corpus callosum](#)2.Arnold-Chiari malformation3.[Holoprosencephaly](#)

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Intraventricular tumor Prevalence:10% of all intracranial neoplasms1.[Ependymoma](#)20%2.[Astrocytoma](#)18%3.[Colloid cyst](#)12%4.[Meningioma](#)11%5.[Choroid plexus papilloma](#) 7%6.[Epidermoid / dermoid](#)6%7.[Craniopharyngioma](#) 6%8.[Medulloblastoma](#)5%9.[Cysticercosis](#)5%10.[Arachnoid cyst](#)4%11.[Subependymoma](#)2%12.[AVM](#)2%13.[Teratoma](#)1%14.[Metastasis](#)15.[Intraventricular neurocytoma](#)16.[Oligodendroglioma](#) **Tumor In 4th Ventricle** 1.[Choroid plexus papilloma](#)2.[Ependymoma / glioma](#)3.[Hemangioblastoma](#)4.[Vermian metastasis](#)5.[AVM](#)6.[Epidermoid tumor \(rare\)](#)7.[Inflammatory mass](#)8.[Cyst](#) **Tumor In 3rd Ventricle** 1.[Colloid cyst](#)2.[Glioma](#)3.[Aneurysm](#)4.[Craniopharyngioma](#)5.[Ependymoma](#)6.[Meningioma](#)7.[Choroid plexus papilloma](#)8.[Intraventricular neurocytoma](#)

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Periventricular Hypodensity 1. Encephalomalacia \checkmark slightly denser than CSF 2. [Porencephaly](#) = cavity communicating with ventricle / cistern from [intracerebral hemorrhage](#) *Associated with:* dilated ventricle, sulci, and fissures \checkmark CSF density 3. Resolving hematoma \blacksquare Hx of previously demonstrated hematoma \checkmark may show ring enhancement + compression of adjacent structures 4. Cystic tumor \checkmark mass effect + contrast enhancement

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Enhancing Ventricular Margins (a)Subependymal spread of metastatic tumor1.[Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (especially small cell carcinoma)2.Melanoma3.Breast carcinoma(b)Subependymal seeding of CNS primary1.[Glioma](#)2.[Ependymoma](#)(c)Ependymal seeding of CNS primary1.[Medulloblastoma](#)2.Germinoma(d)Primary CNS [lymphoma](#) / systemic [lymphoma](#)(e)Inflammatory [ventriculitis](#)

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Periventricular Calcifications In A Child 1.[Tuberous sclerosis](#)2.Congenital infection: CMV, toxoplasmosis

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Periventricular T2WI-hyperintense Lesions

A. YOUNG PATIENTS

1. Multiple sclerosis
2. Migraine: in 41% with classic migraine, in 57% with complicated migraine; presumed to represent [vasculitis](#)-induced small infarcts
3. Vasculitic disorder: SLE, Behçet disease, [sickle cell disease](#) ✓ triad of deep white matter lesions + cortical infarcts + hemorrhage
4. Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADE) = [postviral leukoencephalopathy](#)
5. Virchow-Robin space = small invaginations of subarachnoid space following pia mater along perforating nutrient end vessels into brain substance
Location: inferior third of putamen; usually bilateral ✓ 1-2 mm round lesions isointense to CSF (well seen on coronal sections through centrum semiovale + on low-axial sections at level of anterior commissure)
6. Leukodystrophy: in children ✓ symmetric diffuse confluent involvement
7. Ependymitis granularis = symmetrically focal areas of hyperintensity on T2WI anterior + lateral to frontal horns in normal individuals
Histo: patchy loss of ependyma with paucity of hydrophobic myelin, which allows migration of fluid out of the ventricle into interstitium

B. ELDERLY

1. **État criblé** (sieve-like) / gliosis = deep white matter ischemia = extensive number of perivascular fluid spaces predominantly at arteriolar level as part of subacute arteriosclerotic encephalopathy
Cause: chronic ischemia due to arteriosclerosis of long penetrating arteries arising from circle of Willis (lenticulostriate + thalamo-perforators) = small vessel disease
Predisposed: cigarette smoker, hypertensive patient
Histo: lipohyalin deposits within vessel walls followed by partial demyelination, gliosis, interstitial edema
Incidence: in 10% without risk factors, in 84% with risk factors and symptoms
Age: >60 years (in 30-60%)
Location: periventricular white matter > optic radiation > basal ganglia > centrum semiovale > brainstem (usually spares corpus callosum + subcortical U-fibers) ✓ multiple focal lesions <2 mm
2. [Lacunar infarction](#)

C. PATIENTS WITH AIDS

1. HIV [encephalitis](#): ✓ well-defined "patchy" / ill-defined "dirty white matter" ✓ central atrophy
2. Toxoplasmosis
3. [Lymphoma](#)
4. [Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#) (PML)

D. PATIENTS WITH TRAUMA

1. Diffuse axonal / shearing injury
2. Diffuse white matter injury = radiation-induced demyelination of periventricular white matter
Cause: whole-brain irradiation • subclinical
3. Diffuse necrotizing leukoencephalopathy
Cause: intrathecal methotrexate ± whole brain irradiation • rapidly deteriorating clinical course ✓ confluent pattern with scalloped margins within periventricular white matter extending out to subcortical U-fibers

E. PATIENTS WITH [HYDROCEPHALUS](#)

1. Transependymal CSF flow ✓ smooth halo of even thickness

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Diffusely Swollen Hemispheres A.METABOLIC1.Metabolic encephalopathy: eg, uremia, [Reye syndrome](#), ketoacidosis2.Anoxia: cardiopulmonary arrest, near-drowning, smoke inhalation, ARDSB.NEUROVASCULAR1.Hypertensive encephalopathy2.Superior sagittal sinus thrombosis3.[Head trauma](#)4.Pseudotumor cerebriC.INFLAMMATIONeg, herpes [encephalitis](#), CMV, toxoplasmosis

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Edema Of Brain =increase in brain volume due to increased tissue-water content (80% for gray matter + 68% for white matter is normal) *Etiology:* (a)Cytotoxic edemareversible increase in intracellular water content secondary to ischemia / anoxia (axonal pallor)(b)Vasogenic edema (most common form)increase in pinocytotic activity with passage of protein across vessel wall into intercellular space (lack of contrast enhancement means breakdown of blood-brain barrier is not the cause); associated with primary brain neoplasm, metastases, hemorrhage, infarction, inflammation *Types:* 1.Hydrostatic edemarapid increase / decrease in intracranial pressure2.Interstitial edema increase in periventricular interstitial spaces secondary to transependymal flow of CSF with elevated intraventricular pressure3.Hypoosmotic edemaproduced by overhydration from IV fluid / inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone4.Congestive brain swellingrapid accumulation of extravascular water as a result of [head trauma](#); may become irreversible (brain death) if intracranial pressure equals systolic blood pressure ✓ decreased distinction between gray + white matter ✓ compressed slitlike lateral ventricles ✓ compression of cerebral sulci + perimesencephalic cisternsCT: ✓ areas of hypodensity ✓ Edema is always greatest in white matter! ✓ mass effect: flattening of gyri, displacement + deformation of ventricles, midline shift ✓ return to normal from nonhemorrhagic edema / brain atrophy from white matter shearing injuryMR: ✓ decreased intensity on T1WI, increased intensity on T2WI ✓ enhancement with gadoliniumUS: ✓ generalized / focal increase of parenchymal echogenicity with featureless appearance ✓ decreased resistive indices

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Brain Herniation 1.Subfalcinecontralateral shift of midline structures under falx cerebri 2.Transtentorial(a)upward: displacement of cerebellum through tentorial incisura(b)downward-anterior: uncal herniation (most common) caused by lesions in anterior half of brain-posterior: herniation of parahippocampal gyrus-total: herniation of entire hippocampus3.Retroalarherniation of frontal lobe posteriorly across edge of sphenoid ridge 4.Transforaminalherniation of inferior mesial portions of cerebellum downward through [foramen magnum](#)

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Cholesterol-containing CNS Lesions 1.[Epidermoid inclusion cyst](#)2.[Cholesterol granuloma](#)3.Acquired epidermoid of [middle ear](#)4.Congenital [cholesteatoma](#) of [middle ear](#)5.[Craniopharyngioma](#)

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Cyst With A Mural Nodule 1. [Pilocytic astrocytoma](#) (childhood) 2. [Ganglioglioma](#) 3. Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma 4. [Glioblastoma multiforme](#) 5. Hemangioblastoma (posterior fossa, spinal cord)

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Midline Cyst 1. **Cavum septi pellucidi** = "5th ventricle"=thin triangular membrane consisting of two glial layers covered laterally with ependyma separating the frontal horns of lateral ventricles *Incidence*: in 80% of term infants; in 15% of adults *Location*: posterior to genu of corpus callosum, inferior to body of corpus callosum, anterosuperior to anterior pillar of fornix; extends to foramen of Monro; may dilate + cause obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) (rare) 2. **Cavum vergae** = "6th ventricle"=cavity posterior to columns of fornix; contracts after about 6th gestational month *Incidence*: in 30% of term infants; in 15% of adults *Location*: posterior to fornix, anterior to splenium of corpus callosum, inferior to body of corpus callosum, superior to transverse fornix; posterior midline continuation of cavum septi pellucidi beyond foramen of Monro 3. **Cavum veli interpositi** =extension of quadrigeminal plate cistern above 3rd ventricle to foramen of Monro, laterally bounded by columns of fornix + thalamus 4. **Colloid cyst**: anterior + superior to cavum septi pellucidi 5. **Arachnoid cyst**: in region of quadrigeminal plate cistern; curvilinear margins

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Posterior Fossa Cystic Malformation 1.[Dandy-Walker malformation](#)2.[Dandy-Walker variant](#)3.Megacisterna magna4.Arachnoid pouch

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Suprasellar Low-density Lesion With Hydrocephalus A.CYST1.[Arachnoid cyst](#)2.Ependymal cyst of 3rd ventricle3.Parasitic cyst of 3rd ventricle (cysticercosis)4.Dilated 3rd ventricle (in [aqueductal stenosis](#))B.CYSTIC MASS1.Epidermoid2.Hypothalamic pilocytic [astrocytoma](#)3.Cystic [craniopharyngioma](#) Note bene:Cystic lesion may be inapparent within surrounding CSF; metrizamide cisternography is helpful in detection + to exclude aqueduct stenosis

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Mesencephalic Low-density Lesion 1. Normal: decussation of superior cerebellar peduncles at level of inferior colliculi 2. Syringobulbia found in conjunction with [syringomyelia](#), Arnold-Chiari malformation, trauma ✓ CSF density centrally ✓ intrathecal contrast enters central cavity 3. Brainstem infarction ✓ abnormal contrast enhancement after 1 week ✓ well-defined low-attenuation region without enhancement after 2-4 weeks 4. Central pontine myelinolysis comatose patient receiving rapid correction / overcorrection of severe hyponatremia (following prolonged IV fluid administration / alcoholism) *Pathophysiology*: rapid correction of sodium releases myelinotoxic compounds by gray matter components resulting in loss of myelin (osmotic myelinolysis) with preservation of neurons + axons • spastic quadriparesis + pseudobulbar palsy • progression to pseudocoma (locked-in syndrome) in 3-5 days ✓ diminished attenuation in central region of pons ✓ ± extrapontine lesions in basal ganglia, thalami *Prognosis*: 10% survival rate beyond 6 months 5. [Brainstem glioma](#) ✓ mass with indistinct margins + vague enhancement 6. Metastasis ✓ well-defined contrast enhancement 7. Granuloma in TB / [sarcoidosis](#) (rare)

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Intracranial Pneumocephalus *Cause*: A. TRAUMA (74%): (a) [fracture](#) in 3% of all skull fractures; in 8% of fractures involving [paranasal sinuses](#) (frontal > ethmoid > sphenoid > mastoid) or base of skull (b) penetrating injury B. NEOPLASM INVADING SINUS (13%): 1. [Osteoma](#) of frontal / ethmoid sinus 2. [Pituitary adenoma](#) 3. [Mucocele](#), epidermoid 4. Malignancy of [paranasal sinuses](#) C. INFECTION WITH GAS-FORMING ORGANISM (9%): in mastoiditis, [sinusitis](#) D. SURGERY (4%): hypophysectomy, paranasal sinus surgery *Mechanism* (dural laceration): (1) ball-valve mechanism during straining, coughing, sneezing (2) vacuum phenomenon secondary to loss of CSF *Time of onset*: on initial presentation (25%), usually seen within 4-5 days, delay up to 6 months (33%) *Mortality*: 15% Cx: 1. CSF rhinorrhea (50%) 2. [Meningitis](#) / epidural / brain abscess (25%) 3. Extracranial pneumocephalus = air collection in subaponeurotic space

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Intracranial Calcifications *mnemonic:* "PINEAL" Physiologic Infection Neoplasm Endocrine Embryologic Arteriovenous Leftover Ls A. **PHYSIOLOGIC INTRACRANIAL CALCIFICATIONS** B. **INFECTION** TORCH (toxoplasmosis, CMV, [rubella](#), herpes), healed abscess, hydatid cyst, granuloma (tuberculoma, [actinomycosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#), mucormycosis), cysticercosis, trichinosis, paragonimiasis *mnemonic:* **CMV** calcifications are circumventricular Toxoplasma calcifications are intraparenchymal C. **NEOPLASM** [Craniopharyngioma](#) (40-80%), [oligodendroglioma](#) (50-70%), [chordoma](#) (25-40%), [choroid plexus papilloma](#) (10%), [meningioma](#) (20%), [pituitary adenoma](#) (3-5%), pinealoma (10-20%), [dermoid](#) (20%), [lipoma](#) of corpus callosum, [ependymoma](#) (50%), [astrocytoma](#) (15%), after radiotherapy, metastases (1-2%, lung > breast > GI tract) N.B.: astrocytomas calcify less frequently but are the most common tumor *mnemonic:* "Ca²⁺ COME" **Craniopharyngioma** **A**strocytoma, **A**neurysm, **C**horoid plexus papilloma **O**ligodendroglioma **M**eningioma, **M**edulloblastoma **E**pendymoma D. **ENDOCRINE** [Hyperparathyroidism](#), [hypervitaminosis D](#), [hypoparathyroidism](#), [pseudohypoparathyroidism](#), CO poisoning, [lead poisoning](#) E. **EMBRYOLOGIC** Neurocutaneous syndromes ([tuberous sclerosis](#), Sturge-Weber, [neurofibromatosis](#)), Fahr disease, [Cockayne syndrome](#), [basal cell nevus syndrome](#) F. **ARTERIOVENOUS** Atherosclerosis, aneurysm, AVM, occult vascular malformation, [hemangioma](#), subdural + epidural hematomas, [intracerebral hemorrhage](#) G. **LEFTOVER Ls** [Lipoma](#), lipoid proteinosis, [lissencephaly](#)

Physiologic Intracranial Calcification 1. Pineal calcification Age: no calcification <5 years of age, in 8-10% at 8-14 years of age, in 40% by 20 years of age, 2/3 of adult population ✓ amorphous / ringlike calcification <3 mm from midline usually <10 mm in diameter ✓ approximately 30 mm above highest posterior elevation of pyramids CAVE: pineal calcification >14 mm suggests pineal neoplasm (teratoma / pinealoma) 2. Habenula *Incidence:* approximately in 1/3 of population Age: >10 years of age ✓ posteriorly open C-shaped calcification 4-6 mm anterior to [pineal gland](#) 3. Choroid plexus may calcify in all ventricles: most commonly in glomus within atrium of lateral ventricles, near foramen of Monro, tela choroidea of 3rd ventricle, roof of 4th ventricle, along foramina of Luschka Age: >3 years of age ✓ 20-30 mm behind + slightly below pineal on lateral projection, symmetrical on AP projection *DDx:* [neurofibromatosis](#) 4. Dura, falx cerebri, falx cerebelli, tentorium *Incidence:* 10% of population Age: >3 years of age *DDx:* [basal cell nevus syndrome](#) (Gorlin syndrome), pseudoxanthoma elasticum, congenital myotonic dystrophy 5. Petroclinoid ligament (= reflection of tentorium) between tip of dorsum sellae and apex of petrous bone Age: >5 years of age 6. Interclinoid ligament = interclinoid bridging 7. Arteriosclerosis: particularly intracavernous segment of ICA, basilar a., vertebral a. 8. Basal ganglia

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Increased Density Of Falx 1.[Subarachnoid hemorrhage](#)2.Interhemispheric subdural hematoma3.Diffuse cerebral edema (= increased density relative to low-density brain)4.Dural calcifications ([hypercalcemia](#) from [chronic renal failure](#), [basal cell nevus syndrome](#), [hyperparathyroidism](#))5.Normal falx (can be normal in pediatric population)

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Intraparenchymal Hemorrhage *mnemonic:* "ITHACANS" **I**nfarction (hemorrhagic) **T**rauma **H**ypertensive hemorrhage **A**rteriovenous malformation **C**oagulopathy
Aneurysm, **A**myloid angiopathy **N**eoplasm: metastasis / primary neoplasm **S**inus thrombosis

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Dense Cerebral Mass *Substrate:* calcification / hemorrhage / dense protein
A. VESSEL 1. Aneurysm 2. [Arteriovenous malformation](#) 3. Hematoma (acute / subacute)
B. TUMOR 1. [Lymphoma](#) 2. [Medulloblastoma](#) 3. [Meningioma](#) 4. Metastasis (a) from mucinous-producing adenocarcinoma (b) hemorrhagic metastases: melanoma, [choriocarcinoma](#), hypernephroma, [bronchogenic carcinoma](#), breast carcinoma (rarely)

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Dense Lesion Near Foramen Of Monro A. INTRAVENTRICULAR LESION 1. [Colloid cyst](#) 2. [Meningioma](#) 3. Choroid plexus tumor / granuloma 4. AVM of septal, thalamostriate, internal [cerebral veins](#) B. PERIVENTRICULAR MASS 1. Primary CNS [lymphoma](#) 2. [Tuberous sclerosis](#) (a) subependymal tuber (b) giant cell [astrocytoma](#) 3. Metastasis from mucin-producing adenocarcinoma / hemorrhagic metastasis (melanoma, [choriocarcinoma](#), hypernephroma, [bronchogenic carcinoma](#), breast carcinoma) 4. Glioblastoma of septum pellucidum C. MASSES PROJECTING SUPERIORLY FROM SKULL BASE 1. [Pituitary adenoma](#) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) 3. Aneurysm 4. Dolichoectatic basilar artery

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Classification Of Primary CNS Tumors A.TUMORS OF BRAIN AND MENINGES(a)Gliomas**Astrocytoma** (50%) 1.**Astrocytoma** (**astrocytoma** grades I - II)2.Glioblastoma (**astrocytoma** grades III - IV)**Oligodendroglioma** Paraglioma 1.**Ependymoma**2.**Choroid plexus papilloma****Ganglioglioma** **Medulloblastoma** (b)Pineal tumor1.Germinoma2.Teratoma3.**Pineocytoma**4.**Pineoblastoma**(c)Pituitary tumor1.**Pituitary adenoma**2.Pituitary carcinoma(d)**Meningioma**(e)Nerve sheath tumor1.Schwannoma2.Neurofibroma(f)Miscellaneous1.Sarcoma2.**Lipoma**3.HemangioblastomaB.TUMORS OF EMBRYONAL REMNANTS(a)**Craniopharyngioma**(b)**Colloid cyst**(c)Teratoid tumor1.Epidermoid2.**Dermoid**3.Teratoma

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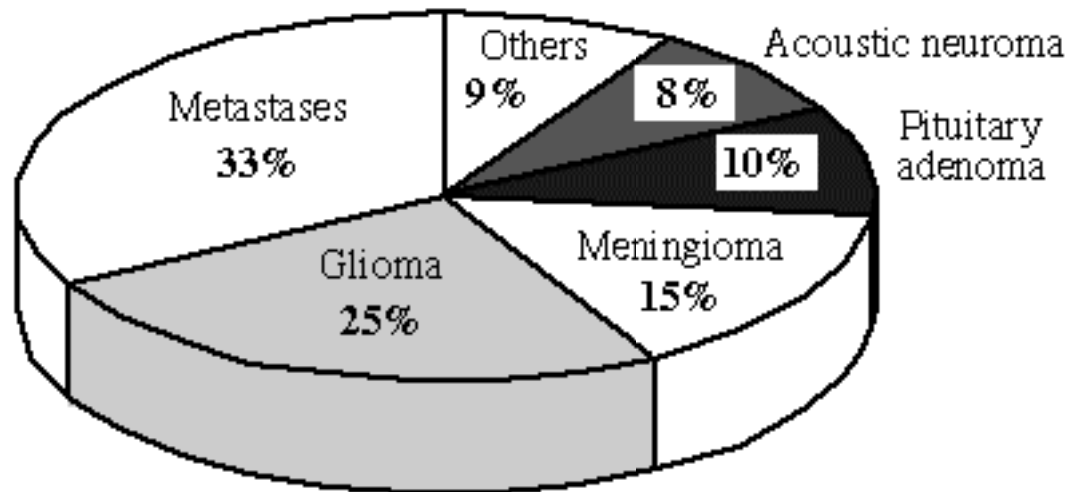
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Incidence Of Brain Tumors =9% of all primary neoplasms (5th most common primary neoplasm); 5-10 cases per 100,000 population per year; account for 1.2% of autopsied deaths
IN ALL AGE GROUPS:IN PEDIATRIC AGE

GROUP:[Glioma](#)34%[Astrocytoma](#)50%[Meningioma](#)17%[Medulloblastoma](#)15%[Metastasis](#)12%[Ependymoma](#)10%[Pituitary adenoma](#)6%[Craniopharyngioma](#)6%[Neurinoma](#)4%[Choroid plexus papilloma](#)2%[Sarcoma](#)3%[Granuloma](#)3%[Craniopharyngioma](#)2%[Hemangioblastoma](#)2%



Intracranial Tumors in Adult Population

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CNS Tumors Presenting At Birth 1. Hypothalamic [astrocytoma](#) 2. [Choroid plexus papilloma](#) / carcinoma 3. Teratoma 4. [Primitive neuroectodermal tumor](#) 5. [Medulloblastoma](#) 6. [Ependymoma](#) 7. [Craniopharyngioma](#)

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CNS Tumors In Pediatric Age Group Incidence: 2.4:100,000 (<15 years of age); 2nd most common pediatric tumor (after [leukemia](#)); 15% of all pediatric neoplasms; 15-20% of all primary brain tumors; M > F • [increased intracranial pressure](#) • increasing head size

A. SUPRATENTORIAL (50%) Age: first 2-3 years of life
Covering of brain: dural sarcoma, schwannoma, [meningioma](#) (3%)
Cerebral hemisphere: [astrocytoma](#) (37%), [oligodendroglioma](#)
Corpus callosum : [astrocytoma](#)
3rd ventricle: [colloid cyst](#), [ependymoma](#)
Lateral ventricle: [ependymoma](#) (5%), [choroid plexus papilloma](#) (12%)
Optic chiasm: [craniopharyngioma](#) (12%), optic nerve [glioma](#) (13%), teratoma, [pituitary adenoma](#)
Hypothalamus: [glioma](#) (8%), hamartoma
Pineal region: germinoma, pinealoma, teratoma (8%)

B. INFRATENTORIAL (50%) Age: 4-11 years
Cerebellum: [astrocytoma](#) (31-33%), [medulloblastoma](#) (26-31%)
Brainstem: [glioma](#) (16-21%)
4th ventricle: [ependymoma](#) (6-14%), [choroid plexus papilloma](#)
mnemonic: "BE MACHO"
Brainstem [glioma](#) Ependymoma Medulloblastoma AVM Cystic [astrocytoma](#) Hemangioblastoma Other **Supratentorial**

Midline Tumors 1. Optic + hypothalamic [glioma](#) (39%) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) (20%) 3. [Astrocytoma](#) (9%) 4. [Pineoblastoma](#) (9%) 5. Germinoma (6%) 6. [Lipoma](#) (6%) 7. Teratoma (3.5%) 8. [Pituitary adenoma](#) (3.5%) 9. [Meningioma](#) (2%) 10. [Choroid plexus papilloma](#) (2%)

Supratentorial Intraventricular Tumors (a) Lateral ventricle (3/4) 1. Choroid plexus tumor (44%) 2. Giant cell [astrocytoma](#) in [tuberous sclerosis](#) (19%) 3. [Hemangioma](#) in Sturge-Weber syndrome (12%) (b) Third ventricle (1/4) 1. [Astrocytoma](#) (13%) 2. Choroid plexus tumor (6%) 3. [Meningioma](#) (6%)

CLASSIFICATION BY HISTOLOGY 1. Astrocytic tumors (33.5%) 2. "Primitive" neuroectodermal tumor = PNET (21%) highly malignant neoplasms originating from germinal matrix + containing glial + neural elements- [Medulloblastoma](#) (16%) -Ependymoblastoma (2.5%) -PNET of cerebral hemisphere (2.5%) 3. Mixed gliomas (16%) 4. Malformative tumors (11.5%) -[Craniopharyngioma](#) (5.5%) -[Lipoma](#) (4.5%) -[Dermoid](#) cyst (1%) -Epidermal cyst (0.5%) 5. Choroid plexus tumors (4%) 6. Ependymal tumors (4%) 7. Tumors of meningeal tissues (3.5%) -[Meningioma](#) (3%) -Meningeal sarcoma (0.5%) 8. Germ cell tumors (2.5%) -Germinoma (1.5%) -Teratomatous tumor (1%) 9. Neuronal tumors-[Gangliocytoma](#) (1.5%) 10. Tumors of neuroendocrine origin-[Pituitary adenoma](#) (1%) 11. Oligodendroglial tumors (0.5%) 12. Tumors of blood vessel-[Hemangioma](#) (1%)

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Multifocal CNS Tumors A.METASTASES FROM PRIMARY CNS TUMOR(a)via commissural pathways: corpus callosum, internal capsule, massa intermedia(b)via CSF: ventricles / subarachnoid cisterns(c)satellite metastasesB.MULTICENTRIC CNS TUMOR(a>true multicentric gliomas (4%)(b)concurrent tumors of different histology (coincidental)C.MULTICENTRIC MENINGIOMAS (3%) without [neurofibromatosis](#)D.MULTICENTRIC PRIMARY CNS [LYMPHOMA](#)E.[PHAKOMATOSES](#)1.Generalized [neurofibromatosis](#):meningiomatosis, bilateral acoustic neuromas, bilateral optic nerve gliomas, cerebral gliomas, choroid plexus papillomas, multiple spine tumors, AVMs 2.[Tuberous sclerosis](#):subependymal tubers, intraventricular gliomas (giant cell [astrocytoma](#)), ependymomas 3.[von Hippel-Lindau disease](#):retinal [angiomas](#), hemangioblastomas, congenital cysts of pancreas + liver, benign renal tumors, cardiac rhabdomyomas

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CNS Tumors Metastasizing Outside CNS *mnemonic:* "MEGO" Medulloblastoma Ependymoma Glioblastoma multiforme Oligodendroglioma

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Calcified Intracranial Mass *mnemonic:* "Ca²⁺ COME" **C**raniopharyngioma **A**strocytoma, **A**neurysm **C**horoid plexus papilloma **O**ligodendroglioma **M**eningioma
Ependymoma

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Avascular Mass Of Brain *mnemonic:*"TEACH"**Tumor:** [astrocytoma](#), metastasis, [oligodendroglioma](#) **Edema Abscess Cyst, Contusion Hematoma, Herpes**

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[Jugular Foramen Mass](#) 1.[Glomus tumor](#)2.[Meningioma](#)3.[Neuroma](#)4.[Metastasis](#)

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Dumbbell Mass Spanning Petrous Apex 1.Large trigeminal schwannoma2.[Meningioma](#)3.Epidermoid cyst

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Posterior Fossa Tumor In Adult *Extra-axial**Intra-axial* 1. [Acoustic neuroma](#)1. Metastasis (lung, breast) 2. [Meningioma](#)2. Hemangioblastoma 3. [Chordoma](#)3. [Lymphoma](#)
4. [Choroid plexus papilloma](#)4. [Lipoma](#) 5. Epidermoid

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Cystic Mass In Cerebellar Hemisphere 1.Hemangioblastoma2.Cerebellar [astrocytoma](#)3.Metastasis4.Lateral [medulloblastoma](#) (= "cerebellar sarcoma")5.[Choroid plexus papilloma](#) with lateral extension

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Cerebellopontine Angle Tumor = [extra-axial tumor](#) arising in CSF-filled space bound by pons + cerebellar hemisphere + petrous bone *Incidence*: 5-10% of all intracranial tumors • cranial neuropathy: high frequency hearing loss (n. VIII), tinnitus + facial motor dysfunction (n. V II), facial sensory dysfunction (n. V), taste disturbance (chorda tympani) • signs of posterior fossa mass effect: headache, nausea, vomiting, disequilibrium, ataxia • hemifacial spasm, trigeminal neuralgia (tic douloureux) ✓ may widen CSF space (cistern) in 25% ✓ bone erosion / hyperostosis ✓ sharp margination with brain *Types*: 1. [Acoustic neuroma](#) = schwannoma (80-90%): from intracanalicular portion of 8th cranial nerve 2. [Meningioma](#) (10-18%) 2nd most common extra-axial mass in posterior fossa; <5% of all intracranial meningiomas; larger + more hemispheric in shape + more homogeneously enhancing than [acoustic neuroma](#) 3. [Epidermoid inclusion cyst](#) (5-9%) 4. [Arachnoid cyst](#) (<1%) 5. Aneurysm of basilar / vertebral / posterior inferior cerebellar artery: congenital berry aneurysm / saccular aneurysm / atherosclerotic dolichoectasia 6. [Choroid plexus papilloma](#) 7. [Ependymoma](#) 8. Trigeminal [neuroma](#) from gasserian [ganglion](#) within Meckel cave in the most anteromedial portion of petrous pyramid / trigeminal nerve root 9. [Glomus jugulare tumor](#) within adventitia of bulb of jugular vein at base of petrous bone with invasion of posterior fossa 10. [Chordoma](#) 11. Exophytic [brainstem glioma](#) *Histo*: usually diffuse fibrillary [astrocytoma](#) 12. Metastasis (0.2-2%) 13. [Lipoma](#) (<1%) *mnemonic*: "Ever Grave CerebelloPontine Angle Masses" Epidermoid Glomus jugulare tumor Chondroma, Chordoma, Cholesteatoma Pituitary tumor, Pontine [glioma](#) (exophytic) Acoustic + trigeminal [neuroma](#), Aneurysm of basilar / [vertebral artery](#), Arachnoid cyst Meningioma, Metastasis LOW-ATTENUATION EXTRA-AXIAL LESION: 1. Acoustic schwannoma (occasionally low-density mass) 2. Epidermoid tumor 3. [Arachnoid cyst](#)

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Lesion Expanding Cavernous Sinus A.TUMOR1.Trigeminal schwannoma2.[Pituitary adenoma](#)3.Parasellar [meningioma](#)4.Parasellar metastasis5.Invasion by tumor of skull baseB.VESSEL1.[Internal carotid artery](#) aneurysm2.Carotid-cavernous fistula3.Cavernous sinus thrombosisC.TOLOSA-HUNT SYNDROME= granulomatous invasion of cavernous sinus

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Gyral Enhancement A.MENINGEAL TUMOR(a)Meningeal carcinomatosis from systemic tumor:eg, breast carcinoma, small cell carcinoma of lung, [malignant melanoma](#), [lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#) (b)Seeding primary CNS tumor:1.[Medulloblastoma](#)2.[Pineoblastoma](#)3.[Ependymoma](#)B.MENINGITISpyogenic, tuberculous, fungal, cysticercosis, [sarcoidosis](#) C.SEQUELAE OF [SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE](#)(from fibroblastic proliferation) D.SUBACUTE BRAIN INFARCT *mnemonic:*"CAL MICE"**C**erebritis **A**rteriovenous malformation **L**ymphoma **M**eningitis **I**nfarct **C**arcinomatosis **E**ncephalitis

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Ring-enhancing Lesion Of Brain Cause: A.NEOPLASM1.Primary neoplasm: high-grade [glioma](#), [meningioma](#), [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#), [pituitary macroadenoma](#), [acoustic neuroma](#), [craniopharyngioma](#)2.Metastatic carcinoma + sarcomaB.ABSCESS1.Abscess: bacterial, fungal, parasitic2.[Empyema](#) of epidural / subdural / intraventricular spacesC.HEMORRHAGIC-ISCHEMIC LESION1.Resolving infarction2.Aging hematoma3.Operative bed following resection4.Thrombosed aneurysmD.DEMYELINATING DISORDER1.Radiation necrosis2.Tumefactive demyelinating lesion ("singular sclerosis")3.Necrotizing leukoencephalopathy after methotrexate Pathogenesis: (1)hypervascular margin of lesion = granulation tissue / peripheral vascular channels / hypervascular tumor capsule(2)breakdown of blood-brain barrier = leakage of contrast out of abnormally permeable vessels into extracellular fluid space(3)hypodense center = avascular / hypovascular (requires time to fill) / cystic degenerationIncidence of ring blush: abscess (in 73%); glioblastoma (in 48%); metastasis (in 33%); grade II [astrocytoma](#) (in 26%) [NOT in grade I [astrocytoma](#)] mnemonic:"MAGIC DR"Metastasis Abscess / [cerebritis](#) Glioma, Glioblastoma multiforme Impact, Infarct (resolving) Contusion Demyelinating disease Resolving hematoma **Ring-enhancing Lesion Crossing Corpus Callosum mnemonic:"GAL"** Glioblastoma multiforme (butterfly [glioma](#)) Astrocytoma Lymphoma

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Dense And Enhancing Lesions 1.[Aneurysm](#)2.[Meningioma](#)3.[CNS lymphoma](#)4.[Medulloblastoma](#)5.[Metastasis](#)

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Multifocal Enhancing Lesions 1. Multiple infarctions 2. Arteriovenous malformations 3. Multifocal primary / secondary neoplasms 4. Multifocal infectious processes 5. Demyelinating diseases: eg, multiple sclerosis

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Innumerable Small Enhancing Cerebral Nodules A.METASTASESB.PRIMARY CNS [LYMPHOMA](#)C.DISSEMINATED INFECTION1.Cysticercosis2.[Histoplasmosis](#)3.[Tuberculosis](#)D.INFLAMMATION1.[Sarcoidosis](#)2.Multiple sclerosisE.SUBACUTE MULTIFOCAL INFARCTIONfrom hypoperfusion, multiple emboli, cerebral [vasculitis](#) (SLE), [meningitis](#), cortical vein thrombosis

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Enhancing Lesion In Internal Auditory Canal A.NEOPLASTIC1.Acoustic schwannoma2.Ossifying
[hemangioma](#)B.NONNEOPLASTIC1.[Sarcoidosis](#)2.[Meningitis](#)3.Postmeningitic / postcraniotomy [fibrosis](#)4.Vascular loop of anterior inferior cerebellar a.

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Classification Of Vascular CNS Anomalies A. VASCULAR MALFORMATION (a) arterial = [arteriovenous malformation](#) (AVM) 1. Facial / brain [arteriovenous malformation](#) 2. Vein of Galen malformation (b) capillary = telangiectasia 1. Facial port wine stain • commonly asymptomatic (c) venous = venous malformation = tangle of abnormal varices of a "caput-medusae" / "spoked-wheel" configuration draining into a dilated cortical vein • soft + compressible without thrills / pulsations • distension with Valsalva maneuver • commonly asymptomatic Location: white matter with normal intervening brain parenchyma Cx (*uncommon*) hemorrhage, ischemia 1. [Venous angioma](#) 2. [Sinus pericranii](#) (d) lymphatic 1. [Cystic hygroma](#) (e) combinations 1. Sturge-Weber disease 2. Rendu-Osler-Weber disease B. VASCULAR TUMOR 1. [Hemangioma](#) (a) capillary [hemangioma](#): seen in children, involution by 7 years of age in 95% (b) cavernous [hemangioma](#): seen in adults, no involution¹/₂ thrombosed blood + hemosiderin¹/₂ normal angiogram 2. [Hemangiopericytoma](#) 3. Hemangioendothelioma 4. [Angiosarcoma](#) Occult / cryptic vascular malformation 1. Cavernous [hemangioma](#) 2. [Capillary telangiectasia](#)

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Occlusive Vascular Disease (a) Embolic state: ✓ single vascular territory (b) Hypoperfusive state: ✓ multiple vascular territories *Cause:* 1. Vasospasm from [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) 2. Embolic infarction (50%) (a) thrombus (atrial fibrillation, valvular disease, Atheromatous plaques of extracerebral arteries, [fibromuscular dysplasia](#), intracranial aneurysm, surgery, paradoxical emboli, [sickle cell disease](#), atherosclerosis, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura) ■ fluctuating blood pressures ■ hypercoagulability ✓ cerebral petechial hemorrhage within cortical / basal gray matter during 2nd week (from fragments of embolus) in up to 40%; initial ischemia is followed by reperfusion (= HALLMARK of embolic infarction) ✓ "supernormal artery" on NECT = high-density material lodged in cerebral vessel near major bifurcations ✓ atheromatous narrowing of vessels (b) fat (c) nitrogen 3. Watershed infarct involving deep white matter between two adjacent vascular beds in global hypoperfusion secondary to poor cardiac output / cervical carotid artery occlusion ✓ 6% of cerebral infarcts have hemorrhage (red infarct) ■ [stroke](#) (3rd most common cause of death in USA, 5% of [stroke](#) syndromes are caused by underlying tumor) ■ TIA = transitory ischemic attack: clears within 24 hours ■ RIND = reversible ischemic neurologic deficit: still evident >24 hours with eventual total recovery ■ amaurosis fugax = transient monocular blindness ■ weakness / numbness in an extremity ■ aphasia ■ dizziness, diplopia, dysarthria (Vertebrobasilar ischemia) 4. Hypertension (a) Hypertensive encephalopathy ✓ diffuse white matter hypodensity (edema secondary to arterial spasm) (b) Hypertensive hemorrhage Location: basal ganglia (putamen, external capsule), thalamus, pons, cerebellum (c) [Lacunar infarction](#) (d) Subcortical arteriosclerotic encephalopathy 5. [Amyloidosis](#) involvement of small- + medium-sized arteries of meninges + cortex ■ normotensive patient >65 years of age ✓ multiple simultaneous / recurrent cortical hemorrhages 6. [Vasculitis](#) (a) Bacterial [meningitis](#), TB, syphilis, fungus, virus, rickettsia (b) Collagen-vascular disease: [Wegener granulomatosis](#), [polyarteritis nodosa](#), SLE, scleroderma, [dermatomyositis](#) (c) Granulomatous arteritis: giant cell arteritis, [sarcoidosis](#), Takayasu disease, [temporal arteritis](#) (d) Inflammatory arteritis: rheumatoid arteritis, hypersensitivity arteritis, Behçet disease, lymphomatoid granulomatosis (e) Drug-induced: IV amphetamine, ergot preparations, oral contraceptives (f) Radiation arteritis = [mineralizing microangiopathy](#) (g) [Moyamoya disease](#) 7. Anoxic encephalopathy cardiorespiratory arrest, near-drowning, drug overdose, CO poisoning 8. Venous thrombosis

Multiple Infarctions typical in extracranial occlusive disease, cardiac output problems, small vessel disease; in 6% from a shower of emboli Location: usually bilateral + supratentorial (3/4); supra- and infratentorial (1/4)

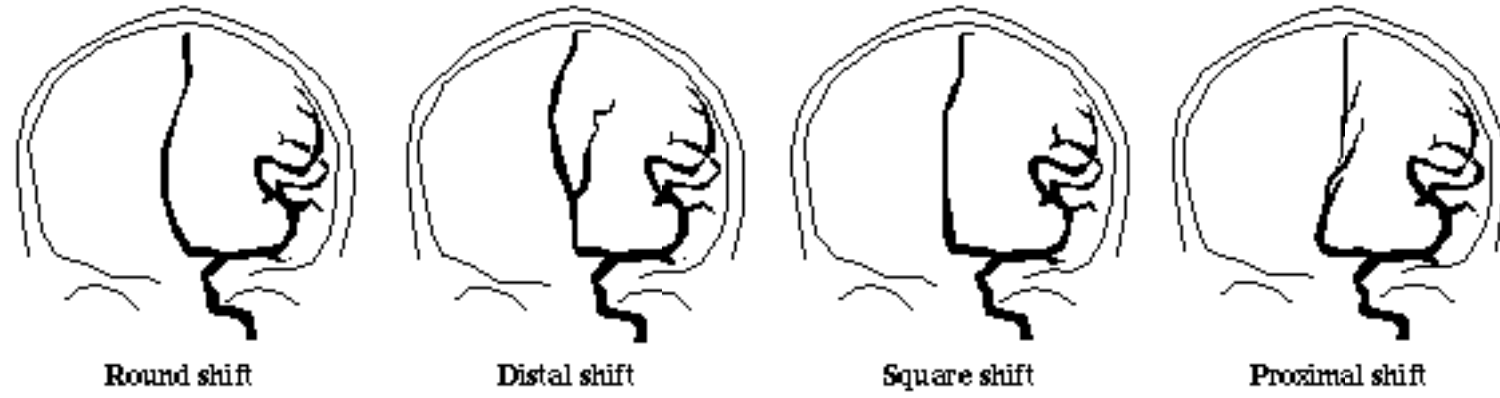
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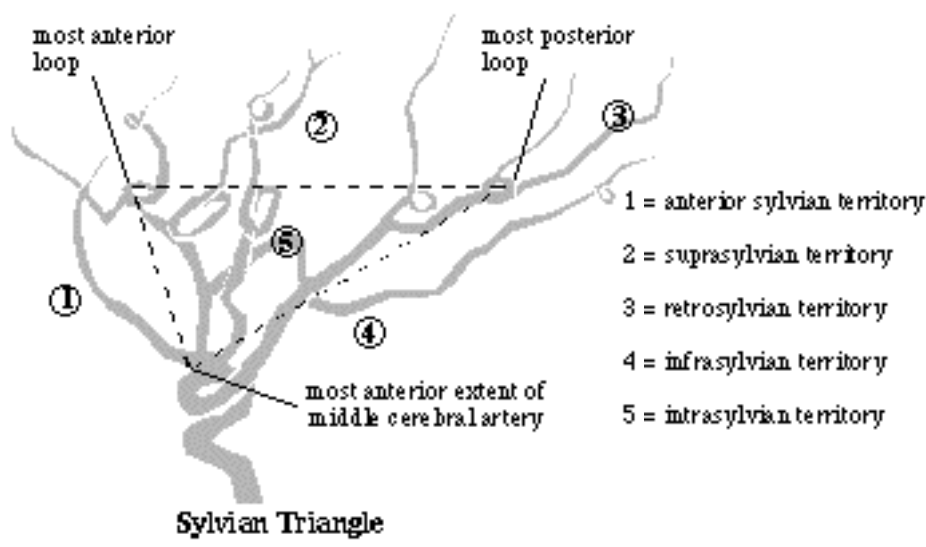
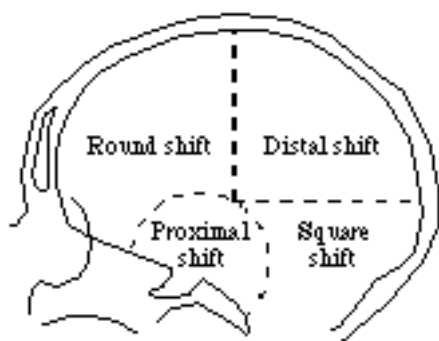


Displacement Of Vessels

A. ARTERIAL SHIFT (a) Pericallosal arteries
 1. Round shift = frontal lesion anterior to coronal suture
 2. Square shift = lesion behind foramen of Monro in lower half of hemisphere
 3. Distal shift = posterior to coronal suture in upper half of hemisphere
 4. Proximal shift = basifrontal lesion / anterior middle cranial fossa including anterior temporal lobe
 (b) Sylvian triangle = branches of MCA within sylvian fissure on outer surface of insula form a loop upon reaching the upper margin of the insula; serves as angiographic landmark for localizing supratentorial masses
 Location of lesion: - anterior sylvian frontal region - suprasylvian posterior frontal + parietal - retrosylvian occipital, parieto-occipital - infrasylvian temporal lobe + extracerebral region - intrasylvian usually due to [meningioma](#) - lateral sylvian frontal, frontotemporal, parietotemporal - central



sylvian deep posterior frontal, basal ganglia



B. CEREBRAL VEINS = indicate the midline of the posterior part of the forebrain showing the exact location of the roof of the 3rd ventricle

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Bilateral Basal Ganglia Lesions In Childhood Basal ganglia are susceptible to damage during childhood because of high energy requirements (ATP) mandating a rich [blood supply](#) + high concentration of trace metals (iron, copper, manganese) • increased irritability, lethargy, dystonia • seizure, behavioral changes ✓ bilateral necrosis of basal ganglia ACUTE CAUSES A. Compromise of vascular supply 1. [Hemolytic-uremic syndrome](#) causing microthrombosis of basal ganglia, thalami, hippocampi, cortex 2. [Encephalitis](#) (usually viral agents) B. Compromise of nutrient supply 1. Hypoxia: respiratory arrest, [near drowning](#), strangling, barbiturate intoxication 2. Hypoglycemia ✓ hemorrhage rarely seen 3. Osmotic myelinolysis ✓ associated central pontine location common C. Acute poisoning 1. Carbon monoxide ✓ preferentially affects globus pallidus rare in children: 2. Hydrogen sulfide 3. Cyanide poisoning 4. Methanol poisoning CHRONIC CAUSES A. Inborn errors of metabolism 1. Leigh disease = subacute necrotizing encephalomyelopathy = autosomal recessive disorder characterized by deficiencies in pyruvate carboxylase, pyruvate dehydrogenase complex, cytochrome c oxidase resulting in anaerobic ATP production • lactic acidosis (elevated ratio of lactate to pyruvate in CSF + serum) ✓ propensity to involve putamen 2. [Wilson disease](#) = hepatolenticular degeneration = increased deposition of copper in brain + liver • decreased levels of serum copper + ceruloplasmin • increased urinary copper [excretion](#) ✓ cell damage of lenticular nucleus (= lenslike configuration of putamen + globus pallidus) 3. Mitochondrial encephalomyelopathies = subset of lactic acidemias with structurally abnormal mitochondria • "ragged red" fibers in muscle biopsy 4. Maple syrup urine disease = inability to catabolize branched-chain amino acids (leucine, isoleucine, valine) • urine smells of maple syrup 5. Methylmalonic acidemia = group of genetically distinct autosomal recessive disorders of organic acid metabolism affecting conversion of methylmalonyl-CoA to succinyl-CoA • accumulation of methylmalonic acid in blood + urine B. Degenerative disease 1. Huntington disease 2. Dystrophic calcifications C. Demyelinating disease basal ganglia are a mixture of gray + white matter 1. [Canavan disease](#) 2. [Metachromatic leukodystrophy](#) D. Others 1. [Neurofibromatosis](#) type 1

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Low-attenuation Lesion In Basal Ganglia 1.Poisoning: carbon monoxide, barbiturate intoxication, hydrogen sulfide poisoning, cyanide poisoning, methanol intoxication2.Hypoxia3.Hypoglycemia4.Hypotension (lacunar infarcts)5.[Wilson disease](#)

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Basal Ganglia Calcification *Prevalence in children:* 1.1 - 1.6%A. **PHYSIOLOGIC WITH AGING**B. **ENDOCRINE**1. [Hypoparathyroidism](#), pseudo~, pseudopseudo~ (60%)2. [Hyperparathyroidism](#)3. [Hypothyroidism](#)C. **METABOLIC**1. Leigh disease2. Mitochondrial cytopathy(a)Kearns-Sayre syndrome = [ophthalmoplegia](#), retinal pigmentary degeneration, complete heart block, short stature, mental deterioration(b)**MELAS** = **M**itochondrial myopathy, **E**ncephalopathy, **L**actic acidosis, **A**nd **S**troke(c)**MERRF** = **M**yoclonic **E**pilepsy with **R**agged **R**ed **F**ibers3. Fahr disease = familial cerebrovascular ferrocalsinosisD. **CONGENITAL / DEVELOPMENTAL**1. Familial idiopathic symmetric basal ganglia calcification2. Hastings-James syndrome3. [Cockayne syndrome](#)4. Lipoid proteinosis = hyalinosis cutis5. [Neurofibromatosis](#)6. [Tuberous sclerosis](#)7. Oculocraniosomatic disease8. Methemoglobinopathy9. [Down syndrome](#)E. **INFLAMMATION / INFECTION**1. Toxoplasmosis, congenital [rubella](#), CMV2. Measles, chicken pox3. Pertussis, Coxsackie B virus4. Cysticercosis5. [Systemic lupus erythematosus](#)6. [AIDS](#)F. **TRAUMA**1. Childhood [leukemia](#) following methotrexate therapy2. S/P radiation therapy3. Birth anoxia, hypoxia4. Cardiovascular eventG. **TOXIC** 1. Carbon monoxide poisoning2. Lead intoxication3. Nephrotic syndrome *mnemonic:*"**BIRTH**"**B**irth anoxia Idiopathic (most common), **I**nfarct **R**adiation therapy **T**oxoplasmosis / **C**MV **H**ypoparathyroidism / pseudo**HPT**

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Linear Echogenic Foci In Thalamus + Basal Ganglia A.IN UTERO INFECTION=destruction of wall of lenticulostriate arteries + replacement by deposits of amorphous granular material1.TORCH agents: Toxoplasma, [rubella](#) virus, cytomegalovirus, herpes virus2.Syphilis3.Human immunodeficiency virusB.CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITY1.[Down syndrome](#)2.[Trisomy 13](#)C.OTHERS (anoxic injury?)1.Perinatal asphyxia, [respiratory distress](#) syndrome, cyanotic congenital heart disease, [necrotizing enterocolitis](#)2.Fetal alcohol syndrome3.[Nonimmune hydrops](#)

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Destruction Of Sella 1.[Pituitary adenoma](#)2.Suprasellar tumor3.Carcinoma of sphenoid + posterior ethmoid sinus[✓] opacification of sinus + destruction of walls[✓] associated with nasopharyngeal mass (common)4.[Nasopharyngeal carcinoma](#)(a)squamous cell carcinoma(b)lymphoepithelioma = Schmincke tumor = non-keratinizing form of squamous cell carcinoma[✓] sclerosis of adjacent bone5.Metastasis to sphenoidfrom breast, kidney, thyroid, colon, prostate, lung, esophagus 6.Primary tumor of sphenoid bone (rare)osteogenic sarcoma, [giant cell tumor](#), plasmacytoma 7.[Chordoma](#)8.[Mucocele](#) of [sphenoid sinus](#) (uncommon)9.Enlarged 3rd ventricle[aqueductal stenosis](#) from infratentorial mass, maldevelopment

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J-shaped Sella *mnemonic:*"CONMAN" Chronic [hydrocephalus](#) Optic [glioma](#), Osteogenesis imperfecta Neurofibromatosis Mucopolysaccharidosis Achondroplasia
Normal variant

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Enlarged Sella A. PRIMARY TUMOR 1. [Pituitary adenoma](#) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) 3. [Meningioma](#): hyperostosis 4. Optic [glioma](#): [J-shaped sella](#) B. PITUITARY HYPERPLASIA 1. [Hypothyroidism](#) 2. Hypogonadism 3. Nelson syndrome (occurring in 7% of patients subsequent to adrenalectomy) C. CSF-SPACE 1. Enlarged 3rd ventricle 2. [Hydrocephalus](#) 3. Empty sella D. VESSEL 1. Arterial aneurysm 2. Ectatic [internal carotid artery](#) *mnemonic: "CHAMPS"* Craniopharyngioma Hydrocephalus (empty sella) AVM, Aneurysm Meningioma Pituitary adenoma Sarcoidosis, TB **Pituitary Gland Enlargement** 1. Neoplasm: eg, [pituitary gland](#) adenoma 2. Hypertrophy: primary [precocious puberty](#), primary [hypothyroidism](#) 3. Lymphocytic hypophysitis 4. Infection 5. Severe dural AV fistula

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Intrasellar Mass 1. [Pituitary adenoma](#) / carcinoma (most common cause) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) (2nd most common cause) 3. [Meningioma](#): from surface of diaphragm / tuberculum sellae 4. [Chordoma](#) 5. Metastasis: lung, breast, prostate, kidney, GI tract, spread from nasopharynx 6. Intracavernous ICA aneurysm: bilateral in 25% 7. Pituitary abscess: rapidly expanding mass associated with [meningitis](#) 8. Empty sella 9. Rathke cleft cyst: commonly at junction of anterior + posterior [pituitary gland](#) 10. [Granular cell tumor](#) = myeloblastoma: benign neoplasm of posterior [pituitary gland](#) 11. Granuloma: [sarcoidosis](#), giant cell granuloma, TB, syphilis, [eosinophilic granuloma](#) 12. Lymphoid adenohypophysitis 13. Pituitary hyperplasia, eg, in Nelson syndrome

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Hypointense Lesion Of Sella 1.Empty sella2.Pituitary stone (= pituitolith)= sequela of autonecrosis of [pituitary adenoma](#) 3.Intrasellar aneurysm4.Persistent trigeminal artery5.Calcified [meningioma](#)6.Pituitary [hemochromatosis](#) (anterior pituitary lobe only)

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Parasellar Mass 1.[Meningioma](#): tentorium cerebelli 2. Neurinoma (III, IV, V₁, V₂, VI) 3. Metastasis: lung, breast, kidney, GI tract, spread from nasopharynx 4. Epidermoid 5. Aneurysm 6. Carotid-cavernous fistula *mnemonic*: "SATCHMO" Sella neoplasm with superior extension, Sarcoidosis Aneurysm, ectatic carotid, [carotid-cavernous sinus fistula](#), Arachnoid cyst Teratoma: [dysgerminoma](#) (usually), [dermoid](#), epidermoid Craniopharyngioma, Chordoma Hypothalamic [glioma](#), Histiocytoma, Hamartoma Metastatic disease, Meningioma, Mucocele Optic nerve [glioma](#), [neuroma](#)

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Suprasellar Mass 1. [Meningioma](#) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#): in 80% suprasellar 3. Chiasmal + optic nerve [glioma](#) in 38% of [neurofibromatosis](#); adolescent girls; *DDx*: chiasmal neuritis 4. Hypothalamic [glioma](#) 5. Hamartoma of tuber cinereum 6. Infundibular tumor metastasis (esp. breast); [glioma](#); [lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#); histiocytosis X; [sarcoidosis](#), [tuberculosis](#) ✓ diameter of infundibulum >4.5 mm immediately above level of dorsum; cone-shaped (on coronal scan) 7. Germinoma malignant tumor similar to seminoma (= "ectopic pinealoma") ✓ frequently calcified (teratoma) ✓ CSF spread (germinoma + teratocarcinoma) ✓ enhancement on CECT (common) 8. Epidermoid / [dermoid](#) ✓ cystic lesion containing calcifications + fat ✓ minimal / no contrast enhancement 9. [Arachnoid cyst](#) • [hydrocephalus](#) (common), visual impairment • endocrine dysfunction Age: most common in infancy 10. Enlarged 3rd ventricle extending into pituitary fossa 11. Suprasellar aneurysm ✓ rim calcification + eccentric position

Suprasellar Mass with Low Attenuation 1. [Craniopharyngioma](#) 2. [Dermoid](#) / epidermoid 3. [Arachnoid cyst](#) 4. [Lipoma](#) 5. Simple pituitary cyst 6. [Glioma](#) of hypothalamus

Suprasellar Mass With Mixed Attenuation A. IN CHILDREN 1. Hypothalamic-chiasmatic [glioma](#) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) 3. Hamartoma of tuber cinereum 4. Histiocytosis B. IN ADULTS 1. Suprasellar extension of [pituitary adenoma](#) 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) 3. Epidermoid cyst 4. Thrombosed aneurysm 5. Low-grade hypothalamic / optic [glioma](#) 6. Inflammatory lesion: [sarcoidosis](#), TB, sphenoid [mucocele](#)

Suprasellar Mass With Calcification A. CURVILINEAR 1. Giant carotid aneurysm 2. [Craniopharyngioma](#) B. GRANULAR 1. [Craniopharyngioma](#) 2. [Meningioma](#) 3. Granuloma 4. [Dermoid](#) cyst / teratoma 5. Optic / hypothalamic [glioma](#) (rare)

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Perisellar Vascular Lesion 1. ICA aneurysm Giant aneurysms are >2.5 cm in diameter ✓ destruction of bony sella / [superior orbital fissure](#) ✓ calcified wall / thrombus ✓ CECT enhancement, nonuniform with thrombosis 2. Ectatic carotid artery ✓ curvilinear calcifications ✓ encroachment upon sella turcica 3. [Carotid-cavernous sinus fistula](#)

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Classification Of Pineal Gland Tumors *Incidence of pineal mass:* <1% of all intracranial tumors, 4% of all childhood intracranial masses, 9% of all intracranial masses in Asia A.PRIMARY TUMOR(a)Germ cell origin (2/3)-forming embryonic tissue1.Germinoma (40 - 50%)2.Embryonal cell carcinoma3.Teratoma (15%): benign mature teratoma, benign immature teratoma, malignant teratoma-forming extraembryonic tissue4.[Choriocarcinoma](#) (<5%)5.Endodermal sinus tumor = [yolk sac](#) tumor(b)Pineal parenchymal cell origin (<15%)1.[Pineocytoma](#)2.[Pineoblastoma](#)(c)Other cell origin1.[Retinoblastoma](#) (trilateral [retinoblastoma](#) = left eye + right eye + [pineal gland](#))2.[Astrocytoma](#)3.[Ependymoma](#)4.[Meningioma](#)5.[Hemangiopericytoma](#)(d)Cysts1.[Pineal cyst](#)2.Malignant teratoma3.AVM, [vein of Galen aneurysm](#)4.[Arachnoid cyst](#)5.Inclusion cyst ([dermoid](#) / epidermoid)B.SECONDARY TUMORMetastasis:eg, lung carcinoma *DDx considerations:* -female:likely NOT germ cell tumor-hypodense matrix:likely NOT pineal cell tumor-distinct tumor margins:probably [pineocytoma](#) / teratoma / germinoma-calcification:likely NOT teratocarcinoma, metastasis, germinoma-CSF seeding:NOT teratoma-intense enhancement:likely NOT teratoma

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Intensely Enhancing Mass In Pineal Region 1.Germinoma2.[Pineocytoma](#) / -blastoma3.[Pineal teratocarcinoma](#)4.[Glioma](#) of brainstem / thalamus5.Subsphenoid meningioma6.[Vein of Galen aneurysm](#)

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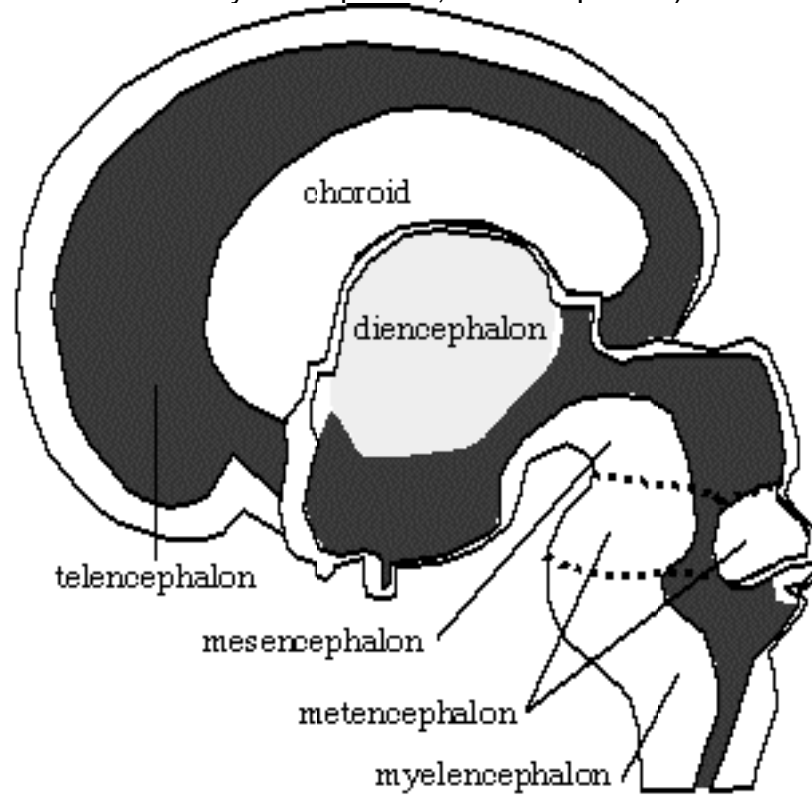


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Neurulation neural plate=CNS originates as a plate of thickened ectoderm on the dorsal aspect of the [embryo](#)neural crest=elevation of the lateral margins of the neural plate; forms the peripheral nervous systemneural tube=invagination between the two neural crests; its wall forms the brain + spinal cord; its lumen forms the ventricles + spinal canal4.6 weeks MA:formation of neural tube5.6 weeks MA:rostral neuropore closes5.9 weeks MA:caudal neuropore closes6.0 weeks MA:3 primary brain vesicles develop (prosencephalon, mesencephalon, rhombencephalon) development of cervical flexure7.0 weeks MA:2 additional primary brain vesicles form out of rhombencephalon (pontine flexure divides into myelencephalon, metencephalon)15 weeks MA:dorsal portion of alar plates bulging into 4th ventricle have fused in



Sagittal Section Through Brain at 10-11 Weeks GA

midline to form cerebellar vermis

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Brain Growth =increase in thickness of brain mantle with relative constant ventricular width. Most rapid brain growth from 12 to 24 weeks MA!

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Neuronal Migration 7th week subependymal neuronal proliferation = germinal matrix 8th week radial migration to cortex along radial glial fibers

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CLASSIFICATION OF BRAIN ANATOMY

A. PROSENCEPHALON = forebrain¹ / cerebrum, lateral ventricles, choroid, thalami, cerebellum sonographically visible at 12 weeks MA1. **Telencephalon** = cerebrum = cerebral hemispheres, putamen, caudate nucleus
2. **Diencephalon** = thalamus, hypothalamus, epithalamus (= [pineal gland](#) + habenula), globus pallidus
B. MESENCEPHALON = midbrain = short segment of brainstem above pons; traverses the hiatus in tentorium cerebelli; contains cerebral peduncles, tectum, colliculi (corpora quadrigemina)
C. RHOMBENCEPHALON = hindbrain¹ / posterior cystic space of 4th ventricle sonographically detectable between 8 and 10 weeks MA1. **Metencephalon** = cerebellar hemispheres, vermis
2. **Myelencephalon** = medulla oblongata, pons
D. BRAINSTEM = mesencephalon + myelencephalon contains (a) cranial nerve nuclei (b) sensory and motor tracts between thalamus, cerebral cortex, and spinal cord (c) reticular formation controlling respiration, blood pressure, gastrointestinal function, centers for arousal and wakefulness

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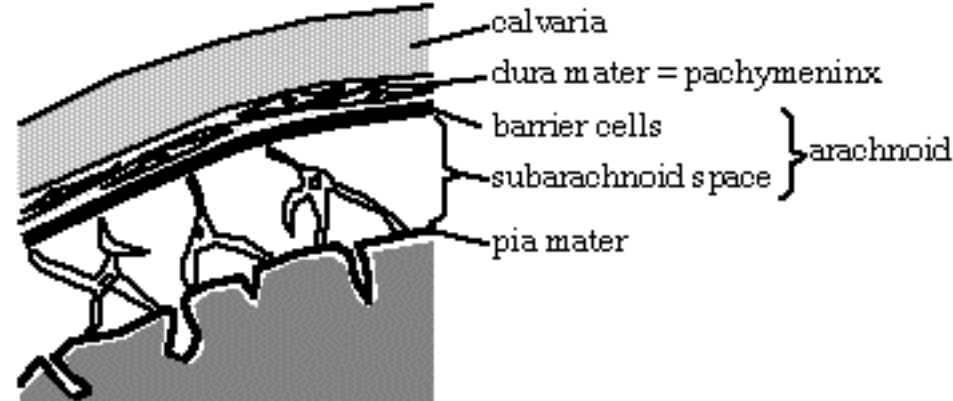
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MENINGES OF BRAIN

A. CALVARIA B. EPIDURAL SPACE=created when dura becomes detached from calvaria C. PACHYMENINGES = DURA (a) outer dural layer= highly vascularized periosteum of calvaria (b) space for venous sinuses (c) inner dural layer= meningeal layer derived from meninx D. SUBDURAL SPACE=cleft formed in pathologic states within inner layer of dura E. LEPTOMENINGES 1. Arachnoid=closely applied to inner surface of dura 2. Subarachnoid space *Histo*: fine connective tissue + cellular septa link pia and arachnoid-contains CSF that drains through the valves of arachnoid granulations into venous sinuses-forms basal cisterns 3. Pia mater F. SUBPIAL



Meninges of Brain

SPACE=perivascular (Virchow-Robin) space

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CEREBROSPINAL FLUID

Total volume: 50 mL in newborn, 150 mL in adult Composition: inorganic salts like those in plasma, traces of protein + glucose *Production*: 0.3 - 0.4 mL/min resulting in 500 mL/day; secreted into ventricles by choroid plexuses (80 - 90%), 10-20% formed by parenchyma of the cerebrum + spinal cord *Circulation*: from ventricles through foramina of Magendie + Luschka of 4th ventricle into cisterna magna + basilar cisterns; 80% of CSF flows initially into suprasellar cistern + cistern of lamina terminalis, the ambient / superior cerebellar cisterns, eventually ascending over superolateral aspects of each hemisphere; 20% initially enters spinal subarachnoid space + eventually recirculates into cerebral subarachnoid space

[Cerebral aqueduct](#)

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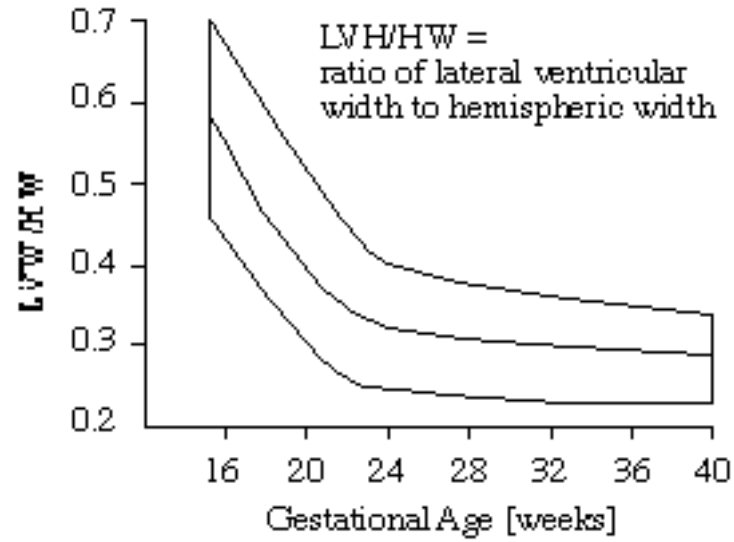


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Cerebral aqueduct pulsatile flow (due to brain motion during cardiac cycle) + net outflow into 4th ventricle; diameter of 2.6-4.2 mm; peak outflow velocity of 6-51 mm/sec; inflow velocity of 3-28 mm/sec *Absorption:* into venous system by (a)arachnoid villi of superior sagittal sinus (villi behave as one-way valves with an opening pressure between 20 - 50 mm of CSF)(b)cranial + spinal nerves with eventual absorption by lymphatics (50%)(c)prelymphatic channels of capillaries within brain parenchyma(d)vertebral venous plexuses, intervertebral veins, posterior intercostal + upper lumbar veins into azygos + hemiazygos veins



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PITUITARY GLAND

=HYPOPHYSIS CEREBRI within hypophysial fossa of sphenoid, covered superiorly by sellar diaphragm(= dura mater) which has an aperture for the infundibulum centrally Size: adult size is achieved at puberty Height in adult females=7 (range 4-10) mm Height in adult males=5 (range 3- 7) mm Shape: ✓ flat / downwardly convex superior border ✓ upwardly convex during puberty, pregnancy, in [hypothyroidism](#) (due to hyperplasia) A.ANTERIOR LOBE=larger anterior portion of adenohypophysis comprising 80% of pituitary gland volume *Origin*:ectodermal derivative of stomodeum *Function*: (a)chromophil cells 1.acidophil cells = a cells growth hormone = somatotropin (STH), prolactin = lactogenic hormone (LTH) 2.basophil cells = b cells adrenocorticotropin = adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), thyrotropin = thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH), interstitial-cell-stimulating hormone (ICSH), luteinizing hormone (LH), melanocyte-stimulating hormone (MSH) (b)chromophobe cells = 50% of epithelial cell population, of unknown significance MRI: ✓ larger homogeneous component isointense to white matter on T1WI + T2WI ✓ prominent contrast enhancement (during first 3 minutes) due to lack of blood-brain barrier ✓ hyperintense in the newborn fading to normal adult signal by 2nd month of life B.PARS INTERMEDIA=posterior portion of adenohypophysis; separated from anterior lobe by hypophysial cleft in fetal life *Origin*:pouch of Rathke *Function*:termination point of short hypothalamic axons elaborating tropic hormones (= releasing factors + prolactin inhibiting factor), which are carried to anterior lobe via the portal system ✓ not visible with imaging techniques C.POSTERIOR LOBE=major portion of neurohypophysis *Origin*:diencephalic outgrowth (termination point of axons from supraoptic + paraventricular nuclei of hypothalamus) *Function*:storage site for vasopressin (= antidiuretic hormone [ADH]) + oxytocin transported from paraventricular + supraoptic nuclei of hypothalamus along neurosecretory hypothalamohypophysial tract MRI: ✓ hyperintense on T1WI + isointense on T2WI in comparison with anterior lobe (? due to relaxing agent of phospholipid / neurosecretory granules / vasopressin) ✓ isointense in 10% of normal individuals D.PITUITARY STALK = INFUNDIBULUM arises from anterior aspect of floor of 3rd ventricle (infundibular recess) *Histo*:formed from axons of cells lying in supraoptic + paraventricular nuclei of hypothalamus ✓ joins posterior lobe at junction of anterior + posterior [lobes](#) ✓ up to 3 mm thick superiorly, up to 2 mm thick inferiorly ✓ usually in midline, may be slightly tilted to one side MRI: ✓ prominent contrast enhancement

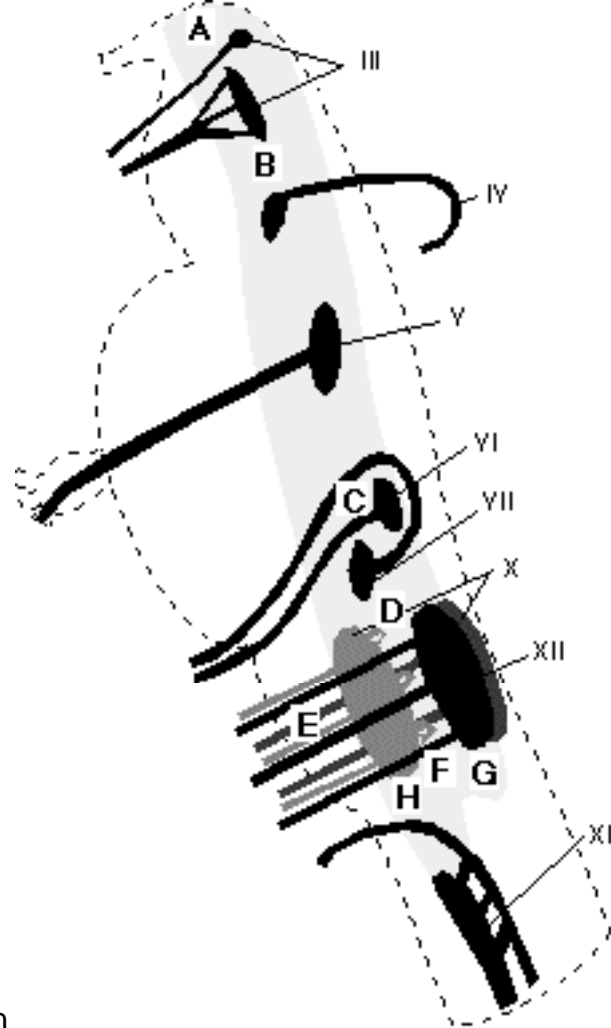
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BASAL NUCLEI

= BASAL GANGLIA (earlier incorrect designation) A.Amygdaloid body B.Clastrum C.Corpus striatum(1)Caudate(2)Lentiform nucleus(a)pallidum = globus



Cranial Nuclei of Brainstem and Reticular Formation

- A = sleep, wakefulness, consciousness
- B = visual spatial orientation, higher autonomic coordination of food intake
- C = pneumotaxic center, coordination of breathing and circulation
- D = swallowing
- E = blood pressure, cardiac activity, vascular tone
- F = expiration
- G = area postrema = trigger zone for vomiting
- H = inspiration

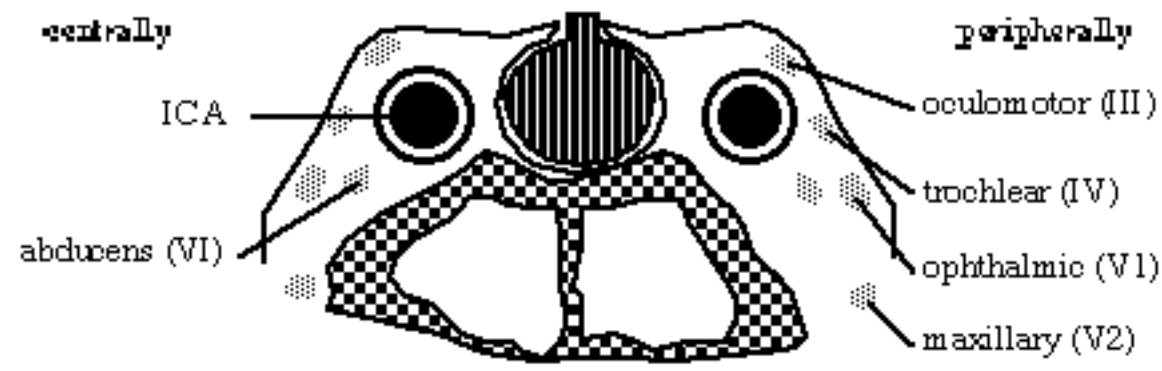
pallidus(b)putamen

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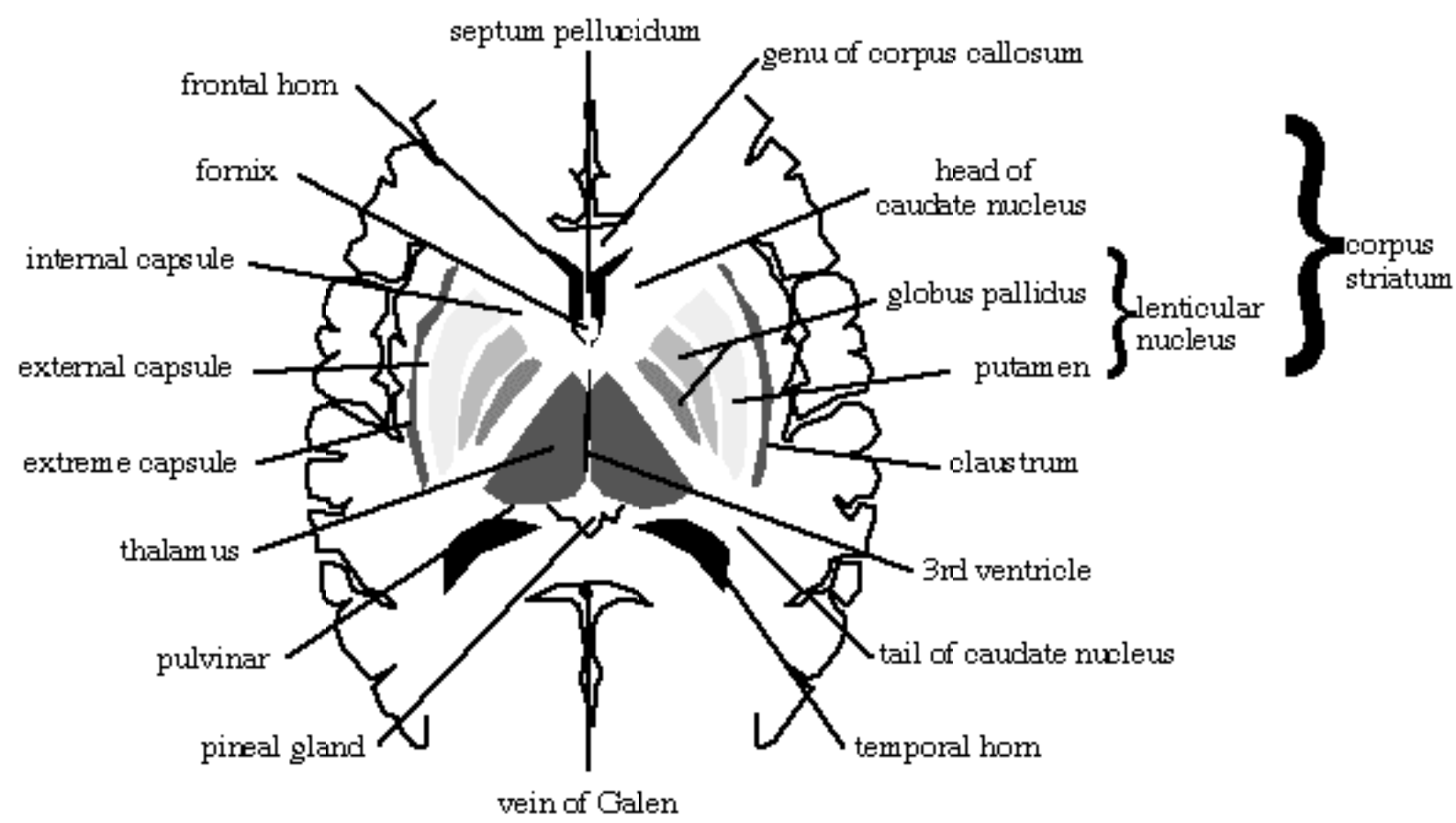




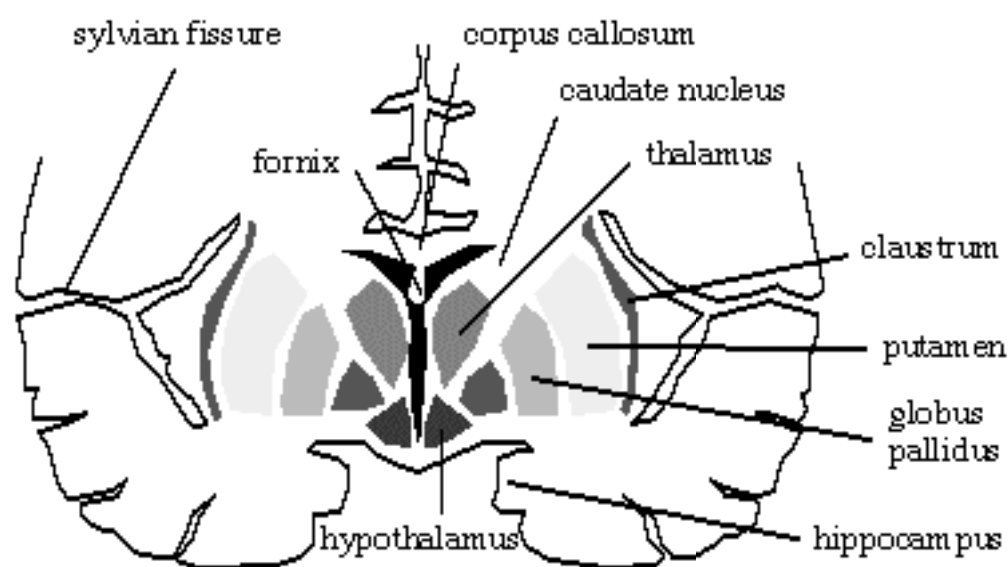
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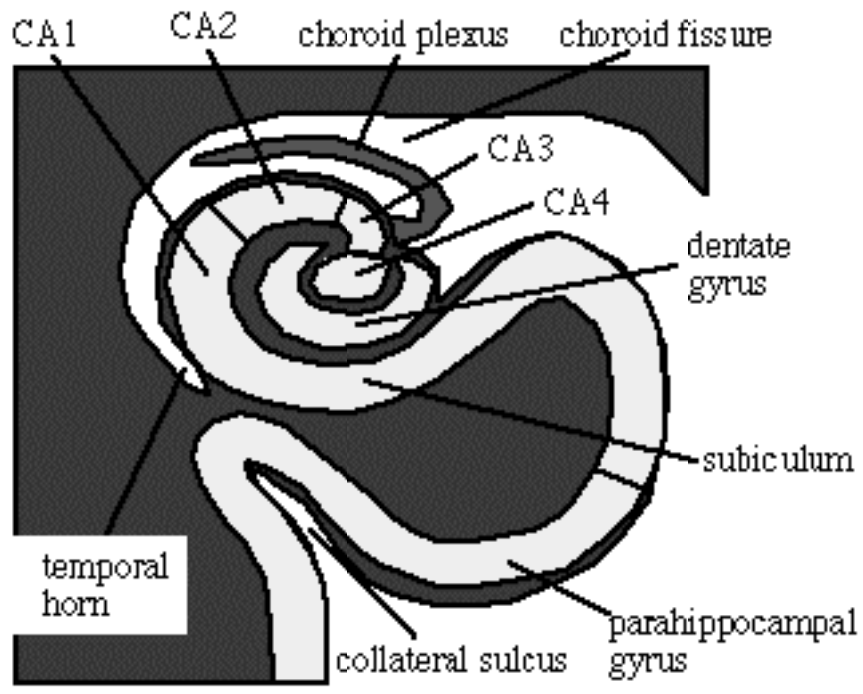
Cavernous Sinus (coronal view)



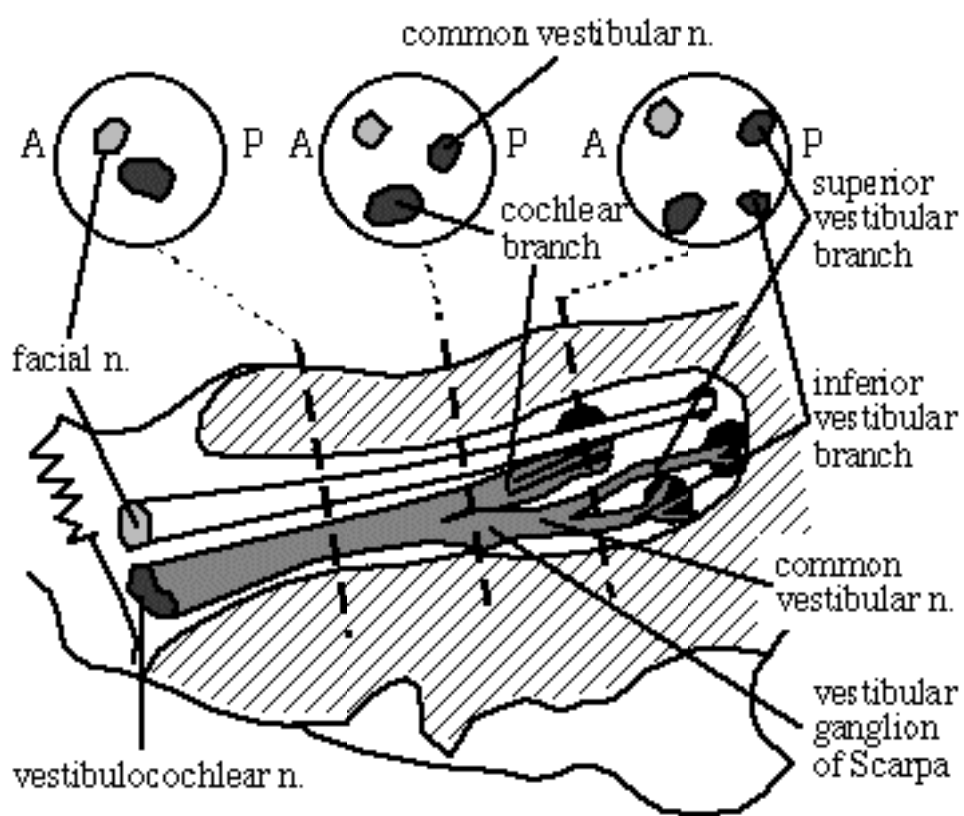
Axial Section Through Level of Third Ventricle



Coronal Section Through Level of Basal Ganglia



Right Medial Temporal Lobe



Internal Auditory Canal

Posterior wall of IAC is removed; cross sections through IAC are displayed above; A = anterior, P = posterior

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PINEAL GLAND

Development: from area of ependymal thickening at the most caudal portion of roof of 3rd ventricle that evaginates into a pinecone-shaped mass during 7th week of gestation; initially contains ependyma lining in central cavity that connects with 3rd ventricle *Function:* 1.regulation of long-term biologic rhythm (eg, onset of puberty)2.regulation of short-term biologic rhythm (eg, diurnal / circadian) due to photoperiodic clues via accessory optic pathway *Histo:* (a)pinealocytes with dendritic processes (= neuronal cells) make up 95% of population(b)neuroglial supporting cells make up 5% of population *Location:*attached to upper aspect of posterior border of 3rd ventricle, lies within CSF of quadrigeminal cistern, anterior to pineal gland is cistern of velum interpositum (= cistern of transverse fissure) *Size:*8 mm long, 4 mm wide

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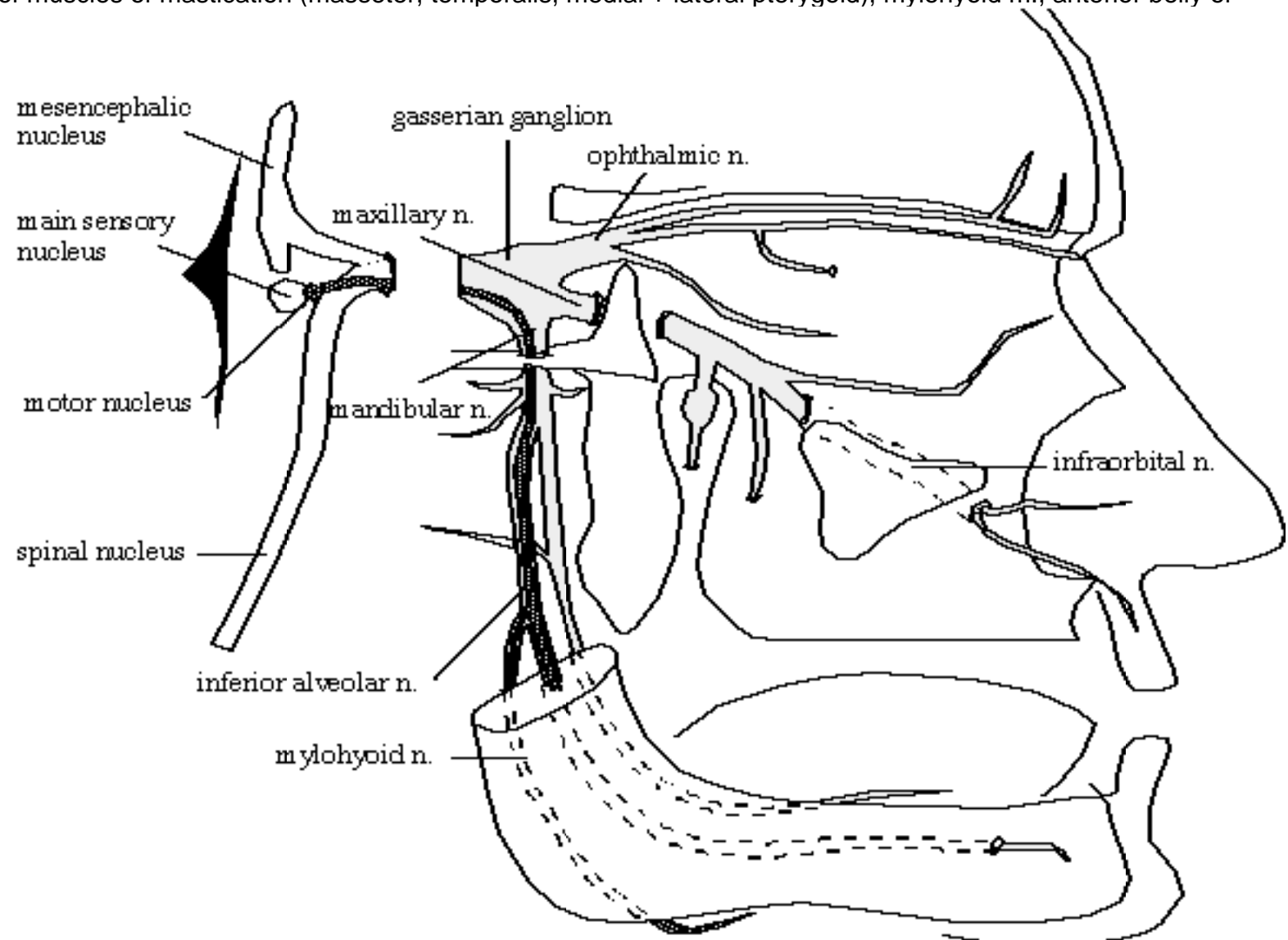
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TRIGEMINAL NERVE (V)

Nuclei: (1)mesencephalic nucleus: proprioception extends to level of inferior colliculus(2)main sensory nucleus: tactile sensation(3)motor nucleus: motor innervation(4)spinal nucleus: pain + temperature sensation extends to level of 2nd cervical vertebraLocation:in tegmentum of lateral pons, along anterolateral aspect of 4th ventricleCourse: -through prepontine cistern-exits through porus trigeminus (= opening in dura)-enters Meckel cave with dura mater + leptomeninges forming trigeminal cistern (= CSF-filled subarachnoid space)-forms gasserian [ganglion](#) (= trigeminal [ganglion](#)) which contains cell bodies of sensory fibers except those for proprioceptionTrifurcation into 3 principal branches: (1)**ophthalmic nerve (V₁)**Course:in lateral wall of cavernous sinusExit:[superior orbital fissure](#)Supply:sensory innervation of scalp, forehead, nose, globe • mediates afferent aspect of corneal reflex(2)**maxillary nerve (V₂)**Course:between lateral dural wall of cavernous sinus + skull baseExit:through [foramen rotundum](#) into pterygopalatine fossaSupply:sensory innervation of middle third of face, upper teethMain trunk:infraorbital nerve(3)**mandibular nerve (V₃)**Course:NOT through cavernous sinusExit:through [foramen ovale](#) into masticator spaceSupply:(a)sensory innervation of lower third of face, tongue, floor of mouth, jaw(b)motor innervation of muscles of mastication (masseter, temporalis, medial + lateral pterygoid), mylohyoid m., anterior belly of



digastric m., tensor tympani m., tensor veli palatini m.

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FACIAL NERVE (VII)

Nuclei: (1) Motor nucleus: ventrolateral deep in reticular formation of the caudal part of the pons. Intrapontine course: -dorsomedially towards 4th ventricle-curving anterolaterally around upper pole of abducent nucleus (= **geniculum**)-descending anterolaterally through reticular formation. Innervation to: stapedius m., stylohyoid m., posterior belly of digastric m., occipitalis m., buccinator, muscles of facial expression, platysma. (2) Nucleus solitarius (sensory nucleus): -**nervus intermedius**: sensation from anterior 2/3 of tongue, skin on + adjacent to ear. (3) Superior salivatory nucleus (parasympathetic secretomotor innervation)-greater petrosal n.: secretion of lacrimal glands, nasal cavity, [paranasal sinuses](#)-chorda tympani: submandibular gland, sublingual glands. **Course:** -from lateral aspect of pontomedullary junction-coursing anterolaterally in cerebellopontine angle cistern to internal auditory canal (IAC)-motor root of facial n. in anterosuperior groove of vestibulocochlear n. with nervus intermedius between them. **mnemonic:** "seven up"-labyrinthine segment (in fallopian canal) travels anteromedially to **geniculate ganglion**. -turns posteriorly and horizontally along medial wall of mesotympanum (= anterior tympanic segment) below lateral semicircular canal just above the oval window-turns inferiorly at second genu in pyramidal eminence + descends through anterior mastoid (= medial wall of aditus ad antrum). **Exit:** from skull base through stylomastoid foramen. **Branches:** (1) **Greater superficial petrosal nerve** (parasympathetic + motor fibers) arises from geniculate [ganglion](#), runs anteromedially, and exits at the facial hiatus on the anterior surface of the [temporal bone](#) + passes under Meckel cave near [foramen lacerum](#)-forms **vidian nerve** after receiving sympathetic fibers from deep petrosal nerve which surrounds the [internal carotid artery](#). (2) **Stapedial nerve** (motor fibers) arises from proximal descending facial n. (3) **Chorda tympani** (sensory + parasympathetic fibers) leaves facial n. about 6 mm above stylomastoid foramen-ascends forward in a bony canal (= posterior canaliculus)-perforates posterior wall of tympanic cavity-crosses medial to handle of the malleolus underneath mucosa of tympanic cavity-reenters bone at medial end of petrotympanic fissure (= posterior canaliculus)-joins the lingual nerve (= branch of V₃) containing sensory fibers from anterior 2/3 of tongue + secretomotor fibers for submandibular and sublingual glands.

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Common Carotid Artery • 70% of blood flow is delivered to ICA¹ shares waveform characteristics of both internal + external carotid arteries¹ velocity increases toward the aorta (9 cm/sec for each cm of distance from the carotid bifurcation) **Carotid bifurcation** = physiologic stenosis due to inertial forces of blood flow diverting main-flow stream from midvessel to a path along vessel margin at flow divider Location:lateral to upper border of thyroid cartilage; at level of C3-4 intervertebral disc
Branches:ECA arises anterior + medial to ICA (95%)

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External Carotid Artery Branches *mnemonic: "All Summer Long Emily Ogled Peter's Sporty Isuzu"* Ascending pharyngeal artery Superior thyroid artery Lingual artery
External maxillary = facial artery Occipital artery Posterior auricular artery Superficial temporal artery Internal maxillary artery

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Internal Carotid Artery

A. CERVICAL SEGMENT ascends posterior and medial to ECA; enters carotid canal of petrous bone; NO branches

B. PETROUS SEGMENT ascends briefly, in carotid canal bends anteromedially in a horizontal course (anterior to tympanic cavity + cochlea); exits near petrous apex through posterior portion of [foramen lacerum](#); ascends to juxtasellar location where it pierces dural layer of cavernous sinus

Branches:

- Caroticotympanic a.:** to tympanic cavity, anastomoses with anterior tympanic branch of maxillary a. + stylomastoid a.
- Pterygoid (vidian) a.:** through [pterygoid canal](#); anastomoses with recurrent branch of greater palatine a.

C. CAVERNOUS SEGMENT ascends to posterior clinoid process, then turns anteriorly + superomedially through cavernous sinus; exits medial to anterior clinoid process piercing dura

Branches:

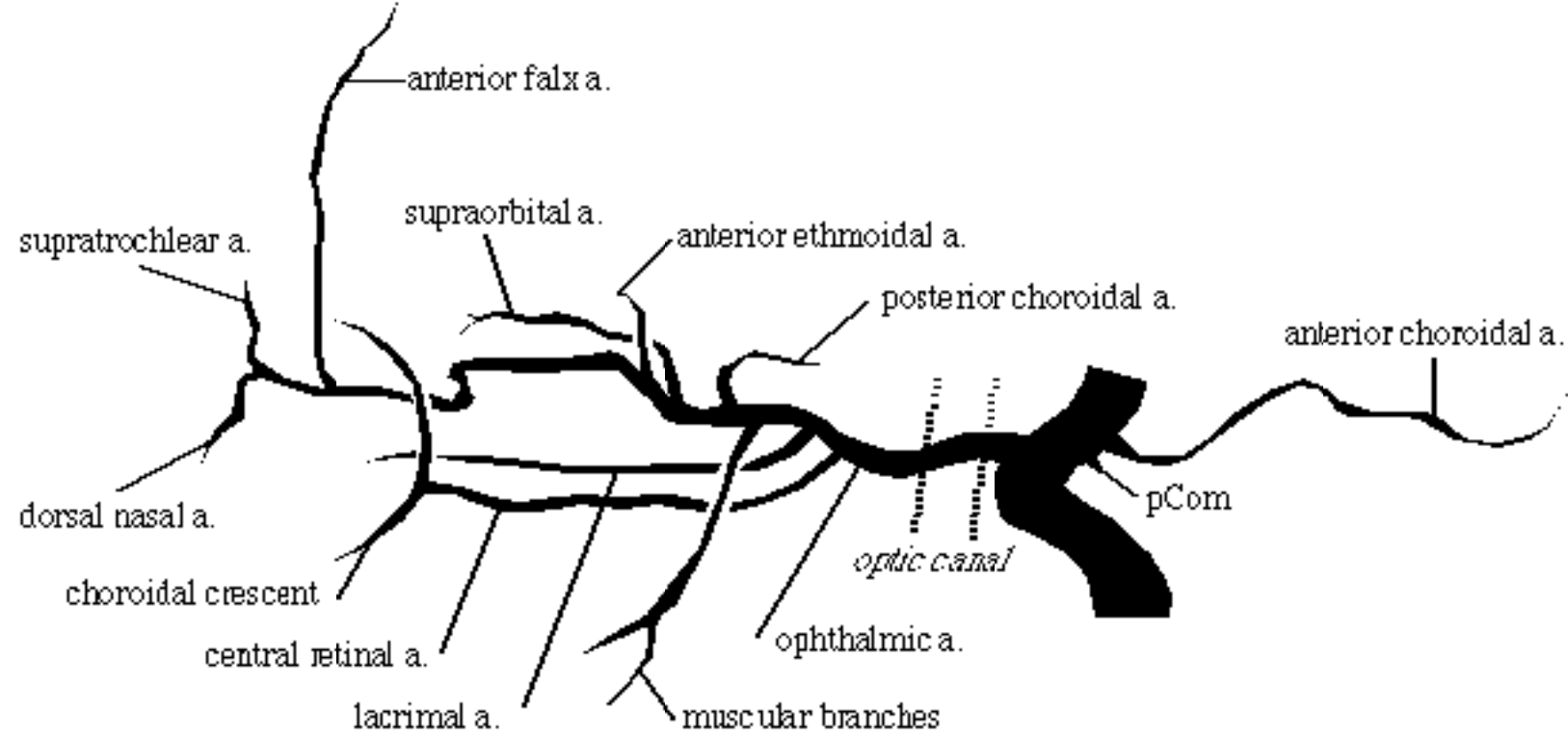
- Meningohypophyseal trunk (a)** tentorial branch (b) dorsal meningeal branch (c) inferior hypophysial branch
- Anterior meningeal a.:** supplies dura of anterior fossa; anastomoses with meningeal branch of posterior ethmoidal a.
- Cavernous rami supply trigeminal ganglion, walls of cavernous + inferior petrosal sinuses

D. SUPRACLINOID SEGMENT ascends posterior + lateral between oculomotor + optic nerve

Branches:

mnemonic: "OPA" Ophthalmic a. Posterior communicating a. Anterior choroidal a.

- Ophthalmic a.** exits from ICA medial to anterior clinoid process, travels through [optic canal](#) inferolateral to optic nerve (a) recurrent meningeal branch: dura of anterior middle cranial fossa (b) posterior ethmoidal a.: supplies dura of planum



sphenoidale (c) anterior ethmoidal a.

2. **Superior hypophysial a.:** optic chiasm, anterior lobe of pituitary

3. **Posterior communicating a. (pCom)**

4. **Anterior choroidal a.**

5. **Middle + anterior cerebral arteries (MCA, ACA)**

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Carotid Siphon flow direction: C4 - C1 (a) C4 segment = before origin of ophthalmic a. (b) C3 segment = genu of ICA (c) C2 segment = supraclinoid segment after origin of ophthalmic a. (d) C1 segment = terminal segment of ICA between pCom + ACA

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Anterior Cerebral Artery (ACA) A. HORIZONTAL PORTION = A 1 SEGMENT = segment between origin and anterior communicating a. (aCom) (a) Inferior branches supply superior surface of optic nerve + chiasm (b) superior branches penetrate brain to supply anterior hypothalamus, septum pellucidum, anterior commissure, fornix columns, anterior inferior portion of corpus striatum (largest striatal artery = medial lenticulostriate artery = recurrent **artery of Heubner** for anteroinferior portion of head of caudate, putamen, anterior limb of internal capsule) B. INTERHEMISPHERIC PORTION = A 2 SEGMENT = segment after origin of anterior communicating a. (aCom); ascends in cistern of lamina terminalis *Branches*: 1. **Medial orbitofrontal a.**: along gyrus rectus 2. **Frontopolar a.** 3. **Callosomarginal a.**: within cingulus gyrus 4. **Pericallosal a.**: over corpus callosum within callosal cistern (a) Superior internal parietal a.: anterior portion of precuneus + convexity of superior parietal lobule (b) Inferior internal parietal a. (c) Posterior pericallosal a. from callosomarginal / pericallosal artery: -Anterior + middle + posterior internal frontal aa. -Paracentral a.: supplies precentral + postcentral gyri *Supply*: anterior 2/3 of medial cerebral surface + 1 cm of superomedial brain over convexity

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Middle Cerebral Artery =largest branch of ICA arising lateral to optic chiasm; passes horizontal in lateral direction just ventral to anterior perforated substance to enter sylvian fissure where it divides into 2 / 3 / 4 branches
*Branches:*1.**Anterior temporal a.**2.**Ascending frontal a.** (candelabra) / prefrontal a.3.**Precentral a.** = Pre-Rolandic a.4.**Central a.** = Rolandic a.5.**Anterior parietal a.** = Post-Rolandic a.6.**Posterior parietal a.**7.**Angular a.**8.**Middle temporal a.**9.**Posterior temporal a.**10.**Temporo-occipital a.***Supply:*lateral cerebrum, insula, anterior + lateral temporal lobe

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Posterior Cerebral Artery originates from bifurcation of basilar artery within inter-peduncular cistern (in 15% as a direct continuation of posterior communicating artery); lies above oculomotor nerve and circles midbrain above the tentorium cerebelli *Branches*: 1. Mesencephalic perforating branches: tectum + cerebral peduncles 2. Posterior thalamoperforating aa.: midline of thalamus + hypothalamus 3. Thalamogeniculate aa.: geniculate bodies + pulvinar 4. Posterior medial choroidal a.: circles midbrain parallel to PCA; enters lateral aspect of quadrigeminal cistern; passes lateral and above [pineal gland](#) and enters roof of 3rd ventricle; supplies quadrigeminal plate + [pineal gland](#) 5. Posterior lateral choroidal a.: courses lateral and enters choroidal fissure; anterior branch to temporal horn + posterior branch to choroid plexus of trigone and lateral ventricle + lateral geniculate body 6. Cortical branches: (a) Anterior inferior temporal a. (b) Posterior inferior temporal a. (c) Parieto-occipital a. (d) Calcarine a. (e) Posterior pericallosal a. *Supply*: medial + posterior temporal lobe, medial parietal lobe, occipital lobe

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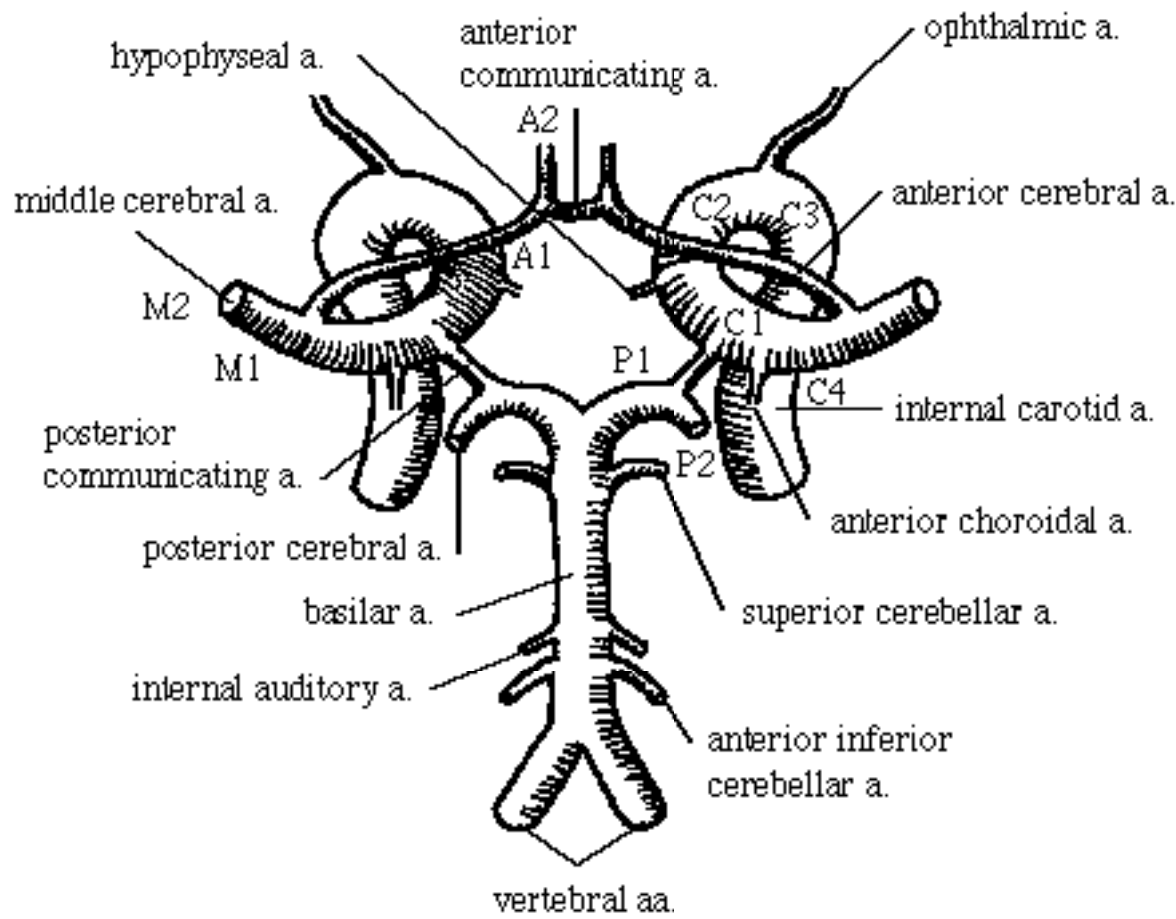


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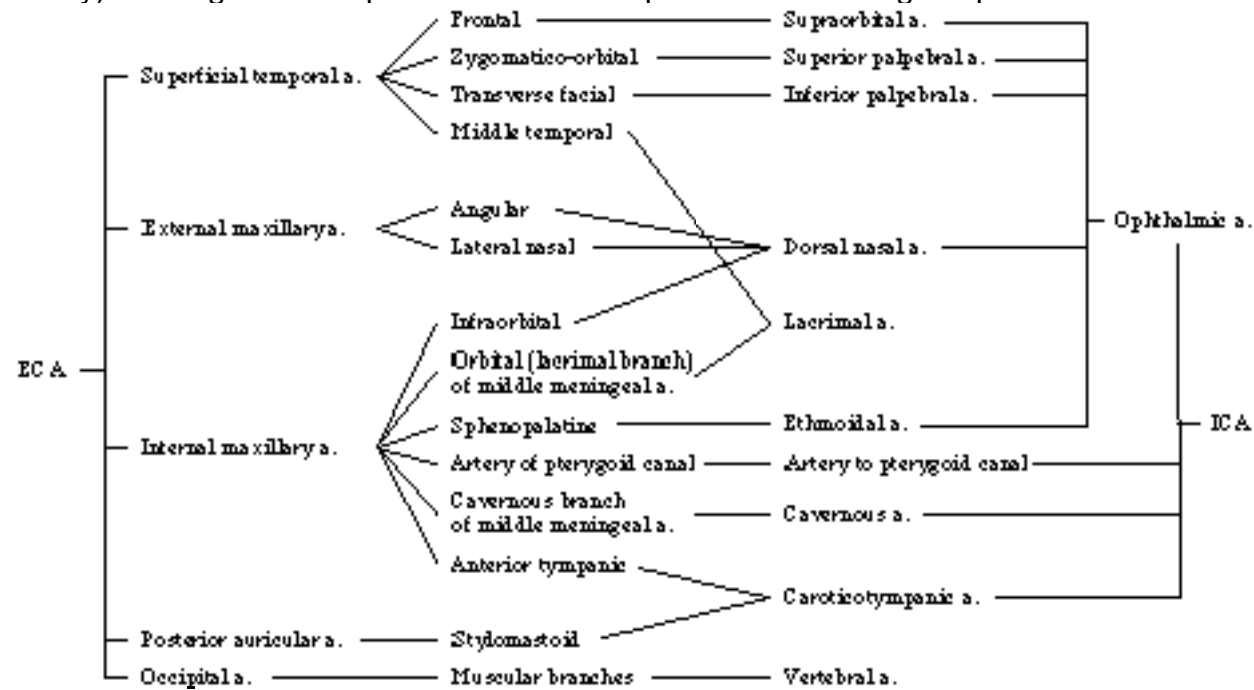
Arterial Anastomoses Of The Brain Anastomoses via the arteries at the base of the brain A.CIRCLE OF WILLIS1.right ICA - right ACA - aCom - left ACA - left ICA2.ICA - pCom - basilar a.3.ICA - anterior choroidal a. - posterior choroidal a. - PCA - basilar a.



CIRCLE OF WILLIS

B.DEVELOPMENTAL ANOMALYthree transient embryonal carotid-basilar anastomoses appearing consecutively in fetal life: 1. **Primitive hypoglossal artery** =arterial connection between the intrapetrous portion of ICA and proximal portion of basilar artery2. **Primitive acoustic (otic) artery** =arterial connection between cervical portion of ICA + [vertebral artery](#) in region of 12th nerve3.**Persistent primitive trigeminal artery**

*Incidence:*1-2 / 1000 angiograms short wide connection between the cavernous portion of ICA and upper third of basilar artery (beneath posterior communicating artery) enlargement of ipsilateral ICA ectopic vessel crossing the pontine cistern to anastomose with basilar artery



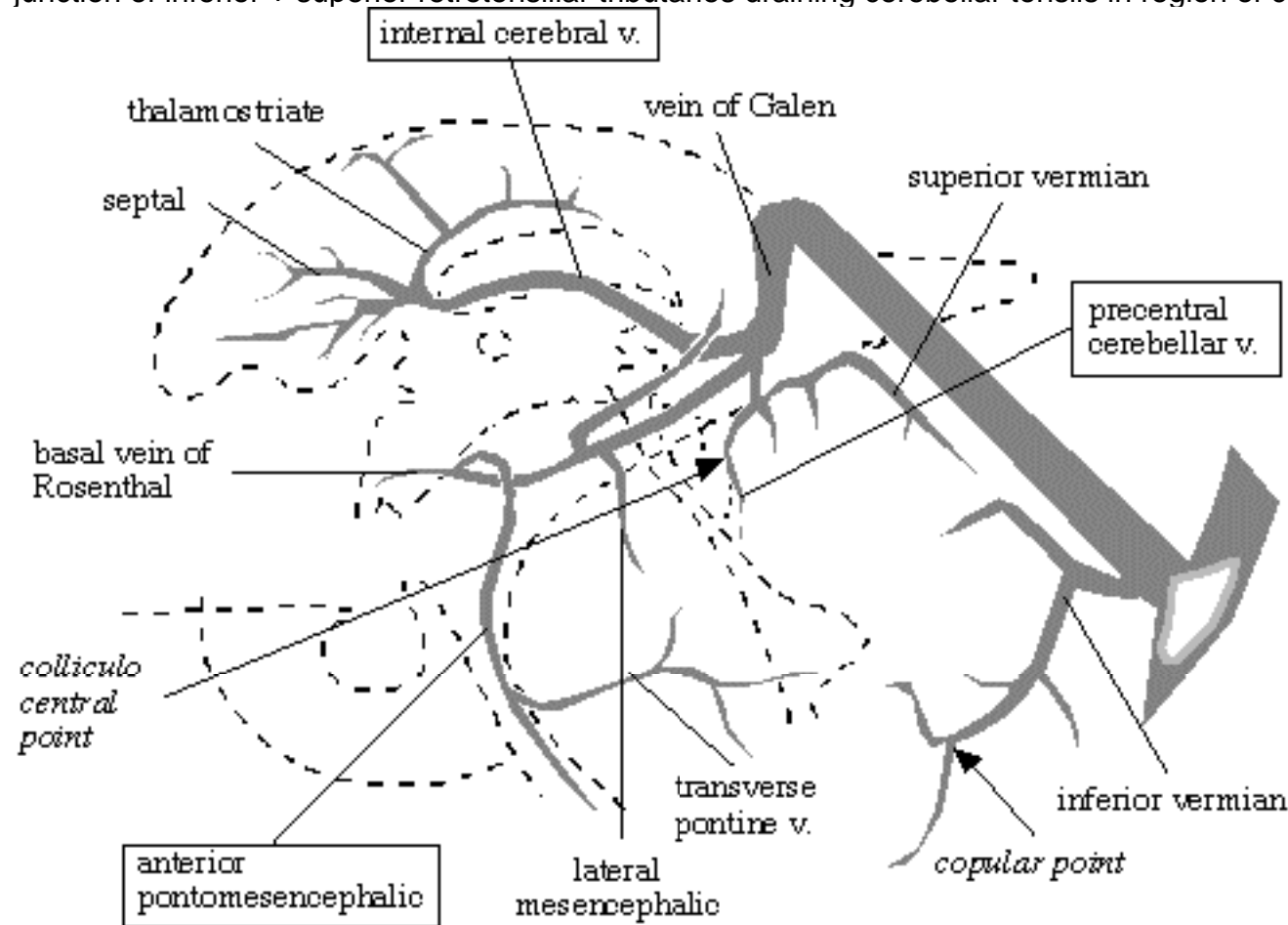
Anastomoses via surface vessels A.Leptomeningeal anastomoses of the cerebrum:ACA - MCA - PCA B.Leptomeningeal anastomoses of the cerebellum:Superior cerebellar a. - AICA - PICA Rete mirabile ECA - middle meningeal a. / superficial temporal a. - leptomeningeal aa. - ACA / MCA

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Cerebral Veins Important vascular markers: 1. Pontomesencephalic v. = anterior border of brainstem 2. Precentral cerebellar v. = position of tectum 3. Colliculo central point = midpoint of Twinings line at knee of precentral cerebellar vein 4. Venous angle = acute angle at junction of thalamostriate with internal cerebral v. = posterior aspect of foramen of Monro 5. Internal cerebral vv. = demarcate caudad border of splenium of corpus callosum superiorly + [pineal gland](#) inferiorly 6. Copular point = junction of inferior + superior retrotonsillar tributaries draining cerebellar tonsils in region of copular pyramids of vermis

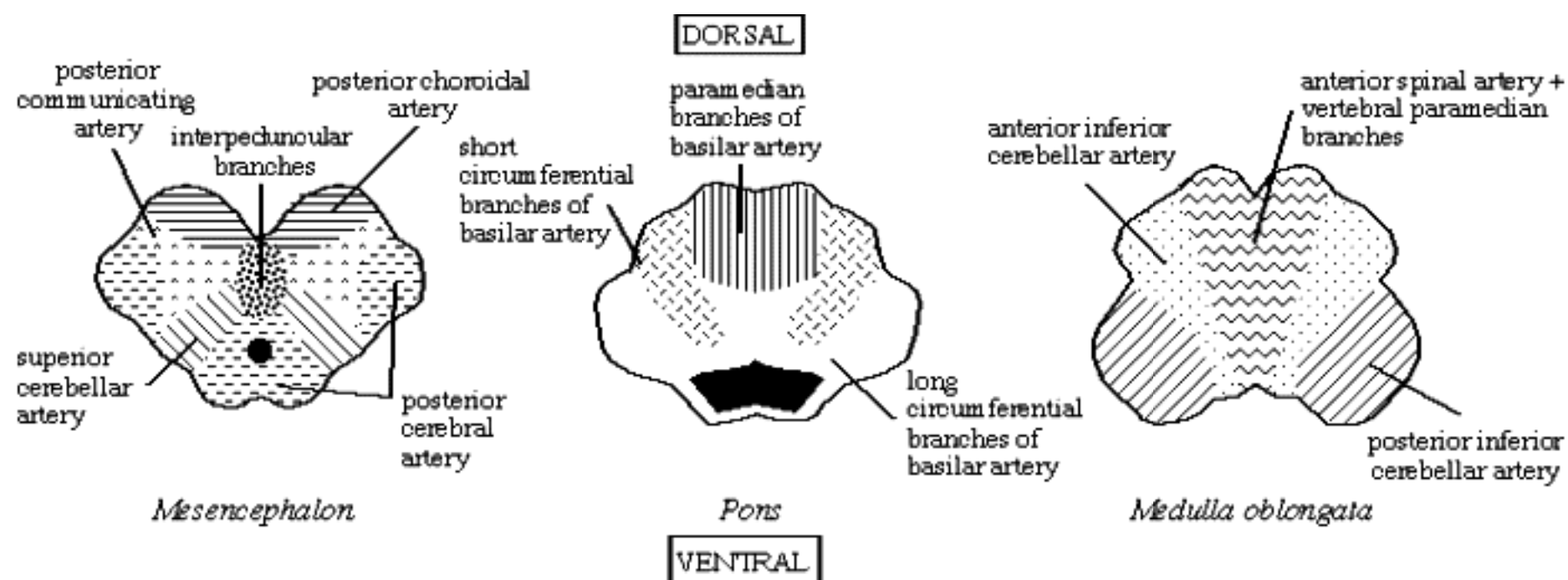
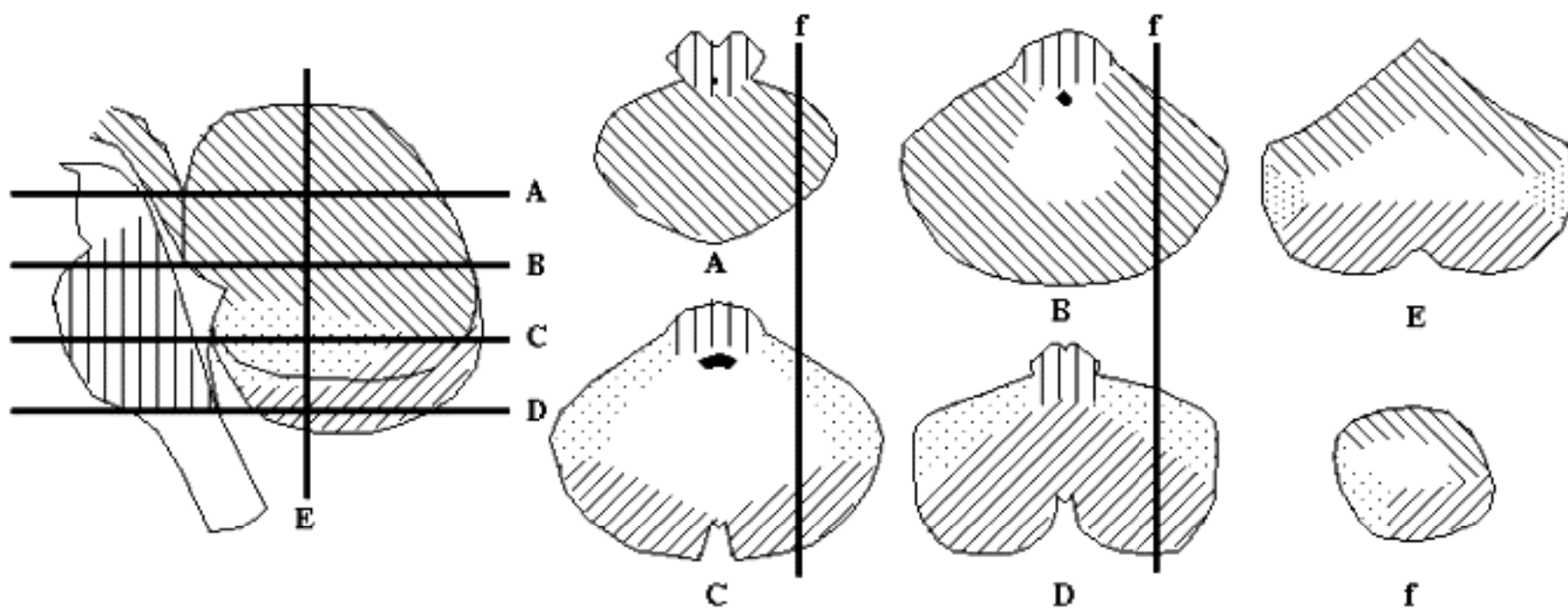
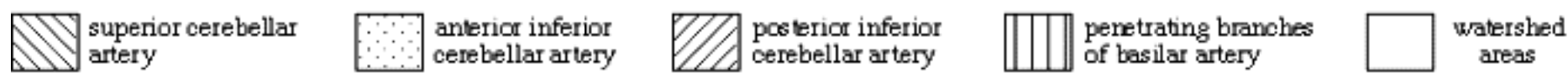
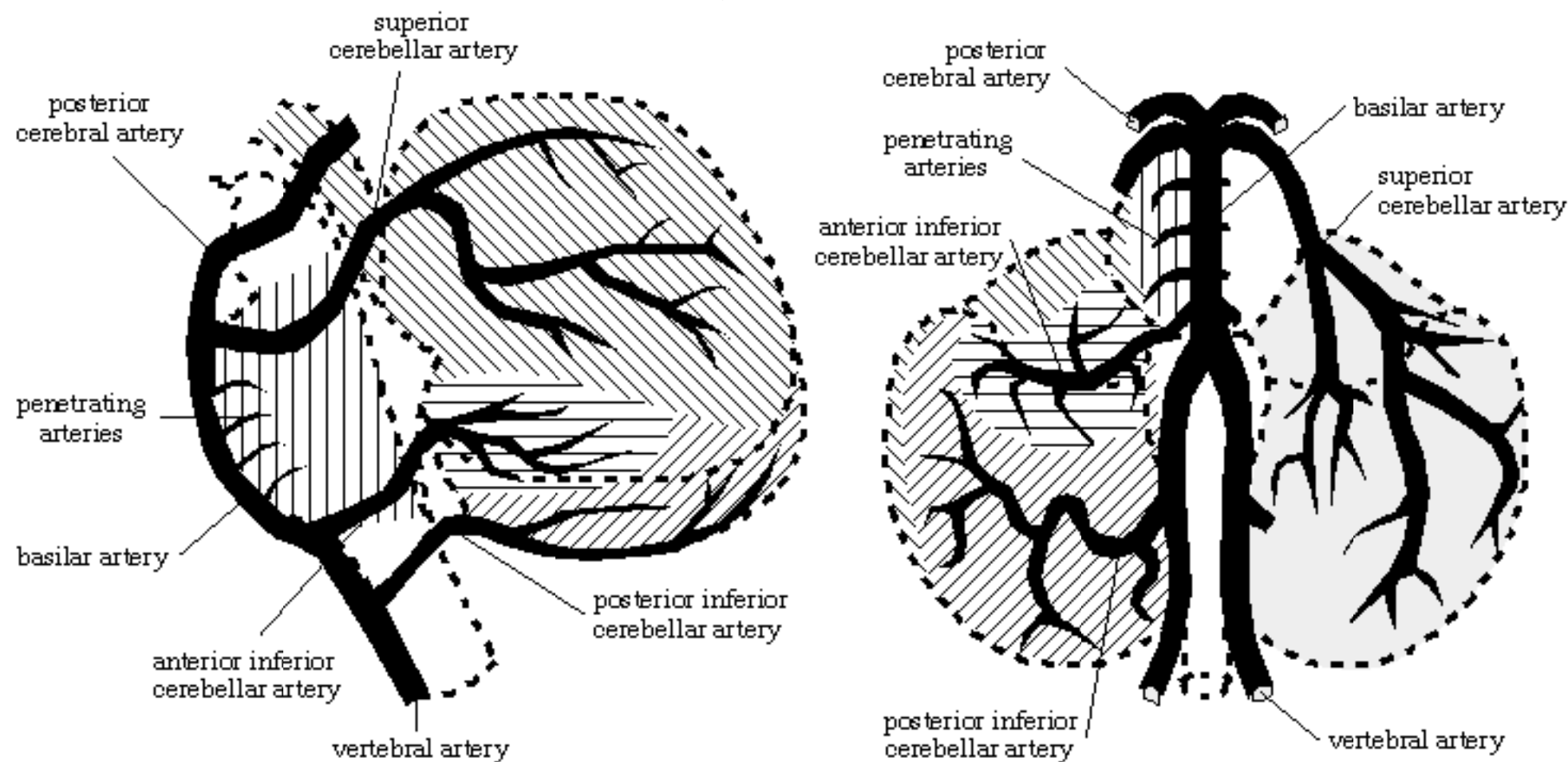


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Vertebral Artery originates from subclavian a. proximal to thyrocervical trunk; left vertebral a. usually greater than right cerebral a.; left vertebral a. may originate directly from aorta (5%)
A. PREVERTEBRAL SEGMENT ascends posterosuperiorly between longus colli + anterior scalene muscle; enters transverse foramina at C6
Branches: muscular branches
B. CERVICAL SEGMENT ascends through transverse foramina in close proximity to uncinata processes
Branches: 1. **Anterior meningeal a.**
C. ATLANTIC SEGMENT exits transverse foramen of atlas; passes posteriorly in a groove on superior surface of posterior arch of atlas; pierces atlanto-occipital membrane + dura mater to enter cranial cavity
Branches: 1. **Posterior meningeal branch** to posterior falx + tentorium
D. INTRACRANIAL SEGMENT ascends anteriorly + laterally around medulla to reach midline at pontomedullary junction; anastomoses with contralateral side to form basilar artery at clivus
Branches: 1. **Anterior + posterior spinal a.** 2. **Posterior inferior cerebellar a. (PICA)** 3. **Anterior inferior cerebellar a. (AICA)** 4. **Internal auditory a.** 5. **Superior cerebellar a.** 6. **Posterior cerebral a. (PCA)** 7. Medullary + pontine perforating branches may terminate in common AICA-PICA trunk



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Anterior Inferior Cerebellar Artery =AICA = first branch of basilar artery *Supply:* lateroinferior part of pons, middle cerebellar peduncle, floccular region, anterior petrosal surface of cerebellar hemisphere Ψ Quite variable course + vascular supply with reciprocal relation between vascular territories of AICA + PICA!

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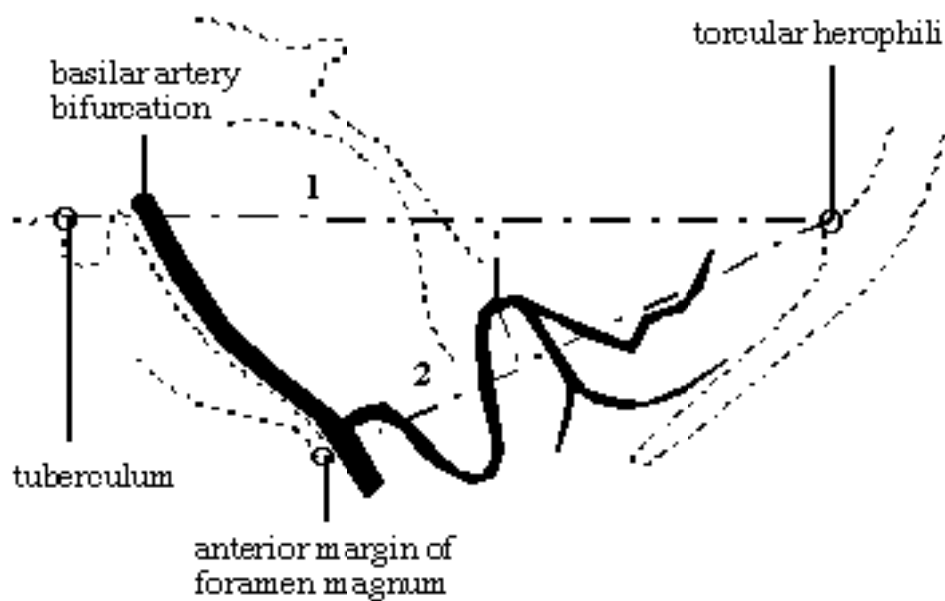
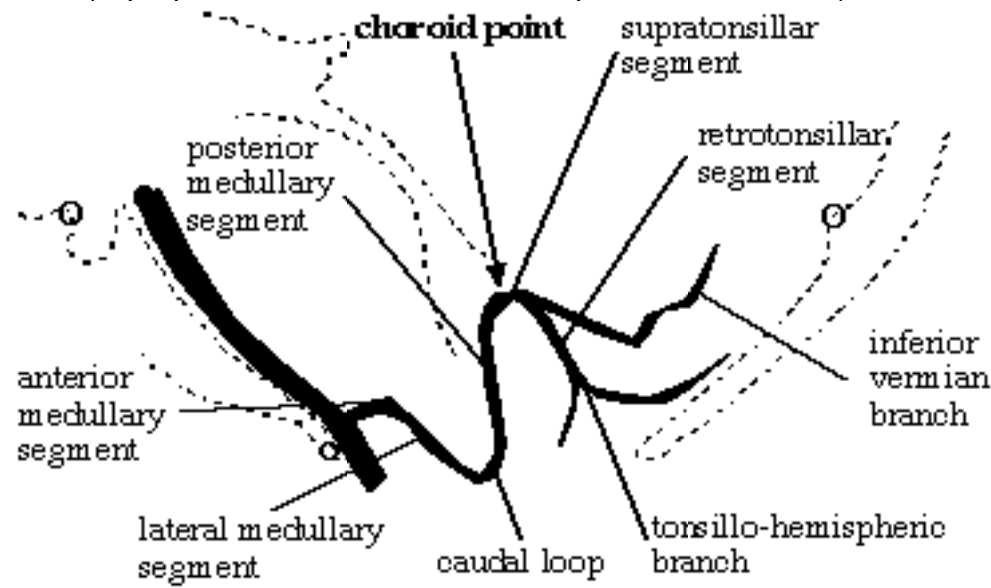


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Posterior Inferior Cerebellar Artery =PICA = last and largest branch of [vertebral artery](#)**Parts:** 1.Premedullar segment = caudal loop around medulla, may descend below level of [foramen magnum](#)2.Retromedullar segment = ascending portion up to the level of 4th ventricle and tonsils3.Supratonsillar segment = the most cranial point is the choroidal pointP1 segment=horizontal segment between origin of PICA + pComP2 segment=segment downstream from pCom take-off
Variations:commonly asymmetric; hypoplastic / absent in 20% [vascular supply then provided by [anterior inferior cerebellar artery](#) (AICA)]**Supply:** inferoposterior surface of cerebellar hemisphere adjacent to occipital bone, ipsilateral part of inferior vermis, inferior portion of deep white matter only
Orthotopic choroid point established by: 1.perpendicular line from choroid point onto Twinings line = TTT-line (Twinings Tuberculum-Torcular line) bisects TTT-line (length of anterior portion 52 - 60%)2.perpendicular line from choroid point cuts CT-line (Clivus-Torcular line) <1 mm anterior / <3 mm posterior to junction of anterior and middle thirds of CT-line



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Superior Cerebellar Artery =SCA = last but one branch of basilar artery *Supply*: superior aspect of cerebellar hemisphere (tentorial surface), ipsilateral superior vermis, largest part of deep white matter including dentate nucleus, pons

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Pyogenic Abscess =focal area of necrosis beginning in area of [cerebritis](#) with formation of surrounding membrane **Cause:** 1.Extension from paranasal sinus infection (41%) / mastoiditis / otitis media (5%) / facial soft-tissue infection / dental abscess 2.Generalized septicemia (32%):(a)lung (most common): [bronchiectasis](#), [empyema](#), lung abscess, [bronchopleural fistula](#), [pneumonia](#)(b)heart (less common): CHD with R-L shunt, AVM, [bacterial endocarditis](#)(c)osteomyelitis 3.Penetrating trauma or surgery 4.Cryptogenic (25%) **Predisposed:** [diabetes mellitus](#), patients on steroids / immunosuppressive drugs, congenital / acquired immunologic deficiency **Organism:** Anaerobic streptococcus (most common), Bacteroides, Staphylococcus; in 20% multiple organisms; in 25% sterile contents **Pathophysiology:** Stage I:vascular congestion, petechial hemorrhage, edema Stage II:cerebral softening + necrosis Stage III:(after 2-3 weeks) liquefaction, cavitation + capsule consisting of inner layer of granulation tissue, a middle collagenous layer and an outer astroglial layer; edema outside abscess capsule **Location:** typically at corticomedullary junction; frontal + temporal [lobes](#); supratentorial : infratentorial = 2:1 **NCCT:** ✓ zone of low density with mass effect (92%) ✓ slightly increased rim density (4%), development of collagen layer takes 10-14 days ✓ gas within lesion (4%) is diagnostic of gas-forming organism **CECT:** ✓ ring enhancement (90%) with peripheral zone of edema ✓ homogeneous enhancement in lesions <0.5 cm ✓ edema + contrast enhancement suppressed by steroids ✓ smooth regular 1-3 mm thick wall with relative thinning of medial wall (secondary to poorer [blood supply](#) of white matter) ✓ multiloculation + subjacent daughter abscess in white matter **MR:** (most sensitive modality) ✓ centrally increased / variable intensity with hypointense rim on T2WI ✓ outside border of increased signal intensity on T2WI (edema) **Cx:** (1) Development of daughter abscesses toward white matter (2) Rupture into ventricular system / subarachnoid space (thinner abscess capsule formation on medial wall of abscess related to fewer blood vessels) producing [ventriculitis](#) ± [meningitis](#) **Dx helpful features:** -multiple lesions at gray-white matter border-clinical history of altered immune status-R-to-L shunt: eg, pulmonary AV fistula-foreign travel-high-risk behavior: eg, IV drug abuse **DDx:** primary / metastatic neoplasm, subacute infarction, resolving hematoma

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Granulomatous Abscess 1. Tuberculoma 2. Sarcoid abscess 3. Fungal abscess: eg, Cryptococcus
Predisposed: immunocompromised patients
✓ enhancement of leptomeningeal surface
✓ nodular / ring-enhancing parenchymal lesion
Cx: Communicating [hydrocephalus](#) (secondary to thick exudate blocking basal cisterns)

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ACRANIA

=EXENCEPHALY=developmental anomaly characterized by partial / complete absence of membranous neurocranium + complete but abnormal development of brain tissue
Incidence:25 cases reported
Cause:impaired migration of mesenchyme to its normal location under the calvarial ectoderm resulting in failure for development of dura mater + skull + musculature
Time:develops after closure of anterior neuropore during 4th week
May be associated with: cleft lip, bilateral absence of orbital floors, metatarsus varus, talipes, cervicothoracic [spina bifida](#) • ± elevation of maternal serum AFP
✓ absence of calvarium
✓ normal ossification of chondrocranium (face, skull base)
✓ hemispheres surrounded by thin membrane
Prognosis:uniformly lethal; progression to [anencephaly](#) (brain destruction secondary to exposure to amniotic fluid + mechanical trauma)
DDx:encephalocele, [anencephaly](#), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), [hypophosphatasia](#)

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ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY

=BRONZED SCLEROSING ENCEPHALOMYELITIS=inherited metabolic disorder characterized by progressive demyelination of cerebral white matter + adrenal insufficiency *Etiology*:defective peroxisomal fatty acid oxidation due to impaired function of lignoceryl-coenzyme A ligase with accumulation of saturated very long chain fatty acids (cholesterol esters) in white matter + adrenal cortex + testes *Dx*:assay of plasma, red cells, cultured skin fibroblasts for the presence of increased amounts of very long chain fatty acids *Mode of inheritance*: (a)X-linked recessive in boys (common)(b)autosomal recessive in neonates (uncommon) *Histo*:PAS cytoplasmic inclusions in brain, adrenals, other tissues *Age*:3-10 years (X-linked recessive) ■ deteriorating vision (27%), loss of hearing (50%) ■ ataxia ■ optic disk pallor ■ adrenal gland insufficiency (abnormal increased pigmentation, elevated ACTH levels) ■ altered behavior, attention disorder, mental deterioration, death *Location*:disease process usually starts in central occipital white matter, advances anteriorly through internal + external capsules + centrum semiovale, centripetal progression to involve subcortical white matter, interhemispheric spread via corpus callosum particularly splenium, involvement of optic radiation ± auditory system ± pyramidal tract *CT*: ✓ large symmetric low-density lesions in occipitoparietotemporal white matter (80%) advancing toward frontal lobes + cerebellum ✓ thin curvilinear / serrated enhancing rims near edges of lesion ✓ initial frontal lobe involvement (12%) ✓ calcifications within hypodense areas (7%) ✓ cerebral atrophy in late stage (progressive loss of cortical neurons) *MR*: ✓ hypointensity on T1WI in affected areas (hypointense atrophic splenium of corpus callosum) ✓ hyperintense bilateral confluent areas on T2WI *Prognosis*:usually fatal within several years after onset of symptoms **Adrenomyeloneuropathy** =clinically milder form with later age of onset ■ symptoms of spinal cord demyelination + peripheral neuropathy

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AGENESIS OF CORPUS CALLOSUM

=COMPLETE DYSGENESIS OF CORPUS CALLOSUM=failure of formation of corpus callosum originating from the lamina terminalis at 7-13 weeks from where a phalanx of callosal tissue extends backward arching over the diencephalon; usually developed by 20 weeks *Incidence*:0.7-5.3% *Cause*:congenital, acquired (infarction of ACA) *Histo*:axons from cerebral hemispheres that would normally cross continue along medial walls of lateral ventricles as longitudinal callosal bundles of Probst that terminate randomly in occipital + temporal lobes

Associated with: (a) CNS anomalies (85%):1.Dandy-Walker cyst (11%)2.Interhemispheric [arachnoid cyst](#) may be continuous with 3rd and lateral ventricles3.[Hydrocephalus](#) (30%)4.Midline intracerebral [lipoma](#) of corpus callosum often surrounded with ring of [calcium](#) (10%)5.Arnold-Chiari II malformation (7%)6.Midline encephalocele7.[Porencephaly](#)8.[Holoprosencephaly](#)9.[Hypertelorism](#) median cleft syndrome10.Polymicrogyria, gray-matter heterotopia(b)Cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, genitourinary anomalies (62%)(c)Abnormal karyotype ([trisomy 13](#), 15, 18)

• normal brain function in isolated agenesis • intellectual impairment; seizures ✓ [absence of septum pellucidum](#) + corpus callosum + cavum septi pellucidi ✓ longitudinal bundles of Probst create crescentic lateral ventricles ✓ [colpocephaly](#) (= dilatation of trigones + occipital horns + posterior temporal horns in the absence of splenium ✓ "bat-wing" appearance of lateral ventricles (= wide separation of lateral ventricles with straight parallel parasagittal orientation with absent callosal body) ✓ laterally convex frontal horns in case of absent genu of corpus callosum ✓ "high-riding third ventricle" = upward displacement of widened 3rd ventricle often to level of bodies of lateral ventricle ✓ anterior interhemispheric fissure adjoins elevated 3rd ventricle ± communication (PATHOGNOMONIC) ✓ "interhemispheric cyst" = interhemispheric CSF collection as an upward extension of 3rd ventricle ✓ enlarged foramina of Monro ✓ "sunburst gyral pattern" = dysgenesis of cingulate gyrus with characteristic radial orientation of cerebral sulci from the roof of the 3rd ventricle (on sagittal images) ✓ failure of normal convergence of calcarine + parieto-occipital sulci ✓ persistent eversion of cingulate gyrus (rotated inferiorly + laterally) with absence on midsagittal images ✓ incomplete formation of Ammon's horn in the hippocampus

OB-US (>22 weeks GA): ✓ [absence of septum pellucidum](#) ✓ "teardrop" [ventriculomegaly](#) = disproportionate enlargement of occipital horns = [colpocephaly](#) ✓ dilated + elevated 3rd ventricle ✓ radial array pattern of medial cerebral sulci ✓ Angio: ✓ wandering straight posterior course of pericallosal arteries (lateral view) ✓ wide separation of pericallosal arteries secondary to intervening 3rd ventricle (anterior view) ✓ separation of internal [cerebral veins](#) ✓ loss of U-shape in vein of Galen

DDx:(1)Prominent cavum septi pellucidi + cavum vergae (should not be mistaken for 3rd ventricle)(2)[Arachnoid cyst](#) in midline (suprasellar, collicular plate) raising and deforming the 3rd ventricle and causing [hydrocephalus](#)

[Partial Agenesis of Corpus Callosum](#)

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Partial [Agenesis of Corpus Callosum](#) =milder form of callosal dysgenesis (best seen on MR)depending on time of arrested growth (anteroposterior development of genu + body + splenium, however, rostrum forming last)(a)genu only(b)genu + part of the body(c)genu + entire body(d)genu + body + splenium (without rostrum)

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AIDS

=DNA retrovirus infection attacking monocytes + macrophages which leads to deficient cell-mediated immunity *Incidence*: 1% of population in United States is HIV-seropositive; 187,000 new cases in 1991 *Histo*: formation of microglial nodules instead of granulomas in 75-80% of autopsied brains • neurologic symptoms as initial complaint in 10%, ultimately afflict up to 40-60%: headache, memory loss, confusion, [dementia](#), focal deficit from mass lesion • Any male with neurologic symptoms between age 20 and 50 has AIDS until proven otherwise • Unusual presentations are clues to HIV infection: pan-[sinusitis](#), mastoiditis, parotid cysts, cervical adenopathy, hypointense spine

DIFFUSE CHANGES: (1) HIV / CMV encephalopathy (most common complication) both viruses occur always in combination • [dementia](#) in up to 60% during course of disease • cognitive dysfunction in up to 90% • patchy white matter lesions (= subacute leukoencephalitis) in 31%

FOCAL CHANGES: (1) Toxoplasmosis (50-70%) (2) Primary CNS [lymphoma](#) (20-30%) *Prevalence*: in 75% at autopsy • Initial manifestation in 0.6% of AIDS patients • 2% of AIDS patients develop primary CNS [lymphoma](#) at some point during their illness (3) [Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#) (10-20%) (4) Fungal, granulomatous, viral, bacterial infection (a) [Cryptococcosis](#) Location: extension along Virchow-Robin spaces • [hydrocephalus](#) + cortical / central atrophy (with inadequate immune response) • enhancing [granulomatous meningitis](#) (with sufficient immune response) • bilateral nonenhancing hyperintense abnormalities in lenticulostriate region (= gelatinous pseudocyst) on T2WI (b) Other opportunistic CNS infections: [tuberculosis](#), neurosyphilis • With multiple CNS lesions toxoplasmic [encephalitis](#) is the more likely diagnosis • With a single CNS lesion the probability of [lymphoma](#) is at least equal to toxoplasmosis! Rx: azidothymidine (AZT)

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ALEXANDER DISEASE

=FIBRINOID LEUKODYSTROPHY Age: as early as first few weeks of life • macrocephaly • failure to attain developmental milestones • progressive spastic quadriplegia • intellectual failure Location: frontal white matter gradually extending posteriorly into parietal region + internal capsule CT: ↓ low-density white matter lesion ↓ contrast enhancement near tip of frontal horn MR: ↓ prolonged T1 + T2 relaxation times Prognosis: death in infancy / early childhood

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ALZHEIMER DISEASE

most common of diffuse gray matter diseases with large loss of cells from cerebral cortex + other areas ■ slowly progressing memory loss, [dementia](#) ✓ "cracked walnut" appearance = symmetrically enlarged sulci in high-convexity area ✓ focal atrophic change in medial temporal lobe ✓ smooth periventricular halo of hyperintensity (50%)

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ANENCEPHALY

=lethal anomaly with failure of closure of the rostral end of the neural tube by 5.6 weeks MA Associated with highest AF-AFP and MS-AFP values; >90% will be detected with MS-AFP ≥ 2.5 MoM *Incidence*: 1:1,000 births (3.5:1,000 in South Wales); M:F = 1:4; most common congenital defect of CNS; 50% of all neural tube defects *Recurrence rate*: 3-4% *Etiology*: multifactorial (genetic + environmental) *Path*: absence of cerebral hemispheres + cranial vault; partial / complete absence of diencephalic + mesencephalic structures; hypophysis + rhombencephalic structures usually preserved *Risk factors*: family history of neural tube defect; [twin pregnancy](#) *Associated anomalies*: [spinal dysraphism](#) (17-50%), cleft lip / palate (2%), clubfoot (2%), [umbilical hernia](#), [amniotic band syndrome](#) ↓ absence of bony calvarium cephalad to orbits ↓ ± cranial soft-tissue mass (= angiomatous stroma) ↓ bulging froglike eyes ↓ short neck ↓ [polyhydramnios](#) (40-50%) after 26 weeks GA (due to failure of normal fetal swallowing) / [oligohydramnios](#) *Dx*: in 100% >14 weeks GA *Prognosis*: uniformly fatal within hours to days of life; in 53% premature birth; in 68% stillbirth *DDx*: [acrania](#), encephalocele, [amniotic band syndrome](#)

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ANEURYSM OF CNS

Etiology: (a)congenital (97%) = "berry aneurysm" in 2% of population (in 20% multiple); associated with aortic coarctation + adult polycystic kidney disease(b)infectious (3%) = [mycotic aneurysm](#)(c)arteriosclerotic: fusiform shape(d)traumatic(e)neoplastic(f)fibromuscular disease(g)collagen vascular disease**Risk factors:** (1)family history for aneurysms in 1st- / 2nd-degree relatives(2)female gender(3)age >50 years(4)cigarette smoking(5)oral contraceptives / pregnancy(6)[Marfan syndrome](#), pseudoxanthoma elasticum, [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)(7)polycystic kidney disease(8)asymmetry of circle of Willis(9)cerebral [arteriovenous malformation](#)**Pathogenesis:**arterial wall deficient in tunica media + external elastic lamina (natural occurrence with advancing age)

Location of aneurysm: A.by autopsy:(a)circle of Willis (85%):MCA bifurcation (25%), aCom (25%), pCom (18%), distal ACA (5%), ICA at bifurcation (4%), ophthalmic a. (4%), anterior choroidal a. (4%) (b)posterior fossa (15%)basilar bifurcation (7%), basilar trunk (3%), vertebral-PICA (3%), PCA (2%) B.by [angiography](#) (= symptomatic aneurysms):pCom (38%) > aCom (36%) > MCA bifurcation (21%) > ICA bifurcation > tip of basilar artery (2.8%) C.by risk of bleeding: 1-2% per yearaCom (70% bleed), pCom (2nd highest risk) †Aneurysms at bifurcations / branching points are at greatest risk for rupture!

MULTIPLE ANEURYSMS Cause:congenital in 20-30%, mycotic in 22%**mnemonic:**"FECAL P" **F**ibromuscular dysplasia **E**hlers-Danlos syndrome **C**oarctation

Arteriovenous malformation Lupus erythematosus Polycystic kidney disease (adult) †35% of patients with one MCA aneurysm have one on the contralateral side (= mirror image aneurysms)! †simultaneous aneurysm + AVM in 4-15%

CECT: detection rate of aneurysms at pCom (40%), aCom / MCA, basilar artery (80%) **Angio** (all 4 cerebral vessels): †contrast outpouching † <2 mm infundibuli typically occur at pCom / anterior choroidal a. origin † mass effect in thrombosed aneurysm † 2nd arteriogram within 1-2 weeks detects aneurysm in 10-20% following negative 1st angiogram!

Prognosis: (1)Death in 10% within 24 hours from concomitant [intracerebral hemorrhage](#), extensive [brain herniation](#), massive infarcts + hemorrhage within brainstem; 45% mortality within 30 days (25% prior to admission)(2)Complete recovery in 58% of survivors(3)Cerebral ischemia + infarction(4)Rebleeding rate: 12-20% within 2 weeks, 11-22% within 30 days, up to 50% within 6 months (increased mortality); thereafter 4% risk/year**Surgical mortality rate:**50% for ruptured, 1-3% for unruptured aneurysms **Cx:**subdural hematoma

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Ruptured Berry Aneurysm *Incidence:* 28,000 cases/year = 10 cases/10,000 people/year *Age:* 50-60 years of age; M:F = 1:2 *Rupture size:* 5-15 mm ■ "worst headache of ones life" ■ neck stiffness, nausea, vomiting ■ sudden loss of consciousness (in up to 45%) ■ history of warning leak / sentinel hemorrhage hours to days earlier
Clues for which aneurysm is bleeding: (a) the largest aneurysm (87%) (b) anterior communicating artery (70%) (c) contralateral side of all visualized aneurysms (60%), nonvisualization due to spasm *mnemonic:* "BISH" **B**iggest **I**rrregular contour **S**pasm (adjacent) **H**ematoma location Location of blood suggesting accurately in 70% the site of the ruptured aneurysm: (a) according to location of [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#): 1. Anterior chiasmatic cistern: aCom2. Septum pellucidum: aCom3. Intraventricular: aCom, ICA, MCA4. Sylvian fissure: MCA, ICA, pCom5. Anterior pericallosal cistern: ACA, aCom6. Symmetric distribution in subarachnoid space: ACA + basilar a. (b) according to location of cerebral hematoma: 1. inferomedial frontal lobe: aCom2. temporal lobe: MCA3. corpus callosum: pericallosal artery (c) [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) from aneurysms at aCom, MCA, pericallosal artery (CAVE: blood may have entered in retrograde manner from subarachnoid location)

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Giant Aneurysm =aneurysm larger than 2.5 cm in diameter, usually presenting with intracranial mass effect
*Incidence:*25% of all aneurysms
*Age:*no age predilection;
M:F = 2:1
Location:(arise from arteries at the base of the brain)(a)middle fossa: cavernous segment of ICA (43%), supraclinoid segment of ICA, terminal bifurcation of ICA, [middle cerebral artery](#)(b)posterior fossa: at tip of basilar artery, AICA, [vertebral artery](#)
Skull film: ✓ predominantly peripheral curvilinear calcification (22%) ✓ bone erosion (44%) ✓ pressure changes on sella turcica (18%)
CECT: ✓ "target sign" = centrally opacified vessel lumen + ring of thrombus + enhanced fibrous outer wall ✓ simple ring-blush (75%) of fibrous outer wall with total thrombosis ✓ little / no surrounding edema
MR: ✓ mixed signal intensity (combination of subacute + chronic hemorrhage, calcification)
Cx:[subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) in <30%

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Mycotic Aneurysm =3% of all intracranial aneurysms, multiple in 20%
Source: subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#) (65%), acute [bacterial endocarditis](#) (9%), [meningitis](#) (9%), septic thrombophlebitis (9%), [myxoma](#)
Location: peripheral to first bifurcation of major vessel (64%); often located near surface of brain especially over convexities
(a)suprasellar cistern = circle of Willis
(b)inferolateral sylvian fissure = [middle cerebral artery](#) trifurcation
(c) genu of corpus callosum = origin of callosomarginal artery
(d)bottom of 3rd ventricle = pericallosal a.
NCCT: ✓ aneurysm rarely visualized; indirect evidence from focal hematoma secondary to rupture
✓ zone of increased density / calcification
✓ increased density in subarachnoid, intraventricular, intracerebral spaces (extravasated blood)
✓ focal / diffuse lucency of brain (edema / infarction / vasospasm)
CECT: ✓ intense homogeneous enhancement within round / oval mass contiguous to vessels
✓ incomplete opacification with mural thrombus
Cx: develop recurrent bleeding more frequently than congenital aneurysms

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Supraclinoid Carotid Aneurysm =38% of intracranial aneurysms Site:(a)at origin of pCom (65%)(b)at bifurcation of [internal carotid artery](#) (23%)(c)at origin of ophthalmic artery (12%) medial to anterior clinoid process; most likely to become [giant aneurysm](#) *Presentation:*bitemporal hemianopia (extrinsic compression on chiasm) [✓] calcification is rare (frequent in atherosclerotic [cavernous sinus aneurysm](#))

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Cavernous Sinus Aneurysm Age:20-70 years, peak 5th-6th decade; F >> M Cause:sinus thrombophlebitis • progressive visual impairment • cavernous sinus syndrome: trigeminal nerve pain, oculomotor nerve paralysis Site:extradural portion of cavernous sinus ICA ✓ undercutting of anterior clinoid process ✓ erosion of lateral half of sella ✓ erosion of posterior clinoid process ✓ invasion of middle cranial fossa ✓ enlargement of [superior orbital fissure](#) ✓ erosion of tip of petrous pyramid ✓ rimlike calcification (33%) ✓ displacement of thin bony margins without sclerosis Rx:often inoperable; balloon embolization ± parent artery occlusion

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AQUEDUCTAL STENOSIS

=focal reduction in size of aqueduct at level of superior colliculi / intercollicular sulcus (normal range of 0.2-1.8 mm²) *Embryology*: aqueduct develops about the 6th week of gestation + decreases in size until birth due to growth pressure from adjacent mesencephalic structures *Incidence*: 0.5-1:1,000 births; most frequent cause of [congenital hydrocephalus](#) (20-43%); recurrence rate in siblings of 1-4.5%; M:F = 2:1 *Etiology*: (a) postinflammatory (50%): secondary to perinatal infection (toxoplasmosis, CMV, syphilis, mumps, influenza virus) or intracranial hemorrhage = destruction of ependymal lining of aqueduct with adjacent marked fibrillary gliosis (b) developmental: aqueductal forking (= marked branching of aqueduct into channels) / narrowing / transverse septum (X-linked recessive inheritance in 25% of males) (c) neoplastic (extremely rare): pinealoma, [meningioma](#), tectal [astrocytoma](#) (may be missed on routine CT scans, easily differentiated by MR) *May be associated with*: other congenital anomalies (16%): thumb deformities, enlargement of lateral + 3rd ventricles with normal-sized 4th ventricle (4th ventricle may be normal with communicating [hydrocephalus](#)) *Prognosis*: 11-30% mortality

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ARACHNOID CYST

=CSF-containing intra-arachnoid cyst without ventricular communication / brain maldevelopment/*Incidence*:1% of all intracranial masses*Origin*: (1)congenital: arising from clefts / duplication / "splitting" of arachnoid membrane with expansion by CSF due to secretory activity of arachnoid cells=**true arachnoid cyst**(2)acquired: following surgery / trauma / [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) / infection in neonatal period / associated with extra-axial neoplasm = loculation of CSF surrounded by arachnoidal scarring with expansion by osmotic filtration / ball-valve mechanism = **leptomeningeal cyst** = **secondary arachnoid cyst** = **acquired arachnoid cyst***Histo*:cyst filled with clear fluid, thin wall composed of cleaved arachnoid membrane lined by ependymal / meningotheial cells*Age*:presentation at any time during life ■ often asymptomatic ■ symptomatic due to mass effect, [hydrocephalus](#), seizures, headaches, hemiparesis, intracranial hypertension, craniomegaly, developmental delay, visual loss, [precocious puberty](#), bobble-head doll syndrome*Location*: (arise in CSF cisterns between brain + dura) (a)floor of middle fossa near tip of temporal lobe (sylvian fissure) in 50%(b)suprasellar / chiasmatic cistern (may produce endocrinopathy) in 10%(c)posterior fossa (1/3): cerebellopontine angle (11%), quadrigeminal plate cistern (10%), in relationship to vermis (9%), prepontine / interpeduncular cistern (3%)(d)interhemispheric fissure, cerebral convexity, anterior infratentorial midline ✓ forward bowing of anterior wall of cranial fossa + elevation of sphenoid ridge ✓ extra-axial unilocular thin-walled CSF-density cyst with well-defined smooth angular margins ✓ compression of subarachnoid space + subjacent brain (minimal mass effect) ✓ may erode inner table of calvarium ✓ NO enhancement (intrathecal contrast penetrates into cyst on delayed scans) ✓ NO calcificationsMR (best modality): ✓ well-circumscribed lesion with same uniform signal intensity as CSF ± mass effectCx:(1)[hydrocephalus](#) (30-60%)(2)concurrent subdural / intracystic hemorrhage*Prognosis*:favorable if removed before onset of irreversible brain damage Rx:fenestration / cyst-peritoneal shuntingCT-DDx: epidermoid cyst, [dermoid](#), [subdural hygroma](#), infarction, [porencephaly](#) US-DDx: [choroid plexus cyst](#), porencephalic cyst (communicates with ventricle), cystic tumor (solid components), [midline cyst](#) associated with [agenesis of corpus callosum](#), dorsal cyst associated with [holoprosencephaly](#), Dandy-Walker cyst (extension of 4th ventricle, developmental delay), [vein of Galen aneurysm](#)

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ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA

=abnormal communication between artery + vein resulting in tremendous amount of flow due to high pressure gradient; leading to enlargement + elongation of draining veins *Cause:* (1)Vessel laceration (delay between trauma + clinical manifestation due to delayed lysis of hematoma surrounding arterial laceration)(2)Angiodysplasia: fibromuscular disease, [neurofibromatosis](#), [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)(3)Congenital fistula ■ pulsatile mass + thrill / bruit ■ ± neurologic symptoms / deficit (due to arterial steal)Location: (a)[carotid-cavernous sinus fistula](#) (most common)(b)[vertebral artery](#) fistula(c)external carotid fistula (rare)

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ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION

=congenital abnormality consisting of a nidus of abnormal dilated tortuous arteries + veins with racemose tangle of closely packed pathologic vessels resulting in shunting of blood from arterial to venous side without intermediary capillary bed
Prevalence: most common vascular lesion
Histo: affected arteries have thin walls (no elastica, small amount of muscularis); intervening gliotic brain parenchyma between vessels
Age: 80% by end of 4th decade; 20% <20 years of age
■ headaches, seizures (nonfocal in 40%), mental deterioration
■ progressive hemispheric neurologic deficit (50%)
■ ictus from acute intracranial hemorrhage (50%)
Location:
(a) supratentorial (90%): parietal > frontal > temporal lobe > paraventricular > intraventricular region > occipital lobe
(b) infratentorial (10%)
Vascular supply: (a) pial branches of ICA in 73% of supratentorial location, in 50% of posterior fossa location
(b) dural branches of ECA in 27% with infratentorial lesions
✓ NO mass effect
Skull film: ✓ speckled / ringlike calcifications (15-30%)
✓ thinning / thickening of skull at contact area with AVM
✓ prominent vascular grooves on inner table of skull (dilated feeding arteries + draining veins) in 27%
NCCT: ✓ irregular lesion with large feeding arteries + draining veins
✓ mixed density (60%): dense large vessels + hemorrhage + calcifications
✓ isodense lesion (15%): may be recognizable by mass effect
✓ low density (15%): brain atrophy due to ischemia
✓ not visualized (10%)
CECT: ✓ serpiginous dense enhancement in 80% (tortuous dilated vessels)
✓ No enhancement in thrombosed AVM
✓ No avascular spaces within AVM
✓ lack of mass effect / edema (unless thrombosed / bleeding)
✓ rapid shunting
✓ thickened arachnoid covering
✓ adjacent atrophic brain
MR: ✓ flow void (imaging with GRASS gradient echo + long TR sequences)
Angio: ✓ grossly dilated efferent + afferent vessels with a racemose tangle ("bag of worms")
✓ arteriovenous shunting into at least one early draining vein
✓ negative angiogram (compression by hematoma / thrombosis)
Cx: (1) Hemorrhage (common): bleeding on venous side due to increased pressure / ruptured aneurysm (5%)
(2) Infarction
Prognosis: 10% mortality; 30% morbidity; 2-3% yearly chance of bleeding increasing to 6% in year following 1st bleed + 25% in year following 2nd bleed

[Wyburn-Mason Syndrome](#)

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Wyburn-Mason Syndrome =telangiectasias of skin + retinal cirroid aneurysm + AVM involving entire optic tract (optic nerve, thalamus, geniculate bodies, calcarine cortex);*May be associated with:*AVMs of posterior fossa, neck, mandible / maxilla presenting in childhood

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ASTROCYTOMA

Incidence: 70-75% of all primary intracranial tumors; most common brain tumor in children (40-50% of all primary pediatric intracranial neoplasms) *Location:* cerebral hemisphere (lobar), thalamus, pons, midbrain, may spread across corpus callosum (incidence of occurrence proportional to amount of white matter); no particular lobar distribution; (a) in adults: central white matter of cerebrum (15-30% of all gliomas) (b) in children: cerebellum (40%) + brainstem (20%), supratentorial (30%)

Well-differentiated = Low-grade Astrocytoma *Incidence:* 9% of all primary intracranial tumors *Age:* 20-40 years; M > F *Path:* benign nonmetastasizing; poorly defined borders with infiltration of white matter + basal ganglia + cortex; NO significant tumor vascularity / necrosis / hemorrhage; blood-brain barrier may remain intact *Histo:* homogeneous relatively uniform appearance with proliferation of well-differentiated multipolar fibrillary / protoplasmic astrocytes; mild nuclear pleomorphism + mild hypercellularity; mitoses rare *Location:* posterior fossa in children, supratentorial in adults (typically lobar); distribution proportional to amount of white matter may develop a cyst with high-protein content (rare) *CT:* usually hypodense lesion with minimal mass effect + NO peritumoral edema well-defined tumor margins central calcifications (frequent) minimal / no contrast enhancement (normal capillary endothelial cells) *MR:* well-defined hypointense lesion with little mass effect / vasogenic edema / heterogeneity on T1W hyperintense on T2W little / no enhancement on Gd-DTPA cyst with content hyperintense to CSF (protein content) hyperintense area within tumor mass (paramagnetic effect of methemoglobin) inhomogeneous gadolinium-DTPA enhancement of tumor nodule *Angio:* majority avascular *Prognosis:* 3-10 years postoperative survival; occasionally converting into more malignant form several years after presentation

[Anaplastic Astrocytoma](#) [Pilocytic Astrocytoma](#)

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Anaplastic Astrocytoma *Incidence:* 11% of all primary intracranial neoplasms *Path:* frequently vasogenic edema; NO necrosis / hemorrhage *Histo:* less well differentiated with greater degree of hypercellularity + pleomorphism, multipolar fibrillary / protoplasmic astrocytes; mitoses + vascular endothelial proliferation
common *Location:* typically lobar *Distribution:* proportional to amount of white matter *MR:* well-defined slightly heterogeneous hypointense lesion on T1WI with prevalent vasogenic edema hyperintense on T2WI ± enhancement on Gd-DTPA *Prognosis:* 2 years postoperative survival

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Pilocytic Astrocytoma = JUVENILE PILOCYTIC **ASTROCYTOMA** = most benign histologic subtype of **astrocytoma** without progression to high-grade **glioma**
Histo: alternating pattern of compact bipolar pilocytic (hairlike) astrocytes arranged mostly around vessels + loosely aggregated protoplasmic astrocytes undergoing microcystic degeneration
Age: predominantly in children + young adults; peak age between birth and 9 years of age; M:F = 1:1
Associated with: **neurofibromatosis**
Location: cerebellum, hypothalamus (around 3rd ventricle), optic nerve / chiasm
 mural tumor nodule located in wall of cerebellar cyst
 multilobulated / dumbbell appearance along optic pathway
 rarely calcifies
 micro- / macrocysts in cerebellar location
 increased heterogeneous signal intensity on early Gd-DTPA enhanced T1WI; homogeneous enhancement on delayed images
Prognosis: relatively benign clinical course, almost never recurs after surgical excision; NO malignant transformation to anaplastic form
DDx: metastasis, hemangioblastoma, atypical **medulloblastoma**

WHO Classification of Astrocytomas

Grade I	Circumscribed astrocytoma	generally benign well-circumscribed tumor, specific unique histologic features for each tumor, pilocytic astrocytoma (most common), subependymal giant cell astrocytoma; <u>no tendency to progress to higher grade</u> ; low rate of recurrence
Grade II	Astrocytoma	<u>diffusely infiltrating</u> ; well-differentiated; minimal pleomorphism or nuclear atypia; no vascular proliferation / necrosis
Grade III	Anaplastic astrocytoma	<u>pleomorphism and nuclear atypia</u> ; increased cellularity; mitotic activity; vascular proliferation + necrosis absent
Grade IV	Glioblastoma multiforme	<u>marked vascular proliferation and necrosis</u> ; increased cellularity; anaplasia + pleomorphism; variable mitotic activity; cell type may be poorly differentiated, fusiform, round or multinucleated

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ATAXIA-TELANGIECTASIA

=autosomal recessive disorder characterized by telangiectasias of skin + eye, cerebellar ataxia, sinus + pulmonary infections, immunodeficiencies, propensity to develop malignancies *Incidence*: 1:40,000 livebirths *Path*: neuronal degradation + atrophy of cerebellar cortex (? from vascular anomalies) ■ cerebellar ataxia at beginning of walking age ■ progressive neurologic deterioration ■ oculomotor abnormalities, dysarthric speech, choreaathetosis, myoclonic jerks ■ mucocutaneous telangiectasias: bulbar conjunctiva, ears, face, neck, palate, dorsum of hands, antecubital + popliteal fossa ■ recurrent bacterial + viral sinopulmonary infections ✓ cerebellar cortical atrophy: diminished cerebellar size, dilatation of 4th ventricle, increased cerebellar sulcal prominence ✓ cerebral hemorrhage (rupture of telangiectatic vessels) ✓ cerebral infarct (emboli shunted through vascular malformations in lung) Cx: 1. [Bronchiectasis](#) + pulmonary failure (most common cause of death) 2. Malignancies (10-15%): [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#), epithelial malignancies

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BINSWANGER DISEASE

=ENCEPHALOPATHIA SUBCORTICALIS PROGRESSIVA=LEUKOARIAOSIS = SUBCORTICAL ARTERIOSCLEROTIC ENCEPHALOPATHY (SAE)
Cause: arteriosclerosis affecting the poorly collateralized distal penetrating arteries (perforating medullary arteries, thalamoperforators, lenticulostriates, pontine perforators); positive correlation with hypertension + aging
Path: ischemic demyelination / infarction
Age: >60 years ■ psychiatric changes, intellectual impairment, slowly progressive [dementia](#), transient neurologic deficits, seizures, spasticity, syncope
Location: periventricular white matter, centrum semiovale, basal ganglia; subcortical white matter "U" fibers + corpus callosum are spared
✓ multifocal hypodense lesions (periventricular, centrum semiovale) with sparing of U fibers
✓ lacunar infarcts in basal ganglia
✓ sulcal enlargement + dilated lateral ventricles (brain atrophy)
MR: ✓ focal areas of increased signal intensity on T2WI (= "unidentified bright objects")
DDx: leukodystrophy, [progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#), multiple sclerosis

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CANAVAN DISEASE

=SPONGIFORM LEUKODYSTROPHY=rare form of leukodystrophy as an autosomal recessive disorder, most common in Ashkenazi Jews *Incidence*:<100 reported cases *Cause*:deficiency of aspartoacyclase leading to accumulation of *N*-acetylaspartic acid in brain, plasma, urine, CSF *Histo*:spongy degeneration of white matter with astrocytic swelling + mitochondrial elongation *Age*:3-6 months • marked hypotonia • progressive megalencephaly • seizures • failure to attain motor milestones • spasticity • intellectual failure • optic atrophy with blindness • swallowing impairment ✓ diffuse symmetric white matter abnormality ✓ may involve basal ganglia ✓ cortical atrophy CT: ✓ low-density white matter MR: ✓ white matter hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI *Prognosis*:death in 2nd-5th year of life *Dx*:(1)elevation of *N*-acetylaspartic acid in urine(2)deficiency of aspartoacyclase in cultured skin fibroblasts

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CAPILLARY TELANGIECTASIA

=CAPILLARY ANGIOMA=abnormal dilated capillaries separated by normal neural tissue; commonly "cryptic"*May be associated with:* hereditary Rendu-Osler-Weber syndrome, [ataxia-telangiectasia](#) syndrome, irradiation (latency period of 5 months to 22 years) *Age:* typically in elderly • usually asymptomatic (incidental finding at necropsy) *Location:* mostly in pons / midbrain; usually multiple / may be solitary *poorly defined area of dilated vessels (resembling petechiae)* *best delineated with MR (due to hemorrhage)* *Cx:* punctate hemorrhage (uncommon), gliosis + calcifications (rare) *Prognosis:* bleeding in pons usually fatal *DDx:* cavernous angioma (identical on images)

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CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOMA OF BRAIN

= CAVERNOUS ANGIOMA = CAVERNOMA *Path*: well-circumscribed nodule of honeycomblike large sinusoidal vascular spaces separated by fibrous collagenous bands without intervening neural tissue; slow blood flow in vascular channels *Age*: 3rd-6th decade; M > F • seizures (commonly presenting symptom) *Location*: cerebrum (mainly subcortical) > pons > cerebellum; solitary > multiple ✓ NO obvious mass effect / edema *NCCT*: ✓ extensive calcifications = [hemangioma](#) calcificans (20%) ✓ small round hyperdense region (CLUE) ✓ minimal surrounding edema *CECT*: ✓ minimal / intense enhancement ✓ low-attenuation areas due to thrombosed portions *MR*: ✓ well-defined area of mixed signal intensity centrally (= "mulberry"-shaped lesion) with a mixture of ✓ increased signal intensity (= extracellular methemoglobin / slow blood flow / thrombosis) ✓ decreased intensity (= deoxyhemoglobin / intracellular methemoglobin / hemosiderin / calcification) ✓ surrounded by hypointense rim (= hemosiderin) on T2WI *Angio*: ✓ negative = "cryptic / occult vascular malformation" *Cx*: hemorrhage of varying ages *DDx*: (1) Hemorrhagic neoplasm (edema, mass effect) (2) Small AVM (thrombosed / small feeding vessels, associated hemorrhage) (3) Capillary angioma (no difference)

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CEPHALOCELE

=mesodermal defect in skull + dura with extracranial extension of intracranial structures
ENCEPHALOCELE=herniation of brain tissue + meninges + CSF
CRANIAL MENINGOCELE=herniation of meninges + CSF only
Prevalence: 1-4 per 10,000 livebirths; 5-6-20% of all craniospinal malformations; predominant neural axis anomaly in fetuses spontaneously aborted <20 weeks GA
Cause: failure of surface ectoderm to separate from neuroectoderm early in embryonic development
@Skull base(1)faulty closure of neural tube (without mesenchyme membranous cranial bone cannot develop)(2)failure of basilar ossification centers to unite@Calvarium(1)defective induction of bone(2)pressure erosion of bone by intracranial mass / cyst
In 60% associated with: (1)[Spina bifida](#) (7-30%)(2)Corpus callosum dysgenesis(3)Chiari malformation(4)[Dandy-Walker malformation](#)(5)[Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#) (= occipital encephalocele + [microcephaly](#) + cystic dysplastic kidneys + [polydactyly](#))(6)[Amniotic band syndrome](#): multiple irregular asymmetric off-midline encephaloceles(7)Migrational abnormalities(8)Chromosomal anomalies in 44% ([trisomy 18](#))
■ MS-AFP elevated in 3% (skin-covered in 60%)
■ CSF rhinorrhea
■ [meningitis](#)
Prognosis: dependent on associated malformations + size and content of lesion; 21% liveborn; 50% survival in liveborns, 74% retarded
Risk of recurrence: 3% (25% with Meckel syndrome)
DDx: teratoma, [cystic hygroma](#), [iniencephaly](#), scalp edema, [hemangioma](#), branchial cleft cyst, cloverleaf skull

[Occipital Encephalocele \(75%\)](#) [Frontoethmoidal Encephalocele \(13-15%\)](#) [Sphenoidal Encephalocele \(10%\)](#) [Parietal Encephalocele \(10-12%\)](#)

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Occipital Encephalocele (75%) Most common encephalocele in Western Hemisphere *Associated with:* [Dandy-Walker malformation](#), Chiari malformation • external occipital mass Location: supra- and infratentorial structures involved with equal frequency ✓ skull defect (visualized in 80%) ✓ flattening of basiocciput ✓ [ventriculomegaly](#) ✓ lemon sign = inward depression of frontal bones (33%) ✓ cyst-within-a-cyst (ventriculocele = herniation of 4th ventricle into [cephalocele](#)) ✓ acute angle between mass + skin line of neck and occiput *DDx:* [cystic hygroma](#)

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Frontoethmoidal Encephalocele (13-15%) =incipital [cephalocele](#) Most common variety in Southeast Asia *Cause*: failure of anterior neuropore located near optic recess to close normally at 4th week GA *Types*: nasoethmoidal, nasofrontal, naso-orbital, interfrontal *Associated with*: midline craniofacial dysraphism (dysgenesis of corpus callosum, interhemispheric [lipoma](#), anomalies of neural migration) external mass near dorsum of nose, orbits, forehead *hypertelorism* = increase in interorbital distance

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Sphenoidal Encephalocele (10%) =basal encephalocele Age:present at end of first decade of life ■ clinically occult ■ mass in nasal cavity, nasopharynx, mouth, posterior portion of orbit ■ mouth breathing due to nasopharyngeal obstruction ■ nasopharyngeal mass increasing with Valsalva ■ diminished visual acuity with hypoplasia of optic discs ■ hypothalamic-pituitary dysfunction *Associated with:* [agenesis of corpus callosum](#) (80%) *Types:* (a)sphenopharyngeal = through sphenoid body(b)spheno-orbital = through [superior orbital fissure](#)(c)sphenoethmoidal = through sphenoid + ethmoid(d)transethmoidal = through cribriform plate(e)sphenomaxillary = through [maxillary sinus](#)

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Parietal Encephalocele (10-12%) *Associated with:* dysgenesis of corpus callosum, large interhemispheric cyst, hole in sphenoid bone (seen on submentovertex film)
✓ cranium bifidum = cranioschisis = "split cranium" (= skull defect) = smooth opening with well-defined sclerotic rim of cortical bone ✓ [hydrocephalus](#) in 15-80% (from associated [aqueductal stenosis](#), Arnold-Chiari malformation, Dandy-Walker cyst) ✓ nonenhancing expansile homogeneous paracranial mass ✓ mantle of cerebral tissue often difficult to image in encephalocele (except with MR) ✓ intracranial communication often not visualized ✓ metrizamide / radionuclide ventriculography diagnostic ✓ [microcephaly](#) (20%) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) *DDx:* (1) sonographic refraction artifact at skull edge (2) clover leaf skull ([temporal bone](#) may be partially absent)

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CEREBELLAR ASTROCYTOMA

2nd most frequent tumor of posterior fossa in children *Incidence*: 10-20% of pediatric brain tumors *Histo*: mostly grade I *Age*: children > adults; no specific age peak; M:F = 1:1 *Path*: (1) cystic lesion with tumor nodule ("mural nodule") in cyst wall (50%); (midline astrocytomas cystic in 50%, hemispheric astrocytomas cystic in 80%) (2) solid mass with cystic (= necrotic) center (40-45%) (3) solid tumor without necrosis (<10%) ■ cerebellar signs: truncal ataxia, dysdiadochokinesia *Location*: originating in midline with extension into cerebellar hemisphere (30%) > vermis > tonsils > brainstem *Calcifications* (20%): dense / faint / reticular / punctate / globular; mostly in solid variety *Hydrocephalus* may develop extreme (quite large when finally symptomatic) *CT*: *Round / oval cyst with density of cyst fluid > CSF* *Round / oval / plaque-like mural nodule with intense homogeneous enhancement* *Cyst wall slightly hyperdense + nonenhancing (= compressed cerebellar tissue)* *Uni- / multilocular cyst (= necrosis) with irregular enhancement of solid tumor portions* *Round / oval lobulated fairly well-defined iso- / hypodense solid tumor with hetero- / homogeneous enhancement* *MR*: *Hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI* *enhancement of solid tumor portion* *Angio*: *avascular* *Prognosis*: malignant transformation exceedingly rare -40% 25-year survival rate for solid cerebellar *astrocytoma*-90% 25-year survival rate for cystic juvenile pilocytic *astrocytoma* *DDx of solid astrocytoma*: (1) *medulloblastoma* (hyperdense mass, noncalcified) (2) *ependymoma* (fourth ventricle, 50% calcify) *DDx of cystic astrocytoma*: (1) *Hemangioblastoma* (lesion <5 cm) (2) *Arachnoid cyst* (3) *Trapped 4th ventricle* (4) *Megacisterna magna* (5) *Dandy-Walker cyst*

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=focal area of inflammation within brain substance
CT: ✓ area of decreased density ± mass effect ✓ no contrast enhancement (initially) / central or patchy enhancement (later)
MR: ✓ focal area of increased intensity on T2
WICx: brain abscess

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Chiari I Malformation (adulthood) = "cerebellar tonsillar ectopia" = herniation of cerebellar tonsils below a line connecting basion with opisthion (= [foramen magnum](#))
Frequently isolated hindbrain abnormality of little consequence without supratentorial anomalies! *Proposed causes:* (a) small posterior fossa (b) disproportionate CSF absorption from subarachnoid spinal space (c) cerebellar overgrowth *Associated with:* (1) [syringohydromyelia](#) (20-30%) (2) [hydrocephalus](#) (25-44%) (3) malformation of skull base + cervical spine: (a) basilar impression (25%) (b) craniovertebral fusion, eg, occipitalization of C1 (10%), incomplete ossification of C1-ring (5%) (c) Klippel-Feil anomaly (10%) (d) [platybasia](#) NOT associated with [myelomeningocele](#)! • benign cerebellar ectopia <3 mm of no clinical consequence; 3-5 mm of uncertain significance; >5 mm clinical symptoms likely • no symptoms in childhood (unless associated with [hydrocephalus](#) / [syringomyelia](#)) • may have cranial nerve dysfunction / dissociated anesthesia of lower extremities in adulthood ✓ downward displacement of cerebellar tonsils + medial part of the inferior [lobes](#) of the cerebellum 5 mm below the level of the [foramen magnum](#) ✓ inferior pointing peglike / triangular tonsils ✓ obliteration of cisterna magna ✓ elongation of 4th ventricle which remains in normal position ✓ slight anterior angulation of lower brainstem

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Chiari II Malformation (childhood) =ARNOLD-CHIARI MALFORMATION=most common and serious complex of anomalies secondary to a too small posterior fossa involving hindbrain, spine, mesodermHALLMARK is dysgenesis of hindbrain with (1)caudally displaced 4th ventricle(2)caudally displaced brainstem(3)tonsillar + vermian herniation through [foramen magnum](#)Associated with: (a)spinal anomalies(1)lumbar [myelomeningocele](#) (>95%)(2)[syringohydromyelia](#)(b)supratentorial anomalies(1)dysgenesis of corpus callosum (80-85%)(2)obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) (50-98%) following closure of [myelomeningocele](#)(3)[absence of septum pellucidum](#) (40%)(4)excessive cortical gyration(stenogyria = histologically normal cortex; polymicrogyria = histologically abnormal cortex) NOT associated with basilar impression / C1-assimilation / Klippel-Feil deformity! • newborn: [respiratory distress](#), apneic spells, bradycardia, impaired swallowing, poor gag reflex, retrocollis, spasticity of upper extremities • teenager: gradual loss of function + spasticity of lower extremitiesSkull film: ✓ [Lückenschädel](#) (most prominent near torcular herophili / vertex) in 85% = dysplasia of membranous skull disappearing by 6 months of age✓ scalloping of clivus + posterior aspect of petrous pyramids (from pressure of cerebellum) in 70-90% leading to shortening of IAC✓ small posterior fossa✓ enlarged [foramen magnum](#) + enlarged upper spinal canal secondary to molding in 75%✓ absent / hypoplastic posterior arch of C1 (70%)@Supratentorial✓ [hydrocephalus](#) (duct of Sylvius dysfunctional but probe patent); may not become evident until after repair of [myelomeningocele](#) (90%)✓ [colpocephaly](#) (= enlargement of occipital horns + atria) due to maldeveloped occipital [lobes](#)✓ hypoplasia / absence of splenium + rostrum of corpus callosum (80-90%)✓ "bat-wing" configuration of frontal horns on coronal views = frontal horns pointing inferiorly with blunt superolateral angle secondary to prominent impressions by enlarged caudate nucleus✓ "hourglass ventricle" = small biconcave 3rd ventricle secondary to large massa intermedia✓ interdigitation of medial cortical gyri (hypoplasia + fenestration of falx in up to 100%)✓ wide prepontine + supracerebellar cisterns✓ nonvisualization of aqueduct (in up to 70%)✓ stenogyria = multiple small closely spaced gyri at medial aspect of occipital lobe secondary to dysplasia (in up to 50%)@ Cerebellum ✓ "cerebellar peg" = protrusion of vermis + hemispheres through [foramen magnum](#) (90%) resulting in craniocaudal elongation of cerebellum ✓ hypoplastic poorly differentiated cerebellum (poor visualization of folia on sagittal images) secondary to severe degeneration✓ elongated / obliterated vertically oriented thin-tubed 4th ventricle with narrowed AP diameter exiting below [foramen magnum](#) (40%)✓ obliteration of CPA cistern + cisterna magna by cerebellum growing around brainstem✓ dysplastic tentorium with wide U-shaped incisura inserting close to [foramen magnum](#) (95%)✓ "tectal beaking" = fusion of midbrain colliculi into a single beak pointing posteriorly and invaginating into cerebellum✓ V-shaped widened quadrigeminal plate cistern (due to hypoplasia of cingulate gyri)✓ "towering cerebellum" = "pseudomass" = cerebellar extension above incisura of tentorium✓ triple peak configuration = corners of cerebellum wrapped around brainstem pointing anteriorly + laterally (on axial images)✓ flattened superior portion of cerebellum secondary to temporoparietal herniation✓ vertical orientation of shortened straight sinus@ Spinal cord ✓ medulla + pons displaced into cervical canal✓ "cervicomedullary kink" = herniation of medulla posterior to spinal cord (up to 70%) at level of dentate ligaments✓ widened anterior subarachnoid space at level of brainstem + upper cervical spine (40%)✓ AP diameter of pons narrowed✓ upper cervical nerve roots ascend toward their exit foramina✓ [syringohydromyelia](#)✓ low-lying often tethered conus medullaris below L2OB-US: ✓ "banana sign" = cerebellum wrapped around posterior brainstem + obliteration of cisterna magna due to small posterior fossa✓ [hydrocephalus](#)

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Chiari III Malformation most severe rare abnormality; probably unrelated to type I and II Chiari malformation ⁴/ low occipital / high cervical meningo-encephalocele *Prognosis*: survival usually not beyond infancy

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Chiari IV Malformation extremely rare anomaly probably erroneously included as type of Chiari malformation ✓ agenesis of cerebellum ✓ hypoplasia of pons ✓ small + funnel-shaped posterior fossa

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CHOROID PLEXUS CYST

=cyst arising from folding of neuroepithelium with trapping of secretory products + desquamated cells *Incidence*: 0.9-3.6% in sonographic population; 50% of autopsied brains *Histo*: no epithelial lining, filled with clear fluid ± debris *May be associated with*: aneuploidy (76% with [trisomy 18](#), 17% with trisomy 21, 7% with [triploidy](#) / [Klinefelter syndrome](#)) In absence of other anomalies 1% of fetuses with choroid plexus cysts will have [trisomy 18](#) In presence of other anomalies 4% of fetuses with choroid plexus cysts will have [trisomy 18](#) 40-71% of autopsied fetuses with [trisomy 18](#) have choroid plexus cysts bilaterally >10 mm in diameter Risk of chromosomal abnormality not linked to size, bilaterality, gestational age at appearance / disappearance • usually asymptomatic *Location*: frequently at level of atrium; uni- / bilateral single / multiple round anechoic cysts ≥3 mm in size (average 4.5 mm, up to 25 mm) *Cx*: [hydrocephalus](#) (if cyst large) *Prognosis*: 90% disappear by 28th week; may persist; in 95% of no significance *OB-management*: a choroid plexus cyst should stimulate a thorough sonographic examination at >19 weeks; if no other sonographic abnormalities are identified, the yield of abnormal karyotype is low so that the risk of [trisomy 18](#) (1:450-500) is lower than risk of fetal loss due to [amniocentesis](#) (approximately 1:200-300) *Risk of karyotype abnormality*: 10 x with 1 additional defect 600 x with ≥2 additional defects *DDx*: Choroid plexus pseudocyst in the inferolateral aspect of atrium (? corpus striatum) on oblique coronal plane which elongates by turning transducer

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CHOROID PLEXUS PAPILLOMA

Incidence: 0.5-0.6% of all intracranial tumors; 2-5% of brain tumors in childhood *Age:* 20-40% <1 year of age; 86% <5 years of age; middle age; in 75% <2 years of age; M >> F *Path:* large aggregation of choroidal fronds producing great quantities of CSF; occasionally found incidentally on postmortem examination *Pathophysiology:* abnormal rate of CSF production of 1.0 mL/min (normal rate = 0.2 mL/min) • signs of [increased intracranial pressure](#) *Location:* (a) glomus of choroid plexus in trigone of lateral ventricles, L > R (in children) (b) 4th ventricle + cerebellopontine angle (in adults) (c) 3rd ventricle (unusual) (d) multiple in 7% *Large mass with smooth lobulated border* *Small foci of calcifications (common)* *Engulfment of glomus of choroid plexus (distinctive feature)* *Asymmetric diffuse ventricular dilatation (CSF overproduction / decreased absorption secondary to obstruction of arachnoid granulations from repeated occult hemorrhage)* *Dilatation of temporal horn in atrial location (obstruction)* *Growth into surrounding white matter (occasionally, more common a feature of choroid plexus carcinoma)* *CT:* iso- / mildly hyperdense with intense homogeneous enhancement on CECT *MR:* isointense / slightly hyperintense lesion on T1WI + slightly hypointense on T2WI relative to white matter *Surrounded by hypointense signal on T1WI + hyperintense signal on T2WI (CSF)* *Intraventricular enhancing island of tumor on Gd-DTPAUS:* echogenic mass adjacent to normal choroid plexus *Angio:* supplied by anterior + posterior choroidal arteries *Cx:* (1) transformation into malignant choroid plexus papilloma = choroid plexus carcinoma (2) [hydrocephalus](#) (in children) secondary to [increased intracranial pressure](#) from CSF-overproduction *Rx:* surgical removal (24% operative mortality) cures [hydrocephalus](#) *DDx:* intraventricular [meningioma](#), [ependymoma](#), metastasis, cavernous angioma, xanthogranuloma, [astrocytoma](#)

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COCKAYNE SYNDROME

=autosomal recessive diffuse demyelinating disease Age:beginning at age 1 • [dwarfism](#) • progressive physical + mental deterioration • retinal atrophy + deafness
brain atrophy / [microcephaly](#) / calcifications in basal ganglia + cerebellum / skeletal changes superficially similar to [progeria](#) DDx:[Progeria](#)

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COLLOID CYST

Incidence: 2% of glial tumors of ependymal origin; 0.5-1% of CNS tumors *Histo:* ciliated + columnar epithelium; mucin-secreting; squamous cells of ependymal origin; tough fibrous capsule *Age:* young adults; M > F ■ positional headaches (transient obstruction secondary to ball-valve mechanism at foramen of Monro) ■ gait apraxia ■ change in mental status ± [dementia](#) (related to [increased intracranial pressure](#)) ■ papilledema (may become medical emergency with acute herniation) *Location:* exclusively arising from inferior aspect of septum pellucidum protruding into anterior portion of 3rd ventricle between columns of fornix √ ± sellar erosion √ spherical iso- / hyperdense lesion on NCCT with smooth surface √ fluid contents: (a) in 20% similar to CSF (= isodense) (b) in 80% mucinous fluid, proteinaceous debris, hemosiderin, desquamated cells (= hyperdense) √ may show enhancement of border (draped choroid plexus / capsule) √ 3rd ventricular enlargement (to accommodate cyst anteriorly) √ asymmetric lateral ventricular enlargement (invariably) √ occasionally widens septum pellucidum *MR:* √ lesion hyperintense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI in 60% (related to large protein molecules / paramagnetic effect of magnesium, copper, iron in cyst) *DDx:* [meningioma](#), [ependymoma](#) of 3rd ventricle (rare) with enhancement

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CORTICAL CONTUSION

=traumatic injury to cortical surface of brain *Incidence*: most common type of primary intra-axial lesion; in 21% of [head trauma](#) patients; children: adults = 2:1 *Path.* tissue necrosis, capillary disruption, petechial hemorrhage followed by liquefaction + edema after 4-7 days *Mechanism*: linear acceleration-deceleration forces / penetrating trauma 1. **Coup** = direct impact on stationary brain 2. **Contrecoup** = impact of moving brain on stationary calvarium opposite to the site of the coup *Location*: multiple bilateral lesions; -common: along anterior + lateral + inferior surfaces of frontal lobe (in orbitofrontal, inferior frontal, and rectal gyri above cribriform plate, planum sphenoidale, lesser sphenoid wing) and temporal lobe (just above petrous bone / posterior to greater sphenoid wing) -less frequent: in parietal + occipital [lobes](#), cerebellar hemispheres, vermis, cerebellar tonsils -often bilateral / beneath an [acute subdural hematoma](#) ■ confusion (mild initial impairment) ■ focal cerebral dysfunction ■ seizures, personality changes ■ focal neurologic deficits (late changes) *CT* (sensitive only to hemorrhage in acute phase): ◊ Look for scalp swelling to focus your attention on the location of the coup! ◊ focal / multiple (29%) poorly defined areas of low attenuation with irregular contour (edema) intermixed with a few tiny areas of increased density (petechial hemorrhage) ◊ diffuse cerebral swelling without hemorrhage in immediate posttraumatic period (common in children) due to hyperemia / ischemic edema ◊ some degree of contrast enhancement (leaking new capillaries) ◊ isodense hemorrhage after 2-3 weeks ◊ true extent of lesions becomes more evident with progression of edema + cell necrosis + mass effect over ensuing weeks *MR* (best modality for initial detection of contusional edema + accurate portrayal of extent of lesions): ◊ hemorrhagic lesions (detected in 50% of all contusions): ◊ initially decreased intensity (deoxyhemoglobin of acute hemorrhage) surrounded by hyperintense edema on T2WI ◊ hyperintense on T1WI + T2WI in subacute phase (secondary to Met-Hb) ◊ hyperintense gliosis + hypointense hemosiderin on T2WI in chronic phase ◊ nonhemorrhagic lesions hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI *Cx*: (1) [Encephalomalacia](#) (= scarred brain) (2) [Porencephaly](#) (= formation of cystic cavity lined with gliotic brain and communicating with ventricles / subarachnoid space) (3) [Hydrocephalus](#) as a result from adhesions caused by subarachnoid blood

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CRANIOPHARYNGIOMA

Incidence: 3-4% of all intracranial neoplasms; 15% of supratentorial + 50% of suprasellar tumors in children; most common [suprasellar mass](#) **Origin:** from epithelial rests along vestigial craniopharyngeal duct (Rathke cleft / pouch within intermediate lobe of [pituitary gland](#)) **Path:** benign tumor originating from neuroepithelium in craniopharyngeal duct + primitive buccal epithelium **Histo:** cystic (rich in liquid cholesterol) / complex / solid **Age:** from birth-7th decade; bimodal age distribution: age peaks in 1st-2nd decade (75%) + in 5th decade (25%); M > F • [diabetes insipidus](#) (compression of [pituitary gland](#)) • growth retardation (compression of hypothalamus) • bitemporal hemianopia (compression of optic nerve chiasm) • headaches from [hydrocephalus](#) (compression of foramen of Monro / aqueduct of Sylvius) **Location:** (a) pituitary stalk / tuber cinereum (b) suprasellar (20%) (c) intrasellar (10%) (d) intra- and suprasellar (70%) **Ectopic craniopharyngioma:** (e) floor of anterior 3rd ventricle (more common in adults) (f) sphenoid bone **Skull films:** ✓ normal sella (25%) ✓ enlarged [J-shaped sella](#) with truncated dorsum ✓ thickening + increased density of lamina dura in floor of sella (10%) ✓ extensive sellar destruction (75%) ✓ curvilinear / flocculent / stippled calcifications / lamellar ossification; calcifications seen in youth in 70-90%, in adults in 30-40% **CT:** ✓ multilobulated inhomogeneous [suprasellar mass](#) ✓ solid (15%) / mixed (30%) / cystic lesion (54-75%) [cystic appearance secondary to cholesterol, keratin, necrotic debris with higher density than CSF] ✓ enhancement of solid lesion, peripheral enhancement of cystic lesion ✓ marginal hyperdense lesion (calcification / ossification) in 70-90% in childhood tumors + 30-50% of adult tumors ✓ ± obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) ✓ extension into middle > anterior > posterior cranial fossa (25%) **MR** (relatively ineffective in demonstrating calcifications): ✓ mostly hyperintense, but also iso- / hypointense on T1WI (variable secondary to hemorrhage / cholesterol-containing proteinaceous fluid) ✓ markedly hyperintense on T2WI ✓ marginal enhancement of solid components with gadopentetate dimeglumine **Angio:** ✓ usually avascular ✓ lateral displacement, elevation, narrowing of supraclinoid segment of ICA ✓ posterior displacement of basilar artery **DDx:** (1) Epidermoid (no contrast enhancement) (2) Rathke cleft cyst (small intrasellar lesion)

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CYSTICERCOSIS OF BRAIN

larva of pork tapeworm (*Taenia solium*) frequently involving CNS, muscles, heart, fat tissue *Infection*: (1) Ingestion of ova by fecal-oral route; embryophore is dissolved by gastric acid and enzymes + oncosphere is liberated (2) Ingestion of uncooked contaminated pork containing cysticerci; tapeworm develops in intestinal lumen + releases eggs *Organism*: embryos invade intestinal wall + enter circulation + disseminate in various parts of body; [embryo](#) develops into a cysticercus (= complex wall surrounding a cavity containing vesicular fluid + scolex); following ingestion of cysticercus by definitive host a tapeworm develops within the intestinal tract

Incidence: CNS involvement in up to 90% *Location*: meninges (39%) esp. in basal cisterns, parenchyma (20%), intraventricular (17%), mixed (23%), intraspinal (1%)

A. ACUTE PHASE (= focal meningoencephalitis) • focal seizures ✓ single / multiple small focal enhancing lesions; transitory with resolution in a few months ✓ diffusely edematous white matter ✓ homogeneously enhancing small nodules often with extensive edema (DDx: metastases without edema) B. CHRONIC PHASE (= involution with subsequent calcification + cyst formation) ✓ small focal calcifications (= probably dead larvae); may appear within 8 months to 10 years after acute infection along gray-white matter junction ✓ well-defined cystic areas of CSF density without associated edema (= living larvae) ✓ "ricelike" muscle calcifications rarely visible ✓ Cysts incite edema upon death of larvae!

RADIOGRAPHIC TYPES 1. Parenchymal type ✓ multiple / solitary cystic lesions up to 6 cm in size; many terminate as calcified granulomata (larvae not dead unless completely calcified) ✓ encephalitic form may occur in children 2. Meningeal / racemose type ✓ ventricular dilatation indicating diffuse meningeal inflammatory process ✓ lucent cystic lesions in basal cisterns (= racemose cysts) with variable enhancement, usually located in cerebellopontine angle / suprasellar cistern 3. Intraventricular type ✓ obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) caused by blockage within various portions of ventricular system from solitary / multiple cysts 4. Mixed type (frequent)

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CYTOMEGALOVIRUS INFECTION

Most common intrauterine infection *Incidence*: 0.4-2.3% of liveborn infants • asymptomatic (90%) • sensorineural hearing loss, chorioretinitis, mental retardation, neurologic deficits ✓ intrauterine growth retardation ✓ [ascites](#) ✓ hydrops@CNS ✓ periventricular calcifications ✓ ventricular dilatation ✓ [microcephaly](#)

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DANDY-WALKER MALFORMATION

=characterized by (1) enlarged posterior fossa with high position of tentorium (2) dys- / agenesis of cerebellar vermis (3) cystic dilatation of 4th ventricle filling nearly entire posterior fossa *Cause*: dysmorphogenesis of roof of 4th ventricle with failure to incorporate the area membranacea into developing choroid plexus; proposed originally as congenital atresia of foramina of Luschka (lateral) + Magendie (median) not likely since foramina are not patent until 4th month *Incidence*: 12% of all congenital hydrocephaly *Path*: defect in vermis connecting an ependyma-lined retrocerebellar cyst with 4th ventricle (PATHOGNOMONIC)
Associated anomalies : -midline CNS anomalies (in >60%)(1)dysgenesis of corpus callosum (20-25%), [lipoma](#) of corpus callosum(2)[holoprosencephaly](#) (25%)(3)malformation of cerebral gyri (dysplasia of cingulate gyrus) (25%)(4)cerebellar heterotopia + malformation of cerebellar folia (25%)(5)malformation of inferior olivary nucleus(6)hamartoma of tuber cinereum(7)[syringomyelia](#)(8)cleft palate(9)occipital encephalocele (<5%)-other CNS anomalies:(1)polymicrogyria / gray matter heterotopia (5-10%)(2)[schizencephaly](#)(3)lumbosacral meningocele-non-CNS anomalies (25%)(1)[polydactyly](#), [syndactyly](#)(2)[Klippel-Feil syndrome](#)(3)[Cornelia de Lange syndrome](#)(4)cleft palate(5)facial angioma(6)cardiac anomaliesSkull film: ✓ large skull secondary to [hydrocephalus](#) + dolichocephaly ✓ diastatic lambdoid suture ✓ disproportionately large expanded posterior fossa ✓ torcular herophili and lateral sinuses high above lambdoid angle = torcular-lambdoid inversionCT / US / MR: ✓ absence / hypoplasia of cerebellar vermis:total (25%), partial (75%) ✓ superiorly displaced superior vermis cerebelli ✓ small + widely separated cerebellar hemispheres ✓ anterior + lateral displacement of ± hypoplastic cerebellar hemispheres ✓ large posterior fossa cyst with extension through [foramen magnum](#) = diverticulum of roofless 4th ventricle ✓ elevated insertion of tentorium cerebelli ✓ cerebellar hemispheres in apposition without intervening vermis following shunt procedure ✓ absence of falx cerebelli ✓ scalloping of petrous pyramids ✓ [ventriculomegaly](#) (in 72% open communication with 3rd ventricle; in 39% patent 4th ventricle; in 28% [aqueductal stenosis](#); in 11% incisural obstruction); present prenatally in 30%, by 3 months of age in 75% ✓ anterior displacement of ponsAngio: ✓ high position of transverse sinus ✓ elevated great vein of Galen ✓ elevated posterior cerebral vessels ✓ anterosuperiorly displaced superior cerebellar arteries above the posterior cerebral arteries ✓ small / absent PICA with high tonsillar loopCx:trapping of cyst above tentorium = "keyhole configuration"*Prognosis*:fetal demise in 66%; 22-50% mortality during 1st year of life*DDx*:(1)Posterior fossa extra-axial cyst(2)[Arachnoid cyst](#) (normal 4th ventricle, patent foramina, intact vermis)(3)Isolated 4th ventricle(4)Megacisterna magna = giant cisterna magna (enlarged posterior fossa, enlarged cisterna magna, intact vermis, normal 4th ventricle)(5)[Porencephaly](#)

[Dandy-Walker Variant](#) [Dandy-Walker Complex](#) [Pseudo-Dandy-Walker Malformation](#)

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Dandy-Walker Variant characterized by (1)variable hypoplasia of posteroinferior portion of vermis leading to communication between 4th ventricle and cisterna magna(2)cerebellar dysgenesis(3)cystic dilatation of 4th ventricle(4)NO enlargement of posterior fossa⁴More common than [Dandy-Walker malformation](#); accounts for 1/3 of all posterior fossa malformationsCause:focal insult to developing cerebellumAssociated CNS anomalies: [agenesis of corpus callosum](#) (21%), cerebral gyral malformation (21%), heterotopia, [holoprosencephaly](#) (10%), diencephalic cyst (10%), posterior fossa meningoencephalocele (10%) Other associated anomalies: [polydactyly](#); cardiac, renal, facial anomalies; abnormal karyotype (29%) ⁴4th ventricle smaller + better formed⁴ retrocerebellar cyst smaller⁴ communication between retrocerebellar cyst and subarachnoid space through a patent foramen of Magendie may be present⁴ posterior fossa smaller than in usual Dandy-Walker syndromeOB-US: ⁴incomplete closure of vermis is normal until 18 weeks GA!

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Dandy-Walker Complex =continuum of anomalies, including [Dandy-Walker malformation](#) + [Dandy-Walker variant](#) + megacisterna magna, characterized by partial / complete dysgenesis of vermis cerebelli
Cause: broad insult to alar plate from a variety of abnormalities
Associated with: A. Inherited genetic syndromes-autosomal recessive: 1. [Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#) 2. Ellis-van Creveld syndrome 3. Walker-Warburg syndrome-autosomal dominant: 1. X-linked cerebellar hypoplasia 2. Aicardi syndrome B. Abnormal karyotype (33%) 1. Duplications of chromosomes 5p, 8p, 8q 2. Trisomies 9, 13, 18 C. Infection 1. Virus: CMV, [rubella](#) 2. Protozoan: toxoplasmosis D. Teratogen: alcohol, sodium warfarin E. Multifactorial

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Pseudo-Dandy-Walker Malformation =developing rhombencephalon during 1st trimester⁴ fluid-filled space in posterior aspect of fetal head

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DERMOID OF CNS

=pilosebaceous mass lined with skin appendages originating from inclusion of epithelial cells + skin appendages during closure of neural tube *Incidence*: 1% of all intracranial tumors *Path*: ectodermal + mesodermal lesion = squamous epithelium, mesodermal cells (hair follicles, sweat + sebaceous glands) *Age*: <30 years (appears in adulthood secondary to slow growth); M < F *Location*: (a) spinal canal (most common): extra- / intramedullary in lumbosacral region (b) posterior fossa within vermis / 4th ventricle (predilection for midline) (c) posterior to [superior orbital fissure](#), may be associated with bone defect • bouts of chemical / bacterial [meningitis](#) possible ✓ thick-walled inhomogeneous mass with focal areas of fat ✓ mural / central calcifications / bone (possible) ✓ may have sinus tract to skin surface (dermal sinus) if located in midline at occipital / nasofrontal region ✓ fat-fluid level if cyst ruptures into ventricles, fat droplets in subarachnoid space ✓ NO contrast enhancement MR: ✓ variointense on T1WI (hyperintense with contents of liquefied cholesterol products) ✓ shortened T1 + T2 relaxation times (= fat)

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DIFFUSE AXONAL INJURY

=WHITE MATTER SHEARING INJURY *Incidence*: most common type of primary traumatic injury in patients with severe [head trauma](#) (48%) *Cause*: indirect injury due to rotational acceleration / deceleration forces (not necessarily with direct impact to head) *Pathogenesis*: cortex and deep structures move at different speed resulting in shearing stress along the course of white matter tracts especially at gray-white matter junction with axonal tears followed by wallerian degeneration *Path*: much of the injury is only microscopic *Histo*: multiple axonal retraction balls (HALLMARK), numerous perivascular hemorrhages ■ severe impairment of consciousness
Location (according to severity of trauma): (a) lobar white matter at corticomedullary junction (67%): parasagittal region of frontal lobe + periventricular region of temporal lobe; occasionally in parietal + occipital lobes (b) internal + external capsule, corona radiata, cerebellar peduncles (c) corpus callosum (21%): 3/4 of lesions in posterior body + splenium ✓ often associated with [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) (d) brainstem: posterolateral quadrants of midbrain + upper pons; superior cerebellar peduncles especially vulnerable
✓ sparing of cortex ✓ 20% of lesions with small central areas of petechial hemorrhage CT: ✓ foci of decreased density (usually seen when >1.5 cm in size) MR (most sensitive modality): ✓ multiple small oval / round foci of decreased signal intensity on T1WI + increased signal on T2WI *Prognosis*: poor due to sequelae (may go on to die without signs of high intracranial pressure)

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DIFFUSE SCLEROSIS

sporadic, young adults, fulminant course ■ [dementia](#), deafness^v low-attenuation regions in both hemispheres without symmetry

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DYKE-DAVIDOFF-MASON SYNDROME

=CEREBRAL HEMIATROPHY = INFANTILE / CONGENITAL HEMIPLEGIA = SYNDROME OF HEMICONVULSIONS, HEMIPLEGIA, AND EPILEPSY= unilateral [cerebral atrophy](#) with ipsilateral small skull *Cause*:insult to immature brain resulting in neuronal loss + impaired [brain growth](#):(a)prenatal: congenital malformation, infection, vascular insult(b)perinatal: [birth trauma](#), anoxia, hypoxia, intracranial hemorrhage(c)postnatal: trauma, tumor, infection, prolonged febrile seizures ■ seizures ■ hemiparesis (typically spastic hemiplegia) ■ mental retardation *Age*:presents in adolescence ✓ unilateral thickening of skull ✓ unilateral decrease in size of cranial fossa ✓ unilateral overdevelopment of sinuses ✓ contraction of a hemisphere / lobe ✓ compensatory enlargement of adjacent ventricle + sulci with midline shift

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EMPTY SELLA SYNDROME

=extension of subarachnoid space into sella turcica, which becomes exposed to CSF pulsations secondary to defect in diaphragma sellae; characterized by normal / molded [pituitary gland](#) + normal or [enlarged sella](#) (empty sella = misnomer) *Incidence*: 24% in autopsy study

A. PRIMARY EMPTY SELLA (anatomic spectrum) *Incidence*: 10% of adult population; M:F = 1:4 *Probable causes*: (1) pituitary enlargement followed by regression during pregnancy (2) involution of a pituitary tumor (3) congenital weakness of diaphragma sellae occurs more frequently in patients with [increased intracranial pressure](#) ■ usually asymptomatic ■ increased risk for CSF rhinorrhea ■ NO endocrine abnormalities

B. SECONDARY EMPTY SELLA = postsurgical when diaphragma sellae has been disrupted ■ visual disturbance ■ headaches

✓ slowly progressive symmetrical / asymmetrical (double floor) enlargement of sella ✓ remodeled lamina dura remains mineralized ✓ small rim of pituitary tissue displaced posteriorly + inferiorly ✓ infundibulum sign = infundibulum extends to floor of sella *DDx*: cystic tumor, large herniated 3rd ventricle (displaced infundibulum)

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Subdural Empyema 20% of all intracranial bacterial infections *Cause*:paranasal [sinusitis](#), otitis media, calvarial osteomyelitis, infection after craniotomy or ventricular shunt placement, penetrating wound, contamination of [meningitis](#)-induced subdural effusion *Location*:frontal + inferior cranial space in close proximity to [paranasal sinuses](#); 80% over convexity extending into interhemispheric fissure or posterior fossa *hypo- / isodense crescentic / lentiform zone adjacent to inner table* may show mass effect (sulcal effacement, ventricular compression, shift) *thin curvilinear rim of enhancement (7-10 days later) adjacent to brain* severe [sinusitis](#) / mastoiditis (may be most significant indicator) *Mortality*:30% (neurosurgical emergency) *Cx*:venous thrombosis, infarction, seizures, hemiparesis, hemianopia, aphasia, brain abscess *DDx*:subacute / [chronic subdural hematoma](#)

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Epidural Empyema Cause:same as above ■ no neurologic deficits (dura minimizes pressure exerted on brain)¹ thick enhancing rim

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ENCEPHALITIS

=term generally reserved for diffuse inflammatory process of viral etiology (herpes simplex, California encephalitis, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, Western equine encephalitis) / diffuse mild cerebral edema / small infarctions / hemorrhage (less frequent)

[Acute Hemorrhagic Leukoencephalitis](#) [Herpes Simplex Encephalitis \(HSE\)](#) [Postinfectious Encephalitis](#)

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Acute Hemorrhagic Leukoencephalitis =fulminant myelinoclastic disease of CNS=hyperacute form of acute disseminated encephalomyelitisCause:immunoreactive disease following prodromal illness (minor upper respiratory viral infection, [ulcerative colitis](#))Path:marked edema, brain softeningHisto:necrotizing angiitis of venules + capillaries within white matter with extravasation of PMNs + lymphocytes; fibrinoid necrosis of affected capillaries + surrounding tissues; confluent hemorrhages with ball-and-ring configuration due to diapedesis of RBCs • progressive coma, motor disturbance, speech difficulty, seizures • pyrexia, leukocytosis • pleocytosis, elevated protein in spinal fluidLocation:unilateral disease; parietal + posterior frontal white matter at level of centrum semiovale (sparing subcortical U-fibers + cortex) > basal ganglia, cerebellum, brainstem, spinal cord✓ rapid development of profound mass effect resembling infarction✓ multiple punctate white matter hemorrhages✓ extensive hypoattenuation virtually confined to hemispheric white matterPrognosis:usually results in deathDDx:(1)Herpes simplex [encephalitis](#) (cortical lesions in temporal + inferior frontal lobes + insular region, no imaging findings until 3-5 days after onset of significant symptoms)(2)Tumefactive multiple sclerosis(3)Osmotic demyelination(4)Toxic encephalopathy: lipophilic solvent, methanol(5)Hypertensive encephalopathy: [eclampsia](#), thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura

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Herpes Simplex Encephalitis (HSE) =most common cause of nonepidemic necrotizing meningoencephalitis in USA *Organism*: HSV type I (in adults); HSV type II (in neonates from transplacental infection) • confusion, disorientation • preceding viral syndrome, fever, headache, seizures *Location*: temporal > frontal > parietal [lobes](#); propensity for limbic system (olfactory tract, temporal [lobes](#), cingulate gyrus, insular cortex); predominantly unilateral *CT* (principal role is to identify biopsy site): √ may be negative in first 3 days √ poorly defined bilateral areas of decreased attenuation √ spared putamen forms sharply defined concave / straight border (DDx: infarction, [glioma](#)) √ compression of lateral ventricles, sylvian fissure (brain edema) √ patchy peripheral / gyral / cisternal enhancement (50%), may persist for several months √ tendency for hemorrhage + rapid dissemination in brain *MR*: √ increased signal intensity on T2WI *NUC*: *Agents*: standard brain imaging (eg, [Tc-99m DTPA](#)), newer brain agents (eg, I-123 iodoamphetamine / Tc-99m HMPAO) *SPECT* imaging improves [sensitivity](#) √ characteristic focal increase in activity in temporal [lobes](#) on brain scintigraphy (blood-brain barrier breakdown) *Dx*: fluorescein antibody staining / viral culture from brain biopsy *Mortality*: 70% *Rx*: adenine arabinoside *DDx*: low-grade [glioma](#), infarct, abscess

Human Immunodeficiency Virus Encephalitis often in combination with CMV [encephalitis](#) *Histo*: microglial nodules + perivascular multinucleated giant cells accompanying gliosis of deep white + gray matter √ predominantly central CNS atrophy √ symmetric periventricular / diffuse white matter disease without mass effect (hypodense on CT, high intensity on T2WI)

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Postinfectious Encephalitis following exanthematous viral illness / vaccination **Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM)** =autoimmune reaction against patients white matter following measles, mumps, varicella, pertussis, [rubella](#) infection / vaccination • seizures + focal neurologic signs 7-14 days after clinical onset of viral infection *Histo*:diffuse perivenous inflammatory process resulting in areas of demyelination *Location*:subcortical white matter of both hemispheres asymmetrically *CT*: ↓ hypodense white matter *MR*: ↓ focal areas of hyperintensity on T2WI ↓ may demonstrate contrast enhancement *Rx*:corticosteroids result in dramatic improvement *Prognosis*:complete recovery / some permanent neurologic damage (10-20%) *DDx*:simulating multiple sclerosis (rarely recurrent episodes as in multiple sclerosis)

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EPENDYMOMA

=in majority benign slow-growing neoplasm of mature well-differentiated ependymal cells lining the ventricles *Incidence*: most commonly in children; 5-9% of all primary CNS neoplasms; 15% of posterior fossa tumors in children; 63% of spinal intramedullary gliomas *Histo*: benign aggregates of ependymocytes in form of perivascular pseudorosettes; may have papillary pattern (difficult DDx from [choroid plexus papilloma](#)) *Age*: (a) supratentorial: at any age (atrium / foramen of Monro) (b) posterior fossa: <10 years; age peaks at 5 and 34 years; M:F = 0.8:1 *Associated with*: [neurofibromatosis](#) • [increased intracranial pressure](#) (90%) *Location*: (a) infratentorial: floor of 4th ventricle (70% of all intracranial ependymomas) (b) supratentorial: frontal > parietal > temporoparietal juxtaventricular region (uncommonly intraventricular), lateral ventricle, 3rd ventricle (c) conus (40-65% of all spinal intramedullary gliomas) in children: infratentorial in 70%, supratentorial in 30% ✓ small cystic areas in 15-50% (central necrosis) ✓ fine punctate multifocal calcifications (25-50%) ✓ intratumoral hemorrhage (10%) ✓ frequently grows into brain parenchyma extending to cortical surface (particularly in frontal + parietal lobes) ✓ may invaginate into ventricles ✓ expansion frequently through foramen of Luschka into cerebellopontine angle (15%) or through foramen of Magendie caudad into cisterna magna (up to 60%) (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ direct invasion of brainstem / cerebellum (30-40%) ✓ insinuation around blood vessels + cranial nerves ✓ communicating [hydrocephalus](#) (100%) secondary to protein exudate elaborated by tumor clogging resorption pathways *CT*: ✓ sharply margined multilobulated iso- / slightly hyperdense 4th ventricular mass ✓ thin well-defined low-attenuation halo (distended effaced 4th ventricle) ✓ heterogeneous / moderately uniform enhancement of solid portions (80%) *MR*: ✓ low to intermediate heterogeneous signal intensity on T1WI ✓ hypointense tumor margins on T1WI + T2WI in 64% (hemosiderin deposits) ✓ foci of high-signal intensity on T2WI (= necrotic areas / cysts) + low signal intensity (= calcification / hemorrhage) ✓ fluid-fluid level within cysts ✓ homogeneous Gd-DTPA enhancement of tumor *Cx*: subarachnoid dissemination via CSF (rare) (DDx: malignant ependymoma, ependymoblastoma) *Rx*: surgery (difficult to resect due to adherence to surrounding brain) + radiation (partially radiosensitive) + chemotherapy *DDx of cerebellar ependymoma*: (1) [Astrocytoma](#) (hypodense, displaces 4th ventricle from midline, cystic lucency, intramedullary) (2) [Medulloblastoma](#) (hyperdense, calcifications in only 10%) (3) Trapped 4th ventricle (no contrast enhancement)

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EPIDERMOID OF CNS

=EPIDERMOID [INCLUSION] CYST=benign tumor with extremely slow linear growth resulting from desquamation of epithelial cells from tumor wall *Incidence*:0.2-1.8% of all primary intracranial neoplasms; most common congenital intracranial tumor *Etiology*:inclusion of ectodermal epithelial tissue from pharyngeal pouch of Rathke / pluripotential cells during closure of neural tube in 5th week of fetal life (early inclusion results in midline lesion, later inclusion results in more lateral location) *Path*: "pearly tumor" = well-defined solid lesion with glistening irregular nodular surface; soft flaky desquamated keratinaceous debris rich in cholesterol + triglycerides = PRIMARY / CONGENITAL [CHOLESTEATOMA](#) *Histo*:tumor lined by simple stratified cuboidal squamous epithelium; surrounded by thin band of collagenous connective tissue; tumor center of lamellar appearance due to desquamation *Age*:10-60 years, peak age in 4th-5th decade; tumor slowly expands over decades by continued desquamation of the lining thus becoming symptomatic in adulthood; M:F = 1:1 ■ facial pain ■ cranial nerve palsies from CP angle epidermoids (50%) ■ [hydrocephalus](#) in suprasellar epidermoids ■ chemical [meningitis](#) (secondary to leakage of tumor contents into subarachnoid space) in middle cranial fossa epidermoids
Site:midline / paramidline; intradural (90%) / extradural; transspatial growth (= extension from one into another intracranial space) Location:(a)cerebellopontine angle (40%, account for 5% of CP angle tumors)(b)suprasellar region, perimesencephalic cisterns (14%)(c)within ventricles, brainstem, brain parenchyma(d)skull vault ✓ soft lesion conforming to + molding itself around brain surfaces ✓ may intimately surround vessels + cranial nerves rather than displacing them (limited resectability) ✓ little mass effect, no edema / [hydrocephalus](#) ✓ NO contrast enhancement ✓ may be associated with dermal sinus tract at occipital / nasofrontal region if midline in location CT: ✓ typically lobulated round homogeneous mass with density similar to CSF (between water and -20 HU) ✓ occasionally hyperdense due to high protein content, saponification of keratinaceous debris, prior hemorrhage into cyst, ferrocium / iron-containing pigment, abundance of PMNs ✓ bony erosion with sharply defined well-corticated margins ✓ calcification (25%) ✓ peripheral enhancement (perilesional inflammation) MR: ✓ lamellated onionskin appearance with septations (layer-on-layer accretion of desquamated material) ✓ "black epidermoid" = signal intensity similar to CSF: heterogeneously hypointense lesion on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI (due to cholesterol in solid crystalline state + keratin within tumor + CSF within tumor interstices) ✓ "white epidermoid" (rare) = hyperintense on T1WI + isointense on T2WI due to presence of triglycerides + polyunsaturated fatty acids ✓ hypointense on T2WI (very rare) due to calcification, low hydration, viscous secretion, paramagnetic iron-containing pigment *Angio*: ✓ avascular *Cisternography*: ✓ papillary / frondlike surface with contrast material extending into tumor interstices *Rx*:surgical resection (complicated by adherence to surrounding brain + cranial nerves, spillage of cyst contents with chemical [meningitis](#), CSF seeding + implantation) *DDx*:[arachnoid cyst](#) (smooth surface, earlier diffusion), cystic schwannoma, adenomatoid tumor, atypical [meningioma](#), chondroma, [chondrosarcoma](#), [chordoma](#), calcified neurogenic tumor, teratoma, calcified [astrocytoma](#), [ganglioglioma](#)

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EPIDURAL HEMATOMA OF BRAIN

=EXTRADURAL HEMATOMA = within potential space between naked inner table + calvarial periosteum (dura layer), which is bound down at suture margins
Incidence: 2% of all serious head injuries; in <1% of all children with cranial trauma; uncommon in infants
Age: more common in younger patients (dura more easily stripped away from skull)
Associated with: (1) skull [fracture](#) in 75-85 -95% (best demonstrated on skull radiographs) ∇ Skull fractures frequently not visible in children! (2) subdural hemorrhage (3) contusion
Mechanism of injury: (a) laceration of (middle) meningeal artery / vein adjacent to inner table from [fracture](#) of calvarium (91%) (b) avulsion of venous vessels from points of calvarial perforations (c) disruption of dural venous sinuses (transverse / superior sagittal sinus) due to diastatic [fracture](#) of lambdoid / coronal suture [major cause in younger children]
Time of presentation: within first few days of injury (80%), 4-21 days (20%)
■ transient loss of consciousness (= brief period of unconsciousness from concussion of brainstem)
■ lucent interval (in <33%)
■ somnolence (24-96 hours after accident) due to accumulation of epidural hematoma: ∇ DANGEROUS because of focal mass effect + rapid onset (neurosurgical emergency unless small!)
■ progressive deterioration of consciousness to coma
■ focal neurologic signs: 3rd nerve palsy (sign of cerebral herniation), hemiparesis
 ∇ Most commonly clinically significant if located in temporoparietal region!
 ∇ Only a minority of skull fractures across the middle meningeal artery groove result in epidural hematomas!
Types: acute epidural hematoma (58%) from arterial bleeding
subacute hematoma (31%)
chronic hematoma (11%) from venous bleeding
Location: (a) in 66% temporoparietal (most often from laceration of middle meningeal artery) (b) in 29% at frontal pole, parieto-occipital region, between occipital [lobes](#), posterior fossa (most often from laceration of dural sinuses by [fracture](#))
 ∇ NO crossing of sutures unless diastatic [fracture](#) of suture present!
CT: ∇ [fracture](#) line in area of epidural hematoma
 ∇ expanding biconvex (lenticular = elliptical) extra-axial fluid collection (most frequent) = under high pressure
 ∇ usually does not cross suture lines
 ∇ fresh extravasating blood (30-50 HU) / coagulated blood (50-80 HU) in acute stage
 ∇ hematoma usually homogeneous / rarely inhomogeneously "swirled" (due to mixture of clotted + unclotted blood indicating active bleeding)
 ∇ mass effect ("compression cone effect") with effacement of gyri + sulci from:
-epidural hematoma (57%)
-hemorrhagic contusion (29%)
-cerebral edematous swelling (14%)
 ∇ separation of venous sinuses / falx from inner table of skull
 ∇ The ONLY hemorrhage displacing falx / venous sinuses away from inner table!
 ∇ marked stretching of vessels
 ∇ signs of arterial injury (rare): contrast extravasation, [arteriovenous fistula](#), middle meningeal artery occlusion, formation of false aneurysm
MR: ∇ low intensity of fibrous dura mater allows differentiation of epidural from subdural blood in the late subacute phase (extracellular methemoglobin) with hyperintensity on T1WI + T2WI
Angio: ∇ meningeal arteries displaced away from inner table of skull
Rx: after surgical evacuation return of ventricular system to midline
 ∇ Epidural hematoma at another site may be unmasked following surgical decompression!
DDx: [Chronic subdural hematoma](#) (may have similar biconvex shape, crosses suture lines, stops at falx, no associated skull [fracture](#), no displaced dura on MRI)

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FIBROMUSCULAR DYSPLASIA

=nonatherosclerotic angiopathy of unknown pathogenesis/*Incidence*:<1% of cerebral angiographies/*Age*:2/3 >50 years; M:F = 1:9/*Associated with*:brain ischemia (up to 50%), intracranial aneurysms (up to 30%), intracranial tumors (30%), bruits, trauma/*Location*:cervical + intracranial ICA (85%), [vertebral artery](#) (7%); both anterior + posterior circulation (8%); bilateral (60-65%)*simultaneous involvement of renal / muscular arteries in 3%**Angio*: length of affected vessel from 0.5 cm to several cm/*Types*: 1. Medial fibroplasia = fibromuscular hyperplasia (80%)*string of beads* = alternating zones of widening + narrowing¹/*tubular narrowing*² 2. Intimal fibroplasia³/*smooth concentric tubular narrowing* (DDx: [Takayasu arteritis](#), sclerosing arteritis, vessel spasm, arterial hypoplasia) 3. Subadventitial hyperplasia 4. Atypical fibromuscular dysplasia(= ? variant of intimal fibroplasia) *web* = smooth / corrugated mass involving only one wall of vessel + projecting into lumen (DDx: atherosclerotic disease, posttraumatic aneurysm) *Cx*:dissection (in 3%), macroaneurysm/*Prognosis*:tends to remain stable / minimal progression/*Rx*:only when symptoms progress

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GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME

Most malignant form of all gliomas / astrocytomas; end stage of progressive severe anaplasia of preexisting Grade I / II [astrocytoma](#) (not from embryologic glioblasts)
Incidence: most common primary brain tumor; 50% of all intracranial tumors; 1-2% of all malignancies; 20,000 cases per year *Age*: all ages; peak incidence at 65-75 years; M:F = 3:2; more frequently in whites *Genetics*: [Turcot syndrome](#), [neurofibromatosis](#) type 1, Li-Fraumeni syndrome (familial neoplasms in various organs based on abnormal p53 tumor-suppressor gene) *Path*: multilobulated appearance; quite extensive vasogenic edema (transudation through structurally abnormal tumor vascular channels); deeply infiltrating neoplasm; hemorrhage; necrosis is essential for pathologic diagnosis (HALLMARK) *Histo*: highly cellular, often bizarrely pleomorphic / undifferentiated multipolar astrocytes; common mitoses + prominent vascular endothelial proliferation; no capsule; pseudopalisading (= viable neoplastic cells forming an irregular border around necrotic debris as the tumor outgrows its [blood supply](#)) *Subtypes*: (a) giant cell GBM = monstrocellular sarcoma (b) small cell GBM = gliosarcoma = Feigin tumor *Location*: (a) hemispheric: white matter of centrum semiovale: frontal > temporal [lobes](#); common in pons, thalamus, quadrigeminal region; relative sparing of basal ganglia + gray matter *DDx*: solitary metastasis, tumefactive demyelinating lesion ("singular sclerosis"), atypical abscess (b) callosal: "butterfly [glioma](#)" may grow exophytically into ventricle (c) posterior fossa: pilocytic [astrocytoma](#), brainstem [astrocytoma](#) (d) extra-axial: primary leptomeningeal glioblastomatosis (e) multifocal: in 2-5% *Spread*: (a) direct extension following white matter tracts into corpus callosum (36%); readily crosses midline = "butterfly" [glioma](#) (clue: invasion of septum pellucidum); frontal + temporal gliomas tend to invade basal ganglia; may invade pia, arachnoid and dura (mimicking [meningioma](#)) (b) subependymal carpet after reaching the surface of the ventricles (c) via CSF (<2%) (d) hematogenous (extremely rare) \checkmark osteoblastic bone lesion *NECT*: \checkmark inhomogeneous low-density mass with irregular shape + poorly defined margins (hypodense solid tumor / cavitory necrosis / tumor cyst / peritumoral "fingers of edema") \checkmark considerable mass effect: compression + displacement of ventricles, cisterns, brain parenchyma \checkmark iso- / hyperdense portions (hemorrhage) in 5% \checkmark rarely calcifies (if coexistent with lower-grade [glioma](#) / after radio- or chemotherapy) *CECT*: Enhancement pattern: contrast enhancement due to breakdown of blood-brain barrier / neovascularity / areas of necrosis (a) diffuse homogeneous enhancement (b) nonhomogeneous enhancement (c) ring pattern (occasionally enhancing mass within the ring) (d) low-density lesion with contrast fluid level (leakage of contrast) \checkmark almost always ring blush of variable thickness: multiscalloped ("garland"), round / ovoid; may be seen surrounding ventricles (subependymal spread); tumor usually extends beyond margins of enhancement \checkmark sedimentation level secondary to cellular debris / hemorrhage / accumulated contrast material in tumoral cyst *MR*: \checkmark poorly defined lesion with some mass effect / vasogenic edema / heterogeneity \checkmark hemosiderin deposits (gradient echo images) \checkmark hemorrhage (hypointensity on T2WI and T2*-WI) \checkmark T1WI + gadolinium-DTPA enhancement separate tumor nodules from surrounding edema, central necrosis and cyst formation *Angio*: \checkmark wildly irregular neovascularity + early draining veins \checkmark avascular lesion *PET*: \checkmark increase in glucose utilization rate *Rx*: surgery + radiation therapy + chemotherapy *Prognosis*: 16-18 months postoperative survival (frequent tumor recurrence due to uncertainty during surgery about tumor margins)
Multifocal GBM (1) Spread of primary GBM (2) Multiple areas of malignant degeneration in diffuse low-grade [astrocytoma](#) ("gliomatosis cerebri") (3) Inherited / acquired genetic abnormality

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Gangliocytoma rare benign tumor *Incidence:0.1%**Histo:*purely neuronal tumor (no glial components); [ganglion](#) cells without stain for glial fibrillary acetic protein

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Ganglioglioma glial component that may show neoplastic differentiation ✓ cyst formation + calcifications ✓ contrast enhancement

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GLIOMA

=malignant tumors of glial cells growing along white matter tracts, tendency to increase in grade with time; may be multifocal *Incidence*:30-40% of all primary intracranial tumors ∇ contrast enhancement: ∇ increases in proportion to degree of anaplasia ∇ diminished intensity of enhancement with steroid therapy

CELL OF ORIGIN 1. Astrocyte [Astrocytoma](#) 2. Oligodendrocyte [Oligodendroglioma](#) 3. Ependyma [Ependymoma](#) 4. Medulloblast [Medulloblastoma](#); (PNET = [primitive neuroectodermal tumor](#)) 5. Choroid plexus [Choroid plexus papilloma](#)

FREQUENCY OF INTRACRANIAL GLIOMAS [Glioblastoma multiforme](#) 51% [Astrocytoma](#) 25% [Ependymoma](#) 6% [Oligodendroglioma](#) 6% Spongioblastoma polare 3% Mixed gliomas 3% Astroblastoma 2%

Age peak: middle adult life *Location*: cerebral hemispheres; spinal cord; brainstem + cerebellum (in children)

[Brainstem Glioma Hypothalamic / Chiasmatic Glioma](#)

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Brainstem Glioma *Incidence:* 1%; 12-15% of all pediatric brain tumors; 20-30% of infratentorial brain tumors *Histo:* usually anaplastic [astrocytoma](#) / [glioblastoma multiforme](#) with infiltration along fiber tracts *Age:* in children + young adults; peak age 3-13 years; M:F = 1:1 • become clinically apparent early before ventricular obstruction occurs • ipsilateral progressive multiple cranial nerve palsies • contralateral hemiparesis • cerebellar dysfunction: ataxia, nystagmus • eventually respiratory insufficiency *Location:* pons > midbrain > medulla; often unilateral at medullopontine junction • Medullary + mesencephalic gliomas are more benign than pontine gliomas! *Growth pattern:* (a) diffuse infiltration of brainstem with symmetric expansion + rostrocaudal spread into medulla / thalamus + spread to cerebellum (b) focally exophytic growth into adjacent cisterns (cerebellopontine, prepontine, cisterna magna) • asymmetrically expanded brainstem • flattening + posterior displacement of 4th ventricle + aqueduct of Sylvius • compression of prepontine + interpeduncular cistern (in upward transtentorial herniation) • paradoxical widening of CP angle cistern with tumor extension into CP angle • paradoxical anterior displacement of 4th ventricle with tumor extension into cisterna magna *CT:* • isodense / hypodense mass with indistinct margins • hyperdense foci (= hemorrhage) uncommon • absent / minimal / patchy contrast enhancement (50%) • ring enhancement in necrotic / cystic tumors (most aggressive) • prominent enhancement in exophytic lesion • [hydrocephalus](#) uncommon (because of early symptomatology) *MR:* (better evaluation in subtle cases) • hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI • ± engulfment of basilar artery *Angio:* • anterior displacement of basilar artery + anterior pontomesencephalic vein • posterior displacement of precentral cerebellar vein • posterior displacement of posterior medullary + supratonsillar segments of PICA • lateral displacement of lateral medullary segment of PICA *Prognosis:* 10-30% 5-year survival rate *Rx:* radiation therapy *DDx:* focal [encephalitis](#), resolving hematoma, vascular malformation, tuberculoma, infarct, multiple sclerosis, [lymphoma](#)

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Hypothalamic / Chiasmatic Glioma Point of origin often undeterminable: hypothalamic gliomas invade chiasm, chiasmatic gliomas invade hypothalamus
Incidence: 10-15% of supratentorial tumors in children *Age:* 2-4 years; M:F = 1:1 *Associated with:* von Recklinghausen disease (20-50%) ■ diminished visual acuity (50%) with optic atrophy ■ diencephalic syndrome (in up to 20%): marked emaciation, pallor, unusual alertness, hyperactivity, euphoria ■ obese child ■ sexual precocity ■ [diabetes insipidus](#) ✓ obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) ✓ suprasellar hypodense lobulated mass with dense inhomogeneous enhancement ✓ hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI ✓ cyst formation, necrosis, calcifications render lesion inhomogeneous *DDx:* [hypothalamic hamartoma](#)

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GLOBOID CELL LEUKODYSTROPHY

=KRABBE DISEASE *Cause*: deficiency of galactosylceramide beta-galactosidase resulting in cerebroside accumulation + destruction of oligodendrocytes *Dx*: biochemical assay from white blood cells / skin fibroblasts *Age*: 3-6 months • restlessness + irritability • marked spasticity • optic atrophy • hyperacusis ✓ symmetric hyperdense lesions in thalami, caudate nuclei, corona radiata ✓ decreased attenuation of white matter ✓ brain atrophy with enlargement of ventricles *Prognosis*: death within first few years of life

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HALLERVORDEN-SPATZ DISEASE

rare metabolic disorder with abnormal iron retention in basal ganglia *Age*: 2nd decade of life *Histo*: hyperpigmentation + symmetrical destruction of globus pallidus + substantia nigra • progressive gait impairment + rigidity of limbs • slowing of voluntary movements, dysarthria • choreoathetotic movement disorder • mental deterioration
CT: √ low- (= tissue destruction) / high-density (= dystrophic calcification) foci in globus pallidus
MR: √ initially hypointense globus pallidus on T2WI (= iron deposition) √ later hyperintense foci on T2WI (= tissue destruction + gliosis)

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HAMARTOMA OF CNS

rare tumor (a)sporadic(b)associated with [tuberous sclerosis](#); may degenerate into giant cell [astrocytoma](#) Age:0-30 yearsLocation:temporal lobe, hamartoma of tuber cinereum, subependymal in [tuberous sclerosis](#) cyst with little mass effect, possibly with focal calcifications usually no enhancement

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HEAD TRAUMA

Incidence: 0.2-0.3% annually in United States; peak at 550/100,000 people aged 15-24 years; second peak >50 years of age
Classification: A. Primary traumatic lesion (a) primary neuronal injury 1. [Cortical contusion](#) 2. [Diffuse axonal injury](#) 3. Subcortical gray matter injury = injury to thalamus ± basal ganglia 4. Primary brainstem injury (b) primary hemorrhages (from injury to a cerebral artery / vein / capillary) 1. Subdural hematoma 2. Epidural hematoma 3. Intracerebral hematoma 4. Diffuse hemorrhage (intraventricular, subarachnoid) (c) primary vascular injuries 1. Carotid-cavernous fistula 2. Arterial pseudoaneurysm Location: branches of ACA + MCA, intracavernous portion of ICA, pCom 3. Arterial dissection / laceration / occlusion 4. Dural sinus laceration / occlusion (d) traumatic pia-arachnoid injury 1. Posttraumatic [arachnoid cyst](#) 2. [Subdural hygroma](#) (e) cranial nerve injury B. Secondary traumatic lesion • deterioration of consciousness / new neurologic signs some time after initial injury 1. Major territorial arterial infarction Cause: prolonged transtentorial / subfalcine herniation pinching the artery against a rigid dural margin Location: PCA, ACA territory 2. Boundary + terminal zone infarction 3. Diffuse hypoxic injury 4. Diffuse brain swelling / edema 5. Pressure necrosis from [brain herniation](#) Cause: [increased intracranial pressure](#) Location: cingulate, uncus, parahippocampal gyri, cerebellar tonsils 6. Secondary "delayed" hemorrhage 7. Secondary brainstem injury (mechanical compression, secondary (Duret) hemorrhage in tegmentum of rostral pons + midbrain, infarction of median / paramedian perforating arteries, necrosis) 8. Other (eg, fatty embolism, infection) • **Duret hemorrhage** = hemorrhage in lateral brainstem due to massive temporal lobe herniation • **Kernahorn notch** = contusion of contralateral brainstem caused by pressure of free edge of tentorium

Pathomechanism: A. Direct impact on brain due to [fracture](#) / skull distortion 1. superficial neural damage localized to immediate vicinity of calvarial injury 1. Cortical laceration due to depressed [fracture](#) fragment 2. Epidural hematoma B. Indirect injury irrespective of skull deformation (a) compression-rarefaction strain = change in cell volume without change in shape (rare) (b) shear strain = change in shape without change in volume by rotational acceleration forces (more common) 1. bilateral multiple superficial / deep lesions possibly remote from the site of impact 1. [Cortical contusion](#) (brain surface) 2. [Diffuse axonal injury](#) (white matter) 3. Brainstem + deep gray matter nuclei-linear acceleration forces (less common) 1. Subdural hematoma 2. Small superficial contusion

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Intracerebral Hemorrhage 1. Hematoma=blood separating relatively normal neurons(a)shear-strain injury (most common)(b)blunt / penetrating trauma (bullet, ice pick, skull [fracture](#) fragment) *Incidence*:2-16% of trauma victims *Location*:low frontal + anterior temporal white matter / basal ganglia (80-90%) • frequently no loss of consciousness • development may be delayed in 8% of head injuries ✓ well-defined homogeneously increased density 2. [Cortical contusion](#)=blood mixed with edematous brain ✓ poorly defined area of mixed high and low densities, may increase with time 3. [Intraventricular hemorrhage](#)=potential complication of any intracranial hemorrhage ✓ For earliest detection focus on occipital horns!

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Extracerebral Hemorrhage 1.Subdural hematomain adults:dura inseparable from skull2.Epidural hematomain children:dura easily stripped away from skull3.[Subarachnoid hemorrhage](#)common accompaniment to severe cerebral trauma

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Other Posttraumatic Lesions 1. Pneumocephalus 2. Penetrating foreign body

Indications for radiographic skull series: Only in conjunction with positive CT scan findings! 1. Evaluation of depressed skull [fracture](#) / [fracture](#) of base of the skull

Indications for CT: 1. Loss of consciousness (more than transient) 2. Altered mental status during observation 3. Focal neurologic signs 4. Clinically suspected basilar [fracture](#) 5. Depressed skull [fracture](#) (= outer table of fragment below level of inner table of calvarium) 6. Penetrating wound (eg, bullet) 7. Suspected acute [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#), epidural / subdural / parenchymal hematoma CT report addresses: ✓ midline shift ✓ localized mass effect ✓ distortion / effacement of basal, perimesencephalic, suprasellar, quadrigeminal cisterns ✓ pressure on brainstem, brainstem abnormality ✓ hemorrhage / contusion: extra-axial, intra-axial, subarachnoid, intraventricular ✓ edema: generalized / localized ✓ [hydrocephalus](#) ✓ presence of foreign bodies, bullet, bone fragments, air ✓ base of skull, face, orbit ✓ scalp swelling

Indications for MR: 1. Postconcussive symptomatology 2. Diagnosis of small sub- / epidural hematoma 3. Suspected diffuse axonal (shearing) injury, [cortical contusion](#), primary brainstem injury 4. Vascular damage (eg, pseudoaneurysm formation due to basilar skull [fracture](#))

Sequelae of head injury: 1. Posttraumatic [hydrocephalus](#) (1/3)=obstruction of CSF pathways secondary to intracranial hemorrhage; develops within 3

months 2. Generalized [cerebral atrophy](#) (1/3)=result of ischemia + hypoxia 3. Encephalomalacia ✓ focal areas of decreased density, but usually higher density than CSF 4. Pseudoporencephaly=CSF-filled space communicating with ventricle / subarachnoid space from cystic degeneration 5. [Subdural hygroma](#)=localized collection of CSF in subdural space secondary to (a) result of [chronic subdural hematoma](#) (b) arachnoidal tear acting as a ball valve Age: most often in elderly + young children ✓ may resolve spontaneously 6. [Leptomeningeal cyst](#)=progressive protrusion of leptomeninges through traumatic calvarial defect 7. [Cerebrospinal fluid](#) leak • rhinorrhea, otorrhea (indicating basilar [fracture](#) with meningeal tear) 8. Posttraumatic abscesses secondary to (a) penetrating injury (b) basilar skull [fracture](#) (c) infection of traumatic hematoma 9. Parenchymal injury brain atrophy, residual hemoglobin degradation products, wallerian-type axonal degeneration, demyelination, cavitation, microglial scarring **Prognosis:** up to 10% fatal; 5-10% with some degree of neurologic deficit **Mortality:** 25/100,000 per year (traffic-related in 20-50%, gunshot 20-40%; falls)

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HEMANGIOBLASTOMA OF CNS

=benign autosomal dominant tumor of vascular origin
Incidence: 1-2.5% of all intracranial neoplasms
Age: (a) adulthood (>80%): 20-50 years, average age of 33 years; M > F (b) childhood (<20%): in [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (10-20%); girls
Associated with: (a) [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#), may have multiple hemangioblastomas (only 20% of patients show other stigmata) (b) [pheochromocytoma](#) (often familial) (c) [syringomyelia](#) (d) spinal cord hemangioblastomas
• erythrocythemia in 20% (tumor elaborates stimulant)
Location: paravermian cerebellar hemisphere > spinal cord > cerebral hemisphere / brainstem; multiple lesions in 10%
✓ solid (1/3) / cystic / cystic + mural nodule
✓ solid portion often intensely hemorrhagic
✓ almost never calcifies
CT: ✓ cystic sharply marginated mass of CSF-density (2/3) ✓ peripheral mural nodule with homogeneous enhancement (50%
✓ occasionally solid with intense homogeneous enhancement
MR: ✓ well-demarcated tumor mass moderately hypointense on T1WI + T2WI
✓ hyperintense areas on T1WI (= hemorrhage) ✓ hypointense areas on T1WI + hyperintense areas on T2WI (= cyst formation)
✓ intralésional vermiform areas of signal dropout (= high-velocity blood flow) ✓ heterogeneous enhancement on Gd-DTPA with nonenhancing foci of cyst formation + calcification + rapidly flowing blood
✓ perilesional Gd-DTPA enhancing areas of slow-flowing blood vessels feeding + draining the tumor
✓ peripheral hyperintense rim on T2WI (= edema)
Angio: ✓ densely stained tumor nidus within cyst ("contrast loading") ✓ staining of entire rim of cyst
✓ draining vein
DDx: (1) Cystic [astrocytoma](#) (>5 cm, calcifications, larger nodule, thick-walled lesion, no angiographic contrast blush of mural nodule, no erythrocythemia) (2) [Arachnoid cyst](#) (if mural nodule not visualized) (3) Metastasis (more surrounding edema)

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HEMATOMA OF BRAIN

=INTRACEREBRAL HEMATOMA *Etiology:* A. Very common 1. Chronic hypertension *Age:* >60 years *Location:* external capsule and basal ganglia (putamen in 50%) / thalamus (25%), pons + brainstem (10%), cerebellum (10%), cerebral hemisphere (5%) 2. Trauma 3. Aneurysm 4. AVMB. Common 1. [Hemorrhagic infarction](#) = hemorrhagic transformation of [stroke](#) 2. Amyloid angiopathy: elderly patients 3. Coagulopathy 4. Drug abuse: methamphetamines, cocaine 5. Bleeding into tumor (eg, metastasis, [glioma](#)) C. Uncommon 1. Venous infarction 2. [Eclampsia](#) 3. Septic emboli 4. [Vasculitis](#) (especially fungal) 5. [Encephalitis](#)

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Stages of Cerebral Hematomas Progression:hematoma gradually "snowballs" in size, dissects along white matter tracts; may decompress into ventricular system / subarachnoid space Resolution:resorption from outside toward the center; rate depends on size of hematoma (usually 1-6 weeks) FALSE-NEGATIVE CT: 1.impaired

MRI Appearance of Intracerebral Hematoma						
Phase	Age	Compartment	Hemoglobin	T1	T2	Comments
hyperacute	<24 hr	intracellular	oxyhemoglobin	iso	hyper	hyperacute bleed in <1 hr
acute	1 - 3 d	intracellular	deoxyhemoglobin	hypo	hypo	deoxygenation within clotted intact hypoxic RBCs
subacute		extracellular	deoxyhemoglobin	iso	iso	after lysis of RBCs
early	>3 d	intracellular	methemoglobin	hyper	hypo	oxidation within intact RBCs inside retracting clot
late	>7 d	extracellular	methemoglobin	hyper	hyper	after lysis of RBCs
chronic	>14 d	extracellular	hemichromes	iso	hyper	non-iron-containing heme pigments
center		intracellular	hemosiderin	hypo	hypo	within macrophages, present for years
rim		intracellular	fibrous tissue	hypo	hypo	
		edema		iso	hyper	
mnemonic: "DD-BD-BB-DD on T1/T2"						
Dark-Dark	acute			0-2 days	deoxyhemoglobin	
Bright-Dark	early subacute			3-7 days	intracellular methemoglobin	
Bright-Bright	late subacute			8-14 days	extracellular methemoglobin	
Dark-Dark	chronic			>14 days	hemosiderin	

clotting 2. anemia iso- / hypodense stage

Hyperacute Hemorrhage Time period:<24 hours Substrate:fresh oxygenated arterial blood contains 95% diamagnetic (= no unpaired electrons) intracellular oxyhemoglobin (Fe²⁺) with higher water contents than white matter; oxyhemoglobin persists for 6-12 hours) NCCT: √ homogeneous consolidated high-density lesion (50-70 HU) with irregular well-defined margins increasing in density during day 1-3 (hematoma attenuation dependent on hemoglobin concentration + rate of clot retraction) √ usually surrounded by low attenuation (edema, contusion) appearing within 24-48 hours (a)irregular shape in trauma (b)spherical + solitary in spontaneous hemorrhage √ less mass effect compared with neoplasms MR (less sensitive than CT during first hours): √ little difference to normal brain parenchyma = center of hematoma iso- to hypointense on T1WI + minimally hyperintense on T2WI √ peripheral rim of hypointensity (= degraded blood products as clue for presence of hemorrhage)

Acute Hematoma Time period:1-3 days Substrate:paramagnetic (= 4 unpaired electrons) intracellular deoxyhemoglobin (Fe²⁺); deoxyhemoglobin persists for 3 days MR: √ slightly hypo- / isointense on T1WI (= paramagnetic deoxyhemoglobin within clotted intact hypoxic RBCs does not cause T1 shortening) √ very hypointense on T2WI (progressive concentration of RBCs, blood clot retraction, and fibrin production shorten T2) √ surrounding tissue isointense on T1WI / hyperintense on T2WI (edema)

Early Subacute Hematoma Time period:3-7 days Substrate:intracellular strongly paramagnetic (= 5 unpaired electrons) methemoglobin (Fe³⁺); (inhomogeneously distributed within cells) NCCT: √ increase in size of hemorrhagic area over days / weeks √ high-density lesion within 1st week; often with layering MR: √ very hyperintense on T1WI (= oxidation of deoxyhemoglobin to methemoglobin results in marked shortening of T1) (a)beginning peripherally in parenchymal hematomas (b)beginning centrally in partially thrombosed aneurysm (oxygen tension higher in lumen) DDx:melanin, high-protein concentration, flow-related enhancement, gadolinium-based contrast agent √ very hypointense on T2WI (= intracellular methemoglobin causes T2 shortening)

Late Subacute Hematoma Time period:7-14 days Substrate:extracellular strongly paramagnetic met-hemoglobin (homogeneously distributed) NCCT: √ gradual decrease in density from periphery inward (1-2 HU per day) during 2nd + 3rd week CECT: √ peripheral rim enhancement at inner border of perilesional lucency (1-6 weeks after injury) in 80% (secondary to blood-brain barrier breakdown / luxury perfusion / formation of hypervascular granulation tissue) √ ring blush may be diminished by administration of corticosteroids MR: √ hyperintense on T1WI (= RBC lysis allows free passage of water molecules across cell membrane) √ hyperintense on T2WI (= compartmentalization of methemoglobin is lost due to RBC lysis) √ surrounding edema isointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI

Chronic Hematoma Time period:>14 days Substrate:superparamagnetic **ferritin** (= soluble + stored in intracellular compartment) and **hemosiderin** (= insoluble + stored in lysosomes) cause marked field inhomogeneities NCCT: √ isodense hematoma from 3rd-10th week with perilesional ring of lucency CT: √ hypodense phase (4-6 weeks) secondary to fluid uptake by osmosis √ decreased density (3-6 months) / invisible √ after 10 weeks lucent hematoma (encephalomalacia due to proteolysis and phagocytosis + surrounding atrophy) with ring blush (DDx: tumor) MR: √ rim slightly hypointense on T1WI + very hypointense on T2WI (= superparamagnetic hemosiderin + ferritin within macrophages); rim gradually increases over weeks in thickness, eventually fills in entire hematoma = HALLMARK √ center hyperintense on T1WI + T2WI (= extracellular methemoglobin of lysed RBCs just inside the darker hemosiderin ring); present for months to 1 year √ surrounding hyperintensity on T2WI (= edema + serum extruded from clot) with associated mass effect should resorb within 4-6 weeks (DDx: malignant hemorrhage)

Prognosis:(1)herniation (if 3-4 cm in size)(2)death (if >5 cm in size)

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Basal Ganglia Hematoma =rupture of small distal microaneurysms in the lenticulostriate arteries in patients with poorly controlled systemic [arterial hypertension](#) Cx:(1)Dissection into adjacent ventricles (2/3)(2)[Porencephaly](#)(3)Atrophy with ipsilateral ventricular dilatation

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HETEROTOPIC GRAY MATTER

=collection of cortical neurons in an abnormal location secondary to arrest of migrating neuroblasts from ventricular walls to brain surface between 7-24 weeks of GA
Frequency: 3% of healthy population
May be associated with: [agenesis of corpus callosum](#), [aqueductal stenosis](#), [microcephaly](#), [schizencephaly](#) • seizures
Location:
(1) nodular form: usually symmetric bilaterally in subependymal region / periventricular white matter with predilection for posterior + anterior horns
(2) laminar form: deep / subcortical regions within white matter (less common) ✓ single / multiple bilateral subependymal nodules along lateral ventricles ✓ NO surrounding edema, isointense with gray matter on all sequences, no contrast enhancement
DDx: subependymal spread of neoplasm, subependymal hemorrhage, vascular malformation, [tuberous sclerosis](#), intraventricular [meningioma](#), [neurofibromatosis](#)

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HOLOPROSENCEPHALY

=lack of cleavage / diverticulation of the forebrain(= prosencephalon) laterally (cerebral hemispheres), transversely (telencephalon, diencephalon), horizontally (optic + olfactory structures) as a consequence of arrested lateral ventricular growth in 6-week [embryo](#); cortical brain tissue develops to cover the monoventricle and fuses in the midline; posterior part of the monoventricle becomes enlarged and saclike. Septum pellucidum always absent! *Incidence*: 1:16,000; M:F = 1:1A. ALOBAR=no hemispheric developmentB. SEMILOBAR=some hemispheric developmentC. LOBAR=frontal and temporal lobation + small monoventricle *Associated with*: [polyhydramnios](#) (60%), renal + cardiac anomalies; chromosomal anomalies (predominantly [trisomy 13](#) + 18) *Associated borderline syndromes secondary to diencephalic malformation*: 1. Anophthalmia2. [Microphthalmia](#)3. Aplasia of [pituitary gland](#)4. Olfactogenital dysplasia5. [Septo-optic dysplasia](#) *DDx*: 1. Severe [hydrocephalus](#) (roughly symmetrically thinned cortex)2. Dandy-Walker cyst (normal supratentorial ventricular system)3. [Hydranencephaly](#) (frontal + parietal cortex most severely affected)4. [Agenesis of corpus callosum](#) with [midline cyst](#) (lateral ventricles widely separated with pointed superolateral margin)

[Alobar Holoprosencephaly](#) [Semilobar Holoprosencephaly](#) [Lobar Holoprosencephaly](#)

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Alobar Holoprosencephaly = extreme form in which the prosencephalon does not divide ■ minimal motor activity, little sensory response (ineffective brain function); seizures ■ severe facial anomalies ("the face predicts the brain"): 1. Normal face in 17% 2. Cyclopia (= midline single orbit); may have proboscis (= fleshy supraorbital prominence) + absent nose 3. Ethmocephaly = 2 hypoteloric orbits + proboscis between eyes and absence of nasal structures 4. Cebocephaly = 2 hypoteloric orbits + single nostril with small flattened nose + absent nasal septum 5. Median cleft lip + cleft palate + [hypotelorism](#) 6. Others: [micrognathia](#), trigonocephaly (early closure of metopic suture), [microphthalmia](#), [microcephaly](#) ✓ thalami fused ✓ protrusion of anteriorly placed fused thalami + basal ganglia into monoventricle ✓ absence of: septum pellucidum, 3rd ventricle, falx cerebri, interhemispheric fissure, corpus callosum, fornix, optic tracts, olfactory bulb (= arrhinencephaly), internal [cerebral veins](#), superior + inferior straight sagittal sinus, vein of Galen, tentorium, sylvian fissure, opercular cortex ✓ crescent-shaped holovertricle = single large ventricle without occipital or temporal horns ✓ large dorsal cyst occupying most of calvarium + widely communicating with [single ventricle](#) ✓ "horseshoe" / "boomerang" configuration of brain = peripheral rim of cerebral cortex displaced rostrally (coronal plane) (a) pancake configuration = cortex covers monoventricle to edge of dorsal cyst (b) cup configuration =



more cortex visible posteriorly (c) ball configuration = complete covering of monoventricle without dorsal cyst ✓ midbrain, brainstem, cerebellum structurally normal ✓ pancakelike cerebrum in posterior cranium ✓ cerebral mantle pachygyric ✓ midline clefts in maxilla + palate *Prognosis*: death within 1st year of life / stillborn *DDx*: massive [hydrocephalus](#), [hydranencephaly](#)

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Semilobar Holoprosencephaly =intermediate form with incomplete cleavage ofprosencephalon (more midline differentiation + beginning of sagittal separation) • mild facial anomalies: midline cleft lip + palate • [hypotelorism](#) • mental retardation ✓ single ventricular chamber with partially formed occipital horns + rudimentary temporal horns ✓ peripheral rim of brain tissue is several cm thick ✓ partially fused thalami anteriorly situated + abnormally rotated resulting in small 3rd ventricle ✓ [absence of septum pellucidum](#) + corpus callosum + olfactory bulb ✓ rudimentary falx cerebri + interhemispheric fissure form caudally with partial separation of occipital [lobes](#) ✓ incomplete hippocampal formation *Prognosis*:infants survive frequently into adulthood

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Lobar Holoprosencephaly =mildest form with two cerebral hemispheres + two distinct lateral ventricles. May be part of [septo-optic dysplasia!](#) • usually not associated with facial anomalies except for [hypotelorism](#) • mild to severe mental retardation, spasticity, athetoid movements. closely apposed bodies of lateral ventricles with distinct occipital + frontal horns. mild dilatation of lateral ventricles. [colpocephaly](#). unseparated frontal horns of angular squared shape + flatroof (on coronal images) due to dysplastic frontal [lobes](#). dysplastic anterior falx + interhemispheric fissure. [absence of septum pellucidum](#) + sylvian fissures. corpus callosum usually present. hippocampal formation nearly normal. basal ganglia + thalami may be fused / separated. pachygyria (= abnormally wide + plump gyri), [lissencephaly](#) (= o gyri) *Prognosis*: survival into adulthood

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HYDATID DISEASE OF BRAIN

=canine tapeworm ([Echinococcus granulosus](#)) in sheep-and cattle-grazing areas Location:liver (60%), lung (25%), CNS (2%) subcortical[✓] usually single, large round, sharply marginated smooth-walled hypodense cyst[✓] no significant surrounding edema; no rim enhancement[✓] development of daughter cysts (after rupture / following diagnostic puncture)

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HYDRANENCEPHALY

=liquefaction necrosis of cerebral hemispheres replaced by a thin membranous sac of leptomeninges in outer layer + remnants of cortex and white matter in inner layer, filled with CSF + necrotic debris *Incidence*: 0.2% of infant autopsies *Etiology*: absence of supraclinoid ICA system (? vascular occlusion / infection with toxoplasmosis or CMV) = ultimate form of [porencephaly](#) ■ seizures; respiratory failure; generalized flaccidity ■ decerebrate state with vegetative existence ✓ normal skull size / macrocrania / microcrania ✓ complete filling of hemicranium with membranous sac ✓ absence of cortical mantle (inferomedial aspect of temporal lobe, inferior aspect of frontal lobe, occipital lobe may be identified in some patients) ✓ brainstem usually atrophic ✓ cerebellum almost always intact ✓ thalamic, hypothalamic, mesencephalic structures usually preserved + project into cystic cavity ✓ central brain tissue can be asymmetric ✓ choroid plexus present ✓ falx cerebri + tentorium cerebelli usually intact, may be deviated in asymmetric involvement, may be incomplete / absent *Prognosis*: not compatible with prolonged extrauterine life (no intellectual improvement from shunting) *DDx*: (1) Severe [hydrocephalus](#) (some identifiable cortex present) (2) [Alobar holoprosencephaly](#) (facial midline anomalies) (3) [Schizencephaly](#) (some spared cortical mantle)

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HYDROCEPHALUS

=excess of CSF due to imbalance of CSF formation + absorption resulting in increased intraventricular pressure *Pathophysiology*: A. Overproduction (rare) B. Impaired absorption
1. Blockage of CSF flow within ventricular system, cisterna magna, basilar cisterns, cerebral convexities
2. Blockage of arachnoid villi / lymphatic channels of cranial nerves, spinal nerves, adventitia of cerebral vessels

Compensated hydrocephalus = new equilibrium established at higher intracranial pressure due to opening of alternate pathways (arachnoid membrane / stroma of choroid plexus / extracellular space of cortical mantle = transependymal flow of CSF)

Skull film: signs of raised intracranial pressure
A. YOUNG INFANT / NEWBORN
✓ increase in craniofacial ratio
✓ bulging of anterior fontanelle
✓ sutural diastasis
✓ macrocephaly + frontal bossing
✓ "hammered silver" appearance = prominent digital impressions (wide range of normals in 4-10 years of age)
B. ADOLESCENT / ADULT (changes in sella turcica)
✓ atrophy of anterior wall of dorsum sellae
✓ shortening of the dorsum sellae producing pointed appearance
✓ erosion / thinning / discontinuity of floor of sella
✓ depression of floor of sella with bulging into [sphenoid sinus](#)
✓ enlargement of sella turcica
DDx: osteoporotic sella (aging, excessive steroid hormone)

Signs favoring [hydrocephalus](#) over white matter atrophy:
✓ commensurate dilatation of temporal horn with lateral ventricles (most reliable sign)
✓ narrowing of ventricular angle (= angle between anterior / superior margins of frontal horns at level of foramen of Monro) due to concentric enlargement
✓ Mickey Mouse ears on axial scans
✓ enlargement of frontal horn radius (= widest diameter of frontal horns taken at 90° angle to long axis of frontal horn)
✓ rounding of frontal horn shape
✓ enlargement of ventricular system disproportionate to enlargement of cortical sulci (due to compression of brain tissue against skull + consequent sulcal narrowing)
✓ interstitial edema from transependymal flow of CSF
✓ [periventricular hypodensity](#)
✓ rim of prolonged T1 + T2 relaxation times surrounding lateral ventricles

Hydrocephalic distortion of ventricles + brain:
✓ atrial diverticulum = herniation of ventricular wall through choroidal fissure of ventricular trigone into supracerebellar + quadrigeminal cisterns
✓ dilatation of suprapineal recess expanding into posterior incisural space resulting in inferior displacement of [pineal gland](#) / shortening of tectum in rostral-caudal direction / elevation of vein of Galen
✓ enlargement of anterior recess of 3rd ventricle extending into suprasellar cistern

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Obstructive Hydrocephalus = obstruction to normal CSF flow + absorption

Communicating Hydrocephalus =EXTRAVENTRICULAR **HYDROCEPHALUS**= elevated intraventricular pressure secondary to blockade beyond the outlet of 4th ventricle within the subarachnoid pathways *Incidence*:38% of congenital hydrocephaly *Pathophysiology*: unimpeded CSF flow through ventricles, impeded CSF flow over convexities / impeded reabsorption by arachnoid villi *Cause*: [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) (most common cause), meningeal carcinomatosis ([medulloblastoma](#), germinoma, [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), adenocarcinoma), purulent / tuberculous [meningitis](#), subdural hematoma, craniostyostosis, achondroplasia, [Hurler syndrome](#), venous obstruction (obliteration of superior sagittal sinus), absence of Pacchioni granulations ✓ symmetric enlargement of lateral, 3rd, and often 4th ventricles ✓ dilatation of subarachnoid cisterns ✓ normal / effaced cerebral sulci ✓ symmetric low attenuation of periventricular white matter (transependymal CSF flow) ✓ delayed ascent of radionuclide tracer over convexities ✓ persistence of radionuclide tracer in lateral ventricles for up to 48 hours Changes after successful shunting: ✓ diminished size of ventricles + increased prominence of sulci ✓ cranial vault may thicken Cx:subdural hematoma (result from precipitous decompression)

Noncommunicating Hydrocephalus =INTRAVENTRICULAR **HYDROCEPHALUS**=blockade of CNS flow within the ventricular system with dilatation of ventricles proximal to obstruction *Pathogenesis*:increased CSF pressure causes ependymal flattening with breakdown of CSF-brain barrier leading to myelin destruction + compression of cerebral mantle (brain damage) *Location*: (a)Lateral ventricular obstruction *Cause*:[ependymoma](#), intraventricular [glioma](#), [meningioma](#)(b)Foramen of Monro obstruction *Cause*:3rd ventricular [colloid cyst](#), tuber, papilloma, [meningioma](#), septum pellucidum cyst / [glioma](#), fibrous membrane (post infection), giant cell [astrocytoma](#)(c)Third ventricular obstruction *Cause*:large [pituitary adenoma](#), teratoma, [craniopharyngioma](#), [glioma](#) of 3rd ventricle, hypothalamic [glioma](#)(d)Aqueductal obstruction *Cause*:Congenital web / atresia (often associated with Chiari malformation), fenestrated aqueduct, tumor of mesencephalon / [pineal gland](#), tentorial [meningioma](#), S/P intra-ventricular hemorrhage or infection(e)Fourth ventricular obstruction *Cause*:Congenital obstruction, Dandy-Walker syndrome, inflammation (TB), tumor within 4th ventricle ([ependymoma](#)), extrinsic compression of 4th ventricle ([astrocytoma](#), [medulloblastoma](#), large CPA tumors, posterior fossa mass), isolated / trapped 4th ventricle

✓ enlarged lateral ventricles (enlargement of occipital horns precedes enlargement of frontal horns) ✓ effaced cerebral sulci ✓ periventricular edema with indistinct margins (especially frontal horns) ✓ radioisotope cisternography: no obstruction if tracer reaches ventricle ✓ change in RI indicates [increased intracranial pressure](#) (→RI 47-132% versus 3-29% in normals)

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Nonobstructive Hydrocephalus =secondary to rapid CSF production Cause:[Choroid plexus papilloma](#) ventricle near papilloma enlarges intense radionuclide uptake in papilloma enlarged anterior / posterior choroidal artery and blush

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Congenital Hydrocephalus = multifactorial CNS malformation during the 3rd / 4th week after conception *Etiology*: (1) [aqueductal stenosis](#) (43%) (2) communicating [hydrocephalus](#) (38%) (3) Dandy-Walker syndrome (13%) (4) other anatomic lesions (6%) (a) Genetic factors: [spina bifida](#), [aqueductal stenosis](#) (X-linked recessive trait with a 50% recurrence rate for male fetuses), congenital atresia of foramina of Luschka and Magendie (Dandy-Walker syndrome; autosomal recessive trait with 25% recurrence rate), cerebellar agenesis, cloverleaf skull, [trisomy 13-18](#) (b) Nongenetic etiology: tumor compressing 3rd / 4th ventricle, obliteration of subarachnoid pathway due to infection (syphilis, CMV, [rubella](#), toxoplasmosis), proliferation of fibrous tissue ([Hurler syndrome](#)), Chiari malformations, [vein of Galen aneurysm](#), [choroid plexus papilloma](#), vitamin A intoxication *Incidence*: 0.3-1.8:1,000 pregnancies *Associated with*: (a) Intracranial anomalies (37%): hypoplasia of corpus callosum, encephalocele, [arachnoid cyst](#), [arteriovenous malformation](#) (b) extracranial anomalies (63%): [spina bifida](#) in 25-30% (with [spina bifida hydrocephalus](#) is present in 80%), [renal agenesis](#), [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), VSD, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), anal agenesis, [malrotation](#) of bowel, cleft lip / palate, Meckel syndrome, [gonadal dysgenesis](#), [arthrogryposis](#), [sirenomelia](#) (c) chromosomal anomalies (11%): [trisomy 18 + 21](#), mosaicism, balanced translocation ■ elevated amniotic [alpha-fetoprotein](#) level OB-US: (assessment difficult prior to 20 weeks GA as ventricles ordinarily constitute a large portion of cranial vault) "dangling choroid plexus sign" = choroid plexus not touching medial + lateral walls of lateral ventricles with downside choroid falling away from medial wall + upside choroid falling away from lateral wall lateral width of ventricular atrium ≥ 10 mm (size usually constant between 16 weeks MA and term) 88% of fetuses with sonographically detected neural [axis anomalies](#) have atrial width > 10 mm BPD > 95 th percentile (usually not before third trimester) [polyhydramnios](#) (in 30%) *Recurrence rate*: $< 4\%$ *Mortality*: (1) fetal death in 24% (2) neonatal death in 17% *Prognosis*: poor with (1) associated anomalies (2) shift of midline ([porencephaly](#)) (3) head circumference > 50 cm (4) absence of cortex ([hydranencephaly](#)) (5) cortical thickness < 10 mm

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Infantile Hydrocephalus ■ ocular disturbances: paralysis of upward gaze, abducens nerve paresis, nystagmus, ptosis, diminished pupillary light response ■ spasticity of lower extremities (from disproportionate stretching of paracentral corticospinal fibers) *Etiology: mnemonic: "A VP-Shunt Can Decompress The Hydrocephalic Child"* Aqueductal stenosis Vein of Galen aneurysm Postinfectious Superior vena cava obstruction Chiari II malformation Dandy-Walker syndrome Tumor Hemorrhage Choroid plexus papilloma

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Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus =NPH = ADAM SYNDROME=pressure gradient between ventricle + brain parenchyma in spite of normal CSF pressure
Cause: communicating [hydrocephalus](#) with incomplete arachnoidal obstruction from neonatal [intraventricular hemorrhage](#), spontaneous [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#), intracranial trauma, infection, surgery, carcinomatosis
mnemonic: "PAM the HAM" **P**aget disease **A**neurysm **M**eningitis **H**emorrhage (from trauma)
Achondroplasia **M**ucopolysaccharidosis
Pathophysiology of CSF: (?) brain pushed toward cranium from ventricular enlargement; brain unable to expand during systole thus compressing lateral + 3rd ventricles + expressing large CSF volume through aqueduct; reverse dynamic during diastole; "water-hammer" force of recurrent ventricular expansion damages periventricular tissues
Age: 50-70 years
• normal opening pressure at lumbar puncture
• [dementia](#), gait apraxia, [incontinence](#)
mnemonic: wacky, wobbly and wet
✓ communicating [hydrocephalus](#) with prominent temporal horns
✓ ventricles dilated out of proportion to any sulcal enlargement
✓ upward bowing of corpus callosum
✓ flattening of cortical gyri against inner table of calvarium (DDx: rounded gyri in generalized atrophy)
MR: ✓ pronounced aqueductal flow void (due to diminished [compliance](#) of normal pressure [hydrocephalus](#))
✓ periventricular hyperintensity (due to transependymal CSF flow)
Rx: CSF shunting (only 50% improved)

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HYPOTHALAMIC HAMARTOMA

=HAMARTOMA OF TUBER CINEREUM=rare congenital malformation composed of normal neuronal tissue arising from posterior hypothalamus in region of tuber cinereum Age:<2 years of age; M > F Histo:heterotopic collection of neurons, astrocytes, oligodendroglial cells (closely resembling histologic pattern of tuber cinereum)
■ isosexual [precocious puberty](#) (due to LRH secretion) ■ gelastic seizures, hyperactivity ■ neurodevelopmental delay Location:mamillary bodies / tuber cinereum of thalamus, rarely within hypothalamus itself ✓ well-defined round / oval mass projecting from base of brain into suprasellar / interpeduncular cistern ✓ attached to tuber cinereum / mamillary bodies by thin stalk (pedunculated) ✓ remain stable in size over time; up to 4 cm in diameter CT: ✓ round homogeneous mass isodense with brain tissue ✓ NO enhancement MR: ✓ well-defined round pedunculated mass suspended from tuber cinereum / mamillary bodies ✓ isointense on T1WI + iso- / slightly hyperintense on T2WI (imaging characteristics of gray matter) ✓ no gadolinium-enhancement

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IDIOPATHIC INTRACRANIAL HYPERTENSION

=PSEUDOTUMOR CEREBRI = BENIGN INTRACRANIAL HYPERTENSION (BIH) secondary to (a) elevation in blood volume (85%) (b) decrease in regional cerebral blood flow with delayed CSF absorption (10%) *Etiology*: 1. Sinovenous occlusive disease, SVC occlusion, obstruction of dural sinus, obstruction of both internal jugular veins 2. Dural AVM 3. S/P brain biopsy with edema 4. Endocrinopathies 5. [Hypervitaminosis A](#) 6. Hypocalcemia 7. Menstrual dysfunction, pregnancy, menarche, birth control pills 8. Drug therapy *Predilection for*: obese young to middle-aged women ■ headache ■ papilledema ■ elevated opening pressures on lumbar puncture ✓ normal ventricular size / pinched ventricles ✓ increased volume of subarachnoid space

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INFARCTION OF BRAIN

=brain cell death leading to coagulation necrosis *Pathophysiology*: distal microstasis occurs within 2 minutes after occlusion of cerebral artery; regional cerebral blood flow is acutely decreased in area of infarction + remains depressed for several days at center of infarct; arterial circulation time may be prolonged in entire hemisphere; rapid development of vasodilatation due to hypoxia, hypercapnia, tissue acidosis; delayed filling + emptying of arterial channels in area of infarction (= arteriolar-capillary block) well into venous phase; by end of 1st week regional blood flow commonly increases to rates even above those required for metabolic needs (= hyperemic phase = luxury perfusion) *Detection rate by CT*: 80% for cortex + mantle, 55% for basal ganglia, 54% for posterior fossa \uparrow positive correlation between degree of clinical deficit and CT *sensitivity* CT *sensitivity*: on day of ictus: 48% 1-2 days later: 59% 7-10 days later: 66% 10-11 days later: 74% Location: cerebrum: cerebellum = 19:1; (a) supratentorial-cerebral mantle (70%) in territory of MCA (50%), PCA (10%), watershed between MCA + ACA (7%), ACA (4%) - basal ganglia + internal capsule (20%) (b) infratentorial (10%) upper cerebellum (5%), lower cerebellum (3%), pons + medulla (2%)

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Hyperacute Ischemic Infarction *Time period:* <12 hours CT: ✓ normal (in 10-60%) ✓ "hyperdense artery sign" = acute intraluminal thrombus (25-50% of acute MCA occlusions) ✓ obscuration of lentiform nucleus (50-80% of MCA occlusions) ✓ calcified intraluminal embolus (rare) MR (more sensitive than CT): ✓ parenchymal swelling due to cytotoxic edema (= increased intracellular water) can be seen by 2 hours post ictus (best on T1WI) NUC: ✓ Newer imaging agents (eg, Tc-99m HM-PAO) may be positive within minutes of the event, while CT and MR are normal ✓ hemispheric hypoperfusion throughout all phases ✓ defect corresponding to nonperfused vascular territory ✓ "flip-flop sign" in radionuclide angiogram (15%) = decreased [uptake](#) during arterial + capillary phase followed by increased [uptake](#) during venous phase ✓ "luxury perfusion syndrome" (14%) = increased perfusion

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Acute Ischemic Infarction *Histo*: cortical cytotoxic edema (from loss of vascular autoregulation) followed by white matter vasogenic edema (a) Substage I (12-24 hours) NCCT: ✓ low-density basal ganglia ✓ effacement of gray-white matter junction, eg, "insular ribbon sign" = hypodense extreme capsule no longer distinguishable from insular cortex ✓ subtle sulcal effacement (8%) CECT: ✓ no iodine accumulation in affected cortical region MR (routinely positive by 4-6 hours post ictus): ✓ subtle narrowing of sulci ✓ increase in thickness of cortex (= gyral swelling) ✓ blurring of gray-white matter junction on T2- and proton-density images ✓ contrast-enhanced cortical arterial vessels in area of brain injury (due to slow arterial blood flow provided by collateral circulation via leptomeningeal anastomoses) ✓ subtle low-signal intensity on T1WI, high-signal intensity on T2WI (masking of gyral infarcts on heavily T2WI due to sulcal CSF intensity) MRA: ✓ absence of flow for infarcts >2 cm in diameter (b) Substage II (1-7 days) NCCT: ✓ hypodense wedge-shaped lesion with base at cortex in a vascular distribution (in 70%) due to vasogenic + cytotoxic edema ✓ mass effect (23-75%): sulcal effacement, transtentorial herniation, displaced subarachnoid cisterns + ventricles ✓ "bland infarct" may be transformed into hemorrhagic infarct after 2-4 days (due to leakage of blood from ischemically damaged capillary endothelium following lysis of intraluminal clot + arterial reperfusion) CECT: ✓ [gyral enhancement](#) along cortex MR: ✓ intravascular enhancement sign (77%) = Gd-pentetate enhancement of vessels supplying infarct after 1-3 days ✓ meningeal enhancement sign = Gd-pentetate enhancement of meninges adjacent to infarct after 2-6 days Angio: ✓ narrowed / occluded vessels supplying the area of infarction ✓ delayed filling + emptying of involved vessels ✓ early draining vein ✓ luxury perfusion of infarcted area (rare) = loss of small vessel autoregulation due to local increase in pH

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Subacute Ischemic Infarction *Time period:* 7-30 days = paradoxical phase with resolution of edema + onset of coagulation necrosis
NCCT: \checkmark "fogging phenomenon" = low-density area less apparent \checkmark decrease of mass effect + ex vacuo dilatation of ventricles (in 57%) \checkmark \pm transient calcification (especially in children)
CECT: \checkmark gyral blush + ring enhancement (breakdown of blood-brain barrier + luxury perfusion) for 2-8 weeks (in 65-80% within first 4 weeks) \checkmark no enhancement in 1/5 of patients
MR: *Histo:* vasogenic edema (= increased extracellular water) due to disruption of blood-brain barrier \checkmark hypointense on T1WI, hyperintense on T2WI \checkmark gyriform parenchymal Gd-pentetate enhancement \checkmark Gyriform parenchymal enhancement permits differentiation of subacute from chronic infarction!

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Chronic Ischemic Infarction *Time period:* >30 days *Histo:* demyelination + gliosis complete (focal brain atrophy after 8 weeks) ✓ [cerebral atrophy](#) + encephalomalacia + gliosis (HALLMARKS) NCCT: ✓ cystic foci of CSF-density (= encephalomalacia) in vascular distribution MR: ✓ patchy region with increased intensity on T2WI ✓ gliosis (hyperintense on T2WI) often surrounding encephalomalacic region ✓ wallerian degeneration (= anterograde degeneration of axons secondary to neuronal injury) of corticospinal tracts in the wake of old large infarcts that involve the motor cortex

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Hemorrhagic Infarction *Etiology:* lysis of embolus / opening of collaterals / restoration of normal blood pressure following hypotension / hypertension / anticoagulation causes extravasation in reperfused ischemic brain *Incidence:* 6% of clinically diagnosed brain infarcts, 20% of autopsied brain infarcts *Path:* petechial hemorrhages in various degrees of coalescence *Location:* corticomedullary junction *CT:* ✓ hyperdensity appearing within a previously imaged hypodense acute ischemic infarct = hemorrhagic transformation (in 50-72%) *MR:* ✓ hypointense area on T2WI within edema marking gyri = deoxyhemoglobin of acute hemorrhage ✓ hyperintense area on T1WI = methemoglobin of subacute hematoma

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Basal Ganglia Infarct =occlusion of small penetrating arteries at base of brain (lenticulostriate / thalamoperforating arteries)= lacunar infarct (infarcts <1 cm in size)

Cause: (1) Embolism (2) Hypoperfusion (3) Carbon monoxide poisoning (4) Drowning (5) Vasculopathy (hypertension, microvasculopathy, aging) ↓ dense homogeneous enhancement outlining caudate nucleus, putamen, globus pallidus, thalamus ↓ dense round nodular enhancement / peripheral ring enhancement

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Laminar Necrosis =ischemic changes affecting deep layers of the cortex (layers 3, 5, 6 very sensitive to oxygen deprivation)MR: (a)acute stage✓ linear cortical hyperintensity on T1WI✓ contrast enhancement✓ white matter edema on T2WI(b)chronic stage✓ thin hypointense cortex✓ hyperintense white matter✓ enlargement of CSF spaces

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Lacunar Infarction = small deep infarcts in the distal distribution of penetrating vessels (lenticulostriate, thalamoperforating, pontine perforating arteries, recurrent artery of Heubner) *Cause*: occlusion of small penetrating end arteries at base of brain due to fibrinoid degeneration *Predisposed*: hypertensive / diabetic patients *Incidence*: 20% of cerebral infarctions *Path*: lacune = cavitated infarct resulting in small hole traversed by cobweblike fibrous strands *Histo*: "microatheroma" = hyalinization + arteriolar sclerosis resulting in thickening of vessel wall + luminal narrowing ■ pure motor / pure sensory [stroke](#) ■ ataxic hemiparesis *Location*: upper two-thirds of putamen > caudate > thalamus > pons > internal capsule ✓ small discrete foci of hypodensity between 3 mm and 15 mm in size (most <1 cm in diameter) ✓ higher in signal intensity than CSF (due to marginal gliosis) ✓ unilateral pontine infarcts are sharply marginated at midline

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TIA and RIND ✓ hypodense small lesions located peripherally near / within cortex without enhancement ✓ lesions detected in only 14%, contralateral lesion present in 14% (CT of marginal value)

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INIENEPHALY

=complex developmental anomaly characterized by (1) exaggerated lordosis (2) rachischisis (3) imperfect formation of skull base at [foramen magnum](#) M:F = 1:4
Associated with other anomalies in 84%: [anencephaly](#), encephalocele, [hydrocephalus](#), cyclopia, absence of mandible, cleft lip / palate, diaphragmatic hernia, [omphalocele](#), [gastroschisis](#), [single umbilical artery](#), CHD, polycystic kidney disease, [arthrogryposis](#), clubfoot ∇ dorsal flexion of head ∇ abnormally short + deformed spine
Prognosis: almost uniformly fatal *DDx:* (1) [Anencephaly](#) (2) [Klippel-Feil syndrome](#) (3) Cervical [myelomeningocele](#)

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INTRAVENTRICULAR NEUROCYTOMA

=INTRAVENTRICULAR [NEUROBLASTOMA](#)=benign primary neoplasm of lateral + 3rd ventricles/*Incidence*:unknown; tumor frequently mistaken for intraventricular [oligodendroglioma](#)*Age*:20-40 years*Histo*:uniform round cells with central round nucleus + fine chromatin stippling ± perivascular pseudorosettes, focal microcalcifications (closely resembling [oligodendroglioma](#) but with neuronal differentiation into synapselike junctions)*Location*:body ± frontal horn of lateral ventricle, may extend into 3rd ventricle[✓] entirely intraventricular well-circumscribed tumor, coarsely calcified (69%), containing cystic spaces (85%)[✓] mild to moderate contrast enhancement[✓] attachment to septum pellucidum CHARACTERISTIC[✓] ± hemorrhage into tumor / ventricle[✓] [hydrocephalus](#)[✓] peritumoral edema extremely uncommonMR: [✓] isointense relative to cortical gray matter on T1WI + T2WI with heterogeneous areas due to calcifications, cystic spaces, vascular flow voids (62%)*Rx*:complete surgical resection*DDx*: (1)Intraventricular [oligodendroglioma](#) (no hemorrhage)(2)[Astrocytoma](#) (peritumoral edema in 20%)(3)[Meningioma](#) (almost exclusively in trigone, >30 years of age)(4)[Ependymoma](#) (in + around 4th ventricle / trigone, in childhood)(5)Subependymoma (in + around 4th ventricle, young adults)(6)[Choroid plexus papilloma](#) (body + posterior horn of lateral ventricle, intense enhancement, younger patient)(7)[Colloid cyst](#) (anterior 3rd ventricle / foramen of Monroe, calcifications uncommon)(8)[Craniopharyngioma](#) (extraventricular origin)(9)Teratoma + [dermoid](#) cyst (fat attenuation)

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JAKOB-CREUTZFELDT DISEASE

=rare transmissible disease developing over weeks *Cause*: "prion" = protein devoid of functional nucleic acid; ? slow-virus infection *Age*: older adults *Histo*: classified as "spongiform encephalopathy" • rapidly progressive [dementia](#), ataxia, myoclonus ✓ hyperintense lesions in head of caudate nucleus + putamen, bilaterally on T2WI ✓ NO gadolinium-enhancement of lesions ✓ NO white matter involvement *Prognosis*: usually fatal within 1 year of onset

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JOUBERT SYNDROME

• episodic hyperpnea • abnormal eye movement • ataxia, mental retardation *Path:* (1) nearly total aplasia of cerebellar vermis (2) dysplasia + heterotopia of cerebellar nuclei (3) near total absence of pyramidal decussation (4) anomalies in structure of inferior olivary nuclei, descending trigeminal tract, solitary fascicle, dorsal column nuclei
4th ventricle triangle-shaped at mid-level + bat-wing-shaped superiorly
cerebellar hemispheres appose one another in midline
superior cerebellar peduncles surrounded by CSF

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LIPOMA

=congenital tumor developing within subarachnoid space as a result of abnormal differentiation of the meninx primitiva (which differentiates into pia mater, arachnoid, inner meningeal layer of dura mater)
Incidence: <1% of brain tumors
Age: presentation in childhood / adulthood
Associated with congenital anomalies: (a) in anterior location: various degrees of [agenesis of corpus callosum](#) (in 50-80%)(b) in posterior location (in <33%)
• asymptomatic in 50%
Location: (usually in subarachnoid space) callosal cistern (25-50%), sylvian fissure, quadrigeminal cistern, chiasmatic cistern, interpeduncular cistern, CP angle cistern, cerebellomedullary cistern, tuber cinereum, choroid plexus of lateral ventricle
CT: ✓ well-circumscribed mass with CT density of -100 HU ✓ occasionally calcified rim (esp. in corpus callosum) ✓ no enhancement
MR: ✓ hyperintense mass on T1WI + less hyperintense on T2WI (CHARACTERISTIC)

[Lipoma of Corpus Callosum](#)

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Lipoma of Corpus Callosum =congenital pericallosal tumor not actually involving the corpus callosum as a result of faulty disjunction of neuroectoderm from cutaneous ectoderm during process of [neurulation](#)*Incidence*:approx. 30% of intracranial lipomas*Associated with*: (1)anomalies of corpus callosum (30% with small posterior [lipoma](#), 90% with large anterior [lipoma](#))(2)frontal bone defect (frequent) = encephalocele(3)cutaneous frontal [lipoma](#) ● in 50% symptomatic: ● seizure disorders, mental retardation, [dementia](#) ● emotional lability, headaches ● hemiplegiaPlain film: ✓ midline calcification with associated lucency of fat densityCT: ✓ area of marked hypodensity immediately superior to lateral ventricles with possible extension inferiorly between ventricles / anteriorly into interhemispheric fissure✓ curvilinear peripheral / nodular central calcification within fibrous capsule (more common in anterior compared with posterior lipomas)MR: ✓ hyperintense midline mass superior + posterior to corpus callosum on T1WI✓ no callosal fibers dorsal to [lipoma](#)✓ branches of pericallosal artery frequently course through [lipoma](#)*DDx*:[dermoid](#) (denser, extra-axial), teratoma

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LISSENCEPHALY

= "smooth brain" = AGYRIA-PACHYGYRIA COMPLEX = most severe of [neuronal migration](#) anomalies; autosomal recessive disease with abnormal cortical stratification
agyria = absence of gyri on brain surface
Pachygyria
pachygyria = focal / diffuse area of few broad flat gyri

A. COMPLETE LISSENCEPHALY = AGYRIA most frequently parieto-occipital in location
B. INCOMPLETE LISSENCEPHALY = areas of both agyria + pachygyria, pachygyric areas most frequently in frontal + temporal regions

Histo: thick gray + thin white matter with only four cortical layers I, III, V, VI (instead of six layers)
Often associated with: (1) CNS anomalies: [microcephaly](#), [hydrocephalus](#), [agenesis of corpus callosum](#), hypoplastic thalami (2) micromelia, clubfoot, [polydactyly](#), camptodactyly, [syndactyly](#), [duodenal atresia](#), [micrognathia](#), [omphalocele](#), hepatosplenomegaly, cardiac + renal anomalies
• micrencephaly
• severe mental retardation
• hypotonia + occasional myoclonic spasm
• early seizures refractory to medication
✓ smooth thickened cortex with diminished white matter
✓ figure-eight appearance of cerebrum on axial images due to shallow widened vertically oriented sylvian fissures
✓ absent / shallow sulci and gyri (brain looks similar to that in fetuses <23 weeks GA)
✓ middle cerebral arteries close to inner table of calvarium (absence of sulci)
✓ small splenium + absent rostrum of corpus callosum
✓ hypoplastic brainstem (lack of formation of corticospinal + corticobulbar tracts)
✓ [ventriculomegaly](#) (atrium + occipital horns)
✓ midline round calcification in area of septum pellucidum (CHARACTERISTIC)
✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (50%)
Prognosis: death by age 2
DDx: Polymicrogyria (= formation of multiple small gyri mimicking pachygyria on CT + MR, most common around sylvian fissures, broad thickened gyri with frequent gliosis subjacent to polymicrogyric cortex as the most important differentiating feature)

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LYMPHOID HYPOPHYSITIS

=rare inflammatory autoimmune disorder with lymphocytic infiltration of [pituitary gland](#) *Associated with:* thyrotoxicosis + hypopituitarism *Age:* almost exclusively in early postpartum women • headaches, vision loss, inability to lactate / to resume normal menses / enlarged homogeneously enhancing [pituitary gland](#) *Prognosis:* spontaneous regression *Rx:* steroids (reduction in pituitary size on follow-up)

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LYMPHOMA

A. PRIMARY LYMPHOMA (93%) = RETICULUM CELL SARCOMA = HISTIOCYTIC LYMPHOMA = MICROGLIOMA increased incidence (350-fold) in immunocompromised patients: [AIDS](#), [renal transplant](#), Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, immunoglobulin deficiency A, [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#) Associated with: intraocular lymphoma B. SECONDARY (7%) = SYSTEMIC LYMPHOMA Location: tendency for dura mater + leptomeninges • palsies of cranial nerves III, VI, VII • Primary lymphoma is indistinguishable from secondary! Clues: (1) multicentric involvement of deep hemispheres (2) association with immunosuppression (3) rapid regression with corticosteroids / radiation therapy = "ghost tumor" Prevalence: 0.3-2% of all intracranial tumors; 7-15% of all primary brain tumors (equivalent to [meningioma](#) + low-grade [astrocytoma](#)); M > F • Only 0.8% of lymphomas are primary CNS lesions Peak age: 30-50 years; M:F = 2:1 Histo: atypical pleomorphic B-cells mixed with reactive T-cells infiltrate blood vessel walls + cluster within perivascular (Virchow-Robin) spaces simulating [vasculitis](#) • symptoms of rapidly enlarging mass (60%) • symptoms of [encephalitis](#) (<25%) • [stroke](#) (7%) • cranial nerve palsy, demyelinating disease • personality changes, headaches, seizures • cerebellar signs, motor dysfunction • CSF cytology positive in 4-25-43%: elevated protein, mononuclear / blast / other lymphoma cells Location: supratentorial: posterior fossa = 3-9:1; paramedian structures preferentially affected; white matter + corpus callosum (55%), deep central gray matter of basal ganglia + thalamus + hypothalamus (17%), posterior fossa + cerebellum (11%), spinal cord (1%); multicentricity in 11-47% Site: tendency to abut ependyma + meninges (12-30%); "butterfly pattern" of frontal lobe lymphoma; dural involvement may mimic [meningioma](#) (rare) Spread: typically infiltrating; may cross anatomic boundaries + midline, diffuse leptomeningeal spread; subependymal spread + ventricular encasement
✓ commonly large discrete solitary lesion (57%) ✓ Large lesion suggests lymphoma! ✓ small + symmetric multiple nodular lesions (43-81%) ✓ diffusely infiltrating lesion with blurred margins ✓ usually mildly hyperdense (33%) / occasionally isodense / low-density area (least common) ✓ little mass effect with significant peritumoral edema ✓ homogeneously dense + well-defined / irregular + patchy periventricular contrast enhancement ✓ commonly thick-walled ring enhancement ✓ spontaneous regression (unique feature) MR (superior to CT): ✓ well-demarcated round / oval / gyral-shaped (rare) mass ✓ relatively little mass effect for size ✓ isointense / slightly hypointense relative to gray matter on T1WI ✓ hypo- to isointense / hyperintense (less common) relative to gray matter on T2WI ✓ ring pattern (= central necrosis with densely cellular rim in hyperintense "sea of edema") typical in immunocompromised patients ✓ intense ring-shaped contrast enhancement on T1WI ✓ irregular sinuous / gyral-like contrast enhancement or homogeneous enhancement ✓ solid homogeneous enhancement in immunocompetent patient ✓ irregular heterogeneous ringlike mass in immunocompromised patient ✓ periventricular enhancement is highly SPECIFIC (DDx: CMV ependymitis) ✓ Angio: ✓ avascular mass / tumor neovascularity ✓ focal blush in late arterial-to-capillary phase persisting well into venous phase ✓ arterial encasement ✓ dilated deep medullary veins NUC: ✓ increased uptake of C-11 methionine on PET ✓ increased uptake of thallium-201 on SPECT Prognosis: median survival of 45 days for [AIDS](#) patients; median survival of 3.3 months for immuno-competent patients; improved with radiation therapy (4.5-20 months) + chemotherapy DDx: A. Neoplastic disorders (1) [Glioma](#) (may be bilateral with involvement of basal ganglia + corpus callosum, may show dense homogeneous enhancement with vascularity) (2) [Metastases](#) (known primary, at gray-white matter junction) (3) [Primitive neuroectodermal tumor](#) (4) [Meningioma](#) B. Infectious disease (multicentricity) (1) [Abscess](#), especially toxoplasmosis (large edema) (2) [Sarcoidosis](#) (3) [Tuberculosis](#) C. Demyelinating disease (1) [Multiple sclerosis](#) (2) [Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy](#)

Spinal Epidural Lymphoma Leukemia

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Spinal Epidural Lymphoma (a)invasion of epidural space through intervertebral foramen from paravertebral lymph nodes(b)destruction of bone with vertebral collapse (less common)(c)direct involvement of CNS (rare)

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Leukemia CNS affected in 10% of patients with acute [leukemia](#) ↑ enlargement of ventricles + sulci due to atrophy (31%) ↓ sulcal / fissural / cisternal enhancement (meningeal infiltration) in 5% *Prognosis*: 3-5 months survival if untreated

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MESIAL TEMPORAL SCLEROSIS

Cause: long-standing temporal lobe epilepsy *Histo:* marked neuronal loss throughout hippocampal subfields with relative sparing of the CA2 subfield *Mechanism for excitotoxicity-induced neuronal death:* seizures cause excessive neuronal depolarization which cause overproduction of excitatory amino acid neurotransmitters which cause excessive activation of N-methyl-D-aspartate receptors which cause unregulated entry of Ca^{2+} which causes neuronal swelling with cytotoxic edema \checkmark increased signal intensity + decreased volume of hippocampus compared to contralateral side on T2WI *Associated limbic system findings:* \checkmark ipsilateral atrophy of fornix (55%) \checkmark ipsilateral atrophy of mamillary body (26%) *Associated extrahippocampal abnormalities:* \checkmark increased signal intensity of anterior temporal lobe cortex (38%) \checkmark cerebral hemiatrophy (1%)

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MEDULLOBLASTOMA

most malignant infratentorial neoplasm; most common neoplasm of posterior fossa in childhood (followed by cerebellar [astrocytoma](#)) *Incidence*: 15-20% of all pediatric intracranial tumors; 30-40% of all posterior fossa neoplasms in children; 2-10% of all intracranial gliomas *Origin*: from external granular layer of inferior medullary velum (= roof of 4th ventricle) *Histo*: completely undifferentiated cells (50%), desmoplastic variety (25%), glial / neuronal differentiation (25%) *Age*: 40% within first 5 years of life; 75% in first decade; between ages 5-14 (2/3); between ages 15-35 (1/3); M:F = 2-4:1 • duration of symptoms <1 month prior to diagnosis: nausea, vomiting, headache, increasing head size, ataxia *Site*: (a) vermis cerebelli + roof of 4th ventricle (younger age group) in 91% (b) cerebellar hemisphere (older age group) *Size*: usually >2 cm in diameter ✓ well-defined vermian mass with widening of space between cerebellar tonsils ✓ encroachment on 4th ventricle / aqueduct with [hydrocephalus](#) (85-95%) ✓ shift / invagination of 4th ventricle ✓ rapid growth with extension into cerebellar hemisphere / brainstem (more often in adults) ✓ extension into cisterna magna + upper cervical cord, occasionally through foramina of Luschka into cerebellopontine angle cistern ✓ mild / moderate surrounding edema (90%) *CT*: Classic features in 53%: ✓ slightly hyperdense (70%) / isodense (20%) / mixed (10%) lesion ✓ rapid intense homogeneous enhancement (97%) due to usually solid tumor Atypical features: ✓ cystic / necrotic areas (10-16%) with lack of enhancement ✓ calcifications in 13% ✓ hemorrhage in 3% ✓ supratentorial extension *MR*: ✓ mixed / hypointense on T1WI ✓ hypo- / iso- / hyperintense on T2WI ✓ usually homogeneous Gd-DTPA enhancement with hypointense rim ✓ cerebellar folia blurred *Cx*: (1) Subarachnoid metastatic spread (30-100%) via CSF pathway to spinal cord + cauda equina ("drop metastases" in 40%), cerebral convexities, sylvian fissure, suprasellar cistern, retrograde into lateral + 3rd ventricle ✓ continuous "frosting" of tumor on pia (2) Metastases outside CNS (axial skeleton, lymph nodes, lung) after surgery *Rx*: surgery + radiation therapy (extremely radiosensitive) *DDx of midline medulloblastoma*: [ependymoma](#), [astrocytoma](#) (hypodense) *DDx of eccentric medulloblastoma*: [astrocytoma](#), [meningioma](#), [acoustic neuroma](#)

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MENINGIOMA

Incidence: most common [extra-axial tumor](#); 15-18% of intracranial tumors in adults; 1-2% of primary brain tumors in children; 33% of all incidental intracranial neoplasms **Origin:** derived from meningotheial cells concentrated in arachnoid villi (= "arachnoid cap cells") which penetrate the dura (villi are numerous in large dural sinuses, in smaller veins, along root sleeves of exiting cranial + spinal nerves, choroid plexus) **Histologic classification:** -benign behavior pattern (a) fibroblastic type = fibrous type interwoven bands of spindle cells + collagen + reticulin fibers (b) transitional type = mixed type features of meningotheial + fibroblastic forms -aggressive imaging appearance (c) meningotheial = syncytial type forming a syncytium of closely packed cells with indistinct borders (d) angioblastic / malignant type probably [hemangiopericytoma](#) / hemangioblastoma arising from vascular pericytes **Age:** peak incidence 45 years (range 35-70 years); rare <20 years (in children >50% malignant, M > F); M:F = 1:2 to 1:4 **Associated with:** type 2 [neurofibromatosis](#) (multiple meningiomas, occurrence in childhood) 10% of patients with multiple meningiomas have type 2 [neurofibromatosis](#) Most common radiation-induced CNS tumor with latency period of 19-35 years varying with dosage! **Types:** (1) Globular meningioma (most common): compact rounded mass with invagination of brain; flat at base; contact to falx / tentorium / basal dura / convexity dura (2) Meningioma en plaque: pronounced hyperostosis of adjacent bone particularly along base of skull; difficult to distinguish hyperostosis from tumor cloaking the inner table (DDx: [Paget disease](#), [chronic osteomyelitis](#), [fibrous dysplasia](#), metastasis) (3) Multicentric meningioma (2-9%): 16% in autopsy series; tendency to localize to a single hemispheric; present clinically at earlier age; global / mixed; CSF seeding is exceptional; in 50% associated with [neurofibromatosis](#) type 2 **Location:** (a) convexity = lateral hemisphere (20-34%) (b) parasagittal = medial hemisphere (18-22%) -falcine meningioma (5%) below superior sagittal sinus, usually extending to both sides (c) sphenoid ridge + middle cranial fossa (17-25%) (d) frontobasal (10%) (e) posterior fossa (9-15%) -cerebellar convexity (5%) -tentorium cerebelli (2-4%) -cerebellopontine angle (2-4%) -clivus (<1%) (f) spine (12%) **Atypical location:** (a) cerebellopontine angle (<5%) (b) optic nerve sheath (<2%) (c) intraventricular (2-5%): 80% in lateral (L > R), 15% in 3rd, 5% in 4th ventricle; from infolding of meningeal tissue during formation of choroid plexus Most common trigonal intraventricular mass in adulthood! (d) ectopic = extradural (<1%): intradiploic space, outer table of skull, scalp, paranasal sinus, parotid gland, [parapharyngeal space](#), mediastinum, lung, adrenal gland **Plain film:** hyperostosis at site close to / within bone (exostosis, enostosis, sclerosis) Hyperostosis does NOT indicate tumor infiltration! blistering at [paranasal sinuses](#) (ethmoid, sphenoid) ± sclerosis (= pneumosinus dilatans) enlarged meningeal grooves (if location in vault), enlarged [foramen spinosum](#) calcification (= psammoma bodies) **CT:** sharply demarcated well-circumscribed slowly growing mass wide attachment to adjacent dura mater "cortical buckling" of underlying brain isodense / hyperdense lesion (psammomatous calcifications) on NECT calcifications in circular / radial pattern (20%) (DDx: [osteoma](#)) "intraosseous meningioma" = permeation of bone with intra- and extracerebral soft-tissue component (DDx: [fibrous dysplasia](#)) hyperostosis of adjacent bone (18%) intense uniform enhancement on CECT (absence of blood-brain barrier) minimal peritumoral edema (in up to 75%): NO correlation between tumor size + amount of edema (DDx: intra-axial lesion) cystic component: major in 2%, minor in 15% **MR** (100% detection rate with gadolinium DTPA): hypo- to isointense on T1WI + iso- to hyperintense on T2WI (intensity depends on amount of cellularity versus collagen elements) homogeneous / heterogeneous texture (tumor vascularity, cystic changes, calcifications) arcuate bowing of white matter + cortical effacement tumor-brain interface of low-intensity vessels + high-intensity cerebrospinal cleft on T2WI contrast enhancement for 3-60 minutes on T1WI as high as 148% over brain parenchyma "dural tail" sign = curvilinear area of enhancement tapering off from the margin of tumor along dural surface in 60% (= dural tumor infiltration / reactive hypervascularity / reactive hyperplastic changes) **Angio:** "mother-in-law" phenomenon (contrast material shows up early and stays late into venous phase) "sunburst" / "spoke-wheel" pattern of tumor vascularity with hypervascular cloudlike stain early draining vein (rare: perhaps in angioblastic meningioma) en plaque meningioma is poorly vascularized **Vascular supply:** A. External carotid artery (almost always): 1. vault: middle meningeal artery 2. sphenoid plane + tuberculum: recurrent meningeal branch of ophthalmic a. 3. tentorium: meningeal branch of meningohypophyseal trunk of ICA 4. clivus + posterior fossa: [vertebral artery](#) / ascending pharyngeal artery 5. falx: partly middle meningeal artery + others B. [Internal carotid artery](#) (rare): 1. intraventricular: choroidal vessels Cx: local invasion of venous sinuses **ATYPICAL MENINGIOMA (15%)** 1. Low attenuation area of necrosis, old hemorrhage, cyst formation, fat (DDx: malignant [glioma](#), metastasis) (a) **Cystic meningioma** (2-4%) **Frequency:** 55-65% in 1st year of life; 10% in children type I = intratumoral central / eccentric cyst (ischemic necrosis, microcystic degeneration, breakdown of hemorrhagic products); often associated with meningotheial / microcystic / atypical / malignant histologic subtype type II = extratumoral intraparenchymal cyst ([arachnoid cyst](#) / reactive gliosis / liquefactive necrosis of adjacent brain) type III = trapped CSF (DDx: cystic / necrotic [glioma](#)) (b) **Lipoblastic meningioma** (5%) metaplastic change of meningotheial cells into adipocytes 2. Heterogeneous / ring enhancement (secondary to bland tumor infarction / necrosis in aggressive histologic variants / true cyst formation from benign fluid accumulation) 3. "En plaque" morphology 4. "Comma shape" = combination of semilunar component bounded by dural interface + spherical component growing beyond dural margin 5. Sarcomatous transformation with spread over hemisphere + invasion of cerebral parenchyma (leptomeningeal supply) 6. **Meningeal hemangiopericytoma** multilobulated contour narrow dural base / "mushroom" shape large intratumoral vascular signals bone erosion prominent peritumoral edema multiple irregular feeding vessels on angiogram

[Sphenoid Wing Meningioma](#) [Suprasellar Meningioma](#)

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Sphenoid Wing Meningioma 1. Hyperostotic meningioma en plaque ■ slowly progressive unilateral painless exophthalmos ■ numbness in distribution of cranial nerve V₁ + V₂ ■ headaches, seizures 2. Meningioma arising from middle third of sphenoid ridge ■ headaches, seizures ✓ compression of regional frontal + temporal lobes 3. Meningioma arising from clinoid process ✓ encasement of carotid + middle cerebral arteries ✓ compression of optic nerve + chiasm 4. Meningioma of planum sphenoidale ✓ subfrontal growth + posterior growth into sella turcica and clivus ✓ hyperostotic blistering of planum sphenoidale

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Suprasellar Meningioma *Incidence:* 10% of all intracranial meningiomas *Origin:* from arachnoid + dura along tuberculum sellae / clinoids / diaphragma sellae / cavernous sinus with secondary extension into sella; NOT from within pituitary fossa ■ hypothalamic / pituitary dysfunction (rare) √ irregular hyperostosis = blistering adjacent to sinus (HALLMARK of meningiomas at planum sphenoidale / tuberculum sellae) √ pneumatosis sphenoidale = increased pneumatization of sphenoid in area of anterior clinoids + dorsum sellae (DDx: normal variant) √ broad base of attachment √ intense homogeneous enhancement (may be impossible to differentiate from [supraclinoid carotid aneurysm](#) on CT) √ [blood supply](#): posterior ethmoidal branches of ophthalmic artery, branches of meningohypophyseal trunk MR: √ large mass isointense to gray matter on T1WI + T2WI √ hyperintense flattened [pituitary gland](#) within floor of sella √ marked homogeneous enhancement on T1WI DDx: metastasis, [glioma](#), [lymphoma](#)

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MENINGITIS

1. Pachymeningitis: affecting dura mater 2. Leptomeningitis: affecting pia matter / arachnoid (most common) • headaches, stiff neck • confusion, disorientation • positive CSF lab analysis
ROLE of CT and MR: (1) to exclude parenchymal abscess, [ventriculitis](#), localized [empyema](#) (2) to evaluate [paranasal sinuses](#) / [temporal bone](#) as source of infection (3) to monitor complications: [hydrocephalus](#), subdural effusion, infarction

[Purulent Meningitis](#) [Granulomatous Meningitis](#)

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Purulent Meningitis Cause: otitis media / [sinusitis](#) Organism: (a) adults: Meningococcus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae, Neisseria meningitidis, Staphylococcus aureus (b) children: Escherichia coli, Citrobacter, b-hemolytic Streptococcus
NECT: ✓ often normal ✓ increased density in subarachnoid space (increased vascularity), esp. in children ✓ small ventricles secondary to diffuse cerebral edema
CECT: ✓ marked curvilinear meningeal enhancement over cerebrum (frontal + parietal [lobes](#)) and interhemispheric + sylvian fissures ✓ obliteration of basal cisterns with enhancement (common)
MR (most sensitive modality): ✓ hyperintense plaques on T2WI ✓ leptomeningeal enhancement with Gd-DTPACx: (1) [Cerebritis](#) (2) [Ventriculitis](#) = ependymitis (secondary to retrograde spread) (3) Brain atrophy (4) Brain infarction (arteritis, venous thrombosis) (5) Subdural effusion [sterile subdural effusion secondary to H. influenzae [meningitis](#) (in children) may turn into [empyema](#)] (6) [Hydrocephalus](#) (cellular debris blocking foramen of Monro, aqueduct, 4th ventricular outlet / intraventricular septa / arachnoid adhesions) (7) Cranial nerve dysfunction
Prognosis: ✓ Cerebral infarction + edema are predictive of poor outcome ✓ Enlargement of ventricles + subarachnoid spaces + subdural effusions have no predictive value
Mortality: 10% (5th common cause of death in children between 1 and 4 years of age) DDx: meningeal carcinomatosis

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Granulomatous Meningitis *Histo*:thick exudate, perivascular inflammation, granulation tissue + reactive fibrosis(1)Tuberculous meningitis = basilar meningitis:part of generalized miliary tuberculosis / primary tuberculous infection; in infants + small children(2)[Sarcoidosis](#)may be associated with single / multiple intracerebral masses(3)Fungal meningitis: [cryptococcosis](#), [candidiasis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#) (endemic), [blastomycosis](#), mucormycosis (diabetics), [nocardiosis](#), [actinomycosis](#), [aspergillosis](#) (under chronic corticosteroid therapy) ■ acute life-threatening process / chronic indolent disease*May be associated with*: [cerebritis](#), abscess formation
[hydrocephalus](#)CT: ✓ obliteration of basal cisterns, sylvian fissure, suprasellar cistern (isodense cisterns secondary to filling with debris)✓ intense contrast enhancement of gyri + involved subarachnoid spaces✓ calcification of meninges✓ decreased attenuation of white matterMR: ✓ high-signal intensity of basilar cisterns on T2WI✓ enhancement with gadopentetate dimeglumineCx:(1)[hydrocephalus](#) (obliteration of basal cisterns; blocking of CSF flow + CSF absorption)(2)infarction (due to arteritis)

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METACHROMATIC LEUKODYSTROPHY

=MLD = most common hereditary (autosomal recessive) leukodystrophy (dysmyelinating disorder)

Cause: deficiency of arylsulfatase A resulting in severe deficiency of myelin lipid sulfatide within macrophages + Schwann cells *Age of presentation:* before age 3 (2/3), in adolescence (1/3)

A. LATE INFANTILE FORM *Age:* 2nd year of life ■ gait disorder + strabismus ■ impairment of speech ■ spasticity + tremor ■ intellectual deterioration *Prognosis:* death within 4 years of onset
B. JUVENILE FORM *Age:* 5-7 years
C. ADULT FORM ■ organic mental syndrome ■ progressive corticospinal, corticobulbar, cerebellar, extrapyramidal signs

✓ progressive loss of hemispheric brain tissue
CT: ✓ symmetric low density of white matter adjacent to ventricles (esp. centrum ovale and frontal horns) ✓ progressive atrophy ✓ no contrast enhancement
MR: ✓ progressive symmetrical areas of hypointensity on T1WI ✓ hyperintensity on T2WI (increased water) *Prognosis:* death within several years

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METASTASES TO BRAIN

Incidence: 14-37% of all intracranial tumors *Metastatic primary:* Six tumors account for 95% of all brain metastases: 1. Bronchial carcinoma (47%): RARELY squamous cell carcinoma 2. Breast carcinoma (17%) 3. GI-tract tumors (15%): colon, rectum 4. Hypernephroma (10%) 5. Melanoma (8%) 6. [Choriocarcinoma](#) In childhood: 1. [Leukemia](#) / [lymphoma](#) 2. [Neuroblastoma](#) Brain metastases from sarcomas are exceptionally rare! Location: (a) corticomedullary junction of brain (most characteristic) (b) subarachnoid space = carcinomatous [meningitis](#) (15%) (c) subependymal spread (frequent in breast carcinoma) (d) skull (5%)

HEMORRHAGIC METASTASES (in 3-4%): 1. [Malignant melanoma](#) 2. [Choriocarcinoma](#) 3. Oat cell carcinoma of lung 4. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) 5. [Thyroid carcinoma](#) hyperdense without contrast / hypervascular with contrast *mnemonic:* "MATCH" Melanoma Anaplastic lung carcinoma [Thyroid carcinoma](#) Choriocarcinoma Hypernephroma

CYSTIC METASTASES: 1. Squamous cell carcinoma of lung 2. Adenocarcinoma of lung

CALCIFIED METASTASES: 1. Mucin-producing neoplasm 2. Cartilage- / bone-forming sarcoma 3. Effective radiochemotherapy

Presentation: -multiple lesions (2/3), single lesion (1/3)-cerebral hemispheres (57%), cerebellum (29%), brainstem (32%)-nodular deposits to dura are common / multiple lesions of different sizes + locations / surrounding edema usually exceeds tumor volume CT: / solid enhancement in small tumors / ringlike enhancement in large tumors MR: (a combination of T2WI + contrast-enhanced T1WI offer greatest [sensitivity](#)) / hypointense mass relative to edema on T2WI / hypointensity more pronounced in melanoma + mucinous adenocarcinoma (paramagnetic effect) / homogeneous / ring / nodular mixed enhancement after Gd-DTPA; often more than one metastatic focus identified in region of colliding edema / asymmetric enhancement of dura with dural spread / leptomeningeal enhancement (eg, in metastatic [ependymoma](#))

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MICROCEPHALY

=clinical syndrome characterized by a head circumference below the normal range *Incidence*: 1:6:1,000 or 1:6,200-1:8,500 births *Etiology*: (1) Undiagnosed intrauterine infection (toxoplasmosis, [rubella](#), CMV, herpes, syphilis), toxic agents, drugs hypoxia, radiation, maternal [phenylketonuria](#) (2) Premature craniosynostosis (3) Chromosomal abnormalities (trisomies 13, 18, 21) (4) [Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#) *Often associated with*: micrencephaly, macrogyria, pachygyria, atrophy of basal ganglia, decrease in dendritic arborization, [holoprosencephaly](#) ∇ AC:HC discrepancy ∇ head circumference <3 S.D. below the mean ∇ apelike sloping of forehead ∇ dilatation of lateral ventricles ∇ poor growth of fetal cranium ∇ intracranial contents may not be visible (rare) *Prognosis*: normal to severe mental retardation (depending on degree of microcephaly)

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MINERALIZING MICROANGIOPATHY

=RADIATION-INDUCED LEUKOENCEPHALOPATHY=sequelae of radiotherapy combined with methotrexate therapy for [leukemia](#) *Incidence*: in 25-30% after >9 months after treatment *Age*: childhood *Cause*: deposition of [calcium](#) within small vessels of previously irradiated brain parenchyma ■ 85% without neurologic deficits *CT*: thin reticular / serrated linear / punctate calcifications near corticomedullary junction, especially in basal ganglia + frontal and posterior parietal [lobes](#) symmetric low-attenuation process in white matter near corticomedullary area *MR*: confluent diffuse periventricular distribution spreading peripherally with an irregular scalloped edge

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MOYAMOYA DISEASE

=progressive obstructive / occlusive cerebral arteritis affecting distal ICA at bifurcation into its branches (anterior 2/3 of circle of Willis), usually involving both hemispheres *Etiology*: unknown *Age*: predominantly in children + young adults *Path*: endothelial hyperplasia + [fibrosis](#) without associated inflammatory reaction ● headaches ● behavioral disturbances ● recurrent hemiparetic attacks ✓ bilateral stenosis / occlusion of supraclinoid portion of internal carotid extending to proximal portions of middle + anterior cerebral arteries ✓ large network of vessels in basal ganglia ("puff of smoke") + upper brainstem fed by basilar artery, anterior + middle cerebral arteries (dilatation of lenticulostriate + thalamoperforating arteries) ✓ anastomoses between dural meningeal + leptomeningeal arteries Cx: [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) (occasionally)

[Moyamoya Syndrome](#)

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Moyamoya Syndrome *Etiology:* neurocutaneous syndromes ([neurofibromatosis](#)), bacterial [meningitis](#), periarteritis nodosa, [head trauma](#), [tuberculosis](#), oral contraceptives, atherosclerosis, sickle cell anemia

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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

=most frequent form of chronic inflammatory demyelinating disease of unknown etiology, which reduces the lipid content and brain volume; characterized by a relapsing + remitting course
Prevalence: 6:10,000 (higher frequency in cooler climates; increased incidence with positive family history)
Cause: ? viral / autoimmune mechanism
Peak age: 25-30 (range of 20-50) years; M:F = 2:3
Histo: (a) acute stage: perivenular inflammation (at junctions of pial veins) with hypercellularity (= infiltration of lipid-laden macrophages + lymphocytes)-well-demarcated demyelination (destruction of oligodendroglia with loss of myelin sheath)-reactive astrocytosis (= gliosis), initially with preservation of axons (= denuded axons) resulting in scar (= white matter plaque)(b) chronic stage: plaques advance to fibrillary gliosis with reduction in inflammatory component
Clinical forms: (a) relapsing remitting (b) relapsing progressive (c) chronic progressive
■ waxing and waning course with ■ numbness, dysesthesia, burning sensations ■ signs of brain neoplasm: headaches, seizures, dizziness, nausea, weakness, altered mental status ■ ataxia, diplopia ■ [optic neuritis](#) = retrobulbar pain, central loss of vision, afferent pupillary defect (Marcus Gunn pupil) ■ trigeminal neuralgia (1-2%) ■ Schumacher criteria: (1) CNS dysfunction (2) involvement of two / more parts of CNS (3) predominant white matter involvement (4) two / more episodes lasting >24 hours less than 1 month apart (5) slow stepwise progression of signs + symptoms (6) at onset 10-50 years of age
■ Rudick red flags (suggests diagnosis other than MS): (1) no eye findings (2) no clinical remission (3) totally local disease (4) no sensory findings (5) no bladder involvement (6) no CSF abnormality
@Brain: number + extent of plaques correlate with duration of disease + degree of cognitive impairment
Location: subependymal periventricular location (along lateral aspects of atria + occipital horns), corpus callosum, internal capsule, centrum semiovale, corona radiata, optic nerves, chiasm, optic tract, brainstem (ventrolateral aspect of pons at 5th nerve root entry), cerebellar peduncles, cerebellum; rather symmetric involvement of cerebral hemispheres; subcortical U fibers NOT spared
lesion size: 1-25 (majority between 5 and 10) mm
large lesions may masquerade as brain tumors
lesions usually without mass effect / edema unless acute
ovoid lesions (86%) oriented with their long axis perpendicular to ventricular walls (due to perivenous demyelination; pathologically described as "Dawson fingers")
chronic plaques do not enhance (due to intact blood-brain barrier)
CT: normal CT scan (18%)
nonspecific atrophy of brain (45%): enlarged ventricles, prominent sulci
periventricular (near atria) multifocal nonconfluent lesions with distinct margins (location not always correlating well with symptoms)
(a)NECT: isodense / lucent (b)CECT: transient enhancement during acute stage (active demyelination) for about 2 weeks; may require double dose of contrast; ultimately disappearance / permanent scar
MR (modality of choice; 95% specific): well-margined discrete foci of varying size with high-signal intensity on T2WI + proton density images (= loss of hydrophobic myelin produces increase in water content); hypointense on T1WI
Gd-DTPA enhancement of lesions on T1WI (up to 8 weeks following acute demyelination with breakdown of blood-brain barrier)
lesions on undersurface of corpus callosum (CHARACTERISTIC sagittal images)
@Spinal cord: Most common demyelinating process of spinal cord!
In 12% without coexistent intracranial plaques!
number + extent of plaques correlate with degree of disability
Location: predilection for cervical region
Site: eccentric involvement of dorsal + lateral elements abutting subarachnoid space
atrophic plaques oriented along spinal cord axis
length of plaque usually less than 2 vertebral body segments + width less than half of cross section
acute tumefactive MS = cord swelling + enhancement
DDx: (1) Cord tumor (follow-up after 6 weeks without decrease in size of lesion) (2) Infection (3) Acute transverse myelitis (after viral illness / vaccination)
Rx: steroids (inciting rapid decrease in size of lesions + loss of enhancement)
DDx: (1) White matter ischemic disease (patients >50 years of age, lesions <5 mm, not infratentorial) (2) Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (lesions of similar age) (3) AIDS, CNS vasculitis, migraine, radiation injury, lymphoma, sarcoidosis, tuberculosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, cysticercosis, metastases, multifocal glioma, neurofibromatosis, contusions

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MYELINOCLASTIC DIFFUSE SCLEROSIS

=SCHILDER DISEASE=rare demyelinating disorder with episodic recurrence and remission Age:children > adults; M:F = 1:1 Histo:selective confluent demyelination with relative axonal sparing, perivascular inflammatory infiltrate, reactive astrocytosis (indistinguishable from multiple sclerosis) • hemiplegia, aphasia, ataxia, blindness • swallowing difficulties, progressive dementia • increased intracranial pressure Location:centerum semiovale ✓ large bilateral white matter lesions with mass effect ✓ enhancement with IV contrast material Rx:usually responsive to corticosteroids DDX:(1)Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (history of recent viral illness, monophasic course, lesions less confluent, no mass effect / enhancement)(2)[Adrenoleukodystrophy](#) (bilaterally symmetric, confluent lesions, parietal location)(3)Tumor, abscess, infarct

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Germinal Matrix Bleed =GERMINAL MATRIX-RELATED HEMORRHAGE

Germinal matrix = highly vascular gelatinous subependymal tissue adjacent to lateral ventricles in which the cells that compose the brain are generated; has its largest volume around 26 weeks GA; decreases in size with increasing fetal maturity; usually involutes by 32-34 weeks of gestation Location: greatest portion of germinal matrix above caudate nucleus in floor of lateral ventricle, tapering as it sweeps from frontal horn posteriorly into temporal horn, roof of 3rd + 4th ventricle Arterial supply: via Heubner artery from ACA, striate branches of MCA, anterior choroidal a., perforating branches from meningeal aa. Capillary network: persisting immature vascular rete = large irregular endothelial-lined channels devoid of connective tissue support (collagen and muscle) Venous drainage: terminal vv., choroidal v., thalamostriate v. course anteriorly + feed into internal cerebral v. which has a posterior course

Risk factors: (1) prematurity (2) low birth weight (3) sex (M:F = 2:1) (4) [multiple gestations](#) (5) trauma at delivery (6) prolonged labor (7) hyperosmolarity (8) hypocoagulation (9) [pneumothorax](#) (10) [patent ductus arteriosus](#) **Etiology:** hypoxia with loss of autoregulation **Pathogenesis:** rupture of friable vascular bed due to (1) fluctuating cerebral blood flow in preterm infants with [respiratory distress](#) (2) increase in cerebral blood flow with (a) systemic hypertension ([pneumothorax](#), REM sleep, handling, tracheal suctioning, ligation of PDA, seizures, instillation of mydriatics) (b) Rapid volume expansion (blood, colloid, hyperosmolar glucose / sodium bicarbonate) (c) Hypercarbia (RDS, asphyxia) (3) increase in cerebral venous pressure with labor and delivery, asphyxia (= impairment in exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide), respiratory disturbances (4) decrease in cerebral blood flow with systemic hypotension followed by reperfusion (5) platelet and coagulation disturbance **Incidence:** in premature neonates <32 weeks of age; in 43% of infants <1,500 g (in 65% of 500-700 g infants, in 25% of 701-1,500 g infants); in up to 50% without prenatal care, in 5-10% with prenatal care Location: region of the caudate nucleus and thalamostriate groove (= caudothalamic notch) remains metabolically active the longest; in 80-90% in infants <28 weeks of MA age **Time of onset:** 36% on first day, 32% on second day, 18% on first 3 day of life; by 6th day 91% of all intracranial bleeds have occurred **GRADES** (Papile classification) I: subependymal hemorrhage confined to germinal matrix (GMH) on one / both sides II: subependymal hemorrhage ruptured into nondilated ventricle (IVH) III: [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) (IVH) with ventricular enlargement: (a) mild, (b) moderate, (c) severe IV: extension of germinal matrix hemorrhage into brain parenchyma (IPH) **Serial scans:** 5-10-day intervals

US (100% [sensitivity](#) + 91% [specificity](#) for lesions >5 mm; 27% [sensitivity](#) + 88% [specificity](#) for lesions ≤5 mm): Germinal matrix hemorrhage (grade I) ✓ well-defined ovoid area of increased echogenicity (= fibrin mesh within clot) inferolateral to floor of frontal horn ± body of lateral ventricle ✓ bulbous enlargement of caudothalamic groove anterior to termination of choroid plexus **DDx:** choroid plexus (attached to inferomedial aspect of ventricular floor, tapers toward caudothalamic groove, never anterior to foramen of Monro) ✓ resolving bleed develops central sonolucency ✓ outcome: (1) complete involution (2) thin echogenic scar (3) subependymal cyst Mild [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) (grade II) ✓ echogenic material filling a portion of lateral ventricles (acute phase) becoming sonolucent in a few weeks ✓ clot may gravitate into occipital horns ✓ vertical band of echogenicity between thalami on coronal scans (blood in 3rd ventricle) ✓ irregular bulky choroid plexus (clot layered on surface of choroid plexus) ✓ temporarily increased echogenicity of ventricular wall (= subependymal white halo between 7 days and 6 weeks after hemorrhagic event) Extensive [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) (grade III) ✓ intraventricular cast of blood distending the lateral ventricles ✓ ± extension of hemorrhage into basal cisterns, cavum septi pellucidi ✓ hemorrhage becomes progressively less echogenic ✓ temporarily thickened echogenic walls of ventricles ("[ventriculitis](#)") [Intraparenchymal hemorrhage](#) (grade IV) **Cause:** (a) extension of hemorrhage originating from germinal matrix (unusual) (b) separate hemorrhage within infarcted periventricular tissue (frequent) Location: on side of largest amount of IVH, commonly lateral to frontal horns / in parietal lobe, rare in occipital lobe + thalamus ✓ homogeneous highly echogenic intraparenchymal mass with irregular margins ✓ central hypoechogenicity (liquefying hematoma after 10-14 days) ✓ retracted clot settles to dependent position (3-4 weeks) ✓ complete resolution by 8-10 weeks results in anechoic area (= porencephalic cyst)

CT: Most sensitive + definite means to define site + extent of hemorrhage, especially in subdural hemorrhage, cerebral parenchymal hemorrhage, posterior fossa lesion ✓ hyperdense bleed only visible up to 7 days before it becomes isodense Cx: (1) Posthemorrhagic [hydrocephalus](#) (30-70%) ✓ Severity of [hydrocephalus](#) directly proportional to size of original hemorrhage! **Cause:** (a) temporary blockage of arachnoid villi by particulate blood clot (within days), often transient with partial / total resolution (b) obliterative fibrosing [arachnoiditis](#) often in cisterna magna (within weeks); frequently leads to permanent progressive ventricular dilatation (50%) ✓ thickened echogenic ventricular walls Time of onset: by 14 days (in 80%) • delayed clinical signs because of compressible premature brain parenchyma ✓ ventricular dilatation, particularly affecting the occipital horns (amount of compressible immature white matter is larger posteriorly) **DDx:** [ventriculomegaly](#) secondary to periventricular [cerebral atrophy](#) (occurring slowly over several weeks) (2) Cyst formation (a) cavitation of hemorrhage (b) unilocular subependymal cyst (c) unilocular porencephalic cyst (3) Mental retardation, cerebral palsy (4) Death in 25% (IVH most common cause of neonatal death) **Prognosis:** (1) Grade I + II: good with normal developmental scores (12-18% risk of handicap) (2) Grade III + IV: 54% mortality; 30-40% risk of handicap (spastic diplegia, spastic quadriplegia, intellectual retardation)

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Choroid Plexus Hemorrhage affects primarily full-term infants Cause:[birth trauma](#), asphyxia, apnea, seizures[✓] echogenicity of choroid plexus same as hemorrhage[✓] nodularity of choroid plexus[✓] enlargement of choroid plexus >12 mm in AP diameter[✓] left-right asymmetry >5 mm[✓] [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) without subependymal hemorrhage Cx:[intraventricular hemorrhage](#) (25%)

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Intracerebellar Hemorrhage *Cause:* (a)full-term infant: traumatic delivery, intermittent positive pressure ventilation, coagulopathy(b)premature infant: subependymal germinal matrix hemorrhage up to 30 weeks gestation*Incidence:*16-21% of autopsies[✓] echogenicity of vermis same as hemorrhage[✓] echogenic mass in less echogenic cerebellar hemisphere (coronal scan most useful)[✓] nonvisualization / deformity of 4th ventricle[✓] asymmetry in thickness of paratentorial echogenicity is a sign of [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#)*Prognosis:*poor + frequently fatal

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Intraventricular Hemorrhage *Etiology:* (a) germinal matrix hemorrhage ruptures through ependymal lining at multiple sites (b) bleeding from choroid plexus. Route of hemorrhage: blood dissipates throughout ventricular system + aqueduct of Sylvius, passes through foramina of 4th ventricle, collects in basilar cistern of posterior fossa. ■ seizures, dystonia, obtundation, intractable acidosis ■ bulging anterior fontanelle, drop in hematocrit, bloody / proteinaceous CSF. IVH usually cleared within 7-14 days. Cx: (1) [Intracerebral hemorrhage](#) (2) [Hydrocephalus](#)

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Periventricular Leukoencephalopathy Periventricular Leukomalacia =PVL = perinatal hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy=principal ischemic lesion of the premature infant characterized by focal coagulation necrosis of deep white matter as a result of ischemic infarction involving the watershed (= arterial border) zones between central and peripheral vascularityVascular supply: (a)ventriculopedal branches penetrating cerebrum from pial surface are derived from MCA ± PCA ± ACA(b)ventriculofugal branches extending from ventricular surface are derived from choroidal arteries ± striate arteriesIncidence: 7-22% at autopsy (88% of infants between 900 and 2,200 g surviving beyond 6 days); in 34% of infants <1,500 g; in 59% of infants surviving longer than 1 week on assisted ventilation; only 28% detected by cranial sonography Histo:edema, white matter necrosis, evolution of cysts + cavities / diminished myelin; nonhemorrhagic : hemorrhagic PVL = 3:1Pathogenesis: immature autoregulation of periventricular vessels secondary to deficient muscularis of arterioles limits vasodilation in response to hypoxemia + hypercapnia + hypotension of perinatal asphyxia (hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy) • "cerebral palsy" (in 6.5% of infants <1,800 g) • spastic diplegia (81%) > quadriplegia (necrosis of descending fibers from motor cortex) • choreaathetosis, ataxia • ± mental retardation • severe visual / hearing impairment • convulsive disordersLocation: bilateral white matter subjacent to external angle of lateral ventricular trigones, involving particularly the centrum semiovale (frontal horn + body), optic (occipital horn), and acoustic (temporal horn) radiations

US (50% sensitivity + 87% specificity): Early changes (2 days to 2 weeks after insult) ✓ increased periventricular echogenicity (PVE) (DDx: echogenic periventricular halo / blush of fiber tracts in normal neonates, white matter gliosis, [cortical infarction](#) extending into deep white matter) ✓ bilateral often asymmetric zones, occasionally extending to cortex ✓ infrequently accompanied by IVHLate changes (1-3-6 weeks after development of echodensities): ✓ periventricular cystic PVL = cystic degeneration of ischemic areas (= multiple small never septated periventricular cysts in relationship to lateral ventricles; the larger the echodensities, the sooner the cyst formation) ✓ brain atrophy secondary to thinning of periventricular white matter always at trigones, occasionally involving centrum semiovale ✓ [ventriculomegaly](#) (after disappearance of cysts) with irregular outline of body + trigone of lateral ventricles ✓ deep prominent sulci abutting the ventricles with little / no interposed white matter (DDx: [schizencephaly](#)) ✓ enlarged interhemispheric fissureCT (not sensitive in early phase): ✓ [periventricular hypodensity](#) (DDx: immature brain with increased water + incomplete myelination)MR (not sensitive in early phase): ✓ hypointense areas on T1WI ✓ hyperintense periventricular signals on T2WI in peritrigonal region ✓ thinning of posterior body + splenium of corpus callosum (= degeneration of transcallosal fibers)

Prognosis: major neurologic problem / death in up to 62%; PVL localized to frontal lobes show relative normal development; generalized PVL results in neurologic deficits in close to 100% DDx:tissue damage from [ventriculitis](#) (sequelae of [meningitis](#)), metabolic disorders, in utero ischemia (eg, maternal cocaine abuse)

Periventricular Hemorrhagic Infarction =hemorrhagic necrosis of periventricular white matter, usually large + asymmetricIncidence:in 15-25% of infants with IVHPathogenesis: (a)germinal matrix hemorrhage with intraventricular blood clot (in 80%)(b)ischemic periventricular leukomalacialead to obstruction of terminal veins with sequence of venous congestion + thrombosis + infarction Histo:perivascular hemorrhage of medullary veins near ventricular angleAssociated with:the most severe cases of [intraventricular hemorrhage](#)Age:peak occurrence on 4th postnatal day • spastic hemiparesis (affecting lower + upper extremities equally) / asymmetric quadriplegia (in 86% of survivors)Location:lateral to external angle of lateral ventricle on side of more marked IVH: 67% unilateral; 33% bilateral but asymmetric Early changes (hours to days after major IVH): ✓ unilateral / asymmetric bilateral triangular "fan-shaped" echodensities ✓ extension from frontal to parietooccipital regions / localized (particularly in anterior portion of lesion)Late changes: ✓ single large cyst = [porencephaly](#) ✓ bumpy ventricle / false accessory ventriclePrognosis:59% overall mortality with echodensities >1 cm; in 64% major intellectual deficits

Encephalomalacia =more extensive brain damage than PVL; may include all of white matter in subcortex + cortexAssociated with: (1)Neonatal

asphyxia(2)Vasospasm(3)Inflammation of CNS ✓ small ventricles (edema) with diffuse damage ✓ increased parenchymal echogenicity making it difficult to define normal structures ✓ decreased vascular pulsations ✓ transcranial Doppler:(a)group I (good prognosis) ✓ normal flow profile, normal velocities, normal resistive index(b)group II (guarded prognosis) ✓ increase in peak-systolic + end-diastolic flow velocities + decreased resistive index(c)group III (unfavorable prognosis) ✓ reduced diastolic flow + decreased peak systolic and diastolic velocities + increased resistive index ✓ ventricular enlargement + atrophy ✓ extensive multicystic encephalomalacia with cysts often not communicating

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NEUROBLASTOMA

Age at presentation: <2 years (50%); <4 years (75%); <8 years (90%); peak age <3 years ■ abdominal mass (45%) ■ neurologic signs (20%) ■ bone pain / limp (20%) ■ orbital ecchymosis / proptosis (12%) ■ catecholamine production (95%) with paroxysmal episodes of flushing, tachycardia, hypertension, headaches, sweating, intractable diarrhea, acute cerebellar encephalopathy ■ positive bone marrow aspiration (70%) Location: adrenal gland (67%), chest (13%), neck (5%), intracranial (2%); commonly involvement of multiple skeletal sites NUC (overall [sensitivity](#) of detection better than radiography): CAVE: symmetric lytic neuroblastoma metastases occur frequently in metaphyseal areas where normal epiphyseal activity obscures lesions[✓] purely lytic lesions may present as photopenic areas[✓] [soft-tissue uptake](#) of Tc-99m phosphate in 60%[✓] frequently Ga-67 [uptake](#) in primary site of neuroblastoma *Prognosis:* 2-year survival (a) in 60% for age <1 year (b) in 20% for ages 1-2 years (c) in 10% for ages >2 years

A. PRIMARY CEREBRAL NEUROBLASTOMA (rare) *Age:* childhood / early adolescence[✓] large hypodense / mixed-density mass with well-defined margins[✓] intratumoral coarse dense calcifications[✓] central cystic / necrotic zones with hemorrhage Cx: metastasizes via subarachnoid space to dura + calvarium

B. SECONDARY NEUROBLASTOMA (common) metastatic to: @ liver @ skeleton[✓] osteolysis with periosteal new-bone formation[✓] sutural diastasis[✓] hair-on-end appearance of skull @ orbit: [✓] unilateral proptosis[✓] Neuroblastoma usually not metastatic to brain!

[Olfactory Neuroblastoma](#)

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Olfactory Neuroblastoma =very malignant tumor arising from olfactory mucosa *Types:*1.Esthesioneuroepithelioma2.Esthesioneurocytoma3.Esthesioneuroblastoma[✓]
mass in superior nasal cavity with extension into ethmoid + maxillary sinusesCx:distant metastases in 20%

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NEUROFIBROMATOSIS

=autosomal dominant inherited disorder, probably of neural crest origin affecting all 3 germ cell layers, capable of involving any organ system *Path*: pure neurofibromas (= tumor of nerve sheath with involvement of nerve, nerve fibers run through mass) + neurilemmomas (nerve fibers diverge and course over the surface of the tumor mass); frequently combined (1)discrete round mass(2)plexiform = tortuous tangles / fusiform enlargement of peripheral nerves (PATHOGNOMONIC of neurofibromatosis type 1) *Histo*:proliferation of fibroblasts + Schwann cells

[Peripheral Neurofibromatosis \(90%\) Neurofibromatosis with Bilateral Acoustic Neuromas](#)

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Peripheral Neurofibromatosis (90%) = **NEUROFIBROMATOSIS** TYPE 1 = NF-1 = VON RECKLINGHAUSEN DISEASE = dysplasia of mesodermal + neuroectodermal tissue with potential for diffuse systemic involvement; autosomal dominant with abnormalities of long arm of chromosome 17: *von Recklinghausen* has 17 letters; 50% spontaneous mutants; variable expressivity *Incidence*: 1:2,000-4,000; M:F = 1:1; most common of **phakomatoses**

Diagnostic criteria (at least two must be present): (1) >6 café-au-lait spots >5 mm in greatest diameter (>15 mm in postpubertal individuals) (2) ≥2 neurofibromas of any type / one plexiform neurofibroma (3) freckling in axilla / inguinal region (4) optic glioma (5) ≥2 Lisch nodules (= pigmented hamartomas of iris) (6) distinctive osseous lesion (eg, sphenoid dysplasia / thinning of long bone cortex) ± pseudarthrosis (7) first-degree relative (parent, sibling, child) with peripheral neurofibromatosis *May be associated with*: (1) MEA IIb (**pheochromocytoma** + **medullary carcinoma of thyroid** + multiple neuromas) (2) CHD (10 fold increase): pulmonary valve stenosis, ASD, VSD, IHSS

A. CNS MANIFESTATIONS
1. **Intracranial**
1. Optic pathway glioma isolated to single optic nerve ± extension to other optic nerve, chiasm, optic tracts *Histo*: pilocytic astrocytoma with perineural / subarachnoid spread (optic nerve is embryologically part of hypothalamus and develops gliomas instead of schwannomas) in up to 30% of all neurofibromatosis patients 10% of all optic nerve gliomas are associated with neurofibromatosis
2. Cerebral gliomas astrocytomas of tectum, brainstem, gliomatosis cerebri (= unusual confluence of astrocytomas)
3. **Hydrocephalus** obstruction usually at aqueduct of Sylvius *Cause*: benign aqueductal stenosis, glioma of tectum / tegmentum of mesencephalon
4. Vascular dysplasia = occlusion / stenosis of distal internal carotid artery, proximal middle / anterior cerebral artery moyamoya phenomenon (60-70%)
5. Schwannomas of cranial nerves 3-12 (most commonly 5 + 8)
6. Craniofacial plexiform neurofibromas = locally aggressive congenital lesion composed of tortuous cords of Schwann cells, neurons + collagen with progression along nerve of origin (usually small unidentified nerves) *Location*: commonly orbital apex, superior orbital fissure
7. CNS hamartomas (up to 75-90%) = probably dysmyelinating lesions (may resolve) *Location*: pons, basal ganglia (most commonly in globus pallidus), thalamus, cerebellar white matter multiple foci of isointensity on T1WI + hyperintensity on T2WI without mass effect (= "unidentified bright objects")
8. Vacuolar / spongiotic myelinopathy (in 66%) *Location*: basal ganglia (esp. in globus pallidus), cerebellum, internal capsule, brainstem nonenhancing hyperintense foci on T2WI
@ Spine
1. **Paraspinal neurofibromas** tumors of varying sizes at nearly every level throughout the spinal canal enlargement of neural foramina due to "dumbbell" neurofibroma of spinal nerves fusiform / spherical low-attenuation mass (20-30 HU) slightly hyperintense to muscle on T1WI, hyperintense periphery + hypointense core on T2WI hypoechoic well-circumscribed cylindrical lesion spinal cord displaced to contralateral side
2. **Lateral / intrathoracic meningocele** = diverticula of thecal sac extending through widened neural foramina *Cause*: dysplasia of meninges focally stretched by CSF pulsations *Location*: thoracic level (most common) erosion of bony elements with marked posterior scalloping widening of neural foramina (due to protrusion of spinal meninges)

B. SKELETAL MANIFESTATIONS (in 30-40-80%)
• **dwarfism** caused by scoliosis
@ Orbit
✓ Harlequin appearance to orbit = partial absence of greater and lesser wing of sphenoid bone + orbital plate of frontal bone (failure of development of membranous bone) hypoplasia + elevation of lesser wing of sphenoid defect in sphenoid bone ± extension of middle cranial fossa structures into orbit concentric enlargement of optic foramen (optic glioma) enlargement of orbital margins + superior orbital fissure (plexiform neurofibroma of peripheral and sympathetic nerves within orbit / optic nerve glioma) sclerosis in the vicinity of optic foramen (optic nerve sheath meningioma) deformity + decreased size of ipsilateral ethmoid + maxillary sinus
@ Skull
✓ macrocranium + macroencephaly calvarial defect adjacent to left lambdoid suture = parietal mastoid (rare)
@ Spine
✓ sharply angled kyphoscoliosis (50%) in lower thoracic + lumbar spine; kyphosis predominates over scoliosis; incidence increases with age *Cause*: abnormal development of vertebral bodies hypoplasia of pedicles, transverse + spinous processes posterior scalloping of vertebral bodies with dural ectasia (secondary to weakened meninges allowing transmission of normal CSF pulsations)
@ Chest
✓ twisted "ribbonlike" ribs in upper thoracic segments accompanying kyphoscoliosis localized cortical notches / depression of inferior margins of ribs (DDx: aortic coarctation) intrathoracic meningoceles lung + mediastinal neurofibromas progressive pulmonary interstitial fibrosis
@ Appendicular skeleton
✓ anterolateral bowing of lower half of tibia (most common) / fibula (frequent) / upper extremity (uncommon) ± pseudarthrosis secondary to deossification with bowing fracture in 1st year of life atrophic thinned / absent fibulas periosteal dysplasia = traumatic subperiosteal hemorrhage with abnormal easy detachment of periosteum from bone subendosteal sclerosis bone erosion from periosteal / soft-tissue neurofibromas intramedullary longitudinal streaks of increased density single / multiple cystic lesions within bone (? deossification / nonossifying fibroma) focal gigantism = unilateral overgrowth of a limb bone; marked enlargement of a digit in a hand / foot (overgrowth of ossification center)

C. NEURAL CREST TUMORS
1. **Pheochromocytoma**: hypertension in adults
2. Parathyroid adenomas: hyperparathyroidism

D. VASCULAR LESIONS
Schwann cell proliferation within vessel wall
1. Cranial artery stenosis
2. **Renal artery stenosis**: very proximal, funnel-shaped (one of the most common causes of hypertension in childhood)
3. Renal artery aneurysm
4. Thoracic / abdominal aortic coarctation

E. GI TRACT MANIFESTATIONS (10-25%)
• pain, intestinal bleeding • obstruction (simulating Hirschsprung disease (with plexiform neurofibromas of colon) *Location*: jejunum > stomach > ileum > duodenum; retroperitoneal / paraspinal *Associated with*: increased prevalence of carcinoid tumors + GI stromal tumors (a) solitary pattern = single neurofibroma, neuroma, ganglioneuroma, schwannoma subserosal / submucosal filling defect ("mucosal ganglioneurofibromatosis") (b) plexiform pattern = regional enlargement of nerve root trunks mass effect on adjacent barium-filled loops multiple eccentric polypoid filling defects involving mesenteric side of small bowel mesenteric fat trapped within entangled network (15-30 HU) **CHARACTERISTIC** multiple leiomyomas ± ulcer *Cx*: intussusception

F. OCULAR MANIFESTATIONS (6%)
• pulsatile exophthalmos / unilateral proptosis (herniation of subarachnoid space + temporal lobe into orbit) • buphthalmos = congenital glaucoma (aberrant mesodermal tissue obstructing canal of Schlemm)
1. Plexiform neurofibroma (most common)
2. Pigmented iris hamartomas <2 mm (Lisch nodules) in >90%, mostly bilateral; appear in childhood
3. Optic glioma: in 12% of patients, in 4% bilateral; 75% in 1st decade extension into optic chiasm (up to 25%), optic tracts + optic radiation increased intensity on T2WI if chiasm + visual pathways involved
4. Periopic meningioma
5. Choroidal hamartoma: in 50% of patients

G. SKIN MANIFESTATIONS
1. Café-au-lait spots of "coast of California" type (= smooth outline): ≥6 in number >5 mm in greatest diameter usually develop within 1st year of life / >15 mm in size in postpubertal individuals
2. Axillary freckling (in 66%)
3. Cutaneous neurofibromas begin to appear around puberty (a) localized = fibroma molluscum = string of pearls along peripheral nerve (b) plexiform neurofibroma = elephantiasis neuromatosa
Cx: malignant transformation to malignant neurofibromas + malignant schwannomas (3-15%), glioma, xanthomatous leukemia

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Neurofibromatosis with Bilateral Acoustic Neuromas =NEUROFIBROMATOSIS TYPE 2 = NF-2=CENTRAL NEUROFIBROMATOSIS=rare autosomal dominant syndrome characterized by propensity for developing multiple schwannomas, meningiomas, and gliomas of ependymal derivation *mnemonic:* "MISME" **M**ultiple **I**nherited **S**chwannomas **M**eningiomas **E**pendymomas *Incidence:* 1:50,000 births *Etiology:* deletion on the long arm of chromosome 22; in 50% new spontaneous mutation ψ **Neurofibromatosis 2** is located on chromosome **22**! *Symptomatic age:* during 2nd / 3rd decade of life *Diagnostic criteria:* (1) Bilateral 8th cranial nerve masses (2) First-degree relative with unilateral 8th nerve mass, neurofibroma, [meningioma](#), [glioma](#) (spinal [ependymoma](#)), schwannoma, juvenile posterior subcapsular lenticular opacity \bullet NO Lisch nodules, skeletal dysplasia, optic pathway [glioma](#), vascular dysplasia, learning disability \bullet café-au-lait spots (<50%): pale, <5 in number \bullet cutaneous neurofibroma: minimal in size + number / absent @ Intracranial 1. Bilateral acoustic schwannomas (*sine qua non*) Site: superior / inferior division of vestibular n. ψ usually asymmetric in size 2. Schwannoma of other cranial nerves *Frequency:* trigeminal n. > facial n. ψ Nerves without Schwann cells are excluded: olfactory nerve, optic nerve 3. Multiple meningiomas: intraventricular in choroid plexus of trigone, parasagittal, sphenoid ridge, olfactory groove, along intracranial nerves 4. Meningiomatosis = dura studded with innumerable small meningiomas 5. [Glioma](#) of ependymal derivation @ Spinal \bullet symptoms of cord compression A. Extramedullary 1. Multiple paraspinal neurofibromas 2. [Meningioma](#) of spinal cord (thoracic region) B. Intramedullary 1. Spinal cord ependymomas

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NEUROMA

Prevalence: 8% of all intracranial tumors *Age:* 20-50 years • slow growth; not painful

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Acoustic Neuroma = VESTIBULAR SCHWANNOMA = ACOUSTIC SCHWANNOMA = NEURILEMMOMA. Most common neoplasm of internal auditory canal / cerebellopontine angle! *Prevalence*: 5-10% of all intracranial tumors; 85% of all intracranial neuromas; 80-90% of all cerebellopontine angle tumors. *Age*: (a) sporadic tumor: 35-60 years; M:F = 1:2 (b) type 2 [neurofibromatosis](#): 2nd decade. *Histo*: encapsulated neoplasm composed of proliferating fusiform Schwann cells with (a) highly cellular dense regions (Antoni A) with reticulin + collagen, and (b) loose areas with widely separated cells (Antoni B) in a reticulated myxoid matrix; common degenerative changes with cyst formation, vascular features, lipid-laden foam cells. *May be associated with*: central [neurofibromatosis](#). Solitary intracranial schwannoma is associated with type 2 [neurofibromatosis](#) in 5-25%! Bilateral acoustic schwannomas allow a presumptive diagnosis of type 2 [neurofibromatosis](#)! ■ long history of slowly progressive unilateral sensorineural hearing loss affecting high-frequency sounds more severely (in 95%) ■ tinnitus ■ diminished corneal reflex ■ unsteadiness, vertigo, ataxia, dizziness (<10%) ■ pain. *Doubling time*: 2 years.

Location: (a) arises from within internal auditory canal (IAC) (b) may arise in cerebellopontine angle cistern at opening of IAC (= porus acusticus) with intracanalicular extension in 5%.

Site: (a) in 85% from the vestibular portion of 8th nerve (around vestibular [ganglion](#) of Scarpa / at the glial-Schwann cell junction) (b) in 15% from the cochlear portion.

✓ round mass centered on long axis of IAC forming acute angles with petrous bone ✓ funnel-shaped component extending into IAC ✓ IAC enlargement / erosion (70-90%) ✓ widening / obliteration of ipsilateral cerebellopontine angle cistern ✓ shift / asymmetry of 4th ventricle with [hydrocephalus](#) ✓ degenerative changes (cystic areas ± hemorrhage) with tumors >2-3 cm. Plain film: ✓ erosion of IAC: a difference in canal height of >2 mm is abnormal + indicates a schwannoma in 93%. CT: ✓ isodense small / hypodense large solid tumor ✓ cyst formation in tumor (= central necrosis) / adjacent to tumor (= extramural [arachnoid cyst](#)) in 15% of large tumors ✓ usually uniformly dense tumor enhancement with small tumors (50% may be missed without CECT) / ring enhancement with large tumors ✓ NO calcification ✓ intrathecal contrast / carbon dioxide insufflation (for tumors <5 mm). MR (most sensitive test with Gd-DTPA enhancement): ✓ iso- / slightly hypointense on T1WI relative to brain ✓ intensely enhancing homogeneous mass / ringlike enhancement (if cystic) after Gd-DTPA ✓ hyperintense on T2WI (DDx: [meningioma](#) remains hypo- / isointense). *Angio*: ✓ elevation + posterior displacement of [anterior inferior cerebellar artery](#) (AICA) on basal view ✓ elevation of the [superior cerebellar artery](#) (large tumors) ✓ displacement of basilar artery anteriorly / posteriorly + contralateral side ✓ compression / posterior + lateral displacement of petrosal vein ✓ posterior displacement of choroid point of PICA ✓ vascular supply frequently from [external carotid artery branches](#) ✓ rarely hypervascular tumor with tumor blush. *DDx*: ossifying [hemangioma](#) (bony spiculations).

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Trigeminal Neuroma =TRIGEMINAL SCHWANNOMA *Incidence:*2-5% of intracranial neuromas, 0.26% of all brain tumors *Origin:* arising from gasserian [ganglion](#) within Meckel cave at the most anteromedial portion of the petrous pyramid / trigeminal nerve root *Age:*35- 60 years; M:F = 1:2 *Symptoms of location in middle cranial fossa:*
■ facial paresthesia / hypesthesia ■ exophthalmos, [ophthalmoplegia](#) *Symptoms of location in posterior cranial fossa:* ■ [facial nerve](#) palsy ■ hearing impairment, tinnitus ■ ataxia, nystagmus *Location:*(in any segment of trigeminal nerve)(a)middle cranial fossa (46%) = gasserian [ganglion](#)(b)posterior cranial fossa (29%)(c)in both fossae (25%)(d)pterygoid fossa / [paranasal sinuses](#) (10%)
✓ erosion of petrous tip ✓ enlargement of contiguous fissures, foramina, canals ✓ dumbbell / saddle-shaped mass (extension into middle cranial fossa + through tentorial incisura into posterior fossa) ✓ isodense mass with dense inhomogeneous enhancement (tumor necrosis + cyst formation) ✓ distortion of ipsilateral quadrigeminal cistern ✓ displacement + cutoff of posterior 3rd ventricle ✓ anterior displacement of temporal horn ✓ angiographically avascular / hypervascular mass

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OLIGODENDROGLIOMA

=uncommon form of slowly growing [glioma](#); presenting with large size at time of diagnosis *Incidence*: 2-10% of intracranial gliomas; 5-7% of all primary intracranial neoplasms *Histo*: mixed glial cells (50%), astrocytic components (30%); hemorrhage + cyst formation infrequent *Age*: 30-50 years ■ seizures *Location*: most commonly in cerebral hemispheres (propensity for periphery of frontal [lobes](#)) involving cortex + white matter, thalamus, corpus callosum; occasionally around / in ventricles ("subependymal oligodendroglioma") rare in cerebellum + spinal cord ✓ large nodular clumps of calcifications (in 45% on plain film; in 90% on CT) CT: ✓ round / oval hypodense lesion with mass effect (75%) ✓ commonly no / minimal tumor enhancement (75%), pronounced in high-grade tumors ✓ may be adherent to dura (mimicking meningiomas) ✓ ± erosion of inner table of skull ✓ cystic changes (uncommon) ✓ edema (in 50% of low-grade, in 80% of high-grade tumors) MR: ✓ well-circumscribed heterogeneous hypointense lesion on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI ✓ little edema / mass effect ✓ solid / peripheral / mixed enhancement ✓ calcification may not be detected Cx: malignant metaplasia + CSF seeding *DDx*: (1) [Astrocytoma](#) (no large calcifications) (2) [Ganglioglioma](#) (in temporal [lobes](#) + deep cerebral tissues) (3) [Ependymoma](#) (enhancing tumor, often with internal bleeding producing fluid levels) (4) [Glioblastoma](#) (infiltrating, enhancing, edema, no calcifications)

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PARAGONIMIASIS OF BRAIN

Oriental lung fluke (*Paragonimus westermani*) producing [arachnoiditis](#), parenchymal granulomas, encapsulated abscesses ✓ isodense / inhomogeneous masses surrounded by edema ✓ ring enhancement

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PELIZAEUS-MERZBACHER DISEASE

= rare X-linked sudanophilic leukodystrophy (5 types with different times of onset, rate of progression, genetic transmission) Age: neonatal period • bizarre pendular nystagmus + head shaking • cerebellar ataxia • slow psychomotor development CT: √ hypodense white matter √ progressive white matter atrophy MR: √ lack of myelination (appearance of newborn retained) √ hyperintense internal capsule, optic radiations, proximal corona radiata on T1WI √ near complete absence of hypointensity in supratentorial region on T2WI √ mild / moderate prominence of cortical sulci *Prognosis*: death in adolescence / early adulthood

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PICK DISEASE

= rare form of presenile [dementia](#) similar to [Alzheimer disease](#); may be inherited with autosomal dominant mode; M < F \checkmark focal cortical atrophy of anterior frontal + anterior temporal [lobes](#) \checkmark dilatation of frontal + temporal horns of lateral ventricle

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PINEAL CYST

= small nonneoplastic cyst of [pineal gland](#) *Incidence:* 25-40% on autopsy, 4% on MRI *Types:* (a) developmental = persistence of ependymal-lined pineal diverticulum (b) degenerative = glial-lined secondary cavitation within area of gliosis • never associated with Parinaud syndrome • never cause of [hydrocephalus](#) • may be symptomatic when large
CT: √ normal-sized gland (80%), slightly >1 cm in 20% √ isodense to CSF in surrounding cistern (infrequently noted) MR: √ sharply marginated ovoid mass in pineal region √ slight impression on superior colliculi (sagittal image) √ isointense to CSF on T1WI + slightly hyperintense to CSF on T2WI (due to phase coherence in cysts but not in moving CSF) √ may have higher signal intensity than CSF due to high protein content √ contrast may diffuse from enhanced rim of residual pineal tissue into fluid center (no blood-brain barrier) on delayed sequence images

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PINEAL GERMINOMA

=**DYSGERMINOMA** = PINEALOMA = ATYPICAL TERATOMA (former inaccurate names) "pinealoma" = misnomer referring to any pineal mass = malignant primitive germ cell neoplasm *Incidence*: most common pineal tumor (>50% of all pineal tumors) *Histo*: identical to testicular seminoma + ovarian **dysgerminoma**, NO capsule facilitates invasion *Age*: 10-25 years; M:F = 10:1 *May be associated with*: ectopic pinealoma = secondary focus in inferior portion of 3rd ventricle • **precocious puberty** frequent in children <10 years of age • Parinaud syndrome = paralysis of upward gaze (compression of mesencephalic tectum) Location of germinomas: **pineal gland** (80%), suprasellar region (20%), basal ganglia, thalamus ↓ displacement of calcified **pineal gland** ↓ **hydrocephalus** (compression of aqueduct of Sylvius) ↓ well-defined lesion restricted to **pineal gland** ↓ may infiltrate quadrigeminal plate / thalamus CT: ↓ infiltrating variodense homogeneous mass (attenuation usually similar to gray matter) ↓ rarely psammomatous calcifications within tumor, but pineal calcifications in 100% (40% in normal population) ↓ moderate / marked uniform contrast enhancement MR: ↓ round / lobular well-circumscribed relatively homogeneous mass isointense to gray matter ↓ hypointense mass on T2WI (occasionally) ↓ strong Gd-DTPA enhancement Cx: metastatic spread via CSF (frequent) Rx: combination of irradiation (very radiosensitive) + chemotherapy (adriamycin, cisplatin, cyclophosphamide) *Prognosis*: 75% survival after radiation therapy alone

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PINEAL TERATOCARCINOMA

=highly malignant variant of germ cell tumors
Types: 1. [Choriocarcinoma](#) 2. Embryonal cell carcinoma 3. Endodermal sinus tumor
Histo: arising from primitive germ cells, frequently containing more than one cell type
Age: <20 years; males
• Parinaud syndrome
• tumor markers elevated in serum + CSF
• intratumoral hemorrhage (esp. [choriocarcinoma](#))
• invasion of adjacent structures
• intense homogeneous contrast enhancement
Cx: seeding via CSF

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PINEAL TERATOMA

=benign tumor containing one / all three germ cell layers (pineal region most common site of teratomas)*Incidence*:15% of all pineal masses (2nd most common tumor in pineal region)*Age*:<20 years; M:F = 2-8:1 • Parinaud syndrome = paralysis of upward gaze (compression / infiltration of superior colliculi) • hypothalamic symptoms • headache • somnolence (related to [hydrocephalus](#))*Location*:pineal, parapineal, suprasellar, 3rd ventricle ✓ well-defined rounded / irregular lobulated extremely heterogenous mass of fat, cartilage, hair, linear / nodular calcifications + cysts ✓ Fat is absent in all other pineal tumors! ✓ may show heterogeneous / rimlike contrast enhancement (limited to solid-tissue areas)*Angio*: ✓ elevation of internal cerebral vein ✓ posterior displacement of precentral vein *CT*: ✓ heterogeneous mass with fat, calcification, cystic + solid areas *MR*: ✓ variegated appearance on all pulse sequences with hyperintense areas of fat on T1W *Cx*:chemical [meningitis](#) with spontaneous rupture

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PINEOBLASTOMA

=highly malignant tumor derived from primitive pineal parenchymal cells *Histo*: unencapsulated highly cellular primitive small round cell tumor (similar to [medulloblastoma](#), [neuroblastoma](#), [retinoblastoma](#)) *Age*: any age, more common in children; M < FCT: \surd poorly marginated iso- / slightly hyperdense mass \surd may contain dense tumor calcifications \surd peripherally displaced preexisting normal pineal calcification (= "exploded pineal pattern") \surd intense homogeneous contrast enhancement MR: \surd iso- / moderately hypointense on T1WI + iso- / hyperintense on T2WI \surd dense homogeneous Gd-DTPA enhancement *Spread*: (1) direct extension posteriorly with invasion of cerebellar vermis + anteriorly into 3rd ventricle (2) throughout CSF (frequent) along meninges / via ventricles

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PINEOCYTOMA

=rare slow-growing unencapsulated tumor composed of mature pineal parenchymal cells Age: any age; M:F = 1:1 ✓ well-marginated slightly hyperdense / isodense mass
✓ dense focal tumor calcifications possible ✓ peripherally displaced preexisting normal pineal calcification (= "exploded pineal pattern") ✓ well-defined homogeneous
enhancement MR: ✓ intermediate intensity on T1WI + T2WI ✓ may be isointense to CSF but containing trabeculations (DDx to [pineal cyst](#)) ✓ mild to moderate Gd-DTPA
enhancement Cx: some metastasize via CSF

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PITUITARY ADENOMA

=benign slow-growing neoplasm arising from adenohypophysis (= anterior lobe); most common tumor of adenohypophysis *Prevalence*: 5-10-18% of all intracranial neoplasms • pituitary hyperfunction / hypofunction / visual field defect

FORMER CLASSIFICATION: (a) Chromophobe adenoma (80%) associated with hypopituitarism; elevation of prolactin, TSH, GH serum levels ✓ greatest sella enlargement; calcified in 5% however: functioning microadenomas are part of chromophobe adenomas (b) Acidophilic / eosinophilic adenoma (15%) increased GH secretion ([acromegaly](#)), prolactin, TSH ✓ tumor of intermediate size (c) Basophilic adenoma (5%) associated with ACTH secretion ([Cushing syndrome](#)), LH, FSH ✓ small tumor

Plain film: (UNRELIABLE !) ✓ enlargement of sella + sloping of sella floor ✓ erosion of anterior + posterior clinoid processes ✓ erosion of dorsum sellae ✓ calcification in <10% ✓ may present with [mass in nasopharynx](#)

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Functioning Pituitary Adenoma Adenoma may secrete multiple hormones! 1. **PROLACTINOMA** (30%) most common of pituitary adenomas; approximately 50% of all cranial tumors at autopsy; M << F • prolactin levels do not closely correlate with tumor size • Any mass compressing the hypothalamus / pituitary stalk diminishes the tonic inhibitory effect of dopaminergic factors, which originate there, resulting in hyperprolactinemia!

Female: Age: 15-44 years (during childbearing age) • [infertility](#) • [amenorrhea](#) • galactorrhea • elevated prolactin levels (normal <20 ng/mL) • >75% of patients with serum prolactin levels >200 ng/mL will show a pituitary tumor!

Male: • headache • [impotence](#) + decreased libido • visual disturbance ✓ characteristic lateral location, anteriorly / inferiorly; variable in size Rx: bromocriptine

2. **CORTICOTROPIC ADENOMA** (14%) *Function:* ACTH-secreting tumor *Age:* 30-40 years; M:F = 1:3 ✓ central location; posterior lobe; usually <5 mm in size ✓ sampling of inferior petrosal sinuses (95% diagnostic [accuracy](#) compared with 65% for MRI) • **Cushing disease** = truncal obesity, abdominal striae, glycosuria, [osteoporosis](#), proximal muscle weakness, hirsutism, [amenorrhea](#), hypertension, elevated cortisol levels in plasma and urine Rx: (1) suppression by high doses of dexamethasone of 8 mg/day (2) surgical resection difficult because ACTH adenomas usually require resection of an apparently normal gland (tumor small + usually not on surface)

3. **SOMATOTROPIC ADENOMA** (14%) • gigantism, [acromegaly](#), elevated GH >10 ng/mL, no rise in GH after administration of glucose / TRH *Histo:* (a) densely granulated type (b) sparsely granulated type: clinically more aggressive ✓ hypodense region, may be less well-defined, variable size

4. **GONADOTROPH CELL ADENOMA** (7%) secretes follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) / luteinizing hormone (LH) ✓ slow-growing often extending beyond sella

5. **THYROTROPH CELL ADENOMA** (<1%) secretes thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) ✓ often large + invasive [pituitary adenoma](#)

6. **PLURIHORMONAL PITUITARY ADENOMA** (>5%)

CECT (dynamic bolus injection): ✓ upward convexity of gland ✓ increased height >10 mm ✓ deviation of pituitary stalk ✓ floor erosion of sella ✓ gland asymmetry ✓ focal hypodensity (most specific for adenoma) ✓ shift of pituitary tuft / density change in region of adenoma MR: Highest [sensitivity](#) on coronal nonenhanced T1WI (70%) + 3 D FLASH sequence (69%) + combination of both (90%) • 1/3 of lesions are missed with enhancement • 1/3 of lesions are missed without enhancement ✓ focus of low signal intensity on T1WI ✓ focus of high-signal intensity on T2WI ✓ focal hypointensity within normally enhancing gland *DDx:* simple pituitary cyst (= Rathke cleft cyst)

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Nonfunctioning Pituitary Adenoma 1.NULL CELL ADENOMA=hormonally inactive pituitary tumor with no histologic / immunologic / ultrastructural markers to indicate its cellular derivation *Prevalence*:17% of all pituitary tumors *Age*:older patient^v slow-growing 2.[ONCOCYTOMA](#) *Prevalence*:10% of all pituitary tumors • clinically + morphologically similar to null cell adenoma

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Pituitary Macroadenoma =tumor >10 mm in size, usually endocrinologically inactive (70-80% of pituitary adenomas)*Incidence:*10%; M:F = 1:1 *Age:*25-60 years ■
symptoms of mass effect: hypopituitarism, bitemporal hemianopia (with superior extension), [pituitary apoplexy](#), [hydrocephalus](#), cranial nerve involvement (III, IV, VI) Extension into:suprasellar cistern / cavernous sinus / [sphenoid sinus](#) + nasopharynx (up to 67% are invasive) √ occasionally tumor hemorrhage √ lucent areas correspond to cysts / focal necrosis √ invasion of cavernous sinus: encasement of carotid artery (surest sign) CT: √ tumor isodense to brain tissue √ erosion of bone (eg, floor of sella) √ calcifications infrequent MR: (allows differentiation from aneurysm) √ homogeneous enhancement Cx: (1)Obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) (at foramen of Monro)(2)Encasement of carotid artery(3)[Pituitary apoplexy](#) (rare) *DDx:* (1)Metastasis (more bone destruction, rapid growth)(2)Pituitary abscess

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Pituitary Microadenoma = very small adenomas <10 mm • usually become clinically apparent by hormone production (20-30% of all pituitary adenomas) • [prolactin elevation](#) (>25 ng/mL in females) 4-8 x normal: adenoma demonstrated in 71% >8 x normal: adenoma demonstrated in 100% • **incidentaloma** = nonfunctioning microadenoma / pituitary cyst ✓ NO imaging features to distinguish between different types of adenomas MRI: ✓ small mass of hypointensity on pre- and postcontrast T1WI (nonenhancing) ✓ occasionally isointense on precontrast images + hyperintense on postcontrast images ✓ enhancement on delayed images ✓ focal bulge on surface of gland ✓ focal depression of sellar floor ✓ deviation of pituitary stalk

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PITUITARY APOPLEXY

Cause: massive hemorrhage into [pituitary adenoma](#) (especially in patients on bromocriptine for [pituitary adenoma](#)) / dramatic necrosis / sudden infarction of [pituitary gland](#) 25% of patients with pituitary hemorrhage will present with apoplexy! **Sheehan syndrome** = postpartum infarction of anterior [pituitary gland](#) • severe headache, nausea, vomiting • hypertension • stiff neck • sudden visual-field defect, [ophthalmoplegia](#) • obtundation (frequent) • hypopituitarism (eg, secondary [hypothyroidism](#))
Area of destruction must be >70% to produce pituitary insufficiency! • enlargement of [pituitary gland](#) NCCT: • increased density ± fluid level MR: • bright signal from presence of hemoglobin on T1WI with persistence over hyperintensity on T2WI • intermediate signal intensity from deoxyhemoglobin on T1WI + T2WI

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PORENCEPHALY

=focal cavity as a result of localized brain destruction
A. GENETIC PORENCEPHALY = [Schizencephaly](#) (= true porencephaly) B. ENCEPHALOCLASTIC PORENCEPHALY
Time of injury: during first half of gestation
Histo: necrotic tissue completely reabsorbed without surrounding glial reaction (= liquefaction necrosis)
MR: ✓ smooth-walled cavity filled with CSF on all pulse sequences (= porencephalic cyst) ✓ lined by white matter
C. ENCEPHALOMALACIA = Pseudoporencephaly = Acquired porencephaly
Cause: infectious, vascular
Time of injury: after end of 2nd trimester (brain has developed capacity for glial response)
Location: parasagittal watershed areas with sparing of periventricular region + ventricular wall
CT: ✓ hypodense regions
MR: ✓ hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI ✓ surrounding hyperintense rim on T2WI = gliosis ✓ glial septa coursing through cavity identified on T1WI + proton density images
US: ✓ septations in cavity well visualized

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POSTVIRAL LEUKOENCEPHALOPATHY

=ACUTE DISSEMINATED ENCEPHALOMYELITIS=autoimmune process ■ several weeks following an exanthematous viral infection / vaccination (measles, [rubella](#), chickenpox, Epstein-Barr virus, mumps, pertussis) ■ seizures, focal neurologic deficits ✓ multifocal white matter abnormalities, occasionally deep gray matter involvement ✓ sparing of cortical gray matter ✓ no additional lesions on follow-up exam *Prognosis*: resolution of neurologic deficits within 1 month (80-90%)

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PRIMITIVE NEUROECTODERMAL TUMOR

=PNET = group of very undifferentiated tumors arising from germinal matrix cells of primitive neural tube *Incidence*: <5% of supratentorial neoplasms in children *Age*: mainly in children <5 years of age; M:F = 1:1 *Histo*: highly cellular tumors composed of >90-95% of undifferentiated cells (histologically similar to [medulloblastoma](#), [pineoblastoma](#), peripheral [neuroblastoma](#)) • signs of [increased intracranial pressure](#) / seizures *Location*: (a) supratentorial: deep cerebral white matter (most commonly in frontal lobe), [pineal gland](#), in thalamic + suprasellar territories (least frequently) (b) posterior fossa (= [medulloblastoma](#))
✓ large cellular lesion with tendency for necrosis (65%), cyst formation, calcifications (71%), hemorrhage (10%) ✓ thin rim of edema ✓ contrast enhancement of solid tumor portion CT: ✓ solid tumor portions hyperdense (due to high nuclear to cytoplasmic ratio) MR: ✓ mildly hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI ✓ remarkably inhomogeneous due to cyst formation + necrosis ✓ areas of signal dropout due to calcifications ✓ hyperintense areas on T1WI + variable intensity on T2WI due to hemorrhage ✓ inhomogeneously enhancing mass with tumor nodules + ringlike areas surrounding central necrosis after Gd-DTPA

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PROGRESSIVE MULTIFOCAL LEUKOENCEPHALOPATHY

=PML = rapidly progressive fatal demyelinating disease in patients with impaired immune system (chronic lymphocytic [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), [Hodgkin disease](#), carcinomatosis, [AIDS](#), [tuberculosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#), organ transplant)*Etiology*:virus infection (probably latent papovavirus= JC virus) *Pathophysiology*:destruction of oligodendroglia leading to areas of demyelination + edema*Histo*:intranuclear inclusion bodies within swollen oligodendrocytes (viral particles in nuclei), absence of significant perivascular inflammation • progressive neurologic deficits, visual disturbances, [dementia](#), ataxia, spasticity • normal CSF fluidLocation:predilection for parietooccipital regionSite:subcortical white matter spreading centrally✓ NO contrast enhancementCT: ✓ multicentric confluent white matter lesions of low attenuation with scalloped borders along cortex✓ NO mass effectMR: ✓ patchy high-intensity lesions of white matter away from ependyma in asymmetric distribution on T2WI✓ sparing of cortical gray matter*Prognosis*:death usually within 6 months*DDx in early stages*:primary CNS [lymphoma](#)

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REYE SYNDROME

=hepatitis + [encephalitis](#) following viral upper respiratory tract infection with Hx of large doses of aspirin ingestion *Age*: in children + young adults • obtundation rapidly progressing to coma initially (within 2-3 days) small ventricles later progressive enlargement of lateral ventricles + sulci markedly diminished attenuation of white matter *Mortality*: 15-85% (from white matter edema + demyelination) *Dx*: liver biopsy

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SARCOIDOSIS OF CNS

=inflammatory disorder characterized by presence of noncaseating granulomas; mostly in Blacks *Incidence*: CNS involvement in 1-8% (in up to 15% of autopsies) • cranial neuropathy (facial > acoustic > optic > trigeminal nerves) secondary to granulomatous infiltration + leptomeningeal [fibrosis](#) (50-75%) • peripheral neuropathy + myopathy • aseptic [meningitis](#) (20%) • diffuse encephalopathy, [dementia](#) • pituitary + hypothalamic dysfunction (eg, [diabetes insipidus](#) in 5-10%) • generalized / focal seizures (herald poorer prognosis) • multiple sclerosislike symptoms (from multifocal parenchymal involvement) • prompt improvement following therapy with steroids *Location*: dura mater, leptomeninges, subarachnoid space, peripheral nerves, brain parenchyma, ventricular system *Affects meninges + cranial nerves more often than the brain!* ✓ diffuse meningeal enhancement (most common) / meningeal nodules (less common) from leptomeningeal invasion *Site*: particularly in basal cisterns (suprasellar, sellar, subfrontal regions) with extension to optic chiasm, hypothalamus, [pituitary gland](#), cranial nerves where exiting brainstem ✓ focal / widespread infarcts of peripheral gray matter / at gray-white matter junction (periarthritis) ✓ dense enhancement of falx + tentorium (granulomatous invasion of dura) ✓ isodense / hyperdense homogeneously enhancing small single / multiple nodules (invasion of brain parenchyma via perivascular spaces of Virchow-Robin) *Site*: periphery of parenchyma, intraspinal ✓ communicating / obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) is the most common finding (from [arachnoiditis](#) / adhesions)

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SCHIZENCEPHALY

=GENETIC [PORENCEPHALY](#) = TRUE [PORENCEPHALY](#) = "split brain" = full-thickness CSF-filled parenchymal cleft lined by gray matter extending from subarachnoid space to subependyma of lateral ventricles *Frequency*: 1:1,650 *Cause*: segmental developmental failure of cell migration to form cerebral cortex / vascular ischemia of portion of germinal matrix *Time of injury*: 30-60 days of gestation *Often associated with*: polymicrogyria, [microcephaly](#), gray matter heterotopia *Types*: (a) clefts with fused lips (may be missed in imaging planes parallel to the plane of cleft) walls appose one another obliterating CSF space (b) clefts with separated / open lips CSF fills cleft from lateral ventricle to subarachnoid space • seizure disorder • mild / moderate developmental delay • range of normal mentation to severe mental retardation • blindness possible (optic nerve hypoplasia in 33%) *Location*: most commonly near pre- and postcentral gyri (sylvian fissure); uni- / (mostly) bilateral; in [middle cerebral artery](#) distribution polymicrogyria / pachygyria of cortex adjacent to cleft full-thickness cleft through hemisphere with irregular margins gray-matter lining of cleft (PATHOGNOMONIC) extending through entire hemisphere bilateral often symmetric intracranial cysts, usually around sylvian fissure asymmetrical dilatation of lateral ventricles with midline shift wide separation of lateral ventricles + squaring of frontal lobes absence of cavum septi pellucidi (80 - 90%) + corpus callosum *Prognosis*: severe intellectual impairment, spastic tetraplegia, blindness *DDx*: (1) Pseudoporencephaly = Acquired [porencephaly](#) = local parenchymal destruction secondary to vascular / infectious / traumatic insult (almost always unilateral) (2) [Arachnoid cyst](#) (3) Cystic tumor

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SEPTO-OPTIC DYSPLASIA

=DeMORSIER SYNDROME=rare anterior midline anomaly with (1) hypoplasia of optic nerves (2) hypoplasia / [absence of septum pellucidum](#); often considered a mild form of lobar [holoprosencephaly](#) M:F = 1:3 *Cause*:insult between 5-7th week of GA *Associated with*:[schizencephaly](#) (50%) ■ hypothalamic hypopituitarism (66%):[diabetes insipidus](#) (in 50%), growth retardation (deficient secretion of growth hormone + thyroid stimulating hormone) ■ diminished visual acuity (hypoplasia of optic discs), nystagmus, occasionally [hypotelorism](#) ■ seizures, hypotonia ✓ small optic canals ✓ hypoplasia of optic nerves + chiasm + infundibulum ✓ dilatation of chiasmatic + suprasellar cisterns ✓ fused dilated boxlike frontal horns squared off dorsally + pointing inferiorly ✓ bulbous dilatation of anterior recess of 3rd ventricle ✓ hypoplastic / absent septum pellucidum ✓ thin corpus callosum

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SINUS PERICRANII

=subperiosteal venous angiomas adherent to skull and connected by anomalous diploic veins to a sinus / cortical vein ■ soft painless scalp mass that reduces under compression
Location: frontal bone ✓ calvarial thinning + defect
CT: ✓ sessile sharply marginated homogeneous densely enhancing mass adjacent to outer table of skull, perforating it and connecting it with another similar structure beneath the inner table
Angio: ✓ extracalvarial sinus may not opacify secondary to slow flow

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SPONGIFORM LEUKOENCEPHALOPATHY

rare, hereditary, > age 40 • deteriorating mental function^v confluent areas of diminished attenuation

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STURGE-WEBER-DIMITRI SYNDROME

=ENCEPHALOTRIGEMINAL [ANGIOMATOSIS](#)=MENINGOFACIAL [ANGIOMATOSIS](#)= vascular malformation with capillary venous angiomas involving face, choroid of eye, leptomeninges *Cause*: persistence of transitory primordial sinusoidal plexus stage of vessel development; usually sporadic • seizures (80%) in 1st year of life: usually focal involving the side of the body contralateral to nevus flammeus • mental deficiency (>50%) • increasing crossed hemiparesis (35-65%) • hemiatrophy of body contralateral to facial nevus (secondary to hemiparesis) • homonymous hemianopia@FACIAL MANIFESTATION • congenital facial port-wine stain (nevus flammeus)=telangiectasia of trigeminal region; usually 1st ± 2nd division of 5th nerve; usually unilateral-V₁ associated with occipital lobe [angiomas](#)-V₂ associated with parietal lobe [angiomas](#)-V₃ associated with frontal lobe [angiomas](#)@CNS MANIFESTATION ✓ leptomeningeal venous angiomas confined to pia mater Location: parietal > occipital > frontal lobes Angio: ✓ capillary blush ✓ abnormally large veins in subependymal + periventricular regions ✓ abnormal deep medullary veins draining into internal cerebral vein (= venous shunt) ✓ failure to opacify superficial cortical veins in calcified region (markedly slow blood flow / thrombosis of dysgenetic superficial veins) ✓ cortical hemiatrophy beneath meningeal angioma due to anoxia (steal) ✓ "tram track" gyriform cortical calcifications >2 years of age; in layers 2-3(-4-5) of opposing gyri underlying pial [angiomas](#); bilateral in up to 20% Location: temporo-parieto-occipital area, occasionally frontal, rare in posterior fossa ✓ subjacent white matter hypodense on CT with slight prolongation of T1 + T2 relaxation times (gliosis) ✓ choroid plexus enlargement ipsilateral to [angiomas](#) ✓ ipsilateral thickening of skull + orbit (bone apposition as result of subdural hematoma secondary to brain atrophy) ✓ elevation of sphenoid wing + petrous ridge ✓ enlarged ipsilateral [paranasal sinuses](#) + mastoid air cells ✓ thickened calvarium (= widening of diploic space)@ORBITAL MANIFESTATION (30%) ipsilateral to nevus flammeus: • congenital glaucoma (30%) ✓ [choroidal hemangioma](#) (71%) ✓ dilatation + tortuosity of conjunctival + episcleral + iris + retinal vessels ✓ buphthalmos = enlarged + elongated globe as result of increased intraocular pressure Cx: [retinal detachment](#)@VISCERAL MANIFESTATION localized / diffuse angiomas malformation located in intestine, kidneys, [spleen](#), [ovaries](#), thyroid, pancreas, lungs DDX: Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome, [Wyburn-Mason syndrome](#)

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SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE

Cause: A. Spontaneous (1) ruptured aneurysm (72%) (2) AV malformation (10%) (3) hypertensive hemorrhage (4) hemorrhage from tumor (5) embolic [hemorrhagic infarction](#) (6) blood dyscrasia, anticoagulation therapy (7) [eclampsia](#) (8) intracranial infection (9) spinal vascular malformation (10) cryptogenic in 6% (negative 4-vessel [angiography](#); seldom recurrent) B. Trauma (common) concomitant to cerebral contusion (a) injury to leptomeningeal vessels at vertex (b) rupture of major intracerebral vessels (less common) **Location:** (a) focal, overlying site of contusion (b) interhemispheric fissure, paralleling falx cerebri (c) spread diffusely throughout subarachnoid space (rare in trauma) **Pathophysiology:** irritation of meninges by blood + extra fluid volume increases intracranial pressure ■ acute severe headache ("worst in life"), vomiting ■ altered state of consciousness: drowsiness, sleepiness, stupor, restlessness, agitation, coma ■ spectrophotometric analysis of CSF obtained by lumbar puncture

NCCT (60-90% [accuracy](#) of detection depending on time of scan; [sensitivity](#) depends on amount of blood; [accuracy](#) high within 4-5 days of onset): ⚡ May occur in only two locations if subtle! ⚡ increased density in basal cisterns, superior cerebellar cistern, sylvian fissure, cortical sulci, intraventricular, intracerebral ⚡ along interhemispheric fissure = on lateral aspect irregular dentate pattern due to extension into paramedian sulci with rapid clearing after several days MR (relatively insensitive within first 48 hours): ⚡ deoxyhemoglobin effects not appreciable in acute phase (secondary to higher oxygen tension in CSF, counterbalancing effects of very long T2 of CSF, pulsatile flow effects of CSF) ⚡ low-signal intensity on brain surfaces in recurrent subarachnoid hemorrhages (hemosiderin deposition) **Prognosis:** clinical course depends on amount of subarachnoid blood Cx: (1) Acute obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) (in <1 week) secondary to [intraventricular hemorrhage](#) / ependymitis obstructing aqueduct of Sylvius or outlet of 4th ventricle (2) Delayed communicating [hydrocephalus](#) (after 1 week) secondary to fibroblastic proliferation in subarachnoid space and arachnoid villi interfering with CSF resorption (3) Cerebral vasospasm + infarction (develops after 72 hours, at maximum between 5-17 days, amount of blood is prognostic parameter) (4) Transtentorial herniation (cerebral hematoma, [hydrocephalus](#), infarction, brain edema)

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SUBDURAL HEMATOMA OF BRAIN

Incidence: in 5% of [head trauma](#) patients; in 15% of closed head injuries; in 65% of head injuries with prolonged interruption of consciousness *Age:* predominantly in infants + elderly (large subarachnoid space with freedom to move in [cerebral atrophy](#)) *Cause:* direct trauma, sudden de-/acceleration; forceful coughing / sneezing / vomiting in elderly; occasionally in blood clotting disorder / during anticoagulation therapy *No consistent relationship to skull fractures!* *Pathogenesis:* differential movement of brain + adherent cortical veins with respect to skull + attached dural sinuses tears the "bridging veins" (= subdural veins), which connect cerebral cortex to dural sinuses and travel through the subarachnoid and subdural space *Location:* subdural space = potential space between pia-arachnoid membrane (leptomeninges) + dura mater; freely extending across suture lines, limited only by interhemispheric fissure and tentorium *DDx:* (1) [Arachnoid cyst](#) (extension into sylvian fissure) (2) [Subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) (extension into sulci)

[Acute Subdural Hematoma](#) [Subacute Subdural Hematoma](#) [Chronic Subdural Hematoma](#)

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Acute Subdural Hematoma Usually follows severe trauma, manifest within hours after injury Time frame: <3-4 days old *Associated with*: underlying brain injury (50%) with worse long-term prognosis than epidural hematoma, skull [fracture](#) (1%) Location: (a) over cerebral convexity, frequent extension into interhemispheric fissure, along tentorial margins, beneath temporal + occipital lobes; NO crossing of midline (b) bilateral in 15-25% of adults (common in elderly) and in 80-85% in infants extra-axial peripheral crescentic fluid collection between skull and cerebral hemisphere usually with concave inner margin (hematoma minimally pressing into brain substance) convex outer margin following normal contour of cranial vault occasionally with blood-fluid level after surgical evacuation: underlying parenchymal injury becomes more obvious after healing: ventricular + sulcal enlargement CT: hyperdense (<1 week) / isodense (1-2 weeks) / hypodense (3-4 weeks) False-negative CT scan: high-convexity location, beam-hardening artifact, volume averaging with high density of calvarium obscuring flat "en plaque" hematoma, too narrow window setting, isodense hematoma due to delay in imaging 10-20 days post injury / due to low hemoglobin content of blood / lack of clotting, CSF-dilution from associated arachnoid tear 38% of small subdural hematomas are missed! *Aids* in detection of acute subdural hematoma: thickening of ipsilateral portion of skull (hematoma of similar pixel brightness as bone) "subdural window" setting = window level of 40 HU + window width of 400 HU effacement of adjacent sulci sulci not traceable to brain surface ipsilateral ventricular compression / distortion displacement of gray-white matter interface away from ipsilateral inner table midline shift (often greater than width of subdural hematoma due to underlying brain contusion) contrast enhancement of cortex but not of subdural hematoma *Aids* in detection of bilateral subdural hematomas: "parentheses" ventricles ventricles too small for patients age MR: refer to [HEMATOMA OF BRAINUS](#) (neonate): Limitations: (a) convexity hematoma may be obscured by pie-shaped display + loss of near-field resolution Use contralateral transtemporal approach! (b) small loculations may be missed linear / elliptical space between cranial vault + brain flattened gyri + prominent sulci ± distortion of ventricles, extension into interhemispheric space Cx: [Arteriovenous fistula](#) (meningeal artery + vein caught in fracture line) *Prognosis*: may progress to subacute + chronic stage / may disappear spontaneously *Mortality*: 35-50% (higher number due to associated brain injury, mass effect, old age, bilateral lesions, rapid rate of hematoma accumulation, surgical evacuation >4 hours)

Interhemispheric Subdural Hematoma Most common acute finding in child abuse (whiplash forces on large head with weak neck muscles) predominance for posterior portion of interhemispheric fissure crescentic shape with flat medial border unilateral increased attenuation with extension along course of tentorium anterior extension to level of genu of corpus callosum

Subdural Hemorrhage in Newborn Cause: mechanical trauma during delivery (excessive vertical molding of head) 1. Posterior fossa hemorrhage (a) tentorial laceration with rupture of vein of Galen / straight sinus / transverse sinus (b) occipital osteodiastasis = separation of squamous portion from exoccipital portion of occipital bone high-density thickening of affected tentorial leaf extending down posterior to cerebellar hemisphere (better seen on coronal views) mildly echogenic subtentorial collection Cx: death from compression of brainstem, acute [hydrocephalus](#) 2. Supratentorial hemorrhage (a) laceration of falx near junction with tentorium with rupture of inferior sagittal sinus (less common than tentorial laceration) hematoma over corpus callosum in inferior aspect of interhemispheric fissure (b) convexity hematoma from rupture of superficial cortical veins usually unilateral subdural convexity hematoma accompanied by subarachnoid blood underlying cerebral contusion sonographic visualization of convexities difficult

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Subacute Subdural Hematoma Time frame: 4-20 days CT: \surd isodense hematoma (1-3 weeks) may be recognizable by mass effect with effacement of cortical sulci, deviation of lateral ventricle, midline shift, white matter buckling, displacement of gray-white matter junction \surd contrast enhancement of inner membrane *AID in Dx*: contrast enhancement defines cortical-subdural interface MR: \surd modality of choice in subacute stage because of high [sensitivity](#) for Met-Hb on T1WI (esp. superior to CT during isodense phase, for small subdural hematoma, for hematomas oriented in the CT scan plane, eg, tentorial subdural hematoma)

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Chronic Subdural Hematoma = result of (a) resolving phase of medically managed [acute subdural hematoma](#) (b) repeated episodes of subclinical hemorrhage until becoming symptomatic
Time frame: >20 days old = 3 weeks and older
Histo: hematoma enclosed by thick + vascular membrane which forms after 3-6 weeks
Pathogenesis: vessel fragility accounts for repeated episodes of rebleeding following minor injuries that tear fragile capillary bed within neomembrane surrounding subdural hematoma
Predisposing factors: alcoholism, increased age, epilepsy, coagulopathy, prior placement of ventricular shunt
>75% occur in patients >50 years of age!

- history of antecedent trauma often absent (25-48%)
- ill-defined neurologic signs + symptoms: cognitive deficit, behavioral abnormality, nonspecific headache

crescent-shaped configuration (early) conforming to contour of brain
often biconvex
lenticular = medially concave configuration (late), esp. after compartmentalization secondary to formation of fibrous septa
different attenuations within compartments
low-density lesion of intermediate attenuation between CSF + brain, sometimes as low as CSF
high-density components of collection (after common rebleeding)
fluid-sedimentation levels (sedimented fresh blood with proteinaceous fluid layered above)
displacement / absence of sulci, displacement of ventricles + parenchyma
No midline shift if bilateral (25%)
CECT demonstrates medially displaced cortical vein or membrane around hematoma (1-4 weeks after injury)
DDx: Acute epidural hematoma (similar biconvex shape)

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SUBDURAL HYGROMA

=CSF-fluid collection within subdural space; common in children
Cause: traumatic tear in arachnoid with secondary ball valve mechanism
Time of onset: 6-30 days following trauma
CT: radiolucent crescent-shaped collection (as in [acute subdural hematoma](#))
MR: no evidence of blood products (DDx to subdural hematoma)
MR: isointense to CSF / hyperintense to CSF on T1WI (increased protein content)
Prognosis: often spontaneous resorption
DDx: (1) Enlarged subarachnoid space (2) Subdural empyema (3) Subdural hematoma

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TERATOMA OF CNS

Incidence: 0.5% of primary intracranial neoplasms; 2% of intracranial tumors before age 15 *Histo:* mostly benign, occasionally containing primitive elements + highly malignant *Location:* pineal + parapineal region > floor of 3rd ventricle > posterior fossa > spine (associated with [spina bifida](#)) ∇ heterogeneous midline lesion, occasionally homogeneous soft-tissue mass (DDx: [astrocytoma](#)) ∇ contains fat + [calcium](#) ∇ [hydrocephalus](#) (common)

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TOXOPLASMOSIS OF BRAIN

Organism: obligate intracellular protozoan parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*, can live in any cell except for nonnucleated RBCs; felines are definite host
Infection: ingestion of undercooked meat containing cysts or sporulated oocysts / transplacental transmission of trophozoites; acquired through blood transfusion + organ transplantation
Prevalence of seropositivity: 11-16% of urban adults in United States; up to 90% of European adults
Histo: inflammatory solid / cystic granulomas as a result of glial mesenchymal reaction surrounded by edema + microinfarcts due to **vasculitis**
Affected tissue: @ Gray + white matter of brain
Most common cause of focal CNS infection in patients with **AIDS!**
@ Retina: most common retinal infection in **AIDS**
@ Alveolar lining cells (4%): mimics *Pneumocystis carinii* **pneumonia**
@ Heart (rare): **cardiac tamponade** / biventricular failure
@ Skeletal muscle
■ asymptomatic
■ lymphadenopathy
■ malaise, fever
AIDS INFECTION = toxoplasmic **encephalitis** = reactivation of a chronic latent infection in >95%
Path: well-localized indolent granulomatous process / diffuse necrotizing **encephalitis**
■ focal neurologic deficit of subacute onset (50-89%)
■ seizures (15-25%)
■ pseudotumor cerebri syndrome
Location: basal ganglia (75%), scattered throughout brain parenchyma at gray-white matter junction
✓ multiple / solitary (up to 39%) lesions with nodular / thin-walled (common) ring enhancement
✓ surrounding white matter edema
✓ double-dose delayed CT scans with higher detection rate for multiple lesions (64-72%)
✓ ± hemorrhage and calcifications after therapy
Dx: improvement on therapy with pyrimethamine + sulfadiazine within 1-2 weeks / biopsy
DDx: CNS **lymphoma** (particularly with single lesion)
Multiple lesions suggest toxoplasmosis!
B. INTRAUTERINE INFECTION
Time of fetal infection: chances of transplacental transmission greater in late pregnancy
Screening: impractical due to high false-positive rate
■ *Toxoplasma gondii* found in ventricular fluid
■ chorioretinitis
■ mental retardation
✓ multiple irregular, nodular / cystlike / curvilinear calcifications in periventricular area + choroid plexus (= necrotic foci); bilateral; 1-20 mm in size; increasing in number + size (usually not developed at time of birth)
✓ **hydrocephalus** with return to normal / persistence of large head size
✓ thickened vault, sutures apposed / overlapping
OB-US (as early as 20 weeks MA):
✓ sonographic findings in only 36%
✓ evolving symmetric **ventriculomegaly**
✓ intracranial periventricular + hepatic densities
✓ increased thickness of placenta
✓ **ascites**
✓ **Microcephaly** is NOT a feature of toxoplasmosis!
Dx: elevated toxospecific IgM levels in fetal blood
Dx: demonstration of elongated teardrop-shaped trophozoites in histologic sections of tissue

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TUBERCULOMA OF BRAIN

=result of granuloma formation within cerebral substance
Incidence: 0.15% of intracranial masses in Western countries, 30% in underdeveloped countries
Age: infant, small child, young adult
Associated with: tuberculous [meningitis](#) in 50% • history of previous extracranial TB (in 60%)
Location: more common in posterior fossa (62%), cerebellar hemispheres; may be associated with tuberculous [meningitis](#)
solitary (70%) / multiple (30-60%) lesions; may be multiloculated
NCCT: isodense (72%) / hyperdense lesion of 0.5-4 cm in diameter with mass effect (93%)
surrounding edema (72%) less marked than in [pyogenic abscess](#)
central calcification (29%)
CECT: homogeneous enhancement
ring blush (nearly all) with smooth / slightly shaggy margins + thick wall around an isodense center (DDx: in [pyogenic abscess](#) less thick + more regular)
"target sign" = central calcification in isodense lesion + ring-blush (DDx: [giant aneurysm](#))
homogeneous blush in tuberculoma en plaque along dural plane (6%) (DDx: [meningioma](#) en plaque)
MR: isointense lesion on T1WI
hypointense lesion ± hyperintense core on T2WI
DDx: other CNS infection (esp. toxoplasmosis), [lymphoma](#), atypical [meningioma](#), radiation necrosis

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TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS

=BOURNEVILLE DISEASE = EPIPLOIA=neuroectodermal disorder characterized by TRIAD consisting of(1) Adenoma sebaceum (30%) (2) Seizures (80%) (3) Mental retardation (70%) *mnemonic*:zits, fits, nitwits *Frequency*:1:150,000 livebirths *Cause*:autosomal dominant with low penetrance (frequent skips in generations); gene loci 9q34 and 16p13; spontaneous mutations in 50-80% *Prognosis*:30% dead by age 5; 75% dead by age 20

@CNS INVOLVEMENT • myoclonic seizures (80-90%): often first + most common sign of tuberous sclerosis with onset at 1st-2nd year, decreasing in frequency with age • mental retardation (50-82%): mild to moderate (1/3) moderate to severe (2/3); progressive; observed in adulthood; common if onset of seizures before age 5 years 1.**Subependymal hamartomas**Location:along ventricular surface of caudate nucleus, on lamina of sulcus thalamo-striatus immediately posterior to foramen of Monro (most often), along frontal + temporal horns or 3rd + 4th ventricle (less commonly)✓ multiple subependymal nodules with "candle drippings" appearance at lining of lateral ventricles✓ calcification with increasing age (in up to 88%)M: ✓ subependymal nodules protruding into adjacent ventricle isointense with white matter✓ minimal / no contrast enhancement2.**Giant cell astrocytoma**=large subependymal nodule located near foramen of Monro with tendency for enlargement + growth into ventricle *Incidence*:5-15%; M:F = 1:1✓ [hydrocephalus](#) (obstruction at foramen of Monro)✓ hypo- / isodense well-demarcated rounded lesion in the region of foramen of Monro✓ hypo- / isointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI✓ uniformly enhancing mass✓ frequent extension into frontal horn / body of lateral ventricle Cx:degeneration into higher grade [astrocytoma](#)

3.**Tubers** (in 56%)=CORTICAL / SUBCORTICAL HAMARTOMAS *Histo*:clusters of atypical glial cells surrounded by giant cells with frequent calcifications (if >2 years of age) = hamartomas *Frequency*:multiple (75%); bilateral (30%)✓ noncalcified hypodense brain lesions of abnormal myelination within broadened cortical gyri✓ cortical tubers calcified (in 15% <1 year of age, in 50% by age 10)MR: ✓ relaxation time similar to white matter (if uncalcified)✓ multiple nodules of high-signal intensity on T2WI, iso- / hypointense on T1WI (fibrillary gliosis / demyelination)

4.**Heterotopic gray matter islands in white matter** *Histo*:grouping of bizarre and gigantic neuronal cells associated with gliosis + areas of demyelination CT: ✓✓ hypodense well-defined regions within cerebral white matter without contrast enhancement✓ calcification of all / part of noduleMR: ✓✓ subtle hypointense region on T1WI + well-defined hyperintense area on T2WI

DDx of CNS lesions: (1)Intrauterine CMV / Toxoplasma infection (smaller lesions, brain atrophy, [microcephaly](#)) (2)[Basal ganglia calcification](#) in [hypoparathyroidism](#) / Fahr disease (location) (3)Sturge-Weber, calcified AVM (diffuse atrophy, not focal) (4)[Heterotopic gray matter](#) (along medial ventricular wall, isodense, associated with [agenesis of corpus callosum](#), Chiari malformation)

@SKIN INVOLVEMENT • Adenoma sebaceum (80-90%) = wartlike nodules of brownish red color averaging 4 mm in size with bimolar distribution ("butterfly rash") *Age*:first discovered at age 1-5 years; family history in 30% *Path*:small hamartomas from neural elements with blood vessel hyperplasia = angiofibromas Location:nasolabial folds, eventually covers nose + middle of cheeks • Shagreen rough skin patches (80%) = "pigskin" = "peau d'orange" = patches of fibrous hyperplasia; in intertriginous + lumbar location • Ash leaf patches = hypopigmented macules shaped like ash / spearmint leaf on trunk + extremities (earliest manifestation in infancy); may be visible only under ultraviolet light • Ungual fibromas (15-50%): sub- / periungual with erosion of distal tuft • Café-au-lait spots: incidence similar to that in general population

@OCULAR INVOLVEMENT • Phakoma (>50%) = whitish disk-shaped retinal hamartoma = astrocytic proliferation in / near optic disc, often multiple + usually in both eyes✓ small calcifications in region of optic nerve head✓ optic nerve [glioma](#)

@RENAL INVOLVEMENT • [renal failure](#) in severe cases (5%); hypertension1.[Angiomyolipoma](#) (38%): usually multiple + bilateral; risk of spontaneous hemorrhage (subcapsular / perinephric)2.Multiple cysts of varying size in cortex + medulla mimicking adult polycystic kidney disease (15%) *Path*:cysts lined by columnar epithelium with foci of hyperplasia projecting into cyst lumen3.[Renal cell carcinoma](#) (3%), bilateral in 40%

@LUNG INVOLVEMENT (1%)✓ interstitial [fibrosis](#) in lower lung fields + miliary nodular pattern may progress to honeycomb lung (lymphangiomyomatosis = smooth muscle proliferation around blood vessels)✓ cystic changes of lung parenchyma✓ spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) (50%)✓ [chylothorax](#)✓ [cor pulmonale](#)

@HEART INVOLVEMENT • [congenital cardiomyopathy](#)✓ circumscribed / diffuse subendocardial rhabdomyoma (in 5%)✓ [aortic aneurysm](#)

@BONE INVOLVEMENT✓ sclerotic calvarial patches (45%) = "bone islands" involving diploe + internal table; frontal + parietal location✓ thickening of diploe (long-term phenytoin therapy)✓ bone islands in pelvic brim, vertebrae, long bones✓ periosteal thickening of long bones✓ bone cysts with undulating [periosteal reaction](#) in distal phalanges (most common), metacarpals, metatarsals (DDx: sarcoid, [neurofibromatosis](#))

@OTHER VISCERAL INVOLVEMENT1.Adenomas + lipomyomas of liver2.Adenomas of pancreas3.Tumors of [spleen](#)

@VASCULAR INVOLVEMENT (rare)✓ thoracic + abdominal arterial aneurysms *Path*:vascular dysplasia with intimal + medial abnormalities of large muscular + musculoelastic arteries

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UNILATERAL MEGALENCEPHALY

=hamartomatous overgrowth of all / part of a cerebral hemisphere with [neuronal migration](#) defects • intractable seizure disorder at early age, hemiplegia • developmental delay ✓ moderately / marked enlargement of hemisphere ✓ ipsilateral [ventriculomegaly](#) proportionate to enlargement of affected hemisphere ✓ straightened frontal horn of ipsilateral ventricle pointing anterolaterally ✓ [neuronal migration](#) defects ✓ polymicrogyria ✓ pachygyria ✓ heterotopia of gray matter ✓ white matter gliosis (low density in white matter on CT, prolonged T1 + T2 relaxation times on MR) Rx: partial / complete hemispheric resection

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VEIN OF GALEN ANEURYSM

=central AVM directly draining into secondarily enlarged vein of Galen (aneurysm is a misnomer) *Anatomical types*: type 1=AV fistula fed by enlarged arterial branches leading to dilatation of vein Galen + straight sinus + torcular herophil type 2=angiomatous malformation involving basal ganglia + thalami ± midbrain draining into vein of Galen type 3=transitional AVM with both features Feeding vessels: (a) [posterior cerebral artery](#), posterior choroidal artery (90%) (b) anterior cerebral artery + anterior choroidal artery (c) [middle cerebral artery](#) + lenticulostriate + thalamic perforating arteries (least common) *Age at presentation*: detectable in utero >30 weeks GA; M:F = 2:1 (a) neonatal pattern (0-1 month) ■ high-output cardiac failure (36%) due to massive shunting (b) infant pattern (1-12 months) ■ macrocrania from obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) ■ seizures (c) adult pattern (>1 year) ■ headaches ± intracranial hemorrhage ■ ± [hydrocephalus](#) ■ focal neurologic deficits (5%) due to steal of blood from surrounding structures ■ cranial bruit *May be associated with*: [porencephaly](#), [nonimmune hydrops](#) ✓ smoothly marginated midline mass posterior to indented 3rd ventricle ✓ prominent serpiginous network in basal ganglia, thalami, midbrain ✓ dilated straight + transverse sinus + torcular herophil ✓ dilatation of lateral + 3rd ventricle (37%) NCCT: ✓ round well-circumscribed homogeneous slightly hyperdense mass in region of 3rd ventricular outlet ✓ hyperdense intracerebral hematoma (ruptured AVM) ✓ focal hypodense zones (ischemic changes) ✓ rim calcification (14%) CECT: ✓ marked homogeneous enhancement of serpentine structures + vein of Galen + straight sinus OB-US: ✓ median tubular cystic space with high-velocity turbulent flow demonstrated by pulsed / color Doppler ✓ brain infarction / leukomalacia (steal phenomenon with hypoperfusion) ✓ cardiac enlargement (high-output heart failure) ✓ dilated veins of head + neck ✓ [hydrocephalus](#) (aqueductal obstruction / posthemorrhagic impairment of CSF absorption) MR: ✓ areas of signal void Angio: necessary to define vascular anatomy for surgical / endovascular intervention Cx: [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) Rx: ligation, excision, embolization of vessels from transtorcular / transarterial approach *Prognosis*: 56% overall mortality; 91% neonatal mortality *DDx*: pineal tumor, arachnoid / colloid / porencephalic cyst

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VENOUS ANGIOMA

=cluster of dilated medullary veins, which drain into an enlarged vein; bleed rarely! Can be considered a normal variant! *Histo*: venous channels without internal elastic lamina, separated by gliotic neural tissue that may calcify; probably representing persistent fetal venous system! no arterial vessels! "umbrella" configuration = multiple small radially oriented veins at periphery of lesion converging to a single larger vein! Associated with increased incidence of cavernous angiomas which can bleed! *DDx*: Sturge-Weber disease (diffuse pial [angiomatosis](#) with venous-type capillaries)

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VENOUS SINUS THROMBOSIS

Septic causes (esp. in childhood): mastoiditis, sub- / epidural [empyema](#), [meningitis](#), [encephalitis](#), brain abscess, face + scalp cellulitis, septicemia *Aseptic causes*:
(a) Tumor compressing sinuses: [meningioma](#), [leukemia](#) (b) Trauma: [fracture](#) through sinus wall, cranial surgery (c) Low-flow state: CHF, CHD, dehydration, shock (d) Hypercoagulability: [polycythemia](#) vera, idiopathic thrombocytosis, thrombocytopenia, [sickle cell disease](#), cryofibrinogenemia, pregnancy, contraceptive steroids, disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (e) Chemotherapy: eg, ARA-C ■ headaches, drowsiness, fever, nausea, vomiting ■ [stroke](#) symptomatology, seizures
NCCT: ✓ high-attenuation material (clotted blood) in sagittal sinus / straight sinus / cerebral cortical vein = "cord sign" (rare) ✓ compression of lateral ventricles in 32% (infarction / edema) ✓ unilateral (2/3) / bilateral (1/3) parenchymal hemorrhage involving gray + white matter (20%) CECT: ✓ "delta sign" / "empty triangle" = filling defect in straight sinus / superior sagittal sinus (in 70%) ✓ [gyral enhancement](#) in periphery of infarction (30-40%) ✓ intense tentorial enhancement secondary to collaterals (rare) ✓ dense transcortical medullary vein
Angio: ✓ nonfilling of thrombosed sinus ✓ filling of cortical veins, deep venous system, cavernous sinus ✓ parasagittal hemorrhages (highly specific for superior sagittal sinus thrombosis) secondary to cortical venous infarction
MR: ✓ high signal within sinus on T1WI + T2WI
Prognosis: high mortality

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VENTRICULITIS

=EPENDYMITIS = inflammation of ependymal lining of one / more ventricles *Cause:* (1) rupture of periventricular abscess (thinner capsule wall medially) (2) retrograde spread of infection from basal cisterns CECT (necessary for diagnosis): ∇ thin uniform enhancement of involved ependymal lining ∇ often associated with intraventricular inflammatory exudate + septations Cx: obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) (occlusion at foramen of Monro / aqueduct) DDX: ependymal metastases, [lymphoma](#), infiltrating [glioma](#)

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VENTRICULOPERITONEAL SHUNT

- A. SHUNT MALFUNCTION *Cause*: occlusion of catheter by choroid plexus / glial tissue, disconnection of tubes • symptoms of [increased intracranial pressure](#) • persistent bulging of anterior fontanelle • excessive rate of head growth / increasing ventricular size / shuntogram (by scintigram / contrast radiography) determines site of obstruction / brain edema tracking along shunt + within interstices of centrum semiovale (with partial obstruction) / formation of white matter cyst surrounding ventricular catheter
- B. SHUNT INFECTION *Incidence*: 1-5% • intermittent low-grade fever • anemia, dehydration, hepatosplenomegaly • stiff neck • swelling + redness over shunting tract • peritonitis / [ventriculitis](#) (= enlarged ventricles with irregular enhancing ventricular wall ± septations)
- C. ABDOMINAL COMPLICATIONS 1. [Ascites](#) 2. Pseudocyst formation 3. Perforation of viscus / abdominal wall 4. Intestinal obstruction
- D. SUBDURAL HEMATOMA *Cause*: precipitous drainage of markedly enlarged ventricles *Age*: usually seen in children >3 years of age *Prognosis*: small hematomas are insignificant
- E. GRANULOMATOUS LESION = rare granulomatous reaction adjacent to shunt tube within / near ventricle / irregular contrast-enhancing mass along course of shunt tube
- F. SLIT VENTRICLE SYNDROME = symptoms from shunt failure in absence of ventricular enlargement (poorly defined syndrome) / normal imaging studies
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VISCERAL LARVA MIGRANS OF BRAIN

roundworm nematode (*Toxocara canis*) ^{1/} small calcific nodules, especially in basal ganglia + periventricular *DDx*: [tuberous sclerosis](#)

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VON HIPPEL-LINDAU DISEASE

= vHL = RETINOCEREBELLAR [ANGIOMATOSIS](#) = inherited neurocutaneous dysplasia complex; autosomal dominant (gene located on chromosome 3p25-p26) with 80-100% penetrance + variable delayed expressivity; grouped under hereditary phakomatosis; in 20% familial Age at onset: 2nd-3rd decade; M:F = 1:1

Diagnostic criteria: (a) >1 [hemangioblastoma of CNS](#) (b) 1 hemangioblastoma + visceral manifestation (c) 1 manifestation + known family history

@CNS MANIFESTATION Age at presentation: 25-35 years • cerebellar symptoms: vertigo, dysdiadochokinesia, dysmetria, Romberg sign • signs of [increased intracranial pressure](#): headache, vomiting • vision changes: reactive retinal inflammation with exudate + hemorrhage, [retinal detachment](#), glaucoma, cataract, uveitis, decreasing visual acuity, eye pain • spinal cord symptoms (uncommon): loss of sensation, impaired proprioception

1. Retinal [angiomas](#) = **von Hippel tumor** (>45%) earliest manifestation of disease; multiple in up to 66%, bilateral in up to 50% Dx: indirect ophthalmoscopy + fluorescein [angiography](#) ✓ small tumors rarely detected by imaging studies ✓ globe distortion ✓ thick calcified retinal density (calcified angioma-induced hematoma) US: ✓ small hyperechoic solid masses, most in temporal retina Cx: (1) repeated [vitreous hemorrhage](#) (frequent) (2) exudative [retinal detachment](#) posteriorly

2. Hemangioblastomas of CNS = **Lindau tumor** (40%) = most commonly recognized manifestation of vHL disease Age: 15-40 years Site: cerebellum (65%), brainstem (20%), spinal cord (15%); multiple lesions in 10-15% 4-20% of single hemangioblastomas occur in von Hippel-Lindau disease! CT: ✓ large cystic lesion with 3-15 mm mural nodule (75%) ✓ solid enhancing lesion (10%) ✓ enhancing lesion with multiple cystic areas (15%) ✓ intense tumor blush / blushing mural nodule ✓ NO calcifications (DDx: cystic [astrocytoma](#) calcifies in 25%) MR (modality of choice): ✓ hypointense cystic component on T1WI (slightly hyperintense to CSF due to protein content); hyperintense on T2WI ✓ small tubular areas of flow void within mural nodule (= enlarged feeding + draining vessels); intense contrast enhancement of mural nodule ✓ slightly hypointense solid lesion on T1WI; hyperintense on T2WI; intense contrast enhancement Angio: ✓ intense staining of mural nodule ("mother-in-law phenomenon" = tumor blush comes early, stays late, very dense) ✓ presence of feeding vessels *Prognosis:* most frequent cause of morbidity and mortality; frequent recurrence after resection @LABYRINTH 1. Endolymphatic sac neoplasm = aggressive adenomatous tumor with mixed histologic features • sensorineural hearing loss Location: retrolabyrinthine [temporal bone](#) Site: endolymphatic sac ✓ aggressive lytic lesion containing intratumoral osseous spicules + areas of hemorrhage ✓ heterogeneous enhancement with hyperintense areas on T1WI + T2WI (due to hemorrhage) @HEART 1. Rhabdomyoma

@KIDNEYS • [polycythemia](#) due to elevated erythropoietin level (in 15% with hemangioblastoma, in 10% with [renal cell carcinoma](#)) 1. Cortical renal cysts (75%) multiple + bilateral (may be confused with adult polycystic kidney disease) 2. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) (20-45%) Age: 20-50 years ✓ multicentric in 87%, bilateral in 10-75%, may arise from cyst wall ✓ *sensitivity:* 35% for [angiography](#), 37% for US, 45% for CT (due to inability to reliably distinguish between cystic RCC, cancer within cyst, atypical cyst) ✓ 50% metastatic at time of discovery *Prognosis:* RCC is cause of death in 30-50% as the second most frequent cause of mortality! 3. [Renal adenoma](#) 4. [Renal hemangioma](#)

@ADRENAL [pheochromocytoma](#) (in up to 10-17%), bilateral in up to 40%; confined to certain families

@EPIDIDYMS 1. Cystadenoma of [epididymis](#)

@PANCREAS 1. Pancreatic cystadenoma / cystadenocarcinoma 2. Pancreatic islet cell tumor 3. Pancreatic hemangioblastoma 4. Pancreatic cysts (in 30%); incidence in autopsies up to 72% ✓ usually multiple and multilocular cysts

@LIVER 1. Liver [hemangioma](#) 2. Adenoma @OTHERS 1. [Paraganglioma](#) 2. Cysts in virtually any organ: liver, [spleen](#), adrenal, [epididymis](#), omentum, mesentery, lung, bone

MULTIPLE ORGAN NEOPLASMS @Kidney: [renal cell carcinoma](#) (up to 40%), renal angioma (up to 45%)

@Liver: adenoma, angioma

@Pancreas: cystadenoma / adenocarcinoma @Epididymis: adenoma @Adrenal gland: [pheochromocytoma](#)

MULTIPLE ORGAN CYSTS (1) Kidney (usually multiple cortical cysts in 75-100% at early age, most common abdominal manifestation) (2) Pancreas (in 9-72% often numerous cysts; second most common affected abdominal organ) (3) Others: liver, [spleen](#), omentum, mesentery, [epididymis](#), adrenals, lung, bone

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OPHTHALMOPLEGIA

Lesions of 1.Oculomotor nerve (III)innervates medial rectus, superior rectus, inferior rectus, inferior oblique muscle, pupilloconstrictor, levator palpebrae 2.Trochlear nerve (IV)innervates superior oblique muscle 3.Abducens nerve (VI)innervates lateral rectus muscle

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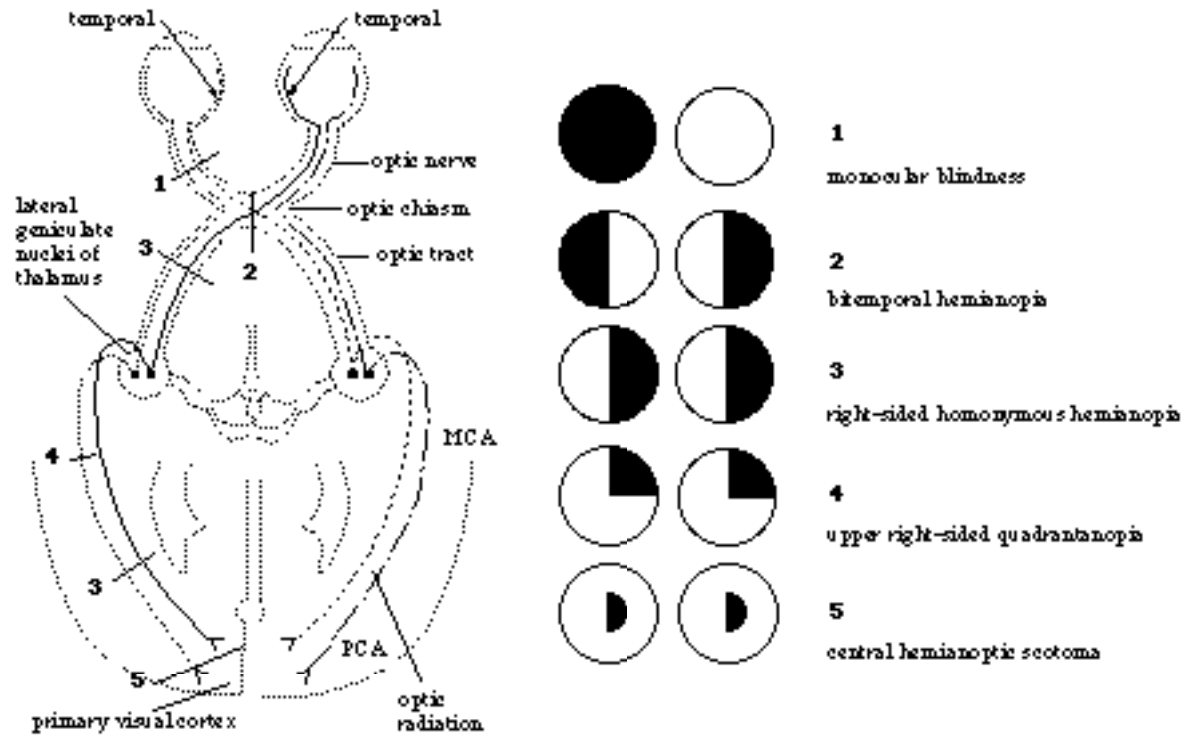
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ANOPIA

[numbers are referring to drawing] A. MONOCULAR DEFECTS 1=monocular blindness (optic nerve lesion in [fracture of optic canal](#), amaurosis fugax) B. BILATERAL HETERONYMOUS DEFECTS 2=bitemporal hemianopia (chiasmatic lesion) C. BILATERAL HOMONYMOUS DEFECTS 3=homonymous hemianopia 4=upper right-sided quadrantanopia 5=central hemianoptic scotoma 3,4,5=most common type of hemianopia (CVA, brain tumor)



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OCULAR TRAUMA

Types:(a)Simple / complicated contusion with rupture of ocular wall(b)Simple / perforating injury to the globe(c)Foreign bodyEvaluate for: (1)[vitreous hemorrhage](#) (2)[retinal detachment](#) (3)[choroidal detachment](#) (4)alteration in position / texture of lens (5)thickening / rupture of ocular wall (6)Hematoma in retro-ocular space (7)Vascular complications: central renal artery occlusion, carotid-cavernous fistula, fistula of angular vein (8)Foreign body in globe (95% [sensitivity](#) for US) / orbit (50% [sensitivity](#) for US)

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2. Panophthalmitis 3. [Pseudotumor of orbit](#) B. CYSTIC DISEASE 1. [Dermoid](#) cyst 2. [Mucocele](#) 3. Retro-ocular cyst (developmental) C. VASCULAR DISEASE 1. Cavernous
angioma 2. Capillary angioma 3. [Lymphangioma](#) 4. Varix 5. Carotid-cavernous fistula D. TUMORS 1. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#) 2. Optic nerve
[glioma](#) 3. [Meningioma](#) 4. [Lymphoma](#) 5. Metastasis

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Intraconal Lesion *mnemonic: "Mel Met Rita Mending Hems On Poor Charlies Grave"* Melanoma Metastasis Retinoblastoma Meningioma Hemangioma Optic glioma Pseudotumor Cellulitis Grave disease

Intraconal Lesion With Optic Nerve Involvement 1. Optic nerve glioma 2. Optic nerve sheath meningioma (10% of orbital neoplasm) 3. Optic neuritis 4. Inflammatory pseudotumor (may surround optic nerve) 5. Intraorbital lymphoma (may surround optic nerve, older patient) 6. Elevated intracranial pressure = distension of optic sheath / bilateral tortuous enlarged optic nerve-sheath complex

Intraconal Lesion Without Optic Nerve Involvement 1. Cavernous hemangioma 2. Orbital varix 3. Carotid-cavernous fistula 4. Arteriovenous malformation least common of orbital vascular malformations (congenital, idiopathic, traumatic) / irregularly shaped intensely enhancing mass of enlarged vessels / associated with dilated superior / inferior ophthalmic vein 5. Hematoma 6. Lymphangioma 7. Neuroilemoma / commonly adjacent to superior orbital fissure, inferior to optic nerve / local bone erosion

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Extraconal Lesion *Extraconal-intraorbital Lesion* A. BENIGN TUMOR 1. [Dermoid](#) cyst 2. **Teratoma**

<1% of all pediatric orbital tumors ± areas of fat, cartilage, bone expansion of bony orbit ± bone defect 3. Capillary [hemangioma](#) 4. [Lymphangioma](#) 5. Plexiform neurofibroma 6. Inflammatory orbital pseudotumor 7. Histiocytosis X lesion usually arises from bone B. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. [Lymphoma](#) / [Leukemia](#) 2. Metastasis 3. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)

Extraconal-extraorbital Lesion A. FROM SINUS maxillary / sphenoid sinuses are rare locations of origin 1. Tumor: squamous cell carcinoma (80%), adenocarcinoma, [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#), [lymphoma](#) 2. Paranasal [sinusitis](#): most common cause of orbital infection; *Origin* from [ethmoid sinuses](#) (in children), from [frontal sinus](#) (in adolescence) *Organism*: Staphylococcus, Streptococcus, Pneumococcus preseptal / orbital edema / cellulitis subperiosteal / orbital abscess mucormycosis (in diabetics) destroys bone + extends into cavernous sinus Cx: (1) epidural abscess (2) subdural [empyema](#) (3) cavernous sinus thrombosis (4) [meningitis](#) (5) [cerebritis](#) (6) brain abscess 3. [Mucocoele](#) B. FROM SKIN 1. Orbital cellulitis C. FROM LACRIMAL GLAND mass arising from superolateral aspect of orbit *mnemonic*: "MOLD" Metastasis Others ([rhabdomyosarcoma](#), [lymphangioma](#), sinus lesion) Lymphoma, Lacrimal gland tumor Dermoid

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Orbital Mass In Childhood 1. [Dermoid](#) cyst46%2. Inflammatory lesion16%3. Dermolipoma7%4. Capillary [hemangioma](#)4%5. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)4%6. [Leukemia](#) / [lymphoma](#)2%7. Optic nerve [glioma](#)2%8. [Lymphangioma](#)2%9. Cavernous [hemangioma](#)1% *mnemonic:* "LO VISHON" Leukemia, Lymphoma Optic nerve [glioma](#) Vascular malformation: [hemangioma](#), [lymphangioma](#) Inflammation Sarcoma: ie, [rhabdomyosarcoma](#) Histiocytosis Orbital pseudotumor, Osteoma Neuroblastoma **Primary Malignant Orbital Tumors** 1. [Retinoblastoma](#)86.0%2. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)8.1%3. [Uveal melanoma](#)2.3%4. Sarcoma1.7% **Secondary Malignant Orbital Tumors** 1. [Leukemia](#)36.7%2. Sarcoma14.3%3. Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)11.0%4. [Neuroblastoma](#)9.2%5. [Wilms tumor](#)6.7%6. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)5.6%7. Histiocytosis3.9%8. [Medulloblastoma](#)3.5% **Orbital Cystic Lesion** 1. Abscess2. Intraorbital hematoma3. [Dermoid](#) cyst4. Lacrimal cyst5. [Lymphangioma](#)6. Hydatid cyst **Orbital Vascular Tumors** 1. Orbital varix2. [Arteriovenous malformation](#)3. Carotid-cavernous fistula4. [Hemangioma](#): capillary / cavernous5. Blood cyst6. Arterial malformation7. [Glomus tumor](#)8. [Hemangiopericytoma](#)

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Mass In Superolateral Quadrant Of Orbit 1.Lacrimal gland tumor2.[Dermoid](#) cyst3.Metastasis (breast, prostate, lung)4.[Lymphoma](#)5.Leukemic infiltration of lacrimal gland6.[Sarcoidosis](#)7.[Wegener granulomatosis](#)8.Pseudotumor9.[Frontal sinus mucocele](#)

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Extraocular Muscle Enlargement A.ENDOCRINE1.Grave disease (50%)2.[Acromegaly](#)B.INFLAMMATION1.[Myositis](#)

■ rapid onset of proptosis, erythema of lids, conjunctival injectionLocation:single muscle (in adults); multiple muscles (in children)✓ enlarged extraocular muscle✓ positive response to steroids2.Orbital cellulitis3.Sjögren disease, [Wegener granulomatosis](#), lethal [midline granuloma](#), SLE4.[Sarcoidosis](#)5.Foreign-body reactionC.TUMOR1.Pseudotumor2.[Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)3.Metastasis, [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#)D.VASCULAR1.Spontaneous / traumatic hematoma2.[Arteriovenous malformation](#)3.[Carotid-cavernous sinus fistula](#)

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Spectrum Of Ocular Disorders A. CONGENITAL 1. [Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#) 2. [Coats disease](#) 3. [Coloboma](#) 4. [Congenital cataract](#) B. VITREORETINAL 1. [Vitreous hemorrhage](#) 2. [Retinal detachment](#) 3. [Choroidal detachment](#) 4. [Endophthalmitis](#) 5. [Retinoschisis](#) 6. [Retrolental fibroplasia](#) C. TUMOR 1. [Retinoblastoma](#) 2. [Choroidal hemangioma](#) 3. [Retinal angiomatosis](#) 4. [Melanocytoma](#) 5. [Choroidal osteoma](#) D. TRAUMA

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Microphthalmia =congenital underdevelopment / acquired diminution of globeA.BILATERAL with cataract1.Congenital [rubella](#)2.Persistent hyperplastic vitreous3.Retinopathy of prematurity4.Retinal folds5.Lowe syndrome✓ small globe + small orbitB.UNILATERAL1.Trauma / surgery / radiation therapy2.Inflammation with disorganization of eye (phthisis bulbi)✓ shrunken calcified globe + normal orbit

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Macrophthalmia =enlargement of globeA.WITHOUT INTRAOCULAR MASS(a)generalized enlargement1.Axial myopia (most common cause)✓ enlargement of globe in AP direction✓ ± thinning of sclera2.Buphthalmos3.Juvenile glaucoma4.Connective tissue disorder: [Marfan syndrome](#), [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#), Weill-Marchesani syndrome (congenital mesodermal dysmorphodystrophy), [homocystinuria](#)✓ "wavy" contour of sclera(b)focal enlargement1.**Staphyloma** =sacculum of posterior pole of globe (or berrylike protrusion of cornea)✓ focal bulge + thinning of scleraCx:advanced chorioretinal degeneration (77%), choroid retraction from optic disc, posterior vitreous detachment, choroidal hemorrhage, [retinal detachment](#), cataract, glaucoma2.Apparent enlargement due to contralateral [microphthalmia](#)B.WITH INTRAOCULAR MASS(rare cause for enlargement) (a)with calcifications:1.[Retinoblastoma](#)(b)without calcifications:1.Melanoma2.Metastasis

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Ocular Lesion Intraocular Calcifications 1. [Retinoblastoma](#) (>50% of all cases) 2. Astrocytic hamartoma 3. **Choroidal osteoma**

= rare juxtapapillary tumor of mature bone Age: young woman; may be bilateral ✓ small flat very dense curvilinear mass aligned with choroidal margin of globe DDX: calcified choroidal angioma 4. **Optic drusen** = accretions of hyaline material on / near surface of optic disc; often familial ■ headache, visual field defects ■ pseudopapilledema ✓ small flat / round calcification at junction of retina + optic nerve ✓ bilateral in 75% 5. Scleral calcifications (a) in systemic hypercalcemic states (HPT, [hypervitaminosis D](#), [sarcoidosis](#), secondary to chronic renal disease) (b) in elderly: at insertion of extraocular muscles 6. [Retrolental fibroplasia](#) 7. **Phthisis bulbi** secondary to trauma or infection ✓ small contracted calcified disorganized nonfunctioning globe *mnemonic:* "NMR CT" Neurofibromatosis **Melanoma** (hyperdense melanin) **Retinoblastoma** **Choroidal osteoma** **Tuberous sclerosis** **Noncalcified Ocular Process** 1. [Uveal melanoma](#) 2. Metastasis 86% of ocular lesions within globe; usually in vascular choroid *Origin:* breast, lung, GI tract, GU tract, cutaneous melanoma, [neuroblastoma](#) ✓ bilateral in 30% 3. [Choroidal hemangioma](#) 4. **Vitreous lymphoma** ✓ diffuse ill-defined soft-tissue density 5. Developmental anomalies (a) **Primary glaucoma** = enlargement of eye secondary to narrowing of Schlemm canal (b) [Coloboma](#) (c) [Staphyloma](#)

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Vitreous Hemorrhage *Cause:* trauma, surgical intervention, [arterial hypertension](#), [retinal detachment](#), ocular tumor, [Coats disease](#) *US:* ∇ numerous irregular, poorly defined, mobile low-intensity echoes ∇ voluminous hyperechoic fibrin clots not fixed to optic nerve (DDx to [retinal detachment](#)) *Prognosis:* complete absorption / development of vitreous membranes (repetitive episodes)

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Dense Vitreous In Pediatric Age Group 1.[Retinoblastoma](#)2.[Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#)3.[Coats disease](#)4.[Norrie disease](#)5.[Retrolental fibroplasia](#)6.[Sclerosing endophthalmitis](#)

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Retinal Detachment Cause: trauma, tumor, exudative / inflammatory process, scar US: \surd curvilinear area of high echogenicity fixed at optic disk (= papilla) + extending to ora serrata \surd V-shaped (with total detachment) \surd in one quadrant only (partial detachment) \surd thick folded retina with loss of mobility (long-standing detachment) \surd subretinal space normal / occupied by blood, inflammation / tumor (depending on cause) *DDx*: vitreous membranes, [choroidal detachment](#) (point of fixation not at papilla)

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Choroidal Detachment *Cause:* trauma, surgical intervention, spontaneous *US:* \surd two convex lines emerging from both walls of the vitreous + advancing to ciliary body with posterior fixation outside the macula \surd minimal / no choroidal membrane mobility

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Leukokoria =abnormal white / pinkish / yellowish pupillary light reflex [from Greek *leuko* = white and *koria* = pupil]A.TUMOR1.[Retinoblastoma](#) (most common cause - 58%)2.Retinal astrocytic hamartoma (3%):associated with [tuberous sclerosis](#) + von Recklinghausen disease 2.Medulloepithelioma (rare)B.DEVELOPMENTAL1.[Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#)(2nd most common cause - 28%) 2.[Coats disease](#) (16%)3.[Retrolental fibroplasia](#) (3-5%)4.[Coloboma](#) of choroid / optic discC.INFECTION1.Uveitis2.Larval granulomatosis (16%)D.DEGENERATIVE1.Posterior cataractE.TRAUMA1.Retinopathy of prematurity (5%)2.Organized [vitreous hemorrhage](#)3.Long-standing [retinal detachment](#) **Leukokoria In Normal-sized Eye** A.CALCIFIED MASS1.[Retinoblastoma](#)2.Retinal [astrocytoma](#)B.NONCALCIFIED MASS1.Toxocaral endophthalmitis2.[Coats disease](#) **Leukokoria With [Microphthalmia](#)** A.UNILATERAL1.[Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#) (PHPV)B.BILATERAL1.Retinopathy of prematurity2.Bilateral PHPV

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Optic Nerve Enlargement A.TUMOR:1.Optic nerve [glioma](#)2.Optic nerve sheath [meningioma](#)3.Infiltration by [leukemia](#) / [lymphoma](#)B.FLUID:1.Perineural hematoma2.Papilledema of intracranial hypertension3.Patulous subarachnoid spaceC.INFLAMMATION:1.[Optic neuritis](#)2.[Sarcoidosis](#) ✓ fusiform thickening=lens-shaped thickening of nerve-sheath complex(a)with central lucency: [meningioma](#)(b)without central lucency: optic nerve [glioma](#) ✓ excrescentic thickening=single / multiple nodules along nerve-sheath complex usually due to tumor ✓ tubular enlargement=uniform enlargement of nerve-sheath complex(a)with central lucency: subarachnoid process (metastases, perineuritis, [meningioma](#), perineural hemorrhage)(b)without central lucency: papilledema, [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), sarcoid, optic nerve [glioma](#)

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Lacrimal Gland Lesion A.INFLAMMATION1.[Dacryoadenitis](#)2. **Mikulicz syndrome** =nonspecific enlargement of lacrimal + salivary glandsAssociated with:[sarcoidosis](#), [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#)3. **Sjögren syndrome**

=lymphocytic infiltration of lacrimal + salivary glands ■ decreased lacrimation, xerostomia Often associated with: [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), scleroderma, polymyositis 4.[Sarcoidosis](#)B.TUMOR(a)benign:granuloma, cyst, benign mixed tumor (= [pleomorphic adenoma](#))(b)malignant:malignant mixed tumor (= pleomorphic adenocarcinoma), [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#), [lymphoma](#), metastasis (rare)

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Lacrimal Gland Enlargement *mnemonic:*"MELD"**M**etastasis **E**pithelial tumor **L**ymphoid tumor **D**ermoid **BILATERAL LACRIMAL GLAND MASSES**
mnemonic:"LACS"**L**ymphoma **A**nd **C**ollagen-vascular disease **S**arcoidosis

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Superior Orbital Fissure Boundaries (Grays Anatomy): - medial:sphenoid body- above:lesser wing of sphenoid = optic strut- below:greater wing of sphenoid- lateral:small segment of frontal bone
Contents: (a)nerves:IIIoculomotor n.IVtrochlear n.V₁ophthalmic branch of trigeminal n.:(a) lacrimal nerve(b) frontal nerveVIabducens n.sympathetic filaments of internal carotid plexus (b)veins:superior + inferior ophthalmic vein(c)arteries:1.meningeal branch of lacrimal artery2.orbital branch of middle meningeal artery

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Inferior Orbital Fissure Location: between floor + lateral wall of orbit; connects with pterygopalatine + infratemporal fossa Contents: (a) nerves: infraorbital + zygomatic nn. branches from pterygopalatine [ganglion](#) (b) veins: connection between inferior orbital v. + pterygoid plexus

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Optic Canal completely formed by lesser wing of sphenoid *Contents:* (a)nerve:optic nerve (l)(b)vessel:ophthalmic a.

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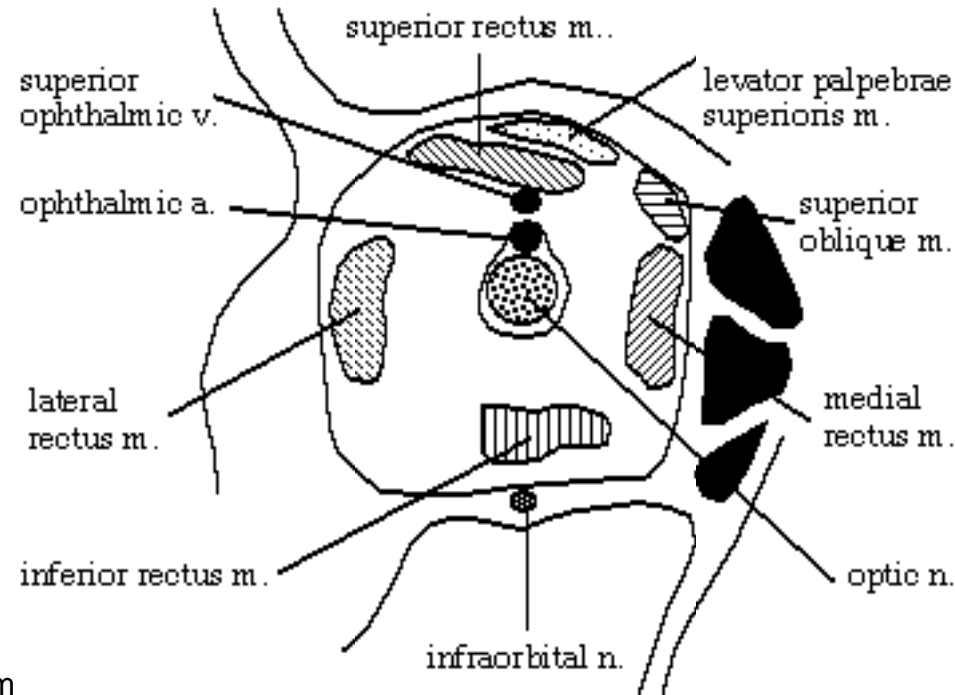
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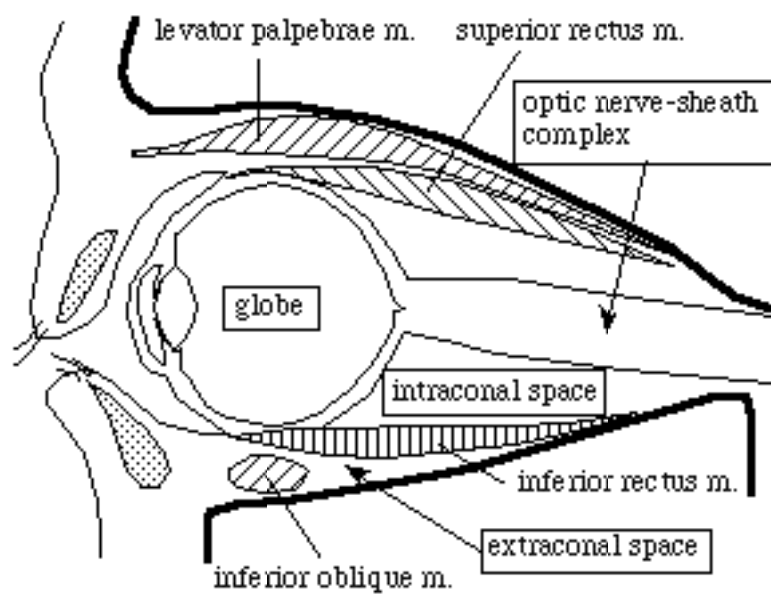
NORMAL ORBIT MEASUREMENTS

Muscles medial rectus muscle 4.1 ± 0.5 mm inferior rectus muscle 4.9 ± 0.8 mm superior rectus muscle 3.8 ± 0.7 mm lateral rectus muscle 2.9 ± 0.6 mm superior oblique muscle 2.4 ± 0.4 mm Superior ophthalmic vein axial CT 1.8 ± 0.5 mm coronal CT 2.7 ± 1.0 mm Optic nerve sheath retrobulbar 5.5 ± 0.8 mm waist 4.2 ± 0.6 mm Globe



position behind interzygomatic line 9.9 ± 1.7 mm

Coronal Orbital Tomogram Through Midorbit



Orbital Spaces

- globe: subdivided into anterior + posterior segments by lens
- optic nerve-sheath complex: optic nerve surrounded by meningeal sheath as extension from cerebral meninges
- intraconal space: orbital fat, ophthalmic a., superior ophthalmic v., nerves I, III, IV, V, VI
- conus: incomplete fenestrated musculofascial system extending from bony orbit to anterior third of globe, consists of extraocular muscles + interconnecting fascia
- extraconal space: between muscle cone + bony orbit containing fat, lacrimal gland, lacrimal sac, portion of superior ophthalmic v.

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BUPHTHALMOS

=HYDROPHTHALMOS = MEGOPHTHALMOS=diffuse enlargement of eye in children secondary to increased intraocular pressureCause: 1.Congenital / infantile glaucoma2.[Neurofibromatosis](#) type 1: obstruction of canal of Schlemm by membranes / masses composed of aberrant mesodermal tissue3.Sturge-Weber syndrome4.Lowe (cerebrohepatorenal) syndrome5.Ocular mesodermal dysplasia (eg, Axenfeld or Rieger anomalies)6.[Homocystinuria](#)7.Aniridia8.Acquired glaucoma (rare)Pathophysiology: obstruction of canal of Schlemm located between cornea + iris leads to decreased resorption of aqueous humor (= anterior chamber fluid) with scleral distension ∇ uniformly enlarged globe without mass of round / oval / bizarre shapeRx:goniotomy (increases the angle of anterior chamber); trabeculotomy (lyses adhesions)

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CAROTID-CAVERNOUS SINUS FISTULA

=abnormal communication between [internal carotid artery](#) + veins of cavernous sinus *Etiology:* (1)Trauma: laceration of ICA within cavernous sinus (a) usually secondary to basal skull [fracture](#) (cavernous ICA + small cavernous branches fixed to dura) (b) penetrating trauma (2) Spontaneous: rupture of an intracavernous ICA aneurysm *Route of drainage:* (a) superior ophthalmic vein (common) (b) contralateral cavernous sinus (c) petrosal sinus (d) cortical veins (rare) ■ pulsating exophthalmos, chemosis, conjunctival edema ■ persistent orbital bruit ■ restricted extraocular movement ■ decrease in vision due to increase in intraocular pressure (50%) = indication for emergent treatment ✓ enlarged edematous extraocular muscles ✓ dilatation of superior ophthalmic vein / facial veins / internal jugular vein ✓ focal / diffuse enlargement of cavernous sinus ✓ occasionally sellar erosion / enlargement ✓ enlargement of [superior orbital fissure](#) (in chronic phase) US + MR: ✓ arterial flow in cavernous sinus + superior ophthalmic vein ✓ Angio: ✓ ipsilateral ICA contrast injection shows wall of ICA to be incomplete ✓ contralateral ICA contrast injection + compression of involved ICA ✓ early opacification of veins of cavernous sinus ✓ retrograde flow through dilated superior ophthalmic v. Rx: latex / silicone balloon detached inside cavernous sinus to plug laceration (ocular signs resolve within 7-10 days)

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CHOROIDAL HEMANGIOMA

=vascular hamartoma Age: 10-20 years (most common benign tumor in adults) *May be associated with:* Sturge-Weber syndrome Location: posterior pole temporal to optic disk (70%) 0.5-3-mm small tumor focal thickening of posterior wall of globe enhancement similar to choroid [retinal detachment](#) (frequent) US: hyperechoic homogeneous mass *DDx:* melanoma (choroidal excavation)

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COATS DISEASE

=RETINAL TELANGIECTASIA=Pseudoglioma = congenital idiopathic primary vascular malformation of the retina characterized by(1)multiple abnormal telangiectatic retinal vessels(2)lack of blood-retina barrier causing leakage of a lipoproteinaceous exudate into retina + subretinal space with secondary detachment of retinaAge:6-8 years (but present at birth); M:F = 2:1 ■ strabismus ■ may present with [leukokoria](#) (if retina massively detached) [16% of [leukokoria](#) cases] ■ loss of vision, secondary glaucoma ■ cholesterol crystals at funduscopyLocation:unilateral in 90%Associated with:✓ [retinal detachment](#)✓ slight [microphthalmia](#)✓ NO focal mass / calcification (HALLMARK)US: ✓ clumpy particulate echoes in subretinal space (due to cholesterol crystals suspended in fluid)✓ vitreous + subretinal hemorrhage (frequent)DDx:unilateral noncalcifying [retinoblastoma](#) (before 3 years of age, no [microphthalmia](#))CT: ✓ unilateral dense vitreous in normal-sized globeMR: ✓ hyperintense subretinal exudate on T1WI + T2WI (due to mixture of protein + lipid) / hypointense on T2WI (cholesterol crystals + membranous lipids)✓ abnormal enhancement of retina at ora serrata + of detached retinal leavesDDx:(1)[Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#) (thick tubular retrolental mass)(2)Retinopathy of prematurityRx:photocoagulation / cryotherapy to obliterate telangiectasias (in early stages)

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COLOBOMA

[Greek koloboun, to mutilate] = incomplete closure of embryonic choroidal fissure affecting eyelid / lens / iris / choroid / retina / macula; autosomal dominant trait with variable penetrance (30%) and expression; bilateral in 60% *Time of insult*: 6th week of GA *May be associated with*: encephalocele, [agenesis of corpus callosum](#) Location: in 50% bilateral / cystic outpouching (= herniation) of vitreous at site of optic nerve attachment / small globe *DDx*: microphthalmos with cyst = [duplication cyst](#), axial (high) myopia

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CONGENITAL CATARACT

=opacification of lens *Etiology*:infection, hereditary *Location*:frequently bilateral *US*: ↑ increase in thickness + echogenicity of posterior wall of lens ± intralenticular echoes

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DACRYOADENITIS

=infection of lacrimal gland *Organism*: staphylococci (most common), mumps, infectious mononucleosis, influenza^v homogeneous enlargement of lacrimal gland^v ± compression of globe

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DERMOID CYST OF ORBIT

Most common benign orbital tumor in childhood (45% of all masses) *Age*: 1st decade *Histo*: contains keratin, hair, stratified epithelium + dermal appendages within thick capsule; usually arises in fetal cleavage planes (sutures) *Location*: in anterior extraconal orbit, upper temporal quadrant (60%), upper nasal quadrant (25%)
well-defined cystic mass ± negative HU numbers
thick surrounding capsule ± expansion / erosion of bony orbit
US: encapsulated heterogeneous mass with variable cystic component
MR: high signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI

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Infectious Endophthalmitis *Organism*.bacteria (rare in childhood, trauma, idiopathic), fungi, parasites *Cause*: (a)exogenous endophthalmitis: most commonly related to eye injury / surgery (b)endogenous endophthalmitis: hematogenous spread from distant source of infection *US*: √ medium- to high-intensity echoes dispersed throughout vitreous (DDx: echoes in [vitreous hemorrhage](#) are more mobile) *CT*: √ increased attenuation of vitreous √ uveal-scleral thickening √ decreased attenuation of lens

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Sclerosing Endophthalmitis = TOXOCARA CANIS ENDOPHTHALMITIS = granulomatous uveitis resulting in subretinal exudate, [retinal detachment](#), organized vitreous. *Age*: 2-6-12 years *Mode of infection*: playing in soil contaminated by viable infective eggs from dog excrement (common in playgrounds) *Organism*: helminthic nematode *Toxocara canis* causing visceral / ocular larva migrans (0.5 mm long, 20 µm wide); endemic throughout world; especially common in southeastern United States *Life cycle*: egg hatches into larva within intestines of definite host (dog) + develops into adult worm; alternatively dog may eat infective-stage larvae from intestines / viscera of other animals; in noncanine host larvae will not develop into adult worm, but burrow through intestinal wall and migrate to liver, lung, and other tissue including brain + eye *Pathophysiology*: migration through human tissue produces a severe eosinophilic reaction that becomes granulomatous; spreads hematogenously to temporal choroid *Path*: retina elevated + distorted + partially replaced by an inflammatory mass containing abundant dense scar tissue; subjacent choroid infiltrated with chronic inflammatory cells including eosinophils; proteinaceous subretinal exudate • red "hot" eye, photophobia, pain • anterior chamber flare cells, keratic precipitates • vitreous synechia • vitritis = accumulation of cellular debris in vitreous • [leukokoria](#) (16% of cases of childhood [leukokoria](#)) • fever, hepatomegaly, pneumonitis, convulsions • peripheral blood eosinophilia *Location*: usually unilateral eye of normal size without calcifications secondary [retinal detachment](#) *US*: hypoechoic mass in peripheral fundus ± calcifications *CT*: intravitreal mass focal uveoscleral thickening (granulomatous reaction around larva) with contrast enhancement increased density of vitreous cavity *MR*: enhancing granuloma isointense to vitreous on T1WI mass usually hyperintense relative to vitreous on T2WI, occasionally hypointense (due to dense fibroconnective tissue) *Cx*: [retinal detachment](#) (due to subretinal fluid / vitreoretinal traction), cataract *Dx*: (1) Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) on blood serum / vitreous aspirate (2) Histologic identification of organism *DDx*: [retinoblastoma](#)

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GRAVES DISEASE OF ORBIT

=THYROID OPHTHALMOPATHY= ENDOCRINE EXOPHTHALMOS =increase in orbital pressure produces ischemia, edema, [fibrosis](#) of muscles *Etiology*: produced by long-acting thyroid-stimulating factor (LATS); probably immunologic cross-reactivity against antigens shared by thyroid + orbital tissue *Age*: adulthood; 5% younger than 15 years; M:F = 1:4 *Histo*: deposition of hygroscopic mucopolysaccharides + glycoprotein (early) + collagen (late); infiltration by mast cells and lymphocytes, edema, muscle fiber necrosis, lipomatosis, fatty degeneration *Time of onset*: signs + symptoms usually develop within one year of the onset of [hyperthyroidism](#) • proptosis • Most common cause of uni- / bilateral proptosis in adult! • lid lag = upper eyelid retraction • periorbital swelling • conjunctival injection • restricted ocular motility (correlates with increase in mean muscle diameters) • progressive optic neuropathy (5%) • [hyperthyroidism](#); euthyroidism (in 10-15%); severity of orbital involvement unrelated to degree of thyroid dysfunction STAGING (Werner's modified classification): Stage I: eyelid retraction without symptoms Stage II: eyelid retraction with symptoms Stage III: proptosis >22 mm without diplopia Stage IV: proptosis >22 mm with diplopia Stage V: corneal ulceration Stage VI: loss of sight Location: bilateral in 70-85%; single muscle in 10%; asymmetrical involvement in 10-30%; all muscles equally affected with similar proportional enlargements; superior muscle group most commonly when only single muscle involved [former notion: inferior > medial > superior rectus muscle + levator palpebrae > lateral rectus muscle *mnemonic*: "IM SLOW" Inferior Medial Superior Lateral] • proptosis = globe protrusion >21 mm anterior to interzygomatic line on axial scans at level of lens • swelling of muscles maximally in midportion (relative sparing of tendinous insertion at globe) = "Coke-bottle" sign • slight uveal-scleral thickening • apical crowding = orbital apex involved late (pressure on optic nerve) • dilatation of superior ophthalmic vein (compromised orbital venous drainage at orbital apex due to enlarged extraocular muscles) • increase in diameter of retrobulbar optic nerve sheath (dural distension due to accumulation of CSF in subarachnoid space with optic neuropathy) • increased density of orbital fat (late) • anterior displacement of lacrimal gland • intracranial fat herniation through superior orbital fissure (best correlation with compressive neuropathy) MR: • high signal intensity in enlarged eye muscles on T2WI (edema in acute inflammation) *Prognosis*: in 90% spontaneous resolution within 3-36 months; in 10% decrease in visual acuity (corneal ulceration / optic neuropathy) *Rx*: short- and long-term steroid therapy, cyclosporine, radiation, surgical decompression, correction of eyelid position *DDx*: pseudotumor (usually includes tendon of eye muscles)

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HEMANGIOMA OF ORBIT

Most common benign orbital tumor Location: 83-94% retrobulbar (intraconal) ✓ sharply demarcated oval mass in superior-temporal portion of conus (2/3) often sparing orbital apex ✓ displacement (not involvement) of optic nerve ✓ expansion of bony orbit ✓ uniform / inhomogeneous (when thrombosed) enhancement ✓ small calcifications (phleboliths) ✓ puddling of contrast material on [angiography](#) US: ✓ well-defined encapsulated mass of intermediate echogenicity ✓ absent / poor predominantly venous flow

[Capillary Hemangioma Of Orbit](#) [Cavernous Hemangioma Of Orbit](#)

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Capillary Hemangioma Of Orbit most common vascular tumor of orbit in children; 5-15% of all pediatric orbital masses Age: first 2 weeks of life; 95% in <6 months of age; M < F *Histo*: proliferation of endothelial cells with multiple capillaries • proptosis, chemosis (= edema) of eyelid + conjunctiva exaggerated by crying • associated with skin angioma (90%) Location: anterior part of orbit, occasionally posterior ✓ mass with enhancement equal to / greater than orbital muscle ✓ poorly marginated (suggesting malignant cause) ✓ activity in radionuclide flow studies US: ✓ poorly defined heterogeneous mass of intermediate echogenicity ✓ abundant internal flow decreasing with age *Prognosis*: often increase in size for 6-10 months followed by spontaneous involution within 1-2 years

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Cavernous Hemangioma Of Orbit *Frequency:* usually tumor of adulthood; 12-15% of all orbital masses; 1-2% of childhood orbital masses *Age:* 20-40 years; F > M *Histo:* large dilated venous channels with flattened endothelial cells surrounded by fibrous pseudocapsule ■ slowly progressive unilateral proptosis, diplopia, diminished visual acuity (optic nerve compression)

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INFECTION OF ORBIT

Cause: bacterial infection extending from [paranasal sinuses](#) (especially ethmoid + frontal sinuses), face, eyelid, nose, teeth, lacrimal sac through thin lamina papyracea + valveless facial veins into orbit
Organism: staphylococci, streptococci, pneumococci ■ lid edema, ocular pain, [ophthalmoplegia](#) ■ fever, elevated WBC
Location: preseptal = periorbital soft tissue; subperiosteal; peripheral = extraconal fat; extraocular muscles; central = intraconal fat; optic nerve complex; globe; lacrimal gland
Cx: epidural abscess, subdural [empyema](#), cavernous sinus thrombosis, cerebral abscess, osteomyelitis

[Abscess Of Orbit](#) [Cellulitis Of Orbit](#) [Edema Of Orbit](#)

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Abscess Of Orbit Location: most commonly in subperiosteal space on medial wall ✓ subperiosteal fluid collection ✓ displacement of thickened periosteal membrane + increased enhancement ✓ displacement of adjacent fat + extraocular muscles MR: ✓ hyperintensity on T1WI + T2WI

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Cellulitis Of Orbit ■ limitation of ocular movements ■ fever ✓ thickening of eyelids + septum ✓ proptosis ✓ scleral thickening ✓ enlargement + displacement of extraocular muscles (frequently medial rectus muscle) ✓ increased attenuation of retro-orbital fat + obliteration of fat planes ✓ opacification of ethmoid + maxillary sinuses US: ✓ diffuse hypoechoic area invading retrobulbar fat Rx: antibiotics + corticosteroids D Dx: cannot be differentiated from edema, chloroma, leukemic infiltrate

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Edema Of Orbit Location: usually confined to preseptal structures (eyelid, face); involvement of orbital structures (rare) ✓ swelling of eyelids / face ✓ increased attenuation of orbital fat + obliteration of fat planes ✓ displacement + enlargement of extraocular muscles MR: ✓ hyperintensity on T2WI

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LYMPHANGIOMA OF ORBIT

Incidence: 3.5:100,000; 1-2% of orbital childhood masses; 8% of expanding orbital lesions *Histo:* dilated lymphatics, dysplastic venous vessels, smooth muscle, areas of hemorrhage (a) simple / capillary **lymphangioma**=lymphatic channels of capillary size (b) cavernous **lymphangioma**=dilated microscopic channels (c) **cystic hygroma**=macroscopic multilocular cystic mass *Age:* 1st decade or later (mean age of 6 years) • proptosis (sudden proptosis from spontaneous intratumoral hemorrhage = CARDINAL FEATURE; exacerbated during upper respiratory infections [rare]) • associated with lesions on lid, conjunctiva, cheek • coincident lymphangiomatous cysts in oral mucosa *Location:* usually medial to optic nerve with intra- and extraconal component, crossing anatomic boundaries (conal fascia / orbital septum); may involve conjunctiva + lid poorly defined multilobulated inhomogeneous lesion √ single / multiple cystlike areas with rim enhancement (after hemorrhage) = blood cyst = "chocolate cyst" √ areas of enhancement (= venous channels) / ring enhancement (after hemorrhage) √ rarely contains phleboliths (DDx: **hemangioma**, orbital varix) √ mild to moderate enlargement of orbit *US:* √ area of predominantly cystic heterogeneous texture with infiltrative borders *MR:* √ may show hematoma of various duration within lesion *Prognosis:* no involution, progression slows with termination of body growth *DDx:* orbital varix

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LYMPHOMA OF ORBIT

Usually presents without evidence of systemic disease; subsequent development of systemic disease frequent *Incidence*: 3rd most common cause of proptosis after orbital pseudotumor + cavernous [hemangioma](#); in 8% of [leukemia](#); in 3-4% of [lymphoma](#) *Age*: 50 years on average *Type*: usually non-Hodgkin B-cell [lymphoma](#); [Burkitt lymphoma](#) with orbit as primary manifestation; [Hodgkin disease](#) rare ■ painless swelling of eyelid ■ exophthalmos (late in course of disease) *Location*: extraconal (especially lacrimal gland, anterior extraconal space, retrobulbar) > intraconal > optic nerve-sheath complex; may be bilateral; Lacrimal gland is a common site for leukemic infiltration! *Growth types*: (a) well-defined high-density mass (most commonly about lacrimal gland) (b) diffuse infiltration (tends to involve entire intraconal region) ✓ slight to moderate enhancement US: ✓ solitary / multiple hypoechoic homogeneous masses with infiltrative borders

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METASTASIS TO ORBIT

Origin: only in 50% known; carcinoma of breast + lung (adults); [neuroblastoma](#) > [Ewing sarcoma](#), [leukemia](#), [Wilms tumor](#) (children) *Location:* 12% intraorbital, 86% intraocular especially in posterior temporal portion of uvea (vascular layer between retina + sclera) near macula; may be bilateral CT: ∇ small areas of thickening + increased density ∇ subretinal fluid

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NORRIE DISEASE

=RETINAL DYSPLASIA=X-linked recessive disease with; ? inherited form of [persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#) • seizures, mental retardation (50%) • hearing loss, deafness by age 4 (30%) • bilateral [leukokoria](#) + [microphthalmia](#) • cataract, blindness (absence of retinal [ganglion](#) cells) • [microphthalmia](#) • dense vitreous with blood-fluid level • cone-shaped central [retinal detachment](#) • calcifications

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OCULAR TRAUMA

■ clinical evaluation: testing of visual acuity, slit-lamp evaluation of cornea + anterior segment, intraocular pressure measurement, funduscopyUS (used if ocular media opaque due to [vitreous hemorrhage](#) / hyphema / traumatic cataract) 1. [Vitreous hemorrhage](#) (53%) ■ visual loss frequent echogenic material moving freely within vitreous chamber during eye movementCx:[retinal detachment](#) (vitreous traction secondary to fibrovascular ingrowth following hemorrhage)Rx:vitrectomy2. Total [retinal detachment](#) (18%) slightly thick line of "V" shape with apex at optic disk retina remains bound down at ora serrata3. Vitreous detachment (11%) thin undulate mobile line moving away from posterior aspect of globe during eye motion4. Intraocular foreign body (7%)Cx:[siderosis](#) (if metallic); endophthalmitis5. [Choroidal detachment](#) (5%) convex lines projecting into the eye from periphery of globe, with most posterior aspect at some distance anterior to + separate from optic disk immobile during eye movement6. Lens dislocation (3%)7. Retrohyaloid hemorrhage (2%) echogenic material remaining behind detached vitreous capsule during eye movement8. Focal [retinal detachment](#) (2%) elevated immobile line close to sclera at periphery of globe

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OPTIC NERVE GLIOMA

=JUVENILE PILOCYTIC **ASTROCYTOMA** =most common cause of [optic nerve enlargement](#) *Incidence*:1% of all intracranial tumors, 2% of childhood orbital masses; 80% of primary tumors of optic nerve *Histo*:proliferation of well-differentiated astrocytes= low-grade glial neoplasm; most commonly pilocytic [astrocytoma](#) (in children) + glioblastoma (in adults) *Age*:1st decade (80%); peak age around 5 years; M < F *Associated with*:[neurofibromatosis](#) in 10-50%(± bilateral optic gliomas) 15% of patients with [neurofibromatosis](#) have optic nerve gliomas! • decreased visual acuity, minimal axial proptosis ✓ tubular / fusiform / excrescentic well-circumscribed enlargement of optic nerve ✓ posterior extension along optic tracts in 60-70% (indicates nonresectability) ✓ calcifications (rare) ✓ same attenuation as normal optic nerve; slight contrast enhancement ✓ ipsilateral [optic canal](#) enlargement (90%) >3 mm / 1 mm difference compared with contralateral side US: ✓ well-defined homogeneous mass of medium echogenicity inseparable from optic nerve MR:more sensitive than CT in detecting intracanalicular + intracranial extent ✓ isointense to muscle on T1W1 ✓ hyperintense on T2W1 *DDx*:optic nerve sheath [meningioma](#) (no intracranial extension along optic pathway)

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OPTIC NERVE SHEATH MENINGIOMA

= PERIOPTIC MENINGIOMA *Incidence*: 10% of all intraorbital neoplasms; <2% of intracranial meningiomas *Age*: middle-aged + elderly females; slightly more aggressive in children *Occasionally associated with*: [neurofibromatosis](#) (usually in teenagers) *Primary origin*: arising from arachnoid rests in the meningeal investiture of optic nerves in orbit / middle fossa ■ progressive loss of visual acuity over months (optic atrophy), proptosis ± enlargement of [optic canal](#) tubular (most commonly) / fusiform / excrescentic thickening of optic nerve sphenoid bone hyperostosis frequently calcified (HIGHLY SUGGESTIVE) US: hypoechoic tumor with irregular border CECT: enhancement is the rule dense linear bands (axial view) as "tram tracks" / ringlike (coronal view) due to tumor enhancement around nonenhancing optic nerve minimal extension into [optic canal](#) (not uncommon) MR: extrinsic soft-tissue mass surrounding optic nerve hypointense to fat on T1WI

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OPTIC NEURITIS

=nerve involvement by inflammation, degeneration, demyelination *Etiology:* (1) multiple sclerosis (involves optic nerve in 1/3) (2) inflammation secondary to ocular infection (3) degeneration (toxic, metabolic, nutritional) (4) ischemia (5) [meningitis](#) / [encephalitis](#) 45-80% of patients develop multiple sclerosis within 15 years of their first episode of optic neuritis! ■ ipsilateral orbital pain on eye movement ■ sudden onset of unilateral loss of vision over several hours to several days CT: ✓ normal / mildly enlarged optic nerve + chiasm ✓ may show enhancement MR: ✓ mild enlargement + enhancement of optic nerve well demonstrated on axial T1WI *Prognosis:* spontaneous improvement of visual acuity within 1-2 weeks

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PERSISTENT HYPERPLASTIC PRIMARY VITREOUS

=rare condition with persistence + proliferation of embryonic hyaloid vascular system of primary vitreous due to arrest of normal regression *May be associated with:* any severe ocular malformation / optic dysplasia / [trisomy 13](#) ♀ Bilaterality is a feature of a congenital syndrome ([Norrie disease](#), [Warburg disease](#))! -Primary vitreous=fibrillar ectodermal meshwork + mesodermal tissue consisting of embryonic hyaloid vascular system; appears during 1st month of life; extends between lens + retina; involutes by 6th month of gestation-Hyaloid artery= important source of intraocular nutrition until 8th month of gestation; arises from dorsal ophthalmic artery at 3rd week of gestation; grows anteriorly with branches supplying vitreous + posterior aspect of lens -Secondary / adult vitreousbegins to form during 3rd gestational month; a watery mass of loose collagen fibers + hyaluronic acid gradually replaces primary vitreous, which is reduced to a small S-shaped remnant (hyaloid canal = Cloquet canal) and serves as lymph channel • unilateral [leukokoria](#) (2nd most common cause) [2-3% of [leukokoria](#) cases] • seizures, mental deficiency, hearing loss • ± cataract • ophthalmoscopy: S-shaped tubular mass extending between posterior surface of lens + region of optic nerve head; lens opacity may preclude diagnosis ✓ [microphthalmia](#) = small hypoplastic globe ✓ [retinal detachment](#) (due to vitreoretinal traction in 30%)US: ✓ hyperechoic band extending from posterior pole of globe to posterior surface of lens (= embryonic rest of primary vitreous) ✓ central anechoic line (= persistent hyaloid artery) visible in cases of echogenic [vitreous hemorrhage](#) ✓ hyperechoic band extending from papilla to ora serrata (= [retinal detachment](#))CT: ✓ enhancing cone-shaped central retrolental density extending from lens through vitreous body to back of orbit, just lateral to optic nerve ✓ small optic nerve ✓ deformity of globe + lens ✓ hyperdense vitreous (from previous hemorrhage) ✓ fluid-fluid levels from breakdown of recurrent hemorrhage in subhyaloid (between vitreous + retina) / subretinal space (between sensory + pigment epithelium) ✓ NO calcifications MR: ✓ hyperintense vitreous body on T1WI + T2WI from chronic blood degradation products (methemoglobin) / proteinaceous fluid ✓ hypo- to isointense thin triangular band with base near optic disc and apex at posterior surface of lens ✓ marked enhancement of fibrovascular mass within vitreousCx:(1)Glaucoma, cataract from recurrent spontaneous intravitreal hemorrhage (due to friable vessels)(2)Proliferation of embryonic tissue(3)[Retinal detachment](#) from organizing hemorrhage / traction(4)Hydrops / atrophy of globe + resorption of lens(5)Phthisis bulbi (scarred shrunken eye)

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PSEUDOTUMOR OF ORBIT

=IDIOPATHIC INFLAMMATORY PSEUDOTUMOR=nongranulomatous inflammatory process affecting all intraorbital soft tissues *Etiology:* (a) cause not apparent at time of study: bacterial, viral, foreign body (b) systemic disease presently not apparent: [sarcoidosis](#), collagen, endocrine (c) idiopathic: probably abnormal immune response *Incidence:* 25% of all cases of unilateral exophthalmos; most common cause of an intraorbital mass lesion in adult *Age:* young female *Histo:* lymphocytic infiltrate *May be associated with:* [Wegener granulomatosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#), [fibrosing mediastinitis](#), retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#), thyroiditis, cholangitis, [vasculitis](#), [lymphoma](#) • unilateral painful [ophthalmoplegia](#) • proptosis, chemosis, lid injection • limitation of ocular movement *Location:* retrobulbar fat (76%), extraocular muscle (57%), optic nerve (38%), uveal-scleral area (33%), lacrimal gland (5%) (a) tumefactive type (common) ✓ discrete / poorly defined intra- / extraconal mass= "pseudotumor" close to surface margin of globe (b) myositic type (unusual) ✓ enlargement of one / more extraocular muscles close to insertion in globe with ill-defined margins ✓ typically involves muscles + tendon insertions (DDx to [Graves disease](#) with muscle involvement only) ✓ increased density of retro-orbital fat (may involve anterior compartment) ✓ thickening and enhancement of sclera near Tenon capsule ✓ enlarged lacrimal gland ✓ proptosis *MR:* ✓ lesion isointense to fat on T2WI *Prognosis:* (1) remitting / chronic + progressive course (2) rapid dramatic + lasting response to steroid therapy *DDx:* (1) [lymphoma](#) (may be confused with [lymphoma](#) clinically, radiographically, pathologically) (2) thyroid ophthalmopathy (tapering of distal muscles, painless proptosis) (3) radiation therapy

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RETINAL ASTROCYTOMA

=low-grade neoplasm / hamartoma arising from the nerve fiber layer of retina / optic nerve, usually associated with [tuberous sclerosis](#) *Etiology*: [tuberous sclerosis](#) (53%); [neurofibromatosis](#) type 1 (14%); sporadic (33%) *Path*: usually multiple + bilateral in [tuberous sclerosis](#); (1) small flat noncalcified semitranslucent lesion in posterior / peripheral retina (2) "mulberry" lesion = raised white tumor in posterior retina with fine nodularity containing calcifications + cystic fluid accumulations *Histo*: spindle-shaped fibrous astrocytes • [leukokoria](#) (3% of all childhood cases of [leukokoria](#)) • asymptomatic, progressive loss of vision *Location*: retina near optic disc ✓ retinal mass ± enhancement ✓ typically unilateral (DDx to drusen) *Cx*: (1) Central retinal vein occlusion + secondary hemorrhage (2) Neovascular glaucoma (3) Extensive tumor necrosis

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RETINOBLASTOMA

=rare malignant congenital intraocular tumor arising from primitive photoreceptor cells of retina (included in [primitive neuroectodermal tumor](#) group) *Types:*
(A) Nonheritable form (66%) (1) Sporadic postzygotic somatic mutation (subsequent generations unaffected) *Mean age at presentation:* 23 months \checkmark unilateral disease (2) Chromosomal anomaly = monosomy 13 / deletions of 13q *Associated with:* [microcephaly](#), ear changes, facial dysmorphism, mental retardation, finger + toe abnormalities, malformation of genitalia (B) Heritable form (1) Heritable sporadic form (20-25%) = sporadic germinal mutation (50% chance to occur in subsequent generations) *Mean age at presentation:* 12 months \checkmark bilateral retinoblastomas in 66% (2) Familial retinoblastoma (5-10%) = autosomal dominant with abnormality of band 14 in chromosome 13 (95% penetrance) *Mean age at presentation:* 8 months \checkmark usually 3 to 5 ocular tumors per eye \checkmark bilateral tumors in 66% Risk of secondary nonocular malignancy: osteo-, chondro-, [fibrosarcoma](#), [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) (20% risk within 10 years, >90% by 30 years of age) **Trilateral retinoblastoma** (rare variant) = bilateral retinoblastomas + neuroectodermal pineal tumor ([pineoblastoma](#)) **Quadrilateral retinoblastoma** = trilateral retinoblastoma + 4th focus in suprasellar cistern *Incidence:* 1:15,000-34,000 livebirths; most common intraocular neoplasm in childhood; 1% of all pediatric malignancies *Age:* mean age at presentation is 18 months; 98% in children <5 years of age; M:F = 1:1 *Path:* (1) Exophytic form = proliferation into subretinal space with detachment of retina + invasion of vascular choroid (hematogenous spread) (2) Endophytic form = centripetal tumor invasion causing floating islands of tumor within semiliquid vitreous \pm anterior chamber (3) Diffuse form = thin en-plaque lesion extending along retina *Histo:* (a) Flexner-Wintersteiner rosettes (in 50%) = neuronal cells line up around an empty central zone filled with polysaccharides \checkmark Very specific for retinoblastomas! (b) Homer-Wright rosettes = neuronal cells line up around a central area containing a cobweb of filaments (also found in other primitive neuroectodermal tumors) (c) "fleurettes" = flowerlike groupings of tumor cells that form photoreceptor elements (specific for retinal differentiation) \bullet "cats eye" = [leukokoria](#) (whitish mass behind lens) in 60% \checkmark About 50% of all childhood [leukokoria](#) are caused by retinoblastoma! \bullet decreased visual acuity, heterochromia iridis \bullet strabismus (crossed eyes), proptosis (less common) \bullet hyphema \bullet iris neovascularization, phthisis bulbi \bullet ocular pain from secondary angle-closure glaucoma *Location:* posterolateral wall of globe (most commonly); 60% unilateral; 40% bilateral + frequently synchronous (90% bilateral in inherited forms) \checkmark normal ocular size *US:* \checkmark heterogeneous hyperechoic solid intraocular mass \checkmark cystic appearance upon tumor necrosis \checkmark secondary [retinal detachment](#) in all cases \checkmark acoustic shadowing (in 75%) \checkmark [vitreous hemorrhage](#) frequent *CT:* \checkmark solid smoothly marginated lobulated retrolental hyperdense mass in endophytic type (rarer exophytic type grows subretinally causing [retinal detachment](#)) \checkmark partial punctate / nodular calcification (50-75-95%) \checkmark Retinoblastoma is the most common cause of orbital calcifications! \checkmark dense vitreous (common) \checkmark extraocular extension (in 25%): [optic nerve enlargement](#), abnormal soft tissue in orbit, intracranial extension \checkmark contrast enhancement usual \checkmark \pm [macrophthalmia](#) *MR:* \checkmark iso- to mildly hyperintense tumor on T1WI relative to vitreous + moderate to marked enhancement \checkmark distinctly hypointense on T2WI (similar to [uveal melanoma](#)) \checkmark subretinal exudate usually hyperintense on T1WI + T2WI (proteinaceous fluid) *Cx:* (1) Metastases to: meninges (via subarachnoid space), bone marrow, lung, liver, lymph nodes (2) Radiation-induced sarcomas develop in 15-20% *Prognosis:* spontaneous regression in 1%; \checkmark calcifications = favorable prognostic sign \checkmark contrast enhancement = poor prognostic sign *Mortality:* (a) choroidal invasion: 65% if significant, 24% if slight (b) optic nerve invasion: <10% if not invaded 15% if through lamina cribrosa 44% if significantly posterior to lamina cribrosa (c) margin of resection not free of tumor: >65% *DDx:* (1) Retinoma = retinocytoma (benign variant) (2) Toxocara canis infection (no calcification) (3) [Retrolental fibroplasia](#) ([microphthalmia](#)) (4) [Coats disease](#) (subretinal exudation, no calcification) (5) [Norrie disease](#) (retinal dysplasia) (6) [Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#) (hypoplastic globe, no calcification)

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RETROLENTAL FIBROPLASIA

=RETINOPATHY OF PREMATURITY=bilateral often asymmetric postnatal fibrovascular organization of vitreous humor which usually leads to [retinal detachment](#)*Pathophysiology*: retinal vascularization occurs in 4th-9th months of fetal life progressing from the papilla to the periphery; vascularization is incomplete in premature neonates especially in temporal sectors *Predisposed*: premature infants with [respiratory distress](#) syndrome requiring prolonged oxygen therapy Severity directly related to: (1) degree of prematurity (2) birth weight (3) amount of oxygen used in therapy • [leukokoria](#) in severe cases (traction [retinal detachment](#), usually bilateral + temporal) [3-5% of all childhood [leukokoria](#) cases] • Ophthalmoscopic stages: 1st stage=arteriolar narrowing of most immature vessels at the border of the vascular-avascular retina (from spasm as a reaction to hyperoxygenation) 2nd stage=dilatation + elongation + tortuosity of retinal vessels (after oxygen withdrawal) 3rd stage=retinal neovascularization with growth into vitreous leads to [vitreous hemorrhage](#) 4th stage=[fibrosis](#) with retraction of fibrovascular tissue + [retinal detachment](#) ✓ bilateral [microphthalmia](#) ± [retinal detachment](#) US: ✓ hyperechoic tracts extending from temporal side of periphery of retina to vitreous behind the lens CT: ✓ dense vitreous bilaterally (neovascular ingrowth) ✓ ± dystrophic calcifications in choroid + lens (late stage) MR: ✓ hyperintense vitreous on T1WI + T2WI (from chronic subretinal hemorrhage) ✓ hypointense retrolental mass (apposition of detached leaves of retina displaced from retinal pigment layer) *Prognosis*: (1) spontaneous regression of vitreous neovascularization (85-95%) ± [retinal detachment](#) (2) progression to cicatricial stage characterized by formation of dense membrane of gray-white vascularized tissue in retrolental vitreous + [retinal detachment](#) + [microphthalmia](#) *DDx*: (1) [Retinoblastoma](#) (calcifications in eye of normal size)

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RHABDOMYOSARCOMA

Most common primary malignant orbital tumor in childhood ϕ 10% occur primarily in orbit ϕ 10% metastasize to / invade orbit *Incidence*: 3-4% of all pediatric orbital masses *Histo*: arising from undifferentiated mesenchyma of orbital soft tissues (not from striated muscle) (1) embryonal type (75%) (2) alveolar type (15%) (3) pleomorphic type (10%) *Age at presentation*: average 7 years; 90% by 16 years of age; M > F *Rarely associated with*: [neurofibromatosis](#) • rapidly progressive exophthalmos + proptosis of upper lid *Location*: superior orbit / retrobulbar (71%), lid (22%), conjunctiva (7%) ∇ large soft-tissue density mass with ill-defined margins (extraocular muscles not involved) ∇ \pm extension into preseptal space, adjacent sinus, nasal cavity, intracranial cavity with bony erosion ∇ may show significant enhancement *US*: ∇ heterogeneous well-defined irregular mass of low to medium echogenicity *Metastases*: lung, bone marrow, cervical lymph nodes (rare) *Prognosis*: (1) 40% survival after exenteration (2) 80-90% survival after radiation therapy (4,000-5,000 rad) + chemotherapy (vincristine, cyclophosphamide, adriamycin) *DDx*: pseudotumor, [lymphoma](#)

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UVEAL MELANOMA

Most common primary intraocular neoplasm in adult Caucasian Age:50-70 years Location:choroid (85-93%) > ciliary body (4-9%) > iris (3-6%); almost always unilateral

- [retinal detachment](#), [vitreous hemorrhage](#)
- astigmatism, glaucoma

US: √ small flat hyperechoic solid mass CT: √ ill-defined hyperdense thickening of wall of globe with inward bulge MR: √ sharply circumscribed hyperintense lesion on T1WI (paramagnetic properties of melanin) Metastases to:globe, optic nerve; liver, lung, subcutis

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VARIX OF ORBIT

Etiology:(a)Congenital: venous malformation / venous wall weakness(b)Acquired: intraorbital / intracranial AVM • intermittent exophthalmos associated with straining • frequent blindness involvement of superior / inferior orbital vein; phleboliths rare may produce bony erosion without sclerotic reaction enlargement of mass during Valsalva maneuver / jugular vein compression well-defined markedly enhancing mass spontaneous thrombosis (common)US: anechoic tubular / oval structure ± thrombus venous flow increasing with ValsalvaMR: flow void (rapid flow) / flow-related enhancement (slow flow)

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WARBURG DISEASE

=autosomal recessive syndrome characterized by(1) bilateral [persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous](#)(2)[hydrocephalus](#), [lissencephaly](#)(3)mental retardation • bilateral [leukokoria](#) + [microphthalmia](#)

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FACIAL NERVE PARALYSIS

A. INTRACRANIAL SEGMENT (a) intra-axial [brainstem glioma](#), metastasis, multiple sclerosis, cerebrovascular accident, hemorrhage ■ cranial nerve VI also involved (b) extra-axial CPA tumor ([acoustic neuroma](#), [meningioma](#), epidermoid), CPA inflammation ([sarcoidosis](#), basilar [meningitis](#)), vertebrobasilar dolichoectasia, AVM, aneurysm ■ cranial nerve VIII also involved B. INTRATEMPORAL SEGMENT [fracture](#), [cholesteatoma](#), [paraganlioma](#), [hemangioma](#), [facial nerve](#) schwannoma, metastasis, Bell palsy, otitis media ■ loss of lacrimation, hyperacusis, loss of taste C. EXTRACRANIAL PAROTID SEGMENT forceps delivery, penetrating facial trauma, parotid surgery, parotid malignancy, malignant otitis externa ■ preservation of lacrimation, stapedius reflex, taste

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Hearing Deficit A. CONDUCTIVE HEARING LOSS ■ decrease in air conduction via EAC, tympanic membrane, ossicular chain, oval window (sound via headphones) ■ normal bone conduction (sound via bone oscillator)(a)destruction of ossicular chain: otitis media(b)restriction of ossicular chain: fenestral [otosclerosis](#) CT is the modality of choice! B. SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS (most common) ■ elevated conduction thresholds for bone + air(a)sensory / cochlear SNHL = damage to cochlea / organ of Corti (less common)-bony labyrinth(1)demineralization: [otosclerosis](#) (otospongiosis), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), [Paget disease](#), syphilis(2)congenital deformity: cochlear dys- / aplasia, Michel anomaly, Mondini dysplasia, enlarged vestibular aqueduct syndrome, X-linked sensorineural hearing loss(3)traumatic lesion: transverse [fracture](#), perilymphatic fistula, cochlear concussion(4)destructive lesion: inflammatory lesion, neoplastic lesion CT is the modality of choice!-membranous labyrinth(1)enhancement: [labyrinthitis](#), [Cogan syndrome](#) (early phase of autoimmune interstitial keratitis), intralabyrinthine schwannoma, site of postinflammatory perilymphatic fistula(2)obliteration: [labyrinthitis](#) ossificans, [Cogan syndrome](#) (late phase)(3)hemorrhage: trauma, [labyrinthitis](#), coagulopathy, tumor fistulization(4)Meniere disease (vertigo + fluctuating sensory sensorineural hearing loss) MRI is the modality of choice!(b)neural / retrocochlear SNHL (more common)=abnormalities of neurons of spiral [ganglion](#) + central auditory pathways-IAC / cerebellopontine angle(1)Neoplastic lesions: vestibular / trigeminal schwannoma ([acoustic neuroma](#) in 1%), [meningioma](#), [arachnoid cyst](#), epidermoid cyst, leptomeningeal carcinomatosis, [lymphoma](#), [lipoma](#), [hemangioma](#)(2)nonneoplastic lesion: [sarcoidosis](#), [meningitis](#), vascular loop, [siderosis](#)-intra-axial auditory pathway(brain stem, thalamus, temporal lobe) (1)ischemic lesion(2)neoplastic lesion(3)traumatic lesion(4)demyelinating lesion MRI is the modality of choice!

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Pulsatile Tinnitus ± Vascular Tympanic Membrane = perception of a rhythmic cardiac synchronous sound
A. No abnormality (20%)
B. Congenital vascular variants (21%)
1. Aberrant ICA = result of anastomosis of enlarged inferior tympanic artery with enlarged caroticotympanic artery when cervical ICA is underdeveloped
2. Dehiscent jugular bulb = absence of bony plate separating jugular bulb from [middle ear](#) cavity = jugular bulb bulges into [middle ear](#) cavity
3. High-riding nondehiscent jugular bulb (= jugular megabulb) = high jugular bulb with diverticulum projecting cephalad into petrous [temporal bone](#)
C. Acquired vascular lesions (25%)
1. Dural AVM
2. Extracranial [arteriovenous fistula](#)
3. High-grade stenotic vascular lesion: carotid artery atherosclerosis, [fibromuscular dysplasia](#), [carotid artery dissection](#)
4. Aneurysm involving horizontal segment of petrous ICA
D. [Temporal bone](#) tumors (31%)
1. [Paraganglioma](#) (27%): glomus tympanicum, glomus jugulare
2. [Meningioma](#)
3. [Hemangioma](#)
E. Miscellaneous
1. [Cholesterol granuloma](#)

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Temporal Bone Sclerosis 1. [Otosclerosis](#) = otospongiosis 2. [Paget disease](#) = [osteoporosis](#) circumscripta ■ sensorineural / mixed hearing loss (cochlear involvement / stapes fixation in oval window) ✓ usually lytic changes beginning in petrous pyramid + progressing laterally; otic capsule last to be affected ✓ calvarial changes ± basilar impression 3. [Fibrous dysplasia](#)

monostotic with [temporal bone](#) involvement ■ painless mastoid swelling ■ conductive hearing loss (from narrowing of EAC / [middle ear](#)) ✓ homogeneously dense thickened bone (fibro-osseous tissue less dense than calvarial bone) ✓ expanded bone with preserved cortex ✓ lytic lesions (less frequent) ✓ sparing of membranous labyrinth, [facial nerve](#) canal, IAC is the rule 4. [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) ✓ changes similar to [otosclerosis](#) **van der Hoeve syndrome** = [osteogenesis imperfecta](#) + [otosclerosis](#) + blue sclera 5. [Meningioma](#) 6. Otosyphilis: [labyrinthitis](#) + osteitis 7. Metastasis 8. [Ossifying fibroma](#) 9. [Osteosarcoma](#) 10. [Osteopetrosis](#)

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External Ear Masses A. CONGENITAL 1. Atresia B. INFLAMMATORY 1. [Malignant external otitis](#) 2. **Keratinosis obturans**

bilateral process in association with chronic [sinusitis](#) + [bronchiectasis](#) Age: <40 years 3. [Cholesteatoma](#) C. BENIGN TUMOR 1. **Exostosis** = surfer's ear Cause: irritation by cold water ✓ bony mass projecting into EAC; often multiple + bilateral 2. [Osteoma](#)

✓ may invade adjacent bone; single in EAC / mastoid 3. **Ceruminoma**

from apocrine + sebaceous glands; bone erosion mimics malignancy D. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. Squamous cell carcinoma • often long history of chronic suppurative otitis media = "malignant otitis" 2. Basal cell carcinoma 3. Melanoma, adenocarcinoma, [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) 4. Metastases (a) hematogenous: breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid (b) direct spread: skin, parotid, nasopharynx, brain, meninges (c) systemic: [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), myeloma 5. Histiocytosis X: in 15% of patients

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Middle Ear Masses A. CONGENITAL 1. **Aberrant internal carotid artery**

■ vascular tympanic membrane ■ pulsatile tinnitus ✓ tubular soft-tissue density entering [middle ear](#) cavity posterolateral to cochlea, crossing mesotympanum along cochlear promontory, exiting anteromedial to become horizontal portion of carotid canal ✓ protrusion into [middle ear](#) without bony margin 2. **Dehiscent jugular bulb**

■ pulsatile tinnitus ■ vascular tympanic membrane ✓ [middle ear](#) soft-tissue mass contiguous with [jugular foramen](#) ✓ absence of bony plate separating jugular bulb from posteroinferior [middle ear](#) DDX: Jugular megabulb (rises above floor of EAC but with preservation of bony plate) B. INFLAMMATORY 1. [Cholesteatoma](#) 2. [Cholesterol granuloma](#) 3. Granulation tissue ✓ linear strands partially opacifying [middle ear](#) cavity without bony erosion C. BENIGN TUMOR 1. [Glomus tumor](#) (multiple in 10%; 8% malignant) (a) Glomus tympanicum: at cochlear promontory ✓ seldom erodes bone (b) Glomus jugulare: at [jugular foramen](#) ✓ invasion of [middle ear](#) from below ✓ destruction of bony roof of jugular fossa + bony spur separating vein from carotid artery 2. Facial [neuroma](#) ■ persistent Bell palsy (in 5% caused by neurinoma) Location: intracanalicular > IAC ✓ tubular mass in enlarged / scalloped facial canal 3. Ossifying [hemangioma](#) 4. Choristoma = ectopic mature salivary tissue 5. [Meningioma](#) D. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. Squamous cell carcinoma 2. Metastasis 3. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#) Location: orbit > nasopharynx > ear 4. Adenocarcinoma (rare), [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) **Mass On The Promontory** [promontory = bone over basal turn of cochlea] 1. Glomus tympanicum 2. Congenital [cholesteatoma](#) 3. Aberrant carotid artery 4. Persistent stapedial artery

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Inner Ear Masses A. CONGENITAL 1. Congenital / primary [cholesteatoma](#) = epidermoid tumor (3rd most common CPA tumor) B. INFLAMMATION 1. [Cholesterol granuloma](#) 2. Petrous apex [mucocele](#) C. TUMOR 1. [Glomus jugulare tumor](#) 2. [Hemangioma](#), fibro-osseous lesion 3. Metastasis 4. [Facial nerve](#) neurinoma 5. Large CPA tumors: [acoustic neuroma](#), [meningioma](#) (2nd most common CPA tumor)

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Opacification Of Maxillary Sinus A.WITHOUT BONE DESTRUCTION1.Sinus aplasia / hypoplasiaAge:NOT routinely visualized at birth, by age 6 antral floor at level of middle turbinate, by age 15 of adult size Location:uni- / bilateral¹ depression of orbital floor with enlargement of orbit¹ lateral displacement of lateral wall of nasal fossa with large turbinate2.Maxillary dentigerous cystusually containing a tooth / crown; without tooth = primordial dentigerous cyst 3.Ameloblastoma4.Acute [sinusitis](#)¹ air-fluid levelB.WITH BONE DESTRUCTION1.[Maxillary sinus](#) tumor2.Infection: [aspergillosis](#), mucormycosis, TB, syphilis3.[Wegener granulomatosis](#); lethal [midline granuloma](#)4.[Blowout fracture](#)

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Paranasal Sinus Masses 1.[Mucocoele](#)2.Mucous retention cyst=smoothly marginated soft-tissue mass from obstruction of small seromucinous gland (commonly in floor of maxilla)3.Sinonasal polyp4.[Antrochoanal polyp](#)5.Inverting papilloma6.[Sinusitis](#)7.Carcinoma

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Granulomatous Lesions Of Sinuses A.Chronic irritants1.Beryllium2.Chromate salts
B.Infection1.[Tuberculosis](#)2.[Actinomycosis](#)3.Rhinoscleroma4.Yaws5.[Blastomycosis](#)6.[Leprosy](#)7.Rhinosporidiosis8.Syphilis9.Leishmaniosis10.Glanders C.Autoimmune disease1.[Wegener granulomatosis](#) D.[Lymphoma](#)-like lesions1.[Midline granuloma](#) E.Unclassified1.[Sarcoidosis](#)

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Hyperdense Sinus Secretions 1. Inspissated secretions 2. Fungal [sinusitis](#) 3. Hemorrhage into sinus 4. Chronic [sinusitis](#) infected with bacteria (in particular in very long-standing disease / [cystic fibrosis](#))

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Opacified Sinus & Expansion / Destruction *mnemonic:* "PLUMP FACIES" **P**lasmacytoma **L**ymphoma **U**nknown etiology: [Wegener granulomatosis](#) **M**ucocele **P**olyp
Fibrous dysplasia, **F**ibroma (ossifying) **A**neurysmal bone cyst, **A**ngiofibroma **C**ancer **I**nverting papilloma **E**sthesioneuroblastoma **S**arcoma: ie, [rhabdomyosarcoma](#)

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Nasal Vault Masses A. BENIGN 1. Sinonasal polyp 2. [Inverted papilloma](#) 3. [Hemangioma](#) ■ history of epistaxis 4. Pyogenic granuloma ✓ pedunculated lobular mass 5. Granuloma gravidarum = nasal [hemangioma](#) of pregnancy 6. [Hemangiopericytoma](#) 7. Juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma ✓ arises in superior nasopharynx with extension into nose via posterior choana B. MALIGNANT 1. [Lymphoma](#) 2. Melanoma 3. Vascular metastasis

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Mass In Nasopharynx *mnemonic:*"NASAL PIPE"**N**asopharyngeal carcinoma **A**ngiofibroma (juvenile) **S**pine / skull [fracture](#) **A**denoids **L**ymphoma **P**olyp **I**nfection
Plasmacytoma **E**xtension of neoplasm (sphenoid / ethmoid sinus ca.)

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Parapharyngeal Space Mass 1. Asymmetric pterygoid venous plexus^v racemose, enhancing area along medial border of lateral pterygoid muscle 2. Abscess *Origin*. pharyngitis (most common), dental infection, parotid calculus disease, penetrating trauma 3. Atypical second branchial cleft cyst *Age*: child / young adult • protruding parotid gland • bulging posterolateral pharyngeal wall^v cystic mass projecting from deep margin of faucial tonsil toward skull base 4. [Pleomorphic adenoma](#) of ectopic salivary tissue

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Pharyngeal Mucosal Space Mass 1. Asymmetric fossa of Rosenmüller=lateral pharyngeal recess = asymmetry in amount of lymphoid tissue 2. Tonsillar abscess • sore throat, fever, painful swallowing 3. Postinflammatory retention cyst ✓ 1-2-cm well-circumscribed cystic mass 4. Postinflammatory calcification • remote history of severe pharyngitis ✓ multiple clumps of calcification 5. Benign mixed tumor • pedunculated mass arising from minor salivary glands ✓ oval / round well-circumscribed mass protruding into [airway](#) 6. Squamous cell carcinoma ✓ infiltrating mass with epicenter medial to + invading [parapharyngeal space](#) ✓ middle-ear fluid (eustachian tube malfunction) ✓ cervical adenopathy 7. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) 8. Minor salivary gland malignancy 9. [Thornwaldt cyst](#)

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Masticator Space Mass 1. Asymmetric accessory parotid gland *Incidence*: 21% of general population *Location*: usually on surface of masseter muscle ✓ prominent salivary gland tissue 2. Benign masseteric hypertrophy *Cause*: bruxism (= nocturnal gnashing of teeth) ✓ homogeneous enlargement of one / both masseters 3. Odontogenic abscess ■ bad dentition + trismus 4. Sarcoma (chondro-, osteo-, soft-tissue sarcoma) ✓ infiltrating mass with mandibular destruction 5. Malignant schwannoma ✓ tubular mass along cranial nerve V₃ 6. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) 7. Infiltrating squamous cell carcinoma

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Carotid Space Mass A. VASCULAR LESION1. Ectatic common / [internal carotid artery](#)2. Carotid artery aneurysm / pseudoaneurysm3. Asymmetric internal jugular vein4. Jugular vein thrombosis B. BENIGN TUMOR1. [Paraganglioma](#) ([carotid body tumor](#) + glomus vagale)2. Schwannoma3. Neurofibroma of cranial nerves IX, X, XII. MALIGNANT TUMOR1. Nodal metastasis from squamous cell carcinoma2. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)

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Retropharyngeal Space Mass A. INFECTION 1. Reactive lymph adenopathy[✓] nodes >10 mm in diameter 2. Abscess[✓] bow-tie shape B. BENIGN TUMOR 1. [Hemangioma](#) 2. [Lipoma](#) C. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. Metastasis from squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma, [thyroid carcinoma](#) 2. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) 3. Direct invasion by squamous cell carcinoma

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Prevertebral Space Mass A.PSEUDOTUMOR1.Anterior disk herniation2.Vertebra body osteophyteB.INFLAMMATION1.Vertebra body osteomyelitis2.AbscessC.TUMOR1.[Chordoma](#)2.Vertebra body metastasis: lung, breast, prostate, non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)

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Inspiratory Stridor In Children 1.[Croup](#)2.Congenital [subglottic stenosis](#)3.Subglottic [hemangioma](#)4.[Airway](#) foreign body5.Esophageal foreign body6.[Epiglottitis](#)

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Airway Obstruction In Children

Nasopharyngeal Narrowing (a)Congenital:[Choanal atresia](#), choanal stenosis, encephalocele(b)Inflammatory:Adenoidal enlargement, polyps(c)Neoplastic:[Juvenile angiofibroma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), teratoma, [neuroblastoma](#), lymphoepithelioma(d)Traumatic:Foreign body, hematoma, rhinolith

Oropharyngeal Narrowing (a)Congenital:Glossoposis + [micrognathia](#) (Pierre Robin, Goldenhar, [Treacher Collins syndrome](#)), [macroglossia](#) (cretinism, [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#))(b)Inflammatory:Abscess, tonsillar hypertrophy(c)Neoplastic:Lingual tumor / cyst(d)Traumatic:Hematoma, foreign body

Retropharyngeal Narrowing =potential space (normally <3/4 of AP diameter of adjacent cervical spine in infants / <3 mm in older children)(a)Congenital:Branchial cleft cyst, ectopic thyroid(b)Inflammatory:Retropharyngeal abscess(c)Neoplastic:[Cystic hygroma](#) (originating in posterior cervical triangle with extension toward midline + into mediastinum), [neuroblastoma](#), [neurofibromatosis](#), [hemangioma](#)(d)Traumatic:Hematoma, foreign body(e)Metabolic:[Hypothyroidism](#)

Vallecular Narrowing =valleys on each side of glossoepiglottic folds between base of tongue + epiglottis(a)Congenital:Congenital cyst, ectopic thyroid, thyroglossal cyst(b)Inflammatory:Abscess(c)Neoplastic:Teratoma(d)Traumatic:Foreign body, hematoma

Supraglottic Narrowing =area between epiglottis and true vocal cords(a)Congenital:Aryepiglottic fold cyst(b)Inflammatory:Acute bacterial [epiglottitis](#), angioneurotic edema(c)Neoplastic:Retention cyst, [cystic hygroma](#), neurofibroma(d)Traumatic:Foreign body, hematoma, radiation, caustic ingestion(e)Idiopathic:[Laryngomalacia](#)

Glottic Narrowing =area of true vocal cords(a)Congenital:Laryngeal atresia, laryngeal stenosis, laryngeal web (anterior commissure)(b)Neoplastic:[Laryngeal papillomatosis](#)(c)Neurogenic:[Vocal cord paralysis](#) (most common)(d)Traumatic:Foreign body, hematoma

Subglottic Narrowing =short segment between undersurface of true vocal cords + inferior margin of cricoid cartilage is the narrowest portion of child's airway(a)Congenital:Congenital [subglottic stenosis](#)(b)Inflammatory:[Croup](#)(c)Neoplastic:[Hemangioma](#), papillomatosis(d)Traumatic:Acquired stenosis (result of prolonged endotracheal intubation in 5%), granuloma(e)Idiopathic:[Mucocele](#) = mucous retention cyst (rare complication of prolonged endotracheal intubation)

Tracheal Narrowing

A.ANTERIOR COMPRESSION(a)Congenital1.Congenital goiter2.Innominate artery syndromeCause:crowding of thoracic inlet by cervical herniation of an enlarged [thymus](#) with development of focal tracheomalacia • ablation of right radial pulse by rigid endoscopic pressure ✓ posterior tracheal displacement ✓ focal collapse of trachea at fluoroscopy ✓ pulsatile indentation of anterior tracheal wall by innominate artery on MRI/Rx:surgical attachment of innominate artery to manubrium(b)Inflammatory1.Cervical / mediastinal abscess(c)Neoplastic1.Cervical / intrathoracic teratoma ✓ amorphous calcifications + ossifications2.[Thymoma](#)3.Thyroid tumors4.[Lymphoma](#)(d)Traumatic: HematomaB.POSTERIOR TRACHEAL COMPRESSION(a)Congenital1.Vascular ring-complete: [double aortic arch](#), [right aortic arch](#)-incomplete: anomalous right subclavian artery ✓ posterior indentation of esophagus + trachea2.Pulmonary sling=anomalous left pulmonary artery arising from right pulmonary artery, passing between trachea + esophagus en route to left lung3.[Bronchogenic cyst](#)most common between esophagus + trachea at level of carina (b)inflammatory: abscess(c)neoplastic: neurofibroma(d)traumatic: esophageal foreign body, esophageal stricture, hematomaC.INTRINSIC TRACHEAL CAUSES(a)Congenital:1.Congenital tracheal stenosis: generalized / segmental = complete cartilaginous ring (instead of horseshoe shape) 2.Congenital tracheomalacia = immaturity of tracheal cartilage • expiratory stridor ✓ tracheal collapse on expiration(b)Neoplastic: papilloma, fibroma, [hemangioma](#)(c)Traumatic: acquired stenosis (endotracheal + tracheostomy tubes), granuloma, acquired tracheomalacia (cartilage degeneration after inflammation, extrinsic pressure, bronchial neoplasia, TE fistula, foreign body)

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Tracheal Tumor 1. Adenomatoid cystic carcinoma 2. Squamous cell carcinoma 3. [Carcinoid](#) 4. Squamous cell papilloma 5. [Mucoepidermoid carcinoma](#)

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Vocal Cord Paralysis 1. Birth injury 2. Arnold-Chiari malformation 3. Intracranial tumor 4. [Mediastinal mass](#) / cyst 5. Vascular ring 6. Thyroidectomy 7. Malignancy 8. Fixed vocal cords (fluoroscopy)

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Epiglottic Enlargement A.NORMAL VARIANT1.Prominent normal epiglottis2.Omega epiglottisB.INFLAMMATION1.Acute / chronic [epiglottitis](#)2.Angioneurotic edema3.Stevens-Johnson syndrome4.Caustic ingestion5.Radiation therapyC.MASSES1.Epiglottic cyst2.[Arvepiglottic cyst](#)3.Foreign body

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Aryepiglottic Cyst 1.Retention cyst2.[Lymphangioma](#)3.[Cystic hygroma](#)4.Thyroglossal cyst ■ may be symptomatic at birth^{1/} well-defined mass in aryepiglottic fold

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Solid Neck Masses In Childhood 1.Lymphadenopathy2.[Fibromatosis](#) colli3.Malignancy: [neuroblastoma](#) (most common), [lymphoma](#)4.Teratoma5.[Hemangioma](#)6.[Lipoma](#)7.Thyroid mass8.Ectopic [thymus](#)

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Lymph Node Enlargement Of Neck A. NORMAL LYMPH NODES ✓ few small oval hypoechoic ✓ ± central linear echogenicity (= invaginating hilar fat) ✓ larger in transverse than anteroposterior dimension B. MALIGNANT LYMPH NODES ✓ increased anteroposterior diameter ✓ prominent calcifications suggestive of medullary thyroid cancer ✓ minimal axial diameter of 11 mm (in squamous cell carcinoma) CT: ✓ marginal enhancement

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Congenital Cystic Lesions Of Neck 95% of all branchial cleft anomalies arise from 2nd branchial apparatus! 1. **Second branchial cleft cyst**
=incomplete obliteration of 2nd branchial cleft tract (cervical sinus) resulting in sinus tract / fistula / cyst Age: young to middle-aged adult Location: [parotid space](#) near mandibular angle, [parapharyngeal space](#) • history of multiple parotid abscesses unresponsive to drainage + antibiotics • otorrhea (if connected to external auditory canal) cystic oval / round mass near mandibular angle displacement of sternocleidomastoid muscle posteriorly, carotid artery + jugular vein posteromedially, submandibular gland anteriorly may insinuate between internal + external carotid artery (PATHOGNOMONIC) cyst may enlarge after upper respiratory tract infection / injury DDX: necrotic neural tumor, cervical abscess, submandibular gland cyst, cystic [lymphangioma](#), necrotic metastatic / inflammatory lymphadenopathy 2. **First branchial cleft cyst**
Residual embryonic tract begins near submandibular triangle + ascends through the parotid gland, terminates at junction of cartilaginous + bony external auditory canal Incidence: 8% of all branchial cleft anomalies Age: middle-aged women • enlarging mass near lower pole of parotid gland DDX: inflammatory parotid cyst, benign cystic parotid tumor, necrotic metastatic lymphadenopathy 3. **Cervical thymic cyst**
forms along migratory tract of thymic tissue into mediastinum Age: <5 years of age; M > F No association with myasthenia gravis! Location: from angle of mandible to anterior mid-neck uni- / multilocular mostly unilateral cyst 4. **Parathyroid cyst**
Age: 30-50 years • hormonally inactive noncolloidal cyst near lower pole of thyroid gland 5. **Thyroglossal duct cyst** 6. **Lymphangioma / cystic hygroma** 7. **Dermoid cyst**
(1) Cystic teratoma (a) epidermoid cyst = lined by simple squamous epithelium without adnexal structures (b) dermal cyst = epithelial-lined cyst containing hair + sebaceous glands (c) teratoid cyst = lined with squamous / respiratory epithelium containing derivatives of skin appendages + endoderm + mesoderm (2) Nonteratomatous epithelial-lined cyst Location: -dorsum of nose in infants (most common) -midline anterior floor of mouth: (a) sublingual between mylohyoid muscle + tongue (DDX: inclusion cyst, ranula) (b) submental between platysma + mylohyoid muscle 8. Ectopic [bronchogenic cyst](#) • stridor indentation of trachea

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Branchial Fistula 1. Third branchial fistula *Internal opening*: piriform fossa anterior to fold formed by internal laryngeal nerve *Course*: through thyrohyoid membrane, over hypoglossal nerve, between internal + external carotid arteries, caudolateral / posterolateral to proximal internal + common carotid arteries *External opening*: at base of neck anterior to sternocleidomastoid muscle 2. Fourth branchial fistula *Internal opening*: apex of piriform sinus *Course*: between cricoid + thyroid cartilage, below cricothyroid muscle, caudal course between trachea + carotid vessels, deep to clavicle into mediastinum, looping forward below aorta (left side) / right subclavian artery (right side), ascending posterior to [common carotid artery](#), passing over hypoglossal nerve *External opening*: at base of neck anterior to sternocleidomastoid muscle

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Air-containing Masses Of Neck 1.[Laryngocele](#)2.Tracheal diverticulumarising from anterior wall of trachea close to thyroid3.[Zenker diverticulum](#)4.Lateral pharyngeal diverticulumlocated in tonsillar fossa / vallecula / pyriform fossa

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Parotid Gland Enlargement A. LOCALIZED INFLAMMATORY DISEASE 1. [Chronic recurrent sialadenitis](#) 2. [Sialosis](#) 3. [Sarcoidosis](#) 4. [Tuberculosis](#) 5. Cat-scratch fever 6. Syphilis 7. Abscess 8. Reactive adenopathy B. SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE RELATED DISEASE 1. Sjögren disease (= myoepithelial sialadenitis) 2. Mikulicz disease C. NEOPLASM (a) benign tumor 1. Pleomorphic / monomorphic adenoma 2. Cystadenolymphoma (= [Warthin tumor](#)) 3. Benign lymphoepithelial cysts ([AIDS](#)) 4. [Lipoma](#) 5. Facial [neuroma](#) 6. [Oncocytoma](#) (b) primary malignant tumor 1. [Mucoepidermoid carcinoma](#) 2. [Adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) (= [cylindroma](#)) 3. Malignant mixed tumor 4. Adenocarcinoma 5. [Acinus](#) cell carcinoma (c) metastatic tumor Parotid gland undergoes late encapsulation, which leads to incorporation of lymph nodes! 1. Squamous cell carcinoma 2. Melanoma 3. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) D. LYMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISORDER 1. [Lymphoma](#) 2. Primary Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) E. CONGENITAL 1. First branchial cleft cyst

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Multiple Lesions Of Parotid Gland 1.[Warthin tumor](#)2.Metastases to lymph nodes: squamous cell carcinoma of skin, [malignant melanoma](#), Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)3.Benign lymphoepithelial cysts ([AIDS](#))

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Congenital Dyshormonogenesis 1. Trapping defect=defective cellular [uptake](#) of iodine into thyroid, salivary glands, gastric mucosa, high doses of inorganic iodine facilitate diffusion into thyroid permitting a normal rate of thyroid hormone synthesis, normal ratio of iodine concentrations for gastric juice:plasma = 20:1, nearly entire dose of administered radioiodine is excreted within 24 hours. 2. Organification defect=deficient peroxidase activity, which catalyzes the oxidation of iodide by H_2O_2 to form monoiodotyrosine (MIT) / diiodotyrosine (DIT) ■ high serum TSH ■ low serum T_4 ■ diffuse symmetric thyromegaly, high thyroidal [uptake](#) of radioiodine / pertechnetate, rapid I-131 turnover, positive perchlorate washout test. **Pendred syndrome** = autosomal recessive trait of deficient peroxidase regeneration characterized by [hypothyroidism](#) + goiter + nerve deafness. 3. Deiodinase (dehalogenase) defect=deficient deiodination of MIT / DIT to release iodide which is reutilized to synthesize thyroid hormone production ■ [hypothyroidism](#) ■ identification of MIT + DIT in serum + urine following administration of I-131 ■ "intrinsic" iodine deficiency goiter, high thyroidal I-131 [uptake](#), rapid intrathyroidal turnover of I-131. 4. Thyroxin-binding globulin (TBG) deficiency ■ abnormal T_4 transport ■ low bound serum T_4 concentration ■ euthyroid. 5. End-organ resistance to thyroid hormone ■ high serum T_4 ■ euthyroid / hypothyroid ■ growth retardation, goiter, [stippled epiphyses](#)

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Hyperthyroidism 1. [Graves disease](#) (most common) 2. [Toxic nodular goiter](#) 3. Iodine-induced hyperthyroidism = Jod-Basedow 4. Thyroiditis (a) [Hashimoto thyroiditis](#) = chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis (b) Subacute thyroiditis = de Quervain thyroiditis (c) [Painless thyroiditis](#) US: ↓ decrease in overall echogenicity ↓ discrete nodules (50%) 5. Thyrotoxicosis medicamentosa / factitious surreptitious self-administration of [thyroid hormones](#) 6. Struma ovarii = ovarian teratoma containing thyroid tissue 7. [Hydatidiform mole](#) / [choriocarcinoma](#) / testicular trophoblastic carcinoma = stimulation of thyroid by HCG 8. Pituitary hyperthyroidism = pituitary neoplasm ■ ± [acromegaly](#) ■ ± hyperprolactinemia 9. [Thyroid carcinoma](#) / hyperfunctioning metastases very rare (25 cases)

Hypothyroidism A. PRIMARY [HYPOTHYROIDISM](#) (most common) = thyroid's inability to produce sufficient thyroid hormone 1. Agenesis of thyroid 2. [Congenital dyshormonogenesis](#) 3. Chronic thyroiditis 4. Previous radioiodine therapy 5. Ectopic thyroid (1:4,000) B. SECONDARY [HYPOTHYROIDISM](#) = failure of anterior pituitary to release sufficient quantities of TSH 1. Sheehan syndrome 2. [Head trauma](#) 3. Pituitary tumor (primary / secondary) 4. Aneurysm 5. Surgery C. TERTIARY / HYPOTHALAMIC [HYPOTHYROIDISM](#) = failure of hypothalamus to produce sufficient amounts of TRH

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Decreased / No Uptake Of Radiotracer A. **BLOCKED TRAPPING FUNCTION** 1. Iodine load (most common) = dilution of tracer within flooded iodine pool (from administration of radiographic contrast / iodine-containing medication) ^ψSuppression usually lasts for 4 weeks! 2. Exogenous thyroid hormone (replacement therapy) suppresses TSH release B. **BLOCKED ORGANIFICATION** 1. Antithyroid medication (propylthiouracil (PTU) / methimazole) / goitrogenic substances ^ψ Tc-99m uptake not inhibited C. **DIFFUSE PARENCHYMAL DESTRUCTION** 1. Subacute / chronic thyroiditis D. **HYPOTHYROIDISM** 1. Congenital [hypothyroidism](#) 2. Surgical / radioiodine ablation 3. Thyroid ectopia (struma ovarii, [intrathoracic goiter](#)) *mnemonic:* "H MITTE" Hypothyroidism (congenital) **Medications:** PTU, perchlorate, Cytomel, Synthroid, Lugol solution Iodine overload (eg, after IVP) Thyroid ablation (surgery, radioiodine) Thyroiditis (subacute / chronic) Ectopic thyroid hormone production

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Increased Uptake Of Radiotracer *mnemonic:*"THRILLER"**Thyroiditis** (early Hashimoto) **Hyperthyroidism** (diffuse / nodular) **Rebound** after withdrawal of antithyroid medication **Iodine starvation** **Low serum albumin** **Lithium therapy** **Enzyme defect**

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Prominent Pyramidal Lobe =distal remnant of thyroid descent tract1.Normal variant: present in 10%2.[Hyperthyroidism](#)3.Thyroiditis4.S/P thyroid surgeryDDx:esophageal activity from salivary [excretion](#) (disappears after glass of water)

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Thyroid Calcifications = [benign calcifications](#) = stromal calcifications in adenoma^v coarse calcifications with rough outline^v alignment along periphery of lesion^v irregular distribution **Psammoma Bodies** = microcalcifications (<1 mm) occur in 54% of thyroid neoplasms^v seen on xeroradiography in 94%1. Papillary carcinoma61%2. Follicular carcinoma26%3. Undifferentiated carcinoma13%

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Cystic Areas In Thyroid 15-25% of all thyroid nodules! A. Anechoic fluid + smooth regular wall: 1. Colloid accumulation in goiter = colloid-filled dilated macrofollicle 2. Simple cyst (extremely uncommon) B. Solid particles + irregular outline: 1. Hemorrhagic colloid nodule 2. Hemorrhagic adenoma (30%) 3. Necrotic papillary cancer (15%) 4. Liquefaction necrosis in adenoma / goiter 5. Abscess 6. Cystic parathyroid tumor ● bloody fluid = benign / malignant lesion ● clear amber fluid = benign lesion † Cystic lesions often yield insufficient numbers of cells!

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Thyroid Nodule *Incidence:*(increasing with age)(a)4-8% by palpation (>2 cm in 2%, 1-2 cm in 5%, <1 cm in 1%); M:F = 1:4(b)50% by autopsy / thyroid US if clinically normal: multiple in 38%, solitary in 12% (occult small cancers found in 4%)A. THYROID ADENOMA1. Colloid / adenomatous nodule = adenomatous hyperplasia / degenerative involuted nodule (42-77%)2. [Follicular adenoma \(15-40%\)](#)3. Ectopic parathyroid adenomaB. INFLAMMATION / HEMORRHAGE1. Inflammatory lymph node in subacute + chronic thyroiditis2. Hemorrhage / hematoma: frequently associated with adenomas3. AbscessC. CARCINOMA (8-17%)1. [Thyroid carcinoma](#)(a) papillary carcinoma (70%)(b) follicular (15%)(c) medullary carcinoma (5-10%)(d) anaplastic carcinoma (5%)(e) thyroid [lymphoma](#) (5%)2. Nonthyroidal neoplasmmetastasis from breast, lung, kidney, [malignant melanoma](#), [Hodgkin disease](#) 3. Hürthle cell carcinoma^v very thin hypoechoic halo4. Carcinoma in situ^v echogenic area inside a goiter nodule Role of fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB): (large-needle biopsy has more complications with no increase in diagnostic yield) ϕ FNAB as initial test leads to a better selection of patients for surgery than any other test! Diagnostic [accuracy](#) of 70-97%: (a) 70-80% negative (b) 10% positive specimens (3-6% false-positive rate often due to [Hashimoto thyroiditis](#)) (c) 10-20% indeterminate Up to 20% nondiagnostic (too few cells) material Role of imaging: ϕ Imaging cannot reliably distinguish malignant + benign nodules! (a) radionuclide scanning-useful in indeterminate cytology^v Hyperfunctioning nodule is almost always benign! (b) ultrasound-best method to determine volume of nodule-useful during follow-up to distinguish nodular growth from intranodular hemorrhage

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Discordant Thyroid Nodule =nodule hyperfunctioning on [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) scan + hypofunctioning on I-131 scan, which indicates reduced organification capacity
Cause: 1.Malignancy:follicular / papillary carcinoma2.Benign lesion:follicular adenoma / adenomatous hyperplasia(autonomous nontoxic nodules have accelerated iodine turnover and discharge radioiodine as hormone within 24 hours)

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Hot Thyroid Nodule *Incidence:* 8% of [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) scans 1. Adenoma (a) Autonomous adenoma = TSH-independent ■ euthyroid (80%), thyrotoxicosis (20%)[†] partial / total suppression of remainder of gland (b) Adenomatous hyperplasia = TSH-dependent secondary to defective thyroid hormone production 2. [Thyroid carcinoma](#) (extremely rare)[†] discordant [uptake](#) N.B.: any hot nodule on Tc-99m scan must be imaged with I-123 to differentiate between autonomous or cancerous lesion

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Cold Thyroid Nodule A. BENIGN TUMOR 1. Nonfunctioning adenoma 2. Cyst (11-20%) 3. Involutional nodule 4. Parathyroid tumor B. INFLAMMATORY MASS 1. Focal thyroiditis 2. Granuloma 3. Abscess C. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. Carcinoma 2. [Lymphoma](#) 3. Metastasis US features of cold nodule: \checkmark hypoechoic (71%) \checkmark isoechoic (22%) \checkmark mixed echogenicity (4%) \checkmark hyperechoic (3%) \checkmark cystic (rarely malignant) \checkmark A palpable hypofunctioning nodule in a patient with [Graves disease](#) is likely malignant! *mnemonic:* "CATCH LAMP" Colloid cyst Adenoma (most common) Thyroiditis Carcinoma Hematoma Lymphoma, Lymph node Abscess Metastasis (kidney, breast) Parathyroid

Probability Of A Cold Nodule To Represent Thyroid Cancer: \checkmark Solitary cold nodules by scintigraphy are multinodular by US in 20-25% (a) 15-25% for solitary cold nodule (b) 1-6% for multiple nodules (DDx: multinodular goiter) (c) with history of neck irradiation in childhood - solitary nodule found in 70% (cancerous in 31%) - multiple nodules found in 25% (cancerous in 37%) - normal thyroid scan found in 5% (cancer detected in 20%)

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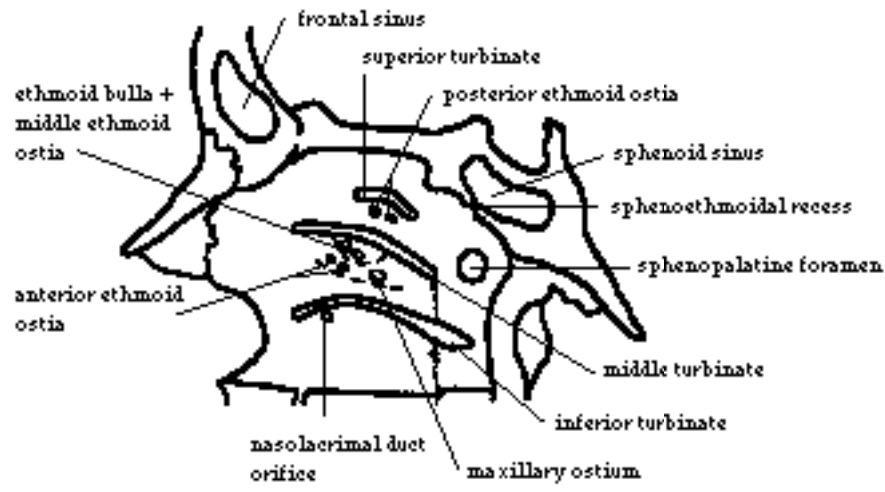
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PARANASAL SINUSES

Mucus production of 1 L/day; mucus blanket turns over every 20-30 minutes; irritants are propelled toward nasopharynx at a rate of 1 cm/minute



View of Lateral Nasal Wall (turbinates removed)

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Maxillary Sinus Size: 6-8 cm at birth Walls: roof = floor of orbit; posterior wall abuts pterygopalatine fossa Extension: 4-5 mm below level of nasal cavity by age 12 Ostium: maxillary ostium + infundibulum enter middle meatus within posterior aspect of hiatus semilunaris; additional ostia may be present Plain film: present at birth; visible at 4-5 months; completely developed by 15 years of age Variations: sinus hypoplasia in 9%; aplasia in 0.4%

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Ethmoid Sinuses Size: adult size by age 12; 3-18 air cells per side Walls: roof = floor of anterior cranial fossa; lateral wall = lamina papyracea Plain film: very small at birth; visible at 1 year of age; completely developed by puberty (a) **anteromedial ethmoid air cells**
2-8 cells with a total area of 24 x 23 x 11 mm Ostia: opening into anterior aspect of hiatus semilunaris of middle meatus (anterior group), opening into ethmoid bulla (middle group) *Agger nasi cells* = anteriormost ethmoid air cells in front of the attachment of middle turbinate to cribriform plate near the lacrimal duct = anterior, lateral + inferior to frontoethmoidal recess = anteromedial margin of orbit Prevalence: present in >90% *Ethmoidal bulla* = ethmoidal air cell above + posterior to infundibulum + hiatus semilunaris, located outside the lamina papyracea at the lateral wall of the middle meatus *Haller cells* = anterior ethmoid air cells inferolateral to ethmoidal bulla, on lateral wall of infundibulum, along inferior margin of orbit / roof of [maxillary sinus](#), protruding into [maxillary sinus](#) Prevalence: 10-45% (b) **posterior ethmoid air cells**
1-8 cells, larger cells, total area smaller than that of anteromedial group Location: behind the basal (= ground) lamella of the middle turbinate Ostium: into superior meatus / supreme meatus, ultimately draining into sphenoidal recess of nasal cavity *Onodi cell* = most posterior ethmoid air cell pneumatized into sphenoid bone ± surrounding the [optic canal](#) Location: superolateral to [sphenoid sinus](#)

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Frontal Sinus Size: 28 x 24 x 20 mm in adults, rapid growth until the late teens Walls: posterior wall = anterior cranial fossa; inferior wall = anterior portion of roof of orbit Ostium: into frontal recess of middle meatus via frontoethmoidal recess (= nasofrontal duct) Plain film: visible at age 6 years Variations: sinus aplasia in up to 4% (in 90% with [Down syndrome](#))

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Sphenoid Sinus Size: 20 x 23 x 17 mm in adults, small evagination of sphenoidal recess at birth, invasion of sphenoid bone begins at age 5 years; aerated extensions into pterygoid plates (44%) + into clinoid processes (13%) Walls: roof = floor of sella turcica; anterior wall shared with [ethmoid sinuses](#); posterior wall = clivus; inferior wall = roof of nasopharynx Ostium: 10 mm above sinus floor into sphenoidal recess posterior to superior meatus at level of sphenopalatine foramen Plain film: appears by 3 years of age; continues to grow posteriorly + inferiorly into the sella until adulthood

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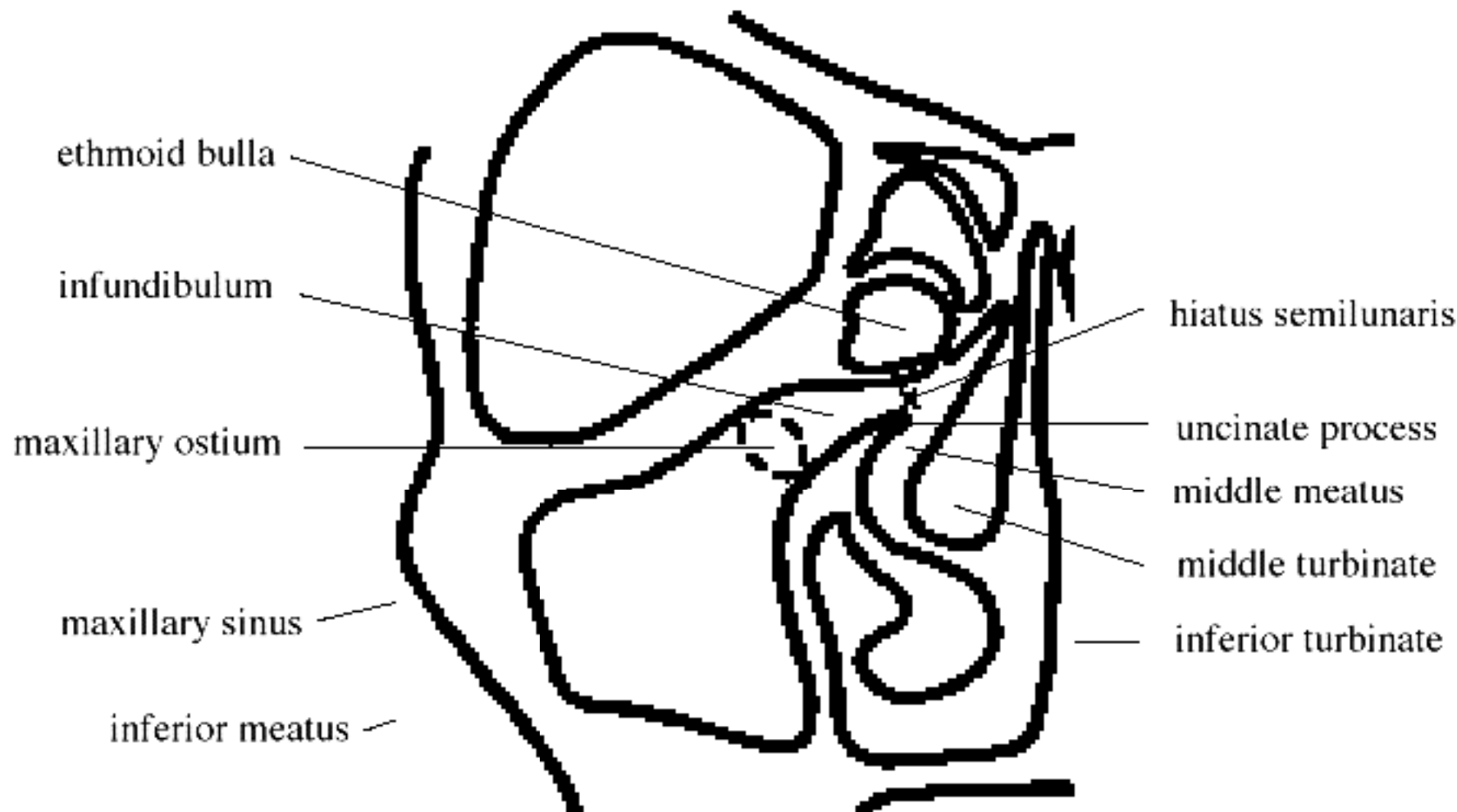
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OSTIOMEATAL UNIT

=area of superomedial [maxillary sinus](#) + middle meatus as the common mucociliary drainage pathway of frontal maxillary, and anterior + middle ethmoid air cells into the nose
Coronal CT: visualized on two or three 3-mm-thick sections
Components: 1. Infundibulum= flattened conelike passage between inferomedial border of orbit / ethmoid bulla (laterally) + uncinat process (medially) + [maxillary sinus](#) (inferiorly) + hiatus semilunaris (superiorly) 2. Uncinate process=key bony structure in lateral nasal wall below hiatus semilunaris in middle meatus defines hiatus semilunaris together with adjacent ethmoid bulla 3. Ethmoid bulla located in cephalad recess of middle meatus 4. Hiatus semilunaris final segment for drainage of [maxillary sinus](#); located just inferior to ethmoid bulla in middle meatus
Ostia: (1) multiple ostia from anterior ethmoid air cells (at its anterior aspect) (2) maxillary ostium infundibulum (at its posterior aspect)
Anatomic variations predisposing to ostiomeatal narrowing: 1. Concha bullosa (4-15%) = aerated / pneumatized middle turbinate 2. Intralamellar cell = air cell within vertical portion of middle turbinate 3. Oversized ethmoid bulla 4. Haller cells 5. Uncinate process bulla 6. Bowed nasal septum 7. Paradoxical middle turbinate = convexity of turbinate directed toward lateral nasal wall (10-26%) 8. Deviation of uncinat process
These conditions are not disease states per se!



Coronal Scan of Ostiomeatal Unit

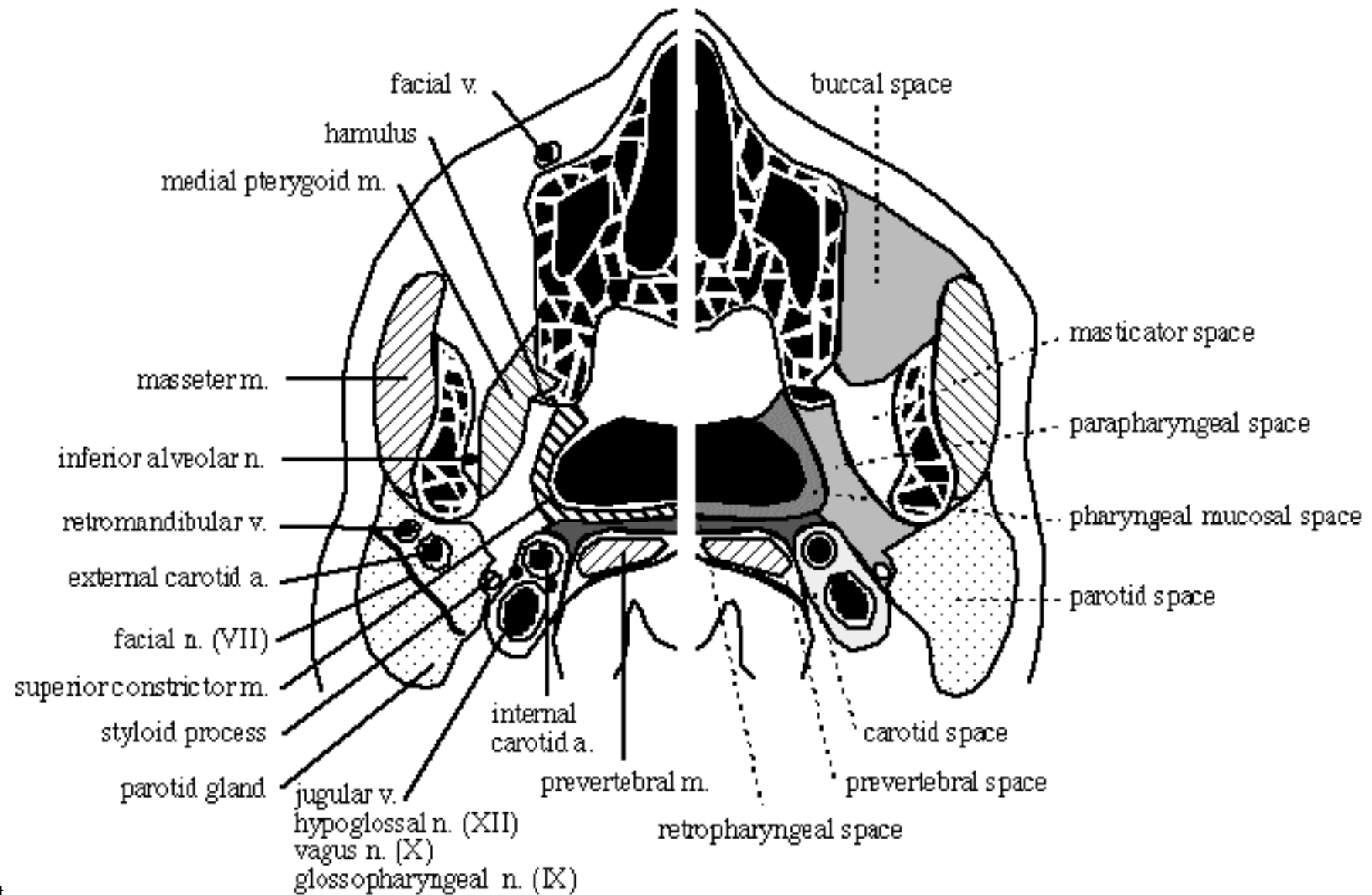
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Branchial cleft development

-6 paired branchial arches are responsible for formation of lower face + neck-each branchial cleft arch contains a central core of cartilage + muscle, a blood vessel and a nerve-arches form 5 ectodermal "clefts" / grooves on outer aspect of neck + 5 endodermal pharyngeal pouches separated by a membrane Formation:during 4th-6th



week of embryonic development

Transaxial Scan Through Level of Lower Nasopharynx

1st Branchial Arch =maxillomandibular arch

(a)large ventral / mandibular prominence *forms*:mandible, incus, malleus, muscles of mastication (b)small dorsal / maxillary prominence *forms*:maxilla, zygoma, squamous portion of [temporal bone](#), cheek, portions of external ear *nerve*:mandibular division of trigeminal nerve *pouch forms*: mastoid air cells + eustachian tube *cleft forms*: external auditory canal + tympanic cavity

2nd Branchial Arch = Hyoid Arch *nerve*:[facial nerve](#) *arch forms*:thyroid gland, stapes, portions of external ear, muscles of facial expression *pouch forms*: palatine tonsil + tonsillar fossa *cleft involutes* completely by 9th fetal week; 2nd arch overgrows 2nd + 3rd + 4th clefts to form *cervical sinus* which creates a tract that runs from supraclavicular area just lateral to carotid sheath, turns medially at mandibular angle between external + [internal carotid artery](#), terminates in tonsillar fossa

3rd Branchial Arch sunk into retrohyoid depression *nerve*:glossopharyngeal nerve *arch forms*:glossoepiglottic fold, superior constrictor m., internal carotid a., parts of hyoid bone *pouch forms*: (a)[thymus](#) gland, which descends into mediastinum by 9th fetal week (b)inferior [parathyroid glands](#) passing down with the [thymus](#)

4th Branchial Arch sunk into retrohyoid depression *nerve*:superior laryngeal branch of vagus nerve *arch forms*:epiglottis + aryepiglottic folds, thyroid cartilage, cricothyroid m., left component of aortic arch, right component of right proximal subclavian a. *pouch forms*:superior [parathyroid glands](#), apex of piriform fossa *cleft forms*:ultimobranchial body, which provides parafollicular = "C" cells of thyroid

5th + 6th Branchial Arches cannot be recognized externally *nerve*:recurrent laryngeal branch of vagus nerve

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Oral cavity

comprises lip, upper + lower gingiva, buccal mucosa, hard palate, floor of mouth, anterior 2/3 of tongue

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Oropharynx

consists of (a)pharyngeal wall between nasopharynx + pharyngoepiglottic fold(b)soft palate(c)tonsillar region(d)tongue baseBorders: (a)superior: soft palate and Passavant ridge (= ridge of pharyngeal muscle that opposes the soft palate when soft palate is elevated)(b)anterior: plane that joins the posterior border of soft palate, anterior tonsillar pillars, circumvallate papillae(c)posterior: posterior pharyngeal wall(d)inferior: vallecula(e)lateral: tonsillar region consisting of anterior tonsillar pillar (= palatoglossus muscle) + palatine / faucial tonsil + posterior tonsillar pillar (= palatopharyngeus muscle)

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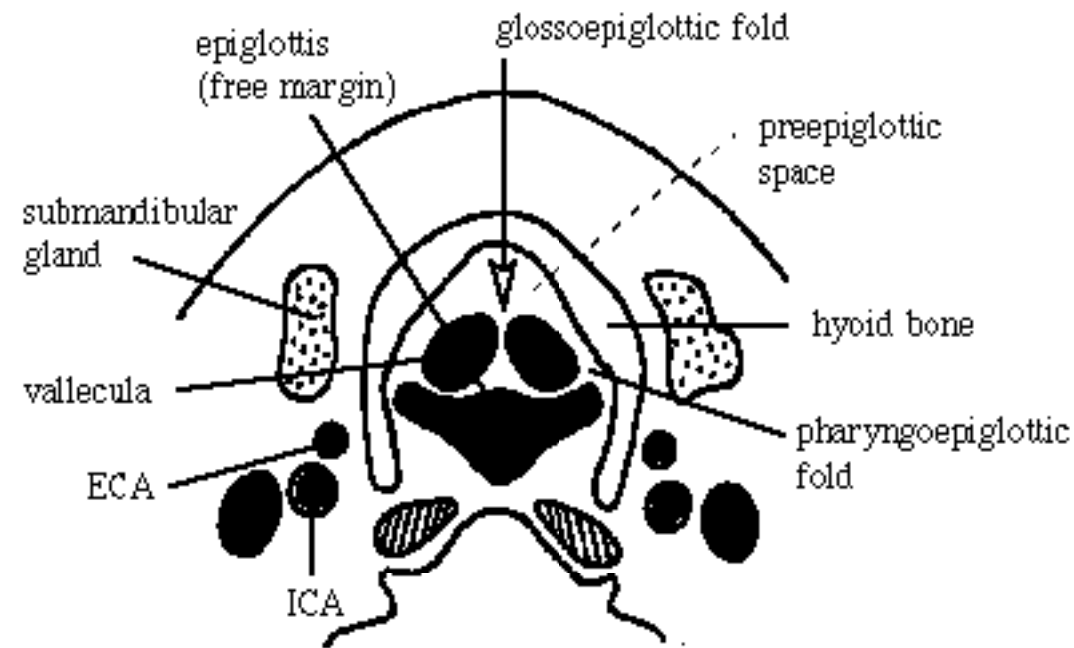
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Hypopharynx

=compartment of aerodigestive tract between hyoid bone + inferior aspect of cricoid cartilage1. Pyriform sinuses=two symmetric lateral stalactites of air hanging from hypopharynx behind [larynx](#)-inferior wall: level of cricoarytenoid joint-anteromedial wall: lateral wall of aryepiglottic fold-lateral wall: abuts posterior ala of thyroid cartilage-posterior wall: most lateral aspect of posterior hypopharyngeal wall2. Postcricoid area = pharyngoesophageal junction extends from level of arytenoid cartilages to inferior border of cricoid cartilage-anterior wall of hypopharynx = posterior wall of lower [larynx](#) = "party wall"3. Posterior hypopharyngeal wall extends from



level of valleculae to cricoarytenoid joints

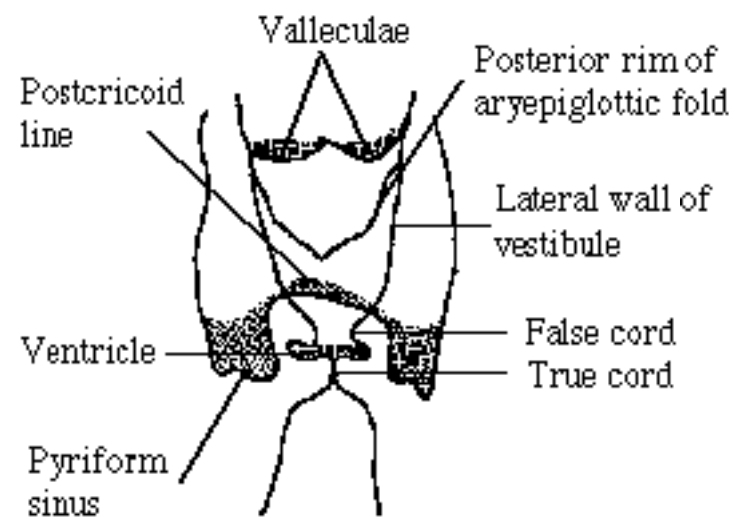
Hyoid Bone Level

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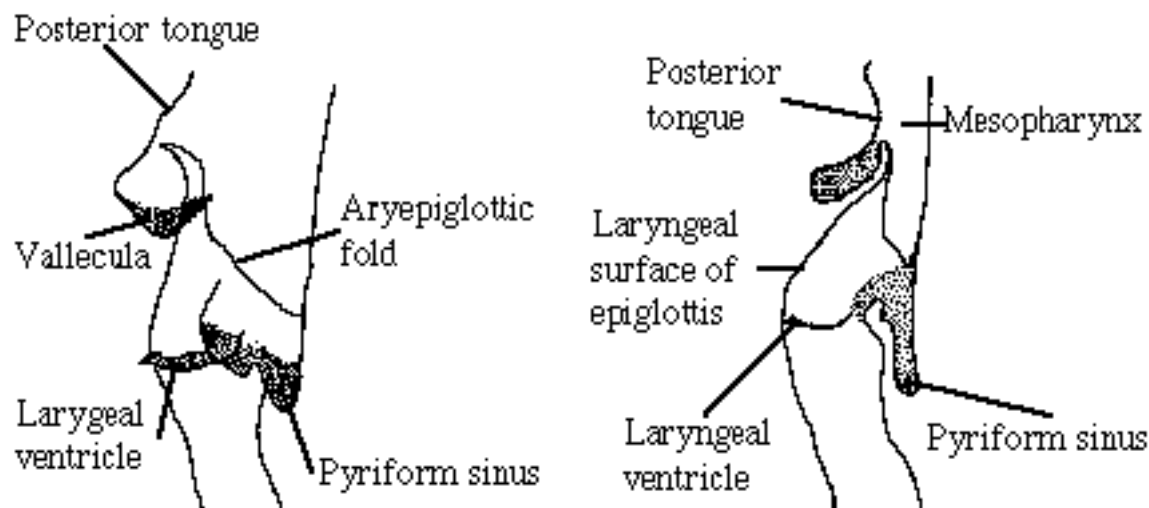


Larynx



Vertical length: 44 mm (males), 36 mm (females), at 4th-6th cervical vertebrae
During Phonation

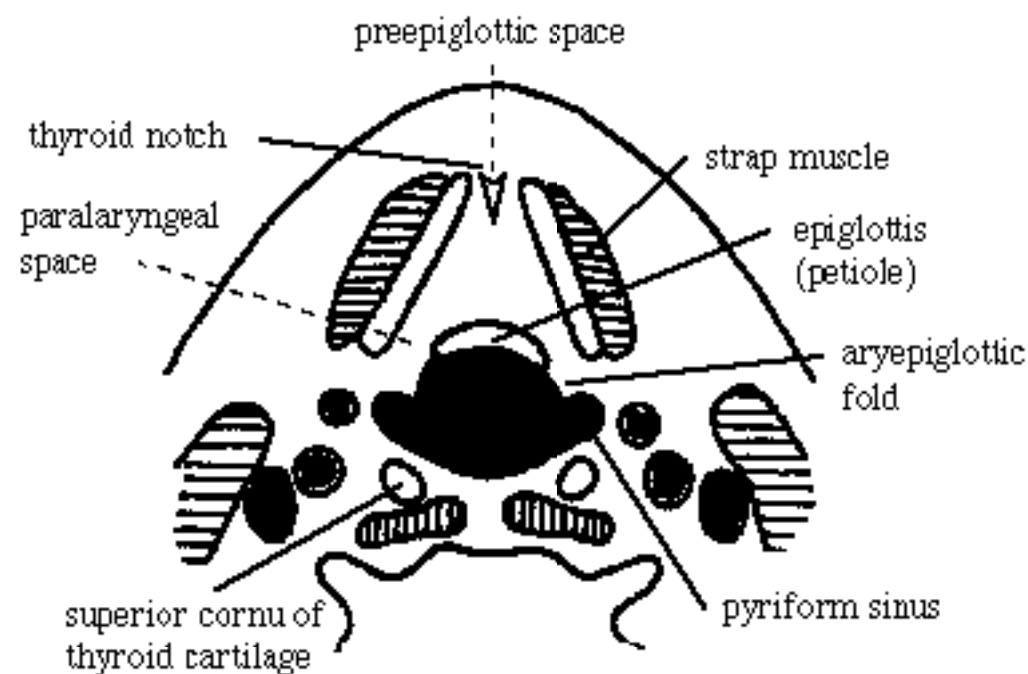
Frontal Laryngopharyngogram



Lateral Laryngogram

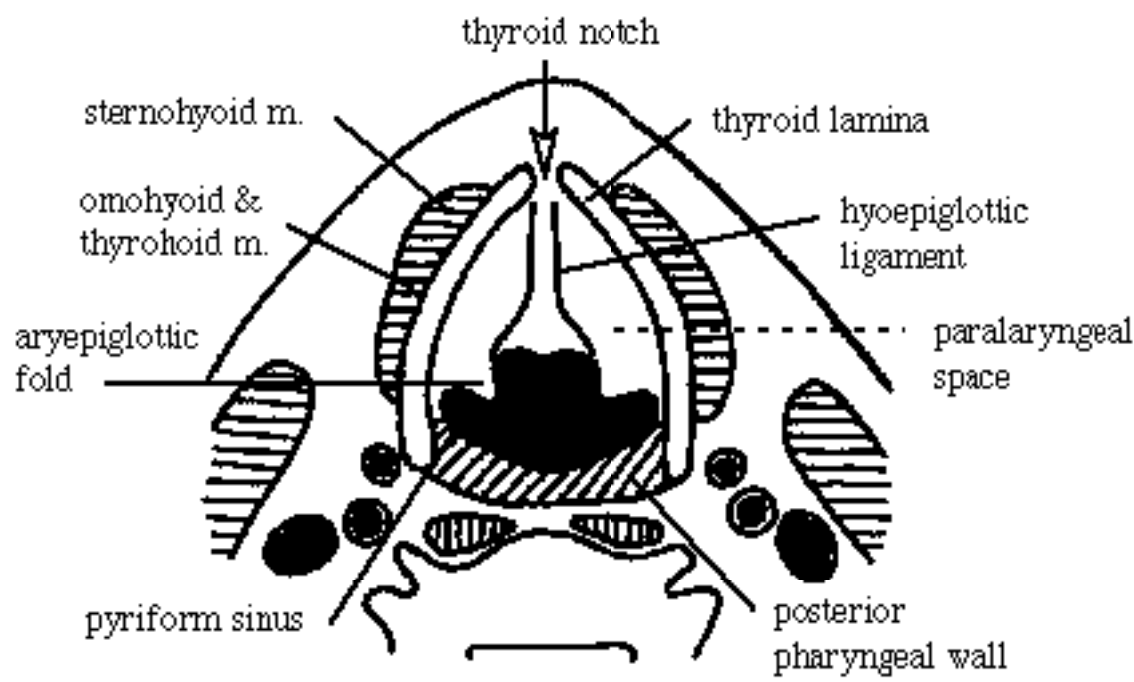
during phonation and during quiet breathing

A. SUPRAGLOTTIS extends from tongue base + valleculae to laryngeal ventricle
 1. Vestibule = airspace within supraglottic larynx
 2. Epiglottis = leaf-shaped cartilage that functions as a lid to endolarynx (a) petiole = stem of epiglottis (b) thyroepiglottic ligament = connects petiole to thyroid cartilage inferiorly (c) hyoepiglottic ligament = connects epiglottis to hyoid bone anteriorly, covered by a mucosal fold between the valleculae (glossoepiglottic fold) (d) "free margin" = superior portion of epiglottis
 3. False vocal cords = ventricular folds = inferior continuation of aryepiglottic folds = mucosal surface of ventricular ligaments; forming superior border of laryngeal ventricle
 4. Arytenoid cartilages
 5. Aryepiglottic folds = mucosal reflections between cephalad portion (= arytenoid processes) of arytenoid cartilage + inferolateral margin of epiglottis
 6. Laryngeal ventricle = fusiform fossa bounded by crescentic edge of false cords superiorly + straight margin of true cords inferiorly
 7. Preepiglottic space = low-density tissue between anterior margin of epiglottis + thyroid cartilage
 8. Paralaryngeal space = low-density tissue between true + false cords and thyroid cartilage
 9. continuous with preepiglottic

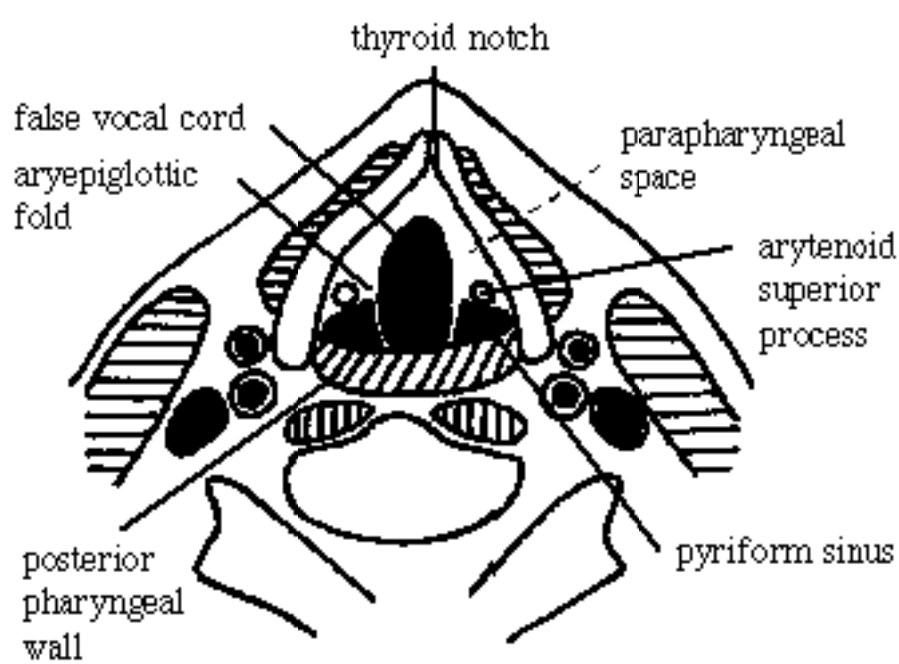


space anteriorly + aryepiglottic folds superiorly

High Supraglottic Level

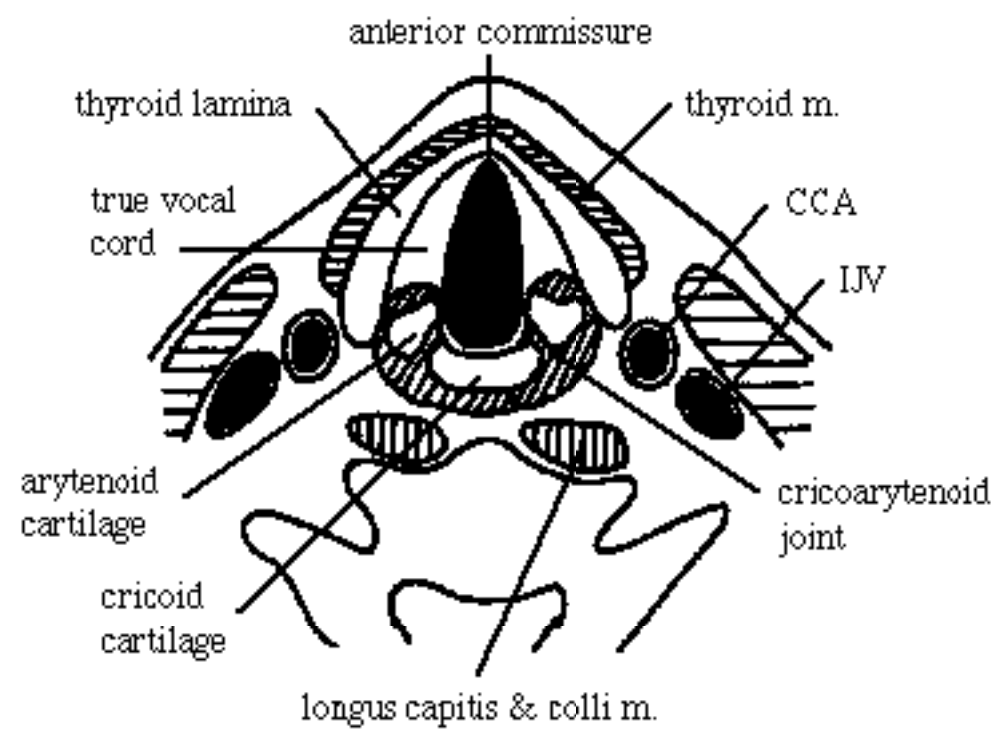


Mid Supraglottic Level



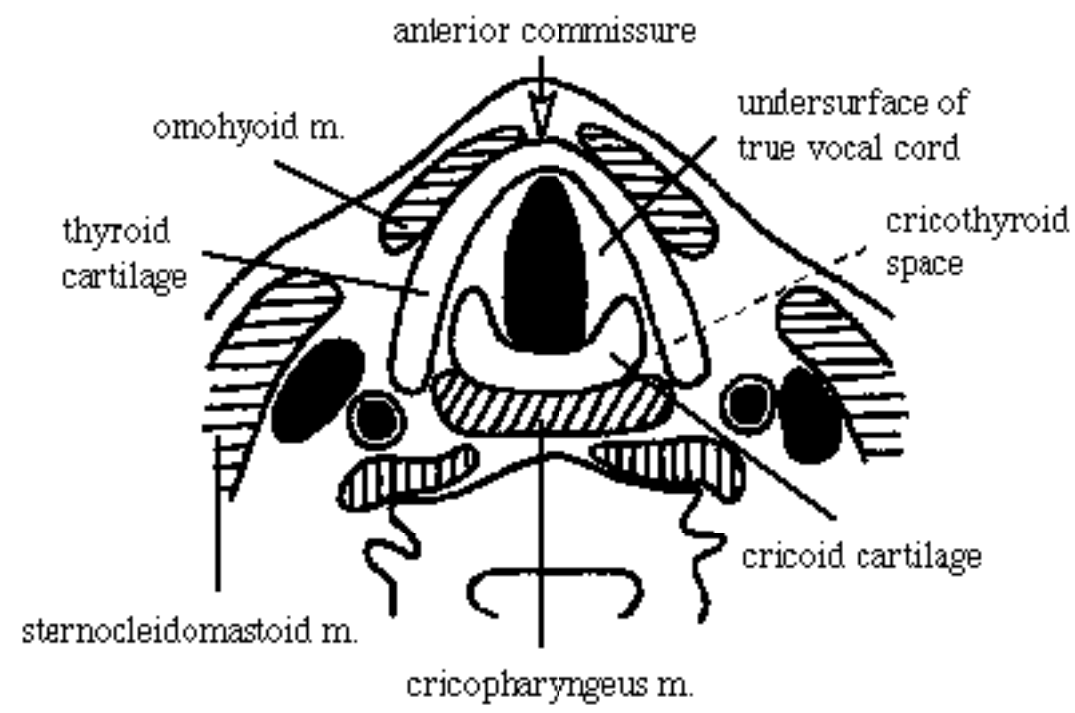
Low Supraglottic Level

B. GLOTTIS 1. True vocal cords = extend from vocal process of arytenoid cartilage to anterior commissure ✓ vocal cords adduct during phonation of "E" / breath holding 2. Anterior commissure = midline laryngeal mucosa covering anterior portions of the true vocal cords where they abut the laryngeal surface of the thyroid cartilage ✓ < 1 mm soft tissue behind thyroid cartilage (during abduction of vocal cords with quiet breathing) 3. Posterior commissure = midline laryngeal mucosal surface between



attachment of true vocal cords to the arytenoid cartilages
Glottic Level

C. SUBGLOTTIS extends from undersurface of true vocal cords to inferior surface of cricoid cartilage 1. Conus elasticus = fibroelastic membrane extending from cricoid cartilage to medial margin of true vocal cords + forming lateral wall of subglottis



Undersurface of True Cord

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Pharyngeal mucosal space adenoids, faucial + lingual tonsils superior + middle constrictor muscles salpingopharyngeal muscle levator palatini muscle torus tubarius

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Parapharyngeal space fat internal maxillary artery ascending pharyngeal artery pharyngeal venous plexus branches of cranial nerve V₃

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Retropharyngeal space fat medial + lateral retropharyngeal nodes

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Prevertebral space prevertebral muscles scalene muscles [vertebral artery](#) + vein brachial plexus phrenic nerve

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Carotid space Carotid fascia extends from skull base to aortic arch (a)below hyoid bone:[common carotid artery](#) internal jugular vein cranial nerve X (vagus nerve) (b)at level of nasopharynx:[internal carotid artery](#) internal jugular vein cranial nerves IX - XII

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Parotid space parotid gland intraparotid lymph nodes external carotid + internal maxillary arteries retromandibular vein [facial nerve](#)

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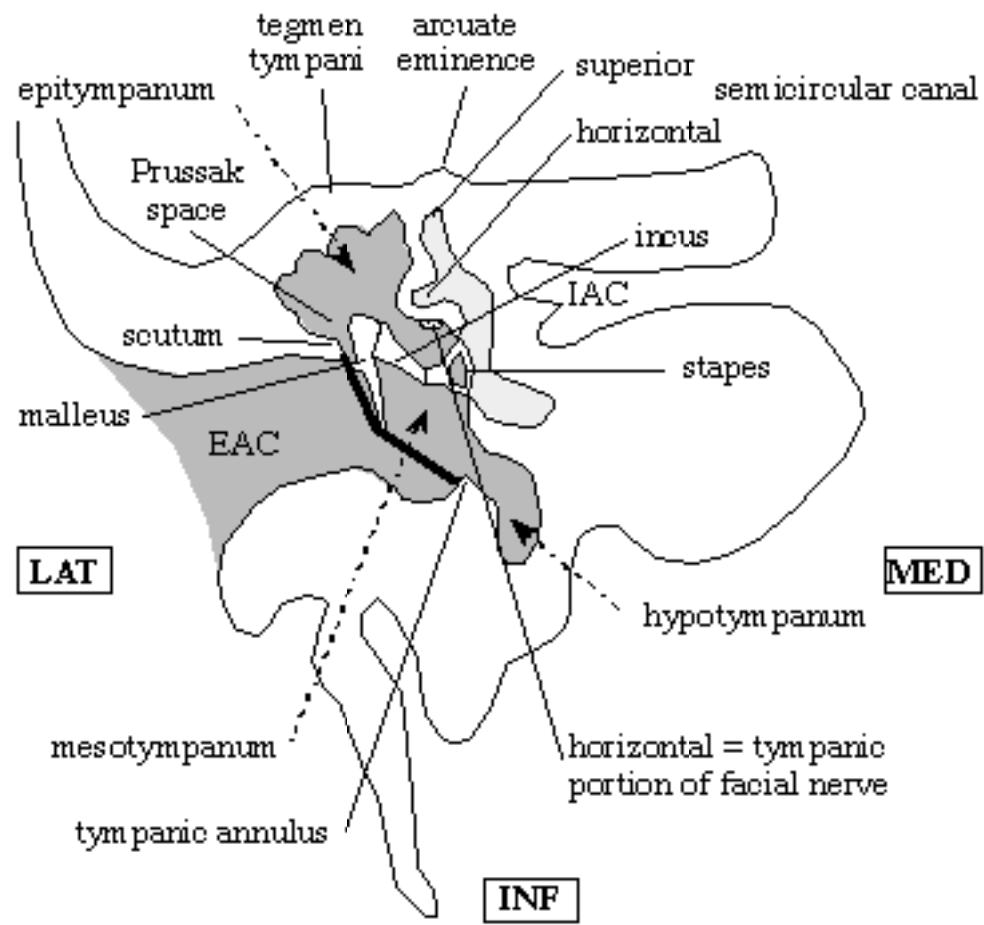
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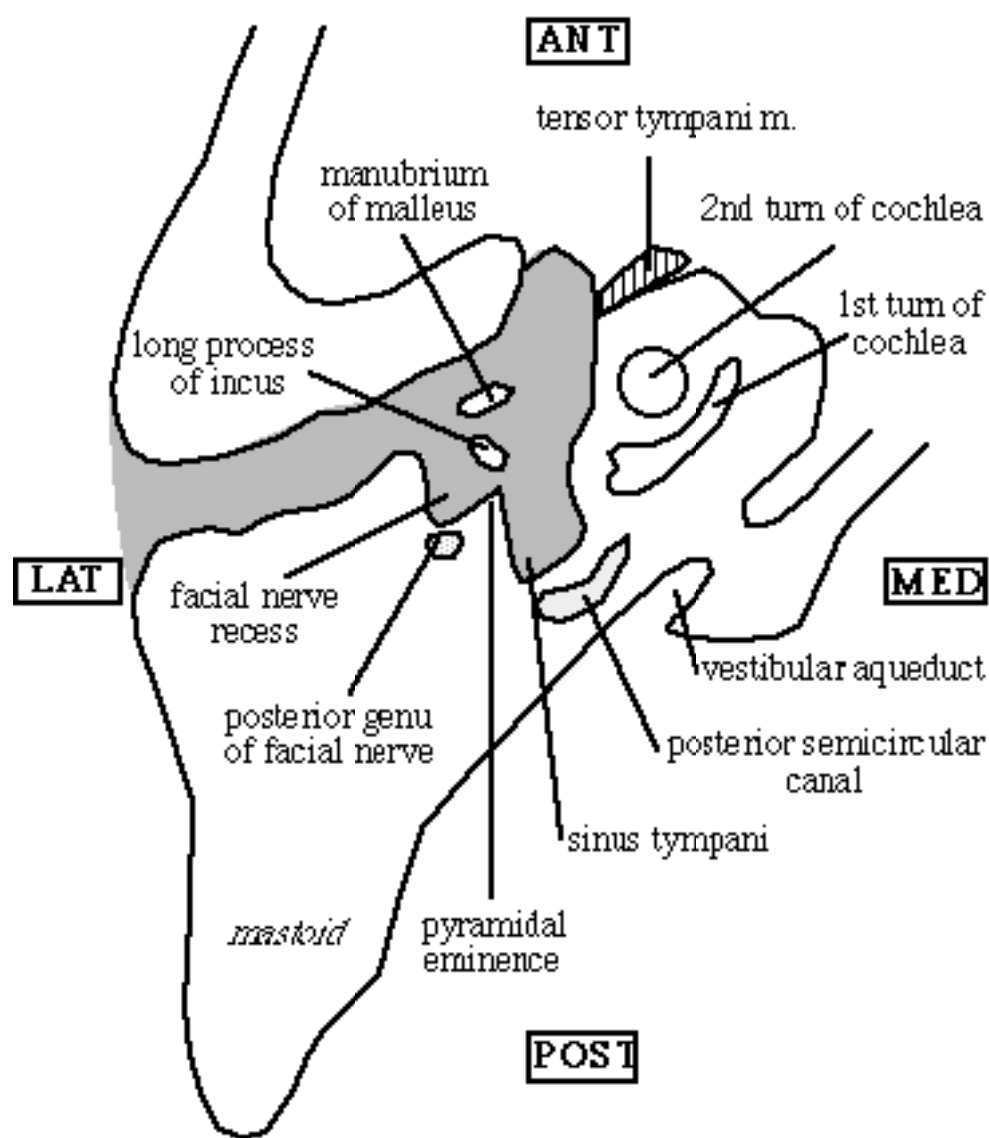
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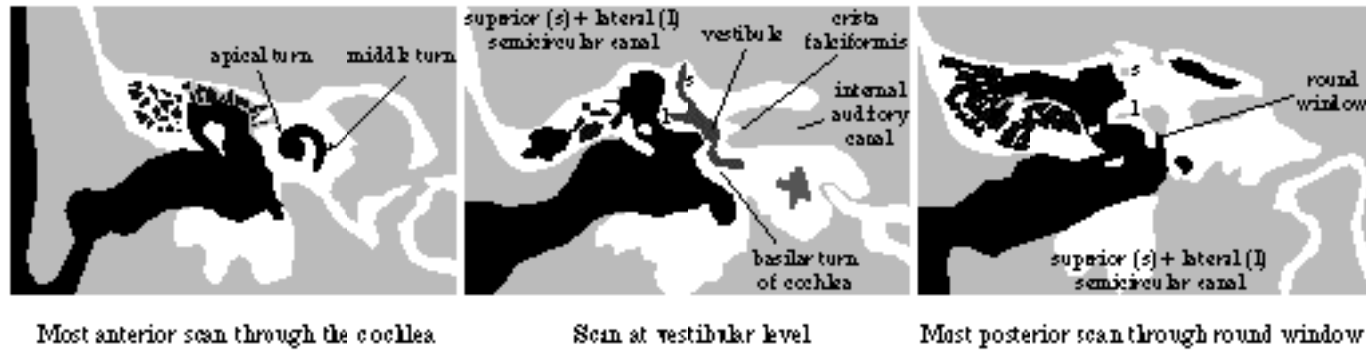


Temporal bone

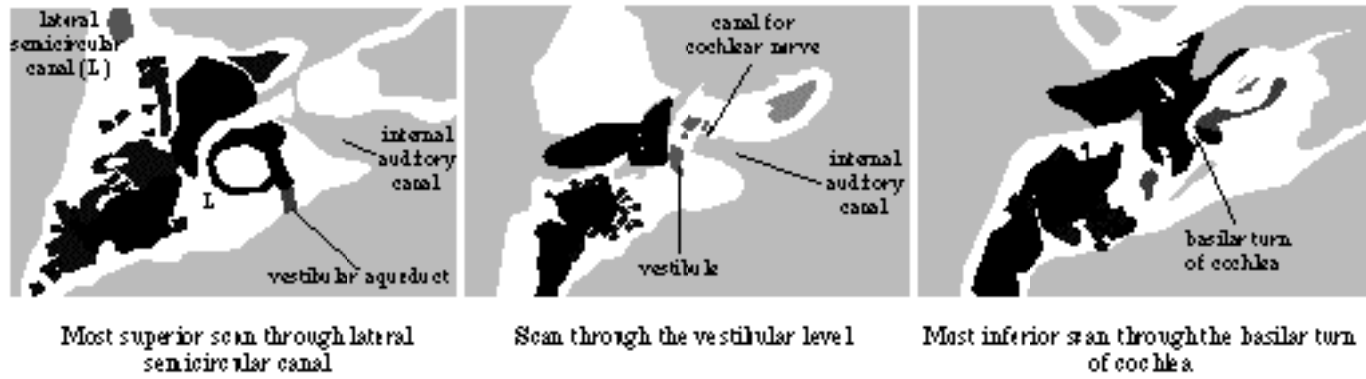
Coronal Tomogram of Temporal Bone



Axial Tomogram of Temporal Bone



Coronal Scan of Normal Right Ear



Axial Scan of Normal Right Ear

A. SQUAMOUS PORTION = lateral wall of middle cranial fossa + floor of temporal fossa
 B. MASTOID PORTION
 1. Mastoid antrum
 2. Aditus ad antrum connects epitympanum (= attic) of middle ear cavity to mastoid antrum
 3. Köerner septum = small bony projection extending inferiorly from roof of mastoid antrum as part of petrosquamosal suture between lateral + medial mastoid air cells
 C. PETROUS PORTION = inner ear
 1. Tegmen tympani = roof of tympanic cavity
 2. Arcuate eminence = prominence of bone over superior semicircular canal
 3. Internal auditory canal (IAC)
 (a) Porus acusticus internus = opening of internal auditory canal
 (b) Modiolus = entrance to cochlea
 (c) Crista falciformis = horizontal bony septum in IAC
 4. Vestibular aqueduct = transmits endolymphatic duct
 5. Cochlear aqueduct = transmits perilymphatic duct
 6. Petrous apex = separated from clivus by petro-occipital fissure + foramen lacerum
 D. TYMPANIC PORTION
 1. External auditory canal (EAC) medial border formed by tympanic membrane, which attaches superiorly at scutum + inferiorly at tympanic annulus
 E. STYLOID PORTION

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MIDDLE EAR

Borders: -anterior wall = carotid wall-posterior wall = mastoid wall including (a) [facial nerve](#) recess for descending [facial nerve](#) (b) pyramidal eminence for stapedius muscle (c) sinus tympani (clinically blind spot)-superior wall= tegmen tympani-inferior wall= jugular wall-lateral wall= tympanic membrane-medial wall= labyrinthine wall A. EPITYMPANUM=tympanic cavity above the line drawn between the inferior tip of scutum + tympanic portion of [facial nerve](#) Contents: malleus head, body + short process of incus, Prussak space (= area between incus + lateral wall of epitympanum) B. MESOTYMPANUM=tympanic cavity between inferior tip of scutum + line drawn parallel to inferior aspect of bony EAC Contents: manubrium of malleus, long process of incus, stapes, tensor tympani muscle (innervated by V₃), stapedius muscle (innervated by VII) C. HYPOTYMPANUM=shallow trough in floor of middle ear

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INNER EAR

1. Cochlea 2 1/2 turns, basal first turn opens into round window posteriorly, encircles central bony axis of modiolus 2. Vestibule=largest part of membranous labyrinth with subunits of utricle + saccule (not separately visualized); separated from [middle ear](#) by oval window 3. Semicircular canals-superior semicircular canal forms convexity of arcuate eminence-posterior semicircular canal points posteriorly along line of petrous ridge-lateral / horizontal semicircular canal juts into epitympanum 4. Cochlear aqueduct contains 8 mm long perilymphatic duct, extends from basal turn of cochlea to lateral border of [jugular foramen](#) paralleling IAC Function: regulates CSF + perilymphatic fluid pressure 5. Vestibular aqueduct encompasses endolymphatic duct, extends from vestibule to endolymphatic sac Function: equilibration of endolymphatic fluid pressure

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FACIAL NERVE

Segments: (a)intracranial segment=from brainstem to porus acusticus internus(b)internal auditory canal=in anterosuperior portion of IAC(c)labyrinthine segment=short segment curling anteriorly over top of cochlea; terminates in anterior genu (geniculate [ganglion](#))(d)tympanic segment=segment from anterior to posterior genu just underneath lateral semicircular canal(e)mastoid segment=from posterior genu to stylomastoid foramen(f)parotid segment=extracranial segment between superficial + deep [lobes](#) of parotid glandFunction: 1.Lacrimation (via greater superficial petrosal nerve)2.Stapedius reflex: sound damping3.Taste of anterior 2/3 of tongue (via chorda tympani nerve to lingual nerve)4.Facial expression (platysma)5.Secretion of lacrimal + submandibular + sublingual glands (via nervus intermedius)

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THYROID HORMONES

free hormone: T_4 (0.03%) T_3 (0.4%) Thyroxin-binding globulin (TBG): binds T_4 (70%) and T_3 (38%) Thyroxin-binding prealbumin (TBPA): binds T_4 (10%) and T_3 (27%) Albumin: binds T_4 (20%) and T_3 (35%) A. ELEVATION OF TBG 1. Pregnancy 2. Estrogen administration 3. Genetic trait B. REDUCTION IN TBG 1. Androgens 2. Anabolic steroids 3. Glucocorticoids 4. Nephrotic syndrome 5. Chronic hepatic disease C. INHIBITION OF T_4 BINDING TO TBG: salicylates

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PARATHYROID GLANDS

A.SUPERIOR PARATHYROID GLAND Embryology: derived from 4th pharyngeal pouches, descending together with thyroid gland in close relationship to its posterolateral lobes Location: superior dorsal surface of thyroid gland / intrathyroidal B.INFERIOR PARATHYROID GLAND Embryology: derived from 3rd pharyngeal pouches migrating caudally with thymus Location: anywhere near / in thyroid, carotid bifurcation, lower neck, mediastinum C.SUPERNUMERARY PARATHYROID GLANDS 5th / 6th gland may occupy an ectopic site †Up to 12 parathyroids may be present! Embryology: parathyroid glands develop by 6 weeks GA + migrate into neck at 8 weeks Size: 6 x 4 x 1 mm = 25-40 mg Surgical success rates for finding parathyroid glands: -95% for initial cervical exploration -60% for repeat surgical exploration Cause for failure: overlooking an adenoma, multiple abnormal glands, diffuse hyperplasia Localization technique: US (75% [sensitivity](#)), thallium-technetium subtraction scintigraphy, MR (88% [sensitivity](#))

[DUPLEX IDENTIFICATION OF CAROTID ARTERIES](#)

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DUPLEX IDENTIFICATION OF CAROTID ARTERIES

Criteria	Duplex Identification	
	External Carotid Artery	Internal Carotid Artery
SIZE	usually smaller than ICA	usually larger than ECA
LOCATION	oriented medially + anteriorly toward face	oriented laterally + posteriorly toward mastoid process
BRANCHES	gives off arterial branches (superior thyroidal a. as 1st branch)	NO arterial branches
WAVE FORM	high-resistance flow pattern supplying capillary beds in skin + muscle ✓ forward systolic component ✓ early diastolic flow reversal occasionally followed by another forward component ✓ little / no flow in late diastole	low-resistance flow pattern supplying capillary bed in brain ✓ high-velocity forward systolic component ✓ sustained strong forward flow in diastole ✓ stagnant eddy with flow reversal opposite to flow divider in carotid bulb
MANEUVER	oscillations on temporal tap maneuver	

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ADENOID CYSTIC CARCINOMA

=[CYLINDROMA](#) *Incidence*: 4-15% of all salivary gland tumors *Histo*: (a) tubular (b) cribriform (c) solid *Age*: 3rd-9th decade; maximum between 40 and 70 years *Location*:
@Minor salivary glands (most common; 25-31% of malignant neoplasms in minor salivary glands) ■ nasal obstruction + swelling @Submandibular gland (15% of tumors in this gland) @Parotid gland (2-6% of tumors in this gland; arises from peripheral parotid ducts with propensity for perineural spread along [facial nerve](#)) ■ hard mass + [facial nerve](#) pain / paralysis ✓ infiltrating parotid mass *MR*: ✓ hypo- to hyperintense (high signal corresponds to low cellularity) on T2WI *Metastases to*: lung, cervical lymph nodes, bone, liver *Prognosis*: slow relentless malignant course with repeat recurrences; the greater the cellularity, the worse the prognosis (requires entire tumor); 60-69% 5-year survival rate; 40% 10-year survival rate *Rx*: repeat surgical excision + radiation therapy

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APICAL PETROSITIS

=PETROUS APICITIS Chronic > acute apicitis *Etiology*: spread from [middle ear](#) + mastoid infection; requires presence of air cells in petrous apices (which is found in 30% of population) *Organism*: Pseudomonas, enterococcus • **Gradenigo syndrome** = otorrhea (otitis media) + retro-orbital pain (trigeminal pain) + 6th nerve palsy ✓ air cell opacification (fluid in ipsilateral [middle ear](#) + mastoid) ✓ bone destruction (osteomyelitis) MR: ✓ enhancing mass about petrous tip Cx: epidural abscess; cranial nerve palsy (abducens, trigeminal, vagus) *Mortality*: up to 20% (prior to antibiotic era) *Rx*: intravenous antibiotics, myringotomy, surgery

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BENIGN MIXED TUMOR OF PAROTIS

=[PLEOMORPHIC ADENOMA](#) *Incidence*: 80% of all benign parotid tumors *Histo*: mixture of epithelial + myoepithelial cells *Age*: usually >50 years • slow-growing lump in cheek ✓ round / oval / lobulated sharply marginated mass ✓ rarely dystrophic calcifications ✓ variable contrast enhancement *CT*: ✓ low-density center if large (mucoïd matrix) *MR*: ✓ hyperintense mass on T2W ✓ hyperintense areas in center (mucoïd matrix)

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CAROTID ARTERY DISSECTION

=hematoma within media splitting off the vessel wall and causing a false lumen within media

Etiology: A.SPONTANEOUS CAROTID DISSECTION(1)nonrecalled minor / trivial trauma(2)primary arterial disease: [Marfan syndrome](#) ([fibromuscular dysplasia](#) in 15%), cystic medial necrosis *Associated with:*hypertension (36%), smoking (47%), migraine (11%)B.TRAUMATIC CAROTID DISSECTIONblunt / penetrating trauma (automobile accident, boxing, accidental hanging, diagnostic carotid compression, manipulative therapy) *Associated with:*[fracture](#) through carotid canal *Incidence:*2% of strokes in persons aged 40-60 years*Age:*18-76 years (66% between 35 and 50 years) ■ unilateral anterior headache (86%), neck pain (25%) ■ TIA / [stroke](#) (58%), amaurosis fugax (12%) ■ oculosympathetic paresis = Horner syndrome (52%) ■ bruit (48%)*Location:*cervical ICA usually at level of C1-2 (60%), [vertebral artery](#) (20%), both ICA + [vertebral artery](#) (10%); multiple simultaneous dissections (33%); bilateral carotid dissections (15%), bilateral vertebral dissections (5%)*Site:*(a)Subintimal dissection = close to intima(b)Subadventitial dissection = close to adventitiaUS (50% *accuracy*) *Angiography:* ✓ string sign = elongated tapered irregular luminal stenosis extending to base of skull (76%) ✓ abrupt luminal reconstitution at level of bony carotid canal (42%) ✓ fingerlike / saccular aneurysm (40%), often in upper cervical / subcranial region ✓ intimal flap (29%), sometimes creating double-barrel lumen ✓ slow ICA-MCA flow ✓ tapered "flamelike" / "radish taillike" occlusion (17%), often distal to carotid bulbMR: ✓ pseudoenlargement of external diameter of artery (= intramural hematoma) Cx:(1)Thromboemboli due to stenosis(2)[Subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) (with intracranial location)(3)Secondary aneurysm*Prognosis:*complete / excellent recovery (8%)*Rx:*best therapy not clear; anticoagulants

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CAROTID ARTERY STENOSIS

High-grade ICA stenosis is associated with increased risk for TIA, [stroke](#), carotid occlusion, embolism arising from thrombi forming at site of narrowing Increased risk for [stroke](#): (a)significant ICA stenosis (compromised blood flow)Reduction of blood flow occurs at 50-60% diameter stenosis / 75% area stenosis ϕ 2% risk of [stroke](#) with nonsignificant stenosis ϕ 16% incidence of [stroke](#) with significant stenosis ϕ 2% incidence of subsequent [stroke](#) following endarterectomy(b)intraplaque hemorrhage (embolic [stroke](#))*Histo*: arteriosclerosis = generic term for all structural changes resulting in hardening of the arterial wall 1.Diffuse intimal thickening=growth of intima through migration of medial smooth muscle cells into subendothelial space through fenestrations in internal elastic lamella associated with increasing amounts of collagen, elastic fibers, glycosaminoglycansAge:beginning at birth slowly progressing to adult life2.Atherosclerosis=intimal pool of necrotic, proteinaceous + fatty substances within hardened arterial wallLocation:large + medium-sized elastic and muscular arteries(a)fatty streak = superficial yellow-gray flat intimal lesion characterized by focal accumulation of subendothelial smooth muscle cells + lipid deposits(b)fibrous plaque = whitish protruding lesion consisting of central core of lipid + cell debris surrounded by smooth muscle cells, collagen, elastic fibers, proteoglycans; a fibrous cap separates the lipid core (= atheroma) from the vessel lumen(c)complicated lesion = fibrous plaque with degenerative changes such as calcification, plaque hemorrhage, intimal ulceration / rupture, mural thrombosis*Plaque hemorrhage* from thin-walled blood vessels in vascularized plaque may cause ulceration, thrombosis + embolism, and luminal narrowing ϕ in 93% of symptomatic patients ϕ in 27% of asymptomatic patients*Plaque ulceration* exposes thrombogenic subendothelial collagen + lipid-rich material ϕ frequent in plaques occupying >85% of lumen ϕ 12.5% [stroke](#) incidence per year3.Mönckeberg sclerosis = medial calcification4.Hypertensive arteriosclerosis

Predilection sites of arterial stenosis: Incidence of lesions StenosisOcclusion Right ICA origin33.8%8.6%Left ICA origin34.1%8.7%Right [vertebral artery](#) origin18.4%4.8%Left [vertebral artery](#) origin22.3%2.2%Right [carotid siphon](#)6.7%9.0%Left [carotid siphon](#)6.6%9.2%Basilar artery7.7%0.8%Right MCA3.5%2.2%Left MCA4.1%2.1%

Course Of Carotid Artery Stenosis: 1.Stable stenosis (68%)2.Progressive stenosis to >50% diameter reduction (25%) *Angiography*: @Extracranial \checkmark smooth asymmetrical excrecence encroaching upon vessel lumen \checkmark crater / niche = ulceration \checkmark mound within base of crater = mural thrombus \checkmark Holman carotid slim sign = diffuse narrowing of entire ICA distal to high-grade stenosis due to decrease in perfusion pressure \checkmark occlusion of ICA @Intracranial \checkmark [carotid siphon](#) stenosis \checkmark retrograde flow in ophthalmic artery filled from ECA \checkmark small vessel occlusion \checkmark focal areas of slow flow \checkmark early draining vein = reactive hyperemia = "luxury perfusion" due to shunting between arterioles + venules surrounding an area of ischemia \checkmark ICA-MCA slow flow = delayed arrival + washout of ICA-MCA distribution in comparison to ECA *Carotid endarterectomy*: Benefit:17% reduction of ipsilateral [stroke](#) at 2 years in patients with >70% carotid stenosis (NASCET = North American Symptomatic Carotid Endarterectomy Trial)Risk:1% mortality; 2% risk of intraoperative neurologic deficit

[Carotid Duplex Ultrasound Carotid Plaque Errors In Duplex Ultrasound](#)

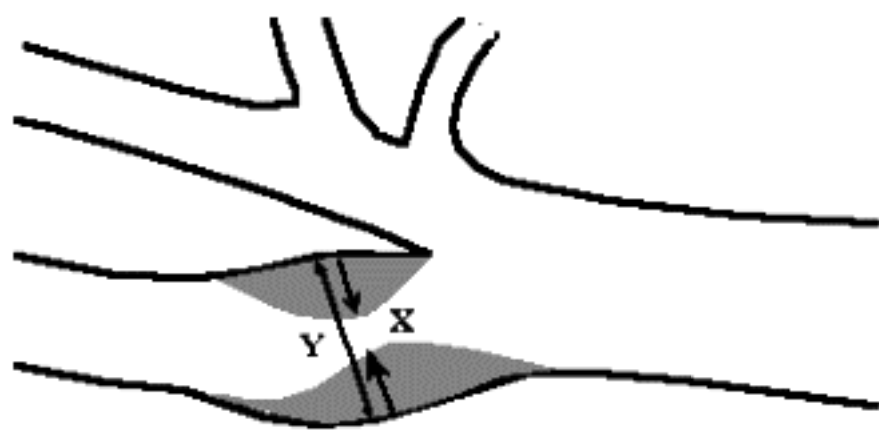
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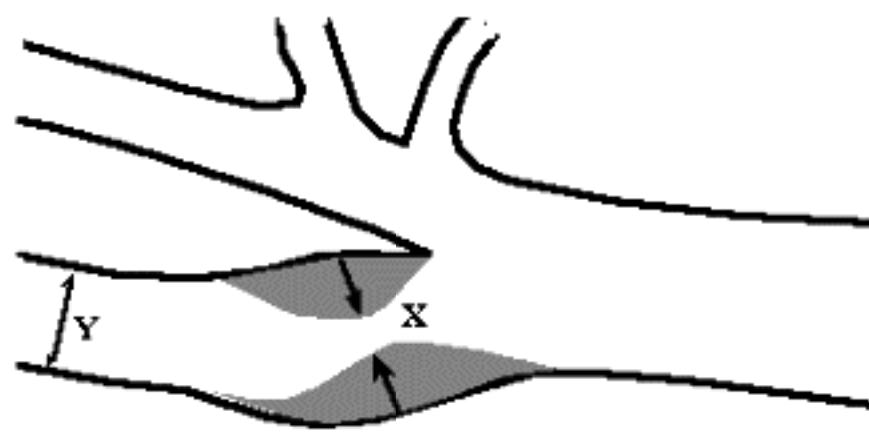
Carotid Duplex Ultrasound Indications for carotid duplex US: (1) Screening for suspected extracranial carotid disease (a) high-grade flow-limiting stenosis (b) low-grade stenosis with hemorrhage (2) Nonhemispheric neurologic symptomatology (3) History of transient ischemic attack / stroke (4) Asymptomatic carotid bruit (5) Retinal cholesterol embolus (6) Preoperative evaluation before major cardiovascular surgery (7) Intraoperative monitoring of vascular patency during endarterectomy (8) Sequential evaluation after endarterectomy (9) Monitoring of known plaque during medical treatment

Grading Of Carotid Stenosis = severity of stenosis is primarily graded as a ratio of lumen diameter narrowing NOT reduction in cross sectional area **Limitations:** 1. Calcifications >1 cm in length A jet associated with an >70% stenosis usually travels at least 1 cm downstream! 2. Contralateral high grade stenosis = ipsilateral ICA functions as collateral with increased blood flow velocities Use velocity ratios to compensate for this effect! **Accuracy of duplex scans:** (in comparison to arteriography for ICA lesions) 91-94% sensitivity, 85-99% specificity for >50% ICA diameter stenosis Incorporating B-mode and Doppler spectrum analysis A. NO LESION peak systolic velocity (PSV) < 125 cm/sec clear window under systole no spectral broadening no evidence of plaque B. MINIMAL DISEASE = 0-15% diameter reduction PSV < 125 cm/sec clear window under systole minimal spectral broadening in deceleration phase of systole minimal plaque C. MODERATE DISEASE = 16-49% diameter reduction peak systole < 125 cm/sec no window under systole poststenotic spectral broadening throughout systole End-diastolic velocity (EDV) remains normal in <50% diameter reduction moderate plaque D. SEVERE DISEASE = HEMODYNAMICALLY SIGNIFICANT LESION (a) 50-59% stenosis PSV 120-130 cm/sec EDV 30-40 cm/sec (b) 60-79% stenosis PSV of 131-250 cm/sec EDV of 40-100 cm/sec (c) ≥60% stenosis end diastolic velocity of >80 cm/sec (d) 50-79% diameter reduction peak velocity ratio of ICA/CCA >1.5 peak systole >125 cm/s marked poststenotic spectral broadening throughout cardiac cycle (e) >70% stenosis (benefit of endarterectomy documented in NASCET study) peak systole >230 cm/s end diastole >100 cm/sec peak velocity ratio of ICA/CCA >4.0 peak systolic velocity ICA ÷ end diastolic velocity CCA >15 (f) 80-99% diameter reduction PSV of >250 cm/sec EDV of >100 cm/sec no window under systole poststenotic spectral broadening throughout systole "string sign" on color Doppler with slow-flow sensitivity setting E. OCCLUDED VESSEL no signal in ICA on longitudinal / transverse images (color sensitivity + velocity scale must be set low enough to clearly discern flow signals within internal jugular vein) absence of diastolic flow in CCA (high impedance flow) diastolic flow reversal in CCA increased diastolic flow in ECA (if ECA assumes the role of primary supplier of blood to brain) increase in peak systolic velocities in contralateral ICA (due to collateral flow) **Limitations:** poor visualization due to calcification, tortuosity, increased depth of artery, "high" bifurcation **Common Carotid Waveform Analysis** A. DISTAL OBSTRUCTION high-pulsatility waveform (pulsatility changes occur only with >80% stenosis) reduced amplitude B. PROXIMAL OBSTRUCTION low-amplitude damped waveform **Hemodynamic Variations of Carotid Artery Stenosis** A. MORPHOLOGY OF STENOSIS 1. Degree of stenosis: velocities increase up to a luminal diameter of 1.0-1.5 mm 2. Length of stenosis: peak velocities decrease with length of stenosis use the same angle + steering direction when following a patient for disease progression B. PHYSIOLOGIC VARIABILITY A range of velocities may be encountered with a given degree of stenosis ICA/CCA ratio obviates effects of physiologic variability Compare left with right waveforms to avoid errors Measure volume flow (more sensitive because of contralateral compensatory flow increase) **Cause:** 1. Cardiac output 2. Pulse rate 3. Flow velocity: increased with obstruction in collateral vessels, decreased with proximal obstruction in same vessel 4. Normal helical nature of blood flow with many different velocity vectors + nonaxial blood flow not detectable by color Duplex imaging 5. Peripheral resistance 6. Arterial compliance 7. Hypertension 8. Blood viscosity



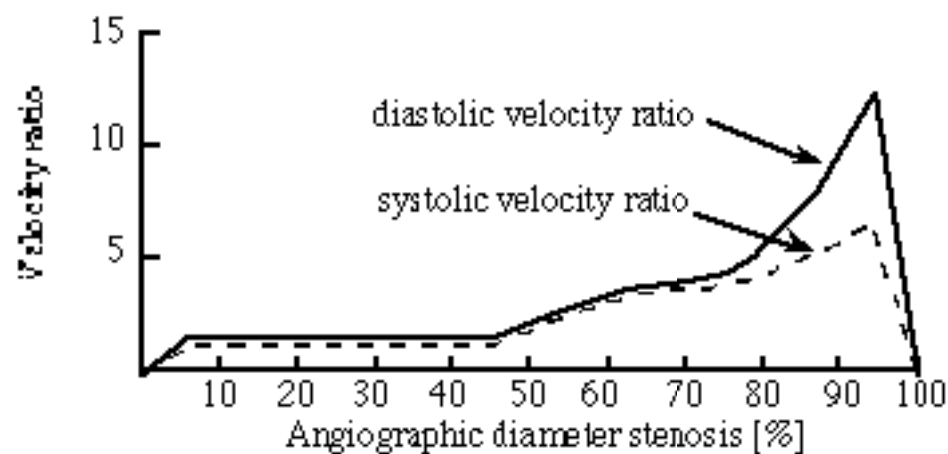
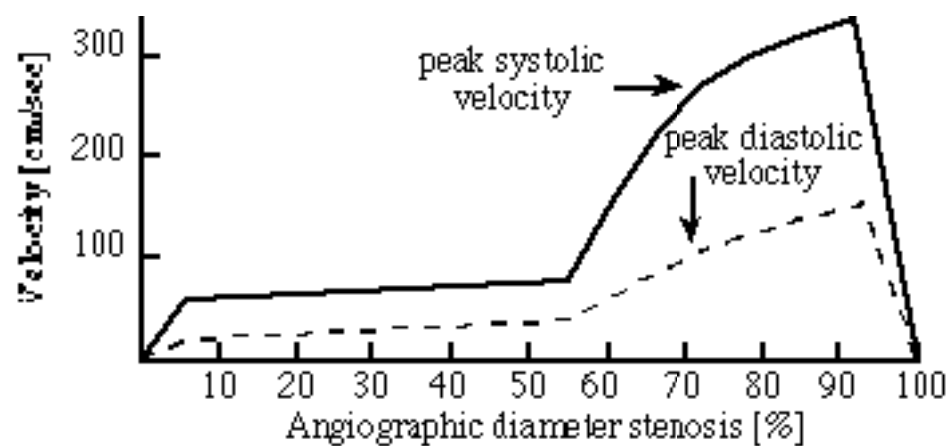
$$\% \text{ STENOSIS (ECST)} = (Y - X) / Y \cdot 100$$

ECST = European Carotid Surgery Trial



$$\% \text{ STENOSIS (NASCET)} = (Y - X) / Y \cdot 100$$

NASCET = North American Symptomatic Carotid Endarterectomy Trial



Doppler Parameters in Internal Carotid Artery Stenosis

Doppler Spectrum Analysis							
Diameter stenosis classification	(%)	ICA/CCA peak systolic ratio	ICA/CCA peak diastolic ratio	Peak systolic velocity (cm/sec)	kHz†	Peak diastolic velocity (cm/sec)	kHz†
normal – mild	0 – 40	<1.5	<2.6	<110	<3.5	<40	<1.5
moderate	41 – 59	<1.8	<2.6	>120	>3.5	<40	<1.5
severe	60 – 79	>1.8	>2.6	>130	>5.0	>40	>1.5
critical	80 – 99	>3.7	>5.5	>250	>8.0	>80 – 135	>4.5

† = based on 5MHz pulsed Doppler carrier frequency at 60° flow angle (Blackshear)

	0 – 39	<1.8	<2.4	<110	<40		
	40 – 59	<1.8	<2.4	<130	<40		
	60 – 79	>1.8	>2.4	>130	>40		
(Bluth)	80 – 99	>3.7	>5.5	>250	>100		

	0 – 50	<2:1		<125	<40		
	50 – 75	>2:1		125 – 225	40 – 100		
	75 – 90	>3:1	>5:1	225 – 325	>100		
	>90	>4:1	>9:1	>325	>100		
(Gosink)	>95	resistive CCA	distortion	may be decreased	may be decreased		

	1 – 15						
	16 – 49			<125	<4.0		
	50 – 79			≥125	≥4.0	<140	<4.5
(Feil)	80 – 99					≥140	≥4.5
(Strandness)	occlusion			no flow detected			

† = based on 5MHz pulsed Doppler carrier frequency at 60° flow angle (University of Washington)

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Carotid Plaque

FORMATION THEORY 1. Stagnant eddy that rotates at outer vessel margin (opposite to the flow divider in area of flow separation + low shear stress) leads to net influx of fluid into subendothelial tissue with progressive deposition of lipids + smooth muscle cell proliferation 2. Increased likelihood of intraplaque hemorrhage (vascularization of plaque with fragile vessels derived from vasa vasorum / from lumen) + fissuring from a critical size on As the degree of stenosis increases, it is more likely that plaques become denser + more heterogeneous demonstrating an irregular surface!

PLAQUE DENSITY 1. Hypoechoic = low-echogenicity plaque = fibrofatty plaque / hemorrhage echogenicity less than sternocleidomastoid muscle flow void / flow disturbance on color Duplex 2. Isoechoic plaque = smooth muscle cell proliferation / laminar thrombus echogenicity equal to sternocleidomastoid muscle + lower than adventitia 3. Hyperechoic = moderately echogenic plaque = fibrous plaque echogenicity higher than sternocleidomastoid muscle + similar to adventitia 4. Calcification = strongly echogenic plaque acoustic shadow impairs visualization of intima
PLAQUE TEXTURE 1. Homogeneous plaque = stable plaque Histo: deposition of fatty streaks + fibrous tissue; rarely shows intraplaque hemorrhage / ulcerations Prognosis: neurologic deficits develop in 4% ipsilateral infarction on CT in 12% ipsilateral symptoms develop in 22% progressive stenosis develops in 18% homogeneous uniform echo pattern with smooth surface (acoustic impedance similar to blood) 2. Heterogeneous plaque = unstable plaque = mixture of high, medium and low level echoes with smooth / irregular surface; may fissure / tear resulting in intraplaque hemorrhage / ulceration + thrombus formation (embolus / increasing stenosis) B-mode ultrasound has 90-94% sensitivity, 75-88% specificity, 90% accuracy for intraplaque hemorrhage Histo: lipid-laden macrophages, monocytes, leukocytes, necrotic debris, cholesterol crystals, calcifications Prognosis: neurologic deficits develop in 27% ipsilateral infarction on CT in 24% ipsilateral symptoms develop in 50% progressive stenosis develops in 77% anechoic areas within plaque (= hemorrhage / lipid deposition / focal plaque degeneration) heterogeneous complex echo pattern

PLAQUE SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS = US unreliable due to poor visualization of intima Categories: smooth-mildly irregular-markedly irregular-ulcerated 1. Intimal thickening Histo: fatty streaks wavy / irregular line paralleling vessel wall extending >1 mm into vessel lumen 2. Ulcerated plaque Accuracy: 60% sensitive, 60-70% specific The presence of intraplaque hemorrhage is much more common than normally appreciated Neither arteriography nor US has proved reliable isolated crater of >2 mm within surface of plaque demonstrated on transverse + longitudinal images reversed flow vortices extending into plaque crater demonstrated by color Doppler proximal + distal undercutting of plaque anechoic area within plaque extending to surface

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Errors In Duplex Ultrasound

1. Error in proper localization of stenosis (6%) *Cause*: ECA stenosis placed into ICA / carotid bifurcation or vice versa 2. Mistaking patent ECA branches for carotid bifurcation (4%) *Cause*: complete occlusion of ICA not recognized / disparity in position of bifurcation / no difference in [pulsatility](#) waveform / high-resistance waveform in CCA 3. Interpreter error in estimating severity of stenosis (2.5%) usually overestimation, rarely underestimation / absence of one / more components for diagnosis which are (a) significant elevation of peak velocity (b) poststenotic turbulence (c) extension of high velocity into diastole 4. Superimposition of ECA + ICA (2%) *Cause*: strict coronal orientation of ECA + ICA / superimposition can be avoided by rotation of head to opposite side 5. Severe stenosis mistaken for occlusion minimal flow not detectable; angiogram necessary with delayed images 6. Weak signals misinterpreted as occlusion 7. Normal / weak signals in severe stenosis *Cause*: severe stenosis causes a decrease in blood flow + peak velocity with return to normal velocity levels / high resistivity in CCA 8. Point of maximum frequency shift not identified *Cause*: extremely small lumen / short segment of stenosis / unexplained (poststenotic) coarse turbulence / ipsilateral ECA collateral flow / abnormal CCA resistivity 9. Stenosis obscured by plaque / strong Doppler shift in overlying vessel 10. Inaccessible stenosis / abnormal CCA resistivity / abnormal oculoplethysmography 11. Unreliable velocity measurements (a) higher velocities: hypertension, severe bradycardia, obstructive contralateral carotid disease (b) lower velocities: arrhythmia, aortic valvular lesion, severe cardiomyopathy, proximal obstructive carotid lesion ("tandem lesion"), >95% ICA stenosis (c) aliasing = high velocities are displayed in reversed direction below zero baseline due to Doppler frequency exceeding half the pulse repetition frequency *Remedy*: shift zero baseline, increase pulse repetition frequency, increase Doppler angle, decrease transducer frequency, use continuous-wave Doppler probe

Indirect Methods Of Evaluation

1. Oculoplethysmography (OPG) = measurement of ophthalmic artery pressure + pulse arrival time by air calibrated system *Contraindications*: glaucoma, [retinal detachment](#), recent eye surgery / trauma, lens implants 2. Periorbital bidirectional Doppler = insonation of frontal + supraorbital arteries to assess flow direction around orbit and to detect crossover flow through the circle of Willis (through contra- and ipsilateral compression) 3. Transcranial Doppler = insonation to establish flow direction in basal cerebral arteries through [temporal bone](#) (MCA, ACA, PCA, terminal portion of ICA), [foramen magnum](#) (both vertebral arteries, basilar artery), orbit ([carotid siphon](#)) / Nondiagnostic in up to 35%!

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CHOANAL ATRESIA

Etiology: failure of perforation of oronasal membrane which normally perforates by 7th week EGA[†] Associated with other anomalies in 50%!A. BONY SEPTATION (85%)B. MEMBRANOUS SEPTATION (15%)

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CHOLESTEATOMA

=KERATOMA = epithelium-lined sac filled with keratin debris leading to bone destruction by pressure + demineralizing enzymes

[Primary Cholesteatoma](#) [Secondary Cholesteatoma](#)

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Primary Cholesteatoma = CONGENITAL [CHOLESTEATOMA](#) = EPIDERMOID CYST (2%) = derived from aberrant embryonic ectodermal rests in [temporal bone](#) (commonly petrous apex) / epidural space / meninges • conductive hearing loss in child with NO history of [middle ear](#) inflammatory disease • [cholesteatoma](#) seen through intact tympanic membrane *Associated with*: EAC dysplasia Location: (a) epitympanum (b) petrous pyramid: internal auditory canal first involved (c) meninges: scooped out appearance of petrous ridge (d) cerebellopontine angle: erosion of porus, shortening of posterior canal wall (e) jugular fossa: erosion of posteroinferior aspect of petrous pyramid

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Secondary Cholesteatoma = INFLAMMATORY **CHOLESTEATOMA** = ACQUIRED EPIDERMOID (98%) *Cause:* ingrowth of squamous cell epithelium of EAC through tympanic membrane (= eardrum) secondary to (a) repeated episodes of ear inflammation with invagination of posterosuperior retraction pocket (b) marginal perforation of eardrum *Age:* usually >40 years • whitish pearly mass behind intact tympanic membrane (invasion of [middle ear](#) cavity and mastoid) diagnosed otoscopically in 95% • facial paralysis (compression of nerve VII at geniculate [ganglion](#)) • conductive hearing loss (compromise of nerve VIII in internal auditory canal / involvement of cochlea or labyrinth) • severe vertigo (labyrinthine fistula) *Types:* 1. **Pars flaccida cholesteatoma** = Primary acquired [cholesteatoma](#) = Attic [cholesteatoma](#) (most common) ✓ increasing width of attic ✓ initially destruction of lateral wall of attic, particularly the drum spur (scutum) with invasion of Prussak space ✓ extension posteriorly through aditus ad antrum into mastoid antrum ✓ destruction of K rner septum 2. **Pars tensa cholesteatoma** = Secondary acquired [cholesteatoma](#) (less frequent) ✓ displacement of auditory ossicles ✓ erosion of ossicular chain: first affecting long process of incus ✓ nondependent homogeneous mass ✓ perforation of tympanic membrane posterosuperiorly (pars flaccida = Shrapnell membrane) ✓ poorly pneumatized mastoid (frequent association) ✓ erosion of tegmen tympani (with more extensive [cholesteatoma](#)) producing an extradural mass ✓ destruction of labyrinthine capsule (less common) involving the lateral semicircular canal first ✓ erosion of facial canal MRI: ✓ iso- / hypointense relative to cortex on T1WI ✓ no enhancement with Gd-DTPA (enhancement is related to granulation tissue) Cx: (1) Intratemporal: ossicular destruction, [facial nerve](#) paralysis (1%), labyrinthine fistula, automastoidectomy, complete hearing loss (2) Intracranial: [meningitis](#), sigmoid sinus thrombosis, temporal lobe abscess, CSF rhinorrhea *DDx:* chronic otitis media, granulation tissue = [cholesterol granuloma](#), [brain herniation](#) through tegmen defect, neoplasm ([rhabdomyosarcoma](#), squamous cell carcinoma)

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CHOLESTEROL GRANULOMA

=CHOLESTEROL CYST=acquired inflammatory lesion of petrous bone *Histo*:cholesterol crystals surrounded by foreign-body giant cells; embedded in fibrous connective tissue with varying proportions of hemosiderin-laden macrophages, chronic inflammatory cells and blood vessels; brownish fluid contains cholesterol crystals + blood (= "chocolate cyst") • blue (vascular) tympanic membrane without pulsatile tinnitus ✓ ossicles remain intact CT: ✓ nonenhancing [middle ear](#) mass MRI: ✓ hyperintense signal on T1WI + T2WI secondary to methemoglobin (DDx to [cholesteatoma](#), which is isointense to brain on T1WI)

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CHRONIC RECURRENT SIALADENITIS

■ painful periodic unilateral enlargement of parotid gland ■ milky discharge may be expressed
Sialography: ✓ Stensen duct irregularly enlarged / sausage-shaped ✓ pruning of distal parotid ducts ✓ ± calculi
CT: ✓ diffusely enlarged dense gland ✓ dilated Stensen duct ± calculi
Cx: [Mucocele](#)

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COGAN SYNDROME

=AUTOIMMUNE INTERSTITIAL KERATITISMR:✓ membranous labyrinthine enhancement

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CROUP

=ACUTE LARYNGOTRACHEOBRONCHITIS=ACUTE VIRAL SPASMODIC LARYNGITIS=lower respiratory tract infection
Organism: parainfluenza, respiratory syncytial virus
Age: >6 months of age, peak incidence 2-3 years
• history of viral lower respiratory infection
• hoarse cry + "brassy" cough
• inspiratory difficulty with stridor
• fever
• thickening of vocal cords
• NORMAL epiglottis + aryepiglottic folds
• "steeple sign" = subglottic "inverted V" = symmetrical funnel-shaped narrowing 1-1.5 cm below lower margins of pyriform sinuses on AP radiograph (loss of normal "shouldering" of air column caused by mucosal edema + external restriction by cricoid), accentuated on expiration, paradoxical inspiratory collapse, less pronounced during expiration
• narrow + indistinct subglottic trachea on lateral radiograph
• inspiratory ballooning of [hypopharynx](#) (nonspecific sign of any acute upper [airway](#) obstruction)
• distension of cervical trachea on expiration
Prognosis: usually self-limiting

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CYSTIC HYGROMA

=CYSTIC LYMPHANGIOMA = most common form of [lymphangioma](#)=single / multiloculated fluid-filled cavities on either side of fetal neck + head (localized form) ± trunk (generalized form)
Cause:congenital blockage of lymphatic drainage(= noncommunication of jugular lymphatic sac with jugular vein) **Incidence:**1:6,000 pregnancies
Age:50-65% present at birth;up to 90% evident by age 2
Histo:hugely dilated cystic lymphatic spaces **Associated with:** (a)chromosomal abnormalities in 60-80% (in particular when detected in 2nd trimester)(1)[Turner syndrome](#) (45 XO, mosaic) in 40-80%(2)Trisomies 13, 18, 21, 13q, 18p, 22(3)[Noonan syndrome](#)(4)Distichiasis-lymphedema syndrome(5)Familial pterygium colli(6)Roberts, Cumming, Cowchock syndrome(7)[Achondrogenesis](#) type II(8)Lethal pterygium syndrome(b)exposure to teratogens(1)Fetal alcohol syndrome(2)aminopterin(3)trimethadione
Types: (1)Cystic hygroma with abnormal peripheral lymphatic system
[lymphangioma](#) in posterior compartment of neck
septations (indicate high probability for aneuploidy, development of hydrops, and perinatal death)(2)Diffuse lymphangiectasia
[lymphangioma](#) of chest + extremities
peripheral lymphedema + [nonimmune hydrops](#)(3)Isolated cystic hygroma(a)axillary lymph sac malformation
[lymphangioma](#) restricted to axilla(b)jugular lymph sac malformation
[lymphangioma](#) restricted to lateral neck(c)internal thoracic + paratracheal lymph sac malformation
[lymphangioma](#) within mediastinum(d)combined lymph sac malformation(e)thoracic duct malformation
thoracic duct cyst
■ AF- / MS-AFP may be elevated
■ ± dyspnea / dysphagia with encroachment upon trachea, pharynx, esophagus
■ rapid increase in size (from infection / hemorrhage) **Location:**posterior neck (75%), mediastinum (3-10%, in 1/2 extension from neck), axilla (20%), chest wall (14%), face (10%), retroperitoneum, abdominal viscera, groin, scrotum, bones
thin-walled fluid-filled structure with multiple septa + solid cyst wall components
isolated nuchal cysts
webbed neck (= pterygium colli) following later communication with jugular veins
[nonimmune hydrops](#) (43%)
progressive peripheral edema
fetal [ascites](#)
oligo- / [polyhydramnios](#) / normal amount of fluid
bradycardia
MR:
hyperintense on T2WI
low to high signal intensity on T1WI (depending on protein content of fluid)
± fluid-fluid level (if hemorrhage present)
Cx:(1)Compression of airways / esophagus(2)Slow growth / sudden enlargement (hemorrhage, inflammation)
Prognosis: (1)Intrauterine demise (33%)(2)Mortality of 100% with hydrops(3)Spontaneous regression (10-15%)Favorable for localized lesions of anterior neck + axilla
Only 2-3% of fetuses with posterior cystic hygroma become healthy living children!
Rx:surgical excision (difficult since mass does not follow tissue planes)
DDx:twin sac of blighted ovum, cervical meningocele, encephalocele, cystic teratoma, nuchal edema, branchial cleft cyst, vascular malformation, [lipoma](#), abscess
Pseudocystic Hygroma = PSEUDOMEMBRANE =anechoic space bordered by specular reflection on posterior aspect of fetal neck during 1st trimester
Cause:? developing integument
NO prominent posterior bulge / internal septations

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EPIGLOTTITIS

= ACUTE BACTERIAL EPIGLOTTITIS = life-threatening infection with edema of epiglottis + aryepiglottic folds *Organism*: Haemophilus influenzae type B, Pneumococcus, Streptococcus group A *Age*: >3 years, peak incidence 6 years • abrupt onset of [respiratory distress](#) with inspiratory stridor • severe dysphagia *Location*: purely supraglottic lesion; associated subglottic edema in 25% *Lateral radiograph* should be taken in erect position only! (frontal view irrelevant) ✓ enlargement of epiglottis + thickening of aryepiglottic folds ✓ circumferential narrowing of subglottic portion of trachea during inspiration ✓ ballooning of [hypopharynx](#) + pyriform sinuses ✓ cervical kyphosis *Cx*: Mortal danger of suffocation secondary to hazard of complete [airway](#) closure; patient needs to be accompanied by physician experienced in endotracheal intubation

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EXTERNAL AUDITORY CANAL DYSPLASIA

Incidence: 1:10,000 births; family history in 14% *Etiology:* (a) isolated (b) [Trisomy 13](#), 18, 21 (c) [Turner syndrome](#) (d) Maternal [rubella](#) (e) Craniofacial dysostosis (f) Mandibulofacial dysostosis **SPECTRUM** 1. Stenosis of EAC 2. Fibrous atresia of EAC 3. Bony atresia (in position of tympanic membrane) 4. Decreased pneumatization of mastoid (mastoid cells begin to form in 7th fetal month) 5. Decreased size / absence of tympanic cavity 6. Ossicular changes (rotation, fusion, absence) 7. Ectopic [facial nerve](#) = anteriorly displaced vertical (mastoid) portion of [facial nerve](#) canal 8. Decrease in number of cochlear turns / absence of cochlea 9. Dilatation of lateral semicircular canal ■ bilateral in 29%; M:F = 6:4 ■ pinna deformity ■ stenotic / absent auditory canal Cx: congenital [cholesteatoma](#) (infrequent)

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FIBROMATOSIS COLLI

Cause: pressure necrosis with secondary [fibrosis](#) of sternocleidomastoid muscle from [birth trauma](#) • history of difficult delivery (forceps) • anterior neck mass during first 2 weeks of life, which may grow over 2-4 additional weeks • Torticolistorticollis (14-20%) Location: lower 2/3 of sternocleidomastoid muscle US: ↓ well-defined mass within sternocleidomastoid muscle ↓ hypo- over iso- to hyperechoic mass depending on duration of disorder CT: ↓ isoattenuating muscle enlargement *Prognosis:* gradual spontaneous resolution over 4-8 months with / without treatment *Rx:* (1) muscle stretching exercise (2) surgery in 10% *DDx:* (1) [Neuroblastoma](#) (heterogeneous solid mass with calcifications) (2) [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#) (3) [Lymphoma](#) (well-defined round / oval masses along cervical lymph node chain) (4) [Cystic hygroma](#) (anechoic region with septations) (5) Branchial cleft cyst (6) Hematoma

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Longitudinal Fracture Of Temporal Bone (75%) =fracture parallel to the axis of petrous pyramid arising in squamosa of [temporal bone](#) through tegmen tympani, EAC (external auditory canal), [middle ear](#), terminating in [foramen lacerum](#) • bleeding from EAC (disruption of tympanic membrane) • NO neurosensory hearing loss • otorrhea (CSF leak with ruptured tympanic membrane; rare) • conductive hearing loss (dislocation of auditory ossicles - most commonly incus as the least anchored ossicle) • [facial nerve](#) palsy (10-20%) due to edema / fracture of facial canal near geniculate [ganglion](#); frequent spontaneous recovery ✓ pneumocephalus ✓ herniation of temporal lobe ✓ incudostapedial joint dislocation (weakest joint) ✓ "ice cream" (malleus) has fallen off the "cone" (incus) on direct coronal CT scan ✓ fracture of "molar tooth" on direct sagittal CT scan ✓ mastoid air cells opaque / with air-fluid level Plain film views: Stenvers / Owens projection

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Transverse Fracture Of Temporal Bone (25%) =fracture perpendicular to axis of petrous pyramid originating in occipital bone extending anteriorly across the base of skull + across the petrous pyramid • irreversible neurosensory hearing loss (fracture line across apex of IAC / labyrinthine capsule) • persistent vertigo • facial nerve palsy in 50% (injury in IAC); less frequent spontaneous recovery because of disruption of nerve fibers • rhinorrhea (CSF leak with intact tympanic membrane) • bleeding into middle ear Plain film views:posteroanterior (transorbital) + Towne projection

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GLOMUS TUMOR

=CHEMODECTOMA = NONCHROMAFFIN [PARAGANGLIOMA](#) = GLOMERULOCYTOMA=slow-growing vascular lesion arising from glomus body *Origin*.tumor arising from nonchromaffin paraganglion cells of neuroectodermal origin; differs from adrenal medulla only in its nonchromaffin feature *Histo*:acidophil-epitheloid cells in contact with endothelial cells of a vessel; storage of catecholamines (usually nonfunctioning); histologically similar to [pheochromocytoma](#) *Age*:range of 6 months to 80 years; peak age in 5-6th decade; F:M = 4:1 *Associated with*:[pheochromocytoma](#) *Location*:anywhere in paraganglionic tissue between glomus jugulotympanicum and base of bladder: carotid body, skull base, temporal region, trachea, periaortic region, mandible, ciliary [ganglion](#) of the eye, retroperitoneal region, cervical vagus nerve, laryngeal branches of vagus nerve *Synchronous multicentricity* in 3-26%: (a) autosomal dominant in 25-35% (b) nonhereditary in <5%

[Glomus Tympanicum Tumor](#) [Glomus Jugulare Tumor](#) [Glomus Vagale Tumor](#) [Carotid Body Tumor](#)

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Glomus Tympanicum Tumor Most common tumor in [middle ear](#) ■ hearing loss, pulsatile tinnitus ■ reddish purple mass behind tympanic membrane Location: tympanic plexus on cochlear promontory of [middle ear](#) CT (bone algorithm preferred): ✓ globular soft-tissue mass abutting promontory ✓ intense enhancement ✓ usually small at presentation (early involvement of ossicles) ✓ erosion + displacement of ossicles ✓ inferior wall of [middle ear](#) cavity intact Angio: ✓ difficult to visualize because of small size

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Glomus Jugulare Tumor Most common tumor in jugular fossa with intracranial extension Glomus jugulotympanicum tumor = large glomus jugulare tumor growing into the [middle ear](#) *Origin*:adventitia of jugular vein • tinnitus, hearing loss • vascular tympanic membraneLocation:at dome of jugular bulb soft-tissue mass in jugular bulb region / hypotympanum / [middle ear](#) space intense enhancement destruction of posteroinferior petrous pyramid + corticojugular spine of [jugular foramen](#) destruction of ossicles (usually incus), otic capsule, posteromedial surface of petrous boneMR: "salt and pepper" appearance due to multiple small tumor vesselsAngio: (film entire neck for concurrent glomus tumors!) hypervascular mass with persistent homogeneous reticular stain invasion / occlusion of jugular bulb by thrombus / tumor supplied by tympanic branch of ascending pharyngeal artery, meningeal branch of occipital artery, posterior auricular artery via stylomastoid branch, [internal carotid artery](#), internal maxillary artery arteriovenous shuntingCx:malignant transformation with metastases to regional lymph nodes (in 2-4%)

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Glomus Vagale Tumor *Origin*.near [ganglion](#) nodosum of vagus nerve at base of skull close to [jugular foramen](#)Extension:(a)downward into [parapharyngeal space](#) (2/3)(b)intracranially (dumbbell shape) ■ slow growing + asymptomatic ✓ spherical / ovoid mass with sharp interfacing margins and homogeneous enhancement ✓ highly vascular mass + neovascularity + intense tumor blushCx:malignant transformation with metastases in 15% to regional lymph nodes + lung (other paragangliomas in 10%)

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Carotid Body Tumor *Embryology*: derived from mesoderm of 3rd branchial arch + neural crest ectoderm cells, which differentiate into sympathogonia (= forerunner of paraganglionic cells) †Chemodectoma is misnomer (not derived from chemoreceptor cells)! *Histo*: nests of epithelioid cells ("Zellballen") with granular eosinophilic cytoplasm separated by trabeculated vascularized connective tissue †chromaffin-positive granules(= catecholamines) may be present *Function of carotid body*: 5 x 3 x 2 mm carotid body regulates pulmonary ventilation through afferent input by way of glossopharyngeal nerve to the medullary reticular formation Stimulus: hypoxia > hypercapnia > acidosis Effect: increase in respiratory rate + tidal volume; increase in sympathetic tone (heart rate, blood pressure, vasoconstriction, elevated catecholamines) ■ painless pulsatile firm neck mass below the angle of the jaw, laterally mobile but vertically fixed Location: adventitia of carotid bifurcation; bilateral in 5% with sporadic occurrence, in 32% with autosomal dominant transmission † enhancing oval mass with splaying of ICA + ECACx: malignant transformation in 6% with metastases to regional lymph nodes, brachial plexus, cerebellum, lung, bone, pancreas, thyroid, kidney, breast

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Adenomatous Goiter =MULTINODULAR GOITERUS: (89% [sensitivity](#), 84% [specificity](#), 73% [positive predictive value](#), 94% [negative predictive value](#)) ✓ increased size + asymmetry of gland ✓ multiple 1-4 cm solid nodules ✓ areas of hemorrhage + necrosis ✓ coarse calcifications may occur within adenoma (secondary to hemorrhage + necrosis)

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Diffuse Goiter US: ✓ increase in glandular size, R lobe > L lobe ✓ NO focal textural changes ✓ calcifications not associated with nodules

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Iodine-deficiency Goiter Not a significant problem in United States because of supplemental iodine in food *Etiology*: chronic TSH stimulation ■ low serum T_4 ✓ high $I-131$ uptake **Jod-Basedow Phenomenon** (2%) = development of thyrotoxicosis (= excessive amounts of T_4 synthesized + released) if normal dietary intake is resumed / iodinated contrast medium administered *Incidence*: most common in individuals with long-standing multinodular goiter *Age*: >50 years ✓ multinodular goiter with in- / decreased uptake (depending on iodine pool)

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Toxic Nodular Goiter =PLUMMER DISEASE=autonomous function of one / more thyroid adenomas *Peak age*:4-5th decade; M:F = 1:3 • elevated T₄ • suppressed TSH
nodular thyroid with hot nodule + suppression of remainder of gland
stimulation scan will disclose normal [uptake](#) in remainder of gland
increased radioiodine [uptake](#) by 24 hours of approximately 80%
Rx: (1)I-131 treatment with empirical dose of 25-29 mCi ([hypothyroidism](#) in 5-30%)(2)Surgery ([hypothyroidism](#) in 11%)(3)Percutaneous ethanol injection ([hypothyroidism](#) in <1%, transient damage of recurrent laryngeal nerve in 4%)

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Intrathoracic Goiter =extension of cervical thyroid tissue / ectopic thyroid tissue (rare) into mediastinum *Incidence*:5% of resected mediastinal masses; most common cause of mediastinal masses *Location*:usually anterior, 25% posterior exclusively on right side • mostly asymptomatic • symptoms of tracheal + esophageal + recurrent laryngeal nerve compression ✓ continuity with cervical thyroid / lack of continuity (with narrow fibrous / vascular pedicle) ✓ mass of high HU + well-defined borders ✓ frequent focal calcifications ✓ inhomogeneous texture with low-density areas(= degenerative cystic areas) ✓ marked + prolonged enhancement

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GRAVES DISEASE

=DIFFUSE TOXIC GOITER=autoimmune disorder with thyroid stimulating antibodies (LATS) producing hyperplasia + hypertrophy of thyroid gland *Peak age*: 3rd-4th decade; M:F = 1:7 • elevated T₃ + T₄ • depressed TSH production • dermatopathy = pretibial myxedema (5%) • ophthalmopathy = periorbital edema, lid retraction, [ophthalmoplegia](#), proptosis, malignant exophthalmos ✓ diffuse thyroid enlargement ✓ uniformly increased [uptake](#) ✓ incidental nodules superimposed on preexisting [adenomatous goiter](#) (5%) US:(identical to [diffuse goiter](#)) ✓ global enlargement of 2-3 x the normal size ✓ normal / diffusely hypoechoic pattern ✓ hyperemia on color Doppler Rx:I-131 treatments (for adults): *Dose*: 80-120 μCi/g of gland with 100% [uptake](#) (taking into account estimated weight of gland + measured radioactive iodine [uptake](#) for 24 hours) Cx: 10-30% develop [hypothyroidism](#) within 1st year + 3%/year rate thereafter

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HYPOPHARYNGEAL CARCINOMA

Histo: squamous cell carcinoma *May be associated with:* Plummer-Vinson syndrome (= atrophic mucosa, achlorhydria, sideropenic anemia) affecting women in 90% ■ sore throat, intolerance to hot / cold liquids (early signs) ■ dysphagia, weight loss (late signs) ■ cervical adenopathy (in 50% at presentation) *Stage:* T1 tumor limited to one subsite T2 tumor involves >1 subsite / adjacent site without fixation of hemilarynx T3 same as T2 with fixation of hemilarynx T4 invasion of thyroid / cricoid cartilage / soft tissue of neck

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Pyiform Sinus Carcinoma *Incidence:* 60% of hypopharyngeal carcinomas ■ may escape clinical detection if located at inferior tip; often origin of "cervical adenopathy with unknown primary" (next to primaries in lingual + faucial tonsils and nasopharynx) ↓ invasion of posterior ala of thyroid cartilage, cricothyroid space, soft tissue of neck in T4 lesion *Prognosis:* poor due to early soft-tissue invasion

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Postcricoid Carcinoma *Incidence:* 25% of hypopharyngeal carcinomas¹ difficult assessment due to varying thickness of inferior constrictor + prevertebral muscles *Prognosis:* 25% 5-year survival (worst prognosis)

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Posterior Pharyngeal Wall Carcinoma *Incidence:* 15% of hypopharyngeal carcinomas¹ invasion of [retropharyngeal space](#) with extension into oro- and nasopharynx¹
retropharyngeal adenopathy

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INVERTED PAPILLOMA

=INVERTING PAPILLOMA = ENDOPHYTIC PAPILLOMA = SQUAMOUS CELL PAPILLOMA = TRANSITIONAL CELL PAPILLOMA = CYLINDRICAL EPITHELIOMA = SCHNEIDERIAN PAPILLOMA *Incidence*: 4% of all nasal neoplasms; most common of epithelial papillomas; commonly occurring after nasal surgery *Cause*: unknown; association with human papillomavirus-11 *Age*: 40-60 years; M:F = 3-5:1 *Path*: vascular mass with prominent mucous cyst inclusions interspersed throughout epithelium *Histo*: hyperplastic epithelium inverts into underlying stroma rather than in an exophytic direction; high intracellular glycogen content *Squamous cell carcinoma* coexistent in 5.5-27% *Location*: uniquely unilateral (bilateral in <5%) (a) most often arising from the lateral nasal wall with extension into ethmoid / maxillary sinuses, at junction of antrum + [ethmoid sinuses](#) (b) paranasal sinus (most frequently maxillary antrum) (c) nasal septum (5.5-18%) • unilateral nasal obstruction, epistaxis, postnasal drip, recurrent [sinusitis](#), sinus headache • distinctive absence of allergic history *Imaging*: commonly involves antrum + ethmoid sinus *CT*: widening of infundibulum / outflow tract of antrum *MR*: destruction of medial antral wall / lamina papyracea of orbit, anterior cranial fossa (pressure necrosis) in up to 30% *Septum* may be bowed to opposite side (NO invasion) *DDx*: squamous cell carcinoma, olfactory [neuroblastoma](#), melanoma, small cell carcinoma *Cx*: (1) cellular atypia / squamous cell carcinoma (10%) (2) recurrence rate of 15-78% *Rx*: complete surgical extirpation (lateral rhinotomy with en bloc excision of lateral nasal wall)

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JUVENILE ANGIOFIBROMA

=most common benign nasopharyngeal tumor, can grow to enormous size and locally invade vital structures *Incidence*: 0.5% of all head and neck neoplasms *Age*: teenagers (mean age of 15 years); almost exclusively in males ■ recurrent + severe epistaxis (59%) ■ nasal speech due to nasal obstruction (91%) ■ facial deformity (less common) *Location*: nasopharynx / posterior nares *Extension*: posterolateral wall of nasal cavity; via pterygopalatine fossa into retroantral region / orbit / middle cranial fossa; laterally into infratemporal fossa ✓ widening of pterygopalatine fossa (90%) with anterior bowing of posterior antral wall ✓ invasion of [sphenoid sinus](#) (2/3) from tumor erosion through floor of sinus ✓ widening of inferior + superior orbital fissures (spread into orbit via [inferior orbital fissure](#) + into middle cranial fossa via [superior orbital fissure](#)) ✓ highly vascular nasopharyngeal mass (only enhances on CT scan immediately after bolus injection); supplied primarily by internal maxillary artery *MR*: ✓ intermediate signal intensity on T1WI with discrete punctate areas of hypointensity (secondary to highly vascular stroma) *NOTE*: Biopsy contraindicated!

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LABYRINTHITIS

Cause: viral infection (mumps, measles) > bacterial infection > syphilis, autoimmune, toxins • sudden hearing loss, vertigo, tinnitus
MR: ✓ faint diffuse enhancement of labyrinth on T1WI (HALLMARK) **Ramsay Hunt syndrome** = herpes zoster oticus • mucosal vesicles of external auditory canal ✓ intracanalicular 8th nerve enhancement
Tympanogenic Labyrinthitis **Cause:** agent enters through oval / round window in [middle ear](#) infection
Meningogenic Labyrinthitis **Cause:** agent propagates along IAC / cochlear aqueduct in [meningitis](#)
Location: often bilateral
Labyrinthitis Ossificans = LABYRINTHITIS OBLITERANS = SCLEROSING LABYRINTHITIS = CALCIFIC / OSSIFYING COCHLEITIS
Cause: suppurative infection (tympanogenic, meningogenic, hematogenic) in 90%, trauma, surgery, tumor, severe [otosclerosis](#)
Pathophysiology: progressive [fibrosis](#) + ossification of granulation tissue within labyrinth • bi - / unilateral profound deafness ✓ loss of normal fluid signal within labyrinth on T2WI (early in course of disease) ✓ [inner ear](#) structures filled with bone

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LARYNGEAL CARCINOMA

98% of all malignant laryngeal tumors; in 2% sarcomas *Risk factors*: smoking, alcohol abuse, airborne irritants *Histo*: squamous cell carcinoma Suggestive of lymph node metastasis: ✓ lymph node >1.5 cm in cross section ✓ proximity to laryngeal mass ✓ cluster of >3 lymph nodes 6-15 mm in size **Supraglottic carcinoma**

Incidence: 20-30% of all laryngeal cancers *Metastases*: early to lymph nodes of deep cervical chain, in 25-55% at time of presentation • symptomatic late in course of disease (often T3 / T4) *Stage*: T1 tumor confined to site of origin T2 involvement of adjacent supraglottic site / glottis without cord fixation T3 tumor limited to [larynx](#) with cord fixation or extension to postcricoid area / medial wall of pyriform sinus / preepiglottic space T4 extension beyond [larynx](#) with involvement of [oropharynx](#) (base of tongue) / soft tissue of neck / thyroid cartilage A. ANTERIOR COMPARTMENT 1. **Epiglottic carcinoma**

✓ circumferential relatively symmetric growth ✓ extension into preepiglottic space ± base of tongue ± paraglottic space *Prognosis*: better than for tumors of posterolateral compartment B. POSTEROLATERAL COMPARTMENT 1. **Aryepiglottic fold (marginal supraglottic) carcinoma**

✓ exophytic growth from medial surface of aryepiglottic fold ✓ growth into fixed portion of epiglottis + paraglottic (= paralaryngeal) space 2. **False vocal cord / laryngeal ventricle carcinoma**

✓ submucosal spread into paraglottic space ✓ ± destruction of thyroid cartilage ✓ ± involvement of true vocal cords *Prognosis*: poorer than for cancer of the anterior compartment

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Glottic Carcinoma *Incidence:* 50-60% of all laryngeal cancers ■ early detection due to hoarseness *Stage:* T1 tumor confined to vocal cord with normal mobility T2 supra- / subglottic extension ± impaired mobility T3 fixation of true vocal cord T4 destruction of thyroid cartilage / extension outside [larynx](#) *Patterns of tumor invasion:* (1) anterior extension into anterior commissure ✓ >1 mm thickness of anterior commissure ✓ invasion of contralateral vocal cord via anterior commissure (2) posterior extension to arytenoid cartilage, posterior commissure, cricoarytenoid joint (3) subglottic extension ✓ tumor >5 mm inferior to level of vocal cords (4) deep lateral extension into paralaryngeal space *Prognosis:* T1 carcinoma rarely metastasizes (0-2%) due to absence of lymphatics within true vocal cords

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Subglottic Carcinoma *Incidence:* 5% of all laryngeal cancers • late detection due to minimal symptomatology *Stage:* T1 confined to subglottic area T2 extension to vocal cords ± mobility T3 tumor confined to [larynx](#) + cord fixation T4 cartilage destruction / extension beyond [larynx](#) *Prognosis:* poor due to early metastases to cervical lymph nodes (in 25% at presentation)

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LARYNGEAL PAPILOMATOSIS

=RECURRENT RESPIRATORY PAPILOMATOSIS Squamous papilloma is the most common benign tumor of the [larynx](#)! *Etiology*: human papilloma virus types 6 + 11 (Papova virus causing genital condyloma acuminatum) *Histo*: core of vascular connective tissue covered by stratified squamous epithelium *Age of onset*: 1-54 years; M:F = 1:1; bimodal distribution (a) <10 years (diffuse involvement) = juvenile onset papillomatosis; probably caused by transmission from mother to child during vaginal delivery (b) 21-50 years (usually single papilloma) • progressive hoarseness / aphonia • repeated episodes of [respiratory distress](#) • inspiratory stridor, asthmalike symptoms • cough • recurrent [pneumonia](#) • [hemoptysis](#) Location: (a) uvula, palate (b) vocal cord (c) subglottic extension (50-70%) (d) pulmonary involvement (1-6%) thickened lumpy cords [bronchiectasis](#) Cx: (1) Tracheobronchial papillomatosis (2-5%) Location: lower lobe + posterior predilection solid pulmonary nodules in mid + posterior lung fields 2-3 cm large thin-walled cavity with 2-4 mm thick nodular wall (foci of squamous papillomas enlarge centrifugally, undergo central necrosis, cavitate) peripheral [atelectasis](#) + obstructive pneumonitis (2) Pulmonary papillomatosis from aerial dissemination (bronchoscopy, laryngoscopy, tracheal intubation) 10 years after initial diagnosis irregularities of tracheal / bronchial walls noncalcified granulomata progressing to cavitation (3) Malignant transformation into invasive squamous cell carcinoma Rx: CO₂ laser resection / surgical excision

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LARYNGOCELE

=abnormally dilated appendix / sacculus of laryngeal ventricle (= anteriorly located blind pouch within laryngeal ventricle between false + true vocal cords; normal appendix relatively large in infancy, visible in 10% of adults during phonation)*Pathogenesis:*chronic increase in intraglottic pressure*Cause:*excessive coughing, playing wind instrument, blowing glass, obstruction of appendicular ostium (= secondary laryngocele) by chronic granulomatous disease, laryngeal neoplasm*Types:* (a)internal = in [parapharyngeal space](#) confined within thyrohyoid membrane + supraglottis(b)external = protrusion above thyroid cartilage + through thyrohyoid membrane presenting as lateral neck mass near hyoid bone(c)mixed (44%) = internal + external component joined through connection at thyrohyoid membrane ■ hoarseness / stridor (internal laryngocele) ■ anterior neck mass just below angle of mandible (external laryngocele)Site:unilateral (80%), bilateral (20%)[✓] cystic mass that can be followed to level of ventricle[✓] increase in size during Valsalva maneuver[✓] decrease in size during compression[✓] may be filled with fluidCx:infection (pyolaryngocele), formation of [mucocele](#)

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LARYNGOMALACIA

=immaturity of cartilage; most common cause of stridor in neonate + young infant ■ only cause of stridor to get worse at rest[✓] hypercollapsible [larynx](#) during inspiration (supraglottic portion only)[✓] backward bent of epiglottis + anterior kink of aryepiglottic folds during inspiration *Prognosis*: transient (disappears by age 1 year)

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LINGUAL THYROID

=solid embryonic rest of thyroid tissue, which remains ectopic along the tract of thyroglossal duct
Incidence: in 10% of autopsies (within tongue <3 mm); M << F
• may be only functioning thyroid tissue (70-80%)
• asymptomatic (usually)
• may enlarge causing dysphagia / dyspnea
Location: midline dorsum of tongue near foramen cecum (majority), thyroglossal duct, trachea
CT: small focus of intrinsic high attenuation
Cx: malignancy in 3% (papillary carcinoma)

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LYMPHANGIOMA

=congenital lymphatic malformation *Incidence*: 5.6% of all benign lesions of infancy + childhood *Age*: present at birth in 50-65%, clinically apparent by end of 2nd year in 80-90% *Lymphatic development*: endothelial buds from veins in jugular region form confluent plexuses, which develop into rapidly enlarging bilateral juguloaxillary lymph sacs (7.5 weeks GA); these fused lymph sacs extend craniad and dorsolateral with extensive outgrowth of lymph vessels in all directions; connection with internal jugular vein at level of confluence with external jugular vein persists on the left side *Pathogenesis*: failure of drainage from primordial lymph sacs into veins / sequestration of lymphatic tissue with failure to join central lymphatic channels / abnormal budding of lymph vessels with loss of connection with lymphatic primordia *Classification* (on basis of size of lymphatic spaces): (1) Cystic lymphangioma = [cystic hygroma](#) = multilocular mass with enormously dilated lymphatic channels of varying size *Location*: neck, axilla, mediastinum ✓ low signal intensity on T1WI ✓ high signal intensity on T2WI (2) Cavernous lymphangioma = mildly dilated cavernous lymphatic spaces with cysts of intermediate size *Location*: tongue, floor of mouth, salivary glands ✓ penetration of contiguous structures ✓ same signal intensities as cystic lymphangioma + fibrous stromal component of low intensity on T1WI + T2WI (3) Capillary / simple lymphangioma (least common) = capillary-sized lymphatic channels *Location*: epidermis + dermis of proximal limbs (4) Vasculolymphatic malformation composed of lymphatic + vascular elements, eg, lymphangiohemangioma *Histo*: endothelial-lined lymphatic channels containing serous / milky fluid + separated by connective tissue stroma ■ asymptomatic soft / semifirm mass ■ may cause dyspnea / dysphagia *Location*: anywhere in developing lymphatic system (a) posterior triangle of neck (most common), with extension into mediastinum in 3-10% ■ visible at birth in 65% ■ clinically apparent by end of 2nd decade in 90% (b) anterior mediastinum (<1%) (c) axilla, chest wall, groin *Cx*: infection, [airway](#) compromise, [chylothorax](#), chylopericardium *Prognosis*: spontaneous regression (10-15%) *Rx*: surgical excision (treatment of choice) with recurrence rate of up to 15%

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MALIGNANT EXTERNAL OTITIS

=severe bacterial infection of the soft tissues + bones of base of skull
Organism: almost always *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
Age: elderly
Predisposed: [diabetes mellitus](#) / immunocompromised
• unrelenting otalgia, headache
• purulent otorrhea unresponsive to topical antibiotics
• may cause malfunction of nerves VII, IX, X, XII
Location: at bone-cartilage junction of EAC
Spread of infection: (a) inferiorly into soft tissues inferior to [temporal bone](#), [parotid space](#), nasopharyngeal masticator space (b) posteriorly into mastoid (c) anteriorly into temporomandibular joint (d) medially into petrous apex
CT: ✓ soft-tissue density in external auditory canal (100%) ✓ fluid in mastoid / [middle ear](#) (89%) ✓ disease around eustachian tube (64%) ✓ obliteration of fat planes beneath [temporal bone](#) (64%) ✓ involvement of [parapharyngeal space](#) (54%) ✓ masticator space disease (27%) ✓ mass effect in nasopharynx (54%) ✓ bone erosion of clivus (9%) ✓ intracranial extension (9%)
Cx: bone destruction, osteomyelitis, abscess
Prognosis: 20% recurrence rate
DDx: malignant neoplasm

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MUCOCELE

=end stage of a chronically obstructed sinus *Incidence*: most common lesion to cause expansion of paranasal sinus; increased incidence in [cystic fibrosis](#) *Etiology*: obstructed paranasal sinus ostium *Path*: expanded sinus cyst lined by mucosa with accumulated secretions and desquamations *Age*: usually adulthood ■ history of chronic nasal polyposis + pansinusitis ■ commonly present with unilateral proptosis ■ decreased visual acuity, visual field defect ■ palpable mass in superomedial aspect of orbit (frontal mucocele) ■ intractable headaches *Location*: *mnemonic*: "fems" frontal (60%) > ethmoid (30%) > maxillary (10%) > sphenoid (rare) ✓ soft-tissue density mass ✓ sinus cavity expansion (DDx: never in [sinusitis](#)) ✓ bone demineralization + remodeling at late stage but NO bone destruction (impossible Ddx from neoplasm) ✓ surrounding zone of bone sclerosis / calcification of edges of mucocele (from chronic infection) ✓ macroscopic calcification in 5% (especially with superimposed fungal infection) ✓ uniform enhancement of thin rim US: ✓ homogeneous hypoechoic mass MR: ✓ signal intensity varies with state of hydration, protein content, hemorrhage, air content, calcification, [fibrosis](#) ✓ hypointense on T1WI + signal void on T2WI due to inspissated debris + fungus ✓ peripheral enhancement pattern (DDx from solid enhancement pattern of neoplasms) Cx: (1) protrusion into orbit displacing medial rectus muscle laterally (2) expansion into subarachnoid space resulting in CSF leak (3) mucopyocele = superimposed infection (rare) *DDx*: [paranasal sinus carcinoma](#), Aspergillus infection (enlargement of medial rectus muscle + optic nerve, focal / diffuse areas of increased attenuation), chronic infection, inverting papilloma

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MUCOEPIDERMOID CARCINOMA

=most common malignant lesion of parotid gland *Path:* arises from glandular ductal epithelium • rock-hard mass • pain / itching over course of [facial nerve](#) • [facial nerve](#) paralysis
✓ well-circumscribed parotid mass (low-grade lesion) / infiltrating poorly marginated lesion (high-grade lesion)

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Cochlear Aplasia = Michel aplasia = Michel anomaly = agenesis of osseous + membranous labyrinth (rare) Cause: arrested development at 4 weeks GA • total sensorineural hearing loss ✓ region of otic capsule normally occupied by cochlea is replaced by dense labyrinthine + pneumatized bone ✓ flat medial wall of [middle ear](#) (= undeveloped horizontal semicircular canal) ✓ hypoplasia of internal auditory canal ✓ dysplasia of vestibule = marked enlargement into region of lateral + superior semicircular canals DDX: [labyrinthitis](#) obliterans (no loss of lateral convexity of medial wall of [middle ear](#))

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Single-cavity Cochlea =saccular defect / cavity in otic capsule in the position normally occupied by cochlea without recognizable modiolus, osseous spiral lamina, interscalar septum • profound hearing loss discovered in early childhood *May be associated with:* recurrent bacterial [meningitis](#), perilymphatic fistula of oval window
cystic cochlea (= developed basal turn, middle + apical turn occupy common nondeveloped space)

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Insufficient Cochlear Turns =normal basilar turn + varying degrees of hypoplasia of middle and apical turns **Mondini malformation** =absence of anterior 1 1/2 turns of cochlea often with preservation of the basilar turn *Cause:*in utero insult at 7 weeks GA *Frequency:*2nd most common imaging finding in children with sensorineural hearing loss ■ some high-frequency hearing preserved ■ vertigo ■ otorrhea, rhinorrhea, recurrent [meningitis](#) (perilymphatic fistula caused by absence / defect of stapes footplate) ✓ absence of cochlear apex *May be associated with:*deformity of vestibule + semicircular canals + vestibular aqueduct

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Anomalies Of Membranous Labyrinth Scheibe dysplasia = abnormal cochlea + saccule Alexander dysplasia = dysplasia of basal turn \checkmark normal CT findings

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Small Internal Auditory Canal =decrease in the diameter of IAC due to hypoplasia / aplasia of cochlear nerve (portion of cranial nerve VIII) • total sensorineural hearing loss¹/ hypoplastic anteroinferior quadrant of IAC

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Large Vestibule *Associated with:* underdeveloped lateral semicircular canal ■ sensorineural [hearing deficit](#) (most common cause) ✓ lateral semicircular canal smaller ✓ vestibule extends further into lateral + superior aspects of otic capsule

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Large Vestibular Aqueduct =Enlarged vestibular aqueduct syndrome
Age:manifests around 3 years
Frequency:most common imaging abnormality detected in children with sensorineural hearing loss ■ unilateral congenital deafness (commonly missed) ■ vertigo, tinnitus (in 50%)
Location:bilateral in 50-66%
1/3 vestibular aqueduct >1.4-2 mm in diameter measured halfway between posterior petrous bone and common crus at level of vestibule
1/3 vestibular aqueduct larger than superior and posterior semicircular canals

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OTOSCLEROSIS

=OTOSPONGIOSIS=replacement of dense otic capsule by highly vascular spongy bone in active phase (misnomer) with restoration of density during reparative sclerotic phase *Etiology*: unknown; frequently hereditary *Age*: adolescent / young adult Caucasian; M:F = 1:2 A. STAPEDIAL = FENESTRAL OTOSCLEROSIS (80-90%) *Location*: anterior oval window margin (= fissula ante fenestram); bilateral in 85% ■ tinnitus early in course (2/3) ■ progressive conductive hearing loss (stapes fixation in oval window) ✓ oval window too wide (lytic phase) ✓ new bone formation on anterior oval window margin ± posterior oval window margin ± round window ✓ complete plugging of oval window = obliterative otosclerosis (in 2%) B. COCHLEAR = RETROFENESTRAL OTOSCLEROSIS (10-20%) *Invariably associated with*: fenestral otosclerosis ■ progressive sensorineural hearing loss (involvement of otic capsule / cytotoxic enzyme diffusion into fluid of membranous labyrinth) ■ Schwartze sign = reddish hue behind tympanic membrane when promontory involved ✓ "double ring / double lucent" = lucent halo around cochlea (may appear as 3rd turn to cochlea) in early phase ✓ bony proliferation in reparative sclerotic phase difficult to diagnose because of same density as cochlea *DDx*: [Paget disease](#), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), syphilis

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PARANASAL SINUS CARCINOMA

Location: [maxillary sinus](#) (80%), nasal cavity (10%), ethmoid sinus (5-6%), frontal + [sphenoid sinus](#) (rare)

[Maxillary Sinus Carcinoma](#) [Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma](#) [Ethmoid Sinus Carcinoma](#)

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Maxillary Sinus Carcinoma *Incidence:* 80% of all paranasal sinus carcinomas *Histo:* squamous cell carcinoma (80%) *Age:* >40 years in 95%; M:F = 2:1 ■ asymmetry of face, tumor in oral / nasal cavity ✓ bone destruction (in 90%) predominates over expansion ✓ nodal metastases in 10-18%

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Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma *Incidence:* 10% of paranasal sinus carcinomas; 0.25-0.5% of all malignant tumors in whites; M>F *Predisposed:* Chinese population *Histo:* squamous cell carcinoma (>85%), nonkeratinizing ~, undifferentiated carcinoma *Mean age:* 40 years ■ asymptomatic for a long time ■ history of chronic [sinusitis](#) / nasal polyps (15%) ■ unilateral nasal obstruction *Location:* turbinates (50%) > septum > vestibule > posterior choanae > floor *Extension:* (a) lateral + superior: through sinus of Morgagni (= natural defect in superior portion of lateral nasopharyngeal wall) into cartilaginous portion of eustachian tube + levator veli palatini muscle ± masticator space and pre- and poststyloid parapharyngeal spaces ± involvement of levator + tensor veli palatini muscle, 3rd division of nerve V, petroclinoid fissure ± [foramen lacerum](#) of skull base encasing [internal carotid artery](#) ± cavernous sinus (along ICA / mandibular nerve / direct skull base invasion) (b) anterior: posterior nasal cavity + pterygopalatine fossa (c) inferior (1/3): submucosal spread along lateral pharyngeal wall + anterior and posterior tonsillar pillars ✓ polypoid or papillary (2/3) ✓ bone invasion (1/3) MR: ✓ signal intensity similar to that of adjacent mucosa

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Ethmoid Sinus Carcinoma *Incidence:*5-6% of paranasal sinus carcinomas *Histo:*squamous cell carcinoma (>90%), sarcoma, adenocarcinoma, [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#); frequently secondarily involved from [maxillary sinus](#) carcinoma ■ nasal obstruction, bloody discharge ■ anosmia, broadening of nose

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PHARYNGEAL ABSCESS

Etiology: spread of infection from tonsils / pharynx *Age:* children > adults • trismus (most common presenting symptom) from involvement of pterygoid muscle • sore throat • low-grade fever ✓ isodense / low-density mass with unsharp margins ✓ rim enhancement Cx: [Mycotic aneurysm](#) of carotid artery (within 10 days)

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RAMSAY-HUNT SYNDROME

=HERPES ZOSTER OTICUS • vesicles in mucosa of external auditory canal¹/ intracanalicular 8th nerve enhancement

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RETROPHARYNGEAL ABSCESS / HEMORRHAGE

Etiology: upper respiratory tract infection, perforating injury of pharynx / esophagus, suppuration of infected lymph node
Organism: Staphylococcus, mixed flora
Age: usually <1 year • fever, neck stiffness, dysphagia
thickness of [retropharyngeal space](#) >3/4 of AP diameter of vertebral body
reversal of cervical lordosis
anterior displacement of [airway](#) may contain gas and gas-fluid level

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RHABDOMYOSARCOMA

=most common soft-tissue tumor in children; *Frequency*: 5-10% of all malignant solid tumors in children <15 years of age (ranking 4th after CNS neoplasm, [neuroblastoma](#), [Wilms tumor](#)); 3rd most common primary childhood malignancy of head + neck (following brain tumors + retinoblastomas); 10-25% of all sarcomas; annual incidence of 4.5:1,000,000 white + 1.3:1,000,000 black children *Age*: 2-5 years (peak prevalence); <10 years (70%); M:F = 2:1 *Histo*: (a) embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma (>50%) subtype: polyploid form = sarcoma botryoides = grapelike (b) alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma (worst prognosis) (c) pleomorphic rhabdomyosarcoma (mostly in adults) • cranial nerve palsy *Location*: head + neck (28-36%), trigone + bladder neck (18-21%), orbit (10%), extremities (18-23%), trunk (7-8%), retroperitoneum (6-7%), perineum + anus (2%), other sites (7%) *Site*: paranasal sinus, [middle ear](#), nasopharyngeal musculature (1/3); most common primary extracranial tumor invading the cranial vault in childhood *Metastases*: lymph nodes (50%), lung, bone ✓ bulky nasopharyngeal mass ✓ extension into cranial vault through fissures + foramina (up to 35%) usually involving cavernous sinus ✓ bone destruction ✓ uniform enhancement *CT*: ✓ isodense with brain ✓ expanded foramen / fissure *MR* (imaging modality of choice): ✓ signal intensity intermediate between muscle and fat on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI *Prognosis*: 12.5% 5-year survival

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RHINOCEREBRAL MUCORMYCOSIS

=paranasal sinus infection caused by nonseptated fungi *Rhizopus arrhizus* and *Rhizopus oryzae* *Spread*: fungus first involves nasal cavity, then extends into maxillary / [ethmoid sinuses](#) / orbits / intracranially along ophthalmic artery / cribriform plate (frontal sinuses are spared) *Predisposed*: (1) poorly controlled [diabetes mellitus](#) (2) [chronic renal failure](#) (3) [cirrhosis](#) (4) malnutrition (5) cancer (6) prolonged antibiotic therapy (7) steroid therapy (8) cytotoxic drug therapy (9) [AIDS](#) (10) extensive burns
■ black crusting of nasal mucosa (in diabetics) ■ small ischemic areas (invasion of arterioles + small arteries) ✓ nodular thickening involving nasal septum + turbinates
✓ mucoperiosteal thickening + clouding of ethmoids ✓ focal areas of bone destruction Cx: (1) blindness (2) cranial nerve palsy (3) hemiparesis *Prognosis*: high mortality rate

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SARCOIDOSIS

Blacks:Whites = 10:1 Location:eye, lacrimal glands, salivary glands (40%), [larynx](#) (5%), involvement of intra- and extraparotid lymph nodes (rare) ✓ granulomas may enhance ✓ enlargement of [optic canal](#) ([optic neuritis](#)) ✓ thickening of [larynx](#) with enhancement of granulomas ✓ multiple small granulomas of septum + turbinates

Heerfordt Syndrome (1)Parotid enlargement ■ diffuse bilateral painless enlargement (10-30%) ■ xerostomiaCT: ✓ diffusely dense multinodular gland / enlargement of lymph nodes within gland(2)Uveitis(3)[Facial nerve](#) paralysis

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SIALOSIS

=nontender noninflammatory recurrent enlargement of parotid gland *Cause*: [cirrhosis](#), alcoholism, diabetes, malnutrition, hormonal insufficiency (ovarian / pancreatic / thyroid), drugs (sulfisoxazole, phenylbutazone), radiation therapy *Histo*: serous acinar hypertrophy + fatty replacement of gland *Sialography*: √ sparse peripheral ducts *CT*: √ enlarged / normal-sized gland √ diffusely dense gland in end stage

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SINONASAL POLYPOSIS

=benign sinonasal mucosal lesion *Incidence*: in 25% of patients with allergic rhinitis; in 15% of patients with [asthma](#) *Cause*: allergic rhinitis (atopic hypersensitivity), [asthma](#), [cystic fibrosis](#) (child), [Kartagener syndrome](#), nickel exposure, nonneoplastic hyperplasia of inflamed mucous membranes *Location*: commonly maxillary antrum
✓ rounded masses within nasal cavity enlarging sinus ostium ✓ expansion of sinus ✓ thinning of bony trabeculae ± erosive changes at anterior skull base ✓ usually peripheral / occasionally solid heterogeneous enhancement *DDx*: cancer, fungal infection

[Antrochoanal Polyp Angiomatous Polyp](#)

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Antrochoanal Polyp =benign antral polyp, which widens the sinus ostium and extends into nasal cavity; 5% of all nasal polypsAge:teenagers + young adults✓ antral clouding✓ ipsilateral nasal mass✓ smooth mass enlarging the sinus ostium✓ NO sinus expansion

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Angiomatous Polyp =derivative of choanal polyp (following ischemia of polyp with secondary neovascularity along its surface)DDx:[juvenile angiofibroma](#) (involvement of pterygopalatine fossa)

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SINUSITIS

Incidence: most common paranasal sinus problem; most common chronic disease diagnosed in United States (31,000,000 people affected each year); complicating common colds in 0.5% (3-4 colds/year in adults, 6-8 colds/year in children) **Pathogenesis:** mucosal congestion as a result of viral infection leads to apposition of mucosal surfaces resulting in retention of secretions with bacterial superinfection (1)Obstruction of major ostia(a)middle meatus draining frontal, maxillary, anterior ethmoid sinus(b)sphenoethmoidal recess draining posterior ethmoid [sphenoid sinus](#)(2)Ineffective mucociliary clearing secondary to contact of two mucosal surfaces**Predisposing anatomic variants:** (1)greater degree of nasal septal deviation(2)horizontally oriented uncinat processNOT concha bullosa, paradoxical turbinate, Haller cells, uncinat pneumatization Location: (1)Infundibular pattern (26%)=isolated obstruction of inferior infundibulum just above the [maxillary sinus](#) ostium✓ limited [maxillary sinus](#) disease(2)**Ostiomeatal unit** pattern (25%)✓ middle meatus opacification(3)Sphenoethmoidal recess obstruction (6%)✓ sphenoid / posterior ethmoid sinus inflammation(4)[Sinonasal polyposis](#) pattern✓ enlargement of ostia, thinning of adjacent bone✓ air-fluid levelsPlain films (Waters, Caldwell, lateral, submental vertex views): 1.**Acute sinusitis**

✓ air-fluid level [from retention of secretions secondary to mucosal swelling leading to ostial dysfunction] (54% sensitive, 92% specific in [maxillary sinus](#))✓ hyperintense secretions on T2WI (95% water content + 5% proteinaceous macromolecules)2.**Chronic sinusitis**

✓ mucosal swelling >5 mm thick on Waters view (99% sensitive, 46% specific in [maxillary sinus](#))✓ bone remodeling + sclerosis (from osteitis)✓ polyposis✓ hyperattenuating lesion on NCCT (due to inspissated secretions / fungal disease)✓ hypointense secretions on T1WI + T2WI due to inspissated material with chronic obstruction (DDx: air)CT: to map bony anatomy for surgical planning MR: ✓ sinus thickening with high signal intensity on T2WI + low intensity on T1WI✓ near solid secretions with >28% protein concentration are hypointense on both T1WI + T2WI simulating air✓ rim gadolinium enhancement (DDx to neoplasms which enhance centrally) A.ALLERGIC SINUSITIS✓ involves multiple sinuses✓ bilaterally symmetric✓ uniform enhancement✓ [sinonasal polyposis](#)B.BACTERIAL SINUSITIS**Organism:** (a)acute phase: Streptococcus pneumoniae + Haemophilus influenzae (>50%), beta-hemolytic streptococcus, Moraxella catarrhalis(b)chronic phase: staphylococcus, streptococcus, corynebacteria, Bacteroides, fusobacteria✓ solitary antral disease (obstruction of sinus ostium)✓ uniform enhancementC.MYCOTIC / FUNGAL SINUSITIS**Organism:**Aspergillus fumigatus, mucormycosis, bipolaris, Drechslera, Curvularia, Candida✓ polypoid lesion / fungus ball (= extramucosal infection due to saprophytic growth on retained secretions, usually caused by Aspergillus)✓ infiltrating fungal sinusitis (in immune-competent host)✓ fulminant fungal sinusitis (aggressive infection in immune-compromised individual / diabetics)CT: ✓ punctate calcifications (= [calcium](#) phosphate / [calcium](#) sulfonate deposition near mycelium)MR: ✓ dark on T2WI secondary to high fungal mycelial iron, magnesium, manganese content from aminoacid metabolism(DDx: inspissated secretions / polypoid disease) Dx:failure to respond to antibiotic therapy Cx: (1)Mucous retention cyst (10%)(2)[Mucocele](#)(3)Orbital extension through neurovascular foramina, dehiscences, or thin bones: orbital cellulitis, (4)Septic thrombophlebitis(5)Intracranial extension: [meningitis](#), epidural abscess, subdural [empyema](#), [venous sinus thrombosis](#), cerebral abscessRx:functional endoscopic sinus surgery (amputation of uncinat process, enlargement of infundibulum + maxillary ostium, creation of common channel for anterior ethmoid air cells, complete / partial ethmoidectomy)

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SUBGLOTTIC HEMANGIOMA

Most common subglottic soft-tissue mass causing upper respiratory tract obstruction in neonates • croup-like symptoms in neonatal period • hemangiomas elsewhere (skin, mucosal membranes) in 50% ✓ eccentric thickening of subglottic portion of trachea (AP view) ✓ arises from posterior wall below true cords (lateral view)

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SUBGLOTTIC STENOSIS

A. CONGENITAL SUBGLOTTIC STENOSIS • croup-like symptoms, often self-limiting disease
Location: 1-2 cm below vocal cords
◊ circumferential symmetrical narrowing of subglottic portion of trachea during inspiration
◊ NO change in degree of narrowing with expiration
B. ACQUIRED SUBGLOTTIC STENOSIS following prolonged endotracheal intubation (in 5%)

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THORNWALDT CYST

=midline congenital pouch / cyst lined by ectoderm within nasopharyngeal mucosal space *Origin*: persistent focal adhesion between notochord + ectoderm extending to the pharyngeal tubercle of the occipital bone *Incidence*: 4% of autopsies *Peak age*: 15-30 years ■ asymptomatic incidental finding ■ persistent nasopharyngeal drainage ■ halitosis ■ foul taste in mouth *Location*: posterior roof of nasopharynx ✓ smoothly marginated cystic mass of few mm to 3 cm in size ✓ low density, not enhancing ✓ NO bone erosion *Cx*: infection of cyst *DDx*: Rathke pouch (occurs in craniopharyngeal canal located anteriorly + cephalad to Thornwaldt cyst)

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THYROGLOSSAL DUCT CYST

Embryogenesis: thyroglossal duct = duct along which thyroid gland descends to its final position from foramen cecum at base of tongue passing anteriorly / posteriorly / through precursor of hyoid bone; duct usually involutes by 8th week of fetal life; thyroid elements remain in thyroglossal duct in 5% *Histo*:cyst lined by squamous cell mucosa *Age*: <10 years in 50%; 2nd peak at 20-30 years ■ midline neck mass ■ ± history of previous incision and drainage of an "abscess" in area of cyst *Location*: suprahyoid (20%), hyoid (15%), infrahyoid (65%) ¹ midline / paramedian cystic mass of 2-4 cm ¹ infrahyoid strap muscles beak over edge of cyst *Cx*: infection; thyroglossal duct carcinoma (<1%) *Rx*: complete surgical removal

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Adenomatous Nodule (42-77%)

=COLLOID NODULE = ADENOMATOUS HYPERPLASIA = DEGENERATIVE INVOLUTED NODULE *Cytology*: abundant colloid + benign follicular cells with uniform slightly large nuclei, arranged in a honeycomb pattern (difficult DDx from follicular tumors) often multiple nodules by US / scintigraphy / surgery mostly hypofunctioning, rarely hyperfunctioning solid form = incompletely encapsulated, poorly demarcated nodules merging with surrounding tissue cystic form (= [colloid cyst](#)) = anechoic areas in nodule (hemorrhage / colloid degeneration calcific deposits)

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Follicular Adenoma (15-40%)

=monoclonal tumor arising from follicular epithelium *Path*: single lesion with well-developed fibrous capsule *Histo subtypes*: (a) Simple colloid (macrofollicular) adenoma: most common form (b) Microfollicular (fetal) adenoma (c) Embryonal (trabecular) adenoma (d) Hürthle-cell (oxyphil / oncocyctic) adenoma: large single polygonal cells with abundant granular cytoplasm + uniform eccentric nuclei + no colloid (e) Atypical adenoma (f) Adenoma with papillae (g) Signet-ring adenoma
5% of microfollicular adenomas, 5% of Hürthle-cell adenomas, 25% of embryonal adenomas prove to be follicular cancers with careful study! *Functional status*: (1) Toxic adenoma (2) Toxic multinodular goiter = hyperfunctioning adenoma within multinodular goiter; usually occurs in nodule >2.5 cm in size (3) Nonfunctioning adenoma
mass with increased / decreased echogenicity
"halo sign" = complete hypoechoic ring with regular border surrounding isoechoic solid mass

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THYROID CARCINOMA

Incidence: 12,000 new cancers/year in United States; clinically silent cancers in up to 35% at autopsy / surgery (usually papillary carcinomas of <1.0 cm in size) **Age:** <30 years; M > F • history of neck irradiation • rapid growth • stone-hard nodule • hypoechoic mass • irregular ill-defined border without halo • NO hemorrhage / liquefaction necrosis **Radiation-induced Thyroid Cancer** Incidence increases with doses of thyroidal irradiation from 6.5-1,500 rad (higher doses are associated with [hypothyroidism](#)) **Peak occurrence:** 5-30 (up to 50) years post irradiation **Thyroid abnormalities in 20%:** (a) in 14% adenomatous hyperplasia, follicular adenoma, colloid nodules, thyroiditis (b) in 6% thyroid cancer • Nondetectable microscopic foci of cancer in 25% of patients operated on for benign disease • In patients with multiple cold nodules frequency of cancer is 40%

WHOLE-BODY SCAN in metastatic thyroid carcinoma **Indication:** to detect metastases of thyroid carcinoma after total thyroidectomy; preferred over bone scan (only detects 40%) for skeletal metastases • Metastases not detectable in presence of normal functioning thyroid tissue because **uptake** is much less in metastases • [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) is useless because of high background activity + lack of organification • False-negative I-131 scan in 24% secondary to nonfunctioning metastases

Technique: (1) T₄ replacement therapy discontinued (2) short-acting T₃ is administered for 4-6 weeks (3) T₃ replacement therapy discontinued 10-14 days prior to whole-body scan (4) measurement of TSH level to confirm adequate elevation (TSH >50 mIU/mL; administration of exogenous TSH not desirable because of uneven stimulation) (5) oral administration of 5-10 mCi I-131 (6) whole-body scan after 24, 48, 72 hours (low background activity) **N.B.:** posttherapy scan (1 week after therapeutic dose) identifies more lesions than diagnostic scan **Normal sites of accumulation:** nasopharynx, salivary glands, stomach, colon, bladder, liver (I-131-labeled thyroxine produced by carcinoma is metabolized in liver), breasts in lactating women (breast feeding must be terminated after administration of I-131) **CONTRAINDICATED** during pregnancy!

TREATMENT for follicular / papillary cancer: (1) Surgery: total thyroidectomy + modified radical neck dissection (2) Postoperative radioiodine treatment with I-131 (multiple treatments are usually necessary) • Radioiodine therapy only appropriate for papillary / mixed / follicular thyroid carcinomas (NOT for medullary or anaplastic carcinomas) (a) ablative dose to destroy remaining thyroid tissue 6 weeks following surgery; no thyroid hormone replacement 3-4 weeks prior to therapy $Dose = [(weight (g) \times 80-120 \mu Ci/g) \div \% \text{ uptake of I-123 by 24 hours}] \times 100$ approx. 100 mCi I-131 orally (b) treatment of metastases **Dose:** 100-200 mCi (dose increase with regional lymph node / lung / bone metastases to 150, 175, 200 mCi) Administration of 150 mCi of I-131 with an **uptake** of 0.5% per gram of tumor tissue and a biologic half-life of 4 days will produce 25,000 rads to tumor • Rapid turnover rates may exist in some metastases (lower dose advisable) • Treatment of large tumors incomplete (range of beta radiation is a few mm) **Cx:** radiation thyroiditis, radiation parotitis, GI-symptoms (nausea, diarrhea), minimal bone marrow depression, [leukemia](#) (2%), anaplastic transformation (uncommon), lung [fibrosis](#) (with extensive pulmonary metastases and dose >200 mCi) (3) Thyroid replacement therapy exogenous thyroid hormone to suppress TSH stimulation of metastases (4) External radiation therapy for anaplastic carcinoma + metastases without iodine **uptake** **FOLLOW-UP:** thyroglobulin >50 ng/mL indicates functioning metastases following complete ablation of thyroid tissue

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Papillary Carcinoma Of Thyroid 60% of all thyroid carcinomas *Peak age*:5th decade; F > M *Histo*:unencapsulated well-differentiated tumor(a)purely papillary(b)mixed with follicular elements (more common, especially under age 40) *Metastases*: (1)Lymphogenic spread to regional lymph nodes (40%, in children almost 90%)(2)Hematogenous spread to lung (4%), bone (rare) • carcinoma elaborates thyroglobulin *NUC*: ∇ tumor usually concentrates radioiodine (even some purely papillary tumors) *US*: ∇ tumor of decreased echogenicity ∇ purely solid / complex mass with areas of necrosis, hemorrhage, cystic degeneration *X-ray*: ∇ punctate / linear psammomatous calcifications at tumor periphery *Rx*:lobectomy + isthmectomy for papillary cancer <1.5 to 2.0 cm in size isolated to one lobe *Prognosis*:90% 10-year survival for occult + intrathyroidal cancer; 60% 10-year survival for extrathyroidal cancer; worse prognosis with increasing age

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Follicular Carcinoma Of Thyroid 20% of all thyroid cancers; slow growing *Peak age*:5th decade; F > M *Histo*:encapsulated well-differentiated tumor without papillary elements; in 25% multifocal; cytologically impossible to distinguish between well-differentiated follicular carcinoma + follicular adenoma (vascular invasion is only criteria)Early hematogenous spread to: (a)lung(b)bone (30%): almost always osteolytic (more frequent than in papillary carcinoma) • carcinoma elaborates thyroglobulin ✓ psammoma bodies + stromal [calcium](#) depositsNUC: ^{99m}Tc usually concentrates pertechnetate, but fails to accumulate I-123US: ¹⁸F indistinguishable from benign follicular adenoma*Prognosis*:90% 10-year survival with slight / equivocal angioinvasion; 35% 10-year survival with moderate / marked angioinvasion

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Anaplastic Carcinoma Of Thyroid 4-15% of all thyroid cancers Age:6th-7th decade; M:F = 1:1 ✓ intrathoracic extension in up to 50% ✓ ± invasion of carotid a., internal jugular v., [larynx](#) NUC: ✓ NO radioiodine [uptake](#) CT: ✓ mass with inhomogeneous attenuation ✓ areas of necrosis (74%) ✓ calcifications (58%) ✓ regional lymphadenopathy (74%) *Prognosis:* 5% 5-year survival; average survival time of 6-12 months

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Medullary Carcinoma Of Thyroid 1-5% of all thyroid cancers; sporadic / familial *Histo:* arises from parafollicular C-cells, associated with amyloid deposition in primary + metastatic sites *Mean age:* 60 years for sporadic variety; in adolescence with MEN *May be associated with:* (1) MEN IIa = [pheochromocytoma](#) + parathyroid hyperplasia (Sipple syndrome) (2) MEN IIb = without parathyroid component *Metastases:* early spread to lymph nodes (50%), lung, liver, bone • elevated [calcitonin](#) (from tumor production) stimulated by pentagastrin + [calcium](#) infusion ∇ mass of 2 to 26 mm ∇ granular calcifications within fibrous stroma / amyloid masses (50%) *NUC:* ∇ NO [uptake](#) by radioiodine / pertechnetate ∇ frequently shows increased [uptake](#) of Tl-201 *CT:* ∇ mass of low attenuation (no iodine concentration) *Prognosis:* 90% 10-year survival without nodal metastases 42% 10-year survival with nodal metastases *Rx:* total thyroidectomy + modified radical neck dissection

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Hashimoto Thyroiditis =CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC THYROIDITIS Most frequent cause of goitrous [hypothyroidism](#) in adults in the USA (iodine-deficiency is the more common cause worldwide) *Etiology*: autoimmune process with marked familial predisposition; antibodies are typically present; functional organification defect *Peak age*: 4th-5th decade; M > F ■ firm rubbery lobular goiter ■ gradual painless enlargement ■ thyrotoxicosis in early stage (4%) ■ decreased thyroid reserve ■ [hypothyroidism](#) at presentation (20%) ✓ moderate enlargement of both [lobes](#) (18%) NUC: ✓ low tracer [uptake](#) (occasionally increased) with poor visualization (4%) ✓ [prominent pyramidal lobe](#) ✓ positive perchlorate washout test ✓ patchy tracer distribution ✓ multiple (40%) / single cold defects (28%) / normal thyroid (8%) US: ✓ initially heterogeneous diffusely decreased echogenicity + slight lobulation of contour ✓ marked hyperemia on color Doppler ✓ later densely echogenic ([fibrosis](#)) + acoustical shadows Cx: [hypothyroidism](#)

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DeQuervain Thyroiditis =SUBACUTE THYROIDITIS *Etiology*:probably viral *Histo*:lymphocytic infiltration + granulomas + foreign body giant cells *Peak age*:2nd-5th decade; M:F = 1:5 • upper respiratory tract infection precedes onset of symptoms by 2-3 weeks • painful tender gland + fever; only mild enlargement • [hyperthyroidism](#) (50%) secondary to severe destruction • short-lived [hypothyroidism](#) (25%) secondary to hormone depletion of gland NUC: ↓ abnormally low radioiodine [uptake](#) with clinical and laboratory evidence of [hyperthyroidism](#) ↓ poor visualization of thyroid (initially) ↓ single / multiple hypofunctional areas (occasionally) ↓ increased [uptake](#) during phase of [hypothyroidism](#) (late event) Cx:permanent [hypothyroidism](#) (rare) *Prognosis*:usually full recovery

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Painless Thyroiditis *Histo:*resembles chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis ■ clinical presentation similar to subacute thyroiditis ■ NOT painful / tender

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Acute Suppurative Thyroiditis US: \surd focal / diffuse enlargement; possibly abscess \surd decreased echogenicity

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WARTHIN TUMOR

=PAPILLARY CYSTADENOMA LYMPHOMATOSUM
Incidence: 2nd most common benign tumor of parotid gland; bilateral in 10%
Age: about 50 years; M > F
Origin: from heterotopic salivary gland tissue within parotid lymph nodes
• slow-growing mass
• well-circumscribed single / multiple tumors in parotid region usually 3-4 cm in size
MR: hypointense compared with fat / surrounding parotid tissue on T2WI

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HEMOPTYSIS

Source: bronchial a. (most common), pulmonary a. A. TUMOR 1. Carcinoma (35%) 2. [Bronchial adenoma](#) B. BRONCHIAL WALL INJURY 1. Foreign body erosion 2. Bronchoscopy / biopsy C. VASCULAR 1. COPD 2. Pulmonary embolus with infarction 3. Venous hypertension (most common) 4. [Arteriovenous malformation](#) 5. Rupture of pulmonary artery aneurysm: TB, [vasculitis](#), trauma, neoplasm, abscess, septic embolus, indwelling catheter D. INFECTION 1. Chronic bronchitis 2. [Bronchiectasis](#), mouthful (15%) 3. [Tuberculosis](#) (Rasmussen aneurysm) 4. [Aspergillosis](#) 5. Abscess ¶ In the majority of patients no cause is found! ¶ The two most common identifiable causes are bronchial carcinoma + [bronchiectasis](#)!

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PULMONARY DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH CIGARETTE SMOKING

1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) 2. Chronic bronchitis 3. [Centrilobular emphysema](#) 4. Panacinar [emphysema](#) with a-1-antitrypsin deficiency 5. Respiratory bronchiolitis-associated [interstitial lung disease](#) 6. Pulmonary [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#)

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ABNORMAL LUNG PATTERNS

1. Mass=any localized density not completely bordered by fissures / pleura
2. Consolidative (alveolar) pattern=commonly produced by filling of air spaces with fluid (transudate / exudate) / cells / other material, ALSO by alveolar collapse, [airway](#) obstruction, confluent interstitial thickening
ground glass=hazy area of increased attenuation not obscuring bronchovascular structures
consolidation=marked increase in attenuation with obliteration of underlying anatomic features
3. Interstitial pattern
4. Vascular pattern (a) increased vessel size: CHF, pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#), shunt vascularity, [lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) (b) decreased vessel size: [emphysema](#), thromboembolism
5. Bronchial pattern
✓ wall thickening: bronchitis, [asthma](#), [bronchiectasis](#)
✓ density without air bronchogram (= complete [airway](#) obstruction)
✓ lucency of air trapping (= partial [airway](#) obstruction with ball-valve mechanism)

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ALVEOLAR (CONSOLIDATIVE) PATTERN

Classic appearance of airspace consolidation: *mnemonic:* A²BC³ ✓ **A**cinar rosettes: rounded poorly defined nodules in size of acini (6-10 mm), best seen at periphery of densities ✓ **A**ir alveogram / bronchogram ✓ **B**utterfly / bat-wing distribution: perihilar / bibasilar ✓ **C**oalescent / confluent cloudlike ill-defined opacities ✓ **C**onsolidation in diffuse, perihilar / bibasilar, segmental / lobar, multifocal / lobular distribution ✓ **C**hanges occur rapidly (labile / fleeting) HRCT: ✓ poorly marginated densities within primary lobule (up to 1 cm in size) ✓ rapid coalescence with neighboring lesions in segmental distribution ✓ predominantly central location with sparing of subpleural zones ✓ air bronchograms

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Diffuse Airspace Disease A. INFLAMMATORY EXUDATE = "PUS"1. [Lobar pneumonia](#)2. Bronchopneumonia: especially Gram-negative organisms3. Unusual pneumonias(a)viral: extensive hemorrhagic edema especially in immunocompromised patients with hematologic malignancies + transplants(b)Pneumocystis(c)fungal: Aspergillus, Candida, Cryptococcus, Phycomycetes(d)[tuberculosis](#)4. AspirationB. HEMORRHAGE = "BLOOD"1. Trauma: contusion2. Pulmonary embolism, thromboembolism3. Bleeding diathesis: [leukemia](#), [hemophilia](#), anticoagulants, DIC4. [Vasculitis](#): [Wegener granulomatosis](#), [Goodpasture syndrome](#), SLE, mucormycosis, [aspergillosis](#), Rocky Mountain spotted fever, infectious mononucleosis5. [Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis](#)6. Bleeding metastases: [choriocarcinoma](#)C. TRANSUDATE = "WATER"1. Cardiac edema2. Neurogenic edema3. Hypoproteinemia4. Fluid overload5. [Renal failure](#)6. Radiotherapy7. Shock8. Toxic inhalation9. Drug reaction10. [Adult respiratory distress syndrome](#)D. SECRETIONS = "PROTEIN"1. [Alveolar proteinosis](#)2. Mucus pluggingE. MALIGNANCY = "CELLS"1. Bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma2. [Lymphoma](#)F. INTERSTITIAL DISEASE simulating airspace disease, eg, "alveolar sarcoid" *mnemonics*: "Please Put A Hot-Light At The Sithouse First" "AIRSPACED" Pulmonary edema Aspiration Pneumonia Inhalation, Inflammatory Alveolar proteinosis, Renal (uremia) carcinoma, microlithiasis Sarcoidosis Hyaline membrane disease, Proteinosis (alveolar) Hemorrhage, Heroin Alveolar cell carcinoma Lymphoma Cardiovascular (CHF) Aspiration Emboli Tuberculosis Drug reaction, Drowning Sarcoidosis Fungus

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Localized Airspace Disease *mnemonic: "4PS & TAIL"* **P**neumonia **P**ulmonary edema **P**ulmonary contusion **P**ulmonary interstitial edema **T**uberculosis **A**lveolar cell carcinoma **I**nfant **L**ymphoma

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Acute Alveolar Infiltrate *mnemonic:*"I 2 CHANGE FAST" **I**nfarct **C**ontusion **H**emorrhage **A**spirations **N**ear drowning **G**oodpasture syndrome **E**dema **F**ungus
Allergic [sensitivity](#) **S**hock lung **T**uberculosis

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Chronic Alveolar Infiltrate *mnemonics*: "PALS GET MOD""STALLAG"**P**roteinosis**S**arcoidosis**A**lveolar cell carcinoma**T**uberculosis**L**ymphoma**A**lveolar cell ca.**S**arcoidosis**L**ymphoma**G**ranulomatosis**L**ipoid [pneumonia](#)**E**osinophilic granuloma**A**lveolar proteinosis**T**uberculosis**G**oodpasture syndr.**M**icrolithiasis **O**il aspiration **D**IP (not consolidative)

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CT Angiogram Sign =homogeneous low attenuation of lung consolidation which allows vessels to be clearly seen1.Lobar bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma2.[Lobar pneumonia](#)3.Pulmonary [lymphoma](#)4.Extrinsic lipid [pneumonia](#)5.Pulmonary infarction6.[Pulmonary edema](#)

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HRCT Of Small Airway Disease Cause: 1. [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#) 2. [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#) with organizing [pneumonia](#) 3. Small [airway](#) disease of smokers 4. [Asthma](#) 5. Infection: TB, [aspiration pneumonia](#), viral [pneumonia](#) 6. Diffuse [panbronchiolitis](#) 7. [Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#)

A. DIRECT SIGNS ✓ ringlike tubular structures in lung periphery (= wall thickening + dilatation of bronchioles) ✓ nodules / branching linear structures in lung periphery (= obliterated airways through wall thickening / filling with mucus or debris)

B. INDIRECT SIGNS ✓ air trapping = area of decreased attenuation from collateral air drift / ball-valve effect distal to occluded / stenotic [airway](#) more prominent on expiration ✓ mosaic perfusion = scattered areas of air trapping ✓ subsegmental [atelectasis](#) = wedge-shaped area of [ground-glass attenuation](#) ✓ [centrilobular emphysema](#) = destruction of small airways + surrounding parenchyma in the center of the pulmonary lobule ✓ centrilobular airspace nodule = acinar nodule = <1 cm ill-defined nodule of [ground-glass attenuation](#) (from inflammation within alveolar space) less prominent on expiration **DDx:** 1. Cystic lung disease (thin septum surrounds area of air attenuation, central vessel not present) 2. Panlobular [emphysema](#) (distortion of vascular + septal architecture, bullae)

Inhomogeneous Lung Attenuation On HRCT

A. GROUND-GLASS OPACITY DUE TO INFILTRATIVE LUNG DISEASE ✓ areas of higher attenuation with nodular / centrilobular distribution ✓ pulmonary vessels uniform in size in areas of differing attenuation ✓ increase in lung attenuation in low- and high-attenuation areas on expiratory HRCT

B. MOSAIC PERFUSION = patchwork of normal and air-attenuated segments ✓ vessels in areas of low attenuation are smaller in 94% (due to differential blood flow) ✓ normal / dilated arteries in areas of hyperattenuation in 77%

1. Mosaic perfusion due to air trapping ✓ attenuation differences are accentuated on expiratory HRCT

2. Mosaic perfusion due to vascular obstruction ✓ increase in lung attenuation in low- and high-attenuation areas on expiratory HRCT

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EOSINOPHILIC LUNG DISEASE

=PULMONARY INFILTRATION WITH BLOOD / TISSUE EOSINOPHILIA (PIE) *Classification:* 1. IDIOPATHIC EOSINOPHILIC LUNG DISEASE (a) Transient pulmonary eosinophilia = [Löffler syndrome](#) ■ peripheral eosinophilia (b) Acute / [chronic eosinophilic pneumonia](#) ■ no peripheral eosinophilia 2. EOSINOPHILIC LUNG DISEASE OF SPECIFIC ETIOLOGY (a) drug induced: nitrofurantoin, penicillin, sulfonamides, ASA, tricyclic antidepressants, hydrochlorothiazide, cromolyn sodium, mephenesin (b) parasite induced: tropical eosinophilia ([ascariasis](#), [schistosomiasis](#), [strongyloidiasis](#), ancylostomiasis (hookworm), filariasis, *Toxocara canis* (visceral larva migrans), *Dirofilaria immitis*, [amebiasis](#) (occasionally - in right lower + middle lobe) (c) fungus induced: allergic bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#), bronchocentric granulomatosis (d) Pulmonary eosinophilia with [asthma](#) 3. EOSINOPHILIC LUNG DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH ANGIITIS ± GRANULOMATOSIS (a) [Wegener granulomatosis](#) (b) [Polyarteritis nodosa](#) (c) [Churg-Strauss syndrome](#) (d) Lymphomatoid granulomatosis may lead to [lymphoma](#) ✓ CXR similar to [Wegener granulomatosis](#) (e) Bronchocentric granulomatosis = granulomas forming around bronchi + [vasculitis](#) ■ often associated with long history of [asthma](#) ✓ [bronchial obstruction](#) (f) Necrotizing "sarcoidal" angiitis (g) Rheumatoid disease (h) Scleroderma (i) [Dermatomyositis](#) (j) [Sjögren syndrome](#) (k) CREST

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INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

=thickening of lung interstices (= interlobular septa) Over 200 diseases affect the interstitium of the lung! A. MAJOR LYMPHATIC TRUNKS 1. [Lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) 2. Congenital pulmonary lymphangiectasia B. PULMONARY VEINS (increased pulmonary venous pressure) 1. Left ventricular failure 2. Venous obstructive disease C. SUPPORTING CONNECTIVE TISSUE NETWORK 1. Interstitial edema 2. [Chronic interstitial pneumonia](#) 3. Pneumoconioses 4. Collagen-vascular disease 5. Interstitial [fibrosis](#) 6. Amyloid 7. Tumor infiltration within connective tissue 8. Desmoplastic reaction to tumor *Path*: stereotypical inflammatory response of alveolar wall to injury (a) acute phase: fluid + inflammatory cells exude into alveolar space, mononuclear cells accumulate in edematous alveolar wall (b) organizing phase: hyperplasia of type II pneumocytes attempt to regenerate alveolar epithelium, fibroblasts deposit collagen (c) chronic stage: dense collagenous fibrous tissue remodels normal pulmonary architecture *Characterizing criteria*: (a) zonal distribution: -upper / lower lung zones -axial (core) / parenchymal (middle) / peripheral (b) volume loss (c) time course (d) interstitial lung pattern

[Interstitial Lung Pattern On CXR](#) [Distribution Of Interstitial Disease](#) [Chronic Diffuse Infiltrative Lung Disease On HRCT](#) [Generalized Interstitial Disease](#) [Diffuse Fine Reticulations](#) [Coarse Reticulations](#) [Reticulonodular Disease](#) [Nodular Disease](#) [Chronic Interstitial Disease](#) [Simulating Airspace Disease](#) [End-stage Lung Disease](#)

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Interstitial Lung Pattern On CXR

1. LINEAR FORM (a) reticulations = network of interlacing lines in all directions (b) Kerley lines = septal lines = thickened connective septa
Kerley A lines = relatively long fine linear shadows in upper lungs, deep within lung parenchyma
Kerley B lines = short horizontally oriented lines extending to pleura, perpendicular to pleura in costophrenic angles + retrosternal clear space
Kerley C lines = "spider web" appearance covering entire lung

2. NODULAR FORM = small sharp numerous uniform nodules with even distribution

3. DESTRUCTIVE FORM = honeycomb lung

Signs Of Acute Interstitial Disease
peribronchial cuffing = thickened bronchial wall + peribronchial sheath (when viewed end on)
thickening of interlobular fissures
Kerley-lines
perihilar haze = blurring of hilar shadows
blurring of pulmonary vascular markings
increased density at lung bases
small pleural effusions

Signs Of Chronic Interstitial Disease
irregular visceral pleural surface
reticulations = innumerable interlacing line shadows suggesting a mesh (a) fine reticulations = early potentially reversible / minimal irreversible alveolar septal abnormality (b) **coarse reticulations** in 75% related to environmental disease, [sarcoidosis](#), collagen-vascular disorders, [chronic interstitial pneumonia](#)
nodularity in 90% related to infectious / noninfectious granulomatous process, metastatic malignancy, pneumoconioses, [amyloidosis](#)
linearity cardiogenic / noncardiogenic [interstitial pulmonary edema](#), lymphangitic malignancy, diffuse bronchial wall disorders ([cystic fibrosis](#), [bronchiectasis](#), hypersensitivity [asthma](#))
honeycombing = usually subpleural clustered cystic air spaces <1 cm in diameter with thick well-defined walls set off against a background of increased lung density (end-stage lung)
HRCT approximately 60% more sensitive than CXR

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Distribution Of Interstitial Disease A. MIDLUNG / PERIHILAR DISEASE (a) Acute rapidly changing 1. [Pulmonary edema](#) 2. Pneumocystis pneumonia 3. Early [extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#) (b) Chronic slowly progressive 1. [Lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) often unilateral, associated with adenopathy, [pleural effusion](#) B. PERIPHERAL LUNG DISEASE (a) Acute rapidly changing 1. [Interstitial pulmonary edema](#) with Kerley B lines (most common) 2. Active fibrosing alveolitis (b) Chronic slowly progressive 1. Secondary pulmonary hemosiderosis C. UPPER LUNG DISEASE (a) Chronic slowly progressive ± volume loss 1. Postprimary TB (common) 2. [Silicosis](#) (common) (b) Chronic slowly progressive with volume loss 1. [Sarcoidosis](#) (common) 2. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) (rare) 3. Sulfa drugs (rare) (c) Chronic slowly progressive without volume loss 1. [Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#) 2. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#) 3. [Aspiration pneumonia](#) 4. Postradiation pneumonitis 5. Recurrent Pneumocystis carinii [pneumonia](#) (PCP) in a patient receiving aerosolized pentamidine prophylaxis *mnemonic: "SHIRT CAP"* Sarcoidosis Histoplasmosis Idiopathic Radiation therapy Tuberculosis (postprimary) Chronic extrinsic alveolitis Ankylosing spondylitis Progressive massive [fibrosis](#) D. LOWER LUNG DISEASE Usually chronic slowly progressive + with volume loss 1. Usual [interstitial pneumonia](#) (common) 2. [Rheumatoid lung](#) disease (common) 3. Scleroderma (common) 4. Chronic [aspiration pneumonia](#) with [fibrosis](#) more regional / unilateral 5. Asbestosis (posterior aspect of lung base) *mnemonics: Basilar distribution Apical distribution* "BAD LASS RIF" "CASSET" Bronchiectasis Cystic [fibrosis](#) Aspiration Ankylosing spondylitis Dermatomyositis Silicosis Lymphangitic spread Sarcoidosis Asbestosis Eosinophilic granuloma Sarcoidosis Tuberculosis, fungus Scleroderma Rheumatoid arthritis Idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#) Furadantin

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Chronic Diffuse Infiltrative Lung Disease On HRCT maximum resolution = 300 µm

1. Interlobular septal thickening=interstitial fluid / [fibrosis](#) / cellular infiltrates(a)smooth septal thickening: [pulmonary edema](#), [lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#)(b)beaded septa / septal nodules: [lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#)(c)irregular septa imply [fibrosis](#)-distorted lobules: [fibrosis](#)-no architectural distortion of lobules: edema / infiltration

2. Reticular densities(a)predominantly subpleural small reticular elements of 6-10 mm in diameter with small cystic changes ("honeycombing")Associated with: interstitial [fibrosis](#), lymphangioleiomyomatosis, [amyloidosis](#)(b)fine diffusely distributed network of 2-3 mm basic elementsAssociated with: miliary TB, reactions to methotrexate-lower lung zones in subpleural areas:idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#), collagen vascular disease, asbestosis -mid lung zone / all lung zones:chronic [extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#) -mid + upper lung zones: [sarcoidosis](#)

3. Nodules(a)interstitial nodules[sarcoidosis](#), histiocytosis X, [silicosis](#), coal worker pneumoconiosis, [tuberculosis](#), hypersensitivity pneumonitis, metastatic tumor, [amyloidosis](#) √ perihilar peribronchovascular, centrilobular, interlobular septa, subpleural(b)airspace nodules~~lobular pneumonia~~, transbronchial spread of TB, [bronchiolitis obliterans](#) organizing [pneumonia](#) (BOOP), [pulmonary edema](#) √ ill-defined nodules, a few mm to 1 cm in size √ peribronchiolar + centrilobular-along bronchoarterial bundles + interlobular septa + subpleural: [sarcoidosis](#)-upper zone: [silicosis](#), coal-workers pneumoconiosis-centrilobular: [extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#)

4. [Ground-glass attenuation](#)=hazy increase in lung opacity without obscuration of underlying vessels √ Often indicative of an acute, active, and potentially treatable process!(a)minimal alveolar wall thickening = early [interstitial lung disease](#)(b)minimal airspace filling = alveolitis(c)partial collapse of alveoli(d)increased capillary blood volume = edema(e)normal expiration-peripheral in lower lung zones: DIP, UIP-mid + upper lung zones: [sarcoidosis](#)-"crazy paving" appearance: [alveolar proteinosis](#)-mosaic perfusion: chronic thromboembolism, [bronchiolitis obliterans](#)

5. Consolidation=increase in lung opacity with obscuration of underlying vessels ± air bronchograms-subpleural in mid + upper lung zones: [chronic eosinophilic pneumonia](#)-subpleural + peribronchial: BOOP-focal: bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma, [lymphoma](#)

6. Cystic airspaces=circumscribed air-containing lesions with well-defined wallsAssociated with: lymphangioleiomyomatosis, pulmonary Langerhans-cell granulomatosis, honeycomb lung

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Generalized Interstitial Disease *mnemonic:*"HIDE FACTS"**H**amman-Rich, **H**emosiderosis **I**nfection, **I**rradiation, **I**diopathic **D**ust, **D**rugs **E**osinophilic granuloma, **E**dema **F**ungal, **F**armers lung **A**spiration (oil), **A**rthritis (rheumatoid, [ankylosing spondylitis](#)) **C**ollagen disease **T**umor, **T**B, **T**uberous sclerosis **S**arcoidosis, **S**cleroderma
Interstitial Lung Disease With Increased Lung Volume *mnemonic:*"ELECTS"**E**mphysema with [interstitial lung disease](#) **L**ymphangiomyomatosis **E**osinophilic granuloma **C**ystic [fibrosis](#) **T**uberous sclerosis **S**arcoidosis

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Diffuse Fine Reticulations Acute Diffuse Fine Reticulations A.ACUTE INTERSTITIAL EDEMA1. [Congestive heart failure](#)2. Fluid overload3. Uremia4. HypersensitivityB.ACUTE INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA1. Viral [pneumonia](#)2. [Mycoplasma pneumonia](#)3. [Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia](#)
*mnemonic:"HELP"*Hypersensitivity Edema Lymphoproliferative Pneumonitis (viral) **Chronic Diffuse Fine Reticulations** A.VENOUS OBSTRUCTION1.Atherosclerotic heart disease2.[Mitral stenosis](#)3.Left atrial [myxoma](#)4.[Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease](#)5.Sclerosing mediastinitisB.LYMPHATIC OBSTRUCTION1.Lymphangiectasia (pediatric patient)2.[Mediastinal mass \(lymphoma\)](#)3.[Lymphoma / leukemia](#)4.[Lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#);predominantly basilar distribution (a)bilateral (breast, stomach, colon, pancreas)(b)unilateral (lung tumor)5. Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitisC.INHALATIONAL DISEASE1. [Silicosis](#): small nodules + reticulations2. Asbestosis: basilar distribution, [pleural thickening](#) + calcifications3. Hard metals4. Allergic alveolitisD.GRANULOMATOUS DISEASEfrom a nodular to a reticular pattern if (a)nodules line up along bronchovascular bundles(b)interlobular septa show fibrotic changes1. [Sarcoidosis](#):hilar + mediastinal adenopathy (may have disappeared)2. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#): upper lobe distributionE.CONNECTIVE-TISSUE DISEASEReticulations in late stages1.[Rheumatoid lung](#)2.Scleroderma3.[Systemic lupus erythematosus](#)F.DRUG REACTIONSG.IDIOPATHIC1.Usual interstitial pneumonitis (UIP)2.Desquamative interstitial pneumonitis (DIP)3.[Tuberous sclerosis](#): smooth muscle proliferation4.[Lymphangiomyomatosis](#)5.[Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis](#)6.[Alveolar proteinosis](#) (late complication)7.[Amyloidosis](#)8.Interstitial calcification ([chronic renal failure](#))*mnemonic:"LIFE lines"*Lymphangitic spread Inflammation / infection Fibrosis Edema

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Coarse Reticulations = architectural destruction of interstitium = end-stage scarring of lung = interstitial pulmonary **fibrosis** = **honeycomb lung**

✓ coarse reticular interstitial densities with intervening cystic spaces ✓ rounded radiolucencies <1 cm in areas of increased lung density ✓ small lung volume (decreased compliance) Cx: (1) intercurrent pneumothoraces (2) **bronchogenic carcinoma** = scar carcinoma Cause: A. INHALATIONAL DISEASE (a) Pneumoconioses 1. Asbestosis: basilar distribution, shaggy heart, **pleural thickening** + calcifications 2. **Silicosis**: upper lobe predominance, ± **pleural thickening**, ± hilar and mediastinal lymphadenopathy 3. **Berylliosis** (b) Chemical inhalation (late) 1. Silo-fillers disease (nitrogen dioxide) 2. Sulfur dioxide, chlorine, phosgene, cadmium (c) **Extrinsic allergic alveolitis** (= **hypersensitivity to organic dusts**) (d) Oxygen toxicity sequelae of RDS therapy with oxygen (e) Chronic aspiration, mineral oil: localized process in medial basal segments / middle lobe B. GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE 1. **Sarcoidosis** 2. **Eosinophilic granuloma** C. COLLAGEN-VASCULAR DISEASE 1. **Rheumatoid lung** 2. Scleroderma 3. **Ankylosing spondylitis**: upper lobes 4. SLE: rarely produces honeycombing D. IATROGENIC 1. Drug hypersensitivity 2. Radiotherapy E. IDIOPATHIC 1. Usual interstitial pneumonitis (UIP) honeycombing in 50%, severe volume loss in 45% 2. Desquamative interstitial pneumonitis (DIP) honeycombing in 12.5%, severe volume loss in 23% 3. **Lymphangiomyomatosis** 4. **Tuberous sclerosis** (rare) 5. **Neurofibromatosis** (rare) 6. **Pulmonary capillary hemangiomatosis** (rare) DDx: **bronchiectasis**, cavitary metastases (rare)

Reticulations & Pleural Effusion A. ACUTE 1. Edema 2. Infection: viral, Mycoplasma (very rare) B. CHRONIC 1. **Congestive heart failure** 2. **Lymphangitic carcinomatosis** 3. **Lymphoma / leukemia** 4. SLE 5. Rheumatoid disease 6. Lymphangiectasia 7. **Lymphangiomyomatosis** 8. Asbestosis **Reticulations & Hilar Adenopathy** 1. **Sarcoidosis** 2. **Silicosis** 3. **Lymphoma / leukemia** 4. Lung primary: particularly oat cell carcinoma 5. Metastases: lymphatic obstruction / spread 6. Fungal disease 7. **Tuberculosis** 8. Viral **pneumonia** (rare combination)

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Reticulonodular Disease *mnemonic*: "Please Don't Eat Stale Tuna Fish Sandwiches Every Morning" Pneumoconiosis Drugs Eosinophilic granuloma Sarcoidosis Tuberculosis Fungal disease Schistosomiasis Exanthem (measles, chickenpox) Metastases (thyroid) **Reticulonodular Pattern &** Lower Lobe Predominance *mnemonic*: "CIA" Collagen vascular disease Idiopathic Asbestosis

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Nodular Disease = round moderately well marginated opacity <3 cm in maximum diameter
A. GRANULOMATOUS LUNG DISEASE (a) Infections: eg, [tuberculosis](#) (b) Fungal disease: eg, [histoplasmosis](#) (c) [Silicosis](#) (d) [Vasculitis](#): eg, [Wegener granulomatosis](#)
B. NEOPLASM (a) metastatic lung diseases: eg, thyroid cancer (b) [lymphoma](#) (c) bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma
C. OTHER DISEASE (a) drug-induced: methotrexate (b) nongranulomatous [vasculitis](#) (c) [sarcoidosis](#)

Macronodular Disease † nodules >5 mm in diameter *mnemonic: "GAMMA WARPS"*
Granuloma (EG, fungus) Abscess Metastases Multiple myeloma AVM Wegener granulomatosis Amyloidosis Rheumatoid lung Parasites (Echinococcus, Paragonimiasis) Sarcoidosis
Micronodular Disease = discrete 3-5-7 mm small round focal opacity of at least soft-tissue attenuation
1. Granulomatous disease (miliary [tuberculosis](#), [histoplasmosis](#))
2. Hypersensitivity (organic dust)
3. Pneumoconiosis (inorganic dust, thesaurosis = prolonged hair spray exposure)
4. [Sarcoidosis](#)
5. Metastases (thyroid, melanoma)
6. Histiocytosis X7. Chickenpox

Diffuse Fine Nodular Disease & Miliary Nodules † very small 1-4 mm sharply defined nodules of interstitial disease
(a) Inhalational disease
1. [Silicosis](#) + [coal workers pneumoconiosis](#)
2. [Berylliosis](#)
3. [Siderosis](#)
4. [Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#) (chronic phase)
(b) Granulomatous disease
1. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#)
2. [Sarcoidosis](#) (with current / previous adenopathy)
(c) Infectious disease
1. [Tuberculosis](#)
2. Fungus: [histoplasmosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), [aspergillosis](#) (rare), [cryptococcosis](#) (rare)
3. Bacteria: salmonella, [nocardiosis](#)
4. Virus: varicella (more common in adults), [Mycoplasma pneumoniae](#)
(d) Metastases [Thyroid carcinoma](#), melanoma, adenocarcinoma of breast, stomach, colon, pancreas
(e) [Alveolar microlithiasis](#) (rare)
(f) [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#)
(g) [Gaucher disease](#) *mnemonic: "TEMPEST"*
Tuberculosis + fungal disease Eosinophilic granuloma Metastases (thyroid, [lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#)) Pneumoconiosis, Parasites Embolism of oily contrast Sarcoidosis Tuberculous sclerosis Fine Nodular Disease In Afebrile Patient
1. Inhalational disease
2. [Eosinophilic granuloma](#)
3. [Sarcoidosis](#)
4. Metastases
5. Fungal infection (late stage)
6. Miliary [tuberculosis](#) (rare)
Fine nodular disease in febrile patient
1. [Tuberculosis](#)
2. Fungal infection (early stage)
3. Pneumocystis
4. Viral [pneumonia](#)

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Chronic Interstitial Disease Simulating Airspace Disease A.REPLACEMENT OF LUNG ARCHITECTURE BY AN INTERSTITIAL PROCESS(a)Neoplastid[Hodgkin disease](#), histiocytic [lymphoma](#) (b)Benign cellular infiltratelymphocytic [interstitial pneumonia](#), [pseudolymphoma](#) (c)Granulomatous diseasealveolar [sarcoidosis](#) (d)[Fibrosis](#) B.EXUDATIVE PHASE OF [INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA](#)1. UIP2. [Adult respiratory distress syndrome](#)3. [Radiation pneumonitis](#)4. Drug reaction5. Reaction to noxious gases C.CELLULAR FILLING OF AIR SPACE1. Desquamative [interstitial pneumonia](#)2. [Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia](#)

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End-stage Lung Disease A.DISTRIBUTION1.Usual [interstitial pneumonia](#)✓ subpleural distribution + lower lobe predominance2.Asbestosis✓ subpleural distribution + lower lobe predominance + [pleural thickening](#)3.[Sarcoidosis](#)✓ peribronchovascular distribution + upper lobe predominance4.[Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#)✓ diffuse random distribution + patchy areas of [ground-glass attenuation](#) B.CYSTIC SPACES WITH WELL-DEFINED WALLS1.[Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#)✓ upper lobe predominance2.Lymphangiomyomatosis✓ no zonal predominance C.CONGLOMERATE FIBROTIC MASSES1.[Sarcoidosis](#)✓ peribronchovascular distribution2.[Silicosis](#)✓ bronchi splayed around masses3.[Talcosis](#)✓ areas of high attenuation (= talc deposits) **Honeycomb Lung mnemonic:** "HIPS RDS""SHIPS BOATS"**H**istiocytosis **X****S**arcoidosis**I**nterstitial [pneumonia](#)**H**istiocytosis**P**neumoconiosis**I**diopathic (UIP)**S**arcoidosis**P**neumoconiosis**S**cleroderma**R**heumatoid lung**B**leomycin, **B**usulfan**D**ermatomyositis**O**xygen toxicity**S**cleroderma**A**rthritis (rheumatoid), **A**myloidosis, **A**llergic alveolitis**T**uberous sclerosis, **T**B**S**torage disease (Gaucher)

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Ground-glass Attenuation 1.Desquamative [interstitial pneumonia](#)2.[Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#)3.[Sarcoidosis](#)4.Usual [interstitial pneumonia](#)5.[Alveolar proteinosis](#)6.Cryptogenic organizing [pneumonia](#)

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Opacification Of Hemithorax *mnemonic:*"FAT CHANCE"**F**ibrothorax **A**denomatoid malformation **T**rauma (ie, hematoma) **C**ollapse, **C**ardiomegaly **H**ernia **A**genesis of lung **N**eoplasm (ie, mesothelioma) **C**onsolidation **E**ffusion

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Atelectasis Cause: A. TUMOR 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (2/3 of squamous cell carcinoma occur as endobronchial mass with persistent / recurrent atelectasis or recurrent [pneumonia](#)) 2. [Bronchial carcinoid](#) 3. Metastases: primary tumor of kidney, colon, rectum, breast, melanoma 4. [Lymphoma](#) (usually as a late presentation) 5. [Lipoma](#), granular cell myoblastoma, amyloid tumor, fibroepithelial polyp B. INFLAMMATION 1. [Tuberculosis](#) (endobronchial granuloma, broncholith, bronchial stenosis) 2. Right middle lobe syndrome (chronic right middle lobe atelectasis) 3. [Sarcoidosis](#) (endobronchial granuloma - rare) C. MUCUS PLUG 1. Severe chest / abdominal pain (postoperative patient) 2. Respiratory depressant drug (morphine; CNS illness) 3. Chronic bronchitis / [bronchiolitis obliterans](#) 4. [Asthma](#) 5. [Cystic fibrosis](#) 6. Bronchopneumonia (peribronchial inflammation) D. OTHER 1. Large left atrium ([mitral stenosis](#) + left lower lobe atelectasis) 2. Foreign body (aspiration of food, endotracheal intubation) 3. [Broncholithiasis](#) 4. [Amyloidosis](#) 5. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) 6. Bronchial transection ✓ local increase in lung density ✓ crowding of pulmonary vessels ✓ bronchial rearrangement ✓ displacement of fissures ✓ displacement of hilus ✓ [mediastinal shift](#) ✓ elevation of hemidiaphragm ✓ cardiac rotation ✓ approximation of ribs ✓ compensatory overinflation of normal lung Types: A. OBSTRUCTIVE ATELECTASIS **Resorptive atelectasis** Pathophysiology: sum of partial gas pressures in venous blood perfusing atelectatic region is less than atmospheric pressure, which is responsible for gradual resorption of air trapped distal to site of obstruction; continuing secretion into small airways leads to consolidation (postobstructive pneumonitis / bacterial infection) Cause: bronchiolar obstruction by 1. Tumor 2. Stricture 3. Foreign body 4. Mucus plug 5. Bronchial rupture • airless collapse within minutes to hours MR: ✓ high signal intensity on T2WI in atelectatic area B. NONOBSTRUCTIVE ATELECTASIS Pathophysiology: pathway between bronchial system + alveoli is maintained because bronchi are less compliant than lung parenchyma + remain patent; secretions can be eliminated + convective airflow to distal bronchioles remains • collapsed lung not completely airless (up to 40% residual air) MR: ✓ low-signal intensity on T2WI in atelectatic area **Passive atelectasis** = pleural space-occupying process 1. [Pneumothorax](#) 2. Hydrothorax / [hemothorax](#) 3. Diaphragmatic hernia 4. Pleural masses: metastases, mesothelioma **Adhesive atelectasis** = decrease in [surfactant](#) production 1. [Respiratory distress](#) syndrome of the newborn (hyaline membrane disease) 2. Pulmonary embolism: edema, hemorrhage, atelectasis 3. Intravenous injection of hydrocarbon **Cicatrizing atelectasis** = parenchymal [fibrosis](#) causing decreased lung volume 1. [Tuberculosis](#) / [histoplasmosis](#) (upper lobes) 2. [Silicosis](#) (upper lobes) 3. Scleroderma (lower lobes) 4. [Radiation pneumonitis](#) (nonanatomical distribution) 5. Idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#) **Discoid atelectasis** mnemonic: "EPIC" Embolus Pneumonia Inadequate inspiration Carcinoma, obstructing

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Multifocal Ill-defined Densities =densities 5-30 mm resulting in airspace fillingA.INFECTION1.Bacterial bronchopneumonia2.Fungal [pneumonia:histoplasmosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), [actinomycosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [aspergillosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#), mucormycosis, sporotrichosis 3.Viral [pneumonia](#)initially may have interstitial appearance =tracheitis, bronchitis, bronchiolitis, peribronchial infiltrate, interstitial septa infiltrates, injury to alveolar cells, hyaline membranes, necrosis of alveolar walls with blood, edema, fibrin, macrophages in alveoli(a)Influenza: cavitory lesion confirms superimposed infection(b)Varicella / herpes zoster: 10% of adults; 2-5 days after rash(c)Rubeola (measles) = before / with onset of rash; following overt measles = giant cell [pneumonia](#)(d)Cytomegalic inclusion virus: features suggestive of bronchopneumonia(e)Coxsackie, parainfluenza, adenovirus, respiratory syncytial virus4.[Tuberculosis](#) (primary infection)5.Rocky Mountain spotted fever6.Pneumocystis cariniiB.GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE1.[Sarcoidosis](#) (alveolar form secondary to peribronchial granulomas)2.[Eosinophilic granuloma](#)C.VASCULAR1.Thromboembolic disease2.Septic emboli3.[Vasculitis](#)(a)[Wegener granulomatosis](#)(b)Wegener variants: limited Wegener, lymphomatoid granulomatosis(c)Infectious [vasculitis](#) = invasion of pulmonary arteries: mucormycosis, invasive form of [aspergillosis](#), Rocky Mountain spotted fever(d)[Goodpasture syndrome](#)(e)SclerodermaD.NEOPLASTIC1.Bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma=only primary lung tumor to produce multifocal ill-defined densities with air bronchograms2.Alveolar type of [lymphoma](#)=massive accumulation of tumor cells in interstitium with compression [atelectasis](#) + obstructive [pneumonia](#)3.Metastases(a)[Choriocarcinoma](#): hemorrhage (however rare)(b)Vascular tumors: malignant hemangiomas4.[Waldenström macroglobulinemia](#)5.Angioblastic lymphadenopathy6.Mycosis fungoides7.Amyloid tumorE.IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL DISEASE1.Lymphocytic Interstitial Pneumonitis (LIP)2.Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonitis (DIP)3.[Pseudolymphoma](#) = localized form of LIP4.Usual Interstitial Pneumonitis (UIP)F.INHALATIONAL DISEASE1.Allergic alveolitis: acute stage (eg, farmers lung)2.[Silicosis](#)3.Eosinophilic [pneumonia](#)G.DRUG REACTIONS

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Diffuse Infiltrates In Immunocompromised Cancer Patient *mnemonic:*"FOLD"**F**ailure (CHF) **O**pportunistic infection **L**ymphangitic tumor spread **D**rug reaction
Segmental & Lobar Densities A.**PNEUMONIA**1. [Lobar pneumonia](#)2. [Lobular pneumonia](#)3. [Acute interstitial pneumonia](#)4. [Aspiration pneumonia](#)5. Primary [tuberculosis](#)B.**PULMONARY EMBOLISM**(rarely multiple / larger than subsegmental) C.**NEOPLASM**1. Obstructive [pneumonia](#)2. Bronchioloalveolar cell carcinomaD.[ATELECTASIS](#)

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Chronic Infiltrates *Chronic Infiltrates In Childhood* mnemonic: "ABC'S" Asthma, Agammaglobulinemia, Aspiration Bronchiectasis Cystic [fibrosis](#) Sequestration, intralobar **Chronic Multifocal Ill-defined Opacities** 1. Organizing [pneumonia](#) 2. Granulomatous disease 3. Allergic alveolitis 4. Bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma 5. [Lymphoma](#) **Chronic Diffuse Confluent Opacities** 1. [Alveolar proteinosis](#) 2. Hemosiderosis 3. [Sarcoidosis](#)

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Ill-defined Opacities With Holes A. INFECTION 1. Necrotizing pneumonias: Staphylococcus aureus, β -hemolytic streptococcus, Klebsiella pneumoniae, E. coli, Proteus, Pseudomonas, anaerobes 2. [Aspiration pneumonia](#): mixed Gram-negative organisms 3. Septic emboli 4. Fungus: [histoplasmosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#) 5. [Tuberculosis](#) B. NEOPLASM 1. Primary lung carcinoma 2. [Lymphoma](#) (cavitates very rarely) C. VASCULAR + COLLAGEN-VASCULAR DISEASE 1. Emboli with infarction 2. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) 3. Necrobiotic rheumatoid nodules D. TRAUMA 1. Contusion with pneumatoceles

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Perihilar "Bat-wing" Infiltrates *mnemonic:* "Please, Please, Please, Study Light, Don't Get All Uptight" **P**ulmonary edema **P**roteinosis **P**eriarteritis **S**arcoidosis
Lymphoma **D**rugs **G**oodpasture syndrome **A**lveolar cell carcinoma **U**remia

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Peripheral "Reverse Bat-wing" Infiltrates *mnemonic:*"REDS"Resolving [pulmonary edema](#) Eosinophilic [pneumonia](#) Desquamative [interstitial pneumonia](#) Sarcoidosis

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Recurrent Fleeting Infiltrates 1.Löffler disease2.Bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#) / bronchocentric granulomatosis3.[Asthma](#)4.Subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#) with pulmonary emboli

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Tubular Density A. [Mucoïd impaction](#) B. Vascular malformation 1. [Arteriovenous malformation](#) 2. Pulmonary varix

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PULMONARY EDEMA

Transcapillary flow dependent on (1) hydrostatic pressure (2) colloid osmotic pressure (3) capillary permeability A. INCREASED HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE (a) cardiogenic (most common) = [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) 1. Heart disease: left ventricular failure, mitral valve disease, left atrial [myxoma](#) 2. Pulmonary venous disease: primary veno-occlusive disease, mediastinal [fibrosis](#) 3. Pericardial disease: [pericardial effusion](#), [constrictive pericarditis](#) (extremely rare) 4. Drugs: antiarrhythmic drugs; drugs depressing myocardial contractility (beta-blocker) (b) noncardiogenic 1. [Renal failure](#) 2. IV fluid overload 3. Hyperosmolar fluid (eg, contrast medium) (c) neurogenic? sympathetic vasoconstriction in cerebrovascular accident, head injury, CNS tumor, postictal state B. DECREASED COLLOID OSMOTIC PRESSURE 1. Hypoproteinemia 2. Transfusion of crystalloid fluid 3. Rapid reexpansion of lung C. INCREASED CAPILLARY PERMEABILITY Endothelial injury from (a) physical trauma: parenchymal contusion, radiation therapy (b) aspiration injury: 1. Mendelson syndrome (gastric contents) 2. [Near drowning](#) in sea water / fresh water 3. Aspiration of hypertonic contrast media (c) inhalation injury: 1. Nitrogen dioxide = silo-fillers disease 2. Smoke (pulmonary edema may be delayed by 24-48 hours) 3. Sulfur dioxide, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, beryllium, cadmium, silica, dinitrogen tetroxide, oxygen, chlorine, phosgene, ammonia, organophosphates (d) injury via bloodstream 1. Vessel occlusion: shock (trauma, sepsis, ARDS) or emboli (fat, amniotic fluid, thrombus) 2. Circulating toxins: snake venom, paraquat 3. Drugs: heroin, morphine, methadone, aspirin, phenylbutazone, nitrofurantoin, chlorothiazide 4. Anaphylaxis: transfusion reaction, contrast medium reaction, penicillin 5. Hypoxia: high altitude, acute large [airway](#) obstruction *mnemonic*: "ABCDEFGHI - PRN" **A**spiration **B**urns **C**hemicals **D**rugs (heroin, nitrofurantoin, salicylates) **E**xudative skin disorders **F**luid overload **G**ram-negative shock **H**eart failure **I**ntracranial condition **P**olyarteritis nodosa **R**enal disease **N**ear drowning

[Interstitial Pulmonary Edema](#) [Pulmonary Edema With Cardiomegaly](#) [Pulmonary Edema Without Cardiomegaly](#) [Noncardiogenic Pulmonary Edema](#) [Unilateral Pulmonary Edema](#)

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Interstitial Pulmonary Edema ⚡ often marked dissociation between clinical signs + symptoms + roentgenographic evidence ⚡ nothing differentiates it from other interstitial lesions ⚡ does not necessarily develop before alveolar [pulmonary edema](#) ⚡ NOT typical for bacterial [pneumonia](#)

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[Pulmonary Edema With Cardiomegaly](#) 1.Cardiogenic2.Uremic (with cardiomegaly from [pericardial effusion](#) / hypertension)

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[Pulmonary Edema Without Cardiomegaly](#) *mnemonic:*"U DOPA"Uremia Drugs Overhydration Pulmonary hemorrhage Acute [myocardial infarction](#), Arrhythmia

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Noncardiogenic Pulmonary Edema *mnemonic:*"The alphabet"**A**ARDS, **A**lveolar proteinosis, **A**spiration, **A**naphylaxis **B**leeding diathesis, **B**lood transfusion reaction
CNS (increased pressure, trauma, surgery, CVA, cancer) **D**rowning (near), **D**rug reaction **E**mbolus (fat, thrombus) **F**luid overload, **F**oreign-body inhalation
Glomerulonephritis, **G**oodpasture syndrome, **G**astrografin aspiration **H**igh altitude, **H**eroin, **H**ypoproteinemia **I**nhalation (SO₂, smoke, CO, cadmium, silica) - **N**arcotics,
Nitrofurantoin **O**xygen toxicity **P**ancreatitis - **R**apid reexpansion of [pneumothorax](#) / removal of [pleural effusion](#) - **T**ransfusion **U**remia

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Unilateral Pulmonary Edema A. IPSILATERAL = on side of preexisting abnormality (a) filling of airways 1. Unilateral aspiration / pulmonary lavage 2. [Bronchial obstruction](#) (drowned lung) 3. [Pulmonary contusion](#) (b) increased pulmonary venous pressure 1. Unilateral venous obstruction 2. Prolonged lateral decubitus position (c) pulmonary arterial overload 1. Systemic artery-to-pulmonary artery shunt (Waterston, Blalock-Taussig, Pott procedure) 2. Rapid thoracentesis (rapid reexpansion) B. CONTRALATERAL = opposite to side of abnormality (a) pulmonary arterial obstruction 1. Congenital absence / hypoplasia of pulmonary artery 2. Unilateral arterial obstruction 3. [Pulmonary thromboembolism](#) (b) loss of lung parenchyma 1. [Swyer-James syndrome](#) 2. Unilateral [emphysema](#) 3. Lobectomy 4. Pleural disease

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PNEUMONIA

"Classic" pneumonia pattern: 1. Lobar distribution: Streptococcus pneumoniae 2. Bulging fissure: Klebsiella 3. [Pulmonary edema](#): Viral pneumonia, Pneumocystis pneumonia 4. [Pneumatocele](#): Staphylococcus 5. Alveolar nodules: Varicella, bronchogenic spread of TB *Distribution*: A. SEGMENTAL / LOBAR-Normal host: S. pneumoniae, Mycoplasma, virus-Compromised host: S. pneumoniae B. BRONCHOPNEUMONIA-Normal host: Mycoplasma, virus, Streptococcus, Staphylococcus, S. pneumoniae-Compromised host: Gram-negative, Streptococcus, Staphylococcus-Nosocomial: Gram-negative, Pseudomonas, Klebsiella, Staphylococcus-Immunosuppressed: Gram-negative, Staphylococcus, Nocardia, Legionella, Aspergillus, Phycomycetes C. EXTENSIVE BILATERAL-Normal host: virus (eg, influenza), Legionella-Compromised host: [candidiasis](#), Pneumocystis, [tuberculosis](#) D. BILATERAL LOWER LOBE-Normal host: anaerobic (aspiration)-Compromised host: anaerobic (aspiration) E. PERIPHERAL-Noninfectious eosinophilic pneumonia *Transmission*: A. COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA *Organism*: viruses, S. pneumoniae, Mycoplasma *Mortality*: 10% B. NOSOCOMIAL PNEUMONIA (a) Gram-negative organism (>50%): Klebsiella pneumoniae, P. aeruginosa, E. coli, Enterobacter (b) Gram-positive organism (10%): S. aureus, S. pneumoniae, H. influenzae

[Lobar Pneumonia](#) [Lobular Pneumonia](#) [Interstitial Pneumonia](#) [Cavitating Pneumonia](#) [Pulmonary Infiltrates In Neonate](#) [Recurrent Pneumonia In Childhood](#) [Gram-negative Pneumonia](#) [Mycotic Infections Of Lung](#) [Hypersensitivity To Organic Dusts](#) [Drug-induced Pulmonary Damage](#)

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Lobar Pneumonia =ALVEOLAR **PNEUMONIA**=pathogens reach peripheral air space, incite exudation of watery edema into alveolar space, centrifugal spread via small airways, pores of Kohn + Lambert into adjacent lobules + segments ✓ nonsegmental sublobar consolidation ✓ round **pneumonia** (= uniform involvement of contiguous alveoli)(a)Streptococcus pneumoniae(b)Klebsiella pneumoniae (more aggressive); in immunocompromised + alcoholics(c)any **pneumonia** in children(d)atypical measles ✓ expansion of lobe with bulging of fissures ✓ lung necrosis with cavitation *DDx*:Aspiration, pulmonary embolus

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Lobular Pneumonia = BRONCHOPNEUMONIA = combination of interstitial + alveolar disease (injury starts in airways involves bronchovascular bundle, spills into alveoli, which may contain edema fluid, blood, leukocytes, hyaline membranes, organisms) *Organisms*: (a) Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas pneumoniae: thrombosis of lobular artery branches with necrosis + cavitation (b) Streptococcus, Klebsiella, Legionnaires bacillus, Bacillus proteus, E. coli, anaerobes (Bacteroides + Clostridia), Nocardia, [actinomycosis](#) (c) Mycoplasma small fluffy ill-defined acinar nodules, which enlarge with time lobar + segmental densities with volume loss from [airway](#) obstruction secondary to bronchial narrowing + mucus plugging

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Interstitial Pneumonia *Acute Interstitial Pneumonia* =NONBACTERIAL PNEUMONIA initially predominantly affecting interstitial tissues *Organisms*:viruses, Mycoplasma, Pneumocystis • often subacute atypical pneumonia¹ diffuse interstitial process with peribronchial thickening¹ segmental / lobar densities (mucus plugging + damage of surfactant-producing type 2 alveolar cells) **Chronic Interstitial Pneumonia** =diverse group of inflammatory disorders that can progress to pulmonary fibrosis *Modified Liebow classification*: 1.Usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP)2.Desquamative interstitial pneumonia (DIP)3.Bronchiolitis obliterans with organizing pneumonia (BOOP)added: 4.Acute interstitial pneumonia = Hamman-Rich syndrome5.Nonspecific interstitial pneumonitis6.Respiratory bronchiolitis-associated interstitial lung disease no longer included: 1.Lymphoid interstitial pneumonia (LIP)=potentially malignant lymphoproliferative disorder2.Giant cell interstitial pneumonia (GIP)=manifestation of hard-metal pneumoconiosis

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Cavitating Pneumonia 1. Staphylococcus aureus 2. Haemophilus influenzae 3. S. pneumoniae other Gram-negative organisms (eg, Klebsiella) **Cavitating Opportunistic Infections** A. FUNGAL INFECTIONS 1. [Aspergillosis](#) 2. [Nocardiosis](#) 3. Mucormycosis (= phycomycosis) B. SEPTIC EMBOLI 1. Anaerobic organisms C. STAPHYLOCOCCAL ABSCESS D. [TUBERCULOSIS](#) nummular form ∇ Repeated infections in same patient are not necessarily due to same organism! **DDx:** Metastatic disease in carcinoma / Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)

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Pulmonary Infiltrates In Neonate *mnemonic:*"I HEAR" Infection ([pneumonia](#)) Hemorrhage Edema Aspiration Respiratory distress syndrome

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Recurrent Pneumonia In Childhood A. IMMUNE PROBLEM1. Immune deficiency2. [Chronic granulomatous disease of childhood](#) (males)3. Alpha 1-antitrypsin deficiencyB. ASPIRATION1. [Gastroesophageal reflux](#)2. H-type tracheoesophageal fistula3. Disorder of swallowing mechanism4. Esophageal obstruction, impacted esophageal foreign bodyC. UNDERLYING LUNG DISEASE1. Sequestration2. [Bronchopulmonary dysplasia](#)3. [Cystic fibrosis](#)4. Atopic [asthma](#)5. [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#)6. [Sinusitis](#)7. [Bronchiectasis](#)8. Ciliary dysmotility syndromes9. Pulmonary foreign body

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Gram-negative Pneumonia In 50% cause of nosocomial necrotizing pneumonias (including staphylococcal [pneumonia](#)) *Predisposed:* elderly, debilitated, diabetes, alcoholism, COPD, malignancy, bronchitis, Gram-positive [pneumonia](#), treatment with antibiotics, respirator therapy *Organisms:*

1. Klebsiella 4. Proteus 2. Pseudomonas 5. Haemophilus 3. E. coli 6. Legionella
airspace consolidation (Klebsiella) spongy appearance (Pseudomonas) affecting dependent lobes (poor cough reflex without clearing of bronchial tree) bilateral cavitation common Cx: (1) exudate / [empyema](#) (2) [bronchopleural fistula](#)

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Mycotic Infections Of Lung A.IN HEALTHY SUBJECTS1. [Histoplasmosis](#)2. [Coccidioidomycosis](#)3. [Blastomycosis](#)B.OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION1. [Aspergillosis](#)2. [Candidiasis](#)3. Mucormycosis (phycomycosis)Growth:(a) mycelial form(b) yeast form (depending on environment)*Source of contamination:* (a) soil (b) growth in moist areas (apart from *Coccidioides immitis*) (c) contaminated bird / bat excreta

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Hypersensitivity To Organic Dusts A. TRACHEOBRONCHIAL HYPERSENSITIVITY large particles reaching the tracheobronchial mucosa (pollens, certain fungi, some animal / insect epithelial emanations) 1. Extrinsic [asthma](#) 2. Hypersensitivity [aspergillosis](#) 3. Bronchocentric granulomatosis 4. Byssinosis in cotton-wool workers B. ALVEOLAR HYPERSENSITIVITY = HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS = [EXTRINSIC ALLERGIC ALVEOLITIS](#) small particles of <5 µ reaching alveoli

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Drug-induced Pulmonary Damage

A. CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

1. **BUSULFAN** = Myleran® (for CML) Dose-dependent toxicity after 3-4 years on the drug in 1-10% ✓ diffuse linear pattern (occasionally reticulonodular / nodular pattern) ✓ partial / complete clearing after withdrawal of drug **DDx:** Pneumocystis [pneumonia](#), interstitial leukemic infiltrate

2. **BLEOMYCIN** (for squamous cell carcinoma, [lymphoma](#), [testicular tumor](#)) Toxicity at doses >300 mg (in 3-6%); increased toxicity with age + radiation therapy + high oxygen concentrations ✓ subpleural linear / nodular opacities in lower lung zones occurring after 1-3 months following beginning of therapy

3. **NITROSOUREAS** = BCNU, CCNU (for [glioma](#), [lymphoma](#), myeloma) Incidence of 50% after doses >1500 mg/m² ✓ linear / finely nodular opacities (following treatment of 2-3 years) ✓ high incidence of [pneumothorax](#)

4. **METHOTREXATE, PROCARBAZINE** (for AML, psoriasis, pemphigus) Not dose-related, usually self-limited despite continuation of therapy

- blood eosinophilia (common) ✓ linear / reticulonodular process (time delay of 12 days to 5 years, usually early) ✓ acinar filling pattern (later) ✓ transient hilar adenopathy + [pleural effusion](#) (on occasion) **DDx:** Pneumocystis [pneumonia](#)

B. NITROFURANTOIN (Macrodantin®) (a) acute disorder with fever + eosinophilia (common) (b) chronic reaction with interstitial [fibrosis](#) (less common), may not be associated with peripheral eosinophilia

- positive for ANA + LE cells ✓ bilateral basilar interstitial opacities ✓ prompt resolution after withdrawal from drug

C. HEROIN, PROPOXYPHENE, METHADONE Overdose followed by [pulmonary edema](#) in 30-40% ✓ bilateral widespread airspace consolidation ✓ [aspiration pneumonia](#) in 50-75%

D. SALICYLATES

- [asthma](#) ✓ [pulmonary edema](#) (with chronic ingestion)

E. INTRAVENOUS CONTRAST AGENT ✓ [pulmonary edema](#)

F. AMIODARONE (for refractory ventricular arrhythmia)

- pulmonary insufficiency after 1-12 months in 14-18% on long-term therapy ✓ alveolar + interstitial infiltrates ✓ peripheral consolidation ✓ [pleural thickening](#) adjacent to consolidation ✓ consolidated lung parenchyma has attenuation values of iodine

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Differential-diagnostic Features Of Lung Masses

DDx Of Lung Masses On CXR ✓ corona radiata = spiculations strongly suggestive of primary malignancy ✓ 89% of irregular / spiculated lesions are malignant! ✓ lucencies / air bronchogram (a) cavitation ✓ A thin-walled cavity of ≤ 4 mm is benign in 94%! (b) infiltrative spread with air bronchogram: bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma, lymphoma, resolving pneumonia ✓ calcifications (a) central / complete: granuloma (b) peripheral: granuloma, tumor ✓ decrease in size with time: benign lesion ✓ **Bronchogenic carcinoma** may show temporary decrease in size due to infarction - necrosis - fibrosis - retraction sequence! ✓ absence of growth over 2 years: benign lesion ✓ increase in size with time: masses with "doubling times" (refers to volume not diameter) of < 1 month / > 16 months are unlikely to be malignant (a) very rapid growth: osteosarcoma, choriocarcinoma, testicular neoplasm, organizing infectious process, infarct (thromboembolism, Wegener granulomatosis) (b) very slow growth: hamartoma, bronchial carcinoid, inflammatory pseudotumor, granuloma, low-grade adenocarcinoma, metastases from renal cell carcinoma ✓ nodule > 3 cm is suspect for malignancy ✓ satellite nodules (in association with larger peripheral nodule): -in 99% due to inflammatory disease (often TB) -in 1% due to primary lung cancer ✓ lobulation (a) organizing mass (b) tumor with multiple cell types growing at different rates (eg, hamartoma) ✓ 79% of sharply defined marginated lesions are benign! ✓ bubblelike areas of low attenuation: bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma (in 50%) ✓ focal collection of fat within smoothly marginated lung nodule: hamartoma ✓ vessel leading to mass: pulmonary varix, AVM **DDx Of Lung Masses On Thin-section CT** ✓ air bronchogram in nodules < 2 cm in diameter: in 65% malignant, in 5% benign ✓ spiculation: in 87% malignant, in 55% benign ✓ pleural tag: in 25% malignant, in 9% benign ✓ presence of calcification, fat, smooth edge are suggestive of benignancy ✓ in 31% calcifications (usually > 164 HU) were not detected on CXR ✓ CECT (2-5 minutes after administration): benign neoplasms + granulomas enhance < 15 HU; malignant neoplasms enhance > 25 HU

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Benign Lung Tumor A.CENTRAL LOCATION1.Bronchial polyp2.Bronchial papilloma3.**Granular cell myoblastoma**

= cell of origin from neural crest Age:middle-aged, esp. Black women¹ endobronchial lesion in major bronchiB.PERIPHERAL

LOCATION1.Hamartoma2.**Leiomyoma**benign metastasizing [leiomyoma](#), history of hysterectomy 3.Amyloid tumornot associated with amyloid of other organs /

[rheumatoid arthritis](#) / myeloma 4.Intrapulmonary lymph node5.**Arteriovenous malformation**6.Endometrioma, fibroma, neural tumor, chemodectomaC.CENTRAL /

PERIPHERAL1.**Lipoma**:(a) subpleural (b) endobronchialD.PSEUDOTUMOR1.Fibroxanthoma / xanthogranuloma2.Plasma cell granuloma3.Sclerosing

[hemangioma](#)middle-aged woman, RML / RLL (most commonly), may be multiple 4.**Pseudolymphoma**5.Round [atelectasis](#)6.Pleural pseudotumor = accumulation of

pleural fluid within interlobar fissure

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Solitary Nodule / Mass Incidence: (a) roentgenographic survey of low-risk population: <5% of masses are cancerous (b) on surgical resection: 40% malignant tumors, 40% granulomas
A. INFLAMMATION / INFECTION
1. Granuloma (most common lung mass): [Sarcoidosis](#) (1/3), [tuberculosis](#), [histoplasmosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [nocardiosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#), talc, *Dirofilaria immitis* (dog heartworm), gumma, atypical measles infection
2. Fluid-filled cavity: abscess, hydatid cyst, bronchiectatic cyst, bronchocele
3. Mass in preformed cavity: fungus ball, [mucoïd impaction](#)
4. Rounded [atelectasis](#)
5. Inflammatory pseudotumor: fibroxanthoma, histiocytoma, plasma cell granuloma, sclerosing [hemangioma](#)
6. Paraffinoma = lipoid granuloma
7. [Focal organizing pneumonia](#)
B. MALIGNANT TUMORS (a) Malignant primaries of lung
1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (66%, 2nd most common mass)
2. [Lymphoma](#)
3. Primary sarcoma of lung
4. Plasmacytoma (primary / secondary)
5. Clear cell carcinoma, [carcinoid](#), giant cell ca.
(b) Metastases (4th most common cause) in adults: kidney, colon, ovary, testes in children: [Wilms tumor](#), osteogenic sarcoma, [Ewing sarcoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#)
C. BENIGN TUMORS (a) lung tissue: hamartoma (6%, 3rd most common lung mass) (b) fat tissue: [lipoma](#) (usually pleural lesion) (c) fibrous tissue: fibroma (d) muscle tissue: [leiomyoma](#) (e) neural tissue: schwannoma, neurofibroma, [paraganlioma](#) (f) lymph tissue: intrapulmonary lymph node (g) deposits: amyloid, [splenosis](#), endometrioma, [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)
D. VASCULAR
1. [Arteriovenous malformation](#)
2. [Hemangioma](#)
3. Hematoma
4. Organizing infarct
5. [Pulmonary venous varix](#)
6. Pseudoaneurysm of pulmonary artery
7. Rheumatoid / vasculitic nodule
E. DEVELOPMENTAL
1. [Bronchogenic cyst](#) (fluid-filled)
2. Pulmonary sequestration
F. INHALATIONAL
1. [Silicosis](#) (conglomerate mass)
2. [Mucoïd impaction](#) (allergic [aspergillosis](#))
G. MIMICKING DENSITIES
1. Fluid in interlobar fissure
2. [Mediastinal mass](#)
3. Pleural mass (mesothelioma)
4. Chest wall density: nipple, rib lesion, skin tumor (mole, neurofibroma, [lipoma](#))
5. Artifacts: buttons, snaps
mnemonic: "Big Solitary Pulmonary Masses Commonly Appear Hopeless And Lonely"
Bronchogenic carcinoma Solitary metastasis, **Sequestration** Pseudotumor
Mesothelioma Cyst (bronchogenic, neurenteric, echinococcal) **Adenoma**, **Arteriovenous malformation** **Hamartoma**, **Histoplasmosis** **Abscess**, **Actinomycosis** **Lymphoma**

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Large Pulmonary Mass *mnemonic:* "CAT PIES" **C**arcinoma (large cell, squamous cell, cannon ball metastasis **A**bscess **T**oruloma (Cryptococcus) **P**seudotumor, **P**lasmacytoma **I**nflammatory **E**chinococcal disease **S**arcoma, **S**equestration

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Cavitating Lung Nodule A. NEOPLASM(a) Lung primary: 1. Squamous cell carcinoma 2. Adenocarcinoma 3. [Bronchioloalveolar carcinoma](#) (rare) 4. [Hodgkin disease](#) (rare) (b) Metastases (4% cavitate): 1. Squamous cell carcinoma (2/3) nasopharynx (males), cervix (females), esophagus 2. Adenocarcinoma (colorectal) 3. Sarcoma: [Ewing sarcoma](#), osteo-, myxo-, [angiosarcoma](#) 4. Melanoma 5. Seminoma, teratocarcinoma 6. [Wilms tumor](#) B. COLLAGEN-VASCULAR DISEASE 1. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) + Wegener variant 2. Rheumatoid nodules + [Caplan syndrome](#) 3. SLE 4. Periarteritis nodosa (rare) C. GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE 1. Histiocytosis X2. [Sarcoidosis](#) (rare) D. VASCULAR DISEASE 1. Pulmonary embolus with infarction 2. Septic emboli (Staphylococcus aureus) E. INFECTION 1. Bacterial: pneumatoceles from staphylococcal / [Gram-negative pneumonia](#) 2. Mycobacterial: TB 3. Fungal: [nocardiosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#) (in 10%), [aspergillosis](#) 4. Parasitic: echinococcosis (multiple in 20-30%), paragonimiasis F. TRAUMA 1. [Traumatic lung cyst](#) (after hemorrhage) 2. Hydrocarbon ingestion (lower lobes) G. BRONCHOPULMONARY DISEASE 1. Infected bulla 2. Cystic [bronchiectasis](#) 3. Communicating [bronchogenic cyst](#) mnemonic: "CAVITY" Carcinoma (squamous cell), Cystic [bronchiectasis](#) Autoimmune disease ([Wegener granulomatosis](#), [rheumatoid lung](#)) Vascular (bland / septic emboli) Infection (abscess, fungal disease, TB, Echinococcus) Trauma Young = congenital (sequestration, diaphragmatic hernia, [bronchogenic cyst](#))
Pulmonary Mass With Air Bronchogram 1. [Bronchioloalveolar carcinoma](#) 2. [Lymphoma](#) 3. [Pseudolymphoma](#) 4. [Kaposi sarcoma](#) 5. [Blastomycosis](#) **Air-crescent Sign** = air in a crescentic shape separating the outer wall of a nodule / mass from an inner sequestrum 1. Invasive pulmonary [aspergillosis](#) 2. Noninvasive [mycetoma](#) 3. Septic emboli 4. Cavitating benign + malignant neoplasms 5. Echinococcal cyst 6. TB with Rasmussen aneurysms (most are too small to be identified on CXR)

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Shaggy Pulmonary Nodule *mnemonic:* "Shaggy Sue Made Loving A Really Wild Fantasy Today" Sarcoidosis, alveolar type Septic emboli Metastasis Lymphoma, Lung primary, Lymphomatoid granulomatosis Alveolar cell carcinoma Rheumatoid lung Wegener granulomatosis Fungus Tuberculosis

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Hemorrhagic Pulmonary Nodule ✓ CT halo sign = central area of soft-tissue attenuation surrounded by a halo of [ground-glass attenuation](#) Causes:
A. [HEMORRHAGIC INFARCTION](#) 1. Early invasive [aspergillosis](#) 2. Hematogenous [candidiasis](#) 3. Herpes simplex, CMV, varicella-zoster virus B. [VASCULITIS](#) 1. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) C. FRAGILITY OF NEOVASCULAR TISSUE 1. [Kaposi sarcoma](#) 2. Metastatic [angiosarcoma](#) D. BRONCHOARTERIAL FISTULA 1. [Coccidioidomycosis](#) E. TRAUMA 1. Following lung biopsy

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Multiple Nodules And Masses ✓ homogeneous masses with sharp border ✓ no air alveolo- / bronchogram A. TUMORS (a) malignant 1. Metastases: from breast, kidney, GI tract, uterus, ovary, testes, [malignant melanoma](#), sarcoma, [Wilms tumor](#) 2. [Lymphoma](#) (rare) 3. Multiple primary bronchogenic carcinomas (synchronous in 1% of all lung cancers) (b) benign 1. Hamartoma (rarely multiple) 2. AV malformations 3. [Amyloidosis](#) B. VASCULAR LESIONS 1. Thromboemboli with organizing infarcts 2. Septic emboli with organized infarcts C. COLLAGEN-VASCULAR DISEASE 1. [Wegener granulomatosis](#): [vasculitis](#) with organizing infarcts 2. Wegener variants 3. Rheumatoid nodules: tendency for periphery, occasionally cavitating D. INFLAMMATORY GRANULOMAS 1. Fungal: [coccidioidomycosis](#), [histoplasmosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#) 2. Bacterial: [nocardiosis](#), [tuberculosis](#) 3. Viral: atypical measles 4. Parasites: hydatid cysts, paragonimiasis 5. [Sarcoidosis](#): large accumulation of interstitial granulomas 6. Inflammatory pseudotumors: fibrous histiocytoma, plasma cell granuloma, hyalinizing pulmonary nodules, [pseudolymphoma](#) *mnemonic*: "SLAM DA PIG" **Sarcoidosis** **Lymphoma** **Alveolar proteinosis** **Metastases** **Drugs** **Alveolar cell carcinoma** **Pneumonias** **Infarcts** **Goodpasture syndrome**
Small Pulmonary Nodules *mnemonic*: "MALTS" **Metastases** (esp. thyroid) **Alveolar cell carcinoma** [Lymphoma](#), Leukemia TB **Sarcoid**
Pulmonary Nodules & Pneumothorax 1. [Osteosarcoma](#) 2. [Wilms tumor](#) 3. Histiocytosis

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Pneumoconiosis Classification according to ILO (*International Labour Office*) A. TYPE OF OPACITIES 1. [Silicosis](#), [coal workers pneumoconiosis](#) nodular opacities: p=<1.5 mm q=1.5-3 mm r=3-10 mm 2. Asbestosis linear opacities: s=finet=mediumu=coarse / blotchy B. PROFUSION / SEVERITY 0=normal 1=slight 2=moderate 3=advanced intermediate grading: 2/2= definitely moderate profusion 2/3=moderate, possibly advanced profusion
Pneumoconiosis With Mass Anthracosilicosis with: 1. Granuloma ([histoplasmosis](#), TB, [sarcoidosis](#)) 2. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (incidence same as in general population) 3. Metastasis 4. Progressive massive [fibrosis](#) 5. [Caplan syndrome](#) (rheumatoid nodules)

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Pleura-based Lung Nodule [✓] ill-defined / sharply defined lesion mimicking a true pleural mass [✓] associated linear densities in lung parenchyma *Cause:* 1. Granuloma (fungus, [tuberculosis](#)) 2. Inflammatory pseudotumor 3. Metastasis 4. Rheumatoid nodule 5. Pancoast tumor 6. [Lymphoma](#) 7. Infarct: Hampton hump 8. Atelectatic pseudotumor

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Calcified Pulmonary Nodules *mnemonic:* "HAM TV Station" Histoplasmosis, Hamartoma Amyloid, Alveolar microlithiasis [Mitral stenosis](#), Metastasis (thyroid, [osteosarcoma](#), mucinous carcinoma) Tuberculosis Varicella Silicosis ⚡Central / laminated / popcorn / diffuse calcifications are characteristic of benign solitary lung nodules!

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Hyperlucent Lung

Bilateral Hyperlucent Lung A. FAULTY RADIOLOGIC TECHNIQUE 1. Overpenetrated film B. DECREASED SOFT TISSUES 1. Thin body habitus 2. Bilateral mastectomy C. CARDIAC CAUSE of decreased pulmonary blood flow 1. Right-to-left shunt: [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) (small proximal pulmonary vessels), pseudotruncus, truncus type IV, Ebstein malformation, [tricuspid atresia](#) 2. Eisenmenger physiology of left-to-right shunt: ASD, VSD, PDA (dilated proximal pulmonary vessels) D. PULMONARY CAUSE of decreased pulmonary blood flow (a) Decrease of vascular bed: 1. Pulmonary embolism bilaterality is rare; localized areas of hyperlucency (Westermark sign) (b) Increase in air space: 1. Air trapping (reversible changes): acute asthmatic attack, acute bronchiolitis (pediatric patient) 2. [Emphysema](#) 3. Bulla 4. Bleb 5. Interstitial [emphysema](#)

Unilateral Hyperlucent Lung A. FAULTY RADIOLOGIC TECHNIQUE 1. Rotation of patient B. CHEST WALL DEFECT 1. Mastectomy 2. Absent pectoralis muscle ([Poland syndrome](#)) C. INCREASED PULMONARY AIR SPACE with decreased pulmonary blood flow (a) Large [airway](#) obstruction with air trapping @ Bronchial compression: [hilar mass](#) (rare), cardiomegaly compressing LLL bronchus @ Endobronchial obstruction with air trapping (collateral air drift): foreign body, broncholith, [bronchogenic carcinoma](#), [carcinoid](#), bronchial [mucocele](#) (b) Small [airway](#) obstruction 1. [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#) 2. Swyer-James / Macleod syndrome 3. [Emphysema](#) (particularly bullous [emphysema](#)) 4. [Emphysema](#) + unilateral [lung transplant](#) (c) [Pneumothorax](#) (in supine patient) D. PULMONARY VASCULAR CAUSE of decreased pulmonary blood flow 1. Pulmonary artery hypoplasia 2. Pulmonary embolism 3. [Congenital lobar emphysema](#) 4. Compensatory overaeration

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Localized Lucent Lung Defect A.CAVITY = tissue necrosis with bronchial drainage(a)InfectionBacterial [pneumonia](#) 1.Pyogenic infection = abscess = necrotizing [pneumonia](#):Staphylococcus, Klebsiella, Pseudomonas, anaerobes, b-hemolytic streptococcus, E. coli, mixed Gram-negative organisms 2.[Aspiration pneumonia](#) = gravitational [pneumonia](#): mixed Gram-negative organisms, anaerobes Granulomatous infection 1.[Tuberculosis](#)cavitation indicates active infectious disease with risk for hematogenous / bronchogenic dissemination2.Fungal infection: [nocardiosis](#) (in immunocompromised), [coccidioidomycosis](#) (any lobe, desert Southwest), [histoplasmosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), mucormycosis, sporotrichosis, [aspergillosis](#), [cryptococcosis](#) very thin-walled cavities less likely to follow apical distribution of TB / [histoplasmosis](#)3.[Sarcoidosis](#) (stage IV, upper lobe predominance)4.Angioinvasive organism (septic lung infarction followed by cavity formation): Aspergillus, Mucorales, Candida, Torulopsis, P. aeruginosaParasitic infestation: [hydatid disease](#) (b)NeoplasmPrimary lung tumor: 16% of peripheral lung cancers (in particular in squamous cell carcinoma (30%); also in bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma Metastasis (usually multiple) 1.Squamous cell carcinoma (nasopharynx, esophagus, cervix) in 2/32.Adenocarcinoma (lung, breast, GI)3.[Osteosarcoma](#) (rare)4.Melanoma5.[Lymphoma](#) (rare): with adenopathy; cavities often secondary to opportunistic infection with [nocardiosis](#) + [cryptococcosis](#)(c)Vascular occlusion1.Infarct (thromboembolic, septic)2.[Wegener granulomatosis](#)3.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)(d)Inhalational1.[Silicosis](#) with [coal workers pneumoconiosis](#)-complicating [tuberculosis](#)-ischemic necrosis of center of conglomerate mass (rare)B.CYST(a)Cystic [bronchiectasis](#)1.[Cystic fibrosis](#) (more obvious in upper lobes)2.Agammaglobulinemia (predisposed to recurrent bacterial infections)3.Recurrent bacterial pneumonias multiple thin-walled lucencies with air-fluid levels in lower lobes4.Childhood infection: [tuberculosis](#), pertussis5.Allergic bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#) (in asthmatic patients) involvement of proximal perihilar bronchi6.[Kartagener syndrome](#) (ciliary dysmotility)(b)[Pneumatocele](#)1.Postinfectious [pneumatocele](#)2.Traumatic [pneumatocele](#): lung hematoma / hydrocarbon inhalation(c)Congenital lesion (rare)1.Multiple bronchogenic cysts2.Intralobar sequestration: multicystic structure in lower lobes3.Congenital [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) (CCAM) Type I4.Diaphragmatic hernia (congenital / traumatic)(d)Centrilobular / bullous [emphysema](#)(e)Honeycomb lung

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Multiple Lucent Lung Lesions for details see causes of [localized lucent lung defect](#) A.CAVITIES(a)Infection1.Bacterial [pneumonia](#): [cavitating pneumonia](#), lung abscess2.Granulomatous infection: TB, [sarcoidosis](#)3.Fungal infection: [coccidioidomycosis](#)4.Parasitic infection: echinococcosis5.Protozoan infection: [pneumocystosis](#)(b)Neoplasm(c)Vascular1.Thromboembolic + septic infarcts2.[Wegener granulomatosis](#)3.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)4.Angioinvasive organism (septic lung infarction followed by cavity formation): Aspergillus, Mucorales, Candida, Torulosis, P. aeruginosaB.CYSTS(a)Cystic [bronchiectasis](#)1.[Cystic fibrosis](#) (more obvious in upper [lobes](#))2.Agammaglobulinemia (predisposed to recurrent bacterial infections)3.Recurrent bacterial pneumonias4.[Tuberculosis](#)5.Allergic bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#) (in asthmatic patients)(b)Pneumatoceles(c)Congenital lesions (rare)1.Multiple bronchogenic cysts2.Intralobar sequestration: multicystic structure in lower [lobes](#) 3.Congenital [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) (CCAM) Type I4.Diaphragmatic hernia (congenital / traumatic)(d)Centrilobular / bullous [emphysema](#): blebs, bullae(e)[Tuberous sclerosis](#) + [lymphangiomyomatosis](#)(f)Honeycomb lung(g)Juvenile pulmonary polyposis

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Pulmonary Cyst = round circumscribed space surrounded by an epithelial / fibrous wall of uniform / varied thickness containing air / liquid / semisolid / solid material

A. CONGENITAL CYST 1. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) 2. [Congenital lobar emphysema](#) 3. [Bronchial atresia](#) 4. [Bronchogenic cyst](#) 5. Sequestration B. ACQUIRED CYST 1. [Pneumatocele](#) (traumatic / infectious) 2. Pseudocyst (from interstitial [emphysema](#)) 3. [Hydatid disease](#) 4. **Bleb** = cystic air collection within visceral pleura; mostly apical with narrow neck; associated with spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) 5. **Bulla** = sharply demarcated dilated air space within lung parenchyma >1 cm in diameter with epithelialized wall <1 mm thick due to destruction of alveoli (= air cyst in localized / centrilobular / panlobular [emphysema](#)) • usually asymptomatic typically at lung apex slow progressive enlargement Cx: 1. Spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) 2. "Vanishing lung" = large area of localized [emphysema](#) causing [atelectasis](#) + dyspnea Rx: surgical resection if bulla >33% of hemithorax

Multiple Pulmonary Cysts A. INFECTION 1. [Tuberculosis](#) 2. [Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia](#) in [AIDS](#) B. VASCULAR-EMBOLIC 1. Cavitating septic emboli often seen at end of feeding vessel 2. Angioinvasive infection (invasive pulmonary [aspergillosis](#), candida, P. aeruginosa) 3. Pulmonary [vasculitis](#) ([Wegener granulomatosis](#)) C. DILATATION OF BRONCHI = [bronchiectasis](#) / [bronchial wall thickening](#) D. DISRUPTION OF ELASTIC FIBER NETWORK 1. [Centrilobular emphysema](#) 2. Panlobular [emphysema](#) lobular architecture preserved with bronchovascular bundle in central position, areas of lung destruction without arcuate contour 3. [Lymphangiomyomatosis](#) randomly scattered cysts in otherwise normal lung 4. [Tuberous sclerosis](#) associated skin abnormalities, mental retardation, epilepsy 5. Air-block disease ([adult respiratory distress syndrome](#), [asthma](#), bronchiolitis, viral / bacterial [pneumonia](#)) E. REMODELING OF LUNG ARCHITECTURE = honeycombing of idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#) (= fibrosing alveolitis) 3-10 mm small irregular thick-walled cystic air spaces usually of comparable diameter surrounded by abnormal lung parenchyma predominantly peripheral + basilar distribution F. MULTIFACTORIAL / UNKNOWN 1. [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#) cysts with walls of variable thickness combination of nodules ± cavitation septal thickening predominant distribution in upper lung zones 2. Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome 3. Juvenile tracheolaryngeal papillomatosis 4. [Neurofibromatosis](#) cystic air spaces predominantly apical

Cystlike Pulmonary Lesions mnemonic: "C.C., I BAN WHIPS" Coccidioidomycosis Cystic adenomatoid malformation Infection Bronchogenic cyst, Bronchiectasis, Bowel Abscess Neoplasm Wegener granulomatosis Hydatid cyst, Histiocytosis X Infarction Pneumatocele Sequestration

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Multiple Thin-walled Cavities *mnemonic:*"BITCH"**B**ullae + pneumatoceles **I**nfection (TB, cocci, staph) **T**umor (squamous cell carcinoma) **C**ysts (traumatic, bronchogenic) **H**ydrocarbon ingestion **Mass Within Cavity** 1.[Mycetoma](#) = aspergilloma2.Tissue fragment within carcinoma3.Necrotic lung within abscess4.Disintegrating hydatid cyst5.Intracavitary blood clot

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Mediastinal Shift =displacement of heart, trachea, aorta, hilar vessels, expiration film, lateral decubitus film (expanded lung down), fluoroscopy help to determine side of abnormality
A. DECREASED LUNG VOLUME
1. [Atelectasis](#)
2. Postoperative (lobectomy, [pneumothorax](#))
3. Hypoplastic lung / lobe
4. [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#) = [Swyer-James syndrome](#)
5. decreased peripheral pulmonary vasculature
6. irregular reticular vascular pattern (bronchial origin) without converging on the hilum
B. INCREASED LUNG VOLUME = air trapping = retention of excess gas in all / part of the lung, especially during expiration, as a result of (a) complete / partial [airway](#) obstruction, or (b) local abnormalities in pulmonary [compliance](#)
@ Major bronchus
1. Foreign body obstructing main-stem bronchus (common in children) with ball-valve mechanism + collateral air drift
2. [Emphysema](#)
3. Bullous [emphysema](#) (localized form)
4. large avascular areas with thin lines
5. [Congenital lobar emphysema](#): only in infants
6. Interstitial [emphysema](#): pattern of diffuse coarse lines; Cx of positive pressure ventilation therapy
@ Cysts / masses
1. [Bronchogenic cyst](#): with bronchial connection + check-valve mechanism
2. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#)
3. Large mass (pulmonary, mediastinal)
C. PLEURAL SPACE ABNORMALITY
1. Large unilateral [pleural effusion](#): opaque hemithorax through [empyema](#), congestive failure, metastases
2. Tension [pneumothorax](#): not always complete collapse of lung
3. Large diaphragmatic hernia: usually detected in neonatal period
4. Large mass
D. Partial absence of pericardium / pectus excavatum
1. shift of heart without shift of trachea, aorta, or mediastinal border

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Pneumomediastinum *Pathophysiology:* alveolar rupture with air tracking along bronchovascular sheath into mediastinum + facial planes of the neck producing subcutaneous [emphysema](#) *Frequency:* in 1% of patients with [pneumothorax](#) streaky lucencies of air in mediastinum (look at thoracic inlet on PA + retrosternal space on LAT film) "continuous diaphragm" sign = lucency connecting both domes of hemidiaphragms "V-sign of Naclerio" = air between lower thoracic aorta + diaphragm "spinnaker-sail" sign in children = air outlining the [thymus](#) A. SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOMEDIASTINUM *Age:* neonates (0.05-1%), 2nd-3rd decade *Causes:* (a) rupture of marginally situated alveoli from sudden rise in intraalveolar pressure (acute [asthma](#), [aspiration pneumonia](#), hyaline membrane disease, measles, giant cell [pneumonia](#), coughing, vomiting, strenuous exercise, parturition, diabetic acidosis) (b) tumor erosion of trachea / esophagus (c) [pneumoperitoneum](#) / retroperitoneum = extension from peritoneal / retroperitoneal / deep fascial planes of the neck Cx: **air block** = buildup of pressure impeding blood flow in low-pressure veins; particularly common in neonatal period B. TRAUMATIC PNEUMOMEDIASTINUM (rare) 1. Pulmonary interstitial [emphysema](#) = disruption of marginal alveoli with gas traveling toward mediastinum due to positive pressure ventilation 2. Bronchial / tracheal rupture commonly associated with [pneumothorax](#) 3. Esophageal rupture (diabetic acidosis, alcoholic, [Boerhaave syndrome](#)) 4. Iatrogenic - accidental neck / chest / abdominal surgery, subclavian vein catheterization, mediastinoscopy, bronchoscopy, gastroscopy, recto-sigmoido-colonoscopy, electrosurgery with [intestinal gas](#) explosion, positive pressure ventilation, intubation, barium enema

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Mediastinal Fat A. [MEDIASTINAL LIPOMATOSIS](#) B. FAT HERNIATION=omental fat herniating into chest 1. Foramen of Morgagni=cardiophrenic-angle mass, R >> L side 2. Foramen of Bochdalek=costophrenic-angle mass, almost always on left 3. Paraesophageal hernia = perigastric fat through phrenicoesophageal membrane CT: fat with fine linear densities (= omental vessels) C. [LIPOMA](#) un- / encapsulated with variable amount of fibrous septa ✓ smooth + sharply defined boundaries DDx: [Liposarcoma](#), [lipoblastoma](#) (infancy), fat-containing teratoma, [thymolipoma](#) (inhomogeneous, higher CT numbers, poor demarcation, ± invasion of surrounding structures) D. MULTIPLE SYMMETRIC LIPOMATOSIS rare entity without involvement of anterior mediastinal / cardiophrenic / paraspinal areas ✓ compression of trachea ✓ periscapular lipomatous masses

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Acute Mediastinal Widening 1.Rupture of aorta / brachiocephalic arteries2.Venous hemorrhage: traumatic / iatrogenic (malpositioning of central venous line)3.[Congestive heart failure](#) (venous dilatation)4.Rupture of esophagus5.Rupture of thoracic duct6.Magnification on supine radiograph

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Mediastinal Mass (excluding hyperplastic [thymus](#) glands, granulomas, [lymphoma](#), metastases) 1. Neurogenic tumors(28%):malignant in 16%2. Teratoid lesions(19%):malignant in 15%3. Enterogenous cysts(16%)4. Thymomas(13%):malignant in 46%5. Pericardial cysts(7%) 75% of all mediastinal tumors are benign (in all age groups) 1/3 diagnosed on routine chest x-ray 2/3 found in association with symptoms (pain, cough, shortness of breath) 80% of malignant tumors are symptomatic

Thoracic Inlet Lesions 1.Thyroid mass1-3% of all thyroidectomies have a mediastinal component; 1/3 of goiters are intrathoracic Location:anterior (80%) / posterior (20%) mediastinum 1/ displacement of trachea posteriorly + laterally (anterior goiter) 2/ displacement of trachea anteriorly + esophagus posteriorly + laterally (posterior goiter) 3/ inhomogeneous density (cystic spaces, high-density iodine contents of >100 HU) 4/ focal calcifications (common) 5/ marked + prolonged contrast enhancement 6/ connection to thyroid gland 7/ vascular displacement + compression NUC (rarely helpful as thyroid tissue may be nonfunctioning): 1/ ± uptake on I-123 / I-131 scan (pertechnetate sufficient with modern gamma cameras, SPECT imaging may be helpful) 2.**Cystic hygroma**3-10% involve mediastinum; childhood 3.**Lymphoma**4.Other tumors: adenoma, carcinoma, ectopic [thymoma](#)

Anterior Mediastinal Mass mnemonic: "4 Ts"Thymoma Teratoma Thyroid tumor / goiter Terrible lymphoma

A.SOLID THYMIC LESIONS1.**Thymoma** (benign, malignant): most common2.Normal [thymus](#) (neonate)3.**Thymic hyperplasia** (child)4.**Thymolipoma**5.**Lymphoma**

B.SOLID TERATOID LESIONS1.Teratoma2.Embryonal cell carcinoma3.**Choriocarcinoma**4.Seminoma

C.THYROID / PARATHYROID1.Substernal thyroid / [intrathoracic goiter](#)(10% of all mediastinal masses) 2.Thyroid adenoma / carcinoma3.**Ectopic parathyroid adenoma**:ectopia in 10-22% (62-81% in anterior mediastinum / [thymus](#), 30% within thyroid tissue, 8% in posterior superior mediastinum) D.**LYMPH NODES**1.**Lymphoma** (Hodgkin, NHL): may arise in [thymus](#), more common in young adults2.Metastases3.Benign lymph node hyperplasia4.Angioblastic lymphadenopathy5.Mediastinal lymphadenitis: [sarcoidosis](#) / granulomatous infectionE.**CARDIOVASCULAR**1.Tortuous brachiocephalic artery2.Aneurysm of ascending aorta3.Aneurysm of sinus of Valsalva4.Dilated SVC5.**Cardiac tumor**6.Epicardial fat-padF.**CYSTS**1.**Cystic hygroma**2.**Bronchogenic cyst**3.Extralobar sequestration4.Thymic cysts / [dermoid](#) cysts5.**Pericardial cyst**: (a) true cyst(b) pericardial diverticulum6.**Pancreatic pseudocyst**G.**OTHERS**1.Neural tumor (vagus, phrenic nerve)2.**Paraganglioma**3.**Hemangioma** / [lymphangioma](#)4.Mesenchymal tumor (fibroma, [lipoma](#))5. Sternal tumors(a)metastases from breast, bronchus, kidney, thyroid(b)malignant primary ([chondrosarcoma](#), myeloma, [lymphoma](#)) (c)benign primary (chondroma, [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), [giant cell tumor](#))6.Primary lung / pleural tumor(invading mediastinum) 7.**Mediastinal lipomatosis**:(a)Cushing disease(b)Corticosteroid therapy8.Morgagni hernia / localized eventration9.Abscess **Middle Mediastinal Mass mnemonic:**"HABIT"⁵Hernia, Hematoma Aneurysm Bronchogenic cyst / [duplication cyst](#) Inflammation ([sarcoidosis](#), [histoplasmosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), primary TB in children) Tumors - remember the 5 L's: Lung, especially oat cell carcinoma Lymphoma Leukemia Leiomyoma Lymph node hyperplasia

A.LYMPH NODES 90% of masses in the middle mediastinum are malignant(a)Neoplastic adenopathy1.**Lymphoma** (Hodgkin: NHL = 2 : 1)2.**Leukemia** (in 25%): lymphocytic > granulocytic3.Metastasis (bronchus, lung, upper GI, prostate, kidney)4.Angioimmunoblastic lymphadenopathy(b)Inflammatory adenopathy1.**Tuberculosis** / [histoplasmosis](#) (may lead to [fibrosing mediastinitis](#))2.**Blastomycosis** (rare) / [coccidioidomycosis](#)3.**Sarcoidosis** (predominant involvement of paratracheal nodes)4.Viral [pneumonia](#) (particularly measles + cat-scratch fever)5.Infectious mononucleosis / pertussis [pneumonia](#)6.**Amyloidosis**7.Plague / tularemia8 Drug reaction9.Giant lymph node hyperplasia= [Castleman disease](#)10.**Connective tissue disease** (rheumatoid, SLE)11.Bacterial lung abscess(c)Inhalational disease adenopathy1.**Silicosis** (eggshell calcification also in [sarcoidosis](#) + [tuberculosis](#))2.**Coal workers pneumoconiosis**3.**Berylliosis**

B.FOREGUT CYST1.Bronchogenic / respiratory cyst: cartilage, respiratory epithelium2.**Enteric cyst** = esophageal [duplication cyst](#)3.Extralobar sequestration (anomalous feeding vessel)4.**Hiatal hernia**5.Esophageal diverticula: Zenker, traction, epiphrenic

C.PRIMARY TUMORS (infrequent)1.Carcinoma of trachea2.**Bronchogenic carcinoma**3.Esophageal tumor:[leiomyoma](#), carcinoma, leiomyosarcoma 4.Mesothelioma5.Granular cell myoblastoma of trachea (rare)D.**VASCULAR LESIONS**1.Aneurysm of transverse aorta2.Distended veins (SVC, azygos vein)3.Hematoma

Posterior Mediastinal Mass A.**NEOPLASM**Neurogenic tumor (largest group): 30% malignant (a)Tumor of peripheral nerve origin • more common in adulthood 80% appear as round masses with sulcus 1/ lower attenuation than muscle (in 73%)1.Schwannoma = neurilemoma (32%): derived from sheath of Schwann without nerve cells2.Neurofibroma (10%): contains Schwann cells + nerve cells, 3rd + 4th decade3.Malignant schwannoma(b)Tumor of sympathetic ganglia origin • more common in childhood 80% are elongated with tapered borders1.**Ganglioneuroma** (23-38%): second most common tumor of posterior mediastinum after neurofibroma2.**Neuroblastoma** (15%): highly malignant undifferentiated small round cell tumor originating in sympathetic ganglia, <10 years of age3.**Ganglioneuroblastoma** (14%): both features, spontaneous maturation possible(c)Tumors of paraganglia origin (rare)1.Chemodectoma = [paraganglioma](#) (4%)2.**Pheochromocytoma** 3/ rib spreading, erosion, destruction 4/ enlargement of neural foramina (dumbbell lesion) 5/ scalloping of posterior aspect of vertebral body 6/ scoliosis CT: 1/ low-density soft-tissue mass (lipid contents) Spine tumor: metastases (eg, [bronchogenic carcinoma](#), [multiple myeloma](#)), ABC, [chordoma](#), [chondrosarcoma](#), [Ewing sarcoma](#) [Lymphoma](#) Invasive [thymoma](#) Mesenchymal tumor (fibroma, [lipoma](#), [leiomyoma](#)) [Hemangioma](#) [Lymphangioma](#) Thyroid tumor

B.INFLAMMATION / INFECTION1.Infectious spondylitis: pyogenic, tuberculous, fungal 2/ destruction of endplates + disk space 3/ paravertebral soft-tissue mass2.Mediastinitis3.**Lymphoid hyperplasia**4.**Sarcoidosis** (in 2%, typically asymptomatic patient)5.**Pancreatic pseudocyst**

C.VASCULAR MASS1.Aneurysm of descending aorta (curvilinear calcification; elderly)2.Enlarged azygos + accessory hemiazygos vein3.**Esophageal varices**4.Congenital vascular anomalies: aberrant subclavian artery, [double aortic arch](#), pulmonary sling, interruption of IVC with azygos / hemiazygos continuation

D.TRAUMA1.**Aortic aneurysm** / pseudoaneurysm2.Hematoma3.Loculated [hemothorax](#)4.Traumatic pseudomeningocele

E.FOREGUT CYST 1/ cysts may demonstrate peripheral rimlike calcifications1.**Bronchogenic cyst**2.**Enteric cyst**3.**Neurenteric cyst**4.Extralobar sequestration

F.FATTY MASS1.Bochdalek hernia2.**Mediastinal lipomatosis**3.Fat-containing tumors: [lipoma](#), [liposarcoma](#), teratoma (rare)G.**OTHER**1.Loculated [pleural effusion](#)2.**Pancreatic pseudocyst**3.Lateral meningocele ([neurofibromatosis](#); enlarged neural foramen)4.**Extramedullary hematopoiesis**:in chronic bone marrow deficiency; paraspinal area rich in RES-elements 5/ [splenomegaly](#); widening of ribs5."Pseudomass" of the newborn *mnemonic:*"BELLMAN"Bochdalek hernia Extramedullary hematopoiesis Lymphadenopathy Lymphangioma Meningocele (lateral) Aneurysm Neurogenic tumor **Aorticopulmonary Window Mass** 1.Adenopathy2.**Traumatic aortic pseudoaneurysm**3.Pulmonary artery aneurysm4.**Bronchogenic cyst**5.Tumor of tracheobronchial tree6.Esophageal tumor7.Neurogenic tumor8.Mediastinal abscess **Hypervascular Mediastinal Mass** 1.**Paraganglioma**2.Metastasis: typically [renal cell carcinoma](#)3.[Castleman disease](#)4.**Hemangioma**5.Sarcoma6.**Tuberculosis**7.**Sarcoidosis**

Cardiophrenic-angle Mass A.Lesion of pericardium1.**Pericardial cyst**2.Intrapericardiac [bronchogenic cyst](#)3.Benign intrapericardiac neoplasm:teratoma, [leiomyoma](#), [hemangioma](#), [lipoma](#) 4.Malignant neoplasm:mesothelioma, metastasis (lung, breast, [lymphoma](#), melanoma) B.Cardiac lesion: aneurysm

C.Others:masses arising from lung, pleura, diaphragm, abdomen

Right Cardiophrenic-angle Mass A.Heart1.Aneurysm (cardiac ventricle, sinus of Valsalva)2.Dilated right atrium

B.Peri- / epicardium1.Epicardial fat-pad / [lipoma](#) (most common cause) 2/ triangular opacity in cardiophrenic angle less dense than heart 3/ increase in size under corticosteroid treatment2.**Pericardial cyst**

C.Diaphragm1.Diaphragmatic hernia of Morgagni2.Diaphragmatic lymph node (esp. in [Hodgkin disease](#) + [breast cancer](#))

D.Anterior mediastinal massE.Primary lung massF.Paracardiac varices

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Low-attenuation Mediastinal Mass A.FLUID1.Foregut cyst2.Lymphocele3.Seroma4.Hematoma5.Abscess6.[Hydatid disease](#)B.LYMPH NODE1.Tuberculous lymph nodes2.Metastasis from thyroid / [testicular tumor](#)3.[Lymphoma](#): treated / untreatedC.PRIMARY NEOPLASM1.Neurogenic tumor2.Fat-containing neoplasm

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Mediastinal Cysts =21% of all primary mediastinal tumors, mostly developmental 1. [Pericardial cyst](#) 2. [Thymic cyst](#) 3. FOREGUT CYST (a) [Bronchogenic cyst](#) (54-63%) (b) Esophageal [duplication cyst](#) (c) **Neurenteric cyst (least common)**

4. Lateral meningocele

=outpouching of leptomeninges through intervertebral foramen *Etiology*: in 75% [neurofibromatosis](#) spinal abnormalities (kyphoscoliosis, scalloping of dorsal vertebrae, enlargement of intervertebral foramen, pedicle erosion, thinning of ribs) 5. **Hydatid cyst**

Location: paravertebral gutter erosion of ribs + vertebrae 6. **Thoracic duct cyst**

rare, filled with chyle *Etiology*: degenerative / lymphangiomatous 7. Posttraumatic lymphocele = contained pleural / mediastinal lymph collection • history of prolonged chylous chest tube drainage *Time of onset*: several months after injury 8. [Cystic hygroma](#) 9. Parathyroid cyst uncommon as [mediastinal mass](#)

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Hilar Mass A. LARGE PULMONARY ARTERIES enlargement of main pulmonary artery abrupt change in vessel caliber enlarged pulmonary artery compared with bronchus (in same bronchovascular bundle) cephalization enlargement of right ventricle (RAO 45°, LAO 60°) Cause: 1. Chronic obstructive disease ([emphysema](#)) 2. Chronic restrictive [interstitial lung disease](#) (idiopathic [fibrosis](#), [cystic fibrosis](#), [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [sarcoidosis](#)) 3. Pulmonary embolic disease (acute massive / chronic) 4. Idiopathic pulmonary hypertension 5. Left-sided heart failure + [mitral stenosis](#) 6. Congenital heart disease with left-to-right shunt (a) acyanotic: ASD, VSD, PDA (b) cyanotic (admixture lesions): transposition of great vessels, [truncus arteriosus](#) B. DUPLICATION CYST C. UNILATERAL HILAR ADENOPATHY (a) NEOPLASTIC 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (most common) 2. Metastases (lack of mediastinal involvement exceptional) 3. [Lymphoma](#) (b) INFLAMMATORY 1. [Tuberculosis](#) (primary) in 80% 2. Fungal infection: [histoplasmosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [blastomycosis](#) 3. Viral infections: atypical measles 4. Infectious mononucleosis 5. Drug reaction 6. [Sarcoidosis](#) (in 1-3%) 7. Bilateral lung abscess mnemonic: "Fat Hila Suck" Fungus Hodgkin disease Squamous / oat cell carcinoma D. BILATERAL HILAR ADENOPATHY (a) NEOPLASTIC 1. [Lymphoma](#) (50% in [Hodgkin disease](#)) 2. Metastases 3. [Leukemia](#) 4. Primary [bronchogenic carcinoma](#) 5. Plasmacytoma (b) INFLAMMATORY 1. [Sarcoidosis](#) (in 70-90%) 2. [Silicosis](#) 3. Histiocytosis X 4. [Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis](#) 5. Chronic [berylliosis](#) (c) INFECTIOUS 1. [Rubella](#), ECHO virus, varicella, mononucleosis mnemonic: "Please Helen Lick My Popsicle Stick" Primary TB Histoplasmosis Lymphoma Metastases Pneumoconiosis Sarcoidosis

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Eggshell Calcification Of Nodes A.PNEUMOCONIOSIS1.[Silicosis](#) (5%)2.[Coal workers pneumoconiosis](#) (1.3-6%)not seen in: asbestosis, [berylliosis](#), [talcosis](#), [baritosis](#) B.[SARCOIDOSIS](#) (5%)C.FUNGAL + BACTERIAL INFECTION (rare):1.[Tuberculosis](#)2.[Histoplasmosis](#)3.[Coccidioidomycosis](#)D.[FIBROSING](#)
[MEDIASTINITIS](#)E.[LYMPHOMA](#) FOLLOWING RADIATION THERAPY

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Enlargement Of Azygos Vein Normal azygos vein (on upright CXR): ≤ 7 mm A. COLLATERAL CIRCULATION1. [Portal hypertension](#)2. SVC obstruction / compression below azygos vein3. [IVC obstruction](#) / compression4. Interrupted IVC with azygos continuation5. Partial anomalous venous return (rare)6. Pregnancy7. Hepatic vein occlusionB. RIGHT ATRIAL HYPERTENSION1. Right-sided heart failure2. [Constrictive pericarditis](#)3. Large [pericardial effusion](#)

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Thymic Mass 1. [Thymoma](#) 2. [Thymolipoma](#) 3. [Thymic cyst](#) 4. [Thymic carcinoid](#)

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Diffuse Thymic Enlargement 1. [Thymic hyperplasia](#) 2. Thymic infiltration by [leukemia](#), Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), histiocytosis • presence of adenopathy elsewhere ✓ no pleural implants 3. Thymic hemorrhage

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Tracheal Tumor ■ [asthma](#) symptomatology ■ hoarseness, cough ■ wheeze (inspiratory with extrathoracic lesion, expiratory with intrathoracic lesion) ■ [hemoptysis](#)
A. BENIGN 1. Cartilaginous tumor (hamartoma) 2. Squamous cell papilloma 3. Fibroma / [lipoma](#) 4. [Hemangioma](#) 5. Granular cell myoblastoma 6. Granuloma (inflammatory, TB, fungus) 7. Amyloid tumor
B. MALIGNANT 1. Squamous-cell carcinoma (commonest primary) 2. [Adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) = [cylindroma](#) 3. Metastasis from [renal cell carcinoma](#), colon cancer, [malignant melanoma](#) 4. [Lymphoma](#) 5. Plasmacytoma

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Endobronchial Tumor 1. Neuroendocrine tumor (typical / atypical [carcinoid](#)) 2. [Mucoepidermoid carcinoma](#) 3. [Adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) 4. Hamartoma 5. [Leiomyoma](#) 6. Myoblastoma 7. Mucous gland adenoma 8. Squamous cell carcinoma

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Bronchial Obstruction 1.Foreign body: most commonly in young children2.Granulomatous disease: due to granuloma formation in bronchial wall / extrinsic compression by adenopathy3.Broncholiths = erosion of calcified nodes into bronchial lumen4.Stenosis / atresia5.Neoplasm(a)[Bronchogenic carcinoma](#)(b)[Adenoid cystic carcinoma](#)(c)Mucoepidermoid tumor(d)Hamartoma *mnemonic:"MEATFACE"*Mucus plug Endobronchial granulomatous disease Adenoma Tuberculosis Foreign body Amyloid, Atresia (bronchial) Cancer (primary) Endobronchial metastasis

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Mucoid Impaction =BRONCHIAL [MUCOCELE](#) = BRONCHOCELE=accumulation of inspissated secretions (mucus / pus / inflammatory products) within bronchial lumen; usually associated with bronchial dilatationA.WITH [BRONCHIAL OBSTRUCTION](#) in the presence of collateral air drift1.[Bronchial obstruction](#) by neoplasm:[bronchogenic carcinoma](#) / adenoma 2.[Bronchial atresia](#)B.WITHOUT [BRONCHIAL OBSTRUCTION](#)1.[Asthma](#) (most frequent cause): esp. during acute attack or convalescent phase2.Fluid-filled [bronchiectasis](#): history of childhood [pneumonia](#); peripheral distribution3.Bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#): central perihilar [bronchiectasis](#)4.[Cystic fibrosis](#)5.Chronic bronchitis

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Signet-ring Sign =ring of opacity in association with smaller round soft-tissue opacity (usually thick-walled bronchus + adjacent pulmonary artery / dilated bronchial artery)1.[Bronchiectasis](#)2.Multifocal [bronchioloalveolar carcinoma](#)3.Metastatic adenocarcinoma

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HRCT Classification Of Bronchiolar Disease [CT findings are nonspecific and must be interpreted in the appropriate clinical context] ¹ nodules and branching lines1.Acute infectious bronchiolitis in infants and young children (RSV, adenovirus, Mycoplasma)2.Diffuse [panbronchiolitis](#) in Orientals3.Chronic inflammation: [asthma](#), chronic bronchitis, [bronchiectasis](#)¹ [ground-glass attenuation](#) and consolidation1.BOOP2.Respiratory bronchiolitis = smokers bronchiolitis¹ low attenuation and mosaic perfusion1.Constrictive bronchiolitis2.[Swyer-James syndrome](#)¹ bronchiolocentric infiltrates1.[Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#)2.[Sarcoidosis](#) (perivenular nodules)3.Pneumoconiosis: asbestosis, [silicosis](#)

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Bronchial Wall Thickening ϕ Apparent thickness of bronchial wall varies with lung window chosen on CT: a mean window that is too low can make bronchial wall appear abnormal! A. PERIBRONCHOVASCULAR 1. [Sarcoidosis](#) 2. [Lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) 3. [Kaposi sarcoma](#) 4. [Lymphoma](#) 5. [Pulmonary edema](#) B. BRONCHIAL WALL 1. [Airway](#) disease C. MUCOSA

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Broncholithiasis 1.[Histoplasmosis](#)2.[Tuberculosis](#)3.[Cryptococcosis](#)4.[Actinomyces](#)5.[Coccidioidomycosis](#) ✓ calcified lymph node within / adjacent to affected bronchus
✓ [bronchial obstruction](#): [atelectasis](#), airspace disease, [bronchiectasis](#), air trapping ✓ absence of associated soft-tissue mass

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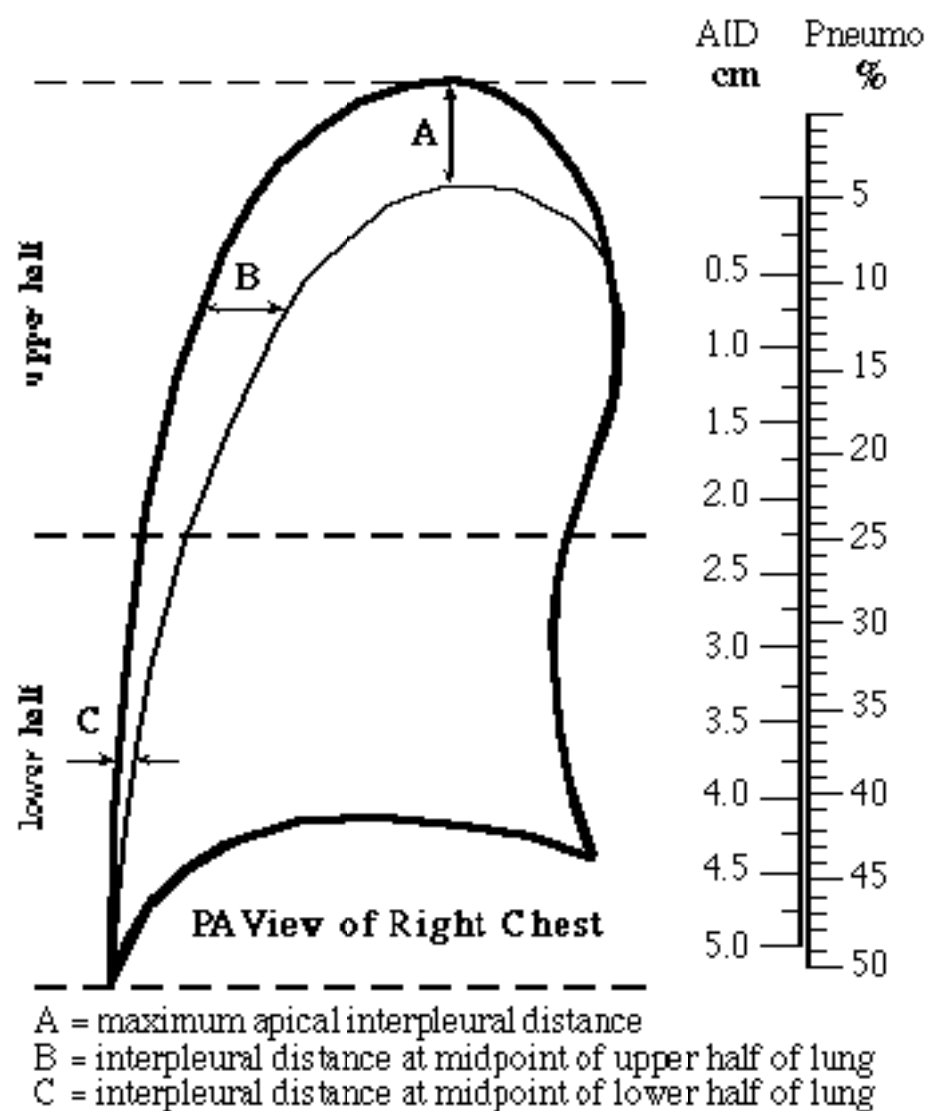
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Pneumothorax = accumulation of air in the pleural space *Pathophysiology*: disruption of visceral pleura / trauma to parietal pleura ■ pleuritic back / shoulder pain, dyspnea (in 80-90%) *Etiology*: 1. Penetrating trauma 2. Blunt trauma (a) rib fracture (b) increased intrathoracic pressure against closed glottis: lung contusion / laceration (c) bronchial rupture ✓ fallen lung sign = hilum of lung below expected level within chest cavity ✓ persistent pneumothorax with functioning chest tube ✓ mediastinal pneumothorax 3. Iatrogenic tracheostomy, central venous catheter, PEEP ventilator (3-16%), thoracic irradiation 4. **Primary / idiopathic spontaneous pneumothorax**

Cause: rupture of subpleural blebs in apical region of lung *Age*: 20-40 years; M:F = 8:1; esp. in patients with tall asthenic stature; mostly in smokers ■ chest pain (69%) ■ dyspnea *Prognosis*: recurrence in 30% on same side, in 10% on contralateral side *Rx*: simple aspiration (in >50% success) / tube thoracostomy (in 90% effective) 5. Other causes: (a) Neonatal disease: meconium aspiration, respirator therapy for hyaline membrane disease (b) Malignancy: primary lung cancer, lung metastases (esp. osteosarcoma, pancreas, adrenal, Wilms tumor) (c) Pulmonary infections: tuberculosis, necrotizing pneumonia, coccidioidomycosis, hydatid disease, pertussis, acute bacterial pneumonia, staphylococcal septicemia, AIDS (Pneumocystis carinii, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, atypical mycobacteria) (d) Cx of honeycomb lung: pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, sarcoidosis, scleroderma, eosinophilic granuloma, interstitial pneumonitis, histiocytosis X, rheumatoid lung, idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis, pulmonary alveolar proteinosis, biliary cirrhosis (e) Spasmodic asthma, diffuse emphysema ✓ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the most common predisposing disorder of secondary spontaneous pneumothorax (f) **Catamenial pneumothorax** = recurrent spontaneous pneumothorax during menstruation associated with endometriosis of the diaphragm; R >> L (g) Marfan syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (h) Pulmonary infarction (i) Lymphangiomyomatosis + tuberous sclerosis *Mnemonic*: "THE CHEST SET" Trauma Honeycomb lung, Hamman-Rich syndrome Emphysema, Esophageal rupture Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease Hyaline membrane disease Endometriosis Spontaneous, Scleroderma Tuberous sclerosis Sarcoma (oste-), Sarcoidosis Eosinophilic granuloma Tuberculosis + fungus *Types*: 1. Closed pneumothorax = intact thoracic cage 2. Open pneumothorax = "sucking" chest wound 3. **Tension pneumothorax** = accumulation of air within pleural space due to free ingress + limited egress of air *Pathophysiology*: intrapleural pressure exceeds atmospheric pressure in lung during expiration (check-valve mechanism) *Frequency*: in 3-5% of patients with spontaneous pneumothorax, higher in barotrauma ✓ displacement of mediastinum / anterior junction line ✓ deep sulcus sign = on frontal view larger lateral costodiaphragmatic recess than on opposite side ✓ diaphragmatic inversion ✓ total / subtotal lung collapse ✓ collapse of SVC / IVC / right heart border (decreased systemic venous return + decreased cardiac output) N.B.: Medical emergency! 4. **Tension hydro-pneumothorax**

✓ sharp delineation of visceral pleural by dense pleural space ✓ mediastinal shift to opposite side ✓ air-fluid level in pleural space on erect CXR **PNEUMOTHORAX SIZE**
Average Interpleural Distance (AID) = (A + B + C) ÷ 3 [in cm] converts to percentage of pneumothorax



Radiographic signs in upright position: ✓ white margin of visceral pleura separated from parietal pleura *DDx*: skin fold, air trapped between chest wall soft tissues, hair braid ✓ absence of vascular markings beyond visceral pleural margin *Radiographic signs in supine position*: 1. Anteromedial pneumothorax (earliest location) ✓ outline of medial diaphragm under cardiac silhouette ✓ sharp delineation of mediastinal contours (SVC, azygos vein, left subclavian artery, anterior junction line, superior pulmonary vein, heart border, IVC, deep anterior cardiophrenic sulcus, pericardial fat-pad) 2. Subpulmonic pneumothorax (second most common location) ✓ hyperlucent upper abdominal quadrant ✓ deep lateral costophrenic sulcus ✓ sharply outlined diaphragm in spite of parenchymal disease ✓ visualization of anterior costophrenic sulcus ✓ visualization of inferior surface of lung 3. Apicolateral pneumothorax (least common location) ✓ visualization of visceral pleural line 4. Posteromedial pneumothorax (in presence of lower lobe collapse) ✓ lucent triangle with vertex at hilum ✓ V-shaped base delineating costovertebral sulcus 5. Pneumothorax outlines pulmonary ligament *Prognosis*: resorption of pneumothorax occurs at a rate of 1.25% per day (accelerated by increasing inspired oxygen concentrations)

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Pleural Effusion

A. TRANSUDATE (protein level of 1.5-2.5 g/dL) *Pathophysiology*: result of systemic abnormalities causing an outpouring of low-protein fluid (a) Increased hydrostatic pressure 1. **Congestive heart failure** (in 65%) bilateral (88%); right-sided (8%); left-sided (4%); least amount on left side due to cardiac movement, which stimulates lymphatic resorption 2. **Constrictive pericarditis** (in 60%) (b) Decreased colloid-oncotic pressure-decreased protein production 1. **Cirrhosis** with **ascites** (in 6%): right-sided (67%) -protein loss / hypervolemia 1. Nephrotic syndrome (21%), overhydration, glomerulonephritis (55%), peritoneal dialysis 2. **Hypothyroidism** (c) Chylous effusion Most frequent cause of isolated pleural effusion in newborn with 15-25% mortality! • chylomicrons + lymphocytes in fluid

B. EXUDATE *Pathophysiology*: increased permeability of abnormal pleural capillaries with release of high-protein fluid into pleural space *Criteria*: • pleural fluid total protein / serum total protein ratio of >0.5 • pleural fluid LDH / serum LDH ratio of >0.6 • pleural fluid LDH >2/3 of upper limit of normal for serum LDH (upper limit for LDH ~200 IU) • pleural fluid specific gravity >1.016 • protein level >3 g/dL √ effusion with septation / low-level echoes √ "split pleura" sign on CECT = thickened enhancing visceral + parietal pleura separated by fluid √ extrapleural fat thickening of >2 mm + increased attenuation (edema / inflammation) (a) Infection 1. **Empyema** = parapneumonic effusion characterized by presence of pus ± positive culture -*exudative phase* = inflammation of visceral pleura results in increased capillary permeability with weeping of high-protein fluid into pleural space -*fibrinopurulent phase* = inflammatory cells + neutrophils pour into pleural space + fibrin deposition on pleural surfaces -*organizing phase* = recruitment of fibroblasts + capillaries results in deposition of collagen + granulation tissue on pleural surfaces = pleural **fibrosis** Rx: decortication if active infection persists *Organism*: S. aureus, gram-negative + anaerobic bacteria • positive Gram stain • positive culture (anaerobic bacteria most frequent) • gross pus (WBC >15, 000/cm³) • pH <7.0 • LDH >1000 IU/L • glucose <40 mg/dL 2. Parapneumonic effusion (in 40%) = any effusion associated with **pneumonia** / lung abscess / **bronchiectasis** without criteria for an **empyema** 3. **Tuberculosis** (in 1%): high protein content (75 g/dL), lymphocytes >70%, positive culture (only in 20-25%) 4. Fungi: Actinomyces, Nocardia 5. Parasites: **amebiasis** (secondary to liver abscess in 15-20%), Echinococcus 6. Mycoplasma, rickettsia (in 20%) **empyema necessitatis** = chronic **empyema** attempting to decompress through chest wall (in TB, **actinomycosis**, **aspergillosis**, **blastomycosis**, **nocardiosis**) (b) Malignant disease (in 60%) • positive cytologic results Cause: lung cancer (26-49%), **breast cancer** (8-24%), **lymphoma** (10-28%, in 2/3 **chylothorax**), **ovarian cancer** (10%), **malignant mesothelioma** containing hyaluronic acid (5%) *Pathogenesis*: -pleural metastases (increase pleural permeability) -lymphatic obstruction (pleural vessels, mediastinal nodes, thoracic duct disruption) -**bronchial obstruction** (loss of volume + resorptive surface) -hypoproteinemia (secondary to tumor cachexia) Rx: sclerosing agents: doxycycline, bleomycin, talc (c) Vascular Pulmonary emboli (in 15-30% of all embolic events): often serosanguinous (d) Abdominal disease 1. **Pancreatitis** / **pancreatic pseudocyst** / pancreaticopleural fistula (in 2/3): √ usually left-sided pleural effusion • high amylase levels 2. **Boerhaave syndrome**: left-sided **esophageal perforation** 3. Subphrenic abscess √ pleural effusion (79%) √ elevation + restriction of diaphragmatic motion (95%) √ basilar platelike **atelectasis** / pneumonitis (79%) 4. Abdominal tumor with **ascites** 5. **Meigs-Salmon syndrome** = primary pelvic neoplasms (ovarian fibroma, thecoma, **granulosa cell tumor**, **Brenner tumor**, cystadenoma, adenocarcinoma, fibromyoma of uterus) cause pleural effusion in 2-3%; **ascites** + hydrothorax resolve with tumor removal 6. **Endometriosis** 7. Bile fistula (e) Collagen-vascular disease 1. **Rheumatoid arthritis** (in 3%): unilateral; R > L (in 75%), recurrent alternating sides; pleural effusion relatively unchanged in size for months; predominantly in men; LOW GLUCOSE content of 20-50 mg/dL (in 70-80%) without increase following IV infusion of glucose (DDx: TB, metastatic disease, parapneumonic effusion) 2. SLE (in 15-74%) most common collagenosis to give pleural effusion, bilateral in 50%; L > R √ enlargement of cardiovascular silhouette (in 35-50%) 3. **Wegener granulomatosis** (in 50%) 4. **Siögren syndrome** 5. Mixed **connective tissue disease** 6. Periarteritis nodosa 7. Postmyocardial infarct syndrome (f) Traumatic hemorrhagic, chylous, esophageal rupture, thoracic / abdominal surgery, intrapleural infusion = "infusothorax" (0.5%), **radiation pneumonitis** (g) Miscellaneous 1. **Sarcoidosis** 2. Uremic pleuritis (in 20% of uremic patients) 3. Drug-induced effusion CXR: √ first 300 ml not visualized on PA view (collect in subpulmonic region first, then spill into posterior costophrenic sinus) √ lateral decubitus views may detect as little as 25 ml √ hemidiaphragm + costophrenic sinuses obscured √ extension upward around posterior > lateral > anterior thoracic wall (mediastinal portion fixed by pulmonary ligament + hilum) √ meniscus-shaped semicircular upper surface with lowest point in midaxillary line √ associated collapse of ipsilateral lung Massive pleural effusion: √ enlargement of ipsilateral hemithorax √ displacement of mediastinum to contralateral side √ severe depression / flattening / inversion of ipsilateral hemidiaphragm √ visible air bronchogram Subpulmonic effusion Subpulmonic / subdiaphragmatic / intrapulmonary pleural effusion: √ peak of dome of pseudodiaphragm laterally positioned √ acutely angulated costophrenic angle √ increased distance between stomach bubble and lung √ blunted posterior costophrenic sulcus √ thin triangular paramediastinal opacity (mediastinal extension of pleural effusion) √ flattened pseudodiaphragmatic contour anterior to major fissure (on lateral CXR) CT: √ fluid outside diaphragm √ fluid elevating crus of diaphragm √ indistinct fluid-liver interface √ fluid posteromedial to liver (= bare area of liver) CAVE: "central oval" sign of **ascites** may be seen in subpulmonic effusion with inverted diaphragm **Unilateral Pleural Effusion** The majority of massive unilateral pleural effusions are malignant (**lymphoma**, metastatic disease, primary lung cancer)! 1. Neoplasm 2. Infection: TB 3. Collagen vascular disease 4. Subdiaphragmatic disease 5. Pulmonary emboli 6. Trauma: fractured rib 7. **Chylothorax** **Left-sided Pleural Effusion** 1. Spontaneous rupture of the esophagus 2. Dissecting aneurysm of the aorta 3. Traumatic rupture of aorta distal to left subclavian artery 4. Transection of distal thoracic duct 5. **Pancreatitis**: left-sided (68%), right-sided (10%), bilateral (22%) 6. Pancreatic + gastric neoplasm **Right-sided Pleural Effusion** 1. **Congestive heart failure** 2. Transection of proximal thoracic duct 3. **Pancreatitis** **Pleural Effusion & Large Cardiac Silhouette** 1. **Congestive heart failure** (most common) √ cardiomegaly √ prominence of upper lobe vessels + constriction of lower lobe vessels √ prominent hilar vessels √ interstitial edema (fine reticular pattern, Kerley lines, perihilar haze, peribronchial thickening) √ alveolar edema (perihilar confluent ill-defined densities, air bronchogram) √ "phantom tumor" = fluid localized to interlobar pleural fissure (in 78% in right horizontal fissure) 2. Pulmonary embolus with right-sided heart enlargement 3. Myocarditis / pericarditis with pleuritis (a) viral infection (b) **tuberculosis** (c) rheumatic fever (poststreptococcal infection) 4. Tumor: metastatic, mesothelioma 5. Collagen-vascular disease (a) SLE (pleural + **pericardial effusion**) (b) **rheumatoid arthritis**

Pleural Effusion & Subsegmental Atelectasis 1. Postoperative (thoracotomy, splenectomy, renal surgery) secondary to thoracic splinting + small **airway** mucous plugging 2. Pulmonary embolus 3. Abdominal mass 4. **Ascites** 5. Rib fractures **Pleural Effusion & Lobar Densities** 1. **Pneumonia** with **empyema** 2. Pulmonary embolism 3. Neoplasm (a) **bronchogenic carcinoma** (common) (b) **lymphoma** 4. **Tuberculosis** **Pleural Effusion & Hilar Enlargement** 1. Pulmonary embolus 2. Tumor (a) **bronchogenic carcinoma** (b) **lymphoma** (c) metastasis 3. **Tuberculosis** 4. Fungal infection (rare) 5. **Sarcoidosis** (very rare)

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Hemothorax A. TRAUMA 1. Closed / penetrating injury 2. Surgery 3. Interventional procedures: thoracentesis, pleural biopsy, catheter placement B. BLEEDING DIATHESIS 1. Anticoagulant therapy 2. Thrombocytopenia 3. Factor deficiency C. VASCULAR 1. Pulmonary infarct 2. [Arteriovenous malformation](#) 3. [Aortic dissection](#) 4. Leaking [atherosclerotic aneurysm](#) D. MALIGNANCY 1. Mesothelioma 2. Lung cancer 3. Metastasis 4. [Leukemia](#) E. OTHER 1. Catamenial hemorrhage 2. [Extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)
✓ rapidly enlarging high-attenuation [pleural effusion](#) on CT ✓ heterogeneous attenuation ✓ hyperattenuating areas of debris ✓ fluid-hematocrit level

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Solitary Pleural Mass =density with incomplete border and tapered superior + inferior borders, difficult to distinguish from [chest wall mass](#) (rib destruction reliable sign of [chest wall mass](#)) 1.Loculated [pleural effusion](#) ("vanishing tumor")2.Organized [empyema](#)3.Metastasis4.Local [benign mesothelioma](#)5.Subpleural [lipoma](#): may erode adjacent rib6.Hematoma7.[Mesothelial cyst](#)8.Neural tumor: schwannoma, neurofibroma9.**Localized fibrous tumor of pleura**

10. **Fibrin bodies**

= 3-4 cm large tumorlike concentrations of fibrin forming in serofibrinous pleural effusions; usually near lung base

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Multiple Pleural Densities ✓ diffuse [pleural thickening](#) with lobulated borders 1. Loculated [pleural effusion](#): infectious, hemorrhagic, neoplastic 2. Pleural plaques 3. Metastasis (most common cause) *Origin*: lung (40%), breast (20%), [lymphoma](#) (10%), melanoma, ovary, uterus, GI tract, pancreas, sarcoma 4. Metastatic adenocarcinoma histologically similar to [malignant mesothelioma](#)! 4. Diffuse [malignant mesothelioma](#) almost always unilateral, associated with asbestos exposure 5. Invasive [thymoma](#) (rare) ✓ contiguous spread, invasion of pleura, spreads around lung ✓ NO [pleural effusion](#) 6. **Thoracic splenosis** = autotransplantation of splenic tissue to pleural space following thoracoabdominal trauma; discovered 10-30 years later • asymptomatic / recurrent [hemoptysis](#) ✓ one or several nodules in left pleura / fissures measuring several mm to 6 cm ✓ positive Tc-99m-sulfur colloid scan, indium-111-labeled platelets, Tc-99m-labeled heat-damaged RBCs *mnemonic*: "Mary Tyler Moore Likes Lemon" Metastases (especially adenocarcinoma) Thymoma (malignant) Malignant mesothelioma Loculated [pleural effusion](#) Lymphoma

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Pleural Thickening A.TRAUMA1.**Fibrothorax** (most common cause)=organizing effusion / [hemothorax](#) / pyothorax¹ dense fibrous layer of approx. 2 cm thickness; almost always on visceral pleura¹ frequent calcification on inner aspect of pleural peelB.INFECTION1.Chronic [empyema](#): over bases; history of [pneumonia](#); parenchymal scars2.[Tuberculosis](#) / [histoplasmosis](#): lung apex; associated with apical cavity3.Aspergilloma: in preexisting cavity concomitant with pleural thickeningC.COLLAGEN-VASCULAR DISEASE1.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#): [pleural effusion](#) fails to resolveD.INHALATIONAL DISORDER1.Asbestos exposure: lower lateral chest wall; basilar interstitial disease (<25%); thickening of parietal pleura with sparing of visceral pleura2.[Talcosis](#)E.NEOPLASM(a)Metastases: often nodular appearance; may be obscured by effusion(b)Diffuse [malignant mesothelioma](#)(c)Pancoast tumorF.OTHER1.**Pleural hyaloseritis**
Path:hyaline sclerotic tissue = cartilagelike whitish sugar icing appearance (Zuckerguss) with occasional calcification2.Mimicked by extrathoracic musculature, 1st + 2nd rib companion shadow, subpleural fat, focal scarring around old rib fractures *mnemonic*:"TRINI"**T**rauma (healed [hemothorax](#)) **R**heumatoid arthritis (collagen vascular disease) **I**nhalation disease (asbestosis, [talcosis](#)) **N**eoplasm **I**nfection

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Apical Cap 1. Inflammatory process: TB, healed [empyema](#) 2. Postradiation [fibrosis](#) 3. Neoplasm 4. Vascular abnormality 5. Mediastinal hemorrhage 6. [Mediastinal lipomatosis](#) 7. Peripheral upper lobe collapse

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Pleural Calcification A.INFECTION1.Healed [empyema](#)2.[Tuberculosis](#) (and Rx for TB: [pneumothorax](#) / oleothorax), [histoplasmosis](#)B.TRAUMA1.Healed [hemothorax](#) = fibrothorax: • Hx of significant chest trauma[✓] irregular plaques of [calcium](#) usually in visceral pleura[✓] healed rib [fracture](#)2.Radiation therapyC.PNEUMOCONIOSIS1.[Asbestos-related pleural disease](#) (most common):[✓] combination of basilar reticular interstitial disease (<1/3) + [pleural thickening](#)[✓] calcifications of parietal pleura frequently diagnostic (diaphragmatic surface of pleura, bilateral but asymmetric)2.[Talcosis](#): similar to [asbestos-related disease](#)3.Bakelite4.Muscovite micaD.[HYPERCALCEMIA](#)1.[Pancreatitis](#)2.Secondary [hyperparathyroidism](#) in [chronic renal failure](#) / sclerodermaE.MISCELLANEOUS1.Mineral oil aspiration2.Pulmonary infarction *mnemonic*."TAFT"[Tuberculosis](#) [Asbestosis](#) [Fluid](#) (effusion, [empyema](#), hematoma) [Talc](#)

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Bilateral Diaphragmatic Elevation A. Shallow inspiration (most frequent) B. Abdominal causes Obesity, pregnancy, [ascites](#), large abdominal mass C. Pulmonary causes (1) Bilateral [atelectasis](#) (2) Restrictive pulmonary disease (SLE) D. Neuromuscular disease (1) Myasthenia gravis (2) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

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Unilateral Diaphragmatic Elevation 1. Subpulmonic [pleural effusion](#) dome of pseudodiaphragm migrates toward the costophrenic angle and flattens 2. Altered pulmonary volume (a) [Atelectasis](#) associated pulmonary density (b) Postoperative lobectomy / pneumonectomy rib defects, metallic sutures (c) Hypoplastic lung small hemithorax (more often on the right), crowding of ribs, [mediastinal shift](#), absent / small pulmonary artery, frequently associated with dextrocardia + anomalous pulmonary venous return 3. Phrenic nerve paralysis (a) Primary lung tumor (b) Malignant mediastinal tumor (c) Iatrogenic (d) Idiopathic paradoxical motion on fluoroscopy (patient in lateral position sniffing) 4. Abdominal disease (a) Subphrenic abscess: history of surgery, accompanied by [pleural effusion](#) (b) Distended stomach / colon (c) Interposition of colon (d) Liver mass (tumor, echinococcal cyst, abscess) 5. Diaphragmatic hernia 6. Eventration of diaphragm 7. Traumatic rupture of diaphragm Associated with rib fractures, [pulmonary contusion](#), [hemothorax](#) 8. Diaphragmatic tumor Mesothelioma, fibroma, [lipoma](#), [lymphoma](#), metastases

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Chest Wall Lesions A.EXTERNAL1.Cutaneous lesion: moles, neurofibroma2.Nipples3.ArtifactB.NEOPLASTIC1.Mesenchymal tumor(a)[Lipoma](#) (common): growing between ribs presenting as intrathoracic + subcutaneous mass; CT diagnostic(b)Muscle tumor, fibroma2.Neural tumorSchwannoma, neurofibroma (may erode ribs inferiorly with sclerotic bone reaction), [neuroma](#), [neuroblastoma](#) 3.Vascular tumor[Hemangioma](#), [lymphangioma](#), [hemangiopericytoma](#), aneurysm, false aneurysm 4.[Bone tumor](#) (see also *Rib lesion*) C.TRAUMATIC1.Hematoma2.Rib [fracture](#)D.INFECTIOUScellulitis, pyomyositis, abscess, [necrotizing fasciitis](#) 1.[Actinomyces](#) (parenchymal infiltrate, [pleural effusion](#), [chest wall mass](#), rib destruction, cutaneous fistulas)2.[Aspergillus](#), [nocardiosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), [tuberculosis](#) (rare)3.Pyogenic: Staphylococcus, KlebsiellaE.CHEST WALL INVASION1.Peripheral lung cancer (eg, Pancoast tumor)2.Recurrent [breast cancer](#)3.Lymphomatous nodes[✓] incomplete border sign (due to obtuse angle)[✓] smooth tapering borders (tangential views)[✓] tumor pedicle suggests a benign tumor

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Lung Disease With Chest Wall Extension A. Infectious 1. [Actinomycosis](#) 2. [Nocardia](#) 3. [Blastomycosis](#) 4. [Tuberculosis](#) B. Malignant tumor 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) 2. [Lymphoma](#) 3. [Metastases](#) 4. [Mesothelioma](#) 5. [Breast carcinoma](#) 6. [Internal mammary node](#) C. Benign tumor 1. [Capillary hemangioma](#) of infancy 2. [Cavernous hemangioma](#) 3. [Extrapleural lipoma](#) 4. [Abscess](#) 5. [Hematoma](#)

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Malignant Tumors Of Chest Wall In Children 1. [Ewing sarcoma](#) of rib (most common)(a)older child: rib involvement in 7%, predominant involvement of pelvis + lower extremity(b)child <10 years:rib involvement in 30%2. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)relatively common in children + adolescents ✓ sclerosis / destruction / scalloping of cortex (local extension to contiguous bone)✓ may calcifyMetastases to: lung, occasionally lymph nodes*Prognosis*:infiltrative growth with high risk of local recurrence3. [Neuroblastoma](#)10% present as [chest wall mass](#) ✓ may calcify4. **Askin tumor**
=uncommon tumor probably arising from intercostal nerves in young Caucasian females*Path*:neuroectodermal small cell tumor containing neuron-specific enolase (may also be found in [neuroblastoma](#))✓ rib destruction✓ [pleural effusion](#)Metastases to: bone, CNS, liver, adrenal *DDx*:Chest wall hamartoma in infancy

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Pancoast Syndrome =superior sulcus tumor invading brachial plexus + sympathetic stellate [ganglion](#)CLINICAL TRIAD: 1.Ipsilateral arm pain2.Muscle wasting of hand3.Horner syndrome = enophthalmos, ptosis, miosis, anhidrosisCause:lung cancer (most common), [breast cancer](#), [multiple myeloma](#), metastases, [lymphoma](#), mesothelioma

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PULMONARY MALFORMATION

=SEQUESTRATION SPECTRUM1.[Congenital lobar emphysema](#)2.[Bronchogenic cyst](#)3.[Congenital cystic adenomatoid malformation](#)4.[Bronchopulmonary sequestration](#)5.[Hypogenetic lung syndrome](#)6.[Pulmonary arteriovenous malformation](#)

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Mediastinal Shift & Abnormal Aeration A. SHIFT TOWARD LUCENT LUNG1. Diaphragmatic hernia2. [Chylothorax](#)3. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#)B. SHIFT AWAY FROM LUCENT LUNG1. [Congenital lobar emphysema](#)2. Persistent localized pulmonary interstitial [emphysema](#)3. Obstruction of main-stem bronchus (by anomalous or dilated vessel / cardiac chamber)

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Reticulogranular Densities In Neonate 1.[Respiratory distress](#) syndrome (90%): premature infant, inadequate [surfactant](#)2.Immature lung: premature infant, normal [surfactant](#)3.[Transient tachypnea of the newborn](#)4.Neonatal group-B streptococcal [pneumonia](#)5.Idiopathic hypoglycemia6.[Congestive heart failure](#)7.Early [pulmonary hemorrhage](#)8.Infant of diabetic mother

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Hyperinflation In Newborn 1. Fetal aspiration syndrome 2. [Neonatal pneumonia](#) 3. [Pulmonary hemorrhage](#) 4. Congenital heart disease 5. Transient tachypnea (mild)

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Hyperinflation In Child *mnemonic:* "BUMP FAD" **B**ronchiectasis **U**pper [airway](#) obstruction **M**ucoviscidosis **P**neumonia (esp. staph) **F**oreign body (ball-valve mechanism)
Asthma **D**ehydration (diarrhea, acidosis)

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PULMONARY HEMORRHAGE

A. WITHOUT RENAL DISEASE 1. Bleeding diathesis: [leukemia](#) 2. Anticoagulation therapy 3. Disseminated intravascular coagulation 4. Blunt trauma 5. [Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis](#) 6. [Limited Wegener granulomatosis](#) 7. Infectious diseases 8. Exogenous agents: D-penicillamine, lymphangiography B. WITH RENAL DISEASE 1. [Goodpasture syndrome](#) = anti-basement membrane antibody disease 2. Collagen vascular disease + systemic vasculitides: SLE, [Wegener granulomatosis](#), [polyarteritis nodosa](#), [Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#), Behçet disease 3. Rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis ± immune complexes C. HEMORRHAGIC PNEUMONIA 1. Bacteria: Legionnaires disease 2. Viruses: CMV, herpes 3. Fungi: [Aspergillosis](#), mucormycosis

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BEDSIDE CHEST RADIOGRAPHY

Unexpected findings: in 37-43% Change in diagnostic approach / therapy: in 27% *Indications*: A. Apparatus position + complications 1. Malposition of tracheal tube (12%) 2. Malposition of central venous line (9%) B. Cardiopulmonary disease 1. [Congestive heart failure](#) 2. [Pleural effusion](#) 3. [Atelectasis](#) 4. Alveolar disease 5. Air leak 6. Lung trauma 7. Thoracic bleeding 8. Mediastinal disease

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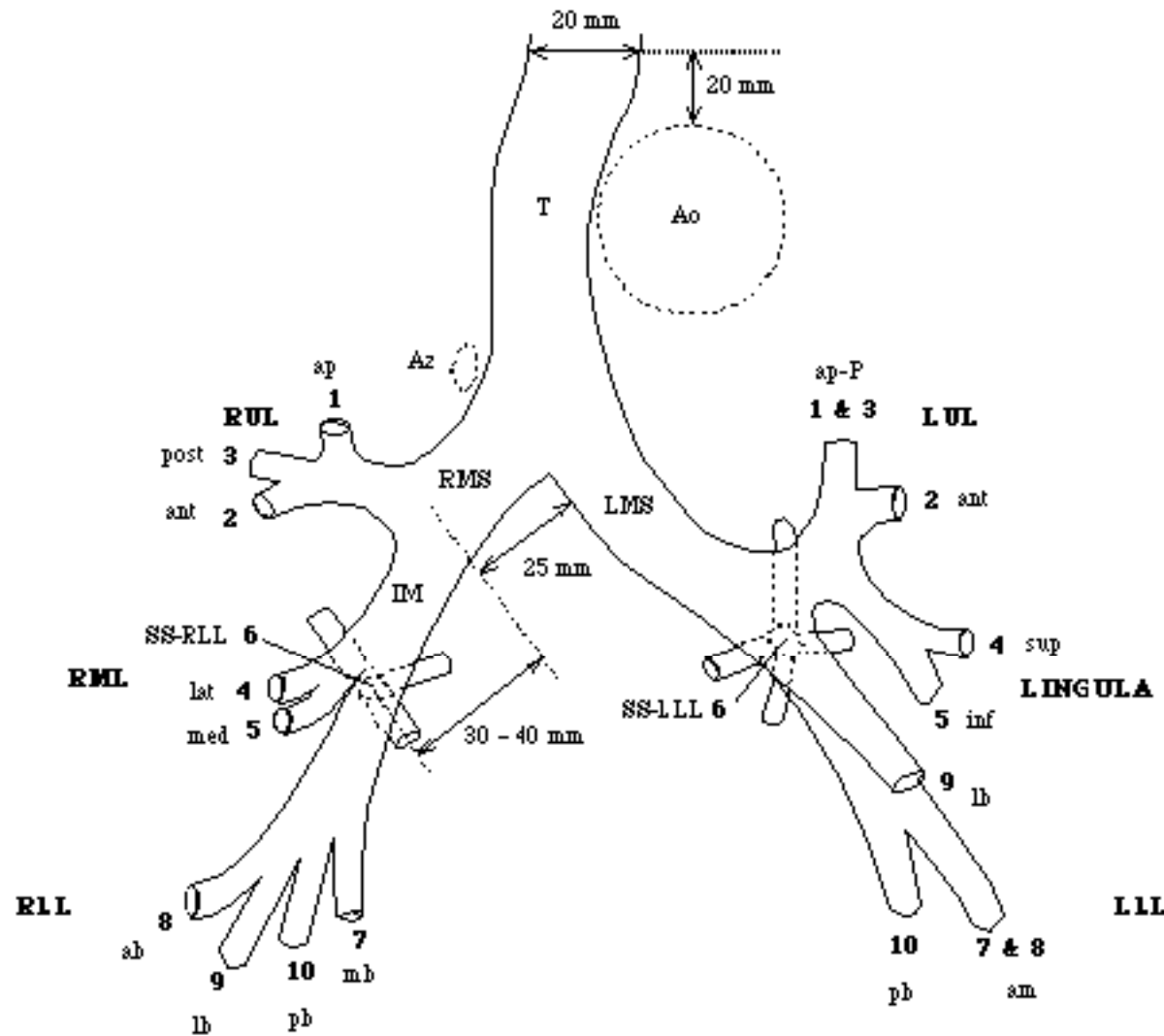


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BRONCHOPULMONARY ANATOMY

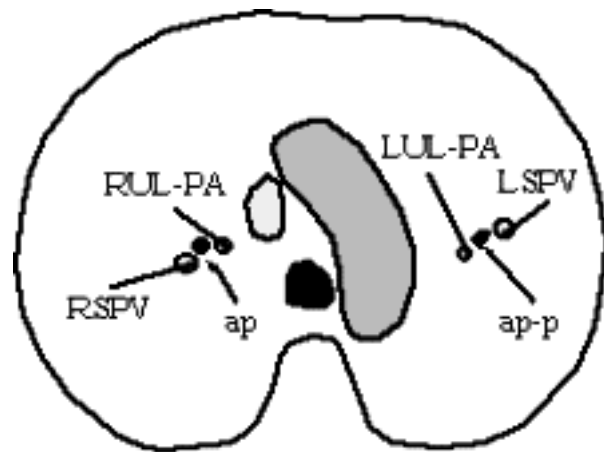


Bronchopulmonary Anatomy

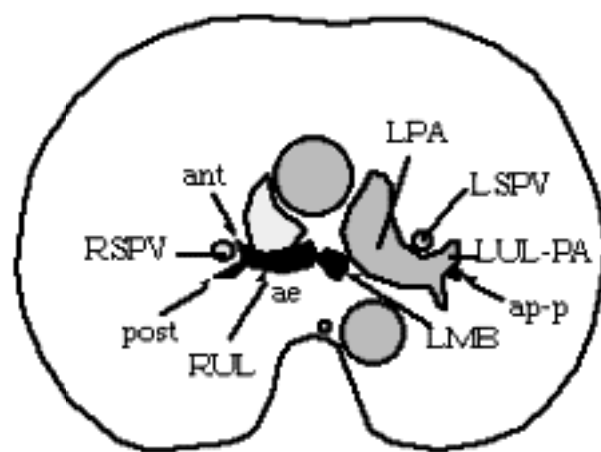
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|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Ao = aortic arch | RMS = right mainstem bronchus (2nd order bronchus) |
| Az = azygos vein | LMS = left mainstem bronchus |
| T = trachea (1st order bronchus) | IM = intermediate bronchus |
| SS-RLL = superior segment right lower lobe | SS-LLL = superior segment left lower lobe |

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| RUL = right upper lobe | LUL = left upper lobe (3rd order bronchus) |
| 1 = apical | 1&3 = apicoposterior segment |
| 2 = anterior | 2 = anterior (4th order bronchus) |
| 3 = posterior | 4 = superior lingula |
| RML = right middle lobe | 5 = inferior lingula |
| 4 = lateral | |
| 5 = medial | |
| RLL = right lower lobe | LLL = left lower lobe |
| 6 = superior | 6 = superior |
| 7 = mediobasal | 7&8 = anteromedial |
| 8 = anteriorbasal | 9 = laterobasal |
| 9 = laterobasal | 10 = posterobasal |
| 10 = posterobasal | |

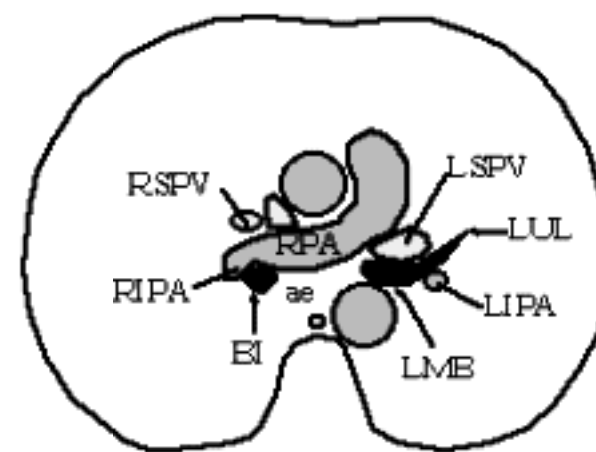
Order of lower lobe bronchi in frontal projection: from lateral to medial:
 mnemonic "ALPm" = Anterior-Lateral-Posterior-medial



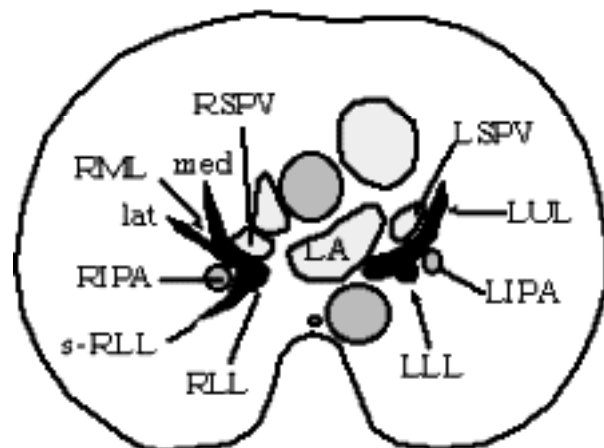
Level of apical segmental bronchus



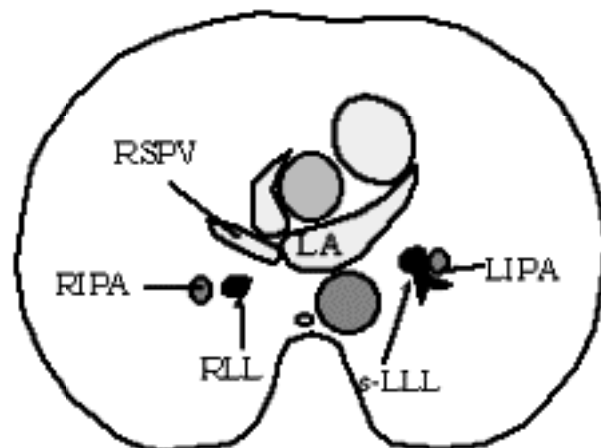
Level of right upper lobe bronchus



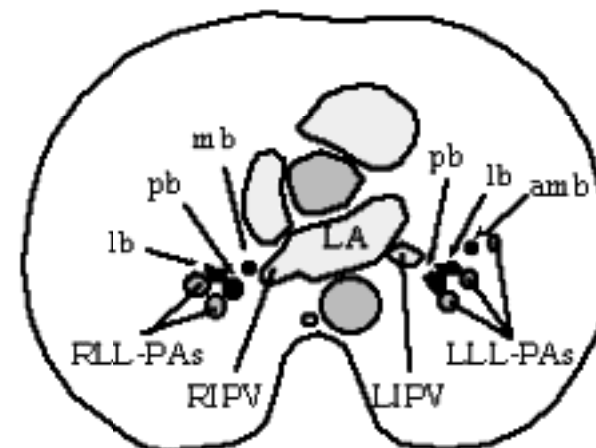
Level of bronchus intermedius



Level of right middle lobe bronchus



Level of left superior segmental bronchus



Level of lower lobe bronchi

Right

ant = anterior RUL
 ap = apical RUL
 BI = bronchus intermedius
 lat = lateral RML
 mb = mediobasal RLL
 med = medial RML

pb = posterobasal RLL
 post = posterior RUL
 RLL = right lower lobe
 RML = right middle lobe
 RUL = right upper lobe
 s-RLL = superior segment

RIPV / LIPV = right / left inferior pulmonary vein
 RPA / LPA = right / left pulmonary artery
 RUL-PA / LUL-PA = right / left upper lobe pulmonary artery

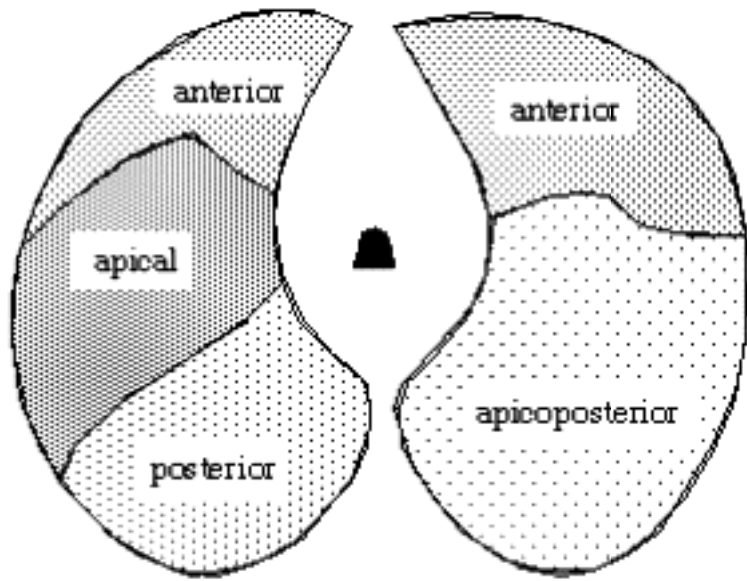
Left

amb = anteromedio basal LLL
 lb = laterobasal LLL
 LMB = left main bronchus
 pb = posterobasal LLL
 ae = azygoesophageal recess

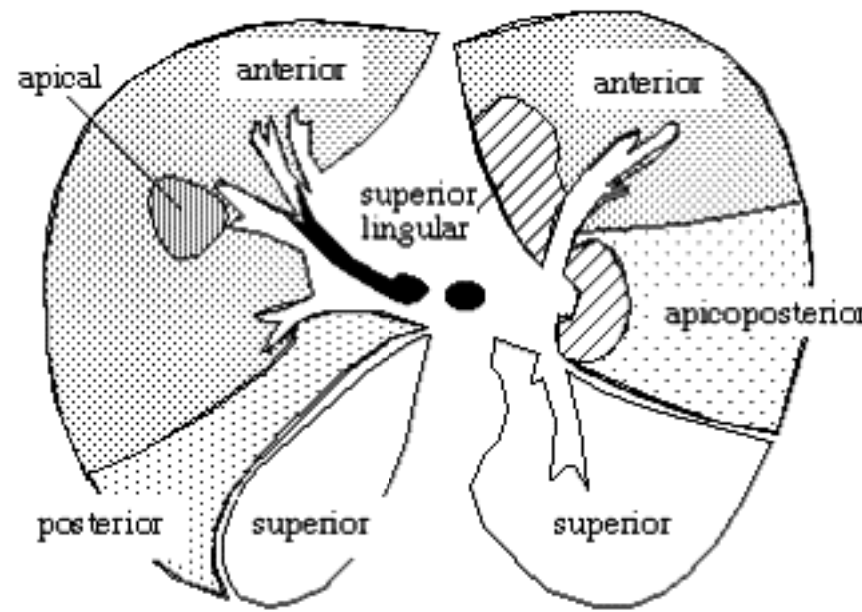
ap-p = apicoposterior LUL
 LLL = left lower lobe
 LUL = left upper lobe
 s-LLL = superior segment

RIPA / LIPA = right / left inferior pulmonary artery
 RLL-PAs / LLL-PAs = right / left lower lobe pulmonary arteries
 RSPV / LSPV = right / left superior pulmonary vein

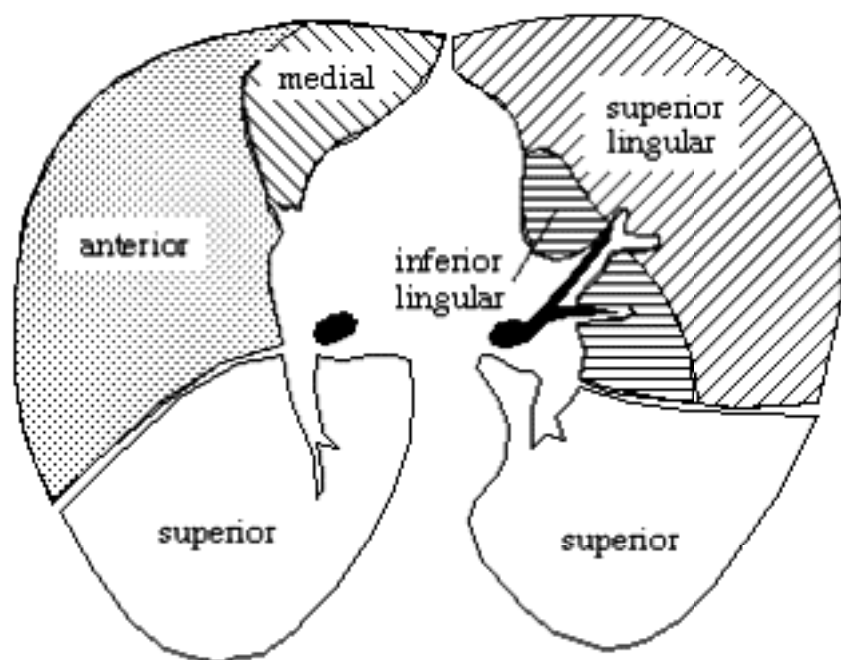
Cross-sectional Anatomy of Bronchovascular Divisions



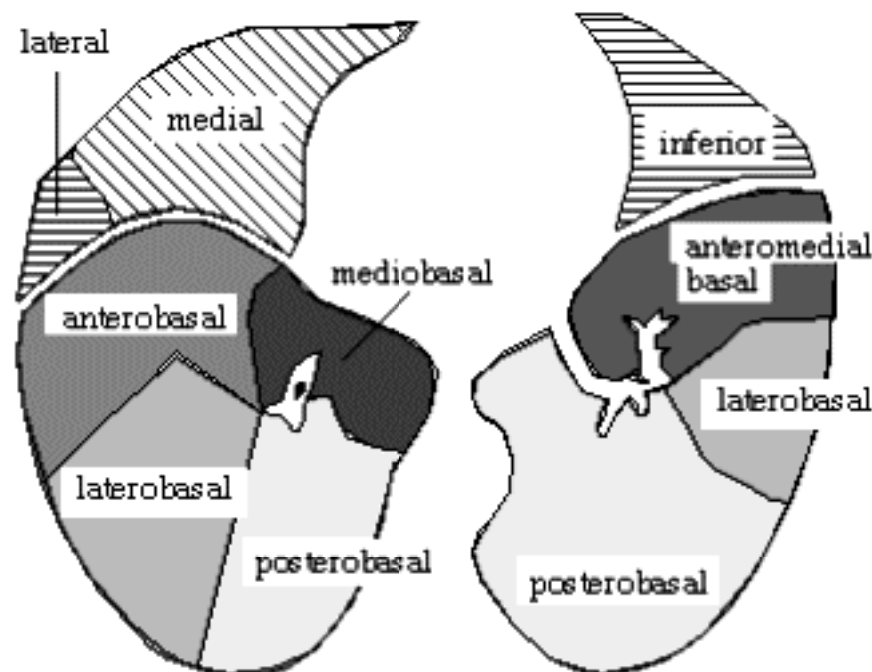
Aortic arch level



Left pulmonary artery level



Right pulmonary artery level



Cardiac ventricular level

Cross-sectional anatomy of lung segments

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Embryology Of Airways first 5 weeks GA lung buds grow from ventral aspect of primitive foregut; *pulmonary agenesis*
5th week GA trachea + esophagus separate 5-16 weeks formation of tracheobronchial tree with bronchi, bronchioles, alveolar ducts, alveoli; *bronchogenic cyst*
(= abnormal budding); *pulmonary hypoplasia* (= fewer than expected bronchi) 16-24 weeks dramatic increase in number + complexity of airspaces and blood vessels;
small airways + reduction in number and size of acini

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Airway =conducting branches for the transport of air;~300,000 branching airways from trachea to bronchiole with an average of 23 airway generations
Definition:
bronchus=cartilage in wall
bronchiole=absence of cartilage-membranous bronchiole = purely air conducting-respiratory bronchiole = containing alveoli in their walls-lobular bronchiole = supplies [secondary pulmonary lobule](#); may branch into 3 or more terminal bronchioles-terminal bronchiole = last generation of purely conducting bronchioles; each supplying one [acinus](#)
small airways=diameter <2 mm = small cartilaginous bronchi + membranous and respiratory bronchioles; account for 25% of airway resistance
large airways=diameter >2 mm; account for 75% of airway resistance
HRCT of normal lung (window level -700 HU, window width 1,000-1,500): \checkmark -875 \pm 18 HU at inspiration; \checkmark -620 \pm 43 HU at expiration

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Acinus =functionally most important subunit of lung = all parenchymal tissue distal to one terminal bronchiole comprising 2-5 generations of respiratory bronchioles + alveolar ducts + alveolar sacs + alveoli¹ radiologically not visible

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Primary Pulmonary Lobule = alveolar duct + air spaces connected with it

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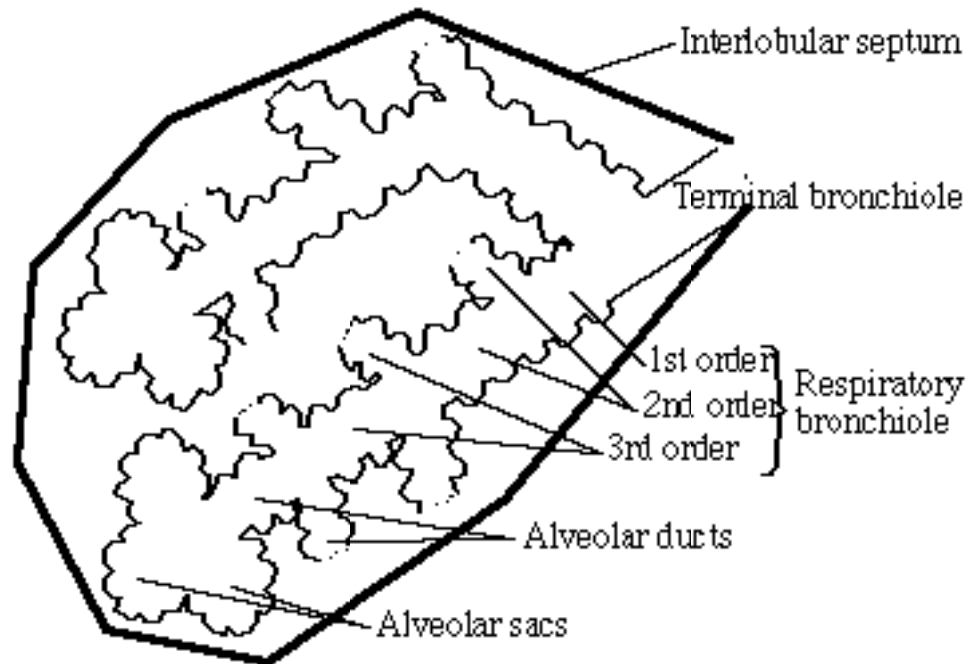


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Secondary Pulmonary Lobule = REID LOBULE = smallest portion of lung surrounded by connective tissue septa = basic anatomic + functional pulmonary unit appearing as an irregular polyhedron measuring 10-25 mm on each side; separated from each other by thin fibrous interlobular septa (100 µm); supplied by 3-5 terminal bronchioles; contains 3-24 acini. Contents: -centrally = lobular core: branches of terminal bronchioles (0.1 mm wall thickness is below the resolution of HRCT) + pulmonary arterioles (1 mm) -peripherally (in interlobular septa): pulmonary veins + lymph vessels. HRCT: barely visible fine lines of increased attenuation in contact with pleura (= interlobular septa); best developed in subpleural areas of-UL + ML: anterior + lateral + juxtamediastinal-LL: anterior + diaphragmatic regions. dotlike / linear / branching structures (= pulmonary arterioles) near center of secondary pulmonary lobule 3-5 mm from pleura



The Secondary Pulmonary Lobule

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Surfactant = surface-active material essential for normal pulmonary function
Substrate: phospholipids (phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylglycerol), other lipids, cholesterol, lung-specific proteins
Production: type II pulmonary alveoli synthesize + transport + secrete lung surfactant; earliest production around 18th week of gestation (in amniotic fluid by 22nd week of gestation)
Action: increases lung [compliance](#), stabilizes alveoli, enhances alveolar fluid clearance, reverses surface tension, protects against alveolar collapse during respiration, protects epithelial cell surface, reduces opening pressure + precapillary tone
LUNG INTERSTITIUM
Division Components axial bronchovascular sheath lymphatics middle (parenchymal) alveolar wall (interalveolar septum) peripheral pleura subpleural connective tissue interlobular septa (enclosing pulmonary veins, lymphatics, walls of cortical alveoli)

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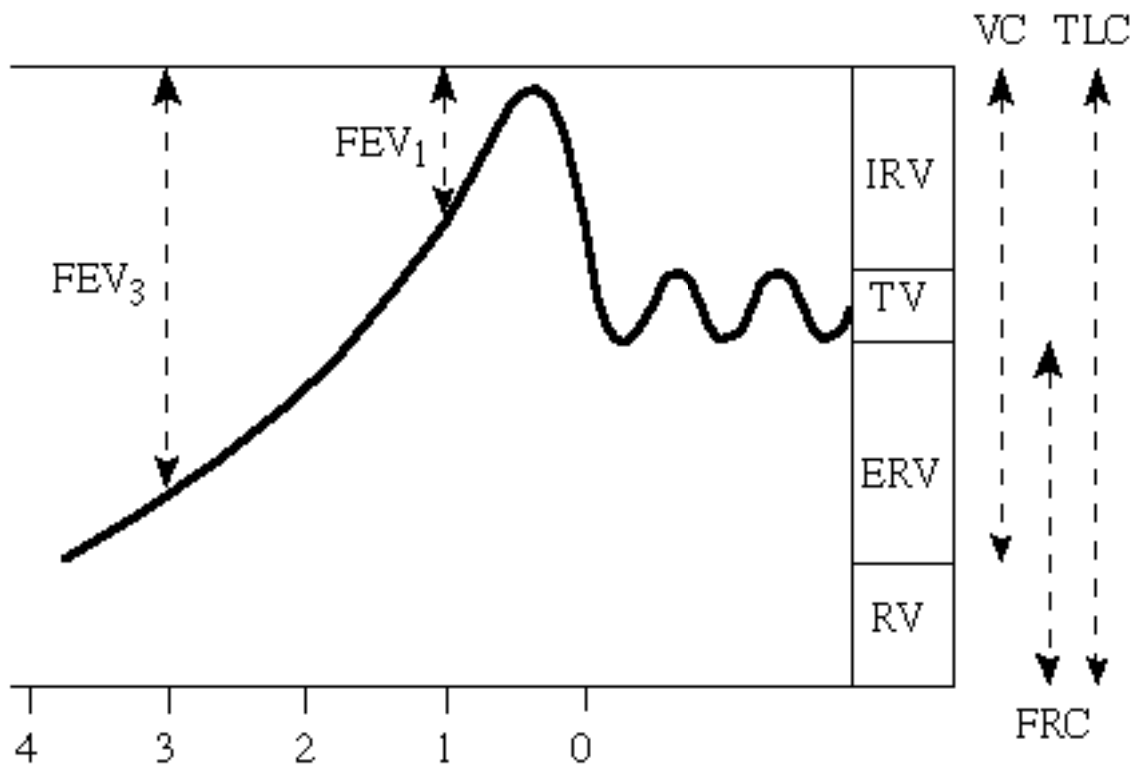


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Lung Volumes & Capacities



1. Tidal volume (**TV**)=amount of gas moving in and out with each respiratory cycle
2. Residual volume (**RV**)=amount of gas remaining in the lung after a maximal expiration
3. Total lung capacity (**TLC**)=gas contained in lung at the end of a maximal inspiration
4. Vital capacity (**VC**)=amount of gas that can be expired after a maximal inspiration without force
5. Functional residual capacity (**FRC**)=volume of gas remaining in lungs at the end of a quiet expiration

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Changes In Lung Volumes A.DECREASED VC:1.Reduction in functioning lung tissue due to(a)space-occupying process (eg, [pneumonia](#), infarction)(b)surgical removal of lung tissue2.Process reducing overall volume of the lungs (eg, diffuse pulmonary [fibrosis](#))3.Inability to expand lungs due to(a)muscular weakness (eg, [poliomyelitis](#))(b)increase in abdominal volume (eg, pregnancy)(c)[pleural effusion](#) B.INCREASED FRC and RV:characteristic of air trapping and overinflation (eg, [asthma](#), [emphysema](#)) *Associated with:* increased TLCC.DECREASED FRC and RV:1.Process reducing overall volume of lungs (eg, diffuse pulmonary [fibrosis](#))2.Process that occupies volume within alveoli (eg, [alveolar microlithiasis](#))3.Process that elevates diaphragm (eg, [ascites](#), pregnancy), usually associated with decreased TLC

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Flow Rates A. Spirometric measurements: 1. Forced expiratory volume (FEV)₁ = amount of air expired during a certain period (usually 1 + 3 sec); Normal values: **FEV**₁ = 83%; **FEV**₃ = 97% 2. Maximal midexpiratory flow rate (MMFR) = amount of gas expired during the middle half of forced expiratory volume curve (largely effort independent) Indicator of small [airway](#) resistance 3. Flow-volume loop = gas flow is plotted against the actual volume of lung at which this flow is occurring Useful in identifying obstruction in large airways B. Resistance in small airways Closing volume = lung volume at which dependent lung zones cease to ventilate because of [airway](#) closure in small [airway](#) disease or loss of lung elastic recoil ■ decrease in FEV, MMFR, MBC: (a) expiratory [airway](#) obstruction (reversible as in spasmodic [asthma](#) / irreversible as in [emphysema](#)) (b) respiratory muscle weakness

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Diffusing Capacity =rate of gas transfer across the alveolocapillary membrane in relation to a constant pressure difference across it; measured by the carbon monoxide diffusion method
Reduction: 1.Ventilation / perfusion inequality: less CO is taken up by poorly ventilated or poorly perfused areas (eg, [emphysema](#))2.Reduction of total surface area (eg, [emphysema](#), surgical resection)3.Reduction in permeability from thickening of alveolar membrane (eg, cellular infiltration, edema, interstitial [fibrosis](#))4.Anemia with lack of hemoglobin

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Arterial Blood Gas Abnormalities ■ decreased pulmonary arterial O_2 : 1. alveolar hypoventilation 2. impaired diffusion 3. abnormal ventilation/perfusion ratios 4. anatomic shunting ■ elevated pulmonary arterial CO_2 : 1. alveolar hypoventilation 2. impaired ventilation / perfusion ratios

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V/Q Inequality A. NORMAL (a) blood flow decreases rapidly from base to apex (b) ventilation decreases less rapidly from base to apex ψ V/Q is low at base and high at apex ψ Pulmonary arterial O_2 is substantially higher at apex ψ Pulmonary arterial CO_2 is substantially higher at base B. ABNORMAL chiefly resulting from non- / underventilated lung regions (non- / underperfused regions do not result in blood gas disturbances)

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Compliance =relationship of the change in intrapleural pressure to the volume of gas that moves into the lungsA.DECREASED COMPLIANCEedema, [fibrosis](#), granulomatous infiltration B.INCREASED COMPLIANCE[emphysema](#) (faulty elastic architecture) ∇ height of diaphragm at TLC can provide some indication of lung compliance, particularly valuable in sequential roentgenograms for comparison in:1. Diffuse [interstitial pulmonary edema](#)2. Diffuse interstitial pulmonary [fibrosis](#)

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THYMUS *Origin*: residual thymic tissue in neck in 1.8 - 21% *Embryogenesis*: dorsal + ventral wings of 3rd (and possibly 4th) branchial pouch begin to form the primordia of the inferior parathyroid and thymic glands at 4th-5th week of gestation; both glands separate from pharyngeal wall + migrate caudally and medially with the thymus pulling the inferior [parathyroid glands](#) along the thymopharyngeal tract; thymic primordium fuses with its contralateral counterpart inferior to thyroid gland; thymic tail thins + disappears by 8th week *Thymic weight*: increases from birth to age 11 - 12 years (22 ± 13 g in neonate, 34 ± 15 g at puberty); ratio of thymic weight to body weight decreases with age (involution after puberty, total fatty replacement after age 60) ∇ measurement (perpendicular to axis of aortic arch): <18 mm before age 20; <13 mm after age 20 ∇ triangular shape like an arrowhead (62%), bilobed (32%), single lobe (6%) ∇ muscular density of 30 HU (before puberty) ∇ flat / concave borders with abundant fat (after puberty) ∇ detected in 83% of subjects <50 years of age; in 17% of subjects >50 years of age ∇ atrophies under stress (due to increase in endogenous steroids)

[Ectopic Tymus](#)

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Ectopic Thymus ✓ solid mass ✓ cystic mass (= endodermal-lined cavity of thymopharyngeal duct / cystic degeneration of Hassall corpuscles or glandular epithelium)(1)Unilateral failure of thymic primordium to descend ✓ neck mass of thymic tissue on one side of neck ✓ ipsilateral absence of normal thymic lobe ✓ parathyroid tissue within ectopic [thymus](#)(2)Small rest of [thymus](#) left behind within thymopharyngeal tract during migration ✓ neck mass ✓ normally positioned bilobed [thymus](#)(3)Atypical location: trachea, skull base, intrathyroidal

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ACUTE EOSINOPHILIC PNEUMONIA

Etiology: idiopathic (no evidence of infection / exposure to potential antigens) with abrupt increase in lung cytokines *Age:* 32 ± 17 years; M>F *Histo:* eosinophilic infiltrates + [pulmonary edema](#) (from release of eosinophilic granules altering vascular permeability) ■ acute respiratory failure in previously healthy individuals ■ markedly elevated levels of eosinophils in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid ■ no peripheral eosinophilia ■ acute febrile illness of 1-5 days duration, myalgia ✓ bilateral interstitial + air space opacities ✓ [pleural effusion](#) *Rx:* IV corticosteroids *Dx:* bronchoscopy with bronchopulmonary lavage *DDx:* [chronic eosinophilic pneumonia](#) (infiltrates with peripheral predominance)

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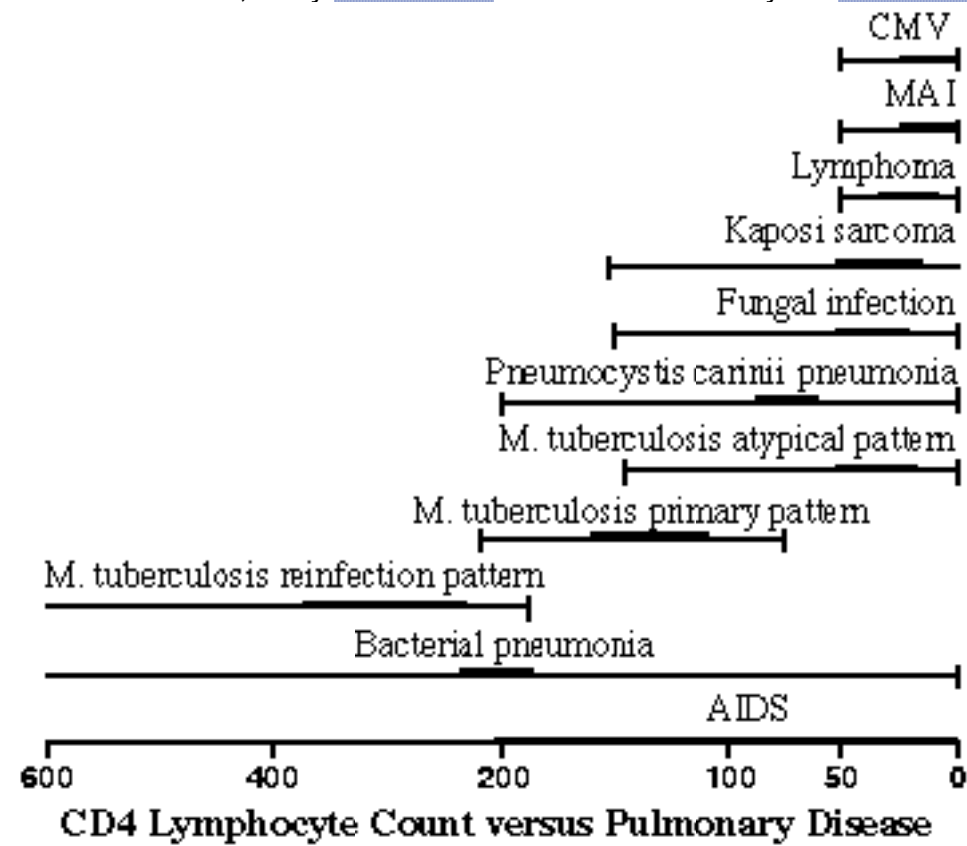
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AIDS

=Acquired immune deficiency syndrome=ultimately fatal disease characterized by HIV seropositivity, specific opportunistic infections, specific malignant neoplasms ([Kaposi sarcoma](#), [Burkitt lymphoma](#), primary [lymphoma](#) of brain)=patient with CD4 cell count <200 cells/ μ L (normal range, 800-1,200 cells/ μ L)*Incidence*:2 million Americans are infected with HIV + 270,000 have AIDS (estimate in 1993); >50% develop pulmonary disease **AIDS-related complex** (ARC) = GENERALIZED LYMPHADENOPATHY SYNDROME =prodromal phase of HIV seropositivity, generalized lymphadenopathy, CNS diseases other than those associated with AIDS*Time interval*:approximately 10 years between seroconversion + clinical AIDS ■ weight loss, malaise, diarrhea ■ fever, night sweats, lymphadenopathy ■ lymphopenia with selective decrease in helper T-cells *Organism*:human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) = human T-cell lymphotropic virus type III (HTLV III) = lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV)*Pathomechanism*: HIV retrovirus attaches to CD4 molecule on surface of T-helper lymphocytes + macrophages + microglial cells; after cellular invasion HIV genetic information is incorporated into cells chromosomal DNA; virus remains dormant for weeks to years; after an unknown stimulus for viral replication CD4 lymphocytes are destroyed (normal range of 800-1,000 cells/ mm^3) and others become infected leading to impairment of the immune system; CD4 lymphocyte number and function decreases (at an approximate rate of 50-80 cells/year) CD4 Lymphocyte Count vs. HIV disease status (cells/ mm^3) <300-400thrush, hairy [leukoplakia](#)<200-400Pneumocystis [pneumonia](#)<150cerebral toxoplasmosis<100intestinal CMV + MAI infection<50AIDS-related [lymphoma](#)



Prognosis:median survival with CD4 lymphocyte count <50 cells/ mm^3 is 12 months*Transmission*

by:intimate sexual contact, exposure to contaminated blood / bloody body secretions*Groups at risk*: 1.Homosexual males (74%)2.IV drug abusers (16%)3.Recipients of contaminated blood products (3%)4.Sexual partner of drug abuser + bisexual man5.Infants born to woman infected with AIDS virusHIV antibodies present in >50% of homosexuals + 90% of IV drug abusers!Rate of heterosexual transmission is increasing! *Clinical classification*: group Iacute HIV infection with seroconversiongroup IIasymptomatic HIV infectiongroup IIIpersistent generalized lymphadenopathygroup IVother HIV disease-subgroup Aconstitutional disease-subgroup Bneurologic disease-subgroup Csecondary infectious disease-subgroup Dsecondary cancers-subgroup Eother conditions AIDS-defining pulmonary conditions (CDC, 1987): (1)Tracheal / bronchial / pulmonary [candidiasis](#)(2)Pulmonary CMV infection(3)Herpes simplex bronchitis / pneumonitis(4)[Kaposi sarcoma](#)(5)Immunoblastic / [Burkitt lymphoma](#)(6)Pneumocystis carinii [pneumonia](#) A.LYMPHADENOPATHY*Cause*: reactive follicular hyperplasia = HIV adenopathy (50%), AIDS-related [lymphoma](#) (20%), mycobacterial infection (17%), [Kaposi sarcoma](#) (10%), metastatic tumor, opportunistic infection with multiple organisms, drug reaction Location:mediastinum, axilla, retrocrural B.OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONaccounts for majority of pulmonary disease HIV Pulmonary infection is often the first AIDS-defining illness!1.Pneumocystis carinii [pneumonia](#) (60-80%)20-40% develop >1 episode during disease ■ CD4+ T helper lymphocyte cell count $\leq 200/\text{mm}^3$ ■ subacute insidious onset with malaise, minimal coughV bilateral ground-glass infiltrates without effusion / adenopathyV bilateral perihilar interstitial infiltratesV diffuse bilateral alveolar infiltrates*Mortality*:in 25% fatal 2.Fungal disease (<5%)(a)Cryptococcus neoformans [pneumonia](#) (2-15%)usually associated with brain / meningeal disease V segmental infiltrate + superimposed pulmonary nodules ± lymphadenopathy ± [pleural effusion](#)(b)Histoplasma capsulatumV typically diffuse nodular / miliary pattern at time of diagnosisV normal CXR in up to 35%(c)Coccidioides immitisV diffuse infiltrates + thin-walled cavities(d)Candida albicans(e)Aspergillus: less common + less invasive due to relative preservation of neutrophilic function 3.Mycobacterial infection (20%):(a)M. tuberculosis (increasing frequency)V AIDS patients are 500 times more likely to become infected than general population!V postprimary TB pattern with upper-lobe cavitating infiltrate (CD4 lymphocyte count of 200-500 cells/ mm^3)V primary TB pattern with lung infiltrate / lung masses + hilar / mediastinal lymphadenopathy + [pleural effusion](#) (CD4 lymphocyte count of 50-200 cells/ mm^3)V atypical TB pattern with diffuse reticular / nodular infiltrates (CD4 lymphocyte count of <50 cells/ mm^3)V adenopathy of low attenuation with rim enhancement on CECT(b)M. avium-intracellulare (5%) V adenopathy, pulmonary infiltrates, nodules, miliary disease(c)M. kansasii and others4.Bacterial [pneumonia](#) (5-30%):(a)Haemophilus influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Staphylococcus aureus(b)Nocardia [pneumonia](#) (<5%)usually occurs in [cavitating pneumonia](#) V segmental / lobar alveolar infiltrate ± cavitation ± ipsilateral [pleural effusion](#)5.CMV [pneumonia](#)most frequent infection found at autopsy (49-81%), diagnosed before death in only 13-24%; high combined prevalence with [Kaposi sarcoma](#) 6.Toxoplasmosis C.TUMOR1.[Kaposi sarcoma](#) (15%)Location:lung involvement (20%) preceded by widespread skin + organ involvementSite:peribronchovascular distribution (best appreciated on CT)V numerous fluffy ill-defined nodules / asymmetric clusters in a vague perihilar distributionV interlobular septal thickeningV [pleural effusion](#) (30%)V lymphadenopathy (10-35%), late in disease2.AIDS-related [lymphoma](#) of B-cell origin (2-5%)primarily immunoblastic NHL / [Burkitt lymphoma](#) / non-[Burkitt lymphoma](#); occasionally [Hodgkin disease](#) Location:pulmonary involvement (9-31%), CNS, GI tract, liver, [spleen](#), bone marrowSite:primarily extranodalV solitary / multiple well-defined pulmonary nodules often coexistent with [pleural effusion](#) ± axillary / supraclavicular / cervical / hilar adenopathyV alveolar infiltrates, paraspinal masses D.LYMPHOID INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONITIS*Age*:in children <13 years of age E.SEPTIC EMBOLI F.PREMATURE DEVELOPMENT OF BULLAE (40%) with disposition to spontaneous [pneumothorax](#)

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ADULT RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME

=SHOCK LUNG = POSTTRAUMATIC PULMONARY INSUFFICIENCY = HEMORRHAGIC LUNG SYNDROME = RESPIRATOR LUNG = STIFF LUNG SYNDROME = PUMP LUNG = CONGESTIVE **ATELECTASIS** = OXYGEN TOXICITY=severe unexpected life-threatening acute [respiratory distress](#) characterized by abrupt onset of marked dyspnea, increased respiratory effort, severe hypoxemia associated with widespread airspace consolidation *Histo:* (a)up to 12 hours:fibrin + platelet microemboli(b)12-24 hours:interstitial edema(c)24-48 hours:capillary congestion, extensive interstitial + alveolar proteinaceous edema + hemorrhage, widespread microatelectasis, destruction of type I alveolar epithelial cells(d)5-7 days:extensive hyaline membrane formation, hypertrophy + hyperplasia of type II alveolar lining cells(e)7-14 days:extensive fibroblastic proliferation in interstitium + within alveoli, rapidly progressing collagen deposition + [fibrosis](#); almost invariably associated with infection *Predisposed:* hemorrhagic / septic shock, massive trauma (pulmonary / general body), [acute pancreatitis](#), aspiration of liquid gastric contents, heroine / methadone intoxication, massive viral [pneumonia](#), traumatic [fat embolism](#), near-drowning, conditions leading to [pulmonary edema](#)
mnemonic:"DICTIONARIES"**D**isseminated intravascular coagulation **I**nfection **C**aught drowning **T**rauma **I**nhalants: smoke, phosgene, NO₂ O₂ toxicity **N**arcotics + other drugs **A**spiration **R**adiation Includes [pancreatitis](#) **E**mboli: amniotic fluid, fat **S**hock: septic, hemorrhagic, cardiogenic, anaphylactic CXR: \checkmark NO cardiomegaly / [pleural effusion](#)-up to 12 hours: \checkmark characteristic 12-hour delay between clinical onset of respiratory failure and CXR abnormalities-12-24 hours: \checkmark patchy ill-defined opacities throughout both lungs-24-48 hours: \checkmark massive airspace consolidation of both lungs-5-7 days: \checkmark consolidation becomes inhomogeneous (resolution of alveolar edema) \checkmark local areas of consolidation ([pneumonia](#))->7 days: \checkmark reticular / bubbly lung pattern (diffuse interstitial + airspace [fibrosis](#)) **C**omplication of continuous positive pressure ventilation (= **barotrauma**) *Path:* (a)rupture of alveoli along margins of interlobular septa + vascular structures(b)air dissection along interlobular septa + perivascular spaces (= interstitial [emphysema](#))(c)interstitial air rupturing into pleural space(= [pneumothorax](#)) / into mediastinum(= [pneumomediastinum](#)) \checkmark mottled air opacities often outlining bronchovascular bundles \checkmark large subpleural cysts without definable wall usually at diaphragmatic + mediastinal surface compressing adjacent lung

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ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY

=rare autosomal recessive disorder Alpha-1 antitrypsin (glycoprotein) is synthesized in liver + released into serum Action: proteolytic inhibitor of trypsin, chymotrypsin, elastase, plasmin, thrombin, kallikrein, leukocytic + bacterial proteases; neutralizes circulating proteolytic enzymes Mode of injury from deficiency: PMNs + alveolar macrophages sequester into lung during recurrent bacterial infections + release elastase, which digests basement membrane Age: early age of onset (20-30 years); M:F = 1:1 • rapid + progressive deterioration of lung function • chronic sputum production (50%) ✓ severe panacinar [emphysema](#) with basilar predominance ✓ reduction in size + number of pulmonary vessels in lower [lobes](#) ✓ redistribution of blood flow to unaffected upper lung zones ✓ bullae at both lung bases ✓ marked flattening of diaphragm ✓ minimal diaphragmatic excursion ✓ multilobar cystic [bronchiectasis](#) (40%) Cx: hepatic [cirrhosis](#) (in homozygotic individuals)

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ALVEOLAR MICROLITHIASIS

=very rare disease of unknown etiology characterized by myriad of calcospherites (= tiny calculi) within alveoli *Age peak*:30-50 years; begins in early life; has been identified in utero; M:F = 1:1; in 50% familial (restricted to siblings) • usually asymptomatic (70%) • dyspnea on exertion (reduction in residual volume) • cyanosis, clubbing of fingers • striking discrepancy between striking radiographic findings and mild clinical symptoms • NORMAL serum [calcium](#) + [phosphorus](#) levels ✓ very fine, sharply defined, sandlike micronodulations (<1 mm) ✓ diffuse involvement of both lungs ✓ intense [uptake](#) on bone scan *Prognosis*: (a) late development of pulmonary insufficiency secondary to interstitial [fibrosis](#) (b) disease may become arrested (c) microliths may continue to form / enlarge *DDx*: "Mainline" pulmonary granulomatosis = IV abuse of talc-containing drugs such as methadone (rarely as numerous + scarring + loss of volume)

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ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS

=PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS (PAP)=accumulation of PAS positive phospholipid material in alveoli (= [surfactant](#)) *Etiology*?: associated with dust exposure (eg, silicoproteinosis is histologically identical to PAP), immunodeficiency, hematologic + lymphatic malignancies, [AIDS](#), chemotherapy *Pathophysiology*: (a) overproduction of [surfactant](#) by granular pneumocytes (b) defective clearance of [surfactant](#) by alveolar macrophages *Histo*: alveoli filled with proteinaceous material (the ONLY pure airspace disease), normal interstitium *Age peak*: 30-50 years (age range 2-70 years); M:F = 3:1 • asymptomatic (10-20%) • gradual onset of dyspnea + cough • weight loss, weakness, [hemoptysis](#) • defect in [diffusing capacity](#) ✓ "bat-wing" consolidation of ground-glass pattern, predominant at bases ✓ small acinar nodules + coalescence + consolidation ✓ patchy peripheral / primarily unilateral infiltrates (rare) ✓ reticular / reticulonodular / linear interstitial pattern with Kerley B lines (late stage) ✓ slow clearing over weeks or months ✓ slow progression (1/3), remaining stable (2/3) ✓ NO adenopathy, NO cardiomegaly, NO [pleural effusion](#) *HRCT*: ✓ patchy ground-glass opacity ✓ smooth septal thickening *Cx*: infections (frequently secondary to poorly functioning macrophages + excellent culture medium): *Nocardia asteroides* (most common), mycobacterial, fungal, *Pneumocystis*, CMV *Prognosis*: highly variable course with clinical and radiologic episodes of exacerbation + remissions (a) 50% improvement / recovery (b) 30% death within several years under progression *Rx*: bronchopulmonary lavage *DDx*: (a) during acute phase: [pulmonary edema](#), diffuse [pneumonia](#), ARDS (b) in chronic stage: 1. [Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis](#) (boys, symmetric involvement of mid + lower zones, progression to nodular + linear pattern) 2. [Hemosiderosis](#) (bleeding diathesis) 3. [Pneumoconiosis](#) 4. [Hypersensitivity pneumonitis](#) 5. [Goodpasture syndrome](#) (more rapid changes, renal disease) 6. [Desquamative interstitial pneumonia](#) ("ground glass" appearance, primarily basilar + peripheral) 7. [Pulmonary alveolar microlithiasis](#) (widespread discrete intraalveolar calcifications primarily in lung bases, rare familial disease) 8. [Sarcoidosis](#) (usually with lymphadenopathy) 9. [Lymphoma](#) 10. [Bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma](#) (more focal, slowly enlarging with time)

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AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM

=most common cause of maternal peripartum death • dyspnea • shock during / after labor + delivery *Pathogenesis:* Amniotic debris enters maternal circulation resulting in (1) pulmonary embolization (2) [anaphylactoid reaction](#) (3) DIC usually fatal before radiographs obtained may demonstrate [pulmonary edema](#)

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AMYLOIDOSIS

=disease characterized by an extracellular deposit of proteinaceous twisted β -pleated sheet fibrils of great chemical diversity *Histo*:protein (immunoglobulin) / polysaccharide complex; affinity for Congo red stain @ Lung involvement *Incidence*:1° amyloidosis (in up to 70%), 2° amyloidosis (rare) A. TRACHEOBRONCHIAL TYPE (most common) • [hemoptysis](#) (most frequent complaint) • stridor, cough, dyspnea, hoarseness, wheezing ✓ multiple nodules protruding from wall of trachea / large bronchi ✓ diffuse rigid narrowing of a long tracheal segment ✓ prominent bronchovascular markings ✓ destructive pneumonitis B. NODULAR TYPE Age: >60 years of age; M:F = 1:1 • usually asymptomatic ✓ mediastinal / hilar adenopathy ✓ solitary / multiple parenchymal nodules in a peripheral / subpleural location ± central calcification / ossification; slow growth over years ✓ ± [pleural effusion](#) *DDx*: metastatic disease, granulomatous disease, [rheumatoid lung](#), [sarcoidosis](#), [mucoid impaction](#) C. DIFFUSE PARENCHYMAL TYPE (least common) Age: >60 years of age • usually asymptomatic with normal CXR • cough + dyspnea with abnormal CXR ✓ widespread small irregular densities (exclusively interstitial involvement) ± calcification ✓ may become confluent ± honeycombing *DDx*: idiopathic interstitial [fibrosis](#), pneumoconiosis (especially asbestosis), [rheumatoid lung](#), [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#), scleroderma

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ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS

Incidence: 1% of patients with ankylosing spondylitis *Histo:* interstitial + pleural [fibrosis](#) with foci of dense collagen deposition, NO granulomas • bone manifestations obvious + severe *Location:* apices / upper lung fields ✓ uni- / bilateral, coarse, linear shadows + cavities ✓ [bronchiectasis](#) may be present ✓ superinfection, especially with [aspergillosis](#) ([mycetoma](#) formation) / atypical mycobacteria *DDx:* other causes of pulmonary apical [fibrosis](#) (primary infection by fungi / mycobacteria; cancer)

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ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASE

Substances: aspect (length-to-diameter) ratio effects carcinogenicity: eg, aspect ratio of 32 = 8 μ m long, 0.25 μ m wide -commercial amphiboles: crocidolite, amosite-commercial nonamphiboles / serpentines: chrysotile-noncommercial contaminating amphiboles: actinolite, anthophyllite, tremolite(a) relatively benign:(1) Chrysotile (white asbestos) in Canada(2) Anthophyllite in Finland, North America(3)Tremolite(b)relatively malignant:(1)Crocidolite (blue / black asbestos) in South Africa, Australia(2)Amosite (brown asbestos) Very fine fibers (crocidolite) associated with largest number of pleural disease! *Occupational exposure:* (a)asbestos mining + milling(b)insulation, textile manufacturing, construction, ship building, gaskets, brake linings

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Pulmonary Asbestosis =(term asbestosis reserved for) chronic progressive diffuse interstitial [fibrosis](#) *Incidence:* in 49-52% of industrial asbestos exposure *Latency period:* 40-45 years *Histo:* interstitial [fibrosis](#) begins in peribronchiolar areas, then progresses to involve adjacent alveoli *Diagnostic criteria:* 1. reliable history of exposure 2. appropriate time interval between exposure + detection 3. CXR evidence 4. restrictive pattern of lung impairment 5. abnormal [diffusing capacity](#) 6. bilateral crackles at posterior lung bases, not cleared by cough ■ dyspnea ■ restrictive pulmonary function tests *Location:* more severe in lower subpleural zones (concentration of asbestos fibers under pleura) ✓ small irregular opacities (NOT rounded as in coal / silica) ✓ confined to lung bases, progressing superiorly ✓ septal lines (= fibrous thickening around secondary lobules) ✓ "shaggy" heart border = obscuration secondary to parenchymal + pleural changes ✓ ill-defined outline of diaphragm ✓ honeycombing (uncommon) ✓ rarely massive [fibrosis](#), predominantly at lung bases without migration toward hilum (DDx from [silicosis](#) / CWP) ✓ NO hilar adenopathy ✓ Ga-67 [uptake](#) gives a quantitative index of inflammatory activity *HRCT:* ✓ subpleural pulmonary arcades = branching linear structures most prominent posteriorly (initial finding) = centrilobular peribronchiolar [fibrosis](#) ✓ curvilinear subpleural lines parallel to + within 1 cm of pleura (30%) = multiple subpleural dotlike reticulonodularities connected to the most peripheral branch of pulmonary artery ✓ parenchymal band = linear <5 cm long + several mm wide opacity, often extending to pleura, which may be thickened + retracted at site of contact ✓ reticulation = network of linear densities, usually posteriorly at lung bases ✓ honeycombing = multiple cystic spaces <1 cm in diameter with thickened walls ✓ thickened interlobular septal lines ✓ thickened intralobular lines

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Asbestos-related Pleural Disease

1. **Focal Pleural Plaques (65%)**=hyalinized collagen in submesothelial layer of parietal pleura *Incidence*: most common manifestation of exposure; 6% of general population will show plaques *Latent period*: in 10% after 20 years; in 50% after 40 years *Histo*: dense hypocellular undulating collagen fibers often arranged in a basket weave pattern ± focal / massive calcifications *Location*: bilateral + multifocal; posterolateral midportion of chest wall between 7-10th rib; aponeurotic portion of diaphragm; mediastinum; following rib contours; visceral pleura + apices + costophrenic angles typically spared ■ asymptomatic ✓ usually focal area of [pleural thickening](#) (<1 cm thick) with edges thicker than central portions of plaque; in 48% only finding; in 41% with parenchymal changes; stable over time ✓ no hilar adenopathy ✓ usually not calcified *DDx*: chest wall fat, rib fractures, rib companion shadows

2. **Diffuse Pleural Thickening (17%)**=diffuse thickening of parietal pleura (visceral pleura involved in 90%, but difficult to demonstrate) ■ may cause restriction of pulmonary function *May be associated with*: rounded [atelectasis](#) ✓ bilateral process with "shaggy heart" appearance (20%) ✓ smooth; difficult to assess when viewed en face ✓ thickening of interlobar fissures ✓ focally thickened diaphragm ✓ obliterated costophrenic angles (minority of cases)

3. **Pleural Calcification (21-25-60%)** detected by radiography in 25%, by CT in 60% *Overall incidence*: 20% *Latent period*: >20 years to become visible; in 40% after 40 years *Histo*: calcification starts in parietal pleura; [calcium](#) deposits may form within center of plaques ✓ dense lines paralleling the chest wall, mediastinum, pericardium, diaphragm (bilateral diaphragmatic calcifications with clear costophrenic angles are (PATHOGNOMONIC) ✓ advanced calcifications are leaflike with thick-rolled edges *DDx*: talc exposure, [hemothorax](#), [empyema](#), therapeutic [pneumothorax](#) for TB (often unilateral, extensive sheetlike, on visceral pleura)

4. **Pleural Effusion (21%)** Earliest asbestos-related pleural abnormality, frequently followed by diffuse [pleural thickening](#) + rounded [atelectasis](#) *Prevalence*: 3% (increases with increasing levels of asbestos exposure) *Latent period*: 8-10 years after exposure ■ **benign asbestos pleurisy**

■ may be associated with chest pain (1/3) ■ usually small sterile, serous / hemorrhagic exudate ✓ recurrent bilateral effusions ✓ ± plaque formation *DDx*: TB, mesothelioma

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Atelectatic Asbestos Pseudotumor = **ROUNDED ATELECTASIS** = "FOLDED LUNG" = infolding of redundant pleura accompanied by segmental / subsegmental [atelectasis](#) Location: posteromedial / posterolateral lower lobe (most common); frequently bilateral 2.5-8 cm focal subpleural mass abutting a region of thickened pleura size + shape show little progression, occasionally decrease in size volume loss in adjacent lung CT: rounded / lentiform / wedge-shaped outline contiguous to areas of diffuse [pleural thickening](#) ± calcification partial interposition of lung between pleura + mass "crows feet" = linear bands radiating from mass into lung parenchyma (54%) "vacuum cleaner" / "comet tail" sign = bronchovascular markings emanating from nodular subpleural mass + coursing toward ipsilateral hilum "Swiss cheese" air bronchogram (18%)

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Lung Cancer In [Asbestos-related Disease](#) Occurrence related to: (a)cumulated dose of asbestos fibers(b)smoking (synergistic carcinogenic effect) Increased risk by factor of up to 90 in smokers versus a factor of 5 in nonsmokers! Up to 25% of asbestos workers who smoke develop lung cancer!(c)preexisting interstitial disease(d)occupational exposure to known carcinogen *Latency period: 25-35 years* *Associated with:* increased incidence of [gastric carcinoma](#) *Histo:* bronchioloalveolar cell carcinoma (most common); [bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (adenocarcinoma + squamous cell) Location: at lung base / in any location if associated with smoking

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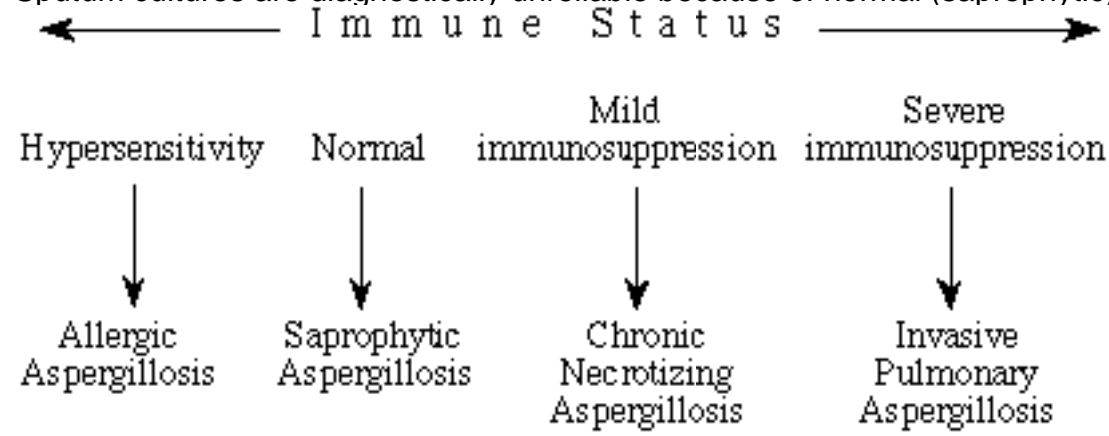
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ASPERGILLOSIS

Organism: *Aspergillus fumigatus* = intensely antigenic ubiquitous soil fungus existing as (a) conidiophores = reproductive form releasing thousands of spores (b) hyphae (= matured spores) characterized by 45° dichotomous branching pattern
Occurrence: commonly in sputum of normal persons, ability to invade arteries + veins facilitating hematogenous dissemination M:F = 3:1
Predisposed: (a) preexisting lung disease ([tuberculosis](#), [bronchiectasis](#)) (b) impairment of immune system (alcoholism, advanced age, malnutrition, concurrent malignancy, poorly controlled diabetes, [cirrhosis](#), sepsis) Cx: dissemination to heart, brain, kidney, GI tract, liver, thyroid, [spleen](#)
 Sputum cultures are diagnostically unreliable because of normal (saprophytic) colonization of upper airways!



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Noninvasive Aspergillosis =SAPROPHYTIC **ASPERGILLOSIS**=noninvasive colonization of preexisting cavity / cyst in immunologically normal patients with cavitary disease [[tuberculosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#) (common), [bronchiectasis](#), bullous lung disease, carcinoma] • sputum blood-streaked / severe [hemoptysis](#) (45-70%) • elevated serum precipitins level for Aspergillus (50%) ✓ solid round gravity-dependent mass within preexisting spherical / ovoid thin-walled cavity (= Mounod sign) *Histo:mycetoma* = aspergilloma = **fungus ball**

= masslike collection of intertwined hyphae matted together with fibrin, mucus, cellular debris colonizing a pulmonary cavity ✓ crescent-shaped air space separates fungus ball from cavity wall ✓ fungus ball may calcify in scattered / rimlike fashion ✓ [pleural thickening](#) adjacent to preexisting cyst / cavity, commonly first sign before visualizing [mycetoma](#)

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Semi-invasive Aspergillosis =CHRONIC NECROTIZING [ASPERGILLOSIS](#)=chronic cavitory slowly progressive disease in patients with preexisting lung injury (COPD, radiation therapy), mild immune suppression, or debilitation (alcohol, diabetes) ■ symptoms mimicking pulmonary [tuberculosis](#) ✓ progressive consolidation (usually upper lobe) ✓ development of air crescent and fungus ball Dx: pathologic examination demonstrating local tissue invasion

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Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis =often fatal form in severely immunocompromised patients (most commonly in [lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#) patients with prolonged granulocytopenia) with absolute neutrophil count of <500 *Path*:endobronchial fungal proliferation followed by transbronchial vascular invasion eventually causes widespread hemorrhage + thrombosis of pulmonary arterioles + ischemic tissue necrosis + systemic dissemination; fungus ball = devitalized sequestrum of lung infiltrated by fungi ■ Hx of series of bacterial infections + unremitting fever ■ pleuritic chest pain (mimicking emboli) ■ progression of pulmonary infiltrates despite broad-spectrum antibiotics(a)early signs:✓ CT halo sign = single / multiple 1-3 cm peripheral nodules (= necrotic lung) with halo of [ground-glass attenuation](#) (= hemorrhagic edema)✓ patchy localized bronchopneumonia(b)signs of progression✓ enlargement of nodules into diffuse bilateral consolidation✓ development into large wedge-shaped pleural-based lesions✓ air-crescent sign = cavitation of existing nodule (air crescent between sequestrum and lung) 1-3 weeks after granulocyte recovery✓ has better prognosis than consolidation without cavitation (feature of resolution phase)*Dx*:branching hyphae at tissue examination

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Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis =hypersensitivity toward aspergilli in patients with long-standing [asthma](#) *Incidence*:in 1-2% of patients with [asthma](#), in 10% of patients with [cystic fibrosis](#); most common + clinically important form *Age*:mostly young patients (begins in childhood); may be undiagnosed for 10-20 years A.ACUTE ALLERGIC BRONCHOPULMONARY ASPERGILLOSIS Type I reaction = immediate hypersensitivity (IgE-mediated) *Histo*:alveoli filled with eosinophils B.CHRONIC ALLERGIC BRONCHOPULMONARY ASPERGILLOSIS Type III reaction = delayed immune complex response = Arthus reaction (IgG-mediated) *Histo*:bronchial damage secondary to Aspergillus antigen reacting with IgG antibodies, immune complexes activate complement leading to tissue injury *Pathophysiology*: inhaled spores are trapped in segmental bronchi of individuals with [asthma](#), germinate, and form hyphae; immunologic response coupled with proteolytic enzymes causes pulmonary infiltrates + tissue damage + central [bronchiectasis](#) *Criteria*: (a)Primary diagnostic criteria:*acronym*:ARTEPICS [Asthma](#) (84-96%) *Roentgenographic* transient or fixed pulmonary infiltrates *Test* for A. fumigatus positive: immediate skin reaction *Eosinophilia* in blood between 8% and 40% *Precipitating antibodies* to A. fumigatus (70%) *IgE* in serum elevated *Central bronchiectasis* (late manifestation that proves diagnosis) *Serum-specific IgE and IgG* A. fumigatus levels elevated (b)Secondary diagnostic criteria (less common):1.Aspergillus fumigatus mycelia in sputum 2.Expectoration of brown sputum plugs (54%) 3.Arthus reaction (= late skin reactivity with erythema + induration) to Aspergillus antigen *Staging*: acute phase with all primary diagnostic criteria I clearing of pulmonary infiltrates with declining IgE levels III all criteria of stage I reappear after emission IV corticosteroid dependency *Virreversible lung fibrosis* • flulike symptoms: fever, headache, malaise, weight loss, fleeting chest pain ✓ migratory pneumonitis = transient recurrent "fleeting" alveolar patchy subsegmental / lobar infiltrates in upper [lobes](#) (50%), lower [lobes](#) (20%), middle lobe (7%), both lungs (65%); may persist for >6 months ✓ central varicose / cystic [bronchiectasis](#) ✓ "tramlike" bronchial walls (edema) ✓ 1-2 cm ring shadows (= bronchus on end) around hilum + upper [lobes](#) (HALLMARK) ✓ "finger-in-glove / toothpaste shadow" = V- or Y-shaped central mucus plugs in 2nd order bronchi of 2.5-6 cm in length remaining for months + growing in size ✓ lobar consolidation (in 32%) ✓ [atelectasis](#) (in 14%) with collateral air drift ✓ cavitation (in 14%) secondary to postobstructive abscess ✓ hyperinflation (due to bronchospasm) ✓ pulmonary [fibrosis](#) + retraction ✓ hilar elevation due to lobar shrinkage ✓ [emphysema](#) ✓ NORMAL peripheral bronchi ✓ UNUSUAL are aspergilloma in cavity (7%), [empyema](#), [pneumothorax](#) *DDx*:hypersensitivity pneumonitis or allergic [asthma](#) (no hyphae in sputum, normal levels of IgE + IgG to A. fumigatus), [tuberculosis](#), [lipoid pneumonia](#), [Löfller syndrome](#), [bronchogenic carcinoma](#)

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Pleural Aspergillosis =Aspergillus empyema in patients with pulmonary tuberculosis, bacterial empyema, bronchopleural fistula✓ pleural thickening

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ASPIRATION OF SOLID FOREIGN BODY

Age: in 50% <3 years Source: in 85% vegetable origin (peanut, barley grass) Location: almost exclusively in lower lobes; R:L = 2:1 obstructive overinflation (68%) + reflex vasoconstriction + collapse (14-53%) + infiltrate (11%) + radiopaque foreign body (9%) + air trapping (expiratory / lateral decubitus film) NUC: ventilation defect (initial breath) + retention (washout) Cx: [bronchiectasis](#) (from long retention) DDx: impacted esophageal foreign body

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ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA

Predisposing conditions: (1) CNS disorders / intoxication: alcoholism, mental retardation, seizure disorders, recent anesthesia (2) Swallowing disorders: esophageal motility disturbances, head + neck surgery • low-grade fever • productive cough • choking on swallowing Location: gravity-dependent portions of lung, posterior segments of upper lobes + lower lobes in bedridden patients, frequently bilateral, right middle + lower lobe with sparing of left lung is common A. ACUTE ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA Cause: acid, food particles, anaerobic bacteria from GI tract provoke edema, hemorrhage, inflammatory cellular response, foreign-body reaction ✓ segmental consolidation in dependent portion B. CHRONIC ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA Cause: repeated aspiration of foreign material from GI tract over long time / mineral oil (eg, in laxatives) Associated with: Zenker diverticulum, esophageal stenosis, achalasia, TE fistula, neuromuscular disturbances in swallowing ✓ recurring segmental consolidation ✓ progression to interstitial scarring (= localized honeycomb appearance) ✓ bronchopneumonic infiltrates of variable location over months / years ✓ residual peribronchial scarring Upper GI: ✓ abnormal swallowing / aspiration

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ASTHMA

=episodic reversible bronchoconstriction secondary to hypersensitivity to a variety of stimuli. **INTRINSIC ASTHMA** Age: middle age *Pathogenesis*: probably autoimmune phenomenon caused by viral respiratory infection and often provoked by infection, exercise, pharmaceuticals; no environmental antigen. **EXTRINSIC ASTHMA = ATOPIC ASTHMA** *Pathogenesis*: secondary to antigens producing an immediate hypersensitivity response (type I); reagin sensitizes mast cells to release histamine followed by increased vascular permeability, edema, small muscle contraction; effects primarily bronchi causing [airway](#) obstruction. *Nonoccupational allergens*: pollens, dog + cat fur, tamarind seed powder, castor bean, fungal spores, grain weevil. *Occupational allergens*: (a) natural substances: wood dust, flour, grain, beans (b) pharmaceuticals: antibiotics, ASA (c) inorganic chemicals: nickel, platinum. *Path*: bronchial plugging with large amounts of viscid tenacious mucus (eosinophils, Charcot-Leyden crystals), edematous bronchial walls, hypertrophy of mucous glands + smooth muscle. **ACUTE SIGNS**: • during asthmatic attack low values for FEV₁ + MMFR and abnormal V/Q ratios • increased resistance to airflow due to (a) smooth muscle contraction in [airway](#) walls (b) edema of [airway](#) wall caused by inflammation (c) mucus hypersecretion with [airway](#) plugging • normal [diffusing capacity](#) ↓ hyperexpansion of lungs = severe overinflation + air trapping ↓ flattened diaphragmatic dome ↓ deepened retrosternal air space ↓ peribronchial cuffing (inflammation of [airway](#) wall) ↓ bronchial dilatation ↓ localized areas of hypoattenuation. **CHRONIC CHANGES**: Normal chest x-ray in 73%, findings of abnormalities depend on (a) age of onset (<15 years of age in 31%; >30 years of age in none) (b) severity of asthma ↓ central ring shadows = [bronchiectasis](#) ↓ scars (from recurrent infections) Cx: (1) [Pneumonia](#) (2 x as frequent as in nonasthmatics) ↓ peripheral pneumonic infiltrates (secondary to blocked airways) (2) [Atelectasis](#) (5-15%) from [mucoïd impaction](#) (3) [Pneumomediastinum](#) (5%), [pneumothorax](#), subcutaneous [emphysema](#); predominantly in children (4) [Emphysema](#) (5) Allergic bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#) with central [bronchiectasis](#)

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ATYPICAL MEASLES PNEUMONIA

=clinical syndrome in patients who have been previously inadequately immunized with killed rubeola vaccine and are subsequently exposed to the measles virus (= type III immune complex hypersensitivity); noted in children who have received live vaccine before 13 months of age ■ 2- to 3-day prodrome of headache, fever, cough, malaise ■ maculopapular rash beginning on wrists + ankles (sometimes absent) ■ postinfectious migratory arthralgias ■ history of exposure to measles ✓ extensive nonsegmental consolidation, usually bilateral ✓ hilar adenopathy (100%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (0-70%) ✓ nodular densities of 0.5-10 cm in diameter in peripheral location, may calcify and persist up to 30 months

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BARITOSIS

=inhalation of nonfibrogenic barium sulfate ■ asymptomatic ■ normal pulmonary function (benign course) ✓ bilateral nodular / patchy opacities, denser than bone (high atomic number) ✓ similar to calcified nodules ✓ NO [cor pulmonale](#), NO hilar adenopathy ✓ regression if patient removed from exposure

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BEHÇET SYNDROME

=rare multisystem disease of unknown origin characterized by(1)aphthous stomatitis(2)genital ulceration(3)iritis ■ positive pathergy test = unusual hypersensitivity to pricking with formation of pustules at site of needle prick within 24-48 hours ■ skin changes: erythema nodosum, folliculitis, papulopustular lesions ■ arthritis, [encephalitis](#) ■ epididymitis@Chest (5%)√ multiple peripheral subpleural opacities (due to hemorrhage, necrotic pulmonary infarctions)√ increased radiopacity near hila (pulmonary artery aneurysm)@Veins (25%)√ large vein occlusion; may cause SVC syndrome√ subcutaneous thrombophlebitis@Arteries√ arterial occlusion / pulseless disease√ aneurysm of large arteries (in 2%)

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BERYLLIOSIS

=chronic granulomatous disorder as a result of beryllium-specific cell-mediated immune response (= delayed hypersensitivity reaction after exposure to acid salts from extraction of beryllium oxide)
Substance: one of the lightest metals (atomic weight 9), marked heat resistance, great hardness, fatigue resistance, no corrosion
Occupational exposure: fluorescent light bulb factories
Histo: noncaseating granulomas within interstitium + along vessels + in bronchial submucosa • positive beryllium lymphocyte transformation test (blood test of T-lymphocyte response to beryllium)
A. ACUTE BERYLLIOSIS (25%)
✓ [pulmonary edema](#) following an overwhelming exposure
B. CHRONIC BERYLLIOSIS
widespread systemic disease of liver, [spleen](#), lymph nodes, kidney, myocardium, skin, skeletal muscle; removed from lungs + excreted via kidneys
Latent period: 5-15 years
✓ fine nodularity (granulomas similar to [sarcoidosis](#))
✓ irregular opacities, particularly sparing apices + bases
✓ hilar + mediastinal adenopathy (may calcify)
✓ [emphysema](#) in upper [lobes](#) + interstitial [fibrosis](#)
✓ [pneumothorax](#) in 10%
HRCT: ✓ diffuse small parenchymal nodules (57%)
✓ septal lines (50%)
✓ patches of [ground-glass attenuation](#) (32%)
✓ hilar adenopathy (21-35%), only in the presence of parenchymal abnormalities
✓ [bronchial wall thickening](#) (46%)
✓ pleural irregularities (25%)
DDx: (1) Nodular pulmonary [sarcoidosis](#) (indistinguishable) (2) Asbestosis without hilar adenopathy

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BLASTOMYCOSIS

=NORTH AMERICAN BLASTOMYCOSIS = GILCHRIST DISEASE = CHICAGO DISEASE=rare systemic mixed pyogenic + granulomatous fungal infection
Organism: soil-born saprophytic dimorphic fungus *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, mycelial phase in soil + round thick-walled yeast form with broad-based budding in mammals
Geographic distribution: worldwide; endemic in central + southeastern United States (Ohio + Mississippi river valleys, vicinity of Great Lakes), Africa, Canada (northern Ontario), Central + South America (acquired through activities in woods)
Age: several months of age to 80 years (peak between 25 and 50 years of age)
Mode of infection: inhalation of fungal conidia (primary portal of entry); spread to extrapulmonary sites, eg, skin, bone (often direct extension from skin lesion resembling [actinomycosis](#)), joints
Predisposed: elderly, immunocompromised
Histo: (a) exudative phase: accumulation of numerous neutrophils with infecting organism (b) proliferative phase: proliferation of epithelioid granulomas + giant cells with central microabscesses containing neutrophils and yeast forms
● mouth ulcers
● fever, cough, weight loss, chest pain (majority)
● crusted verrucous lesions on exposed body areas
@Lung
● Clinical patterns following pulmonary infection: (a) severe pulmonary symptoms (b) asymptomatic pulmonary infection with spontaneous resolution (c) disseminated disease to single / multiple organs indolent for several years (d) extrapulmonary manifestation involving male GU system, skeleton, skin
✓ segmental / lobar airspace disease in lower lobes in acute illness (26-61%)
✓ solitary / multiple irregular nodular masses / satellite lesions in paramediastinal location
✓ air bronchogram in area of consolidation / mass (87%)
✓ interstitial disease
✓ cavitation if communicating with airway (13%)
✓ hilar / mediastinal lymph node enlargement (<25%)
@Bone
✓ marked destruction ± surrounding sclerosis
✓ periosteal reaction in long bones, but not in short bones
✓ multiple osseous lesions are frequent
✓ vertebral bodies + intervertebral disks are destroyed (similar to [tuberculosis](#))
✓ psoas abscess
✓ lytic skull lesions + soft-tissue abscess
✓ usually monarticular arthritis: knee > ankle > elbow > wrist > hand
@GU tract (20%): prostate, epididymis
Dx: (1) culture of organism (2) silver stain microscopy of tissues
Prognosis: spontaneous resolution of acute disease in up to 4 weeks; disease may reactivate for up to 3 years
Rx: (1) amphotericin B IV: 8-10 weeks for noncavitary + 10-12 weeks for cavitary lesions (2) ketoconazole
DDx: other pneumonias (ie, bacterial, tuberculous, fungal), [pseudolymphoma](#), malignant neoplasm (ie, alveolar cell carcinoma, [lymphoma](#), [Kaposi sarcoma](#))

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BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION

=intravenous infusion of hematopoietic progenitor cells from patients own marrow (autologous transplant) / HLA-matched donor (allogenic transplant) to reestablish marrow function after high-dose chemotherapy and total body irradiation for [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#), anemia, [multiple myeloma](#), congenital immunologic defects, solid tumors
Cx:pulmonary complications in 40-60%

[Neutropenic Phase Pulmonary Complications](#) [Early Phase Pulmonary Complications](#) [Late Phase Pulmonary Complications](#)

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Neutropenic Phase Pulmonary Complications *Time:* 2-3 weeks after transplantation 1. Angioinvasive [aspergillosis](#) nodule surrounded by halo of [ground-glass attenuation](#) (= fungal infection spreading into lung parenchyma and surrounding area of [hemorrhagic infarction](#)) segmental / subsegmental consolidation (= pulmonary infarction) cavitation of nodule with air-crescent sign (during recovery phase with resolving neutropenia) <5 mm centrilobular nodules to 5 cm peribronchial consolidation (= [airway](#) invasion with surrounding zone of hemorrhage / organizing [pneumonia](#)) 2. Diffuse alveolar hemorrhage (20%) • hemosiderin-laden macrophages on lavage bilateral areas of [ground-glass attenuation](#) / consolidation 3. [Pulmonary edema](#) Cause: infusion of large volumes of fluid combined with cardiac + renal dysfunction prominent pulmonary vessels, interlobar septal thickening, [ground-glass attenuation](#), pleural effusions 4. Drug toxicity Cause: bleomycin, busulfan, bischloronitrosurea (carmustine), methotrexate bilateral areas of [ground-glass attenuation](#) / consolidation / reticular attenuation (= [fibrosis](#))

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Early Phase Pulmonary Complications *Time:* up to 100 days after transplantation
1. CMV [pneumonia](#) (23%)[✓] multiple small nodules + associated areas of consolidation + [ground-glass attenuation](#) (= hemorrhagic nodules)
2. Pneumocystis carinii [pneumonia](#)[✓] diffuse / predominantly perihilar / mosaic pattern of [ground-glass attenuation](#) with sparing of some secondary pulmonary lobules
3. Idiopathic [interstitial pneumonia](#) (12%)[✓] nonspecific findings (diagnosis of exclusion)

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Late Phase Pulmonary Complications *Time:* after 100 days post transplantation 1. [Bronchiolitis obliterans](#) (in up to 10%) 2. BOOP 3. Chronic [graft-versus-host disease](#) infections, chronic aspiration, [bronchiolitis obliterans](#), lymphoid [interstitial pneumonia](#)

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BRONCHIAL ADENOMA

=misnomer secondary to locally invasive features, tendency for recurrence, and occasional metastasis to extrathoracic sites (10%) = low-grade malignancy
Incidence: 6-10% of all primary lung tumors
Age: mean age of 35-45 years (range 12-60 years); 90% occur <50 years of age; most common primary lung tumor under age 16; M:F = 1:1; Whites:Blacks = 25:1
Path: arises from duct epithelium of bronchial mucous glands (predominant distribution of Kulchitsky cells at bifurcations of lobar bronchi)
Types: mnemonic: "CAMP" Carcinoid 90% Adenoid cystic carcinoma = [Cylindroma](#) 6% Mucoepidermoid carcinoma 3% Pleomorphic carcinoma 1%
Location: most commonly near / at bifurcation of lobar / segmental bronchi; central:peripheral = 4:1- 48% on right: RLL (20%), RML (10%), RUL (7%), main right bronchus (8%), intermediate bronchus (3%) - 32% on left: LLL (13%), LUL (12%), main left bronchus (6%), lingular bronchus (1%)
■ [hemoptysis](#) (40-50%)
■ atypical [asthma](#) ■ persistent cough ■ recurrent obstructive [pneumonia](#) ■ asymptomatic (10%)
✓ complete obstruction / air trapping in partial obstruction (rare) / nonobstructive (10-15%)
✓ obstructive [emphysema](#) ✓ recurrent postobstructive infection: pneumonitis, [bronchiectasis](#), abscess ✓ [atelectasis](#) / consolidation of a lung / lobe / segment (78%)
✓ collateral air drift may prevent [atelectasis](#) ✓ solitary round / oval slightly lobulated pulmonary nodule (19%) of 1-10 cm in size ✓ hilar enlargement / mediastinal widening = central endo- / exobronchial mass
CT: ✓ well-marginated sharply defined mass ✓ in close proximity to an adjacent bifurcation with splaying of bronchus ✓ coarse peripheral calcifications in 1/3 (cartilaginous / bony transformation) ✓ may exhibit marked homogeneous enhancement
Biopsy: risky secondary to high vascularity of tumor
Prognosis: 95% 5-year survival rate, 75% 15-year survival rate after resection

[Carcinoid](#) [Cylindroma](#) [Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma](#) [Pleomorphic Adenoma](#)

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Carcinoid =NEUROENDOCRINE CARCINOMA=slow-growing low-grade malignant tumor/Incidence:12-15% of all [carcinoid](#) tumors in the body; 1-4% of all bronchial neoplasms/Age peak:5th decade (range of 2nd-9th decade); 4% occur in children + adolescents; M:F = 2:1; very uncommon in Blacks/Path: originates from neurosecretory cells of bronchial mucosa (= Kulchitsky cells = argentaffine cells) just as small cell cancer; part of APUD (amine precursor uptake and decarboxylation) system = chromaffin [paraganglioma](#), which produces serotonin, ACTH, norepinephrine, bombesin, [calcitonin](#), ADH, bradykinin /Pathologic classification: (KCC = **Kulchitsky cell carcinoma**) KCC I=**classic carcinoid** (least aggressive);=[bronchial adenoma](#) (misnomer)=central location with endobronchial growth; usually <2.5 cm in size + well-defined; younger patient; M:F = 1:10; lymph node metastases in 3%KCCII=**atypical carcinoid** (25% of [carcinoid](#) tumors); mass usually >2.5 cm with well-defined margins; older patient; M:F = 3:1; lymph node metastases in 40-50%; [metastases to brain](#), liver, bone (in 30%)KCCIII=**small cell carcinoma** (most aggressive); mediastinal lymphadenopathy; ill-defined tumor margins/Rarely cause for [carcinoid](#) syndrome or [Cushing syndrome](#)! • recurrent unifocal pneumonitis, [hemoptysis](#) • wheezing, persistent cough, dyspnea, chest pain • [carcinoid](#) syndrome (rare) • endobronchial exophytic mass at endoscopy/Location:58-90% central in lobar / segmental bronchi, 10-42% peripheral; located in submucosa; endobronchial / along bronchial wall / exobronchial/ polypoid tumor with average size of 2.2 cm/ most extend through bronchial wall thus involving bronchial lumen + parenchyma (= collar button lesion)/ calcification / ossification (26-33%): central [carcinoid](#) (43%), peripheral [carcinoid](#) (10%)/ vascular tumor supplied by bronchial circulation/ cavitation (rare)/ segmental / lobar [atelectasis](#)/ obstructive pneumonitis/ [bronchiectasis](#) + pulmonary abscess/Malignant potential: low Metastases: (a)regional lymph nodes in 25%(b)distantly in 5% (adrenal, liver, brain, skin, [osteoblastic bone metastases](#))/Prognosis: 95% 5-year survival rate for classic carcinoids; 57-66% 5-year survival rate for atypical carcinoids

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Cylindroma = ADENOID CYSTIC CARCINOMA (7%) Second most common primary tumor of trachea *Path*: mixed serous + mucous glands; resembles salivary gland tumor *Histo*: Grade 1: tubular + cribriform; no solid subtype[✓] entirely intraluminal Grade 2: tubular + cribriform; <20% solid subtype[✓] predominantly intraluminal Grade 3: solid subtype >20%[✓] predominantly extraluminal *Age peak*: 4th-5th decade • typical Hx of refractory "asthma" • hemoptysis, cough, stridor, wheezing • dysphagia, hoarseness[✓] endotracheal mass with extratracheal extension *Malignant potential*: more aggressive than carcinoid with propensity for local invasion + distant metastases (lung, bone, brain, liver) in 25% *Rx*: tracheal resection + adjunctive radiotherapy *Prognosis*: 8.3 years mean survival

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Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma *Path:* squamous cells + mucus-secreting columnar cells; resembles salivary gland tumor^{1/} may involve trachea = locally invasive tumor^{1/}
sessile / polyploid endobronchial lesion

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Pleomorphic Adenoma =MIXED TYPE = extremely rare

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BRONCHIAL ATRESIA

=local obliteration of proximal lumen of a segmental bronchus
Proposed causes: (a)local interruption of bronchial arterial perfusion >15 weeks GA (when bronchial branching is complete)(b)tip of primitive bronchial bud separates from bud and continues to develop
*Path:*normal bronchial tree distal to obstruction patent and containing mucus plugs; alveoli distal to obstruction air-filled through collateral air drift
*Associated with:*lobar [emphysema](#), [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) • minimal symptoms, apparent later in childhood (most by age 15) / adult life
*Location:*apicoposterior segment of LUL (>>RUL / ML)
✓ decreased perfusion ✓ overexpanded segment (collateral air drift with expiratory air-trapping) ✓ fingerlike opacity lateral to hilum (= mucus plug distal to atretic lumen) is CHARACTERISTIC
OB-US (detected >24 weeks MA): ✓ large echogenic fetal lung mass = fluid-filled lung distal to obstruction ✓ dilated fluid-filled bronchus
*Rx:*no treatment because mostly asymptomatic
DDx:[Congenital lobar emphysema](#) (no mucus plug)

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BRONCHIECTASIS

=localized mostly irreversible dilatation of bronchi often with thickening of the bronchial wall *Etiology*: A. Congenital 1. Structural defect of bronchi: [bronchial atresia](#), [Williams-Campbell syndrome](#) 2. Abnormal mucociliary transport: [Kartagener syndrome](#) 3. Abnormal secretions: mucoviscidosis = [cystic fibrosis](#) B. Congenital / acquired immune deficiency (usually IgG deficiency): [chronic granulomatous disease of childhood](#), alpha 1-antitrypsin deficiency C. Postinfectious: measles, whooping cough, [Swyer-James syndrome](#), allergic bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#), chronic granulomatous infection (TB) D. [Bronchial obstruction](#): neoplasm, inflammatory nodes, foreign body E. Aspiration / inhalation: gastric contents / inhaled fumes (late complication) F. Pulmonary [fibrosis](#): "**traction bronchiectasis**" due to increased elastic recoil with bronchial dilatation + mechanical distortion of bronchi by [fibrosis](#) *Imaging definition on HRCT (modality of choice)*: (1) lack of tapering of bronchi (in 80% = most sensitive finding) (2) internal diameter of bronchus larger than adjacent pulmonary artery (in 60%) (3) bronchi visible within 1 cm of pleura (in 45%) (4) mucus-filled dilated bronchi (in 6%) *Classification*: 1. **Cylindrical / tubular / fusiform bronchiectasis** least severe type reversible if associated with pulmonary collapse ✓ 16 subdivisions of bronchi ✓ square abrupt ending with lumen of uniform diameter and same width as parent bronchus HRCT (study of choice): ✓ "tram lines" (horizontal course) ✓ "signet-ring sign" (vertical course) = cross-section of dilated bronchus + branch of pulmonary artery 2. **Varicose bronchiectasis** Rare, associated with [Swyer-James syndrome](#) ✓ 4-8 subdivisions of bronchi ✓ beaded contour with normal pattern distally 3. **Saccular / cystic bronchiectasis** most severe type *Associated with*: severe bronchial infection ✓ <5 subdivisions of bronchi ✓ progressive ballooning dilatation toward periphery with diameter of saccules >1 cm ✓ irregular constrictions may be present ✓ dilatation of bronchi on inspiration, collapse on expiration HRCT: ✓ string of cysts = "string of pearls" (horizontal course) / cluster of cysts = "cluster of grapes" ✓ air-fluid level (frequent) *Age*: predominantly pediatric disease ■ chronic cough ■ recurrent infection with expectoration of purulent sputum ■ shortness of breath ■ [hemoptysis](#) (50%) *Associated with*: obliterative + inflammatory bronchiolitis (in 85%) *Location*: posterior basal segments of lower [lobes](#), bilateral (50%), middle lobe / lingula (10%), central bronchiectasis in bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#) ✓ normal radiograph in 7% ✓ increase in size of lung markings (retained secretions) ✓ loss of definition of lung markings (peribronchial [fibrosis](#)) ✓ crowding of lung markings (if associated with [atelectasis](#)) ✓ cystic spaces ± air-fluid levels <2 cm in diameter (dilated bronchi) ✓ honeycomb pattern (in severe cases) ✓ compensatory hyperinflation of uninvolved ipsilateral lung ✓ increased background density ✓ frequent exacerbations + resolutions (due to superimposed infections) *Cx*: frequent respiratory infections *DDx of CT appearance*: (1) emphysematous blebs (no definable wall thickness, subpleural location) (2) "reversible bronchiectasis" = temporary dilatation during [pneumonia](#) with return to normal within 4-6 months

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BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS

=CONSTRUCTIVE BRONCHIOLITIS = OBLITERATIVE BRONCHIOLITIS =inflammation of bronchioles leading to (sometimes reversible) obstruction of bronchiolar lumen *Etiology*: (1)Inhalation: 1-3 weeks after exposure to toxic fumes (isocyanates, phosgene, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, chlorine)(2)Postinfectious: Mycoplasma (children), virus (older individual); see [Swyer-James syndrome](#) (3)Drugs: penicillamine(4)Connective tissue disorder: [rheumatoid arthritis](#), scleroderma, [systemic lupus erythematosus](#)(5)Chronic rejection: [lung transplant](#), heart-[lung transplant](#) (30-50%)(6)Chronic [graft-versus-host disease](#): bone marrow transplant(7)[Cystic fibrosis](#) (as a complication of repeated episodes of pulmonary infection)(8)Idiopathic (in immunocompetent patients)*Path*:submucosal and peribronchiolar [fibrosis](#)= irreversible [fibrosis](#) of small [airway](#) walls with narrowing / obliteration of [airway](#) lumina by granulation tissue *Peak age*:40-60 years; M:F = 1:1 ■ insidious onset of dyspnea over many months ■ obstructive pulmonary function tests ■ no response to antibiotics ■ persistent nonproductive cough ✓ normal CXR (in up to 40%) ✓ hyperinflated lungs = limited disease with connective tissue plugs in airways ✓ [bronchiectasis](#) ✓ decreased vascularity (reflex vasoconstriction)HRCT (paired expiration-inspiration images: ✓ "mosaic perfusion" of lobular air trapping (85-100%)=patchy areas of decreased lung attenuation alternating with areas of normal attenuation ✓ areas of decreased attenuation containing vessels of decreased caliber (due to alveolar hypoventilation + secondary vasoconstriction of alveoli distal to bronchiolar obstruction) ✓ areas of increased attenuation containing vessels of increased caliber (uninvolved areas with compensatory increased perfusion) ✓ [bronchial wall thickening](#) (87%) ✓ [bronchiectasis](#) (66-80%) ✓ patchy air trapping on expiratory scans (due to collateral airdrift into postobstructive alveoli) = failure of volume / attenuation change between expiratory + inspiratory images ✓ "tree-in-bud" appearance of bronchioles = centrilobular branching structures and nodules caused by peribronchiolar thickening + bronchiolectasis with secretions (the only direct, but uncommon sign) ✓ centrilobular ground-glass opacities *Rx*:steroids may stop progression *DDx*:(1)Bacterial / fungal [pneumonia](#) (response to antibiotics, positive cultures)(2)[Chronic eosinophilic pneumonia](#) (young female, eosinophilia in 2/3)(3)Usual [interstitial pneumonia](#) (irregular opacities, decreased lung volume)

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BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS WITH ORGANIZING PNEUMONIA (BOOP)

=PROLIFERATIVE BRONCHIOLITIS=CRYPTOGENIC ORGANIZING PNEUMONITIS (COP)
Prevalence: 20-30% of all chronic infiltrative lung disease
Cause: postobstructive [pneumonia](#), organizing [adult respiratory distress syndrome](#), lung cancer, [extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#), pulmonary manifestation of collagen vascular disease, pulmonary drug toxicity, silo filler disease, idiopathic (50%)
Path: granulation tissue polyps filling the lumina of alveolar ducts and respiratory bronchioles ([bronchiolitis obliterans](#)) + variable degree of infiltration of interstitium and alveoli with macrophages (organizing [pneumonia](#))
Bronchiolitis obliterans component not present in up to 1/3!
Histo: plugs of immature fibroblasts (Masson bodies) covered with low cuboidal epithelium which may spread through collateral air drift pathways
Age: 40-70 years; M:F = 1:1
■ clinical + functional + radiographic manifestation of organizing [pneumonia](#) ■ nonproductive cough, dyspnea (1-4-month history), preceded by a brief flulike illness with sore throat, low-grade fever, malaise (in 33%) ■ late respiratory crackles ■ restrictive pulmonary function tests + diminished [diffusing capacity](#) on pulmonary function tests ■ unresponsive to broad-spectrum antibiotics ■ no organism identified
Location: mainly mid + lower lung zones; often subpleural (50%) and peribronchiolar distribution (30-50%)
CXR: frequently mixture of: ✓ uni- / bilateral patchy alveolar airspace consolidation (25-73%), often subpleural ✓ 3-5 mm nodules (up to 50%) ✓ irregular linear opacities (15-42%) ✓ unilateral focal / lobar consolidation (5-31%) ✓ [pleural thickening](#) (13%) ✓ cavitation / [pleural effusion](#) (<5%)
HRCT: ✓ patchy airspace consolidation (80%) (a) bilateral in 90% involving all lung zones (b) subpleural distribution in 50-60% ✓ patchy ground-glass opacities (due to alveolitis) in 60% ✓ 3-5 mm centrilobular nodules (30-50%) due to organized [pneumonia](#) ✓ air bronchograms = cylindrical bronchial dilatation in areas of airspace consolidation (36-70%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (28-35%) ✓ adenopathy (27%)
Rx: improvement with corticosteroid therapy (in 84% of patients with idiopathic form)
Prognosis: persistent abnormalities (30%); 10% mortality due to progressive / recurrent disease
Dx: tissue examination from open lung biopsy

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BRONCHIOLOALVEOLAR CARCINOMA

=ALVEOLAR CELL CARCINOMA = BRONCHIOLAR CARCINOMA *Incidence*: 1.5-6% of all primary lung cancers (increasing incidence to ? 20-25%) *Etiology*: development from type II alveolar epithelial cells, subtype of adenocarcinoma *Age*: 40-70 years; M:F = 1:1 (strikingly high in women) *Path*: peripheral neoplasm arising beyond a recognizable bronchus with tendency to spread locally using lung structure as a stroma (= **lepidic** growth) *Histo*: cuboidal / columnar cells grow along alveolar walls + septa without disrupting the lung architecture or pulmonary interstitium (serving as "scaffolding" for tumor growth); subtype of adenocarcinoma *Subtypes*: (a) mucinous (80%): mucin-secreting tall columnar peglike bronchiolar cells; more likely multicentric; 26% 5-year survival rate (b) nonmucinous (20%): cuboidal type II alveolar pneumocytes with production of [surfactant](#) / nonciliated bronchiolar (Clara) cells; more localized + solitary; 72% 5-year survival rate *Risk factors*: localized pulmonary [fibrosis](#) (tuberculous scarring, pulmonary infarct) in 27%, diffuse fibrotic disease (scleroderma), previous exogenous lipid [pneumonia](#) ■ history of heavy smoking (25-50%) ■ often asymptomatic (even with disseminated disease) ■ cough (35-60%), [hemoptysis](#) (11%) ■ bronchorrhea = abundant white mucoid / watery expectoration (5-27%); can produce [hypovolemia](#) + electrolyte depletion; unusual + late manifestation only with diffuse bronchioalveolar carcinoma ■ shortness of breath (15%) ■ weight loss (13%), fever (8%) *Location*: peripherally, beyond a recognizable bronchus *Spread*: tracheobronchial dissemination = cells detach from primary tumor + attach to alveolar septa elsewhere in ipsi- / contralateral lung; lymphogenous + hematogenous dissemination (in 50-60%) A. LOCAL FORM (60-90%) 1. [Ground-glass attenuation](#) = early stage (due to lepidic growth pattern along alveolar septa with relative lack of acinar filling) ✓ ground-glass haziness ✓ bubblelike hyperlucencies / pseudocavitation ✓ [airway](#) dilatation ✓ lesion persists / progresses within 6-8 weeks 2. Single mass (43%) ✓ well-circumscribed focal mass in peripheral / subpleural location arising beyond a recognizable bronchus ✓ "rabbit ears" / pleural tags / triangular strand / "tail sign" (55%) = linear strands extending from nodule to pleura (desmoplastic reaction / scarring granulomatous disease / pleural indrawing) ✓ spiculated margin = sunburst appearance (73%) ✓ "open bronchus sign" = air bronchogram = tumor / mucus surrounding aerated bronchus ± narrowing / stretching / spreading of bronchi ✓ pseudocavitation (= dilatation of intact air spaces from desmoplastic reaction / [bronchiectasis](#) / focal [emphysema](#)) in 50-60% 2nd most common cell type associated with cavitation after squamous cell ✓ heterogeneous attenuation (57%) ✓ confined to single lobe ✓ rarely evolving into diffuse form ✓ slowly progressive growth on serial radiographs ✓ NO [atelectasis](#) ✓ negative FDG PET results in 55% *Prognosis*: 70% surgical cure rate for tumor <3 cm; 4-15 years survival time with single nodule B. DIFFUSE FORM = Pneumonic form (10-40%) 1. Diffuse consolidation (30%) ✓ acinar airspace consolidation + air bronchogram + poorly marginated borders ✓ airspace consolidation may affect both lungs (mucus secretion) ✓ ± cavitation within consolidation ✓ "CT angiogram sign" = low-attenuation consolidation does not obscure vessels (mucin-producing subtype) 2. Lobar form ✓ ± expansion of a lobe with bulging of interlobar fissures 3. Multinodular form (27%) ✓ multiple bilateral poorly / well-defined nodules similar to metastatic disease ✓ multiple poorly defined areas of [ground-glass attenuation](#) / consolidation ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (8-10%) *Prognosis*: worse with extensive consolidation / multifocal / bilateral disease; death within 3 years with diffuse disease

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BRONCHOGENIC CARCINOMA

=LUNG CANCER = LUNG CARCINOMA Most frequent cause of cancer deaths in males (35% of all cancer deaths) and females (21% of all cancer deaths); most common malignancy of men in the world; 6th leading cancer in women worldwide *Prevalence*: in 1991 161,000 new cases; 143,000 deaths *Age at diagnosis*: 55-60 years (range 40-80 years); M:F = 1.4:1

- asymptomatic (10-50%) usually with peripheral tumors
- symptoms of central tumors:
 - cough (75%), wheezing, [pneumonia](#)
 - [hemoptysis](#) (50%), dysphagia (2%)
 - symptoms of peripheral tumors:
 - pleuritic / local chest pain, dyspnea, cough
 - [Pancoast syndrome](#), [superior vena cava syndrome](#)
 - hoarseness
- symptoms of metastatic disease (CNS, bone, liver, adrenal gland)
- paraneoplastic syndromes
 - cachexia of malignancy
 - clubbing + [hypertrophic osteoarthropathy](#)
 - nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis
 - migratory thrombophlebitis
 - ectopic hormone production: [hypercalcemia](#), syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone, [Cushing syndrome](#), [gynecomastia](#), [acromegaly](#)

Types: 1. **Adenocarcinoma** (50%) Most common cell type seen in women + nonsmokers! Intermediate malignant potential (slow growth, high incidence of early metastases) *Histo*: formation of glands / intracellular mucin *Subtype*: [bronchioloalveolar carcinoma](#) *Location*: almost invariably develops in periphery; frequently found in scars ([tuberculosis](#), infarction, scleroderma, [bronchiectasis](#)) + in close relation to preexisting bullae / solitary peripheral subpleural mass (52%) / alveolar infiltrate / multiple nodules / may invade pleura + grow circumferentially around lung mimicking [malignant mesothelioma](#) / upper lobe distribution (69%) / air broncho- / bronchiogram on HRCT (65%) / calcification in periphery of mass (1%) / smooth margin / spiculated margin due to desmoplastic reaction with retraction of pleura

2. **Squamous cell carcinoma** = [epidermoid carcinoma](#) (30-35%) Strongly associated with cigarette smoking *Histo*: mimics differentiation of the epidermis by producing keratin ("[epidermoid carcinoma](#)"); central necrosis is common *Histogenesis*: chronic inflammation with squamous metaplasia, progression to dysplasia + carcinoma in situ

- positive sputum cytology

Most common cell type diagnosed that is radiologically occult!

- [hypercalcemia](#) from tumor-elaborated parathyroid hormonelike substance

Slowest growth rate, lowest incidence of distant metastases (a) Central location within main / lobar / segmental bronchus (2/3) / large central mass ± cavitation / distal [atelectasis](#) ± bulging fissure (due to mass) / postobstructive [pneumonia](#) All cases of [pneumonia](#) in adults should be followed to complete radiologic resolution! / [airway](#) obstruction with [atelectasis](#) (37%) (b) Solitary peripheral nodule (1/3) / characteristic cavitation (in 7-10%) / Squamous cell carcinoma is the most common cell type to cavitate! / invasion of chest wall

Squamous cell carcinoma is the most common cell type to cause Pancoast tumor!

3. **Small cell undifferentiated carcinoma** (15%) Strongly associated with cigarette smoking Rapid growth + high metastatic potential (early metastases in 60-80% at time of diagnosis); should be regarded as systemic disease regardless of stage; virtually never resectable *Path*: arises from bronchial mucosa with growth in submucosa + subsequent invasion of peribronchial connective tissue *Histo*: small uniform oval cells with scant cytoplasm; nuclei with stippled chromatin; numerous mitoses + large areas of necrosis; in 20% coexistent with non-small cell histologic types (most frequently squamous cell) *Subtype*: oat cell cancer with hyperchromatic nuclei; ? related to Kulchitsky cell carcinomas

- smooth-appearing mucosal surface endoscopically
- ectopic hormone production: [Cushing syndrome](#), inappropriate secretion of ADH

Most common primary lung cancer causing superior vena caval obstruction (due to extrinsic compression / endoluminal thrombosis / invasion) *Location*: 90% central within lobar / mainstem bronchus (primary tumor rarely visualized) / typically large hilar / perihilar mass often associated with mediastinal widening (from adenopathy) / extensive necrosis + hemorrhage / small lung lesion (rare) *Staging evaluation*: CT of abdomen + head, bone scintigraphy, bilateral bone marrow biopsies

4. **Undifferentiated large cell carcinoma** (<5%) Strongly associated with smoking Intermediate malignant potential; rapid growth + early distant metastases *Histo*: tumor cells with abundant cytoplasm + large nuclei + prominent nucleoli; diagnosed per exclusion due to lack of squamous / glandular / small cell differentiation *Subtype*: giant cell carcinoma with very aggressive behavior + poor prognosis / large bulky usually peripheral mass >6 cm (50%) / large area of necrosis / pleural involvement / large bronchus involved in central lesion (50%)

RISK FACTORS: (1) cigarette smoking (squamous cell carcinoma + small cell carcinoma)-related to number of cigarettes smoked, depth of inhalation, age at which smoking began 85% of lung cancer deaths are attributable to cigarette smoking! Passive smoking may account for 25% of lung cancers in nonsmokers! (2) radon gas: may be the 2nd leading cause for lung cancer with up to 20,000 deaths per year (3) industrial exposure: asbestos, uranium, arsenic, chlormethyl ether (4) concomitant disease: chronic pulmonary scar + pulmonary [fibrosis](#)

Scar carcinoma 7% of lung tumors; 1% of autopsies *Origin*: related to infarcts (>50%), [tuberculosis](#) scar (<25%) *Histo*: adenocarcinoma (72%), squamous cell carcinoma (18%) *Location*: upper lobes (75%) / 45% of all peripheral cancers originate in scars!

PRESENTATION / solitary peripheral mass with corona radiata / pleural tail sign / satellite lesion / cavitation (16%): usually thick-walled with irregular inner surface; in 4/5 secondary to squamous cell carcinoma, followed by [bronchioloalveolar carcinoma](#) / central mass (38%): common in small cell carcinoma / unilateral hilar enlargement (secondary to primary tumor / enlarged lymph nodes) *Nodes on CT*: 0-10 mm negative, 10-20 mm indeterminate, >20 mm positive / anterior + middle mediastinal widening (suggests small cell carcinoma) / segmental / lobar / lung [atelectasis](#) (37%) secondary to [airway](#) obstruction (particularly in squamous cell carcinoma) / "S sign of Golden" = incomplete lobar collapse with bulging contour produced by primary central tumor / rat tail termination of bronchus / bronchial cuff sign = focal / circumferential thickening of bronchial wall imaged end-on (early sign) / local hyperaeration (due to check-valve type endobronchial obstruction, best on expiratory view) / [mucoid impaction](#) of segmental / lobar bronchus (due to endobronchial obstruction) / persistent peripheral infiltrate (30%) = postobstructive pneumonitis / NO air bronchogram / [pleural effusion](#) (8-15%) / bone erosion of ribs / spine (9%) / involvement of main pulmonary artery (18%); lobar + segmental arteries (53%) may result in additional peripheral radiopacity (due to lung infarct) / calcification in 7% on CT (histologically in 14%) usually eccentric / finely stippled (a) preexisting focus of [calcium](#) engulfed by tumor (b) dystrophic [calcium](#) within tumor necrosis (c) [calcium](#) deposit from secretory function of carcinoma (eg, mucinous adenocarcinoma) *Angio*: bronchogenic carcinoma supplied by bronchial circulation / distortion / stenosis / occlusion of pulmonary arterial circulation

MULTIPLE PRIMARY LUNG CANCERS *Incidence*: 0.72-3.5%; in 1/3 synchronous, in 2/3 metachronous / 10-32% of patients surviving resection of a lung cancer will develop a second primary! *Dx*: biopsy mandatory for proper therapy because the tumor may have a different cell type

PARANEOPLASTIC MANIFESTATIONS

- Carcinomatous neuromyopathy (4-15%)
- Migratory thrombophlebitis
- Hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy (3-5%)
- Endocrine manifestations (15%) usually with small cell carcinoma: [Cushing syndrome](#), inappropriate secretion of ADH, HPT, excessive gonadotropin secretion

LOCATION 60-80% arise in segmental bronchi -central: small cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma (sputum cytology positive in 70%); arises in central [airway](#) often at points of bronchial bifurcation, infiltrates circumferentially, extends along bronchial tree-peripheral: adenocarcinoma, large cell carcinoma-upper lobe: lower lobe = right lung : left lung = 3 : 2-most common site: anterior segment of RUL-**Pancoast tumor** (3%) = superior pulmonary sulcus tumor, frequently squamous cell carcinoma

- atrophy of muscles of ipsilateral upper extremity due to lower brachial plexus involvement
- Horner syndrome (enophthalmos, miosis, ptosis, anhidrosis) due to sympathetic chain + stellate [ganglion](#) involvement / apical [pleural thickening](#) / mass ± soft-tissue invasion / bone destruction-SVC obstruction (5%): often in small cell carcinoma

TNM STAGING

T1: <3 cm in diameter, surrounded by lung / visceral pleura

T2: >3 cm in diameter / invasion of visceral pleura / lobar [atelectasis](#) / obstructive pneumonitis / at least 2 cm from carina

T3: tumor of any size; less than 2 cm from carina / invasion of parietal pleura, chest wall, diaphragm, mediastinal pleura, pericardium; [pleural effusion](#)

T4: invasion of heart, great vessels, trachea, esophagus, vertebral body, carina / malignant effusion

N1: peribronchial / ipsilateral hilar nodes

N2: ipsilateral mediastinal nodes

N3: contralateral hilar / mediastinal nodes

STAGING FOR SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER Limited disease:

- Primary in one hemithorax
- Ipsilateral hilar adenopathy
- Ipsilateral supraclavicular adenopathy
- Ipsi- and contralateral mediastinal adenopathy
- [Atelectasis](#)
- Paralysis of phrenic + laryngeal nerve
- Small effusion without malignant cells

Extensive disease (60-80%):

- Contralateral hilar adenopathy
- Contralateral supraclavicular adenopathy
- Chest wall infiltration
- Carcinomatous [pleural effusion](#)
- [Lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#)
- [Superior vena cava syndrome](#)
- Metastasis to contralateral lung
- Extrathoracic [metastases to bone](#) (38%), liver (22-28%), bone marrow (17-23%), CNS (8-15%), retroperitoneum (11%), other lymph nodes

Prognosis: 7-11 months median survival; 15-20% 2-year disease-free survival rate

SPREAD

- direct local extension
- hematogenous (small cell ca.)
- lymphatic spread (squamous cell ca.); tumor in 10% of normal-sized lymph nodes
- transbronchial spread-least common

DISTANT METASTASES @Bone (a) Marrow: in 40% at time of presentation (b) Gross lesions in 10-35%: *Location*: vertebrae (70%), pelvis (40%), femora (25%) / osteolytic metastases (3/4) / osteoblastic metastases (1/4): in small cell carcinoma / adenocarcinoma / occult metastases in 36% of bone scans

@Adrenals: in 37% at time of presentation

@Brain: asymptomatic metastases on brain scan in 7% (30% at autopsy), in 2/3 multiple

@Kidney, GI tract, liver, abdominal lymph nodes @Lung-to-lung metastases (in up to 10%, usually in late stage) *Cx*:

- Diaphragmatic elevation (phrenic nerve paralysis)
- Hoarseness (laryngeal nerve involvement, left > right)
- SVC obstruction (5%): lung cancer is cause of all SVC obstructions in 90%
- [Pleural effusion](#) (10%): malignant, parapneumonic, lympho-obstructive
- Dysphagia: enlarged nodes, esophageal invasion
- Pericardial invasion: [pericardial effusion](#), localized pericardial thickening / nodular masses

Prognosis: mean survival time <6 months; 10-15% overall 5-year survival; survival at 40 months: squamous cell 30% > large cell 16% > adenocarcinoma 15% > oat cell 1%

Rx:

- Surgical resection for non-small cell histologic types
- Unresectable: involvement of heart, great vessels, trachea, esophagus, vertebral body, malignant [pleural effusion](#)
- Adjuvant chemotherapy + radiation therapy in extensive resectable disease
- Chemotherapy for small cell carcinoma + radiation therapy for bulky disease, CNS metastases, spinal cord compression, SVC obstruction

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BRONCHOGENIC CYST

=budding / branching abnormality of ventral diverticulum of primitive foregut (ventral segment = tracheobronchial tree; dorsal segment = esophagus) between 26 and 40 days of embryogenesis *Incidence*: most common intrathoracic foregut cyst (54-63% in surgical series) *Histo*: thin-walled cyst filled with mucoid material, lined with columnar respiratory epithelium, mucous glands, cartilage, elastic tissue, smooth muscle • contains mucus / clear or turbid fluid sharply outlined round / oval mass may contain air-fluid level *CT*: cyst contents of water density (50%) / higher density (50%) *OB-US*: single unilocular [pulmonary cyst](#) echogenic distended lung obstructed by bronchogenic cyst **A. MEDIASTINAL BRONCHOGENIC CYST (86%)** *Associated with*: spinal abnormalities *M:F* = 1:1 • usually asymptomatic • stridor, dysphagia *Location*: pericarinal (52%), paratracheal (19%), esophageal wall (14%), retrocardiac (9%); usually on right rarely communicate with tracheal lumen may show esophageal compression **B. INTRAPULMONARY BRONCHOGENIC CYST (14%)** *M > F* • infection (75%) • dyspnea, [hemoptysis](#) (most common) *Location*: lower:upper lobe = 2:1; usually medial third 36% will eventually contain air *DDx*: solitary pulmonary nodule, cavitated neoplasm, cavitated [pneumonia](#), lung abscess

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BRONCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA

=RESPIRATOR LUNG = complication of prolonged respirator therapy of intermittent PEEP with high oxygen concentration = oxygen toxicity + barotrauma Stage I (2-3 days): RDS pattern of hyaline membrane disease Stage II (4-10 days): complete opacification with air bronchogram; associated with congestive failure from PDA Stage III (10-20 days): "spongy" / "bubbly" coarse linear densities, esp. in upper lobes hyperaeration of lung lower lobe emphysema Stage IV (after 1 month): same pattern; 40% mortality if not resolved by 1 month Cx: (1) abnormal pulmonary function (2) increased frequency of lower respiratory tract infections Prognosis: (1) complete clearing over months / years (1/3) (2) retained linear densities in upper lobe emphysema (29%) DDX: (1) Diffuse neonatal pneumonia (2) Meconium aspiration (3) Total anomalous pulmonary venous return (4) Congenital pulmonary lymphangiectasia (5) Cystic fibrosis (6) Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (7) Pulmonary interstitial emphysema (8) Wilson-Mikity syndrome

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BRONCHOPLEURAL FISTULA

=BRONCHOPULMONARY FISTULA=communication between the bronchial system / lung parenchyma + pleural space
Cause: (a)Trauma1. Complication of resectional surgery (pneumonectomy, lobectomy, bullectomy)2. Blunt / penetrating trauma3. Barotrauma(b)Lung necrosis1. Putrid lung abscess2. Necrotizing [pneumonia](#): Klebsiella, H. influenzae, Staphylococcus, Streptococcus; [tuberculosis](#); fungus; Pneumocystis3. Infarction(c)[Airway](#) disease1. [Bronchiectasis](#) (very rare)2. [Emphysema](#) complicated by [pneumonia](#) / [pneumothorax](#)(d)Malignancy: lung carcinoma with postobstructive [pneumonia](#) / tumor necrosis following therapy ■ large / persistent air leak ■ acute / chronic [empyema](#)
HRCT: ✓ direct visualization of bronchopleural fistula (in 50%) ✓ peripheral air + fluid collection (indirect sign) **Dx:**(1) Introduction of methylene blue into pleural space, in 65% dye appears in sputum(2) Sinography (3) Bronchography
Rx:tube thoracostomy, open drainage, decortication, thoracoplasty, muscle-pedicle closure, transbronchial occlusions

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BRONCHOPULMONARY SEQUESTRATION

=congenital malformation consisting of (1) nonfunctioning lung segment (2) no communication with tracheobronchial tree (3) systemic arterial supply *Incidence*: 0.15-6.4% of all congenital pulmonary malformations; 1.1-1.8% of all pulmonary resections usually >6 cm in size round / oval, smooth, well-defined solid homogeneous mass near diaphragm with mass effect occasionally fingerlike appendage posteriorly + medially (anomalous vessel) contrast enhancement of sequestration at the same time as thoracic aorta on rapid sequential CT scans multiple / single air-fluid levels if infected surrounded by recurrent pulmonary consolidation in a lower lobe that never clears completely may communicate with esophagus / stomach Pulmonary sequestration with communication to GI tract is termed **bronchopulmonary foregut malformation**! *DDx*: bronchiectasis, lung abscess, empyema, bronchial atresia, congenital lobar emphysema, cystic adenomatoid malformation, intrapulmonary bronchogenic cyst, Swyer-James syndrome, pneumonia, arteriovenous fistula, primary / metastatic neoplasm, hernia of Bochdalek

Bronchopulmonary Sequestrations		
	<u>INTRALOBAR</u>	<u>EXTRALOBAR</u>
Prevalence	75%	25%
Pleural investment	visceral pleura	own pleura
Venous drainage	pulmonary veins	systemic veins
Symptomatic	adulthood	first 6 month
Etiology	acquired	developmental
Congen. anomalies	15%	50%

[Intralobar Sequestration \(75-86%\)](#) [Extralobar Sequestration \(14-25%\)](#)

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Intralobar Sequestration (75-86%)

=enclosed by visceral pleura of affected pulmonary lobe but separated from bronchial tree *Etiology*: controversial (1) probably acquired in majority of patients (2) early appearance of congenital accessory tracheobronchial bud leads to incorporation within one pleural investment *Path*: chronic inflammation [fibrosis](#): multiple irregular cordlike adhesions to mediastinum, diaphragm, parietal pleura; multiple cysts filled with fluid / thick gelatinous / purulent material; vascular sclerosis *Age at presentation*: adulthood (50% >20 years); M:F = 1:1 *Associated with congenital anomalies in 6-12%*: skeletal deformities (4%): scoliosis, rib + vertebral anomalies; esophagobronchial diverticula (4%); diaphragmatic hernia (3%); cardiac (including [tetralogy of Fallot](#)); renal: failure of ascent + rotation; cerebral anomalies; [congenital pulmonary venolobar syndrome](#) ■ about 50% have symptoms by age 20; asymptomatic in 15% ■ pain, repeated infection in same location (eg, recurrent acute lower lobe pneumonias) ■ high-output [congestive heart failure](#) (in neonatal period) from L-to-L shunt ■ cough + sputum production, [hemoptysis](#) *Location*: posterobasal segments, rarely upper lung / within fissure; L:R = 3:2 *CXR*: ✓ recurrent / persistent [pneumonia](#) localized to lower lobe ✓ cavitation and cysts ± fluid levels ✓ Aeration of sequestered lung via Kohn pores / communication with tracheobronchial tree! *Bronchogram*: ✓ NO communication of rudimentary bronchial system of sequestration with tracheobronchial tree (rare exceptions) *Angio*: ✓ usually single large artery (mean diameter of 6 mm) coursing through inferior pulmonary ligament from-distal thoracic aorta (73%)-proximal abdominal aorta (22%)-celiac / splenic artery-intercostal artery (4%)-anomalous branch of coronary artery ✓ multiple aa. in 16% (with vessel diameter of <3 mm) ✓ combined systemic + pulmonary arterial supply ✓ venous drainage via-normal pulmonary veins to L atrium (in 95%)-azygos / hemiazygos vv. / intercostal vv. / SVC into R atrium (in 5%) *CT*: ✓ single / multiple thin-walled cysts containing fluid / mucus / pus / air-fluid level / air alone ✓ mucus-impacted ectatic bronchi (= fat density) in sequestered lung ✓ [emphysema](#) bordering normal lung (37%)=postobstructive hyperinflation of sequestered lung ✓ homogeneous / inhomogeneous soft-tissue mass with irregular borders ✓ irregular enhancement (rare) ✓ one / two anomalous systemic arteries arising from aorta (DDx: AVM, interrupted pulmonary artery, isolated anomaly, chronic infection / inflammation of lung or pleura, surgically created shunt) ✓ premature atherosclerosis of anomalous arteries ✓ [Mucoid impaction](#) of bronchus surrounded by hyperinflated lung is CHARACTERISTIC! *OB-US*: ✓ spherical homogeneous highly echogenic mass ✓ anomalous systemic artery seen by color Doppler *Cx*: massive spontaneous nontraumatic pleural hemorrhage, chronic inflammation, [fibrosis](#) *DDx of mass*: neurogenic tumor, lateral thoracic meningocele, [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#), pleural tumor *DDx of cavity*: lung abscess, necrotizing [pneumonia](#), fungal / mycobacterial [pneumonia](#), cavitating neoplasm, [empyema](#) *DDx of cysts*: pulmonary abscess, [empyema](#), [bronchiectasis](#), [emphysema](#), bronchogenic foregut cyst, [pericardial cyst](#), eventration of diaphragm, congenital cystic malformation

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Extralobar Sequestration (14-25%)

=accessory lobe with its own pleural sheath (= "Rokitansky lobe"), which prevents collateral air drift resulting in an airless round mass *Etiology*: development of an anomalous accessory / supernumerary tracheobronchial foregut bud *Path*: single ovoid / rounded / pyramidal airless lesion between 0.5 and 15 cm (generally 3 to 6 cm) in size *Histo*: resembles normal lung with diffuse dilatation of bronchioles + alveolar ducts + alveoli; dilatation of subpleural + peribronchiolar lymph vessels; covered by mesothelial layer overlying fibrous connective tissue; congenital [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) type II is present in 15-25% *Incidence*: 0.5-6% of all congenital lung lesions *Age*: neonatal presentation; 61% within first 6 months of life; occasionally in utero; M:F = 4:1 *Associated with congenital anomalies in 15-65%*: @Lung: [congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#) (20-30%), eventration / diaphragmatic paralysis (up to 60%), [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) (15-25%), lobar [emphysema](#), [bronchogenic cyst](#), [pectus excavatum](#), [congenital pulmonary venolobar syndrome](#) May coexist / form part of spectrum with CAM @Heart: anomalous pulmonary venous return, cardiac / pericardial anomalies (8%) @GI tract: epiphrenic diverticula (2%), TE fistula (1.5%), duplication of GI tract, [ectopic pancreas](#) @Others: renal anomaly, vertebral anomaly • [respiratory distress](#) + cyanosis + CHF in newborn (due to shunting of blood) • feeding difficulties • asymptomatic (rarely becomes infected) in 10% *Location*: L:R = 4:1; typically within pleural space in posterior costodiaphragmatic sulcus between diaphragm + lower lobe (63-77%); mediastinum; within pericardium; within / below diaphragm (5-15%) ✓ airless (NO communication with bronchial tree); in presence of air connection with GI tract is inferred ✓ may contain cystic areas ✓ [mediastinal shift](#) (if large) *Angio* (diagnostic): ✓ arterial supply from aorta as single / several small branches (80%) - splenic, gastric, subclavian, intercostal branches (15%) - pulmonary artery (5%) ✓ venous drainage via systemic veins (80%) to R heart (IVC, azygos, hemiazygos, SVC, portal vein) - pulmonary vein (25%) *CXR*: ✓ single well-defined homogeneous triangular mass (most commonly located adjacent to posterior medial hemidiaphragm) ✓ NO air bronchograms ✓ small "bump" on hemidiaphragm / inferior paravertebral region ✓ opaque hemithorax ± ipsilateral [pleural effusion](#) (if sequestration large) ✓ ± air-fluid level *CT*: ✓ homogeneous well-circumscribed soft-tissue density mass (no bronchial communication) *NUC* (radionuclide [angiography](#)): ✓ lack of perfusion during pulmonary phase followed by rapid perfusion in systemic phase *DDx*: intrathoracic kidney, scimitar syndrome (with systemic supply to affected lung), hepatic herniation through diaphragm *OB-US*: ✓ The vast majority in fetuses are extralobar ✓ conical / triangular homogeneous highly echogenic mass (many interfaces from multiple microscopically dilated structures) ✓ color duplex may demonstrate vascular supply ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (? esophageal compression, excessive fluid secretion by sequestration) ✓ fetal hydrops (? venous compression) ✓ edema, [ascites](#) ✓ hydrothorax (obstructed lymphatics + veins in torsed sequestration) *DDx for chest lesion*: congenital [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#), [neuroblastoma](#), teratoma, diaphragmatic hernia *DDx for infradiaphragmatic lesion*: [neuroblastoma](#), teratoma, [adrenal hemorrhage](#), [mesoblastic nephroma](#), foregut duplication *Cx*: infection (in cases of communication with bronchus / GI tract) *Rx*: resection (delineation of vascular supply helpful) *Prognosis*: favorable (worse if [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) present); decreases in size / disappears in up to 65% before birth **Esophageal / Gastric Lung** = rare variant of pulmonary sequestration *Age*: infancy (as it is symptomatic) • cough related to feeding • recurrent pulmonary infections ✓ communication of bronchial tree of sequestered lung with esophagus / stomach

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CANDIDIASIS

Organism: ubiquitous human saprophyte (*Candida albicans* most commonly) characterized by blastospores (yeasts) admixed with hyphae / pseudohyphae (conventional stains) *At risk*: patient with lymphoreticular malignancy *Entry*: (a) aspiration (b) hematogenous dissemination from GI tract / infected central venous catheter
■ prolonged fever despite broad-spectrum antibacterial coverage ■ cough, [hemoptysis](#) ✓ patchy airspace consolidation in lower lobe distribution ✓ interstitial pattern ✓ diffuse micro- / macronodular disease ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (25%)

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CASTLEMAN DISEASE

= ANGIOFOLLICULAR LYMPH NODE HYPERPLASIA =GIANT LYMPH NODE HYPERPLASIA= ANGIOMATOUS LYMPHOID HAMARTOMA= LYMPHOID HAMARTOMA=benign masses of lymphoid tissue of unknown etiologySize:up to 16 cm in diameterCT: ✓ well-defined mass of muscle density ✓ spotty central calcification ✓ enhancing rim (vascular capsule) ✓ marked enhancement almost equal to aorta (in hyalin-vascular type) ✓ slight enhancement (in plasma cell type)Angio: ✓ mass with multiple feeding vessels ✓ dense homogeneous blush (hyalin-vascular type) ✓ some hypervascularity (plasma cell type)DDx:indistinguishable from [lymphoma](#)

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Localized / Unicentric Angiofollicular Lymph Node Hyperplasia A.Hyaline-vascular type (76-91%) *Cause*: chronic antigenic stimulation / developmental abnormality of lymphoid tissue *Age*: 4th decade; M:F = 1:1 *Path*: vascular proliferation + hyalinization with small follicle centers penetrated by capillaries, capillary proliferation in interfollicular areas *Location*: mediastinal + cervical lymph nodes • asymptomatic in 97% B.Plasma cell type (10-24%) *Cause*: chronic viral antigenic stimulation *Average age*: 22 years; M:F = 1:1 *Path*: sheets of plasma cells between normal / enlarged follicles *Location*: mesenteric + retroperitoneal lymph nodes • cough, dyspnea, [hemoptysis](#) • lassitude, weight loss, fever • growth retardation • elevated sedimentation rate • IgG, IgM, IgA hypergammaglobulinemia (50%) • refractory microcytic anemia *Prognosis*: treatment ~100% curative *Rx*: (1) complete surgical resection (2) radiation + steroid therapy

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Generalized / Multicentric Angiofollicular Lymph Node Hyperplasia A. HYPERPLASIA WITHOUT NEUROPATHY *Cause*: disordered immunoregulation with polyclonal plasma cells from viral infection *Mean age*: 57 years; M>F ■ fatigue, anorexia, skin lesions, CNS disorders ✓ peripheral multicentric adenopathy ✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ salivary gland enlargement ✓ ± pulmonary lesions *Rx*: systemic chemotherapy + corticosteroids + irradiation *Prognosis*: mean survival of 27 months
B. HYPERPLASIA WITH NEUROPATHY *Cause*: immunoregulatory deficits with uncontrolled B-cell proliferation + interleukin-6 dysregulation *Mean age*: 40-60 years; M:F = 2:1 ■ skin lesions: hypertrichosis, hirsutism, sclerodermatous thickening, hyperpigmentation, hemangiomas ■ distal symmetric sensorimotor neuropathy (50%) ■ papilledema, pseudotumor cerebri (66%) ■ monoclonal IgG (75%) *Rx*: surgical resection, irradiation, chemotherapy *Prognosis*: mean survival of 24-33 months

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CHRONIC EOSINOPHILIC PNEUMONIA

=numerous eosinophils, macrophages, histiocytes, lymphocytes, PMNs within lung interstitium + alveolar sacs *Etiology*: unknown *Age*: middle-age; M < F • common history of atopia (may occur during therapeutic desensitization procedure) • adult onset [asthma](#) (wheezing) • high fever, malaise, dyspnea (DDx to [Löffler syndrome](#)) • peripheral blood eosinophilia (with rare exceptions) ✓ homogeneous alveolar lung infiltrates with distribution at lung periphery = "photographic negative" of [pulmonary edema](#) ✓ frequently bilateral nonsegmental ✓ unchanged for many days / weeks (DDx to [Löffler syndrome](#)) ✓ fast regression of infiltrates under steroids *Rx*: dramatic response to steroid therapy (within 3-10 days)

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CHRONIC MEDIASTITIS

Etiology: (1)Granulomatous infection: [histoplasmosis](#) (most frequent), [tuberculosis](#), [actinomycosis](#), Nocardia(2)[Mediastinal granuloma](#)(3)[Fibrosing mediastinitis](#)(4)Radiation therapy

[Mediastinal Granuloma Fibrosing Mediastinitis](#)

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Mediastinal Granuloma =relatively benign massive coalescent adenitis with caseating / noncaseating lesions*Cause*:primary lymph node infection (commonly [tuberculosis](#) / [histoplasmosis](#))*Histo*:thin fibrous capsule surrounding granulomatous lesion[†] lymphadenopathy*DDx*:[fibrosing mediastinitis](#) (infiltrative, rare)

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Fibrosing Mediastinitis = SCLEROSING MEDIASTITIS = MEDIASTITAL COLLAGENOSIS = diffuse fibrotic infiltration throughout mediastinum *Cause*: abnormal host immune response to Histoplasma antigen (organisms recovered in 50%); autoimmune disease, methysergide-induced *May be associated with*: retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#), orbital pseudotumor, Riedel struma *Histo*: infiltrative, often invasive fibrotic process with minimal / no apparent granulomatous foci *Age*: 2nd-5th decade of life • cough, dyspnea, [hemoptysis](#) • dysphagia • [superior vena cava syndrome](#) • [cor pulmonale](#) (secondary to pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#) caused by compression of pulmonary arteries / veins) *Location*: upper half of mediastinum in paratracheal region + anterior to trachea + near hilum *Site*: right > left *Widening of upper mediastinum* ∇ lobulated (in 86% calcified) paratracheal / [hilar mass](#) *NUC*: ∇ decreased / absent perfusion with normal ventilation *Cx*: (1) Compression of SVC (64%) + pulmonary veins (4%) (2) Chronic obstructive [pneumonia](#) (narrowing of trachea / central bronchi) in 5% (3) Esophageal stenosis (3%) (4) Pulmonary infarcts + [fibrosis](#) (narrowing of pulmonary artery) (5) Prominent intercostal arteries (narrowing of pulmonary artery) *DDx*: (1) [Swyer-James syndrome](#) (2) Congenital absence of pulmonary artery (3) Embolus to main pulmonary artery (4) [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (5) [Lymphoma](#) (6) Metastatic carcinoma

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CHURG-STRAUSS SYNDROME

=variant of [polyarteritis nodosa](#) CLASSIC TRIAD: (1) Allergic rhinitis and [asthma](#) (2) Eosinophilic infiltrative disease (a) eosinophilic [pneumonia](#) (b) [eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#) (3) Systemic small-vessel [vasculitis](#) with granulomatous inflammation usually develops within 3 years of onset of [asthma](#) ■ ANCA (antineutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies) in 70% ■ eosinophilia (almost 100%): peripheral eosinophilia in >30% @Kidney: less frequent + less severe renal disease compared with [Wegener granulomatosis](#) + [microscopic polyangiitis](#) @Heart: coronary arteritis, myocarditis (accounting for 50% of deaths) @CNS: neuropathy

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CHYLOTHORAX

=leakage of chyle (= lymph containing chylomicrons= suspended fat) from thoracic duct or its branches into pleural space secondary to obstruction / disruption of thoracic duct (in 2%) **Route of thoracic duct:** Origin:arises from cisterna chyli anterior to L1/2 (10-15 mm in diameter and 5-7 cm long)Course:enters thorax through aortic hiatus; ascends in right prevertebral location (between azygos vein + descending aorta); swings to left at T4-6 posterior to esophagus; ascends for a short distance along right of aorta; crosses behind aortic arch; runs ventrally at T3 between left [common carotid artery](#) + left subclavian arteryTermination:3-5 cm above clavicle at venous angle(= junction of left subclavian + internal jugular veins) Variation:two (33%) or more (in up to 50%) main ducts each consisting of up to 8 separate channels*Etiology:* A.Developmental defects1.Thoracic duct atresia2.Lymphangiectasia3.[Lymphangioma](#)4.Lymphangiomatosis (rare): mediastinal / thoracic [cystic hygroma](#) of neck growing into mediastinum5.Lymphangiomyomatosis ± [tuberous sclerosis](#)B.Trauma1.Closed / penetrating chest trauma / [birth trauma](#) (25%): latent period of 10 days2.Surgery (2nd most common cause): esophagectomy / cardiovascular surgery, esp. coarctation repair (0.5%), retroperitoneal surgery, neck surgery3.Subclavian venous catheterC.Neoplasm (54%)1.[Lymphoma](#) (most common cause)2.Metastatic cancerD.Fibrosing conditions1.Mediastinitis2.[Tuberculosis](#)3.Filariasis (rare)E.Obstruction of central venous system / thoracic ductF.Idiopathic / cryptogenic (15%): most common cause in neonatal periodG.Transdiaphragmatic passage of chylous [ascites](#) Age:in full-term infants; may be present in utero;M:F = 2:1 *Incidence:*1:10,000 deliveries*May be associated with:* Trisomy 21, TE-fistula, extralobar lung sequestration, congenital pulmonary lymphangiectasia ■ high in neutral fat + fatty acid (low in cholesterol): ■ triglyceride level >110 mg/dL ■ milky viscid fluid (chylomicrons) after ingestion of milk / formula and clear during fasting^v usually unilateral loculated [pleural effusion](#)(a)right chylothorax due to duct disruption inferior to T5-6 (more common)(b)left-sided chylothorax if duct disrupted above T5-6^v low attenuation (fat) / high attenuation (protein content)^v ± leakage of lymphangiographic contrast^v [polyhydramnios](#) (? result of esophageal compression)Cx:(1)[Pulmonary hypoplasia](#)(2)Hydrops ([congestive heart failure](#) secondary to impaired venous return)Rx:(1)Thoracentesis (leading to loss of calories, lymphocytopenia, hypogammaglobulinemia)(2)Total parenteral nutrition(3)Thoracic duct ligation (if drainage exceeds 1500 mL/day for adults or 100 mL/yr-age/day for children >5 years of age; drainage >14 days)(4)Pleuroperitoneal shunt; tetracycline pleurodesis; mediastinal radiation; intrapleural fibrin glue; pleurectomy

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COAL WORKERS PNEUMOCONIOSIS

=CWP = ANTHRACOSIS = ANTHRACOSILICOSIS=coal dust inhalation taken up by alveolar macrophages, in part cleared by mucociliary action (particle size $>5 \mu$), in part deposited around bronchioles + alveoli, coal dust in itself is inert, but admixed silica is fibrogenic **Simple CWP** =aggregates of coal dust = coal macules(usually <3 mm) NO progression in absence of further exposure *Histo*:development of reticulin fibers associated with bronchiolar dilatation (focal [emphysema](#)) + bronchiolar artery stenosis (decreased capillary perfusion) • poor correlation between symptoms, physiologic findings + roentgenogram ✓ small round 1-5 mm opacities, frequently in upper [lobes](#) (radiographically only seen through superposition after an exposure of >10 years) ✓ nodularity correlates with amount of collagen (NOT amount of coal dust) Cx : (1)Chronic obstructive bronchitis(2)Focal [emphysema](#)(3)[Cor pulmonale](#)

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COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS

Organism: dimorphic soil fungus *Coccidioides immitis*; arthrospores in desert soil spread by wind aerosolized in dry dust; highly infectious *Geographic distribution*: endemic in southwest desert of USA (San Joaquin Valley, central southern Arizona, western Texas, southern New Mexico) + northern Mexico + in parts of Central + South America; similar to [histoplasmosis](#) *Mode of infection*: deposited in alveoli after inhalation + maturation into large thick-walled spherules with release of hundreds of endospores *Dx*: (1) culture of organism (2) spherules in pathologic material (demonstrated with Gomori-methenamine silver stain) (3) positive skin test (4) complement fixation titer

[Primary Coccidioidomycosis](#) [Chronic Respiratory Coccidioidomycosis](#) [Disseminated Coccidioidomycosis \(in 1%\)](#)

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Primary Coccidioidomycosis = ACUTE RESPIRATORY [COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS](#) ■ 60-80% asymptomatic ■ "valley fever" = influenza-like symptoms ■ desert rheumatism (33%) = immune-complex-mediated arthritis (most commonly in ankle) ■ rash, erythema nodosum / multiforme (5-20%)[✓] segmental / lobar consolidation[✓] patchy infiltrates mainly in lower [lobes](#) (46-80%) frequently subpleural + abutting fissures[✓] peribronchial thickening[✓] hilar adenopathy (20%)[✓] [pleural effusion](#) (10%)

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Chronic Respiratory [Coccidioidomycosis](#) *Prevalence*: 5% of infected patients ■ symptoms of postprimary [tuberculosis](#) ■ [hemoptysis](#) in 50%¹ / several well-defined nodules (= coccidioidomycoma) of 5-30 mm in size (in 5%)¹ persistent / progressive consolidation¹ "grape skin" thin-walled cavities (in 10-15%), in 90% solitary, 70% in anterior segment of upper [lobes](#) (DDx: TB), 3% rupture into pleural space due to subpleural location ([pneumothorax](#) / [empyema](#) / persistent [bronchopleural fistula](#))¹ [bronchiectasis](#)¹ mediastinal adenopathy (10-20%)

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Disseminated [Coccidioidomycosis](#) (in 1%) =secondary phase of hematogenous spread to meninges, bones, skin, lymph nodes, subcutaneous tissue, joints (except GI tract) • skin granulomas / abscesses ✓ micronodular "miliary" lung pattern ✓ [pericardial effusion](#)

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CONGENITAL LOBAR EMPHYSEMA

=progressive overdistension of one / multiple lobes M:F = 3 : 1 *Etiology:* (a) deficiency / dysplasia / immaturity of bronchial cartilage (b) endobronchial obstruction (mucosal fold / web, prolonged endotracheal intubation, inflammatory exudate, inspissated mucus) (c) bronchial compression (PDA, aberrant left pulmonary artery, pulmonary artery dilatation) (d) polyalveolar / macroalveolar hyperplasia *Associated with:* CHD in 15% (PDA, VSD) ■ respiratory distress (90%) + progressive cyanosis within first 6 months of life *Location:* LUL (42-43%), RML (32-35%), RUL (20%), two lobes (5%) ✓ hazy masslike opacity immediately following birth (delayed clearance of lung fluid in emphysematous lobe over 1-14 days) ✓ air trapping ✓ hyperlucent expanded lobe (after clearing of fluid) ✓ compression collapse of adjacent lobes ✓ contralateral mediastinal shift ✓ widely separated vascular markings *Mortality:* 10% *Rx:* surgical resection

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CONGENITAL LYMPHANGIECTASIA

1. PRIMARY PULMONARY LYMPHANGIECTASIA (2/3)=abnormal development of lungs between 14-20th week of GA characterized by anomalous dilatation of pulmonary lymph vessels *Path*:subpleural cysts, ectatic tortuous lymph channels in pleura, interlobular septa + along bronchoarterial bundles; NO obstruction *Age*:usually manifest at birth; 50% stillborn; M = F *May be associated with*:[total anomalous pulmonary venous return](#), hypoplastic left heart, [Noonan syndrome](#) • [respiratory distress](#) within few hours of birth *Site*:diffuse involvement of both lungs, occasionally only in one / two [lobes](#) (with good prognosis) ✓ marked prominence of coarse interstitial markings (simulating interstitial edema) ✓ hyperinflation ✓ scattered radiolucent areas (dilated airways) ✓ patchy areas of [pneumonia](#) + [atelectasis](#) ✓ [pneumothorax](#) *Prognosis*:in diffuse form invariably fatal at <2 months of age 2. GENERALIZED LYMPHANGIECTASIA=DIFFUSE [LYMPHANGIOMA](#)=proliferation of mainly lymphatic vascular spaces with relentless systemic progression *Age*:children, young adults *Location*:widespread visceral + skeletal involvement ✓ diffuse pulmonary interstitial disease ✓ chylous effusions in pleural + pericardial spaces ✓ ± lytic bone lesions ✓ lymphangiographic pooling of contrast material in dilated lymphatic channels / lymph nodes 3. LOCALIZED [LYMPHANGIOMA](#)=rare benign usually cystic lesion *Histo*:collection of dilated + proliferated lymph vessels (? hamartoma / benign neoplasm / focal sequestration of ectatic lymph tissue) *Age*:first 3 years of life; M = F • asymptomatic (33%) • dyspnea (from tracheal compression) *Location*:neck (80%), mediastinum, axilla, extremity ✓ discrete featureless mass ✓ may have chylous / [pleural effusion](#) ✓ may have lytic lesion in contiguous skeleton *Prognosis*:propensity for local recurrence *DDx*:[hemangioma](#) 4. SECONDARY LYMPHANGIECTASIA Secondary to elevated pulmonary venous pressure in CHD (TAPVR)

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CONGENITAL PULMONARY VENOLobar SYNDROME

=unique form of lung hypoplasia / aplasia affecting one / more lobes in a constellation of distinctly different congenital anomalies of the thorax that often occur together; M:F = 1:1.4A.MAJOR COMPONENTS1.Hypogenetic lung (69%): lobar agenesis / aplasia / hypoplasia2.Partial anomalous pulmonary venous return (31%)=scimitar syndrome3.Absence of pulmonary artery (14%)4.Pulmonary sequestration (24%)5.Systemic arterialization of lung without sequestration (10%)6.Absence / interruption of inferior vena cava (7%)7.Duplication of diaphragm = accessory diaphragm (7%)=thin membrane in right hemithorax fused anteriorly with the diaphragm coursing posterosuperiorly to join with the posterior chest wall + trapping all / part of RML / RLL accessory fissurelike oblique line above right posterior costophrenic sinus (if trapped lung is aerated) solid mass along posterior right hemidiaphragm (if trapped lung is unaerated)CT: ovoid area of increased density in posterior right hemithorax (= dome of accessory diaphragm) B.MINOR COMPONENTS1.Tracheal trifurcation (extremely rare): 2 mainstem bronchi supply the right lung2.Eventration of diaphragm3.Partial absence of diaphragm4.Phrenic cyst5.Horseshoe lung6.Esophageal / gastric lung7.Anomalous superior vena cava8.Absence of left pericardium The most constant components of the syndrome are hypogenetic lung + PAPVR! *Associated with:* (1)Vascular anomalies: hypoplastic artery, anomalous venous return, systemic arterial supply(2)Anomalies of hemidiaphragm on affected side: retrosternal band on lateral CXR due to mediastinal rotation phrenic cyst diaphragmatic hernia accessory hemidiaphragm(3)Hemivertebrae + scoliosis(4)CHD (25-50%): secundum-type ASD, VSD, tetralogy of Fallot, PDA, coarctation of aorta, hypoplastic left heart, double-outlet right ventricle, double-chambered right atrium, endocardial cushion defect, persistent left SVC, pulmonary stenosis • asymptomatic (40%) • may have dyspnea / recurrent infectionsLocation:right-sided predominance; M:F = 1.0:1.4 hypoplasia / aplasia of one / more lobes of the lung with errors of lobation (bilateral left bronchial branching pattern / horseshoe lung) "scimitar vein" (90%) = partial anomalous pulmonary venous return (commonly infradiaphragmatic into IVC / portal vein / hepatic vein / R atrium), on CXR seen only in 1/3 systemic arterial supply to abnormal segment may be present from thoracic aorta (bronchial, intercostal, transpleural) or abdominal aorta (celiac artery, transdiaphragmatic) reticular densities (enlarged bronchial / transpleural arterial collaterals) small hilus (absent / small pulmonary artery) small right hemithorax + mediastinal shift haziness of right heart border cardiac dextroposition (in right lung hypoplasia) anomalies of bony thorax / thoracic soft tissues absent inferior vena cava rib hypoplasia / malsegmentation rib notchingCT: small hemithorax + mediastinal shift abnormalities of bronchial branching anomalously located pulmonary fissure discontinuity of hemidiaphragm pulmonary arterial hypoplasia hyperarterial right bronchus (instead of eparterial) one / more vessels increasing in diameter toward diaphragm rind of subpleural fatty tissue in affected hemithorax lack of normal venous confluence of right lung DDX:meandering pulmonary vein, dextrocardia, hypoplastic lung, Swyer-James syndrome

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CRYPTOCOCCOSIS

=TORULOSIS = EUROPEAN [BLASTOMYCOSIS](#) *Organism*: encapsulated unimorphic yeastlike fungus *Cryptococcus neoformans*; spherical single-budding yeast cell with thick capsule, stains with India ink; often in soil contaminated with pigeon excreta *Histo*: granulomatous lesion with caseous necrotic center *Predisposed*: opportunistic invader in diabetics + immunocompromised patients • low-grade [meningitis](#) (affinity to CNS); M:F = 4:1 @Lung ✓ well-circumscribed mass (40%) of 2-10 cm in diameter, usually peripheral location ✓ lobar / segmental consolidation (35%) ✓ cavitation (15%) ✓ hilar / mediastinal adenopathy (12%) ✓ calcifications (extremely rare) ✓ [interstitial pneumonia](#) (rare, in [AIDS](#) patients) @Musculoskeletal ✓ osteomyelitis (5-10%) ✓ arthritis (rare, usually from extension of osteomyelitis)

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CYSTIC ADENOMATOID MALFORMATION

=CAM = congenital cystic abnormality of the lung characterized by an intralobar mass of disorganized pulmonary tissue communicating with bronchial tree + having normal vascular supply + drainage but delayed clearance of fetal lung fluid *Incidence*: 25% of congenital lung disorders; 95% of congenital cystic lung lesions *Cause*: arrest of normal bronchoalveolar differentiation between 5th-7th week of gestation with overgrowth of terminal bronchioles *Path*: proliferation of bronchial structures at the expense of alveolar saccular development, modified by intercommunicating cysts of various size (adenomatoid overgrowth of terminal bronchioles, proliferation of smooth muscle in cyst wall, absence of cartilage) TYPE I (50%): *Histo*: single / multiple large cyst(s) >20 mm lined by ciliated pseudostratified columnar epithelium, mucus-producing cells in 1/3 *Prognosis*: excellent following resection TYPE II (40%): *Histo*: multiple cysts 5-12 mm lined by ciliated cuboidal / columnar epithelium *Prognosis*: poor secondary to associated abnormalities TYPE III (10%): *Histo*: solitary large bulky firm mass of bronchuslike structures lined by ciliated cuboidal epithelium with 3-5 mm small microcysts *Prognosis*: poor secondary to [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) / hydrops *In 25% associated with*: cardiac malformation, pectus excavatum, [renal agenesis](#), prune-belly syndrome, jejunal atresia, chromosomal anomaly, [bronchopulmonary sequestration](#) *Age of detection*: children, neonates, fetus; M:F = 1:1 ■ [respiratory distress](#) + severe cyanosis in first week of life (66%) / within first year of life (90%) due to compression of normal lung + airways ■ superimposed chronic recurrent infection (10%) after first year of life *Location*: equal frequency in all [lobes](#) (middle lobe rarely affected); more than one lobe involved in 20%; mostly unilateral without side preference *CXR*: √ almost always unilateral expansile mass with well-defined margins (80%) √ multiple air- / occasionally fluid-filled cysts √ sometimes solid appearance (retained fetal lung fluid / type III lesion) √ compression of adjacent lung √ contralateral shift of mediastinum (87%) √ hypoplastic ipsilateral lung √ proper position of abdominal viscera √ spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) (late sign) *CT*: √ Postnatally becoming obstructed and filled with air √ solitary / multiple fluid or air-fluid filled cysts with thin walls √ surrounding focal emphysematous changes *OB-US*: √ single large cyst / multiple large cysts of 2-10 cm in diameter (Type I) √ multiple small cysts of 5-12 mm in diameter (Type II) √ large homogeneously hyperechoic mass compared to liver (Type III) √ contralateral [mediastinal shift](#) (89%) √ [polyhydramnios](#) (25-75%, ? from compression of esophagus or increased fluid production by abnormal lung) / normal fluid (28%) / [oligohydramnios](#) (6%) √ fetal [ascites](#) (62-71%) √ fetal hydrops in 33-81% (decreased venous return from compression of heart / vena cava) *Risk of recurrence*: none *Cx*: ipsi- / bilateral [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) *Prognosis*: 50% premature, 25% stillborn √ [Polyhydramnios](#), [ascites](#), hydrops indicate a poor outcome! √ CAM becomes smaller in fetuses in many cases + occasionally almost disappears by birth! *DDx*: (1) [Congenital lobar emphysema](#) (2) [Diaphragmatic hernia](#) (3) [Bronchogenic cyst](#) (small solitary cyst near midline) (4) [Neurenteric cyst](#) (5) [Bronchial atresia](#) (6) [Bronchopulmonary sequestration](#) (less frequently associated with [polyhydramnios](#) / hydrops) (7) [Mediastinal / pericardial teratoma](#)

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS

=MUCOVISCIDOSIS = FIBROCYSTIC DISEASE=autosomal recessive multisystem disease characterized by mucous plugging of exocrine glands secondary to (a)dysfunction of exocrine glands forming a thick tenacious material obstructing conducting system(b)reduced mucociliary transport *Incidence*:1:2,000-1:2,500 livebirths; almost exclusively in Caucasians (5% carry a CF mutant gene allele); unusual in Blacks (1:17,000), Orientals, Polynesians!The most common inherited disease among Caucasian Americans! *Cause*:cystic [fibrosis](#) gene (= transmembrane conductance regulator gene) on long arm of chromosome 7 creates a defective transmembrane ion transport protein through deletion of an amino-acid; the normal product represents an epithelial chloride channel that supplies luminal water by osmosis; >230 different gene mutations (in 70% →F₅₀₈) *Screening* (for 6 most common mutations of CF gene): carrier detection rate of 85% of Northern Europeans, 90% of Ashkenazi Jews, 50% of American Blacks *Age at diagnosis*:1st year of life (70%), by age 4 years (80%), by age 12 years (90%); mean age of 2.9 years; M:F = 1:1 ■ elevated concentrations of sodium + chloride (>40 mmol/L for infants) in sweat ■ decreased urinary PABA [excretion](#) ■ [infertility](#) in males ■ increased susceptibility to infection by Staphylococcus aureus + Pseudomonas aeruginosa *Prognosis*:median survival of 28 years; pulmonary complications are the most predominant cause of morbidity and death (90%) @Lung ■ chronic cough ■ recurrent pulmonary infections (reduced mucociliary clearance encourages Pseudomonas colonization) ■ progressive respiratory insufficiency due to obstructive lung disease Location:predilection for apical + posterior segments of upper [lobes](#)! "fingerlike" mucus plugging ([mucoïd impaction](#) in dilated bronchi) within 1st month of life! subsegmental / segmental / lobar [atelectasis](#) with right upper lobe predominance (10%)! progressive cylindrical / cystic [bronchiectasis](#) (in 100% at >6 months of age) ± air-fluid levels due to prolonged mucus plugging preponderant in upper [lobes](#)! parahilar linear densities + peribronchial cuffing! focal peripheral / generalized hyperinflation secondary to collateral air drift into blocked airways! hilar adenopathy! large pulmonary arteries (pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#))! recurrent local pneumonitis (initiated by staphylococcus / Haemophilus influenza, succeeded by Pseudomonas)! allergic bronchopulmonary [aspergillosis](#) (with bronchial dilatation + [mucoïd impaction](#))CT: ! cylindrical (varicose / cystic) [bronchiectasis](#)! peribronchial thickening! bronchiectatic cyst (= bronchus directly leading into sacculcation) in 56%! interstitial cysts in 32%! emphysematous bulla (= peripheral air space with long pleural attachment + without communication to bronchus) in 12%! periseptal [emphysema](#)! mucus plugs = tubular structures ± branching pattern! subsegmental / segmental collapse / consolidationsNUC: ! matched patchy areas of decreased ventilation + perfusion Cx:(1)[Pneumothorax](#) (rupture of bulla / bleb), common + recurrent(2)[Hemoptysis](#)(3)[Cor pulmonale](#)(4)Hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy (rare) *Cause of death*:massive mucus plugging (95%) @GI tract (85-90%) ■ chronic obstipation ■ failure to thrive! [gastroesophageal reflux](#) (21-27%) due to transient inappropriate lower esophageal sphincter relaxation! [meconium plug syndrome](#) (25%, most common cause of [colonic obstruction](#) in the infant)! [distal intestinal obstruction syndrome](#) (10-15-47%)= meconium [ileus](#) equivalent syndrome (in older child / young adult)! meconium [ileus](#) (10-16% at birth)! Earliest clinical manifestation of cystic [fibrosis](#)! fibrosing colonopathy = stricture of right colon with longitudinal shortening secondary to high-dose lipase supplementation! thickened nodular duodenal mucosal folds (due to unbuffered gastric acid, production of abnormal mucus, Brunner gland hypertrophy)! mild generalized small bowel dilatation with diffuse distortion + thickening of mucosal folds (at times involving colon + rectum)! large distended colon with mottled appearance (retained bulky dry stool)! [pneumatosis intestinalis](#) of colon (5%) from air block phenomena of obstructive pulmonary disease! "microcolon" = colon of normal length but diminished caliber! "jejunitization of colon" = coarse redundant + hyperplastic colonic mucosa (distended crypt goblet cells)! [Crohn disease](#)! [appendicitis](#)! rectal prolapse between 6 months and 3 years in untreated patients (18-23%)Cx:gastrointestinal perforation with [meconium peritonitis](#) (50%), volvulus of dilated segments, bowel atresia, [intussusception](#) at an average age of 10 years (1%) @Liver! steatosis (30%) due to untreated [malabsorption](#), dietary deficiencies, hepatic dysfunction, medications! focal / multilobular biliary [cirrhosis](#) from inspissated bile ■ signs of [portal hypertension](#) (clinically in 4-6%, autaptic in up to 50%)! [portal hypertension](#) (in 1% of biliary [cirrhosis](#)) + hepatosplenomegaly + hypersplenism @Biliary tree *Histo*:mucus-containing cysts in gallbladder wall ■ cholestasis (secondary to CBD obstruction) ■ symptoms of gallbladder disease (3.6%)! sludge (33%)! [cholelithiasis](#) (12-24%): mostly cholesterol stones due to (1) interrupted enterohepatic circulation after ileal resection / (2) ileal dysfunction in [distal intestinal obstruction syndrome](#)! gallbladder atony! microgallbladder (25% at autopsy)! thickened trabeculated gallbladder wall! subepithelial cysts of gallbladder wall! atresia / stenosis of cystic duct @Pancreas *Histo*:dilatation of acini + cyst formation due to obstruction from protein plugs as a result of precipitation of relatively insoluble proteins *Path*:progressive ductectasia, pancreatic atrophy, increased pancreatic lobulation, [fibrosis](#) due to recurrent [acute pancreatitis](#), replacement by fat ■ steatorrhea + [malabsorption](#) + fat intolerance due to exocrine pancreatic insufficiency in 80-90% without affecting endocrine function (once 98% of entire pancreas is damaged)! Cystic [fibrosis](#) is the most common cause of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency in patients <30 years of age! ■ abdominal pain, bloating, flatulence, failure to thrive ■ [diabetes mellitus](#) (secondary to pancreatic [fibrosis](#)) in 1% of children + 13% of adults ■ [acute pancreatitis](#) (clinically rare)! diffuse pancreatic atrophy without fatty replacement! lipomatous pseudohypertrophy of pancreas! generalized increased echogenicity (70-100%)! complete / partial fatty replacement (-90 to -120 HU)! calcific [chronic pancreatitis](#)! pancreatic cystosis = microscopic / 1-3 mm small cysts replacing pancreas (common), occasionally macroscopic cysts up to 12 cm @Skull! [sinusitis](#) with opacification of well-developed maxillary, ethmoid, sphenoid sinuses! hypoplastic frontal sinuses OB-US: ! hyperechogenic bowel (in up to 60-70% of fetuses affected with cystic [fibrosis](#)) *Prognosis*:median survival of 28 years; 2.3 deaths/100 patients from cardiorespiratory causes (78%), hepatic disease (4%)

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Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia = absence of closure of the pleuroperitoneal fold by 9th week of gestational age *Embryology*: ventral component of diaphragm formed by septum transversum during 3rd-5th week GA; gradually extends posteriorly to envelop esophagus + great vessels; fuses with foregut mesentery to form the posteromedial portions of the diaphragm by 8th week GA; lateral margins of diaphragm develop from muscles of the thoracic wall; the posterolaterally located pleuroperitoneal foramina (Bochdalek) close last *Incidence*: 1: 2,200-3,000 livebirths (0.04%); M:F = 2:1; most common intrathoracic fetal anomaly ∇ Delayed onset following group B streptococcal infection! *Etiology*: (1) delayed fusion of diaphragm (spontaneous self-correction may occur) / premature return of bowel from its herniated position within the umbilical coelom (2) insult that inhibits / delays normal migration of the gut + closure of the diaphragm between 8-12th week of embryogenesis *Classification (Wiseman)*: I. herniation early during bronchial branching leading to severe bilateral [pulmonary hypoplasia](#); uniformly fatal III. herniation during distal bronchial branching leading to unilateral [pulmonary hypoplasia](#); survival possible III. herniation late in pregnancy with compression of otherwise normal lung; excellent prognosis IV. postnatal herniation with compression of otherwise normal lung; excellent prognosis *Associated anomalies in 20% of liveborn and in 90% of stillborn fetuses*: 1. CNS (28%): neural tube defects 2. Gastrointestinal (20%): particularly [malrotation](#), oral cleft, [omphalocele](#) 3. Cardiovascular (9-23%) 4. Genitourinary (15%) 5. Chromosomal abnormalities (4%): [trisomy 18](#) + 21 6. Spinal defects 7. IUGR (with concurrent major abnormality in 90%) Location: L:R = 5-9:1 ∇ Right-sided hernias are frequently fatal! (1) **Bochdalek hernia** (85-90%) = posterolateral defect caused by maldevelopment / defective fusion of the cephalic fold of the pleuroperitoneal membranes *Incidence*: 1:2,200-12,500 livebirths Location: left (80%), right (15%), bilateral (5%) Herniated organs: (a) on left: omental fat (6%), bowel, [spleen](#), left lobe of liver, stomach (rare), kidney, pancreas (b) on right: part of liver, gallbladder, small bowel, kidney *mnemonic*: "4 Bs" **B**ochdalek **B**ack (posterior location) **B**abies (age at presentation) **B**ig (usually large) (2) **Morgagni hernia** (1-2%) = anteromedial parasternal defect (space of Larrey) caused by maldevelopment of septum transversum; R > L *Incidence*: 1:100,000 Herniated organs: omental fat, transverse colon, liver *Often associated with*: chromosomal abnormality, mental retardation, heart defects, pericardial deficiency (a) abdominal viscera / fat may herniate into pericardial sac (b) heart may herniate into upper abdomen *mnemonic*: "4 Ms" **M**orgagni **M**iddle (anterior + central location) **M**ature (present in older children) **M**inuscule (usually small) (3) Septum transversum defect = defect in central tendon (4) **Hiatal hernia** = congenitally large esophageal orifice (5) **Eventration** (5%) = upward displacement of abdominal contents secondary to a congenitally thin hypoplastic diaphragm *Unilateral eventration may be associated with*: [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#), [trisomy 13](#), [trisomy 15](#), [trisomy 18](#) *Bilateral eventration may be associated with*: toxoplasmosis, CMV, [arthrogryposis](#) Location: anteromedial on right, total involvement on left side; R:L = 5:1 ∇ small diaphragmatic excursions ∇ often lobulated diaphragmatic contour ∇ [respiratory distress](#) in neonatal period (life-threatening deficiency of small airways + alveoli) ∇ scaphoid abdomen *Herniated organs*: small bowel (90%), stomach (60%), large bowel (56%), [spleen](#) (54%), pancreas (24%), kidney (12%), adrenal gland, liver, gallbladder ∇ bowel loops in chest ∇ contralateral shift of mediastinum + heart ∇ complete (1-2%) / partial absence of diaphragm ∇ absence of stomach, small bowel in abdomen ∇ passage of nasogastric tube under fluoroscopic control entering intrathoracic stomach ∇ incomplete rotation + anomalous mesenteric attachment of bowel OB-US (diagnosis possible by 18 weeks GA): ∇ solid / multicystic / complex [chest mass](#) ∇ [mediastinal shift](#) ∇ [nonvisualization of fetal stomach](#) below diaphragm ∇ fetal stomach at level of fetal heart ∇ peristalsis of bowel within fetal chest (inconsistent) ∇ paradoxical motion of diaphragm with fetal breathing (defect in diaphragm sonographically not visible) ∇ scaphoid fetal abdomen with reduced abdominal circumference ∇ herniated liver frequently surrounded by [ascites](#) ∇ [polyhydramnios](#) (common, due to partial esophageal obstruction or heart failure) / normal fluid volume / [oligohydramnios](#) ∇ swallowed fetal intestinal contrast appears in chest (CT amniography confirms diagnosis) Cx: (1) Bilateral [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) (2) [Persistent fetal circulation](#) (postsurgical pulmonary hypertension) *Prognosis*: (1) Stillbirth (35-50%) (2) Neonatal death (35%) ∇ Survival is determined by size of defect + time of entry + associated anomalies (34% survival rate if isolated, 7% with associated anomalies) Indicators for poor prognosis: large [intrathoracic mass](#) with marked [mediastinal shift](#), IUGR, [polyhydramnios](#), hydrops fetalis, detection <25 weeks MA, intrathoracic liver, dilated intrathoracic stomach, other malformations *Mortality*: in 10% death before surgery; 40-50% operative mortality; (a) stomach intrathoracic vs. intraabdominal = 60% vs. 6% (b) [polyhydramnios](#) vs. normal amniotic fluid = 89% vs. 45% *DDx*: Congenital adenomatoid malformation, mediastinal cyst (bronchogenic, neuroenteric, thymic)

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Traumatic Diaphragmatic Hernia *Prevalence:* 0.8-5.0% of all trauma patients; 5% of all diaphragmatic hernias, but 90% of all strangulated diaphragmatic hernias *Etiology of traumatic rupture of diaphragm:* (a) blunt trauma (5-50%) due to marked increase in intraabdominal pressure: motor vehicle accident, fall from height, bout of hyperemesis; L:R = 3:1, bilateral rupture in <3.6% (b) penetrating trauma (50%): knife, bullet, repair of hiatus hernia usually <1 cm in diameter; detected at surgery *Herniated organs in order of frequency:* stomach, colon, small bowel, omentum, [spleen](#), kidney, pancreas ■ may be asymptomatic for months / years following trauma, onset of symptoms may be so long delayed that traumatic event is forgotten ■ virtually all become ultimately symptomatic, most in <3 years ■ **Bergqvist triad:** (1) rib fractures (2) [fracture](#) of spine / pelvis (3) traumatic rupture of diaphragm *Location:* 90-98% on left side; posterolateral portion of diaphragm medial to [spleen](#) *Size:* most tears are >10 cm in length *CXR:* ❖ The first posttraumatic CXR is abnormal in only 28-64%! ❖ nonvisualization of diaphragmatic contour ❖ abnormally elevated contour of hemidiaphragm *Cave:* cephalad margin of bowel may simulate an elevated diaphragm (look for haustra) ❖ lower lobe mass / consolidation (herniated solid organ / omentum / airless bowel loop) ❖ inhomogeneous mass with air-fluid level in left hemithorax ❖ displacement of mediastinum + lung to contralateral side ❖ mushroomlike mass of herniated liver in right hemithorax ❖ "hourglass" constriction of afferent + efferent bowel loops at orifice ❖ hydrothorax / [hemothorax](#) indicates strangulation ❖ nasogastric tube above suspected level of hemidiaphragm N.B.: tube first dips below diaphragm (rent spares esophageal hiatus with gastroesophageal junction remaining in its normal position) ❖ location of diaphragm may be documented by 1. gas-filled bowel constricted at site of diaphragmatic laceration 2. barium study *CT* (61% sensitive, 87% specific): ❖ abrupt discontinuity of hemidiaphragm ❖ herniation of omentum / abdominal viscera into thorax ❖ "collar sign" = focal constriction of viscera at level of diaphragm ❖ "absent diaphragm sign" = failure to see diaphragm *Associated injuries:* ❖ fractures of lower ribs ❖ perforation of hollow viscus ❖ rupture of [spleen](#) *Reasons fore diagnostic misses:* (1) left-sided defect covered by omentum (2) right-sided defect sealed by liver (3) positive pressure ventilation *Cx:* life-threatening strangulation of bowel / stomach occurs in majority ❖ 90% of strangulated hernias are traumatic! *DDx:* eventration, diaphragmatic paralysis

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EMPHYSEMA

=group of pulmonary diseases characterized by permanently enlarged air spaces distal to terminal bronchioles accompanied by destruction of alveolar walls + local elastic fiber network. The clinical term "chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)" should not be used in image interpretation! It encompasses: [asthma](#), chronic bronchitis, emphysema! **Prevalence**: 1.65 million people in United States **Cause**: imbalance in elastase-antielastase system (due to increase in elastase activity in smokers / α_1 -antitrypsin deficiency) causing proteolytic destruction of elastin resulting in alveolar wall destruction • dyspnea on exertion • irreversible expiratory airflow obstruction (due to decreased elastic recoil from parenchymal destruction) • decreased carbon monoxide [diffusing capacity](#) CXR (moderately sensitive, highly specific): ✓ hyperinflated lung (most reliable sign) ✓ low hemidiaphragm (= at / below 7th anterior rib) ✓ flat hemidiaphragm (= <1.5 cm distance between line connecting the costo- and cardiophrenic angles + top of midhemidiaphragm) ✓ retrosternal air space >2.5 cm ✓ "barrel chest" = enlarged anteroposterior chest diameter ✓ saber-sheath trachea ✓ pulmonary vascular pruning + distortion (\pm pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#)) ✓ right-heart enlargement ✓ bullae HRCT: ✓ well-defined areas of abnormally decreased attenuation without definable wall (<-910 HU) Rx: lung volume reduction surgery



Centrilobular Emphysema



Panacinar Emphysema

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Centrilobular Emphysema = CENTRIACINAR **EMPHYSEMA** = PROXIMAL ACINAR **EMPHYSEMA** = emphysematous change selectively affecting the **acinus** at the level of 1st + 2nd generations of respiratory bronchioles (most common form) *Path*: normal + emphysematous alveolar spaces adjacent to each other *Histo*: enlargement of respiratory bronchioles + destruction of centrilobular alveolar septa in the center of the **secondary pulmonary lobule**; CHARACTERISTICALLY surrounded by normal lung; distal alveoli spared; severity of destruction varies from lobule to lobule *Predisposed*: smokers (in up to 50%), coal workers *Cause*: excess protease with smoking (elastase is contained in neutrophils + macrophages found in abundance in lung of smokers) • blue bloater *Site*: apical and posterior segments of upper lobe + superior segment of lower lobe (relatively greater ventilation-perfusion ratio in upper **lobes** favors deposition of particulate matter and release of elastase in upper lungs) *CXR* (80% **sensitivity** for moderate / severe stages): √ irregular scattered area of radiolucency (best appreciated if lung opacified by edema / **pneumonia** / hemorrhage) = area of bullae, arterial depletion + increased markings √ hyperinflated lung *HRCT*: √ "emphysematous spaces" (= focal area of air attenuation) >1 cm in diameter with central dot / line (representing the centrilobular artery of **secondary pulmonary lobule**) without definable wall and surrounded by normal lung √ pulmonary vascular distortion + pruning with lack of juxtaposition of normal lung (advanced stage)

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Panacinar Emphysema = PANLOBULAR EMPHYSEMA = DIFFUSE EMPHYSEMA = GENERALIZED EMPHYSEMA (rare) = emphysematous change involving the entire acinus = uniform nonselective destruction of all air spaces throughout both lungs *Path*: uniform enlargement of acini from respiratory bronchioles to terminal alveoli (from center to periphery of secondary pulmonary lobule) secondary to destruction of lung distal to terminal bronchiole *Cause*: autosomal recessive α -1-antitrypsin deficiency in 10-15% (proteolytic enzymes carried by leukocytes in blood gradually destroy lung unless inactivated by α -1-protease inhibitor) *Age*: 6th-7th decade (3rd-4th decade in smokers) • pink puffer *Site*: affects whole lung, but more severe at lung bases (due to greater blood flow) *CXR*: ✓ hyperinflated lung ✓ decreased pulmonary vascular markings ✓ lung destruction extremely uniform *HRCT*: ✓ diffuse simplification of lung architecture with pulmonary septal and vascular distortion + pruning (difficult to detect early, ie, prior to considerable lung destruction for lack of adjacent normal lung) ✓ paucity of vessels ✓ bullae

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Paracatricial Emphysema =PERIFOCAL / IRREGULAR **EMPHYSEMA**=airspace enlargement + lung destruction developing adjacent to areas of pulmonary scarring *Usual cause*:granulomatous inflammation, organized [pneumonia](#), pulmonary infarction *Path*.no consistent relationship to any portion of secondary lobule / [acinus](#); frequently associated with bronchiolectasis producing "honeycomb lung" ■ little functional significance CXR (rarely detectable): √ fine curvilinear reticular opacities + interposed radiolucent areas HRCT: √ low-attenuation areas adjacent to areas of [fibrosis](#) (diagnosable only in the absence of other forms of [emphysema](#))

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Paraseptal Emphysema =DISTAL ACINAR [EMPHYSEMA](#) = LOCALIZED [EMPHYSEMA](#) = LINEAR [EMPHYSEMA](#)=focal enlargement + destruction of air spaces in one site in otherwise normal lung *Path*:predominant involvement of alveolar ducts + sacs *Site*:characteristically within subpleural lung and adjacent to interlobular septa + vessels *CXR*: √ area of lucency, frequently sharply demarcated from normal lung √ bands of radiopacity (residual vessels / interstitium) may be present *HRCT*: √ peripheral low-attenuation area with remainder of lung normal *Cx*:spontaneous [pneumothorax](#); bullae formation

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Stage I "exudative" stage = inflamed pleura weeps proteinaceous fluid into pleural space = sterile exudate • elevated number of PMNs • pH >7.20; glucose >40 mg/dL (2.2 mmol/L); LDH <1000 II "fibropurulent" stage = accumulation of neutrophils + fibrin deposition on pleural surfaces-early stage II empyema • WBCs >5 x 10⁹/mm³, but no gross pus • pH between 7.0 and 7.2 • glucose level >40 mg/dL-late stage II empyema • frank pus • pH <7.0 • glucose level <40 mg/dL Cx: multiloculation Rx: chest tube drainage III "organization" stage = fibroblast infiltration forming "pleural peel / pleural rind" Cx: limited expansion of lung Rx: decortication (with persistent sepsis despite appropriate antibiotic Rx + drainage / persistent thick pleural rind trapping underlying lung) CT: thickening of parietal pleura in 60% on NECT, in 86% on CECT increased thickness + density of paraspinal subcostal tissue (inflammation of extrapleural fat) curvilinear enhancement of chest wall boundary in 96% (inflammatory hyperemia of pleura) "split pleura" sign = pleural fluid between enhancing thickened parietal + visceral pleura gas bubbles in pleural space (gasforming organism / [bronchopleural fistula](#)) DDx: simple / complicated parapneumonic effusion (negative Gram + culture stain), malignant effusion after sclerotherapy, malignant invasion of chest wall, mesothelioma, pleural [tuberculosis](#), reactive mesothelial hyperplasia, [pleural effusion](#) of rheumatoid disease

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EXTRAMEDULLARY PLASMACYTOMA

Uncommon form; relatively benign course (dissemination may be found months / ears later or not at all); questionable if precursor to [multiple myeloma](#) Age .35-40 years; M:F = 2:1 Location:air passages (50%) predominantly in upper nose and [oral cavity](#); conjunctiva (37%); lymph nodes (3%) ■ usually not associated with increased immunoglobulin titer or amyloid deposition ✓ mass of one to several cm in size with well-defined lobulated border *Classification:* 1. Medullary plasmacytoma 2. [Multiple myeloma](#): (a) scattered involvement of bone (b) myelomatosis of bone 3. Extramedullary plasmacytoma *DDx:* (1) [MULTIPLE MYELOMA](#) = malignant course with soft-tissue involvement in 50-73%: (a) microscopic infiltration (b) enlargement of organs (c) formation of tumor mass (1/3) ■ usually associated with protein abnormalities ■ may have amyloid deposition *Age incidence:* 50-85 years ✓ tends to occur late in the course of the disease and indicates a poor prognosis (0-6% 5-year survival)

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EXTRINSIC ALLERGIC ALVEOLITIS

= HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS = characterized by an inappropriate host response to inhaled organic allergens that are often related to patients occupation
Cause: exposure to organic dust of <5 µm particle size acting as antigen
Histo: diffuse predominantly mononuclear cell inflammation of bronchioles (bronchiolitis) + pulmonary parenchyma (alveolitis); ill-defined granulomas of <1 mm in diameter
■ asymptomatic (10-40%)
■ recurrent episodes of fever, chills, dry cough, dyspnea following exposure after 6-hour interval
■ resolution of episodic symptoms after cessation of exposure, abate spontaneously over 1-2 days
■ insidious onset of gradually progressive dyspnea
■ reduction in vital capacity, [diffusing capacity](#), arterial PO₂
■ intracutaneous injection of antigen results in delayed hypersensitivity reaction
■ presence of serum precipitins against antigen
■ positive aerosol provocation inhalation test
■ markedly increased cell count with often >50% T-lymphocytes on bronchoalveolar lavage
Location: predominantly midlung zones, occasionally lower lung zones, rarely upper lung zones
Specific antigens for immune complex disease (Type III = Arthus reaction):
1. **Farmers lung** from moldy hay (*Thermoactinomyces vulgaris* or *Micropolyspora faeni*)
2. Hypersensitivity pneumonitis from forced-air equipment = **Pandoras pneumonitis** with heating / humidifying / air conditioning systems (thermophilic actinomycetes)
3. **Bird-fanciers lung**, pigeon breeders lung from protein in bird serum / excrements / feathers
4. **Mushroom workers lung** from mushroom compost (*Thermoactinomyces vulgaris* or *Micropolyspora faeni*)
5. **Bagassosis** from moldy sugar cane in sugar mill (contamination with *Thermoactinomyces sacchari* / *vulgaris* and *Micropolyspora faeni*)
6. **Malt workers lung** from malt dust (*Aspergillus clavatus*)
7. **Maple bark disease** from moldy maple bark in saw mill (*Cryptostroma corticale*)
8. **Suberosis** from moldy cork dust (*Penicillium frequentans*)
9. **Sequoiosis** from redwood dust (*Graphium* species)
Thermophilic actinomycetes = bacteria <1 µm in diameter with morphologic characteristics of fungi; found in soil, grains, compost, fresh water, forced-air heating, cooling system, humidifier, air-conditioning system
A. ACUTE EXTRINSIC ALLERGIC ALVEOLITIS = heavy exposure to inciting antigen in domestic, occupational, atmospheric environment
Histo: filling of air spaces by polymorph neutrophils + lymphocytes
Onset of symptoms after exposure: 4-8 hours
■ fever, chills, malaise, chest tightness, cough, dyspnea
■ scanty mucoid expectoration
■ frontal headache, arthralgia (common)
✓ No CXR abnormalities in 30-95%
✓ diffuse acinar consolidative pattern (edema + exudate filling alveoli) resolving within a few days
✓ lymph node enlargement (unusual, more common with recurrence)
CT: ✓ small + medium rounded opacities (large active granulomas)
✓ diffuse dense airspace consolidation (confluent collections of intraalveolar histiocytes, interstitial + intraalveolar edema)
Dx: classical presentation of a known exposure history + typical symptoms + detection of serum precipitins to suspected antigen
B. SUBACUTE EXTRINSIC ALLERGIC ALVEOLITIS = less intense but continuous exposure to inhaled antigens, usually in domestic environment
Histo: predominantly interstitial lymphocytic infiltrate, poorly defined granulomas, cellular bronchiolitis
Onset of symptoms after exposure: weeks - months
■ recurrent respiratory / systemic symptoms: breathlessness upon exertion, fever + cough, weight loss, muscle + joint pain
✓ changes may be completely reversible if present less than 1 year
✓ interstitial nodular / reticulonodular pattern
CT: ✓ poorly defined centrilobular micronodules <5 mm (cellular bronchiolitis + small granulomas)
✓ widespread patchy [ground-glass attenuation](#) in 52% (obstructive pneumonitis, filling of alveoli by large mononuclear cell infiltrates)
✓ areas of decreased attenuation + mosaic perfusion (86%)
C. CHRONIC EXTRINSIC ALLERGIC ALVEOLITIS = prolonged insidious dust exposure
Onset of symptoms after exposure: months - years
■ insidious progressive exertional dyspnea indistinguishable from idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#)
Histo: proliferation of epithelial cells + predominantly peribronchiolar interstitial [fibrosis](#)
Location: usually in mid zones, relative sparing of lung apices + costophrenic sulci
✓ irregular linear opacities ([fibrosis](#))
✓ loss of lung volume (cicatrization [atelectasis](#))
✓ [pleural effusion](#) (rare)
✓ lymph node enlargement may occur
CT: ✓ honeycombing without zonal predominance
✓ focal air trapping / diffuse [emphysema](#)
✓ coexistent subacute changes (due to continuing exposure)
Rx: mask, filter, industrial hygiene, alterations in forced-air ventilatory system, change in patients habits / occupation / environment

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FAT EMBOLISM

=obstruction of pulmonary vessels by fat globules followed by chemical pneumonitis from unsaturated plasma fatty acids producing hemorrhage / edema *Incidence*: in necropsy series in 67-97% of patients with major skeletal trauma, however, symptomatic fat embolism syndrome in <10% (M > F) *Onset*: 24-72 hours after trauma ■ dyspnea (progressive pulmonary insufficiency) ■ fever ■ systemic hypoxemia ■ mentation changes: headaches, confusion ■ petechiae (50%) from coagulopathy (release of tissue thromboplastin) ✓ initial chest film usually negative (normal up to 72 hours) ✓ platelike [atelectasis](#) ✓ bilateral diffuse alveolar infiltrates ✓ consolidation (may progress to ARDS) NUC: ✓ mottled peripheral [perfusion defects](#) (1-4 days after injury), later enlarging secondary to pneumonic infiltrates

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FOCAL ORGANIZING PNEUMONIA

=unresolving [pneumonia](#) / [pneumonia](#) with incomplete resolution beyond 8 weeks *Prevalence*: 5-10% of all pneumonias (87% of pneumonias resolve within 4 weeks, 12% within 4-8 weeks) *Predisposing factors*: age, [diabetes mellitus](#), chronic bronchitis, overuse of antibiotics *Histo*: organization of intraalveolar exudate + thickening of alveolar septa / chronic inflammatory change of bronchial mucosa + obstructive lesion in bronchioles with organization • cough, sputum, fever, [hemoptysis](#) (in 1/4) ↓ ill-defined localized parenchymal abnormality with irregular margin ↓ decrease in size of mass within 3-4 weeks HRCT: ↓ flat / ovoid lesion with irregular margin in subpleural location / along bronchovascular bundle ↓ ± satellite lesions (44%) + air bronchogram (22%)

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FRACTURE OF TRACHEA / BRONCHUS

Location:(a)mainstem bronchus 1-2 cm distal to carina (80%); R > L(b)just above carina (20%)[✓] [fracture](#) of first 3 ribs (53-91%), rare in children[✓] [pneumothorax](#) (70%)[✓] mediastinal ± subcutaneous [emphysema](#)[✓] absence of [pleural effusion](#)[✓] collapsed lung falling to dependent position (loss of anchoring support in bronchial transection)[✓] [atelectasis](#) (may be late development)[✓] inadequate reexpansion of lung despite chest tube (due to large air leak)*Prognosis*:30% mortality (in 15% within 1 hour)

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GOODPASTURE SYNDROME

=autoimmune disease characterized by (1) glomerulonephritis (2) circulating antibodies against glomerular + alveolar basement membrane (3) [pulmonary hemorrhage](#)
Pathogenesis: cytotoxic antibody-mediated disease = Type II hypersensitivity; alveolar basement membrane becomes antigenic (perhaps viral etiology); IgG / IgM antibody with complement activation causes cell destruction + [pulmonary hemorrhage](#), leads to hemosiderin deposition and pulmonary [fibrosis](#) *Age peak:* 26 years (range 17-78 years); M:F = 7:1 • iron-deficiency anemia • hepatosplenomegaly • systemic hypertension @ Lung • preceding upper respiratory infection (in 2/3) + renal disease • mild [hemoptysis](#) (72%) with hemosiderin-laden macrophages in sputum, commonly precedes the clinical manifestations of renal disease by several months • cough, dyspnea, basilar rales ✓ patchy alveolar filling pattern with predominance in perihilar area + lung bases ✓ air bronchogram ✓ consolidation at lung bases + central lung fields ✓ gradually interstitial pattern (due to septal thickening) = organization of hemorrhage ✓ hilar lymph nodes may be enlarged during acute episodes @ Kidney • glomerulonephritis with IgG deposits in characteristic linear pattern in glomeruli • hematuria *Prognosis:* death within 3 years (average 6 months) because of [renal failure](#) *Rx:* cytotoxic chemotherapy, plasmapheresis, bilateral nephrectomy *DDx:* [idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis](#)

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GRANULOMA OF LUNG

Cause: A. [Sarcoidosis](#) B. Non-sarcoid granulomatous disease (a) infectious-bacterial: TB, gumma-opportunistic: [cryptococcosis](#)-parasitic: *Dirofilaria immitis* (dog heartworm)-fungal: [histoplasmosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#), [nocardiosis](#) (b) noninfectious-foreign body: talc, beryllium, algae, pollen, cellulose, lipids, abuse of nasally inhaled drugs, aspiration of medication-angiocentric lymphoproliferative disease-vasculitides-[extrinsic allergic alveolitis-Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#)-pulmonary hyalinizing granuloma-peribronchial granuloma-[chronic granulomatous disease of childhood](#) *Histo:* epithelial cells, lymphocytes, macrophages, giant cells of Langhans type *Frequency:* constitutes the majority of solitary pulmonary nodules ■ nonproductive cough ■ shortness of breath ■ spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) CXR: † CXR detection requires multiple granulomas / clusters of granulomas (individual granuloma too small)! † central nidus of calcification in a laminated / diffuse pattern † absence of growth for at least 2 years CT (most effective in nodules ≤ 3 cm of diameter with smooth discrete margins): † 50-60% of pulmonary nodules demonstrate unsuspected calcification by CT *Ddx:* Carcinoma (in 10% eccentric calcification in preexisting scar / nearby granuloma / true intrinsic stippled calcification in larger lesion)

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HAMARTOMA OF CHEST WALL

=MESENCHYMOMA (incorrect as it implies neoplasm)=focal overgrowth of normal skeletal elements with a benign self-limited course; extremely rare Age:1st year of life
life moderate / large extrapleural well-circumscribed mass affecting one / more ribs ribs near center of mass partially / completely destroyed ribs at periphery deformed / eroded significant amount of calcification / ossification (DDx: [aneurysmal bone cyst](#)) mass compresses underlying lung Rx:resection curative

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HAMARTOMA OF LUNG

=composed of tissues normally found in this location in abnormal quantity, mixture, and arrangement
Incidence: 0.25% in population (autopsy); 6-8% of all solitary pulmonary lesions; most common [benign lung tumor](#)
Etiology: 1. Congenital malformation of a displaced bronchial anlage 2. Hyperplasia of normal structures 3. Cartilaginous neoplasm 4. Response to inflammation
Path: columnar, cuboidal, ciliated epithelium, fat (in 50%), bone, cartilage (predominates), muscle, vessels, fibrous tissue, calcifications, plasma cells originating in fibrous connective tissue beneath mucous membrane of bronchial wall
Age peak: 5th + 6th decade; M:F = 3:1
■ mostly asymptomatic ■ [hemoptysis](#) (rare) ■ cough, vague chest pain, fever (with postobstructive pneumonitis)
Location: 2/3 peripheral; endobronchial in 10%; multiplicity (rare)
✓ round smooth lobulated mass <4 cm (averages 2.5 cm) ✓ calcification in 15% (almost pathognomonic if of chondroid "popcorn" type) ✓ fat in 50% (detection by CT) ✓ cavitation (extremely rare) ✓ growth patterns: slow / rapid / stable with later growth ✓ usually 5 mm increase in diameter per year
HRCT: ✓ fat density detectable in 34% (-80 to -120 HU) ✓ [calcium](#) + fat detectable in 19%
DDx: [Lipoid pneumonia](#) (ill-defined mass / lung infiltrate)

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HEREDITARY HEMORRHAGIC TELANGIECTASIA

=RENDU-OSLER-WEBER SYNDROME=hereditary multiorgan abnormality of vascular structure *Etiology*: gene encoding a protein that binds transforming growth factor *Path*: direct connections between arteries + veins with absence of capillaries (telangiectases are small AVMs) (a) small telangiectasis = focal dilatation of postcapillary venules with prominent stress fibers in pericytes along luminal borders (b) fully developed telangiectasis = markedly dilated + convoluted venules with excessive layers of smooth muscle without elastic fibers directly connecting to dilated arterioles @Nose (telangiectasis of nasal mucosa) ■ recurrent epistaxis: more severe over time in 66%; begins by age 10, present by age 21 in most cases @Skin (present in most cases by age 40) telangiectases of lips, tongue, palate, fingers, face, conjunctiva, trunk, arms, nail beds @Lung (in 5-15%) see [PULMONARY ARTERIAL MALFORMATION](#) @CNS (cerebral or spinal AVMs) ■ [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) ■ seizure; paraparesis (less common) @GI tract (stomach, duodenum, small bowel, colon) occasionally associated with AVMs / angiodysplasia ■ recurrent GI bleeding (in 5th-6th decade) @Liver presence of multiple AVMs / atypical [cirrhosis](#) ■ high cardiac output failure (due to L-to-R shunt)

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HISTOPLASMOSIS

Prevalence: nearly 100% in endemic area; up to 30% in Central + South America, Puerto Rico, West Africa, Southeast Asia *Organism*: *Histoplasma capsulatum* = dimorphic fungus; worldwide most often in temperate climates; widespread in soil enriched by bird droppings of central North America (endemic in Ohio, Mississippi, St. Lawrence River valley; exists as a spore in soil + transforms into yeast form at normal body temperatures *Infection*: inhalation of wind-borne spores (microconidia of 2-6 μm , macroconidia of 6-14 μm) which germinate within alveoli releasing yeast forms which are phagocytized but not killed by macrophages; invasion of pulmonary lymphatics with spread to hilar + mediastinal lymph nodes; hematogenous dissemination of parasitized macrophages throughout reticuloendothelial system (spleen!) *Path*: spores incite formation of epithelioid granulomas, necrosis, calcification *Dx*: (1) Culture (sputum, lung tissue, urine, bone marrow, lymph node) (2) Identification of yeast forms stained with PAS / Gomori methenamine silver (3) Complement fixation test (absolute titer of 1:64 or 4-fold rise in convalescent titer suggest active / recent infection) (4) Serum immunodiffusion: agar gel diffusion test (H precipitin band) *Rx*: ketoconazole

[Pulmonary Histoplasmosis](#)

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Pulmonary Histoplasmosis A.ACUTE **HISTOPLASMOSIS** • mostly asymptomatic and self-limiting illness (in 99.5%) • fever, cough, malaise simulating viral upper respiratory infection 3 weeks after massive inoculum / in debilitated patients (infants, elderly) • positive skin test for [histoplasmosis](#) ✓ generalized lymphadenopathy ✓ bilateral nonsegmental bronchopneumonic pattern with tendency to clear in one area + appear in another ✓ multiple nodules changing into hundreds of punctate calcifications (usually >4 mm) after 9-24 months ✓ "target lesion" = central calcification is PATHOGNOMONIC ✓ hilar / mediastinal lymph node enlargement (DDx: acute viral / bacterial [pneumonia](#)) ✓ "popcorn" calcification of mediastinal lymph nodes >10 mm ✓ >5 splenic calcifications (40%)CT: ✓ paratracheal / subcarinal mass with regions of low attenuation (necrosis) + enhancing septa B.CHRONIC **HISTOPLASMOSIS** (0.03%) *Predisposed:* individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease *Age:* adult middle-aged white men *Pathophysiology:* hyperimmune reaction • cough, low-grade fever, night sweats simulating postprimary [tuberculosis](#) ✓ segmental wedge-shaped peripheral consolidation of moth-eaten appearance from scattered foci of emphysematous lung ✓ [fibrosis](#) in apical posterior segments of upper [lobes](#) (indistinguishable from postprimary TB) adjacent to emphysematous blebs C.DISSEMINATED **HISTOPLASMOSIS** *Predisposed:* impaired T-cell immunity; [AIDS](#) *Prevalence:* 1:50,000 exposed individuals *Pathophysiology:* progression of exogenous infection / reactivation of latent focus • acute rapidly fatal infection • fever, weight loss, anorexia, malaise • cough (<50%) • abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea • chronic intermittent illness • low-grade fever, weight loss, fatigue • adrenal insufficiency ✓ normal CXR (>50%) ✓ miliary / diffuse reticulonodular pattern rapidly progressing to diffuse airspace opacification ✓ hilar + mediastinal adenopathy ✓ hepatosplenomegaly Cx: arthritis (most often knee), tenosynovitis, osteomyelitis D.DELAYED MANIFESTATIONS ✓ **histoplasmoma** (= continued growth of primary focus at 0.5-2.8 mm/year) adjacent to pleura + typically with laminated calcific rings; *in 20% associated with:* mediastinal granulomas ✓ [broncholithiasis](#) ✓ [mediastinal granuloma](#) (more common)=direct infection of mediastinal lymph nodes *Histo:* involved nodes with varying degrees of central caseation ± calcification • usually asymptomatic *Location:* subcarinal / right paratracheal / hilar lymph nodes ✓ widened mediastinum (enlarged nodes + veins) ✓ lobulated mass of low-density lymph nodes 3-10 cm in thickness surrounded by a 2-5 mm thick fibrous capsule crisscrossed by irregularly shaped septa (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ displacement of SVC / esophagus ✓ [fibrosing mediastinitis](#) (less common) ✗ Organism recovered in only 50%!

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HYDATID DISEASE

=ECHINOCOCCOSIS • asymptomatic • eosinophilia (<25%) • cough, expectoration, fever • positive Casoni skin test in 60% • hypersensitivity reaction (if cyst rupture occurs) ✓ solitary (75%) / multiple (25%) sharply circumscribed spherical / ovoid masses ✓ size of 1-10 cm in diameter (16-20 weeks doubling time) ✓ cyst communicating with bronchial tree ✓ "meniscus sign", "double arch sign", "moon sign", "crescent sign" (5%) = rupture of pericyst with air dissection between peri- and exocyst ✓ "water lily sign", "sign of the Camalotte" = collapsed cyst membrane floating on the fluid ✓ air-fluid level = rupture of all cyst walls ✓ hydropneumothorax ✓ calcification of cyst wall (<6%) ✓ rib + vertebral erosion (rare) ✓ mediastinal cyst: posterior (65%), anterior (26%), middle (9%) mediastinum

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HYPOGENETIC LUNG SYNDROME

=collective name for congenital underdevelopment of one / more [lobes](#) of a lung separated into 3 forms: 1. **Pulmonary agenesis**

=complete absence of a lobe + its bronchus CT: ✓ missing bronchus + lobe(s) 2. **Pulmonary aplasia**

=rudimentary bronchus ending in blind pouch + absence of parenchyma + vessels *Incidence*: 1:10,000; R:L = 1:1 CT: ✓ absence of ipsilateral pulmonary artery ✓

bronchus terminates in dilated blind pouch ✓ absence of ipsilateral pulmonary tissue 3. **Pulmonary hypoplasia** (38%) = completely formed but congenitally small

bronchus with rudimentary parenchyma + small vessels *Developmental causes*: (a) Idiopathic (b) Extrathoracic compression 1. [Oligohydramnios](#) 2. Fetal

[ascites](#) 3. Membranous diaphragm (c) Thoracic cage compression 1. Thoracic dystrophies 2. Muscular disease (d) Intrathoracic compression 1. Diaphragmatic defect 2. Excess

pleural fluid 3. Large intrathoracic cyst / tumor CT: ✓ small bronchus + lobe ✓ Hypogenetic lung is the most constant component of [congenital pulmonary venolobar](#)

[syndrome](#)! *May be associated with*: congenital tracheal stenosis, bronchitis, [bronchiectasis](#) Location: R:L = 3:1; RML (65%) > RUL (40%) > RLL (20%) > LUL (20%) > LLL

(15%); multiple [lobes](#) (45%) • usually asymptomatic (in isolated hypogenetic lung) • exertional dyspnea ✓ small ipsilateral hemithorax + elevated hemidiaphragm ✓

diminished pulmonary vascularity on involved side ✓ small hilum on involved side (absent / small pulmonary artery) ✓ mediastinum + heart shifted toward involved side ✓

indistinct cardiomeastinal border on involved side ✓ diminished radiolucency on involved side ✓ large ipsilateral [apical cap](#) + blunted costophrenic angle ✓ broad

retrosternal band of opacity (LAT view) **Horseshoe Lung** = uncommon variant of hypogenetic lung syndrome in which RLL crosses midline between esophagus and

heart + fuses with opposite lung ✓ oblique fissure in left lower hemithorax (if both lungs separated by pleural layers) ✓ pulmonary vessels + bronchi crossing midline

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Acute Interstitial Pneumonia = AIP = [ACCELERATED [INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA](#)] = DIFFUSE ALVEOLAR DAMAGE = IDIOPATHIC ARDS = ACUTE DIFFUSE INTERSTITIAL [FIBROSIS](#) = HAMMAN-RICH SYNDROME = rapidly progressive fulminant disease of unknown etiology that usually occurs in previously healthy subjects + produces diffuse alveolar damage *Path*: temporally homogeneous organizing diffuse alveolar damage; little mature collagen deposition / architectural distortion / honeycombing (as opposed to UIP) *Histo*: thickening of alveolar wall due to alveolar edema + inflammatory cells; extensive alveolar damage with hyaline membrane formation; marked interstitial fibroblast proliferation with stabilizing nonprogressive scarring *Mean age*: 50 years; M=F • prodromal viral upper respiratory infection: cough, fever • rapidly increasing dyspnea + acute respiratory failure • requires ventilation within days to (1-4) weeks *Location*: mainly lower lung zones *Site*: predominantly central / subpleural (in 22%) *CXR*: √ progressive extensive bilateral airspace opacification: symmetric, bilateral, basilar CT: √ diffuse extensive bilateral airspace consolidation (in 67%) with basal predominance (similar to ARDS) √ patchy (67%) / diffuse (38%) bilateral ground-glass opacities √ anteroposterior lung attenuation gradient *Dx*: negative bacterial / viral / fungal cultures; no inhalational exposure to noxious agents; no pulmonary drug toxicity *Prognosis*: death within 1-6 months (60-90%); recovery in 12%

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Subacute Interstitial Pneumonia BOOP see [BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonia With Fibrosis](#) =NONCLASSIFIABLE
INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA=[interstitial pneumonia](#) that cannot be classified as UIP / DIP / [acute interstitial pneumonia](#) / BOOP *Histo*:temporal [uniformity](#) of (a)cellular interstitial infiltrate with little / no [fibrosis](#) (48%)(b)inflammation + [fibrosis](#) (38%)(c)dense [fibrosis](#) dominant (14%);occasionally intraalveolar accumulation of macrophages + focal areas of [bronchiolitis obliterans](#) organizing [pneumonia](#) *Cause*:collagen vascular disease (16%), inhalational exposure to noxious agents (17%), recent surgery / severe [pneumonia](#) / ARDS (8%)*Mean age*:46 years; M<F ■ dyspnea + dry cough (1-week to 5-year history)*Location*:no zonal predominance✓ normal CXR in 14%✓ bibasilar irregular linear opacities + airspace consolidation✓ normal / slightly decreased lung volumeCT: ✓ bilateral areas of scattered ground-glass opacities (100%)✓ bibasilar airspace consolidation (71%)✓ irregular linear opacities (29%)✓ bronchial dilatation in areas of consolidation (71%)✓ mediastinal lymphadenopathy (29%)✓ NO honeycombing*Prognosis*:11% overall mortality*Rx*:corticosteroids (clinical + functional + radiographic improvement in 50-86%)*DDx*:usual [interstitial pneumonia](#) (irregular reticular pattern + honeycombing involving subpleural + lower lung zones **Respiratory Bronchiolitis - Interstitial lung Disease** =[interstitial pneumonia](#) of smokers in which respiratory bronchiolitis is associated with limited peribronchiolar interstitial inflammation; ? early manifestation of DIP*Mean age*:36 years; M=F*Cause*:heavy cigarette smoking*Histo*:accumulation of brown-pigmented macrophages in respiratory bronchioles + surrounding air spaces ■ mild dyspnea + cough ■ pulmonary function test: mixed restrictive + obstructive✓ normal CXR (21%)✓ diffuse bibasilar small linear + nodular opacities (71%)✓ bibasilar [atelectasis](#) (12%)✓ [bronchial wall thickening](#)CT: ✓ scattered ground-glass opacities (66%)✓ centrilobular micronodules✓ [centrilobular emphysema](#)*Prognosis*:excellent (after cessation of smoking / corticoid therapy)

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Chronic Interstitial Pneumonia = ORGANIZING INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA = CHRONIC DIFFUSE SCLEROSING ALVEOLITIS *Usual Interstitial Pneumonia* = UIP = IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS (IPF) = MURAL TYPE OF FIBROSING ALVEOLITIS = CRYPTOGENIC FIBROSING ALVEOLITIS = commonest (90%) form of idiopathic *interstitial pneumonia* (may represent late stage of DIP) *Etiology*: 50% idiopathic; 25% familial; drug exposure (bleomycin, cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), busulfan, nitrofurantoin); 20-30% associated with collagen vascular disease / immunologic disorder (mostly *rheumatoid arthritis*) *Pathophysiology*: repetitive episodes of lung injury to the alveolar wall causing alveoli to flood with proteinaceous fluid + cellular debris; incomplete lysis of intraalveolar fibrin; type II pneumocytes regenerate over the intraalveolar collagen incorporating the fibrous tissue into alveolar septa (= injury-inflammation-fibrosis sequence) *Mean age*: 64 years; *M>F Path*: simultaneous presence of inflammatory cell infiltration + fibrotic alveolar walls + honeycombing + areas of normal lung tissue (= temporal variegation) *Histo*: proteinaceous exudate in interstitium + hyaline membrane formation in alveoli; necrosis of alveolar lining cells followed by cellular infiltration of mono- and lymphocytes + regeneration of alveolar lining; intraalveolar histiocytes; proliferation of fibroblasts + deposition of collagen fibers + smooth muscle proliferation; progressive disorganization of pulmonary architecture ■ progressive dyspnea, dry cough, fatigue (over 1-3 years) ■ "Velcro" rales = crepitations ■ clubbing of fingers (83%) ■ lymphocytosis on bronchoalveolar lavage (marker of alveolitis) ■ pulmonary function tests: restrictive defects + decreased *diffusing capacity* for carbon monoxide ✓ occasionally ground-glass pattern in early stage of alveolitis (alveolar wall injury, interstitial edema, proteinaceous exudate, hyaline membranes, infiltrate of monocytes + lymphocytes) in 15-62% ✓ bilateral diffuse linear / small irregular reticulations (100%); basilar (85%) + peripheral (59%) ✓ reticulonodular pattern = superimposition of linear opacities ✓ heart border "shaggy" ✓ honeycombing = numerous cystic spaces (up to 74%) ✓ elevated diaphragm = progressive loss of lung volume (45-75%) ✓ 1.5-3 mm diffusely distributed nodules (15-29%) ✓ *pleural effusion* (4-6%), *pleural thickening* (6%) ✓ *pneumothorax* in 7% (in late stages) ✓ normal CXR (2-8%) HRCT (88% sensitive): Location: lung bases (68-80%) Site: predominantly subpleural regions (79%) ✓ patchy distribution with areas of normal parenchyma, active alveolitis, early + late *fibrosis* present at the same time (HALLMARK) ✓ irregular linear opacities (82%) with architectural distortion of *secondary pulmonary lobule* ✓ interlobular septal thickening (10%) ✓ subpleural areas of honeycombing with cystic spaces outlined by thick fibrous walls (up to 96%) ✓ subpleural lines (= *fibrosis* / functional *atelectasis*) ✓ small peripheral convoluted cysts (= traction *bronchiectasis*) in 50% ✓ ground-glass opacities (= diffuse inflammatory mononuclear cell infiltrates of active disease + fibroblast proliferation) in 65-76% Cx: *bronchogenic carcinoma* (more frequent occurrence) Rx: response to steroids in only 10-15% *Prognosis*: average survival of 3-6 years; 45% 5-year mortality rate (overall 87%); no recovery *Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia* = DIP = DESQUAMATIVE TYPE OF FIBROSING ALVEOLITIS = second commonest (although rare) form of *interstitial pneumonia* with more benign course than UIP, may be self-limited disease or lead to UIP *Mean age*: 42 years (approximately 8 years younger than in UIP); *M>F Path*: filling of alveolar spaces with foamy histiocytes + relative preservation of lung architecture + mild *fibrosis* (temporally homogeneous) *Histo*: alveoli lined by large cuboidal cells + filled with heavy accumulation of mononuclear cells (macrophages, NOT desquamated alveolar cells); relative preservation of alveolar anatomy; histologic *uniformity* from field to field *Predisposed*: smokers (history in up to 90%) ■ asymptomatic ■ weight loss ■ dyspnea + nonproductive cough (for 6-12 months) ■ clubbing of fingers ■ mild pulmonary function abnormalities ✓ normal chest x-ray (3-22%) ✓ "ground-glass" alveolar pattern sparing costophrenic angles (25-33%), diffuse ground-glass opacities (15%) ✓ linear irregular opacities (60%), bilateral + basilar (46-73%) ✓ lung nodules (15%) ✓ honeycombing (13%) ✓ preserved lung volume HRCT: Location: mainly middle + lower lung zones (73%); bilateral + symmetric (86%) Site: predominantly subpleural distribution (59%) ✓ patchy *ground-glass attenuation* ✓ irregular linear opacities (= *fibrosis*) + architectural distortion (50%) ✓ honeycombing + traction *bronchiectasis* (32%) ✓ *fibrosis* of lower lung zones in late stage *Prognosis*: better response to corticosteroid Rx than UIP (in 60-80%); median survival of 12 years; 5% 5-year mortality rate (overall 16-27%)

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IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY HEMOSIDEROSIS

=IPH = probable autoimmune process with clinical + radiologic remissions + exacerbations characterized by eosinophilia + [mastocytosis](#), immunoallergic reaction, [pulmonary hemorrhage](#), [iron deficiency anemia](#) Age:(a)Chronic form: most commonly <10 years of age(b)Acute form (rare): in adults; M:F = 2:1 • [iron deficiency anemia](#) • clubbing of fingers • hepatosplenomegaly (25%) • bilirubinemia • recurrent episodes of severe [hemoptysis](#) ✓ bilateral patchy alveolar-filling pattern (= blood in alveoli); initially for 2-3 days with return to normal in 10-12 days unless episode repeated ✓ reticular pattern (= deposition of hemosiderin in interstitial space) later ✓ moderate [fibrosis](#) after repeated episodes ✓ hilar lymph nodes may be enlarged during acute episodes *Prognosis*: death within 2-20 years (average survival 3 years) *DDx*: SECONDARY PULMONARY HEMOSIDEROSIS caused by mitral valve disease ✓ septal lines (NOT in idiopathic form) ✓ lung ossifications (NOT in idiopathic form)

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KARTAGENER SYNDROME

=IMMOTILE / DYSMOTILE CILIA SYNDROME *Incidence*: 1:40,00; high familial incidence *Etiology*: abnormal mucociliary function secondary to generalized deficiency of dynein arms of cilia affecting respiratory epithelium, auditory epithelium, sperm Triad: (1) [Situs inversus](#) (50%) (2) [Sinusitis](#) (3) [Bronchiectasis](#) • deafness • [infertility](#) (abnormal sperm tails) *Associated anomalies*: transposition of great vessels, tri- / bilocular heart, pyloric stenosis, postcricoid web, epispadia

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KLEBSIELLA PNEUMONIA

Most common cause of Gram-negative pneumonias; community acquired *Incidence*:responsible for 5% of adult pneumonias *Organism*:Friedländer bacillus = encapsulated, nonmotile, Gram-negative rod *Predisposed*:elderly, debilitated, alcoholic, chronic lung disease, malignancy • bacteremia in 25% *propensity* for posterior portion of upper lobe / superior portion of lower lobe *dense lobar consolidation* *bulging of fissure* (large amounts of inflammatory exudate) CHARACTERISTIC but unusual *empyema* (one of the most common causes) *patchy bronchopneumonia* may be present *uni- / multilocular cavities* (50%) appearing within 4 days *pulmonary gangrene* = infarcted tissue (rare) *Cx*:[meningitis](#), [pericarditis](#) *Prognosis*:mortality rate 25-50% *DDx*:Acute [pneumococcal pneumonia](#) (bulging of fissures, abscess + cavity formation, [pleural effusion](#) / [empyema](#) frequent)

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LANGERHANS CELL HISTIOCYTOSIS

=**EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMA**=HISTIOCYTOSIS X = LANGERHANS CELL GRANULOMATOSIS=group of disorders of unknown origin characterized by granulomatous infiltration of lungs, bone, skin, lymph nodes, brain, endocrine glands *Manifestation*: (a) multisystem disease with poor prognosis (b) confined to one system: most commonly [eosinophilic granuloma](#) of bone *Histo*: granuloma containing Langerhans cells, foamy histiocytes, lymphocytes, plasma cells, eosinophils Langerhans cell -dendritic antigen-presenting cell found in basal layer of skin + in liver (Kupffer cell), lymph nodes, [spleen](#), bone marrow, lung-contains unique mostly rod-shaped cytoplasmic inclusion bodies known as Birbeck granules (identifiable only with electron microscopy) *Age*: most frequently in 3rd-4th decade (range 3 months to 69 years); M:F = 4:1; Caucasians >> Blacks @ Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis *Pathogenesis*: heavy cigarette smoking in young men with accumulation + activation of Langerhans cells (90% smokers) as a result of excess neuroendocrine cell hyperplasia + secretion of bombazine-like peptides *Path*: multifocal granulomatous infiltration centered on walls of bronchioles (= bronchiolitis) often extending into surrounding alveolar interstitium with subsequent bronchiolar destruction leading to thick-walled cysts presumably caused by check-valve [bronchial obstruction](#) + [pneumothorax](#) (no necrosis); in end-stage disease foci of LCG are replaced by fibroblasts forming CHARACTERISTIC stellate "starfish" scars with central remnants of persisting inflammatory cells ψ CXR abnormalities more severe than clinical symptoms + pulmonary function tests! \blacksquare asymptomatic (up to 25%) \blacksquare nonproductive cough (75%) \blacksquare combination of obstructive + restrictive pulmonary function: presenting with [pneumothorax](#) in 15% \blacksquare fatigue, weight loss, fever (15-30%) \blacksquare dyspnea (40%) \blacksquare chest pain (25%) from [pneumothorax](#) / [eosinophilic granuloma](#) in rib \blacksquare [diabetes insipidus](#) (10-25%) \blacksquare lymphocytosis with predominance of T-suppressor cells on bronchoalveolar lavage (DDx: excess of T-helper cells in [sarcoidosis](#)) *Location*: usually bilaterally symmetric, upper lobe predominance, sparing of costophrenic angles *Evolutionary sequence*: nodule - cavitated nodule - thick-walled cyst - thin-walled cyst ψ ill-defined / stellate nodules 3-10 mm (granuloma stage) ψ diffuse fine reticular / reticulonodular pattern (cellular infiltrate) ψ "honeycomb lung" = multiple 1-5 cm cysts + subpleural blebs (fibrotic stage) ψ increased lung volumes in 1/3 (most other fibrotic lung diseases have decreased lung volumes!) ψ [pleural effusion](#) (8%), hilar adenopathy (unusual) ψ cavitation of large nodules (rare) ψ thymic enlargement HRCT (combination virtually diagnostic): ψ complex / branching thin-walled cysts <5 mm in size equally distributed in central + peripheral lung zones ψ centrilobular peribronchiolar nodules ψ intervening lung appears normal *DDx for nodules*: [sarcoidosis](#), hypersensitivity pneumonitis, [berylliosis](#), TB, atypical TB, metastases, [silicosis](#), coal workers pneumoconiosis *DDx for cysts*: [emphysema](#), [bronchiectasis](#), idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#), [lymphangiomatosis](#) Cx: 1. Recurrent [pneumothorax](#) in 25% (from rupture of subpleural cysts) CHARACTERISTIC 2. Pulmonary hypertension 3. Superimposed *Aspergillus fumigatus* infection *Prognosis*: improvement (50%), stable (33%), rapid progression (20%) @ Bone involvement: ψ lytic bone lesions (skull, ribs, pelvis) ψ vertebra plana *Prognosis*: poor with multisystem disease + organ dysfunction (especially with skin lesions); complete / partial regression (13-55%), progression (7-21%); 2-25% mortality Rx: cessation of smoking, chemotherapy (vincristine sulfate, prednisone, methotrexate, 6-mercaptopurine) *DDx*: [sarcoidosis](#) (equal sex distribution, always multisystem disease, not related to smoking, erythema nodosum, bilateral hilar lymphadenopathy, lung cavitation + [pneumothorax](#) rare, epithelioid cells)

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LEGIONELLA PNEUMONIA

=LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE *Organism*: Legionella pneumophila, 1-2 µm, aerobic, gram-negative bacillus, weakly acid-fast, silver-impregnation stain *Predisposed*: middle-aged / elderly, immunosuppressed, alcoholism, chronic obstructive lung disease, diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, [chronic renal failure](#), transplant recipients *Transmission*: direct inhalation (air conditioning systems) *Prevalence*: 6% of community-acquired pneumonias *Histo*: leukocytoclastic fibrinopurulent [pneumonia](#) with histiocytes in intraalveolar exudate • fever • absence of sputum / lack of purulence (22-75%) *Clue*: involvement of other organs with • diarrhea (0-25%), myalgia, toxic encephalopathy • liver + renal disease • hyponatremia (20%) • elevated serum transaminase / transpeptidase levels • lack of quick response to penicillin / cephalosporin / aminoglycoside *Concomitant infection (in 5-10%)*: Streptococcus pneumoniae, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Mycobacterium [tuberculosis](#), Pneumocystis carinii *Location*: unilateral / bilateral (less frequent); lobar / segmental ✓ patchy bronchopneumonia (= multifocal consolidation) ✓ moderate volume of [pleural effusion](#) (6-30-63%) ✓ cavitation (rare) *Cx*: progressive respiratory failure (most common cause of death; 6% mortality in healthy patients) *Rx*: erythromycin

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LIPOID PNEUMONIA

Etiology: aspiration of vegetable / animal / mineral oil (most common) *Predisposed:* elderly, debilitated, neuromuscular disease, swallowing abnormalities (eg, scleroderma) *Mineral oil* = inert pure hydrocarbon that does not initiate cough reflex *Path:* pool of oil surrounded by giant cell foreign body reaction (mineral oil aspiration) / initially hemorrhagic bronchopneumonia (animal fat) • mostly asymptomatic • fever, constitutional symptoms • lipid-laden macrophages in sputum / lavage fluid • oil droplets in bronchial washing / needle aspirate *Location:* predilection for RML + lower lobes ✓ homogeneous segmental airspace consolidation (most common) ✓ interstitial reticulonodular pattern (rare) ✓ paraffinoma = circumscribed peripheral mass (granulomatous reaction + fibrosis often causing stellate appearance) ✓ slow progression / no change *CT:* ✓ mass of low-attenuation approaching that of subcutaneous fat

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LÖFFLER SYNDROME

=disorder of unknown etiology characterized by local areas of transient parenchymal consolidation associated with blood eosinophilia
Path: interstitial + alveolar edema containing a large number of lymphocytes
• no / mild symptoms
• eosinophilia
• history of atopia
✓ single / multiple areas of homogeneous ill-defined consolidation
✓ uni- or bilateral, nonsegmental distribution, predominantly in lung periphery
✓ transient + shifting in nature (changes within one to several days)
Prognosis: may undergo spontaneous remission

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LUNG TORSION

=rare complication of severe chest trauma
Mechanism: compression of lower thorax with lung twisted through 180°; usually in presence of a large amount of pleural air / fluid
Age: almost invariably in children
main lower lobe artery sweeping upward toward apex
lower lung vessels diminutive
unusual configuration of lobar collapse
lung infarction = opacification of involved lung (from edema + hemorrhage into air spaces)

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LUNG TRANSPLANT

Indications: [emphysema](#), [cystic fibrosis](#), CHD, idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#), α -1-antitrypsin deficiency, [primary pulmonary hypertension](#), [sarcoidosis](#), pneumoconiosis, malignancy *Survival rate:* 90% 1-month survival, 70% 1-year survival

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Acute Rejection Of Lung Transplant *Incidence:* 60-80% with 2-3 significant episodes in first 3 months *Histo:* mononuclear cell infiltrate around arteries, veins, bronchioles, alveolar septa with alveolar edema (initially) + fibrinous exudate (later) *Time of onset:* first episode 5-10 days after transplantation; occasionally by 48 hours

- drop in arterial oxygen pressure WITHOUT infection / [airway](#) obstruction / fluid overload
- pyrexia, fatigue, decreased exercise tolerance
- heterogeneous opacities in perihilar areas
- [ground-glass attenuation](#) on HRCT
- new increasing [pleural effusion](#) + septal thickening (most common, 90% specific, 68% sensitive) WITHOUT concomitant signs of LV dysfunction (increase in cardiac size / vascular pedicle width / vascular redistribution)
- subpleural edema, peribronchial cuffing, airspace disease

Dx: (1) transbronchial biopsy (2) rapid improvement of radiologic abnormalities after treatment with IV bolus of corticosteroids for 3 days *Rx:* methylprednisolone, polyclonal T-cell antibody (antithymocyte globulin), monoclonal antibodies (CD3, OKT3), lymphoid irradiation

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Anastomotic Complications Of Lung Transplant 1. [Airway](#) dehiscence (2-8%)¹ presence of extraluminal air collections at anastomotic site (80%) 2. [Airway](#) stricture *DDx*: telescoped anastomosis *Rx*: laser resection, balloon bronchoplasty 3. Vascular stenosis 4. Diaphragmatic hernia from omentopexy Procedure: omental pedicle is harvested at time of transplantation through a small diaphragmatic incision + wrapped around anastomosis to prevent dehiscence

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Chronic Rejection Of Lung Transplant *Prevalence:24%* *Path:obliterative bronchiolitis (36%), interstitial pneumonitis, rejection-mediated vasculopathy* *Time of onset:3-75 months after transplantation* • persistent coughing and wheezing • slowly worsening exertional dyspnea ✓ increased / diminished lung volumes ✓ central + peripheral [bronchiectasis](#) ✓ [localized airspace disease](#) ✓ partial lobar [atelectasis](#) ✓ thin irregular areas of increased opacity ✓ [pleural thickening](#) ✓ diminished peripheral lung markings ✓ nodular / reticular opacities associated with peribronchial thickening

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Hyperacute Rejection =rejection in cases of an immunoglobulin G donor-specific HLA antibody positive crossmatch *Path:*acute diffuse alveolar damage

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Posttransplantation Infection Cause: immunosuppression, reduced mucociliary clearance, interruption of lymphatic drainage, direct contact of transplant with environment via airways
A. INFECTION OF LUNG TRANSPLANT Prevalence: 35-50%; major cause of morbidity + mortality in early postoperative period
Cause: ? absent cough reflex, impaired mucociliary transport in denervated lung
Organism: bacteria (23%) > CMV > Aspergillus > Pneumocystis (1)
within 1st month: gram-negative bacteria, fungi (candidiasis, aspergillosis) (2)
after 1st month: CMV, Pneumocystis carinii, bacteria, fungi
• fever, leukocytosis
↓ lobar / multilobar consolidation (due to bacterial > fungal pathogens)
↓ diffuse heterogeneous / ground-glass opacities (due to viral / disseminated fungal pathogens)
↓ nodular opacities (due to fungal / unusual bacterial pathogens / CMV / septic emboli)
Cx: may progress rapidly to respiratory failure + death
Dx: transbronchial / open biopsy (80% accurate)
B. EXTRAPULMONARY INFECTION thoracotomy wound infection, bacteremia, sepsis, empyema, central venous line infection

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Posttransplantation Lymphoproliferative Disease *Incidence:4%**Histo:spectrum from benign polyclonal proliferation of lymphoid tissue to non-Hodgkin lymphoma**Associated with:Epstein-Barr virus**Time of onset:1 month to several years; related to immunosuppressive regimen*¹/*solitary / multiple discrete nodules*¹/*mediastinal / hilar lymphadenopathy*

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Reperfusion Edema =REIMPLANTATION RESPONSE=infiltrate appearing within 48 hours after transplantation unrelated to fluid overload, LV failure, infection, [atelectasis](#), or rejection; diagnosed by exclusion *Pathogenesis*: permeability edema due to lymphatic disruption, pulmonary denervation, organ ischemia, trauma *Histo*: fluid accumulation in interstitium consistent with [noncardiogenic pulmonary edema](#) Time course: manifests within 24 hours, peaks at 2nd-4th postoperative day, resolves at variable rate ranging from days to 1-2 weeks to months • increasing hypoxia before extubation; poor correlation between radiographic severity + physiologic parameters Location: perihilar areas + basal regions ✓ perihilar haze / rapid uni- or bilateral heterogeneously dense interstitial and/or air-space disease *Dx*: per exclusion (radiographic changes not due to LV failure, [hyperacute rejection](#), fluid overload, infection, [atelectasis](#))

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LYMPHANGIOMYOMATOSIS

=LYMPHANGIOLEIOMYOMATOSIS=? forme fruste of [tuberous sclerosis](#)=rare disorder characterized by (1) gradually progressive diffuse [interstitial lung disease](#) (2) recurrent chylous pleural effusions (3) recurrent pneumothoraces *Etiology*: unknown *Age*: 17-50 years, exclusively in women of childbearing age *Histo*: proliferation of atypical smooth muscle in pulmonary lymphatic vessels, blood vessels, and airways *Pathogenesis*: proliferated smooth muscle obstructs (a) bronchioles (trapping of air, overinflation, formation of cysts, [pneumothorax](#)), (b) venules ([pulmonary edema](#), hemorrhage, hemosiderosis), (c) lymphatics (thickening of lymphatics, [chylothorax](#)) *May be associated with*: [Tuberous sclerosis](#) (lung involvement in 1%) ■ progressive exertional dyspnea + cough ■ disease aggravated by pregnancy + oral contraceptives ■ [hemoptysis](#) (30-40%), chyloptysis ■ radiologic-physiologic discrepancy = severe airflow obstruction (reduced FEV₁, reduced ratio of FEV₁ to forced vital capacity) despite relatively normal findings on CXR ■ combination of restrictive + obstructive ventilatory defects: hypoxia, markedly impaired [diffusing capacity](#) ■ positive immunohistochemical staining of LAM cells with HMB-45 (monoclonal antibody for melanocytic lesion) ✓ classic signs: ✓ coarse reticular interstitial pattern (caused by summation of multiple cyst walls) ✓ recurrent large [chylothorax](#) (20-50-75%) ✓ recurrent [pneumothorax](#) (40-50% at presentation; in 80% during course of disease) ✓ normal / increased lung volume ✓ The only [interstitial lung disease](#) to develop increase in lung volume! ✓ Kerley-B lines ✓ pulmonary cysts + honeycombing ✓ occasionally chylous [ascites](#) ✓ mediastinal + retroperitoneal adenopathy (from smooth muscle proliferation) HRCT: ✓ numerous randomly scattered thin-walled (<2 mm) cysts of various sizes (0.5-6 cm) surrounded by normal lung parenchyma ✓ bronchovascular bundles at periphery of cyst walls ✓ consolidations (due to hemorrhage following destruction of pulmonary microvasculature) @Kidney ✓ multiple hamartomas lacking fat (50%) ✓ simple cysts (occasionally large enough to lead to renal insufficiency) *Dx*: open / transbronchial lung biopsy *Prognosis*: 8.5-year survival rate of 38-78%; death within 10 years from progressive pulmonary insufficiency *DDx*: (1) Histiocytosis (cyst walls more variable in thickness and in upper [lobes](#), nodules + septal thickening) (2) Idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#) = fibrosing alveolitis (small irregular thick-walled cysts + predominantly peripheral interstitial thickening) (3) [Emphysema](#) (lobular architecture preserved with bronchovascular bundle in central position, areas of lung destruction without arcuate contour) (4) [Bronchiectasis](#) ([bronchial wall thickening](#)) (5) [Tuberous sclerosis](#) (associated skin abnormalities, mental retardation, epilepsy) (6) [Neurofibromatosis](#) (cystic air spaces predominantly in apical location)

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LYMPHANGITIC CARCINOMATOSIS

=INTERSTITIAL CARCINOMA=tumor cell accumulation within connective tissue (bronchovascular bundles, interlobular septa, subpleural space, pulmonary lymphatics) from tumor embolization of blood vessels followed by lymphatic obstruction, interstitial edema, and collagen deposition ([fibrosis](#) from desmoplastic reaction when tumor cells extend into adjacent pulmonary parenchyma)*Incidence*:7% of all pulmonary metastases Tumor origin:[bronchogenic carcinoma](#), carcinoma of breast (56%), stomach (46%), thyroid, pancreas, [larynx](#), cervix*mnemonic*: "Certain Cancers Spread By Plugging The Lymphatics"

Cervix**Pancreas****Colon****Thyroid****Stomach****Larynx****Breast***Path*:(1) interstitial edema (2) interstitial fibrotic changes (3) lymphatic dilatation (4) tumor cells within connective tissue planes • dyspnea (often preceding radiographic abnormalities) • rarely dry cough + [hemoptysis](#) Location: bilateral; unilateral if secondary to lung primary CXR (*accuracy* 23%): √ normal chest radiograph √ reticular densities √ coarsened bronchovascular markings √ Kerley A + B lines √ small lung volume √ hilar adenopathy (20-50%) HRCT: √ well-defined smoothly thickened polygonal reticular network of 10-25 mm in diameter (= thickened interlobular septa) √ irregular / nodular = "beaded" thickening of interlobular septa √ central dot within [secondary pulmonary lobule](#)= thickened centrilobular bronchovascular bundle √ subpleural thickening √ [pleural effusion](#) (30-50%) √ hilar / mediastinal lymphadenopathy (30-50%) *Prognosis*: death within 1 year *DDx*:(1) [Fibrosing alveolitis](#) (peripheral predominance) (2) [Extrinsic allergic alveolitis](#) (no polygonal structures, pleural changes rare) (3) [Sarcoidosis](#) (nodules of irregular outline more frequent in upper [lobes](#), polygonal structures uncommon)

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LYMPHOID INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA

=LYMPHOCYTIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONITIS=LIP = lymphoproliferative disorder characterized by diffuse lymphocytic infiltration of pulmonary interstitium / diffuse [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) (probably immunologic disorder) with frequently chronic + progressive course *Histo*: diffuse interstitial infiltrate of polyclonal lymphocytes + plasma cells; many cases reclassified as [lymphoma](#) *Associated with*: [Sjögren syndrome](#), [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), myasthenia gravis, pernicious anemia, chronic active hepatitis, [AIDS](#) *Indicative of AIDS* when present in child under 13 years of age! • dyspnea + cough • cyanosis + clubbing (50%) • enlargement of salivary glands (20%) • NO lymphocytosis or history of atopia • monoclonal gammopathy (usually IgM) *fine reticular changes in both lungs* *resembling airspace disease (in severe form)* *reticulonodular pattern* *Rx*: responsive to steroids Localized form = [PSEUDOLYMPHOMA](#)

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LYMPHOMA

7th leading cause of death from cancer in United States *Pathogenesis*:? viral cause HD:contiguous spread requires scanning of abnormal area only NHL:noncontiguous spread requires scanning of chest, abdomen, pelvis @Thorax [Hodgkin disease](#) more common in thorax than NHL at presentation (HD in 85%, NHL in 45%) 1.Lymphadenopathy anterior mediastinal, pretracheal, hilar, subcarinal, axillary, periesophageal, paracardiac, superior diaphragmatic internal mammary lymph nodes 2.Lung parenchyma involvement (HD in 12%, NHL in 4%) 3.Pleural + subpleural lymphoma (up to 30%) @Abdomen 1.Periaortic adenopathy HD in 25% NHL in 49% 2.Mesenteric adenopathy HD in 4% NHL in 51% 3.Liver involvement HD in 8% NHL in 14% hepatomegaly with involvement HD in <30% NHL in 57% HD:commonly diffuse infiltrating process NHL:diffuse infiltrating / discrete tumor nodules 4.Splenic involvement HD in 37% NHL in 41% HD:most common site of abdominal involvement NHL:3rd most common site of abdominal involvement; may be initial manifestation in large cell NHL Staging laparotomy necessary as 2/3 of tumor nodules <1 cm in size 5.Gastrointestinal involvement in 10% of patients with abdominal lymphoma (uncommon in HD, common in histiocytic NHL); NHL accounts for 80% of all gastric lymphomas 6.Renal involvement late manifestation, most commonly in NHL 7.Adrenal involvement more common in NHL 8.Extranodal involvement more frequent with histologically diffuse forms of NHL

Comparison of Histologic Classifications of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	
<i>International Working Formulation</i>	<i>Rappaport Classification</i>
Low grade	
A. Small lymphocytic	Well-differentiated lymphocytic
B. Follicular, predominantly small cleaved cell	Nodular, poorly differentiated lymphocytic
C. Follicular, mixed small and large cell	Nodular, mixed
Intermediate grade	
D. Follicular, predominantly large cell	Nodular, histiocytic
E. Diffuse, small cleaved cell	Diffuse, poorly differentiated lymphocytic
F. Diffuse, mixed small and large cell	Diffuse, mixed
G. Diffuse, large cell, cleaved or noncleaved	...
High grade	
H. Diffuse large cell, immunoblastic	...
I. Small, noncleaved cell	...
J. Lymphoblastic	Undifferentiated

[Hodgkin Disease](#) [Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma](#) [Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma In Childhood](#)

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Hodgkin Disease 40% of all lymphomas; disease of T cells Age: bimodal distribution at 25-30 years + >70 years ■ asymptomatic unilateral cervical adenopathy *Histo*: Reed-Sternberg cell characteristic 1. nodular sclerosis: most common, localized, good prognosis; greatest adenopathy in anterior mediastinum 2. lymphocyte predominance: uncommon, localized, excellent prognosis, majority <35 years 3. mixed cellularity: more commonly abdominal than mediastinal, less favorable prognosis 4. lymphocyte depletion: uncommon, disseminated, older patients, rapidly fatal *Ann Arbor Staging Classification*: Stage I=limited to one / two contiguous anatomic regions on same side of diaphragm I_E=single extralymphatic organ / site Stage II=>2 anatomic regions / two noncontiguous regions on same side of diaphragm II_E=with extralymphatic organ / site Stage III=on both sides of diaphragm, not extending beyond lymph nodes, [spleen](#) (Stage III_S), Waldeyer's ring III_E=with extralymphatic organ / site Stage IV=organ involvement (bone marrow, bone, lung, pleura, liver, kidney, GI tract, skin) ± lymph node involvement Substage A=absence of systemic symptoms Substage B=fever, night sweats, pruritus, ≥10% weight loss @CHEST INVOLVEMENT At *presentation*: 67% with intrathoracic disease Sites of lymphoid aggregates: 1. Lymph nodes in mediastinum 2. Lymph nodes at bifurcation of 1st + 2nd order bronchi 3. Encapsulated lymphoid collections on thoracic surface deep to parietal pleura 4. Unencapsulated nodules at points of divisions of more distally situated bronchi, bronchioles, and pulmonary vessels 5. Unencapsulated lymphoid aggregates within peribronchial connective tissue 6. Small accumulations of lymphocytes in interlobular septa + lymphatic channels A. INTRAPULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS in 15-30-40% during disease duration; most commonly in nodular sclerosing type; invariably subsequent to hilar adenopathy 1. Bronchovascular form (most common type of involvement): ✓ coarse reticulonodular pattern contiguous with mediastinum = direct extension from mediastinal nodes along lymphatics ✓ nodular parenchymal lesions ✓ miliary nodules ✓ endobronchial involvement ✓ lobar [atelectasis](#) secondary to endobronchial obstruction (rare) ✓ cavitation secondary to necrosis (rare) 2. Subpleural form ✓ circumscribed subpleural masses ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (20-50%) from lymphatic obstruction 3. Massive pneumonic form (68%) ✓ diffuse nonsegmental infiltrate (pneumonic type) ✓ massive lobar infiltrates (30%) ✓ homogeneous confluent infiltrates with shaggy borders ✓ air bronchogram 4. Nodular form ✓ multiple nodules <1 cm in diameter (DDx: metastatic disease) B. EXTRAPULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS 1. Mediastinal + Hilar Lymphadenopathy Most common manifestation, present in 90-99%, in thorax commonly multiple lymph node groups involved Location: anterior mediastinal + retrosternal nodes commonly involved (DDx: [sarcoidosis](#)); confined to anterior mediastinum in 40%; 20% with mediastinal nodes have hilar lymphadenopathy also; hilar lymph nodes involved bilaterally in 50% Spread from anterior mediastinum to: other mediastinal locations, pleura, pericardium, chest wall ✓ Involvement of multiple lymph node groups in 95%! ✓ CXR: on initial film adenopathy identified in 50% ✓ necrotic lymph nodes (commonly nodular sclerosing type) ✓ lymph nodes may calcify following radiation / chemotherapy 2. [Pleural Effusion](#) (30%) 3. Pleural Masses + Plaques (a) sternal erosion (b) invasion of anterior chest wall Cx: 1. Superimposed infection ✓ consolidation with bulging borders: necrotizing bacterial [pneumonia](#) ✓ multiple nodular foci: [aspergillosis](#) + [nocardiosis](#) ✓ bilateral diffuse consolidation: *Pneumocystis carinii* ✓ rapidly developing cavitation within consolidation: anaerobes / fungus Dx: by culture, sputum cytology, lung biopsy 2. Drug toxicity @ BONE INVOLVEMENT (15%) ✓ frequently osteoblastic (28%), eg, ivory vertebrae ✓ osteolysis of sternum / ribs (direct invasion) Cx: increased risk for other malignancies from aggressive therapy (acute [leukemia](#), NHL, radiation-induced sarcoma)

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Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma =NHL = disease of B cells *Incidence*:3% of all newly diagnosed cancers; 3rd most common cancer in childhood (behind [leukemia](#) + CNS neoplasms); 4 times more common than [Hodgkin disease](#) *Predisposed*:(40-100 times greater risk) congenital immunodeficiency syndromes, organ transplant patients undergoing immunosuppression, patients with HIV infection, collagen vascular diseases *Age*:all ages; median age of 55 years; M:F = 1.4:1 • chest / [shoulder](#) pain, dyspnea, dysphagia • CHF, hypotension, SVC syndrome *Modified Rappaport Classification*: =categorization according to histologic distribution of lymphomatous cells A.Nodular form = organized in clusters 1.Poorly differentiated lymphocytic (PDL) 2.Mixed lymphocytic / histiocytic (mixed cell) 3.Large cell (histiocytic) B.Diffuse form = distortion of tissue architecture 1.well-differentiated lymphocytic (WDL) 2.intermediate-differentiated lymphocytic (IDL) 3.poorly differentiated lymphocytic (PDL) 4.mixed lymphocytic / histiocytic large cell (histiocytic) (DLCL); undifferentiated [Burkitt lymphoma](#); undifferentiated non-[Burkitt lymphoma](#) (pleiomorphic); lymphoblastic (LBL); unclassified [Lukes and Collins classification](#): =categorization by morphologic characteristics of cell + cell of origin (T-cell, B-cell, non-B, non-T cell) *Working Formulation Classification (Kiel / Lennert)*: =categorization by grade A.Low grade 1.small lymphocytic (3.6%) median age 61 years, 59% 5-year survival 2.follicular, small cleaved cell (22.5%) median age 54 years, 70% 5-year survival 3.follicular, mixed (7.7%) median age 56 years, 50% 5-year survival B.Intermediate grade 1.follicular, large cell (3.8%) median age 55 years, 45% 5-year survival 2.diffuse, small cleaved cell (6.9%) median age 58 years, 33% 5-year survival 3.diffuse, mixed (6.7%) median age 58 years, 38% 5-year survival 4.diffuse, large cell (19.7%) median age 57 years, 35% 5-year survival C.High grade 1.large cell, immunoblastic (7.9%) median age 51 years, 32% 5-year survival 2.lymphoblastic (4.2%) median age 17 years, 26% 5-year survival 3.small noncleaved cell (5%) median age 30 years, 23% 5-year survival D.Miscellaneous (12%) composite, mycosis fungoides, histiocytic, [extramedullary plasmacytoma](#) *Staging*: same Ann Arbor system as for [Hodgkin disease](#) Extranodal involvement: @GI tract:stomach (3%), small bowel (5%), large bowel (2%), pancreas (0.7%), peritoneal nodules + [ascites](#) (1.4%) @Chest:lung (6%), pleural fluid (3.3%), pericardial fluid (0.7%), heart (0.2%) @GU tract (10%):kidneys (6%), testes (1.2%), [ovaries](#) (1.8%), uterus (1.2%) @Bone (3.8%) @CNS (2.4%) @Breast (1.2%) @Skin (6.4%) @Head and neck (1.7%) @Liver (14%) @[Spleen](#) (41%) Nodal involvement: @Paaortic lymph nodes (49%) @Mesenteric lymph nodes (51%):predominantly in middle mediastinum, cardiophrenic angle • Single lymph node involvement is often the only manifestation of intrathoracic disease! @Spleenic hilar lymph nodes (53%) • Lymphography 89% sensitive + 86% specific Intrathoracic disease (40-50%): • hilar + mediastinal adenopathy (DDx: [sarcoidosis](#); anterior nodes favor [lymphoma](#)) • Nodes frequently not involved! • isolated lymph nodes may enhance (DDx: [Castleman disease](#)) • lung nodules + air bronchograms • [pleural effusion](#) *Prognosis*:unfavorable

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Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma In Childhood *Incidence*:3rd most common childhood malignancy (after [leukemia](#) + CNS tumors); 7% of all malignancies in children <15 years of age *Origin*:B or T cell (in 90%) located outside marrow; (rarely) non-B and non-T cells located within bone marrow *Age*:median age of 10 years; <15 years of age (most common); unusual <5 years of age; M > F • chest pain, back pain, cough, dyspnea • fever, anorexia, weight loss • ± peripheral blood + bone marrow involvement (particularly in lymphoblastic NHL):with lymphoblastic bone marrow involvement of <25% patient is classified as having [lymphoma](#) *Staging (St. Jude)*: I single extranodal tumor / single anatomic area II (a) single extranodal tumor + regional nodes (b) ≥2 nodal areas on same side of diaphragm (c) 2 single extranodal tumors ± nodes on same side of diaphragm (d) primary gastrointestinal tract tumor ± nodes III (a) 2 single extranodal tumors on opposite sides of diaphragm (b) ≥2 nodal areas on both sides of the diaphragm (c) primary intrathoracic tumors (mediastinum, pleura, [thymus](#)) (d) extensive primary intraabdominal disease (e) paraspinal / epidural tumor I V any of the above + initial CNS / bone marrow involvement *Differences between adult and childhood NHL: Characteristics* Adult NHL Childhood NHL Primary site: nodal extranodal Histology 50% follicular, diffuse 50% diffuse Grade low, intermediate, high Histologic subtype many three Sex predilection none 70% male *Prognosis*:80% cure rate with multiple-agent chemotherapy *DDx*:1. Acute lymphocytic [leukemia](#) (>25% lymphoblasts within bone marrow) 2. [Hodgkin disease](#) (contiguous spread, nodes are site of origin)

1. **Undifferentiated / small noncleaved NHL** (39%); *Path*:non-Burkitt lymphoma; [Burkitt lymphoma](#) • abdominal mass ± [ascites](#) • pain similar to [appendicitis](#) / [intussusception](#) Primary site:abdomen (distal ileum, cecum, appendix); [ovaries](#) Common site:mesenteric, inguinal, iliac nodes; CNS; bone marrow; kidney Rare site:orbit, supradiaphragmatic paraspinal region, mediastinum, [paranasal sinuses](#), bone, testes, pulmonary parenchyma Cx:"leukemic transformation" (= extensive bone marrow involvement) 2. **Lymphoblastic (T-cell) NHL** (28%) Primary site:mediastinum (66%) Common site:neck, [thymus](#), liver, [spleen](#), CNS, bone marrow, gonads Rare site:subdiaphragmatic (ileum, cecum, kidney, mesentery, retroperitoneum), orbit, paranasal sinus, thyroid, parotid • [respiratory distress](#), dysphagia • SVC syndrome, pericardial tamponade 3. **Large cell (histiocytic) NHL** (26%) *Origin*:B cell, T cells (small percentage) Location:nodal + extranodal Primary site:variable (Waldeyer ring, Peyer patches) Common site:peripheral lymph nodes, lung, bone, brain, skin Rare site:hard palate, esophagus, trachea

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MECONIUM ASPIRATION SYNDROME

=most common cause of neonatal [respiratory distress](#) in full term / postmature infants (hyaline membrane disease most common cause in premature infants)
Etiology: fetal circulatory accidents / placental insufficiency / postmaturity result in perinatal hypoxia + fetal distress with meconium defecated in utero
Pathogenesis: meconium produces [bronchial obstruction](#) + chemical pneumonitis
Incidence: 10% of all deliveries have meconium-stained amniotic fluid, 1% of all deliveries have [respiratory distress](#) • cyanosis (rare) ✓ large infant ✓ bilateral diffuse grossly patchy opacities ([atelectasis](#) + consolidation) ✓ hyperinflation with areas of [emphysema](#) (air trapping) ✓ spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) + [pneumomediastinum](#) (25%) requiring no therapy ✓ small pleural effusions (20%) ✓ NO air bronchograms ✓ rapid clearing usually within 48 hours
Cx: morbidity from anoxic brain damage is high

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MEDIASTINAL LIPOMATOSIS

=excess unencapsulated fat deposition *Etiology:* (a) Exogenous steroids (average daily dose of >30 mg prednisone): (1) chronic renal disease, [renal transplant](#) (5%) (2) collagen vascular disease, [vasculitis](#) (3) hemolytic anemia (4) [asthma](#) (5) dermatitis (6) [Crohn disease](#) (7) myasthenia gravis (b) Endogenous steroid elevation: (1) adrenal tumor (2) pituitary tumor / hyperplasia = Cushing disease (3) ectopic ACTH-production (carcinoma of the lung) (c) Obesity ■ moon facies ■ buffalo hump ■ supraclavicular + episternal fat Location: upper mediastinum (common), cardiophrenic angles + paraspinal areas (less common) ✓ upper mediastinal widening ✓ paraspinal widening ✓ increase in epicardial fat-pads ✓ symmetric slightly lobulated extrapleural deposits extending from apex to 9th rib laterally OTHER FEATURES: ✓ [osteoporosis](#) ✓ fractures ✓ aseptic necrosis ✓ increased rectosacral distance

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Benign Mesothelioma =LOCALIZED FIBROUS MESOTHELIOMA=LOCALIZED FIBROUS TUMOR OF THE PLEURA=SOLITARY FIBROUS TUMOR OF PLEURA=BENIGN LOCALIZED MESOTHELIOMA=BENIGN PLEURAL FIBROMA = FIBROSING MESOTHELIOMA = PLEURAL FIBROMYXOMA *Incidence*:<5% of all pleural tumors! No recognized association with asbestos exposure! *Age*:3rd-8th decade; mean age of 50-60 years;M:F = 1:1 *Path*:usually solitary mass arising from visceral pleura in 80% + parietal pleura in 20% *Histo*:tumor originates from submesothelial fibroblasts, lined by layer of mesothelial cells(a)relatively acellular fibrous tissue(b)rounded spindle-shaped densely packed cells(c)resembling [hemangiopericytoma](#) of lung ■ asymptomatic in 50% ■ cough, fever, dyspnea, chest pain (larger mass) ■ digital clubbing (rare) + hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy in 20-35% ■ episodic hypoglycemia (4%) sharply circumscribed spherical / ovoid lobular mass of 2-30 cm in diameter located near lung periphery / adjacent to pleural surface / within fissure ✓ sessile with smooth tapered margin (common) / pedunculated with obtuse angle toward chest wall (rare, benign feature) ✓ tumor may change in shape + location upon alteration of patients position (if pedunculated) ✓ areas of hemorrhage / necrosis may be present (favors malignancy) ✓ ipsilateral [pleural effusion](#) (rare) containing hyaluronic acidCT: ✓ substantial contrast enhancement ✓ heterogeneous enhancement due to myxoid degeneration + hemorrhageMR: ✓ hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI Cx:malignant degeneration in 37% *DDx*:metastatic deposit *Rx*:excision is curative (recurrence rate lower for pedunculated versus nodular tumor)

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Malignant Mesothelioma =DIFFUSE MALIGNANT MESOTHELIOMA=most common primary neoplasm of pleura
*Prevalence:*7-13:1,000,000 persons/year;2,000-3,000 cases/year in US
*Etiology:*asbestos exposure (13-100%); zeolite (nonasbestos mineral fiber); chronic inflammation (TB, [empyema](#)); irradiation
Carcinogenic potential: proportional to aspect ratio (= length-to-diameter) of fiber and durability in human tissue: crocidolite > amosite > chrysotile > actinolite, anthophyllite, tremolite
Occupational exposure of asbestos found in only 40-80% of all cases
5-10% of asbestos workers will develop mesothelioma (risk factor of 30 compared with general population)
No relation to duration / degree of exposure or smoking history
Latency period: 20-35-45 years (earlier than asbestosis; later than asbestos-related lung cancer)
*Peak age:*50-70 years (66%); M:F = 2-4-6:1
*Path:*multiple tumor masses involving predominantly the parietal pleura + to a lesser degree the visceral pleura; progression to thick sheetlike / confluent masses resulting in lung encasement
Histo: (a) epithelioid (60%) (b) sarcomatoid (15%)(c) biphasic (25%); intracellular asbestos fibers in 25%
Associated with:[peritoneal mesothelioma](#); [hypertrophic osteoarthropathy](#) (10%)
Staging (Boutin modification of Butchart staging)
I A confined to ipsilateral parietal / diaphragmatic pleural
B + visceral pleura, lung, pericardium
II invasion of chest wall / mediastinum (esophagus, heart, contralateral pleura) or metastases to thoracic lymph nodes
III penetration of diaphragm with peritoneal involvement or metastases to extrathoracic lymph nodes
IV distant hematogenous metastases
Stage at presentation: II in 50%, III in 28%, I in 18%, IV in 4%
● nonpleuritic (56%) / pleuritic chest pain (6%)
● dyspnea (53%)
● fever + chills + sweats (30%)
● weakness, fatigue, malaise (30%)
● cough (24%), weight loss (22%), anorexia (10%)
● expectoration of asbestos bodies (= fusiform segmented rodlike structures = iron-protein deposition on asbestos fibers [a subset of ferruginous bodies])
Spread: (a) contiguous: chest wall, mediastinum, contralateral chest, pericardium, diaphragm, peritoneal cavity; lymphatics, blood
(b) lymphatic: hilar + mediastinal (40%), celiac (8%), axillary + supraclavicular (1%), cervical nodes
(c) hematogenous: lung, liver, kidney, adrenal gland
extensive irregular lobulated bulky pleural-based masses typically >5 cm / [pleural thickening](#) (60%)
exudative / hemorrhagic unilateral [pleural effusion](#) (30-60-80%) without [mediastinal shift](#) ("frozen hemithorax" = fixation by pleural rind of neoplastic tissue); effusion contains hyaluronic acid in 80-100%; bilateral effusions (in 10%)
distinct pleural mass without effusion (<25%)
associated with pleural plaques in 50% = pathologic HALLMARK of asbestos exposure
pleural calcifications (20%)
circumferential encasement = involvement of all pleural surfaces (mediastinum, pericardium, fissures) as late manifestation
extension into interlobar fissures (40-86%)
rib destruction in 20% (in advanced disease)
[ascites](#) (peritoneum involved in 35%)
CT: [pleural thickening](#) (92%)
thickening of interlobar fissure (86%)
[pleural effusion](#) (74%)
contraction of affected hemithorax (42%)
ipsilateral [mediastinal shift](#)
narrowed intercostal spaces
elevation of ipsilateral hemidiaphragm
calcified pleural plaques (20%)
MR (best modality to determine resectability):
minimally hyperintense relative to muscle on T1WI
moderately hyperintense relative to muscle on T2WI
Metastases to: ipsilateral lung (60%), hilar + mediastinal nodes, contralateral lung + pleura (rare), extension through chest wall + diaphragm
*Prognosis:*10% of occupationally exposed individuals die of mesothelioma (in 50% pleural + in 50% [peritoneal mesothelioma](#)); mean survival time of 5-11 months
*DDx:*pleural [fibrosis](#) from infection (TB, fungal, [actinomycosis](#)), fibrothorax, [empyema](#), metastatic adenocarcinoma (differentiation impossible)
*Dx:*video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (postprocedural radiation therapy of all entry ports for tumor seeding of needle track [21%])

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METASTASIS TO LUNG

Pulmonary metastases occur in 30% of all malignancies; mostly hematogenous Age: >50 years (in 87%) FREQUENCY: *Origin of pulmonary mets* Probability of pulmonary mets 1. Breast 22% Kidney in 75% 2. Kidney 11% Osteosarcoma in 75% 3. Head and neck 10% Choriocarcinoma in 75% 4. Colorectal 9% Thyroid in 65% 5. Uterus 6% Melanoma in 60% 6. Pancreas 5% Breast in 55% 7. Ovary 5% Prostate in 40% 8. Prostate 4% Head and neck in 30% 9. Stomach 4% Esophagus in 20% *Incidence of pulmonary metastases: mnemonic: "CHEST"* Choriocarcinoma 60% Hypernephroma / Wilms tumor 30 / 20% Ewing sarcoma 18% Sarcoma (rhabdomyo- / osteosarcoma) 21 / 15% Testicular tumor 12% multiple nodules (in 75%) of varying sizes (most typical), 82% subpleural fine micronodular pattern: highly vascular tumor (renal cell, breast, thyroid, prostate carcinoma, bone sarcoma, choriocarcinoma) pneumothorax (2%): especially in children with bone tumors CT: noncalcified multiple (>10) round lesions >2.5 cm likely to be metastatic connection to pulmonary arterial branches (75%)

[Solitary Metastatic Lung Nodule](#) [Calcifying Lung Metastases \(<1%\)](#) [Cavitating Lung Metastases \(4%\)](#) [Hemorrhagic Lung Metastases](#) [Endobronchial Metastases](#) [Lung Metastases In Childhood](#)

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Solitary Metastatic Lung Nodule A solitary lung nodule represents a primary lung tumor in 62% in patients with known Hx of neoplasm. 5% of all solitary nodules are metastatic; most likely origin: colon carcinoma (30-40%), [osteosarcoma](#), [renal cell carcinoma](#), [testicular tumor](#), breast carcinoma

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Calcifying Lung Metastases (<1%) *mnemonic:*"BOTTOM"**B**reast **O**steo- / [chondrosarcoma](#) **T**hyroid (papillary) **T**esticular **O**varian **M**ucinous adenocarcinoma + lung metastases following radiation / chemotherapy

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Cavitating Lung Metastases (4%) mnemonic: "Squamous Cell Metastases Tend to Cavitate" Squamous cell carcinoma, Sarcoma Colon Melanoma Transitional cell carcinoma Cervix, under Chemotherapy

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Hemorrhagic Lung Metastases ¹Well-defined nodules1.[Choriocarcinoma](#)2.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)3.Melanoma4.[Thyroid carcinoma](#)

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Endobronchial Metastases ^v segmental / subsegmental [atelectasis](#)1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#)2. [Lymphoma](#)3. [Renal cell carcinoma](#)4. [Breast cancer](#)5. [Colon carcinoma](#)

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Lung Metastases In Childhood *mnemonic:*"**ROWE**"**R**habdomyosarcoma **O**steosarcoma **W**ilms tumor **E**wing sarcoma

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METASTASIS TO PLEURA

1.Lung (36%)2.Breast (25%)3.[Lymphoma](#) (10%)4.Ovary (5%)5.Stomach (2%)

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MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIA

=PRIMARY ATYPICAL PNEUMONIA (PAP) Commonest cause of nonbacterial pneumonia with a mild course (only 2% require hospitalization), usually lasts 2-3 weeks; only 10% of infected subjects develop pneumonia Incidence:10-33% of all pneumonias; autumn peak Organism:Eaton agent = pleuropneumonia-like organism (PPLO) Age:most common in ages 5-20 years (esp. in closed populations) ■ mild symptoms of cough + low fever, malaise, otitis ■ mild leukocytosis (20%) ■ most common respiratory cause of cold agglutinin production (60%) radiologic findings often diverge from clinical condition pulmonary infiltrates show a significant lag time fine interstitial infiltration from hilum into lower lobe (earliest change) alveolar infiltrates: unilateral (L > R) airspace consolidation in segmental lower lobe in 50%, bilateral in 10-40% small pleural effusions in 20% hilar adenopathy (rare) Cx:(1)Meningoencephalitis(2)Erythema nodosum, erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome Prognosis:20% with recurrent symptoms of pharyngitis + bronchitis ± infiltrations

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NEAR DROWNING

1. Sea-water drowning • hemoconcentration, [hypovolemia](#) 2. Fresh-water drowning • hemodilution, hypervolemia • hemolysis 3. Secondary drowning (a) [pneumonia](#) with toxic debris (b) progressive [pulmonary edema](#) 4. Dry drowning (20-40%) = laryngeal spasm prevents water from entering ✓ no roentgenographic abnormality *Similarities of all 4 types:* • hypoxemia • metabolic acidosis ✓ [pulmonary edema](#) ✓ hyaline membrane formation = considerable loss of protein from blood

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NEONATAL PNEUMONIA

Pathogenesis: (a)in utero infection (ascending from [premature rupture of membranes](#) or prolonged labor / transplacental route)(b)aspiration of infected vaginal secretions during delivery(c)infection after birth
Organism: (1)Group B streptococcus (GBS): in low-birth-weight premature infants; 50% mortality radiographic picture may be identical to RDS (in 52%) appearance suggesting retained lung fluid / focal infiltrates (35%) normal CXR (13%) cardiomegaly pleural effusions (in 2/3, but RARE in RDS) delayed onset diaphragmatic hernia (evidenced by clinical deterioration)(2)Pneumococci: RDS-like(3)Listeria: RDS-like(4)Candida: progressive consolidation + cavitation(5)Chlamydia: bronchopneumonic pattern ■ afebrile ■ lower ventilatory pressure requirements bilateral focal / diffuse areas of opacities (may initially appear similar to fetal aspiration syndrome) hyperaeration may cause lobar [atelectasis](#) may cause [pneumothorax](#) / [pneumomediastinum](#) [pleural effusion](#) (exceedingly rare)

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NOCARDIOSIS

Organism: Gram-positive acid-fast bacterium resembling fungus
Predisposed: immunocompromised ✓ multiple poorly / well-defined nodules ± cavitation ✓ lobar consolidation ✓ [empyema](#) without sinus tracts ✓ SVC obstruction (rare)

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NONTUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL INFECTION OF LUNG

=ATYPICAL [TUBERCULOSIS](#) *Organisms*: M. kansasii: lung infection in subjects with good immune status M. marinum: "swimming pool granuloma" M. ulcerans: "Buruli ulcer" in tropical areas M. scrofulaceum: cervical lymphadenitis in infants M. avium intracellulare: esp. in [AIDS](#) *Organism causing pulmonary disease (Runyon classification)*: ubiquitous organisms as part of normal environmental flora 1. Photochromogens M. kansasii, M. simiae, M. asiaticum ■ colonies turn yellow with exposure to light 70-80% of individuals from rural areas test positive on PPD-B (= antigen from M. kansasii) 2. Scotochromogens M. scrofulaceum, M. xenopi, M. szulgai, M. goodii ■ yellow colonies turn orange with exposure to light 3. Nonchromogens M. avium-intracellulare, M. malmoense, M. terrae ■ white / beige colonies without color change 4. Rapid growers M. fortuitum-chelonei ■ appear in culture in 3-5 days (all other groups appear in culture in 2-4 weeks) *Histo*: lesions indistinguishable from M. [tuberculosis](#) *Source*: soil, water, dairy products, bird droppings *Infection*: inhalation of aerosolized water droplets (M. avium-intracellulare complex), food aspiration in patients with [achalasia](#) (M. fortuitum-chelonei), GI tract (in [AIDS](#)) ■ cough (60-100%), [hemoptysis](#) (15-20%) ■ [asthma](#), dyspnea ■ fever distinctly uncommon (10-13%) ■ weakness + weight loss (up to 50%) ■ weekly positive tuberculin skin test A. CLASSICAL FORM *Age*: 6th-7th decade, in Whites (80-90%), M>F *Predisposing factors*: COPD (25-72%), previous TB (20-24%), [interstitial lung disease](#) (6%), smoking >30 pack-years (46%), alcohol abuse (40%), cardiovascular disease (36%), chronic liver disease (32%), previous gastrectomy (18%) *Location*: apical + anterior segments of upper [lobes](#) ✓ chronic fibronodular / fibroproductive apical opacities (indistinguishable from reactivation TB) ✓ cavitation in 80-95% ✓ apical [pleural thickening](#) in 37-56% ✓ additional patchy nodular alveolar opacities (due to bronchogenic spread) in ipsi- / contralateral lung in 40-70% ✓ adenopathy (0-4%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (5-20%) ✓ typically NO hilar elevation B. NONCLASSICAL FORM (20-30%) *Age*: 7th-8th decade, 86% in Whites; M:F = 1:4 *Predisposing factors*: NONE *Location*: predominantly in middle lobe + lingula ✓ multiple bilateral nodular opacities throughout both lungs in random distribution ✓ irregular curvilinear interstitial opacities (resembling [bronchiectasis](#)) C. ASYMPTOMATIC GRANULOMAS ✓ cluster of similar-sized nodules D. [ACHALASIA](#)-RELATED INFECTION with M. fortuitum-chelonei E. DISSEMINATED DISEASE in immunocompromised patients: [AIDS](#), transplant patients, lymphoproliferative disorders (esp., hairy cell [leukemia](#)), steroid + immunosuppressive therapy CT: ✓ multifocal [bronchiectasis](#) (79-94%), esp. middle lobe + lingula ✓ centrilobular nodules of varying sizes, usually <1 cm (= micronodules) in 76-97% ✓ [bronchial wall thickening](#) (97%) ✓ airspace disease (76%) ✓ cavitation (21%), esp. in upper [lobes](#) ✓ interlobular septal thickening (12%) Unfavorable response to antituberculous therapy is suspicious for atypical TB! *DDx*: M. [tuberculosis](#) ([bronchiectasis](#) less common + less extensive), [bronchiolitis obliterans](#), [sarcoidosis](#), fungal disease

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PANBRONCHIOLITIS

=inflammatory lung disease, prevalent in Orientals but rare in Europeans + North Americans *Pathogenesis*: unknown HRCT: ✓ centrilobular branching structures (segments of bronchiolectasis filled with secretions) + nodules surrounding respiratory bronchioles ✓ mosaic perfusion ✓ air trapping ✓ bronchial dilatation *DDx*: [bronchiolitis obliterans](#)

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PARAGONIMIASIS OF LUNG

=parasitic disease caused by trematode *Paragonimus* (usually *P. westermani* = lung fluke) endemic to certain areas of East + Southeast Asia (China, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Laos, Philippines, India) **Infection:** ingestion of raw / incompletely cooked freshwater crab / crayfish infected with metacercaria; larva exists in small intestine + penetrates the intestinal wall + enters peritoneal cavity; larva penetrates diaphragm + pleura to enter the lung **Cycle:** from the final host (tiger, cat, dog, fox, weasel, opossum, human) eggs of worm pass to the outside with blood-streaked sputum; in fresh water ciliated embryos (miracidia) develop; they become tailed larvae (cercariae) after invading a fresh water snail; when the infected snail is eaten by a crustacean, their tails detach and they become 300 µm encysted larvae (metacercariae) @CNS • meningoencephalitis (in 25%) ✓ shell-like / soap-bubble-like calcifications of varying size (~50%) CXR (pulmonary lesions in 83%, pulmonary + pleural lesions in 44%, pleural lesions in 17%): early findings (lesions occur 3-8 weeks after ingestion): ✓ uni- / bilateral pneumo- / hydropneumothorax (17%) ✓ uni- / bilateral [pleural effusion](#) (3-54%) ✓ focal patchy migrating airspace consolidation (= worm migration causing focal hemorrhagic [pneumonia](#)) (45%) ✓ lobar / segmental collapse ([airway](#) obstruction from egg granuloma / intrusion of worm) ✓ 2-4 mm thick and 2-7 cm long linear opacities abutting the pleura (41%) due to worm migration, track later findings: ✓ lung cyst (cyst formation from infarction after arteriolar / venous obstruction by worm or egg; expansion of small [airway](#) by intraluminal parasite) ✓ thick-walled cyst (due to [fibrosis](#)) ✓ "eclipse effect" = eccentric thickening of cyst wall (due to intracystic one / two worms) ✓ thin-walled cyst (when cyst connected to [airway](#)) ✓ 10-15 mm nodules + masslike consolidation (24%) (due to cyst initially masked by pericystic airspace consolidation ± cyst filled with chocolate-colored necrotic fluid) ✓ [bronchiectasis](#) (35%) **DDx:** [tuberculosis](#) (nodular slowly changing lesion, residual [fibrosis](#) after treatment, no subpleural linear opacities)

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PERICARDIAL CYST

Etiology: (1)defect in embryogenesis of coelomic cavities(2)sequela of pericarditis *Histo:*lined by single layer of mesothelial cells *Age:*30-40 years; M:F = 3:2 ●
asymptomatic (50%) *Location:*(a)cardiophrenic angle (75%), R:L = 3:1 / 3:2, 25% higher; may extend into major fissure(b)mediastinum (rare) ↓ sharply margined
round / ovoid / triangular mass usually 3-8 cm (range 1-28 cm) in diameter ↓ change in size + shape with respiration / body position ↓ attenuation values of 20-40 HU,
occasionally higher

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PNEUMATOCELE

=cystic air collection within lung parenchyma due to obstructive overinflation = regional obstructive [emphysema](#) does not indicate destruction of lung parenchyma
occurs during healing phase appears to enlarge while patient improves frequently multiple *Developmental theories*: (1) small bronchioles undergo severe distension
secondary to check-valve endobronchial / peribronchial obstruction (2) focus of necrotic lung evacuates through a bronchus narrowed by edema / inflammation ; air
space subsequently enlarges due to check-valve mechanism from enlarging pneumatocele / inflammatory exudate (3) air from ruptured alveoli / bronchioles dissects
along interstitial interlobular tissue and accumulates between visceral pleura and lung parenchyma = subpleural emphysematous bulla = subpleural air cyst
A. PNEUMATOCELE ASSOCIATED WITH INFECTION *Organism*: Pneumococci, E. coli, Klebsiella, Staphylococcus (in childhood) appears within 1st week, disappears
within 6 weeks thin-walled + completely air-filled cavity ± air-fluid level + wall thickening (during infection) [pneumothorax](#) spontaneous resolution (in
most) B. TRAUMATIC PNEUMATOCELE = PNEUMATOCYST *Cause*: (a) air trapped within area of pulmonary laceration is initially obscured by surrounding contusion
(hematoma); pneumatocyst appears within hours after blunt chest trauma (b) intensive inflammatory response from hydrocarbon (furniture polish, kerosene) inhalation /
ingestion single / multiple pneumatoceles spontaneous resolution over several weeks to months

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PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA

Most common Gram-positive [pneumonia](#) 90% community-acquired, 10% nosocomial *Incidence*:15% of all adulthood pneumonias, uncommon in child; peaks in winter + early spring; increased during influenza epidemics *Organism*:*Streptococcus pneumoniae* (formerly *Diplococcus pneumoniae*), Gram-positive, in pairs / chains, encapsulated, capsular polysaccharide responsible for virulence + serotyping *Susceptible*:elderly, debilitated, alcoholics, CHF, COPD, [multiple myeloma](#), hypogammaglobulinemia, functional / surgical asplenia • rusty blood-streaked sputum • left-shift leukocytosis • impaired pulmonary function *Location*:usually involves one lobe only; bias for lower [lobes](#) + posterior segments of upper [lobes](#) (bacteria flow under gravitational influence to most dependent portions as in aspiration) ✓ extensive airspace consolidation abutting against visceral pleura (lobar / beyond confines of one lobe through pores of Kohn) CHARACTERISTIC ✓ slight expansion of involved [lobes](#) ✓ prominent air bronchograms (20%) ✓ patchy bronchopneumonic pattern (in some) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (parapneumonic transudate) uncommon with antibiotic therapy ✓ cavitation (rare, with Type III) *Variations* (modified by bronchopulmonary disease, eg, chronic bronchitis, [emphysema](#)): ✓ bronchopneumonia-like pattern ✓ effusion may be only presentation (esp. in COPD) ✓ [empyema](#) (with persistent fever)-in children: ✓ round [pneumonia](#) = sharply defined round lesion *Prognosis*:prompt response to antibiotics (if without complications); 5% mortality rate *Dx*:blood culture (positive in 30%) *Cx*:[meningitis](#), endocarditis, [septic arthritis](#), [empyema](#) (now rarely seen)

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PNEUMOCYSTOSIS

=PNEUMOCYSTIS CARINII **PNEUMONIA** Most common cause of [interstitial pneumonia](#) in immunocompromised patients, which quickly leads to airspace disease *Organism*: ubiquitous obligate extracellular protozoan / fungus *Pneumocystis carinii* (a) trophozoite develops into a cyst (b) cyst produces up to eight daughter sporozoites which are released at maturity + develop into trophozoites *Pathomechanism*: trophozoite attaches to cell membrane of type I alveolar pneumocytes with subsequent cell death + leakage of proteinaceous fluid into alveolar space *Predisposed*: (1) debilitated premature infants, children with hypogammaglobulinemia (12%) (2) [AIDS](#) (60-80%) (3) other immunocompromised patients: congenital immunodeficiency syndrome, lymphoproliferative disorders, organ transplant recipients ([renal transplant](#) patients in 10%), patients on long-term corticosteroid therapy (nephrotic syndrome, collagen vascular disease), patients on cytotoxic drugs [under therapy for [leukemia](#) (40%), [lymphoma](#) (16%)] Often associated with simultaneous infection by CMV, *Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare*, herpes simplex • severe dyspnea + cyanosis over 3-5 days • subacute insidious onset of malaise + minimal cough (frequent in [AIDS](#) patients) • respiratory failure (5-30%) • WBC slightly elevated (PMNs) • lymphopenia (50%) heralds poor prognosis ✓ normal CXR in 10-39% ✓ bilateral diffuse symmetric finely granular / reticular interstitial / airspace infiltrates (in 80%) with perihilar + basilar distribution (CHARACTERISTIC central location) ✓ response to therapy within 5-7 days ✓ rapid progression to diffuse alveolar homogeneous consolidation (DDx: [pulmonary edema](#)) ✓ air bronchogram ✓ fine / coarse linear / reticular pattern = thickened coarse interstitial lung markings (in healing phase) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) + hilar lymphadenopathy (uncommon) ✓ atypical pattern (in 5%): ✓ isolated lobar disease / focal parenchymal opacities ✓ lung nodules ± cavitation ✓ hilar / mediastinal lymphadenopathy ✓ thin- / thick-walled regular / irregular cysts / cavities with predilection for upper [lobes](#) + subpleural regions ✓ effect of prophylactic use of aerosolized pentamidine: redistribution of infection to upper [lobes](#) ✓ cystic lung disease ✓ spontaneous [pneumothorax](#), frequently bilateral (6-7%) ✓ disseminated extrapulmonary disease (1%): ✓ punctate / rimlike calcifications within enlarged lymph nodes + abdominal viscera CT: ✓ patchwork pattern (56%) = bilateral asymmetric patchy mosaic appearance with sparing of segments / subsegments of pulmonary lobe ✓ "ground-glass" pattern (26%) = bilateral diffuse air space disease (fluid + inflammatory cells in alveolar space) in symmetric distribution ✓ interstitial pattern (18%) = bilateral symmetric / asymmetric, linear / reticular markings (thickening of lobular septa) ✓ air-filled spaces (38%): (a) pneumatoceles = thin-walled spaces without lobar predilection resolving within 6 months (b) subpleural bullae (due to premature [emphysema](#)) (c) thin-walled cysts (? check-valve obstruction of small airways from aerosolized pentamidine) (d) necrosis of PCP granuloma ✓ [pneumothorax](#) (13%) ✓ lymphadenopathy (18%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (18%) ✓ pulmonary nodules usually due to malignancy ([leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), [Kaposi sarcoma](#), metastasis) / septic emboli ✓ pulmonary cavities usually due to superimposed fungal / mycobacterial infection NUC: ✓ bilateral and diffuse Ga-67 uptake without mediastinal involvement prior to roentgenographic changes DDx: TB / MAI infection (with mediastinal involvement) Dx: (1) sputum collection (2) bronchoscopy with lavage (3) transbronchial / transthoracic / open lung Bx *Prognosis*: rapid fulminant disease; death within 2 weeks *Rx*: co-trimoxazole IV, nebulized pentamidine

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PNEUMONECTOMY CHEST

Early signs (within 24 hours): \surd partial filling of thorax \surd ipsilateral [mediastinal shift](#) + diaphragmatic elevation
Late signs (after 2 months): \surd complete obliteration of space
N.B.: Depression of diaphragm / shift of mediastinum to contralateral side indicates a [bronchopleural fistula](#) / [empyema](#) / hemorrhage!

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POSTOBSTRUCTIVE PNEUMONIA

=chronic inflammatory disease distal to [bronchial obstruction](#) Cause: 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (most commonly) 2. [Bronchial adenoma](#) 3. Granular cell myoblastoma (almost always tracheal lesion) 4. Bronchostenosis Histo: "golden pneumonia" = cholesterol pneumonia endogenous lipid pneumonia = mixture of edema, [atelectasis](#), round cell infiltration, [bronchiectasis](#), liberation of lipid material from alveolar pneumocytes secondary to inflammatory reaction frequently associated with some degree of [atelectasis](#) persists unchanged for weeks recurrent pneumonia in same region after antibiotic treatment

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PROGRESSIVE MASSIVE FIBROSIS

=(PMF) = COMPLICATED PNEUMOCONIOSIS=CONGLOMERATE ANTHRACOSILICOSIS May develop / progress after cessation of dust exposure *Path*: avascular amorphous central mass of insoluble proteins stabilized by cross-links + ill-defined bundles of coarse hyalinized collagen at periphery Location: almost exclusively restricted to posterior segment of upper lobe / superior segment of lower lobe large >1 cm opacities initially in middle + upper lung zones at periphery of lung discoid contour (44%) = mass flat from front to back (thin opacity on lateral view, large opacity on PA view), medial border often ill-defined, lateral borders sharp + parallel to rib cage migration toward hila starting at lung periphery; bilateral symmetry apparent decrease in nodularity (incorporation of nodules from surroundings) cavitation (occasionally) due to ischemic necrosis / superimposed TB infection bullous scar [emphysema](#) pulmonary hypertension

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PSEUDOLYMPHOMA

=reactive benign lesion = localized form of lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitis (LIP); no progression to [lymphoma](#)*Histo*:aggregates of plasma cells, reticulin cells, large + small lymphocytes with preserved lymphoid architecture resembling [lymphoma](#) histologically without lymph node involvement*Associated with*:[Sjögren syndrome](#) ●
mostly asymptomatic ✓ well-demarcated dense infiltrate ✓ infiltrate typically in central location extending to visceral pleura ✓ prominent air bronchogram ✓ NO lymphadenopathy*Prognosis*:occasionally progression to non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)*Rx*:most patients respond well to steroids initially

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PSEUDOMONAS PNEUMONIA

=most dreaded nosocomial infection because of resistance to antibiotics in patients with debilitating diseases on multiple antibiotics + corticosteroids; rare in community
Organism: Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Gram-negative ■ bradycardia ■ temperature with morning peaks ✓ widespread patchy bronchopneumonia (secondary to bacteremia; unlike other Gram-negative pneumonias) ✓ predilection for lower lobes ✓ extensive bilateral consolidation ✓ "spongelike pattern" with multiple nodules >2 cm (= extensive necrosis with formation of multiple abscesses) ✓ small pleural effusions

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PULMONARY ARTERIAL MALFORMATION

=PAVM = PULMONARY ARTERIOVENOUS ANEURYSM = PULMONARY [ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA](#)= PULMONARY ANGIOMA = PULMONARY TELANGIECTASIA=abnormal vascular communication between pulmonary artery and vein (95%) or systemic artery and pulmonary vein (5%)*Etiology:* (a)congenital defect of capillary structure (common)(b)acquired in [cirrhosis](#) (hepatogenic pulmonary angiodysplasia), cancer, trauma, surgery, [actinomycosis](#), [schistosomiasis](#)*Path:*[hemangioma](#) of cavernous type*Pathophysiology:* low-resistance extracardiac R-to-L shunt (which may result in paradoxical embolism); quantification with Tc-99m-labeled albumin microspheres by measuring fraction of dose reaching kidneys *Age:*3rd-4th decade; manifest in adult life, 10% in childhood*Occurrence:* (a)isolated abnormality (40%)(b)multiple (in 1/3)*associated with*Rendu-Osler-Weber syndrome (in 30-60-88%) = [hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia](#)Only 5-15% of patients with Rendu-Osler-Weber disease have pulmonary AVMs!*Types:* 1.Simple type (79%)=single feeding artery empties into a bulbous nonseptated aneurysmal segment with a single draining vein2.Complex type (21%)=more than one feeding artery empties into septated aneurysmal segment with more than one draining vein ■ asymptomatic in 56% (until 3rd-4th decade) if AVM single and <2 cm ■ orthodeoxia (= increased hypoxemia with PaO₂ <85 mm Hg in erect position due to gravitational shift of pulmonary blood flow to base of lung) ■ cyanosis with normal-sized heart (R-to-L shunt) in 25-50%, clubbing ■ bruit over lesion (increased during inspiration) ■ dyspnea on exertion (60-71%) ■ epistaxis (79%) ■ palpitation, chest pain ■ No CHFLocation:lower [lobes](#) (65-70%) > middle lobe > upper [lobes](#); bilateral (8-20%); medial third of lungsharply defined, lobulated oval / round mass (90%) of 1 to several cm in size ("coin lesion")cordlike bands from mass to hilum (feeding artery + draining veins)in 2/3 single lesion, in 1/3 multiple lesionsenlargement with advancing agechange in size with Valsalva / Mueller maneuver / erect vs. recumbent position (decrease with Valsalva maneuver)phleboliths (occasionally)increased pulsations of hilar vesselsCT (98% detection rate): homogeneous circumscribed noncalcified nodule / serpiginous mass up to several cm in diametervascular connection of mass with enlarged feeding artery + draining veinsequential enhancement of feeding artery + aneurysmal part + efferent vein on dynamic CTMR: (if contraindication to contrast / slow flow due to partial thrombosis / follow-up) signal void on standard spin echo / high signal intensity on GRASS imagesAngio (mostly obviated by MR / CT unless surgery or embolization contemplated) Cx:CNS symptoms are commonly the initial manifestation(1)Cerebrovascular accident: [stroke](#) (18%), [transient ischemic attack](#) (37%) secondary to paradoxical bland emboli(2)Brain abscess (5-9%) secondary to loss of pulmonary filter function for septic emboli(3)[Hemoptysis](#) (13%) secondary to rupture of PAVM into bronchus, most common presenting symptom(4)[Hemothorax](#) (9%) secondary to rupture of subpleural PAVM(5)[Polycythemia](#)*Prognosis:*26% morbidity, 11% mortality*DDx:* solitary / multiple pulmonary nodules*Rx:*embolization with coils / detachable balloons

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PULMONARY CAPILLARY HEMANGIOMATOSIS

=bilateral pulmonary disease behaving like a low-grade nonmetastatic vascular neoplasm with slowly progressive pulmonary hypertension *Histo*: sheets of thin-walled capillary blood vessels infiltrating pulmonary interstitium + invading pulmonary vessels, bronchioles, and pleura *Pathomechanism of pulmonary hypertension*: (a) veno-occlusive phenomenon secondary to invasion of small pulmonary veins (b) progressive vascular obliteration secondary to in situ thrombosis + infarction (c) pulmonary scar formation secondary to recurrent [pulmonary hemorrhage](#) *Age*: 20-40 years • dyspnea on exertion • [cor pulmonale](#): jugular venous distension, pedal edema, ECG-signs of RV failure (DDx: [pulmonary veno-occlusive disease](#)) • elevated PA pressures + normal pulmonary wedge pressure • [hemoptysis](#) + pleuritic chest pain in 1/3 (DDx: [pulmonary thromboembolic disease](#)) *CXR*: √ diffuse reticulonodular pattern √ focal areas of interstitial [fibrosis](#) (recurrent episodes of [pulmonary hemorrhage](#) + thrombotic infarction) *CT*: √ thickening + nodularity of inter- and intralobular septa + walls of pulmonary veins √ areas of [ground-glass attenuation](#) (= increased perfusion to extensive proliferating hemangiomatic tissue) *Angio*: √ combination of increased flow (to hemangiomatic areas) + decreased flow (to regions of thrombosis, infarction, and scarring) *Prognosis*: death after 2- to 12-year interval from onset of symptoms *Rx*: bilateral lung transplantation *DDx*: (1) [Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease](#) (2) [Idiopathic interstitial fibrosis](#) (3) [Primary pulmonary hypertension](#) (no increase in lung markings) (4) [Pulmonary hemangiomatosis](#) (only in children, cavernous hemangiomas involving several organs)

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PULMONARY CONTUSION

=most common manifestation of blunt chest trauma, esp. deceleration trauma
Path: exudation of edema + blood into air space + interstitium
Time of onset: apparent within 6 hours after trauma
• clinically inapparent
• [hemoptysis](#) (50%)
Location: posterior (in 60%)
Site: directly deep to site of impact / contrecoup
• irregular patchy / diffuse homogeneous extensive consolidation (CT is more sensitive)
• opacity may enlarge for 48-72 hours
• rapid resolution beginning 24-48 hours, complete within 2-10 days
• overlying rib fractures (frequent)
CT:
• nonsegmental coarse ill-defined crescentic (50%) / amorphous (45%) opacification of lung parenchyma without cavitation
• "subpleural sparing" = 1-2 mm rim of uniformly nonopacified subpleural portion of lung
Cx: [pneumothorax](#)
DDx: [fat embolism](#) (1-2 days after injury)

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PULMONARY INTERSTITIAL EMPHYSEMA

=PIE = complication of respirator therapy with PEEP *Pathogenesis*: gas escapes from overdistended alveolus, dissects into perivascular sheath surrounding arteries, veins, and lymphatics, tracks into mediastinum forming clusters of blebs; **air-block** = compression + obstruction of pulmonary veins + mediastinal structures by interstitial pulmonary [emphysema](#) / [pneumomediastinum](#) / [pneumothorax](#) (obstruction esp. during expiration) • sudden deterioration in patients condition during respiratory therapy ✓ elongated lucencies following distribution of bronchovascular tree ✓ circular densities ✓ bilateral, symmetrical distribution ✓ lobar overdistension (occasionally) Cx: [pneumomediastinum](#), [pneumothorax](#), subcutaneous [emphysema](#), [pneumopericardium](#), intracardiac air, [pneumoperitoneum](#), [pneumatoxis intestinalis](#)

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PULMONARY LYMPHANGIOMATOSIS

=increased number of communicating lymphatic channels ✓ smooth thickening of bronchovascular bundles + interlobular septa ✓ CT: ✓ diffuse increased attenuation of
[mediastinal fat](#) ✓ mild perihilar infiltration ✓ [pleural effusion](#) ✓ [pleural thickening](#)

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PULMONARY MAINLINE GRANULOMATOSIS

=PULMONARY [TALCOSIS](#)=microscopic pulmonary embolism in drug addicts from IV injection of talc-containing drugs (ground tablets) *Drugs*: amphetamines, methylphenidate hydrochloride ("West coast"), triphenylamine ("blue velvet"), methadone hydrochloride, dilaudid, meperidine, pentazocine, propylhexedrine, hydromorphone hydrochloride added talc (= magnesium silicate) particles incite a granulomatous foreign-body reaction + subsequent [fibrosis](#) in perivascular distribution • talc retinopathy (80%) = small glistening crystals • angiothrombotic pulmonary hypertension + [cor pulmonale](#) Early changes: ✓ widespread micronodularity of "pinpoint" size (1-3 mm) with perihilar / basilar predominance ✓ well-defined nodules predominantly in middle zones Late changes: ✓ loss of lung volume ✓ coalescent opacities similar to progressive massive [fibrosis](#) (DDx: in [silicosis](#) away from hila) *DDx of late changes*: (1) Progressive massive [fibrosis](#) of [silicosis](#) / [coal workers pneumoconiosis](#) (2) Chronic [sarcoidosis](#) Dx: lung biopsy

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PULMONARY THROMBOEMBOLIC DISEASE

=PULMONARY EMBOLISM (PE) *Prevalence*: 630,000 Americans/year with missed / delayed diagnosis in 400,000 causing death in 120,000; diagnosed in 1% of all hospitalized patients; in 12-64% at autopsy; in 9-56% of patients with deep venous thrombosis *Age*: 60% >60 years of age *Cause*: [deep vein thrombosis](#) (DVT) of LE in >90%; PE usually occurs within first 5-7 days of thrombus formation *Predisposing factors*: immobilization (56%), surgery (54%) *Pathophysiology*: A clot from the deep veins of the [leg](#) breaks off + fragments in right side of heart + showers lung with emboli varying in size. On average >6-8 vessels are embolized! Class 1 = <20% of pulmonary arteries occluded • asymptomatic • normal arterial blood gas levels • normal pulmonary + systemic hemodynamics Class 2 = 20-30% of pulmonary arteries occlude • anxiety, hyperventilation • arterial PO₂ <80 torr • PCO₂ <35 torr Class 3 = 30-50% of pulmonary arteries occluded • dyspnea, collapse • arterial PO₂ <65 torr • arterial PCO₂ <30 torr • elevated central venous pressure Class 4 = >50% of pulmonary arteries occluded • shock, dyspnea • arterial PO₂ <50 torr • arterial PCO₂ <30 torr • elevated central venous pressure • mean PA pressure >20 mm Hg • systolic blood pressure <100 mm Hg • Classic triad (<33%): (1) [hemoptysis](#) (25-34%) (2) pleural friction rub (3) thrombophlebitis. Only 10-33% of patients with fatal PE are symptomatic for DVT. DVT diagnosed ante mortem in <30%. Clinically suspected diagnosis accurate in 26-45%. 30% of patients with angiographically detected PE have negative bilateral venograms ("big bang" theory = clot embolizes in toto to lung leaving no residual in [leg](#) veins) • may be asymptomatic • false-positive clinical diagnosis in 62% • acute dyspnea (81-86%) • pleuritic chest pain (58-72%) • apprehension (59%) • cough (54-70%) • tachycardia, tachypnea • accentuated 2nd heart sound • ECG changes (83%), mostly nonspecific: P-pulmonale, right-axis deviation, right bundle branch block, classic S₁Q₃T₃ pattern • bronchospasm (histamine-mediated), bronchial plugging, rales (loss of [surfactant](#)) • elevated levels of fibrinopeptide-A (FPA) = small peptide split off of fibrinogen during fibrin generation • positive D-dimer assay (generated during clot lysis) Location of PE: bilateral emboli (in 45%), RT lung only (36%), LT lung only (18%); multiple emboli [3-6 on average] in 65% Distribution: RUL (16%), RML (9%), RLL (25%), LUL (14%), LLL (26%) Site: central = segmental / larger (in 58%); peripheral = subsegmental / smaller (in 42%); in subsegmental branches exclusively (in 30%) Emboli are occlusive in 40%! RESOLUTION OF PE (through fibrinolysis + fragmentation): in 8% by 24 hours, in 56% by 14 days, in 77% by 7 months; complete in 65%, partial in 23%, no resolution in 12% Resolution less favorable with increasing age + cardiac disease. Resolution improved with urokinase > heparin within first week (after 1 year 80% for both) A. EMBOLISM WITHOUT INFARCTION (90%) *Histo*: hemorrhage + edema. normal chest film common (>29%), abnormal CXR in 40-93%. A normal CXR has a [negative predictive value](#) of only 74%. platelike [atelectasis](#) ± segmental / lobar consolidation in lower lung zones + [pleural effusion](#) (most common findings with the lowest [positive predictive value](#)) Westermark sign = area of oligemia (due to vasoconstriction distal to embolus) in 2%. Fleischner sign = local widening of artery by impaction of embolus (due to distension by clot / pulmonary hypertension developing secondary to peripheral embolization) "knuckle sign" = abrupt tapering of an occluded vessel distally B. EMBOLISM WITH INFARCTION (10-60%) = any opacity developing as a result of thromboembolic disease; more likely to develop in presence of cardiopulmonary disease with obstruction of pulmonary venous outflow (diagnosed in retrospect) *Histo*: (1) incomplete infarction = reversible transient hemorrhagic congestion / edema usually resolving over several days to weeks (2) complete infarction = [hemorrhagic infarction](#) with necrosis of lung parenchyma remaining permanently. segmentally distributed wedge-shaped consolidation (54%) ± cavitation Hampton hump = pleural-based shallow consolidation in form of a truncated cone with base against pleural surface + convex medial border. [pleural effusion](#) (54%) thoracentesis: bloody (65%), predominantly PMNs (61%), exudate (65%) NO air-bronchogram (hemorrhage into alveoli) "melting sign" = within few days to weeks regression from periphery toward center Fleischner lines = long-line shadows (fibrotic scar) from invagination of pleura at the base of the collapse resulting in pseudofissure platelike [atelectasis](#) (27%) cardiomegaly / CHF (17%) elevated hemidiaphragm (17%) subsequent nodular / linear scar CT (spiral CT equal to angio in detection of emboli within proximal arteries of ≤5th / 6th generation): Subsegmental intraluminal filling defects (in 30%) usually not detectable! Detection poor in middle lobe + lingular branches (in 18%) peripheral wedge-shaped lung densities with the triangle base adjacent to pleural surface vascular connection to a branch of pulmonary artery peripheral rimlike contrast enhancement intraluminal filling defect in pulmonary artery NUC (VQ scan = guide for angiographic evaluation) interpreted in reference to Biello or PLOPED criteria (see page 910) low- / intermediate-probability scans (73%): additional studies recommended high-probability scan: in 12% normal angiogram Angio (indicated within 24 hours of indeterminate NUC scan): intraluminal defect (94%) abrupt termination of pulmonary arterial branch pruning + attenuation of branches wedge-shaped parenchymal hypovascularity absence of draining vein in affected segment tortuous arterial collaterals Cx of pulmonary [angiography](#) (1-2%): arrhythmia, endocardial injury, cardiac perforation, cardiac arrest, contrast reaction *Mortality rate of pulmonary angiography*: 0.2-0.5% False-negative rate: 1-4-9% due to difficulty in visualizing subsegmental emboli (with only 30% interobserver agreement about presence of subsegmental emboli)

[Acute Thromboembolic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension](#) [Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension](#)

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Acute Thromboembolic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Hypertension disappears as emboli lyse ■ sudden onset of chest pain ■ acute dyspnea ■ [hemoptysis](#) occasionally *Mortality*: 3:1,000 [surgical procedures](#); 200,000 deaths in 1975; 7-10% of all autopsies (death within first hour of PE in most patients); 26-30% if untreated; 8% if treated; fatal if >60% of pulmonary bed obstructed; healthy patients may survive obstruction of 50-60% of vascular bed *Rx*: 1. Heparin IV: 10,000-15,000 units as initial dose; 8,000-10,000 units/hour during diagnostic evaluation; continued for 10-14 days 2. Streptokinase: better results with massive PE 3. Urokinase: slightly better than streptokinase 4. Coumadin: maintained for at least 3 months (15% complication rate)

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Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension ■ history of previous embolic episodes ■ dyspnea on exertion (DDx: [interstitial lung disease](#)) ■ may be clinically silent
CT (77% sensitive):
✓ vascular abnormalities:
✓ direct visualization of thrombus (70%)
✓ mural arterial irregularities ± abrupt narrowing / cutoff
✓ decrease in caliber of small branches + narrowing of peripheral pulmonary vessels
✓ main pulmonary artery diameter >28.6 mm
✓ parenchymal abnormalities:
✓ wedge-shaped pleura-based parenchymal bands with tip pointing to hila, often multiple, esp. involving lower lung (70%) = infarcted tissue replaced by scar
✓ scattered geometric areas of low attenuation in 55% (due to oligemia) associated with vessels of small cross-sectional diameter
✓ regional sharply demarcated areas of high attenuation (perfused lung on background of oligemic / nonperfused lung)
✓ cylindric bronchial dilatation of segmental / subsegmental bronchi (64%)

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PULMONARY VENOUS VARIX

=abnormal tortuosity + dilatation of pulmonary vein just before entrance into left atrium *Etiology*:congenital / associated with [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) • usually asymptomatic; may cause [hemoptysis](#) Location:medial third of either lung below hila close to left atrium ✓ well-defined lobulated round / oval mass ✓ change in size during Valsalva / Mueller maneuver ✓ opacification at same time as LA (on CECT) *Risk*:(1)death upon rupture during worsening heart failure(2)source of cerebral emboli *DDx*:pulmonary [arteriovenous fistula](#)

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RADIATION PNEUMONITIS

=damage to lungs after radiation therapy dependent on:(a)irradiated lung volume(b)[radiation dose](#): unusual if <2000 R given in 2-3 weeks; common if >6000 R given in 5-6 weeks(c)fractionation of dose(d)concurrent / later chemotherapy*Pathologic phases*: (1)Exudative phase = edema fluid + hyaline membranes(2)Organizing phase(3)Fibrotic phase = interstitial [fibrosis](#) *Time of onset*:usually 4-6 months after treatment *Location*:confined to radiation port1.ACUTE RADIATION PNEUMONITIS(within 1-8 weeks after radiation therapy) *Path*:depletion of [surfactant](#) (1 week to 1 month later), plasma exudation, desquamation of alveolar + bronchial cells • asymptomatic (majority) • nonproductive cough, shortness of breath, weakness, fever (insidious onset) • acute respiratory failure (rare) changes usually within portal entry fields patchy / confluent consolidation, may persist up to 1 month (exudative reaction) [atelectasis](#) + air bronchogram spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) (rare)CT: homogeneous slight increase in attenuation (2-4 months after therapy) patchy consolidation (1-12 months after therapy) nonuniform discrete consolidation (most common; 3 months to 10 years after therapy) *Prognosis*:recovery / progression to death / [fibrosis](#) *Rx*:steroids2.CHRONIC RADIATION DAMAGE(9-12 months after radiation therapy) *Histo*:permanent damage of endothelial + type I alveolar cells *May be associated with*: (1)[thymic cyst](#)(2)calcified lymph nodes (in [Hodgkin disease](#))(3)pericarditis + effusion (within 3 years) severe loss of volume dense fibrous strands from hilum to periphery thickening of pleura [pericardial effusion](#)CT: solid consolidation (radiation [fibrosis](#)) + [bronchiectasis](#) (stabilized by 1 year after therapy)

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RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME OF NEWBORN

=RDS = HYALINE MEMBRANE DISEASE=acute pulmonary disorder characterized by generalized [atelectasis](#), intrapulmonary shunting, ventilation-perfusion abnormalities, reduced lung [compliance](#) Cause:immature [surfactant](#) production (usually begins at 18-20 weeks of gestational age) causing acinar [atelectasis](#) + dilatation of terminal airways *Predisposed*:perinatal asphyxia, cesarean section, infants of diabetic mothers, premature infants (<1000 g in 66%; 1000 g in 50%; 1500 g in 16%; 2000 g in 5%; 2500 g in 1%) *Onset*:<2-5 hours after birth, increasing in severity from 24 to 48 hours, gradual improvement after 48-72 hours; M:F = 1.8:1 ■ abnormal retraction of chest wall ■ cyanosis (carbon dioxide retention) ■ expiratory grunting ■ increased respiratory rate[↓] hypoaeration with loss of lung volume (counteracted by respirator therapy)[↓] reticulogranular pattern (coincides with onset of clinical signs)[↓] prominent air bronchograms (distension of compliant airways)[↓] bilateral + symmetrical distribution *Prognosis*:spontaneous clearing within 7-10 days (mild course in untreated survivors); death in 18% ACUTE COMPLICATIONS OF RDS (a)Barotrauma with air-block phenomena1.Parenchymal pseudocyst2.Pulmonary interstitial [emphysema](#)3.[Pneumomediastinum](#), -thorax, -pericardium, -peritoneum,-retroperitoneum4.Subcutaneous [emphysema](#)5.Gas embolism(b)Diffuse opacity1.Worsening RDS2.Superimposed [pneumonia](#)3.Massive aspiration4.[Pulmonary hemorrhage](#)5.[Congestive heart failure](#) (PDA, fluid overload)(c)Persistent patency of ductus arteriosus oxygen stimulus is missing to close duct; gradual decrease in pulmonary resistance (by end of 1st week) leads to L-to-R shunt through PDA (d)Hemorrhage1.[Pulmonary hemorrhage](#)2.Intracranial hemorrhage(e)[Necrotizing enterocolitis](#)(f)[Acute renal failure](#) CHRONIC COMPLICATIONS OF RDS 1.Lobar [emphysema](#)2.Localized interstitial [emphysema](#)3.Delayed onset of diaphragmatic hernia4.Recurrent inspiratory tract infections5.Hyperinflation6 [Bronchopulmonary dysplasia](#) (10-20%)7.[Retrolental fibroplasia](#)8.[Subglottic stenosis](#) (intubation)Rx:exogenous [surfactant](#) intratracheally

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RHEUMATOID LUNG

Incidence: 2-54% of patients with [rheumatoid arthritis](#); M:F = 5:1 (although incidence of [rheumatoid arthritis](#): M < F) • [rheumatoid arthritis](#) Stage 1: multifocal ill-defined alveolar infiltrates Stage 2: fine interstitial reticulations (histio- and lymphocytes) Stage 3: honeycombing A. PLEURAL ABNORMALITIES (most frequent manifestation) • Hx of pleurisy (21%) • [pleural effusion](#) (3%): unilateral (92%), with little change over months; M:F = 9:1; most often without other pulmonary changes, may antedate [rheumatoid arthritis](#) • exudate (with protein content >4 g/dL) • low in sugar content (<30 mg/dL) without rise during glucose infusion (75%) • low WBC high in lymphocytes • positive for rheumatoid factor, LDH, RA cells • [pleural thickening](#), usually bilateral B. DIFFUSE INTERSTITIAL FIBROSIS (30%) • restrictive ventilatory defect Location: lower lobe predominance *Histo:* deposition of IgM in alveolar septa (DDx to IPF) • punctate / nodular densities (mononuclear cell infiltrates in early stage) • reticulonodular densities • medium to [coarse reticulations](#) (mature fibrous tissue in later stage) • honeycomb lung (uncommon in late stage) C. NECROBIOTIC NODULES (rare) = well-circumscribed nodular mass in lung, pleura, pericardium identical to subcutaneous nodules associated with advanced [rheumatoid arthritis](#) *Path:* central zone of eosinophilic fibrinoid necrosis surrounded by palisading fibroblasts; nodule often centered on necrotic inflamed blood vessel (? [vasculitis](#) as initial lesion) • subcutaneous nodules (same histology) *Associated with:* [interstitial lung disease](#) • well-circumscribed usually multiple nodules of 3-70 mm in size • commonly located in lung periphery • cavitation with thick symmetric walls + smooth inner lining (in 50%) • NO calcification D. CAPLAN SYNDROME = RHEUMATOID PNEUMOCONIOSIS = pneumoconiosis + [rheumatoid arthritis](#) in coal workers with rheumatoid disease; = hypersensitivity reaction to irritating dust particles in lungs of rheumatoid patients *Incidence:* 2-6% of all men affected by pneumoconioses (exclusively in Wales) *Path:* disintegrating macrophages deposit a pigmented ring of dust surrounding the central necrotic core + zone of fibroblasts palisading the zone of necrosis • NOT necessarily evidence of long-standing pneumoconiosis • concomitant with joint manifestation (most frequent) / may precede arthritis by several years • concomitant with systemic rheumatoid nodules • rapidly developing well-defined nodules of 5-50 mm in size with a tendency to appear in crops predominantly in upper [lobes](#) + in periphery of lung • nodules may remain unchanged / increase in number / calcify • background of pneumoconiosis • [pleural effusion](#) (may occur) E. BRONCHIAL ABNORMALITIES (30%) • [bronchiectasis](#) • [bronchiolitis obliterans](#) (may be transient + related to penicillamine therapy) F. PULMONARY ARTERITIS = fibroelastoid intimal proliferation of pulmonary arteries • pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#) + [cor pulmonale](#) G. CARDIAC ENLARGEMENT (pericarditis + carditis / [congestive heart failure](#)) H. BONE ABNORMALITIES ON CXR • arthritis of acromioclavicular joint, sternoclavicular joint, [shoulder](#) joint • ankylosis of vertebral facet joints • vertebral body collapse due to steroid use

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ROUND PNEUMONIA

=NUMMULAR PNEUMONIA = fairly spherical pneumonia caused by pyogenic organisms *Organism*: Haemophilus influenzae, Streptococcus, Pneumococcus *Age*: children >> adults • cough, chest pain, fever *Location*: always posterior, usually in lower lobes ✓ spherical infiltrate with slightly fluffy borders + air bronchogram ✓ triangular infiltrate abutting a pleural surface (usually seen on lateral view) ✓ rapid change in size and shape

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SARCOIDOSIS

=BOECK SARCOID [*sarcoid = sarcoma-like, Caesar Boeck describes skin lesions in 1899*]

=immunologically mediated multisystem granulomatous disease of unknown etiology with variable presentation, progression, and prognosis **Prevalence:** 10-40:100,000 in United States **Age peak:** 20-40 years; M:F = 1:3 (female predominance only in Black population); American Blacks: American Whites = 10:1 (rare in African / South American Blacks); more common in blood group **Almmunology:** unknown antigen activates alveolar macrophages which release -interleukin-1 (T-cell activator)-fibronectin (fibroblast chemotactic factor)-alveolar macrophage-derived growth factor (stimulates **fibrosis**) and activates T lymphocytes which release -interleukin-2 (stimulates growth of T-helper / cytolytic cells)-immune interferon (polyclonal B-cell activator)-monocyte chemotactic factor (attracts circulating monocytes and stimulates granuloma formation) **Histo:** alveolitis (earliest changes); noncaseating epithelioid granulomas [composed of lymphocytes, peripheral fibroblasts, multinucleated giant cells] with occasional minimal central necrosis **Location:** along course of lymphatic vessels: subpleural, septal, perivascular, peribronchial **DDx:** indistinguishable from granulomas of **berylliosis**, treated TB, **leprosy**, fungal disease, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, **Crohn disease**, primary biliary **cirrhosis** • angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) elevated in 70% [ACE is a product of macrophages and an indicator for the granuloma burden of the body] **DDx:** **tuberculosis**, **leprosy**, **histoplasmosis**, **berylliosis**, **cirrhosis**, **hyperthyroidism**, diabetes • **hypercalcemia** + hypercalciuria in 2-15% [result of hydroxylation of 1,25-dihydroxy vitamin D in macrophages leading to increased intestinal resorption of **calcium**] • Kveim-Stiltzbach test (positive in 70%) = intracutaneous injection of previously validated saline suspension of human sarcoid **spleen** / lymph nodes, rarely used • functional pulmonary impairment (even with NO radiographic abnormality): -reduced VC + FRC + TLC [from generalized reduction in lung volume]-low lung **compliance** [from diffuse interstitial disease]-obstructive **airway** disease [from endobronchial lesions, peribronchial **fibrosis**] **Epidemiology:** found with varying frequency in every country in the world; higher prevalence in temperate climates compared to tropical regions (<10/100,000) A. ACUTE FORM = **Löfgren Syndrome** (17%) • fever + malaise + bilateral hilar adenopathy • erythema nodosum • arthralgia of large joints • (occasionally) uveitis + parotitis B. CHRONIC FORM • asymptomatic (50%) • fever, malaise, weight loss • dry cough + shortness of breath (25%) • **hemoptysis** in 4% (from endobronchial lesion / vascular erosion / cavitation) **Stage at presentation:** 0 normal chest radiograph 5% lymphadenopathy only 50% lymphadenopathy + parenchymal disease 30% parenchymal disease only 15% pulmonary **fibrosis** 20% **Prognosis:** 75% complete resolution of hilar adenopathy 33% complete resolution of parenchymal disease 30% improve significantly 20% irreversible pulmonary **fibrosis** (may persist unchanged for >15 years) 10% mortality (**cor pulmonale** / CNS / lung **fibrosis** / liver **cirrhosis**) 25% relapse (in 50% detected by CXR) @ Bone (6-20%): • phalangeal sclerosis of hands • lytic cystic lesions with lacelike trabecular pattern @ Muscle (25%): myopathy @ Eyes (5-25%): uveitis, photophobia, blurred vision, glaucoma (rare) @ Myocardium (6-25%): ventricular arrhythmia, heart block, cardiomyopathy, congestive failure, angina, **ventricular aneurysm** @ CNS (9%): hypothalamus, basal **granulomatous meningitis**, **facial nerve** palsy @ Salivary gland (4%): bilateral parotid enlargement @ Peripheral lymph node involvement (30%) @ Skin disease (10-30%) • erythema nodosum = multiple bilateral tender erythematous nodules mostly on anterior aspect of lower extremities • lupus pernio = indurated bluish-purple elevations mainly on nose + digits • skin plaques / scars @ Thoracic disease (90%)-adenopathy alone (43%)-adenopathy + parenchymal disease (41%)-parenchymal disease alone (16%) **Associated with:** **tuberculosis** in up to 13% • intrathoracic lymphadenopathy (>85%) **Location:** (a) "1-2-3 sign" = Garland triad = bilateral hilar + right paratracheal groups (75-95%) (b) isolated unilateral hilar enlargement (1-8%) (c) mediastinal nodes are regularly enlarged on CT **Prognosis:** adenopathy commonly decreases as parenchymal disease gets worse; subsequent parenchymal disease in 32%; adenopathy does not develop subsequent to parenchymal disease • eggshell calcification of lymph nodes (in 3% after 5 years, in 20% after 10 years) • parenchymal disease (60%); without adenopathy in 16-20% • Parenchymal granulomas are invariably present on open lung biopsy! **Site:** predominantly mid-zone involvement • reticulonodular pattern (46%) • acinar pattern (20%) = ill-defined 6-7 mm nodules / coalescent opacities • "alveolar / acinar sarcoidosis" (2-10%) = multiple large nodules >10 mm ± air bronchogram (= coalescence of numerous interstitial granulomas) • progressive **fibrosis** with upper lobe retraction + bullae (20%) • end-stage lung (11%) • **airway** disease • tracheal stenosis • bronchial stenosis (extrinsic compression by large lymph nodes / endobronchial granulomas) • **bronchiectasis** (scarring / **fibrosis**) **HRCT:** • irregular septal thickening • perilymphatic nodules (= small nodules along bronchoarterial bundles and veins, in subpleural + interlobular septal lymphatics representing epithelioid cell granulomas) • traction **bronchiectasis** (TYPICAL) • ground-glass opacity (in alveolitis) • honeycombing • irregular / nodular **bronchial wall thickening** **Atypical manifestations (25%):** • **pleural effusion** (2%) = exudate with predominance of lymphocytes, effusion clears in 2-3 months • focal **pleural thickening** • solitary / multiple pulmonary nodules • cavitation of nodules (0.6%) • isolated hilar / mediastinal nodal enlargement • bronchostenosis (2%) with lobar / segmental **atelectasis** • pulmonary **arterial hypertension** (periarterial granulomatosis without extensive pulmonary **fibrosis**) **Cx:** • **pneumothorax** secondary to chronic lung **fibrosis** (rare) • cardiomegaly from **cor pulmonale** (rare) • aspergilloma formation in apical bulla (in >50% of stage IV disease) **Diagnostic criteria:** (1) compatible clinical + radiologic picture (2) noncaseous epithelioid granulomas on bronchial / transbronchial biopsy (diagnostic results in 60-95% and 80-95% respectively) (3) negative results of special stains / cultures for other entities **ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITY** (1) ACE titer (= angiotensin I converting enzyme) (2) Bronchoalveolar lavage: 20-50% lymphocytes with number of T-suppressor lymphocytes 4-20 times above normal (3) Gallium scan • **uptake** in lymph nodes + lung parenchyma + salivary glands (correlates with alveolitis + disease activity); monitor of therapeutic response (indicator of macrophage activity) @ Abdominal disease • strikingly elevated ACE levels in 91% @ Liver (pathologic involvement in 24-79%): • hepatomegaly (18-29%) • nodular lesions in liver and **spleen** in 5-15% (= coalescent granulomata) occurring within 5 years of diagnosis • abdominal adenopathy (mean size of 2.6 cm) @ **Spleen** (pathologic involvement in 24-59%): • **splenomegaly** (20-33%) • scattered nodular lesions (18%) @ Lymphadenopathy (31%) • frequently associated with thoracic adenopathy • mean lymph node size of 2.6 cm @ Stomach (60 cases): • polypoid / nodular mass ± ulcer • loss of antral **compliance** **DDx:** **lymphoma** @ Genitourinary disease (0.2-5%) @ Kidney: • renal calculi @ Scrotum (0.5%) • hypochoic lesions of epididymal + testicular sarcoidosis

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SEPTIC PULMONARY EMBOLI

=lodgement of an infected thrombus in a pulmonary artery
Organism: S. aureus, Streptococcus
Predisposed: IV drug abusers, alcoholism, immunodeficiency, CHD, dermal infection (cellulitis, carbuncles)
Source: (a) infected venous catheter / pacemaker wires, arteriovenous shunts for hemodialysis, drug abuse producing septic thrombophlebitis (eg, heroin addicts), pelvic thrombophlebitis, peritonsillar abscess, osteomyelitis (b) tricuspid valve endocarditis (most common cause in IV drug abusers)
Age: majority <40 years
■ sepsis, cough, dyspnea, chest pain
■ shaking chills, high fever, severe sinus tachycardia
Location: predilection for lung bases
✓ multiple nondescript pulmonary infiltrates (initially) ✓ migratory infiltrates (old ones heal, new ones appear) ✓ cavitation (frequent), usually thin-walled ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (rare)
CT (more sensitive than CXR): ✓ multiple peripheral parenchymal nodules ± cavitation / air bronchogram (83%) ✓ wedge-shaped subpleural lesion with apex of lesion directed toward pulmonary hilum (50%) ✓ feeding vessel sign = pulmonary artery leading to nodule (67%) ✓ cavitation (50%), esp. in staphylococcal emboli ✓ air bronchogram within pulmonary nodule (28%)
Cx: [empyema](#) (39%)

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SIDEROSIS

=inert iron oxide / metallic iron deposits *Path*: iron phagocytosed by macrophages in alveoli / respiratory bronchioles, elimination from lung by lymphatic circulation *Occupational exposure*: arc welding, cutting / burning of steel, foundry workers, grinders, fettlers, polishers (jewelry industry) ✓ reticulonodular pattern (may disappear after exposure discontinued) ✓ small round opacities (indistinguishable from silica / coal) ✓ NO secondary [fibrosis](#) + NO hilar adenopathy (unless mixed dust inhalation as in siderosilicosis)

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SILICOSIS

=inhalation of silicon dioxide; most prevalent silicosis of progressive nature after termination of exposure; similar to CWP (because of silica component in CWP)
Substance: Crystalline silica (quartz); one of the most widespread elements on earth
Occupational exposure: tunneling, mining, quarrying, sandblasting, ceramic industry
Path: small particles engulfed by macrophages; liberation of silica results in cell death; 2-3 mm nodules with layers of laminated connective tissue around smaller vessels
Cx: predisposes to [tuberculosis](#)

[Acute Silicoproteinosis](#) [Chronic Simple Silicosis](#) [Complicated Silicosis](#) [Silicotuberculosis](#) [Caplan Syndrome](#)

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Acute Silicoproteinosis =acute [silicosis](#) of sandblasters; exposure may be <1 year *Associated with:* increased risk to develop autoimmune disease¹ [diffuse airspace disease](#)

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Chronic Simple Silicosis At least 10-20 years of dust exposure before appearance of roentgenographic abnormality. Small 1-10 mm rounded opacities, beginning in upper + middle lung zones. May calcify centrally in 5-10% (rather typical for silicosis). Hilar lymphadenopathy, may calcify in 5% ("eggshell pattern") ± reticulonodular pattern. HRCT: nodules of 3-10 mm in size. Thickened intra- and interlobular lines. Subpleural curvilinear lines (peribronchiolar fibrosis). Ground-glass pattern = mild thickening of alveolar wall + interlobular septa (fibrosis / edema). Parenchymal fibrous bands. Pleura-based nodular irregularities. Traction bronchiectasis. Honeycombing.

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Complicated Silicosis ✓ conglomerate masses of nonsegmental distribution in middle + upper lung zones ✓ progressive massive **fibrosis** = sausage-shaped masses with ill-defined margins (in advanced stages) ✓ compensatory **emphysema** in unaffected portion ✓ slow change over years ✓ may cavitate

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Silicotuberculosis Doubtful synergistic relationship between [silicosis](#) + [tuberculosis](#) ✓ little change over years with intermittently positive sputa

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Caplan Syndrome More common in [coal workers pneumoconiosis](#)

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SJÖGREN SYNDROME

=MYOEPIHELIAL SIALADENITIS=probable autoimmune multisystem disorder (= collagen-vascular disease) characterized by dryness of mucous membranes affecting(1)salivary + lacrimal glands(2)mucosa + submucosa of pharynx(3)tracheobronchial tree(4)reticuloendothelial system(5)joints A.PRIMARY SJÖGREN SYNDROME=autoimmune exocrinopathy(a)recurrent parotitis in children(b)SICCA SYNDROME = Mikulicz disease=xerophthalmia + xerostomiaB.SECONDARY SJÖGREN SYNDROMEAssociated with: (a)connective tissue diseases1.[Rheumatoid arthritis](#) (55%)2.[Systemic lupus erythematosus](#) (2%)3.[Progressive systemic sclerosis](#) (0.5%)4.[Psoriatic arthritis](#), primary biliary [cirrhosis](#) (0.5%)(b)lymphoproliferative disorders1.Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitis (LIP)2.[Pseudolymphoma](#) (25%)3.[Lymphoma](#) (5%; 44 x increased risk): mostly B-cell [lymphoma](#)4.[Waldenström macroglobulinemia](#)Age:35-70 (mean 57) years; M:F = 1:9Path:benign lymphoepithelioma = lymphoid infiltrates in lacrimal + salivary glands, mucous glands of conjunctivae, nasal cavity, pharynx, [larynx](#), trachea, bronchi • xerophthalmia = dryness of eyes= keratoconjunctivitis sicca = desiccation of cornea + conjunctiva • xerostomia = atrophy of salivary + parotid glands leading to diminished saliva production and dryness of mouth + lips • xerorhinia = dryness of nose • decreased sweating • decreased vaginal secretions • swelling of parotid gland: usually unilateral, recurrent • rheumatoid factor (positive in up to 95%) • ANA (positive in up to 80%) CXR: ✓ reticulonodular pattern (3-33-52%) ✓ patchy consolidation ✓ inspissated mucus: ✓ [atelectasis](#) ✓ recurrent [pneumonia](#) ✓ bilateral lower lobe [bronchiectasis](#) ✓ acute focal / [lipoid pneumonia](#) (secondary to oils taken to combat dry mouth) ✓ ± [pleural effusion](#)Sialogram: ✓ nonobstructive punctate / globular / cavitory sialectasia (ducts + acini destroyed by lymphocytic infiltrates / infection) US of parotid gland: ✓ enlarged gland ✓ multiple scattered cysts bilaterally (= cystic dilatation of intraparotid ducts + glands) ✓ increased vascularity on color DopplerMR of parotid gland: ✓ inhomogeneous honeycomblike internal pattern (= areas of low intensity between nodular parenchyma of high signal intensity) on T2WI / Gd-enhanced T1WICx:[Lymphoma](#) (occurs in significant number of patients)

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STAPHYLOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA

Most common cause of bronchopneumonia (a)common nosocomial infection (patients on antibiotic drugs most susceptible)(b)accounts for 5% of community-acquired pneumonias (esp. in infants + elderly) †secondary invader to influenza (commonest cause of death during influenza epidemics)*Organism*:Staphylococcus aureus, Gram-positive, appears in clusters, coagulase-producing † rapid spread through lungs † [empyema](#) (esp. in children) † [pneumothorax](#), pyopneumothorax † abscess formation † [bronchopleural fistula](#)A.in CHILDREN: † rapidly developing lobar / multilobar consolidation † [pleural effusion](#) (90%) † [pneumatocele](#) (40-60%)B.in ADULTS: † patchy often confluent bronchopneumonia of segmental distribution, bilateral in >60% † segmental collapse (air bronchograms absent) † late development of thick-walled lung abscess (25-75%) † [pleural effusion](#) / [empyema](#) (50%) (DDx from other pneumonias) Cx:[meningitis](#), metastatic abscess to brain / kidneys, acute endocarditis

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STREPTOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA

Incidence: 1-5% of bacterial pneumonias (rarely seen); most common in winter months
Organism: Group A β -hemolytic streptococcus = Streptococcus pyogenes, Gram-positive cocci appearing in chains
Predisposed: newborns, following infection with measles
Associated with: delayed onset of diaphragmatic hernia (in newborns)
■ rarely follows tonsillitis + pharyngitis
✓ patchy bronchopneumonia
✓ lower lobe predominance (similar to staphylococcus)
✓ empyema
Cx: (1) Residual [pleural thickening](#) (15%) (2) [Bronchiectasis](#) (3) Lung abscess (4) Glomerulonephritis

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SWYER-JAMES SYNDROME

=MACLEOD SYNDROME= UNILATERAL LOBAR EMPHYSEMA=IDIOPATHIC UNILATERAL HYPERLUCENT LUNG *Etiology:* acute viral bronchiolitis in infancy / early childhood (adenovirus, RSV) preventing normal development of lung *Path:* variant of postinfectious constrictive bronchiolitis with acute obliterative bronchiolitis, bronchiectasis, distal airspace destruction (developing in 7-30 months) ■ asymptomatic ■ cough, dyspnea on exertion, hemoptysis ■ history of recurrent lower respiratory tract infections during childhood *Location:* one / both lungs (usually entire lung, occasionally lobar / subsegmental) ✓ unilateral hyperlucency of affected lung ✓ small hemithorax with decreased / normal volume (collateral air drift) ✓ air trapping during expiration *DDx:* no air trapping with proximal interruption of pulmonary artery (no hilum), hypo genetic lung syndrome, pulmonary embolus ✓ mild cylindrical bronchiectasis with paucity of bronchial subdivisions (cutoff at 4th-5th generation = "pruned tree" bronchogram) ✓ small ipsilateral hilum (diminuted hilar vessels + attenuated arteries) ✓ diminutive pulmonary vasculature *HRCT:* ✓ bilateral areas of decreased attenuation ✓ areas of normal lung attenuation within hypoattenuating lung ✓ air trapping within hypoattenuating lung ✓ bronchiectasis *Angio:* ✓ "pruned tree" appearance *NUC:* ✓ decreased perfusion ✓ decreased ventilation + delayed washout

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SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

=most prevalent of the potentially grave connective tissue diseases characterized by involvement of vascular system, skin, serous + synovial membranes (type III immune complex phenomenon) *Incidence*: 1:2,000; Blacks:Caucasians = 3:1; increased risk in relatives *Age*: women of child-bearing age; M:F = 1:10 • clinically heterogeneous due to different types of serum antibodies • antinuclear DNA antibodies (87%) • hypergammaglobulinemia (77%) • LE cells (= antigen-antibody complexes engulfed by PMNs) in 78% • chronic false-positive Wassermann test for syphilis (24%) • [Sjögren syndrome](#) (frequent) • anemia (78%) • leukopenia (66%) • thrombocytopenia (19%) @Skin changes (81%) • "butterfly rash" (= facial erythema), discoid lupus erythematosus, alopecia, photosensitivity • [Raynaud phenomenon](#) (15%) @Thoracic involvement (30-70%) affects respiratory system more commonly than any other [connective tissue disease](#) • dyspnea, pleuritic chest pain (35%) • respiratory dysfunction (>50%): single-breath [diffusing capacity](#) for carbon monoxide most sensitive indicator (a) Pulmonary changes *Cause*: chronic antibody damage to alveolar-capillary membrane • lupus pneumonitis (acute form) = poorly defined patchy areas of increased density peripherally at lung bases (alveolar pattern) secondary to infection / uremia in 10% • interstitial reticulations in lower lung fields (chronic form) in 3% • fleeting platelike [atelectasis](#) in both bases (? infarction due to [vasculitis](#)) • cavitating nodules ([vasculitis](#)) • elevated sluggish diaphragms (progressive volume loss due to diaphragmatic dysfunction) • hilar + mediastinal lymphadenopathy (extremely rare) (b) Pleural changes (most common manifestation) • recurrent bilateral pleural effusions (70%) from pleuritis • [pleural thickening](#) (c) Cardiovascular changes • [pericardial effusion](#) (from pericarditis) • cardiomegaly (primary lupus cardiomyopathy) @Joints • arthralgia (95%) • nonerosive arthritis of hands (characteristic) without deformity @Kidney *Incidence*: kidneys involved in 100% with renal disease developing in 50% *Histo*: focal membranous glomerulonephritis • [renal failure](#) (fibrinoid thickening of basement membrane) • aneurysms in interlobular + arcuate arteries (similar to [polyarteritis nodosa](#)) • normal / decreased renal size US: • increased parenchymal echogenicity Cx: (1) Nephrotic syndrome (common) (2) [Renal vein thrombosis](#) (rare) *Prognosis*: end-stage renal disease is common cause of death @GI tract (in up to 50%) • buccal erosions / ulcerations • GI tract bleeding • motility disorder of lower esophagus (similar to scleroderma) • esophagitis ± ulcers • gastritis • [mesenteric ischemia](#): colitis, pseudoobstruction, [ileus](#), thumbprinting, luminal narrowing • nodularity of folds • [pneumatosis intestinalis](#), perforation • painful [ascites](#) • hepatomegaly, hepatitis, [cirrhosis](#) • [splenomegaly](#) *Prognosis*: 60-90% 10-year survival; death from [renal failure](#) / sepsis / CNS involvement / [myocardial infarction](#) **Drug-induced Lupus Erythematosus (DIL)** • temporary phenomenon *Agents*: procainamide, hydralazine, isoniazid, phenytoin account for 90% • pulmonary + pleural disease more common than in SLE

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TALCOSIS

=prolonged inhalation of magnesium silicate dust containing amphibole fibers (tremolite and anthophyllite) and silica
Talcosis resembles: (1) Asbestosis (indistinguishable) massive and bizarre pleural plaques may encase lung with calcification
(2) Silicosis small rounded + large opacities fibrogenic process (NO regression after removal of patient from exposure)

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TERATOID TUMOR OF MEDIASTINUM

=MEDIASTINAL GERM CELL TUMOR [= TERATOMA] The anterior mediastinum is the most common extragonadal site of primary germ cell tumors (1-3% of all germ cell tumors)! *Pathogenesis*: "misplaced" multipotential primitive germ cells during migration from yolk endoderm to gonad! *Incidence*: -adults: 15% of anterior mediastinal tumors-children: 24% of anterior mediastinal tumors! 16-28% of all [mediastinal cysts](#)! Occurs in same frequency as the usually larger [thymoma](#)! 1/3 of primary neoplasms in this area are in children *Classes*: (1) Mature teratoma (solid) (2) Cystic teratoma ([dermoid](#) cyst) (3) Immature teratoma (4) Malignant teratoma (teratocarcinoma) (5) Mixed teratoma Location: mediastinum is 3rd most common site for teratoid lesions (after gonadal + sacrococcygeal location); 5% of all teratomas occur in mediastinum, mostly anterosuperiorly (in only 1% posteriorly)! often inseparable from [thymus](#) gland A. BENIGN TERATOID TUMOR (75-86%) = MATURE TERATOMA = most common histologic type 1. Epidermoid (52%) = ectodermal derivatives 2. [Dermoid](#) (27%) = ecto- + mesodermal derivatives 3. Teratoma Teratoma (21%) = ecto- + meso- + endodermal derivatives *Path*: spherical lobulated well-encapsulated tumor; typically multi- / unilocular cystic cavities with clear / yellow / brown liquid *Histo*: (a) ectoderm: skin, sebaceous material, hair, cysts lined by squamous epithelium (b) mesoderm: bone, cartilage, muscle (c) endoderm: GI + respiratory tissue, mucus glands! Tumor capsule commonly has remnants of thymic tissue! Cyst formation is typical (usually lined by mucus-secreting tall epithelial cells)! *Age*: young adults / children; M = F • asymptomatic (in up to 53%) • cough, dyspnea, chest pain, pulmonary infection, [respiratory distress](#) (due to compression by large tumor) Location: (a) anterior superior mediastinum near [thymus](#) / within thymic parenchyma (b) posterior mediastinum (rare = 3-8%)! rounded mass bulging into right / left hemithorax sharply demarcated against adjacent lung! variations in density (may all be present):! fat-fluid level (rare but SPECIFIC)! water density! homogeneous soft-tissue density (indistinguishable from [lymphoma](#) / [thymoma](#))! curvilinear peripheral / central calcification (20-43%, 4 x more common in benign lesions) in tumor wall / substance, ossification in mature bone! visualization of tooth (PATHOGNOMONIC)! often inseparable from thymic gland! enhancement of rim / tissue septa *Prognosis*: approx. 100% 5-year survival rate *Rx*: complete surgical excision B. MALIGNANT TERATOID TUMOR (14-20%) *Histo*: similar to mature teratoma but with primitive / immature tissue elements; commonly neural tissue arranged in rosettes / primitive tubules! Teratocarcinoma / malignant teratoma = identical to teratoma with components of seminoma, endodermal sinus tumor, embryonal carcinoma, [choriocarcinoma](#), sarcoma, carcinoma 1. **Seminoma** = germinoma = [dysgerminoma](#)! 2nd most common mediastinal germ cell tumor! Most common primary malignant germ cell tumor of mediastinum! *Incidence*: 2-6% of all mediastinal tumors; 5-13% of all malignant mediastinal tumors *Age*: 3rd-4th decade; M >> F; white *Histo*: uniform polyhedral / round cells arranged in sheets or forming small lobules separated by fibrous septa; varying amounts of mature lymphocytes *Path*: large unencapsulated well-circumscribed mass • asymptomatic (20-30%) • chest pain / pressure, shortness of breath, weight loss, hoarseness, dysphagia, fever • SVC obstruction (10%) • elevated serum levels of HCG (7-18%) • elevated serum levels of LDH (80%) correlate with tumor burden + rate of tumor growth *Metastases*: to regional lymph nodes, lung, bone, liver! large bulky well-marginated lobulated mass! usually NO calcification! homogeneous soft-tissue density with slight enhancement *Prognosis*: 75-100% 5-year survival rate; death from distant metastases *Rx*: surgery + radiation therapy (very radiosensitive) ± cisplatin 2. **Nonseminomatous malignant germ cell tumor** (a) embryonic tissue (1) Embryonal carcinoma (b) extraembryonic tissue (1) [Yolk sac](#) = endodermal sinus tumor (2) [Choriocarcinoma](#) (least frequent) (c) combination = mixed germ cell tumor *Path*: large unencapsulated heterogeneous soft-tissue mass with tendency for invasion of adjacent structures *Age*: during 2nd to 4th decade M:F = 9:1; in children M = F *Associated with*: [Klinefelter syndrome](#) (in 20%), hematologic malignancy • chest pain, dyspnea, cough, weight loss, fever, SVC syndrome (90-100%) • elevated serum level of a-fetoprotein (80%) with endodermal sinus tumor / embryonal carcinoma • elevated serum level of LDH (60%) • elevated serum level of HCG (30%) [DDx: lung cancer; [hepatocellular carcinoma](#); adenocarcinoma of pancreas, colon, stomach] *Metastases* to: lung, liver! large tumor of heterogeneous texture with central hemorrhage / necrosis! well circumscribed / with irregular margins! enhancement of tumor periphery! lobulation suggests malignancy! invasion of mediastinal structures (SVC obstruction is ominous)! pleural / [pericardial effusion](#) (from local invasion)! Absence of primary [testicular tumor](#) / retroperitoneal mass proves primary! *Rx*: cisplatin-based chemotherapy + tumor resection *Prognosis*: 50% long-term survivors *Cx*: (1) Hemorrhage (2) [Pneumothorax](#) (from [bronchial obstruction](#) with air trapping + alveolar rupture) (3) [Respiratory distress](#) (rapid increase in size from fluid production) with compression of trachea / SVC (SVC syndrome) (4) Fistula formation to aorta, SVC, esophagus (5) Rupture into bronchus (expectoration of oily substance / trichoptysis in 5-14%, [lipoid pneumonia](#)) (6) Rupture into pericardium ([pericardial effusion](#)), pleural cavity ([pleural effusion](#)) *DDx*: [thymoma](#)

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THORACIC PARAGANGLIOMA

=CHEMODECTOMA=rare neural tumor arising from paraganglionic tissue Age:3rd-5th decade; M:F = 1:1 Path:extremely vascular well-marginated / irregular mass that may adhere to / envelop / invade adjacent mediastinal structures (bronchus, spinal canal) Histo:anastomosing cords of granule-storing chief cells arranged in a trabecular pattern; identical appearance for benign and malignant tumors May be associated with: syn- / metachronous adrenal / extrathoracic paragangliomas; [multiple endocrine neoplasia](#) type 2; bronchial [carcinoid](#) tumor • asymptomatic • dyspnea, cough, chest pain, [hemoptysis](#), neurologic deficits, SVC syndrome (if tumor large) • signs of excessive catecholamine production: hypertension, headache, tachycardia, palpitations, tremor Location:base of heart + great vessels (adjacent to pericardium / heart, within interatrial septum / left atrial wall); paravertebral sulci CT: √ sharply marginated 5-7 cm middle / posterior [mediastinal mass](#) √ hypodense areas due to extensive cystic degeneration / hemorrhage √ exuberant enhancement MR: √ heterogeneous intermediate signal intensity with areas of signal void from flowing blood on T1W √ high signal intensity on T2W INUC (I-123 / I-131 metaiodobenzylguanidine): √ useful for localization as relatively specific Angio (may precipitate cardiovascular crisis): √ marked hypervascularity, multiple feeding vessels √ homogeneous capillary blush Rx:surgical excision with preoperative administration of a- or b-blockers (hypertensive crisis, tachycardia, dysrhythmia during manipulation)

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THYMIC CYST

Incidence: 1-2% of mediastinal masses *Etiology:* (1) Congenital cyst (persistent tubular remnants of 3rd pharyngeal pouch = thymopharyngeal duct, develops during 5th-8th week of gestation) (2) Acquired reactive multilocular cysts = cystic transformation of duct epithelial structures induced by an inflammatory process: eg, HIV (3) Neoplastic cyst (cystic teratoma, cystic degeneration within a [thymoma](#)), S/P radiation therapy for [Hodgkin disease](#) *Associated with:* (1) [Hodgkin disease](#) (? thymic involvement / treatment-induced cystic degeneration) (2) myasthenia gravis (rare) • commonly asymptomatic • symptomatic when hemorrhage occurs *Location:* anterior mediastinum / lateral neck *CT:* unilocular cyst with thin walls containing clear fluid / multilocular cyst with thick walls containing turbid fluid or gelatinous material *US:* may show partial wall calcification (rare) *MR:* low-density fluid (0-10 HU), may be higher depending on cyst contents *US:* typically anechoic *DDx:* Benign [thymoma](#), teratoma, [dermoid](#) cyst, [Hodgkin disease](#), non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), pleural fibroma

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THYMIC HYPERPLASIA

Most common anterior [mediastinal mass](#) in pediatric age group through puberty *Age*: particularly in young individual *Histo*: numerous active lymphoid germinal centers *Etiology*: 1. [Hyperthyroidism](#) (most common), [Graves disease](#), treatment of primary [hypothyroidism](#), idiopathic thyromegaly 2. Rebound hyperplasia in children recovering from severe illness (eg, from burns), after treatment for Cushing disorder, after chemotherapy [thymus](#) may regrow more than 50% (transient overgrowth and reducible with steroids) 3. Myasthenia gravis (65%) 4. [Acromegaly](#) 5. [Addison disease](#) [normal thymus](#) visible in 50% of neonates 0-2 years of age [notch sign](#) = indentation at junction of [thymus](#) + heart [sail sign](#) = triangular density extending from superior mediastinum [wave sign](#) = rippled border due to indentation from ribs [shape changes with respiration + position](#)

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THYMOLIPOMA

Incidence: 2-9% of thymic tumors *Age:* 3-60 years (mean age of 22 years); M:F = 1:1 *Path:* lobulated pliable encapsulated tumor capable of growing to large size (in 68% >500 g, in 20% >2,000 g, the largest >16 kg) *Histo:* benign adult adipose tissue interspersed with areas of normal / hyperplastic / atrophic [thymus](#) tissue (thymic tissue <33% of tumor mass) • chest pain, dyspnea, cough (in 50%) *Y* large lesions slump inferiorly from anterior mediastinum toward diaphragm *Y* may drape around heart enlarging cardiac silhouette on frontal view *Y* apparent elevation of diaphragm on lateral view *Y* NO compression / invasion of adjacent structures *DDx:* mediastinal [lipoma](#) (most common of intrathoracic fatty tumors), [liposarcoma](#)

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THYMOMA

Most common primary neoplasm of anterior superior mediastinum Age: majority >40 years; 70% occur in 5th-6th decade; less frequent in young adults, rare in children; M:F = 1:1 Associated with: parathymic syndromes (40%) such as

- **Myasthenia gravis**: = autoimmune disorder characterized by antibodies against acetylcholine receptors of the postjunctional muscle membrane
- progressive weakness, fatigue
- fatigability of skeletal muscles innervated by cranial nerves, eg, ptosis, diplopia, dysphagia, dysarthria, drooling, difficulty with chewing
- elevated serum level of anti-acetylcholine receptor antibodies

10-15-25% of patients with myasthenia gravis have a thymoma (in 65% due to [thymic hyperplasia](#))

7-30-54% of patients with thymoma have myasthenia gravis; removal of thymic tumor often results in symptomatic improvement; myasthenia gravis may develop after surgical thymoma excision Rx: edrophonium chloride

- Pure red cell aplasia = aregenerative anemia = almost total absence of marrow erythroblasts + blood reticulocytes resulting in severe normochromic normocytic anemia

50% of patients with red cell aplasia have thymoma

5% of patients with thymoma develop red cell aplasia

- Acquired hypogammaglobulinemia

10% of patients with hypogammaglobulinemia have thymoma

6% of patients with thymoma have hypogammaglobulinemia

- Paraneoplastic syndromes occur with thymic [carcinoid](#) (10%): eg, [Cushing syndrome](#) (ACTH production)
- chest pain, dyspnea, cough (33%)

Path: round / ovoid slow-growing primary epithelial neoplasm with smooth / lobulated surface divided into lobules by fibrous septa; areas of hemorrhage + necrosis may form cysts

(a) encapsulated = thick fibrous capsule ± calcifications (b) locally invasive = microscopic foci outside capsule (c) metastasizing = benign cytologic appearance with pleural + pulmonary parenchymal seeding (d) thymic carcinoma

Histo: (a) biphasic thymoma (most common) = epithelial + lymphoid elements in equal amounts (b) predominantly lymphocytic thymoma = >2/3 of cells are lymphocytic (c) predominantly epithelial thymoma = >2/3 of cells are epithelial

Prognosis unrelated to cell type!

- asymptomatic (50% discovered incidentally)
- signs of mediastinal compression (25-30%): cough, dyspnea, chest pain, respiratory infection, hoarseness (recurrent laryngeal n.), dysphagia
- signs of tumor invasion (rare): SVC syndrome

Location: any anterior mediastinal location between thoracic inlet and cardiophrenic angle; rare in neck, other mediastinal compartments, lung parenchyma, or tracheobronchial tree

Size: 1-10 cm (up to 34 cm)

[Noninvasive = Benign Thymoma](#) [Invasive \[Malignant\] Thymoma](#)

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Noninvasive = Benign Thymoma Age peak: 5th-6th decade, almost all are >25 years of age
○ oval / round lobulated sharply demarcated asymmetric homogeneous mass of soft-tissue density (equal to muscle), usually on one side of the midline
○ abnormally wide mediastinum
○ displacement of heart + great vessels posteriorly
CT:
○ homogeneous soft-tissue mass with smooth / lobulated border partially / completely outlined by fat
○ homogeneous enhancement
○ areas of decreased attenuation (fibrosis, cysts, hemorrhage, necrosis)
○ amorphous, flocculent central / curvilinear peripheral calcification (5-25%)
MRI:
○ isointense to skeletal muscle on T1W
○ increased signal intensity (approaching that of fat) on T2W
○ fluid characteristics of cysts with high water content

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Invasive [Malignant] Thymoma ϕ Malignancy defined according to extent of invasion into adjacent [mediastinal fat](#) + fascia! *Frequency*: in 30-35% of thymomas Stage I: intact capsule Stage II: pericapsular growth into [mediastinal fat](#) Stage III: invasion of surrounding organs such as lung, pericardium, SVC, aorta Stage IVa: dissemination within thoracic cavity (metastases to pleura + lung in 6%) Stage IVb: distant metastases (liver, bone, lymph nodes, kidneys, brain) \checkmark heterogeneous attenuation \checkmark spread by contiguity along pleural reflections, extension along aorta reaching posterior mediastinum / crus of diaphragm / retroperitoneum (transdiaphragmatic tumor extension) \checkmark irregular interface with lung \checkmark unilateral diffuse nodular [pleural thickening](#) / pleural masses encasing lung circumferentially \checkmark vascular encroachment \checkmark [pleural effusion](#) UNCOMMON *DDx*: [malignant mesothelioma](#), [lymphoma](#), thymic carcinoma / malignant germ cell tumor (older male, no diffuse pleural seeding), peripheral lung carcinoma (no dominant [mediastinal mass](#)), metastatic disease (not unilateral) *Rx*: radical excision \pm adjuvant radiation therapy *Prognosis*: 5-year survival of 93% for stage I, 86% for stage II, 70% for stage III, 50% for stage IV; 2-12% rate of recurrence for resected encapsulated thymomas

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TORSION OF LUNG

Incidence: rare (<30 cases) *Cause:* compression of lower thorax, tear on inferior pulmonary ligament, completeness of fissures *Associated with:* surgery (lobectomy), trauma, diaphragmatic hernia, [pneumonia](#), [pneumothorax](#), bronchus-obstructing tumor *Histo:* ± [hemorrhagic infarction](#) + excessive air trapping ✓ collapsed / consolidated lobe in unusual position ✓ hilar displacement of atelectatic-appearing lobe in an inappropriate direction ✓ alteration in normal course of pulmonary vasculature ✓ rapid opacification of an ipsilateral lobe after trauma / thoracic surgery (DDx: [pleural effusion](#)) ✓ change in position of opacified lobe on sequential radiographs ✓ bronchial cutoff / distortion ✓ lobar air trapping

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TRACHEOBRONCHOMEGALY

=MOUNIER-KUHN SYNDROME = primary atrophy / dysplasia of supporting structures of trachea + major bronchi with abrupt transition to normal bronchi at 4th-5th division
Incidence: 0.5-1.5% *Age:* discovered in 3rd-5th decade
● cough with copious sputum ● shortness of breath on exertion ● long history of recurrent pneumonias
May be associated with: [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#) marked dilatation of trachea (>29 mm), right (>20 mm) + left (>15 mm) mainstem bronchi
sacculated outline / diverticulosis of trachea on lateral CXR (= protrusion of mucous membrane between rings of trachea) may have [emphysema](#), bullae in perihilar region

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TRACHEOBRONCHOPATHIA OSTEOCHONDROPLASTICA

=rare benign disease characterized by cartilaginous / osseous nodules projecting from submucosa into tracheobronchial lumen *Cause*: unknown; may be due to chronic inflammation, degenerative process, irritation by oxygen / chemical, metabolic disturbance, [amyloidosis](#), [tuberculosis](#), syphilis, heredity (high prevalence in Finland) *Pathogenetic theories*: (1) *Ecchondrosis / exostosis of cartilage rings* (2) *Cartilaginous / osseous metaplasia of internal elastic fibrous membrane of trachea* *Histo*: adipose tissue + calcified areas with foci of bone marrow; thinned normal overlying mucosa with inflammation + hemorrhage *Age*: in 50% >50 years (11-72 years); M:F = 3:1 ■ usually asymptomatic (incidentally diagnosed) ■ dyspnea, productive cough, hoarseness, [hemoptysis](#), fever, recurrent [pneumonia](#) *Location*: distal 2/3 of trachea, [larynx](#), lobar / segmental bronchi, entire length of trachea; spares posterior membrane of trachea *CXR*: √ scalloped / linear opacities surrounding + narrowing the trachea (best on lateral view) *CT*: √ deformed thickened narrowed tracheal wall √ irregularly spaced 1-3 mm calcific submucosal nodules of trachea + bronchi (similar to plaques) *Dx*: bronchoscopy *DDx*: [relapsing polychondritis](#), tracheobronchial [amyloidosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#), papillomatosis, tracheobronchomalacia

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TRANSIENT TACHYPNEA OF THE NEWBORN

=NEONATAL WET LUNG DISEASE = TRANSIENT [RESPIRATORY DISTRESS](#) OF THE NEWBORN= RETAINED FETAL LUNG FLUID *Incidence:* 6%; most common cause of [respiratory distress](#) in newborn *Cause:* cesarean section, precipitous delivery, breech delivery, prematurity, maternal diabetes *Pathophysiology:* delayed resorption of fetal lung fluid (normal clearance occurs through capillaries (40%), lymphatics (30%), thoracic compression during vaginal delivery (30%) *Onset:* within 6 hours of life; peak at day 1 of age • increasing respiratory rates during first 2-6 hours of life • intercostal + sternal retraction • normal blood gases during hyperoxygenation ✓ linear opacities + perivascular haze + thickened fissures + interlobular septal thickening (interstitial edema) ✓ mild hyperaeration ✓ mild cardiomegaly ✓ small amount of pleural fluid *Prognosis:* resolving within 1-4 days (retrospective diagnosis) *DDx:* (1) normal during first several hours of life (2) diffuse pneumonitis / sepsis (3) mild [meconium aspiration syndrome](#) (4) "drowned newborn syndrome" = clear amniotic fluid aspiration (5) alveolar phase of RDS (6) pulmonary venous congestion (7) [pulmonary hemorrhage](#) (8) hyperviscosity syndrome = thick blood (9) immature lung syndrome

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TRAUMATIC LUNG CYST

Age: children + young adults are particularly prone
thin-walled air-filled cavity (50%) ± air-fluid level preceded by homogeneous well-circumscribed mass (hematoma)
oval / spherical lesion of 2-14 cm in diameter
single / multiple lesions; uni- or multilocular
usually subpleural under point of maximal injury
persistent up to 4 months + progressive decrease in size (apparent within 6 weeks)

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TUBERCULOSIS

Prevalence: 10 million people worldwide, active TB develops in 5-10% of those exposed **Organism:** Mycobacterium = acid-fast aerobic rods staining red with carbol-fuchsin; M. tuberculosis (95%), atypical types increasing: M. avium-intracellulare, M. kansasii, M. fortuitum **Susceptible:** infants, pubertal adolescents, elderly, alcoholics, Blacks, diabetics, [silicosis](#), measles, [AIDS](#), [sarcoidosis](#) (in up to 13%) **Pathologic phases:** (a) exudative reaction (initial reaction, present for 1 month) (b) caseous necrosis (after 2-10 weeks with onset of hypersensitivity) (c) hyalinization = invasion of fibroblasts (granuloma formation in 1-3 weeks) (d) calcification / ossification (e) chronic destructive form in 10% (<1 year of age, adolescents, young adults) **Spread:** regional lymph nodes, hematogenous dissemination, pleura, pericardium, upper lumbar vertebrae **Mortality:** 1:100,000 ■ Positive PPD tuberculin test: 3 weeks after infection ■ Negative PPD test: 1. Overwhelming tuberculous infection (miliary TB) 2. [Sarcoidosis](#) 3. Corticosteroid therapy 4. Pregnancy 5. Infection with atypical Mycobacterium **ENDBRONCHIAL (ACINAR) TUBERCULOSIS** **Path:** ulceration of bronchial mucosa followed by [fibrosis](#) leads to (a) bronchial stenosis (lobar consolidation) (b) [bronchiectasis](#) (c) acinar nodules reflecting [airway](#) spread **HRCT:** √ airspace nodules √ "tree-in-bud" appearance = nodular opacities along centrilobular artery + bronchiole √ [bronchiectasis](#) **TUBERCULOMA** = manifestation of primary / postprimary TB √ round / oval smooth sharply defined mass √ 0.5-4 cm in diameter remaining stable for a long time √ lobulated mass (25%) √ satellite lesions (80%) √ may calcify **CAVITARY TUBERCULOSIS** = hallmark of reactivation tuberculosis = semisolid caseous material is expelled into bronchial tree after lysis √ moderately thick-walled cavity with smooth inner surface **Cx:** (1) dissemination to other bronchial segments √ multiple small acinar shadows remote from massive consolidation (2) colonization with Aspergillus √ aspergilloma

[Primary Pulmonary Tuberculosis](#) [Postprimary Pulmonary Tuberculosis](#) [Miliary Pulmonary Tuberculosis](#)

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Primary Pulmonary Tuberculosis *Mode of infection:* inhalation of infected airborne droplets *Age:* usually in childhood, becoming commoner in adults ■ asymptomatic (91%) ■ symptomatic (5-10%) *Location:* lower lobes, middle lobe, anterior segment of upper lobes ✓ in children: massive hilar (60%) / paratracheal (40%) / subcarinal lymphadenopathy (in children), in 80% on right side; in adults: mediastinal lymphadenopathy in 5-35-48% ✓ one / more areas of homogeneous ill-defined airspace consolidation of 1-7 cm in diameter in 25-50-78% (requires several weeks for complete clearing with antituberculous therapy) ✓ absent response to antibiotic Rx for "pneumonia" ✓ atelectasis (8-18%), esp. in right lung (anterior segment of upper lobe / medial segment of middle lobe) secondary to (a) endobronchial tuberculosis (b) bronchial / tracheal compression by enlarged lymph nodes (68%) ✓ pleural effusion (10% in childhood, 23-38% in adulthood) most commonly 3-7 months after initial exposure (from subpleural foci rupturing into pleural space) ✓ pneumonic reaction (mid or lower lung zones) with segmental / lobar consolidation ✓ calcified lung lesion (17%) / parenchymal scar <5 mm = **Ghon lesion** ✓ calcified lymph node (36%) in hilus / mediastinum ✓ **Ranke complex** = Ghon lesion + calcified lymph node (22%) ✓ **Simon focus** = healed site of primary infection in lung apex CT: ✓ tuberculous adenopathy may demonstrate necrotic center with low attenuation after enhancement *Outcome of primary infection:* 1. Immunity prevents multiplication of organism (containment of initial infection by delayed hypersensitivity response + granuloma formation in 1-3 weeks) 2. Progressive primary TB (inadequate immune mechanism with local progression) in 10%, most common in older children / teenagers 3. Miliary tuberculosis (uncontrolled massive hematogenous dissemination overwhelming host defense system) 4. Postprimary TB = reactivation TB (reactivation of dormant organisms after asymptomatic years) *Prognosis:* 3.6% mortality rate Cx: (1) [Bronchopleural fistula](#) + [empyema](#) (2) [Fibrosing mediastinitis](#)

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Postprimary Pulmonary Tuberculosis = REACTIVATION TB = RECRUDESCENT TB = infection under the influence of acquired hypersensitivity and immunity secondary to longevity of bacillus + impairment of cellular immunity *Incidence*: 1% per year in persons with normal immunity, up to 10% in persons with deficient T-cell immunity *Etiology*: (a) reactivation of focus acquired in childhood (b) initial infection in individual vaccinated with BCG (c) continuation of initial infection = progressive primary [tuberculosis](#) (rare) *Path*: foci of caseous necrosis with surrounding edema, hemorrhage, mononuclear cell infiltration; formation of tubercles = accumulation of epithelioid cells + Langhans giant cells; bronchial perforation leads to intrabronchial dissemination (19-21%) *Age*: predominantly in adulthood *Site*: 85% in apical + posterior segments of upper lobe, 10% in superior segment of lower lobe, 5% in mixed locations (anterior + contiguous segments of upper lobe); R > L (DDx: [histoplasmosis](#) tends to affect anterior segment) **Local Exudative Tuberculosis** ✓ chronic patchy / confluent ill-defined areas of acinar consolidation (87-91%) ✓ thin-walled cavitation with smooth inner surface (present in more advanced disease) ✓ cavity under tension (air influx + obstructed efflux) ✓ air-fluid level is strong evidence for superimposed bacterial / fungal infection ✓ accentuated drainage markings toward ipsilateral hilum ✓ acinar nodular pattern (20%) due to bronchogenic spread ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (18%) CT: ✓ micronodules in centrilobular location (62%) = solid caseation material in / surrounding the terminal / respiratory bronchioles ✓ interlobular septal thickening (34-54%) = increase in lymphatic flow as inflammatory response / impaired lymphatic drainage due to hilar lymphadenopathy **Local Fibroproductive Tuberculosis** ✓ sharply circumscribed irregular + angular masslike fibrotic lesion (in up to 7%) ✓ thick-walled irregular cavitation (HALLMARK) secondary to expulsion of caseous necrosis into airways, esp. in apical / posterior segments of upper lobes (rare in children, in up to 45-51% in adults) ✓ reticular pulmonary scars ✓ cicatrization [atelectasis](#) = volume loss in affected lobe ✓ [bronchiectasis](#) in apical / posterior segments of upper lobes ✓ [pleural thickening](#) ✓ [apical cap](#) = pleural rind = thickening of layer of extrapleural fat (3-25 mm) + [pleural thickening](#) (1-3 mm) ✓ tuberculous lymphadenitis ✓ calcified hilar / mediastinal nodes ✓ Rasmussen aneurysm = aneurysm of terminal branches of pulmonary artery within wall of TB cavity secondary inflammatory necrosis of the vessel wall (4% at autopsies of cavitary TB) ✓ central cavity near hilum ✓ enlargement of central solid component of cavity ✓ opacification of pseudoaneurysm on CT / angio

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Miliary Pulmonary Tuberculosis =massive hematogenous dissemination of organisms any time after primary infection
Cause: (1)severe immunodepression during postprimary state of infection(2)impaired defenses during primary infection= PROGRESSIVE PRIMARY TB
*Incidence:*2-3.5% of TB infections
✓ chronic focus often not identifiable
✓ radiographically recognizable after 6 weeks post hematogenous dissemination
✓ generalized granulomatous interstitial small foci of pinpoint to 2-3 mm size
✓ rapid complete clearing with appropriate therapy
HRCT (earlier detection than CXR):
✓ diffusely scattered discrete 1-2 mm nodules
Cx:dissemination via bloodstream affecting lymph nodes, liver, [spleen](#), skeleton, kidneys, adrenals, prostate, seminal vesicles, [epididymis](#), fallopian tubes, [endometrium](#), meninges

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UNILATERAL PULMONARY AGENESIS

=one-sided lack of primitive mesenchyme *Associated with:* anomalies in 60% (higher if right lung involved): PDA, anomalies of great vessels, [tetralogy of Fallot](#) (left-sided pulmonary agenesis), [bronchogenic cyst](#), [congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#), bone anomalies • may be asymptomatic • respiratory infections ✓ complete opacity of hemithorax ✓ ipsilateral absence of pulmonary artery + vein ✓ absent ipsilateral mainstem bronchus ✓ symmetrical chest cage with approximation of ribs ✓ overdistension of contralateral lung ✓ ipsilateral shift of mediastinum + diaphragm

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VARICELLA-ZOSTER PNEUMONIA

Incidence: 14% overall; 50% in hospitalized adults *Age:* >19 years (90%); 3rd-5th decade (75%); contrasts with low incidence of varicella in this age group • vesicular rash ✓ patchy diffuse airspace consolidation ✓ tendency for coalescence near hila + lung bases ✓ widespread nodules (30%) representing scarring ✓ tiny 2-3 mm calcifications widespread throughout both lungs (2%) *Cx:* unilateral diaphragmatic paralysis *Prognosis:* 11% mortality rate

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VIRAL PNEUMONIA

Organism: Rhinovirus (43%), respiratory syncytial virus (12%), Mycoplasma (10%), Parainfluenza virus, adenovirus, Influenza-virus
Path: necrosis of ciliated epithelial cells, goblet cells, bronchial mucous glands with frequent involvement of peribronchial tissues + interlobular septa
Age: most common cause of pneumonia in children under 5 years of age
Distribution: usually bilateral
hyperaeration + air trapping
"dirty chest" = peribronchial cuffing + opacification
perihilar linear densities ([bronchial wall thickening](#))
interstitial pattern
airspace pattern (from hemorrhagic edema) in 50%
pleural effusion (20%)
hilar adenopathy (3%)
striking absence of pneumatoceles, lung abscess, pneumothorax
radiographic resolution lags 2-3 weeks behind clinical
Cx: bronchiectasis; unilateral hyperlucent lung
Atypical measles pneumonia does NOT show the typical radiographic findings of viral pneumonias!

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WEGENER GRANULOMATOSIS

=probable autoimmune disease characterized by systemic necrotizing granulomatous process with destructive angiitis *Path*: peribronchial necrotizing granulomas + [vasculitis](#) not intimately related to arteries *Mean age of onset*: 40 years (range of all ages); M:F = 2:1 CLASSIC TRIAD: (1) respiratory tract granulomatous inflammation (2) systemic small-vessel [vasculitis](#) (3) necrotizing glomerulonephritis @ Upper respiratory tract (100% involvement) (similar to [midline granuloma](#)) (a) nasal cavity: ■ epistaxis from nasal mucosal ulceration ■ necrosis of nasal septum ■ saddle nose deformity ✓ progressive destruction of nasal cartilage + bone (DDx: [relapsing polychondritis](#)) ✓ granulomatous masses filling nasal cavities (b) sinuses (maxillary antra most frequently): ■ sinus pain, purulent sinus drainage, rhinorrhea ✓ thickening of mucous membranes of [paranasal sinuses](#) @ Pulmonary disease ■ stridor (from tracheal inflammation + sclerosis) ■ intractable cough, occasionally with [hemoptysis](#) ✓ patchy alveolar infiltrates (with acute airspace [pneumonia](#) / [pulmonary hemorrhage](#)) ✓ widely distributed multiple irregular masses / nodules of varying sizes (up to 9 cm), especially in lower lung fields ✓ thick-walled cavities with irregular shaggy inner lining (25-50%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) in 25% ✓ lymphadenopathy exceedingly rare Cx: (1) dangerous [airway](#) stenosis (15% of adults, 50% of children) (2) massive life-threatening [pulmonary hemorrhage](#) @ Renal disease focal glomerulonephritis in 20% at presentation, as disease progresses in 83% *Histo*: focal necrosis, crescent formation, paucity/absence of immunoglobulin deposits @ Other organ involvement: (a) Joints (56%): migratory polyarthropathy (b) Skin + muscle (44%): inflammatory nodular skin lesions, cutaneous purpura (c) Eyes + [middle ear](#) (29%): ocular inflammation, proptosis, otitis media (d) Heart + pericardium (28%): [myocardial infarction](#) ([vasculitis](#)) (e) CNS (22%): central / peripheral neuritis (a) involvement of abdominal viscera Cx: (1) Hypertension (2) Uremia (3) [Facial nerve](#) paralysis Dx: lung / renal biopsy *Prognosis*: death within 2 years from [renal failure](#) (83%) / respiratory failure Rx: corticosteroids, cytotoxic drugs (cyclophosphamide), renal transplantation

[Limited Wegener Granulomatosis Midline Granuloma](#)

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Limited [Wegener Granulomatosis](#) = [Wegener granulomatosis](#) WITHOUT renal involvement

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Midline Granuloma =mutilating granulomatous + neoplastic lesions limited to nose + [paranasal sinuses](#) with very poor prognosis; considered a variant of [Wegener granulomatosis](#) WITHOUT the typical granulomatous + cellular components

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WILLIAMS-CAMPBELL SYNDROME

=congenital bronchial cartilage deficiency in the 4th to 6th bronchial generation either diffuse or restricted to focal area
HRCT: \surd cystic [bronchiectasis](#) distal to 3rd bronchial generation \surd emphysematous lung distal to [bronchiectasis](#) \surd inspiratory ballooning + expiratory collapse of dilated segments

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WILSON-MIKITY SYNDROME

=PULMONARY DYSMATURITY=similarity to [bronchopulmonary dysplasia](#) in patients breathing room air; rarely encountered anymore *Predisposed*; premature infants <1500 g who are initially well • gradual onset of [respiratory distress](#) between 10-14 days ✓ hyperinflation ✓ reticular pattern radiating from both hila ✓ small bubbly lucencies throughout both lungs (identical to [bronchopulmonary dysplasia](#)) *Prognosis*: resolution over 12 months

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ZYGOMYCOSIS

=PHYCOMYCOSIS=group of severe opportunistic sinonasal + pulmonary disease caused by a variety of Phycomycetes (soil fungi)*Organism*:ubiquitous Mucor (most common), Rhizopus, Absidia with broad nonseptated hyphae of irregular branching pattern *At risk*:immunoincompetent host with 1.lymphoproliferative malignancies and [leukemia](#)2.acidotic [diabetes mellitus](#)3.immunosuppression through steroids, antibiotics immunosuppressive drugs (rare)*Entry*:inhalation / aspiration from sinonasal colonization*Path*:angioinvasive behavior similar to [aspergillosis](#) A.RHINOCEREBRAL FORM=involvement of [paranasal sinuses](#) ([frontal sinus](#) usually spared) with extension into:(a)orbit = orbital cellulitis(b)base of skull = meningoencephalitis + [cerebritis](#)B.PULMONARY FORM:segmental homogeneous consolidation: cavitary consolidation + air-crescent sign: nodules (from arterial thrombi + infarction) rapidly progressive (often fatal) [pneumonia](#)*Dx*:culture of fungus from biopsy specimen / demonstration within pathologic material*DDx*:[aspergillosis](#)

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Asymmetric Breast Density A.OBVIOUS PATHOLOGIC LESION1.Stellate lesion2.Circular / ovoid lesion3.Calcifications4.CombinationB.PARENCHYMA1.Nodular densities + fat(a)normal TDLU(b)[adenosis](#)2.Linear densities + fat3.[Fibrosis](#) + fat4.Accessory breastC.[FIBROSIS](#)1.Postinflammatory [fibrosis](#)2.Posttraumatic [fibrosis](#)3.Desmoplastic reaction

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Diffuse Increase In Breast Density ✓ generalized increased density ✓ skin thickening ✓ reticular pattern in subcutis A. CANCER 1. "Inflammatory" [breast cancer](#) (angiolymphatic spread) • rapid development of diffuse swelling, induration, skin redness + peau d'orange edema over 1/3 of breast surface Dx: skin biopsy 2. Diffuse primary noninflammatory [breast cancer](#) 3. Diffuse metastatic [breast cancer](#) 4. [Lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#) due to obstructive lymphedema of breast B. INFECTIOUS MASTITIS usually in lactating breast C. RADIATION (a) diffuse exudative edema within weeks after beginning of radiation therapy (b) indurational [fibrosis](#) months after radiation therapy D. EDEMA 1. Lymphatic obstruction: extensive axillary / intrathoracic lymphadenopathy, mediastinal / anterior chest wall tumor, axillary surgery 2. Generalized body edema: [congestive heart failure](#) (breast edema may be unilateral if patient in lateral decubitus position), hypoalbuminemia (renal disease, liver [cirrhosis](#)), fluid overload E. HEMORRHAGE 1. Posttraumatic 2. Anticoagulation therapy 3. Bleeding diathesis F. ACCIDENTAL INFUSION OF FLUID into subcutaneous tissue

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Mammographic Evaluation Of Breast Masses True mass or pseudomass? A.SIZE-well-defined nodules <1.0 cm are of low risk for cancer-"most likely benign" nodules approaching 1 cm should be considered for ultrasound / aspiration / biopsy B.SHAPE-increase in probability of malignancy: round < oval < lobulated < irregular < architectural distortion C.MARGIN (most important factor)-well-circumscribed mass with sharp abrupt transition from surrounding tissue is almost always benign-"halo" sign of apparent lucency = optical illusion of Mach effect + true radiolucent halo is almost always (92%) benign but not pathognomonic for benignity-microlobulated margin worrisome for cancer-obliterated margin may represent infiltrative cancer-irregular ill-defined margin has a high probability of malignancy-spiculated margin due to (a) fibrous projections extending from main cancer mass (b) previous surgery (c) sclerosing duct hyperplasia ([radial scar](#)) D.LOCATION-intramammary lymph node typically in upper outer quadrant (in 5% of all mammograms)-large hamartoma + abscess common in retro- / periareolar location-sebaceous cyst in subcutaneous tissue E.X-RAY ATTENUATION = DENSITY-fat-containing lesions are never malignant-high-density mass suspicious for carcinoma (higher density than equal volume of fibroglandular tissue due to [fibrosis](#))F.NUMBER-multiplicity of identical lesions decreases risk G.INTERVAL CHANGE-enlarging mass needs biopsy H.PATIENT RISK FACTORS-increasing age increases risk for malignancy-positive family history-history of previous abnormal breast biopsy-history of extramammary malignancy

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Well-circumscribed Breast Mass Well-defined nonpalpable lesions have a 4% risk of malignancy!
A. BENIGN 1. Cyst (45%) 2. [Fibroadenoma](#) 3. Sclerosing adenoma 4. Intraductal papilloma (intracystic / solid) 5. [Galactocele](#) 6. Sebaceous cyst
B. MALIGNANT 1. Medullary carcinoma 2. Mucinous carcinoma 3. Intracystic papillary carcinoma 4. Invasive ductal cancer not otherwise specified (rare) 5. Pathologic intramammary lymph node 6. [Metastases to breast](#): melanoma, [lymphoma / leukemia](#), lung cancer, hypernephroma
Well-circumscribed De Novo Mass In Woman >40 Years Of Age 1. Cyst 2. Papilloma 3. Carcinoma 4. Sarcoma (rare) 5. [Fibroadenoma](#) (exceedingly rare) 6. Metastasis (extremely rare)

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Fat-containing Breast Lesion ♦ Fat contained within a lesion proves benignity! 1. [Lipoma](#) 2. [Galactocele](#) = fluid with high lipid content (last phase) ■ during / shortly after lactation 3. Traumatic lipid cyst = fat necrosis = oil cyst ■ site of prior surgery / trauma 4. Focal collection of normal breast fat **Mixed Fat- And Water-density Lesion**
1. Intramammary lymph node 2. [Galactocele](#) 3. Hamartoma = lipofibroadenoma = fibroadenolipoma 4. Small superficial hematoma

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Breast Lesion With Halo Sign A.HIGH-DENSITY LESION=vessels + parenchymal elements not seen in superimposed lesion1.Cyst2.Sebeaceous cyst3.WartB.LOW-DENSITY LESION=vessels + parenchyma seen superimposed on lesion1.[Fibroadenoma](#)2.[Galactocele](#)3.Cystosarcoma phylloides

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Stellate / Spiculated Breast Lesion =mass / architectural distortion characterized by thin lines radiating from its marginsRisk of malignancy: -75% for nonpalpable spiculated masses-32% for nonpalpable irregular masses A.PSEUDOSTELLATE STRUCTURE=SUMMATION SHADOWScaused by fortuitous superimposition of normal fibrous + glandular structures; unveiled by rolled views, spot compression views ± microfocus magnification technique B."BLACK STAR" groups of fine fibrous strands bunched together circular / oval lucencies within center change in appearance on different views1.[Radial scar](#) = sclerosing duct hyperplasia2.Posttraumatic fat necrosisC."WHITE STAR" individual straight dense spicules central solid tumor mass little change in different views1.Invasive ductal carcinoma = scirrhous carcinoma=desmoplastic reaction + secondary retraction of surrounding structures • clinical dimensions larger than mammographic size distinct central tumor mass with irregular margins length of spicules increase with tumor size localized skin thickening / retraction when spiculae extend to skin commonly associated with malignant-type calcifications2.Postoperative scar • correlation with history + site of biopsy scar diminishes in size + density over time3.Postoperative hematoma • clinical information short-term mammographic follow-up confirms complete resolution4.Breast abscess • clinical information high-density lesion with flamelike contour5.Hyalinized [fibroadenoma](#) with [fibrosis](#) changing pattern with different projections may be accompanied by typical coarse calcifications of fibroadenomas6.Granular cell myoblastoma7.[Fibromatosis](#)8.Extra-abdominal desmoid *mnemonic*:"STARFASH"Summation shadow Tumor (malignant) Abscess Radial scar Fibroadenoma (hyalinized), Fat necrosis Adenosis (sclerosing) Scar (postoperative) Hematoma (postoperative)

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Tumor-mimicking Lesions 1. "Phantom breast tumor" = simulated mass (a) asymmetric density / scalloped concave breast contour / interspersed fatty elements (b) summation shadow = chance overlap of glandular breast structures / failure to visualize "tumor" on more than one view 2. Silicone injections 3. Skin lesions (a) Dermal nevus / sharp halo / fissured appearance (b) Skin calcifications / lucent center (clue) / superficial location (tangential views) (c) Sebaceous / epithelial inclusion cyst (d) [Neurofibromatosis](#) (e) Biopsy scar 4. Lymphedema 5. Lymph nodes *Frequency*: 5.4% for intramammary nodes *Location*: axilla, subcutaneous tissue of axillary tail, lateral portion of pectoralis muscle, intramammary (typically in upper outer quadrant) / ovoid / bean-shaped mass(es) with fatty notch representing hilum / central zone of radiolucency (fatty replacement of center) surrounded by "crescent" rim of cortex / usually <1.5 cm (up to 4 cm) in size / well-circumscribed with slightly lobulated margin 6. [Hemangioma](#)

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Solid Breast Lesion By Ultrasound *Malignant Sonographic Characteristics* ✓ spiculation = alternating straight lines radiating perpendicularly from surface of nodule (a) hypoechoic relative to echogenic fibrous tissue (b) hyperechoic relative to surrounding fat ✓ taller-than wide lesion = AP dimension greater than craniocaudal / transverse dimension ✓ angular margin = contour of junction between hypo- or isoechoic solid nodule and surrounding tissue at acute / obtuse / 90° angles ✓ acoustic shadowing behind all / part of nodule (= fibroelastic host response to scirrhous cancer) ✓ central part of solid lesion very hypoechoic with respect to fat ✓ punctate echogenic calcifications within hypoechoic mass (acoustic shadowing commonly not present) ✓ radial extension / branch pattern (= intraductal component of [breast cancer](#)) ✓ microlobulation = many small lobulations at surface of solid nodule (according to data from A.T. Stavros) Characteristic Sens. Specif. PPV Rel. risk spiculation 36.099.491.85.5 taller than wide 41.698.181.24.9 angular margins 83.292.067.54.0 acoustic shadowing 48.894.764.93.9 branch pattern 29.696.664.03.8 markedly hypoechoic 68.860.160.13.6 calcifications 27.296.359.63.6 duct extension 24.895.250.83.0 microlobulation 75.283.848.22.9

Approximately 5 malignant features are found per cancer. The combination of 5 findings increases the [sensitivity](#) to 98.4%! ***Benign Sonographic Characteristics*** ✓ absence of any malignant characteristics ✓ A single malignant feature prohibits classification of a nodule as benign ✓ marked hyperechoic well-circumscribed nodule compared to fat = normal stromal fibrous tissue (may represent a palpable pseudomass / fibrous ridge) ✓ smooth well-circumscribed ellipsoid shape ✓ 2-3 smooth well-circumscribed gentle lobulations ✓ thin echogenic capsule ✓ kidney-shaped lesion = intramammary lymph node ✓ If specific benign features are not found the lesion is classified as indeterminate! (according to data from A.T. Stavros) Characteristic Sens. Specif. NPV Rel. risk hyperechoic 100.07.4100.00.00 ≤ 3 lobulations 99.219.499.20.05 ellipsoid shape 97.651.299.10.05 thin echogenic capsule 95.276.098.80.07

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BREAST CALCIFICATIONS

Indicative of focally active process; often requiring biopsy 75-80% of biopsied clusters of calcifications represent a benign process 10-30% of microcalcifications in asymptomatic patients are associated with cancers Composition: hydroxyapatite / tricalcium phosphate / calcium oxalate *Results of breast biopsies for microcalcification:* (without any other mammographic findings) (a)benign lesions (80%) 1.Mastopathy without proliferation 44% 2.Mastopathy with proliferation 28% 3.Fibroadenoma 4% 4.Solitary papilloma 2% 5.Miscellaneous 2% (b)malignant lesions (20%) 1.Lobular carcinoma in situ 10% in 8% no spatial relationship to LCIS 2.Infiltrating carcinoma 6% 3.Ductal carcinoma in situ 4% Positive biopsy rate of >35% is desirable goal! A.LOCATION (a)intramammary 1.**Ductal microcalcifications**

0.1-0.3 mm in size, irregular, sometimes mixed linear + punctate Occurrence: secretory disease, epithelial hyperplasia, atypical ductal hyperplasia, intraductal carcinoma 2.**Lobular microcalcifications**

smooth round, similar in size + density Occurrence: cystic hyperplasia, adenosis, sclerosing adenosis, atypical lobular hyperplasia, lobular carcinoma in situ, cancerization of lobules (= retrograde migration of ductal carcinoma to involve lobules), ductal carcinoma obstructing egress of lobular contents N.B.: lobular and ductal microcalcifications occur frequently in fibrocystic disease + breast cancer! (b)extramammary: arterial wall, duct wall, fibroadenoma, oil cyst, skin, etc. B.SIZE malignant calcifications usually <0.5 mm; rarely >1.0 mm C.NUMBER <4-5 calcifications per 1 cm² have a low probability for malignancy D.MORPHOLOGY (a)benign 1.smooth round calcifications: formed in dilated acini of lobules 2.solid / lucent-centered spheres: usually due to fat necrosis 3.crescent-shaped calcifications that are concave on horizontal beam lateral projection = sedimented milk of calcium at bottom of cyst 4.lucent-centered calcifications: around accumulated debris within ducts / in skin 5.solid rod-shaped calcifications / lucent-centered tubular calcifications: formed within / around normal / ectatic ducts 6.eggshell calcifications in rim of breast cysts 7.calcifications with parallel track appearance = vascular calcifications (b)malignant = calcified cellular secretions / necrotic cancer cells within ducts calcifications of vermicular form - varying in size - linear / branching shape E.DISTRIBUTION 1.clustering heterogeneous calcifications: adenosis, peripheral duct papilloma, hyperplasia, cancer 2.segmental calcifications within single duct network: suspect for multifocal cancer within lobe 3.regional / diffusely scattered calcifications with random distribution throughout large volumes of breast: almost always benign F.TIME COURSE malignant calcifications can remain stable for >5 years! G.DENSITY

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Malignant Calcifications 1. **Granular calcifications** = resembling fine grains of salt[✓] amorphous, dotlike / elongated, fragmented[✓] grouped very closely together[✓] irregular in form, size, and density 2. **Casting calcifications** = fragmented cast of calcifications within ducts[✓] variable in size + length[✓] great variation in density within individual particles + among adjacent particles[✓] jagged irregular contour[✓] ± Y-shaped branching pattern[✓] clustered (>5 per focus within an area of 1 cm²)

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Benign Calcifications

- Lobular calcifications** = arise within a spherical cavity of cystic hyperplasia, sclerosing [adenosis](#), [atypical lobular hyperplasia](#) sharply outlined, homogeneous, solid, spherical "pearl-like" little variation in size numerous + scattered associated with considerable [fibrosis](#)(a)[adenosis](#) diffuse calcifications involving both breasts symmetrically(b)periductal [fibrosis](#) diffuse / grouped calcifications + irregular borders, simulating malignant process
- Sedimented milk of calcium** *Frequency:4%* multiple, bilateral, scattered / occasionally clustered calcifications within microcysts smudge-like particles at bottom of cyst on vertical beam crescent-shaped on horizontal projection= "teacup-like"
- Plasma cell mastitis** = periductal mastitis sharply marginated calcifications of uniform density = intraductal form sharply marginated hollow calcifications= periductal form
- Peripheral eggshell calcifications**(a)with radiolucent lesion-liponecrosis micro- / macrocystica calcificans (= fatty acids precipitate as [calcium](#) soaps at capsular surface) as calcified fat necrosis / calcified hematoma May mimic [malignant calcifications](#)!(b)with radiopaque lesion-degenerated [fibroadenoma](#)-macrocyt high uniform density in periphery usually subcutaneous no associated [fibrosis](#)
- Papilloma** solitary raspberry configuration in size of duct central / retroareolar
- Degenerated fibroadenoma** bizarre, coarse, sharply outlined, "popcornlike" very dense calcification within dense mass(= central myxoid degeneration) eggshell type calcification (= subcapsular myxoid degeneration)
- Arterial calcifications** parallel lines of calcifications
- Dermal calcifications** Site:sebaceous glands hollow radiolucent center polygonal shape peripheral location (may project deep within breast even on 2 views at 90° angles) linear orientation when caught in tangent same size as skin pores Proof:superficial marking technique
- Metastatic calcifications** Cause:2° [hyperparathyroidism](#) (in up to 68%)

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Nipple Retraction 1.Positional2.Relative to inflammation / edema of periareolar tissue3.Congenital4.Acquired (carcinoma, ductal ectasia)

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Nipple Discharge ◊The most significant discharge comes from one breast + one orifice!◊The most common cause of bloody / serosanguinous discharge is intraductal papilloma!Type of discharge: A.Lactating breast: galactorrheaB.Nonlactating breast:(a)normal: white, yellowish, greenish-gray(b)abnormal:1.clear serous: cancer 2-7%, papilloma 35%, fibrocystic change 36%, ductectasia 11%2.bloody: cancer 6-16%, papilloma 61%, fibrocystic change 12%, ductectasia 2% ● exfoliative cytology not helpful (true positive in 11%)Site of origin: A.Lobules + terminal duct lobular unit:1.Galactorrhea2.Fibrocystic changesB.Larger lactiferous ducts (collecting duct, segmental duct, subsegmental duct)1.Solitary papilloma2.Papillary carcinoma3.Duct ectasiaGalactography: injection of 0.1-0.3 cm³ of water-soluble contrast material through blunt 27-gauge pediatric sialography needle (0.4-0.6 mm outer diameter, tip bent 90°) *DDx of intraductal defects*: gas bubble, clot, inspissated secretions, solitary intraductal papilloma, epithelial hyperplastic lesion, duct carcinoma Galactographic filling defectsinglemultipleMultiple papilloma5.6%14.0% Cancer0.05%9.7%

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Secretary Disease 1. Retained lactiferous secretions result of incomplete / prolonged involution of lactiferous ducts[✓] branching pattern of fat density in dense breast (high lipid content) 2. Prolonged inspissation of secretion + intraductal debris[✓] duct dilatation[✓] calcifications with linear orientation toward subareolar area a few mm long: rod-shaped / sausage-shaped / spherical with hollow center 3. [Galactocele](#) 4. Plasma cell mastitis

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Skin Thickening Of Breast Normal skin thickness:0.8-3 mm; may exceed 3 mm in inframammary region
A. LOCALIZED SKIN THICKENING
1. Trauma (prior biopsy)
2. Carcinoma
3. Abscess
4. Nonsuppurative mastitis
5. Dermatologic conditions
B. GENERALIZED SKIN THICKENING
1. Skin is thickened initially and to the greatest extent in the lower dependent portion of breast!
2. overall increased density with coarse reticular pattern (= dilated lymph vessels + interstitial fluid triggering fibrosis)
(a) Axillary lymphatic obstruction
1. Primary [breast cancer](#)-advanced [breast cancer](#)-invasive comedocarcinoma in large area
2. Primary [breast cancer](#) not necessarily seen due to small size / hidden location (axillary tail, behind nipple)
(b) Intradermal + intramammary obstruction of lymph channels
1. Lymphatic spread of [breast cancer](#) from contralateral side
2. Inflammatory breast carcinoma = diffusely invasive ductal carcinoma
(c) Mediastinal lymphatic blockage
1. [Sarcoidosis](#)
2. [Hodgkin disease](#)
3. Advanced bronchial / esophageal carcinoma
4. [Actinomycosis](#)
(d) Advanced gynecologic malignancies from thoracoepigastric collaterals
1. [Ovarian cancer](#)
2. Uterine cancer
(e) Inflammation
1. Acute mastitis
2. Retromamillary abscess
3. Fat necrosis
4. Radiation therapy
5. Reduction [mammoplasty](#)
(f) Right heart failure may be unilateral (R > L) / migrating with change in patient position (to avoid decubitus ulcer)
(g) Nephrotic syndrome, anasarca
1. Dialysis
2. [Renal transplant](#)
(h) Subcutaneous extravasation of pleural fluid following thoracentesis

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Axillary Lymphadenopathy =solid node >1.5 cm in size without fatty hilum
A.MALIGNANT1.Metastasis from [breast cancer](#) in 26%2.Metastases from non-breast primary (melanoma, ovary) 3.[Lymphoma](#) / chronic lymphocytic [leukemia](#) (17%)
B.BENIGN1.Nonspecific benign lymphadenopathy (29%)2.[Sarcoidosis](#)3.Collagen vascular disease: [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [systemic lupus erythematosus](#)4.Psoriasis5.HIV-related adenopathy6.Reactive lymphadenopathy (breast infection / abscess / biopsy)
Radiographic features suspicious for malignancy: ✓ size increase of >100% over baseline ✓ size >3.3 cm ✓ change in shape ✓ spiculation of margins ✓ intranodal microcalcifications (without history of gold therapy) ✓ loss of radiolucent center / hilar notch ✓ increase in density

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Breast Imaging Reporting And Data System (BIRDS) N=negative there is nothing to comment on; breasts are symmetrical without masses, architectural disturbances / suspicious calcifications B=benign finding confidently labeled, eg, calcified [fibroadenoma](#), multiple secretory calcifications, fat-containing lesion such as oil cyst, [lipoma](#), [galactocele](#), mixed-density hamartoma, intramammary lymph node, implant P=probably benign finding - short interval follow-up high probability of benign with radiologists preference to establish its stability S=suspicious abnormality - consider biopsy lesion without characteristic morphology of cancer but definite probability of being malignant M=highly suggestive of malignancy biopsy is mandatory

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Lexicon Descriptors For Reporting (ACR)

A.MASSsize shapecircular, oval, lobulated, irregularmargincircumscribed, lobulated, obscured, indistinct, speculatedlocationbased on face of clock + depth in breastassociated findingsskin changes, calcifications, [nipple retraction](#), trabecular thickeningattenuationrelative to an equal volume of breast tissue: high density, isodense, low density, fat densityB.CALCIFICATIONStypeskin, vascular, coarse, rodlike, eggshell, punctate, pleomorphic number size distributionclustered, linear, segmental, regional, scattered, multiple groupsassociated findingsskin changes, [nipple retraction](#), architectural distortion, trabecular thickening

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Lobes 15 - 20 lobes disposed radially around nipple, each lobe has a main lactiferous duct of 2.0-4,5 mm converging at the nipple with an opening in the central portion of nipple Main duct:branches dichotomously eventually forming terminal ductal lobular units *Histo*:epithelial cells, myoepithelial cells surrounded by extralobular connective tissue with elastic fibers

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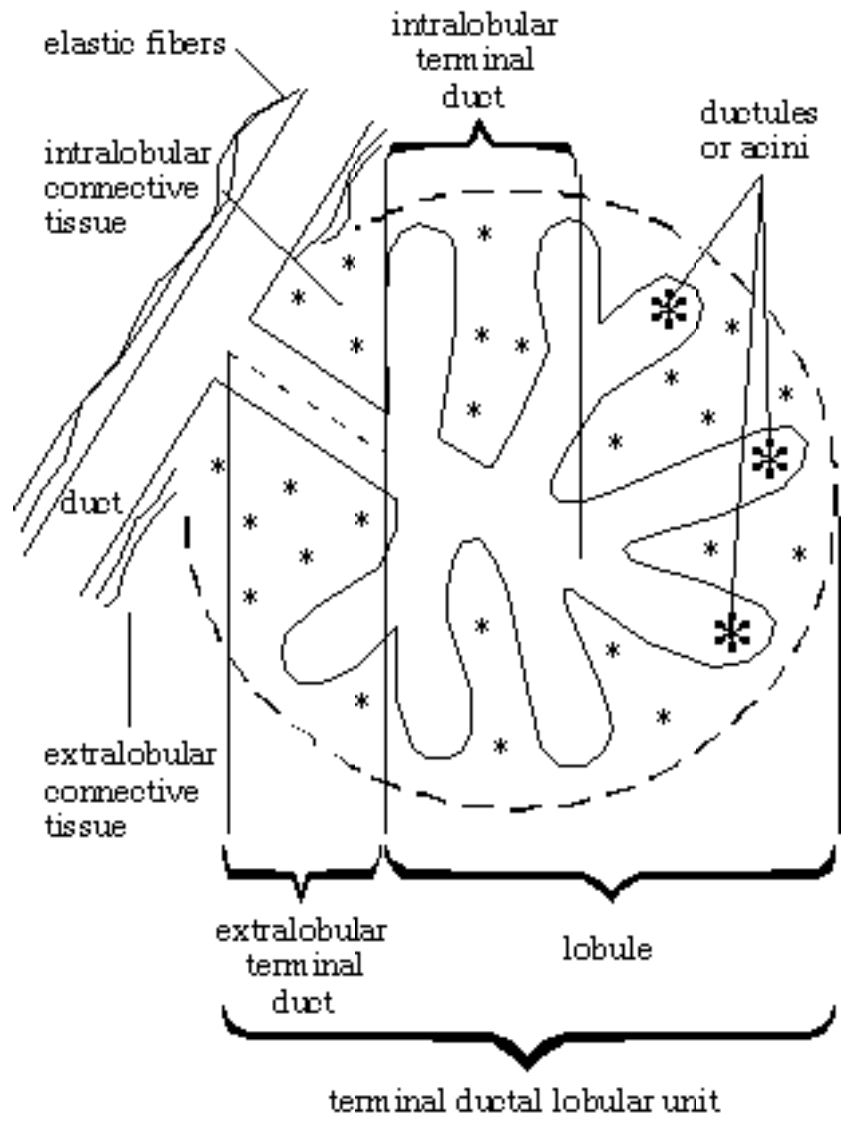
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Terminal Duct Lobular Unit (TDLU)

(1) Extralobular terminal duct *Histo*: lined by columnar cells + prominent coat of elastic fibers + outer layer of myoepithelium (2) Lobule (a) intralobular terminal duct *Histo*: lined by 2 layers of cuboidal cells + outer layer of myoepithelium (b) ductules / acini (c) intralobular connective tissue Size: 1 - 8 mm (most 1 - 2 mm) in diameter Change: (a) reproductive age: cyclic proliferation (up to time of ovulation) + cyclic involution (during menstruation) (b) post menopause: regression with fatty replacement Significance: TDLU is site of [fibroadenoma](#), epithelial cyst, apocrine metaplasia, [adenosis](#) (= proliferation of ductules + lobules), epitheliosis (= proliferation of mammary epithelial cells within preexisting ducts + lobules), ductal + lobular carcinoma in situ, infiltrating ductal + lobular carcinoma



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Components Of Normal Breast Parenchyma 1.Nodular densities surrounded by fat(a)1 - 2 mm = normal lobules(b)3 - 9 mm = [adenosis](#)2.Linear densities=ducts and their branches + surrounding elastic tissue3.Structureless ground-glass density=stroma / [fibrosis](#) with concave contours

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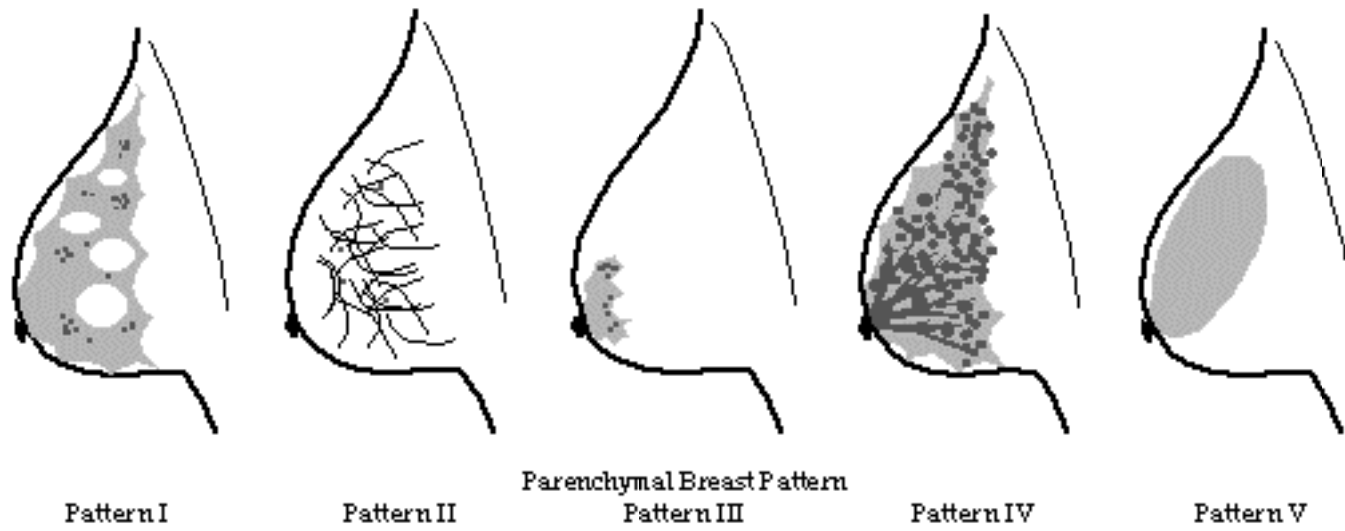


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Parenchymal Breast Pattern (László Tabár)



Pattern I named QDY = quasi dysplasia (for Wolfe classification) ✓ concave contour from Coopers ligaments ✓ evenly scattered 1 - 2 mm nodular densities (= normal terminal ductal lobular units) ✓ oval-shaped / circular lucent areas (= fatty replacement) **Pattern II** similar to N1 (Wolfe) ✓ total fatty replacement ✓ NO nodular densities **Pattern III** similar to P1 (Wolfe) ✓ normal parenchyma occupying <25% of breast volume in retroareolar location **Pattern IV** = adenosis pattern similar to P2 (Wolfe) Cause: hypertrophy + hyperplasia of acini within lobules *Histo*: small ovoid proliferating cells with rare mitoses ✓ scattered 3 - 7 mm nodular densities (= enlarged terminal ductal lobular units) = adenosis ✓ thick linear densities (= periductal elastic tissue proliferation with fibrosis) = fibroadenosis ✓ no change with increasing age (genetically determined) **Pattern V** similar to DY (Wolfe) ✓ uniformly dense parenchyma with smooth contour (= extensive fibrosis)

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MAMMOGRAPHIC FILM READING TECHNIQUE

1. Compare with earlier films
2. Scan "forbidden" areas
(a) "Milky Way" = 2 - 3 cm wide area parallel with the edge of the pectoral muscle on MLO projection
(b) "No mans land" = fatty replaced area between posterior border of parenchyma + chest wall on CC projection
(c) Medial half of breast on CC view
3. Look for increased retroareolar density
4. Look for parenchymal contour retraction
5. Look for architectural distortion
6. Look for straight lines superimposed on normal scalloped contour
7. Compare left with right side
8. Dont stop looking after one lesion is found

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MAMMOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUE

BEAM QUALITY Molybdenum target material with characteristic emission peaks of 17.9 + 19.5 keV (lower average energy than tungsten) FOCAL SPOT 0.1 - 0.4 mm (0.1 mm for magnification views) TUBE OUTPUT 80 - 100 mA EXPOSURE (a)without grid: 25 kV (optimum between contrast + penetration), exposure time of 1.0 seconds(b)with grid: 26 - 27 kV; exposure time of 2.3 seconds(c)microfocus magnification: 26 - 27 kV; 1.5 - 2.0 times magnification with 16 - 30 cm air gap(d)specimen radiography: 22 - 24 kV FILTER (a)beryllium window (absorbs less radiation than glass tube)(b)molybdenum filter (0.03 mm): allows more of lower energy radiation to reach breast REDUCTION OF SCATTER RADIATION (1)adequate compression (also improves contrast + decreases [radiation dose](#))(2)beam collimation to <8 - 10 cm(3)air gap with microfocus magnification(greater spatial resolution, 2 - 3-fold increase in radiation exposure) (4)Moving grid grid if compressed breast >5 cm / very dense breast (facilitates perception, 2 - 3-fold increase in radiation exposure) SCREEN-FILM COMBINATION (1)Intensifying screen phosphor single screen systems (2)Film-screen contact(3)Mammography film with minimal base fog, sufficient maximum density + contrast FILM PROCESSING (1)Processing time of 3 minutes (42 - 45 seconds in developing fluid) superior to 90-second processor for double-emulsion film (which creates underdevelopment + compensatory higher radiation exposure)(2)Developing temperature of 35° C (95° F)(3)Developing fluid replenishment rate: 450 - 500 mL replenisher per square meter of film [QUALITY CONTROL](#) (1)Processor (daily)with sensitometric measurements (a)base fog <0.16 - 0.17(b)maximum density >3.50(c)contrast >1.9 - 2.0(2)X-ray unit (semiannually)(a)beam quality(b)phototimer *Average glandular dose*: <0.6 mGy per breast for nonmagnification film-screen mammogram (ACR accreditation requirement) Screen/film technique (molybdenum target; 0.03 mm molybdenum filter, 28 kVp): mean absorbed dose: 0.05 rad for CC view 0.06 rad for LAT view *Effective dose equivalent H_E*: screen-film mammography 0.11 mSv xeroradiographic mammography 0.78 mSv chest 0.05 mSv skull 0.15 mSv abdomen 1.40 mSv lumbar spine 2.20 mSv *Advantages of magnification mammography* 1. Sharpness effect = increased resolution 2. Noise effect = noise reduced by a factor equal to the degree of magnification 3. Air-gap effect = increased contrast by reduction in scattered radiation 4. Visual effect = improved perception and analysis of small detail

[Factors Affecting Mammographic Image Quality](#)

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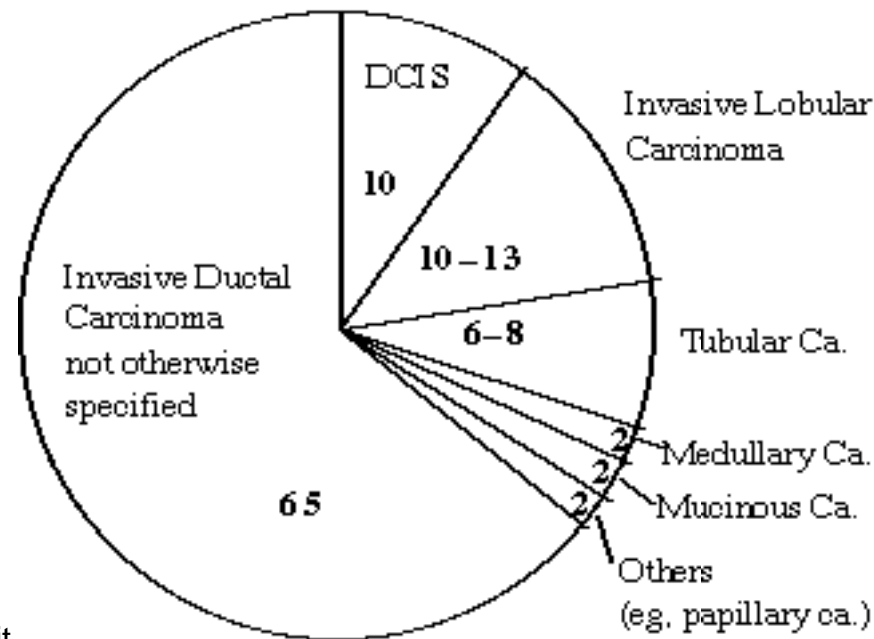
A. RADIOGRAPHIC SHARPNESS=subjective impression of distinctness / perceptibility of structure boundary / edge 1. **Radiographic contrast**
=magnitude of optical density difference between structure of interest + surroundings influenced by (a)subject contrast=ratio of x-ray intensity transmitted through one part of the breast to that transmitted through a more absorbing adjacent part affected by-absorption differences in the breast (thickness, density, atomic number)-radiation quality (target material, kilovoltage, filtration)-scattered radiation (beam limitation, grid, compression)(b)receptor contrast=component of radiographic contrast that determines how the x-ray intensity pattern will be related to the optical density pattern in the mammogram affected by -film type-processing (chemicals, temperature, time, agitation)-photographic density-fog (storage, safelight, light leaks) 2. **Radiographic blurring**
=lateral spreading of a structural boundary(= distance over which the optical density between the structure and its surroundings changes) (a)motionreduced by compression + short exposure time (b)geometric blurringaffected by -focal spot: size, shape, intensity distribution-focus-object distance (= cone length)-object-image distance(c)receptor blurring=light diffusion (= spreading of the light emitted by the screen) affected by -phosphor thickness + particle size-light-absorbing dyes + pigments-screen-film contact B. RADIOGRAPHIC NOISE=unwanted fluctuation in optical density 1. **Radiographic mottle**
=optical density variations consist of(a)receptor graininess=optical density variation from random distribution of finite number of silver halide grains(b)quantum mottle (principal contributor to mottle)=variation in optical density from random spatial distribution of x-ray quanta absorbed in image receptoraffected by -film speed + contrast-screen absorption + conversion efficiency-light diffusion-radiation quality(c)structure mottle=optical density fluctuation from nonuniformity in the structure of the image receptor (eg, phosphor layer of intensifying screen)2. **Artifacts**
=unwanted optical density variations in the form of blemishes on the mammogram(a)improper film handling (static, crimp marks, fingerprints, scratches)(b)improper exposure (fog)(c)improper processing (streaks, spots, scratches)(d)dirt + stains

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BREAST CANCER



Distribution of Breast Cancers in Screening Population

Origin:terminal ductal lobular unit (numbers are in percentage)

A. NONINVASIVE BREAST CANCER (15%)=malignant transformation of epithelial cells lining mammary ducts + lobules confined within boundaries of basement membrane
Rx: little data is available to provide insight into proper treatment
1. Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)=intraductal carcinoma
Incidence: 10-25-40% in screening population; 70% of noninvasive carcinomas
Age: most >55 years
Histo: heterogeneous group of malignancies originating within extralobular terminal duct + without invasion of basement membrane
Subgroups: comedocarcinoma, non-comedocarcinomas (solid, micropapillary, cribriform)
 • may persist for years without palpable abnormality (in screening population)
 • palpable mass / **Paget disease** of nipple / nipple discharge (in symptomatic patients)
 • 50% of DCIS are >5 cm in size
Histologic size of DCIS is independent of histologic subgroup
 • Almost all "comedo" type DCIS contain significant microcalcifications
 • DCIS often involves the nipple + subareolar ducts
Spectrum of mammographic findings:
 • calcifications only (72%)
 • soft-tissue abnormality + calcification (12%)
 • soft-tissue abnormality only (10%)
 • nonvisible (6%)
Prognosis: 20-50% develop invasive disease 5-10 years after initial diagnosis of DCIS
Rx: (1) Simple / modified mastectomy: cure rate of almost 100% (2) Local excision alone: 25% rate of recurrence within 26 months in immediate vicinity of biopsy site (3) Local excision + radiotherapy: 2-17% rate of recurrence
Treatment problems: 1. Occult invasion in 5-20% of patients 2. Multifocality (= >1 focus in same quadrant of breast) in 14% of lesions <25 mm, in 100% of lesions >50 mm 4. Axillary metastases in 1-2%
 (a) High nuclear grade DCIS ("**comedo type**")
Prevalence: 60% of all DCIS
Precursor: none; one stage development
Path: "comedo" = pluglike appearance of necrotic material that can be expressed from the cut surface
Characteristics: } nuclear grade: large / intermediate nuclei, numerous mitoses, aneuploidy } growth pattern: predominantly solid cell proliferation; atypically micropapillary / cribriform } necrosis: extensive (HALLMARK) } calcifications (90%): dystrophic / amorphous within necrosis in center of dilated ductal system outlining most of the lobe in classic solid growth pattern • estrogen- + progesterone-receptor negative • overexpression of c-erb B-2 oncogene product and P53 suppressor gene mutation • often symptomatic lesion with **nipple discharge**
 • ductal system enlarged to 300-350 μm
 • linear / branching pattern of calcifications scattered in a large part of lobe / whole lobe
 • large solid high-density casting calcifications (fragmented, coalesced, irregular) in solid growth pattern
 • "snake skin-like" / "birch tree flowerlike" dotted casting calcifications within necrosis of micropapillary / cribriform growth pattern
 • palpable dominant mass without calcifications (very unusual)
 • **nipple discharge** (rare)
Prognosis: higher recurrence rate than noncomedo-group
 (b) Low nuclear grade DCIS ("**noncomedo type**")
Prevalence: 40% of all DCIS
Precursor lesion: **atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH)** with slight / moderate / severe atypia
 • 52-56% of ADH at core biopsy are associated with malignancy at excision!
Characteristics: } nuclear grade: monomorphic small round nuclei, few / no mitoses } growth pattern: predominantly micropapillary / cribriform; atypically solid cell proliferation (often coexist) } necrosis: not present in classic micropapillary / cribriform growth pattern } calcifications (50%): laminated / psammoma-like due to active secretion by malignant cells into duct lumen
 • fine granular "cotton ball" calcifications in micropapillary / cribriform growth pattern
 • coarse granular "crushed stone" / "broken needle tip" / "arrowhead" calcifications in less common solid growth pattern
 • Size of "noncomedo" DCIS often underestimated mammographically (? due to lower density of calcifications at periphery of lesion)
 • palpable dominant mass without calcifications (intracystic papillary carcinoma, multifocal papillary carcinoma in situ)
 • nonpalpable asymmetric density with architectural distortion
 • occasionally serous / bloody **nipple discharge** + ductal filling defects on galactography
Risk of recurrence: 2%
Prognosis: 30% eventually develop into invasive cancer
Dx: surgical biopsy
 • Core needle biopsy could result in diagnosis of only proliferative breast disease that is usually intermixed!
2. Lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS)= arises in epithelium of blunt ducts of mammary lobules
Incidence: 0.8-3.6% in screening population; 3-6 % of all breast malignancies; 25% of noninvasive carcinomas; high incidence during reproductive age but decreasing with age
Age: most 40-54 years (earlier than DCIS / invasive tumors)
Histo: monomorphous small cell population filling + expanding ductules of the lobule
 • Synchronous invasive cancer in 5%!
 • not palpable
 • mammographically occult
 • may atypically present as a noncalcified mass (in 7%), calcifications + mass (in 10%), asymmetric opacity (2%)
 • High frequency of multicentricity (70%) + bilaterality (30%)
Dx: incidental microscopic finding depending on accident of biopsy (performed for unrelated reasons + findings)
Prognosis: 20-30% develop invasive ductal > lobular carcinoma within 20 years after initial diagnosis
 • 1% per year lifetime risk for invasive malignancy
 • LCIS serves as a marker of increased risk for developing invasive carcinoma in either breast!
Rx: recommendations range from observation (with follow-up examinations every 3-6 months + annual mammograms) to unilateral / bilateral simple mastectomy
3. Intracystic papillary carcinoma in situ (0.5-2%)=rare variant of noncomedo DCIS
Age: average of 51 years
 • well-circumscribed + freely movable
 • aspiration may yield bloody fluid (cytology negative in 80%)
 • intracystic mass on pneumocystography
 • solid intracystic mass on US
 • round benign appearing mass on mammography
Prognosis: favorable
B. INVASIVE BREAST CANCER (85%)
1. Infiltrating / invasive ductal carcinoma (65%) of no special type / otherwise not specified (NOS)
 10% **false-negative ratio**
Histo: grade I=well-differentiated grade II=moderately differentiated grade III=poorly differentiated
 • palpable in 70%
 • larger by palpation than on mammogram
 • spiculated mass (36%) is PRINCIPAL FINDING
 • **malignant calcifications** (45-60%)
2. Infiltrating / invasive lobular carcinoma (5-10%)
 • 2nd most common type of breast cancer; 30-50% of patients will develop a second primary in same / opposite breast within 20 years
 • Most frequently missed breast cancer (difficult to detect mammographically + clinically) with 19-43% false-negative rate (occult in dense breast)
Median age: 45-56 years; 2% of all ILC occur in women <35 years
Path: multicentricity + bilaterality (in up to 1/3); tendency to grow around ducts, vessels, and lobules without destruction of anatomic structures (targetoid growth); no substantial connective tissue reaction
Histo: 20% grade I, 64% grade II, 16% grade III
Metastases: GI tract, gynecologic organs, peritoneum, retroperitoneum, carcinomatous **meningitis**
 • palpable in 69%
 • area of subtle skin thickening / induration
 • large hard mass / fine nodularity
N.B.: may be seen on CC view only in many cases
 • architectural distortion (= retraction of normal glandular tissue with thickening + disturbance of fibrous septa) in 18-30% is MOST COMMON MAMMOGRAPHIC FINDING
Histo: straight single file of uniform small cells with round oval nuclei ("Indian files") growing around ducts resulting in subtle changes in architecture
 • irregular spiculated mass >1 cm (16-28%)
 • poorly defined mass ± spicules <1 cm (22%)
 • asymmetric opacity (= ill-defined area of increased opacity without central tumor nidus) in 8-19%
 • round / ovoid mass with regular borders (1%)
 • microcalcifications (0-24%)
 • retraction of skin (25%) + nipple (26%)
 • skin thickening
3. Tubular carcinoma (6-8%)=well-differentiated form of ductal carcinoma
 (a) low grade: bilateral in 1:3 (b) high grade: bilateral in 1:300
Associated with: lobular carcinoma in situ in 40%
Mean age: 40-49 years
 • positive family history in 40%
 • nonpalpable
 • high-opacity nodule with spiculated margins
 • <17 mm in diameter; mean diameter of 8 mm
DDx: **radial scar**
4. Medullary carcinoma (2%)=SOLID CIRCUMSCRIBED CARCINOMA
 • Fastest growing breast cancer!
Path: well-circumscribed mass with nodular architecture + lobulated contour; central necrosis is common in larger tumors; reminiscent of medullary cavity of bone
Histo: intense lymphoplasmocytic reaction (reflecting host resistance); propensity for syncytial growth; no glands
Incidence: 11% of breast cancers in women <35 years of age; 40-50% of medullary cancers in women <50 years of age
Mean age: 46-54 years
 • softer than average breast cancer
 • well-defined round / oval noncalcified uniformly dense mass (hemorrhage) with lobulated margin
 • may have partial / complete halo sign
US: hypoechoic mass with some degree of through transmission
 • distinct / indistinct margins
 • large central cystic component
DDx: **fibroadenoma**
Prognosis: 92% 10-year survival rate
5. Mucinous / colloid carcinoma (1.5-2%)
Path: (a) pure form: aggregates of tumor cells surrounded by abundant pools of extracellular mucin (gelatinous / colloid fluid) (b) mixed form: contains areas of infiltrating ductal carcinoma not surrounded by mucin
Age: 1% in women <35 years; 7% of carcinomas in women >75 years
 • slow growth rate of pure form
 • "swish" / "crush" sensation during palpation
 • 60% estrogen-receptor positive
 • well-circumscribed usually lobulated mass of round /

ovoid shape ✓ pleomorphic clustered / clumped amorphous / punctate calcifications (rare) ✓ may enlarge fast (through mucin production) ✓ solid mass on US
Prognosis: favorable

6. **Papillary carcinoma** (1-2-4%) = rare ductal carcinoma forming papillary structures N.B.: Do not confuse with micropapillary / cribriform growth pattern of ductal carcinoma
Histo: multilayered papillary projections extending from vascularized stalks; no myoepithelial layer (as in benign lesions); neurosecretory granules + positive CEA-reactivity in 85% (absent in benign lesions)
Types: (a) multiple intraductal carcinomas with papillary configuration (b) Intracystic papillary carcinoma = in situ malignancy (c) invasive carcinoma with papillary growth pattern (microscopic frond formation)
Age: 25-89 (mean 50-60) years; peak age of 40-75 years
• palpable mass (67%)
• **nipple discharge** (22-35%) often tinged with blood
• rich in estrogen and progesterone receptors
Location: single nodule in central portion of breast; multiple nodules extending from subareolar area to periphery of breast ✓ multinodular pattern (55%) = lobulated mass / cluster of well-defined contiguous nodules ✓ solitary well-circumscribed round / ovoid nodule with average diameter of 2-3 cm ✓ usually confined to single quadrant ✓ associated microcalcifications in 60% ✓ multiple filling defects / disruption of an irregular duct segment / complete obstruction of duct system at galactography
US: ✓ solid hypoechoic mass with lobulated smooth margins + acoustic enhancement ✓ ± blood flow on color Doppler
Prognosis: 90% 5-year survival after simple mastectomy + axillary node dissection
DDx: solitary central duct papilloma; multiple peripheral benign papillomas

C. **PAGET DISEASE OF THE NIPPLE** (5%) D. **INFLAMMATORY BREAST CARCINOMA** = tumor emboli within dermal lymphatics
Prevalence: 1-4% of breast cancers
Age: 52 years (on average)
Histo: infiltrating ductal carcinoma
Location: L > R breast; bilaterality in 30-55%
• palpable tumor (63%)
• erythema of skin (13-64%)
• edema of skin (13%)
• **nipple retraction** (13%)
• palpable axillary adenopathy (up to 91%) ✓ tumor mass ± malignant-type calcifications ✓ diffusely increased breast density ✓ stromal coarsening (50%) ✓ thickening of Cooper ligaments ✓ extensive skin thickening (71%)
Prognosis: 2% 5-year survival; median survival time of 7 months (untreated) + 18 months (after radical mastectomy)
DDx: breast abscess

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Epidemiology Of Breast Cancer *Incidence:* 2-5 breast cancers/1,000 women; in USA >142,000 new cases per year (of which 25,000 are in situ); 25% of all female malignancies †One of 9 women will develop [breast cancer](#) during her life! *Age:* 0.3-2% in women <30 years of age; 15% in women <40 years of age; 85% in women >30 years of age *Mortality:* 43,000 deaths per year †Death rate has remained stable for past 60 years! **Risk Factors (increasing risk):**

A. DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS • increasing age (66% of cancers in women >50 years): Age Prevalence of Cancer 255:100,000:19,608 4080:100,000:1,250 451 075:100,000:935 0180:100,000:555 553 030:100,000:336 0240:100,000:416 Relative risk compared with woman of age 60: 30 years of age 0.07 60 years of age 1.00 35 years of age 0.19 70 years of age 1.27 40 years of age 0.35 80 years of age 1.45 50 years of age 0.71 • Whites > Blacks after age 40 • Jewish women + nuns • upper > lower social class • unmarried > married women B. REPRODUCTIVE VARIABLES • nulliparous > parous Relative risk compared with nulliparous: age at 1st pregnancy <19 years 0.5 age at 1st pregnancy 20-30 years age at 1st pregnancy 30-34 years 1.0 age at 1st pregnancy >35 years >1.0 • first full-term pregnancy after age 35: 2 x risk • low parity > high parity • early age at menarche (<12 years) Relative risk compared with onset of regular ovulatory cycle: menarche <12 menarche >12 immediately 3.71 61-4 years 2.31 6>5 years 1.61 0 • late age at menopause Relative risk compared with menopause before age 44 years: natural menopause >55 years of age 2.0 • early bilateral oophorectomy Relative risk compared with menopause between ages 45-49 years: artificial menopause at 50-54 years 1.34 artificial menopause before age 45 0.77 C. MULTIPLE PRIMARY CANCERS • 4-5 x increase in risk for cancer in contralateral breast • increased risk after ovarian + [endometrial cancer](#) D. FAMILY HISTORY • [breast cancer](#) in first-degree relative Relative risk compared with negative family Hx: (+) for mother 1.8 (+) for sister 2.5 (+) for mother + sister 5.6 • 25% of patients with carcinoma have a positive family history • carcinoma tends to affect successive generations approx. 10 years earlier E. BENIGN BREAST DISEASE • 2-4 x increased risk with atypical hyperplasia Relative risk compared with no biopsy: benign breast disease in all patients 1.5 nonproliferative disease 0.9 proliferative disease without atypia 1.6 [fibroadenoma](#) + hyperplasia 3.5 atypical duct hyperplasia (ADH) no family history of [breast cancer](#) 4.4 family history of [breast cancer](#) 8.9 F. MAMMOGRAPHIC FEATURES • prominent duct pattern + extremely dense breasts according to Wolfe classification N1 (0.14%), P1 (0.52%), P2 (1.95%), DY (5.22%) G. RADIATION EXPOSURE excess risk of 3.5-6 cases per 1,000,000 women per year per rad after a minimum latent period of 10 years (atomic bomb, fluoroscopy during treatment of [tuberculosis](#), irradiation for postpartum mastitis) H. GEOGRAPHY • Western + industrialized nations (highest incidence) • Asia, Latin America, Africa (decreased risk)

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Breast Cancer Evaluation

PREDICTIVE VALUES OF RADIOGRAPHIC SIGNS FOR MALIGNANCY	
1. Classic mammographic findings of malignancy + palpable abnormality.....	100%
(only 3% of cancers present this way)	
2. Classic mammographic findings of malignancy + NO palpable finding.....	74%
(only 6% of cancers present this way)	
3. Indeterminate mammographic features + palpable mass.....	11%
4. Indeterminate mass + no palpable finding.....	5%
5. Mammographically benign mass.....	2%
6. Asymmetric density (mass questionable) + clinical finding.....	4%
7. Asymmetric density (mass questionable) + NO clinical finding.....	0%
8. Microcalcifications + clinical abnormality.....	25%
9. Microcalcifications + NO clinical abnormality.....	21%
[≥3 punctate irregular microcalcifications in area <1 cm ²]	
10. Vein dilatation.....	0%
11. Skin thickening.....	0%
12. Duct dilatation.....	0%

A. PRIMARY = LOCALIZING SIGNS OF **BREAST CANCER**

- Dominant mass seen on two views with (a) *spiculation* = stellate / star-burst appearance (= fine linear strands of tumor extension + desmoplastic response); "scirrhous" caused by: (1) infiltrating ductal carcinoma (75% of all invasive cancers) (2) invasive lobular carcinoma (occasionally) ✓ mass feels larger than its mammographic / sonographic size DDX: prior biopsy / trauma / infection (b) *smooth border* (1) intracystic carcinoma (rare): subareolar area; bloody aspiration (2) medullary carcinoma: soft tumor (3) mucinous / colloid carcinoma: soft tumor (4) papillary carcinoma ✓ "telltale" signs: lobulation, small comet tail, flattening of one side of the lesion, slight irregularity ✓ halo sign (= Mach band) may be present DDX: cyst (sonographic evaluation) (c) *lobulation* Appearance similar to [fibroadenoma](#) (only characteristic calcifications may exclude malignancy) ✕ the likelihood of malignancy increases with number of lobulations ■ clinical size of mass > radiographic size (Le Borgnes law)
- Asymmetric density = star-shaped lesion ✓ distinct central tumor mass with volumetric rather than planar appearance (additional coned compression views!) ✓ denser relative to other areas (= vessels + trabeculae cannot be seen within high-density lesion) ✓ fat does not traverse density ✓ corona of spicules ✓ in any quadrant (but fatty replacement occurs last in upper outer quadrant) DDX: postsurgical [fibrosis](#), traumatic fat necrosis, sclerosing duct hyperplasia
- Microcalcifications Associated with malignant mass by mammogram in 40%, pathologically with special stains in 60%, on specimen radiography in 86% ✕ 20% of clustered microcalcifications represent a malignant process! (a) *shape*: fragmented, irregular contour, polymorphic, casting rod-shaped without polarity, Y-shaped branching pattern, granular "salt and pepper" pattern, reticular pattern (b) *density*: various densities (c) *size*: 100-300 μ (usually); rarely up to 2 mm (d) *distribution*: tight cluster over an area of 1 cm² or less is most suggestive; coursing along ductal system seen in ductal carcinoma with comedo elements
- Architectural distortion due to desmoplastic reaction ✓ ragged irregular border DDX: postsurgical [fibrosis](#)
- Interval change (a) neodensity = de novo developing density (in 6% malignant) (b) enlarging mass (malignant in 10-15%)
- Enlarged single duct (low probability for cancer in asymptomatic woman with normal breast palpation) ✓ solitary dilated duct >3 cm long DDX: inspissated debris / blood, papilloma
- Diffuse increase in density (late finding) Cause: (1) plugging of dermal lymphatics with tumor cells (2) less flattening of sclerotic + fibrous elements of neoplasm in comparison with more compressible fibroglandular breast tissue

B. SECONDARY = NONLOCALIZING SIGNS OF **BREAST CANCER**

- Asymmetric thickening
- Asymmetric ducts, especially if discontinuous with subareolar area
- Skin changes (a) retraction = dimpling of skin from desmoplastic reaction causing shortening of Cooper ligaments / direct extension of tumor to skin DDX: trauma, biopsy, abscess, burns (b) skin thickening secondary to blocked lymphatic drainage / tumor in lymphatics ■ peau d'orange DDX: normal in inframammary region
- Nipple / areolar abnormalities (a) retraction / flattening of nipple DDX: normal variant (b) [Paget disease](#) = eczematoid appearance of nipple + areola in ductal carcinoma ✓ associated with ductal calcifications toward the nipple DDX: nipple eczema (c) [nipple discharge](#) ■ spontaneous persistent discharge ■ need not be bloody DDX: lactational discharge
- Abnormal veins venous diameter ratio of >1.4:1 in 75% of cancers; late sign + thus not very important
- Axillary nodes (sign of advanced / occult cancer) ✓ >1.5 cm without fatty center DDX: reactive hyperplasia

LOCATION OF BREAST MASSES benign + malignant masses are of similar distribution @ upper outer quadrant (54%) @ upper inner quadrant (14%) @ lower outer quadrant (10%) @ lower inner quadrant (7%) @ retroareolar (15%) ✕ Mediolateral oblique view is important part of screening because it includes largest portion of breast tissue + considers most common location of cancers! **Metastatic Breast Cancer** @ Axillary lymph adenopathy Incidence: 40-74% Risk for positive nodes: 30% if primary >1 cm, 15% if primary <1 cm @ Bone @ Liver Incidence: 48-60% US: ✓ hypoechoic (83%) / hyperechoic (17%) masses

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Screening Of Asymptomatic Patients *Definition of screening (World Health Organization):* A screening test must (a) be adequately sensitive and specific (b) be reproducible in its results (c) identify previously undiagnosed disease (d) be affordable (e) be acceptable to the public (f) include follow-up services
Guidelines of American Cancer Society, American College of Radiology, American Medical Association, National Cancer Institute: 1. Breast self-examination to begin at age 20. Breast examination by physician every 3 years between 20-40 years, in yearly intervals after age 40. 3. Baseline mammogram between age 35-40; follow-up screening based upon parenchymal pattern + family history. 4. Initial screening at 30 years if patient has first-degree relative with [breast cancer](#) in premenopausal years; follow-up screening based upon parenchymal pattern. 5. Mammography at yearly intervals after age 40. 6. All women who have had prior [breast cancer](#) require annual follow-up. Additional recommendations: 1. Baseline mammogram 10 years earlier than age of mother / sister when their cancer was diagnosed. 2. Screening at 2-year intervals for women >70 years. *Rate of detected abnormalities* 30 abnormalities in 1,000 screening mammograms: 20-23 benign lesions 7-10 cancers
Value Of Screening Mammography *Indication:* decrease in cancer mortality through earlier detection + intervention when tumor size small + lymph nodes negative; tumor grade of no prognostic significance in tumors <10 mm in size. 1. Health Insurance Plan (HIP) 1963-1969 randomized controlled study of 62,000 women aged 40-64 ■ 25-30% reduction in mortality in women >50 years (followed for 18 years) ■ 25% reduction in mortality in women 40-49 years (followed for 18 years); no significant effect at 5- and 10-year follow-up ■ 19% of cancers found by mammography alone ■ 61% of cancers found at physical examination ■ effectiveness of screening <50 years of age is uncertain. 2. [Breast Cancer](#) Detection Demonstration Project (BCDDP) 1973-1980, 443 cancers found in 283,000 asymptomatic volunteers ■ 41.6% of cancers found by mammography alone (77% with negative nodes) ■ 8.7% of cancers found by physical examination alone ■ 59% of noninfiltrating cancers found by mammography alone ■ 25% of cancers were intraductal (vs. 5% in previous series) ■ 21% of cancers found in women aged 40-49 years (mammography alone detected 35.4%). 3. Two-county Swedish trial 1977-1990 randomized controlled study of 78,000 women in study group + 56,700 in control group aged 40-74 years (a) single MLO mammogram at 2-year intervals for women <50 years of age (b) single MLO mammogram at 3-year intervals for women ≥50 years of age ■ 40% reduction in mortality at 7 years in women 50-74 years ■ 0% reduction in mortality at 7 years in women 40-49 years. OCCULT VERSUS PALPABLE CANCERS 27% are occult cancers (NO age difference) Positive axillary nodes: occult cancers (19%); palpable cancers (44%) 10-year survival: occult cancers (65%); palpable cancers (25%)

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Role Of Mammography Overall detection rate: 58-69%; 8% if <1 cm in size Mammographic accuracy: 88% correctly diagnosed by radiologist 27% detected only by mammography 8% misinterpretations 4% not detected 15-30% positive predictive value (national average) **Mammographically Missed Cancers** False-negative screening mammogram = pathologic diagnosis of breast cancer within 1 year after negative mammogram with the following types of misses: (a) lesion could not be seen in retrospect (25-33%) = "acute cancer" = cancer surfacing in screening interval (b) cancer undetected by first reader but correctly identified by second reader (14%) (c) visible in retrospect on prior mammogram (61%) Incidence: approx. 10-25-30% of all cancers; approx. 3 cancers: 2000 mammograms; 5-15-22% of palpable breast cancers Cause: 1. Misinterpretation (52%): (a) benign appearance (18%): medullary carcinoma, colloid carcinoma, intracystic papillary carcinoma, some infiltrating ductal carcinomas (b) present on previous mammogram (17%) (c) seen on one view only (9%) (d) site of previous biopsy (8%) 2. Observer error (30-43%): overlooked, presence of obvious finding = "satisfied search" phenomenon, rushed interpretation, heavy caseload, extraneous distraction, eye fatigue 3. Technical error (5%): (a) poor image quality (b) failure to image region of interest 4. Tumor biology: (a) small tumor size (b) failure to incite desmoplastic reaction (eg, invasive lobular carcinoma) (c) masked by dense breast parenchyma (d) no associated microcalcifications (approx. 50% of cancers) (e) developing soft-tissue radiopacity Location of missed cancers: retroglandular area (33%), lateral parenchyma (31%), central (18%), medial (13%), subareolar (4%) **Radiation-induced Breast Carcinoma** Lifetime risk with cumulative carcinogenic effect related to age! (a) women age <35: 7.5 additional cancers per 1 million irradiated women per year per rad (b) women age >35: 3.5 additional cancers per 1 million irradiated women per year per rad

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Role Of Breast Ultrasound *Indications:* ϕ Ultrasound is no screening tool! A. TARGETED EXAM (1) initial study of palpable lump in patient <30 years of age / pregnant / lactating ϕ Ultrasound will not add useful information in an area that contains only fatty tissue on a mammogram! (2) characterization of mammographic / palpable mass as fluid-filled / solid ϕ Ultrasound will add useful information if there is water-density tissue in the area of palpable abnormality ϕ Differentiation of cystic from solid lesion is the principal role of ultrasound! (3) additional evaluation of nonpalpable abnormality with uncertain mammographic diagnosis (4) search for focal lesion as cause for mammographic asymmetric density (5) confirmation of lesion seen in one mammographic projection only B. WHOLE-BREAST EXAM (1) Breast secretions (2) Suspected leaks from silicone implant (3) Follow-up of multiple known mammographic / sonographic lesions (4) Radiographically dense breast with strong family history of [breast cancer](#) (5) Metastases thought to be of breast origin, but with negative clinical + mammographic exam (6) Mammography not possible: "radiophobic" patient, bedridden patient, after mastectomy C. INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURE (1) Ultrasound-guided cyst aspiration (2) Ultrasound-guided core biopsy (3) Ultrasound-guided ductography, if (a) secretions cannot be expressed (b) duct cannot be cannulated *Accuracy:* 98% [accuracy](#) for cysts; 99% [accuracy](#) for solid masses; small carcinomas have the least characteristic features

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Role Of Breast MRI *Indications*: ambiguous mammographic findings; positive clinical examination + negative mammographic/sonographic findings *Sensitivity*: 72-93-100% ∇ rapid enhancement reaching a markedly higher amplitude than parenchymal tissue *DDx*: [fibroadenoma](#) in premenopausal patient, ductal hyperplasia \pm atypia, lobular neoplasia, inflammatory disease, scar <6 months old in nonirradiated breast, scar <18 months old in irradiated breast, fibrocystic change (apocrine metaplasia, sclerosing [adenosis](#)) ∇ intense early rim / peripheral enhancement (\pm central necrosis) ∇ malignant mass margination

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Role Of Stereotaxic Biopsy *Indications*: obviously malignant nonpalpable lesion, indeterminate likely benign lesion, anxiety over lesion *Types*: well-defined solid mass, indistinct / spiculated mass, clustered microcalcifications *Advantage*: single-stage surgical procedure *Problematic*: 3-5 mm small lesion, fine scattered microcalcifications, indistinct density, area of architectural distortion *Excision*: [radial scar](#) suspected (in up to 28% associated with tubular carcinoma), lesion close to chest wall, lesion in axillary tail, very superficial lesion, atypia / atypical hyperplasia (in 49-61% associated with malignancy), carcinoma in situ (in 9-20% associated with invasion), branching microcalcifications suggestive of DCIS with comedo necrosis *Sensitivity*: 85-99% with core needle biopsy (100% specific), 68-93% with fine-needle aspiration (88-100% specific) *Miss rate*: 3-8% for stereotaxic biopsy, 3% for surgery

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BREAST CYST

Incidence: most common single cause of breast lumps between 35 and 55 years of age *Age*: any; most common in later reproductive years + around menopause *Histo*: cyst wall lined by single layer of (a) flattened epithelial cells; cyst fluid with Na^+ / K^+ ratio ≥ 3 (b) epithelial cells with apocrine metaplasia (secretory function); cyst fluid with Na^+ / K^+ ratio < 3 *Cause*: fluid cannot be absorbed due to obstruction of extralobular terminal duct by [fibrosis](#) / intraductal epithelial proliferation • size changes over time

[Simple Breast Cyst](#) [Complex Breast Cyst](#)

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Simple Breast Cyst ✓ well-defined flattened oval / round (if under pressure) mammographic mass + surrounding halo (DDx: well-defined solid mass) ✓ solitary / multiple
✓ needle aspiration of fluid (proof) + postaspiration mammogram as new baseline US (98-100% [accuracy](#)): ✕ Correlate with palpation / mammogram as to size, shape,
location, surrounding tissue density! ✓ spherical / ovoid lesion with anechoic center ✓ well-circumscribed thin echogenic capsule ✓ posterior acoustic enhancement (may
be difficult to demonstrate in small / deeply situated cysts) ✓ thin edge shadows ✓ occasionally multilocular ± thin septations / cluster of cysts PNEUMOCYSTOGRAPHY
(for symptomatic cysts): ✓ air remains mammographically detectable for up to 3 weeks ✓ therapeutic effect of air insufflation (equal to 60-70% of aspirated fluid volume):
no cyst recurrence in 85-94% (40-45% cyst recurrence without air insufflation)

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Complex Breast Cyst = any cyst that does not meet criteria of simple cyst
Cause: fibrocystic changes (vast majority), infection, malignancy (extremely rare)
0.3% of all breast cancers are intracystic
Patients with apocrine cysts are at greater risk to develop breast cancer!
uniformly thick wall + tenderness = inflammation / infection
diffuse low-level internal echoes (= "foam" cyst)
(a) with mobility upon increase in power output = subcellular material like protein globs, floating cholesterol crystals, cellular debris
(b) without mobility upon increase in power output = cells like foamy macrophages, apocrine metaplasia, epithelial cells, pus, blood
fluid-debris level
Rx: aspiration to rule out blood / pus
thick septation / eccentric wall thickening further characterized by protruding ill-defined outer margin, convex microlobulated inner margin ("mural nodule"), nonmobile mass with coarse heterogeneous echotexture, CD flow within thickening
Rx: treated like solid nodule
spongelike cluster of microcysts
Rx: treated like solid nodule
Rx: complete aspiration (assures benign cause), core needle biopsy (if partially / nonaspiratable)
DDx: artifactual scatter in superficial / deep small cysts, fibroadenoma, papilloma, carcinoma
CYST ASPIRATION • inspection of cyst fluid: (a) normal: turbid greenish / grayish / black fluid (b) abnormal: straw-colored clear fluid / dark blood
needle moves within nonaspiratable complex cyst
fluid without blood should be discarded
bloody fluid should be examined cytologically

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CARCINOMA OF MALE BREAST

Incidence: 0.2%; 1,400 new cases/year with 300 deaths; 3.7% of male breast carcinomas occur in men with [Klinefelter syndrome](#). *Peak age:* 60-69 years *At risk:* (males with increased estrogen levels) 1. [Klinefelter syndrome](#) (20-fold risk over normals): XXY chromosomes 2. Liver disease: [cirrhosis](#), [schistosomiasis](#), malnutrition 3. Radiation therapy to chest 4. Occupational heat exposure (diminished testicular function) 5. Testicular atrophy: injury, mumps-orchitis, undescended [testis](#) 6. Jewish background 7. Family history [Gynecomastia](#) is NOT a risk factor! *Histo:* infiltrating ductal carcinoma • firm painless retroareolar / upper-outer-quadrant mass • breast swelling, bloody [nipple discharge](#), retraction *Location:* L > R breast; bilaterality is uncommon ✓ resembles scirrhous carcinoma of female breast ✓ usually located eccentrically ✓ calcifications fewer + more scattered + more round + larger ✓ enlarged axillary nodes (in 50% at time of presentation) ✓ metastases to pleura, lung, bone, liver *Delay in diagnosis from onset of symptoms:* 6-18 months *Rx:* surgery, hormonal manipulation (85% estrogen receptor and 75% progesterone receptor positive) *Prognosis:* 5-year survival rate for stage 1 = 82-100% for stage 2 = 44-77%, for stage 3 = 16-45%, stage 4 = 4-8% (not worse than for women!) *DDx:* breast abscess, [gynecomastia](#), [epidermal inclusion cyst](#)

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CHRONIC ABSCESS OF BREAST

=COLD ABSCESS usually seen in lactating women ■ fever, pain, increased WBC (clinical diagnosis) ■ rapid response to antibiotics Location: most commonly in central / subareolar area ✓ ill-defined mass of increased density with flame-like contour ✓ secondary changes common: architectural distortion, nipple + areolar retraction, lymphedema, skin thickening, pathologic axillary nodes ✓ liquefied center can be aspirated US: ✓ anechoic / nearly anechoic area with posterior enhancement

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CYSTOSARCOMA PHYLLODES

=GIANT [FIBROADENOMA](#) = ADENOSARCOMA=PHYLLODE TUMOR=usually benign giant form of intracanalicular [fibroadenoma](#)*Incidence*:1: 6,300 examinations; 0.3-1.5% of all breast tumors; 3% of all fibroadenomas*Age*:5th-6th decade (mean age of 45 years, occasionally in women <20 years of age)*Histo*:similar to [fibroadenoma](#) but with increased cellularity + pleomorphism (wide variations in size, shape, differentiation) of its stromal elements; fibroepithelial tumor with leaflike (phyllodes) growth pattern = branching projections of tissue into cystic cavities; cavernous structures contain mucus; cystic degeneration + hemorrhage • rapidly enlarging breast mass; periods of remission • sense of fullness • huge, firm, mobile, discrete, lobulated, smooth mass • discoloration of skin, wide veins, shining skin
✓ large noncalcified mass with smooth polylobulated margins mimicking [fibroadenoma](#) ✓ rapid growth to large size (>6-8 cm), may fill entire breastUS: ✓ fluid-filled clefts in large tumors*Prognosis*:limited invasion frequently seen; 15-20% recurrence rate if not completely excisedCx:in 5-10% degeneration into [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) / [fibrosarcoma](#) / [liposarcoma](#) / [chondrosarcoma](#) / [osteosarcoma](#) with local invasion + hematogenous metastases to lung, pleura, bone (axillary metastases quite rare)

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DERMATOPATHIC LYMPHADENOPATHY

=benign reactive lymphadenopathy within breast associated with cutaneous rashes
Cause: exfoliative dermatitis, erythroderma, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, skin infection)
Histo: follicular pattern retained, germinal centers enlarged, enlarged paracortical area with pale-staining cells (lymphocytes, Langerhans cells, interdigitating reticulum cells) ■ mobile nontender firm subcutaneous nodules
Location: often bilateral
Site: predominantly upper outer quadrant
regional subcentimeter masses with central / peripheral radiolucent notches

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EPIDERMAL INCLUSION CYST

=benign cutaneous / subcutaneous lesion *Cause*:congenital, metaplasia, trauma (needle biopsy, reduction [mammoplasty](#)), obstructed hair follicle *Path*:cyst filled with keratin *Histo*:stratified squamous epithelium ■ smooth round nodule attached to skin with blackened pore, movable against underlying tissue ✓ circumscribed round / oval iso- / high-density mass of 0.8-10.0 cm in diameter ✓ may contain heterogeneous microcalcifications *US*: ✓ circumscribed hypoechoic solid mass extending into dermis *DDx*:sebaceous cyst (epithelial cysts containing sebaceous glands)

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FAT NECROSIS OF BREAST

=TRAUMATIC LIPID CYST = OIL CYST = aseptic saponification of fat by tissue lipase after local destruction of fat cells with release of lipids + hemorrhage + fibrotic proliferation
Etiology: direct external trauma, breast biopsy, reduction [mammoplasty](#), irradiation, nodular panniculitis (Weber-Christian disease), ductal ectasia of chronic mastitis
Incidence: 0.5% of breast biopsies
Histo: cavity with oily material surrounded by "foam cells" (= lipid-laden macrophages) • history of trauma in 40% (eg, prior surgery, radiation >6 months ago, reduction [mammoplasty](#), lumpectomy) • firm, slightly fixed mass • skin retraction (50%) • yellowish fatty fluid on aspiration
Location: anywhere; more common in areolar region; near biopsy site / surgical scar
✓ ill-defined irregular spiculated dense mass (indistinguishable from carcinoma if associated with distortion, skin thickening, retraction)
✓ well-circumscribed mass with translucent areas at center (= homogeneous fat density of oil cyst) surrounded by thin pseudocapsule (in old lesions)
✓ calcifies in 4-7% (= **liponecrosis macrocystica calcificans**)
✓ occasionally curvilinear / eggshell calcification in wall
✓ fine spicules of low density vary with projection
✓ localized skin thickening / retraction possible
US: ✓ hypo- / anechoic mass with ill- / well-defined margins ± acoustic shadowing
✓ complex cyst with mural nodules / echogenic bands
Weber-Christian Disease = nonsuppurative panniculitis with recurrent bouts of inflammation = areas of fat necrosis, involving subcutaneous fat + fat within internal organs • accompanied by fever + nodules over trunk and limbs

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FIBROADENOMA

=ADULT-TYPE FIBROADENOMA=estrogen-induced benign tumor originating from TDLU; forms during adolescence; pregnancy + lactation are growth stimulants; regression after menopause (mucoïd degeneration, hyalinization, involution of epithelial components, calcification)*Incidence*:3rd most common type of breast lesion after fibrocystic disease + carcinoma; most common benign solid tumor in women of childbearing age*Age*:mean age of 30 years (range 13-80 years); median age 25 years; most common breast tumor under age 25 years*Hormonal influence*: slight enlargement at end of menstrual cycle + during pregnancy; regresses after menopause; may occur in postmenopausal women receiving estrogen replacement therapy *Histo*: mixture of proliferated fibrous stroma + epithelial ductal structures (a)intra canalicular fibroadenoma compressing ducts (b)pericanalicular fibroadenoma without duct compression (c)combination ■ firm, smooth, sometimes lobulated, freely movable mass ■ in 35% not palpable ■ NO skin fixation ■ rarely tender / painful ■ clinical size = radiographic size Size:1-5 cm (in 60%); multiple in 15-25%; bilateral in 4% ✓ circular / oval-shaped lesion of low density ✓ nodular / lobulated contour when larger (areas with different growth rates) ✓ smooth, discrete margins (indistinguishable from cysts when small) ✓ often with "halo" sign ✓ smoothly contoured calcifications of high + fairly equal density in 3% due to necrosis from regressive changes in older patients: (a)peripheral subcapsular myxoid degeneration ✓ peripheral marginal ringlike calcifications (b)central myxoid degeneration ✓ "popcorn" type of calcification (PATHOGNOMONIC) (c)calcifications within ductal elements ✓ pleomorphic linear ± branching pattern ✓ Calcifications enlarge as soft-tissue component regresses! US: ✓ round (3%) / oval mass (96%) with length-to-depth ratio of >1.4 (in carcinomas usually <1.4) ✓ hypoechoic similar to fat lobules (80-96%) / hyperechoic / mixed pattern / anechoic / isoechoic compared with adjacent fibroglandular tissue ✓ homogeneous (48-89%) / inhomogeneous (12-52%) texture ✓ regular (57%) / lobulated (15-31%) / irregular (6-58%) contour ✓ "hump and dip" sign = small focal contour bulge immediately contiguous with a small sulcus (57%) ✓ intratumoral bright echoes (10%)= macrocalcifications ✓ posterior acoustic enhancement (17-25%) / acoustic shadow without calcifications (9-11%) ✓ echogenic halo (capsule) with lateral shadowing

[Juvenile / Giant / Cellular Fibroadenoma](#)

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Juvenile / Giant / Cellular Fibroadenoma =[fibroadenoma](#) >5 cm in diameter / weighing >500 g *Cause:* hyperplasia + distortion of normal breast lobules secondary to hormonal imbalances between estradiol + progesterone levels *Age:* any (mostly in adolescent girls) *Histo:* more glandular + more stromal cellularity than adult type of [fibroadenoma](#); ductal epithelial hyperplasia • rapidly enlarging well-circumscribed nontender mass • dilated superficial veins, stretched skin ✓ discrete mass with rounded borders *DDx:* medullary / mucinous / papillary carcinoma / carcinoma within [fibroadenoma](#)

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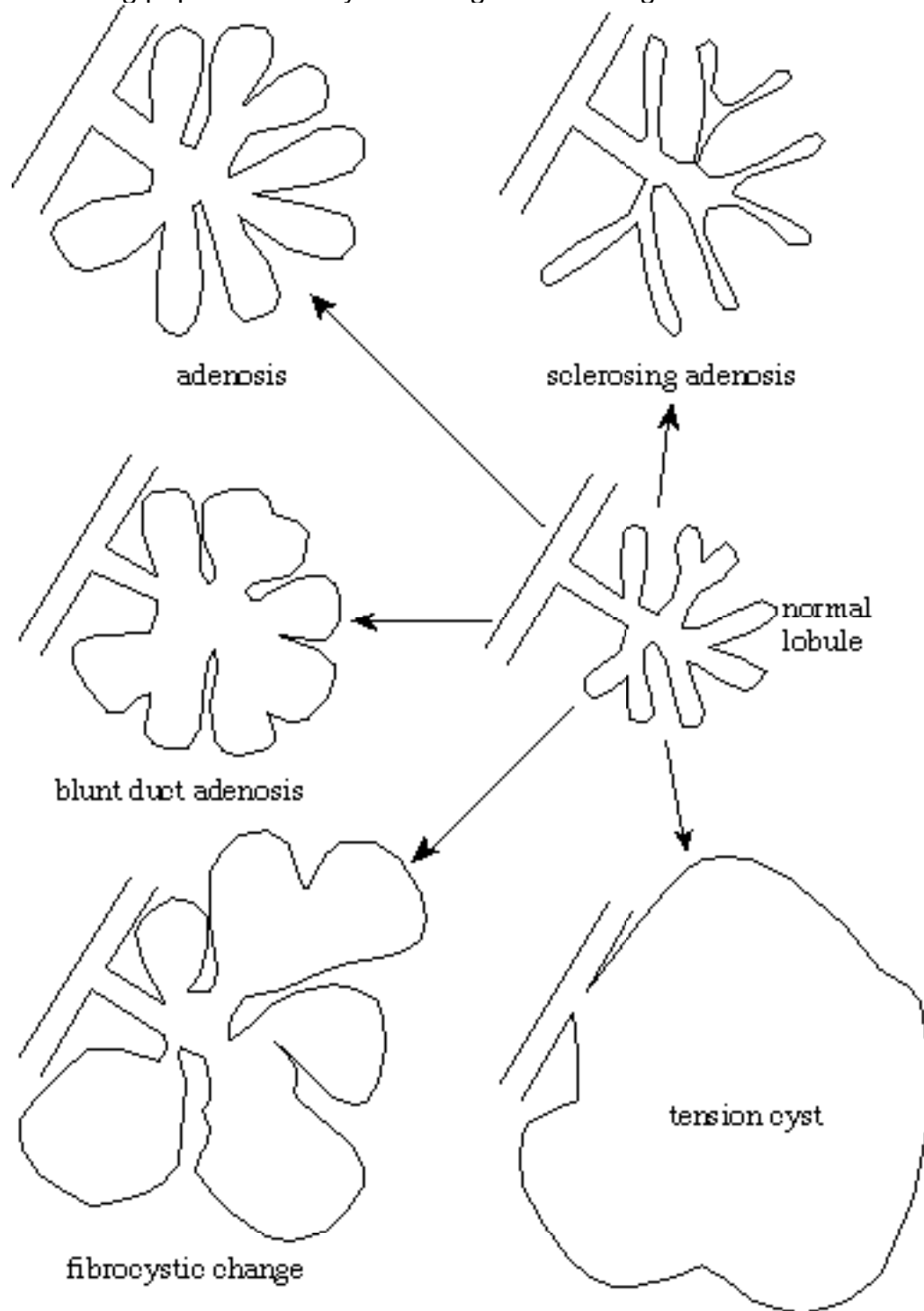
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FIBROCYSTIC CHANGES

=Mazoplasia = mastitis fibrosa cystica = chronic cystic mastitis = cystic disease = generalized breast hyperplasia = desquamated epithelial hyperplasia = fibroadenomatosis = mammary dysplasia = Schimmelbusch disease = fibrous mastitis = mammary proliferative disease ❖ Not a disease since found in 72% of screening population >55 years of age ❖ The College of American Pathologists suggests to use the term "fibrocystic changes / condition" in mammography reports!



Incidence: most common diffuse breast disorder; in 51% of 3,000 autopsies Age: 35-55

years Etiology: exaggeration of normal cyclical proliferation + involution of the breast with production + incomplete absorption of fluid by apocrine cells ● asymptomatic in macrocystic disease ● fullness, tenderness, pain in microcystic disease ● palpable nodules + thickening ● symptoms occur with ovulation; regression with pregnancy + menopause *Histo*: (1) overgrowth of fibrous connective tissue = stromal **fibrosis**, **fibroadenoma** (2) cystic dilatation of ducts + cyst formation (in 100% microscopic, in 20% macroscopic) (3) hyperplasia of ducts + lobules + acini = **adenosis**; ductal papillomatosis ✓ individual round / ovoid cysts with discrete smooth margins ✓ lobulated multilocular cyst ✓ enlarged nodular pattern (= fluid-distended lobules + extensive extralobular fibrous connective tissue overgrowth) ✓ "teacup-like" curvilinear thin calcifications with horizontal beam + low-density round calcifications in craniocaudal projection = milk of **calcium** (4%) ✓ "oyster pearl-like" / psammoma-like calcifications ✓ "involutional type" calcifications = very fine punctate calcifications evenly distributed within one / more **lobes** against a fatty background (from mild degree of hyperplasia in subsequently atrophied glandular tissue) US: ✓ ductal pattern, ductectasia, cysts, ill-defined focal lesions *Risk for Invasive Breast Carcinoma* A. NO INCREASED RISK 1. Nonproliferative lesions: **adenosis**, florid **adenosis**, apocrine metaplasia without atypia, macro- / microcysts, duct ectasia, **fibrosis**, mild hyperplasia (more than 2 but not more than 4 epithelial cells deep), mastitis, periductal mastitis, squamous metaplasia 2. **Fibroadenoma** B. SLIGHTLY INCREASED RISK (1.5-2 times): 1. Moderate + florid solid / papillary hyperplasia 2. Papilloma with fibrovascular core 3. Sclerosing **adenosis** C. MODERATELY INCREASED RISK (5 times): Ductal / lobular atypical hyperplasia (borderline lesion with some features of carcinoma in situ) D. HIGH RISK (8-11 times): 1. Atypical hyperplasia + family history of **breast cancer** 2. Ductal / lobular carcinoma in situ

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Adenosis =hyperplasia + hypertrophy of glandular elements^{1/} increase in size of lobules to 3-7 mm^{1/} "snowflake pattern" of widespread ill-defined nodular densities^{1/}
adenosis lobules are sonographically iso- to mildly hypoechoic compared with fat

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Sclerosing Adenosis = adenosis + reactive fibrosis = proliferating acinar structure maintaining a lobular configuration ✓ adenosis + diffusely scattered calcifications (calcifications in cystically dilated acinar structure) ✓ diffusely dense breast ✓ focally dense breast appearing as a nodule / spiculated lesion

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Fibrosis ✓ round / oval clustered microcalcifications with smooth contours + associated fine granular calcifications filling lobules

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Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia =proliferation of round cells of LCIS type growing along terminal ducts in permeative fashion (pagetoid growth) between benign epithelium + basal myoepithelium BUT NOT completely obliterating terminal ductal lumina / distending lobules (as in lobular carcinoma in situ) / no mammographic correlate

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Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia =low-grade intraductal proliferation with partial / incompletely developed features of noncomedo DCIS¹/ frequent calcifications

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Intraductal Papillomatosis = hyperplastic polypoid lesions within a duct Age:perimenopausal ■ spontaneous bloody / serous / serosanguinous [nipple discharge](#) (most common cause of [nipple discharge](#))¹ small retroareolar opacity (= dilated duct) extending 2-3 cm into breast¹ intraluminal filling defect on galactography

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GALACTOCELE

=retention of fatty material in areas of cystic duct dilatation appearing during / shortly after lactation
Cause:? abrupt suppression of lactation
Age: occurs during / shortly after lactation
■ thick inspissated milky fluid (colostrum)
Location: retroareolar area
✓ large radiopaque lesion of water density (1st phase)
✓ smaller lesion of mixed density + fat-water level with horizontal beam (2nd phase)
✓ small radiolucent lesion resembling [lipoma](#) ✓ ± fluid-[calcium](#) level

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GRANULAR CELL TUMOR

=GRANULAR CELL MYOBLASTOMA OF BREAST=benign tumor, occasionally locally invasive + metastasizing
Origin?: Schwann cell, smooth muscle, or undifferentiated mesenchymal cell
Prevalence: 1:1,000 primary breast carcinomas
Age: 20-59 (mean 35) years; more common in Blacks
Histo: rounded groups of large cells with small dark regular nuclei + abundant eosinophilic granular cytoplasm; not immunoreactive to cytokeratin + epithelial membrane antigen BUT to S-100 protein
Ddx: carcinoma, [lymphoma](#), metastasis
Fine-needle aspirate may be difficult to interpret!
Location: tongue, skin, bronchial wall, subcutaneous breast tissue (6-8%)
Site: more commonly other than upper outer quadrant
■ asymmetric lump with slow growth, hardness, skin fixation / retraction, ulceration
■ often fixed to pectoralis fascia
✓ well-circumscribed spiculated mass 1-3 cm in diameter
✓ stellate extensions (tumor insinuating itself into surrounding breast tissue)
✓ may exhibit acoustic shadow
Rx: wide local excision

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GYNECOMASTIA

Cause: (1)Hormonal(a)puberty: high estradiol levels(b)older men: decline in serum testosterone levels(c)hypogonadism ([Klinefelter syndrome](#), testicular neoplasm)(d)tumors: adrenal carcinoma, [pituitary adenoma](#), [testicular tumor](#), [hyperthyroidism](#)(2)Systemic disordersadvanced alcoholic [cirrhosis](#), hemodialysis in [chronic renal failure](#), chronic pulmonary disease ([emphysema](#), TB), malnutrition (3)Drug-inducedestrogen treatment for [prostate cancer](#), digitalis, cimetidine, thiazide, spironolactone, reserpine, isoniazid, ergotamine, marijuana (4)Neoplasm: hepatoma (with estrogen production)(5)Idiopathic*mnemonic:*"CODES"**C**irrhosis **O**besity **D**igitalis **E**strogen **S**pirolactone **I**ncidence:85% of all male breast masses**Age:**adolescent boys (40%), men >50 years (32%)**Histo:**increased number of ducts, proliferation of duct epithelium, periductal edema, fibroplastic stroma, adipose tissue ■ palpable firm mass >2 cm in subareolar region**Location:**bilateral (63%), left-sided (27%), right-sided (10%)[†] mild prominence of subareolar ducts in flame-shaped distribution (focal type)[†] homogeneously dense breast (diffuse type)**DDx:**pseudogynecomastia (= fatty proliferation)

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HAMARTOMA OF BREAST

=FIBROADENOLIPOMA = LIPOFIBROADENOMA=ADENOLIPOMA *Incidence:* 2-16:10,000 mammograms *Mean age:* 45 (27-88) years *Histo:* normal / dysplastic mammary tissue composed of dense fibrous tissue + variable amount of fat, delineated from surrounding tissue without a true capsule • soft, often nonpalpable (60%) *Location:* retroareolar (30%), upper outer quadrant (35%) ✓ round / ovoid well-circumscribed mass usually > 3 cm ✓ mixed density with mottled center (secondary to fat) = "slice of sausage" pattern ✓ thin smooth pseudocapsule (= thin layer of surrounding fibrous tissue) ✓ peripheral radiolucent zone ✓ may contain calcifications *DDx:* [liposarcoma](#), [Cowden disease](#)

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HEMATOMA OF BREAST

Cause: (1) surgery / biopsy (most common) (2) blunt trauma (3) coagulopathy ([leukemia](#), thrombocytopenia) (4) anticoagulant therapy
✓ well-defined ovoid mass (= hemorrhagic cyst) ✓ ill-defined mass with diffuse increased density (edema + hemorrhage) ✓ adjacent skin thickening / prominence of reticular structures ✓ regression within several weeks leaving (a) no trace (b) architectural distortion (c) incomplete resolution ✓ calcifications (occasionally) US: ✓ hypoechoic mass with internal echoes

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JUVENILE PAPILLOMATOSIS

Path: many aggregated cysts with interspersed dense stroma *Histo:* cysts lined by flat duct epithelium / epithelium with apocrine metaplasia, sclerosing [adenosis](#), duct stasis; marked papillary hyperplasia of duct epithelium with often extreme atypia *Mean age:* 23 years (range of 12-48 years) • localized palpable tumor • family history of [breast cancer](#) in 28% (affected first-degree relative in 8%; in one / more relatives in 28%) *Prognosis:* development of synchronous (4%) / metachronous (4%) [breast cancer](#) after 8-9 years. *DDx:* [fibroadenoma](#)

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LACTATING ADENOMA

=newly discovered painless mass during 3rd trimester of pregnancy / in lactating woman *Etiology*:? variant of [fibroadenoma](#) / tubular adenoma / lobular hyperplasia or de novo neoplasm *Path*:well-circumscribed yellow spherical mass with lobulated surface + rubbery firm texture and without capsule *Histo*:secretory lobules lined by granular and foamy to vacuolated cytoplasm + separated by delicate connective tissue ■ firm freely movable painless mass *U/S*:homogeneously hypoechoic / isoechoic mass *U/S*:posterior acoustic enhancement (most) / shadowing *U/S*:fibrous septa *Prognosis*:regression after completion of breast feeding *DDx*:breast carcinoma (1:1,300-1:6,200 pregnancies)

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LIPOMA OF BREAST

=usually solitary asymptomatic slow-growing lesion *Mean age*: 45 years + postmenopause • soft, freely movable, well delineated ✓ usually >2 cm ✓ radiolucent lesion easily seen in dense breast; almost invisible in fatty breast ✓ discrete thin radiopaque line (= capsule), seen in most of its circumference ✓ displacement of adjacent breast parenchyma ✓ calcification with fat necrosis (extremely rare) *DDx*: fat lobule surrounded by trabeculae / suspensory ligaments

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LYMPHOMA OF BREAST

A. Primary [lymphoma](#): 0.05-0.53% prevalence B. Metastatic [lymphoma](#) *Histo*: large cell type NHL (majority), [Hodgkin disease](#), [leukemia](#), plasmacytoma *Age*: 50-60 years; M < F *Location*: right-sided predominance; 13% bilateral *round / oval mass*: infiltrate with poorly defined borders *skin thickening*: axillary nodes involved in 35% [PSEUDOLYMPHOMA](#) = lymphoreticular lesion as an overwhelming response to trauma

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MAMMARY DUCT ECTASIA

=PLASMA CELL MASTITIS = [VARICOCELE](#) TUMOR OF BREAST = MASTITIS OBLITERANS= COMEDOMASTITIS = PERIDUCTAL MASTITIS= [SECRETORY DISEASE](#) OF BREAST=rare aseptic inflammation of subareolar area*Pathogenesis (speculative):* (1)Stasis of intraductal secretion leads to duct dilatation + leakage of inspissated material into parenchyma giving rise to an aseptic chemical mastitis (periductal mastitis); the extravasated material is rich in fatty acids = nontraumatic fat necrosis(2)Periductal inflammation causes damage to elastic lamina of duct wall resulting in duct dilatation *Histo:*ductal ectasia, heavily calcified ductal secretions; infiltration of plasma cells + giant cells + eosinophils*Mean age:*54 years ■ often asymptomatic ■ breast pain, [nipple discharge](#), [nipple retraction](#), mamillary fistula, subareolar breast mass Location:subareolar, often bilateral + symmetric; may be unilateral + focal[✓] dense triangular mass with apex toward nipple[✓] distended ducts connecting to nipple[✓] periphery blending with normal tissue[✓] multiple often bilateral dense round / oval calcifications with lucent center + polarity (= orientation toward nipple)(a)periductal[✓] oval / elongated calcified ring around dilated ducts with very dense periphery (surrounding deposits of [fibrosis](#) + fat necrosis)(b)intraductal[✓] fairly uniform linear, often "needle-shaped" calcifications of wide caliber, occasionally branching (within ducts / confined to duct walls)[✓] [nipple retraction](#) / skin thickening may occur*Sequela:*[cholesterol granuloma](#)*DDx:*[breast cancer](#)

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MAMMOPLASTY
=COSMETIC BREAST SURGERY

[Augmentation Mammoplasty](#) [Reduction Mammoplasty](#)

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Augmentation Mammoplasty Most frequently performed plastic surgery in U.S. *Frequency*: 150,000 procedures in 1993 (80% for cosmesis, 20% for reconstruction); 2 million American women have breast implants (estimate) *Methods*: 1. Injection augmentation (no longer practiced): paraffin, silicone, fat from liposuction *Cx*: tissue necrosis resulting in dense, hard, tender breast masses 2. Implants (a) spongelike masses of Ivalon, Etrheron, Teflon (b) Silicone elastomer (silastic) smooth / textured shell containing silicone gel / saline: >100 varieties - single lumen of polymerized methyl polysiloxane with smooth / textured outer silicone shell / polyurethane coating - double lumen with inner core of silicone + outer chamber of saline - triple lumen (c) expandable implant ± intraluminal valves = saline injection into port with gradual tissue expansion for breast reconstruction *Location*: retroglandular / subpectoral 3. Autogenous tissue transplantation (for breast reconstruction) with musculocutaneous flaps: transverse rectus abdominis muscle (TRAM), latissimus dorsi, tensor fascia lata, gluteus maximus *Mammographic technique for implants*: 1. Two standard views (CC and MLO views) for most posterior breast tissue 2. 22-83% of fibroglandular breast tissue obscured by implant depending on size of breast + location of implant + degree of capsular contraction on standard views 3. The false-negative rate of mammography increases from 10-20% to 41% in patients with implants 4. Two Eklund (= implant displacement) views (CC and 90° LAT views) for compression views of anterior breast tissue = "push-back" view = breast tissue pulled anteriorly in front of implant while implant is pushed posteriorly + superiorly thus excluding most of the implant *Cx of silicone-gel-filled implant*: 1. Capsular fibrosis, calcification, contracture (15-50%): more frequent with retroglandular implants • distortion of breast contour with hard capsule 2. crenulated contour (US helpful) 3. capsular calcifications at periphery of prosthesis 4. fibrous capsule delineated by US (unleaked silicone is echolucent) 5. Implant migration *Cause*: overdistension of implant pocket at surgery 6. Rupture of prosthesis *Prevalence*: >50% after 12 years • change in contour / location of implant • flattening of implant • breast pain A. INTRACAPSULAR RUPTURE (more common) = broken implant casing with silicone leakage contained by intact fibrous capsule *Mammo* (11-23% sensitive, 89-98% specific): 1. bulging / peaking of implant contour *US* (59-70% sensitive, 57-92% specific, 49% accurate): 1. "stepladder" sign = series of parallel horizontal echogenic straight / curvilinear lines inside implant (= collapsed implant shell floating within silicone gel) 2. heterogeneous aggregates of low- to medium-level echogenicity (65% sensitive, 57% specific) *N.B.*: visualization of internal lumen within anechoic space in double-lumen implants can be confused on US with intracapsular rupture *MR* (81-94% sensitive, 93-97% specific, 84% accurate): 1. "linguine" sign = multiple hypointense wavy lines within implant (= pieces of free-floating collapsed envelope surrounded by silicone gel) 2. "inverted teardrop" / "noose" / "keyhole" / "lariat (= lasso)" sign = loop-shaped hypointense structure contiguous with implant envelope (= small focal invagination of shell with silicone on either side) 3. = infolded polyurethane coat of a single lumen prosthesis 4. hypointense subcapsular lines paralleling the fibrous capsule (= minimally displaced ruptured shell as early sign) (*DDx*: phase-encoding artifact caused by motion) B. EXTRACAPSULAR RUPTURE = extrusion + migration of silicone droplets through tear in both implant + overlying fibrous capsule • palpable breast masses • paresthesia of arm (from nerve impingement secondary to fibrosis surrounding silicone migrated to axilla / brachial plexus) • silicone nipple discharge (rare) 5. silicone droplets in breast 6. axillary silicone lymphadenopathy *US*: 1. "snowstorm" pattern = markedly hyperechoic nodule with well-defined anterior but indistinct posterior margin and intense shadowing echogenic noise (= free silicone droplets mixing with breast tissue) 2. occasionally "dirty" complex cyst (= larger collection of free silicone) (c) "gel bleed" = leakage of silicone through porous but intact implant gel 4. Localized pain / paresthesia 5. ? development of autoimmune disorders (eg, scleroderma, lupus erythematosus) 6. Infection / hematoma formation

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Reduction Mammoplasty ✓ swirled architectural distortion (in inferior breast best seen on mediolateral view) ✓ postsurgical distortion ✓ residual isolated islands of breast tissue ✓ fat necrosis ✓ dystrophic calcifications ✓ asymmetric tissue oriented in nonanatomic distribution

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Puerperal Mastitis =usually interstitial infection during lactational period(a) through infected nipple cracks (b) hematogenous (c) ascending via ducts = galactophoritis
Organism:staphylococcus, streptococcus • tender swollen red breast (DDx: inflammatory carcinoma) • enlarged painful axillary lymph nodes • ± febrile, elevated ESR, leukocytosis ✓ diffuse increased density ✓ diffuse skin thickening ✓ swelling of breast ✓ enlarged axillary lymph nodes ✓ rapid resolution under antibiotic therapy

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Nonpuerperal Mastitis 1. Infected cyst 2. Purulent mastitis with abscess formation 3. Plasma cell mastitis 4. Nonspecific mastitis

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Granulomatous Mastitis 1.Foreign-body granuloma2.Specific disease (TB, [sarcoidosis](#), [leprosy](#), syphilis, [actinomycosis](#), typhus)3.Parasitic disease ([hydatid disease](#), cysticercosis, filariasis, [schistosomiasis](#))

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METASTASES TO BREAST

Incidence: 1% Mean age: 43 years Primaries: [leukemia](#) / [lymphoma](#) > [malignant melanoma](#) > ovarian carcinoma > lung cancer > sarcoma
In up to 40% no known history of primary cancer!
solitary mass (85%), esp. in upper outer quadrant
multiple masses
skin adherence (25%) ± skin thickening
axillary node involvement (40%)

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PAGET DISEASE OF THE NIPPLE

=uncommon manifestation of [breast cancer](#) • eczematike scaling + excoriation of nipple and areola • [nipple discharge](#) + itching
Histo: Paget cell = large pleomorphic cells with pale cytoplasm invading the epidermis; histologically + biologically similar to comedocarcinoma
Associated with: extensive invasive / noninvasive ductal carcinoma limited to one duct in subareolar area / remote + multicentric ✓ negative mammogram in 50% ✓ nipple / areolar thickening ✓ dilated duct ✓ linearly distributed microcalcifications ✓ retroareolar soft-tissue mass
Prognosis: similar to infiltrating duct carcinoma

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PAPILLOMA OF BREAST

=usually benign proliferation of ductal epithelial tissue *Age*:30-77 years ([juvenile papillomatosis](#) = 20-26 years) *Histo*:hyperplastic proliferation of ductal epithelium; lesion may be pedunculated / broad-based; connective tissue stalk covered by epithelial cells proliferating in the form of apocrine metaplasia / solid hyperplasia may cause duct obstruction + distension to form an intracystic papilloma *DDx*:invasive papillary carcinoma

[Central Solitary Papilloma](#) [Peripheral Multiple Papillomas](#)

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Central Solitary Papilloma Location:subareolar within major ductNOT premalignant • spontaneous bloody / serous / clear [nipple discharge](#) (52-100%)• Most common cause of serous / sanguinous [nipple discharge](#)! • "trigger point" = [nipple discharge](#) produced upon compression of area with papilloma • intermittent mass disappearing with discharge• negative mammogram / intraductal nodules in subareolar area• asymmetrically dilated single duct• subareolar amorphous coarse calcifications• dilated duct with obstructing / distorting intraluminal filling defect on ductography (= galactography)Cx:0-14% frequency of carcinoma development

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Peripheral Multiple Papillomas Location: within terminal ductal lobular unit; bilateral in up to 14%. In 10-38% associated with: [atypical ductal hyperplasia](#), lobular carcinoma in situ, papillary + cribriform intraductal cancers, [radial scar](#) • [nipple discharge](#) (20%)¹ round / oval / slightly lobulated well-circumscribed nodules¹ segmental distribution with dilated ducts extending from beneath the nipple (20%)¹ may be associated with coarse microcalcifications Cx: 5% frequency of carcinoma development; increased risk dependent on degree of cellular atypia *Prognosis*: in 24% recurrence after surgical treatment

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RADIAL SCAR

=SCLEROSING DUCT HYPERPLASIA = INDURATIVE MASTOPATHY = FOCAL FIBROUS DISEASE= BENIGN SCLEROSING DUCTAL PROLIFERATION = NONENCAPSULATED SCLEROSING LESION = INFILTRATING EPITHELIOSIS =benign proliferative breast lesion (malignant potential is controversial); "scar" = fibroelastic center with surrounding stellate proliferation of contracted ducts + lobules *Incidence*: 1-2/1,000 screening mammograms; in 2-16% of mastectomy specimens *Path*: entrapped tubules in sclerotic center surrounded by a corona of contracted ducts + lobules (sclerosing [adenosis](#)) and papillomatosis *Histo*: central core of elastosis (= acellular connective tissue and abundant deposits of elastin); one / more ducts obliterated by connective tissue *May be associated with*: tubular carcinoma, comedo carcinoma, invasive lobular carcinoma + contralateral [breast cancer](#) ❖ Avoid frozen section! ❖ rarely palpable ❖ mean diameter of 0.33 cm (range, 0.1-0.6 cm) ❖ irregular noncalcified mass often with architectural distortion ❖ variable appearance in different projections ❖ oval / circular translucent areas at center ❖ very thin long spicules, clumped together centrally ❖ radiolucent linear structures paralleling spicules ❖ no skin thickening / retraction *Rx*: surgical excision required for definite diagnosis *DDx*: carcinoma, postsurgical scar, fat necrosis, [fibromatosis](#), granular cell myoblastoma

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SARCOMA OF BREAST

Incidence: 1% of malignant mammary lesions *Age:* 45-55 years *Histo:* [fibrosarcoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), osteogenic sarcoma, mixed malignant tumor of the breast, malignant [fibrosarcoma](#) and carcinoma, [liposarcoma](#) • rapid growth ✓ smooth / lobulated large dense mass ✓ well-defined outline ✓ palpated size similar to mammographic size

[Angiosarcoma](#)

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Angiosarcoma =highly malignant vascular breast tumor *Incidence*:200 cases in world literature; 0.04% of all malignant breast tumors; 8% of all breast sarcomas *Age*:3rd-4th decade of life *Histo*:hyperchromatic endothelial cells; network of communicating vascular spaces *stage I*:cells with large nucleoli *stage II*:endothelial lining displaying tufting + intraluminal papillary projections *stage III*:mitoses, necrosis, marked hemorrhage *Metastasis*:hematogenous spread to lung, skin, subcutaneous tissue, bone, liver, brain, ovary; NOT lymphatic • rapidly enlarging painless immobile breast mass ✓ skin thickening + [nipple retraction](#) ✓ large solitary mass with ill-defined nonspiculated border *US*: ✓ well-defined multilobulated hypoechoic mass with hyperechoic areas (from hemorrhage) *Prognosis*:1.9-2.1 years mean survival; 14% overall 3-year survival rate *Rx*:simple mastectomy without axillary lymph node dissection *DDx*:phylloides tumor, lactating breast, juvenile hypertrophy ✓ Frequently misdiagnosed as [lymphangioma](#) / [hemangioma](#)!

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Classification Of CHD

	Acyanotic	Cyanotic
Increased PBF + increased CT ratio	<i>L-R shunts</i> VSD ASD PDA ECD PAPVR	<i>T-lesions</i> Transposition Truncus arteriosus TAPVR "Tingles" (single ventricle / atrium) Tricuspid atresia (without RVOT obstruction)
Normal PBF + normal CT ratio	<i>L V outflow obstruction</i> AS Coarctation Interrupted aortic arch Hypoplastic left heart PS <i>L V inflow obstruction</i> Obstructed TAPVR Cor triatriatum Pulmonary vein atresia Congenital MV stenosis <i>Muscle disease</i> Cardiomyopathy Myocarditis Anomalous LCA	
Decreased PBF + normal CT ratio Cardiomegaly		<i>VSD present</i> Tetralogy of Fallot Tricuspid atresia (with PS + nonrestrictive ASD) Pulmonary atresia + VSD <i>Intact ventricular septum</i>

Presenting Age In CHD

AGE	SEVERE PMH	PMH + SHUNT VASCULARITY
0 - 2 days	Hypoplastic left heart Aortic atresia TAPVR below diaphragm Myocardial infarction (MI)	Hypoplastic left heart TAPVR above diaphragm Complete transposition
3 - 7 days		PDA in preterm infant
7 - 14 days	CoA + VSD / PDA Aortic valve stenosis Peripheral AVM Endocardial fibroelastosis Anomalous left coronary artery	Coarctation of aorta (CoA) AVM

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Incidence Of CHD In Liveborn Infants Overall incidence:8-9:1000 livebirths ■ most common CHD: [mitral valve prolapse](#) (5-20%), bicuspid aortic valve (2%) [usually not recognized before late infancy / childhood] ■ ASD + VSD + PDA account for 45% of all CHD ■ 12 lesions account for 89% of all CHD [Ventricular septal defect](#)30.3% [Patent ductus arteriosus](#)8.6% [Pulmonary stenosis](#)7.4% [Septum secundum defect](#)6.7% [Coarctation of aorta](#)5.7% [Aortic stenosis](#)5.2% [Tetralogy of Fallot](#)5.1% [Transposition](#)4.7% [Endocardial cushion defect](#)3.2% [Hypoplastic right ventricle](#)2.2% [Hypoplastic left heart](#)1.3% [TAPVR](#)1.1% [Truncus arteriosus](#)1.0% [Single ventricle](#)0.3% [Double outlet right ventricle](#)0.2%

High-risk pregnancy: (1) Previous sibling with CHD:2- 5%(2) Previous 2 siblings with CHD:10-15%(3) One parent with CHD:2-10%

Most common causes for CHF + PVH in neonate: 1.Left ventricular failure due to outflow obstruction2.Obstruction of pulmonary venous return

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CHD With Relatively Long Life Congenital lesions compatible with a relative long life are: 1.Mild tetralogy: mild [pulmonic stenosis](#) + small VSD2.Valvular [pulmonic stenosis](#): with relatively normal pulmonary circulation3.Transposition of great vessels: some degree of [pulmonic stenosis](#) + large VSD4.[Truncus arteriosus](#): delicate balance between systemic + pulmonary circulation5.[Truncus arteriosus](#) type IV: large systemic collaterals6.[Tricuspid atresia](#) + transposition + [pulmonic stenosis](#)7.[Eisenmenger complex](#)8.[Ebstein anomaly](#)9.Corrected transposition without intracardiac shunt

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Juxtaposition Of Atrial Appendages 1.[Tricuspid atresia](#) with transposition2.Complete transposition3.[Corrected transposition of great arteries](#)4.DORV

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Continuous Heart Murmur 1.PDA2.AP window3.Ruptured [sinus of Valsalva aneurysm](#)4.[Hemitruncus](#)5.Coronary [arteriovenous fistula](#)

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Congestive Heart Failure & Cardiomegaly *mnemonic:* "Ma McCae & Co." **M**ycardial infarction **a**nemia **M**alformation **c**ardiomyopathy **C**oronary artery disease **a**ortic insufficiency **e**ffusion **C**oarctation

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Congenital Cardiomyopathy *mnemonic:* "CAVE G" **C**ystic medial necrosis of coronary arteries **A** aberrant left coronary artery **V**iral **E**ndocardial fibroelastosis **G**lycogen storage disease (Pompe)

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Neonatal Cardiac Failure A. OBSTRUCTIVE LESIONS 1. Coarctation of the aorta 2. Aortic valve stenosis 3. Asymmetrical septal hypertrophy / hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy B. VOLUME OVERLOAD 1. Congenital mitral valve incompetence 2. Corrected transposition with left (= tricuspid) AV valve incompetence 3. Congenital tricuspid insufficiency 4. Ostium primum ASD C. MYOCARDIAL DYSFUNCTION / ISCHEMIA 1. Nonobstructive cardiomyopathy 2. Anomalous origin of LCA from pulmonary trunk 3. Primary [endocardial fibroelastosis](#) 4. [Glycogen storage disease](#) (Pompe disease) 5. Myocarditis D. NONCARDIAC LESIONS 1. AV fistulas: hemangioendothelioma of liver, AV fistula of brain, [vein of Galen aneurysm](#), large pulmonary AV fistula 2. [Transient tachypnea of the newborn](#) 3. Intraventricular / [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#) 4. Neonatal hypoglycemia (low birth weight, infants of diabetic mothers) 5. Thyrotoxicosis (transplacental passage of LATS hormone)

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Syndromes With CHD 5 p - (Cri-du-chat) Syndrome Incidence of CHD:20%

DiGeorge Syndrome = congenital absence of [thymus](#) + [parathyroid glands](#) 1. Conotruncal malformation 2. Interrupted aortic arch

Down Syndrome = MONGOLISM = TRISOMY 21 1. [Endocardial cushion defect](#) (25%) 2. Membranous VSD 3. Ostium primum ASD 4. AV communis 5. Cleft mitral valve 6. PDA 7. 11 rib pairs (25%) 8. Hypersegmented manubrium (90%)

Ellis-van Creveld Syndrome Incidence of CHD:50% • [polydactyly](#) ✓ single atrium

Holt-Oram Syndrome = UPPER LIMB-CARDIAC SYNDROME Incidence of CHD:50% 1. ASD 2. VSD 3. Valvular pulmonary stenosis 4. Radial dysplasia

Hurler Syndrome Cardiomyopathy

Ivemark Syndrome Incidence of CHD:100% • [asplenia](#) ✓ complex cardiac anomalies

Klippel-Feil Syndrome Incidence of CHD:5% 1. [Atrial septal defect](#) 2. Coarctation

Marfan Syndrome = ARACHNODACTYLY 1. Aortic sinus dilatation 2. [Aortic aneurysm](#) 3. Aortic insufficiency 4. Pulmonary aneurysm

Noonan Syndrome 1. Pulmonary stenosis 2. ASD 3. [Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy](#)

Osteogenesis Imperfecta 1. Aortic valve insufficiency 2. Mitral valve insufficiency 3. Pulmonic valve insufficiency

Postrubella Syndrome • low birth weight • deafness • cataracts • mental retardation 1. Peripheral [pulmonic stenosis](#) 2. Valvular [pulmonic stenosis](#) 3. Supravalvular [aortic stenosis](#) 4. PDA

Trisomy 13-15 VSD, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), DORV

Trisomy 16-18 VSD, PDA, DORV

Turner Syndrome (XO) = OVARIAN DYSGENESIS Incidence of CHD:35% 1. Coarctation of the aorta (in 15%) 2. Bicuspid aortic valve 3. Dissecting aneurysm of aorta

Williams Syndrome = IDIOPATHIC [HYPERCALCEMIA](#) • peculiar elfinlike facies • mental + physical retardation • [hypercalcemia](#) (not in all patients) 1. Supravalvular [aortic stenosis](#) (33%) 2. ASD, VSD 3. Valvular + peripheral pulmonary artery stenosis 4. Aortic hypoplasia, stenoses of more peripheral arteries

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Evaluation Of L-to-R Shunts A. AGE-Infants: (1) Isolated VSD (2) VSD with CoA / PDA / AV canal (3) PDA (4) Ostium primum-Children / adults: (1) ASD (2) Partial AV canal with competent mitral valve (3) VSD / PDA with high pulmonary resistance (4) PDA without murmur B. SEX 99% chance for ASD / PDA in female patient C. CHEST WALL ANALYSIS ✓ 11 pair of ribs + hypersegmented manubrium: [Down syndrome](#) ✓ pectus excavatum + straight back: prolapsing mitral valve D. CARDIAC SILHOUETTE ✓ absent pulmonary trunk: corrected transposition with VSD; [pink tetralogy](#) ✓ left-sided ascending aorta: corrected transposition with VSD ✓ tortuous descending aorta: aortic valve incompetence + ASD ✓ huge heart: persistent complete AV canal (PCAVC); VSD + PDA; VSD + mitral valve incompetence ✓ enlarged left atrium: intact atrial septum; [mitral regurgitation](#) ([endocardial cushion defect](#), prolapsing mitral valve + ASD)
DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF L-R SHUNTS
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Shunt With Normal Left Atrium A. Precardiac shunt 1. Anomalous pulmonary venous connection B. Intracardiac shunt 1. ASD (8%) 2. VSD (25%) C. Postcardiac shunt 1. PDA (12%)

Aortic Size In Shunts A. Extracardiac shunts ✓ aorta enlarged + hyperpulsatile 1. PDAB. Pre- and [intracardiac shunts](#) ✓ aorta small but not hypoplastic 1. Anomalous pulmonary venous return 2. ASD 3. VSD 4. Common AV canal

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Abnormal Heart Chamber Dimensions A. LEFT VENTRICULAR VOLUME OVERLOAD 1. VSD 2. PDA 3. Mitral incompetence 4. Aortic incompetence B. LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY 1. Coarctation 2. [Aortic stenosis](#) C. RIGHT VENTRICULAR VOLUME OVERLOAD 1. ASD 2. Partial APVR / total APVR 3. Tricuspid insufficiency 4. Pulmonary insufficiency 5. Congenital / acquired absence of pericardium [6. [Ebstein anomaly](#)] - not truly RVD. RIGHT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY 1. Pulmonary valve stenosis 2. Pulmonary hypertension 3. [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) 4. VSDE. Fixed subvalvular [aortic stenosis](#) F. Hypoplastic left / right ventricle, common ventricle G. [Congestive cardiomyopathy](#)

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Cardiomegaly In Newborn A. NONCARDIOGENIC 1. Metabolic: (a) ion imbalance in serum levels of sodium, potassium, and [calcium](#) (b) hypoglycemia 2. Decreased ventilation (a) asphyxia (b) transient tachypnea (c) perinatal brain damage 3. Erythrocyte function (a) anemia (b) erythrocythemia 4. Endocrine (a) [glycogen storage disease](#) (b) thyroid disease: hypo- / [hyperthyroidism](#) 5. Infant of diabetic mother 6. [Arteriovenous fistula](#) (a) [vein of Galen aneurysm](#) (b) hepatic angioma (c) [chorioangioma](#) B. CARDIOGENIC 1. Arrhythmia 2. Myo- / pericarditis 3. [Cardiac tumor](#) 4. [Myocardial infarction](#) 5. Congenital heart disease

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CYANOTIC HEART DISEASE

Chemical cyanosis= $\text{PaO}_2 \leq 94\%$ Clinical cyanosis= $\text{PaO}_2 \leq 85\%$ Decrease in hemoglobin delays detectability! Most common cause of cyanosis -in newborn is transposition of great vessels-in child is [tetralogy of Fallot](#)!

A. OVERCIRCULATION VASCULARITY *mnemonic*: "5 Ts + CAD" 1. Transposition, complete 2. Tricuspid atresia with transposition 3. Truncus arteriosus 4. TAPVR above diaphragm 5. Tingle ventricle 6. Common atrium 7. Aortic atresia 8. DORV B. DECREASED VASCULARITY (with R-to-L shunt) (a) at ATRIAL LEVEL 1. Isolated pulmonary stenosis / atresia 2. [Tricuspid atresia](#) without transposition with pulmonary stenosis 3. Ebstein / Uhl malformation 4. Congenital tricuspid regurgitation 5. [Pericardial effusion](#) (b) at VENTRICULAR LEVEL 1. [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) 2. [Single ventricle](#) 3. [Tricuspid atresia](#) without transposition without pulmonary stenosis 4. DORV 5. [Asplenia syndrome](#) 6. Corrected transposition + VSD C. [PULMONARY VENOUS HYPERTENSION](#) 1. Atresia of common pulmonary vein 2. TAPVR below diaphragm 3. Aortic atresia N.B.: [tricuspid atresia](#) = the great mimicker

[Increased Pulmonary Blood Flow With Cyanosis](#) [Decreased Pulmonary Blood Flow With Cyanosis](#)

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Increased Pulmonary Blood Flow With Cyanosis = ADMIXTURE LESIONS = bidirectional shunt with 2 components: (a) mixing of saturated blood (L-R shunt) and unsaturated blood (R-L shunt) (b) NO obstruction to pulmonary blood flow

Evaluation process: ✓ PA segment absent = transposition ✓ PA segment present: (a) L atrium normal (= extracardiac shunt) = TAPVR (b) L atrium enlarged (= intracardiac shunt) = [truncus arteriosus](#)

N.B.: Overcirculation + cyanosis = complete transposition until proven otherwise!

ADMIXTURE LESIONS = T-LESIONS *mnemonic:* "5 Ts + CAD" Transposition of great vessels = complete TGV ± VSD (most common cause for cyanosis in neonate)

Tricuspid atresia with or without transposition + VSD (2nd most common cause for cyanosis in neonate) **T**runcus arteriosus **T**otal anomalous pulmonary venous return (TAPVR) above diaphragm (a) supracardiac (b) cardiac (coronary sinus / right atrium) "Tingle" = [single ventricle](#) **C**ommon atrium **A**ortic atresia **D**ouble-outlet right

ventricle (DORV type I) / Taussig-Bing anomaly (DORV type II) *Clues:* ✓ skeletal anomalies: Ellis-van Creveld syndrome (truncus / common atrium) ✓ polysplenia:

common atrium ✓ R aortic arch: persistent [truncus arteriosus](#) ✓ ductus infundibulum; aortic atresia ✓ pulmonary trunk seen: supracardiac TAPVR; DORV; [tricuspid](#)

[atresia](#); common atrium ✓ ascending aorta with leftward convexity: [single ventricle](#) ✓ dilated azygos vein: common atrium + polysplenia + interrupted IVC; TAPVR to

azygos vein ✓ left-sided SVC: vertical vein of TAPVR ✓ "waterfall" right hilum: [single ventricle](#) + transposition ✓ large left atrium (rules out TAPVR) ✓ prominent L heart

border: [single ventricle](#) with inverted rudimentary R ventricle; levoposition of R atrial appendage ([tricuspid atresia](#) + transposition) ✓ age of onset ≤ 2 days: aortic atresia

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Decreased Pulmonary Blood Flow With Cyanosis =two components of (a) impedance of blood flow through right heart due to obstruction / atresia at pulmonary valve / infundibulum (b) R-to-L shunt; pulmonary circulation maintained through systemic arteries / PDA
mnemonic."P2 TETT"**P**ulmonic stenosis with ASD **P**ulmonic atresia **T**etralogy of Fallot **E**bstein anomaly **T**ricuspid atresia with [pulmonic stenosis](#) Transposition of great vessels with [pulmonic stenosis](#)
A.SHUNT AT VENTRICULAR LEVEL1.[Tetralogy of Fallot](#)2.Tetralogy physiology (associated with pulmonary obstruction):-Complete / corrected transposition-[Single ventricle](#)-DORV-[Tricuspid atresia](#) (PS in 75%)-[Asplenia syndrome](#)✓ prominent aorta with L / R aortic arch; inapparent pulmonary trunk✓ **NORMAL** R atrium (without tricuspid regurgitation)✓ **NORMAL**-sized heart (secondary to escape mechanism into aorta)*Clues:* 1.Skeletal anomaly (eg, scoliosis): tetralogy (90%)2.Hepatic symmetry: asplenia3.[Right aortic arch](#): tetralogy, complete transposition, [tricuspid atresia](#)4.Aberrant right subclavian artery: tetralogy5.Leftward convexity of ascending aorta: [single ventricle](#) with inverted right rudimentary ventricle, corrected transposition, asplenia, JAA (tricuspid valve atresia)B.SHUNT AT ATRIAL LEVEL1.**P**ulmonary stenosis / atresia with intact ventricular septum2.**E**bstein malformation + Uhl anomaly3.**T**ricuspid atresia (ASD in 100%)✓ moderate to severe cardiomegaly✓ R atrial dilatation✓ R ventricular enlargement (secondary to massive tricuspid incompetence)✓ inapparent aorta✓ left aortic arch

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Increased Pulmonary Blood Flow Without Cyanosis = indicates L-R shunt with increased pulmonary blood flow (shunt volume >40%)
A. WITH LEFT ATRIAL ENLARGEMENT Indicates shunt distal to mitral valve = increased volume without escape defect
1. VSD (25%): small aorta in intracardiac shunt
2. PDA (12%): aorta + pulmonary artery of equal size in extracardiac shunt
3. Ruptured [sinus of Valsalva aneurysm](#) (rare)
4. Coronary [arteriovenous fistula](#) (very rare)
5. Aortopulmonary window (extremely rare)
B. WITH NORMAL LEFT ATRIUM Indicates shunt proximal to mitral valve = volume increased with escape mechanism through defect
1. ASD (8%)
2. Partial anomalous pulmonary venous return (PAPVR) + sinus venosus ASD
3. [Endocardial cushion defect](#) (ECD) (4%)

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Normal Pulmonary Blood Flow Without Cyanosis A.OBSTRUCTIVE LESION(a)Right ventricular outflow obstruction1.at level of pulmonary valve: subvalvular / valvular / supralvalvular [pulmonic stenosis](#)2.at level of peripheral pulmonary arteries:peripheral pulmonary stenosis (b)Left ventricular inflow obstruction1.at level of peripheral pulmonary veins:pulmonary vein stenosis / atresia 2.at level of left atrium: [cor triatriatum](#)3.at level of mitral valve:supralvalvular [mitral stenosis](#), congenital [mitral stenosis](#) / atresia, "parachute" mitral valve (c)Left ventricular outflow obstruction1.at level of aortic valve:anatomic subaortic stenosis, functional subaortic stenosis (IHSS), valvular [aortic stenosis](#), hypoplastic left heart, supralvalvular [aortic stenosis](#) 2.at level of aorta:[interruption of aortic arch](#), [coarctation of aorta](#) B.CARDIOMYOPATHY1.[Endocardial fibroelastosis](#)2.[Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy](#)3.[Glycogen storage disease](#)C.HYPERDYNAMIC STATE1.Noncardiac AVM (cerebral AVM, [vein of Galen aneurysm](#), large pulmonary AVM, hemangioendothelioma of liver)2.Thyrotoxicosis3.Anemia4.PregnancyD.[MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA](#)1.[Anomalous left coronary artery](#)2.Coronary artery disease (CAD)

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Increased Pulmonary Vasculature A.OVERCIRCULATION=shunt vascularity = arterial + venous overcirculation(a)Congenital heart disease (most common)(1)L-R shunts (2) Admixture cyanotic lesions(b)High-flow syndromes(1) Thyrotoxicosis (2) Anemia (3) Pregnancy (4) Peripheral [arteriovenous fistula](#) ✓ diameter of right descending pulmonary artery larger than trachea just above aortic knob ✓ increased size of veins + arteries with size larger than accompanying bronchus (= "kissing cousin" sign), best seen just above hila on AP view ✓ enlarged hilar vessels (lateral view) ✓ visualization of vessels below 10th posterior ribB.[PULMONARY VENOUS HYPERTENSION](#) ✓ redistribution of flow (not seen in younger children) ✓ indistinctness of vessels with Kerley lines(= interstitial edema) ✓ alveolar edema ✓ fine reticulated patternC.PRECAPILLARY HYPERTENSION ✓ enlarged main + right and left pulmonary arteries ✓ abrupt tapering of pulmonary arteriesD.PROMINENT SYSTEMIC / AORTOPULMONARY COLLATERALS1.[Tetralogy of Fallot](#) with [pulmonary atresia](#)(= pseudotruncus) 2.VSD + [pulmonary atresia](#) ([single ventricle](#), complete transposition, corrected transposition)3.Pulmonary-systemic collaterals ✓ coarse vascular pattern with irregular branching arteries (from aorta / subclavian arteries) ✓ small central vessels despite apparent increase in vascularity

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Decreased Pulmonary Vascularity =obstruction to pulmonary flow^{v/} vessels reduced in size and number^{v/} hyperlucent lungs^{v/} small pulmonary artery segment + hilar vessels

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Normal Pulmonary Vascularity & Normal-sized Heart *mnemonic:* "MAN" Myocardial ischemia Afterload (= pressure overload problems) Normal

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Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension =PAH = sustained pulmonary arterial pressure in systole >30 mm Hg, in diastole >15 mm Hg, mean pressure >20 mm Hg secondary to reduction in cross-sectional area of pulmonary vascular bed with concomitant increase in pulmonary vascular resistance *Pathogenesis*: A.PRIMARY PAH (rare) = plexogenic pulmonary arteriopathy = unknown cause / mechanism B.SECONDARY PAH (more common)(a)primary pleuropulmonic disease 1.Parenchymal pulmonary disease= **cor pulmonale**: COPD, **emphysema**, chronic bronchitis, **asthma**, **bronchiectasis**, malignant infiltrate, granulomatous disease, **cystic fibrosis**, end-stage fibrotic lung, S/P lung resection, idiopathic hemosiderosis, **alveolar proteinosis**, **alveolar microlithiasis** 2.Alveolar hypoventilation= hypoxic pulmonary arterial hyperperfusion: chronic high altitude, sleep apnea, hypoventilation due to neuromuscular disease / obesity 3.Pleural disease + chest deformity fibrothorax, thoracoplasty, kyphoscoliosis(b)primary vascular disease 1.Congenital heart disease-increased flow: large L-R shunt (**Eisenmenger syndrome**)-decreased flow: **tetralogy of Fallot** 2.Capillary obliteration: chronic **pulmonary thromboembolism**, **persistent fetal circulation**, arteritides (eg, Takayasu) 3.Venous obliteration: pulmonary venoocclusive disease(c)**pulmonary venous hypertension**

Histo: Grade I=hypertrophy of media of muscular pulmonary arteries + arterioles Grade II=hypertrophy of muscle cells + proliferation of intima cells in small muscular arteries + arterioles Grade III=muscular hypertrophy + intimal thickening + subendothelial **fibrosis** Grade IV=occlusion of vessels with progressive dilatation of small arteries nearby; muscular hypertrophy less apparent Grade V=tortuous channels within proliferation of endothelial cells (= plexiform + angiomatoid lesions) + intraalveolar macrophages Grade VI=thrombosis + necrotizing arteritis

✓ "pruning" of pulmonary arteries = disproportionate increase in caliber of central fibrous arteries + decrease in caliber of smaller muscular arteries (from sustained increase in pressure) ✓ increase in vessel caliber of central + peripheral arteries (from sustained increase in flow by a factor of >2) ✓ calcification of central pulmonary vessels (PATHOGNOMONIC) ✓ NO increase of pulsations in middle third of lung ✓ normal-sized heart / right heart enlargement

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Cor Pulmonale *mnemonic:* "TICCS BEV" Thoracic deformity Idiopathic Chronic pulmonary embolism COPD Shunt (ASD, VSD, etc) Bronchiectasis Emphysema Vasculitis

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Pulmonary Venous Hypertension = INCREASED VENOUS PULMONARY PRESSURE = VENOUS CONGESTION = pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) >15 mm Hg
Cause: A. LEFT VENTRICULAR INFLOW TRACT OBSTRUCTION ✓ normal-sized heart with right ventricular hypertrophy ✓ prominent pulmonary trunk @ proximal to mitral valve: ✓ normal-sized left atrium 1. TAPVR below the diaphragm 2. Primary [pulmonary veno-occlusive disease](#) 3. Stenosis of individual pulmonary veins 4. Atresia of common pulmonary vein 5. [Cor triatriatum](#) 6. Left atrial tumor / clot 7. Supravalvular ring of left atrium 8. [Fibrosing mediastinitis](#) 9. [Constrictive pericarditis](#) @ at mitral valve level ✓ enlarged left atrium 1. Rheumatic mitral valve stenosis ± regurgitation (99%) ✓ enlarged left atrial appendage 2. Congenital mitral valve stenosis 3. Parachute mitral valve (= single bulky papillary muscle) B. LEFT VENTRICULAR FAILURE (a) ABNORMAL PRELOAD with secondary mitral valve incompetence (= volume overload) 1. Aortic valve regurgitation 2. [Eisenmenger syndrome](#) (= R-to-L shunt in VSD) 3. High-output failure: noncardiac AVM (cerebral AVM, [vein of Galen aneurysm](#), large pulmonary AVM, hemangioendothelioma of liver, iatrogenic), thyrotoxicosis, anemia, pregnancy (b) ABNORMAL AFTERLOAD (= pressure overload) = LV outflow tract obstruction 1. [Hypoplastic left heart syndrome](#) 2. [Aortic stenosis](#) (supravalvular, valvular, anatomic subaortic) 3. Interrupted aortic arch 4. Coarctation of the aorta (c) DISORDERS OF CONTRACTION AND RELAXATION 1. [Endocardial fibroelastosis](#) 2. [Glycogen storage disease](#) (Pompe disease) 3. Cardiac aneurysm 4. Cardiomyopathy (a) congestive (alcohol) (b) hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM), particularly in IDM- asymmetric septal hypertrophy (ASH) - idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis (IHSS) (d) [MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA](#) 1. [Anomalous left coronary artery](#) 2. Coronary artery disease (CAD) ✓ moderate redistribution (PCWP 13-15 mm Hg) ✓ redistribution (PCWP 15-18 mm Hg) ✓ indistinct vessel margins due to interstitial edema (PCWP 18-25 mm Hg) ✓ alveolar [pulmonary edema](#) (PCWP >30 mm Hg)

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Pulmonary Artery-Bronchus Ratios = ratio of diameters of end-on segmental pulmonary artery + accompanying end-on bronchus
A. ERECT CHEST FILM
1. Normal (effect of gravity): upper lung zone 0.85 ± 0.15 lower lung zone 1.34 ± 0.25
2. Pulmonary plethora (balanced engorgement): upper lung zone 1.62 ± 0.31 lower lung zone 1.56 ± 0.28
3. Decompensated CHF (redistribution from left-sided CHF): upper lung zone 1.50 ± 0.25 lower lung zone 0.87 ± 0.20
B. SUPINE CHEST FILM
1. Normal (gravitational effect lost): upper lung zone 1.01 ± 0.13 lower lung zone 1.05 ± 0.13
2. Decompensated CHF (inverted pattern / plethora pattern): upper lung zone 1.49 ± 0.31 lower lung zone 0.96 ± 0.31

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Enlarged Aorta A. INCREASED VOLUME LOAD1.Aortic insufficiency2.PDAB. POSTSTENOTIC DILATATION1.Valvular [aortic stenosis](#)C.INCREASED INTRALUMINAL PRESSURE1.Coarctation2.Systemic hypertensionD.MURAL WEAKNESS / INFECTION1.Cystic media necrosis: Marfan / [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)2.Congenital aneurysm3.[Syphilitic aortitis](#)4.[Mycotic aneurysm](#)5.[Atherosclerotic aneurysm](#) (compromised vasa vasorum)E.LACERATION OF AORTIC WALL1.Traumatic aneurysm2.Dissecting hematoma

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Aortic Wall Thickening 1. Intramural hematoma= [aortic dissection](#) without intimal tear 2. Aortitis segments of aortic arch + branch vessels 3. Atherosclerotic plaque
irregular narrowing of aortic lumen 4. Adherent thrombus

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Double Aortic Arch Common cause of vascular ring; usually isolated condition *Incidence*:55% of all [vascular rings](#)*Age*:usually detected in infancy ■ usually asymptomatic ■ stridor, dyspnea, recurrent [pneumonia](#) ■ dysphagia (less common than respiratory symptoms, more common after starting baby on solids)*Location*:descending aorta in 75% on left, in 25% on right side; smaller arch anterior in 80%; right arch larger + more cephalad than left in 80%*two separate arches arise from single ascending aorta* each arch joins to form a single descending aorta impressions may be present on both sides of trachea: usually R > L *small anterior tracheal impression* broad posterior + bilateral esophageal indentationsCT: *"four-artery sign"* = each arch gives rise to 2 dorsal subclavian + 2 ventral carotid arteries evenly spaced around trachea on section cephalad to aortic arch*DDx*:right arch with aberrant left subclavian artery (indistinguishable by esophagram when dominant arch on right side)

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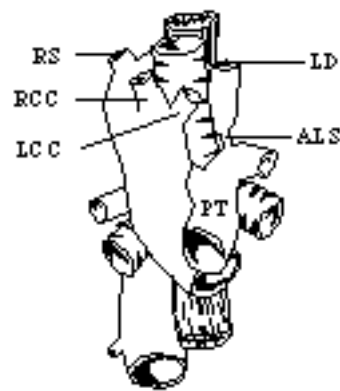
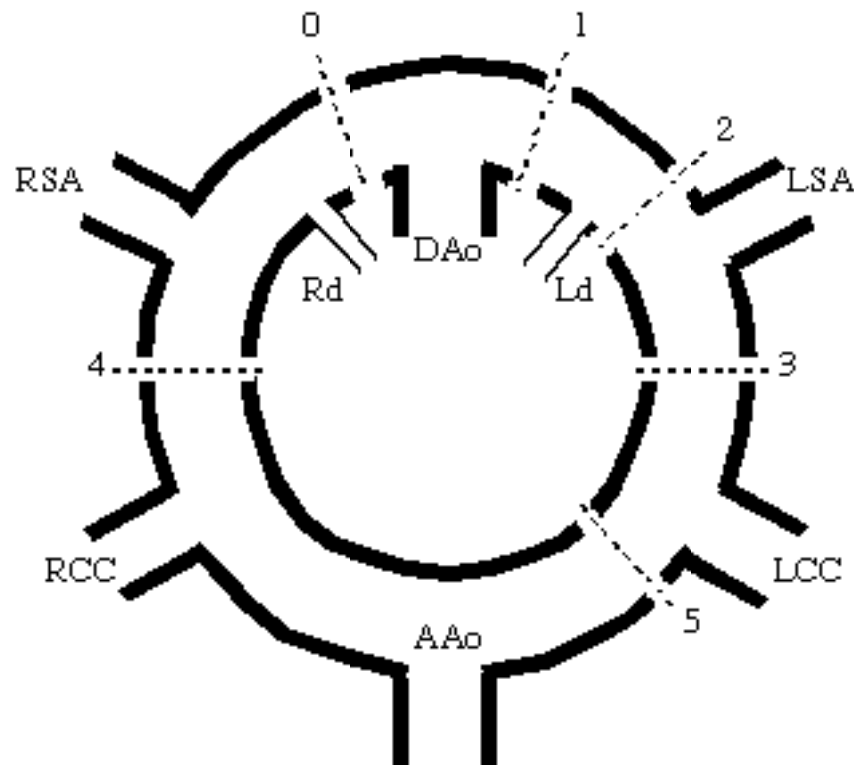


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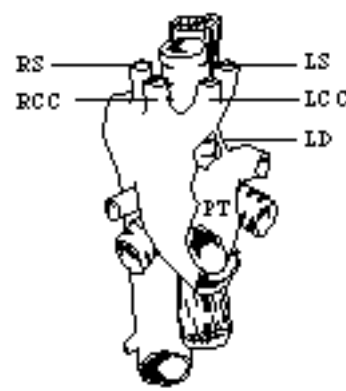
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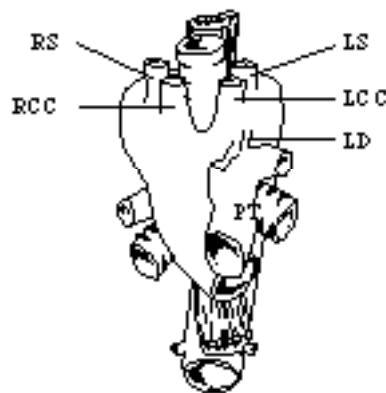
Right Aortic Arch Incidence:1-2%INCIDENCE OF RIGHT AORTIC ARCH IN CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE 1.[Truncus arteriosus](#)35%2.[Tetralogy of Fallot](#)25%3.TGV10%4.[Tricuspid atresia](#) 5%5.Large VSD 2%Rare anomalies: 1.Corrected transposition50%2.Pseudotruncus50%3.Asplenia30%4.[Pink tetralogy](#)15%**mnemonic:** "TRU TETRA TRIC"**TRU**ncus arteriosus **TET**ralogy of Fallot **TRIC**uspid atresia



Right Aortic Arch with Aberrant Left Subclavian Artery

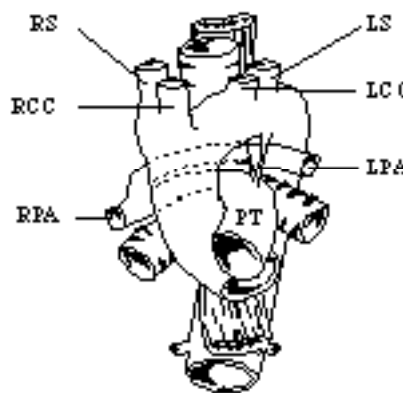


Right Aortic Arch with Mirror-image Branching



Double Aortic Arch

ALS = aberrant left subclavian a.
LS = left subclavian a.
LCC = left common carotid a.
LD = left ductus arteriosus
LPA = left pulmonary a.



Aberrant Left Pulmonary Artery

PT = pulmonary trunk
RCC = right common carotid a.
RPA = right pulmonary a.
RS = right subclavian a.

Right Aortic Arch With Aberrant Left Subclavian Artery =RAA with ALSA=interruption of embryonic left arch between left CCA and left subclavian artery; most common type of right aortic arch anomaly: 35-72%; 2nd most common cause of vascular ring after [double aortic arch](#)Incidence:1:2,500Associated with: congenital heart disease in 5-12%:1.[Tetralogy of Fallot](#)(2/3 = 8%)2.ASD ± VSD(1/4 = 3%)3.Coarctation(1/12 = 1%) usually asymptomatic (loose ring around trachea + esophagus) may be symptomatic in infancy / early childhood provoked by bronchitis + tracheal edema may be symptomatic in adulthood provoked by torsion of aorta left [common carotid artery](#) is first branch of ascending aorta left subclavian artery arises from descending aorta via the remnant of the left dorsal aortic root bulbous configuration of origin of LSA (= remnant of embryonic left arch) = retroesophageal aortic diverticulum = **diverticulum of Kommerell** (N.B.: originally described as diverticular outpouching at origin of right subclavian artery with left aortic arch) small rounded density left lateral to trachea impression on left side of esophagus simulating a [double aortic arch](#) (aortic diverticulum / ligamentum arteriosum) vascular ring (= left ductus extends from aortic diverticulum to left pulmonary artery) right aortic arch impression on tracheal air shadow right-sided esophageal indentation (right arch) masslike density silhouetting top of aortic arch just posterior to trachea on LAT CXR broad posterior impression on esophagus (left subclavian artery / aortic diverticulum) small anterior impression on trachea aorta descends on right side

Right Aortic Arch With Mirror-image Branching 2nd most common aortic arch anomaly: 24-60% =interruption of embryonic left arch between left subclavian artery and descending aorta; dorsal to left ductus arteriosus(a)Type 1 = interruption of left aortic arch distal to ductus arteriosus (common)Associated with:cyanotic congenital heart disease in 98%:1.[Tetralogy of Fallot](#)(87%)2.Multiple defects(7.5%)3.[Truncus arteriosus](#)(2-6%)4.Transposition (1-10%)5.[Tricuspid atresia](#)(5%)6.ASD ± VSD(0.5%) 25% of patients with tetralogy have right aortic arch! 37% of patients with [truncus arteriosus](#) have right aortic arch! NO vascular ring, NO retroesophageal component NO structure posterior to trachea R arch impression on tracheal air shadow NORMAL barium swallow(b)Type 2 = interruption of left aortic arch proximal to ductus arteriosus (rare>true vascular ring (if duct persists); rarely associated with CHD

Right Aortic Arch With Isolated Left Subclavian Artery 3rd most common right aortic arch anomaly: 2% =interruption of embryonic left arch between(a) left CCA and left subclavian artery and (b) left ductus and descending aorta resulting in a connection of left subclavian artery with left pulmonary arteryAssociated with:[tetralogy of Fallot](#) left [common carotid artery](#) arises as the first branch left subclavian artery attaches to left pulmonary artery through PDA NO vascular ring, NO retroesophageal component congenital [subclavian steal syndrome](#)

Right Aortic Arch With Aberrant Left Brachiocephalic Artery Similar in appearance to R aortic arch + aberrant L subclavian artery



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Left Aortic Arch Left Aortic Arch With Aberrant Right Subclavian Artery = right subclavian artery arises as 4th branch from proximal descending aorta
Incidence: 0.4-2.3%; most common congenital aortic arch anomaly; in 37% of [Down syndrome](#) children with CHD
Associated with: (1) Absent recurrent pharyngeal nerve (2) CHD in 10-15%
Course: (a) behind esophagus (80%) (b) between esophagus + trachea (15%) (c) anterior to trachea (5%)
• asymptomatic / dysphagia lusoria (rare)
✓ soft-tissue opacity crossing the esophagus obliquely upward toward the right [shoulder](#)
✓ masslike opacity in right paratracheal region
✓ rounded opacity arising from superior aortic margin posterior to trachea + esophagus on LAT CXR
✓ dilated origin of aberrant subclavian artery (in up to 60%) = diverticulum of Kommerell = remnant of embryonic right arch
✓ unilateral L-sided rib notching (if aberrant right subclavian artery arises distal to coarctation)
Anomalous Innominate Artery Compression Syndrome = origin of R innominate artery to the left of trachea coursing to the right
✓ anterior tracheal compression

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Bovine Aortic Arch =common origin of brachiocephalic trunk + left [common carotid artery](#)

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Cervical Aortic Arch Associated with: [right aortic arch](#) (in 2/3) ■ pulsatile neck mass ■ upper [airway](#) obstruction ■ dysphagia ✓ mediastinal widening ✓ absence of normal aortic knob ✓ aortic arch near lung apex ✓ tracheal displacement to opposite side + anteriorly ✓ apparent cutoff of tracheal air column (secondary to crossing of descending aorta to side opposite of arch) *DDx*: carotid aneurysm

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Vascular Rings = anomaly characterized by encirclement of trachea + esophagus by aortic arch + branches. Usually symptomatic lesions. Chronic stridor, wheezing, recurrent pneumonia, dysphagia, failure to thrive.





1. Double aortic arch with R descending aorta + L ductus arteriosus. 2. R aortic arch with R descending aorta + aberrant L subclavian artery + persistent L ductus / ligamentum arteriosus. 3. L arch with L descending aorta + R ductus / ligamentum. 4. Aberrant L pulmonary artery = "pulmonary sling".

Frequency of CXR findings: -frontal CXR: \surd right aortic arch (85%) \surd focal indentation of distal trachea (73%) -lateral CXR: \surd anterior tracheal bowing (92%) \surd increased retrotracheal opacity (79%) \surd focal tracheal narrowing (77%).

B. Occasionally symptomatic lesions

1. Anomalous innominate 2. Anomalous L common carotid artery / common trunk 3. R aortic arch with L descending aorta + L ductus / ligamentum. **C. Usually asymptomatic lesions** 1. L aortic arch + aberrant R subclavian artery 2. L aortic arch with R descending aorta 3. R aortic arch with R descending aorta + mirror-image branching 4. R aortic arch with R descending aorta + aberrant L subclavian artery 5. R aortic arch with R descending aorta + isolation of L subclavian artery 6. R aortic arch with L descending aorta + L ductus / ligamentum

Pattern of vascular compression of esophagus and trachea

	
<p>A. Anterior tracheal indentation + large posterior esophageal impression:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double aortic arch 2. Right aortic arch with aberrant left subclavian + left ductus / ligamentum arteriosus 3. Left aortic arch with aberrant right subclavian + right ductus / ligamentum (extremely rare) 	<p>B. Anterior tracheal indentation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compression by innominate artery with origin more distal along arch 2. Compression by left common carotid with origin more proximal on arch 3. Common origin of innominate and left common carotid artery
	
<p>C. Small posterior esophageal impression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dysphagia lusoria (lusoria, Latin = playful) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Left aortic arch with aberrant right subclavian artery 2. Right aortic arch with aberrant left subclavian artery (very rare) 	<p>D. Posterior tracheal indentation + anterior esophageal impression</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aberrant left pulmonary artery

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[Aortic Stenosis](#) A.ACQUIRED1.Takayasu aortitis2.Radiation aortitis3.[Aortic dissection](#)4. Infected [aortic aneurysm](#) with abscess5.Pseudoaneurysm from laceration6.Atherosclerosis (rare)7.[Syphilitic aortitis](#) (rare)B.CONGENITAL1.[Williams syndrome](#)2.[Neurofibromatosis](#)3.[Rubella](#)4.Mucopolysaccharidosis5.[Hypoplastic left heart syndrome](#)

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Abnormal Left Ventricular Outflow Tract LVOT = area between IVS + aML from aortic valve cusps to mitral valve leaflets 1. Membranous subaortic stenosis=crescent-shaped fibrous membrane extending across LVOT + inserting at aML ✓ diffuse narrowing of LVOT ✓ abnormal linear echoes in LVOT space (occasionally) 2. Prolapsing aortic valve vegetation 3. Narrowed LVOT (<20 mm) (a) Long-segment subaortic stenosis ✓ aortic valve closure in early systole with coarse fluttering ✓ high-frequency flutter of mitral valve in diastole ([aortic regurgitation](#)) ✓ symmetric LV hypertrophy (b) ASH / IHSS ✓ asymmetrically thickened septum bulging into LV + LVOT ✓ systolic anterior motion of aML (SAM) (c) [Mitral stenosis](#) (d) [Endocardial cushion defect](#)

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Invisible Main Pulmonary Artery A. Underdeveloped = RVOT obstruction 1. [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) 2. Hypoplastic right heart syndrome (tricuspid / [pulmonary atresia](#)) B. Misplaced pulmonary artery 1. Complete transposition of great vessels 2. Persistent [truncus arteriosus](#)

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Unequal Pulmonary Blood Flow 1. [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) diminished flow on left side (hypoplastic / stenotic pulmonary artery in 40%) 2. Persistent [truncus arteriosus](#) (esp. Type IV) diminished / increased blood flow to either lung 3. Pulmonary valvular stenosis increased flow to left lung secondary to jet phenomenon

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Dilatation Of Pulmonary Trunk 1.[Idiopathic dilatation of pulmonary artery](#)2.Pulmonic valve stenosis^{4/} poststenotic dilatation of trunk + left pulmonary a.3.Pulmonary regurgitation(a)severe pulmonic valve insufficiency(b)absence of pulmonic valve (may be associated with tetralogy)4.Congenital L-to-R shunts5.Pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#)6.Aneurysm: mycotic / traumatic

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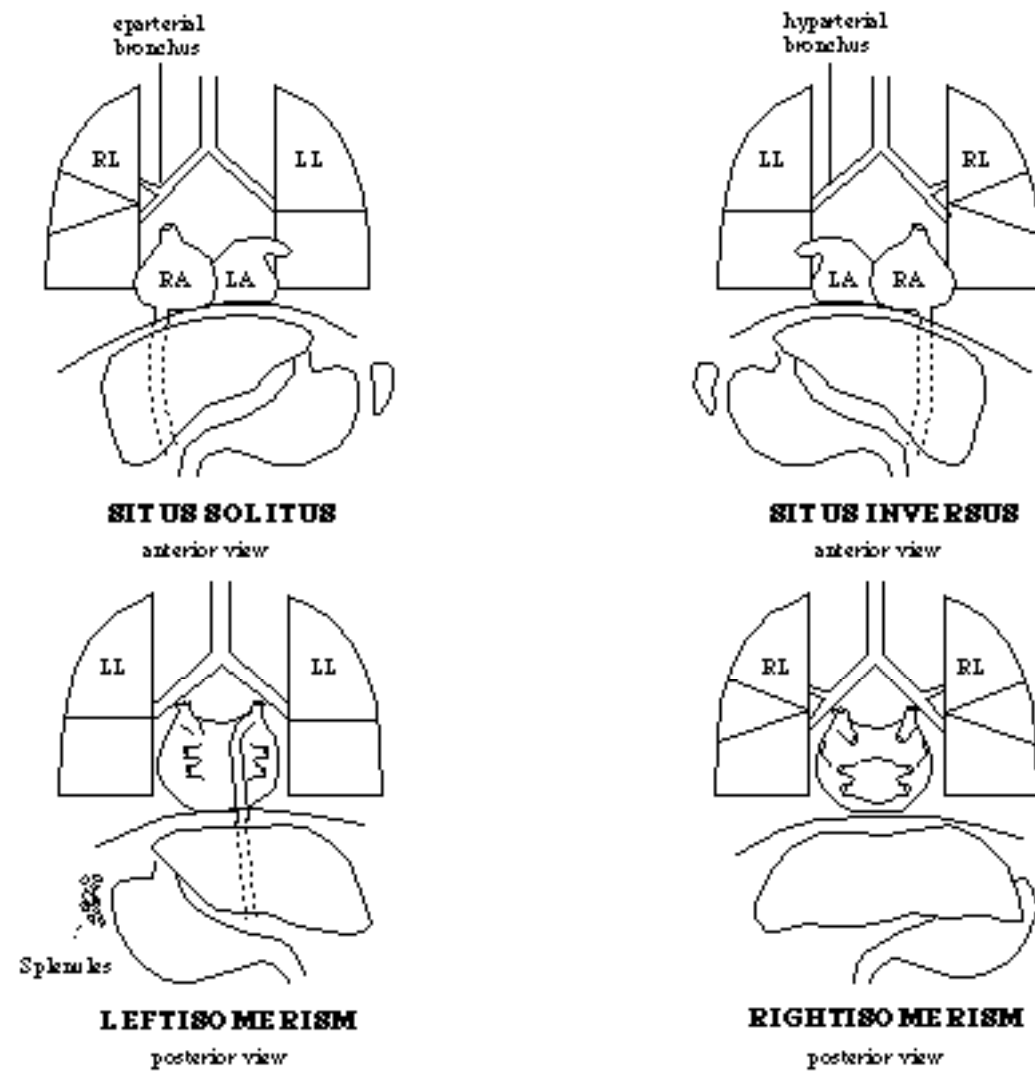
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SITUS

=term describing the position of atria, tracheobronchial tree, pulmonary arteries, thoracic + abdominal viscera



A. **SITUS SOLITUS** = normal situs=position of morphologic LA is the same as that of the aortic arch + stomach bubble + hyperarterial bronchus + bilobed lung; the position of the morphologic RA is the same as that of the eparterial bronchus + trilobed lung¹. Abdominal situs solitus¹ liver + IVC are right-sided¹ stomach, [spleen](#), abdominal aorta are left-sided². Cardiac situs solitus¹ morphologic right atrium is right-sided¹ morphologic left atrium is left-sided¹ *Associated with:* (a) levocardia: <1% chance for CHD (b) dextrocardia: 95% chance for CHD

B. **SITUS INVERSUS**=mirror-image position of normal¹. Abdominal situs inversus¹ mirror-image position of abdominal organs². Cardiac situs inversus¹ morphologic right atrium is left-sided¹ morphologic left atrium is right-sided¹ *Associated with:* (a) dextrocardia = situs inversus totalis (usual variant): 3-5% chance for CHD, eg, [Kartagener syndrome](#) (b) levocardia (extremely rare): 95% chance for CHD

C. **SITUS INDETERMINATUS / INDETERMINUS / AMBIGUUS**=ambiguous relationship¹. Abdominal situs ambiguus¹ liver may be midline + symmetric¹ bowel malrotations are typical². Cardiac situs ambiguus¹ atrial morphology indeterminate / bilateral right atria (right atrial isomerism) / bilateral left atria (left atrial isomerism) *Associated with:* (a) bilateral right isomerism / sidedness = [asplenia syndrome](#) (b) bilateral left isomerism / sidedness = [polysplenia syndrome](#)

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HETEROTAXIA

= CARDIOSPLENIC SYNDROMES = sporadic disorders with abnormal relationship between abdominal organs + tendency toward symmetric development of organs within trunk + associated cardiac anomalies

	Asplenia bilateral R sidedness	Polysplenia bilateral L sidedness
CLINICAL		
<i>Presenting age</i>	newborn / infant	infant / adult
<i>Sex predominance</i>	male	female
<i>Cyanosis</i>	severe	usually absent
<i>Heart disease</i>	severe	moderate / none (5 – 10%)
<i>Hawell-Jolly / Heinz bodies</i>	present	absent
<i>Spleen scan</i>	no spleen	multiple small spleens
<i>Characteristic ECG</i>	none	abnormal P wave vector
<i>Prognosis</i>	poor	good
<i>Mortality</i>	high	low
PLAIN FILM		
<i>Lung vascularity</i>	decreased	normal / increased
<i>Aortic arch</i>	right / left	right / left
<i>Cardiac apex</i>	right / left / midline	right / left
<i>Bronchi</i>	bilateral eparterial	bilateral hyparterial
<i>Minor fissure</i>	possibly bilateral	none / normal
<i>Stomach</i>	midline / right / left	right / left
<i>Liver</i>	symmetrical / R / L	in various positions
<i>Malrotation of bowel</i>	yes (microgastria)	yes
CARDIOGRAPHY		
<i>Coronary sinus</i>	usually absent	sometimes absent
<i>Atrial septum</i>	common atrium (100%)	ASD (84%)
<i>AV valve</i>	atresia / common valve	normal / abnormal MV
<i>Single ventricle</i>	44%	infrequent
<i>I/V</i>	VSD	VSD common
<i>Great vessels</i>	d- / l-transposition (72%)	normal relationship
<i>Pulmonary stenosis</i>	the rule	frequent
<i>Pulmonary veins</i>	TAPVR	PAPVR (42%) TAPVR (6%)
<i>Single coronary artery</i>	19%	
<i>SVC</i>	bilateral (53%)	bilateral (33%)
<i>IVC-aorta relationship</i>	same side of spine	normal
<i>I/V</i>	normal	interrupted (84%) / normal
<i>Azygos vein</i>	inapparent	continuation R / L

Cardiac Position

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Cardiac Position

=determined by base-apex axis; no assumption is made regarding cardiac chamber / vessel arrangement

A.POSITION OF CARDIAC APEX1.Levocardia = apex directed leftward2.Dextrocardia = apex directed rightward3.Mesocardia = vertical / midline heart (usually with [situs solitus](#))^v atrial septum characteristically bowed into left atrium in cardiac [situs solitus](#) with dextrocardia + cardiac [situs inversus](#) with levocardia (DDx: juxtapositioned atrial appendages)B.CARDIAC DISPLACEMENTby extracardiac factors (eg, lung hypoplasia, pulmonary mass) 1.Dextroposition suggests hypoplasia of ipsilateral pulmonary artery (PAPVR implies scimitar syndrome) 2.Levoposition3.MesopositionC.CARDIAC INVERSION=alteration of normal relationship of chambers1.D-bulboventricular loop2.L-bulboventricular loopD.TRANSPOSITION=alteration of anterior-posterior relationship of great vessels

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CARDIAC TUMOR

Prevalence: 0.017-0.08-0.3% • weight loss, fever, malaise • [congestive heart failure](#), palpitations, heart murmur • syncope • dyspnea, cough, chest pain
Location: pericardial, intramural, intracavitary

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Malignant Heart Tumors *Prevalence:* 25% of all cardiac tumors in adults 10% of all cardiac tumors in children 1. Sarcoma: undifferentiated sarcoma, [angiosarcoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#) 2. [Malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) *Prevalence:* 1-2% of all primary cardiac tumors *Age:* more common in adults than children 3. Metastatic disease most commonly lung, melanoma, breast 4. 20-40 times more frequent than primary tumor! 4. [Lymphoma](#) *Incidence:* cardiac involvement in 29% on autopsy; pericardial involvement more frequent • intractable [congestive heart failure](#) • chest pain¹ SVC obstruction 5. Malignant teratoma 6. Multiple cardiac myxomas

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Benign Heart Tumor In Adults 1.[Myxoma](#) (most common [cardiac tumor](#))2.Papillary fibroelastoma3.[Lipoma](#)4.Hydatid cyst (uncommon):^{4/} localized bulge of left cardiac contour^{4/} curvilinear / spotty calcifications (resembling myocardial aneurysm)Cx:may rupture into cardiac chamber / pericardium

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Congenital Cardiac Tumor *Incidence:* 1:10,000 1.Rhabdomyoma (58%): usually multiple masses2.Teratoma (20%): intrapericardiac, extracardiac[✓] multicystic mass3.Fibroma (12%): intramuralmay be associated with:Gorlin syndromeLocation:free LV wall / interventricular septum[✓] may be pedunculated[✓] calcification and cystic degeneration centrally[✓] tendency for slow growthCx:fetal hydrops secondary to obstruction, [pericardial effusion](#), fetal arrhythmia, fetal death4.[Hemangioma](#) (arise from RT atrium, [pericardial effusion](#), skin hemangiomas), [lymphangioma](#), neurofibroma, [myxoma](#), mesothelioma:[✓] mass-occupying lesion impinging upon cardiac cavities

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Pericardial Effusion =pericardial fluid >50 mL **Etiology:** A.SEROUS FLUID = transudate [congestive heart failure](#), hypoalbuminemia, irradiation B.BLOOD = hemopericardium(a)iatrogenic: cardiac surgery / catheterization, anticoagulants, chemotherapy(b)trauma: penetrating / nonpenetrating(c)acute [myocardial infarction](#) / rupture(d)rupture of ascending aorta / pulmonary trunk(e)coagulopathy(f)neoplasm: mesothelioma, sarcoma, teratoma, fibroma, angioma, metastasis (lung, breast, [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#), melanoma)C.LYMPHneoplasm, congenital, cardiothoracic surgery, obstruction of hilum / SVC D.FIBRIN = exudate(a)infection: viral, pyogenic, TB(b)uremia: 18% in acute uremia; 51% in chronic uremia; dialysis patient(c)collagen disease: [rheumatoid arthritis](#), SLE, acute rheumatic fever(d)hypersensitivity **mnemonic:**"CUM TAPPIT RV"**Collagen vascular disease Uremia Metastasis Trauma Acute [myocardial infarction](#) Purulent infection Post MI syndrome Idiopathic Tuberculosis Rheumatoid arthritis Virus** CXR: ✓ normal with fluid <250 mL / in acute pericarditis ✓ "water bottle configuration" = symmetrically enlarged cardiac silhouette ✓ loss of retrosternal clear space ✓ "fat-pad sign" = separation of retrosternal from epicardial fat line >2 mm (15%) ✓ rapidly appearing cardiomegaly + normal pulmonary vascularity ✓ "differential density sign" = increase in lucency at heart margin secondary to slight difference in contrast between pericardial fluid + heart muscle ✓ diminished cardiac pulsations ECHO: ✓ separation of epi- and pericardial echoes extending into diastole (rarely behind LA) ✓ volume estimates by M-mode:(a)separation only posteriorly = <300 mL(b)separation throughout cardiac cycle = 300-500 mL(c)plus anterior separation = >1000 mL

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Pneumopericardium *Etiology*:shearing mechanism of injury of the heart during blunt trauma*Path*:tear in fibrous pericardium, usually along the course of the phrenic nerve, allows pneumomediastinal air to enter ∇ thick shaggy soft-tissue density of fibrous pericardium separated by air from cardiac density ∇ air limited to distribution of pericardial reflection

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Vena cava anomalies 1. [Retrocaval ureter](#) = circumcaval ureter 2. Duplicated IVC *Incidence*: 0.2-3% *Etiology*: persistence of right + left supracardinal veins / small / equal-sized left IVC formed by left iliac vein / crossover to right IVC via left renal vein / or more inferiorly / crossover usually anterior / rarely posterior to aorta *DDx*: left gonadal v. / a., inferior mesenteric v. 3. Transposition of IVC = solitary left IVC *Incidence*: 0.2-0.5% *Etiology*: persistence of left + regression of right supracardinal vein / left IVC usually crosses over via left renal vein / or more inferiorly / crossover usually anterior / rarely posterior to aorta 4. Retroaortic left renal vein *Incidence*: 1.8-2.4% *Etiology*: persistence of posterior intersupracardinal anastomosis + regression of anterior intersubcardinal anastomosis / crossover usually below / occasionally at level of right renal vein 5. Circumaortic left renal vein *Incidence*: 1.5-8.7% *Etiology*: persistence of anterior intersubcardinal + posterior intersupracardinal anastomosis / venous collar encircling aorta 6. Interrupted IVC with azygos / hemiazygos continuation see [AZYGOS CONTINUATION](#) 7. Persistent left SVC = Bilateral SVCs *Incidence*: 0.3% of general population; 4.3-11% of patients with CHD *Etiology*: failure of regression of left anterior + common cardinal veins + left sinus horn *May be associated with*: ASD, [azygos continuation of IVC](#) *Course*: lateral to aortic arch, anterior to left hilum / left SVC drains into enlarged coronary sinus (common) / left SVC drains into LA (rare) creating a R-to-L shunt (increased prevalence of CHD) / hemiazygos arch formed by left superior intercostal vein + persistent left SVC (20%) / absent / small left brachiocephalic vein (65%) / absence of right SVC (10-18%) / anastomosis between right + left anterior cardinal veins (in 35%)

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IVC Obstruction A. INTRINSIC OBSTRUCTION (a) neoplastic (most frequent) 1. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) (in 10%), [Wilms tumor](#) 2. Adrenal carcinoma, [pheochromocytoma](#) 3. Pancreatic carcinoma, hepatic adenocarcinoma 4. Metastatic disease to retroperitoneal lymph nodes (carcinoma of ovary, cervix, prostate) (b) nonneoplastic 1. Idiopathic 2. Proximally extending thrombus from femoroiliac veins 3. Systemic disorders: coagulopathy, [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#), dehydration, infection ([pelvic inflammatory disease](#)), sepsis, CHF 4. Postoperative / traumatic phlebitis, ligation, plication, clip, cava filter, severe exertion B. INTRINSIC CAVAL DISEASE (a) neoplastic 1. [Leiomyoma](#), leiomyosarcoma, endothelioma (b) nonneoplastic 1. Congenital membrane C. EXTRINSIC COMPRESSION (a) neoplastic 1. Retroperitoneal lymphadenopathy (adults) due to metastatic disease, [lymphoma](#), granulomatous disease (TB) 2. Renal + adrenal tumors (children) 3. Hepatic masses 4. Pancreatic tumor 5. Tumor-induced desmoplastic reaction (eg, metastatic [carcinoid](#)) (b) nonneoplastic 1. Hepatomegaly 2. Tortuous aorta / [aortic aneurysm](#) 3. Retroperitoneal hematoma 4. Massive [ascites](#) 5. Retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#) D. FUNCTIONAL OBSTRUCTION 1. Pregnant uterus 2. Valsalva maneuver 3. Straining / crying (in children) 4. Supine position with large abdominal mass E. COLLATERAL PATHWAYS 1. Deep pathway: ascending lumbar veins to azygos vein (right) + hemiazygos vein (left) + intravertebral, paraspinal, extravertebral plexus (Batson plexus) 2. Intermediate pathway: via periureteric plexus + left gonadal vein to renal vein 3. Superficial pathway: external iliac vein to inferior epigastric vein + superior epigastric vein + internal mammary vein into subclavian vein 4. Portal pathway: retrograde flow through internal iliac vein + hemorrhoidal plexus into inferior mesenteric vein + splenic vein into portal vein

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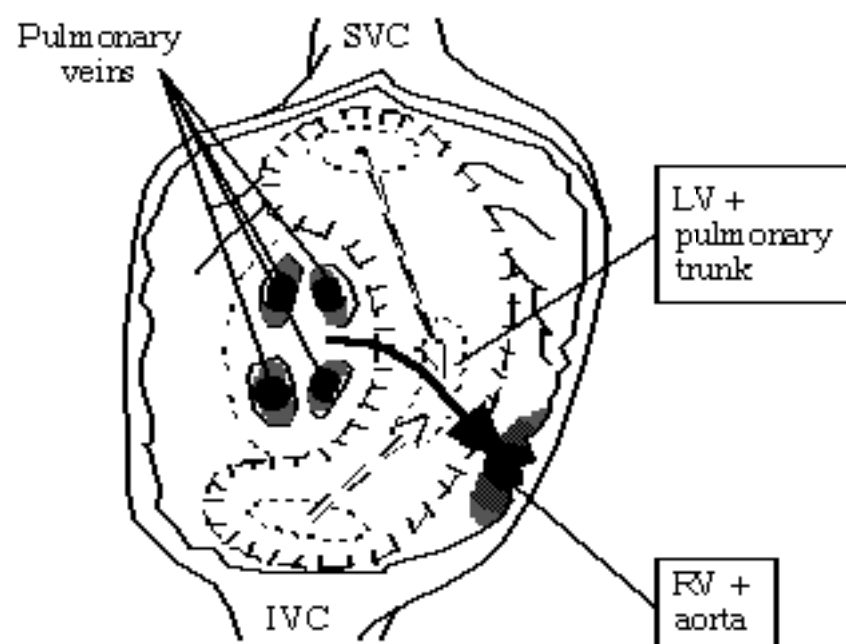




Surgical Procedures A.AORTICOPULMONARY WINDOW SHUNT=side-to-side anastomosis between ascending aorta and left pulmonary artery (reversible procedure) [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) B.BLALOCK-HANLON PROCEDURE=surgical creation of ASD [Complete transposition](#) C.BLALOCK-TAUSSIG SHUNT=end-to-side anastomosis of subclavian artery to pulmonary artery, performed ipsilateral to innominate artery / opposite to aortic arch Modified Blalock-Taussig shunt uses synthetic graft material such as polytetrafluoroethylene (Gore-Tex®) in an end-to-side anastomosis between subclavian artery + ipsilateral branch of pulmonary artery [Tetralogy of Fallot](#), [Tricuspid atresia](#) with [pulmonic stenosis](#) D.FONTAN PROCEDURE=(1) external conduit from right atrium to pulmonary trunk (= venous return enters pulmonary artery directly) (2) closure of ASD: floor constructed from flap of atrial wall and roof from piece of prosthetic material [Tricuspid atresia](#)



E.GLENN SHUNT=end-to-side shunt between distal end of right pulmonary artery and SVC; reserved for patients with cardiac defects in which total correction is not anticipated [Tricuspid atresia](#) F.POTT SHUNT=side-to-side anastomosis between descending aorta + left pulmonary artery [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) G.MUSTARD PROCEDURE (a) removal of atrial septum (b) pericardial baffle placed into common atrium such that systemic venous blood is rerouted into left ventricle and pulmonary venous return into right ventricle and aorta [Complete transposition](#)



Mustard Procedure (lateral view into opened right atrium)

H.RASHKIND PROCEDURE = balloon atrial septostomy [Complete transposition](#) I.RASTELLI PROCEDURE external conduit (Dacron) with porcine valve connecting RV to pulmonary trunk [Transposition](#) J.WATERSTON-COOLEY SHUNT=side-to-side anastomosis between ascending aorta and right pulmonary artery; (a) extrapericardial (WATERSTON) (b) intrapericardial (COOLEY) [Tetralogy of Fallot](#)

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Postoperative Thoracic Deformity A.ON RIGHT SIDE1.Systemic-PA shunt: Blalock-Taussig shunt, Waterston-Cooley shunt, Glenn shunt, Central conduit shunt2.Atrial septectomy: Blalock-Hanlon procedure3.VSD repair: through RA4.Mitral valve commissurotomyB.ON LEFT SIDE1.PDA2.Coarctation3.PA banding4.Mitral valve commissurotomy5.Systemic-PA shunt: Blalock-Taussig shunt, Pott shunt

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Heart Valve Prosthesis 1. Starr-Edwards[†] caged ball[‡] predictable performance from large long-term experience 2. Björk-Shiley / Lillehei-Kaster / St. Jude[†] tilting disk[‡] excellent hemodynamics, very low profile, durable 3. Hancock / Carpentier-Edwards (= porcine xenograft) Ionescu-Shiley (= bovine xenograft)[‡] low incidence of thromboembolism, no hemolysis, central flow, inaudible

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CARDIAC CALCIFICATIONS

Detected by: fluoroscopy (at low-beam energies ≤ 75 kVp; 57% [sensitivity](#)) < digital subtraction fluoroscopy < conventional CT < ultrafast CT (96% [sensitivity](#)) @ Coronary arteries *see below* @ Cardiac valves Valvar calcification means stenosis - its amount is proportionate to degree and duration of stenosis! 1. **Aortic valve** usually indicates significant [aortic stenosis](#) Cause: congenital bicuspid valve (70-85%) > atherosclerotic degeneration > rheumatic [aortic stenosis](#) (rare), syphilis, [ankylosing spondylitis](#) Location: above + anterior to a line connecting carina + anterior costophrenic angle (lateral view) (a) Stenotic congenital bicuspid valve • [calcium](#) first detected at an average age of 28 years usually extensive cluster of heavy dense calcific deposits assuming a nodular contour poststenotic dilatation of ascending aorta (b) Degenerative [aortic stenosis](#) • [calcium](#) first detected at an average age of 54 years In patients >65 years aortic valve calcification in 90% due to atherosclerosis! curvilinear shape of [calcium](#) outlining tricuspid leaflets diffuse dilatation + tortuosity of aorta (NO poststenotic dilatation) (c) Isolated rheumatic [aortic stenosis](#) • [calcium](#) first detected at an average age of 47 years cluster of heavy dense calcific deposits without bicuspid contour 2. **Mitral valve leaflet** Cause: rheumatic heart disease (virtually always), [mitral valve prolapse](#) Location: inferior to a line connecting carina + anterior costophrenic angle (on lateral view) • [calcium](#) first detected in early thirties when patients become overtly symptomatic delicate calcification similar to coronary arteries (DDx: [calcium](#) in RCA / LCX) superior-to-inferior motion 3. **Pulmonic valve** Cause: [tetralogy of Fallot](#), pulmonary stenosis, [atrial septal defect](#) calcific pattern similar to calcified mitral valve 4. **Tricuspid valve** (extremely rare) Cause: rheumatic heart disease, septal defect, tricuspid valve defect, infective endocarditis @ Annulus = valve rings serve as fibrous skeleton of the heart for attachment of myocardial fibers + cardiac valves 1. **Mitral annulus** Cause: degenerative (physiologic in elderly) Age: >65 years May be associated with: [mitral valve prolapse](#) Commonly associated with: aortic valve [calcium](#) dense bandlike calcification starting at posterior aspect + progressing laterally frequently forming a "reversed C" / "U" / "J" Cx: mitral insufficiency, atrial fibrillation, heart block 2. **Aortic annulus** usually in combination with degenerative aortic valve calcification 3. **Tricuspid annulus** Associated with: long-standing RV hypertension Location: right AV groove bandlike C-shaped configuration @ Pericardium Cause: idiopathic pericarditis, [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (5%), [tuberculosis](#), viral, [chronic renal failure](#), radiotherapy of mediastinum Location: calcification over less pulsatile right-sided chambers, atrioventricular grooves, pulmonary trunk 50% of patients with [constrictive pericarditis](#) show pericardial calcifications! Cx: [constrictive pericarditis](#) @ Myocardium Cause: infarction, aneurysm, rheumatic fever, myocarditis Location: apex / anterolateral wall of LV (coincides with typical location of LV aneurysms) fine curvilinear contour outlines the aneurysm shaggy laminated calcification suggests associated calcification of mural thrombus coarse amorphous calcifications are caused by trauma, cardioversion, infection, endocardial [fibrosis](#) @ Interventricular septum Location: triangular fibrous area between mitral + tricuspid annuli (= trigona fibrosa) representing the basal segment of interventricular septum, closely related to bundle of His Always associated with: heavy calcification of mitral annulus / aortic valve Cx: heart block @ Left atrial wall Cause: rheumatic mitral valve disease (a) diffuse form • patient usually in bilateral CHF + atrial fibrillation diffuse sheetlike calcification starting in the appendage sparing posterolateral wall on right side Cx: mural thrombus formation + emboli (b) localized form nodular calcific scar in posterior wall (= McCallum patch) due to injury from a forceful jet in mitral valve insufficiency @ Cardiac tumor atrial [myxoma](#) (in 10% calcified), rhabdomyoma, fibroma, angioma, [osteosarcoma](#), osteoclastoma @ Endocardium Cause: cardiac aneurysm, thrombus, [endocardial fibroelastosis](#) @ Pulmonary artery Cause: severe precapillary pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#), syphilis @ Ductus arteriosus (a) in adults: indicates patency of ductus with associated long-standing precapillary pulmonary hypertension (b) in children: ductus likely closed [calcium](#) deposition in ligament of Botallo

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Coronary Artery Calcification =due to (1) arteriosclerosis of intima (2) Mönckeberg medial sclerosis (exceedingly rare)*Histo*:calcified subintimal plaques[♠][Calcium](#) is deposited in hemorrhagic areas within atheromatous plaques!CXR (detection rate up to 42%):[♠]indicating more severe coronary artery diseaseFluoroscopy: (promoted as inexpensive screening test) (a)asymptomatic population-calcifications in 34% in asymptomatic male individuals-in 35% of patients with calcifications exercise test will be positive (without calcifications only in 4% positive)-calcifications indicate >50% stenosis with 72-76% [sensitivity](#), 78% [specificity](#); frequency of coronary artery calcifications with normal angiogram increases with age; predictive values in population <50 years as good as exercise [stress test](#)(b)symptomatic population-in 54% of symptomatic patients with [ischemic heart disease](#)[♠]In symptomatic patients 94% [specificity](#) for obstructive disease (>75% stenosis) of at least one of the three major vessels!Location: "coronary artery calcification triangle" = triangular area along mid left heart border, spine, and [shoulder](#) of LV containing left main coronary artery, proximal portions of LAD + LCX calcifications at autopsy: LAD (93%), LCX (77%), left main CA (70%), RCA (69%)[♠]parallel calcified lines (lateral view)*Prognosis*:58% 5-year survival rate with and 87% without calcifications

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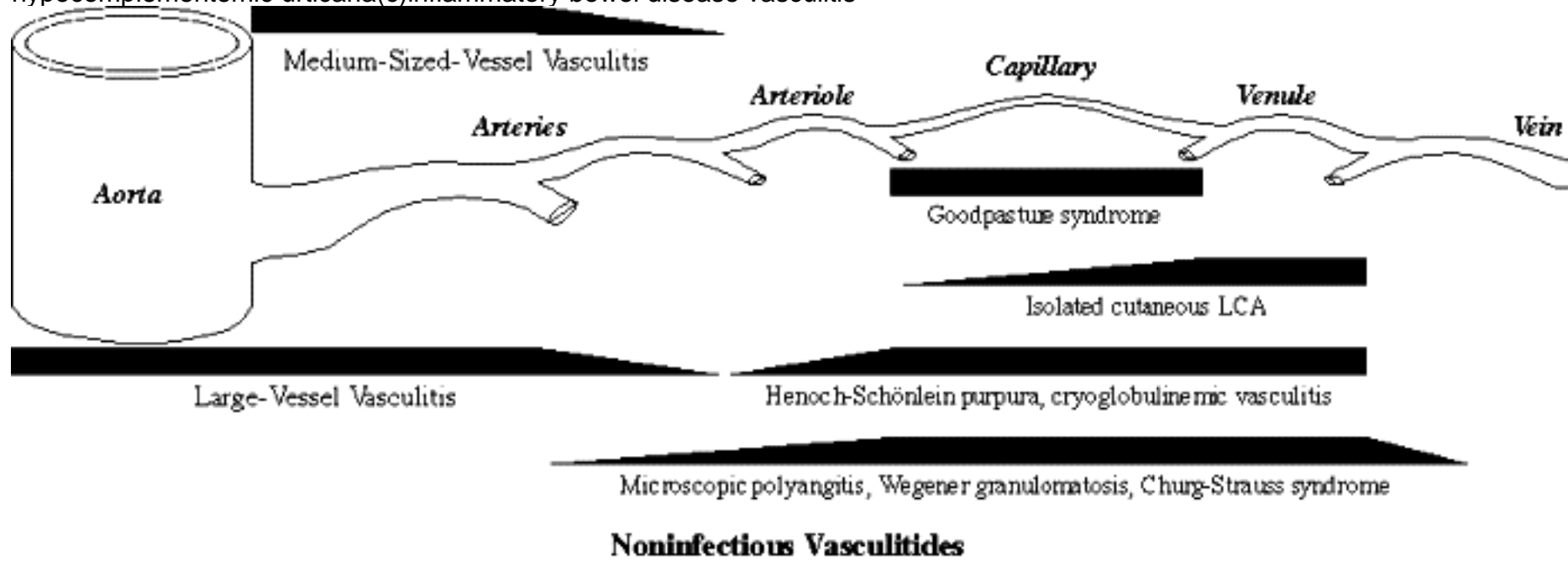


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Vasculitis A. **LARGE-VESSEL VASCULITIS** 1. Giant cell (temporal) arteritis 2. Takayasu disease B. **MEDIUM-SIZED-VESSEL VASCULITIS** 1. [Polyarteritis nodosa](#) 2. Kawasaki disease C. **SMALL-VESSEL VASCULITIS** (a) ANCA-associated small-vessel vasculitis (= antineutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies) 1. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) 2. [Churg-Strauss syndrome](#) 3. [Microscopic polyangiitis](#) (b) immune-complex small-vessel vasculitis 1. [Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#) 2. Essential cryoglobulinemic vasculitis 3. Cutaneous leukocytoclastic angiitis others: lupus, rheumatoid, Sjögren, Behçet, Goodpasture, serum sickness, drug-induced, hypocomplementemic urticaria (c) inflammatory bowel disease vasculitis



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PULSUS ALTERNANS

=alternating arterial pulse height with regular cardiac rhythm
1. Intrinsic myocardial abnormality
severe left ventricular dysfunction (CHF, aortic valvular disease, hypothermia, hypocalcemia, hyperbaric stress, ischemia)
2. Alternating end-diastolic volumes
abnormalities in venous filling + return (obstructed venous return, IVC balloon)

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ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

A. ESSENTIAL (85-90%) B. RENAL PARENCHYMAL DISEASE (5-10%) C. POTENTIALLY CURABLE (1-2%) (a) vascular 1. Renovascular disease 2. Coarctation (b) hormonal 1. [Pheochromocytoma](#) 2. [Cushing syndrome](#) 3. Primary aldosteronism 4. [Hyperthyroidism](#) 5. Myxedema (c) renal 1. Unilateral renal disease

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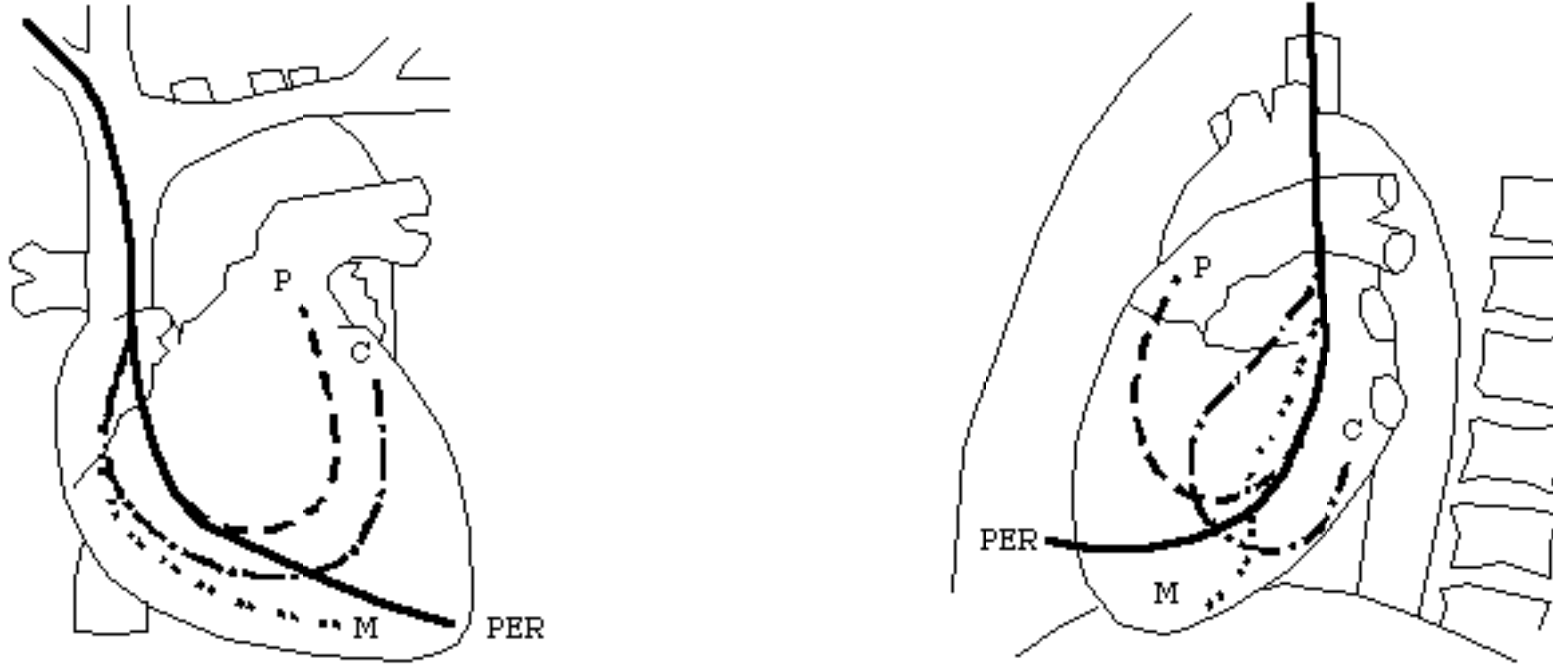


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CENTRAL VENOUS LINE POSITIONS



Central Venous Line Positions

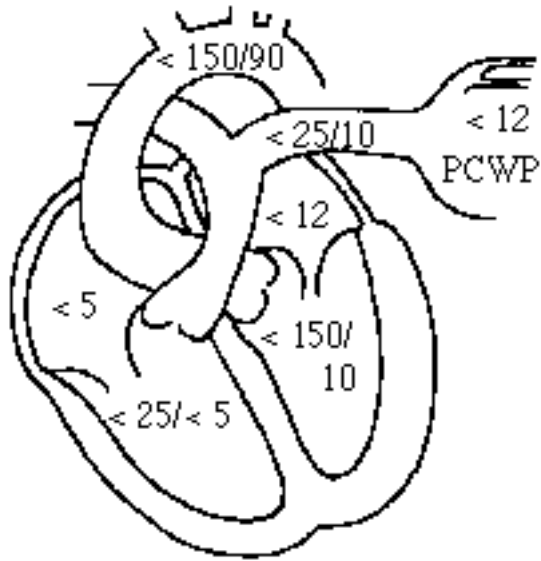
C = coronary sinus, M = middle cardiac vein, P = main pulmonary artery, PER = perforation

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Normal Blood Pressures



Normal Blood Pressures

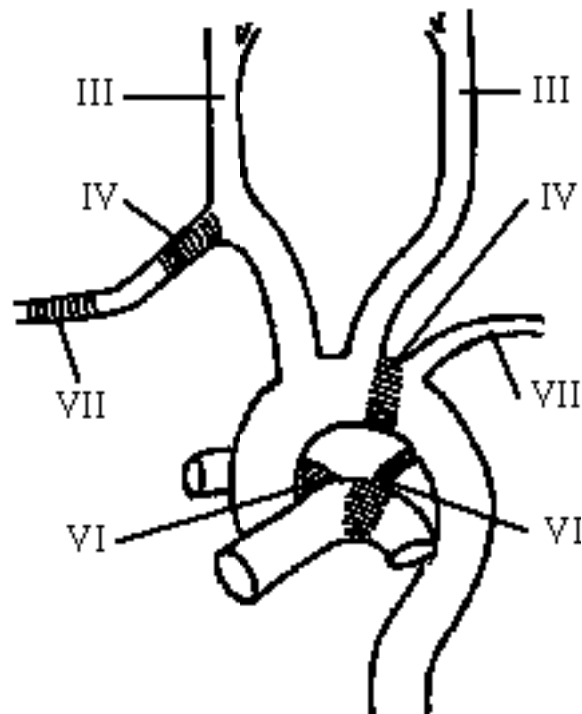
PCWP = pulmonary capillary wedge pressure

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Development of Major Blood Vessels



Development of Major Blood Vessels

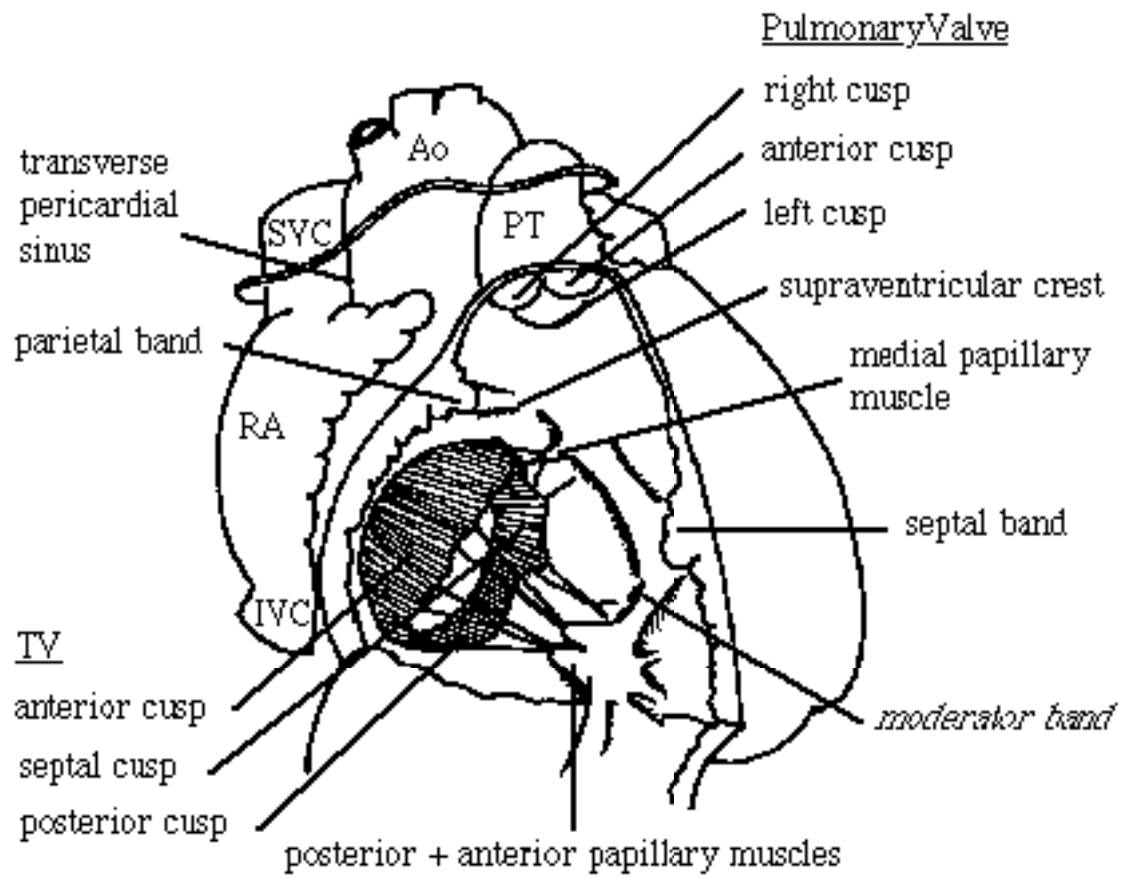
numbers refer to embryologic aortic arches
most portions of aortic arches I, II, V regress

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Right Ventricle Viewed from Front



Right Ventricle Viewed from Front

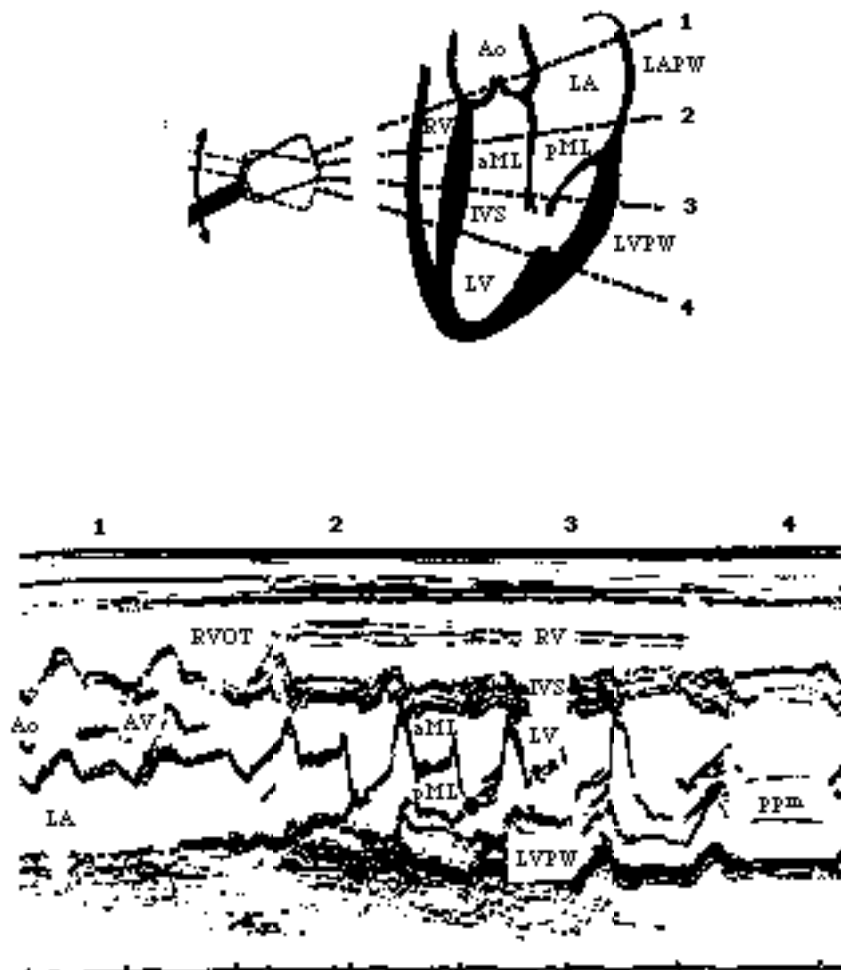
Demarcation between posteroinferior inflow portion and anterosuperior outflow portion by prominent muscular bands forming an almost circular orifice -parietal band-crista supraventricularis-septomarginal trabeculae (= septal band + moderator band)Anterior papillary muscle originates from moderator band!

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Sweep of Transducer From Aorta Toward Apex



Sweep of Transducer From Aorta Toward Apex

Area 1: recognized by parallel motion of both aortic walls (a) toward the transducer during systole (b) away from the transducer during diastole. Left atrial posterior wall (LAPW) does not move because of mediastinal attachment by pulmonary veins.

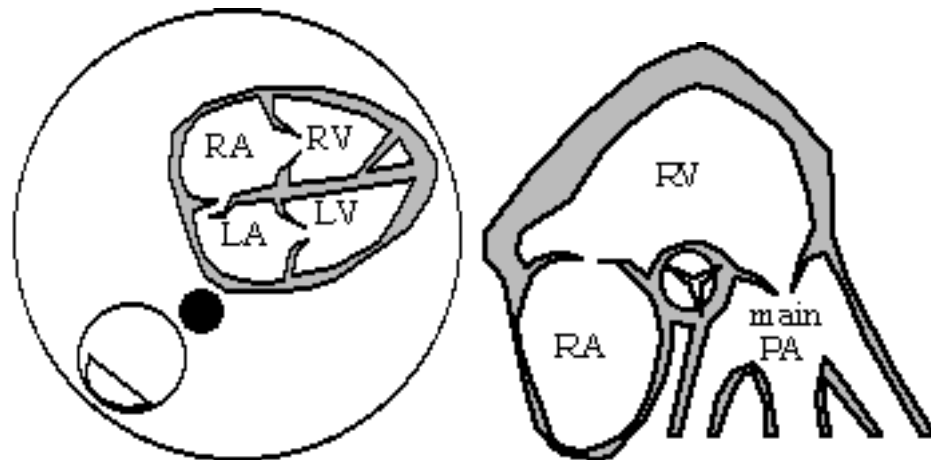
Aortic valve cusps (right coronary + noncoronary / left cusps) are positioned in middle of aorta during diastole, open abruptly during systole at onset of ventricular ejection in a "box-like" fashion. Aortic + LA dimension are similar in most cases. Area 2: Aortic-septal continuity = anterior aortic wall becomes interventricular septum. Aortic-mitral continuity = posterior aortic wall becomes anterior mitral valve leaflet. Mitral valve with typical "M" configuration during diastole; motion of aML toward transducer during systole secondary to movement of whole mitral valve apparatus. Area 3: posterior mitral valve leaflet (pML) = reciprocal "W-shaped" configuration; left ventricular posterior wall (LVPW) shows anterior motion during systole. Area 4: Chordae tendineae in continuity with mitral valve leaflets merge with a thick posterior band of echoes representing the posteromedial papillary muscle (ppm).

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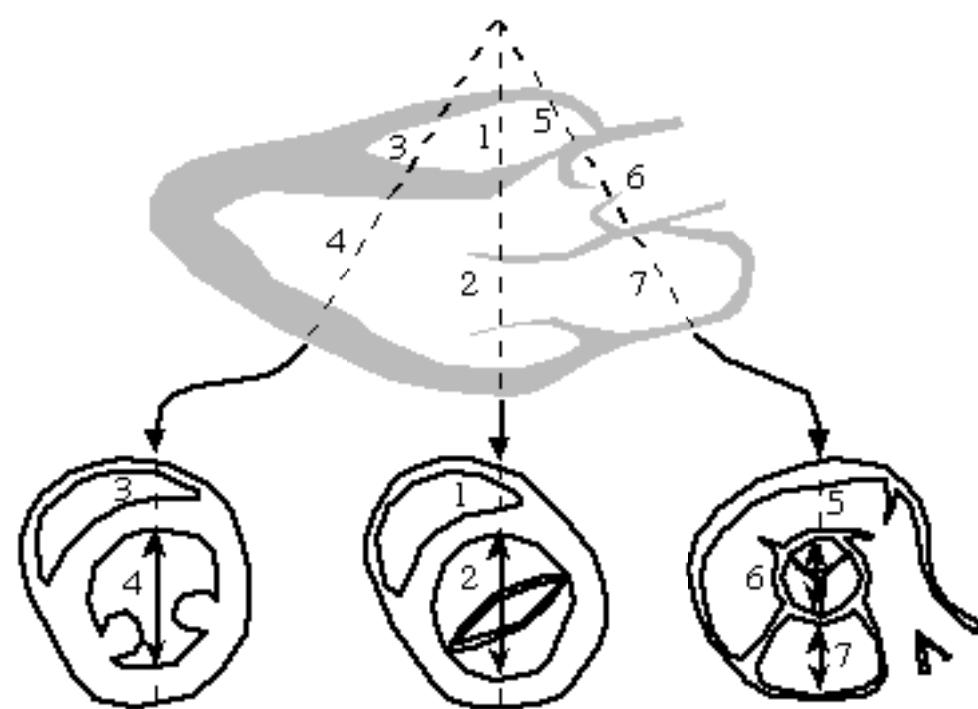




FETAL ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC VIEWS

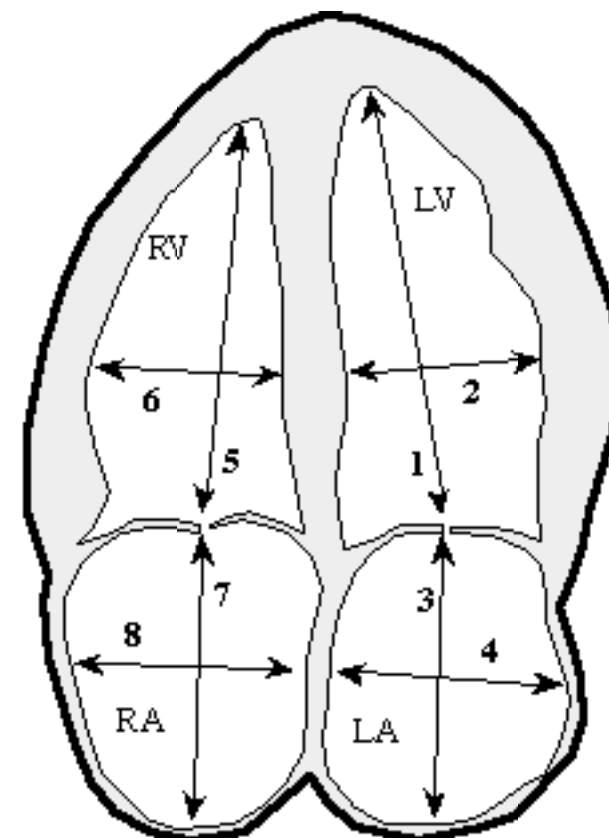


Fetal Four-Chamber View Fetal Short-axis View

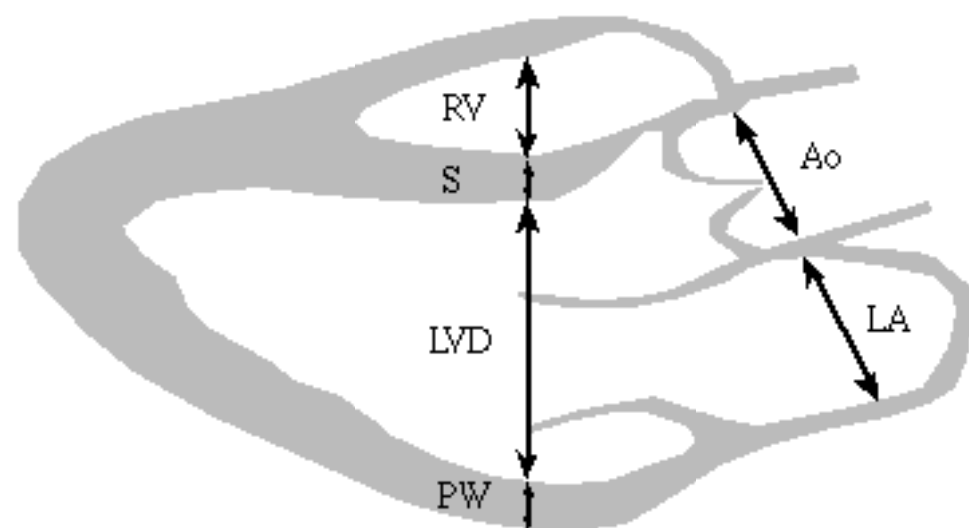


Parasternal Long- And Short-Axis Views

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1, 3, 5 = RV dimension | 2 = LV dimension at mitral level | 1 = LV long axis | 2 = LV short axis | 3 = LA major axis |
| 6 = aortic root | 4 = LV dimension at papillary muscle level | 4 = LA minor axis | 5 = RV long axis | 6 = RV short axis |
| 7 = LA | | 7 = RA major axis | 8 = RA minor axis | |



Apical 4-Chamber View

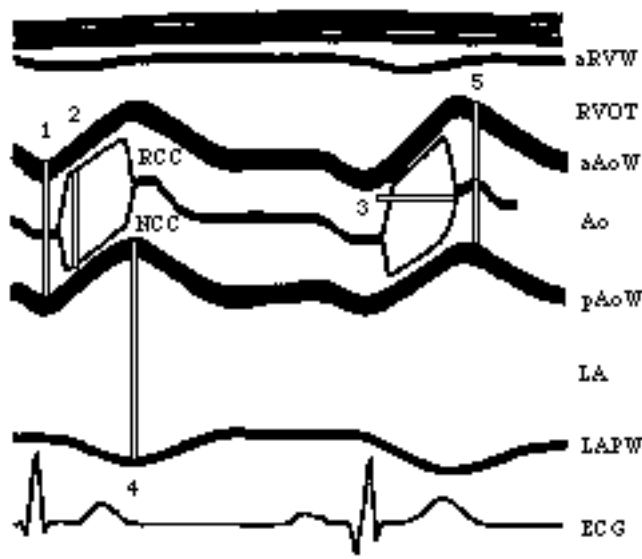


Parasternal Long-Axis View

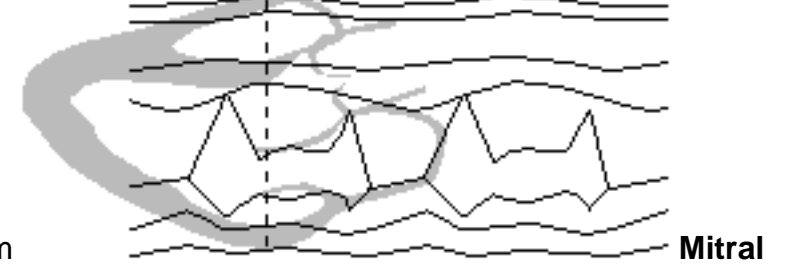
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| Ao = aorta | PW = posterior wall |
| LA = left atrium | RV = right ventricle |
| LVD = left ventricular diameter | S = septum |

A. FOUR-CHAMBER VIEW 1. Position of heart within thorax 2. Number of cardiac chambers 3. Ventricular proportion 4. Integrity of atrial + ventricular septa 5. Position + size + excursion of AV valves B. PARASTERNAL LONG-AXIS VIEW = LEFT VENTRICULAR OUTFLOW TRACT 1. Continuity between ventricular septum + anterior aortic wall 2. Caliber of aortic outflow tract 3. Excursion of aortic valve leaflets C. SHORT-AXIS VIEW OF OUTFLOW TRACTS 1. Spatial relationship between aorta + pulmonary artery 2. Caliber of aortic + pulmonary outflow tracts D. AORTIC ARCH VIEW Identification of fetal RV ✓ RV lies closest to anterior chest wall ✓ [foramen ovale](#) flap seen within LA ✓ prominent moderator band + papillary muscles in RV

Echocardiogram of Aortic Root

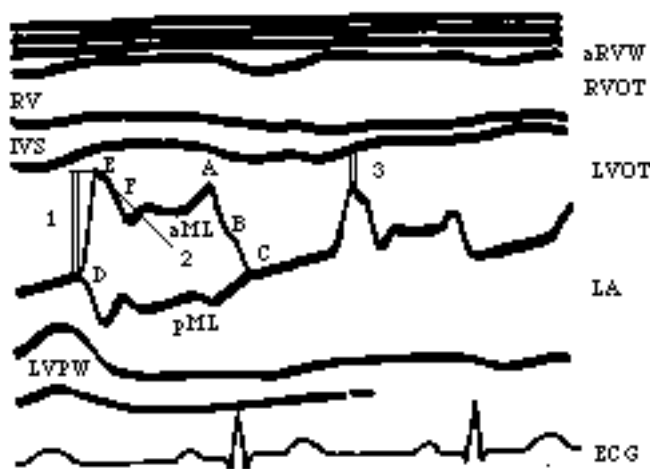


1 = **aortic root dimension**, measured at end-diastole at R-wave of ECG 2.1 - 4.3 cm *increased in*: aneurysm of aorta, aortic insufficiency 2 = **aortic cusp separation**: 1.7 - 2.5 cm *decreased in*: aortic stenosis, low stroke volume *increased in*: aortic insufficiency 3 = **left ventricular ejection time** 4 = **left atrial diameter**, measured at moment of mitral valve opening 2.3 - 4.4 cm 5 = **eccentricity index of aortic valve cusps** = ratio of anterior to posterior dimension (rarely used) $< 1.34 \div 1 = \text{ratio of LA-to-aortic root dimension}$ 0.87 - 1.11 aRVW = anterior right ventricular wall RVOT = right ventricular outflow tract aAoW = anterior aortic wall Ao = aorta pAoW = posterior aortic wall LA = left atrium LAPW = left atrial posterior wall INCC = noncoronary cusp RCC = right coronary cusp ECG = electrocardiogram

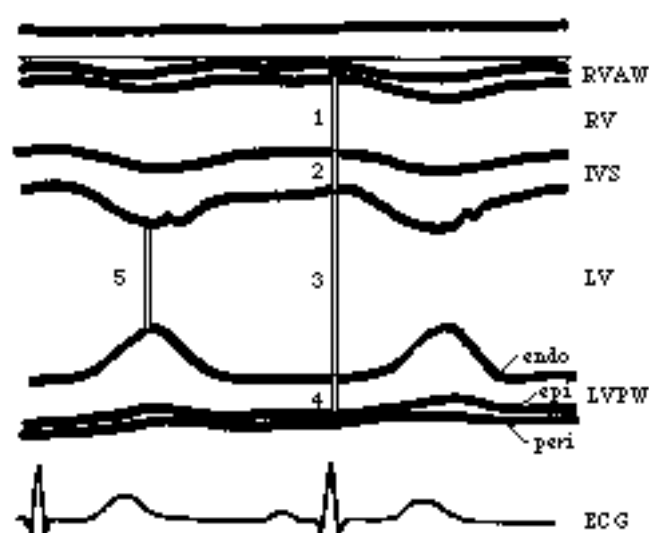


atrium LAPW = left atrial posterior wall INCC = noncoronary cusp RCC = right coronary cusp ECG = electrocardiogram
Mitral Valve in Mid-Diastole

Echocardiogram of Mitral Valve 1 = mitral valve excursion = opening



amplitude of anterior leaflet of mitral valve (DE amplitude) 2 - 3 cm *decreased in*: nonpliable MV stenosis, low cardiac output, low compliance of LV *increased in*: MV prolapse, high flow through MV 2 = **E to F slope** = early diastolic posterior motion of anterior leaflet 7 - 15 cm/sec *decreased in*: mitral valve stenosis, low compliance of LV 3 = **septal-mitral valve distance** = E point septal separation 2.9 - 4.1 mm *decreased in*: ostium primum ASD, IHSS *increased in*: dilated LV RV = right ventricle IVS = interventricular septum LVPW = left ventricular posterior wall aML = anterior mitral valve leaflet pML = posterior mitral valve leaflet aRVW = anterior right ventricular wall RVOT = right ventricular outflow tract LVOT = left ventricular outflow tract LA = left atrium ECG = electrocardiogram A = point of atrial contraction C = closure point DE = opening secondary to passive ventricular filling CD = systole with steady anterior drift of coapted leaflets (passive movement secondary to movement of entire heart toward chest wall) **Echocardiogram of Right and Left Ventricle**



1 = **RV end-diastolic dimension** (RVEDD) at R-wave of ECG 0.7 - 2.3 cm *increased in*: RV volume overload 2 = **septal thickness** = end-diastolic IVS thickness at R-wave of ECG 0.9 ± 0.06 cm *decreased in*: CAD *increased in*: asymmetric septal hypertrophy, IHSS 3 = **LV end-diastolic dimension** (LVEDD) at R-wave of ECG 4.6 ± 0.54 cm 4 = **LVPW thickness**, measured at end-diastole at peak of R-wave of ECG: 0.94 ± 0.09 cm *increased in*: LV hypertrophy 5 = **LV end-systolic dimension** (LVESD) 2.9 ± 0.5 cm 3 and 5 = **fractional shortening of internal diameter** = $(EDD - ESD) / EDD \times 100$ 0.25 - 0.42 IVS: LVPW thickness < 1.3 RVAW = right ventricular anterior wall RV = right ventricle IVS = interventricular septum LV = left ventricle LVPW = left ventricular posterior wall endo = endocardium epi = epicardium peri = pericardium Fractional shortening (FS) = $[(\text{end-diastolic size} - \text{systolic size}) / \text{end-diastolic size}] \times 100$ - for LV = 25 - 42% - for IVS = 28 - 62% - for LVPW = 36 - 70%

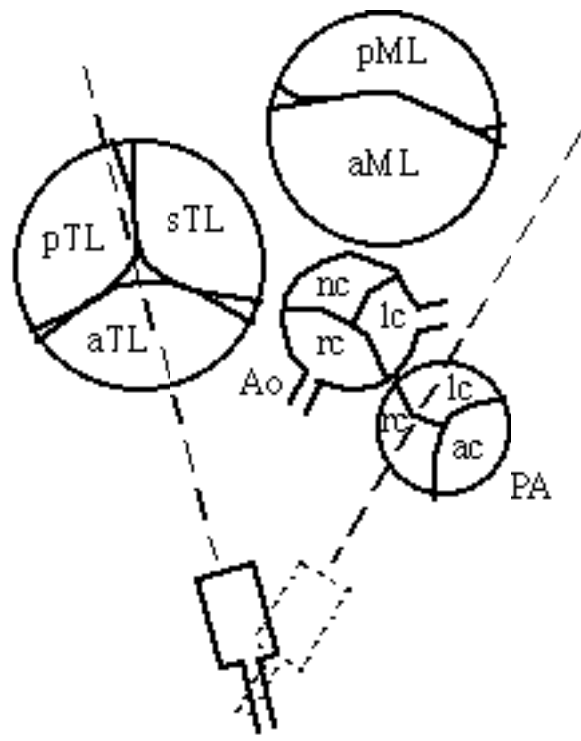


Diagram Showing the Relationship of the Four Cardiac Valves in Cross Section

aTL, pTL, sTL = anterior, posterior, septal tricuspid valve leaflets
 aML, pML = anterior posterior mitral valve leaflets
 rc, lc, nc (Ao) = right, left, noncoronary cusps of aorta
 rc, lc, ac (PA) = right, left, anterior cusps of pulmonary artery

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Aortic Isthmus =narrowing of the aorta in newborn between left subclavian artery and ductus arteriosusAge:up to 2 months of agePrognosis:aortic isthmus disappears due to cessation of flow through ductus arteriosus + increased flow through narrowed region

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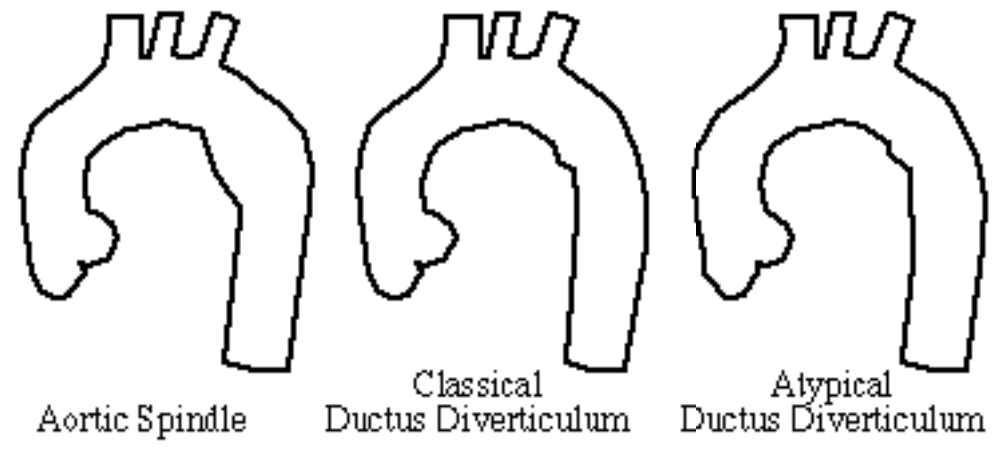
Aortic Spindle =normal variant of circumferential aortic bulge below isthmus region

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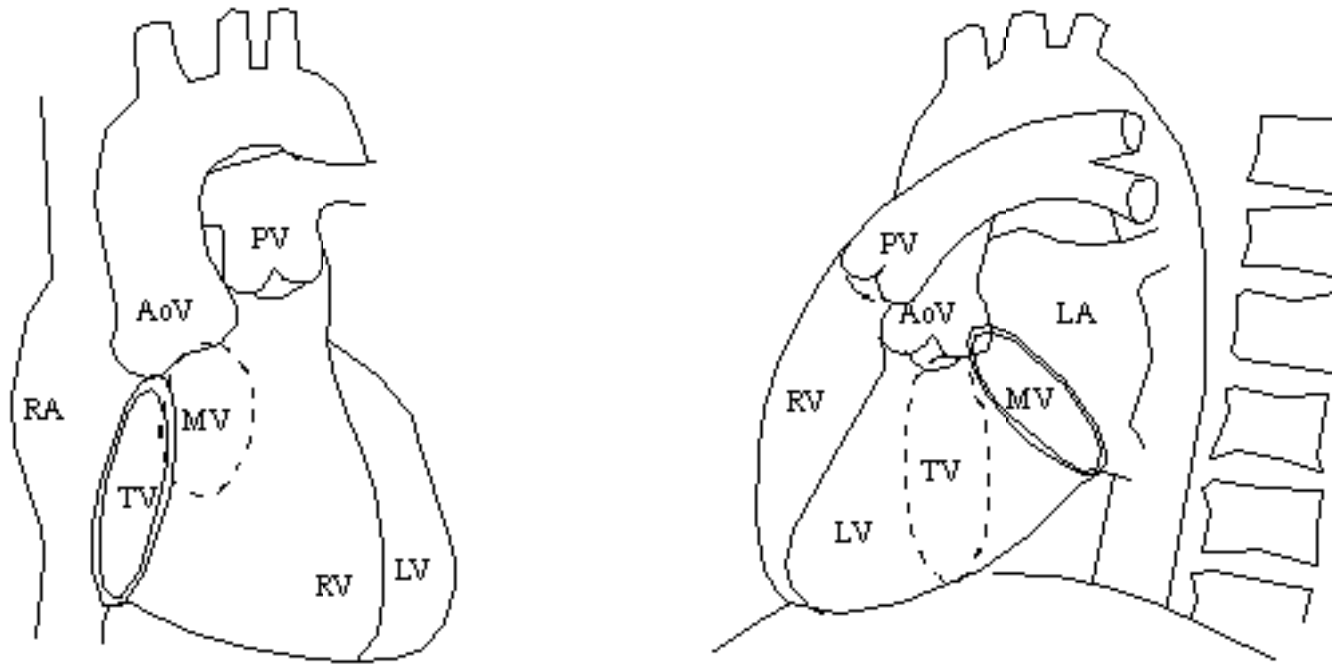


Ductus Diverticulum =focal bulge along anteromedial aspect of [aortic isthmus](#)

Normal Aortic Arch in 45° LAO Projection

Frequency:in

33% of infants, in 9% of adults ✓ focal bulge with smooth uninterrupted margins ✓ gently sloping symmetric shoulders (classic ductus diverticulum) ✓ shorter steeper slope superiorly + more gentle slope inferiorly (atypical ductus diverticulum) *DDx:posttraumatic false aneurysm*



Heart Valve Positions

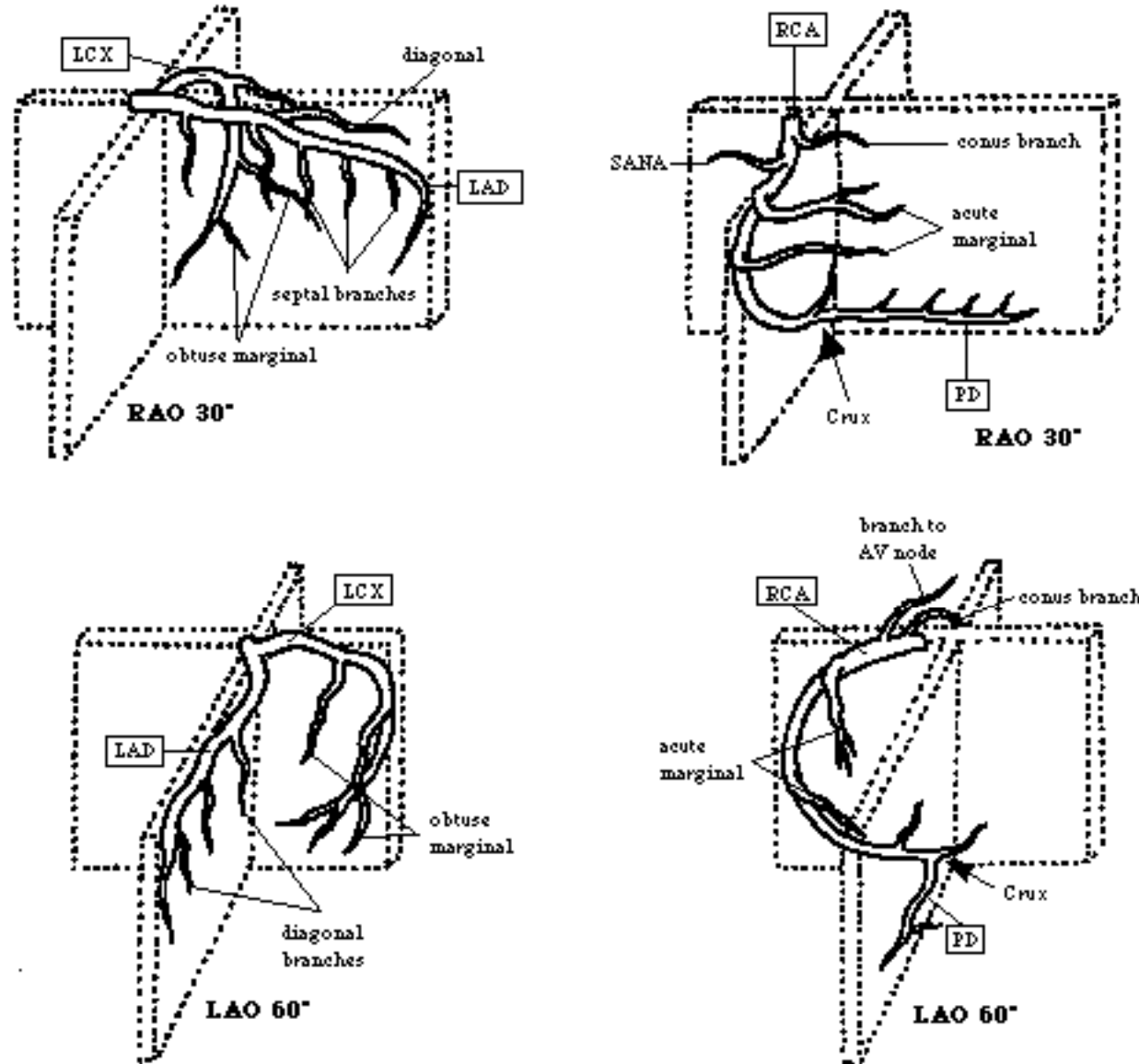
AoV = aortic valve, LA = left atrium, LV = left ventricle, MV = mitral valve, PV = pulmonic valve
RA = right atrium, RV = right ventricle, TV = tricuspid valve

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CORONARY ARTERY ANATOMY



Anatomy of Left Coronary Artery

Marginals emanate from vessels in the AV groove (RCA, LXR) - on left side called obtuse marginal arteries- on right side called acute marginal arteries **Diagonals** emanate from vessel in the interventricular groove (LAD) Note: **Diagonals** from LAD

Coronary dominance the dominant vessel is the one that supplies the inferolateral wall of LV **AV-node branch** from RCA (in 90%) = conus branch (1st branch in 50%) **SA-node branch** from RCA (in >50%) **Anatomy of Right Coronary Artery**

Arteries in atrioventricular plane: RCA=right coronary artery LCX=left circumflex artery, gives [blood supply](#) to anterolateral papillary muscle **Arteries in interventricular plane:** LAD=left anterior descending artery, gives blood supply to anterolateral papillary muscle PD=posterior descending artery, gives [blood supply](#) to posteromedial papillary muscle SANA=sinoatrial node artery

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Coronary Artery Collaterals A. INTRACORONARY COLLATERALS=filling of a distal portion of an occluded vessel from the proximal portion¹ tortuous course outside the normal path B. INTERCORONARY COLLATERALS=between different coronary arteries / between branches of the same artery Location: on epicardial surface, in atrial / ventricular septum, in myocardium 1. proximal RCA to distal RCA (a) by way of acute marginal branches (b) from sinoatrial node artery (SANA) to atrioventricular node artery (AVNA) = Kugel collateral 2. RCA to LAD (a) between PDA and LAD through ventricular septum / around apex (b) conus artery (1st branch of RCA) to proximal part of LAD (c) acute marginals of RCA to right ventricular branches of LAD 3. distal RCA to distal LCX (a) posterolateral segment artery of RCA to distal LCX (in AV groove) (b) AVNA of RCA to LCX (through atrial wall) (c) posterolateral branch of RCA to obtuse marginal branches of LCX (over left posterolateral ventricular wall) 4. proximal LAD to distal LAD (a) proximal diagonal to distal diagonal artery of LAD (b) proximal diagonal to LAD directly 5. LAD to obtuse marginal of LCX

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Coronary Artery Dominance =vessel that supplies the inferior portion of left ventricleRCA in 80% LCA in 10% RCA + LCA (codominance with balanced supply) in 10%

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Coronary Arteriography *Contrast agents:* 1. Monomeric ionic contrast material: (a) negative inotropic = depression of myocardial contractility due to hyperosmolality of sodium + decrease in total [calcium](#) (b) peripheral vasodilatation 2. Meglumine diatrizoate (contains small quantities of sodium citrate + EDTA) 3. Nonionic contrast material = slight increase in LV contractility *Mortality:* 0.05% *Risk factors associated with death:* 1. multiple ventricular premature contractions 2. [congestive heart failure](#) 3. systemic hypertension 4. severe triple-vessel coronary artery disease (highest risk) 5. LV [ejection fraction](#) <30% 6. Left main coronary artery stenosis *Projections:* (a) LAO + 20 - 30° caudocranial angulation proximal 1/3 of LAD + origin of first diagonal branch (b) LAO + 20 - 30° craniocaudal angulation = "spider view" Left main coronary artery, proximal LCX, first marginal / diagonal branches (c) RAO + 20 - 30° craniocaudal angulation Proximal 1/3 of LCX + origin of its branches (d) RAO + 20 - 30° caudocranial angulation Separation of LAD from diagonal branches *False-negative interpretation:* (1) eccentric lesion in 75% (2) foreshortening of vessel (3) overlap of other vessels remedied by angulated projections: improved diagnosis (50%), upgrade to more significant stenosis (30%), lesion unmasked (20%)

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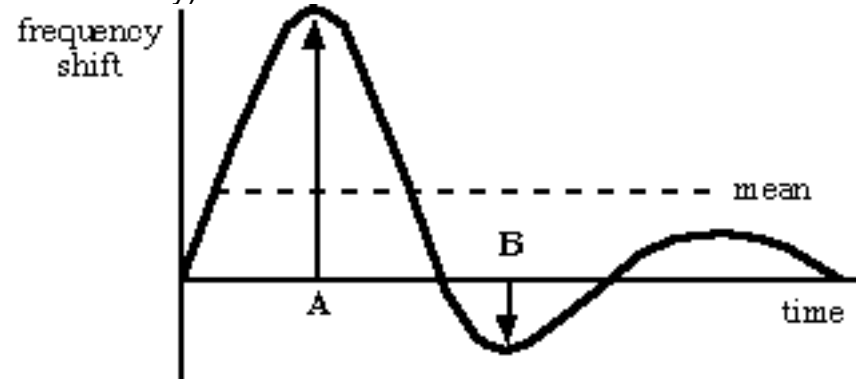
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PULSATILITY

=assessment of vascular resistance (increased resistance reduces diastolic flow) Can be assessed in vessels too small / tortuous to be imaged (Doppler angle unnecessary) Index should be calculated for each of several cardiac cycles (5 heartbeats adequate) an average value taken



S=A= maximal systolic shift D=B= end-diastolic frequency shift

1. Full pulsatility index of Gosling (PI_f) = $1/A_0^2 \cdot SA_1^2$

2. Simplified pulsatility index (PI) = $(S - D)/\text{mean}$

3. Resistance index (RI) = Pourcelot index = $(S - D)/S$ or $1 - (D/S)$

4. Stuart index = A/B ratio = S/D ratio

5. B/A ratio = $B(100\%)/A$

DECREASE IN LUMEN DIAMETER VS. CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA decrease in lumen diameter cross-sectional area

20% 36% 40% 64% 60% 84% 80% 96%

Notes:





CONTENTS OF FEMORAL TRIANGLE

mnemonic: "NAVEL" (from lateral to medial)



NerveArteryVeinEmpty spaceLymphatics
(right side)

Pelvic Arterial Anatomy

Notes:





Deep Veins Of Lower Extremity 3 paired stem veins of the calf accompany the arteries as venae comitantes + anastomose freely with each other: 1. **Anterior tibial veins**

draining blood from dorsum of foot, running within extensor compartment of lower [leg](#) close to interosseous membrane 2. **Posterior tibial veins**

formed by confluence of superficial + deep plantar veins behind ankle joint 3. **Peroneal veins**

directly behind + medial to fibula 4. **Calf veins** (a) **Soleal muscle veins**

baggy valveless veins in soleus muscle (= sinusoidal veins); draining into posterior tibial + peroneal veins or lower part of popliteal vein (b) **Gastrocnemius veins**

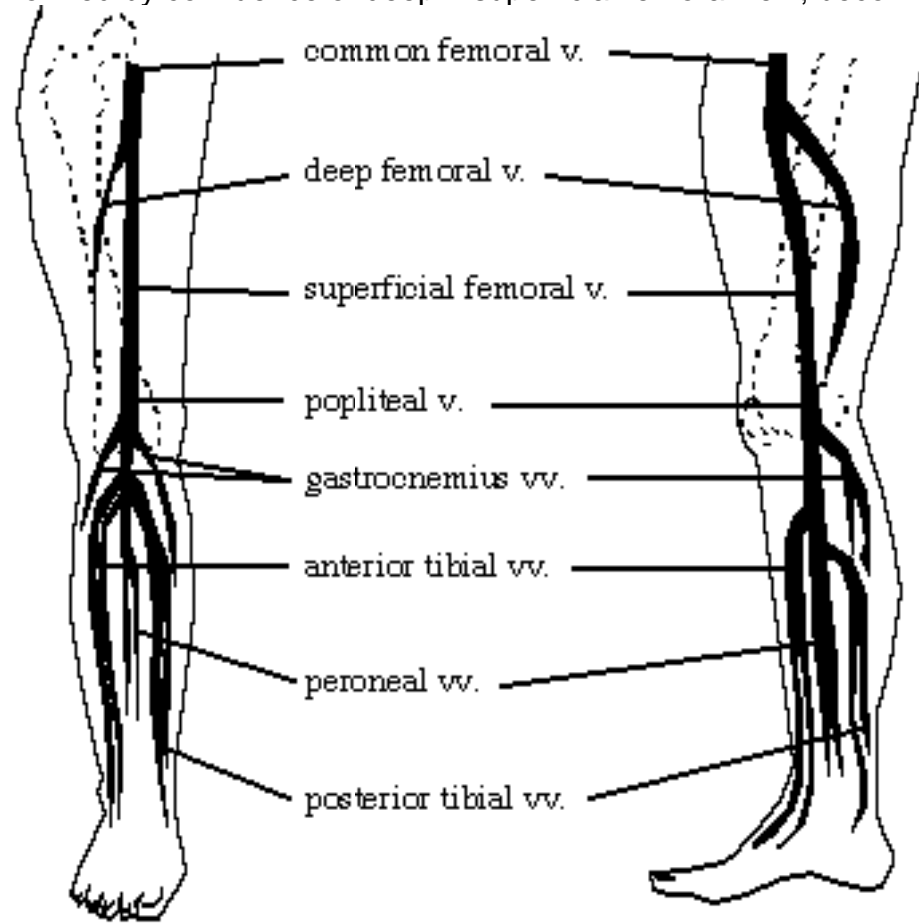
thin straight veins with valves; draining into lower + upper parts of popliteal vein 5. **Popliteal vein**

formed by stem veins of lower [leg](#) 6. **Femoral / superficial femoral vein**

continuation of popliteal vein; receives deep femoral vein about 9 cm below inguinal ligament 7. **Deep femoral vein**

draining together with superficial femoral vein into common femoral vein; may connect to popliteal vein (38%) 8. **Common femoral vein**

formed by confluence of deep + superficial femoral vein; becomes external iliac vein as it passes beneath inguinal ligament



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Superficial Veins Of Lower Extremity

1. Greater saphenous vein

formed by union of veins from medial side of sole of foot with medial dorsal veins; ascends in front of medial malleolus; passes behind medial condyles of tibia + femur

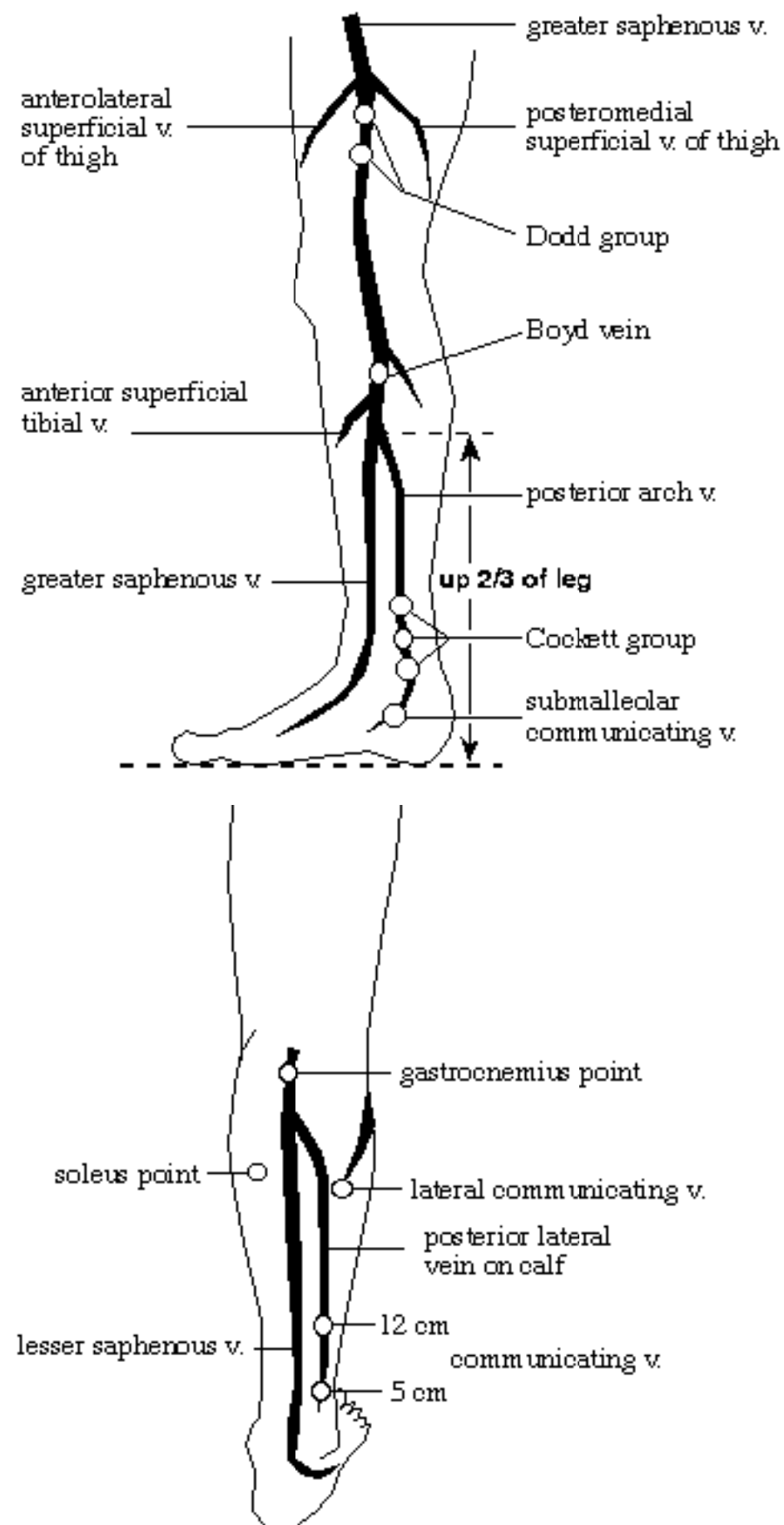
(a) Posterior arch vein connected to deep venous system by communicating veins (b) **Anterior superficial tibial vein**

(c) **Posteromedial superficial thigh vein**

often connects with upper part of lesser saphenous vein (d) **Anterolateral superficial thigh vein**

(e) Tributaries in fossa ovalis-superficial inferior epigastric vein-superficial external pudendal vein-superficial circumflex iliac vein

2. **Lesser saphenous vein**
originates at outer border of foot behind lateral malleolus as continuation of dorsal venous arch; enters popliteal vein between heads of gastrocnemius in popliteal fossa within 8 cm of knee joint (60%) or joins with greater saphenous vein via posteromedial / anterolateral superficial thigh veins (20%)



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Communicating = Perforating Veins >100 veins in each leg
A. MEDIAL
1. Submalleolar communicating vein
2. **Cockett group** group of 3 veins located 7, 12, 18 cm above the tip of medial malleolus connecting posterior arch vein with posterior tibial vein
3. **Boyd vein** located 10 cm below knee joint connecting main trunk of greater saphenous vein to posterior tibial veins
4. **Dodd group** group of 1 or 2 veins passing through Hunter canal (= subsartorial canal) to join greater saphenous vein with superficial femoral vein
B. LATERAL
1. **Lateral communicating vein** located from just above lateral malleolus to junction of lower-to-mid thirds of calf connecting lesser saphenous vein with peroneal veins
2. **Posterior mid-calf communicating veins** located posteriorly 5 + 12 cm above os calcis joining lesser saphenous vein to peroneal veins
3. **Soleal + gastrocnemius points** joining short saphenous vein to soleal / gastrocnemius veins

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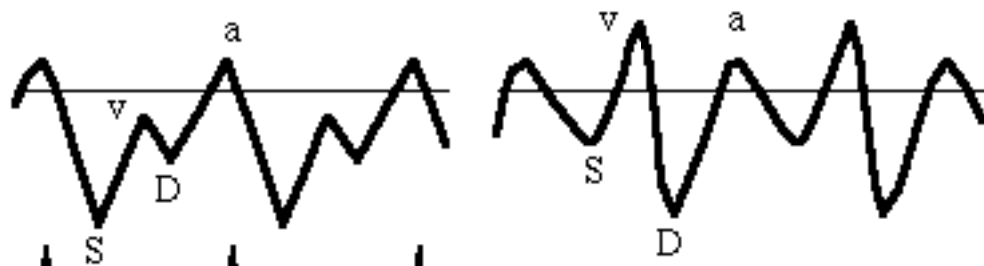


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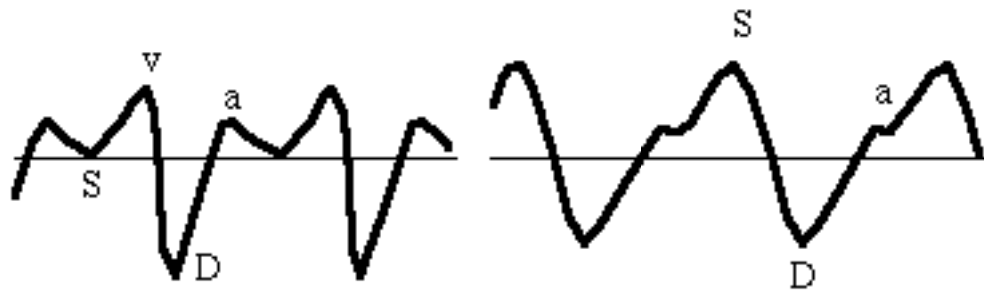


Doppler Waveforms of Hepatic Veins



Normal Hepatic Waveform

Type 1 Tricuspid Regurgitation



Type 2 Tricuspid Regurgitation

Type 3 Tricuspid Regurgitation

Doppler Waveforms of Hepatic Veins

- S wave = systolic wave resulting from negative RA pressure caused by atrial relaxation + movement of tricuspid annulus toward cardiac apex
- v wave = resulting from elevated RA pressure caused by RA overfilling against a closed tricuspid valve; occurs in <50% of patients
- D wave = diastolic wave resulting from negative RA pressure caused by opening of tricuspid valve + blood flow from RA into RV; equal to / smaller than S wave
- a-wave = resulting from elevated RA pressure caused by RA contraction; in 66% of patients

Notes:





ABERRANT LEFT PULMONARY ARTERY

=PULMONARY SLING = failure of development / obliteration of left 6th aortic arch followed by development of a collateral branch of right pulmonary artery to supply the left lung
Site:left PA passes above right mainstem bronchus + between trachea and esophagus on its way to left lung
Age at presentation:neonate / infant / child
Associated with: (1)"napkin-ring trachea" = absent pars membranacea (50%)(2)PDA (most common), ASD, persistent left SVC • stridor (most common), wheezing, apneic spells, cyanosis • respiratory infection • feeding problems
deviation of trachea to left
"inverted-T" appearance of mainstem bronchi= horizontal course secondary to lower origin of right mainstem bronchus
anterior bowing of right mainstem bronchus
"carrot-shaped trachea" = narrowing of tracheal diameter in caudad direction resulting in functional tracheal stenosis
obstructive [emphysema](#) / [atelectasis](#) of RUL + LUL
low left hilum
separation of trachea + esophagus at hilum by soft-tissue mass
anterior indentation on esophagram

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AMYLOIDOSIS

=extracellular deposits of insoluble fibrillar protein • asymptomatic / CHF ([restrictive cardiomyopathy](#)), arrhythmia
CXR: ✓ normal / generalized cardiomegaly ✓ pulmonary congestion ✓ pulmonary deposits of amyloid
NUC: ✓ striking uptake of [Tc-99m pyrophosphate](#) greater than bone (50-90%)
ECHO: ✓ granular sparkling appearance of myocardium ✓ LV wall thickening ✓ decreased LV systolic + diastolic function

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ANOMALOUS LEFT CORONARY ARTERY

=left coronary artery arises from pulmonary trunk (left sinus of Valsalva)*Hemodynamics*: with postnatal fall in pulmonary arterial pressure perfusion of LCA drops (ischemic left coronary bed), collateral circulation from RCA with flow reversal in LCA -adequate collateral circulation = lifesaving-inadequate collateral circulation = [myocardial infarction](#)-large collateral circulation = L-to-R shunt with volume overload of heart • episodes of sweating, ashen color (angina symptomatology) • ECG: anterolateral infarction • continuous murmur (if collaterals large)✓ dilatation of LV✓ enlargement of LA✓ normal pulmonary vascularity / redistributionRx: (1)Ligation of LCA at its origin from pulmonary trunk(2)Ligation of LCA + graft of left subclavian artery to LCA(3)Creation of an AP window + baffle from AP window to ostium of LCA*DDx*:[Endocardial fibroelastosis](#), viral cardiomyopathy (NO shocklike symptoms)

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Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return = TAPVR = anomalous connection between pulmonary veins and systemic veins secondary to embryologic failure of the common pulmonary vein to join the posterior wall of the left atrium *Prevalence*: 2% of CHD *Age*: symptomatic in 1st year of life *Associated with*: ASD / patent [foramen ovale](#) (necessary for survival), [bronchopulmonary sequestration](#), pulmonary [arteriovenous malformation](#), [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) *Overall prognosis*: 75% mortality rate within 1 year of birth if untreated

Subdiaphragmatic TAPVR Type I = SUPRACARDIAC TAPVR (52%) = drainage into left brachiocephalic vein / right + left persistent SVC / azygos vein; <10% obstructed Type II = CARDIAC TAPVR (30%) = drainage into coronary sinus (80%) / RA *Hemodynamics*: -functional L-to-R shunt from pulmonary veins to right atrium -increased pulmonary blood flow (= overcirculation) -ASD restores oxygenated blood to left side -normal systemic venous pressure with increased flow through widened SVC -after birth CHF secondary to (a) mixture of systemic + pulmonary venous blood in RA (b) volume overload of RV ■ cyanosis ■ neck veins undistended (shunt level distally) ■ R ventricular heave (= increased contact of enlarged RV with sternum) ■ systolic ejection murmur (large shunt volume) ✓ "figure of 8" / "snowman" configuration of cardiac silhouette (= dilated SVC + left vertical vein) ✓ pretracheal density on lateral film (= left vertical vein) ✓ enlargement of RA + RV (= volume overload) ✓ normal LA (= ASD acts as escape valve) ✓ increased pulmonary blood flow (= overcirculation) ✓ absent connection of pulmonary veins to LA **Sub-** / **Infradiaphragmatic TAPVR** (12%) = Type III = drainage into portal vein / IVC / ductus venosus / left gastric vein with constriction of descending pulmonary vein by diaphragm en route through esophageal hiatus leading to [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) + RV pressure overload; >90% obstructed ■ intense cyanosis + [respiratory distress](#) (R-to-L shunt through ASD) *Prognosis*: death within a few days of life *Associated with*: [asplenia syndrome](#) (80%), polysplenia ✓ unique appearance of [pulmonary edema](#) + pulmonary venous congestion with normal-sized heart (DDx: hyaline membrane disease) ✓ low anterior indentation on barium-filled esophagus **Mixed Type Of TAPVR** (6%) = Type IV = with various connections to R side of heart (6%)

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Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return = PAPVR May occur in isolation *Prevalence*: 0.3-0.5% of patients with CHD *May be associated with*: (1) [Atrial septal defect](#) (25%) (a) RUL pulmonary vein enters SVC / RA (2/3) frequently associated with: sinus venosus type ASD (90%) RUL vein courses in a horizontal direction (b) LUL pulmonary vein enters brachiocephalic vein (1/3) frequently associated with: ostium secundum type ASD vertical mediastinal density lateral to aortic knob extending upward and medially with smooth curvilinear border (DDx: persistent left SVC) (2) Hypogenetic lung as a component of [congenital pulmonary venolobar syndrome](#) = SCIMITAR SYNDROME = part / all of the hypogenetic lung is drained by an anomalous vein Anomalous vein drains into: -IVC below right hemidiaphragm (33%) -suprahepatic portion of IVC (22%) -hepatic veins-portal vein (11%) -azygos vein-coronary sinus-right atrium (22%) -left atrium = "meandering pulmonary vein" Drainage into suprahepatic portion of IVC / right atrium may be a clue for interruption of intrahepatic portion of IVC! *May be associated with*: systemic arterialization of the lung without sequestration Location: almost exclusively on right side tubular structure paralleling the right heart border in the configuration of a Turkish sword = "scimitar" (PA view) ASD symptomatology CECT: nodular / tubular opacity (= anomalous vein), which opacifies in phase with pulmonary vein

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AORTIC ANEURYSM

Cause: 1. Atherosclerosis (73-80-90%): 2. Traumatic (15-20%): following transection 3. Congenital (2%): aortic sinus, post coarctation, [ductus diverticulum](#) 4. Syphilis (19%): ascending aorta + arch 5. Mycotic = bacterial dissection 6. Cystic media necrosis (Marfan / [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#), annuloaortic ectasia) 7. Inflammation of media + adventitia: [Takayasu arteritis](#), giant cell arteritis, [relapsing polychondritis](#), rheumatic fever, [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [ankylosing spondylitis](#), [Reiter syndrome](#), psoriasis, [ulcerative colitis](#), [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), scleroderma, Behçet disease, radiation 8. Increased pressure: systemic hypertension, aortic valve stenosis 9. Abnormal volume load: severe [aortic regurgitation](#) TRUE ANEURYSM = permanent dilatation of all layers of weakened but intact wall FALSE ANEURYSM = focal perforation with all layers of wall disrupted; escaped blood contained by adventitia / perivascular connective tissue + organized blood FUSIFORM ANEURYSM (80%) = circumferential involvement SACULAR ANEURYSM = involvement of portion of wall

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Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) There is no consensus regarding the definition of an atherosclerotic AAA! = focal widening >3 cm (ultrasound literature); twice the size of normal aorta / >4 cm (Bergan, Ann Surg 1984) Normal size of abdominal aorta >50 years of age: 12-19 mm in women; 14-21 mm in men *Prevalence*: 1.4-8.2% in unselected population; in 6% >80 years of age; in 6-20% of patients with signs of atherosclerotic disease; M>F; Whites:Blacks = 3:1 *Cause*:? genetic (10-fold increase in risk as first-degree relative of patient with AAA); structural defect of aortic wall caused by increased proteolysis; copper deficiency *Risk factors*: male sex, age >75 years, white race, prior vascular disease, hypertension, cigarette smoking, family history, hypercholesterolemia *Age*: >60 years; M:F = 5-9:1 *Associated with*: (a) visceral + renal artery aneurysm (2%) (b) isolated iliac + femoral artery aneurysm (16%): common iliac (89%), internal iliac (10%), external iliac (1%) (c) stenosis / occlusion of celiac trunk / SMA (22%) (d) stenosis of renal artery (22-30%) (e) occlusion of inferior mesenteric artery (80%) (f) occlusion of lumbar arteries (78%) *Growth rate of aneurysm of 3-6 cm in diameter*: 0.39 cm / year ■ asymptomatic (30%) ■ abdominal mass (26%) ■ abdominal pain (37%) Imaging should provide information about (a) the proximal extent of the aneurysm which determines the site of clamping of the aorta (origin of renal arteries) (b) the course of the left renal vein (retroaortic?) Location: infrarenal (91-95%) with extension into iliac arteries (66-70%) Plain film: mural calcification (75-86%) US: >98% *accuracy* in size measurement NCCT: periaortic fibrosis (10%), may cause ureteral obstruction "crescent sign" = peripheral high-attenuating crescent in aneurysm wall (= acute intramural hematoma) = **sign of impending rupture**

CECT: (a) ruptured aneurysm: anterior displacement of kidney / extravasation of contrast material / fluid collection / hematoma within posterior pararenal + perirenal spaces / free intraperitoneal fluid / perirenal "cobwebs" (b) contained leak / laminated mural calcification / periaortic mass of mixed / soft-tissue density / lateral "draping" of aneurysm around vertebral body / focal discontinuity of calcifications (unreliable) / indistinct aortic wall (unreliable) *Angio*: focally widened aortic lumen >3 cm / apparent normal size of lumen secondary to mural thrombus (11%) / mural clot (80%) / slow antegrade flow of contrast medium **Contained rupture** = extraluminal hematoma / cavity / absent parenchymal stain = avascular halo / displacement + stretching of aortic branches *Cx*: (1) Rupture (25%) (a) into retroperitoneum: commonly on left (b) into GI tract: massive GI hemorrhage (c) into IVC: rapid cardiac decompensation *Incidence*: aneurysm <4 cm in 10%, 4-5 cm in 23%, 5-7 cm in 25%, 7-10 cm in 46%, >10 cm in 60% ■ sudden severe abdominal pain ± radiating into back ■ faintness, syncope, hypotension *Prognosis*: 64-94% die before reaching hospital *Increased risk*: size >6 cm, growth >5 mm / 6 months, pain + tenderness The exact moment of rupture is unpredictable Cause of death in 1.3% of men >65 years! (2) Peripheral embolization (3) Infection (4) Spontaneous occlusion of aorta *Prognosis*: 17% 5-year survival without surgery, 50-60% 5-year survival with surgery *Rx*: surgery recommended if >5 cm in diameter; 4-5% surgical mortality for nonruptured, 30-80% for ruptured aneurysm *Postoperative Cx*: (1) Left colonic ischemia (1.6%) with 10% mortality (2) Renal failure (14%) (3) 0-8% mortality rate for elective surgery

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Atherosclerotic Aneurysm *Incidence*: leading cause of thoracic [aortic aneurysm](#) *Histo*: diseased intima with secondary degeneration + fibrous replacement of media; ultimately wall of aneurysm composed of acellular + avascular connective tissue *Pathophysiology*: progressive weakening of media results in vessel dilatation + increased tension of vessel wall (law of Laplace = tensile stress varies with product of blood pressure and radius of vessel); compromise of mural vascular nutrition (vasa vasorum) causes further degeneration + progressive dilatation *Age*: elderly; M > F *Location*: distal abdominal aorta > iliac a. > popliteal a. > common femoral a. > aortic + descending thoracic aorta > carotid a. *Site*: (1) infrarenal aorta (associated with thoracic aneurysm in 29%) (2) descending thoracic aorta distal to left subclavian artery (3) thoracoabdominal *Morphology*: fusiform (80%), saccular (20%) *Cx*: rupture (cause of death in 50%); usually unrestrained + fatal in thoracic location

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Degenerative Aneurysm =medial degenerationMost common cause of aneurysm in ascending aorta Cause:(1)genetically transmitted metabolic disorder: [Marfan syndrome](#), [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)(2)acquired: result of repetitive aortic injury + repair associated with aging

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Inflammatory Aortic Aneurysm =defined as triad of(1)thickened aneurysm wall(2)extensive perianeurysmal + retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#)(3)dense adhesions of adjacent abdominal organs
Frequency:3-10% of all AAAs; M:F = 6:1 to 30:1
Mean age:62-68 years ■ abdominal / back pain ■ weight loss + anorexia (20-41%) ■ elevated ESR (40-88%) ■ tender pulsatile abdominal mass (15-30%)
Comorbidities:[arterial hypertension](#) (34-69%), arterial occlusive disease (10-47%), [diabetes mellitus](#) (3-13%), coronary artery disease (33-55%)
∇ entrapment of ureters (10-21%)
∇ sonolucent halo around aorta
Cx:enlargement + rupture (lower rate than in noninflammatory aneurysm)

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Mycotic Aneurysm *Incidence:* 2.6% of all abdominal aneurysms A. PRIMARY MYCOTIC ANEURYSM (rare) unassociated with any demonstrable intravascular inflammatory process B. SECONDARY MYCOTIC ANEURYSM = aneurysm due to nonsyphilitic infection *Predisposing factors:* (1) IV drug abuse (2) [bacterial endocarditis](#) (12%) (3) immunocompromise (malignancy, alcoholism, steroids, chemotherapy, autoimmune disease, diabetes) (4) atherosclerosis (5) aortic trauma caused by accidents / aortic valve surgery / coronary artery bypass surgery / arterial catheterization *Mechanism:* (a) septicemia with abscess formation via vasa vasorum (b) septicemia with abscess formation via vessel lumen (c) direct extension of contiguous infection (d) preexisting intima laceration (trauma, atherosclerosis, coarctation) *Organism:* S. aureus (53%), Salmonella (33-50%), nonhemolytic Streptococcus, Pneumococcus, Gonococcus, Mycobacterium (contiguous spread from spine / lymph nodes) *Histo:* loss of intima + destruction of internal elastic lamella; varying degrees of destruction of muscularis of media + adventitia ■ frequently insidious, fever ■ positive blood culture in 50% *Site:* ascending aorta > abdominal visceral artery > intracranial artery > lower / upper extremity artery ✓ true aneurysm (majority) ✓ saccular structure arising eccentrically from aortic wall with rapid enlargement ✓ interrupted ring of aortic wall calcification ✓ periaortic gas collection ✓ adjacent vertebral osteomyelitis ✓ adjacent reactive lymph node enlargement *Cx:* (1) life-threatening rupture + hemorrhage (75%) (2) uncontrolled sepsis if untreated *Prognosis:* 67% overall mortality

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Syphilitic Aneurysm Spectrum: 1. Uncomplicated [syphilitic aortitis](#) 2. Syphilitic [aortic aneurysm](#) (mostly saccular) 3. Syphilitic aortic [vasculitis](#) ([aortic regurgitation](#)) *Incidence*: 12% of patients with untreated syphilis *Onset*: 10-30 years after initial spirochete infection *Histo*: chronic inflammation of aortic adventitia + media beginning at vasa vasorum + leading to obstruction of vasa vasorum followed by nutritional impairment of media + loss of elastic fibers + smooth muscle fibers • positive venereal disease research laboratory (VDRL) test • positive microhemagglutination assay - Treponema pallidum (MHA-TP) test *Location*: ascending aorta (36%), aortic arch (34%), proximal descending aorta (25%), distal descending aorta (5%), aortic sinuses (<1%) • asymmetric enlargement of aortic sinuses (DDx to medial degeneration with symmetric enlargement) • saccular (75%) / fusiform (25%) aneurysm • pencil-thin dystrophic aortic wall calcification (up to 40%) most severe in ascending aorta, frequently obscured by thick coarse irregular calcifications of secondary atherosclerosis *Prognosis*: death in 2%, rupture in up to 40%; death within months of onset of symptoms if untreated

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Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Most common vascular cause of [mediastinal mass](#)! \approx 10% of mediastinal masses are of vascular origin! Average diameter of thoracic aorta (<4-5 cm wide): -aortic root:3.6 cm-ascending aorta 1 cm proximal to arch:3.5 cm-proximal descending aorta:2.6 cm-middle descending aorta:2.5 cm-distal descending aorta:2.4 cm *Associated with:* hypertension, coronary artery disease, abdominal aneurysm *Mean age:* 65 years; M:F = 3:1 \bullet substernal / back / [shoulder](#) pain (26%) \bullet SVC syndrome (venous compression) \bullet dysphagia (esophageal compression) \bullet stridor, dyspnea (tracheobronchial compression) \bullet hoarseness (recurrent laryngeal nerve compression) \checkmark [mediastinal mass](#) with proximity to aorta \checkmark wide tortuous aorta \checkmark curvilinear peripheral calcifications (75%) \checkmark circumferential / crescentic mural thrombus \checkmark *Angio:* may show normal caliber secondary to mural thrombus *Cx:* (1) Rupture into mediastinum, pericardium, either pleural sac, extrapleural space \checkmark high-attenuation fluid (2) Aortobronchopulmonary fistula \checkmark consolidation of lung adjacent to aneurysm \checkmark Most aneurysms rupture when >10 cm in size *Prognosis:* 1-year survival 57%, 3-year survival 26%, 5-year survival 19% (60% die from ruptured aneurysm, 40% die from other causes) *Surgical mortality:* 10%

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Traumatic Aortic Pseudoaneurysm =CHRONIC AORTIC PSEUDOANEURYSM 2nd most common form of thoracic [aortic aneurysm](#); most common type occurring in young patients *Incidence*:2.5% of patients who survive initial trauma of acute [aortic transection](#) usually calcified may contain thrombus Cx:(1)progressive enlargement (2)rupture (even years after insult)

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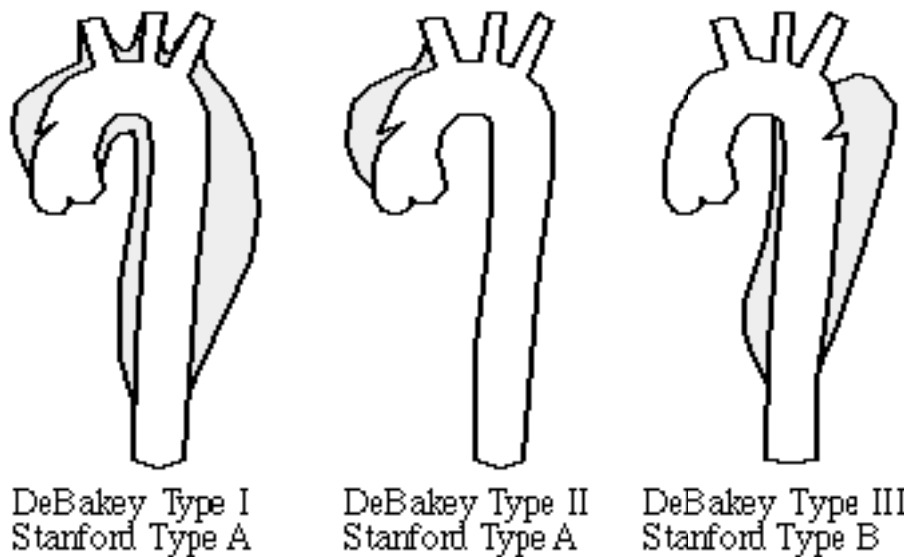
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AORTIC DISSECTION

=spontaneous longitudinal separation of aortic intima + adventitia by circulating blood having gained access to the media of the aortic wall splitting it in two *Path:* (a) transverse tear in weakened intima (95-97%) (b) no intimal tear (3-5%) = INTRAMURAL HEMATOMA OF AORTA *Pathogenesis:* intimal tear results from combination of following factors: (1) medial degeneration decreases cohesiveness within aortic wall (2) persistent aortic motion secondary to beating heart results in stress within aortic wall (3) hydrodynamic forces accentuated by hypertension *Incidence:* 3:1,000 (more common than all ruptures of thoracic + abdominal aorta combined); 1:205 autopsies; 2,000 cases/year in United States *Peak age:* 60 years (range 13-87 years); M:F = 3:1 *Predisposed:* (cystic medial necrosis / disease of aortic wall) Starts in fusiform aneurysms in 28% Does not occur in aneurysms <5 cm in diameter 1. Hypertension (60-90%) 9. Bicuspid aortic valve 2. Marfan syndrome (16%) 10. S/P prosthetic valve 3. Ehlers-Danlos syndrome 11. Trauma (rare) 4. Relapsing polychondritis 12. Catheterization 5. Valvular aortic stenosis 13. Pregnancy 6. Turner syndrome 14. Aortitis (eg, SLE) 7. Behçet disease 15. Cocaine abuse 8. Coarctation NOT syphilis In women 50% of dissections occur during pregnancy! • sharp tearing intractable anterior / posterior chest pain (75-95%) radiating to jaw, neck, low back (DDx: myocardial infarction) • murmur ± bruit (65%) from aortic regurgitation • asymmetric peripheral pulses + blood pressures (59%) • absent femoral pulses (25%), reappearing after reentry • pulse deficit: in up to 50% of type A dissection, in 16% of type B dissection • hemodynamic shock (25%) • neurologic deficits (25%): hemiplegia, paraparesis (due to compromise of anterior spinal artery of Adamkiewicz) • persistent oliguria • congestive heart failure (rare) due to acute aortic insufficiency • recurrent arrhythmias / right bundle branch block • signs of pericardial tamponade: clouded sensorium, extreme restlessness, dyspnea, distended neck veins *Types:* DeBakey Type I (29-34%) = ascending aorta + portion distal to arch DeBakey Type II (12-21%) = ascending aorta only DeBakey Type III (50%) = descending aorta only Subtype IIIA = up to diaphragm Subtype IIIB = below diaphragm Stanford Type A (70%) = ascending aorta ± arch in first 4 cm in 90% Stanford Type B (20-30%) = descending aorta only *mnemonic:* A affects ascending aorta and arch; B begins beyond brachiocephalic vessels!



Aortic Dissection

Clinical classification: (1) Acute aortic dissection: <2 weeks old (2) Chronic aortic dissection: >2 weeks old *Location of dissection (following helical flow pattern):* -on anterior + right lateral wall of ascending aorta just distal to aortic valve (65%) -on superior + posterior wall of transverse aortic arch (10%) -on posterior + left lateral wall of upper descending aorta distal to left subclavian artery (20%) -more distal aorta (5%) usually terminating in left iliac artery (80%) / right iliac artery (10%) [involvement of left renal artery in 50%] An exit / distal tear / reentry occurs in 10%! CXR (best assessment from comparison with serial films): ✓ normal CXR in 25% ✓ "calcification sign" = inward displacement of atherosclerotic plaque by >4-10 mm from outer aortic contour (7%), can only be applied to contour of descending aorta secondary to projection, may be misleading in presence of periaortic soft-tissue mass / hematoma ✓ disparity in size between ascending + descending aorta ✓ irregular wavy contour / indistinct outline of aorta ✓ widening of superior mediastinum to >8 cm due to hemorrhage / large false channel (40-80%) ✓ cardiac enlargement (LV hypertrophy / hemopericardium) ✓ left pleural effusion (27%) ✓ atelectasis of lower lobe ✓ rightward displacement of trachea / endotracheal tube ECHO: (a) transthoracic US: 59-85% sensitive + 63-96% specific for type A dissection; poorer for type B (b) transesophageal US: up to 99% sensitive + 77-97% specific (c) intravascular in conjunction with aortography to differentiate true from false lumen ✓ intimal flap (seen in more than one view) ✓ pericardial fluid ✓ aortic insufficiency False-positives: reverberation echoes from aneurysmal ascending aorta / calcified atheromatous plaque, postoperative periaortic hematoma *Angio* (86-88% sensitive, 75-94% specific) Aortography 1st choice for final confirmation + staging because of contrast limitation! Superior to any other technique in demonstrating -entry + reentry points (in 50%) -branch vessel involvement + coronary arteries -aortic insufficiency ✓ visualization of intimal / medial flap (75-79%) = linear radiolucency within opacified aorta ✓ "double barrel aorta" (87%) = opacification of two aortic lumens ✓ abnormal catheter position outside anticipated aortic course ✓ compression of true lumen by false channel (72-85%) ✓ aortic valvular regurgitation (30%) ✓ increase in aortic wall thickness >6-10 mm ✓ obstruction of aortic branches: left renal artery (25-30%) ✓ ulcerlike projections caused by truncated branches ✓ slower blood flow in false lumen False-negative: complete thrombosis of false channel (10%), intimal flap not tangential to x-ray beam False-positive: thickening of aortic wall due to aneurysm, aortitis, adjacent neoplasm / hemorrhage *CECT* (87-94% sensitive, 87-100% specific): within 4 hours (if patient responds rapidly to medical Rx); detection as accurate as *angio* with single-level dynamic scanning ✓ crescentic high-attenuation clot within false lumen ✓ internally displaced intimal calcification (DDx: calcification of thrombus on luminal surface or within) ✓ intimal flap separating two aortic channels (may be seen without contrast in anemic patients) False-negative: inadequate contrast opacification, thrombosed lumen misinterpreted as aortic aneurysm with mural thrombus False-positive: streak artifacts secondary to cardiac / aortic motion, opacified normal sinus of Valsalva, normal pericardial recess mistaken for thrombus *MR* (95-100% sensitive, 90-100% specific): ✓ intimal flap of medium intensity outlined by signal voids of rapidly flowing blood ✓ intimal flap more difficult to detect in presence of slow flow / thrombus ✓ "cobwebs" (= bands of medial elastic lamellae spanning the junction of the dissecting septum with the outer wall of the false lumen) mark the false lumen in 80% *Cx:* (1) Retrograde dissection (a) aortic insufficiency (b) occlusion of coronary artery (8%) (c) rupture into pericardial sac / pleural space: 70% mortality (d) rupture into RV, LA, vena cava, pulmonary artery producing large L-to-R shunt (2) occlusion / transient obstruction of major aortic branches (30%) (3) rupture of aorta (4) development of saccular aneurysm requiring surgery (15%) Organs may receive their blood supply through either the true or false lumen or both! *Rx:* (1) Reducing peak systolic pressure to 120-70 mm Hg (adequate alone for Type III = B, which rarely progresses proximally): death from rupture of aortic aneurysm in 46% of hypertensive + 17% of normotensive patients (2) Immediate surgical graft reinforcement of aortic wall (Type I, II = A) preventing rupture + progressive aortic valve insufficiency *Prognosis without Rx:* immediate death (3%); death within: 1 day (20-30%), 1 week (50-62%), 3 weeks (60%), 1 month (75%), 3 months (80%), 1 year (80-95%) *Prognosis with Rx:* 5-10% mortality rate following timely surgery; 40% 10-year survival rate after leaving hospital *DDx:* Penetrating ulcer of thoracic aorta (= atherosclerotic lesion of mid-descending aorta with ulceration extending through intima into aortic media)

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AORTIC GRAFT INFECTION

Classification: (1) PERIGRAFT INFECTION (2-6%) ■ fever, chills, leukocytosis ■ groin swelling / drainage (2) AORTOENTERIC FISTULA (0.6-2%) ■ acute / chronic GI bleeding (may be occult) ■ sepsis Normal postoperative course: ↓ complete resolution of hematoma by 2-3 months ↓ disappearance of ectopic gas by 3-4 weeks CT (94% sensitive, 85% specific, 91% accurate): ↓ perigraft soft tissue ↓ ectopic gas (fistulous communication with bowel / gas-producing organism) ↓ focal bowel wall thickening (indicates fistula) ↓ >5 mm soft tissue between graft + surrounding wrap (beyond 7th postoperative week) ↓ focal discontinuity of calcified aneurysmal wrap *False positives:* perigraft hematoma in early postoperative period, pseudoaneurysm (in 15-20%) *Prognosis:* 17-75% mortality; 30-50% morbidity

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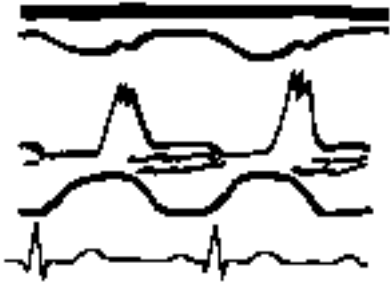
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AORTIC REGURGITATION

=AORTIC INSUFFICIENCY *Cause:* A. INTRINSIC AORTIC VALVE DISEASE 1. Congenital bicuspid valve 2. Rheumatic endocarditis 3. [Bacterial endocarditis](#) (perforation / prolapse of cusp) 4. Myxomatous valve associated with cystic medial necrosis 5. Aortic valve prolapse 6. Prosthetic valve: mechanical break, thrombosis, paravalvular leak B. PRIMARY DISEASE OF ASCENDING AORTA (a) Dilatation of aortic annulus 1. [Syphilitic aortitis](#) 2. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) (5-10%) 3. Reiter disease 4. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) 5. Cystic medial necrosis: [Marfan syndrome](#) (b) Laceration = [aortic dissection](#) 1. Deceleration trauma 2. Hypertension *Pathogenesis:* progressive enlargement of diastolic + systolic LV dimensions result in increase in myocardial fiber length + increase in [stroke](#) volume; decompensation occurs if critical limit of fiber length is reached ■ "water-hammer pulse" = twin-peaked pulse ■ systolic ejection murmur + high-pitched diastolic murmur ■ Austin Flint murmur = soft mid-diastolic or presystolic bruit ✓ LV enlargement (cardiothoracic ratio >0.55) + initially normal pulmonary vascularity (DDx: [congestive cardiomyopathy](#), [pericardial effusion](#)) ✓ normal aorta (in intrinsic valve disease) ✓ dilatation ± calcification of ascending aorta (in aortic wall disease) ✓ tortuous descending aorta ✓ increased pulsations along entire aorta ECHO: ✓ aortic root dilatation ✓ high frequency flutter of aML (occasionally pML) during first 2/3 of diastole (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ high frequency diastolic flutter of IVS (uncommon) ✓ diastolic flutter of aortic valve (SPECIFIC, but rare) ✓ premature aortic valve opening (high diastolic LV pressure) ✓ decreased MV opening (aML pushed posteriorly by regurgitant aortic jet) ✓ premature closure of mitral valve (high diastolic LV pressure produces MV closure before beginning of systole in severe acute aortic insufficiency) ✓ LV dilatation + large amplitude of LV wall motion (volume overload, increased [ejection fraction](#)): End-systolic LV diameter Action <50 mm yearly follow-up 50-54 mm 4- to 6-month follow-up >55 mm valve replacement Doppler: ✓ slope of peak diastolic to end-diastolic velocity decrease >3 m/sec² in severe aortic regurgitation ✓ area of color Doppler regurgitant flow ✓ ratio of width of regurgitant beam to width of aortic root is good predictor of severity (color Doppler)



Mitral Valve in Severe Aortic Regurgitation

The valve is almost completely closed before onset of ventricular systole. Atrial contraction has little effect in reopening the valve. Complete closure occurs with ventricular systole. A high-velocity flutter of aML is present in diastole.

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AORTIC RUPTURE

=blood leakage through aneurysmatic aortic wall *Pathogenesis*: small clefts occur at a fragile site within inner thrombus gradually expanding to outer layer of thrombus with gradual seepage of flowing blood into mural thrombus and aneurysmal wall CT: ∇ high-attenuation crescent sign (71%)

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AORTIC STENOSIS

Aortic valve area decreased to $<0.8 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$ BSA (normal 2.5-3.5 cm^2) A. ACQUIRED [AORTIC STENOSIS](#) 1. Rheumatic valvulitis (almost invariably associated with mitral valve disease) 2. Fibrocalcific senile [aortic stenosis](#) (degenerative) B. CONGENITAL [AORTIC STENOSIS](#) (most common)=most frequent CHD associated with IUGR 1. Subvalvular AS (30%) 2. Valvular AS (70%): degeneration of bicuspid valve most common cause 3. Supravalvular AS *Pathogenesis*: increased gradient across valve produces LV hypertrophy and diminished LV [compliance](#); increased muscle mass may outstrip coronary [blood supply](#) (subendocardial [myocardial ischemia](#) with angina); LV decompensation leads to LV dilatation + pulmonary venous congestion ■ asymptomatic for many years ■ angina, syncope, heart failure ■ systolic murmur ■ carotid pulsus parvus et tardus ■ diminished aortic component of 2nd heart sound ■ sudden death in severe stenosis (20%) after exercise (diminished flow in coronary arteries causes ventricular dysrhythmias + fibrillation) ✓ poststenotic dilatation of ascending aorta (in 90% of acquired, in 70% of congenital AS) ✓ normal-sized / enlarged LV (small LV chamber with thick walls) @in adults >30 years ✓ calcification of aortic valve (best seen on RAO); indicates gradient >50 mm Hg ✓ discrete enlargement of ascending aorta (NO correlation with severity of stenosis) ✓ calcification of mitral annulus ✓ "left ventricular configuration" = concavity along mid left lateral heart border + increased convexity along lower left lateral heart border @in children / young adults ✓ prominent ascending aorta ✓ left ventricular heart configuration @in infancy: ✓ left ventricular stress syndrome ECHO: ✓ thickened + calcified aortic valve with multiple dense cusp echoes throughout cardiac cycle (right > noncoronary > left coronary cusp) ✓ decreased separation of leaflets in systole with reduced opening orifice (13-14 mm = mild AS; 8-12 mm = moderate AS; <8 mm = severe AS) ✓ ± doming in systole ✓ dilated aortic root ✓ increased thickness of LV wall (= concentric LV hypertrophy) ✓ hyperdynamic contraction of LV (in compensated state) ✓ decreased mitral EF slope (reduced LV [compliance](#)) ✓ LA enlargement ✓ increased aortic valve gradient (Doppler) ✓ decreased aortic valve area (unreliable) *DDx*: calcification of aortic annulus in elderly / calcified coronary artery ostium (thickened cusp echoes only in diastole) *Prognosis*: depends on



symptomatology (angina, syncope, CHF)
secondary to subvalvular obstruction

Aortic Valve in Hypertrophic Subaortic Stenosis during midsystole the aortic valve closes

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Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis = SUBAORTIC STENOSIS (a) Anatomic / fixed subaortic stenosis *Associated with:* cardiac defects in 50% (usually VSD) Type I: thin 1-2 mm membranous diaphragmatic stenosis, usually located within 2 cm or less of valve annulus Type II: thick collarlike stenosis Type III: irregular fibromuscular stenosis Type IV: "tunnel subaortic stenosis" = fixed tunnel-like narrowing of LVOT = excessive thickening of only upper ventricular septum with normal mitral valve motion (b) Functional / dynamic subaortic stenosis 1. Asymmetric septal hypertrophy (ASH) 2. Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis (IHSS) 3. Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM) may occur in infants of diabetic mothers ✓ asymmetrically thicker ventricular septum than free wall of LV (95%) ✓ normal / small left + right ventricular cavities (95%) ✓ systolic anterior motion of mitral valve ✓ lucent subaortic filling defect in systole ECHO: ✓ coarse systolic flutter of valve cusps ✓ opening of leaflets followed by rapid inward move in mid systole, leaflets may remain in partially closed position through latter portion of systole (to appose borders of the flow jet) Cx: [mitral regurgitation](#) (secondary to abnormal position of anterolateral papillary muscle preventing complete closure of MV in systole)

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Valvular Aortic Stenosis = fusion of commissures between cusps
Congenital types: (a) bicuspid / unicuspid (in 95%): in 1-2% of population; M > F; commonly associated with coarctation of the aorta (b) tricuspid (5%) (c) dysplastic thickened aortic cusps
✓ valvular calcifications (in 60% of patients >24 years of age)
@ IN INFANT with critical [aortic stenosis](#):
• intractable CHF in first days / weeks of life with severe dyspnea
• may simulate neonatal sepsis
Associated with: L-to-R shunts (ASD, VSD)
✓ marked cardiomegaly (thickened wall of LV)
✓ [pulmonary venous hypertension](#)
✓ decreased [ejection fraction](#)
✓ doming of thickened valve cusps
✓ dilated ascending aorta
Rx: emergency surgical dilatation
@ IN CHILD:
• asymptomatic until late in life
✓ normal pulmonary vascularity
✓ LV configuration with normal size of heart
✓ large posterior noncoronary cusp, smaller fused right + left cusps
✓ doming of thickened valve cusps
✓ eccentric jet of contrast
✓ poststenotic dilatation of ascending aorta
ECHO: ✓ increase in echoes from thickened deformed leaflets (maximal during diastole)
✓ decrease in leaflet separation



Aortic Valvular Stenosis

decrease separation of thickened deformed leaflets

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Supravalvular Aortic Stenosis Types: (a)localized hourglass narrowing just above aortic sinuses(b)discrete fibrous membrane above sinuses of Valsalva(c)diffuse tubular hypoplasia of ascending aorta + branching arteriesAssociated with:peripheral PS, valvular + discrete subvalvular AS, [Marfan syndrome](#), [Williams syndrome](#)† dilatation + tortuosity of coronary arteries (may undergo early atherosclerotic degeneration secondary to high pressure)ECHO: † narrowing of supravalvular aortic area (normal root diameter: 20-37 mm)† normal movement of cusps

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AORTIC TRANSECTION

=TRAUMATIC [AORTIC RUPTURE](#) = aortic tear from rapid horizontal deceleration / blunt chest trauma *Pathophysiology*: 1. Incomplete rupture (15%) (a) intimal hemorrhage without tear (b) transverse tear of intima (c) tear into media with subadventitial accumulation of blood (40-60%) = false aneurysm. Aorta goes on to rupture completely within 24 hours in 50% of patients! 2. Complete rupture (85%) with exsanguination before reaching a hospital. 3. Periaortic hemorrhage ± aortic injury • interscapular severe chest pain, dyspnea, dysphagia • hypertension of upper extremities = acute traumatic coarctation • bilateral femoral pulse deficit • systolic murmur in 2nd left parasternal interspace. Site: (a) [Aortic isthmus](#) just distal to left subclavian artery (88-95%): brachiocephalic arteries + ligamentum arteriosum fix aorta in this region (b) Aortic arch with avulsion of brachiocephalic trunk (4.5%) (c) Ascending aorta immediately above aortic valve (1%) Cx: aortic valve rupture, coronary artery laceration, hemopericardium + [cardiac tamponade](#); NO mediastinal hematoma (d) Descending aorta (1.8%) CXR: N.B.: There are no plain CXR findings of aortic injury (since aortic integrity is maintained by intact adventitia)! The source of mediastinal hematoma are frequently the azygos, hemiazygos, paraspinal and intercostal vessels! Aortic injury is the cause of mediastinal hematoma in only 12.5%! Normal admission CXR in 28% (radiographic signs may not develop until 6-36 hours): 96% NPV for supine CXR. Most specific signs: ✓ deviation of nasogastric tube to the right of T4 spinous process (67%) ✓ depression of left mainstem bronchus anteroinferiorly >40° below the horizontal + toward right (53%) ✓ mediastinal width >8 cm at level of aortic knob (75%): 53-100% sensitive, 1-60% specific ✓ mediastinal width to chest width >0.25 ✓ obscuration / irregularity of aortic arch contour (75%) ✓ leftward displacement of left mediastinal stripe abnormally extending above the level of aortic arch forming a left [apical cap](#) ✓ thickening of right paratracheal stripe >4-5 mm (= hematoma between pleura + trachea) ✓ left / right "[apical cap](#)" sign in 37% (= extrapleural hematoma along brachiocephalic vessels) ✓ opacification of aortopulmonary window ✓ loss of contour of descending aorta ✓ widening of left paraspinal interface >5 mm ✓ tracheal compression + displacement toward right (61%) ✓ rapidly accumulating commonly left-sided [hemothorax](#) without evident rib [fracture](#) (break in mediastinal pleura) ✓ fractures of 1st + 2nd rib (17%) *mnemonic*: "BAD MEAT" **B**ronchus depression (left main) **A**ortic silhouette shaggy **D**eath in 80-90% **M**ediastinal widening **E**nteric (nasogastric) tube displacement **A**pical cap **T**racheal shift **N**ECT screening (55% sensitive, 65% specific): ✓ obliteration of aorta-fat interface with increased attenuation (= mediastinal hematoma) ✓ A negative CT examination for mediastinal hemorrhage has an almost 100% NPV for aortic injury! ✓ All patients with periaortic / middle / superior mediastinal hemorrhage require aortography! Save your contrast for that study! CECT: ✓ abrupt change in aortic contour at inner aortic wall ✓ aortic pseudoaneurysm ✓ intimal flap ✓ [pseudocoarctation](#) = diminished caliber of the descending aorta ✓ extravasation of contrast material. False positive: residual thymic tissue, atelectatic lung, pericardial recess, patient motion, streak artifacts, partial volume effect with pulmonary artery. Angio (definitive means for diagnosis): True positive: In 20% of patients with mediastinal hematoma angio demonstrates acute traumatic aortic injury! ✓ traumatic false aneurysm ✓ tear of intima (5-10%) / media ✓ rupture with extravasation of contrast material ✓ posttraumatic dissection (11%) ✓ posttraumatic coarctation *DDx*: [ductus diverticulum](#) (in 10% of normals), [aortic spindle](#), infundibula of brachiocephalic arterial branches, atherosclerotic aortic ulceration. *Recommendation for work-up*: (1) normal well-defined mediastinal contours on CXR: no further imaging (2) unequivocally abnormal mediastinum on CXR: [angiography](#) (± for other reasons) (3) Clinically stable patient with equivocal CXR: CECT of thorax. *Prognosis*: (1) 70-85% fatal at scene of trauma (2) 15-30% reach hospital (due to formation of periaortic hematoma + false aneurysm contained by adventitia ± surrounding connective tissue) (a) with surgical repair: 60-70% survive (b) no intervention: 80% dead within 1 hour; 85% dead within 24 hours, 98% dead within 10 weeks; chronic false aneurysm may develop in 2-5% at isthmus / descending aorta

[Chronic Posttraumatic Aortic Pseudoaneurysm](#)

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Chronic Posttraumatic Aortic Pseudoaneurysm =aneurysm existing for >3 months (amount of wall fibroplasia following rupture usually not sufficient to prevent subsequent rupture until at least 3 months after initial traumatic episode) *Incidence*:2-5% of patients surviving [aortic transection](#) >24-48 hours ■ symptom-free period of months to years (in 11% >10 years) ■ delayed clinical symptoms (42% within 5 years, 85% within 20 years): chest pain, back pain, dyspnea, cough, hoarseness, dysphagia, systolic murmur *Location*:descending aorta at level of lig. arteriosum filling the aortopulmonary window (most commonly) ✓ well-defined rounded mass in left paramediastinal region ✓ ± inferior displacement of left mainstem bronchus *Cx*:CHF, partial obstruction of aortic lumen, [bacterial endocarditis](#), aorto-esophageal fistula, [aortic dissection](#), obstruction of tracheobronchial tree, systemic emboli *Prognosis*:enlargement + eventual rupture;10-year survival rate:85% with surgical repair,66% without surgical repair

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AORTOPULMONIC WINDOW

=defect in septation process characterized by large round / oval communication between left wall of ascending aorta + right wall of pulmonary trunk • clinically resembles PDACXR: ✓ shunt vascularity ✓ cardiomegaly (LA + LV enlarged) ✓ diminutive aortic knob ✓ prominent pulmonary trunk ✓ Angio (left ventriculogram / aortogram in AP / LAO projection): ✓ defect several mm above aortic valve ✓ pulmonary valve identified (DDx to [truncus arteriosus](#))

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ARTERIOSCLEROSIS OBLITERANS

=ASO = hardening of the arteries *Prevalence*: 2.4 million people in U.S.; in 1978 12% of autopsies had ASO as leading cause of death (excluding MI) *Etiology*: unknown *Contributing factors*: aging, diabetes (16-44%), hypertension, atherosclerosis *Effect of hyperlipidemia*: (a) High-density lipoproteins (HDL) have a protective effect: carry 25% of blood cholesterol (b) Low-density lipoproteins (LDL): carry 60% of blood cholesterol *Histo*: deposition of lipids, blood products, carbohydrates, begins as disruption of intimal surface; fatty streaks (as early as childhood); fibrous plaques (as early as 3rd decade); thrombosis, ulceration, calcification, aneurysm *Age*: 50-70 years; M > F (after menopause) *Clinical classification*: (1) intermittent claudication = ischemic symptoms with exercise: calf, thigh, hip, buttock (2) ischemic symptoms at rest (indicative of multisegment disease) ■ cramping / burning / aching pain ■ cold extremity ■ paresthesia ■ trophic changes: hair loss, thickened nails ■ ulcer, gangrene ■ decreased / absent pulses *Location*: medium + large arteries; frequently at bifurcations; most frequent: superficial femoral artery in adductor canal (diabetics + nondiabetics)-aortoiliac segment (nondiabetics)-tibioperoneal trunk (diabetics) *Prognosis*: accelerated by diabetes (34% will require amputation), hypertension, lipoprotein abnormalities, heart disease (decreased cardiac output resulting in increased blood viscosity from [polycythemia](#)), chronic addiction to tobacco (11.4% will require amputation), intermittent claudication (5-7% require amputation if nondiabetic = 1-2% per year), ischemic ulcer / rest pain (19.6% require amputation)

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ASPLENIA SYNDROME

=BILATERAL RIGHT-SIDEDNESS= IVEMARK SYNDROME *Incidence*: 1:1,750 to 1:40,000 livebirths; M > F *Associated with*: (a)CHD (in 50%): TAPVR (almost 100%), [endocardial cushion defect](#) (85%), [single ventricle](#) (51%), TGA (58%), pulmonary stenosis / atresia (70%), dextrocardia (42%), mesocardia, VSD, ASD, absent coronary sinus, common atrium, common hepatic vein (b)GI anomalies: Partial / total [situs inversus](#), [annular pancreas](#), [agenesis of gallbladder](#), ectopic liver, [esophageal varices](#), duplication + hypoplasia of stomach, [Hirschsprung disease](#), hindgut duplication, [imperforate anus](#) (c)GU anomalies (15%): [Horseshoe kidney](#), double collecting system, hydronephrosis, cystic kidney, fused / horseshoe adrenal, absent left adrenal, bilobed urinary bladder, bicornuate uterus (d)Cleft lip / palate, scoliosis, [single umbilical artery](#), lumbar [myelomeningocele](#) ■ cyanosis in neonatal period / infancy (if severe cyanotic CHD) ■ Howell-Jolly bodies = RBC inclusions in patients with absent [spleen](#) ✓ absent [spleen](#) @ Lung ✓ bilateral trilobed lungs = bilateral minor fissures (SPECIFIC) ✓ bilateral eparterial bronchi (tomogram) = pulmonary arteries inferior to bronchi on PA view + projecting anterior to trachea on LAT view ✓ diminished pulmonary vascularity / [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) (TAPVR below diaphragm) ✓ bilateral SVC ✓ bilateral right atrial appendages @ Abdomen ✓ absent [spleen](#) ✓ centrally located liver = hepatic symmetry ✓ stomach on right / left side / in central position ✓ juxtaposed IVC ("piggybacked") to aorta = abdominal aorta + IVC located on same side of spine (aorta usually posterior) (NEARLY PATHOGNOMONIC) *Prognosis*: 80% mortality by end of 1st year of life

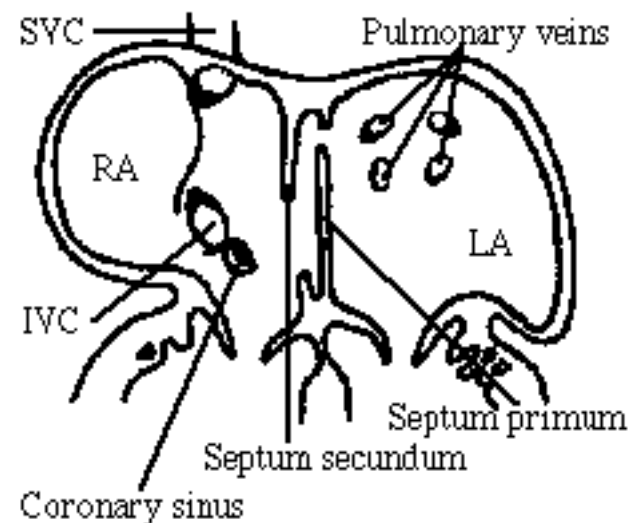
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ATRIAL SEPTAL DEFECT

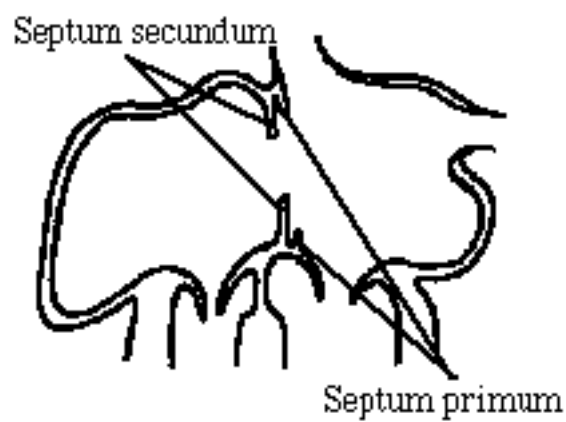
Most common congenital cardiac defect in subjects >20 years of age *Incidence*: 8-14% of all CHD; M:F = 1:4 *Age*: presentation frequently > age 40 secondary to benign course (a) mildly symptomatic (60%): dyspnea, fatigue, palpitations (b) severely symptomatic (30%): cyanosis, heart failure *Embryology*: 1. Septum primum = membrane growing from atrial walls toward endocardial cushion 2. Ostium primum = temporary orifice between septum primum + endocardial cushion, which becomes obliterated by 5th week 3. Ostium secundum = multiple small coalescing perforations in septum primum 4. Septum secundum = membrane developing on right side of septum primum + covering part of ostium secundum 5. [Foramen ovale](#) = orifice limited by septum secundum + septum primum 6. [Foramen ovale](#) flap = lower edge of septum



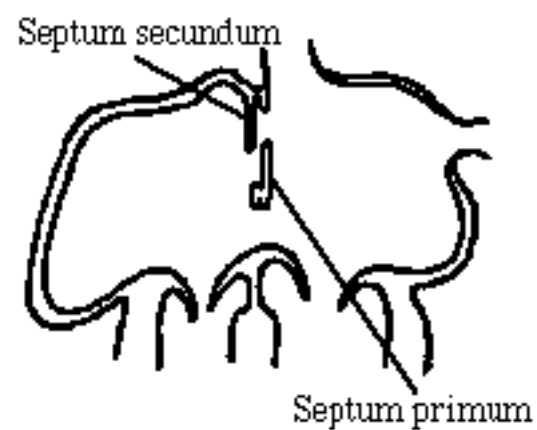
primum ([foramen ovale](#) patent in 6%, probe-patent in 25%; not considered an ASD) septum consists of two components (a) right side: septum secundum (muscular, firm) with posterior opening = [foramen ovale](#) (b) left side: septum primum (fibrous, thin) with anterior opening = ostium secundum

Normal Newborn Heart Atrial septum consists of two components (a) right side: septum secundum (muscular, firm) with posterior opening = [foramen ovale](#) (b) left side: septum primum (fibrous, thin) with anterior opening = ostium secundum

A. OSTIUM SECUNDUM ASD (60-70%)

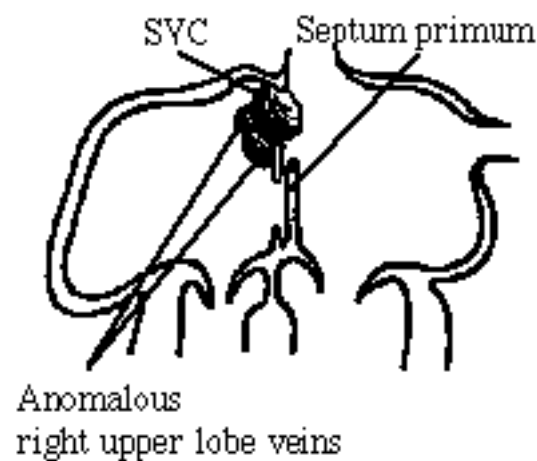


=exaggerated resorptive process of septum primum leads to absence / fenestration of the [foramen ovale](#) flap Location: in the body of the atrial chamber at fossa ovalis Size: large defect of 1-3 cm in diameter *May be associated with*: prolapsing mitral valve, pulmonary valve stenosis, [tricuspid](#)



[atresia](#), TAPVR, hypoplastic left heart, interrupted aortic arch B. OSTIUM PRIMUM ASD (30%) Location: inferior to fossa ovalis at outlet portion of atrial septum *Almost always associated with*: endocardial cushion defects, cleft mitral valve,

=defect of atrioventricular endocardial cushion



anterior fascicular block C. SINUS VENOSUS ASD (5%) Location: superior to fossa ovalis near entrance of superior vena cava (SVC straddles ASD) *Associated with*: partial anomalous pulmonary venous return in 90% (RUL pulmonary veins connect to SVC / right atrium), [Holt-Oram syndrome](#), Ellis-van Creveld syndrome D. LUTEMBACHER SYNDROME = ASD + [mitral stenosis](#)

=defect of the superior inlet portion of the atrial septum

Hemodynamics: no hemodynamic perturbation in the fetus; after birth physiologic increase in LA pressure creates a L-to-R shunt (shunt volume may be 3-4 times that of systemic blood flow) with volume overload of RV leading to RV dilatation, right heart failure, pulmonary hypertension; diastolic pressure differences in atria determine direction of shunt; pulmonary pressure remains normal for decades before [Eisenmenger syndrome](#) sets in; pulmonary hypertension in young adulthood (6%) • repeated respiratory infections • feeding difficulties • arrhythmias • thromboembolism • asymptomatic; occasionally discovered by routine CXR • right ventricular heave • fixed splitting of second heart sound with accentuation of pulmonary component • ECG: right axis deviation + some degree of right bundle branch block • exertional dyspnea after development of pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#) (= [Eisenmenger syndrome](#)) • cyanosis may occur (shunt reversal to R-to-L shunt), typically

during 3rd-4th decade ■ right heart failure in patients >40 years CXR: ✓ normal (if shunt <2 x systemic blood flow) ✓ "hilar dance" = increased pulsations of central pulmonary arteries (DDx: other L-to-R shunts) ✓ overcirculation (if pulmonary-to-systemic blood flow $\geq 2:1$) ✓ loss of visualization of SVC (= clockwise rotation of heart due to RV hypertrophy) ✓ small appearing aorta with normal aortic knob ✓ normal size of LA after shunt reversal (due to immediate decompression into RA) in [EISENMENGER SYNDROME](#) ✓ enlargement of pulmonary trunk + arteries ✓ RV enlargement ECHO: ✓ paradoxical interventricular septal motion (due to volume overload of RV) ✓ direct visualization of ASD (= lack of echoes of atrial septum) in subcostal view ✓ diastolic blood flow from interatrial septum crossing RA + tricuspid valve observed by color Doppler Angio: ✓ RA fills with contrast shortly after LA is opacified (on levophase of pulmonary angio in AP or LAO projection) ✓ injection into RUL pulmonary vein to visualize exact size + location of ASD (LAO 45° + C-C 45°) *Prognosis:* (1) Mortality: 0.6% in 1st decade; 0.7% in 2nd decade; 2.7% in 3rd decade; 4.5% in 4th decade; 5.4% in 5th decade; 7.5% in 6th decade; median age of death is 37 years (2) Spontaneous closure: 22% in infants <1 year; 33% between ages 1 and 2 years; 3% in children >4 years Cx: (1) Tricuspid insufficiency (secondary to dilatation of AV ring) (2) [Mitral valve prolapse](#) (3) Atrial fibrillation (in 20% 1st presenting symptom in patients > age 40) Rx: (if vascular changes still reversible = resistance of pulmonary-to-systemic system ≤ 0.7); 1% surgical mortality 1. Surgical patch closure 2. Rashkind foam + stainless steel prosthesis BENEFICIAL ASD = secundum type ASD serves an essential compensatory function in: 1. [Tricuspid atresia](#) RA blood reaches pulmonary vessels via ASD + PDA; improvement through Rashkind procedure 2. TAPVR significant shunt volume only available through ASD (VSD / PDA much less reliable) 3. Hypoplastic left heart systemic circulation maintained via RV with oxygenated blood from LA through ASD into RA

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AZYGOS CONTINUATION OF IVC

=INTERRUPTED IVC WITH AZYGOS / HEMIAZYGOS CONTINUATION *Incidence:* 0.2-0.6-2% of CHD *Etiology:* failure of right subcardinal vein to anastomose with hepatic vein resulting in drainage of suprarenal IVC to heart via cranial portion of supracardinal vein (ie, azygos vein) *May be associated with:* [polysplenia syndrome](#) (more common), [asplenia syndrome](#) (rare), indeterminate [situs](#) (= [situs ambiguus](#)), persistent left SVC, dextrocardia, transposed abdominal viscera, duplicated IVC, retroaortic left renal vein, [congenital pulmonary venolobar syndrome](#) ✓ enlargement of azygos arch to >7 mm ✓ widening of right paraspinal stripe contiguous with azygos arch (= enlarged paraspinal + retrocruval azygos veins) ✓ widening of left paraspinal stripe (= enlarged hemiazygos vein) ✓ absence of hepatic ± infrahepatic IVC ✓ drainage of hepatic veins directly into right atrium via suprahepatic segment of IVC (N.B.: IVC shadow present on LAT CXR!) ✓ drainage of iliac + renal veins via azygos / hemiazygos vein

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BACTERIAL ENDOCARDITIS

Predisposed: 1.Rheumatic valve disease2.[Mitral valve prolapse](#) with [mitral regurgitation](#)3.[Aortic stenosis](#), [mitral stenosis](#), [aortic regurgitation](#), [mitral regurgitation](#)4.Most CHD (VSD, TOF) except ostium secundum ASD5.Previous endocarditis6.Drug addicts:endocarditis of tricuspid valve causes multiple [septic pulmonary emboli](#) 7.Bicuspid aortic valve:responsible for 50% of aortic valvular bacterial endocarditis 8.Prosthetic valve:4% incidence of bacterial endocarditis ¹ exaggerated valve motion (= disintegration of suture line + regurgitation)

[Valve Vegetations](#)

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Valve Vegetations ECHO: \checkmark usually discrete focal echodensities with sharp edges; may show fuzzy / shaggy nonuniform thickening of cusps (vegetations) in systole +



diastole \checkmark may appear as shaggy echoes that prolapse when the valve is closed (DDx to [mitral valve prolapse](#))

Endocarditis

Aortic Valve

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BUERGER DISEASE

=THROMBANGITIS OBLITERANS=idiopathic recurrent segmental obliterative [vasculitis](#) of small + medium-sized peripheral arteries + veins (panangiitis)*Incidence*:<1% of all chronic vascular diseases; more common in Israel, Orient, India*Etiology*:unknown*Histo*: (a)acute stage: multiple microabscesses within fresh / organizing thrombus; all layers of vessel wall inflamed but intact; internal elastic lamina may be damaged; multinucleated giant cells within microabscesses (PATHOGNOMONIC)(b)subacute stage: thrombus organization with little residual inflammation(c)chronic stage: lumen filled with organized recanalized thrombus, [fibrosis](#) of adventitia binds together artery, vein, and nerve*Associated with*:cigarette smoking (95%) • instep claudication ± distal ulceration (symptoms abate on cessation of smoking + return on its resumption) • [Raynaud phenomenon](#) (33%) Location:legs (80%), arms (10-20%)Site:starts in palmar + plantar vessels with proximal progression ✓ superficial + deep migratory thrombophlebitis (20-33%) ✓ arterial occlusions, tapered narrowing of arteries ✓ abundant corkscrew-shaped collaterals ✓ direct collateral following the path of the original artery (Martorell sign) in 80% ✓ skip lesions = multiple segments involved with portions of arterial wall remaining unaffected ✓ absence of generalized arteriosclerosis / arterial calcifications (90%)

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CARDIAC TAMPONADE

=significant compression of heart by fluid contained within pericardial sac resulting in impaired diastolic filling of ventricles Cause: see [Pericardial effusion](#) (page 489) ■ tachycardia ■ pulsus paradoxus = exaggeration of normal pattern = drop in systolic arterial pressure >10 mm Hg during inspiration (secondary to increase in right heart filling during inspiration at the expense of left heart filling) ■ elevated central venous pressure with distended neck veins ■ falling blood pressure ■ distant heart sounds / friction rub ■ ECG: reduced voltage, ST elevation, PR depression, nonspecific T-wave abnormalities ✓ normal lung fields + normal pulmonary vascularity ✓ rapid enlargement of heart size ✓ distension of SVC, IVC, hepatic + renal veins ✓ periportal edema ✓ hepatomegaly Doppler-US: ✓ episodes of high-velocity hepatopetal flow separated by long intervals of minimal flow ECHO: ✓ diastolic collapse of RV ✓ cyclical collapse of either atrium Rx: pericardiocentesis / pericardial drainage

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Congestive Cardiomyopathy =DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY *Etiology:* (a)Myocarditis: viruses, bacteria(b)[Endocardial fibroelastosis](#) = thickened endocardium + reduced contractility(c)Infants of diabetic mothers(d)Inborn error of metabolism: glycogenosis, mucopolipidosis, mucopolysaccharidosis(e)Coronary artery disease: [myocardial infarction](#), anomalous origin of left coronary artery, coronary calcinosis(f)Muscular dystrophies ■ tendency for CHF ✓ cardiomegaly + poor contractility of ventricular wall ✓ global heart enlargement ✓ LA enlargement without enlargement of LA appendageECHO: ✓ enlarged LV with global hypokinesis ✓ IVS and LVPW of equal thickness with decreased amplitude of motion ✓ low-profile / "miniaturized" mitral valve ✓ mildly enlarged LA (elevated end-diastolic LV pressure) ✓ enlarged hypokinetic right ventricle

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Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy = OBSTRUCTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY = characterized by nondilated hypertrophy of left ventricle in the absence of cardiac / systemic disease that would cause LV hypertrophy. 1. SYMMETRIC / CONCENTRIC HYPERTROPHY (2-20%) (a) midventricular (b) diffuse (c) apical. 2. ASYMMETRIC SEPTAL HYPERTROPHY (ASH) = IDIOPATHIC HYPERTROPHIC SUBAORTIC STENOSIS (IHSS) = SUBAORTIC STENOSIS = HYPERTROPHIC OBSTRUCTIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY = basal septum of LV disproportionately thickened. 3. APICAL HYPERTROPHY (2-3%) = myocardial wall thickening confined to apical portion of LV

• usually clinically benign • giant inverted T wave
Left ventriculography: ✓ spade-shaped deformity of LV cavity
Pathophysiology: -LV hypertrophy leads to subaortic stenosis, abnormal diastolic function, [myocardial ischemia](#) - rapid blood flow through narrow outflow tract causes the anterior leaflet of mitral valve to displace anteriorly toward septum during systole (Venturi effect) - [mitral regurgitation](#) (from displaced MV leaflet)
Etiology: autosomal dominant transmission • exertional angina + dyspnea,



fatigue • syncope, arrhythmia, sudden death ✓ prominent left midheart border (septal hypertrophy)

in IHSS mitral valve leaflets move abruptly toward septum at a rate greater than the endocardium of the posterior wall; responsible for obstruction to blood ejected from LV
ECHO: ✓ IVS >14 mm thick; posterolateral wall >11 mm thick; IVS:LVPW thickness >1.3:1 ✓ systolic anterior motion of mitral valve (SAM) causing narrowed LVOT in systole ✓ midsystolic closure of aortic valve ✓ increased LVOT gradient with late systolic peaking on Doppler

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Restrictive Cardiomyopathy *Etiology:*(a)infiltrative disease: amyloid, glycogen, [hemochromatosis](#)(b)[constrictive pericarditis](#)

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CHRONIC VENOUS STASIS DISEASE

=CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY=insufficiency / incompetence of venous valves in deep venous system of lower extremity
Cause: (a)postphlebitic valvular incompetence: destruction of valve apparatus results in short thickened valves secondary to scar formation(b)primary valvular incompetence: shallow elongated redundant valve cusps prevent effective closure
Associated with: incompetent venous valves in the calf (secondary to pressure dilatation from stasis in deep venous system) leading to superficial vein varicosities • edema, induration (= fluid exudation from increased capillary pressure) • ulceration (from minor trauma + decreased diffusion of oxygen secondary to fibrin deposits around capillaries) • skin hyperpigmentation (= breakdown products of exudated RBCs) • aching pain
venous reflux on descending [venography](#) with Valsalva(a)82% in deep venous system alone(b)2% in saphenous vein alone(c)16% in bothbilateral in 75%
Grade: 1=minimal incompetence= to level of upper thigh2=mild incompetence= to level of lower thigh3=moderate incompetence= to level of knee4=severe incompetence= to level of calf veins

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COARCTATION OF AORTA

M:F = 4:1; rare in Blacks

A. LOCALIZED COARCTATION [former classification=ADULT / POSTDUCTAL / JUXTADUCTAL TYPE] (most common type)=short discrete narrowing close to ligamentum arteriosum



♦ Coexistent cardiac anomalies uncommon! Location: most frequent in juxtaductal portion of arch • incidental finding late in life • ductus usually closed ✓ shelflike lesion at any point along the aortic arch ✓ narrow isthmus above the lesion ✓ poststenotic aortic dilatation distally B. TUBULAR HYPOPLASIA



[former classification=INFANTILE / PREDUCTAL / DIFFUSE TYPE]=hypoplasia of long segment of aortic arch after origin of innominate artery

♦ Coexistent cardiac anomalies common! • CHF in neonatal period (in 50%) *Hemodynamics*: fetus: no significant change because only 10% of cardiac output flows through [aortic isthmus](#) neonate: determined by how rapidly the ductus closes; without concurrent VSD overload of LV leads to CHF in 2nd / 3rd week of life *Collateral circulation*: via subclavian artery and its branches: - intercostals- internal mammary- anterior spinal artery- scapular artery- lateral thoracic- transverse cervical artery *Associated with*: (in 50%): 1. Bicuspid aortic valve (in 25-50%), which may result in calcific aortic valve stenosis (after 25 years of age) + [bacterial endocarditis](#) 2. Intracardiac malformations: PDA (33%), VSD (15%), [aortic stenosis](#), aortic insufficiency, ASD, TGV, ostium primum defect, [truncus arteriosus](#), [double-outlet right ventricle](#) 3. Noncardiac malformations (13%): [Turner syndrome](#) (13-15%) 4. Cerebral berry aneurysms 5. [Mycotic aneurysm](#) distal to CoA *Prognosis*: 11% mortality prior to 6 months of age *Rx*: ages 3-5 years are ideal time for operation (late enough to avoid restenosis + early enough before irreversible hypertension occurs); surgical correction past 1 year of age decreases operative mortality drastically; 3-11% perioperative mortality *Procedures*: 1. Resection + end-to-end anastomosis 2. Patch angioplasty 3. Subclavian flap (Waldhausen procedure) using left subclavian artery as a flap *Postsurgical Cx*: 1. Residual coarctation (in 32%) 2. Subsequent obstruction (rare) 3. Mesenteric arteritis: 2-3 days after surgery secondary to paradoxical hypertension from increased plasma renin • abdominal pain, loss of bowel control 4. Chronic persistent hypertension

[Symptomatic CoA](#) [Asymptomatic CoA](#)

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Symptomatic CoA ♦ Second most common cause of CHF in neonate (after hypoplastic left heart) Time: (a) toward the end of 1st week of life in "critical stenosis" (b) more commonly presents in older child ■ lower extremity cyanosis (in tubular hypoplasia) ■ left ventricular failure (usually toward end of 1st week of life) † generalized cardiomegaly † increased pulmonary vascularity (L-to-R shunt through PDA / VSD) † [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) / edema † "figure 3 sign" hidden by [thymus](#)

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Asymptomatic CoA ■ headaches (from hypertension) ■ claudication (from hypoperfusion) ✓ "figure 3 sign" = indentation of left lateral margin of aortic arch in the region of aortic-pulmonic window (at site of coarctation and poststenotic dilatation) ✓ "reverse 3 sign" on barium esophagram ✓ elevated left ventricular apex (secondary to left ventricular hypertrophy) ✓ scalloped contouring of soft-tissues posterior to sternum (= dilated tortuous internal mammary arteries) on LAT CXR (in 28%) ✓ dilatation of brachiocephalic vessels + aorta proximal to stenosis ✓ obscuration of superior margin of aortic arch ✓ rib notching (in 75%; mostly in adults over age 20; unusual before age 6) Location: ribs 3-8 (most pronounced in 3rd + 4th ribs, less pronounced in lower ribs) Site: central + lateral thirds of posterior rib (a) bilateral (b) unilateral on left side: left aortic arch with aberrant right subclavian artery below CoA (c) unilateral on right side: [right aortic arch](#) with anomalous left subclavian artery below CoA

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CONGENITAL ABSENCE OF PULMONARY VALVE

Massive regurgitation between pulmonary artery and RV Associated with in 90%: VSD, [tetralogy of Fallot](#) (50%) • cyanosis (not in immediate newborn period) • repeated episodes of [respiratory distress](#) • continuous murmur • ECG:right ventricular hypertrophy ✓ prominent main, right, and left pulmonary artery ✓ RV dilatation (increased [stroke](#) volume) ✓ partial obstruction of right / left mainstem bronchus (compression by vessel) ✓ right-sided aorta (33%)

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CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

=elevation of microvascular pressure of lung; most common cause of interstitial + airspace edema of lungs
Cause: (a)back pressure from LV: long-standing systemic hypertension, aortic valve disease, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, [myocardial infarction](#)(b)obstruction proximal to LV: mitral valve disease, LA [myxoma](#), [cor triatriatum](#)
Histo: (a)Interstitial phase: fluid in loose connective tissue around conducting airways and vessels + engorgement of lymphatics(b)Alveolar phase: increase in alveolar wall thickness(c)Alveolar airspace phase: alveoli filled with fluid + loss of alveolar volume; pulmonary [fibrosis](#) upon organization of intra-alveolar fibrin (if chronic)
✓ large heart ✓ vascular congestion
1. **Interstitial pulmonary edema** (invariably precedes alveolar edema) • NO abnormal physical finding • hypoxemia (ventilation-perfusion inequality) ✓ loss of sharp definition of vascular markings ✓ thickening of interlobular septa (pulmonary venous wedge pressure 17-20 mm Hg) ✓ poorly defined increased bronchial wall thickness ✓ thickening of interlobar fissures (due to fluid in subpleural connective tissue layer)
2. **Airspace edema** (when volume of capillary filtration exceeds that of lymphatic drainage) • severe dyspnea / orthopnea • tachypnea + cyanosis • dry cough / copious frothy sputum • hypoxemia (vascular shunting) ✓ poorly defined patchy acinar opacities ✓ coalescence of acinar consolidation, particularly in medial third of lung ✓ butterfly / bat-wing distribution of consolidation (= consolidated hilum + uninvolved lung cortex)

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CONSTRUCTIVE PERICARDITIS

=fibrous thickening of pericardium interfering with filling of ventricular chambers through restriction of heart motion
Age:30-50 years; M:F = 3:1
Etiology: 1. Idiopathic (most common) 2. Viral (Coxsackie B) 3. Tuberculosis (formerly most common) 4. Chronic renal failure 5. Rheumatoid arthritis 6. Neoplastic involvement 7. Radiotherapy to mediastinum
Causes of acute pericarditis: mnemonic: "MUSIC"
M: Myocardial infarction (acute) U: Uremia S: Surgery (cardiac) I: Infection C: Cancer
• dyspnea • abdominal enlargement (ascites + hepatomegaly) • peripheral edema • pericardial knock sound = loud early-diastolic sound • neck vein distension • Kussmaul sign = failure of venous pressure to fall with inspiration • prominent X and Y descent on venous pressure curve
✓ linear / plaque-like pericardial calcifications (50%): predominantly over RV, posterior surface of LV, in atrioventricular groove
✓ dilatation of SVC, azygos vein
✓ small atria
✓ normal / small-sized heart (enlargement only due to preexisting disease)
✓ normal pulmonary vascularity / pulmonary venous hypertension
✓ straightening of right + left heart borders
✓ increase in ejection fraction (small EDV)
CT: ✓ epicardium = visceral pericardium >2 mm thick
✓ dilatation of SVC + IVC
✓ reflux of contrast into coronary sinus
✓ flattening of right ventricle + curvature of interventricular septum toward left
✓ pleural effusion + ascites
ECHO (nonspecific features): ✓ thickening of pericardium
✓ rapid early filling motion followed by flat posterior wall motion during diastasis period (= period between early rapid filling and atrial contraction)
Cx: protein-losing enteropathy (increased pressure in IVC + portal vein)
DDx: Cardiac tamponade, restrictive cardiomyopathy (eg, amyloid)

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CORONARY ARTERY FISTULA

=single / multiple fistulous connections between a coronary artery (R > L) and other heart structures
Abnormal communication with (>90% right heart): RV > RA > pulmonary trunk > coronary sinus > SVC
Hemodynamics: L-to-R shunt; pulmonary:systemic blood flow = <1.5:1 (usually) may have normal CXR (in small shunts) cardiomegaly + shunt vascularity (in large shunts)
Angio: dilated tortuous coronary artery with anomalous connection

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COR TRIARIATUM

=rare congenital anomaly in which a fibromuscular septum with a single stenotic / fenestrated / large opening separates the embryologic common pulmonary vein from the left atrium:(1)proximal / accessory chamber lies posteriorly receiving pulmonary veins(2)distal / true atrial chamber lies anteriorly connected to left atrial appendage + emptying into LV through mitral valve *Etiology*:failure of common pulmonary vein to incorporate normally into left atrium *Associated with*:ASD, PDA, anomalous pulmonary venous drainage, left SVC, VSD, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), atrioventricular canal • dyspnea, heart failure, failure to thrive • clinically similar to mitral valve stenosis
✓ pulmonary venous distention + interstitial edema + [dilatation of pulmonary trunk](#) and pulmonary arteries (in severe obstruction) ✓ enlarged RA + RV ✓ mild enlargement of LA
Angio: ✓ dividing membrane on levophase of pulmonary arteriogram *Prognosis* (if untreated): usually fatal within first 2 years of life; 50% 2-year survival; 20% 20-year survival *Rx*:surgical excision of obstructing membrane

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DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS

= DVT *Incidence*: 140,000-250,000 new cases per year in United States with an estimated sole / major cause of 50,000-200,000 deaths per year (15% of in-hospital deaths); 6-7 million stasis skin changes; in 0.5% cause of skin ulcers *Pathogenetic factors*: 1. Hypercoagulability 2. Decreased blood flow / stasis 3. Intimal injury 4. Decreased fibrinolytic potential of veins 5. Platelet aggregation *Risk factors*: 1. Surgery, esp. on legs / pelvis: orthopedic (45-50%) especially total hip replacement >50%, gynecologic (7-35%), neurosurgery (18-20%), urologic (15-35%), general surgery (20-25%) 2. Severe trauma 3. Prolonged immobilization: hemiplegic extremity, paraplegia + quadriplegia, casting / orthopedic appliances 4. Malignancy (risk factor 2.5) = [Trousseau syndrome](#) 5. Obesity (risk factor 1.5) 6. Diabetes 7. Pregnancy (risk factor 5.5) and for 8-12 weeks postpartum 8. Medication: birth control pills, estrogen replacement, tamoxifen (risk factor 3.2) 9. Decreased cardiac function: [congestive heart failure](#), [myocardial infarction](#) (20-50%; risk factor 3.5) 10. Age >40 years (risk factor 2.2) 11. Varicose veins 12. Previous DVT (risk factor 2.5) 13. Patients with blood group A > blood group O 14. [Polycythemia](#) 15. Smoking Location: 1. Dorsal veins of calf (\pm ascending thrombosis) 2. Iliofemoral veins (\pm descending thrombosis) 3. Peripheral + iliofemoral veins simultaneously 4. rare: internal iliac v., ovarian v., ascending lumbar vv. L:R = 7:3 due to compression of left common iliac v. by left common iliac a. (arterial pulsations lead to chronic endothelial injury with formation of intraluminal spur, which is present in 22% of autopsies + in 90% of patients with DVT) ■ Local symptoms due to obstruction / phlebitis usually only when (a) thrombus occlusive (b) clot extends into popliteal / more proximal vein (14-78% [sensitivity](#), 4-21% [specificity](#)) ■ warmth ■ swelling (measurement of circumference) ■ blanching of skin (phlegmasia dolens alba) / blue [leg](#) with complete obstruction (phlegmasia cerulea dolens) ■ deep crampy pain in affected extremity, worse in erect position, improved while walking ■ tenderness along course of affected vein ■ Homans sign = calf pain with dorsal flexion of foot ■ Payr sign = pain upon compression of sole of foot 2/3 of deep vein thromboses are clinically silent Clinically suspected DVT only in 50% confirmed DVT symptomatology due to other causes in 15-35% of patients Negative bilateral venograms in 30% of patients with angiographically detected pulmonary emboli (big bang theory = clot embolizes in toto to the lung leaving no residual in vein) [Venography](#) (89% [sensitivity](#), 97% [specificity](#)): false negative in 11%, false positive in 5%; study aborted / nondiagnostic in 5% *Risk*: postvenography phlebitis (1-2%), contrast reaction, contrast material-induced skin slough, nephropathy intraluminal filling defect constant on all images nonfilling of calf veins inadequate filling of common femoral vein + external + common iliac veins B-Mode US (88-100% [sensitivity](#), 92-100% [specificity](#), >90% [accuracy](#) for DVT in thigh and popliteal veins): lack of complete luminal collapse with venous compression (DDx: deformity + scarring from prior DVT; technical difficulties in adductor canal + distal deep femoral vein) visualization of clot within vein (DDx: slow flowing blood; machine noise) <75% increase in diameter of common femoral vein during Valsalva venous diameter at least twice that of adjacent artery suggests thrombus <10 days old Doppler US: absence of spontaneity (= any waveform recording), not reliable in peripheral veins continuous venous signal = absence of phasicity (= no cyclic variation in flow velocity with respiration, ie, decrease in expiration + increase in inspiration) is suspicious for proximal obstruction attenuation / absence of augmentation (= no increase in flow velocity with distal compression) indicates venous occlusion / compression in intervening venous segments pulsatile venous flow is a sign of [congestive heart failure](#) / [pericardial effusion](#) / [cardiac tamponade](#) / pulmonary embolism with pulmonary hypertension Venous Occlusion Plethysmography: -87-95-100% [sensitivity](#), 92-100% [specificity](#) for above-knee DVT -17-33% [sensitivity](#) for below-knee DVT = temporary obstruction of venous outflow by pneumatic cuff around mid-thigh inflated above venous pressure leads to progressive increase in blood volume in lower [leg](#); upon release of cuff limb quickly returns to resting volume with prompt venous runoff; limb blood volume changes are measured by *impedance plethysmography* in which a weak alternating current is passed through the [leg](#); the electrical resistance varies inversely with blood volume; the current strength is held constant and voltage changes directly reflect blood volume changes initial rise in venous volume (= venous capacitance) diminished delay in venous outflow = "fall" measured at 3 seconds *False positives* (6%): severe cardiopulmonary disease, pelvic mass, reduced arterial inflow *False negatives*: calf vein thrombosis, small thrombus I-125-Labeled Fibrinogen: -90% sensitive for calf vein thrombus -60-80% sensitive for femoral vein thrombus -insensitive for thrombus in upper thigh / pelvis *Risk*: results not available for several days, transmission of viral infection *False positives*: hematoma, inflammation, wound, old small thrombus isolated in common femoral / iliac vein Cx: (1) Pulmonary embolism (50%): in 90% from lower extremity / pelvis; in 60% with proximal "free-floating" / "widow-maker" thrombus; occurs usually between 2nd to 4th (7th) day of thrombosis *Source of pulmonary emboli*: multiple sites (1/3), cryptogenic in 50%; (a) lower extremity (46%) (b) inferior vena cava (19%) (c) pelvic veins (16%) (d) mural heart thrombus (4.5%) (e) upper extremity (2%) *Likelihood of pulmonary embolism*: 77% for iliac veins, 35-67% for femoropopliteal vein, 0-46% for calf veins (2) Postphlebotic syndrome (PPS) in 20% of cases with DVT (= recanalization to a smaller lumen, focal wall changes) due to valvular incompetence (3) Phlegmasia cerulea / alba dolens (= severely impaired venous drainage resulting in gangrene) *Prognosis*: tibial / peroneal venous thrombi resolve spontaneously in 40%, stabilize in 40%, propagate into popliteal vein in 20% *Prophylaxis*: intermittent compression of legs, heparin, warfarin Rx: (1) Heparin IV (2) Systemic anticoagulation (warfarin) for ≥ 3 months decreases risk of recurrent DVT in initial 3 months from 50% to 3% + fatal pulmonary embolism from 30% to 8%; necessity for anticoagulation in DVT of calf veins is controversial (3) Caval filter (10-15%) in patients with contraindication / complication from anticoagulation or progression of DVT / PE despite adequate anticoagulation DDx: pseudothrombophlebitis (= signs + symptoms of DVT produced by [popliteal cyst](#) / traumatic hematoma)

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DOUBLE-OUTLET RIGHT VENTRICLE

= DORV = TAUSSIG-BING HEART = most of the aorta + pulmonary artery arise from the RV secondary to maldevelopment of conotruncus Type 1=aorta posterior to pulmonary artery + spiraling course (most frequent) Type 2=Taussig-Bing heart = aorta posterior to pulmonary artery + parallel course Type 3=aorta anterior to pulmonary artery + parallel course
Hemodynamics: fetus:no CHF in utero (in absence of obstructing other anomalies) neonate:ventricular work overload leads to CHF
Associated with:VSD (100%), pulmonary stenosis (50%), PDA[↑] aorta overriding the interventricular septum with predominant connection to RV[↑] aorta posterior / parallel / anterior to pulmonary artery[↑] LV enlargement (volume overload)

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DUCTUS ARTERIOSUS ANEURYSM

=fusiform aneurysm of ductus arteriosus, usually patent toward aorta + completely / incompletely occluded toward pulmonary artery
Incidence: <100 cases
Classification:
(a) according to age: infantile, childhood, adult type
(b) according to cause: congenital, infectious, traumatic
Pathogenesis: ? delay in closure, ? myxoid degeneration of ductus wall, ? abnormal elastic fibers
Age: most <2 months of age
■ dyspnea, tachypnea, hoarseness
✓ pulmonary artery displaced anteromedially
✓ distal aortic arch displaced laterally
CXR: ✓ left-sided upper [mediastinal mass](#) in aortopulmonary window
✓ tracheal displacement to right + anteriorly / posteriorly
✓ consolidation of adjacent lung (compression, [fibrosis](#), hemorrhage)
CT: ✓ contrast-enhancing mass in classic location
ECHO: ✓ cystic mass with pulsatile flow
Cx: rupture, dissection, infection, thromboembolic disease, phrenic nerve compression
Prognosis: usually fatal (without prompt surgery)

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EBSTEIN ANOMALY

=downward displacement of septal + posterior leaflets of dysplastic tricuspid valve with ventricular division into (a) a large superior atrialized portion and (b) a small inferior functional chamber *Etiology*: chronic maternal lithium intake (10%) *Hemodynamics*: tricuspid valve insufficiency leads to tricuspid regurgitation ("Ping-Pong" volume); may be followed by CHF in utero / in neonate (50%); survival into adulthood if valve functions normally *Associated with*: PDA, ASD (R-to-L shunt) ■ cyanosis in neonatal period (R-to-L shunt), may improve / disappear postnatally with decrease in pulmonary arterial pressure ■ systolic murmur (tricuspid insufficiency) ■ Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome (10%) = paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia / right bundle branch block (responsible for sudden death) ✓ "boxlike / funnel-like" cardiomegaly (enlargement of RA + RV) ✓ extreme RA enlargement (secondary to insufficient tricuspid valve) ✓ IVC + azygos dilatation (secondary to tricuspid regurgitation) ✓ hypoplastic aorta + pulmonary trunk (the ONLY cyanotic CHD to have this feature) ✓ normal LA ✓ calcification of tricuspid valve may occur ECHO: ✓ large "sail-like" tricuspid valve structure within dilated right heart ✓ tricuspid regurgitation identified by Doppler ultrasound *Prognosis*: 50% infant mortality; 13% operative mortality *Rx*: 1. Digitalis + diuretics 2. Tricuspid valve prosthesis

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EISENMENGER COMPLEX

=EISENMENGER DEFECT=(1) high VSD ± overriding aorta with hypoplastic crista supraventricularis(2)RV hypertrophy and as consequence of increased pulmonary blood flow: (3) dilatation of pulmonary artery + branches(4)intimal thickening + sclerosis of small pulmonary arteries + arterioles ■ cyanosis appears in 2nd + 3rd decade with shunt reversal

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EISENMENGER SYNDROME

=EISENMENGER REACTION=development of high pulmonary vascular resistance after many years of increased pulmonary blood flow secondary to L-to-R shunt (ASD, PDA, VSD), which leads to a bidirectional (= balanced) shunt and ultimately to R-to-L shunt *Etiology*: pulmonary microscopic vessels undergo reactive muscular hypertrophy, endothelial thickening, in situ thrombosis, tortuosity + obliteration; once initiated, pulmonary hypertension accelerates the vascular reaction, thus increasing pulmonary hypertension in a vicious cycle with RV failure + death ✓ pronounced dilatation of central pulmonary arteries (pulmonary trunk, main pulmonary artery, intermediate branches) ✓ pruning of peripheral pulmonary arteries ✓ enlargement of RV ✓ LA + LV return to normal size (with decrease of L-to-R shunt) ✓ pulmonary veins NOT distended (NO increase in pulmonary blood flow) ✓ NO redistribution of pulmonary veins (normal venous pressure) *Dx*: measurement of pulmonary artery pressure + flow via catheter

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ENDOCARDIAL CUSHION DEFECT

=ECD = ATRIOVENTRICULAR SEPTAL DEFECT=PERSISTENT OSTIUM ATRIOVENTRICULARE COMMUNE = PERSISTENT COMMON ATRIOVENTRICULAR CANAL=persistence of primitive atrioventricular canal + anomalies of AV valves *Associated with:* (1) [Down syndrome](#): in 25% of trisomy 21 an ECD is present; in 45% of ECD trisomy 21 is present (2) Asplenia, polysplenia A. INCOMPLETE / PARTIAL ECD=(1) Ostium primum ASD (2) Cleft in anterior mitral valve leaflet / trileaflet (3) Accessory short chordae tendineae arising from anterior MV leaflet insert directly into crest of deficient ventricular septum ✓ left atrioventricular valve usually has 3 leaflets with a wide cleft between anterior + septal leaflet ✓ "gooseneck" deformity secondary to downward attachment of anterior MV leaflet close to interventricular septum by accessory chordae tendineae ✓ communication between LA-RA or LV-RA, occasionally LV-RV ✓ right atrioventricular valve usually normal B. TRANSITIONAL / INTERMEDIATE ATRIOVENTRICULAR CANAL (uncommon)=(1) Ostium primum ASD (2) High membranous VSD (3) Wide clefts in septal leaflets of both AV valves (4) Bridging tissue between anterior + posterior common leaflet of both AV valves C. COMPLETE ECD = AV COMMUNIS = COMMON AV CANAL=(1) Ostium primum ASD above (2) Posterior VSD below (3) One AV valve common to RV + LV with 5-6 leaflets (a) anterior common "bridging" leaflet (b) two lateral leaflets (c) posterior common "bridging" leaflet Type 1 = chordae tendineae of anterior bridging leaflet attached to both sides of ventricular septum Type 2 = chordae tendineae of anterior leaflet attached medially to anomalous papillary muscle within RV, but unattached to septum Type 3 = free-floating anterior leaflet with chordae attachments to septum; only type becoming symptomatic in infancy! ✓ common atrioventricular orifice ✓ oval septal defect consisting of a low ASD + high VSD ✓ atrial septum secundum usually spared ("common atrium" if absent) ✓ frequently associated with mesocardia / dextrocardia *Hemodynamics:* fetus: atrioventricular valves frequently incompetent leading to regurgitation + CHF neonate: L-to-R shunt after decrease of pulmonary vascular resistance resulting in pulmonary hypertension • incomplete right bundle branch block (distortion of conduction tissue) • left-anterior hemiblock CXR: ✓ increased pulmonary vascularity (= shunt vascularity) ✓ redistribution of pulmonary blood flow ([mitral regurgitation](#)) ✓ enlarged pulmonary artery ✓ diminutive aorta (secondary to L-to-R shunt) ✓ cardiac enlargement out of proportion to pulmonary vascularity (L-to-R shunt + mitral insufficiency) ✓ enlarged RV + LV ✓ enlarged RA (LV blood shunted to RA) ✓ normal-sized LA (secondary to ASD) ECHO: ✓ visualization of ASD + VSD + valve + site of insertion of chordae tendineae ✓ paradoxical anterior septal motion (secondary to ASD) ✓ atrioventricular insufficiency + shunts identified by Doppler ultrasound Angio: AP projection: ✓ gooseneck deformity of LVOT (in diastole) ✓ cleft in anterior leaflet of mitral valve (in systole) ✓ [mitral regurgitation](#) Hepatoclavicular projection in 45° LAO + C-C 45° (= 4-chamber view): ✓ best view to demonstrate LV-RA shunt ✓ best view to demonstrate VSD (inflow tract + posterior portion of interventricular septum in profile) LAT projection: ✓ irregular appearance of superior segment of anterior mitral valve leaflet over LVOT *Prognosis:* 54% survival rate at 6 months, 35% at 12 months, 15% at 24 months, 4% at 5 years; 91% long-term survival with primary intracardiac repair, 4-17% operative mortality

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ENDOCARDIAL FIBROELASTOSIS

=diffuse endocardial thickening of LV + LA from deposition of collagen + elastic tissue *Etiology:* (1)? viral infection (2) Secondary endocardial fibroelastosis=subendocardial ischemia in critical LVOT obstruction: [aortic stenosis](#), coarctation, [hypoplastic left heart syndrome](#) • sudden onset of CHF during first 6 months of life ✓ mitral insufficiency: (a) involvement of valve leaflets (b) shortening + thickening of chordae tendineae (c) distortion + fixation of papillary muscles ✓ enlarged LV = dilatation of hypertrophied LV from [mitral regurgitation](#) ✓ restricted LV motion ✓ enlarged LA ✓ pulmonary venous congestion + [pulmonary edema](#) ✓ LLL [atelectasis](#) (= compression of left lower lobe bronchus by enlarged LA) *Prognosis:* mortality almost 100% by 2 years of age

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FLAIL MITRAL VALVE

Cause: (1)ruptured chordae tendineae in rheumatic heart disease, [ischemic heart disease](#), [bacterial endocarditis](#)(2)rupture of head of papillary muscle in acute [myocardial infarction](#), chest traumaLocation:chordae to leaflet from posteromedial papillary muscle (single vessel [blood supply](#))¹ deep holosystolic posterior movement¹ random anarchic motion pattern of flail parts in diastole¹ excessively large amplitude of opening of aML

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HYPOPLASTIC LEFT HEART SYNDROME

=SHONE SYNDROME = AORTIC ATRESIA=underdevelopment of left side of heart characterized by (a) aortic valve atresia (b) hypoplastic ascending aorta (c) hypoplastic / atretic mitral valve (d) [endocardial fibroelastosis](#) giving rise to small LA + small LV + small ascending aorta *Incidence*: most common cause of CHF in neonate; responsible for 25% of all cardiac deaths in 1st week of life *Hemodynamics*: pulmonary venous return is diverted from LA to RA through herniated [foramen ovale](#) / ASD (L-to-R shunt); RV supplies (a) pulmonary artery (b) ductus arteriosus (c) descending aorta (antegrade flow) (d) aortic arch + ascending aorta + coronary circulation (retrograde flow) leading to RV work overload + CHF • characteristically presents within first few hours of life • ashen gray color (inadequate atrial L-to-R shunt with systemic underperfusion) • [myocardial ischemia](#) (decreased perfusion of aorta + coronary arteries) • cardiogenic shock, metabolic acidosis • CHF (RV volume + pressure overload) OB-US: ✓ small left ventricular cavity (apex of LV and RV should be at same level) ✓ hypoplastic ascending aorta + aortic arch ✓ aortic coarctation (in 80%) ECHO: ✓ normal / enlarged LA ✓ small LV ✓ enlarged RA ✓ herniation + prolapse of [foramen ovale](#) flap into RA ✓ small / absent aortic root ✓ absent / grossly distorted mitral valve echoes Angio: ✓ retrograde flow in ascending aorta + aortic arch + coronary arteries via PDA ✓ stringlike ascending aorta <6 mm in diameter ✓ massive enlargement of RV + RVOT *Prognosis*: almost 100% fatal by 6 weeks *Rx*: (1) Norwood procedure = palliative attempt (2) Cardiac transplant

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HYPOPLASTIC RIGHT VENTRICLE

=[PULMONARY ATRESIA](#) WITH INTACT VENTRICULAR SEPTUM=underdeveloped right ventricle due to [pulmonary atresia](#) in the presence of an intact interventricular septum Type I=small RV secondary to competent tricuspid valve (more common) Type II=normal / large RV secondary to incompetent tricuspid valve *Hemodynamics*: fetus:L-to-R atrial shunt through [foramen ovale](#); retrograde flow through ductus arteriosus into pulmonary vascular bed neonate:closure of ductus results in cyanosis, acidosis, death ✓ small right ventricular cavity (apex of RV + LV should be at same level) ✓ atresia of pulmonary valve ✓ hypoplastic proximal pulmonary artery ✓ secundum [atrial septal defect](#) (frequently associated) Rx:prostaglandin E1 infusion + valvotomy + systemic-pulmonary artery shunt

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IDIOPATHIC DILATATION OF PULMONARY ARTERY

=CONGENITAL ANEURYSM OF PULMONARY ARTERY Age: adolescence; M < F ■ systolic ejection murmur (in most cases) ✓ dilated main pulmonary artery ✓ normal peripheral pulmonary vascularity ✓ normal pulmonary arterial pulsations ✓ NO lateralization of pulmonary flow Dx *per exclusion*: 1. Absence of shunts, CHD, acquired disease 2. Normal RV pressure 3. No significant pressure gradient across pulmonic valve D Dx: (1) [Marfan syndrome](#) (2) [Takayasu arteritis](#)

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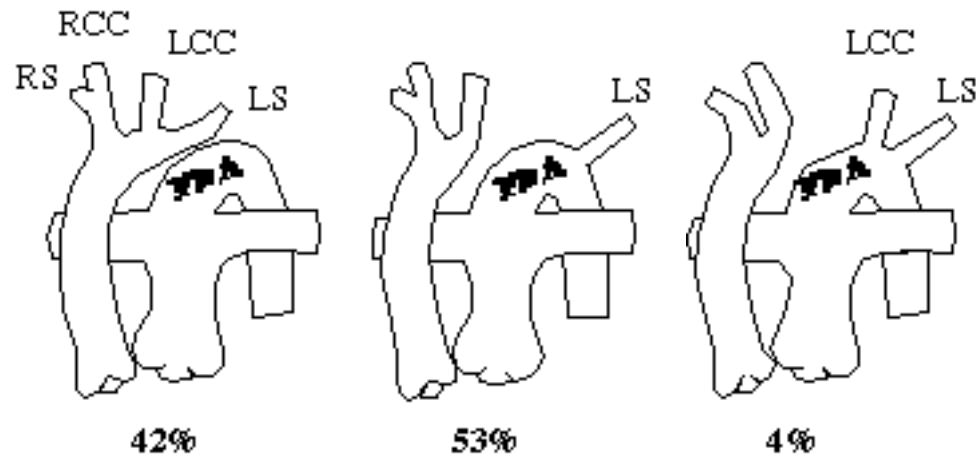
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INTERRUPTION OF AORTIC ARCH

=rare congenital anomaly as a common cause of death in the neonatal period
Trilogy:(1)Interrupted aortic arch(2)VSD(3)PDA (pulmonary blood supplies lower part of body)
Associated with (in 1/3): 1.Bicuspid aortic valve2.Muscular subaortic stenosis3.ASD4.Truncus arteriosus5.Transposition6.Complete anomalous pulmonary venous return
presents with CHF
Location: Type A:distal to left subclavian artery (42%)Type B:between left CCA and subclavian artery (53%) associated with: DiGeorge syndrome
Type C:between innominate and left CCA (4%)
dilatation of right atrium + ventricle
dilatation of pulmonary artery
ascending aorta much smaller than pulmonary artery
arch formed by pulmonary artery + ductus arteriosus gives the appearance of a low aortic arch
aortic knob absent
trachea in midline
NO esophageal impression
retrosternal clear space increased (small size of ascending aorta)
increased pulmonary vascularity (L-to-R shunt)
Prognosis:76% dead at



Interruption of Aortic Arch

end of 1st month

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INTERRUPTION OF PULMONARY ARTERY

=pulmonary trunk continues only as one large artery to one lung while systemic aortic collaterals supply the other side *Associated with*: CHD (particularly if interruption on left side): 1. [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) 2. Scimitar syndrome = [congenital pulmonary venolobar syndrome](#) 3. PDA, VSD 4. Pulmonary hypertension *Collateral supply*: 1. Arteries arising from arch + ascending aorta 2. Bronchial vessels 3. Intercostal vessels 4. Branches from subclavian artery *Location*: usually opposite from aortic arch; R + L pulmonary artery equally involved *CXR*: ✓ hypoplastic ipsilateral lung ✓ [mediastinal shift](#) toward involved lung ✓ hemidiaphragm may be elevated ✓ small hyperlucent ipsilateral chest with narrowed intercostal spaces ✓ "comma-shaped" small distorted hilar shadow ✓ asymmetry of pulmonary vascularity ✓ normal respiratory motion (normal aeration of hypoplastic lung) *NUC*: ✓ absent perfusion with normal aeration *Angio*: ✓ absent pulmonary artery *Rx*: surgical anastomosis between proximal + distal pulmonary artery (to prevent progressive pulmonary hypertension with dyspnea, cyanosis, [hemoptysis](#), death) *DDx*: (1) [Hemitruncus](#) (2) [Swyer-James syndrome](#) (ipsilateral air trapping, reduced ventilation + perfusion)

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INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSE

Complications secondary to: (a)direct toxic effects of drugs or drug combinations (eg, heroin + cocaine / Talwin)(b)direct toxic effects of adulterants [eg, heroin is mixed ("cut") with quinine, baking soda, sawdust](c)septic preparation(d)injection technique(e)choice of injection site (eg, "groin hit" into femoral vein; "pocket shot" into jugular, subclavian, brachiocephalic vein)A. Cardiovascular complications1. Arterial pseudoaneurysm may be followed by rupture with exsanguination / loss of limb2. [Arteriovenous fistula](#)3. Arterial occlusion(a)at injection site due to intimal damage, thrombosis, spasm(b)distal to injection site due to embolization, spasm4. Venous thrombosis5. Intravenous migration of needle to heart / lungs6. Embolization of infectious agent / foreign body / air through inadvertent arterial injection ("hit the pink")7. Endocarditis (most commonly *S. aureus*)B. Soft-tissue complications1. Hematoma / abscess2. Foreign bodies3. Lymphadenopathy4. CellulitisC. Skeletal complications1. Osteomyelitis(a)direct contamination: eg, pubic bone ("groin hit") / clavicle ("pocket shot")(b)hematogenous: spine most commonly affected2. [Septic arthritis](#): sacroiliac, sternoclavicular, symphysis pubis, hip, knee, wristD. Pleuropulmonary complications1. [Pneumothorax](#) ("pocket shot")2. Hemo- / pyothorax3. [Septic pulmonary emboli](#)E. Gastrointestinal complications1. Severe colonic [ileus](#)2. Colonic pseudoobstruction3. [Necrotizing enterocolitis](#)4. Liver abscessF. Genitourinary complications1. Focal / segmental glomerulosclerosis (heroin abuser)2. [Amyloidosis](#)G. CNS complications1. Spinal epidural abscess in 5-18% (from vertebral osteomyelitis)2. Cord compression (from collapsed vertebral body)3. Cerebral infarction (from subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#), toxic effect of drug, spasm, intimal damage from "pocket shot")4. Intracranial hemorrhage (from trauma, hypertension, injection of anticholinergic drugs, [vasculitis](#), rupture of [mycotic aneurysm](#))5. [Meningitis](#), cerebral abscess

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ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

=CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD)*Incidence*:1.5 million/year; leading cause of death in industrial nations*Morbidity*:28.7 cases per 1,000 men per year*Mortality*:3.1 deaths per 1,000 men per year Noninvasive testing: 1.Noninvasive testing is of marginal benefit when [disease prevalence](#) is <0.2 / >0.72. Concordant thallium-201 and stress ECG are greater predictors of disease probability than either one used alone and/or when discordant3.Sequential thallium-201 and stress ECG are most useful to establish the diagnosis of CAD when pretest prevalence is intermediate + test results are concordant CXR: \checkmark often normal \checkmark [coronary artery calcification](#) \checkmark [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) following acute infarction (40%) \checkmark LV aneurysm ECHO: \checkmark region of dilatation with disturbance of wall movement(1)Akinesis=no wall motion(2)Hypokinesis=reduced wall motion(3)Dyskinesis=paradoxical systolic expansion(4)Asynchrony=disturbed temporal sequence of contractionCoronary [angiography](#): 1.2 million procedures per year

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KAWASAKI SYNDROME

= MUCOCUTANEOUS LYMPH NODE SYNDROME = acute febrile multisystem [vasculitis](#) of unknown cause involving large + medium-sized + small arteries with a predilection for the coronary arteries *Incidence*: average of 1.1:100,000 population per year *Histo*: panvasculitis *Age*: <5 years of age (in 85%); peak age of 1-2 years; M:F = 1.5:1 *Associated with*: polyarthrititis (30-50%), aseptic [meningitis](#) (25%), hepatitis (5-10%), pneumonitis (5-10%) ■ fever >5 days ■ mucosal reddening (injected fissured lips, injected pharynx, strawberry tongue) in 99% ■ nonpurulent cervical lymphadenopathy (82%) ■ maculopapular rash on extensor surfaces (99%) ■ bilateral nonpurulent conjunctivitis (96%) ■ erythema of palms + soles with desquamation (88%) @ Cardiovascular system (1/3) 1. Coronary artery abnormality (15-25%)¹ coronary artery aneurysm: LCA (2/3), RCA (1/3); proximal segment in 70%; 48% regress, 37% diminish in size¹ coronary artery stenosis (39%) due to thrombus formation in aneurysm + intimal thickening¹ coronary artery occlusion (8%) in aneurysms >9 mm² Myocarditis (25%)³ Pericarditis⁴ Valvulitis⁵ Atrioventricular conduction disturbance¹ [intestinal pseudoobstruction](#)¹ transient gallbladder hydrops *Prognosis*: 0.4-3% mortality (from [myocardial infarction](#) / myocarditis with [congestive heart failure](#) / rupture of coronary artery aneurysm) *Rx*: aspirin (100 mg/kg per day) + gamma globulin *DDx*: infantile polyarteritis

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MICROSCOPIC POLYANGIITIS

=pauci-immune necrotizing small-vessel angiitis without granulomatous inflammation *Path.* necrotizing arteritis identical to [polyarteritis nodosa](#) but with [vasculitis](#) in arterioles, venules and capillaries ■ ANCA (antineutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies) in >80% ■ negative serologic tests for hepatitis B ■ Most common cause of the pulmonary-renal syndrome! ✓ pulmonary infiltrates ✓ glomerulonephritis (90%)

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MITRAL REGURGITATION

=MITRAL INSUFFICIENCY *Cause:* 1. Rheumatic heart disease (a) isolated: frequently seen in children (b) uncommon in adults (mostly combined with stenosis) 2. [Bacterial endocarditis](#) 3. [Myocardial infarction](#) with involvement of papillary muscle (posteromedial > anterolateral papillary m.) 4. Congenital (short / abnormally inserted chordae tendineae) 5. [Marfan syndrome](#) 6. Corrected transposition with Ebstein-like anomaly 7. Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis (IHSS) 8. Persistent ostium primum ASD with cleft mitral valve 9. [Mitral valve prolapse](#) syndrome 10. Functional / secondary (from dilatation of mitral ring in any condition with dilatation of LV) *Pathogenesis:* backward flow of blood from LV into LA during LV systole; increased volume of blood under elevated pressure causes dilatation of LA; marked increase in LV diastolic volume with little increase in LV diastolic pressure ✓ mild [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) (less than with [mitral stenosis](#)) ✓ LA + LV enlargement (cardiothoracic ratio > 0.55) ✓ enlarged LA appendage (with history of previous rheumatic heart disease) ✓ mitral annular calcification (frequent) ECHO: ✓ LV volume overload ✓ normal-sized / enlarged LV ✓ increased septal + posterior wall motion ✓ increased EF slope ✓ early closure of aortic valve (LV [stroke](#) volume partially lost to LA) ✓ LA enlargement (in chronic MV insufficiency) ✓ bulging of interatrial septum to the right during systole ✓ Doppler is only diagnostic tool + allows assessment of severity

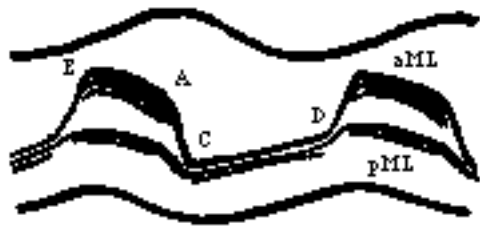
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MITRAL STENOSIS

Acquired causes: principal cause:rheumatic heart disease rare cause:mass obstructing LV inflow (tumor, [myxoma](#), thrombus)M:F = 1:8 **Pathogenesis:** rise in left atrial + pulmonary vascular pressure throughout systole and into diastole; development of medial hypertrophy + intimal sclerosis in pulmonary arterioles leads to pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#), RV hypertrophy, tricuspid regurgitation, RV dilatation, right heart failure • history of rheumatic fever (in 50%) • atrial fibrillation • systemic embolization from thrombosis of atrial appendage **Stages** (according to degree of [pulmonary venous hypertension](#)): Stage 1:loss of hilar angle, redistributionStage 2:interstitial edemaStage 3:alveolar edemaStage 4:hemosiderin deposits + ossification ✓ calcification of valve leaflets (calcification of mitral annulus is a feature of age) ✓ prominent pulmonary artery segment (precapillary hypertension) ✓ small aorta (if forward cardiac output decreased) ✓ enlarged LA ± wall calcification ✓ "double density" seen through right upper cardiac border (AP view) ✓ bulge of superior posterior cardiac border below carina (lateral view) ✓ esophagus displaced toward right + posteriorly ✓ dilated left atrial appendage (not present with retracting clot) ✓ hypertrophy of RV ✓ dilatation of RV (tricuspid insufficiency / pulmonary hypertension) ✓ increase in cardiothoracic ratio ✓ diminution of retrosternal clear space ✓ IVC pushed backward (lateral view) ✓ redistribution of pulmonary blood flow to upper [lobes](#) (postcapillary pressure 16-19 mm Hg) ✓ [interstitial pulmonary edema](#) (postcapillary pressure 20-25 mm Hg) ✓ alveolar edema (postcapillary pressure 25-30 mm Hg)ECHO: ✓ thickening of leaflets toward free edge ([fibrosis](#), calcification) ✓ flattening of EF slope = MV remains open throughout diastole due to persistently high LA pressure (crude index of severity of MV stenosis) ✓ diastolic anterior tracking of pML in 80% (secondary to diastolic anterior pull by larger + more mobile aML) ✓ diastolic doming of MV leaflets ✓ commissure fusion = increased echodensity + decreased leaflet motion at level of commissure ✓ area reduction of MV orifice: normal within 4-6 cm²; mild narrowing with <2 cm²; severe narrowing with <1 cm² (reproducible to within 0.3 cm²) ✓ shortening + [fibrosis](#) of chordae tendineae ✓ abnormal septal motion = early diastolic dip of IVS due to rapid filling of RV (in severe MV stenosis) ✓ slowed LV filling pattern of small LV ✓ dilatation of LA (>5 cm increases risk of atrial fibrillation + left atrial thrombus) ✓ DE opening amplitude reduced to <20 mm indicating loss of valve pliability (DDx: low cardiac output state) ✓ absent A-wave common (atrial fibrillation) ✓ increase in valve gradient + pressure halftime on DopplerRx:(1)Commissurotomy if valves pliable + [calcium](#) absent + MV regurgitation absent(2)Valve replacement for symptomatic patients with severely stenotic valvesDDx: (1)Pseudomitral stenosis in decreased LV [compliance](#) (decreased EF slope, normal leaflet thickness + motion)(2)Rheumatic mitral insufficiency (indistinguishable findings + evidence of LV volume overload)(3)LA [myxoma](#) (mass behind MV + in LA)(4)Low cardiac output (apparent small valve orifice) LUTEMBACHER SYNDROME = rheumatic mitral valve stenosis + ASD



Classic Mitral Valve Stenosis

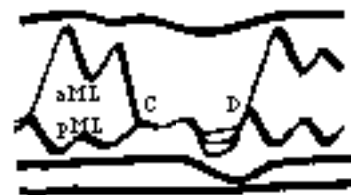
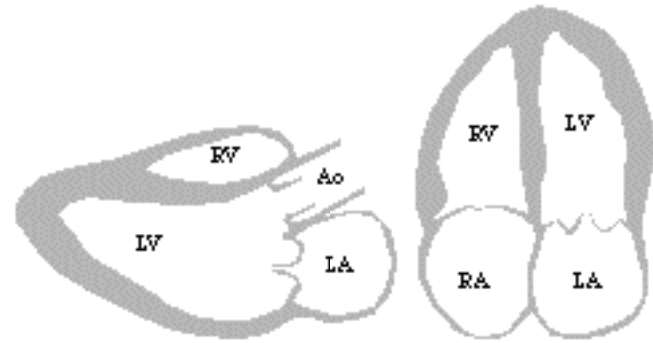
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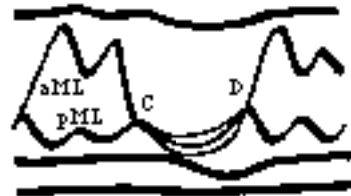


MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE

Incidence: 2-6% of general population; 5-20% of young women; ? autosomal dominant inheritance **Age:** commonly 14-30 years **Cause:** (1) "Floppy mitral valve" = elongation of cusps + chordae leading to redundant valve tissue, which prolapses into LA during systole **Associated with:** (a) Skeletal abnormalities: scoliosis, straightening of [thoracic spine](#), narrow anteroposterior chest dimension, pectus excavatum deformity of sternum (b) Barlowe syndrome = straight back syndrome (c) [Marfan syndrome](#) (d) Tricuspid valve prolapse (e) Long-standing ASD (2) Secondary MV prolapse: papillary muscle dysfunction, rupture chordae tendineae, rheumatic mitral insufficiency, [primary pulmonary hypertension](#), ostium secundum ASD ■ arrhythmias, palpitation, chest pain, light-headedness, syncope ■ responsible for midsystolic click + late systolic murmur (when associated with [mitral regurgitation](#)) ✓ LA not enlarged (unless associated with significant [mitral regurgitation](#)) **ECHO:** ✓ interruption of CD line with bulge toward left atrium ✓ abrupt midsystolic posterior buckling of both leaflets (classic pattern) ✓ "hammocklike" pansystolic posterior bowing of both leaflets ✓ multiple scallops on mitral valve leaflets (short-axis parasternal view) ✓ valve leaflets may appear thickened (myxomatous degeneration + valve redundancy) ✓ mitral valve leaflets passing >2 mm posterior to plane of mitral annulus (apical 4-chamber view) ✓ hyperactive atrioventricular groove ✓ mitral annulus may be dilated >4.7 cm² **DDx:** (1) [Pericardial effusion](#) (systolic posterior displacement of MV leaflets + entire heart) (2) [Bacterial endocarditis](#) (mimicked by locally



Mid systolic Mitral Valve Prolapse



Holosystolic Mitral Valve Prolapse

thickened + redundant leaflets)

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MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

Incidence: 1,500,000 per year in United States resulting in 500,000 deaths (50% occur in asymptomatic individuals) • [atrioventricular block](#) (common with inferior wall infarction as AV nodal branch originates from RCA); complete heart block has worse prognosis because it indicates a large area of infarction
CXR: ✓ normal-sized heart (84-95%) in acute phase if previously normal ✓ cardiomegaly: high incidence of [congestive heart failure](#) in anterior wall infarction, multiple myocardial infarctions, double- and triple-vessel CAD, LV aneurysm
CECT: ✓ perfusion defect within 60-90 seconds after bolus injection ✓ delayed enhancement of infarcted tissue peaking at 10-15 minutes (due to accumulation of iodine in ischemic cells), size of enhanced area correlates well with size of infarct
Cx: (myocardium is prone to rupture during 3rd-14th day post infarction)
A. LEFT VENTRICULAR FAILURE (60-70%) • "cardiac shock" = systolic pressure <90 mm Hg ✓ Signs of [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) are a good predictor of mortality (>30% if present, <10% if absent) ✓ progressive enlargement of heart ✓ haziness + indistinctness of pulmonary arteries ✓ increase in size of right descending pulmonary artery >17 mm ✓ [pleural effusion](#) ✓ septal lines ✓ perihilar ± peripheral parenchymal clouding ✓ alveolar [pulmonary edema](#)
Mortality: 30-50% with mild LV failure; 44% with [pulmonary edema](#); 80-100% with cardiogenic shock; 8% in absence of LV failure
B. ANEURYSM (12-15% of survivors)
C. MYOCARDIAL RUPTURE (3.3%) • occurs usually on 3rd-5th day post MI ✓ enlargement of heart (slow leakage of blood into pericardium) *Prognosis:* cause of death in 13% of all infarctions; almost 100% mortality
D. RUPTURE OF PAPILLARY MUSCLE (1%) from infarction of posteromedial papillary muscle in inferior MI (common) / anterolateral papillary muscle in anterolateral MI (uncommon) • sudden onset of massive mitral insufficiency • unresponsive to medical management ✓ abrupt onset of severe persistent [pulmonary edema](#) ✓ minimal LV enlargement / normal-sized heart ✓ NO dilatation of LA (immediate decompression into pulmonary veins) *Prognosis:* 70% mortality within 24 hours; 80-90% within 2 weeks
E. RUPTURE OF INTERVENTRICULAR SEPTUM (0.5-2%) • occurs usually within 4-21 days with rapid onset of L-to-R shunt • Swan-Ganz catheterization: increase in oxygen content of RV, capillary wedge pressure may be within normal limits ✓ right-sided cardiac enlargement ✓ engorgement of pulmonary vasculature ✓ NO [pulmonary edema](#) (DDx to ruptured papillary muscle) *Prognosis:* 24% mortality within 24 hours; 87% within 2 months; >90% in 1 year
F. DRESSLER SYNDROME (<4%) = POSTMYOCARDIAL INFARCTION SYNDROME *Etiology:* autoimmune reaction *Onset:* 2-3 weeks (range 1 week-several months) following infarction • relapses occur as late as 2 years after initial episode • fever ✓ pericarditis + [pericardial effusion](#) ✓ pleuritis + [pleural effusion](#) ✓ pneumonitis

[Right Ventricular Infarction](#)

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Right Ventricular Infarction Right ventricle involved in 33% of left inferior [myocardial infarction](#) ↓ decreased RV [ejection fraction](#) ↓ accumulation of [Tc-99m pyrophosphate](#) *Prognosis:* in 50% RV [ejection fraction](#) returns to normal within 10 days Cx: (1) cardiogenic shock (unusual) (2) elevation of RA pressure (3) decrease of pulmonary artery pressure

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MYXOMA

Most common benign primary intracardiac tumor (true neoplasm) in adults, 40-50% of all cardiac tumors *Age*:30-60 years; M<F *Classification*:sporadic (most frequent);familial type (mean age of 24 years); complex type = [Carney syndrome](#) *Path*:(a)gelatinous, friable, papillary / villous pedunculated tumor(b)round / polypoid sessile tumor *Histo*:hypocellular amorphous acid mucopolysaccharide matrix covered by a monolayer of endothelial cells ■ short history + rapid progression ■ dyspnea, chest pain ■ constitutional symptoms: ■ fever, myalgia, arthralgia, weight loss ■ leukocytosis, anemia, elevated ESR, ■ hypergammaglobulinemia ■ positional symptoms (ie, change with position): ■ tachyarrhythmia, murmur ■ syncope *Location*:LA:RA = 4:1; ventricles (exceptional); attached to atrial septum by small stalk near fossa ovalis (75%); may protrude into ventricle causing partial obstruction of atrioventricular valve ✓ generalized cardiac enlargement ✓ atrial obstruction (mimicking valvular stenosis) ✓ persistent defect in atrium / diastolic defect in ventricle A. LEFT ATRIAL MYXOMA with obstruction of mitral valve: ✓ enlargement of LA ✓ [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) / edema ✓ ossific lung nodules ✓ NO enlargement of atrial appendage Cx:systemic emboli (27%) in 50% to CNS ([stroke](#) / "mycotic" aneurysm) B. RIGHT ATRIAL MYXOMA with obstruction of tricuspid valve: ✓ enlargement of RA ✓ prominent SVC, IVC, azygos vein ✓ [decreased pulmonary vascularity](#) Cx: pulmonary emboli ECHO: (2D-ECHO is study of choice) ✓ hyperechoic mass ± mobile ✓ M-mode findings of only historical interest! ✓ dense echoes appearing posterior to aML soon after onset of diastole ✓ pML obscured ✓ tumor echoes can be traced into LA ✓ dilated LA ✓ reduced E-F slope CT: ✓ intraluminal filling defect MR: ✓ hypointense on T1WI, hyperintense on T2WI Rx:surgical excision ± valvuloplasty / valve replacement *Prognosis*:5-14% recurrence rate *DDx*:(1)Thrombus (most commonly in LA + LV)(2)Other cardiac tumors: sarcoma, malignant mesenchymoma, metastasis

[Carney Syndrome](#)

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Carney Syndrome =COMPLEX MYOMA(1)multiple myxomas recurring at an increased rate(2)pigmented + myxomatous skin lesions(3)myxoid fibroadenomas of the



breast(4)[pituitary adenoma](#) + testicular tumors(5)adrenocortical disease (Cushing disease)

Atrial [Myxoma](#) Prolapsing Into Mitral Valve Orifice

Note the interval between the opening of aML and pML and the moment that the tumor reaches its maximal anterior excursion at point E when a slight additional opening of the aML results; aML stays open during entire diastole as a result of obstruction to left atrial emptying.

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PATENT DUCTUS ARTERIOSUS

= PDA = persistence of left 6th aortic arch *Incidence*: 9% of all CHD; M:F = 1:2 *Associated with*: prematurity, birth asphyxia, high-altitude births, [rubella](#) syndrome, coarctation, VSD, [trisomy 18](#) + 21 *Normal physiology in mature infant*: increase in arterial oxygen pressure leads to constriction + closure of duct functional closure due to muscular contraction within 10-15 hours anatomic closure due to subintimal [fibrosis](#) + thrombosis: in 35% by 2 weeks; in 90% by 2 months; in 99% by 1 year mostly asymptomatic • [congestive heart failure](#) (rare) usually by 3 months of age if L-to-R shunt is large • continuous murmur • bounding peripheral pulses (intraaortic pressure runoff through PDA) CXR (mimics VSD): ✓ LA enlargement ✓ enlarged pulmonary artery segment ✓ increase of pulmonary vasculature (less flow directed to LUL) ✓ enlarged RV + LV ✓ enlarged ascending aorta + aortic arch ([thymus](#) may obscure this) ✓ prominent ductus infundibulum (diverticulum) = prominence between aortic knob + pulmonary artery segment ✓ obscured aortopulmonary window ✓ "railroad track" = calcified ductus arteriosus ECHO: ✓ LA:Ao ratio $\geq 1.2:1$ (signals significant L-to-R shunt) Angio: ✓ catheter course from RA to RV, main pulmonary artery, PDA, descending aorta ✓ communication from aorta (distal to left subclavian artery) to left pulmonary artery on AP / LAT / LAO aortogram

[PDA In Premature Infant](#) [Beneficial PDA](#) [Nonbeneficial PDA](#)

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PDA In Premature Infant Premature infant not subject to medial muscular hypertrophy of small pulmonary artery branches (which occurs in normal infants subsequent to progressive hypoxia in 3rd trimester) • **CHF Cause:** (a)pulmonary artery pressure remains low without opposing any L-to-R shunts (PDA / VSD)(b)ductus arteriosus remains open secondary to hypoxia in RDS^v recurrence of alveolar airspace filling after resolution of RDS^v granular pattern of hyaline membrane disease becomes more opaque^v enlargement of heart (masked by positive pressure ventilation)**Rx:** (a)Medical therapy:(1)supportive oxygen, diuretics, digitalis(2)avoid fluid overload (not to increase shunt volume)(3)antiprostaglandins = indomethacin opposes prostaglandins, which are potent duct dilators(b)Surgical ligation

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Beneficial PDA = compensatory effect of PDA in: 1. [Tetralogy of Fallot](#) cyanosis usually occurs during closure of duct shortly after birth 2. Eisenmenger pulmonary hypertension PDA acts as escape valve shunting blood to descending aorta 3. Interrupted aortic arch supply of lower extremity via PDA

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Nonbeneficial PDA in L-to-R shunts (VSD, [aortopulmonic window](#)) a PDA increases shunt volume

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PENETRATING AORTIC ULCER

=characterized by ulceration of atheromatous plaque that disrupts the internal elastic lamina + results in hemorrhage into media / rupture through wall of aorta
Location: middle of descending thoracic aorta
Angio: √ ulcerated atherosclerotic plaque √ [aortic wall thickening](#)
CECT: √ focally ulcerated plaque √ intramural hematoma cannot be differentiated from intraluminal thrombus / atherosclerotic plaque
MR: √ deeply ulcerated aortic plaque √ subacute hematoma in aortic wall indicated by high signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI (methemoglobin) either localized or mimicking type 3 dissection √ [aortic rupture](#) with contained hematoma
DDx: (1) [Aortic dissection](#) (intimal flap, patent false lumen) (2) Atheroma / thrombus (low signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI)

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PERICARDIAL DEFECT

=failure of pericardial development secondary to premature atrophy of the left duct of Cuvier (cardinal vein), which fails to nourish the left pleuropericardial membrane
Incidence: 1:13,000; M:F = 3:1
Age at detection: newborn to 81 years (mean 21 years)
Location: (a)foraminal defect on left side(35%)(b)complete absence on left side(35%)(c)diaphragmatic pericardial aplasia(17%)(d)total bilateral absence(9%)(e)foraminal defect on right side(4%)
Associated with (in 30%): (1)[Bronchogenic cyst](#) (30%)(2)VSD, PDA, [mitral stenosis](#)(3)Diaphragmatic hernia, sequestration • mostly asymptomatic • ECG: right axis deviation, right bundle branch block • palpitations, tachycardia, dyspnea, dizziness, syncope • positional discomfort while lying on left side • nonspecific intermittent chest pain (lack of pericardial cushioning, torsion of great vessels, tension on pleuropericardial adhesions, pressure on coronary arteries by rim of pericardial defect)
size: -small foraminal defect=no abnormality-large defect=herniation of cardiac structures / lung-complete absence=levoposition of heart
absence of left pericardial fat-pad / levoposition of heart with lack of visualization of right heart border / prominence / focal bulge in the area of RVOT, main pulmonary artery, left atrial appendage
sharp margination + elongation of left heart border / insinuation of lung between heart + left hemidiaphragm / insinuation of lung between aortic knob + pulmonary a. / increased distance between heart + sternum secondary to absence of sternopericardial ligament (cross-table lateral projection) / [pneumopericardium](#) following [pneumothorax](#) / NO tracheal deviation
Rx:foraminal defect requires surgery because of(a) herniation + strangulation of left atrial appendage (b) herniation of LA / LV (1)closure of defect with pleural flap(2)resection of pericardium

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PERSISTENT FETAL CIRCULATION

=PERSISTENT PULMONARY HYPERTENSION OF THE NEWBORN=delay in transition from intra- to extrauterine pulmonary circulation
Cause: primary disorder related to birth asphyxia, concurrent parenchymal lung disease (meconium aspiration, [pneumonia](#), [pulmonary hemorrhage](#), hyaline membrane disease, [pulmonary hypoplasia](#)), concurrent cardiovascular disease, hypoxic myocardial injury, hyperviscosity syndromes) ■ labile PO_2 ✓ structurally normal heart

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POLYARTERITIS NODOSA

=PERIARTERITIS NODOSA = systemic necrotizing inflammation of medium-sized + small muscular arteries without glomerulonephritis or [vasculitis](#) in arterioles, capillaries, venules *Incidence*: rare (2 new cases/million/year); M > F *Etiology*: ? deposition of immune complexes *Path*: mucoid degeneration + fibrinoid necrosis begins within media; absence of [vasculitis](#) in vessels other than arteries (DDx: necrotizing angitis, [mycotic aneurysm](#)) *Histo*: polymorphonuclear cell infiltrate in all layers of arterial wall + perivascular tissue (acute phase), mononuclear cell infiltrate, intimal proliferation, thrombosis, perivascular inflammation (chronic stage) *Associated with*: hepatitis B antigenemia • low-grade fever, myalgia, arthralgias • malaise, abdominal pain, weight loss • tender subcutaneous nodules (15%) • elevated ESR, thrombocytosis, anemia • peripheral neuropathy • painless hematuria *Location*: all organs may be involved, kidney (85%), heart (65%), liver (50%), pancreas, bowel, CNS (cerebrovascular accident, seizure) @Kidney (most frequently affected organ) ✓ multiple small intrarenal aneurysms (interlobar, arcuate, interlobular arteries) ✓ aneurysms may disappear (thrombosis) or appear in new locations ✓ arterial narrowing + thrombosis (chronic stage / healing stage) ✓ multiple small cortical infarcts Cx: perinephric / subcapsular hemorrhage (rupture of aneurysm) @ Chest (involved in 70%) ✓ cardiac enlargement / [pericardial effusion](#) (14%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (14%) ✓ pulmonary venous engorgement (21%) ✓ massive [pulmonary edema](#) (4%) ✓ linear densities / platelike [atelectasis](#) (10%) ✓ wedge-shaped / round peripheral infiltrates of nonsegmental distribution (14%) (simulating thromboembolic disease with infarction) ✓ cavitation may occur ✓ interstitial lower lung field pneumonitis @ Liver (66%) @ Mesenteric vessels (50%) • abdominal pain, ulcer formation, GI bleeding, intestinal infarction @ Skeletal muscle (39%) @ Skin (20%) [Angiography](#) (61% [sensitivity](#), 80% true-positive rate): ✓ 1-5 mm saccular aneurysms of small + medium-sized arteries in 60-75% as a result of necrosis of the internal elastic lamina (HALLMARK) ✓ luminal irregularities + stenoses of arteries ✓ arterial occlusions + small tissue infarctions Cx: hypertension, [renal failure](#), hemorrhage secondary to aneurysm rupture, organ infarction due to vessel thrombosis, gangrene of fingers / toes Rx: steroids (50% 5-year survival rate)

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POLYSPLENIA SYNDROME

=BILATERAL LEFT-SIDEDNESS Age: presentation in infancy / adulthood; M < F Associated with: (a)CHD (90-95%): APVR (70%), dextrocardia (37%), ASD (37%), ECCD (43-65%), pulmonic valvular stenosis (23%), TGA (13-17%), DORV (13-20%) (b)GI abnormalities: esophageal atresia, TE fistula, gastric duplication, preduodenal portal vein, duodenal webs + atresia, short bowel, mobile cecum, [malrotation](#), semiannular pancreas, biliary atresia, absent gallbladder (c)GU anomalies (15%): [renal agenesis](#), renal cysts, ovarian cysts (d)Vertebral anomalies, common celiac trunk-SMA • heart murmur, CHF, occasional cyanosis • leftward / superiorly directed P-wave vector • heart block (due to ECCD) • extrahepatic biliary obstruction • bilateral morphologic LA appendages: pointed, tubular, narrow-based @Lung • bilateral morphologic left lungs (68%), normal (18%), bilateral R-sided lungs (7%) • bilateral hyperarterial bronchi (= arteries projecting superior to bronchi on PA view + posterior to tracheobronchial tree on LAT view) • normal / increased pulmonary vascularity • bilateral SVC (50%) • large azygos vein (MOST SPECIFIC sign) may mimic aortic arch • absence of middle lobe fissure • cardiac apex on R / in midline @Abdomen • presence of ≥ 2 spleens (usually two major + indefinite number of splenules) located on both sides of the mesogastrium (esp. greater curvature of stomach) • hepatic symmetry • absence of gallbladder (50%) • stomach on right (40%) / left side • [malrotation](#) of bowel (80%) • azygos / hemiazygos continuation with interruption of hepatic segment of IVC (65-70%) • preduodenal portal vein OB-US: • absence of intrahepatic IVC • aorta anterior to spine in midline • "double vessel" sign = 2 vessels of similar size in paraspinous location posterior to heart = aorta + azygos vein on left / right side of spine *Prognosis*: 50% mortality by 4 months; 75% mortality by 5 years; 90% mortality by midadolescence

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POPLITEAL ARTERY ENTRAPMENT SYNDROME

=popliteal artery classically winding medially and then inferiorly to the tendinous insertion of the medial head of the gastrocnemius. *Incidence*: 35 cases in American surgical literature; bilateral in up to 66%. *Cause*: anomalous development and course of medial head of gastrocnemius muscle, which attaches to medial femoral condyle after development of primitive popliteal artery in 20 mm embryo slinging around lateral aspect of popliteal a. *Pathophysiology*: flow unimpeded when muscle relaxed; increased arterial angulation with muscle contraction (early); progressive intimal hyperplasia ("atheroma" = misnomer) due to microtrauma in area of repeated arterial compression; ultimately occlusion / thrombosis within aneurysm (late). *Age*: <35 years in 68%; age peaks at 17 and 47 years; M:F = 9:1. **■** slowly progressive intermittent unilateral calf claudication (early) esp. during periods of prolonged standing. **■** acute ischemia of leg with permanent occlusion of popliteal a. (late). **✓** posterior tibial pulse obliterated during active plantar flexion against resistance. **✓** PVR has 40% false-positive results. **✓** ankle-arm index reduced during active muscle contraction. **✓** Doppler waveforms of posterior tibial a. diminished during muscle contractions. *Angio* (biplanar views with hyperextended knee): **✓** medial deviation of artery (29%), popliteal stenosis (11%), poststenotic dilatation (8%). *Dx*: **✓** arteriography with typical medial deviation of popliteal a. before + after gastrocnemius contraction. **✓** popliteal a. thrombosis / occlusion. *Cx*: popliteal a. aneurysm. *DDx*: cystic adventitial disease of popliteal a., arterial embolism, premature arteriosclerosis, popliteal aneurysm with thrombosis, popliteal a. trauma, popliteal a. thrombosis, [Buerger disease](#), spinal cord stenosis (= neurogenic claudication)

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PRIMARY PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

=PLEXOGENIC PULMONARY ARTERIOPATHY *Diagnosis per exclusion*: clinically unexplained progressive pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#) without evidence for thromboembolic disease + pulmonary venoocclusive disease *Histo*: plexiform + angiomatoid lesions = tortuous channels within proliferation of endothelial cells *Age*: 3rd decade; M < F ■ dyspnea on exertion, syncope ■ easy fatigability ■ hyperventilation ■ chest pain ■ [hemoptysis](#)

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PSEUDOCOARCTATION

=AORTIC KINKING = elongated redundant thoracic aorta with acute kink / anterior buckling just distal to origin of left subclavian artery at lig. arteriosum=variant of coarctation without a pressure gradient
Age:12-64 years
Associated with: hypertension, bicuspid aortic valve, PDA, VSD, aortic / subaortic stenosis, [single ventricle](#), ASD, anomalies of aortic arch branches
• asymptomatic
• ejection murmur
• NO pressure gradient across the buckled segment
• anteromedial deviation of aorta
• "chimney-shaped" high aortic arch (in children)
• rounded / oval soft-tissue mass in left paratracheal region + superior to presumed normally positioned aortic arch [secondary to elongation of ascending aorta + aortic arch] (in adults)
• anterior displacement of esophagus
• NO rib notching / dilatation of brachiocephalic arteries / LV enlargement / poststenotic dilatation
Angio: ✓ high position of aortic arch
✓ "figure 3 sign" = notch in descending aorta at attachment of short ligamentum arteriosum
DDx:true coarctation, aneurysm, [mediastinal mass](#)

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PULMONARY ATRESIA

=CONGENITAL ABSENCE OF PULMONARY ARTERY=atretic pulmonary valve with underdeveloped pulmonary artery distally *May be associated with:* hypogenetic lung
CXR: ✓ small hemithorax of normal radiodensity ✓ [mediastinal shift](#) to affected side ✓ elevation of ipsilateral diaphragm ✓ reticular network of vessels on affected side (due to systemic collateral circulation from bronchial arteries) ✓ rib notching from prominence of intercostal arteries (due to large transpleural collateral vessels)
OB-US: ✓ small / enlarged / normal right ventricle ✓ progressive atrial enlargement (tricuspid regurgitation) ✓ flow reversal in ductus arteriosus + main pulmonary artery (most reliable) **Pulmonary Atresia With Intact Interventricular Septum** *Associated with:* ASD (R-to-L shunt) Type I: no remaining RV, no tricuspid regurgitation ✓ moderately enlarged RA (depending on size of ASD) Type II: normal RV with tricuspid regurgitation ✓ massive enlargement of RA ✓ cardiomegaly (LV, RA) ✓ concave / small pulmonary artery segment ✓ diminished pulmonary vascularity

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PULMONARY VENO-OCCLUSIVE DISEASE

=fibrous narrowing of intrapulmonary veins in the presence of a normal left heart characterized by pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#), [pulmonary edema](#), normal wedge pressures
Age: children, adolescents; M:F = 1:1
Histo: fibrous narrowing + thrombosis in up to 95% of pulmonary veins
[pulmonary edema](#) pleural effusions
delayed filling of normal main pulmonary veins + left heart
Prognosis: poor (no effective therapy)

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PULMONIC STENOSIS

Pulmonary artery stenosis without VSD = 8% of all CHD ■ mostly asymptomatic ■ cyanosis / heart failure ■ loud systolic ejection murmur ✓ systolic doming of pulmonary valve (= incomplete opening) ✓ normal / diminished / increased pulmonary vascularity (depending on presence + nature of associated malformations) ✓ enlarged pulmonary trunk + left pulmonary artery (poststenotic dilatation) ✓ prominent left pulmonary artery + normal right pulmonary artery ✓ hypertrophy of RV with reduced size of RV chamber ✓ elevation of cardiac apex ✓ increased convexity of anterior cardiac border on LAO ✓ diminution of retrosternal clear space ✓ [cor pulmonale](#) ✓ mild enlargement of LA (reason unknown) ✓ calcification of pulmonary valves in older adults (rare) *Prognosis*: death at mean age of 21 years if untreated

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Subvalvular Pulmonic Stenosis A. INFUNDIBULAR [PULMONIC STENOSIS](#) typically in [tetralogy of Fallot](#) B. SUBINFUNDIBULAR [PULMONIC STENOSIS](#)=hypertrophied anomalous muscle bundles crossing portions of RV *Associated with*: VSD (73-85%) (a) low type: courses diagonally from low anterior septal side to crista posteriorly (b) high type: horizontal defect across RV below infundibulum

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Valvular Pulmonic Stenosis 1.CLASSIC / TYPICAL PULMONIC VALVE STENOSIS (95%)= commissural fusion of pulmonary cusps *Age of presentation*:childhood ■ pulmonic click ■ ECG: hypertrophy of RV ✓ thickened dome-shaped valve ✓ dilated main + left pulmonary artery ✓ jet of contrast *Rx*: balloon valvuloplasty
2.DYSPLASTIC PULMONIC VALVE STENOSIS (5%)=thickened redundant distorted cusps, immobile secondary to myxomatous tissue ■ NO click ✓ NO poststenotic dilatation *Rx*:surgical resection of redundant valve tissue *CXR*: ✓ normal pulmonary vascularity ✓ normal-sized heart *Angio*: ✓ increase in trabecular pattern of RV ✓ hypertrophied crista supraventricularis (lateral projection) [TRILOGY OF FALLOT](#) (infantile presentation) (1) severe pulmonic valvular stenosis (2) hypertrophy of RV (3) ASD with R-to-L shunt (increased pressure in RA forces [foramen ovale](#) open)

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Supravalvular Pulmonic Stenosis 60% of all pulmonary valve stenoses Site of narrowing:pulmonary trunk, pulmonary bifurcation, one / both main pulmonary arteries, lobar pulmonary artery, segmental pulmonary arteryShape of narrowing: (a)localized with poststenotic dilatation(b)long tubular hypoplasia*May be associated with:* (1)Valvular [pulmonic stenosis](#), supravalvular [aortic stenosis](#), VSD, PDA, systemic arterial stenoses(2)Familial peripheral pulmonic stenoses + supravalvular [aortic stenosis](#)(3)Williams-Beuren syndrome: PS, supravalvular AS, peculiar facies(4)[Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)(5)Postrubella syndrome: peripheral pulmonic stenoses, valvular [pulmonic stenosis](#), PDA, low birth weight, deafness, cataract, mental retardation(6)[Tetralogy of Fallot](#) / critical valvular [pulmonic stenosis](#)

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RAYNAUD SYNDROME

=episodic digital ischemia in response to cold / emotional stimuli *Pathogenesis:* (1)increase in vasoconstrictor tone(2)low blood pressure(3)slight increase in blood viscosity(4)immunologic factors (4-81%)(5)cold provocation ■ exaggerated response of digit to cold / emotional stress: ■ numbness + loss of tactile perception ■ demarcated pallor / cyanosis ■ hyperemic throbbing during rewarming ■ sclerodactyly ■ small painful ulcers at tip of digit

[Raynaud Disease](#) [Raynaud Phenomenon](#)

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Raynaud Disease = PRIMARY VASOSPASM = SPASTIC FORM = exaggerated cold-induced constriction of smooth muscle cells in otherwise normal artery *Cause:?* acquired adrenoreceptor hypersensitivity *May be associated with:* early stages of autoimmune disorders *Age:* most common in young women • usually affects all fingers of both hands equally ✓ normal segmental arm + digit pressures at room temperature ✓ peaked digit volume pulse = rapid rise in systole, anacrotic notch just before the peak, dicrotic notch high on the downslope PPG: ✓ flat-line tracing at low temperatures (10°-22°C) with sudden reappearance of normal waveform at 24-26°C = "threshold phenomenon"

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Raynaud Phenomenon =SECONDARY VASOSPASM WITH OBSTRUCTION=OBSTRUCTIVE FORM=digital artery occlusion due to stenotic process in normally constricting artery / associated with an abnormally high blood viscosity *Cause*: 1.Atherosclerosis (most frequent)(a)embolization from an upstream lesion(b)occlusion of major arteries supplying arm2.Arterial trauma3.End stage of many autoimmune disorders: eg, scleroderma, [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [systemic lupus erythematosus](#)4.Takayasu disease5.[Buerger disease](#)6.Drug intoxication (ergot, methysergide)7.Dysproteinemia8.[Primary pulmonary hypertension](#)9.Myxedema ■ normal vasoconstrictive response to cold ↓ reduced segmental arm + digit pressures at room temperature PPG (76% [sensitivity](#), 92% [specificity](#)): ↓ flat-line / barely detectable tracing at low temperature with gradual increase of amplitude upon rewarming Hand magnification [angiography](#): 1.Baseline angiogram with ambient temperature 2.Stress angiogram immediately following immersion of hand in ice water for 20 seconds

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RHABDOMYOMA OF HEART

=benign hamartoma arising from myocardium *Prevalence*: most common [cardiac tumor](#) in infancy + childhood *Histo*: "spider cell" = central nucleus surrounded by clear cytoplasm and radial extensions *Associated with*: [tuberous sclerosis](#) (in 50-86%) • asymptomatic (incidental detection) • obstructed blood flow, murmur, arrhythmia • heart failure • supraventricular tachycardia (accessory conductive pathways within tumor) *Location*: usually multiple; ventricular wall with intramural growth + tendency to involve interventricular septum; atrial wall (rare) *US*: fetal [nonimmune hydrops](#) ✓ solid echogenic sessile mass ± intracavitary component bulging into ventricular outflow tract / atrioventricular valve *MR*: ✓ tumor hyperintense to myocardium on T1WI *Prognosis*: may regress spontaneously in patients <4 years of age *DDx*: fibroma (solitary centrally calcified + cystic tumor, in ventricular myocardium, associated with Gorlin syndrome), teratoma (single intrapericardial multicystic mass), [hemangioma](#) (arise from RT atrium, [pericardial effusion](#), skin hemangiomas)

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SINGLE VENTRICLE

= UNIVENTRICULAR HEART = DOUBLE INLET SINGLE VENTRICLE = failure of development of interventricular septum ± absence of one atrioventricular valve (mitral / [tricuspid atresia](#)) ± aortic / [pulmonic stenosis](#) ■ conduction defect (aberrant anatomy of conduction system) ✓ two atrioventricular valves connected to a main ventricular chamber ✓ the single ventricle may be a LV (85%) / RV / undetermined ✓ a second rudimentary ventricular chamber may be present, which is located anteriorly (in left univentricle) / posteriorly (in right univentricle) ✓ rudimentary chamber ± connection to one great artery ✓ may be associated with tricuspid / mitral atresia

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SINUS OF VALSALVA ANEURYSM

=deficiency between aortic media + annulus [fibrosis](#) of aortic valve resulting in distension + eventual aneurysm formation Age:puberty to 30 years of age Site:right sinus / noncoronary sinus (>90%) Right sinus usually ruptures into RV, occasionally into RA Noncoronary sinus ruptures into RA • sudden retrosternal pain, dyspnea, continuous murmur shunt vascularity cardiomegaly prominent ascending aorta

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SPLenic ARTERY ANEURYSM

=most frequent of visceral artery aneurysms *Etiology*: medial degeneration with superimposed atherosclerosis, congenital, mycotic, [pancreatitis](#), trauma, [portal hypertension](#) *Predisposed*: women with ≥ 2 pregnancies (88%) *May be associated with*: fibromuscular disease (in 20%) M:F = 1:2 • usually asymptomatic • pain, GI bleeding *Location*: intra- / extrasplenic \downarrow calcified wall of aneurysm (2/3) *Cx*: rupture of aneurysm (6-9%, higher during pregnancy) with up to 76% mortality *DDx*: renal artery aneurysm, tortuous splenic artery

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SUBCLAVIAN STEAL SYNDROME

=stenosis / obstruction of subclavian artery near its origin with flow reversal in ipsilateral [vertebral artery](#) at the expense of the cerebral circulation *Incidence*: 2.5% of all extracranial arterial occlusions *Etiology*: (a) congenital: [interruption of aortic arch](#), preductal infantile coarctation, hypoplasia of left aortic arch, hypoplasia / atresia / stenosis of an anomalous left subclavian artery with [right aortic arch](#), coarctation with aberrant subclavian artery arising distal to the coarctation (b) acquired: atherosclerosis (94%), dissecting aneurysm, chest trauma, embolism, tumor thrombosis, inflammatory arteritis (Takayasu, syphilitic), ligation of subclavian artery in Blalock-Taussig shunt, complication of coarctation repair, radiation [fibrosis](#) *Age*: average 59-61 years; M:F = 3:1; Whites:Blacks = 8:2 *Associated with*: additional lesions of extracranial arteries in 81% • lower systolic blood pressure by >20-40 mm Hg on affected side • delayed weak / absent pulse in ipsilateral extremity • Signs of vertebrobasilar insufficiency (40%): • syncopal episodes initiated by exercising the ischemic arm • headaches, nausea, vertigo, ataxia • mono-, hemi-, para-, quadriplegia, paralysis • diplopia, dysphagia, dysarthria, paresthesias around mouth • uni- / bilateral homonymous hemianopia • Signs of brachial insufficiency (3-10%): • intermittent / constant pain in affected arm precipitated by increased activity of that arm • paresthesia, weakness, coolness, numbness, burning in fingers + hand • fingertip necrosis *Location*: L:R = 3:1 *Color Doppler*: √ reversal of [vertebral artery](#) flow, augmented by reactive hyperemia (blood pressure cuff inflated above systolic pressure for 5 minutes) / arm exercise *Angio*: √ subclavian stenosis / occlusion (aortic arch injection) √ reversal of [vertebral artery](#) flow (selective injection of contralateral subclavian / [vertebral artery](#)) *CAVE*: "false steal" = transient retrograde flow in contralateral [vertebral artery](#) caused by high-pressure injection *Rx*: bypass surgery, PTA (good long-term results)

[Partial Subclavian Steal Syndrome](#) [Occult Subclavian Steal Syndrome](#)

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Partial Subclavian Steal Syndrome =retrograde flow in systole + antegrade flow in diastole

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Occult Subclavian Steal Syndrome =reverse flow seen only after provocative maneuvers, ie, ipsilateral arm exercise of 5 minutes / 5 minutes inflation of sphygmomanometer > systolic blood pressure levels

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SUPERIOR VENA CAVA SYNDROME

=obstruction of SVC with development of collateral pathways *Etiology:* (a) Malignant lesion (80-90%) 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (>50%) 2. [Lymphoma](#) (b) Benign lesion 1. Granulomatous mediastinitis (usually [histoplasmosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#), TB) 2. Substernal goiter 3. Ascending [aortic aneurysm](#) 4. Pacer wires / central venous catheters (23%) 5. [Constrictive pericarditis](#) *Collateral routes:* 1. Esophageal venous plexus = "downhill varices" (predominantly upper 2/3) 2. Azygos + hemiazygos veins 3. Accessory hemiazygos + superior intercostal veins = "aortic nipple" (visualization in normal population in 5%) 4. Lateral thoracic veins + umbilical vein 5. Vertebral veins ■ head and neck edema (70%) ■ cutaneous enlarged venous collaterals ■ headache, dizziness, syncope ■ with benign etiology: slower onset + progression, both sexes, 25-40 years of age ■ with malignancy: rapid progression within weeks, mostly males, 40-60 years of age ■ proptosis, tearing ■ dyspnea, cyanosis, chest pain ■ hematemesis (11%) ✓ superior mediastinal widening (64%) ✓ encasement / compression / occlusion of SVC ✓ dilated cervical + superficial thoracic veins (80%) ✓ SVC thrombus NUC: ✓ increased tracer [uptake](#) in quadrate lobe + posterior aspect of medial segment of left lobe (umbilical pathway toward liver when injected in upper extremity)

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SYPHILITIC AORTITIS

=LUETIC AORTITIS *Incidence*: in 10-15% of untreated patients (accounts for death in 1/3) *Path*: periaortitis (via lymphatics), mesaortitis (via vasa vasorum) = primarily disease of media leading to secondary injury of intima, which predisposes the intima to premature calcific atherosclerosis *Age*: between 40 and 65 years *Site*: ascending aorta (36%), aortic arch (24%), descending aorta (5%), sinus of Valsalva (1%), pulmonary artery *thick aortic wall* (fibrous + inflammatory tissue) *saccular* (75%) / fusiform (25%) dilatation of ascending aorta *small saccular aneurysms* often protrude from fusiform aneurysm *fine pencil-like calcifications* of intima (15-20%) in ascending aorta, late in disease *Cx*: (1) stenosis of coronary ostia (intimal thickening) (2) [aortic regurgitation](#) (syphilitic valvulitis), rare *DDx*: degenerative calcification of ascending aorta (older population, no aneurysm, no [aortic regurgitation](#))

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TAKAYASU ARTERITIS

=PULSELESS DISEASE = AORTITIS SYNDROME= AORTOARTERITIS = IDIOPATHIC MEDIAL AORTOPATHY = AORTIC ARCH SYNDROME=granulomatous inflammation of unknown pathogenesis affecting segments of aorta + major aortic branches + pulmonary arteries limited to persons usually <50 years of age. The only form of aortitis that produces stenosis / occlusion of the aorta! *Etiology*: probably cell-mediated inflammation *Incidence*: 2.6 new cases/million/year; 2.2% (at autopsy) *Age*: 12-66 years; M:F = 1:8; especially in Orientals *Histo*: (a) Acute stage: granulomatous infiltrative process focused on elastic fibers of media of arterial wall consisting of multinucleate giant cells, lymphocytes, histiocytes, plasma cells (b) Fibrotic stage (weeks to years): progressive **fibrosis** of vessel wall resulting in constriction from intimal proliferation / thrombotic occlusion / aneurysm formation (from extensive destruction of elastic fibers in the media); ultimately leads to **fibrosis** of intima + adventitia. Morphologically indistinguishable from **temporal arteritis**! • prepulseless / systemic phase of a few months to a year = nonspecific systemic signs + symptoms of fever, night sweats, weakness, weight loss, myalgia, arthralgia. Mean interval of 8 years between onset of symptoms and diagnosis • pulseless phase = signs + symptoms of ischemia of limb (claudication, pulse deficit, bruits) + **renovascular hypertension** • erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) >20 mm/hour in 80% *Location*: Type I: classic pulseless type = brachiocephalic trunk + carotid arteries + subclavian arteries Type II: combination of type I + III Type III: atypical coarctation type = thoracic and abdominal aorta distal to arch + its major branches Type IV: dilated type = extensive dilatation of the length of the aorta + its branches Commonly involved: left subclavian artery (<50%), left **common carotid artery** (20%), brachiocephalic trunk, renal arteries, celiac trunk, superior mesenteric artery, pulmonary arteries (>50%) Infrequently involved: axillary, brachial, vertebral, iliac arteries (usually bilaterally), coronary arteries. Arterial wall thickening + contrast enhancement. Full-thickness calcification (chronic disease) @Aorta: long + diffuse / short + segmental irregular stenosis / occlusion of major branches of aorta near their origins. Stenotic lesions of thoracic aorta > abdominal aorta. Frequent skipped lesions. Abundant collateralization (late phase). Aneurysmal dilatation of aorta = diffusely dilated lumen with irregular contours (common in ascending aorta + arch). Fusiform / saccular aortic aneurysms (10-15%) (common in descending thoracic + abdominal aorta) @Brachiocephalic arteries: multisegmented dilatation of carotid artery producing segmental septa. Diffuse homogeneous circumferential thickening of vessel wall in proximal **common carotid artery**. Increase in flow velocity + turbulence. Distal CCA, ICA, ECA spared with dampened waveforms @Pulmonary arteries (50-80%) pulmonary arterial lesions specific for Takayasu arteritis: **dilatation of pulmonary trunk** (19%), nodular thrombi (3%), "pruned tree" appearance of pulmonary arteries (66%) systemic-pulmonary artery shunts CXR: widened supracardiac shadow >3.0 cm. Wavy / scalloped appearance of lateral margin of descending aorta. Aortic calcification (15%) commonly in aortic arch + descending aorta. Focal decrease of pulmonary vascularity Cx: (1) Cerebrovascular accidents (2) Heart failure due to **aortic regurgitation** *DDx*: atherosclerosis, **temporal arteritis** (CCA not involved), **fibromuscular dysplasia** (in ICA not CCA), idiopathic carotid dissection (ICA), **syphilitic aortitis** (calcification of ascending aorta) *Rx*: steroids, angioplasty after decline of active inflammation

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TEMPORAL ARTERITIS

=CRANIAL / GRANULOMATOUS ARTERITIS=POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA = GIANT CELL ARTERITIS (poor choice because Takayasu disease is also a giant cell arteritis)=systemic granulomatous [vasculitis](#) limited to persons usually >50 years of age *Incidence*:1.7 new cases/million/year *Histo*: (a)acute stage: granulomatous infiltrative process focused on elastic fibers of arterial wall consisting of multinucleate giant cells, lymphocytes, histiocytes, plasma cells (b)fibrotic stage (weeks to years): progressive [fibrosis](#) of vessel wall resulting in constriction from intimal proliferation / thrombotic occlusion / aneurysm formation Morphologically indistinguishable from [Takayasu arteritis](#)! *Age peak*:65-75 years; M:F = 1:3 • prodromal phase of flulike illness of 1-3 weeks: • malaise, low-grade fever, weight loss, myalgia • unilateral headache (50-90%) • chronic stage: • jaw claudication (while chewing + talking) • palpable tender temporal artery • neuro-ophthalmic manifestations: visual impairment / diplopia / blindness • polymyalgia rheumatica (50%) = intense myalgia of [shoulder](#) + hip girdles • erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) of 40-140 mm/ hour (HALLMARK) Location: any artery of the body; mainly medium-sized branches of aortic arch (10%), [external carotid artery branches](#) (particularly temporal artery); extracranial arteries below neck (9%): subclavian > axillary > brachial > profunda femoris > forearm > calf; commonly bilateral + symmetric ✓ long smooth stenotic arterial segments with skip areas ✓ smooth tapered occlusions with abundance of collateral supply ✓ absence of atherosclerotic changes ✓ aortic root dilatation + aortic valve insufficiency *Dx*: biopsy of palpable temporal artery *Prognosis*: disease may be self-limiting (1-2 years); 10% mortality within 2-3 years

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TETRALOGY OF FALLOT

=underdevelopment of pulmonary infundibulum secondary to unequal partitioning of the conotruncus *Incidence*: 8% of all CHD; most common CHD with cyanosis after 1 year of life **TETRAD**: 1. Obstruction of right ventricular outflow tract: usually at pulmonary infundibulum, occasionally at pulmonic valve 2. VSD 3. Right ventricular hypertrophy 4. Aorta overriding the interventricular septum *Hemodynamics*: fetus: pulmonary blood flow supplied by retrograde flow through ductus arteriosus with absence of RV hypertrophy / IUGR neonate: R-to-L shunt bypassing pulmonary circulation with decrease in systemic oxygen saturation (cyanosis); pressure overload + hypertrophy of RV secondary to pulmonic-infundibular stenosis *Associated with*: 1. Bicuspid pulmonic valve (40%) 2. Stenosis of left pulmonary artery (40%) 3. [Right aortic arch](#) (25%) 4. TE fistula 5. [Down syndrome](#) 6. Forked ribs, scoliosis 7. Anomalies of coronary arteries in 10% (single RCA / LAD from RCA) ■ cyanosis by 3-4 months of age (concealed at birth by PDA) ■ dyspnea on exertion, clubbing of fingers and toes ■ "squatting position" when fatigued (increases pulmonary blood flow) ■ "episodic spells" = loss of consciousness ■ [polycythemia](#), lowered PO₂ values, systolic murmur in pulmonic area ✓ pronounced concavity in region of pulmonary artery trunk (small / absent PA) ✓ coeur en sabot (boot-shaped heart) = enlargement of right ventricle ✓ right-sided aortic arch in 25% ✓ marked reduction in caliber + number of pulmonary vessels ✓ asymmetric pulmonary vascularity ✓ reticular pattern with horizontal course usually in periphery (= prominent collateral circulation of pleuropulmonary connections) **OB-US**: ✓ dilated aorta overriding the interventricular septum ✓ usually perimembranous VSD ✓ mildly stenotic RV outflow tract ✓ NO RV hypertrophy in midtrimester **ECHO**: ✓ discontinuity between anterior aortic wall + interventricular septum (= overriding of the aorta) ✓ small left atrium ✓ RV hypertrophy with small right ventricular outflow tract ✓ widening of the aorta ✓ thickening of right ventricular wall + interventricular septum *Prognosis*: spontaneous survival without surgical correction in 50% up to age 7; in 10% up to age 21 *Rx*: surgery in early childhood (a) palliative 1. Blalock-Taussig shunt = end-to-side anastomosis of subclavian to pulmonary artery opposite aortic arch (64% survival rate at 15 years, 55% at 20 years) 2. Pott operation on left = anastomosis of left PA with descending aorta 3. Waterston-Cooley procedure = anastomosis between ascending aorta + right pulmonary artery 4. Central shunt = Rastelli procedure = tubular synthetic graft between ascending aorta + pulmonary artery (b) corrective open cardiac surgery = VSD-closure + reconstruction of RV outflow tract by excision of obstructing tissue (82% survival rate at 15 years) Operative mortality: 3-10%

[Pink Tetralogy](#) [Pentalogy Of Fallot](#) [Trilogy Of Fallot](#)

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Pink Tetralogy =infundibular hypertrophy in VSD (3%)

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Pentalogy Of Fallot =tetralogy + ASD

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Trilogy Of Fallot =pulmonary stenosis + RV hypertrophy + patent [foramen ovale](#)

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THORACIC OUTLET SYNDROME

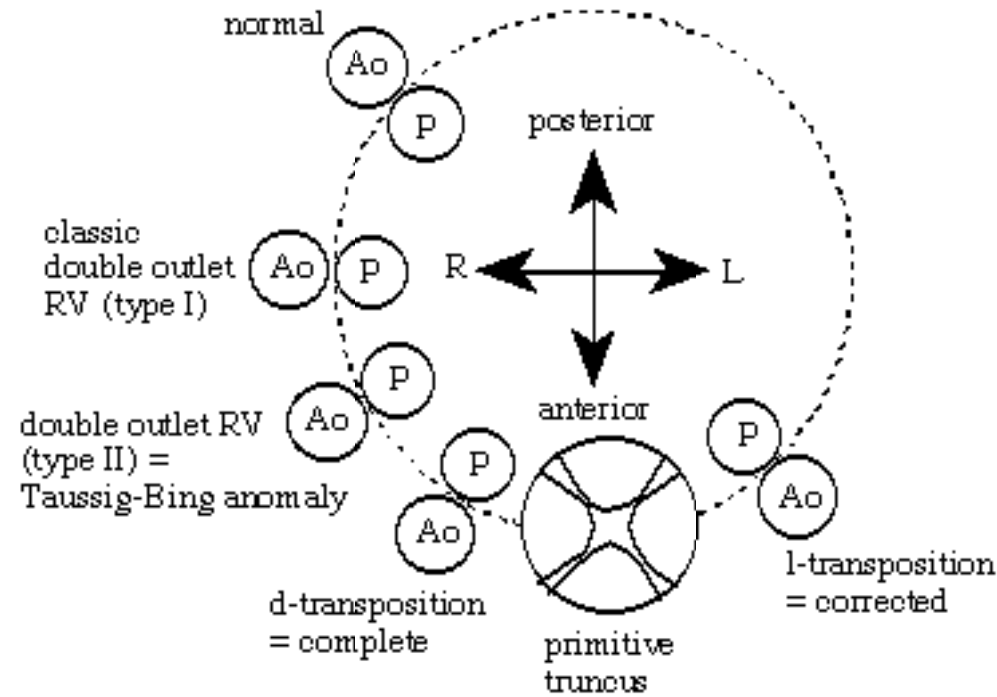
=compression of nerves, veins, and arteries between chest and arm
Cause: A. CONGENITAL 1. Cervical rib = elevation of floor of scalene triangle with decrease of costoclavicular space
Incidence: 0.5-1% of population
5-10% of complete cervical ribs cause symptoms
10-20% of symptomatic patients have a responsible cervical rib
Cx: aneurysmal dilatation of subclavian a. 2. Scalenus minimus muscle (rare) extending from transverse process of 7th cervical vertebra to 1st rib with insertion between brachial plexus + subclavian artery 3. Anterior scalene muscle = scalenus anticus syndrome (most common) = wide / abnormal insertion / hypertrophy of muscle 4. Anomalous 1st rib = unusually straight course with narrowing of costoclavicular space
B. ACQUIRED 1. Muscular body habitus = arterial compression in pectoralis minor tunnel 2. Slender body habitus with long neck, sagging shoulders 3. [Fracture](#) of clavicle / 1st rib (34%) with nonanatomic alignment / exuberant callus 4. Supraclavicular tumor / lymphadenopathy • pain in forearm + hand which increases upon elevation of arm • paresthesias of hand + fingers (numbness, "pins and needles") in 95% • decreased skin temperature, discoloration of hand • intermittent claudication of fingers (from ischemia) • hyperabduction maneuver with obliteration of radial pulse (34%) • [Raynaud phenomenon](#) (40%): episodic constriction of small vessels • supraclavicular bruit (15-30%)
Bidirectional Doppler: 1. Adson maneuver (for scalenus anticus muscle) = hold deep inspiration while neck is fully extended + head turned toward ipsilateral and opposite side 2. Costoclavicular maneuver (compression between clavicle + 1st rib) = exaggerated military position with shoulders drawn back and downward 3. Hyperabduction maneuver (compression by humeral head / pectoralis minor muscle) = extremity monitored through range of 180° abduction
✓ complete cessation of flow in one position
Photoplethysmography: 1. Photo pulse transducer secured to palmar surface of one fingertip of each hand 2. Arterial pulsations recorded with arm in (a) neutral position (b) extended 90° to side (c) 180° over the head (d) in "military" position with arms at 90° + shoulders pressed back
✓ complete disappearance of pulse in one position
Angio: ✓ abnormal course of distal subclavian artery ✓ focal stenosis / occlusion ✓ poststenotic dilatation of distal subclavian artery ✓ aneurysm ✓ [stress test](#): bandlike / concentric constriction ✓ mural thrombus ± distal embolization ✓ venous thrombosis / obstruction
DDx: Cervical disk disease, radiculopathy, spinal cord tumor, trauma to brachial plexus, arthritis, [carpal tunnel syndrome](#), Pancoast tumor, peripheral arterial occlusive disease, aneurysm, causalgia, thromboembolism, [Raynaud disease](#), [vasculitis](#)

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Complete Transposition of Great Arteries = TGA = D-TRANSPOSITION = failure of the aorticopulmonary septum to follow a spiral course characterized by (1) aorta originating from RV (2) pulmonary artery originating from LV (3) normal position of atria + ventricles *Incidence*: 10% of all CHD *VARIATIONS*: 1. Complete TGA + intact interventricular septum 2. Complete TGA + VSD: CHF due to VSD 3. Complete TGA + VSD + PS: PS prevents CHF = longest survival *Hemodynamics*: fetus: no hemodynamic compromise with normal birth weight neonate: mixing of the 2 independent circulations necessary for survival Admixture of blood from both circulations via: (1) PDA + patent [foramen ovale](#) (when PDA closes worst prognosis) (2) VSD (in 50%) • cyanosis (most common cause for cyanosis in neonate) 2nd most common cause of cyanosis after [tetralogy of Fallot](#) • symptomatic 1-2 weeks following birth *CXR*: "egg-on-its-side" appearance of heart = narrow superior mediastinum secondary to hypoplastic [thymus](#) + hyperaeration + abnormal relationship of great vessels • cardiac enlargement beginning 2 weeks after birth • right heart enlargement • enlargement of LA (with VSD) • absent pulmonary trunk (99%) = PA located posteriorly in midline • increased pulmonary blood flow (if not associated with PS) • midline aorta (30%) / ascending aorta with convexity to the right • [right aortic arch](#) in 3% (difficult assessment due to midline position + small size) *OB-US*: great arteries arise from ventricles in a parallel fashion • aorta anterior + to right of pulmonary artery (in 60%; rarely side by side) *Prognosis*: overall 70% survival rate at 1 week, 50% at 1 month, 11% at 1 year by natural history *Rx*: (1) Prostaglandin E1 administration to maintain ductal patency (2) Rashkind procedure = balloon septostomy to create ASD (3) Blalock-Hanlon procedure = surgical creation of ASD (4) Mustard operation (corrective) = removal of atrial septum + creation of intraatrial baffle directing the pulmonary venous return to RV + systemic venous return to LV; 79% 1-year survival rate; 64-89% 5-year survival



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Corrected Transposition Of Great Arteries = CONGENITALLY CORRECTED TRANSPOSITION = L-TRANSPOSITION = anomalous looping of the primordial ventricles associated with lack of spiral rotation of conotruncal septum characterized by (1) Transposition of great arteries (2) Inversion of ventricles (LV on right side, RV on left side): (a) RA connected to morphologic LV (b) LA connected to morphologic RV (3) AV valves + coronary arteries follow their corresponding ventricles *Hemodynamics*: functionally corrected abnormality *Associated with*: (1) usually perimembranous VSD (in >50%) (2) [pulmonic stenosis](#) (in 50%) (3) anomaly of left (= tricuspid) atrioventricular valves (Ebstein-like) (4) dextrocardia (high incidence) • [atrioventricular block](#) (malalignment of atrial + ventricular septa) CXR: ✓ abnormal convexity / straightening in upper portion of left heart border (ascending aorta arising from inverted RV) ✓ inapparent aortic knob + descending aorta (overlying spine) ✓ inapparent pulmonary trunk (rightward posterior position) = PREMIER SIGN ✓ humped contour of lower left heart border with elevation above diaphragm (anatomic RV) ✓ apical notch (= septal notch) ✓ increased pulmonary blood flow (if shunt present) ✓ [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) (if left-sided AV valve incompetent) ✓ LA enlargement ✓ Angio: ✓ original LV on right side: smooth-walled, cylinder- / cone-shaped with high recess emptying into aorta (= venous ventricle) ✓ original RV on left side: bulbous, triangular shape, trabeculated chamber with infundibular outflow tract into pulmonary trunk (= arterial ventricle) ✓ OB-US: ✓ great arteries arise from ventricles in a parallel fashion ✓ aortic valve separated from tricuspid valve by a complete infundibulum ✓ fibrous continuity between pulmonic valve + mitral valve *Prognosis*: (unfavorable secondary to additional cardiac defects) 40% 1-year survival rate, 30% 10-year survival rate

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TRICUSPID ATRESIA

2nd most common cause of pronounced neonatal cyanosis (after transposition) characterized by absent tricuspid valve, ASD, and small VSD (in most patients)
Incidence: 1.5% of all CHD1. TRICUSPID ATRESIA WITHOUT TRANSPOSITION (80%)(a) without PS (b) with PS (c) with [pulmonary atresia](#) 2. TRICUSPID ATRESIA WITH TRANSPOSITION (a) without PS (b) with PS [most favorable combination] (c) with [pulmonary atresia](#) Usually small VSD + PS (75%) restrict pulmonary blood flow ■ progressive cyanosis from birth on, increasing with crying = OUTSTANDING FEATURE (inverse relationship between degree of cyanosis + volume of pulmonary blood flow) ■ pansystolic murmur (VSD) ■ ECG: left-axis deviation CXR (typical cardiac contour): √ left rounded contour = enlargement + hypertrophy of LV √ right rounded contour = enlarged RA √ flat / concave pulmonary segment √ normal / [decreased pulmonary vascularity](#) √ typical flattening of right heart border with transposition (in 15%) *Prognosis:* may survive well into early adulthood *Rx:* 1. Blalock-Taussig procedure (if pulmonary blood flow decreased in infancy) 2. Glenn procedure = shunt between IVC + right PA (if total correction not anticipated) 3. Fontan procedure = external conduit from RA to pulmonary trunk + closure of ASD (if pulmonary vascular disease has not developed)

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TROUSSEAU SYNDROME

=PARANEOPLASTIC THROMBOEMBOLISM *Incidence:* 1-11%; higher in terminally ill cancer patients *Tumors:* mucin-secreting adenocarcinoma of GI tract and pancreas (most common), lung, breast, ovary, prostate *Pathogenesis:* (?) (a) tumors activate coagulation + depress anticoagulant function (b) cancer cells cause injury to endothelial lining, activate platelets + coagulation *Type of lesion:* (1) Venous thrombosis (2) Arterial thromboembolism (3) Nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis *Patients with thromboembolism have an increased incidence of occult malignancy!* *Prevalent criteria:* -absence of apparent cause for thromboembolism -age >50 years -multiple sites of venous thrombosis -simultaneous venous + arterial thromboembolism -resistance to oral anticoagulant therapy -associated other paraneoplastic syndromes -regression of thromboembolism with successful treatment of cancer ■ disorders of consciousness (cerebral emboli) ■ muscular pain + weakness (emboli to skeletal muscle) ■ decompensated disseminated intravascular coagulation *deep vein thrombosis* *pulmonary embolism* *nonbacterial thrombotic endocarditis* (echocardiography) *Rx:* (1) Heparin (more successful than warfarin) (2) Greenfield filter

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TRUNCUS ARTERIOSUS

=PERSISTENT TRUNCUS ARTERIOSUS= SINGLE OUTLET OF THE HEART =abnormal septation of the conotruncus characterized by(1)one great artery arising from the heart giving rise to the coronary, pulmonary, and systemic arteries, straddling (2)large VSD *Incidence*:2% of all CHD *Types*: TypeI(50%)=main PA + aorta arise from common truncal valve TypeII(25%)=both pulmonary arteries arise from back of trunk TypeIII(10%)=both pulmonary arteries arise from side of trunk TypeIV="Pseudotruncus" = absence of pulmonary arteries; pulmonary supply from systemic collaterals arising from descending aorta Subtype A=infundibular VSD



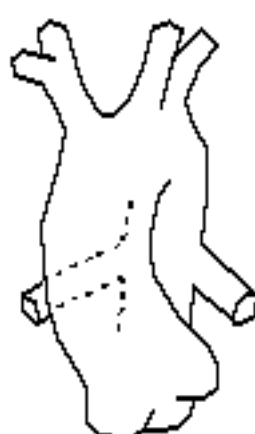
Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV

present Subtype B=VSD absent

[aortic arch](#)= TRUNCUS(2)Forked ribs *Hemodynamics*: fetus:CHF only with incompetent valve secondary to massive regurgitation from truncus to ventricles neonate:L-to-R shunt after decrease in pulmonary resistance (massive diversion of flow to pulmonary district) leads to CHF (ventricular overload) / pulmonary hypertension with time • moderate cyanosis, apparent with crying • severe CHF within first days / months of life (in large R-to-L shunt) • systolic murmur CXR: ✓ cardiomegaly (increased LV volume) ✓ enlarged LA (50%) secondary to increased pulmonary blood flow ✓ large "aortic shadow" = truncus arteriosus ✓ "waterfall / hilar comma sign" = elevated right hilum (30%); elevated left hilum (10%) ✓ concave pulmonary segment (50%) (type I has left convex pulmonary segment) ✓ markedly increased pulmonary blood flow, may be asymmetric ECHO: ✓ single arterial vessel overriding the interventricular septum (DDx: [tetralogy of Fallot](#)) ✓ frequently dysplastic + incompetent single semilunar valve with 3-6 leaflets (most commonly 3 leaflets) *Prognosis*:40% 6-months survival rate,20% 1-year survival rate *Rx*:Rastelli procedure (30% no longer operable at 4 years of age) = (a) artificial valve placed high in RVOT and attached via a Dacron graft to main pulmonary artery (b) closure of VSD

Associated with: (1)[Right aortic arch](#) (in 35%)cyanosis + shunt vascularity + [right](#)

[Hemitruncus Pseudotruncus Arteriosus](#)

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Hemitruncus = rare anomaly characterized by (a)one pulmonary artery (commonly right PA) arising from trunk(b)one pulmonary artery arising from RV / supplied by systemic collaterals
Associated with: PDA (80%), VSD, tetralogy (usually isolated to left PA) ● acyanotic

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Pseudotruncus Arteriosus = TRUNCUS TYPE IV = severe form of [tetralogy of Fallot](#) with atresia of the pulmonary trunk; entire pulmonary circulation through bronchial collateral arteries (NOT a form of [truncus arteriosus](#) in its true sense); characterized by (1) [pulmonary atresia](#) (2) VSD with R-to-L shunt (3) RV hypertrophy
Associated with: [right aortic arch](#) in 50% • cyanosis ✓ concavity in area of pulmonary segment ✓ commalike abnormal appearance of pulmonary artery ✓ absent normal right and left pulmonary artery (lateral chest film) ✓ esophageal indentation posteriorly (due to large systemic collaterals) ✓ prominent hilar + intrapulmonary vessels (= systemic collaterals) ✓ "coeur en sabot" = RV enlargement ✓ prominent ascending aorta with hyperpulsations

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VENTRICULAR ANEURYSM

A. CONGENITAL LEFT VENTRICULAR ANEURYSM rare, young Black adult (a) Submitral type: ∇ bulge at left middle / upper cardiac border (b) Subaortic type: ∇ small + not visualized ∇ heart greatly enlarged (from aortic insufficiency) B. ACQUIRED LEFT VENTRICULAR ANEURYSM = complication of [myocardial infarction](#), [Chagas disease](#) • may be asymptomatic + well tolerated for years • occasionally associated with persistent heart failure, arrhythmia, peripheral embolization

[True Ventricular Aneurysm Pseudoaneurysm Of Ventricle](#)

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True Ventricular Aneurysm =circumscribed noncontractile outpouching of ventricular cavity with broad mouth + localized dyskinesis
Cause:sequela of transmural [myocardial infarction](#)
Location: (a)left anterior + anteroapical: readily detected (anterior + LAO views)(b)inferior + inferoposterior: less readily detected (steep LAO + LPO views)
Detection rate:50% by fluoroscopy; 96% by radionuclide ventriculography; frequently not visible on CXR
Localized bulge of heart contour = "squared-off" appearance of mid left lateral margin of heart border
Localized paradoxical expansion during systole (CHARACTERISTIC)
rim of calcium in fibrotic wall (chronic), rare
akinetic / severely hypokinetic segment
left ventriculography in LAO, RAO is diagnostic
wide communication with heart chamber (no neck)
Cx:wall thrombus with embolization
Prognosis:rarely ruptures

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Pseudoaneurysm Of Ventricle =FALSE ANEURYSM = left ventricular rupture contained by fused layers of visceral + parietal pericardium / extracardiac tissue(a)cardiac rupture with localized hematoma contained by adherent pericardium; typically in the presence of pericarditis(b)subacute rupture with gradual / episodic bleeding*Etiology*:trauma, [myocardial infarction](#)*Location*:typically at posterolateral / diaphragmatic wall of LV¹ left retrocardiac double density¹ diameter of mouth smaller than the largest diameter of the globular aneurysm¹ delayed fillingCx:high risk of delayed rupture (infrequent in true aneurysms)

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VENTRICULAR SEPTAL DEFECT

Most common CHD (25-30%): (a) isolated in 20% (b) with other cardiac anomalies in 5%; ⁴Acyanotic L-to-R shunt + [right aortic arch](#) (in 2-5%) = VSD 1. MEMBRANOUS = PERIMEMBRANOUS VSD (75-80%) Location: posterior + inferior to crista supraventricularis near commissure between right and posterior (= noncoronary) aortic valve cusps *May be associated with*: small aneurysms of membranous septum commonly leading to decrease in size of membranous VSD (their presence does not necessarily predict eventual complete closure) 2. SUPRACRISTAL = CONAL VSD (5-8%) ⁴Crista supraventricularis = inverted U-shaped muscular ridge posterior + inferior to pulmonary valve (a) RV view = VSD just beneath pulmonary valve with valve forming part of superior margin of defect (b) LV view = VSD just below commissure between R + L aortic valve cusps Cx: right aortic valve cusp may herniate into VSD (= aortic insufficiency) 3. MUSCULAR VSD (5-10%) May consist of multiple VSDs; bordered entirely by myocardium Location: (a) inlet portion (b) trabecular portion (c) infundibular / outlet portion 4. ATRIOVENTRICULAR CANAL TYPE = ENDOCARDIAL CUSHION TYPE = POSTERIOR VSD (5-10%) Location: adjacent to septal + anterior leaflet of mitral valve; rare as isolated defect *Hemodynamics*: small bidirectional shunt during fetal life (similar pressures in RV + LV); after birth a decrease in pulmonary arterial pressure + increase in systemic arterial pressure occurs with development of L-to-R shunt (a) small VSD: little / no hemodynamic significance (b) large VSD: pulmonary vascular disease + hypertension will increase RV pressure; eventually leads to shunt reversal (R-to-L shunt) (c) very large VSD: gross right ventricular overload creates CHF soon after birth NATURAL HISTORY OF VSD causing reduction in pulmonary blood flow: 1. Spontaneous closure in 40% within first 2 years of life; 60% by 5 years (65% with muscular VSD, 25% with membranous VSD); with large VSD in 10%; with small VSD in 50% 2. [Eisenmenger syndrome](#) = progressive increase in pulmonary vascular resistance through intima + medial hyperplasia; occurs in 10% of large VSDs by 2 years of age 3. RVOT obstruction / infundibular hypertrophy in 3% = pink tetrad 4. Prolapse of right aortic valve cusp = aortic valve insufficiency

CLASSIFICATION: Group I: "maladie de Roger" = small shunt with defect <1 cm; normal pulmonary artery pressure, normal pulmonary vascular resistance; spontaneous closure ■ asymptomatic ■ heart murmur ✓ normal plain film Group II: moderate shunt with defect of 1-1.5 cm; intermediate pulmonary artery pressure; normal pulmonary vascular resistance; spontaneous closure in large percentage ■ respiratory infections, mild dyspnea ✓ slight prominence of pulmonary vessels (45% shunt) ✓ slight enlargement of LA Group III: nonrestrictive large shunt with size equal to aortic valve orifice; pulmonary artery pressure approaching systemic levels; slightly increased pulmonary vascular resistance; pulmonary blood flow 2-4 x systemic flow ■ bouts of respiratory infections ■ feeding problems, failure to thrive ✓ prominent pulmonary segment + vessels (= shunt vascularity) ✓ enlargement of LA + LV ✓ normal / small aorta Group IV: [Eisenmenger syndrome](#) with shunt reversal into R-to-L shunt; irreversible increase in pulmonary vascular resistance (when pulmonary vascular resistance >0.75 of systemic vascular resistance) ■ cyanotic, but less symptomatic; CHF rare ✓ decrease of pulmonary vessel caliber ✓ decrease in size of LA + LV CXR (with increase in size of VSD): ✓ enlargement of LA ✓ enlargement of pulmonary artery segment ✓ enlargement of LV ✓ RV hypertrophy ✓ increase in pulmonary blood flow (>45% of pulmonary blood flow from systemic circulation) ✓ Eisenmenger reaction ECHO: ✓ lack of echoes in region of interventricular septum with sharp edges (DDx: artifactual dropout with sound beam parallel to septum); muscular VSD difficult to see ✓ LA enlargement ✓ prolapse of aortic valve cusp (in supracristal VSD) ✓ deformity of aortic cusp (in membranous VSD) Angio: Projections: (a) LAO 60° C-C 20° for membranous + anterior muscular VSD (b) LAO 45° C-C 45° (hepatoclavicular) for posterior endocardial cushion + posterior muscular VSD (c) RAO for supracristal VSD + assessment of RVOT ✓ RVOT / pulmonary valve fill without filling of RV chamber (in supracristal VSD) Rx: (a) large VSD + left heart failure at 3 months of age: aim is to delay closure until child is 18 months of age; pulmonary-to-systemic blood flow >2:1 requires surgery before pulmonary hypertension becomes manifest 1. Digitalis + diuretics 2. Pulmonary artery banding 3. Patching of VSD: surgical approach through RA / through RV for supracristal VSD (b) small VSDs without increase in pulmonary arterial pressure are followed

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RIGHT UPPER QUADRANT PAIN

A. BILE DUCTS 1. Biliary colic / bile duct obstruction 2. [Acute cholecystitis](#) / cholangitis B. LIVER 1. [Acute hepatitis](#): alcoholic, viral, drug-related, toxic 2. [Hepatic abscess](#) 3. Hepatic tumor: metastases, [hepatocellular carcinoma](#), [hemangioma](#), [focal nodular hyperplasia](#), [hepatic adenoma](#) 4. Hemorrhagic cyst 5. Hepatic congestion: acute hepatic congestion, [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) 6. Perihepatitis from gonococcal / chlamydial infection (Fitz-Hugh-Curtis syndrome) C. PANCREAS 1. [Acute pancreatitis](#) D. INTESTINES 1. Acute [appendicitis](#) 2. Peripyloric ulcer 3. Small bowel obstruction 4. Irritable bowel 5. Colitis / ileitis 6. Intestinal tumor E. LUNG 1. [Pneumonia](#) 2. Pulmonary infarction F. KIDNEY 1. [Acute pyelonephritis](#) 2. Ureteral calculus 3. [Renal / perirenal abscess](#) 4. [Renal infarction](#) 5. Renal tumor G. OTHERS 1. Costochondritis 2. Herpes zoster

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Increased Liver Attenuation Abnormal deposits of substances with high atomic numbers A. IRON (a) diffuse iron accumulation 1. Genetic / primary [hemochromatosis](#) 2. Erythropoietic [hemochromatosis](#) 3. Bantu [siderosis](#) 4. Transfusional iron overload (b) focal iron accumulation 1. Hemorrhagic metastases: [choriocarcinoma](#), melanoma 2. [Hepatic adenoma](#) 3. Siderotic regenerative nodules of [cirrhosis](#) 4. An iron-poor focus within a siderotic nodule on T2WI is suspect of HCC 4. Focal [hemochromatosis](#) B. COPPER [Wilson disease](#) = hepatolenticular degeneration = increased copper deposits in liver + basal ganglia C. IODINE Amiodarone (= antiarrhythmic drug with 37% iodine by weight) 125 I 95-145 HU (range of normal for liver 30-70 HU) D. GOLD Colloidal form of gold for therapy of [rheumatoid arthritis](#) E. THOROTRAST Alpha-emitter with atomic number of 90 F. THALLIUM Accidental / suicidal ingestion of rodenticides (lethal dose is 0.2-1.0 gram) G. ACUTE MASSIVE PROTEIN DEPOSIT H. [GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASE](#) mnemonic: "GG CHAT" Gold therapy Glycogen storage disease Cyclophosphamide Hemochromatosis / hemosiderosis Amiodarone Thorotrast

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Solitary Echogenic Liver Mass *mnemonic:* "Hyperechoic Focal Masses Affecting the Liver" **H**ematoma, **H**epatoma, **H**emangioma, **H**emochromatosis **F**atty infiltration, **F**ocal nodular hyperplasia, **F**ibrosis **M**etastasis **A**denoma **L**ipoma

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Hepatic Calcification A. INFECTION 1. [Tuberculosis](#) (48%), [histoplasmosis](#), gumma, [brucellosis](#) 2. Echinococcal cyst (in 33%) 3. [Chronic granulomatous disease of childhood](#) 4. Old pyogenic / [amebic abscess](#) B. VASCULAR 1. Hepatic artery aneurysm 2. [Portal vein thrombosis](#) 3. Hematoma C. BILIARY 1. Intrahepatic calculi D. BENIGN TUMORS 1. Congenital cyst 2. Cavernous [hemangioma](#) 3. Capsule of regenerating nodules 4. Infantile hemangioendothelioma E. PRIMARY MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. [Hepatoblastoma](#) (10-20%) 2. Cholangiocellular carcinoma F. METASTATIC TUMOR 1. Mucinous carcinoma of colon, breast, stomach 2. Ovarian carcinoma (psammomatous bodies) 3. Melanoma, pleural mesothelioma, [osteosarcoma](#), [carcinoid](#), leiomyosarcoma *mnemonic:* "4H TAG MAP" **H**epatoma **H**emochromatosis **H**emangioma **H**ydatic disease **T**horotrast **A**bscess **G**ranulomas (healed) **M**etastases **A**bsent mnemonic **P**orcelain gallbladder

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Portal Venous Gas Should be considered a life-threatening event and sign of bowel infarction + gangrene until proved otherwise! *Etiology:* A. **INTESTINAL NECROSIS** (in 74% of adults) 1. Bowel infarction secondary to arterial and venous occlusions (vascular accidents, [superior mesenteric artery syndrome](#)) 2. [Ulcerative colitis](#) 3. [Necrotizing enterocolitis](#) associated with mesenteric arterial thrombosis 4. Perforated [gastric ulcer](#) B. **GI OBSTRUCTION** 1. Small bowel obstruction ([duodenal atresia](#)) 2. [Imperforate anus](#) 3. Esophageal atresia C. **MISCELLANEOUS** 1. Hemorrhagic [pancreatitis](#) 2. Sigmoid diverticulitis 3. Intraabdominal abscess 4. [Pneumonia](#) 5. Iatrogenic injection of air during endoscopy 6. Dead fetus 7. Diabetes, diarrhea *mnemonic:* "BE NICE" **BE** (air embolism during double contrast barium enema) **N**ecrotizing enterocolitis **I**nfarction (mesenteric) **C**atheterization of umbilical vein **E**rythroblastosis fetalis *Pathogenesis:* 1. Luminal bacterial overgrowth with gas-forming organisms invading the submucosa and veins of the intestinal wall 2. Intestinal necrosis with gas infiltrating directly through damaged intestinal wall into intestinal venules (bowel obstruction, ulcer) 3. Elevated intraluminal pressure in conjunction with mucosal ulceration *Composition of colonic gas:* methane, carbon dioxide, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen ∇ branching linear gas densities in periphery of liver ∇ gas in mesenteric vessels ∇ pneumatosis of intestinal wall **US:** ∇ intensely hyperechoic foci within lumen of portal vein + liver parenchyma **Doppler:** ∇ tall sharp bidirectional spikes (overloading of Doppler receiver from strong reflection of gas bubble in bloodstream) superimposed on normal portal vein spectrum *Prognosis:* often fatal within 1 week of diagnosis *DDx:* pneumobilia (central bile ducts close to liver hilum)

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Hyperperfusion Abnormalities Of Liver = areas of early enhancement on arterial-dominant phase due to decreased portal blood flow / formation of intrahepatic arteriportal shunts / increased aberrant drainage through hepatic veins A.LOBAR / SEGMENTAL1.Portal venous thrombosis2.Obstruction by malignant neoplasm3.Ligation of portal vein4.[Cirrhosis](#) with arteriportal shunt5.Hypervascular gallbladder diseaseB.SUBSEGMENTAL1.Obstruction of peripheral portal branches2.Percutaneous needle biopsy / ethanol ablation3.[Acute cholecystitis](#)C.SUBCAPSULAR of unknown originD.EARLY-ENHANCING PSEUDOLESIONS IN LEFT HEPATIC LOBE1.Aberrant venous drainage: gastric v., cystic v., capsular v.E.GENERALIZED HETEROGENEOUS1.[Cirrhosis](#)

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Dampening Of Hepatic Vein Doppler Waveform ="portalization" of hepatic vein flow pattern1.Liver [cirrhosis](#)2.[Budd-Chiari syndrome](#)3.Inferior vena cava obstruction4.Extrinsic compression of hepatic veins5.Various parenchymal abnormalities of liver

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Aberrant Hepatic Artery =hepatic artery coursing between IVC + portal vein1.Replaced right hepatic artery (50%)2.Right hepatic artery with early bifurcation of common hepatic artery into right + left hepatic arteries (20%)3.Accessory right hepatic artery (15%)4.Replacement of entire hepatic trunk to SMA (15%)

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Nonvisualization Of Gallbladder On OCG Peak opacification of gallbladder: 14-19 hours (13-35% of dose excreted in urine)A. EXTRABILIARY CAUSES1. Failure to ingest contrast2. Fasting3. Failure to reach absorptive surface of bowel(a)vomiting, nasogastric suction(b)esophageal / gastric obstruction(c)hiatal, umbilical, inguinal hernias(d)Zenker, epiphrenic, gastric, duodenal, jejunal diverticulum(e)[gastric ulcer](#), gastrocolic fistula(f)[malabsorption](#), diarrhea(g)postoperative [ileus](#), severe trauma(h)inflammation: [acute pancreatitis](#), acute peritonitis4. Deficiency of bile salts[Crohn disease](#), surgical resection of terminal ileum, liver disease, cholestyramine therapy, abnormal communication between biliary system and gastrointestinal tract B. INTRINSIC GALLBLADDER DISEASE1. Cholecystectomy2. Anomalous position3. Obstruction of cystic duct4. [Chronic cholecystitis](#) **Oral Cholecystogram (OCG)** Dose:6 x 0.5 g tablets 2 hours after evening mealA. PATIENT SELECTION ● bilirubin <5 mg% (not necessary if due to hemolysis)⚡Contraindicated in serious liver disease!⚡Relative contraindications in peritonitis, postoperative [ileus](#), [acute pancreatitis](#)!B. TOXICITY1. Nausea + vomiting (also noted in 29% on placebo)2. Immediate anaphylactic response3. Delayed hypotensive reaction (increased risk in [cirrhosis](#))4. [Renal failure](#)5. Precipitation of [hyperthyroidism](#)

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Nonvisualization Of Gallbladder On US 1. Contracted gallbladder 2. [Chronic cholecystitis](#) 3. [Gallbladder carcinoma](#) 4. Perforation of gallbladder 5. Congenital absence

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High-density Bile 1.Hemorrhagic cholecystitis2.Hemobilia3.Prior contrast administration(a)vicarious [excretion](#) of urographic agent(b)cholecystopaque4.Milk of [calcium](#) bile

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Displaced Gallbladder A. NORMAL IMPRESSION by duodenum / colon (positional change) B. HEPATIC MASS hepatoma, [hemangioma](#), regenerating nodule, metastases, intrahepatic cyst, polycystic liver, [hydatid disease](#), hepar lobatum (tertiary syphilis), granuloma, abscess C. EXTRAHEPATIC MASS 1. Retroperitoneal tumor (renal, adrenal) 2. Polycystic kidney 3. [Lymphoma](#) 4. Lymph node metastasis to porta hepatis 5. [Pancreatic pseudocyst](#)

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Alteration In Gallbladder Size NORMAL MEASUREMENTS Size:7-10 cm in length; 2-3.5 cm in widthCapacity:30-50 mLWall thickness:2-3 mm **Enlarged Gallbladder** = CHOLECYSTOMEGALY A.OBSTRUCTION1.Cystic duct obstruction (40%)(a)Hydrops: chronic cystic duct obstruction + distension with clear sterile mucus (white bile)(b)[Empyema](#): acute / chronic obstruction with superinfection of bile2.[Cholelithiasis](#) causing obstruction (37%)3.Cholecystitis with [cholelithiasis](#) (11%)4.Courvoisier phenomenon (10%) = secondary to neoplastic process in pancreas / duodenal papilla / ampulla of Vater / common bile duct5.[Pancreatitis](#)B.UNOBSTRUCTED (mostly neuropathic)1.S/P vagotomy2.[Diabetes mellitus](#)3.Alcoholism4.[Appendicitis](#) (in children)5.Narcotic analgesia6.WDHA syndrome7.Hyperalimentation8.[Acromegaly](#)9.[Kawasaki syndrome](#)10.Anticholinergics11.Bedridden patient with prolonged illness12.[AIDS](#) (in 18%)C.NORMAL (2%)**Small Gallbladder** 1.[Chronic cholecystitis](#)2.[Cystic fibrosis](#): in 25% of patients3.Congenital hypoplasia / multiseptated gallbladder

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Diffuse Gallbladder Wall Thickening =anterior wall of gallbladder >3 mmA. **INTRINSIC**1. [Acute cholecystitis](#)2. [Chronic cholecystitis](#) (10-25%)3. [Xanthogranulomatous cholecystitis](#)4. [Hyperplastic cholecystosis](#) (in 91% diffuse)5. Gallbladder perforation6. Sepsis7. [Gallbladder carcinoma](#) (in 41% diffuse)8. [AIDS](#) cholangiopathy (average of 9 mm in up to 55%)9. Sclerosing cholangitis10. Gallbladder varicesB. **EXTRINSIC**1. Hepatitis (in 80%)2. Hypoalbuminemia3. [Renal failure](#)4. Right heart failure5. Systemic venous hypertension6. Hepatic venous obstruction7. [Ascites](#)8. [Multiple myeloma](#)9. Portal node lymphatic obstruction10. [Cirrhosis](#)11. Acute myelogenous leukemia12. [Brucellosis](#)13. [Graft-versus-host disease](#)C. **PHYSIOLOGIC**=contracted gallbladder after eating

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Focal Gallbladder Wall Thickening A.METABOLIC1.Metachromatic sulfatides2.Hyperplastic cholecystosesB.BENIGN TUMOR1.Adenoma: glandular elements (0.2%)2.Papilloma: fingerlike projections (0.2%)3.Villous hyperplasia4.[Fibroadenoma](#)5.Cystadenoma: ? premalignant6.Neurinoma, [hemangioma](#)7.[Carcinoid](#) tumorC.MALIGNANT TUMOR1.Carcinoma of gallbladder: adenocarcinoma / squamous cell carcinoma (in 59% focal)2.Leiomyosarcoma3.Metastases: from [malignant melanoma](#) (15%), lung, kidney, esophagus, breast, [carcinoid](#), [Kaposi sarcoma](#), [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#)D.INFLAMMATION / INFECTION1.Inflammatory polyp: in [chronic cholecystitis](#)2.Parasitic granuloma: Ascaris lumbricoides, Paragonimus westermani, Clonorchis, filariasis, Schistosoma, Fasciola3.Intramural epithelial cyst / mucinous retention cyst4.[Xantho-granulomatous cholecystitis](#) (in 9% focal)E.WALL-ADHERENT GALLSTONE = embedded stoneF.HETEROTOPIC MUCOSA1.Ectopic pancreatic tissue2.Ectopic gastric glands3.Ectopic intestinal glands4.Ectopic hepatic tissue5.Ectopic prostatic tissue **Fixed Filling Defects In Gallbladder mnemonic:**"PANTS"**P**olyp **A**denomyomatosis **N**eurinoma **T**umor, primary / secondary **S**tone, wall-adherent

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Mobile Intraluminal Mass In Gallbladder 1.Tumefactive sludge2.Blood clot3.Nonshadowing stone

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Comet-tail Artifact In Liver And Gallbladder A.LIVER1.Foreign metallic body (eg, surgical clip)2.Intrahepatic calcification3.Pneumobilia4.[Multiple bile duct hamartoma](#) = von Meyenburg complexB.GALLBLADDER1.Rokitansky-Aschoff sinus2.Intramural stone3.[Cholesterosis](#) of gallbladder

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Echogenic Fat In Hepatoduodenal Ligament =sign of pericholecystic inflammation1.Cholecystitis2.Perforated [duodenal ulcer](#)3.[Pancreatitis](#)4.Diverticulitis

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Gas In Biliary Tree *mnemonic:* "I GET UP" Incompetent sphincter of Oddi (after sphincterotomy / passage of a gallstone) **G**allstone [ileus](#) **E**mphysematous cholecystitis (actually in gallbladder) **T**rauma **U**lcer ([duodenal ulcer](#) perforating into CBD) **P**ostoperative (eg, cholecystoenterostomy)

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Obstructive Jaundice In Adult *Etiology:* A. BENIGN DISEASE (76%) 1. Traumatic / operative stricture (44%) 2. Calculi (21%) 3. [Pancreatitis](#) (8%) 4. Sclerosing cholangitis (1%) 5. [Recurrent pyogenic cholangitis](#) 6. Parasitic disease ([ascariasis](#)) 7. Liver cysts 8. [Aortic aneurysm](#) B. MALIGNANCY (24%) 1. Pancreatic carcinoma (18%) 2. Ampullary / duodenal carcinoma (8%) 3. Cholangiocarcinoma (3%) 4. Metastatic disease (2%) from stomach, pancreas, lung, breast, colon, [lymphoma](#) *Level and cause of obstruction:* A. INTRAPANCREATIC 1. Cholelithiasis! Most common cause of biliary obstruction (in 15% of patients with [cholelithiasis](#))! 2. [Chronic pancreatitis](#) 3. Pancreatic carcinoma B. SUPRAPANCREATIC (5%) = between pancreas + porta hepatis 1. Cholangiocarcinoma 2. Metastatic adenopathy C. PORTA HEPATIS (5%) 1. Klatskin tumor 2. Spread from adjacent tumor (GB, liver) 3. Surgical stricture D. INTRAHEPATIC 1. Cystadenoma, cystadenocarcinoma 2. [Mirizzi syndrome](#) 3. [Caroli disease](#) 4. Cholangitis: recurrent pyogenic ~, sclerosing ~, [AIDS](#) cholangitis
Incidence of infected bile in bile duct obstruction: (a) incomplete / partial obstruction in 64% (b) complete obstruction in 10% Infection twice as high with biliary calculi than with malignant obstruction! *Organism:* E. coli (21%), Klebsiella (21%), Enterococci (18%), Proteus (15%)
Test Sensitivity For Common Bile Duct Obstruction 1. Intravenous cholangiography depends on level of bilirubin: <1 mg/dL in 92%; <2 mg/dL in 82%; <3 mg/dL in 40%; >4 mg/dL in <10% False-negative rate: 45% Cx: adverse reactions in 4-10% 2. US 88-90% [sensitivity](#) for dilatation of CBD ϕ in 27-95% correct level of obstruction determined by US ϕ in 23-81% correct cause of obstruction determined by US ϕ CBD >4-8 mm / 10% of patients age in years ϕ increase in CBD size after fatty meal ϕ "Swiss cheese sign" = abundance of fluid-filled structures on liver sections ϕ intrahepatic "double channel" / "shotgun" sign = two parallel tubular structures composed of portal vein + dilated intrahepatic bile ducts ϕ intrahepatic bile duct >2 mm / >40% of adjacent portal vein False-negative: not dilated in acute obstruction (in 70%), sclerosing cholangitis, intermittent obstruction from cholelithiasis False-positive: dilated hepatic artery in [cirrhosis](#) / [portal hypertension](#) / hepatic neoplasm, patients after cholecystectomy 3. CT 100% visualization in tumorous obstruction, 60% in nontumorous obstruction 4. NUC ϕ delayed / nonvisualization of biliary system (93% [specificity](#)) ϕ vicarious [excretion](#) of tracer through kidneys *DDx:* Hepatocellular dysfunction (delayed clearance of cardiac blood pool)

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Neonatal Obstructive Jaundice =severe persistent jaundice in a child beyond 3-4 weeks of age *Cause:* A.INFECTION(a)bacterial:E. coli, syphilis, Listeria monocytogenes(b)viral:TORCH, hepatitis B, Coxsackie, echovirus, adenovirusB.METABOLIC(a)inherited:alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency, [cystic fibrosis](#), galactosemia, hereditary tyrosinemia(b)acquired: inspissated bile syndrome (= cholestasis due to erythroblastosis); cholestasis due to total parenteral nutritionC.BILIARY TRACT ABNORMALITIES(a)extrahepatic:biliary obstruction / hypoplasia / atresia, [choledochal cyst](#), spontaneous perforation of bile duct, "bile plug" syndrome(b)intrahepatic:ductular hypoplasia / atresiaD.IDIOPATHIC [NEONATAL HEPATITIS](#) *mnemonic:*"CAN"Choledochal cyst Atresia Neonatal hepatitis
NUC-imaging regimen: (1)Premedication with phenobarbital (5 mg/kg/day) over 5 days to induce hepatic microsomal enzymes which enhance [uptake](#) and [excretion](#) of certain compounds and increase bile flow(2)IDA scintigraphy (50 µCi/kg; minimum of 1 mCi)(3)Imaging at 5-minute intervals for 1 hour + at 2, 4, 6, 8, 24 hours

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Large Nonobstructed CBD 1. Passage of stone (return to normal after days to weeks) 2. Common duct surgery (return to normal in 30-50 days) 3. Postcholecystectomy dilatation (in up to 16%) 4. Intestinal hypomotility 5. Normal variant (aging) Fatty-meal sonography (to differentiate from obstruction with 74% [sensitivity](#), 100% [specificity](#))
Method: peroral Lipomul (1.5 mL/kg) followed by 100 mL of water [[cholecystikinin](#) causes contraction of gallbladder, relaxation of sphincter of Oddi, increase in bile secretion], CBD measured before and 45 / 60 minutes after stimulation ✓ little change / decrease in size = normal response ✓ increase in size >2 mm = partial obstruction

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Filling Defect In Bile Ducts A.ARTIFACT1.Pseudocalculus = contracted sphincter of Boyden + Oddi with smooth arcuate contour2.Air bubble: confirmed by positional changes3.Blood clot: spheroid configuration, spontaneous resolution with timeB.BILIARY CALCULIC.[MIRIZZI SYNDROME](#) D.NEOPLASM1.Cholangiocarcinoma: irregular stricture, intraluminal polypoid mass2.Others: ampullary carcinoma, hepatoma, villous tumor, hamartoma, [carcinoid](#), adenoma, papilloma, fibroma, [lipoma](#), [neuroma](#), cystadenoma, granular cell myoblastoma, sarcoma botryoidesE.PARASITES1.Ascaris lumbricoides: long linear filling defect / discrete mass if coiled2.Liver fluke (Clonorchis sinensis, Fasciola hepatica): intrahepatic epithelial hyperplasia, periductal [fibrosis](#), cholangitis, liver abscess, hepatic duct stones, common duct obstruction3.Hydatid cyst: after erosion into biliary tree

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Bile Duct Narrowing A. BENIGN STRICTURE (44%)(a)trauma1. Postoperative stricture (95-99%) associated with cholecystectomy2. Blunt / penetrating trauma3. Hepatic artery embolization4. Infusion of chemotherapeutic agents(b)inflammation 1. Sclerosing cholangitis2. [Recurrent pyogenic cholangitis](#)3. Acute / [chronic pancreatitis](#)4. [Pancreatic pseudocyst](#)5. Perforated [duodenal ulcer](#)6. Erosion by biliary calculus7. Gallstones + cholecystitis8. Abscess9. Radiation therapy10. [Papillary stenosis](#)(c)congenital1. [Choledochal cyst](#)B. MALIGNANT STRICTURE1. Pancreatic carcinoma2. Ampullary carcinoma3. Cholangiocarcinoma4. Compression by enlarged lymph node

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Papillary Stenosis *Etiology:* A. PRIMARY PAPILLARY STENOSIS (10%) 1. Congenital malformation of papilla 2. Sequelae of acute / chronic inflammation 3. Adenomyosis B. SECONDARY PAPILLARY STENOSIS (90%) 1. Mechanical trauma of stone passage (choledocholithiasis in 64%; [cholecystolithiasis](#) in 26%) 2. Functional stenosis: associated with [pancreas divisum](#), history of [pancreatitis](#) 3. Reflex spasm 4. Previous surgical manipulation 5. Periampullary neoplasm
prestenotic dilatation of CBD
increase in pancreatic duct diameter (83%)
long smooth narrowing / beak (fibrotic stenosis)
prolonged bile-to-bowel transit time >45 minutes on Tc-IDA scintigraphy

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Periampullary Tumor 1.Pancreatic carcinoma (85%)2.Cholangiocarcinoma of distal common bile duct (6%)3.[Ampullary tumor](#) (4%)4.Duodenal wall tumoradenocarcinoma, adenoma, [carcinoid](#), smooth muscle tumor

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Double-duct Sign =dilatation of common bile duct + pancreatic duct1.[Ampullary tumor](#) (most common)2.Other [periampullary tumor](#)3.[Papillary stenosis](#)4.Stone impacted in ampulla of Vater

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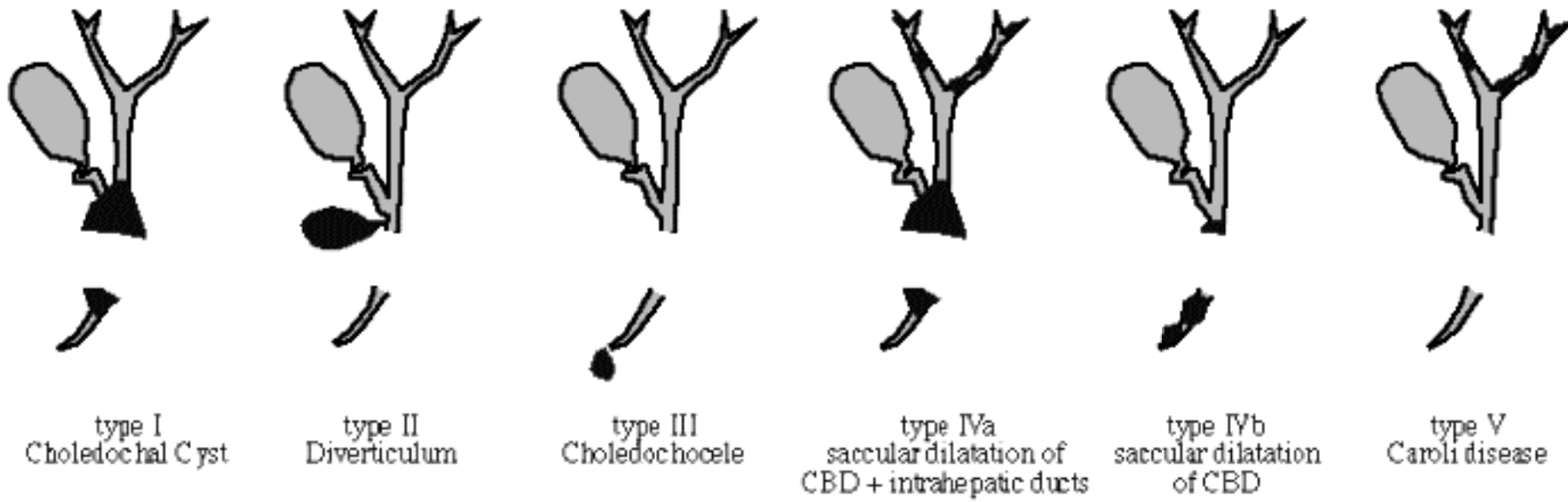


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Congenital Biliary Cysts (*Todani classification*) I. Common bile duct cyst = [choledochal cyst](#) (77-87%) a. marked cystic dilatation of CBD + CHD b. focal segmental dilatation of CBD distally c. cylindric dilatation of CBD + CHD II. Diverticulum of extrahepatic ducts (1.2-3%) originating from CBD / CHD III. [Choledochocele](#) (1.4-6%) IV. Multiple segmental cysts a. in intra- and extrahepatic ducts (19%) b. in extrahepatic ducts only (rare) V. Intrahepatic cysts = [Caroli disease](#)



Classification of Congenital Biliary Cysts

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Congenital Pancreatic Anomalies 1.[Pancreas divisum](#)2.[Annular pancreas](#)3.Agenesis of dorsal pancreas*May be associated with:* abnormal [situs](#), polysplenia, intestinal [malrotation](#)

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Pancreatic Calcification 1.[CHRONIC PANCREATITIS](#)Numerous irregular stippled calcifications of varying size; predominantly intraductal (a)Alcoholic [pancreatitis](#) (in 20-50%): ✓ calcifications limited to head / tail in 25%(b)Biliary [pancreatitis](#) (in 2%)(c)Hereditary [pancreatitis](#) (in 35-60%): ✓ round calcifications throughout gland(d)Idiopathic [pancreatitis](#)(e)[Pancreatic pseudocyst](#)2.[NEOPLASM](#)(a)Microcystic adenoma (in 33%): ✓ "sunburst" appearance of calcifications(b)Macrocytic cystadenoma In 15%: ✓ amorphous peripheral calcifications(c)Adenocarcinoma (in 2%): with "sunburst" pattern(d)Cavernous [lymphangioma](#) / [hemangioma](#): ✓ multiple phleboliths(e)Metastases from colon cancer3.[INTRAPARENCHYMAL HEMORRHAGE](#)(a)Old hematoma / abscess / infarction(b)Rupture of intrapancreatic aneurysm4.[HYPERPARATHYROIDISM](#) (in 20%):50% of patients develop [chronic pancreatitis](#), concomitant [nephrocalcinosis](#) ✓ indistinguishable from alcoholic [pancreatitis](#)5.[CYSTIC FIBROSIS](#)Fine granular calcifications imply advanced pancreatic [fibrosis](#) 6.[HEMOCHROMATOSIS](#)7.[KWASHIORKOR](#) = tropical [pancreatitis](#) ✓ indistinguishable from alcoholic [pancreatitis](#)

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Fatty Replacement & Atrophy Of Pancreas 1.Main pancreatic duct obstruction2.[Cystic fibrosis](#)3.Schwachman syndrome4.[Hemochromatosis](#)5.Viral infection6.Malnutrition

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Pancreatic Mass A.NEOPLASTIC1.Adenocarcinoma2.Islet cell tumor3.Cystadenoma / -carcinoma4.Solid and papillary neoplasm5.[Lymphoma](#)B.INFLAMMATORY1.[Acute pancreatitis](#)2.Pseudocyst3.Pancreatic abscess

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Pancreatic Neoplasm *Origin*: in 99% exocrine ductal epithelium - in 1% acinar portion of pancreatic glands - in 0.1% malignant [ampullary tumor](#) with better prognosis. A. EXOCRINE NEOPLASM (a) Ductal cell origin 1. Ductal adenocarcinoma (90%) 2. Ductectatic mucinous tumor = mucin-hypersecreting carcinoma 3. Cystic neoplasm (10-15%) - serous microcystic neoplasm - mucinous macrocystic neoplasm 4. Solid and papillary epithelial neoplasm (rare) 5. Cystic changes of [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (b) Acinar cell origin 1. Acinar cell carcinoma (1%) (c) Indeterminate origin 1. Pancreaticoblastoma = infantile pancreatic carcinoma B. ENDOCRINE NEOPLASM (a) [Nonfunctioning islet cell tumor](#) (b) Functioning islet cell tumor 1. [Insulinoma](#) 2. [Glucagonoma](#) 3. [Gastrinoma](#) 4. [Somatostatinoma](#) 5. [VIPoma](#) 6. "PP-oma" = pancreatic polypeptide 7. [Carcinoid](#) C. NONEPITHELIAL ORIGIN 1. [Lymphoma](#) (a) Primary [lymphoma](#): <1% of pancreatic neoplasms (b) Secondary [lymphoma](#): large homogeneous solid mass, infrequently with central cystic area; peripancreatic nodal masses; peripancreatic vessels displaced + stretched 2. Metastases: [renal cell carcinoma](#), melanoma, lung cancer, [breast cancer](#), [ovarian cancer](#), [hepatocellular carcinoma](#), sarcoma

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Hypervascular Pancreatic Tumors A.PRIMARY Islet cell tumor, microcystic adenoma, solid and papillary epithelial neoplasm B.METASTASES from [angiosarcoma](#), leiomyosarcoma, melanoma, [carcinoid](#), [renal cell carcinoma](#), adrenal carcinoma, [thyroid carcinoma](#)

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Pancreatic Cyst 1.Pseudocyst (85%): secondary to obstructive tumor / trauma / [acute pancreatitis](#) (in 2-4%), [chronic pancreatitis](#) (in 10-15%) [develop within 10-20 days, consolidated after 6-8 weeks]2.Congenital cyst (rare)(a)solitary(b)multiple (when associated with cystic disease of the liver / other organs):adult polycystic kidney disease (hepatic cysts in 90% at autopsy); [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (pancreatic cysts in 72% at autopsy; in only 25% on CT) 3.Acquired cyst:(a)retention cyst (= exudate within bursa omentalis)(b)parasitic cyst: [Echinococcus multilocularis](#), [amebiasis](#)(c)**mucinous ductal ectasia** (= obstruction of pancreatic duct as a result of filling with mucus)¹/₂ massive ductal dilatation¹/₂ intraluminal filling defects on ERCP4.Cystic [pancreatic neoplasm](#) (5-15%):<5% of all pancreatic tumors (a)microcystic adenoma = serous cystadenoma(b)macrocytic adenoma = mucinous cystic neoplasm(c)solid and cystic papillary epithelioid neoplasm(d)cystic islet cell tumor (rare)(e)Variants of [pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma](#) (rare): mucinous colloid adenocarcinoma= [ductectatic mucinous tumor of pancreas](#) = mucin-hypersecreting carcinoma; papillary intraductal adenocarcinoma; adenosquamous carcinoma; anaplastic adenocarcinoma (f)pancreatic sarcoma (extremely rare)5.Cystic metastases (3-12% at autopsy): [renal cell carcinoma](#), melanoma, lung tumors, breast carcinoma, [hepatocellular carcinoma](#), ovarian carcinoma6.Retroperitoneal [lymphangioma](#) / [hemangioma](#)

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Hyperamylasemia A.PANCREATIC1.Acute / [chronic pancreatitis](#)2.Pancreatic trauma3.Pancreatic carcinomaB.GASTROINTESTINAL1.Perforated peptic ulcer2.Intestinal obstruction3.Peritonitis4.Acute [appendicitis](#)5.[Afferent loop syndrome](#)6.[Mesenteric ischemia](#) / infarction7.[Portal vein thrombosis](#)C.TRAUMA1.Burns2.Cerebral trauma3.PostoperativeD.OBSTETRICAL1.Pregnancy2.Ruptured [ectopic pregnancy](#)E.RENAL1.Transplantation2.Renal insufficiencyF.METABOLIC1.Diabetic ketoacidosis2.DrugsG.[PNEUMONIA](#)H.SALIVARY GLAND LESION1.Facial trauma2.Mumps

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Nonvisualization Of [Spleen](#) 1.[Asplenia syndrome](#)2.[Polysplenia syndrome](#)3.Traumatic fragmentation of [spleen](#)4.Wandering [spleen](#)

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Small Spleen 1.Hereditary hypoplasia2.Irradiation3.Infarction4.[Polysplenia syndrome](#)5.Atrophy

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Splenomegaly ✓ inferior tip of [spleen](#) extends below tip of right lobe of liver ✓ AP diameter of [spleen](#) >2/3 of abdominal diameter
A. CONGESTIVE SPLENOMEGALY heart failure, [portal hypertension](#), [cirrhosis](#), [cystic fibrosis](#), portal / splenic vein thrombosis, acute splenic sequestration crisis of [sickle cell disease](#)
B. NEOPLASM [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), metastases, primary neoplasm C. STORAGE DISEASE [Gaucher disease](#), Niemann-Pick disease, gargoylism, [amyloidosis](#), [diabetes mellitus](#), [hemochromatosis](#), histiocytosis D. INFECTION hepatitis, malaria, infectious mononucleosis, kala azar, leishmaniasis, [brucellosis](#), TB, typhoid, syphilis, echinococcosis, subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#) E. HEMOLYTIC ANEMIA hemoglobinopathy, [hereditary spherocytosis](#), primary neutropenia, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura F. EXTRAMEDULLARY HEMATOPOIESIS [Sosteopetrosis](#), myelofibrosis G. COLLAGEN VASCULAR DISEASE [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), [rheumatoid arthritis](#), Felty syndrome H. SPLENIC TRAUMA I. OTHERS 1. [Sarcoidosis](#) ✓ splenomegaly in up to 60% ✓ inhomogeneous enhancement after bolus injection (multiple 2-3 cm nodular lesions) ✓ necrotic mass with focal calcifications 2. Hemodialysis

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Splenic Lesion *mnemonic:*"LCHAIM"**L**ymphoma **C**yst **H**ematoma **A**bscess **I**nfarct **M**etastasis

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Solid Splenic Lesion A. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. [Lymphoma](#) ([Hodgkin disease](#), non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), primary splenic [lymphoma](#))-[spleen](#) involved in 70%
[splenomegaly](#) in non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) indicates involvement in most patients 30% of patients with [splenomegaly](#) have no involvement from non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#)
30% of patients with [lymphoma](#) of any kind have splenic involvement without [splenomegaly](#) homogeneous [splenomegaly](#) (from diffuse infiltration) miliary nodules
large 2-10 cm nodules (10-25%) nodes in splenic hilum (50%) in NHL; uncommon in [Hodgkin disease](#) 2. Metastasis (7%) melanoma (6-34%), breast carcinoma
(12-21%), [bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (9-18%), colon carcinoma (4%), [renal cell carcinoma](#) (3%), ovary (8%), prostate (6%), stomach (7%), pancreas, [endometrial cancer](#)
3. [Angiosarcoma](#) 4. [Malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#), leiomyosarcoma, [fibrosarcoma](#) B. BENIGN TUMOR 1. Hamartoma = **Splenoma**
solid / cystic splenic mass of low attenuation 2. [Hemangioma](#) 3. Hematopoietic 4. [Sarcoidosis](#) nodular lesions in liver and [spleen](#) in 5-15% (= coalescent granulomata)
occurring within 5 years of diagnosis hepatosplenomegaly abdominal adenopathy (mean size of 2.6 cm) 5. [Gaucher disease](#) (islands of RES cells laden with
glucosylceramide) 6. Inflammatory pseudotumor 7. [Lymphangioma](#) C. [SPLENIC INFARCTION](#)

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Cystic Splenic Lesion A. CONGENITAL 1. Epidermoid cyst = true cyst = congenital cyst B. VASCULAR 1. Splenic laceration / [fracture](#) 2. Hematoma 3. **False cyst** = posttraumatic cyst = nonpancreatic pseudocyst of the [spleen](#) 80% of all splenic cysts are pseudocysts (= secondary cysts) *Cause*: cystic end stage of old trauma, infection, infarction! internal echoes from debris calcifications within cyst wall may resemble eggshell smaller size than true cyst 4. Cystic degeneration of infarct (a) occlusion of splenic a. / branches (hemolytic anemia, endocarditis, SLE, arteritides, pancreatic cancer) (b) venous thrombosis of splenic sinusoids (massive [splenomegaly](#)) 5. Peliosis *Associated with*: [Hodgkin disease](#), myeloma, disseminated cancer, TB, anabolic + contraceptive steroids, thorium dioxide injection, viral infection C. INFECTION / INFLAMMATION 1. [Pyogenic abscess](#) *Prevalence*: 0.1-0.7% *Cause*: hematogenous spread (75%), penetrating trauma (15%), infarction (10%) *Predisposed*: endocarditis, drug abuse, penetrating trauma, neoplasm, [sickle cell disease](#) fever, chills, LUQ pain (in <50%) irregular borders without capsule gas within abscess *Rx*: 76% success rate for percutaneous drain 2. Microabscesses *Organism*: fungus (especially *Candida*, *Aspergillus*, *Cryptococcus*) *Prevalence*: 26% of splenic abscesses *Predisposed*: immunocompromised patient [splenomegaly](#) multiple hypoattenuating "target" lesions of 5-10 mm often associated with hepatic + renal involvement 3. Granulomatous infection (a) *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*: miliary TB mild [splenomegaly](#) uncommon (b) *M. avium-intracellulare* marked [splenomegaly](#) in 20% 4. *Pneumocystis carinii* infection [splenomegaly](#) + multiple hypoattenuating foci 5. Parasitic cyst (*Echinococcus*) *Prevalence*: in <2% of patients with [hydatid disease](#) 6. [Pancreatic pseudocyst](#) *Prevalence*: in 1.1-5% of patients with [pancreatitis](#) D. CYSTIC NEOPLASM 1. Cavernous [hemangioma](#) Most common primary neoplasm of the [spleen](#)! 2. [Lymphangioma](#) / lymphangiomatosis 3. [Lymphoma](#) (most common malignant neoplasm!) 4. Necrotic metastasis: In 7% of patients with widespread metastasis! [malignant melanoma](#) (in 50%); breast, lung, ovarian, pancreatic, endometrial, colonic, prostatic, carcinoma; [chondrosarcoma](#)

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Increased Splenic Density 1. Sickle cell anemia (in 5% of sicklers) 2. [Hemochromatosis](#) 3. Thorotrast exposure 4. Lymphangiography

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Splenic Calcification

A. DISSEMINATED 1. Phlebolith: visceral [angiomas](#) 2. Granuloma (most common): [histoplasmosis](#), TB, [brucellosis](#) B. CAPSULAR & PARENCHYMAL 1. Pyogenic / tuberculous abscess 2. Pneumocystis carinii infection 2. Infarction (multiple) 3. Hematoma C. VASCULAR 1. Splenic artery calcification 2. [Splenic artery aneurysm](#) 3. Splenic infarct D. CALCIFIED CYST WALL 1. Congenital cyst 2. Posttraumatic cyst 3. Echinococcal cyst 4. Cystic [dermoid](#) 5. Epidermoid *mnemonic: "HITCH"* Histoplasmosis (most common) Infarct ([sickle cell disease](#)) Tuberculosis Cyst (Echinococcus) Hematoma

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Iron Accumulation In [Spleen](#) A.DIFFUSE1.Multiple blood transfusions2.Sickle cell anemiaB.FOCAL1.Gamna Gandy bodies2.[Angiosarcoma](#)

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Hyperechoic Splenic Spots 1. Granulomas: miliary [tuberculosis](#), [histoplasmosis](#) 2. Phleboliths 3. [Lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#) 4. Myelofibrosis 5. Gamma-Gandy nodules (in [portal hypertension](#))

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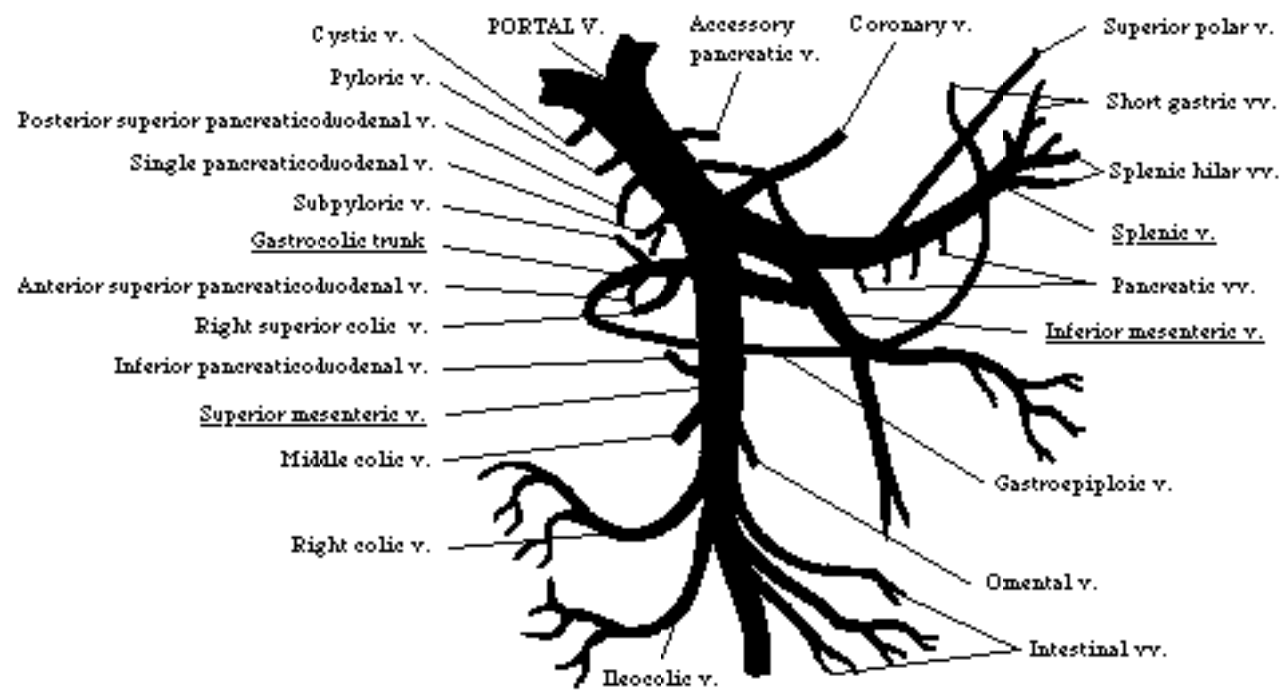


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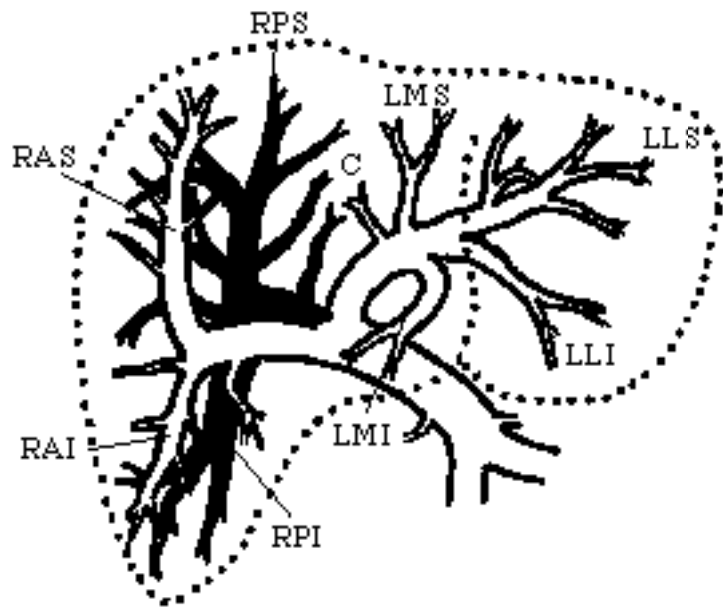
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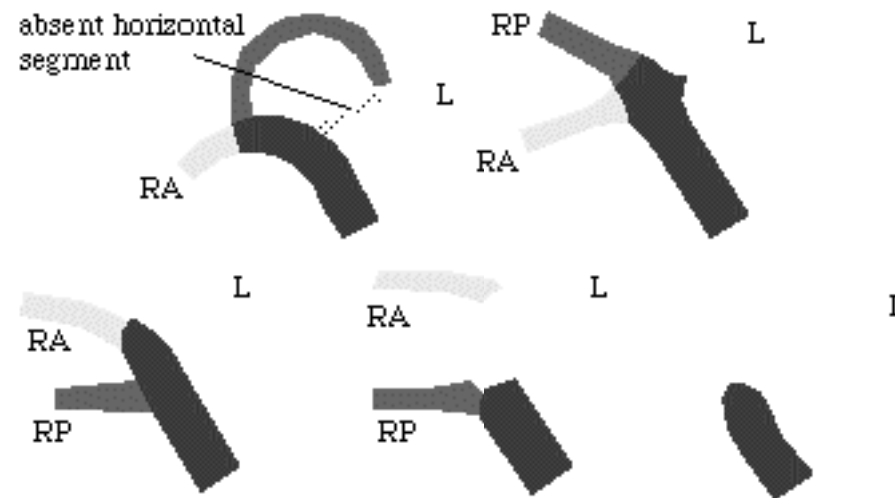
Portal Venous Anatomy



Extrahepatic Portal Vein Tributaries



Intrahepatic Portal Vein Branches



Variations of Intrahepatic Portal Venous System (20%)

- A. LEFT PORTAL VEIN
 1. Absence of horizontal segment (0.2%)
- B. RIGHT PORTAL VEIN
 1. Trifurcation of main portal vein (11%)
 2. Origin of RP segment from main portal vein (5%)
 3. Origin of RA segment from left portal vein (4%)
 4. Absence of main right RA, and RP portal segments

RA = right anterior segment
 RAI = right anterior inferior
 RAS = right anterior superior
 RP = right posterior segment

RPI = right posterior inferior
 RPS = right posterior superior
 C = caudate lobe
 L = left portal vein

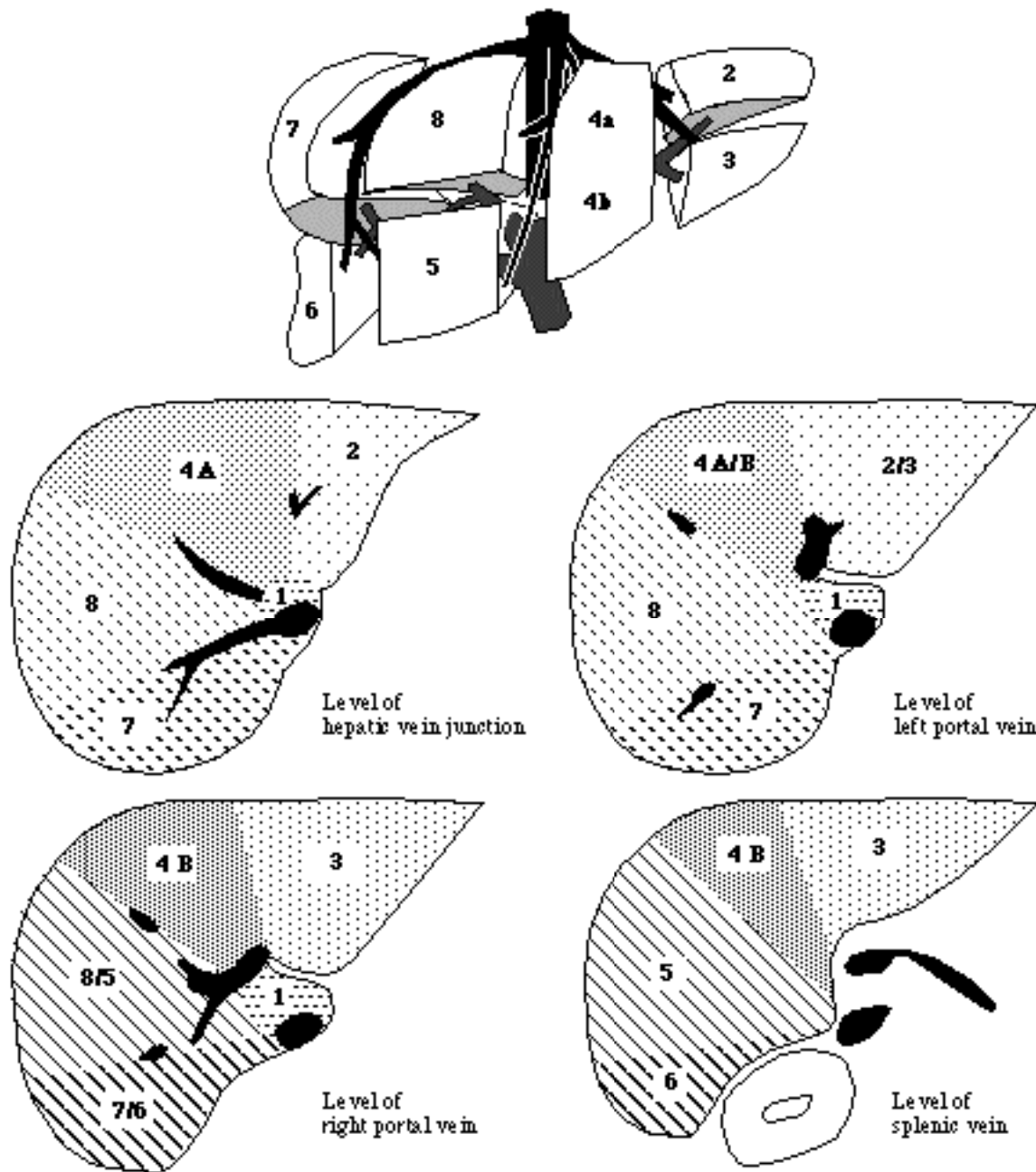
LMI = left median inferior
 LMS = left median superior
 LLI = left lateral inferior
 LLS = left lateral superior

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Functional Segmental Liver Anatomy based on distribution of 3 major hepatic veins: (a) middle hepatic vein divides liver into right and left lobe also separated by main portal vein scissura (Cantlie line) passing through IVC + long axis of gallbladder) (b) left hepatic vein divides left lobe into medial + lateral sectors (c) right hepatic vein divides right lobe into medial + lateral sectors Each of the four sections is further divided by an imaginary transverse line drawn through the right + left portal vein into anterior + posterior segments; the segments are numbered counterclockwise from IVC



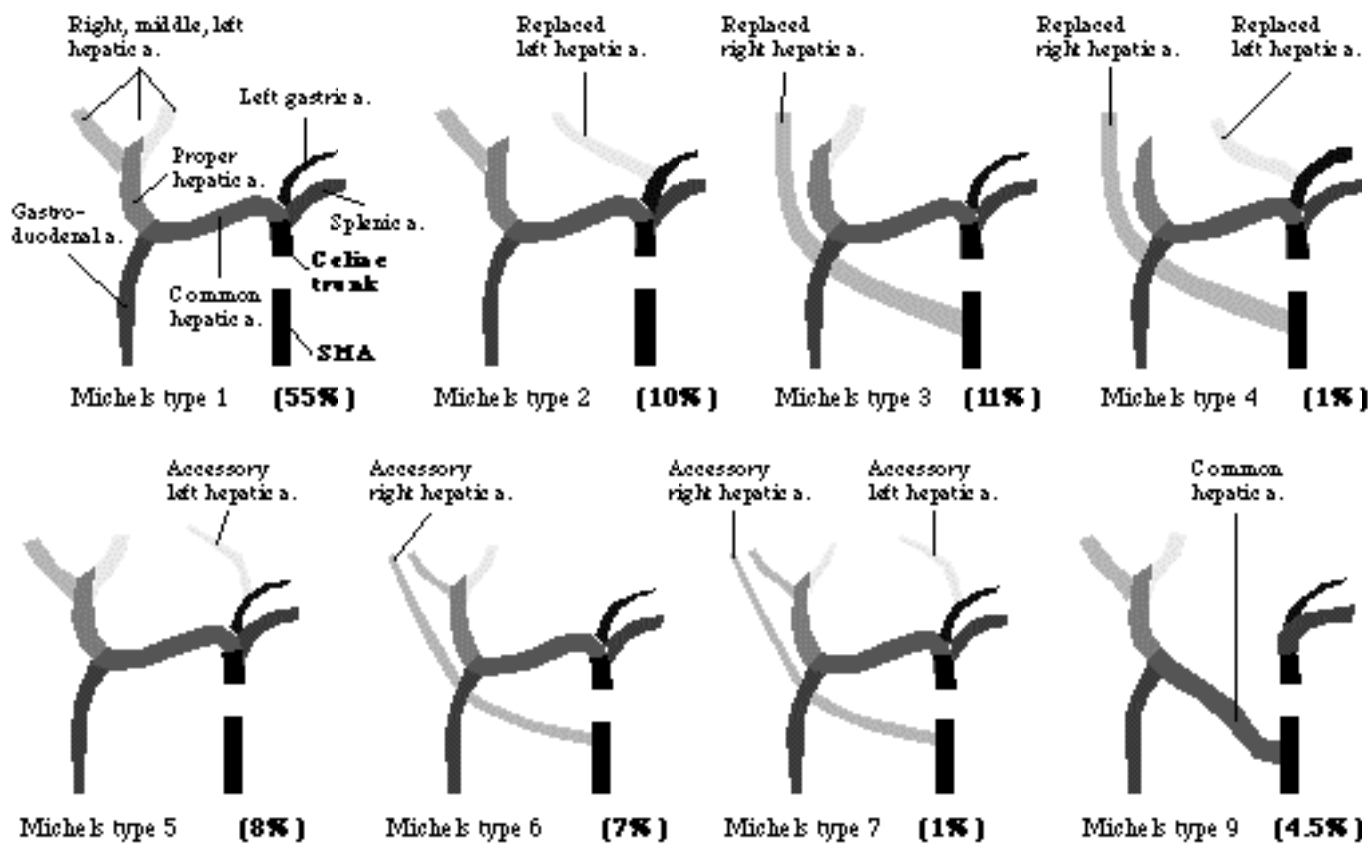
Functional Segmental Liver Anatomy			
(Goldsmith & Woodburne)		(Couinaud & Bismuth)	
CAUDATE LOBE			1
LEFT LOBE	Left lateral segment	Left lateral superior subsegment	2
	Left medial segment	Left lateral inferior subsegment	3
RIGHT LOBE	Right anterior segment	Left medial superior subsegment	4 a
		Left medial inferior subsegment	4 b
	Right posterior segment	Right anterior inferior subsegment	5
		Right anterior superior subsegment	8
		Right posterior inferior subsegment	6
		Right posterior superior subsegment	7

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Hepatic Arterial Anatomy (Michels classification)



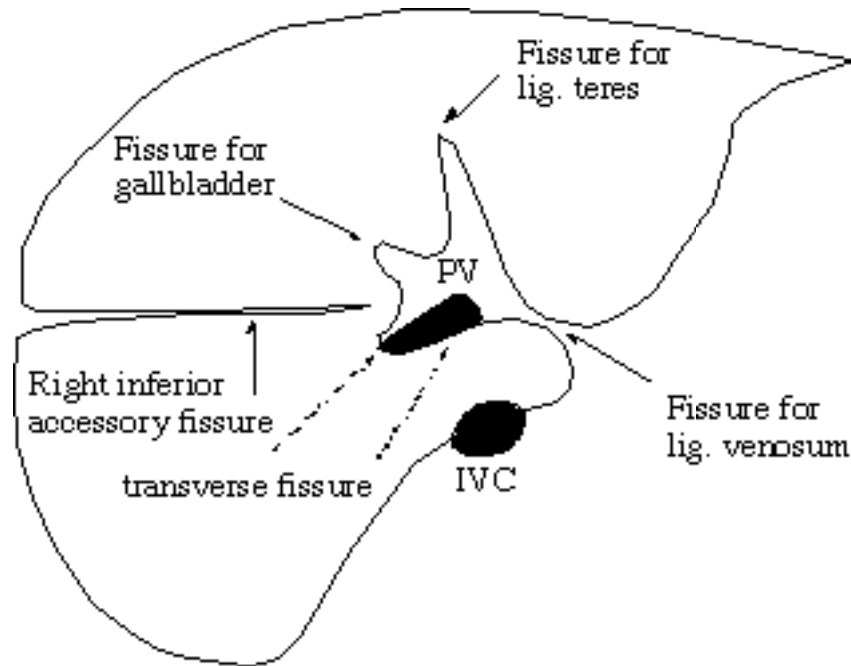
Type I (55%): -celiac trunk trifurcates into LT gastric a. + splenic a. + common hep. a.-common hep. a. divides into gastroduodenal a. + proper hep. a.-RT hep. a. + LT hep. a. arise from proper hep. a.-middle hep. a. (supplying caudate lobe) arises from(a)LT / RT hep. a.(b)proper hep. a. (in 10%)Type II (10%): -common hep. a. divides into gastroduodenal + RT hep. a.-LT hep. a. replaced to LT gastric a.-middle hep. a. from RT hep. a.Type III (11%): -common hep. a. divides into gastroduodenal + LT hep. a.-RT hep. a. replaced to superior mesenteric a.-middle hep. a. from LT hep. a.Type IV (1%): -common hep. a. divides into middle hep. a. + gastroduodenal a.-RT hep. a. + LT hep. a. are both replacedType V (8%): -accessory LT hep. a. arises from LT gastric a.Type VI (7%): -accessory RT hep. a. arises from superior mesenteric a.Type VII (1%): -accessory RT + LT hepatic a.Type VIII (2%): -combinations of accessory + replaced hepatic aa.Type IX (4.5%): -hepatic trunk replaced to superior mesenteric a.Type X (0.5%): -hepatic trunk replaced to LT gastric a.

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Hepatic Fissures



1. Fissure for ligamentum teres = umbilical fissure = invagination of ligamentum teres = embryologic remnant of obliterated umbilical vein connecting placental venous blood with left portal vein - located at dorsal free margin of falciform ligament - runs into liver with visceral peritoneum - divides left hepatic lobe into medial + lateral segments (divides subsegment 3 from 4)
2. Fissure for ligamentum venosum = invagination of obliterated ductus venosus = embryologic connection of left portal vein with left hepatic vein - separates caudate lobe from left lobe of liver - lesser omentum within fissure separates the greater sac anteriorly from lesser sac posteriorly
3. Fissure for gallbladder (GB) = shallow peritoneal invagination containing the GB - divides right from left lobe of liver
4. Transverse fissure = invagination of hepatic pedicle into liver - contains horizontal portion of left + right portal veins
5. Accessory fissures (a) Right inferior accessory fissure = from gallbladder fossa / just inferior to it to lateroinferior margin of liver (b) others (rare)

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Size Of Liver Sonographic measurements along vertical (craniocaudad) axis: (a)midclavicular line<13 cm=normal13.0-15.5 cm=indeterminate (in 25% of patients)>15.5 cm=hepatomegaly (87% [accuracy](#))(b)preaortic line >10 cm(c)prerenal line >14 cm

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Normal Hemodynamics Parameter Of Liver Portal vein velocity: >11 cm/sec Congestion index (= cross-sectional area of portal vein divided by average velocity):
0.070 ± 0.09 Hepatic artery resistive index: 0.60-0.64 ± 0.06

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Liver Tests
A. Alkaline phosphatase (AP) *Formation*: bone, liver, intestine, placenta *high increase*: cholestasis with extrahepatic biliary obstruction (confirmed by rise in gGT), drugs, granulomatous disease ([sarcoidosis](#)), primary biliary [cirrhosis](#), primary + secondary malignancy of liver *mild increase*: all forms of liver disease, heart failure
B. g-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT) very sensitive in almost all forms of liver disease *Utility*: confirms hepatic source of elevated AP, may indicate significant alcohol use
C. Transaminases *high increase*: viral / toxin-induced [acute hepatitis](#) (a) aspartate aminotransferase (AST; formerly serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase [SGOT]) *Formation*: liver, muscle, kidney, pancreas, RBCs (b) alanine aminotransferase (ALT; formerly serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase [SGPT]) *Formation*: primarily in liver • rather specific elevation in liver disease
D. Bilirubin helps differentiate between various causes of jaundice (a) unconjugated / indirect bilirubin = insoluble in water *Formation*: breakdown of senescent RBCs *Metabolism*: tightly bound to albumin in vessels, actively taken up by liver, cannot be excreted by kidneys (b) conjugated / direct bilirubin = water-soluble *Formation*: conjugation in liver cells *Metabolism*: [excretion](#) into bile; not reabsorbed by intestinal mucosa + excreted in feces *Elevation*:
- overproduction: hemolytic anemia, resorption of hematoma, multiple transfusions - decreased hepatic [uptake](#): drugs, sepsis - decreased conjugation: Gilbert syndrome, neonatal jaundice, hepatitis, [cirrhosis](#), sepsis - decreased [excretion](#) into bile: hepatitis, [cirrhosis](#), drug-induced cholestasis, sepsis, extrahepatic biliary obstruction
E. Lactic dehydrogenase (LDH) nonspecific and therefore not helpful *high increase*: primary or metastatic liver involvement
F. Alpha fetoprotein (AFP) >400 ng/mL strongly suggests that focal mass represents a [hepatocellular carcinoma](#)

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Normal Size Of Bile Ducts @CBD at point of maximum diameter: ≤ 5 mm = normal; 6-7 mm = equivocal; ≥ 8 mm = dilated @CHD at porta hepatis + CBD in head of pancreas: 5 mm @right intrahepatic duct just proximal to CHD: 2-3mm @Cystic duct diameter: 1.8 mm average length of 1-2 cm distal cystic duct posterior to CBD (in 95%), anterior to CBD (in 5%)

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Bile Duct Variants *Incidence:* 2.4% of autopsies; 13% of operative cholangiograms
A. ABERRANT INTRAHEPATIC DUCT may join CHD, CBD, cystic duct, right hepatic duct, gallbladder - anomalous right hepatic duct entering CHD / cystic duct (4-5%)
Cx: (1) postoperative bile leak if severed (2) segmental biliary obstruction if ligated
B. CYSTIC DUCT ENTERING RIGHT HEPATIC DUCT
C. DUCTS OF LUSCHKA = small ducts from hepatic bed draining directly into gallbladder
D. DUPLICATION OF CYSTIC DUCT / CBDE
E. CONGENITAL TRACHEOBILIARY FISTULA = fistulous communication between carina and left hepatic duct • infants with [respiratory](#)



Bile Duct Variants

- right posterior segmental duct
- right anterior segmental duct
- right hepatic duct
- common hepatic duct
- left hepatic duct

[distress](#) • productive cough with bilious sputum / pneumobilia

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Pancreaticobiliary Junction Variants A. Angle between CBD + pancreatic duct: (a) usually acute at 5°-30° (b) occasionally abnormal at up to 90° B. Sphincter of Oddi = muscle fibers encircling the CBD + pancreatic duct at choledochoduodenal junction (a) choledochal sphincter = encircles distal CBD (b) pancreatic duct sphincter (in 33% separate) C. Types of union between CBD + pancreatic duct: (a) 2-10 (mean 5) mm short common channel (85%) with a diameter of 3-5 mm (b) separate entrances into duodenum (c) 8-15 mm long common channel (d) pancreatic duct inserting into CBD >15 mm from entrance into duodenum (e) CBD inserting into pancreatic duct

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Agensis Of Gallbladder *Incidence:*0.04 - 0.07 % (autopsy)*Associated with:* common: rectovaginal fistula, [imperforate anus](#), hypoplasia of scapula + radius, intracardiac shunt rare: absence of corpus callosum, [microcephaly](#), atresia of external auditory canal, [tricuspid atresia](#), TE fistula, dextroposition of pancreas + esophagus, absent [spleen](#), high position of cecum, polycystic kidney

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Hypoplastic Gallbladder (a)congenital(b)associated with [cystic fibrosis](#)

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Septations Of Gallbladder A.LONGITUDINAL SEPTA1.Duplication of gallbladder=two separate lumens + two cystic ducts*Incidence*:1:3,000 to 1:12,0002.Bifid gallbladder = double gallbladder=two separate lumens with one cystic duct3.Triple gallbladder (extremely rare)B.TRANSVERSE SEPTA1.Isolated transverse septum2.PHRYGIAN CAP (2-6% of population)=kinking / folding of fundus ± septum3.Multiseptated gallbladder (rare)=multiple cystlike compartments connected by small poresCx:stasis + stone formationC.GALLBLADDER DIVERTICULUM=persistence of cystohepatic duct

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Gallbladder Ectopia Most frequent locations: (1) beneath the left lobe of the liver > (2) intrahepatic > (3) retrohepatic Rare locations: (4) within falciform ligament (5) within interlobar fissure (6) suprahepatic (lodged between superior surface of right hepatic lobe + anterior chest wall) (7) within anterior abdominal wall (8) transverse mesocolon (9) retrorenal (10) near posterior spine + IVC (11) intrathoracic GB (inversion of liver) *Associated with:* eventration of diaphragm "Floating GB" =gallbladder with loose peritoneal reflections, may herniate through foramen of Winslow into lesser sac"Torqued GB" = results in hydrops

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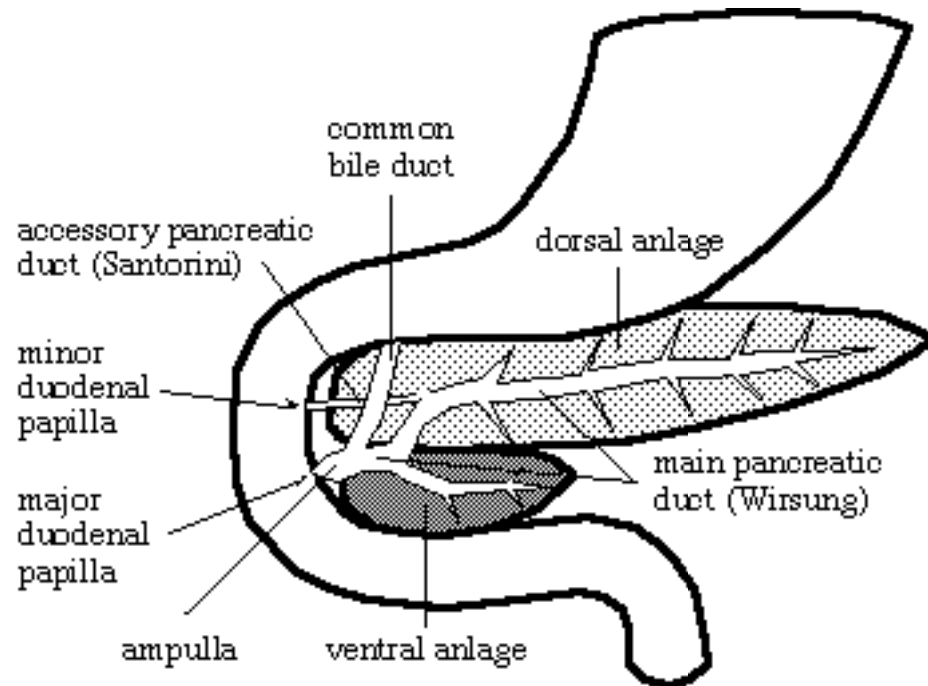


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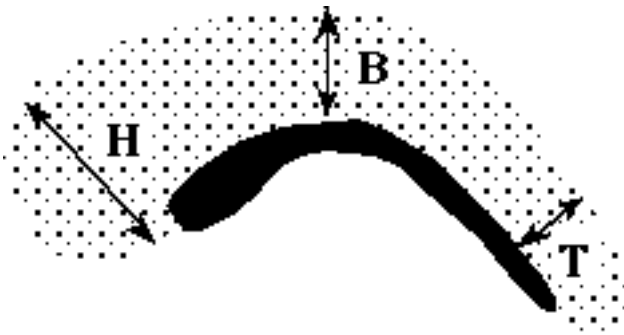
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Pancreatic Development & Anatomy



Anatomy of Pancreatic Ducts



Pancreatic Diameters (on TRV image) H = head = 1.5 - 3.0 cm B = body = 1.2 - 2.5 cm C = tail = 1.0 - 2.5 cm

A. **DORSAL ANLAGE** (in mesoduodenum) *Origin*: arises from dorsal wall of duodenum; forms cranial portion of head + isthmus + body + tail of pancreas-prone to atrophy (poor in polypeptides) drains to the minor papilla through accessory duct of Santorini

B. **VENTRAL ANLAGE** (below primordial liver bud) *Origin*: ventral bud arises from ventral wall of duodenum and is composed of right + left lobes (the left ventral bud regresses completely), migrates to opposite side of duodenum + fuses with dorsal anlage during 6th week GA; forms caudal portion of the pancreatic head + uncinete process + CBD-not prone to atrophy (rich in polypeptides) the ventral duct of Wirsung drains with the CBD through ampulla of Vater and becomes the major drainage pathway for the entire pancreas after fusion with the duct of Santorini

C. **MAIN PANCREATIC DUCT OF WIRSUNG** distal portion of dorsal duct connects with ventral duct; proximal portion of dorsal duct may disappear

D. **ACCESSORY PANCREATIC DUCT OF SANTORINI**=proximal portion of dorsal duct which has not atrophied

E. **AMPULLA OF VATER**=space within medial wall of second portion of duodenum below surface of papilla of Vater

F. **MAJOR DUODENAL PAPILLA** = papilla of Vater; drainage of common bile duct in 100%; drainage of main pancreatic duct of Wirsung in 90%

G. **MINOR DUODENAL PAPILLA** (present in 60%); drainage of accessory pancreatic duct of Santorini; drainage of main pancreatic duct in 10% located a few cm orad to papilla of Vater

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SPLEEN

A. NORMAL SIZE in adults: 12 cm length, 7-8 cm anteroposterior diameter, 3-4 cm thick; splenic index (LxWxH) of <480 in children: formula for length = $5.7 + 0.31 \times \text{age}$ (in years) B. NORMAL WEIGHT 150 (100-265) g estimated weight = splenic index $\times 0.55$ C. CT ATTENUATION (a) without enhancement: 40-60 HU; 5-10 HU less than liver (b) with enhancement: normal heterogeneous enhancement during parenchymal phase after bolus injection (due to varying blood [flow rates](#) through the cords of the red pulp) D. MR SIGNAL INTENSITY (a) on T1WI: liver > spleen > muscle (b) on T2WI: spleen > liver

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IRON METABOLISM

Total body iron: 5 g (a)functional iron:4 gLocation:hemoglobin of RBCs, myoglobin of muscle, various enzymes(b)stored iron:1 gLocation:hepatocytes, reticuloendothelial cells of liver (Kupffer cells) + [spleen](#) + bone marrowAbsorption:1-2 mg/day through gutTransport:bound to transferrin intravascularly Deposition: (a)transferrin-transfer to:hepatocytes, RBC precursors in erythron, parenchymal tissues (eg, muscle) (b)phagocytosis by:reticuloendothelial cells phagocytize senescent erythrocytes (= extravascular hemolysis); RBC iron stored as ferritin / released and bound to transferrin

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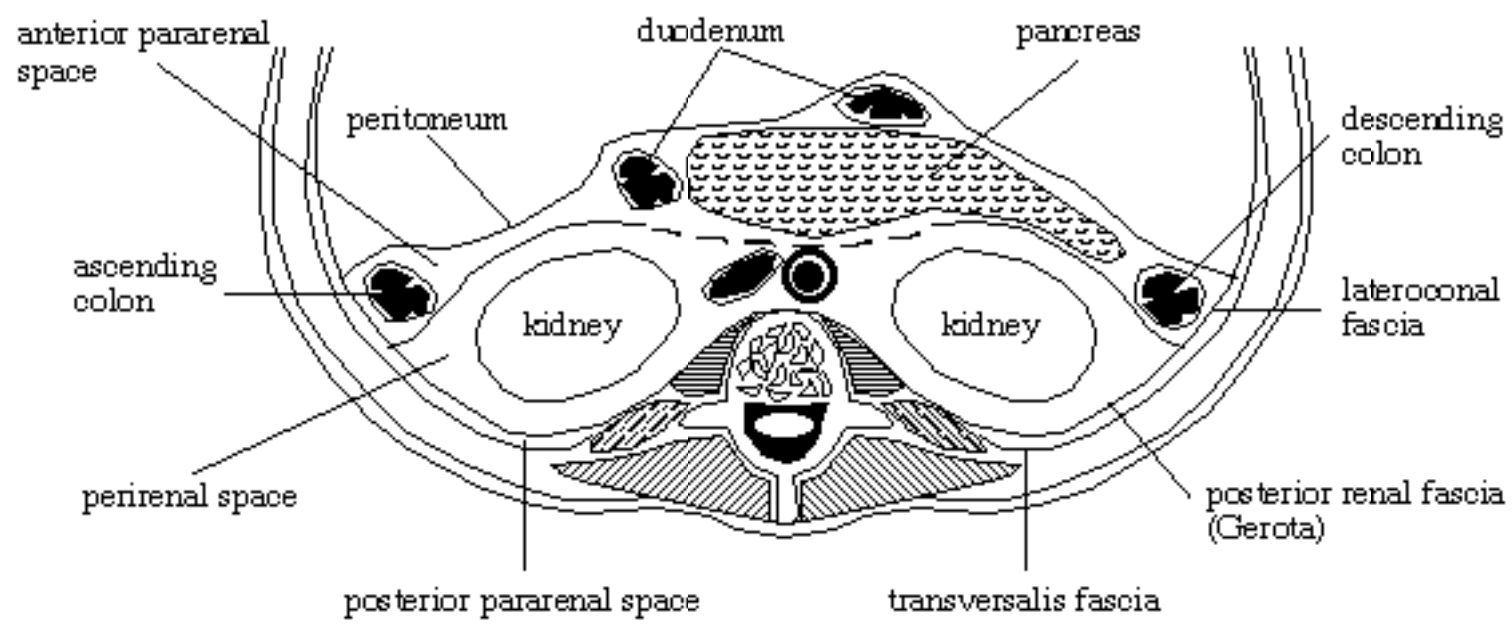


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EXTRAPERITONEAL SPACES



Extraperitoneal Spaces

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ACCESSORY SPLEEN

=failure of coalescence of several small mesodermal buds in the dorsal mesogastrium which comprise the [spleen](#) Incidence:10-30% of population; multiple in 10%¹ undergoes hypertrophy after splenectomy and is responsible for recurrence of hematologic disorders (idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, [hereditary spherocytosis](#), acquired autoimmune hemolytic anemia, hypersplenism) Location:splenic hilum (most common), gastrosplenic ligament, other suspensory ligaments of [spleen](#), rare in pancreas / pelvisNUC (Tc-99m sulfur colloid scan / [spleen](#)-specific Tc-99m denatured RBCs): ¹ usually <1 cm in diameter¹ <10% identified when normal [spleen](#) present

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AMPULLARY TUMOR

=benign / malignant tumors arising from glandular epithelium of ampulla of Vater. Age: 6th + 7th decade; M:F = 2:1. Path: average diameter of <3 cm. Histo: (a) dysplastic epithelium in glandular / villous structures of tubular / [villous adenoma](#) (b) carcinoma in situ (c) invasive carcinoma often with desmoplastic reaction. Associated with: [familial adenomatous polyposis](#) syndromes (eg, familial polyposis coli, [Gardner syndrome](#)) [100-200-fold risk], colon carcinoma. Symptoms: malaise, epigastric pain, weight loss, intestinal bleeding (tumor ulceration), intermittent jaundice (ductal obstruction), gray "aluminum / silver colored" stools (3%), chills, fever, RUQ pain (ascending cholangitis) in up to 20%. Endoscopy: tumor extending through orifice (63%), prominent papilla / submucosal mass (25%), not visualized (9%). TNM staging: T1: tumor confined to ampulla; T2: tumor extending into duodenal wall; T3: invasion of pancreas <2 cm deep; T4: invasion of pancreas >2 cm deep. International Union against Cancer staging: I=tumor confined to ampulla; II=tumor extension into duodenal wall / pancreas; III=regional lymph node involvement (Lnn stations around head + body of pancreas, anterior + posterior pancreaticoduodenal, pyloric, common bile duct, proximal mesenteric); IV=invasion of pancreas >2 cm deep. UGI: tumor often inapparent due to small size. UGI: indentation of duodenal lumen at papilla of Vater with filling defect >1.5 cm, surface irregularity + deep barium-filled crevices in villous tumor. Biliary imaging: dilatation of most distal segment of common bile duct, stenosis (circumferential tumor growth around ampulla / desmoplastic reaction), irregular predominantly polypoid filling defect ± pancreatic dilatation = [double-duct sign](#) (may be absent if tumor small / accessory pancreatic duct decompresses pancreatic system / main pancreatic duct drains into minor papilla). Endoscopic US (most sensitive technique): 87% staging accuracy. Rx: Whipple procedure (= pancreaticoduodenectomy). Prognosis: 28-70% 5-year survival for ampullary carcinomas (depending on stage). DDx: 1. Periampullary duodenal adenoma / adenocarcinoma (usually larger lesion with significant intraduodenal extension); 2. [Choledochocoele](#) (cystic lesion filling with biliary contrast); 3. Brunner gland tumor, pancreatic rest ("myoepithelial hamartoma"), [leiomyoma](#), [carcinoid](#) (often produce somatostatin); 4. Duodenitis, [pancreatitis](#); 5. Stone impaction in ampulla.

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ANNULAR PANCREAS

=uncommon congenital anomaly wherein a ring of normal pancreatic tissue encircles the duodenum secondary to abnormal migration of ventral pancreas (head + uncinata); most common congenital anomaly of pancreas *Age at discovery*: childhood (50%); adulthood (50%) *Associated with*: other congenital anomalies (in 75%): esophageal atresia, TE fistula, [duodenal atresia](#) / stenosis, duodenal diaphragm, [imperforate anus](#), [malrotation](#), [Down syndrome](#) *Location*: 2nd portion of duodenum (85%); 1st / 3rd portion of duodenum (15%) • mostly asymptomatic with incidental discovery • neonate: persistent vomiting ([duodenal obstruction](#)) • adult: nausea, vomiting (60%), abdominal pain (70%), hematemesis (10%), jaundice (50%) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (in utero) ✓ "double bubble" = dilated duodenal bulb + stomach ✓ enlargement of pancreatic head UGI: ✓ eccentric narrowing with lateral notching + medial retraction of 2nd part of duodenum ✓ concentric narrowing of mid-descending duodenum ✓ reverse peristalsis, pyloric incompetency ERCP (most specific): ✓ normally located main duct in pancreatic body + tail ✓ small duct originating on anterior left + passing posteriorly around duodenum communicates with main duct (in 85%) Cx: increased incidence of (1) periampullary peptic ulcers (2) [pancreatitis](#) (15-20%) usually confined to pancreatic head and annulus Rx: gastrojejunostomy / duodenojejunostomy

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ASCARIASIS

Most frequent helminthic infection in humans *Organism*: *Ascaris lumbricoides*, 25-35 cm long as adult worm; life span of 1 year *Country*: 644 million humans harbor the roundworm; 70- 90% in America; in United States endemic in: Appalachian range, southern + Gulf coast states *Prevalence*: 25% of world population infected (a) in United States: 12% in blacks, 1% in whites (b) in parts of Africa, Asia, South America: 90% *Cycle*: ingestion of contaminated water / soil / vegetable; larvae penetrate intestinal wall; migrate into mesenteric lymphatics + veins into liver; reach lung via right heart + pulmonary artery; mature in pulmonary capillary bed to 2-3 mm length; burrow into alveoli; ascend in respiratory tract; are swallowed and again reach small intestine, where they become adult worms whose eggs leave the body by the fecal route

- abnormal liver function tests + biliary colic
- hypereosinophilia only present during acute stage of larval migration

✓ barium study ✓ cholangiography (49%) US: ✓ tubular echogenic filling defect with 2-4 mm wide central sonolucent line (= worm with digestive tract) within dilated common bile duct Cx: (1) Intestinal obstruction (2) Intermittent biliary obstruction with [acute cholangitis](#), cholecystitis, [pancreatitis](#) (3) Liver abscess (rare) (4) Granulomatous stricture of extrahepatic bile ducts (rare) Rx: Mebendazole

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BANTI SYNDROME

=NONCIRRHOTIC IDIOPATHIC [PORTAL HYPERTENSION](#) = NONCIRRHOTIC PORTAL [FIBROSIS](#) = HEPATOPORTAL SCLEROSIS=syndrome characterized by (1) [splenomegaly](#)(2) hypersplenism (3) [portal hypertension](#) *Etiology*:increased portal vascular resistance possibly due to portal [fibrosis](#) + obliterative venopathy of intrahepatic portal branches *Histo*:slight portal [fibrosis](#), dilatation of sinusoids, intimal thickening with eccentric sclerosis of peripheral portal vein walls *Age*:middle-aged women; rare in America + Europe but common in India + Japan • elevated portal vein pressure (without [cirrhosis](#), parasites, venous occlusion) • normal liver function tests • cytopenia (due to hypersplenism) • normal / slightly elevated hepatic venous wedge pressure ✓ [esophageal varices](#) ✓ patent hepatic veins ✓ patent extrahepatic portal vein + multiple collaterals *Prognosis*:90% 5-year survival; 55% 30-year survival

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BILIARY CYSTADENOCARCINOMA

=BILE DUCT CYSTADENOCARCINOMA=rare malignant multilocular cystic tumor originating from [biliary cystadenoma](#)*Histo:*(a)with ovarian stroma (good prognosis), in females only(b)without ovarian stroma (bad prognosis) • hemorrhagic internal fluid✓ nodularity with septations are suggestive of malignancy✓ coarse calcifications*DDx:*no image differentiation from [biliary cystadenoma](#)

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BILIARY CYSTADENOMA

=BILE DUCT CYSTADENOMA=rare benign premalignant multilocular cystic tumor originating in bile ducts; probably deriving from ectopic nests of primitive biliary tissue *Incidence*:4.6% of all intrahepatic cysts of bile duct origin *Age*:>30 years (82%), peak incidence in 5th decade; M:F = 1:4; predominantly Caucasian *Path*:multiloculated cystic tumor with well-defined thick capsule containing proteinaceous fluid *Histo*:single layer of cuboidal / tall columnar biliary-type epithelium with papillary projections, subepithelial stroma resembling that of the ovary Similar to mucinous cystic tumors of pancreas + ovary *Location*:intrahepatic bile ducts (85%); extrahepatic bile ducts (15%); right lobe (48%); left lobe (20-35%); both [lobes](#) (15-30%); gallbladder (rare) ■ abdominal swelling with palpable mass (90%) ■ dyspepsia, anorexia, nausea + vomiting ■ jaundice ✓ mass of 1.5-35 cm in size ✓ up to 11 liters of clear / cloudy, serous / mucinous / gelatinous, purulent / hemorrhagic / bilious fluid containing hemosiderin / cholesterol / necrosis ✓ papillary excrescences + mural nodules ✓ septations between cysts *US*: ✓ ovoid multiloculated anechoic mass with highly echogenic septations / papillary growths ✓ may contain fluid-fluid levels *CT*: ✓ multiloculated mass of near water density ✓ contrast enhancement in wall + internal septa *MR*: ✓ locules with variable signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI depending on their protein content *Angio*: ✓ avascular mass with small clusters of peripheral abnormal vessels ✓ stretching + [displacement of vessels](#) ✓ thin subtle blush of neovascularity in septa + wall *Cx*:malignant transformation into cystadenocarcinoma (indicated by invasion of capsule); rupture into peritoneum / retroperitoneum *Rx*:surgical resection (recurrence common) *DDx*:liver abscess, echinococcal cyst, cystic mesenchymal hamartoma (children + young adults), undifferentiated sarcoma (children + young adults), necrotic hepatic metastasis, cystic primary [hepatocellular carcinoma](#)

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BILIARY-ENTERIC FISTULA

Incidence: 5% at cholecystectomy; 0.5% at autopsy *Etiology:* [cholelithiasis](#) (90%), acute / [chronic cholecystitis](#), biliary tract carcinoma, regional invasive neoplasm, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease, peptic ulcer disease, echinococcal cyst, trauma, congenital communication Communication with: duodenum (70%), colon (26%), stomach (4%), jejunum, ileum, hepatic artery, portal vein (caused death of Ignatius Loyola), bronchial tree, pericardium, renal pelvis, ureter, urinary bladder, vagina, ovary A. CHOLECYSTODUODENAL FISTULA (51-70%) 1. Perforated gallstone (90%): associated with [gallstone ileus](#) in 20% 2. Perforated [duodenal ulcer](#) (10%) 3. Surgical anastomosis 4. [Gallbladder carcinoma](#) B. CHOLECYSTOCOLIC FISTULA (13-21%) C. CHOLEDOCHODUODENAL FISTULA (13-19%) due to perforated [duodenal ulcer](#) disease D. MULTIPLE FISTULAE (7%) ✓ branching tubular radiolucencies, more prominent centrally ✓ barium filling of biliary tree ✓ multiple hyperechoic foci with dirty shadowing *DDx:* patulous sphincter of Oddi, ascending cholangitis, surgery (choledochoduodenostomy, cholecystojejunostomy, sphincterotomy)

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BUDD-CHIARI SYNDROME

=HEPATIC VENO-OCCLUSIVE DISEASE=global / segmental obstruction of hepatic venous outflow *Cause*: A.IDIOPATHIC (66%)B.THROMBOSIS(a)Hypercoagulable state: [polycythemia rubra vera](#) (1/3), oral contraceptives, pregnancy + postpartum state, paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (successive thrombosis of small veins), [sickle cell disease](#)*mnemonic:"5 Ps"*Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria **P**latelets (thrombocytosis) **P**ill (birth control pills) **P**regnancy **P**olycythemia rubra vera (b)Injury to vessel wall: phlebitis, trauma, hepatic [radiation injury](#), chemotherapeutic + immunosuppressive drugs in patients with bone marrow transplants, venoocclusive disease from pyrrolizidine alkaloids (senecio) found in medicinal bush teas in JamaicaC.NONTHROMBOTIC OBSTRUCTION(a)Tumor growth into IVC / hepatic veins ([renal cell carcinoma](#), hepatoma, adrenal carcinoma, metastasis, primary leiomyosarcoma of IVC)(b)Membranous obstruction of suprahepatic IVC= IVC diaphragm (believed to be a congenital web or an acquired lesion from long-standing IVC thrombosis); common cause in Oriental + Indian population (South Africa, India, Japan, Korea); very rare in Western countries (c) Right atrial tumor(d)[Constrictive pericarditis](#)(e)Right heart failure *Pathophysiology*:hepatic venous thrombosis leads to elevation of sinusoidal pressure which causes delayed / reversed portal venous inflow, [ascites](#), alteration in hepatic morphologyM < F Location: Type I:occlusion of IVC ± hepatic veinsTypeII:occlusion of major hepatic veins ± IVCTypeIII:occlusion of small centrilobar veins✓hepatosplenomegaly (early sign)✓hypertrophy of caudate lobe (88%) [DDx: [cirrhosis](#)]✓[ascites](#)✓gallbladder wall thickening >6 mm✓nonvisualization of hepatic veins (75%) / vein diameter <3 mm (measured 2 cm from IVC)✓communications between right / middle hepatic vein and inferior right hepatic vein✓enlarged inferior right hepatic vein (18%)✓portal vein diameter >12 mm (in adults), >8 mm (in children)✓visualization of paraumbilical vein✓hypodensity in atrophic areas / periphery (82%) with inversion of portal blood flow✓patchy enhancement (85%) with normal portal blood flow✓ ± narrowing / obstruction of intrahepatic IVCCT: ✓enhancement of enlarged caudate lobe✓hypodense nonenhancing peripheral zones of liver (= reversed portal venous blood flow due to increased postsinusoidal pressure produced by hepatic venous obstruction)✓failure to identify hepatic veins✓hepatic vein thrombi (18-53%)MRI: ✓reduction in caliber / complete absence of hepatic veins✓multiple comma-shaped intrahepatic flow voids(= intrahepatic collaterals)US: ✓hepatic veins not visualized / reduced in size / filled with thrombus✓communicating collateral vessels✓reversed flow in hepatic veins✓absent / sluggish blood flow within IVC Doppler: -hepatic veins:✓absent / reversed / flat flow / loss of cardiac modulation in hepatic veins✓reversed flow in IVC-portal vein:✓flow demodulation = disappearance of portal vein velocity variations with breathing✓slow flow (<11 cm/sec) / hepatofugal flow in portal vein✓congestion index >0.1✓[portal vein thrombosis](#) (20%)-hepatic artery:✓resistive index >0.75NUC (Tc-99m sulfur colloid): ✓central region of normal activity (hot caudate lobe) surrounded by greatly diminished activity (venous drainage of hypertrophied caudate lobe into IVC by separate vein)✓colloid shift to [spleen](#) + bone marrow✓wedge-shaped focal peripheral defectsAngio (inferior venocavography, hepatic [venography](#)): ✓absence of main hepatic veins✓spider weblike appearance of collaterals + small hepatic veins✓stretching + draping of intrahepatic arteries with hepatomegaly✓inhomogeneous prolonged intense hepatogram with fine mottling✓large lakes of sinusoidal contrast accumulationPortography: ✓central hepatic enhancement (normal hepatopetal flow)✓reversed portal flow in liver periphery (supplied only by hepatic artery)✓bidirectional / hepatofugal main portal vein flow

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Acute [Budd-Chiari Syndrome](#) (1/3)

⚡ Caudate lobe has not had time to hypertrophy! ■ rapid onset of abdominal pain (liver congestion) ■ insidious onset of intractable [ascites](#) ✓ hepatomegaly without derangement of liver function ✓ [ascites](#) (97%) CT: ✓ diffuse hypodensity on NECT ✓ early enhancement of caudate lobe + central portion around IVC with decreased enhancement peripherally ✓ hypodense lumina of hepatic veins on CECT ✓ decreased attenuation of enhancing areas with patchy inhomogeneous enhancement in liver periphery on delayed scans

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Chronic Budd-Chiari Syndrome (2/3)

■ insidious onset of jaundice, intractable [ascites](#) ■ [portal hypertension](#), variceal bleeding ✓ enlargement of central region (= caudate lobe + adjacent central part of right lobe + medial segment of left lobe ✓ nonsegmental / lobar atrophy of affected liver (due to extensive [fibrosis](#)) with diminished attenuation before + after contrast administration ✓ progressive patchy enhancement radiating outward from major portal vessels (on dynamic bolus CT) ✓ "reticulated mosaic" enhancement = diffuse patchy lobular enhancement separated by irregular linear areas of low density in central area ✓ delayed homogeneous enhancement of entire liver after several minutes Color Doppler: ✓ "bicolored" hepatic veins (due to intrahepatic collateral pathways) are PATHOGNOMONIC Dx:liver biopsy Rx:anticoagulants, surgery / balloon dilatation (depending on etiology); portosystemic shunt; liver transplantation (for advanced cases)

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CANDIDIASIS OF LIVER

=almost exclusively seen in immunocompromised patients ([leukemia](#), [chronic granulomatous disease of childhood](#), [renal transplant](#), chemotherapy for [myeloproliferative disorders](#))
Most common systemic fungal [infection in immunocompromised patients!](#) • abdominal pain • persistent fever in neutropenic patient whose leukocyte count is returning to normal • elevated alkaline phosphatase[†] hepatomegaly[†] "target" / "bulls-eye" sign = multiple small hypoechoic / hypoattenuating masses with centers of increased echogenicity / attenuation[†] Bulls-eye lesion becomes visible only when neutropenia resolves! NUC: [†] uniform [uptake](#) / focal photopenic areas[†] diminished Ga-67 [uptake](#) Dx: biopsy evidence of yeast / pseudohyphae in central necrotic portion of lesion D Dx: metastases, [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#), [sarcoidosis](#), septic emboli, other infections, [Kaposi sarcoma](#)

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CAROLI DISEASE

=COMMUNICATING CAVERNOUS ECTASIA OF INTRAHEPATIC DUCTS=rare probably autosomal recessive disorder characterized by congenital segmental saccular cystic dilatation of major intrahepatic bile ducts *Etiology*:(a)? perinatal hepatic artery occlusion(b)? hypoplasia / aplasia of fibromuscular wall components *Age*: childhood + 2nd-3rd decade, occasionally in infancy; M:F = 1:1 *Associated with*: [medullary sponge kidney](#) (in 80%), infantile polycystic kidney disease, renal tubular ectasia, [choledochal cyst](#) (rare), [congenital hepatic fibrosis](#) • recurrent cramp-like upper abdominal pain • NO [cirrhosis](#) / [portal hypertension](#) ✓ multiple cystic structures converging toward porta hepatis as either localized / diffusely scattered cysts communicating with bile ducts (DDx: polycystic liver disease) ✓ segmental saccular / beaded appearance of intrahepatic bile ducts extending to periphery of liver ✓ portal radicles completely surrounded by dilated bile ducts = central dot sign on CT ✓ bridge formation across dilated lumina ✓ intraluminal bulbar protrusions ✓ frequent ectasia of extrahepatic ducts + CBD ✓ sludge / calculi in dilated ducts *Cx*: (1) bile stasis with recurrent cholangitis (2) biliary calculi (3) liver abscess (4) septicemia (5) increased risk for cholangiocarcinoma

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Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma =CHOLANGIOCELLULAR CARCINOMA *Incidence:* 1/3 of all malignancies originating in the liver; 8-13% of all cholangiocarcinomas; 2nd most common primary hepatic tumor after hepatoma *Types:* (1) Massive / nodular type (2) Diffuse (sclerosing cholangitis) type Cannot be depicted by cross-sectional imaging! *Histo:* adenocarcinoma arising from the epithelium of a small intrahepatic bile duct with prominent desmoplastic reaction (**fibrosis**); ± mucin and calcifications *Average age:* 50-60 years; M > F ■ abdominal pain (47%) ■ palpable mass (18%) ■ weight loss (18%) ■ painless jaundice (12%) *Spread:* (a) local extension along duct (b) local infiltration of liver substance (c) metastatic spread to regional lymph nodes (in 15%) ✓ mass of 5-20 cm in diameter ✓ satellite nodules in 65% ✓ punctate / chunky calcifications in 18% ✓ calculi in biliary tree *NUC:* ✓ cold lesion on sulfur colloid / IDA scans ✓ segmental biliary obstruction ✓ may show **uptake** on gallium scan *US:* ✓ dilated biliary tree ✓ predominantly homo- / heterogeneous mass ✓ hyper- (75%) / iso- / hypoechoic (14%) mass *CT:* ✓ single predominantly homogeneous round / oval hypodense mass with irregular borders ✓ "peripheral washout sign" = early minimal / moderate rim enhancement with progressive concentric filling and clearing of contrast material in rim of lesion on delayed images ✓ marked homogeneous delayed enhancement (74%) *MR:* ✓ large central heterogeneous hypointense mass on T1WI ✓ hyperintense periphery (viable tumor) + large central hypointensity (**fibrosis**) on T2WI *Angiography:* ✓ avascular / hypo- / hypervascular mass ✓ stretched / encased arteries (frequent) ✓ neovascularity in 50% ✓ lack of venous invasion *Prognosis:* <20% resectable; 30% 5-year survival

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Extrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma =BILE DUCT CARCINOMA Age peak:6th-7th decade, M:F = 3:2 Incidence:<0.5% of autopsies; 90% of all cholangiocarcinomas; more frequent in Far East *Histo*:well-differentiated sclerosing adenocarcinoma (2/3), anaplastic carcinoma (11%), cystadenocarcinoma, adenoacanthoma, malignant adenoma, squamous cell = [epidermoid carcinoma](#), leiomyosarcoma *Predisposed*: (1)Inflammatory bowel disease (10 x increased risk); incidence of 0.4-1.4% in [ulcerative colitis](#); latent period of 15 years; tumors usually multicentric + predominantly in extrahepatic sites; GB involved in 15% (simultaneous presence of gallstones is rare)(2)Sclerosing cholangitis (10%)(3)[Caroli disease](#) (due to chronic biliary stasis)(4)Clonorchis sinensis infestation (Far East); most common cause worldwide(5)Thorotrast exposure(6)History of other malignancy (10%)(7)Previous surgery for [choledochal cyst](#) / [congenital biliary atresia](#)(8)Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency(9)Autosomal dominant polycystic disease(10)[Cholecystolithiasis](#) (20-50%), probably coincidental(11)Papillomatosis of bile ducts ■ gradual onset of fluctuating painless jaundice ■ cholangitis (10%) ■ weight loss, fatigability ■ intermittent epigastric pain ■ elevated bilirubin + alkaline phosphatase ■ enlarged tender liver *Growth pattern*: (1)Obstructive type (70-85%) U- / V-shaped obstruction with nipple, rattle, smooth / irregular termination(2)Stenotic type (10-25%) strictured rigid lumen with irregular margins + prestenotic dilatation(3)Polypoid / papillary type (5-6%) intraluminal filling defect with irregular margins *Spread*:(a)lymphatic spread: cystic + CBD nodes (>32%), celiac nodes (>16%), peripancreatic nodes, superior mesenteric nodes(b)infiltration of liver (23%)(c)peritoneal seeding (9%)(d)hematogenous (extremely rare): liver, peritoneum, lung Location: left / right hepatic ductin 8-13%confluence of hepatic ductsin 10-26%(Klatskin tumor)common hepatic ductin 14-37%proximal CBDin 15-30%distal CBDin 30-50% cystic ductin 6% UGI: infiltration / indentation of stomach / duodenum Cholangiography (PTC or ERC best modality to depict bile duct neoplasm): exophytic intraductal tumor mass (46%), 2-5 mm in diameter frequently long / rarely short concentric focal stricture in infiltrating sclerosing cholangitic type with wall irregularities prestenotic diffuse / focal biliary dilatation (100%) progression of ductal strictures (100%) US / CT: dilatation of intrahepatic ducts without extrahepatic duct dilatation failure to demonstrate the confluence of L + R hepatic ducts mass within / surrounding the ducts at point of obstruction (21% visible on US, 40% visible on CT) infiltrating tumor visible as highly attenuating lesion in 22% on CT, in 13% on US exophytic tumor visible in 100% on CT as low-attenuation mass, in 29% on US polypoid intraluminal tumor visible as isoechoic mass within surrounding bile in 100% on US, in 25% on CT *Angiography*: hypervascular tumor with neovascularity (50%) arterioarterial collaterals along the course of bile ducts associated with arterial obstruction poor / absent tumor stain displacement / encasement / occlusion of hepatic artery + portal vein Cx:(1)Obstruction leading to biliary [cirrhosis](#)(2)Hepatomegaly(3)Intrahepatic abscess (subdiaphragmatic, perihepatic, septicemia)(4)Biliary peritonitis(5)Portal vein invasion *Prognosis*:median survival of 5 months; 1.6% 5-year survival; 39% 5-year survival for carcinoma of papilla of Vater *DDx*:benign stricture, [chronic pancreatitis](#), sclerosing cholangitis, edematous papilla, idiopathic inflammation of CBD

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Acute Cholangitis Cause: (a)benign disease:(1) stricture from prior surgery (36%) (2) calculi (30%) (3) sclerosing cholangitis (4) obstructed drainage catheter (5) parasitic infestation (b)malignant disease: ampullary carcinoma Types: A.ACUTE NONSUPPURATIVE ASCENDING CHOLANGITIS • bile remains clear • patient nontoxicB.ACUTE SUPPURATIVE ASCENDING CHOLANGITIS (14%)Associated with: obstructing biliary stone or malignancy • septicemia, CNS depression, lethargy, mental confusion, shock (50%)¹ purulent material fills biliary ducts Organism:E. coli > Klebsiella > Pseudomonas > Enterococci • recurrent episodes of sepsis + RUQ pain • Charcot triad (70%): fever + chills + jaundice • bile cultures in 90% positive for infectionCx:miliary [hepatic abscess](#) formationPrognosis:100% mortality if not decompressed;40-60% mortality with treatment;13-16% overall mortality rate

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AIDS Cholangitis *Organism:* CMV, Cryptosporidium ■ RUQ pain, fever, jaundice ■ elevated WBC count ■ abnormal LFT (esp. serum alkaline phosphatase) ✓ irregular mild dilatation of intra- and extrahepatic bile ducts similar to sclerosing cholangitis ✓ stricture of distal CBD / [papillary stenosis](#) ✓ mural thickening of gallbladder + bile ducts ✓ ± pericholecystic fluid

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Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis =insidious progressive inflammatory disease causing multifocal strictures of intra- and extrahepatic bile ducts *Etiology*: idiopathic, ? hypersensitivity reaction (speculative) *Prevalence*: 1% as common as alcoholic liver disease *Age*: <45 years (2/3); range 21-39-67 years; M:F = 7:3 *Histo*: Stage 1: degeneration of epithelial bile duct cells + infiltration with lymphocytes ± neutrophils; inflammation + scarring + enlargement of periportal triads (pericholangitis) Stage 2: fibrosis + inflammation infiltrating periportal parenchyma with piecemeal necrosis of hepatocytes; enlargement of portal triads; bile ductopenia Stage 3: portal-to-portal fibrous septa; severe degenerative changes + disappearance of bile ducts; cholestasis in periportal + paraseptal hepatocytes Stage 4: frank cirrhosis *Associated with*: (1) Inflammatory bowel disease ([ulcerative colitis](#) in 50-74%, [Crohn disease](#) in 13%) 1-4% of patients with inflammatory bowel disease develop sclerosing cholangitis! (2) [Cirrhosis](#), chronic active hepatitis, pericholangitis, fatty degeneration (3) [Pancreatitis](#) (4) Retroperitoneal / mediastinal fibrosis (5) Peyronie disease (6) Riedel thyroiditis, [hypothyroidism](#) (7) Retroorbital pseudotumor • abnormal liver function tests: serum alkaline phosphatase, g-glutamyltransferase • progressive chronic / intermittent obstructive jaundice (most frequent) • history of previous biliary surgery (53%) + chronic / recurrent [pancreatitis](#) (14%) • fever, night sweats, chills, RUQ pain, itching (10-15%) *Location*: 1. CBD almost always involved 2. Intra- and extrahepatic ducts (68-89%) 3. Cystic duct involved in 15-18% 4. Intrahepatic ducts only (1-11-25%) 5. Extrahepatic ducts only (2-3%) ✓ intrahepatic bile duct calculi (8%): soft black crushable stones / sandlike grit US: ✓ brightly echogenic portal triads ✓ echogenic biliary casts / punctate coarse calcifications along portal vein branches CT: ✓ dilatation, stenosis, pruning, beading of intrahepatic bile ducts (80%) ✓ dilatation, stenosis, wall nodularity, duct wall thickening, mural contrast enhancement of extrahepatic bile ducts (100%) ✓ hepatic metastases + lymph nodes in porta hepatis ✓ subtle foci of high attenuation in intrahepatic bile ducts Cholangiography: ✓ multifocal strictures with predilection for bifurcations + skip lesions (uninvolved duct segments of normal caliber) involving intra- and extrahepatic bile ducts ✓ "pruned tree" appearance (= opacification of central ducts + diffuse obstruction of peripheral smaller radicles) ✓ "cobblestone" appearance (= coarse nodular mural irregularities) in 50% ✓ small saccular outpouchings (diverticula / pseudodiverticula) = PATHOGNOMONIC ✓ CLASSIC "beaded appearance" (= alternating segments of dilatation and focal circumferential stenoses) ✓ new strictures + lengthening of strictures between 6 months and 6 years (<20%) ✓ marked ductal dilatation (24%) ✓ polypoid mass (7%) ✓ gallbladder irregularities uncommon NUC (Tc-99m-IDA scan): ✓ multiple persistent focal areas of retention in distribution of intrahepatic biliary tree ✓ marked prolongation of hepatic clearance ✓ gallbladder visualized only in 70% *Cx*: (1) Biliary [cirrhosis](#) (2) [Portal hypertension](#) (3) Cholangiocarcinoma (6-12-15%) *Rx*: 4th leading indication for liver transplantation *DDx*: (1) Sclerosing cholangiocarcinoma (progressive cholangiographic changes within 0.5-1.5 years of initial diagnosis, marked ductal dilatation upstream from a dominant stricture, intraductal mass >1 cm in diameter) (2) Acute ascending cholangitis (history) (3) Primary biliary [cirrhosis](#) (disease limited to intrahepatic ducts, strictures less pronounced, pruning + crowding of bile ducts, normal AMA titer)

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Recurrent Pyogenic Cholangitis = PRIMARY CHOLANGITIS = RECURRENT PYOGENIC HEPATITIS = ORIENTAL CHOLANGIOHEPATITIS = ORIENTAL CHOLANGITIS = HONG KONG DISEASE = INTRAHEPATIC PIGMENT STONE DISEASE *Etiology*:? clonorchis infestation; endemic to South China, Indochina, Taiwan, Japan, Korea *Incidence*: 3rd most common cause of an acute abdomen in Hong Kong after [appendicitis](#) and perforated ulcer *Age*: 20-50 years; M:F = 1:1 *Associated intrabiliary infestation*: Clonorchis sinensis, Ascaris lumbricoides, Escherichia coli • recurrent attacks of fever, chills, abdominal pain, jaundice *Location*: particularly in lateral segment of L lobe + posterior segment of R lobe ✓ marked dilatation of proximal intrahepatic ducts (3-4 mm) in 100% ✓ decreased arborization of intrahepatic radicles ✓ intrahepatic bile ducts filled with nonshadowing soft mudlike pigment ([calcium](#) bilirubinate) stones (64%) ✓ dilatation of CBD (68%) + choledocholithiasis (30%) ✓ bile duct strictures (22%) ✓ pneumobilia (3-52%) ✓ segmental hepatic atrophy (36%) *Cx*: liver abscess (18%), [splenomegaly](#) (14%), biloma (4%), [pancreatitis](#) (4%) *DDx*: complication of [Caroli disease](#)

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Secondary Sclerosing Cholangitis Cause: (1)chronic bacterial cholangitis from bile duct stricture / choledocholithiasis(2)ischemic bile duct damage from treatment with floxuridine(3)infectious cholangiopathy in [AIDS](#)(4)previous biliary tract surgery(5)congenital biliary tree anomalies(6)bile duct neoplasm

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Acute Cholecystitis *Etiology:* (a) in 80-95% cystic duct obstruction by impacted calculus; 85% disimpact spontaneously (b) in 10% acalculous cholecystitis *Pathogenesis:* chemical irritation from concentrated bile, bacterial infection, reflux of pancreatic secretions *Age peak:* 5th-6th decade; M:F = 1:3 ■ persisting (>6 hours) RUQ pain radiating to right [shoulder](#) / scapula / interscapular area (DDx: biliary colic usually <6 hours) ■ nausea, vomiting, chills, fever ■ RUQ tenderness + guarding ■ ± leukocytosis, elevated levels of alkaline phosphatase and transaminase and amylase ■ mild hyperbilirubinemia (20%) ■ Murphy sign = inspiratory arrest upon palpation of GB area (falsely positive in 6% of patients with [cholelithiasis](#)) Oral cholecystography: ✓ nonvisualization / poor visualization of gallbladder US (81-100% [sensitivity](#), 60-100% [specificity](#)): ✓ GB wall thickening >3 mm (45-72% sensitive, 76-88% specific) ✓ hazy delineation of GB wall ✓ "halo sign" = GB wall lucency (in 8%) = 3-layered configuration with sonolucent middle layer (edema) ✓ striated wall thickening (62%) = several alternating irregular discontinuous lucent + echogenic bands within GB wall (100% PPV) ✓ GB hydrops = distension with AP diameter >5 cm or enlargement of greater than 4 x 10 cm ✓ positive sonographic Murphy sign (in 85-88%) = focal tenderness over gallbladder (63-94% sensitive, 85-93% specific, 72% NPV) false-negative Murphy sign: lack of patient responsiveness, pain medication, inability to press directly on GB (position deep to liver / protected by ribs), GB wall necrosis ✓ crescent-shaped / loculated pericholecystic fluid (in 20%) = inflammatory intraperitoneal exudate / abscess ✓ gallstones (83-98% sensitive, 52-77% specific) ✓ impacted gallstone in GB neck / cystic duct ✓ echogenic shadowing fat within hepatoduodenal ligament ± conspicuous color Doppler flow (due to inflammation) Color Doppler US: ✓ visualization of cystic artery >50% of the length of the gallbladder (30% sensitive, 98% specific) NUC (86-97% [sensitivity](#), 73-100% [specificity](#), 95-98% [accuracy](#)): ✓ visualization of biliary tract + bowel ✓ nonvisualization of GB during 1st hour (in 83%) ✓ nonvisualization of GB by 4 hours (99% [specificity](#)) ✓ nonvisualization of GB + CBD (in 13%) ✓ rim sign (34%) = increased activity in GB fossa conforming to inferior hepatic edge (= sign of hyperemia); predictive value of 57% for gangrenous GB + 94% for acute cholecystitis ✓ increased perfusion to GB fossa during "arterial phase" (in up to 80%) False-positive scans (10-12%) = nonvisualization of GB in absence of acute cholecystitis: congenital absence of GB, carcinoma of GB, [chronic cholecystitis](#), [acute pancreatitis](#), alcoholic liver disease, hepatocellular disease, severe intercurrent illness, total parenteral nutrition, hyperalimentation, prolonged fasting, recent feeding <4-6 hours prior to study Reduction to 2% false-positive scans through: (1) delayed images up to 4 hours (2) [cholecystokinin](#) (Sinclide®) injection 15 minutes prior to study (3) morphine IV (0.04 mg/kg) at 40 minutes + reimaging after 20 minutes (contraction of sphincter of Oddi + rise in intrabiliary pressure) False-negative scans (4.8%): dilated cystic duct Cx: (1) Gangrene of gallbladder ✓ shaggy, irregular, asymmetric wall (mucosal ulcers, intraluminal hemorrhage, necrosis) ✓ hyperechoic foci within GB wall (microabscesses in Rokitsky-Aschoff sinuses) ✓ intraluminal pseudomembranes (gangrene) ✓ coarse nonshadowing nondependent echodensities (= sloughed necrotic mucosa / sludge / pus / clotted blood within gallbladder) (2) Perforation of gallbladder (in 2-20%) (a) acute free perforation with peritonitis causing [pericholecystic abscess](#) in 33% (b) subacute localized perforation causing [pericholecystic abscess](#) in 48% (c) chronic perforation resulting in internal biliary fistula causing [pericholecystic abscess](#) in 18% Location: most commonly perforation of fundus ✓ gallstone lying free in peritoneal cavity ✓ sonolucent / complex collection surrounding GB (3) [Empyema](#) of gallbladder ✓ multiple medium / coarse highly reflective intraluminal echoes without shadowing / layering / gravity dependence (purulent exudate / debris) *mnemonic:* "GAME BEG" **G**angrene **A**bscess (pericholecystic) **M**irizzi syndrome **E**mpyematous cholecystitis **B**ouveret syndrome (= gallstone erodes into duodenum leading to [duodenal obstruction](#)) **E**mpyema **G**allstone [ileus](#)

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Acute Acalculous Cholecystitis *Frequency:* 5-15% of all [acute cholecystitis](#) cases *Etiology:* probably caused by decreased blood flow within cystic artery(1) depressed motility / starvation in trauma, burns, surgery, total parenteral nutrition, anesthesia, mechanical ventilation, narcotics, shock, [congestive heart failure](#), arteriosclerosis, [polyarteritis nodosa](#), SLE, [diabetes mellitus](#)(2) obstruction of cystic duct by extrinsic inflammation, lymphadenopathy, metastases(3) infection from Salmonella, cholera, [Kawasaki syndrome](#) thickened gallbladder wall >4-5 mm echogenic bile sludge gallbladder distension pericholecystic fluid in absence of [ascites](#) subserosal edema sloughed mucosal membrane Murphy sign = pain + tenderness with transducer pressure over the gallbladder Cx: gallbladder perforation *Prognosis:* 6.5% mortality rate

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Chronic Cholecystitis Most common form of gallbladder inflammation ✓ gallstones ✓ smooth / irregular GB wall thickening (mean of 5 mm) ✓ mean volume of 42 mLNUC: ✓ normal GB visualization in majority of patients ✓ delayed GB visualization (1-4 hours) ✓ visualization of bowel prior to GB ([sensitivity 45%](#), [specificity 90%](#)) ✓ noncontractility / decreased response after CCK injection (decreased GB [ejection fraction](#))

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Emphysematous Cholecystitis = ischemia of gallbladder wall + infection with gas-producing organisms *Etiology*: calculous (70-80%) / acalculous cystic duct obstruction with inflammatory edema resulting in cystic artery occlusion *Organism*: Clostridium perfringens, Clostridium welchii, E. coli, staphylococcus, streptococcus *Age*: >50 years; M:F = 5:1 *Predisposed*: diabetics (20-50%), debilitating diseases • WBC count may be normal (1/3) • point tenderness rare (diabetic neuropathy) *Plain film*: √ gas appears 24-48 hours after onset of symptoms √ air-fluid level in GB lumen, air in GB wall within 24-48 hours after acute episode √ pneumobilia (rare) *US*: √ high-level echoes outlining GB wall *Cx*: gangrene (75%); gallbladder perforation (20%) *Mortality*: 15% *DDx*: 1. Enteric fistula 2. Incompetent sphincter of Oddi 3. Air-containing periduodenal abscess 4. Periappendiceal abscess in malpositioned appendix 5. Lipomatosis of gallbladder

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Xanthogranulomatous Cholecystitis = FIBROXANTHOGRANULOMATOUS INFLAMMATION = CEROID GRANULOMAS OF THE GALLBLADDER = uncommon inflammatory disease of gallbladder characterized by presence of multiple intramural nodules *Etiology*: rupture of occluded Rokitansky-Aschoff sinuses with subsequent intramural extravasation of inspissated bile + mucin attracting histiocytes to phagocytose the insoluble cholesterol *Incidence*: 1-2% *Age*: 7th + 8th decade *Histo*: mixture of ceroid (waxlike) xanthogranuloma with foamy histiocytes + multinucleated foreign body giant cells + lymphocytes + fibroblasts containing areas of necrosis (in newer lesions) *May be associated with*: [gallbladder carcinoma](#) (11%) ✓ preservation of 2-3 mm thick mucosal lining (in 82%) ✓ thickened gallbladder wall: 91% diffuse, 9% focal ✓ infiltration of pericholecystic fat: in 45% focal, in 54% diffuse ✓ hepatic extension (45%) ✓ biliary obstruction (36%) ✓ lymphadenopathy (36%) *US*: ✓ intramural hypoechoic nodules *CT*: ✓ 5-20 mm small intramural hypoattenuating nodules ✓ poor / heterogeneous contrast enhancement *DDx*: [gallbladder carcinoma](#) (in 59% focal, in 41% diffuse thickening of gallbladder wall, multiple masses within liver)

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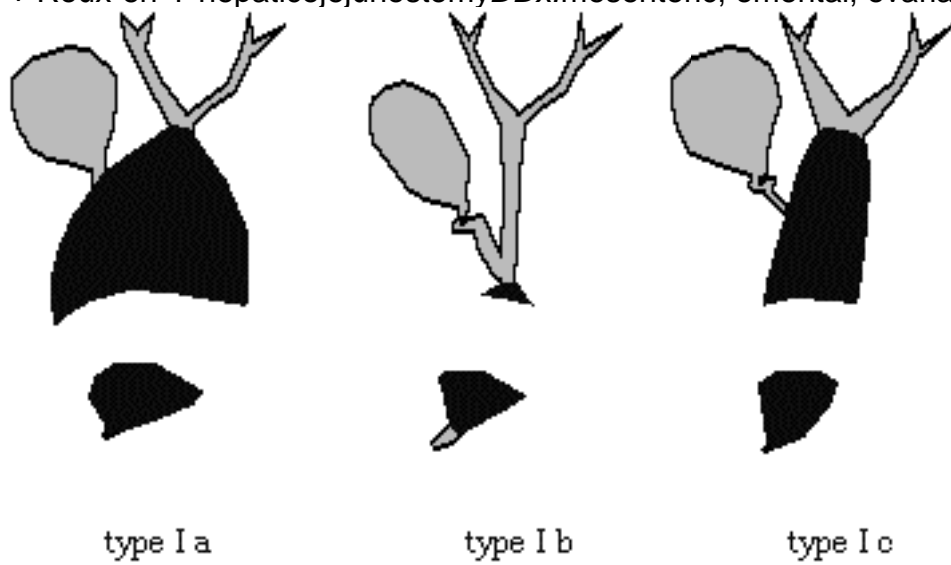
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=CYSTIC DILATATION OF EXTRAHEPATIC BILE DUCT= segmental aneurysmal dilatation of common bile duct without involvement of gallbladder / cystic duct; most common congenital lesion of bile ducts *Etiology*: anomalous junction of pancreatic duct and CBD proximal to duodenal papilla, higher pressure in pancreatic duct and absent ductal sphincter allows free reflux of enzymes into CBD resulting in weakening of CBD wall *Classification*: malunion of pancreaticobiliary duct Kimura Type I=pancreatic duct enters the proximal / mid CBD Kimura Type II=CBD drains into pancreatic duct *Prevalence*: 1:13,000 admissions; high prevalence in Japanese *Age*: <10 years (50%) + young adulthood, 80% diagnosed in childhood, 7% during pregnancy, occasionally detected up to 7th decade; M:F = 1:4 *Histo*: fibrous cyst wall without epithelial lining *Associated with*: (1) dilatation, stenosis or atresia of other portions of the biliary tree (2%) (2) gallbladder anomaly (aplasia, double GB) (3) failure of union of left + right hepatic ducts (4) pancreatic duct + accessory hepatic bile ducts may drain into cyst (5) polycystic liver disease • Classic triad (20-30% of adult patients): (1) intermittent obstructive jaundice (33-50%) (2) recurrent RUQ colicky pain (>75-90%), back pain (3) intermittent palpable RUQ abdominal mass (<25%) • recurrent fever, chills, weight loss, pruritus *Types*: (a) marked cystic dilatation of CBD + CHD (b) focal segmental dilatation of CBD distally (c) cylindric dilatation of CBD + CHD *size*: diameter of 2 cm up to 15 cm (largest contained 13 liters) *NO* / mild peripheral intrahepatic bile duct dilatation *may* contain stones / sludge *UGI*: soft-tissue mass in RUQ anterior displacement of 2nd portion of duodenum + distal portion of stomach / widening of C-loop with inferior displacement of duodenum *US*: ballooned / fusiform cyst beneath porta hepatis separate from gallbladder *Communication* with common hepatic / intrahepatic ducts needs to be demonstrated *abrupt* change of caliber at junction of dilated segment to normal ducts *intrahepatic* bile duct dilatation (16%) secondary to stenosis *OB-US* (earliest diagnosis at 25 weeks MA): right-sided cyst in fetal abdomen + adjacent dilated hepatic ducts *DDx*: [duodenal atresia](#); cyst of ovary, mesentery, omentum, pancreas, liver *NUC* with HIDA: (excludes effectively DDx of [hepatic cyst](#), [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), enteric duplication, spontaneous loculated biloma) photopenic area within liver that fills within 60 minutes + stasis of tracer within cyst *prominent* hepatic ductal activity (dilatation of ducts) *Cx*: 1. Stones in gallbladder, within cyst, in intra-hepatic biliary tree, in pancreatic duct (8-50%) 2. Recurrent [pancreatitis](#) (33%) 3. Cholangitis (20%) 4. Malignant transformation into bile duct carcinoma + [gallbladder carcinoma](#) (increasing with age, <1% in 1st decade, 7-14% > age 20) 5. Cyst rupture with bile peritonitis (1.8%) 6. Bleeding 7. Biliary [cirrhosis](#) + [portal hypertension](#) *Rx*: excision of cyst + Roux-en-Y hepaticojejunostomy *DDx*: mesenteric, omental, ovarian, renal, adrenal, hepatic, [pancreatic cyst](#), gastrointestinal duplication, hydronephrotic kidney



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=DUODENAL [DUPLICATION CYST](#)= ENTEROGENOUS CYST OF AMPULLA OF VATER / DUODENUM = INTRADUODENAL [CHOLEDOCHAL CYST](#) = DIVERTICULUM OF COMMON BILE DUCT= cystic dilatation of the distal / intramural duodenal portion of the CBD with herniation of CBD into duodenum (similar to [ureterocele](#)) *Etiology:* (1)congenital:(a)originates from tiny bud / diverticulum of distal CBD (found in 5.7% of normal population)(b)stenosis of ductal orifice / weakness of ductal wall(2)acquired: stone passage followed by stenosis + inflammation*Age:*33 years (manifestation usually in adulthood)*Types:*(a)CBD terminates in cyst, cyst drains into duodenum (common)(b)cyst drains into adjacent intramural portion of CBD (less common) • biliary colic, episodic jaundice, nausea, vomiting ✓ stones / sludge are frequently presentUGI: ✓ smooth well-defined intraluminal [duodenal filling defect](#) in region of papilla ✓ change in shape with compression / peristalsisCholangiography (diagnostic): ✓ smooth clublike / saclike dilatation of intramural segment of CBD*Cx:*choledocholithiasis, [pancreatitis](#)*Rx:*sphincterotomy / sphincteroplasty*DDx:*[choledochal cyst](#) (involves more than only terminal portion of CBD)

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CHOLELITHIASIS

Predisposing factors: "female, forty, fair, fat, fertile, flatulent" (a) Hemolytic disease: [sickle cell disease](#) (7-37%), [hereditary spherocytosis](#) (43-85%), thalassemia, pernicious anemia (16-20%), prosthetic cardiac valves + [mitral stenosis](#) (hemolysis), [cirrhosis](#) (hemolysis secondary to hypersplenism), Rhesus / ABO blood group incompatibility (perinatal period) (b) Metabolic disorder = disruption of biliary lithogenic index: [diabetes mellitus](#), obesity, pancreatic disease, [cystic fibrosis](#), hypercholesterolemia, hemosiderosis (20%), [hyperparathyroidism](#), [hypothyroidism](#), prolonged use of estrogens / progesterone, pregnancy (c) Cholestasis-hepatic dysfunction: hepatitis, neonatal sepsis-biliary tree malformation: [Caroli disease](#)-biliary obstruction: parasitic infection, benign / malignant strictures, foreign bodies (sutures, [ascariasis](#))-prolonged fasting (total parenteral nutrition)-Methadone intake (d) Inflammatory bowel disease intestinal [malabsorption](#) has a 10 x increased risk of stone formation-[Crohn disease](#) (28-34%) (e) Genetic predisposition = familial Navaho, Pima, Chippewa Indians (f) Others muscular dystrophy GALLSTONES IN NEONATE rare without predisposing factors *Associated with:* total parenteral nutrition, furosemide, GI dysfunction, prolonged fasting, phototherapy *Composition:*
A. CHOLESTEROL STONE (70%) = main component of most calculi (70%) lucent (93%), calcified (7%) slightly hypodense compared with bile (a) pure cholesterol stones (10%): yellowish, soft buoyancy in contrast-enhanced bile density of <100 HU (b) mixture of cholesterol + [calcium](#) carbonate / bilirubinate (70%) laminated appearance radiopaque on plain film (15-20%) B. PIGMENT STONE (30%) • black = compact "lacquer" of bilirubin derivatives with a high affinity for [calcium](#) carbonate • brown = granular precipitate of [calcium](#) bilirubinate (in inflamed / infected gallbladders) contains <25% cholesterol multiple tiny faceted / spiculated homogeneously radiopaque stones CT: usually denser than bile *Radioopacity:* lucent stones (84%): cholesterol (85%), pigment (15%) calcified stones (16% on plain film, 60% on CT): cholesterol (33%), pigment (67%) Location of [calcium](#): [calcium](#) phosphate deposited centrally within cholesterol stones [calcium](#) carbonate deposited radially within aging cholesterol / peripherally around cholesterol + pigmented stones FLOATING GALLSTONES (20-25%) (a) relatively pure cholesterol stones (b) gas-containing stones (c) rise in specific gravity of bile (1.03) from oral cholecystopaques (1.06) causing stones (1.05) to float GAS-CONTAINING GALLSTONES *Mechanism:* dehydration of older stones leads to internal shrinkage + dendritic cracks + subsequent nitrogen gas-filling from negative internal pressure "crow-foot" = "Mercedes-Benz" sign = radiating streaklike lucencies within stone, also responsible for buoyancy SLUDGE = [calcium](#)-bilirubinate granules + cholesterol crystals associated with biliary stasis secondary to prolonged fasting, parenteral nutrition, hyperalimentation, hemolysis, cystic duct obstruction, acute + [chronic cholecystitis](#) nonshadowing echogenic homogeneous mass shifting position slowly "sludge ball" = tumefactive sludge (DDx: gallbladder cancer) DDx: hemobilia, blood clot, parasitic infestation, mucus

[Cholecystolithiasis Cholangiolithiasis](#)

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Cholecystolithiasis Incidence: 2% of children; 10% of population; M:F = 1:3; in 3rd decade M:F = 2%:4%; in 7th decade M:F = 10%:25% Peak age: 5th-6th decade ■ asymptomatic (60-65%); become symptomatic at a rate of 2% per year ■ **biliary colic** (misnomer) due to obstruction of cystic duct / common bile duct develops in 33% (18% overall risk in 20 years) = acute RUQ / epigastric / LUQ / precordial / lower abdominal pain increasing over seconds / minutes + remaining fairly steady for 4-6 hours ■ no tenderness upon palpation Abdominal plain film (10-16% sensitive) ✓ calcified gallstones OCG (65-90% sensitive) ✓ filling defect in contrasted gallbladder lumen ✓ nonvisualization of gallbladder (25%) = inconclusive CT (80% sensitive): ✓ hyperdense calcified gallstones in 60% ✓ hypodense cholesterol stones ≤ 140 HU = pure cholesterol stone (= $\geq 80\%$ cholesterol content) ✓ Inverse relationship between CT attenuation number + cholesterol content ✓ gallstones isointense to bile in 21-24% and thus undetectable by CT (< 30 HU) US (91-98% sensitive; in 5% falsely negative): ✓ mobile echogenic structure + acoustic shadowing within gallbladder (100% PPV) ✓ reverberation artifact ✓ nonvisualization of GB + collection of echogenic echoes with acoustic shadowing (15-25%) ✓ "double-arc shadow" = 2 echogenic curvilinear parallel lines separated by sonolucent rim (ie, GB wall + GB lumen + stone with acoustic shadowing) ✓ focal nonshadowing opacities < 5 mm in diameter (in 70% gallstones) ✓ infrequently adherent to wall FALSE-NEGATIVE US (5%): contracted GB, GB in anomalous / unusual location, small gallstone, gallstone impacted in GB neck / cystic duct, immobile patient, obese patient, extensive RUQ bowel gas Cx: cholangitis, [pancreatitis](#), fistula; cancer of GB + bile ducts (2-3 x more frequent)

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Cholangiolithiasis A. **CHOLEDOCHOLITHIASIS** Most common cause of bile duct obstruction! *Etiology:* (a) passed stones originating in GB (b) primary development in intra- / extrahepatic ducts *Incidence:* in 12-15% of cholecystectomy patients; in 3-4% of postcholecystectomy patients; in 75% of patients with chronic bile duct obstruction *Risk indicators for CBD stone:* (1) recent history of jaundice (2) recent history of [pancreatitis](#) (3) elevated serum bilirubin >17 µmol/L (4) elevated serum amylase >120 IU/L (5) dilated CBD >6 mm (16%) (6) obscured bile duct ■ recurrent episodes of jaundice, chills, fever (25-50%) ■ elevated transaminase (75%) ■ spontaneous passage with stones <6 mm size Cholangiography (most specific technique): ✓ stone visualization in 92% Peroperative cholangiography: prolongs operation by 30 minutes; 4% false-negatives; 4-10% false-positives US (22-82% sensitive): ✓ stone visualization in 13-75% (more readily with CBD dilatation + good visibility of pancreatic head) ✓ dilated ducts in 64-77% / normal-sized duct in 36% ✓ dilatation of CBD with administration of fatty meal / [cholecystokinin](#) ✓ no stone in gallbladder (11%) CT: ✓ stone visualization in 75-85% (isoattenuating to bile in 15-25%) ✓ target sign = intraluminal mass with crescentic ring (= stone of soft-tissue density) in 85% NUC: ✓ delayed bowel activity beyond 2 hours ✓ persistent hepatic + common bile duct activity to 24 hours ✓ prominent ductal activity beyond 90 minutes with visualization of secondary ducts B. **STONE IN CYSTIC DUCT REMNANT:** retained in 0.4% after surgery for choledocholithiasis

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CHRONIC GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE OF CHILDHOOD

=recessive sex-linked immunodeficiency disorder resulting in purulent infections + granuloma formation primarily involving lymph nodes, skin, lungs
Etiology: polymorphonuclear leukocyte dysfunction characterized by inability to generate hydrogen peroxide causing prolonged intracellular survival of phagocytized catalase-positive bacteria
Organism: most commonly staphylococcus, *Serratia marcescens*, gram-negative enterococci
Path: chronic infection with granuloma formation / caseation / suppuration
Age: onset in childhood; M > F (more severe in boys)
■ recurrent chronic infections: suppurative lymphadenitis, pyoderma
■ chronic diarrhea
■ perianal fistula + abscess
@Chest ✓ chronic [pneumonia](#) ✓ hilar lymphadenopathy ✓ pleural effusions
@Liver ✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ [hepatic abscess](#) ✓ liver calcifications
@GI tract ✓ esophageal dysmotility, esophagitis, stricture ✓ gastric antral narrowing ± [gastric outlet obstruction](#)
@Bone ✓ osteomyelitis

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CIRRHOSIS

=chronic liver disease characterized by diffuse parenchymal necrosis, regeneration and scarring with abnormal reconstruction of preexisting lobular architecture
Etiology: A.TOXIC(1) Alcoholic liver disease in 75% (2) Drug-induced (prolonged methotrexate, oxyphenisatin, alpha- methyl dopa, nitrofurantoin, isoniazid) (3) Iron overload ([hemochromatosis](#), hemosiderosis) B.INFLAMMATION: Viral hepatitis, [Schistosomiasis](#)C.BILIARY OBSTRUCTION(1) [Cystic fibrosis](#) (2) Inflammatory bowel disease (3) Primary biliary irrhosis (4) Obstructive infantile cholangiopathy D.VASCULAR(1) Prolonged CHF = cardiac cirrhosis (2) Hepatic venoocclusive disease E.NUTRITIONAL(1) Intestinal bypass (2) Severe steatosis (3) Abetalipoproteinemia F.HEREDITARY(1) [Wilson disease](#) (2) Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency (3) Juvenile polycystic kidney disease (4) Galactosemia (5) Type IV [glycogen storage disease](#) (6) Hereditary fructose intolerance (7) Tyrosinemia (8) Hereditary tetany (9) [Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome](#) (10) Familial cirrhosis G.IDIOPATHIC / CRYPTOGENIC *Cirrhosis in children:* biliary atresia, hepatitis, a-1-antitrypsin deficiency, tyrosinemia, [hemochromatosis](#), [Wilson disease](#), [schistosomiasis](#)
Morphology: (a)micronodular cirrhosis (<3 mm): usually due to alcoholism, biliary obstruction, [hemochromatosis](#), venous outflow obstruction, previous small-bowel bypass surgery, Indian childhood [fibrosis](#)(b)macronodular cirrhosis (3-15 mm, up to several cm): usually due to chronic viral hepatitis, [Wilson disease](#), a-1-antitrypsin deficiency(c)mixed cirrhosis
Nodular lesions: (a)**regenerative nodules** = localized proliferation of hepatocytes + supporting stroma(b)cirrhotic nodule = regenerative nodule largely / completely surrounded by fibrous septa(c)dysplastic nodule [adenomatous hyperplasia] = cluster of hepatocytes >1 mm in diameter with evidence of dysplasia; common in hepatitis B and C, a-1-antitrypsin deficiency, tyrosinemia(d)[hepatocellular carcinoma](#) *Associated with:* anemia, coagulopathy, hypoalbuminemia, [cholelithiasis](#), [pancreatitis](#), peptic ulcer disease, diarrhea, hypogonadism ■ anorexia, weakness, fatigue, weight loss ■ jaundice, continuous low-grade fever ■ [ascites](#), bleeding from [esophageal varices](#), hepatic encephalopathy
enlarged (early stage) / normal / shrunken liver
shrinkage of right lobe (segments 5-8) and medial segment of left lobe (segments 4a + 4b) with concomitant hypertrophy of lateral segment of left lobe (segments 2 +3) and caudate lobe (segment 1):
ratio of caudate to right lobe >0.65 on transverse images [[sensitivity](#) 43-84%, least sensitive in alcoholic cirrhosis, most sensitive in cirrhosis caused by hepatitis B; [specificity](#) 100%; 26% [sensitivity](#); 84-96% [accuracy](#)] (DDx: [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#))
diameter of quadrate lobe (segment 4) <30 mm(= distance between left wall of gallbladder and ascending portion of left portal vein) due to selective atrophy (95% specific)
widened porta hepatis + interlobar fissure
surface nodularity + indentations (regenerating nodules)
signs of [portal hypertension](#)
[splenomegaly](#)
[ascites](#) (failure of albumin synthesis, overproduction of lymph due to increased hydrostatic pressure in sinusoids / decreased splanchnic output due to [portal hypertension](#))
associated with fatty infiltration (in early cirrhosis)US ([sensitivity](#) 65-80%; DDx: [chronic hepatitis](#), fatty infiltration): Hepatic signs: hepatomegaly (63%)
hypertrophy of caudate lobe (26%)
ratio of width of caudate lobe to width of right hepatic lobe >0.65 (43-84% sensitive, 100% specific)
surface nodularity (88% sensitive, 82-95% specific)
increased hepatic parenchymal echogenicity in 66% (as a sign of superimposed fatty infiltration)
increased sound attenuation (9%)
heterogeneous coarse (usually) / fine echotexture (7%)
decreased / normal definition of walls of portal venules (sign of associated fatty infiltration NOT of [fibrosis](#))
occasional depiction of isoechoic regenerative nodules
dilatation of hepatic arteries (increased arterial flow) with demonstration of intrahepatic arterial branches (DDx: dilated biliary radicals)
increase in hepatic artery resistance after meal ingestion
"portalization" of hepatic vein waveform = dampened oscillations of hepatic veins resembling portal vein flow
Extrahepatic signs: [splenomegaly](#)
[ascites](#)
signs of [portal hypertension](#) CT: native + enhanced parenchymal inhomogeneity
decreased attenuation (steatosis) in early cirrhosis
isodense / hyperdense (siderotic) regenerative nodules
nodular / lobulated liver contour
predominantly portal venous supply to dysplastic nodules
hypodense area adjacent to portal vein (= peribiliary cysts from obstructed extramural peribiliary glands) MR (problem-solving tool):
no alteration of liver parenchyma
regenerating nodules = hypointense lesions (due to iron deposits within nodules) with hyperintense septa (due to vascularity) on T2WI
dysplastic nodule = iso- / hyperintense on T1WI + iso- / hypointense on T2WI
HCC nodule = hypo- / iso- / hyperintense on T1WI + usually hyperintense on T2WI with marked enhancement during arterial phase
Angio: stretched hepatic artery branches (early finding)
enlarged tortuous hepatic arteries = "corkscrewing" (increase in hepatic arterial flow)
shunting between hepatic artery and portal vein
mottled parenchymal phase
delayed emptying into venous phase
pruning of hepatic vein branches (normally depiction of 5th order branches) = postsinusoidal compression by developing nodules
NUC (Tc-99m-labeled sulfur colloid): high blood pool activity secondary to slow clearance
colloid shift to bone marrow + [spleen](#) + lung
shrunken liver with little or no activity + [splenomegaly](#)
mottled hepatic uptake (pseudotumors) on colloid scan (normal activity on IDA scans!)
displacement of liver + [spleen](#) from abdominal wall by [ascites](#) Cx:(1)[Ascites](#): cause / contributor to death in 50%(2)[Portal hypertension](#)(3)[Hepatocellular carcinoma](#) (in 7-12%)(4)[Cholangiocarcinoma](#)
Fatality from: esophageal variceal bleeding (in 25%), hepatorenal syndrome (10%), spontaneous bacterial peritonitis (5-10%), complications from treatment of [ascites](#) (10%)

Primary Biliary Cirrhosis

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Primary Biliary Cirrhosis =CHRONIC NONSUPPURATIVE DESTRUCTIVE CHOLANGITIS*Histo*:idiopathic progressive destructive cholangitis of interlobar and septal bile ducts, portal [fibrosis](#), nodular regeneration, shrinkage of hepatic parenchyma *Age*:35-55 years; M:F = 1:9 ● fatigue, pruritus ● xanthelasma / xanthoma (25%) ● hyperpigmentation (50%) ● insidious onset of pruritus (60%) ● IgM increased (95%) ● positive antimitochondrial antibodies (AMA) in 85-100%✓ normal extrahepatic ducts✓ [cholelithiasis](#) in 35-39%✓ hepatomegaly (50%)✓ tortuous intrahepatic ducts with narrowing + caliber variation / decreased arborization = "tree-in-winter" appearanceNUC: ✓ marked prolongation of hepatic Tc-99m IDA clearance✓ uniform hepatic isotope retention✓ normal visualization of GB and major bile ducts in 100%*DDx*:(1)Sclerosing cholangitis (young men)(2)CBD obstruction*Prognosis*:mean survival 6 (range 3-11) years after onset of cholestatic symptoms

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CLONORCHIASIS

Rarely of clinical significance *Country*:Japan, Korea, Central + South China, Taiwan, Indochina*Organism*:Chinese liver fluke = Clonorchis sinensis *Cycle*.parasite cysts digested by gastric juice, larvae migrate up the bile ducts, remain in small intrahepatic ducts until maturity (10-30 mm in length), travel to larger ducts to deposit eggs*Infection*:snail + freshwater fish serve as intermediate hosts; infection occurs by eating raw fish; hog, dog, cat, man are definite hosts*Path*:(a)desquamation of epithelial bile duct lining with adenomatous proliferation of ducts + thickening of duct walls (inflammation, necrosis, [fibrosis](#))(b)bacterial superinfection with formation of liver abscess ■ remittent incomplete obstruction + bacterial superinfection ✓ multiple crescent- / stiletto-shaped filling defects within bile ducts *Cx*:(1)Bile duct obstruction (conglomerate of worms / adenomatous proliferation)(2)Calculus formation (stasis / dead worms / epithelial debris)(3)Jaundice in 8% (stone / stricture / tumor)(4)Generalized dilatation of bile ducts (2%)

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CONGENITAL BILIARY ATRESIA

Etiology:? variation of same infectious process as in [neonatal hepatitis](#) with additional component of sclerosing cholangitis or vascular injury *Histo:* proliferation of bile ducts in all portal triads *In 15% associated with:* polysplenia, [trisomy 18](#) NUC [phenobarbital-augmented cholescintigraphy] (90-97% [sensitivity](#), 63-94% [specificity](#), 90% [accuracy](#)): preparation of patient with 5 ng/kg/d phenobarbital twice a day for 3-7 days to stimulate biliary secretion (via induction of hepatic enzymes + increase in conjugation + [excretion](#) of bilirubin) ✓ good hepatic activity within 5 min ✓ delayed clearance from cardiac blood pool ✓ NO biliary [excretion](#) ✓ NO visualization of bowel on delayed images at 6 and 24 hours ✓ increased renal [excretion](#) *DDx:* severe hepatocellular dysfunction US: ✓ normal (visualization of gallbladder in 20%) *Rx:* Kasai procedure (= portoenterostomy) (a) child <60 days of age: 90% success rate (b) child between 60 and 90 days of age: 50% success rate (c) child >90 days of age: 17% success rate

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CONGENITAL HEPATIC FIBROSIS

=congenital [cirrhosis](#) with rapid + fatal progression *Histo*:fibrous tissue within hepatic parenchyma with excess numbers of distorted terminal interlobular bile ducts + cysts which rarely communicate with bile ducts *Age*:usually present in childhood resulting in early death *Associated with*:autosomal recessive type of polycystic kidney disease, [medullary sponge kidney](#) (80%) • hepatosplenomegaly, [portal hypertension](#) • predisposed to cholangitis + calculi "lollipop-tree" = ectasia of peripheral biliary radicles • hepatosplenomegaly • periportal [fibrosis](#) + portosystemic collaterals Cx:[portal hypertension](#), [hepatocellular carcinoma](#), cholangiocellular carcinoma

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DUCTECTATIC MUCINOUS TUMOR OF PANCREAS

=MUCIN-HYPERSECRETING CARCINOMA=rare intraductal tumor typified by voluminous mucin secretions *Site:* (a) main duct tumor causes diffuse segmental dilatation of the entire main pancreatic duct (b) branch duct tumor causes focal dilatation of affected branches; mainly in uncinete process • endoscopy: inspissated mucus spilling out of a dilated hepatopancreatic ampulla ✓ mass usually in uncinete portion of pancreatic head ✓ cystic dilatation of pancreatic duct surrounded by thin rim of normal pancreatic parenchyma ✓ grapelike clusters of cysts containing thick mucinous secretions *Prognosis:* better than pancreatic adenocarcinoma

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Echinococcus Granulosus =HYDATID DISEASE=*E. cysticus* (more common); man is accidental host(a)pastoral (European) form: dog is definite host; intermediate hosts are cattle, sheep, horses, hogs; endemic in sheep-raising countries: Australia, New Zealand, North + East Africa, USSR, Mediterranean countries, Near + Middle East countries, Japan, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay(b)sylvatic (northern) form: wolf is definite host; intermediate hosts are deer, moose; endemic in northwestern Canada, Alaska

Cycle: ingestion of contaminated material (eggs passed in feces of dog / other carnivore); eggs hatch in duodenum; larvae penetrate intestinal wall + mesenteric venules; larvae carried into portal circulation; larvae are filtered in capillaries of liver > lung > other organs

Organs: liver (73%); lung (14%); peritoneum (12%); kidney (6%); **spleen** (4%); spinal cord; brain; bladder; thyroid; prostate; heart; orbit (1-20%); bone

Histo: A.ENDOCYST (parasitic component of capsule)=inner GERMINATIVE LAYER (resembling wet tissue paper) giving rise to brood capsules which may remain attached to cyst wall harboring up to 400,000 scolices / may detach + form sediment in cyst fluid = "hydatid sand" / may break up into numerous self-contained daughter cysts

B.ECTOCYST = CYST MEMBRANE = laminated chitinlike substance secreted by parasite

C.PERICYST = highly vascularized adventitial layer (resembling egg white), organized host granulation tissue replaces tissue necrosis (due to compression of expanding cyst), marginal vascular rim of 0.5-4 mm

- pain / asymptomatic
- recurrent jaundice + biliary colic (transient obstruction by membrane fragments + daughter cysts expelled into biliary tree)
- blood eosinophilia (20-50%)
- urticaria + anaphylaxis (following rupture)

■ Tests: 1.Casoni intradermal test (60% **sensitivity**; may be falsely positive) 2.Complement fixation double diffusion (65% **sensitivity**) 3.Immunoelectrophoresis (most specific) 4.Indirect hemagglutination (85% **sensitivity**)

Time to diagnosis: 11-81 (mean 51) years

Location: right lobe > left lobe of liver; multiple cysts in 20%

Size: up to 50 cm (average size of 5 cm), up to 16 liters of fluid

Plain film: ✓ may have peripheral crescentic / curvilinear / polycyclic calcifications (10-33%), located in pericyst

✗ The presence of calcifications does not imply death of parasite!

✓ pneumohydrocyst (infection / communication with bronchial tree)

US: ✓ complex heterogeneous mass (most common) ✓ well-defined anechoic cyst (common) ✓ "racemose" appearance = multiseptated cyst=daughter cysts internally and tangent to mother cyst (characteristic, but rare) ✓ floating undulating membrane / vesicles = separation of laminated membrane from pericyst (characteristic, but rare) ✗ Floating membrane does not indicate death of parasite! ✓ mass with eggshell calcification (least common)

CT: ✓ well-demarcated low-density round masses of fluid attenuation ± internal septations ✓ enhancement of cyst wall + septations

MR: ✓ hypointense rim surrounding multiloculated cyst

Angio: ✓ avascular area with splaying of arteries ✓ halo of increased density around cyst (inflammation / compressed liver)

Cholangiography: ✓ cyst may communicate with bile ducts: right hepatic duct (55%), left hepatic duct (29%), CHD (9%), gallbladder (6%), CBD (1%)

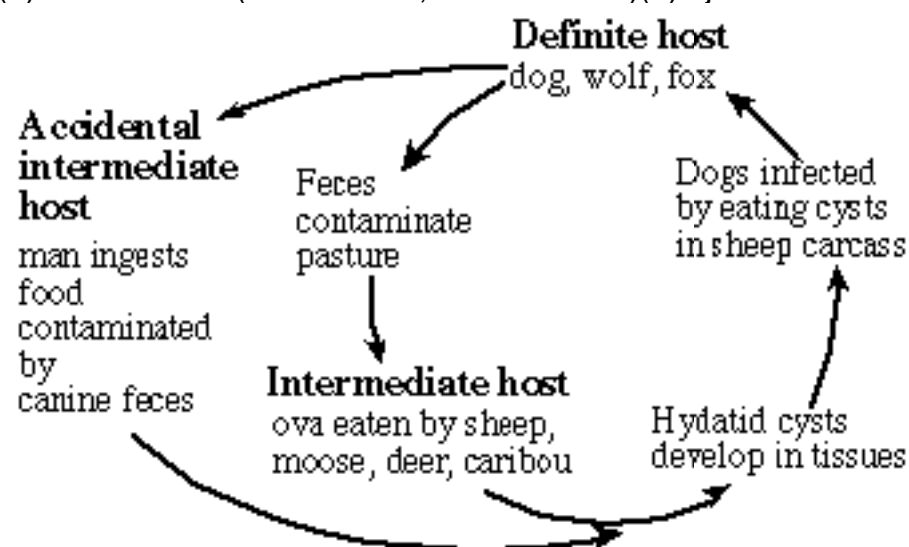
Percutaneous aspiration: ■ fluid analysis positive for **hydatid disease** in 70% (fragments of laminated membrane in 54%; scolices in 15%; hooklets in 15%)

✗ Risk of anaphylactic shock (0.5%), **asthma** (3%), implantation of spilled protoscolices

Cx:(1)Compression of vital structures(2)Infection(3)Rupture (25-90%)

(a)contained = rupture of laminated membrane with cyst contents contained within pericyst(b)communicating = cyst contents escapes through biliary / bronchial tree(c)direct = tear of endocyst + ectocyst + pericyst with cyst contents spilling into pleural / peritoneal cavity (anaphylaxis, metastatic hydatidosis)

Rx:(1)Surgery (in 10% recurrence)(2)Anthelmintics (albendazole, mebendazole)(3)Injection of scolecidal agents (silver nitrate, 20 / 30% hypertonic saline



Parasitic Cycle of Echinococcus Granulosus

solution, 0.5% cetrimide solution, 95% ethanol)

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Echinococcus Multilocularis = *E. alveolaris* = less common but more aggressive form of echinococcal disease Primary host: fox, wolf Secondary host: rodents (moles, lemmings, wild mice); domestic cat; dog *Endemic to*: eastern France, southern Germany, western Austria, much of Soviet Union, Japan, Alaska, Canada, some areas in Turkey *Infection*: eating wild fruits contaminated with fox / wolf feces; direct contact with fox / wolf; contact with dogs / cats that have ingested infested rodents *Path*: larvae proliferate by exogenous extension + penetration of surrounding tissue (= diffuse + infiltrative process resembling malignancy); chronic granulomatous reaction with central necrosis, cavitation, calcification *Histo*: daughter cysts with thick lamellar wall arising on outer surface of original cyst, rarely containing scolices Location: liver (access via portal vein); widespread hematogenous dissemination is not uncommon ■ clinical manifestation 5-20 years after ingestion ■ abdominal discomfort, jaundice, hepatomegaly ■ eosinophilia ✓ aggressive growth pattern ✓ geographic infiltrating lesion with ill-defined margins ✓ invasion of IVC, diaphragm ✓ metastases to lung, heart, brain (in 10%) ✓ faint / dense amorphous / nodular / flame-shaped calcifications (dystrophic calcifications scattered throughout necrotic + granulomatous tissue) US: ✓ echogenic geographic ill-defined single / multiple solid masses ✓ ± irregular cystic areas ✓ propensity of spread to liver hilum CT: ✓ heterogeneous hypodense poorly marginated infiltrating masses ✓ pseudocystic necrotic regions of near water density surrounded by hyperdense solid component ✓ little / no enhancement Angio: ✓ intrahepatic arterial tapering + obstruction Cx: [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#), IVC thrombosis, [portal hypertension](#) *Prognosis*: fatal within 10-15 years (if left untreated) *DDx*: [hepatocellular carcinoma](#) (biopsy!), large [hemangioma](#) (characteristic enhancement pattern), metastasis, epithelial hemangioendothelioma

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EPIDERMOID CYST OF [SPLEEN](#)

= EPITHELIAL CYST = PRIMARY CYST OF [SPLEEN](#) *Cause*: infolding of peritoneal mesothelium / collection of peritoneal mesothelial cells trapped within splenic sulci *Histo*: (1) mesothelial lining (2) squamous epithelial lining = epidermoid cyst = squamous metaplasia from embryonic inclusions within preexisting mesothelial surface epithelium *Age*: 2nd-3rd decade (average age of 18 years) *May be associated with*: polycystic kidney disease (a) unilocular + solitary (80%) (b) multiple + multilocular (20%) average size of 10 cm peripheral septations / cyst wall trabeculations (in 86%) curvilinear calcification in wall (9-25%) may contain cholesterol crystals, fat, blood *Cx*: trauma, rupture, infection

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EPITHELIOID HEMANGIOENDOTHELIOMA

=primary malignant vascular tumor of liver (soft tissue, bone, lung)
Age: average age of 45 years; M:F = 1:2
Possibly associated with: oral contraceptives, exposure to vinyl chloride
Path: multifocal nodules varying in size from a few mm to several cm involve both lobes of the liver (due to rapid perivascular extension); nodules may coalesce in liver periphery
Histo: dendritic spindle-shaped cells + epithelioid round cells in a matrix of myxoid + fibrous stroma; neoplastic endothelial cells invade sinusoids + terminal hepatic veins + portal veins cutting off the tumors blood supply
● in 80%: abdominal pain, weakness, anorexia, jaundice
Metastases to: spleen, mesentery, lymph nodes, lung, bone
✓ multiple nodules (nodular form) ✓ peripheral subcapsular growth (diffuse form) without deforming liver contour ✓ increased tumor vascularity ✓ hypertrophy of uninvolved liver
Plain film: ✓ hepatic calcifications (15%)
US: ✓ typically hypoechoic lesions (due to central core of myxoid stroma)
CT: ✓ low-attenuation masses on NECT, may become isoattenuating with rest of liver on CECT (due to vasoformative growth + compensatory hepatic arterial flow with portal vein occlusion)
Angio: ✓ hyper- and hypovascularity (dependent upon degree of sclerosis + hyalinization) ✓ invasion ± occlusion of portal + hepatic veins
NUC: ✓ decreased perfusion to central myxoid tumor portion + increased perfusion to cellular areas on sulfur colloid scan ✓ photopenic defect on static sulfur colloid scan ✓ NOT gallium avid
Prognosis: 20% die within 2 years, 20% survive for 5-28 years ± treatment
DDx of multiple nodules: metastatic disease
DDx of diffuse form: sclerosing carcinoma, vaso-occlusive disease

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FATTY LIVER

= FATTY INFILTRATION OF THE LIVER = HEPATIC STEATOSIS *Cause:* A.METABOLIC DERANGEMENTpoorly controlled [diabetes mellitus](#) (50%), obesity, hyperlipidemia, acute fatty liver of pregnancy, protein malnutrition, parenteral hyperalimentation, [malabsorption](#) (jejunoileal bypass), [glycogen storage disease](#), glycogen synthetase deficiency, [cystic fibrosis](#), [Reye syndrome](#), corticosteroids, severe hepatitis, trauma, [congestive heart failure](#) B.HEPATOTOXINSalcohol (>50%), carbon chlorides, [phosphorus](#), amiodarone, chemotherapy *Histo:*hepatocytes with large cytoplasmatic fat vacuoles containing triglycerides; >5% fat of total liver weight

■ NO abnormal liver function tests ✓ rapid change with time (few days to >10 months) depending on clinical improvement (abstinence from alcohol, improved nutrition)
+ degree of severity

[Diffuse Fatty Infiltration Focal Fatty Infiltration](#)

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Diffuse Fatty Infiltration ✓ hepatomegaly (75-80%) / normal sized liver Plain film: ✓ radiolucent liver sign = enlarged radiolucent liver US ([sensitivity](#) >90%, [accuracy](#) 85-97%): ✓ increased sound attenuation (scattering of sound beam) = poor definition of posterior aspect of liver ✓ fine (more typical) / coarsened hyperechogenicity (compared with kidney) ✓ impaired visualization of borders of hepatic vessels ✓ attenuation of sound beam (feature of fat, NOT [fibrosis](#)) CT: ✓ areas of lower attenuation than normal portal vein / IVC density ✓ reversal of liver-[spleen](#) density relationship ([spleen](#) is normally 6-12 HU below liver density) ✓ hyperdense intrahepatic vascular structures NUC: Tc-99m sulfur colloid scan: ✓ diffuse heterogeneous [uptake](#) (68%) ✓ reversal of liver-[spleen uptake](#) (41%) ✓ increased bone marrow [uptake](#) (41%) Xe-133 ventilation scan: ✓ increased activity during washout phase (38%) MR: ✓ slightly increased signal on T1WI + T2WI; relatively insensitive (10% fat by weight will alter SE signal intensities only by 5-15%) ✓ fat turns black with Dixon technique FAT-SPARED AREA in diffuse fatty infiltration *Cause*: direct drainage of systemic blood into liver *Location*: (a) posterior edge of segment 4 = anterior to portal vein bifurcation (drainage of aberrant gastric vein) (b) next to gallbladder bed (drainage of cystic vein) (c) subcapsular skip areas ✓ hypoechoic ovoid / spherical / sheetlike mass ✓ NO mass effect (undisplaced course of vessels) *DDx*: tumor mass

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Focal Fatty Infiltration *Etiology:*? vascular origin, focal tissue hypoxia *Distribution:*(a)lobar / segmental uniform lesions(b)lobar / segmental nodular lesions(c)perihilar lesions(d)diffuse nodular lesions(e)diffuse patchy lesionspredominantly in centrilobar + periportal regions, subcapsular distribution may be due to variants of [blood supply](#) (direct connections between peripheral portal radicles + perforating capsular / accessory cystic veins) Location:right lobe, caudate lobe, perihilar region
fan-shaped lobar / segmental distribution with angulated / interdigitating geographic margins
lesions extend to periphery of liver
NO mass effect (undisplaced course of vessels, no bulging of liver contour)US: hyperechoic area with poorly defined / sharp margins
multiple / rarely single echogenic nodules simulating metastases (rare)CT: patchy areas of decreased attenuation ranging from -40 to +10 HU (DDx: liver tumor)
NO contrast enhancementMR (not sensitive for fat): high signal on T1WI + low / isointense signal on T2WI
NUC with colloid: no significant changes on sulfur colloid images (SPECT imaging may detect focal fatty infiltration)DDx:primary / secondary hepatic tumor

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FOCAL NODULAR HYPERPLASIA

=FNH = rare benign congenital hamartomatous malformation or reparative process in areas of focal injury; SPECIFIC DIAGNOSIS RARELY POSSIBLE Cause:(?) congenital [arteriovenous malformation](#) triggers focal hepatocellular hyperplasia owing to a regional increase in blood flow Oral contraceptives DO NOT cause FNH, but exert a trophic effect on its growth! Incidence: only 357 cases reported; 2nd most common benign tumor of liver; 4% of all primary hepatic tumors in pediatric population, 3-8% in adult population; twice as common as hepatocellular adenoma Path: localized, well-delineated, usually solitary (80-95%), subcapsular mass of numerous small lobules within an otherwise normal liver; no true capsule; frequently central fibrous scar in area of interconnection of fibrous bands (HALLMARK) containing centrally an arterial malformation with spiderlike branches supplying the component nodules Histo: composed of multiple spherical aggregates of hepatocytes often containing increased amounts of fat + triglycerides + glycogen; thick-walled arteries within fibrous septa radiating from the center toward the periphery; absent portal triads + central veins; bile duct proliferation within fibrous septa without connection to biliary tree; Kupffer cells; difficult differentiation from regenerative nodules of [cirrhosis](#) + hepatocellular adenoma Age peak: 3rd-4th decade (range: 7 months to 75 years); M:F = 1:2-4 Associated with: hepatic [hemangioma](#) (in 23%), [meningioma](#), [astrocytoma](#), arterial dysplasia of other organs in case of multiple FNH • initially often asymptomatic (in 50-90% incidental finding) • vague abdominal pain (10-15%) due to mass effect • normal liver function • hepatomegaly / abdominal mass ✓ size <5 cm (in 85%); right lobe:left lobe = 2:1 ✓ well-circumscribed, nonencapsulated nodular cirrhotic-like mass in an otherwise normal liver ✓ NO calcifications ✓ pedunculated mass (in 5-20%) ✓ multiple masses (in 20%) NECT: ✓ iso- / slightly hypoattenuating homogeneous mass CECT: ✓ transient intense hyperdensity (after 30-60 sec) on bolus injection followed rapidly by isodensity ✓ Lesion may be missed without precontrast study! ✓ hypodense central stellate scar = central fibrous core with radiating fibrous septa (15-33%) (DDx: fibrolamellar HCC) ✓ ± early enhancement of vessels traversing central scar ✓ hypodense mass during peak portal venous phase ✓ isodense mass following portal venous phase ✓ hyperdense central scar on delayed images (delayed washout of contrast from myxomatous scar tissue) US: ✓ iso- / hypo- / hyperechoic (33%) homogeneous mass ✓ hyperechoic central scar in 18% ✓ displacement of hepatic vessels Doppler: ✓ enlarged afferent blood vessel with central arterial hypervascularity + centrifugal filling to the periphery in "spoke-wheel" pattern ✓ large draining veins at tumor margins ✓ may show high-velocity Doppler signals with arterial [pulsatility](#) from arteriovenous shunts NUC: Sulfur colloid scan: ✓ normal [uptake](#) (50-70%), hot spot (7-10%) ✓ Only FNH contains sufficient Kupffer cells to cause normal / increased [uptake](#) (almost PATHOGNOMONIC)! ✓ cold spot (30-50%) (DDx: [hepatic adenoma](#), [hemangioma](#), [hepatoblastoma](#), liver herniation, [hepatocellular carcinoma](#)) Tc-HIDA: ✓ normal / increased [uptake](#) (40-70%), cold spot (60%) Tc-99m-tagged RBCs: ✓ increased [uptake](#) during early phase ✓ defect relative to liver on delayed images MR: ✓ usually homogeneous signal intensity of lesion ✓ iso- to hypointense on T1WI (94-100%) ✓ slightly hyper- to isointense on T2WI (94-100%) ✓ atypically hyperintense lesion on T1WI in 6% ✓ central scar hypointense on T1WI ✓ central scar hyperintense on T2WI in 75% (due to vascular channels + edema) / hypointense in 25% (absent or minimal edema) CEMR: ✓ dense enhancement in arterial phase ✓ isointense during portal venous phase ✓ hyperintense on delayed images ✓ late + prolonged enhancement of central scar ✓ occasionally prolonged enhancement (due to entrapment of Gd-DTPA by functioning hepatocytes inside tumor followed by 1% [excretion](#) into biliary tree) ✓ less [uptake](#) of IV superparamagnetic iron oxide than surrounding liver ([uptake](#) mechanism similar to that of sulphur colloid) Angio: ✓ discretely margined hypervascular mass (90%) with intense capillary blush / hypovascular (10%) ✓ enlargement of main feeding artery with central [blood supply](#) (= "spoke-wheel" pattern in 33%) ✓ homogeneous parenchymal stain ✓ decreased vascularity in central stellate fibrous scar Rx: (1) Discontinuation of oral contraceptives (2) Resection of pedunculated mass (3) Diagnostic excisional biopsy for extensive tumor (FNH seldom requires surgery) Cx: rarely rupture with [hemoperitoneum](#) (increased incidence in patients on oral contraceptives - 14%) DDx: 1. Fibrolamellar carcinoma (scar calcified, metastases, retroperitoneal adenopathy, tumor hemorrhage + necrosis causing pain, hypointense scar on T2WI) 2. [Hepatic adenoma](#) (10 cm large tumor, symptomatic due to propensity for hemorrhage in 50%, central scar atypical) 3. Well-differentiated [hepatocellular carcinoma](#) (internal necrosis + hemorrhage, vascular invasion, metastases, rim-enhancement of pseudocapsule) 4. Giant cavernous [hemangioma](#) (larger tumor, may calcify, globular peripheral enhancement followed by centripetal filling, retention of contrast on delayed images, CSF-like behavior on MRI) 5. Hypervascular metastasis (hypovascular during portal venous phase, older patient) 6. [Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma](#) (less vascular, dominant large central scar, metastases)

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GALLBLADDER CARCINOMA

Most common biliary cancer (9 x more common than extrahepatic bile duct cancer); 5th most common gastrointestinal malignancy (after colorectal, pancreatic, gastric, esophageal carcinoma); 3% of all intestinal neoplasms *Incidence*: 0.4-4.6% of biliary tract operations; 6,500 deaths/year in United States *Peak age*: 6-7th decade; M:F = 1:3-1:4; 85% occur in 6th decade or later! *Histo*: (a) well differentiated adenocarcinoma of scirrhous type (80-90%) (b) anaplastic carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, adenoacanthoma (10-20%) (c) [carcinoid](#), sarcoma, basal cell carcinoma, [lymphoma](#) (extremely rare) *Stage*: I mucosa only II mucosa + muscularis III mucosa + muscularis + serosa IV gallbladder wall + lymph nodes V hepatic / distant metastases *Predisposed*: patients with [porcelain gallbladder](#) (22%); gallbladder polyp >2 cm is likely malignant *Associated with*: (1) Gallstones in 64-98% Gallbladder carcinoma occurs in only 1% of all patients with gallstones! (2) [Porcelain gallbladder](#) (in 4-60%); prevalence of gallbladder carcinoma in 11-22% of autopsies (3) Inflammatory bowel disease (predominantly [ulcerative colitis](#), less common in [Crohn disease](#)) (4) Familial polyposis coli (5) [Chronic cholecystitis](#) ■ history of past GB disease (50%) ■ malaise, vomiting, weight loss ■ RUQ pain (54-76%) ■ obstructive jaundice (35-74%) ■ abnormal liver function tests (20-75%) *Location*: usually in body / fundus; rarely in cystic duct *Growth types*: ✓ focal (59%) / diffuse (41%) thickening of GB wall ✓ polypoid / fungating intraluminal mass with wide base (14-25%) ✓ replacement of gallbladder by mass (37-70%) ✓ pericholecystic infiltration: in 76% focal, in 24% diffuse ✓ dilatation of biliary tree (38-70%) ✓ fine granular / punctate flecks of calcification (mucinous adenocarcinoma) *OCG*: ✓ nonvisualization of gallbladder (2/3) *Metastases*: in 75-77% at time of diagnosis (a) direct invasion of liver (34-89%), duodenum (12%), colon (9%), stomach, bile duct, pancreas, right kidney, abdominal wall (b) lymphatic spread (26-41-75%): porta hepatis, portacaval, lesser omental, superior + posterior pancreaticoduodenal, paraaortic nodes (c) intraperitoneal seeding (common) (d) hematogenous spread (less common): liver, lung, bones (e) neural spread (frequent): associated with more aggressive tumors (f) intraductal spread (least common): particularly in papillary adenocarcinoma *Cx*: perforation of gallbladder + abscess formation ✓ gallstones located within abscess *Prognosis*: 75% unresectable at presentation; average survival is 6 months; 5% 1-year survival rate; 6% 5-year survival rate *DDx*: (1) [Xantho-granulomatous cholecystitis](#) (lobulated mass filling gallbladder + stones) (2) Acute / [chronic cholecystitis](#) (generalized gallbladder wall thickening <10 mm) (3) Liver tumor invading gallbladder fossa (4) Tumors from adjacent organs (pancreas, duodenum) (5) Metastases (melanoma, [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#)) (6) Polyps: cholesterol polyp, hyperplastic polyp, granulation polyp (7) Adenomyomatosis

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GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASE

=autosomal recessive diseases with varying severity and clinical syndromes
A.VON GIERKE DISEASE (TYPE I)*Etiology:*defect in glucose-6-phosphatase with excess deposition of glycogen in liver, kidney, intestines*Dx:*failure of rise in blood glucose after [glucagon](#) administration*Age at presentation:*infancy*US:* hepatomegaly increased echogenicity (glycogen / fat)*CT:* increased (glycogen) / normal / decreased (fat) parenchymal attenuation*Prognosis:*death in infancy, may survive into adulthood with early therapy*Cx:*(1) [Hepatic adenoma](#)(2) [Hepatocellular carcinoma](#)
B.POMPE DISEASE (TYPE II)=abnormal metabolism with enlargement of myocardial cells due to glycogen deposition; similar to [endocardial fibroelastosis](#)*Etiology:*defect in lysosomal glucosidase*US:* massive cardiomegaly with CHF hepatomegaly*Prognosis:*sudden death in 1st year of life (due to conduction abnormalities); survival rarely beyond infancy
C.CORI DISEASE (TYPE III)
D.ANDERSEN DISEASE (TYPE IV)
E.McARDLE DISEASE (TYPE V)
F.HERS DISEASE (TYPE VI)

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HEMOCHROMATOSIS

=excess iron deposition in various parenchymal organs (liver, pancreas, [spleen](#), kidneys, heart) leading to [cirrhosis](#) with [portal hypertension](#)
[HEMOSIDEROSIS=increased iron deposition without organ damage]Cause:excess iron deposition from(a)increased GI absorption:1.[Genetic hemochromatosis](#)2.Erythropoietic hemochromatosis3.Bantu [siderosis](#)(b)IV blood transfusion(c)intravascular (extrasplenic) hemolysis

[Genetic Hemochromatosis](#) [Secondary Hemochromatosis](#)

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Genetic Hemochromatosis =IDIOPATHIC / PRIMARY **HEMOCHROMATOSIS**=excessive absorption + parenchymal retention of dietary iron that favors accumulation within non-RES organs (liver, pancreas, heart, [pituitary gland](#)) *Cause*:autosomal recessive disorder (human-leukocyte antigen[HLA]-linked abnormal gene located on short arm of chromosome 6) with mucosal defect in intestinal wall / increased absorption of intestinal iron *Prevalence*:1:220 whites of northern European ancestry; homozygote frequency up to 0.25-0.50%; heterozygote carriers >10% *Pathophysiology*: absorbed iron is selectively bound to transferrin; increased transferrin saturation in portal circulation favors selective iron [uptake](#) by periportal hepatocytes as initial site of iron accumulation; RES cells are incapable of storing excess iron *Path*:excess iron stored as crystalline iron oxide (ferric oxyhydroxide) within cytoplasmic ferritin + lysosomal hemosiderin; iron overload affects parenchymal cells (liver, pancreas, heart) NOT Kupffer cells / RE cells of bone marrow + [spleen](#) (abnormal function of RES) ■ asymptomatic during 1st decade of disease ■ hyperpigmentation (90%) ■ hepatomegaly (90%) ■ arthralgias (50%) ■ [diabetes mellitus](#) (30%) secondary to insulin resistance by hepatocytes + pancreatic b-cell damage from iron deposition ■ CHF + arrhythmia (15%) ■ loss of libido, [impotence](#), [amenorrhea](#), testicular atrophy, loss of body hair ■ liver iron index > 2 (= liver iron concentration [micromoles per gram of dry weight] per patients age)CT (60% [sensitivity](#) for iron): ↓ diffuse / rarely focal increase in liver density (up to 75-130 HU) ↓ depiction of hepatic veins on NECT ↓ dual energy CT (at 80 + 120 kVp) can quantitate amount of iron depositionMR: (skeletal muscle = good signal intensity reference) ↓ significant signal loss in liver on T2WI with signal intensity equal to background noise ↓ normal pancreatic signal intensity in noncirrhotics ↓ pancreatic signal intensity equal to / less than muscle (in 90% of cirrhotic patients) ↓ normal signal intensity of [spleen](#) (in 86%) due to abnormal RES function *Dx*:liver biopsy *Cx*:(1)Periportal [fibrosis](#) resulting in [cirrhosis](#) (if iron concentration >22,000 µg/g of liver tissue)(2)[Hepatocellular carcinoma](#) (14-30%)(3)Insulin-dependent [diabetes mellitus](#) (30-60%)(4)[Congestive cardiomyopathy](#) (15%) *Rx*:phlebotomies in precirrhotic stage *Prognosis*:normal life expectancy with early diagnosis and treatment

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Secondary Hemochromatosis Cause: (1)Erythrogenic [hemochromatosis](#) = increased absorption of iron secondary to erythroid hyperplasia in ineffective erythropoiesis (eg, thalassemia, NOT in sickle cell anemia)*Path*:no excess Kupffer cell iron(2)Bantu [siderosis](#) = excessive dietary iron from food preparation in iron containers (Kaffir beer)(3)Transfusional iron overload = patients receiving > 40 units of blood (iron storage capacity of RES = 10 g of iron)*Path*:iron deposition initially in RES (phagocytosis of intact RBC) with sparing of parenchymal cells of pancreas; after saturation of RES storage capacity parenchymal cells of other organs accumulate iron (liver, pancreas, myocardium)Age:4th-5th decade; M:F = 10:1 • little clinical significanceMR: ↓ signal loss in liver on T2WI with signal intensity greater than background noise (iron in Kupffer cells) ↓ splenic signal intensity less than muscle

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HEPATIC ABSCESS

=localized collection of pus in the liver resulting from any infectious process with destruction of the hepatic parenchyma + stroma
Types: pyogenic (88%), amebic (10%), fungal (2%)
Location: multiple in 50%
hepatomegaly
elevation of right hemidiaphragm
pleural effusion
right lower lobe atelectasis / infiltration
gas within abscess (esp. Klebsiella)
MR: hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI (72%)
perilesional edema (35%)
"double target sign" on T2WI = hyperintense center (fluid) + hypointense sharply marginated inner ring (abscess wall) + hyperintense poorly marginated ring (perilesional edema)
rim enhancement (86%)

[Amebic Abscess](#) [Pyogenic Liver Abscess](#)

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Amebic Abscess *Organism:* Entamoeba histolytica *Etiology:* spread of viable amebae from colon to liver via portal system *Incidence:* in 1-25% of intestinal amebiasis *Age:* 3rd-5th decade; M:F = 4:1 • amebic dysentery • amebic hepatitis (15%) *Location:* liver abscess (right lobe) in 2-25%; systemic dissemination by invasion of lymphatics / portal system (rare); liver:lung:brain = 100:10:1 *Size:* 2-12 cm; multiple liver abscesses in 25% ✓ nodularity of abscess wall (60%) ✓ internal septations (30%) ✓ not gas-containing (unless hepatobronchial / hepatoenteric fistula present) *NUC:* ✓ [sensitivity](#) of sulfur colloid scan is 98% ✓ photon-deficient area surrounded by rim of [uptake](#) on Ga-67 scan *Aspiration:* typically opaque reddish / dirty brown / pink material ("anchovy paste" / "chocolate sauce"), usually sterile, parasite confined to margin of abscess *Cx:* (1) Diaphragmatic disruption (rare) is strongly suggestive of amebic abscess (2) Fistulization into colon, right adrenal gland, bile ducts, pericardium *Rx:* conservative treatment with chloroquine / metronidazole (Flagyl®)

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Pyogenic Liver Abscess *Organisms:* E. coli, aerobic streptococci, St. aureus, anaerobic bacteria (45%) *Incidence:* 0.016% *Etiology:* (1) Ascending cholangitis from obstructive biliary tract disease (malignant / benign) (2) Portal phlebitis (suppurative [appendicitis](#), colitis, diverticular disease) (3) Infarction from embolism / septicemia (4) Indwelling arterial catheters (5) Direct spread from contiguous infection (cholecystitis, peptic ulcer, subphrenic sepsis) (6) Trauma (rupture, penetrating wounds, biopsy, surgery) (7) Cryptogenic in 45% (invasion of cysts / dead tissue by pyogenic intestinal flora) *Age:* 6th-7th decade; M > F ■ pyrexia (79%) ■ abdominal pain (68%) ■ nocturnal sweating (43%) ■ vomiting / malaise (39%) ■ jaundice (0-20%) ■ positive blood culture (50%) *Location:* solitary abscess in right lobe (40-75%), in left lobe (2-10%); multiple abscesses in 10-34-73% (more often of biliary than hematogenous origin) *US:* ↓ hypoechoic round lesion with well-defined mildly echogenic rim ↓ distal acoustic enhancement ↓ coarse clumpy debris / low-level echoes / fluid-debris level ↓ intensely echogenic reflections with reverberations (from gas) in 20-30% *CT:* ↓ inhomogeneous hypodense single / multiloculated cavity ↓ "double target sign" = wall-enhancement + surrounding hypodense zone (6-30%) ↓ "cluster sign" = several abnormal foci within the same anatomic area; suggestive of biliary origin *NUC:* ↓ photon-deficient area on sulfur colloid + IDA scan ↓ Ga-67 citrate [uptake](#) in 80% ↓ In-111 tagged WBC [uptake](#) is highly specific (since WBCs normally go to liver, may need sulfur colloid test for correlation) *Cx:* (1) Septicemia (2) Rupture into right subphrenic space (3) Rupture into abdominal cavity (4) Rupture into pericardium (5) [Empyema](#) (6) Common hepatic duct obstruction *Mortality:* 20-80%; 100% if unrecognized / untreated

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HEPATIC ADENOMA

=HEPATOCELLULAR ADENOMA = LIVER CELL ADENOMA=rare benign neoplasm, most frequent hepatic tumor in young women after use of contraceptive steroids
Path:no true capsule; pseudocapsule due to compression of liver tissue containing multiple large vessels; high incidence of hemorrhage + necrosis + fatty change; no scar
Histo:solitary spherical benign growth of hepatocytes; sheets of hepatocytes without portal veins or central veins; scattered thin-walled vascular channels + bile canaliculi; decrease in number of abnormally functioning Kupffer cells; hepatocytes contain increased amounts of glycogen ± fat
Age:young women in childbearing age; not seen in males unless on anabolic steroids
Associated with:oral contraceptives (2.5 x risk after 5-year use, 7.5 x risk after 9-year use, 25 x risk >9-year use), steroids, pregnancy, [diabetes mellitus](#), type Ia [glycogen storage disease](#) (von Gierke) in 60%
Pregnancy may increase tumor growth rate + lead to tumor rupture!
Tumor remission may occur with dietary therapy leading to normal insulin, [glucaqon](#), and serum glucose levels
■ asymptomatic (20%)
■ RUQ pain as sign of mass effect (40%) / intratumoral or intraperitoneal hemorrhage (40%)
■ hepatomegaly
Location:right lobe of liver in subcapsular location (75%)
✓ round well-circumscribed mass; between 6-30 cm in size (average size of 8-10 cm)
✓ intraparenchymal / pedunculated (in 10%)
✓ unusual "nodule-in-nodule" appearance in large tumors (DDx: [hepatocellular carcinoma](#))
CT: ✓ round mass of decreased density; areas of necrosis (30-40%)
✓ hyperdense areas of fresh intratumoral hemorrhage (22-50%)
✓ transiently enhancing on arterial-phase images
✓ iso- / hypoattenuating on delayed-phase images
US: ✓ usually small well-demarcated solid echogenic / complex hyper- and hypoechoic heterogeneous mass with anechoic areas (if large)
MR: ✓ inhomogeneous on all pulse sequences (indistinguishable from HCC)
✓ often hyperintense areas on T1WI (due to presence of fat-laden hepatocytes / hemorrhage)
✓ isointense (sheets of hepatocytes) and hyperintense areas (necrosis, hemorrhage) on T2WI
NUC: ✓ focal photopenic lesion on sulfur colloid scan (because lesion composed of hepatocytes + nonfunctioning Kupffer cells) surrounded by rim of increased [uptake](#) (due to compression of adjacent normal liver containing Kupffer cells); may show [uptake](#) equal to / slightly less than liver (23%)
✓ usually increased activity on HIDA scan
✓ NO gallium [uptake](#)
Angio: ✓ usually hypervascular mass
✓ homogeneous but not intense stain in capillary phase
✓ enlarged hepatic artery with feeders at tumor periphery (50%)
✓ hypo- / avascular regions (secondary to hemorrhage / necrosis)
✓ neovascularity
CAVE: percutaneous biopsy carries high risk of bleeding!
Cx:(1)Spontaneous hemorrhage with subcapsular hematoma / [hemoperitoneum](#) (41%)(2)Malignant transformation (? contiguous development of [hepatocellular carcinoma](#))(3)Recurrence after resection
Rx:surgical resection (to prevent rupture)
DDx:[hepatocellular carcinoma](#)

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HEPATIC ANGIOSARCOMA

=[HEMANGIOENDOTHELIAL SARCOMA](#) = KUPFFER CELL SARCOMA = HEMANGIOSARCOMA *Prevalence*: 0.14-0.25 per million; <2% of all primary liver neoplasms; most common sarcoma of liver (followed by [fibrosarcoma](#) > malignant fibrohistiocytoma > leiomyosarcoma) *Etiology*: (a) thorotrast = thorium dioxide (7-10%) with latent period of 15-24 years (b) arsenic (c) polyvinyl chloride (latent period of 4-28 years) *Associated with*: [hemochromatosis](#), von Recklinghausen disease *Path*: (a) multifocal / multinodular lesions (71%) of up to >5 cm in size (b) large solitary mass with hemorrhage + necrosis *Histo*: (a) vessels lined with malignant endothelial cells (eg, sinusoids) causing atrophy of surrounding liver (b) vasoformative = forming poorly organized vessels (c) forming solid nodules of malignant spindle cells *Age*: 6th-7th decade; M:F = 4:1 ■ abdominal pain, weakness, fatigue, weight loss ■ spontaneous [hemoperitoneum](#) (27%) ■ jaundice ■ NO elevation of a-fetoprotein *Early metastases to*: lung, [spleen](#) (16%), porta hepatis nodes, portal vein, thyroid, peritoneal cavity, bone marrow (rapid metastatic spread) ✓ portal vein invasion ✓ hemorrhagic [ascites](#) *Plain film*: ✓ circumferential displacement of residual thorotrast *NUC*: ✓ single / multiple photopenic areas on sulfur colloid scan ✓ increased gallium [uptake](#) ✓ perfusion blood pool mismatch (initial decrease followed by slow increase in RBC concentration) as in [hemangioma](#) on 3-phase red blood cell scan *US*: ✓ solid / mixed mass with anechoic areas (hemorrhage / necrosis) ✓ multiple nodules *CT*: ✓ hypodense masses with high-density regions (hemorrhage) / low-attenuation regions (old hemorrhage / necrosis) ✓ striking peripheral enhancement on dynamic CT as in large [hemangioma](#) *MR*: ✓ hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI ✓ peripheral Gd-pentetate enhancement on T1WI *Angio*: ✓ hypervascular stain around tumor periphery in late arterial phase with puddling; NO arterial encasement *CAVE*: Biopsy may lead to massive bleeding in 16%! Opt for open rather than percutaneous biopsy! *Prognosis*: rapid deterioration with median survival of 6 months (13 months under chemotherapy) *DDx for multiple lesions*: metastases *DDx for single lesion*: cavernous [hemangioma](#)

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HEPATIC CYST

=second most common benign hepatic lesion *Prevalence*: 2-7%; increasing with age A. ACQUIRED HEPATIC CYST secondary to trauma, inflammation, parasitic infestation, neoplasia B. CONGENITAL HEPATIC CYST = defective development of aberrant intrahepatic bile ducts *Incidence*: liver cysts detected at autopsy in 50%; in 22% detected during life *Age of detection*: 5th-8th decade *Histo*: cysts surrounded by fibrous capsule + lined by columnar epithelium, related to bile ducts within portal triads; no communication with bile ducts *Associated with*: (1) [Tuberous sclerosis](#) (2) Polycystic kidney disease (25-33% have liver cysts) (3) Polycystic liver disease: autosomal dominant; M:F = 1:2; (50% have polycystic kidney disease) • hepatomegaly (40%); pain (33%); jaundice (9%) *Size of cyst*: range from microscopic to huge (average 1.2 cm; in 25% largest cyst <1 cm; in 40% largest cyst >4 cm; maximal size of 20 cm); multiple cysts spread throughout liver (in 60%) / solitary cyst "cold spot" on IDA, Ga-68, Tc-99m sulfur colloid scans *echo-free cyst*, may show fluid-fluid interface *Rx*: sclerosing with minocycline hydrochloride (Dose: 1 mg per 1-mL cyst content up to 500 mg in 10 mL of 0.9% saline + 10 mL 1% lidocaine) following contrast opacification of cyst to confirm absence of communication with biliary tree / leakage into peritoneal cavity

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Cavernous hemangioma of liver most common benign liver tumor (78%); second most common liver tumor after metastases *Incidence*:1-4%; autopsy incidence 0.4-7.3%; increased with multiparity *Cause*:? enlarging hamartoma present since birth,? true vascular neoplasm *Age*:rarely seen in young children; M:F = 1:5 *Histo*:large vascular channels filled with slowly circulating blood; lined by single layer of mature flattened endothelial cells separated by thin fibrous septa; no bile ducts; thrombosis of vascular channels common resulting in [fibrosis](#) + hemorrhage + myxomatous degeneration + calcifications *Associated with*:(1) Hemangiomas in other organs(2) [Focal nodular hyperplasia](#) (3) Rendu-Osler-Weber disease • asymptomatic if tumor small (50-70%) • may present with spontaneous life-threatening hemorrhage if large (5%) • hepatomegaly • may enlarge during pregnancy • abdominal discomfort + pain (from thrombosis in large [hemangioma](#)) • Kasabach-Merritt syndrome (= [hemangioma](#) + thrombocytopenia) rare *Location*:frequently peripheral / subcapsular in posterior right lobe of liver; 20% are pedunculated; multiple in 10-20% *Size*:<4 cm (90%); >10 cm = giant cavernous [hemangioma](#) may have central area of [fibrosis](#) = areas of nonenhancement / nonfilling / cystic space (occurrence increases with age) calcifications (phleboliths / septal calcifications) are extremely uncommon *US*: uniformly hyperechoic (60-70%) mass due to multiple interfaces created by blood-filled spaces separated by fibrous septa inhomogeneous hypoechoic mass (up to 40%) in larger hemangiomas with well-defined thick / thin echogenic lobulated border due to hemorrhagic necrosis, scarring, myxomatous change centrally homogenous (58-73%) / heterogeneous ([fibrosis](#), thrombosis, hemorrhagic necrosis) hypoechoic center possible may show acoustic enhancement (37-77%) unchanged in size / appearance (82%) on 1-to-6-year follow-up no Doppler signals / signals with peak velocity of <50 cm/sec *CT* (combination of precontrast images, good bolus, dynamic scanning): well-circumscribed spherical / ovoid low-density mass may have areas of higher / lower density within mass typical pattern of low density on NECT + peripheral enhancement + complete fill-in on delayed images 3-30 minutes post IV bolus (55-89%) peripheral (72%) / central (in 8%) / diffuse dense (in 8%) enhancement complete (75%) / partial (24%) / no (2%) fill-in to isodensity in delayed phase *Angio* (historical gold standard): dense opacification of well-circumscribed, dilated, irregular, punctate vascular lakes / puddles in late arterial + capillary phase starting at periphery in ring- / C-shaped configuration normal-sized feeders; AV shunting (very rare) contrast persistence late into venous phase *NUC* (95% [accuracy](#) with SPECT): *Indication*:lesions >2 cm (detectable in 70-90%) delayed filling on Tc-99m labeled RBC scans (dose of 15-20 mCi) with increased activity on delayed images at 1-2 hours cold defect on sulfur colloid scans *MR* (90-95% [accuracy](#)): spheroid / ovoid (87%) mass with smooth well-defined lobulated margins (87%); no capsule homogeneous internal architecture if <4 cm, hypointense internal inhomogeneities if >4 cm (due to [fibrosis](#)) hypo- / isointense on T1WI; hyperintense "light bulb" appearance on T2WI (due to slow flowing blood) (*DDx*: [hepatic cyst](#), hypervascular tumor, necrotic tumor, cystic neoplasm) uniform enhancement at 1 second in 40% of small hemangiomas <1.5 cm after gadolinium-DTPA peripheral nodular enhancement progressing centripetally with centrally uniform enhancement (50%) / persistent hypointensity (30%) *Bx*:may be biopsied safely provided normal liver is present between tumor + liver capsule nonpulsatile blood (73%) endothelial cells without malignancy (27%) *Prognosis*:no growth when <4 cm in diameter; giant cavernous hemangiomas may enlarge *Cx* (rare):(1)Spontaneous rupture (4.5%)(2)Abscess formation(3)Kasabach-Merritt syndrome (platelet sequestration) *DDx*:hypervascular malignant neoplasm / metastasis (quick homogeneous filling during arterial phase of small hemangiomas)

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Infantile Hemangioendothelioma Of Liver = INFANTILE HEPATIC [HEMANGIOMA](#) = CAPILLARY / CAVERNOUS [HEMANGIOMA](#) = most common benign hepatic tumor during first 6 months of life *Histo*: multiple anastomosing thick-walled vascular spaces similar to cavernous [hemangioma](#) lined by plump endothelial cells in single or (less often) multiple cell layers; areas of [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#) / thrombi; scattered bile ducts; involutonal changes (infarction, hemorrhage, necrosis, scarring) *Classification*: (a) Hemangioendothelioma type 1 (more common): orderly proliferation of small blood vessels (b) Hemangioendothelioma type 2: more aggressive histologic pattern *DDx*: [angiosarcoma](#) (c) Cavernous [hemangioma](#): dilated vascular spaces lined by flat endothelial cells ∇ Relationship to adult cavernous [hemangioma](#) unknown! *Age at presentation*: <6 months in 85%, during 1st month in 33%, >1 year in 5%; M:F = 1:1.4-1:2 \blacksquare abdominal mass secondary to hepatomegaly \blacksquare cutaneous hemangiomas (9-45-87%) occur with multinodular form \blacksquare may present with high-output CHF secondary to AV shunts within tumor (8-15-25%) \blacksquare **Kasabach-Merritt syndrome** (in 11%) = hemorrhagic diathesis due to platelet sequestration by tumor / disseminated intravascular coagulopathy; characterized by an association of [hemangioma](#), or hemangioendothelioma, or [angiosarcoma](#) with thrombocytopenia and purpura \blacksquare hemolytic anemia *Size*: several mm up to 20 cm (average size of 3 cm) ∇ diffuse involvement of entire liver, rarely focal ∇ single mass (50%) / multiple masses (50%) ∇ enlargement of celiac + hepatic arteries + proximal aorta ∇ rapid decrease in aortic caliber below celiac trunk ∇ enlarged hepatic veins (increased venous flow) *Plain film*: ∇ fine speckled / fibrillary calcifications in 16% (*DDx*: [hepatoblastoma](#), hamartoma, metastatic [neuroblastoma](#)) *US*: ∇ predominantly hypoechoic / complex / hyperechoic lesion ∇ multiple sonolucent areas (= enlarging vascular channels secondary to initial rapid growth) (*DDx*: mesenchymal hamartoma) *OB-US*: ∇ [polyhydramnios](#) + fetal hydrops *CT*: ∇ focal areas of low attenuation ∇ early peripheral enhancement (72%) ∇ variable delayed central enhancement (similar to cavernous [hemangioma](#)) *MR*: ∇ heterogeneous hypointense multinodular lesion on T1WI \pm hyperintense areas of hemorrhage ∇ varying degrees of hyperintensity on T2WI (resembling adult [hemangioma](#)) ∇ decreasing signal intensity with fibrotic replacement on T2WI *NUC* (sulfur colloid, tagged RBC): ∇ increased flow in viable portions of lesion during angiographic phase ∇ increased activity mixed with central photopenic areas (hemorrhage, necrosis, [fibrosis](#)) on delayed tagged RBC images ∇ photopenic defect on delayed sulfur colloid images *Angio*: ∇ enlarged, tortuous feeding arteries and stretched intrahepatic vessels ∇ hypervascular tumor with inhomogeneous stain; clusters of small abnormal vessels ∇ pooling of contrast material in sinusoidal lakes with rapid clearing through early draining veins (AV shunting) *Prognosis*: rapid growth in first 6 months followed by tendency to involute within 6-8 months; 32-75% survival rate in complicated cases *Cx*: (1) [Congestive heart failure](#) (2) Hemorrhagic diathesis (3) Obstructive jaundice (4) [Hemoperitoneum](#) (rupture of tumor) *Rx*: (1) No treatment if asymptomatic (2) Reduction in size with steroids / radiotherapy / chemotherapy (3) Embolization (4) Surgical resection / liver transplantation *DDx*: (1) [Hepatoblastoma](#) (>1 year of age, elevated α -fetoprotein, more heterogeneous) (2) Mesenchymal hamartoma (usually multilocular cystic mass) (3) Metastatic [neuroblastoma](#) (elevated catecholamines in urine, adrenal mass, nonenhancing multiple liver masses)

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Acute Hepatitis ■ markedly elevated AST + ALT ■ increase in serum-conjugated bilirubin US: √ diffusely decreased parenchymal echogenicity √ increased brightness of portal triads ("starry sky" pattern) = centrilobular pattern (DDx: leukemic infiltrate, diffuse lymphomatous involvement, toxic shock syndrome) √ edema of gallbladder fossa √ thickening + increase in echogenicity of fat within falciform ligament, ligamentum venosum, porta hepatis, periportal connective tissue

Viral Markers of Hepatitis		
Virus	Tests	Interpretation
H A V	Anti-HAV IgM	acute hepatitis (can remain positive for >1 year)
	Anti-HAV IgG	past hepatitis, lifelong immunity
H B V	HBsAg	acute / chronic disease
	Anti-HBc IgM	acute infection (if titer high); chronic infection (if titer low)
	Anti-HBc IgG	past / recent HBV contact (may be only serum indicator of past infection)
	HBe	active viral replication
	Anti-HBe	low / absent replicative state (typically present in long-standing HBV carriers)
H C V	Anti-HBs	immunity after vaccination
	HBV-DNA	active viral replication
	Anti-HCV	past / current infection
H D V	RIBA	test for various viral components
	HCV-RNA	active viral replication
	Anti-HDV IgM	acute / chronic infection
H E V	Anti-HDV IgG	chronic infection (if titer high + IgM positive); past infection if titer low + IgM negative)
	HDV-RNA	active viral replication
	Anti-HEV IgM	acute hepatitis
	Anti-HEV IgG	past hepatitis
	HEV-RNA	viral replication

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Chronic Hepatitis =process present for at least 6 months
Diseases: autoimmune hepatitis; hepatitis B, C, D; cryptic hepatitis; chronic drug hepatitis; primary biliary cirrhosis; [primary sclerosing cholangitis](#); [Wilson disease](#); a-1-antitrypsin deficiency
US: ↑ increased liver echogenicity ↑ coarsening of parenchymal texture ↑ silhouetting of portal vein walls = loss of definition of portal venules ↑ NO sound attenuation
Cx: [cirrhosis](#) (10% for hepatitis B; 20-50% for hepatitis C)

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HEPATOBLASTOMA

Incidence: 3rd most common abdominal tumor in children; most frequent malignant hepatic tumor in children (51%) *Incidence increased with*: hemihypertrophy, Beckwith syndrome *Histo*: (a) epithelial type = small cells resembling embryonal / fetal liver (b) mixed type = epithelial cells + mesenchymal cells (osteoid, cartilaginous, fibrous tissue) *Age*: <3 years; <18 months (in 50%); peak age between 18 and 24 months; range from newborn to 15 years; M:F = 2:1 ■ upper abdominal mass, weight loss, nausea, vomiting ■ [precocious puberty](#) (production of endocrine substances) ■ persistently + markedly elevated alpha-fetoprotein (66%) *Metastases to*: lung (frequent) *Location*: right lobe of the liver ✓ usually solitary mass with an average size of 10-12 cm ✓ coarse calcifications / osseous matrix (12-30%) *US*: ✓ large heterogeneous echogenic mass, sometimes with calcifications, occasionally cystic areas (necrosis / [extramedullary hematopoiesis](#)) *CT*: ✓ hypointense tumor with peripheral rim enhancement *MR*: ✓ inhomogeneously hypointense on T1WI with hyperintense foci (hemorrhage) ✓ inhomogeneously hyperintense with hypointense bands (fibrous septa) on T2WI *NUC*: ✓ photopenic defect *Angio*: ✓ hypervascular mass with dense stain ✓ marked neovascularity; NO AV-shunting ✓ vascular lakes may be present ✓ avascular areas (secondary to tumor necrosis) ✓ may show caval involvement (= unresectable) *Prognosis*: 60% resectable; 75% mortality; better prognosis than hepatoma; better prognosis for epithelial type than mixed type *DDx*: hemangiopericytoma (fine granular calcifications), metastatic [neuroblastoma](#), mesenchymal hamartoma, [hepatocellular carcinoma](#) (>5 years of age, no calcifications)

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HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

=HEPATOMA = most frequent primary visceral malignancy in the world; 80-90% of all primary liver malignancies; 2nd most frequent malignant hepatic tumor in children (39%) after [hepatoblastoma](#)**Incidence:**(a)in industrialized world: 0.2-0.8%(b)in sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, Japan, Greece, Italy: 5.5-20%**Peak age:**(a)industrialized world: 6th-7th decade; M:F = 2.5:1; fibrolamellar subtype (in 3-10%) below age 40 years(b)high incidence areas: 30-40 years;M:F = 5:1 (c)in children: >5 years of age; M:F = 4:3**Etiology:** 1.[Cirrhosis](#) (60-90%)**Latent period:**8 months to 14 years from onset of [cirrhosis](#)**Incidence of HCC:** -44% in macronodular (= postnecrotic) [cirrhosis](#) due to hepatitis B virus, alcoholism, [hemochromatosis](#)-6% in micronodular [cirrhosis](#) due to alcoholism; 5% of alcoholic cirrhotics develop HCC!(a)alcohol(c)cardiac(b)[hemochromatosis](#)(d)biliary atresia2.[Chronic hepatitis B / C](#); 12% develop HCC3.Carcinogens(a)aflatoxin (b) [siderosis](#) (c) thorotrast(d)oral contraceptives / anabolic androgens4.Inborn errors of metabolism(a)-1-antitrypsin deficiency(b)galactosemia(c)type I [glycogen storage disease](#) (von Gierke)(d)[Wilson disease](#)(e)tyrosinosis**mnemonic:**"WHAT causes HCC?"**Wilson disease** **Hemochromatosis** **Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency** **Tyrosinosis** **Hepatitis** **Cirrhosis** (alcoholic, biliary, cardiac) **Carcinogens** (aflatoxin, sex hormones, thorotrast) **Histo:**HCC cells resemble hepatocytes in appearance + structural pattern (trabecular, pseudoglandular = acinar, compact, scirrhous);(a)expansive encapsulated HCC: collapsed portal vein branches at capsule(b)infiltrative nonencapsulated HCC: portal venules communicate with tumoral sinusoids = often invasion of portal ± hepatic veins**GROWTH PATTERN:** (a)solitary massive (27-50-59%):bulk in one (most often right) lobe with satellite nodules (b)multicentric small nodular (15-25%):small foci of usually <2 cm (up to 5 cm) in both hepatic [lobes](#) (c)diffuse microscopic (10 - 15-26%):tiny indistinct nodules closely resembling [cirrhosis](#) **Vascular supply:**hepatic artery, portal vein in 6% ■ elevated a-fetoprotein (75-90%), negative in cholangiocarcinoma ■ elevated liver function tests ■ persistent RUQ pain, hepatomegaly, [ascites](#) ■ fever, weight loss, malaise ■ Paraneoplastic syndromes:(a)sexual precocity / [gynecomastia](#)(b)hypercholesterolemia(c)erythrocytosis (tumor produces erythropoietin)(d)hypoglycemia(e)[hypercalcemia](#)(f)[carcinoid](#) syndrome**Metastases to:** lung (most common = 8%), adrenal, lymph nodes, bone ✓ portal vein invasion (25-33-48%) ✓ arterioportal shunting (4-63%) ✓ invasion of hepatic vein (16%) / IVC (= [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#)) ✓ occasionally invasion of bile ducts ✓ calcifications in ordinary HCC (2-9-25%); however, common in fibrolamellar (30-40%) and sclerosing HCC ✓ hepatomegaly and [ascites](#) ✓ tumor fatty metamorphosis (2-17%)**NUC:** ✓ Sulfur colloid scan: single cold spot (70%), multiple defects (15-20%), heterogeneous distribution (10%) ✓ Tc-HIDA scan: cold spot / atypical [uptake](#) in 4% (delayed images) ✓ Gallium-scan: avid accumulation in 70-90% (in 63% greater, in 25% equal, in 12% less [uptake](#) than liver)CT ([sensitivity](#) of 63% in [cirrhosis](#), 80% without [cirrhosis](#)): ✓ hypodense mass / rarely isodense / hyperdense in [fatty liver](#) ✓ dominant mass with satellite nodules ✓ mosaic pattern = multiple nodular areas with differing attenuation on CECT (up to 63%) ✓ diffusely infiltrating neoplasm ✓ encapsulated HCC = circular zone of radiolucency surrounding the mass (12-32-67%)**False-positive:**confluent [fibrosis](#), regenerative nodule**Biphasic CECT:** ✓ enhancement during hepatic arterial phase (80%) ✓ decreased attenuation during portal venous phase with inhomogeneous areas of contrast accumulation ✓ isodensity on delayed scans (10%) ✓ thin contrast-enhancing capsule (50%) due to rapid washout ✓ wedge-shaped areas of decreased attenuation (segmental / lobar [perfusion defects](#) due portal vein occlusion by tumor thrombus)CT with intraarterial ethiodol injection: ✓ hyperdense mass detectable as small as 0.5 cm **US** (86-99% [sensitivity](#), 90-93% [specificity](#), 50-94% [accuracy](#)): ✓ hyperechoic HCC (13%) due to fatty metamorphosis or marked dilatation of sinusoids ✓ hypoechoic HCC (26%) due to solid tumor ✓ HCC of mixed echogenicity (61%) due to nonliquefactive tumor necrosis ✓ Doppler peak velocity signals >250 cm/sec**MR:** ✓ hypointense (50%) / iso- to hyperintense (with fatty metamorphosis) on T1WI ✓ ring sign = well-defined hypointense capsule on T1WI (24-44%), double layer of inner hypointensity (fibrous tissue) + outer hyperintensity (compressed blood vessels + bile ducts) on T2WI in expansive type of HCC ✓ mildly hyperintense on T2WI ✓ Gd-DTPA enhancement peripherally (21%) / centrally (7%) / mixed (10%) / no enhancement (21%) ✓ improved lesion detectability after intravenous administration of superparamagnetic iron oxide**Angio:** ✓ "thread and streaks" = linear parallel vascular channels coursing along portal venous radicles seen with portal venous involvement ✓ in differentiated HCC: enlarged arterial feeders, coarse neovascularity, vascular lakes, dense tumor stain, arterioportal shunts ✓ in anaplastic HCC: vascular encasement, fine neovascularity, [displacement of vessels](#) + corkscrew-like vessels of [cirrhosis](#)**Prognosis:**>90% overall mortality; 17% resectability rate; 6 months average survival time; 30% 5-year survival time**Cx:**spontaneous rupture (in 8%)**Rx:**(1) Resection (2) I-131 antiferritin IgG (remission rate >40% up to 3 years)**DDx:**hepatocarcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma, [focal nodular hyperplasia](#), [hemanangioma](#), [hepatic adenoma](#)

[Fibrolamellar Hepatocellular Carcinoma](#)

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Fibrolamellar Hepatocellular Carcinoma NO underlying [cirrhosis](#) or known risk factors ■ a-fetoprotein negative Age:5-35 (mean 23) years; M:F = 1:1 *Path*:well-circumscribed strikingly desmoplastic tumor with calcifications + fibrous central scar *Histo*:hepatocyte-like cells with granular eosinophilic cytoplasm growing in sheets / cords / trabeculae separated by broad bands of fibrous stroma arranged in parallel lamellae partially / completely encapsulated solitary mass 4-17 cm in diameter prominent central fibrous scar (45-60%) central stellate / trabecular calcifications (30-55%) *CT*: mass of low attenuation + varying degrees of enhancement *MRI*: homogeneous mildly hypointense tumor on T1WI; slightly hyperintense on T2WI hypointense central scar on T1WI + T2WI *Angio*: dense tumor stain without arterioportal shunting / neovascularity *Prognosis*:48% resectability rate; 32 months average survival time; 63% 5-year survival time *DDx*:[focal nodular hyperplasia](#) (hyperintense central scar on T2WI)

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HYPERPLASTIC CHOLECYSTOSIS

=variety of degenerative + proliferative changes of gallbladder wall characterized by hyperconcentration, hyperexcitability, and hyperexcretion/Incidence:30-50% of all cholecystectomy specimens; M:F = 1:6

[Cholesterolosis Adenomvomatosis Of Gallbladder](#)

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Cholesterolosis = abnormal deposits of cholesterol esters in macrophages within lamina propria (foam cells) + in mucosal epithelium 1. STRAWBERRY GALLBLADDER=LIPID CHOLECYSTITIS = CHOLESTEROSIS=planar form = seedlike patchy / diffuse thickening of the villous surface pattern (disseminated micronodules) *Associated with:* cholesterol stones in 50-70% • not related to serum cholesterol level radiologically not demonstrable 2. CHOLESTEROL POLYP (90%)= polypoid form =abnormal deposit of cholesterol ester producing a villouslike structure covered with a single layer of epithelium and attached via a delicate stalk Most common fixed filling defect of GB Location: commonly in middle 1/3 of gallbladder multiple small filling defects <10 mm in diameter *DDx:* papilloma, adenopapilloma, inflammatory granuloma

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Adenomyomatosis Of Gallbladder =increase in number + height of mucosal folds *Histo*:hyperplasia of epithelial + muscular elements with mucosal outpouching of epithelium-lined cystic spaces into (46%) or all the way through (30%) a thickened muscular layer as tubules / crypts / saccules (= intramural diverticula= Rokitansky-Aschoff sinus); develop with increasing age *Incidence*:5% of all cholecystectomies *Age*:>35 years; M:F = 1:3 *Associated with*:(1) Gallstones in 25-75%(2) [Cholesterosis](#) in 33%A. Generalized form= **Adenomyomatosis** √ "pearl necklace gallbladder" = tiny extraluminal extensions of contrast on OCG (enhanced after contraction) B. Segmental form compartmentalization most often in neck / distal 1/3 C. Localized form in fundus= **Adenomyoma** √ smooth sessile mass in GB fundus=solitary adenomyoma + extraluminal diverticula-like formation D. Annular form √ "hourglass" configuration of GB with transverse congenital septum

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HYOSPLENISM

=no uptake of Tc-99m sulfur colloidA.ANATOMIC ABSENCE OF SPLEEN1.Congenital asplenia = Ivemark syndrome2.SplenectomyB.FUNCTIONAL ASPLENIA=spleen anatomically present without uptake of Tc-99m sulfur colloid1.Circulatory disturbances:occlusion of splenic artery / vein, hemoglobinopathies ([sickle cell disease](#), hemoglobin-SC disease, thalassemia), [polycythemia](#) vera, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura 2.Altered RES activity:thorotrast irradiation, combined splenic irradiation + chemotherapy, replacement of RES by tumor / infiltrate, splenic anoxia (cyanotic congenital heart disease), [sprue](#) 3.Autoimmune diseaseCx:children at risk for [pneumococcal pneumonia](#) (liver partially takes over immune response later in life)C.FUNCTIONAL ASPLENIA + SPLENIC ATROPHY

- [Ulcerative colitis](#), [Crohn disease](#), celiac disease, tropical [sprue](#), dermatitis herpetiformis, thyrotoxicosis, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, thorotrast

D.FUNCTIONAL ASPLENIA + NORMAL / LARGE SPLEEN

- [Sarcoidosis](#), [amyloidosis](#), sickle cell anemia (if not infarcted) ■ RBC (acanthocytes, siderocytes) ■ lymphocytosis, monocytosis ■ Howell-Jolly bodies (intraerythrocytic inclusions) ■ thrombocytosis

spleen not visualized on Tc-99m sulfur colloidTc-99m heat-damaged RBCs / In-111 labeled platelets may demonstrate splenic tissue if Tc-99m sulfur colloid does notCx:increased risk of infection (pneumococcus, meningococcus, influenza)

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LIPOMA OF LIVER

Extremely rare ■ asymptomatic *May be associated with: tuberous sclerosis* US: $\sqrt{}$ echogenic mass $\sqrt{}$ striking acoustic refraction (sound velocity in soft tissue 1,540 m/sec, in fat 1,450 m/sec) *Prognosis: no malignant potential*

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LIVER TRANSPLANT

Indication: (a) in childhood: biliary atresia (52%), acute fulminant hepatic failure (11%), α -1-antitrypsin deficiency (9%), cryptogenic [cirrhosis](#) (6%), chronic active hepatitis (4%) NORMAL POSTTRANSPLANT FINDINGS (1) Periportal edema (21%) *Cause:?* lymphedema in early posttransplantation period, occasionally associated with acute rejection^{1/} "periportal collar" of low attenuation on CT + hyperechogenicity on US(2) Fluid collection around falciform ligament (11%)

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Vascular Complications In Liver Transplant

1. Anastomotic narrowing of IVC / portal vein
Discrepancies in caliber between donor + recipient vessel have no pathologic significance!
• venous hypertension of lower part of body
• [portal hypertension](#)

2. Thrombosis of IVC / portal vein
3. Hepatic artery stenosis (11-13%)
Location: at / near anastomotic site
marked focal increase in velocity >200-300 cm/sec + poststenotic turbulence
intrahepatic tardus et parvus waveform = slowed systolic acceleration time (SAT >0.08 sec) distal to stenosis (73% sensitive)
diminished [pulsatility](#) (RI <0.5) due to ischemia

4. Hepatic artery thrombosis (3-9-16% in adults, 9-19-42% in children)
Time of onset: usually within first 2 months
• Three types of clinical presentation:
(1) fulminant hepatic necrosis + rapid deterioration
(2) bile leak, bile peritonitis, bacteremia, sepsis
(3) relapsing bacteremia
absence of hepatic artery flow
FP Doppler (10%): low flow state, small vessel size, severe liver edema (in first 72 hours after transplantation, viral hepatitis, rejection)
FN Doppler: arterial collaterals
multiple hypoechoic lesions in liver periphery (= infarcts)
Mortality: 50-58%

5. Hepatic artery pseudoaneurysm

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Parenchymal Complications In [Liver Transplant](#) 1.Rejection! Can ONLY be diagnosed with liver biopsy! 2.Infarction (10%)! may calcify! may liquefy developing into intrahepatic biloma 3.Graft infection

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Biliary Complications In Liver Transplant *Incidence:13-25%*1. Biliary obstruction(a)stricture at anastomosis(b)tension [mucocele](#) of allograft cystic duct remnant [✓] extrinsic mass compressing CHD[✓] fluid collection adjacent to CHD(c)intrahepatic strictures complication of arterial ischemia 2. Bile leak(a)anastomotic site:70% within 1st month(b)T-tube exit site:50% within 10 days(c)bile duct necrosis (hepatic artery occlusion)[✓]The intrahepatic biliary epithelium is perfused solely by the hepatic artery!(d)after liver biopsy(e)common hepatic duct leak*Incidence:4.3-23%*

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LYMPHOMA OF LIVER

A.PRIMARY [LYMPHOMA](#) (rare) 1) solid solitary mass B.SECONDARY [LYMPHOMA](#) (common)autoptic incidence of liver involvement: 60% in [Hodgkin disease](#) 50% in non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) Pattern: (a)infiltrative diffuse (most common): no alteration in hepatic architecture(b)focal nodular: detectable by cross-sectional imaging(c)combination of diffuse + nodular (3%)Detection rate (for CT, MRI): <10%

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MACROCYSTIC ADENOMA OF PANCREAS

= MUCINOUS CYSTIC NEOPLASM = [MUCINOUS CYSTADENOMA](#) / CYSTADENOCARCINOMA = thick-walled uni- / multilocular low-grade malignant tumor composed of large mucin-containing cystic spaces *Frequency*: 10% of pancreatic cysts; 1% of pancreatic neoplasms *Mean age*: 50 years (range of 20-95 years); in 50% between 40-60 years; M:F = 1:19 *Path*: large smooth round / lobulated multiloculated cystic mass encapsulated by a layer of fibrous connective tissue *Histo*: similar to biliary and ovarian mucinous tumors; cysts lined by tall columnar, mucin-producing cells subtended by a densely cellular mesenchymal stroma (reminiscent of ovarian stroma), often in papillary arrangement, lack of cellular glycogen (a) [mucinous cystadenoma](#) (b) [mucinous cystadenocarcinoma](#) = stratified papillary epithelium All mucinous cystic neoplasms should be considered as malignant neoplasms of low-grade malignant potential *Location*: often in pancreatic tail (90%) / body, infrequently in head ■ asymptomatic ■ abdominal pain, anorexia well-demarcated thick-walled mass of 2-36 (mean 10-12) cm in diameter multi- / unilocular large cysts >2 cm with thin septa <2 mm A tumor with <6 cysts of >2 cm in diameter is in 93-95% a mucinous cystic neoplasm! solid papillary excrescences protrude into the interior of tumor (sign of malignancy) amorphous discontinuous peripheral mural calcifications (10-15%) hypovascular mass with sparse neovascularity vascular encasement and splenic vein occlusion may be present great propensity for invasion of adjacent organs US: cysts may contain low-level echoes CT: internal septations may not be visualized without contrast enhancement cysts with attenuation values of water; may have different levels of attenuation within different cystic cavities enhancement of cyst walls Angio: predominantly avascular mass cyst wall + solid components may demonstrate small areas of vascular blush + neovascularity displacement of surrounding arteries + veins by cysts Metastases: round thick-walled cystic lesions in liver *Prognosis*: invariable transformation into cystadenocarcinoma *Rx*: complete surgical excision (5-year survival rate of 74-90%) *DDx*: (1) Pseudocyst: inflammatory changes in peripancreatic fat, pancreatic calcifications, temporal evolution, history of alcoholism, elevated levels of amylase (2) [Lymphangioma](#) / [hemangioma](#) (3) Variants of ductal adenocarcinoma: (a) mucinous colloid adenocarcinoma / [ductectatic mucinous tumor of pancreas](#) = mucin-hypersecreting carcinoma (b) papillary intraductal adenocarcinoma (c) adenosquamous carcinoma: squamous component predisposes to necrosis + cystic degeneration (d) anaplastic adenocarcinoma: lymphadenopathy + metastases at time of presentation (4) Solid and cystic papillary epithelioid neoplasm: hemorrhagic cystic changes in 20% (5) Cystic islet cell tumor: hypervascular component (6) Cystic metastases: history of malignant disease (7) Atypical serous cystadenoma: smaller tumor with greater number of smaller cysts (8) Sarcoma (9) Infection: [amebiasis](#), [Echinococcus multilocularis](#)

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MESENCHYMAL HAMARTOMA OF LIVER

=rare developmental cystic liver tumor *Histo*: disordered arrangement of primitive fluid-filled mesenchyme, bile ducts, hepatic parenchyma; stromal / cystic predominance with cysts of a few mm up to 14 cm in size; no capsule *Age peak*: 15-24 months (range from newborn to 19 years); M:F = 2:1 • slow progressive abdominal enlargement • ± [respiratory distress](#) and lower extremity edema *Location*: right lobe:left lobe = 6:1; 20% pedunculated ✓ 16 cm average tumor size (range of 5-29 cm) ✓ grossly discernible cysts in 80% *US*: ✓ multiple rounded cystic areas on an echogenic background ✓ may appear solid in younger infant (when cysts are still small) *CT*: ✓ multiple lucencies of variable size + attenuation *MR*: ✓ varying signal intensity (varying concentrations of protein in cystic predominance type) / hypointense on T1WI (mesenchymal predominance type) ✓ marked hyperintensity of cystic locules / hypointense [fibrosis](#) on T2WI *NUC*: ✓ one / more areas of diminished [uptake](#) on sulfur colloid scan *Angio*: ✓ hypovascular mass ✓ may show patchy areas of neovascularity ✓ enlarged irregular tortuous feeding vessels

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METASTASES TO LIVER

Incidence: liver is most common metastatic site after regional lymph nodes; incidence of metastatic carcinoma 20 x greater than primary carcinoma; metastases represent 22% of all liver tumors in patients with known malignancy; most common malignant lesion of the liver Enhancement characteristics compared with normal liver: ✓ lesion enhancement during arterial phase (metastases are supplied by hepatic artery) ✓ less enhancement during portal venous phase (metastases have a negligible portal venous supply) ✓ extracellular space agents accumulate more in tumor tissue (metastases have a larger interstitial space) *Organ of origin:* colon (42%), stomach (23%), pancreas (21%), breast (14%), lung (13%) ■ hepatomegaly (70%) ■ abnormal liver enzymes (50-75%) Location: both [lobes](#) (77%), right lobe (20%), left lobe (3%) Number: multiple (50-98%), solitary (2%) Size: >33% smaller than 2 cm ✓ involvement of liver + [spleen](#) typical in [lymphoma](#) + melanoma NUC: 80-95% *sensitivity* in lesions >1.5 cm; lesions <1.5 cm are frequently missed; *sensitivity* increases with metastatic deposit size, peripheral location, and use of SPECT/CT: important for hypervascular tumors (eg, [renal cell carcinoma](#), [carcinoid](#), islet cell tumors) which may be obscured by CECT/CT: *Technique:* optimal is bolus technique with dynamic incremental scanning; *sensitivity* is decreased relative to NCCT if scans are obtained during equilibrium phase of contrast administration ✓ circumferential bead- or bandlike enhancement during arterial phase + peripheral washout on delayed images ✓ no (35%), peripheral (37%), mixed (20%), central (8%) enhancement ✓ complete isodense fill-in on delayed scans in 5% (DDx: [hemangioma](#)) ✓ CT-*sensitivity* 88-90%; *specificity* 99%; lesions of approx. 1 cm can usually be detected! CT-[Angiography](#) (most sensitive imaging modality): *Indication:* patients with potentially resectable isolated liver metastases / preoperative to partial hepatectomy for detection of additional metastases (additional lesions detected in 40-55%) (1) CT arteriography = [angiography](#) catheter in hepatic artery, detects lesions by virtue of increased enhancement (2) CT arterial portography = [angiography](#) catheter in SMA, detects hypodense lesions on a background of increased enhancement of normal surroundings in portal venous phase CT-delayed iodine scanning: =CT performed 4-6 hours following administration of 60 mg iodine results in detection of additional lesions in 27%

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Calcified Liver Metastases *Incidence:2-3%*1. Mucinous carcinoma of GI tract (colon, rectum, stomach)2. Endocrine pancreatic carcinoma3. Leiomyosarcoma, [osteosarcoma](#)4. [Malignant melanoma](#)5. Papillary serous ovarian cystadenocarcinoma6. [Lymphoma](#)7. Pleural mesothelioma8. [Neuroblastoma](#)9. [Breast cancer](#)10. Medullary carcinoma of the thyroid11. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) 12. Lung carcinoma13. Testicular carcinoma *mnemonic for mucinous adenocarcinoma: "COBS"* **C**olon carcinoma **O**varian carcinoma **B**reast carcinoma **S**tomach carcinoma

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Hypervascular Liver Metastases 1.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)2.[Carcinoid](#) tumor3.Colonic carcinoma4.[Choriocarcinoma](#)5.Breast carcinoma6.Melanoma7.Pancreatic islet cell tumor8.Ovarian cystadenocarcinoma9.Sarcomas10.[Pheochromocytoma](#) *mnemonic:"CHIMP"***C**arcinoid, **C**olon cancer **H**ypernephroma **I**slet cell carcinoma
Melanoma **P**heochromocytoma

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Hemorrhagic Liver Metastases *mnemonic:*"CT BeComes MR"**C**olon carcinoma **T**hyroid carcinoma **B**reast carcinoma **C**horiocarcinoma **M**elanoma **R**enal cell carcinoma

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Echogenic Liver Metastases *Incidence:*25%1.Colonic carcinoma (mucinous adenocarcinoma) 54%2.Hepatoma 25%3.Treated breast carcinoma 21%

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Liver Metastases of Mixed Echogenicity *Incidence:37.5%*1.[Breast cancer](#)31%2.[Rectal cancer](#)20%3.Lung cancer17%4.Stomach cancer14%5.Anaplastic cancer11%6.[Cervical cancer](#)5%7.[Carcinoid](#)1%

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Cystic Liver Metastases 1.Mucinous ovarian carcinoma2.Colonic carcinoma3.Sarcoma4.Melanoma5.Lung carcinoma6.[Carcinoid](#) tumormnemonic:"LC GOES"Leiomyosarcoma (and other sarcomas) Choriocarcinoma **G**astric carcinoma **O**varian carcinoma **E**ndometrial carcinoma **S**mall cell carcinoma

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Echogenic Liver Metastases Incidence:37.5%1.[Lymphoma](#)44%2.Pancreas36%3.[Cervical cancer](#)20%4.Lung (adenocarcinoma)5.Nasopharyngeal cancer
Rx:Exclusion criteria for metastasectomy:(1)advanced stage of primary tumor(2)>4 metastases(3)extrahepatic disease(4)<30% normal liver tissue / function available after resection

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METASTASES TO PANCREAS

Frequency: 3-10% (autopsy) Organ of origin: [renal cell carcinoma](#) (30%), [bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (23%), breast carcinoma (12%), soft-tissue sarcoma (8%), colonic carcinoma (6%), melanoma (6%) Solitary (78%) / multiple (17%) ovoid masses with discrete smooth margins / diffuse pancreatic enlargement (5%) CECT: / heterogeneously (60%) / homogeneously (17%) hyperattenuating relative to pancreas / hypoattenuating relative to pancreas (20%) / isoattenuating relative to pancreas (5%) Concomitant intraabdominal metastases to: liver (36%), lymph nodes (30%), adrenal glands (30%) DDX: ductal pancreatic adenocarcinoma (uniformly nonenhancing mass, encasement of vessels)

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MICROCYSTIC ADENOMA OF PANCREAS

=SEROUS CYSTADENOMA = GLYCOGEN-RICH CYSTADENOMA=benign lobulated neoplasm composed of innumerable small cysts (1-20 mm) containing proteinaceous fluid separated by thin connective tissue septa *Incidence*: approximately 50% of all cystic pancreatic neoplasms *Histo*: cyst walls lined by cuboidal / flat glycogen-rich epithelial cells derived from centroacinar cells of pancreas (DDx: [lymphangioma](#)), thin fibrous pseudocapsule *Age*: 34-88 years; mean age 65 years; 82% over 60 years of age; M:F = 1:4 *Associated with*: von Hippel-Lindau syndrome • pain, weight loss, jaundice • palpable mass *Location*: any part of pancreas affected, slight predominance for head ✓ well-demarcated lobulated mass 1-25 (mean 5) cm in diameter with smooth / nodular contour ✓ innumerable small <2 cm cysts; uncommonly few large cysts (in <5%) / cyst up to 8 cm in diameter ✓ prominent central stellate scar (CHARACTERISTIC) ✓ amorphous central calcifications (in 33% on plain film) in dystrophic area of stellate central scar ("sunburst") ✓ pancreatic duct + CBD may be displaced, encased, or obstructed *US*: ✓ solid predominantly echogenic mass with mixed hypoechoic + echogenic areas *CT*: ✓ attenuation values close to water ✓ contrast enhancement *MR*: ✓ delayed enhancement of scar on contrast-enhanced FLASH images *Angio*: ✓ hypervascular mass with dilated feeding arteries, dense tumor blush, prominent draining veins, neovascularity, occasional AV shunting, NO vascular encasement *Prognosis*: no malignant potential *Rx*: surgical excision / follow-up examinations

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MILK OF CALCIUM BILE

=LIMY BILE = CALCIUM SOAP = precipitation of particulate material with high concentration of calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate, calcium bilirubinate. Associated with: chronic cholecystitis + gallstone obstruction of cystic duct / diffuse opacification of GB lumen with dependent layering / usually functionless GB on oral cholecystogram US: / intermediate features between sludge + gallstones

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MIRIZZI SYNDROME

=extrinsic right-sided compression of common hepatic duct by large gallstone impacted in cystic duct / gallbladder neck / cystic duct remnant; accompanied by chronic inflammatory reaction *Frequently associated with:* formation of fistula between gallbladder and common hepatic duct ■ jaundice ✓ normal CBD below level of impacted stone ✓ TRIAD: (1) gallstone impacted in GB neck (2) dilatation of bile ducts above level of cystic duct (3) smooth curved segmental stenosis of CHD Cholangiography: ✓ partial obstruction of CHD due to external compression on lateral side of duct / eroding stone *DDx:* lymphadenopathy, neoplasm of GB / CHD

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MULTIPLE BILE DUCT HAMARTOMA

=VON MEYENBURG COMPLEX *Incidence*: 0.15-2.8% of autopsies *Etiology*: failure of involution of embryonic bile ducts *Histo*: cluster of proliferated bile ducts lined by single layer of cuboidal cells embedded in fibrocollagenous tissue with single ramified lumen, communication with biliary system usually obliterated *Associated with*: polycystic liver disease *Size*: 0.1-10 mm *CT*: \surd multiple irregular hypodense lesions of up to 10 mm *US*: \surd multiple small cysts / echogenic areas (if size not resolved) up to 10 mm \pm comet-tail artifact *Angio*: \surd multiple areas of abnormal vascularity in form of small grapelike clusters persisting into venous phase *DDx*: metastatic liver disease

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MULTIPLE ENDOCRINE NEOPLASIA

= MEN = MULTIPLE ENDOCRINE ADENOMAS (MEA) = familial autosomal dominant adenomatous hyperplasia characterized by neoplasia of more than one endocrine organ *Theory*: cells of involved principal organs originate from neural crest and produce polypeptide hormones in cytoplasmic granules which allow amine precursors uptake and decarboxylation = APUD cells reminder: Type I = Wermer syndrome PP Type II = Sipple syndrome (Type IIA) PM Type III = Mucosal [neuroma](#) syndrome (Type IIB) MPM

ME Type I Type II Type III

[Pituitary adenoma](#) ++ [Parathyroid adenoma](#) ++ [Medullary thyroid carcinoma](#) ++ [Pancreatic islet cell tumor](#) ++ [Pheochromocytoma](#) ++ [Ganglioneuromatosis](#) ++

[MEN I Syndrome](#) [MEN II Syndrome](#) [MEN III Syndrome](#)

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MEN I Syndrome = WERMER SYNDROME = autosomal dominant trait with high penetrance; M:F = 1:1 Cause: genetic defect in chromosome 11 *Organ involvement:*
1. Parathyroid hyperplasia (97%): multiglandular 2. Pancreatic islet cell tumor (30-80%): †Likely multiple + behaving malignant †Primary cause of morbidity + mortality! (a) [gastrinoma](#) = [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#) (most common type, in 50%), usually multicentric (b) [insulinoma](#) (c) [VIPoma](#) = WDHH-syndrome (watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, hypochlorhydria) 3. Anterior [pituitary gland](#) tumor (15-50%): (a) nonfunctioning (b) prolactin, growth hormone, corticotropin, TSH 4. Combination of parathyroid + pancreas + pituitary involvement (40%) 5. [Adrenocortical hyperplasia](#) (up to 33-40%) 6. [Carcinoid](#) 7. [Lipoma](#) • usually asymptomatic *May be associated with:* thyroid tumor (20%), [thymoma](#), buccal mucosal tumor, colonic polyposis, Ménétrier disease

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MEN II Syndrome =SIPPLE DISEASE = MEN Type IIA *Organ involvement:* 1.[Medullary carcinoma of thyroid](#)2.[Pheochromocytoma](#): bilateral in 50%;malignant in 3% diagnosed before (in 10%) / after detection (in 17%) of medullary [thyroid carcinoma](#) 3.Parathyroid neoplasia • ± [hyperparathyroidism](#) *May be associated with:*[carcinoid](#) tumors, Cushing disease

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MEN III Syndrome = MUCOSAL [NEUROMA](#) SYNDROME = MEN Type IIB
Organ involvement: 1. [Medullary carcinoma of thyroid](#) 2. [Pheochromocytoma](#) 3. Oral + intestinal neuroganglioneuromatosis
Usually precedes the appearance of [thyroid carcinoma](#) + [pheochromocytoma](#)!
• long slender extremities (Marfanoid appearance) • thickened lips (due to submucosal nodules) • nodular deformity of tongue (mucosal neuromas of tongue often initially diagnosed by dentists) • prognathism • corneal limbus thickening • constipation alternating with diarrhea
@GI tract: thickened / plaque-like colonic wall / dilated colon with abnormal haustral markings / alternating areas of colonic spasm + dilatation / multiple submucosal neuromas throughout small bowel, may act as lead point for [intussusception](#)

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NEONATAL HEPATITIS

Etiology: CMV, hepatitis A/B, [rubella](#), toxoplasmosis, spirochetes, idiopathic *Path:* multinucleated giant cells, bile ducts relatively free of bile NUC: *Technique:* often performed after pretreatment with phenobarbital (5 mg/kg x 5 days) to maximize hepatic function ∇ normal / decreased hepatic tracer accumulation ∇ prolonged clearance of tracer from blood pool ∇ bowel activity faint / delayed usually by 24 hours (best seen on lateral view; covering liver activity with lead shielding is helpful) ∇ gallbladder may not be visualized *Prognosis:* spontaneous remission *DDx:* biliary atresia

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PANCREAS DIVISUM

=most common anatomic variant of pancreas due to failure of fusion of the ventral and dorsal anlage at 8th week of fetal life with dorsal pancreatic duct (Santorini) draining through minor (accessory) papilla + ventral pancreatic duct (Wirsung) with CBD draining through major papilla
Prevalence: 4-9-14% in autopsy series; 2-8% in ERCP series; 3-7% in normal population; 12-26% in patients with idiopathic recurrent [pancreatitis](#)
Hypothesis: relative / actual stenosis of minor papilla predisposes to nonalcoholic recurrent [pancreatitis](#) in dorsal segment • clinical relevance continues to be debated
Pancreatography: ONLY reliable means for diagnosis
✓ contrast injection into major papilla demonstrates only short ventral pancreatic duct with early arborization
✓ contrast injection into minor papilla fills dorsal pancreatic duct
✓ no communication between ventral + dorsal ducts
CT: ✓ oblique fat cleft between ventral + dorsal pancreas (25%)
✓ failure to see union of dorsal + ventral pancreatic ducts (rare)

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PANCREATIC ACINAR CELL CARCINOMA

=rare neoplasm of exocrine origin Age:40-81 (mean 62) years; M:F = 86:14; 87% Caucasian ■ increased serum lipase ± amylase ■ syndrome of elevated lipase = ■ disseminated subcutaneous + intraosseous fat necrosis (usually distal to knees / elbows) ■ polyarthropathy ■ skin lesions resembling erythema nodosum ■ biliary obstruction distinctly uncommon ✓ lobulated well-defined mass of 2-15 cm in diameter ✓ thin enhancing capsule ✓ tumor necrosis usually present ✓ moderately vascular tumor + neovascularity + arterial and venous encasement *Prognosis*: median survival of 7-9 months *DDx*:(1)pancreatic adenocarcinoma (small, irregular, locally invasive, without capsule, biliary obstruction if located in head of pancreas)(2)Nonfunctioning islet-cell tumor(3)Microcystic cystadenoma(4)Solid and papillary epithelial neoplasm(5)Oncocytic tumor of pancreas

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PANCREATIC DUCTAL ADENOCARCINOMA

=DUCT CELL ADENOCARCINOMA (duct cells comprise only 4% of pancreatic tissue)*Incidence*:80 - 95% of nonendocrine pancreatic neoplasms; 5th leading cause of cancer death in the United States (27,000 per year)*Etiology*:alcohol abuse (4%), diabetes (2 x more frequent than in general population, particularly in females), hereditary [pancreatitis](#) (in 40%); cigarette smoking (risk factor 2 x)*Path*:scirrhous infiltrative adenocarcinoma with a dense cellularity + sparse vascularity*Mean age at onset*:55 years; peak age in 7th decade; M:F = 2:1 STAGEI= confined to pancreasII= + regional lymph node metastasesIII= + distant spreadAt presentation-65% of patients have advanced local disease / distant metastases-21% of patients have localized disease with spread to regional lymph nodes-14% of patients have tumor confined to pancreasExtension: (a)local extension beyond margins of organ (68%): posteriorly (96%), anteriorly (30%), into porta hepatis (15%), into splenic hilum (13%)(b)invasion of adjacent organs (42%):duodenum > stomach > left adrenal gland > [spleen](#) > root of small bowel mesenteryMetastases:liver (30-36%), regional lymph nodes >2 cm (15-28%), [ascites](#) from peritoneal carcinomatosis (7-10%), lungs (pulmonary nodules / lymphangitic), pleura, bone ■ weight loss, anorexia, fatigue ■ pain in hypochondrium radiating to back ■ obstructive jaundice (75%): most frequent cause of malignant biliary obstruction ■ new onset diabetes (25-50%), steatorrhea ■ thrombophlebitis Location:pancreatic head (56-62%); body (26%); tail (12%)Size:2-10 cm (in 60% between 4-6 cm)UGI: ✓ "antral padding" = extrinsic indentation of the posteroinferior margin of antrum ✓ "Frostberg 3" sign = inverted 3 contour to the medial portion of the duodenal sweep ✓ spiculated duodenal wall + traction + fixation (neoplastic infiltration of duodenal mucosa / desmoplastic response) ✓ irregular / smooth nodular mass with ampullary carcinomaBE: ✓ localized haustral padding / flattening / narrowing with serrated contour at inferior aspect of transverse colon / splenic flexure ✓ diffuse tethering throughout peritoneal cavity (intraperitoneal seeding)CT (99% detection rate for dynamic CT scan; 89% in predicting nonresectability): ✓ [pancreatic mass](#) (95%) / diffuse enlargement (4%) / normal scan (1%) ✓ mass with central zone of diminished attenuation (75- 83%) ✓ pancreatic + bile duct obstruction without detectable mass (4%) ✓ duct dilatation (58%): 3/4 biductal, 1/10 isolated to one duct; dilated pancreatic duct (67%); dilated bile ducts (38%) ✓ atrophy of pancreatic body + tail (20%) ✓ calcifications (2%) ✓ postobstructive pseudocyst (11%) ✓ obliteration of retropancreatic fat (50%) ✓ thickening of celiac axis / SMA (invasion of perivascular lymphatics) in 60% ✓ dilated collateral veins (12%) ✓ thickening of Gerota fascia (5%) ✓ local tumor extension posteriorly, into splenic hilum, into porta hepatis (68%) ✓ contiguous organ invasion (duodenum, stomach, mesenteric root) in 42%US: ✓ hypoechoic [pancreatic mass](#) ✓ focal / diffuse (10%) enlargement of pancreas ✓ contour deformity of gland; rounding of uncinate process ✓ dilatation of pancreatic ± biliary ductMR (no diagnostic improvement over CT): ✓ hypointense lesion on fat-suppressed T1WI ✓ diminished enhancement on dynamic contrast images [Angiography](#) (70% [accuracy](#)): ✓ hypovascular tumor / neovascularity (50%) ✓ arterial encasement: SMA (33%), splenic artery (14%), celiac trunk (11%), hepatic artery (11%), gastroduodenal artery (3%), left renal artery (0.6%) ✓ venous obstruction: splenic vein (34%), SMV (10%) ✓ venous encasement: SMV (23%), splenic vein (15%), portal vein (4%)Cholangiography: ✓ "rat tail / nipplelike" occlusion of CBD ✓ nodular mass / meniscuslike occlusion in ampullary tumorsPancreatography (abnormal in 97%): ✓ irregular, nodular, rat-tailed, eccentric obstruction ✓ localized encasement with prestenotic dilatation ✓ acinar defect *Prognosis*: 10% 1-year survival, 2% 3-year survival, <1% 5-year survival; 14 months median survival after curative resection, 8 months after palliative resection, 5 months without treatment; tumors resectable in only 8-15% at presentation, 5% 5-year survival rate after surgery *DDx*:focal [pancreatitis](#), islet cell carcinoma, metastasis, [lymphoma](#), normal variant

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PANCREATIC ISLET CELL TUMORS

Origin: embryonic neuroectoderm, derivatives of APUD (amine precursor uptake and decarboxylation) cell line arising from islet of Langerhans (APUDoma) *Prevalence:* 1:1,000,000 population/year; isolated or part of [MEN I syndrome](#) (= Wermer syndrome) *Path:* (a) small tumor: solid well-demarcated (b) large tumor: cystic changes + necrosis + calcifications *Histo:* sheets of small round cells + numerous stromal vessels Average time from onset of symptoms to diagnosis is 2.7 years *Classification:* (a) functional (85%) (b) nonfunctional (below threshold of detectability) / hypofunctional *Metastases:* in 60-90% to liver ± regional lymph nodes *Hyperechoic liver metastasis* is suggestive of islet cell tumor rather than pancreatic adenocarcinoma *Calcifications* highly suggestive of malignancy *NUC:* ⁶⁷ Ga somatostatin receptor imaging with octreotide *DDx:* 1. [Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma](#) (hypovascular, smaller, encasement of SMA + celiac trunk) 2. Microcystic adenoma (benign tumor, small cysts, older women) 3. Metastatic tumor: [renal cell carcinoma](#) (clinical Hx) 4. Solid and papillary epithelial neoplasm (young female, hemorrhagic areas) 5. [Paraganglioma](#) 6. Sarcoma (rare)

[ACTH-producing Tumor](#) [Gastrinoma](#) [Glucagonoma](#) [Insulinoma](#) [Nonfunctioning Islet Cell Tumor](#) [Somatostatinoma](#) [VIPoma](#)

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ACTH-producing Tumor rare cause of [Cushing syndrome](#) ■ increased level of serum cortisol ■ impaired glucose tolerance > central obesity > hypertension, oligomenorrhea > [osteoporosis](#) > purpura > striae > muscle atrophy *Prognosis*: almost all malignant with metastases at time of diagnosis

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Gastrinoma 2nd most common islet cell tumor; in a cells / d cells Age: 8% in patients <20 years; M > F Path: (a) islet cell hyperplasia (10%) (b) benign adenoma (30%); in 50% solitary, in 50% multiple (especially in MEN I) (c) malignant (50-60%) with [metastases to liver, spleen](#), lymph nodes, bone Associated with: MEN Type I (in 10-40%)
■ [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#): severe recurrent peptic ulcer disease (>90%), [malabsorption](#), hypokalemia, gastric hypersecretion, hyperacidity / occasionally hypoacidity, diarrhea (from gastric hypersecretion) Only 1:1,000 patients with peptic ulcer disease has a gastrinoma! ■ GI bleeding ■ elevated serum levels of [gastrin](#) Location: (a) 87% in pancreas (50% solitary in head / tail) (b) ectopic (7-33%): -duodenal wall (13% in medial wall of duodenum = gastrinoma triangle) -peripancreatic nodes / [spleen](#)-stomach, jejunum-omentum, retroperitoneum-ovary frequently in "gastrinoma triangle" (= triangle defined by porta hepatis as apex of triangle + 2nd and 3rd parts of duodenum as the base) ✓ average tumor size 3.4 cm (up to 15 cm) ✓ occasionally calcifications ✓ homogeneous hypoechoic mass Angio: ✓ hypervascular lesion (70%) ✓ hepatic venous sampling after intraarterial stimulation with [secretin](#) CT: ✓ transiently hyperdense on dynamic CT (majority) ✓ thickening of gastric rugal folds MR: ✓ low-intensity mass on fat-suppressed T1WI ✓ diminished central + peripheral ring enhancement ✓ high-intensity mass on fat-suppressed T2WI Sensitivity of preoperative localization: 25% for US, 35% for CT, 20% for MRI, 42-63% for transhepatic portal venous sampling for [gastrin](#), 68-70% for selective [angiography](#), 77% for arteriography combined with intra-arterial injection of [secretin](#) Rx: surgery curative in 30%

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Glucagonoma Uncommon tumor; derived from a cells; M < F *Associated with:* MEN ■ necrolytic erythema migrans (erythematous macules / papules on lower extremity, groin, buttocks, face) in >70% of patients ■ diarrhea, diabetes, painful glossitis, weight loss, anemia ■ plasma [glucagon](#) level > 1,000 ng/L Location: predominantly in pancreatic body / tail tumor size 2.5-25 cm (mean 6.4 cm) with solid + necrotic components hypervascular in 90%; successful angiographic localization in 15% Cx: [deep vein thrombosis](#) + pulmonary embolism *Prognosis:* in 60-80% malignant transformation (liver metastases at time of diagnosis in 50%); 55% 5-year survival rate

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Insulinoma Most common functioning islet cell tumor Age:4th-6th decade; M:F = 2:3 *Associated with:* MEN Type I *Path:* (a) single benign adenoma (80-90%) (b) multiple adenomas / microadenomatosis (5-10%) (c) islet cell hyperplasia (5-10%) (d) malignant adenoma (5-10%) • Whipple triad: starvation attack + hypoglycemia (fasting glucose <50 mg/dL) + relief by IV dextrose • neuroglycopenic symptoms: headaches, confusion, coma • hypoglycemia exacerbated by fasting results in frequent meals to avoid symptoms • sweating, palpitations, tremor (secondary to catecholamine release in response to hypoglycemia) • obesity • firm rubbery palpable mass at surgery (in >90%) Location: no predilection for any part of pancreas, 2-5% in ectopic location; 10% multiple (especially in MEN I) ✓ average tumor size 1-2 cm; <1.5 cm in 70% US (20-75% preoperative and 75-100% endoscopic + intraoperative [sensitivity](#)) ✓ round / oval smoothly marginated solid homogeneously hypoechoic mass Angio: ✓ hypervascular tumor (66%): accurate angiographic localization in 50-90% ✓ transhepatic portal venous sampling (correct localization in 95%) ✓ hepatic venous sampling after intraarterial stimulation with [calcium](#) gluconate CECT (30-75% [sensitivity](#)): ✓ hypo- / iso- / hyperattenuating lesion MR: ✓ low signal intensity on fat-suppressed T1WI ✓ hyperintense on T2WI + dynamic contrast-enhanced + suppressed inversion recovery images *Prognosis:* malignant transformation in 5-10% *Rx:* surgery curative

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Nonfunctioning Islet Cell Tumor *Incidence:* 3rd most common islet cell tumor after [insulinoma](#) + [gastrinoma](#); 15-25% of all islet cell tumors Derived from either alpha or beta cells *Age:* 24-74 (mean 57) years • mostly asymptomatic (hormonally quiescent) • abdominal pain, jaundice, gastric variceal bleeding • palpable mass, [gastric outlet obstruction](#) *Location:* predominantly in pancreatic head ✓ tumor size 6-20 cm (>5 cm in 72%) with solid + necrotic components ✓ coarse nodular calcifications (20-25%) ✓ CT contrast enhancement in 83% ✓ hypoechoic mass ✓ late dense capillary stain ✓ large irregular pathologic vessels with early venous filling *Prognosis:* in 80-100% malignant transformation with [metastases to liver](#) + regional nodes; 60% 3-year survival; 44% 5-year survival *Rx:* may respond to systemic chemotherapy

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Somatostatinoma Derived from delta cells ■ inhibitory syndrome = inhibitory action of somatostatin on other pancreatic + bowel peptides (growth hormone, TSH, insulin, [glucagon](#), gastric acid, pepsin, [secretin](#)) ■ diabetes, [cholelithiasis](#), steatorrhea ■ elevated level of somatostatin Location: predominantly in pancreatic head tumor size 0.6-20 cm (average >4 cm) hypervascular *Prognosis*: 50-90% malignant transformation; metastatic disease in 70% at time of initial diagnosis

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VIPoma =solitary tumor liberating **V**asoactive **I**ntestinal **P**eptides acting directly on cyclic adenosine monophosphate within epithelial cells of bowel relaxing vascular smooth muscle; sporadic occurrence *Histo*:adenoma / hyperplasia M:F = 1:2 • **WDHA syndrome** = watery diarrhea + hypokalemia + achlorhydria (more recently + more accurately described as) **WDHH syndrome** = watery diarrhea + hypokalemia + hypochlorhydria = "pancreatic cholera" = **Verner-Morrison syndrome** • dehydration due to massive diarrhea (>1 L/day) Location: (1)pancreas: from delta cells predominantly in pancreatic body / tail(2)extrapancreatic: retroperitoneal ganglioblastoma, [pheochromocytoma](#), lung, [neuroblastoma](#) (in children) [✓] average size 5-10 cm with solid + necrotic tissue [✓] mostly hypervascular tumor [✓] dilatation of gallbladder *Prognosis*:in 50-80% malignant transformation *DDx*:small cell carcinoma of lung / [neuroblastoma](#) may also cause WDHH syndrome

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PANCREATIC LIOMATOSIS

=FATTY REPLACEMENT = FATTY INFILTRATION=deposition of fat cells in pancreatic parenchyma *Predisposing factors:* 1. Atherosclerosis of elderly 2. Obesity 3. Steroid therapy 4. [Diabetes mellitus](#) 5. [Cushing syndrome](#) 6. [Chronic pancreatitis](#) 7. Main pancreatic duct obstruction 8. [Cystic fibrosis](#) 9. Malnutrition / dietary deficiency 10. Hepatic disease 11. [Hemochromatosis](#) 12. Viral infection 13. [Schwachman-Diamond syndrome](#) ✓ fatty replacement often uneven ✓ increase in AP diameter of pancreatic head with focal fatty replacement = lipomatous pseudohypertrophy ✓ prominently lobulated external contour US: ✓ increased pancreatic echogenicity CT: ✓ "marbling" of pancreatic parenchyma / total fatty replacement / lipomatous pseudohypertrophy

[Pancreatic Fatty Sparing](#)

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Pancreatic Fatty Sparing = sparing of fatty change in pancreatic head + uncinete process (ventral pancreatic anlage) as initial stage in [pancreatic lipomatosis](#) *Histo*: ventral pancreatic anlage has smaller + more densely packed acini with scanty / absent interacinar fat *US*: ∇ rounded / triangular hypoechoic area within pancreatic head / uncinete process + diffusely increased echogenicity in remainder of gland *CT*: ∇ higher-density region of pancreatic head + uncinete process with diffusely decreased attenuation of pancreatic body + tail

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PANCREATIC PSEUDOCYST

=collection of pancreatic fluid encapsulated by fibrous tissue *Etiology*: (1) [Acute pancreatitis](#) ; pseudocysts mature in 6-8 weeks (2) [Chronic pancreatitis](#) (3) Posttraumatic (4) Pancreatic cancer *Incidence*: 2-4% in [acute pancreatitis](#); 10-15% in [chronic pancreatitis](#) Location: 2/3 within pancreas Atypical location (may dissect along tissue planes in 1/3): (a) intraperitoneal: mesentery of small bowel / transverse colon / sigmoid colon (b) retroperitoneal: along psoas muscle; may present as groin mass / in scrotum (c) intraparenchymal: liver, [spleen](#), kidney (d) mediastinal (through esophageal hiatus > aortic hiatus > foramen of Morgagni > erosion through diaphragm): may present as neck mass Plain film / contrast radiograph: ✓ smooth extrinsic indentation of posterior wall of stomach / inner duodenal sweep (80%) ✓ indentation / displacement of splenic flexure / transverse colon (40%) ✓ downward displacement of duodenojejunal junction ✓ [gastric outlet obstruction](#) ✓ splaying of renal collecting system / ureteral obstruction US (pseudocyst detectable in 50-92%; 92-96% [accuracy](#)): ✓ usually single + unilocular cyst ✓ multilocular in 6% ✓ fluid-debris level / internal echoes (may contain sequester, blood clot, cellular debris from autolysis) ✓ septations (rare; sign of infection / hemorrhage) ✓ may increase in size (secondary to hypertonicity of fluid, communication with pancreatic duct, hemorrhage, erosion of vessel) ✓ obstruction of pancreatic duct / CBDCT: ✓ fluid in pseudocyst (0-30 HU) ✓ cyst wall calcification (extremely rare) Pancreatography: ✓ communication with pancreatic duct in up to 70% Cx (in 40%): 1. Rupture into abdominal cavity, stomach, colon, duodenum 2. Hemorrhage / formation of pseudoaneurysm 3. Infection ✓ gas bubbles (DDx: fistulous communication to GI tract) ✓ increase in attenuation of fluid contents 4. Intestinal obstruction *Prognosis*: spontaneous resolution (in 20-50%) secondary to rupture into GI tract / pancreatic / bile duct *DDx*: pancreatic cystadenoma, cystadenocarcinoma, necrotic pancreatic carcinoma, fluid-filled bowel loop, fluid-filled stomach, [duodenal diverticulum](#), aneurysm

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PANCREATIC TRANSPLANTATION

Complications: sepsis, rejection, [pancreatitis](#), pseudocyst, pancreatic abscess (22%), anastomotic leak *Prognosis:* 40% survival rate >1 year

[Graft-vessel Thrombosis in Pancreatic Transplant \(2-19%\) Acute Rejection of Pancreatic Transplant](#)

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Graft-vessel Thrombosis in Pancreatic Transplant (2-19%)

A. Early thrombosis < 1 month after transplantation *Cause*: technical error in fashioning anastomosis, microvascular damage due to preservation injury
B. Late thrombosis > 1 month after transplantation *Cause*: alloimmune arteritis with gradual occlusion of small blood vessels

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Acute Rejection of Pancreatic Transplant ■ focal tenderness over transplant ■ measurement of urinary + serum amylase, blood glucose (nonspecific for diagnosis of rejection)US: ✓ poor margination of transplant ✓ acoustic inhomogeneity ✓ dilated pancreatic duct

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PANCREATITIS

Cause: A.IDIOPATHIC (20%)B.ALCOHOLISM: [acute pancreatitis](#) (15%); [chronic pancreatitis](#) (70%)C.CHOLELITHIASIS: [acute pancreatitis](#) (75%); [chronic pancreatitis](#) (20%)D.METABOLIC DISORDERS1.[Hypercalcemia](#) in [hyperparathyroidism](#) (10%), [multiple myeloma](#), [amyloidosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#)2.Hereditary pancreatitis: autosomal dominant, only Caucasians affected, most common cause of large spherical pancreatic calcifications in childhood, recurrent episodes of pancreatitis, development into pancreatic carcinoma in 20-40%; pronounced dilatation of pancreatic duct; pseudocyst formation (50%); associated with type I hypercholesterolemia3.Hyperlipidemia Types I and V4.Kwashiorkor = Tropical pancreatitisE.INFECTION / INFESTATION1.Viral infection (mumps, hepatitis, mononucleosis)2.Parasites ([ascariasis](#), [clonorchis](#))F.TRAUMA1.Penetrating ulcer2.Blunt / penetrating trauma3.Surgery (in 0.8% of Billroth-II resections, 0.8% of splenectomies, 0.7% of choledochal surgery, 0.4% of aortic graft surgery)G.STRUCTURAL ABNORMALITIES1.[Pancreas divisum](#)2.[Choledochoceles](#)H.DRUGSAzathioprine, thiazide, furosemide, ethacrynic acid, sulfonamides, tetracycline, phenformin, steroids (eg, [renal transplant](#)), asparaginase, procainamide I.MALIGNANCYPancreatic carcinoma (in 1%), metastases, [lymphoma](#) *Theories of pathogenesis:* Reflux of bile / pancreatic enzymes / duodenal succus (a)terminal duct segment shared by common bile duct + pancreatic duct(b)obstruction at papilla of Vater from inflammatory stenosis, edema / spasm of sphincter of Oddi, tumor, periduodenal diverticulum(c)incompetent sphincter of Oddi

[Acute Pancreatitis](#) [Chronic Pancreatitis](#)

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Acute Pancreatitis = inflammatory disease of pancreas producing temporary changes with restoration of normal anatomy + function following resolution *Path:*

1. EDEMATOUS **PANCREATITIS**: edema, congestion, leukocytic infiltrates; mortality rate of 4% 2. NECROTIZING **PANCREATITIS**: proteolytic destruction of pancreatic parenchyma; mortality rate of 80-90% (a) HEMORRHAGIC **PANCREATITIS**: + fat necrosis and hemorrhage (b) SUPPURATIVE **PANCREATITIS**: + bacterial infection A. Diffuse **pancreatitis** (52%) B. Focal **pancreatitis** (48%): location of head:tail = 3:2 *Clinical stages:* I=EDEMATOUS **PANCREATITIS** (75%) • rapid improvement following conservative therapy • gradual decrease of elevated enzymes *Mortality:* 1-5% II=PARTIALLY NECROTIZING **PANCREATITIS** • delayed / no response to conservative therapy • delayed / no normalization of enzymes • leukocytosis of <16,000 • hyperglycemia of <200 mg/100 mL • hypocalcemia of >4 mval/L • base deficit of <4 mval/L *Mortality:* 30-75% III=TOTALLY NECROTIZING **PANCREATITIS** • deterioration under conservative therapy • leukocytosis of >16,000 • hyperglycemia of >200 mg/100 mL • hypocalcemia of <4 mval/L • base deficit of >4 mval/L *Mortality:* 100% (40% by 2nd day, 75% by 5th day, 100% by 10th day) • acute abdominal pain (peaking after a few hours, resolving in 2-3 days), nausea, vomiting • raised pancreatic amylase + lipase in blood + urine • increased amylase-creatinine clearance ratio • signs of hemorrhagic **pancreatitis**: • Cullen sign = periumbilical ecchymosis • Grey-Turner sign = flank ecchymosis • Fox sign = inguinal ecchymosis ✓ NO findings on US / CT in 29% Abdominal film: ✓ "colon cutoff" sign = dilated transverse colon with abrupt change to a gasless descending colon (inflammation via phrenicocolic ligament causes spasm + obstruction at the splenic flexure impinging on a paralytic colon) ✓ "sentinel loop" (10-55%) = localized segment of gas-containing bowel in duodenum (in 20-45%) / terminal ileum / cecum ✓ "renal halo" sign = water-density of inflammation in anterior pararenal space contrasts with perirenal fat; more common on left side ✓ mottled appearance of peripancreatic area (secondary to fat necrosis in pancreatic bed, mesentery, omentum) ✓ intrapancreatic gas bubbles (from acute gangrene / suppurative **pancreatitis**) ✓ "gasless abdomen" = fluid-filled bowel associated with vomiting ✓ ascites CXR (findings in 14-71%): ✓ pleural effusion (in 5%), usually left-sided, with elevated amylase levels (in 85%) ✓ left-sided diaphragmatic elevation ✓ left-sided subsegmental atelectasis (20%) ✓ parenchymal infiltrates, pulmonary infarction ✓ pulmonary edema, ARDS ✓ pleural empyema, pericardial effusion ✓ mediastinal abscess, mediastinal pseudocyst ✓ pancreatico-bronchial / -pleural / -pulmonary fistula UGI: ✓ esophagogastric varices (from splenic vein obstruction) ✓ enlarged tortuous edematous rugal folds along antrum + greater curvature (20%) ✓ widening of retrogastric space (from pancreatic enlargement / inflammation in lesser sac) ✓ diminished duodenal peristalsis + edematous folds ✓ widening of duodenal sweep + downward displacement of ligament of Treitz ✓ Poppel sign = edematous swelling of papilla ✓ Frostberg inverted-3 sign = segmental narrowing with fold thickening of duodenum ✓ jejunal + ileal fold thickening (proteolytic spread along mesentery) BE: ✓ narrowing, nodularity, fold distortion along inferior haustral row of transverse colon ± descending colon Cholangiography: ✓ long gently tapered narrowing of CBD ✓ prestenotic biliary dilatation ✓ smooth / irregular mucosal surface Bone films (findings in 6%): secondary to metastatic intramedullary lipolysis + fat necrosis ✓ punched out / permeative destruction of cancellous bone + endosteal erosion ✓ aseptic necrosis of femoral / humeral heads ✓ metaphyseal infarcts, predominantly in distal femur + proximal tibia US (pancreatic visualization in 62-78%): ✓ hypoechoic diffuse / focal enlargement of pancreas ✓ dilatation of pancreatic duct (if head focally involved) ✓ perivascular cloaking = spread of inflammatory exudate along perivascular spaces ✓ extrapancreatic hypoechoic mass with good acoustic transmission (= phlegmonous **pancreatitis**) ✓ fluid collection: lesser sac (60%), L > R anterior pararenal space (54%), posterior pararenal space (18%), around left lobe of liver (16%), in spleen (9%), mediastinum (3%), iliac fossa, along transverse mesocolon / mesenteric leaves of small intestine Fate of fluid collection: (a) complete resolution (b) pseudocyst formation (c) bacterial infection = abscess ✓ pseudocyst formation (52%): extension into lesser sac, transverse mesocolon, around kidney, mediastinum, lower quadrants of abdomen CT (pancreatic visualization in 98%): ✓ no detectable change in size / appearance (29%) ✓ hypodense (5-20 HU) mass in phlegmonous **pancreatitis**; may persist long after complete recovery ✓ hyperdense areas (50-70 HU) in hemorrhagic **pancreatitis** for 24-48 hours ✓ enlargement with convex margins + indistinctness of gland with parenchymal inhomogeneity ✓ thickening of anterior pararenal fascia ✓ non-contrast-enhancing parenchyma during bolus injection (= pancreatic necrosis) **Angiography:** ✓ may be normal ✓ hypovascular areas (15-56%) ✓ hypervascularity + increased parenchymal stain (12-45%) ✓ venous compression secondary to edema ✓ formation of pseudoaneurysms (in 10% with **chronic pancreatitis**): splenic artery (50%), pancreatic arcades, gastroduodenal artery Cx: 1. Phlegmon (18%) = solid mass characterized by edema, infiltration of inflammatory cells + necrosis: extension into lesser sac, anterior pararenal space, transverse mesocolon, small bowel mesentery, retroperitoneum, pelvis 2. Pseudocyst formation (10%) 3. Hemorrhage (3%) 4. Abscess (2-10%): 2-4 weeks after severe acute **pancreatitis**; most commonly due to E. coli ✓ may contain gas within pancreatic bed *DDx:* air secondary to intestinal fistula 5. Pancreatic ascites 6. Biliary duct obstruction 7. Thrombosis of splenic vein / SMV 8. Pseudoaneurysm (a) rupture into preexisting pseudocyst (b) digestion of arterial wall by enzymes *Incidence:* in up to 10% of severe **pancreatitis** Location: splenic artery (most common), gastroduodenal, pancreatico-duodenal, hepatic artery *Mortality:* 37% for rupture, 16-50% for surgery *Therapy:* 1. Conservative (NPO, gastric tube, atropine, analgesics, sedation, prophylactic antibiotics) for stage I 2. Early surgery in stages II and III

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Chronic Pancreatitis =continuing inflammatory disease of pancreas characterized by irreversible damage to anatomy + functionA.**CHRONIC CALCIFYING PANCREATITIS:** ✓ protein plugs / calculi within ductal systemB.**CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PANCREATITIS:** secondary to slow growing tumor / surgical duct ligation / ampullary stenosis ✓ dilatation of pancreatic duct ✓ normal sized / focally or diffusely enlarged / small atrophic gland ✓ calcifications uncommon ■ acute exacerbation of epigastric pain (93%):decreasing with time due to progressive destruction of gland, usually painless after 7 years ■ jaundice (42%) from common bile duct obstruction ■ steatorrhea (80%) ■ [diabetes mellitus](#) (58%) ■ [secretin](#) test with decreased amylase + bicarbonate in duodenal fluid Plain film: ✓ numerous irregular calcifications (in 20-50% of alcoholic [pancreatitis](#)) **PATHOGNOMONICUGI:** ✓ displacement of stomach / duodenum by pseudocyst ✓ shrinkage / fold induration of stomach (DDx: linitis plastica) ✓ stricture of duodenumCholangiopancreatography (most sensitive imaging modality): ✓ slight ductal ectasia / clubbing of side branches (minimal disease) ✓ "nipping" = narrowing of the origins of side branches ✓ dilatation >2 mm, tortuosity, wall rigidity, main ductal stenosis (moderate disease) ✓ "beading, chain of lakes, string of pearls"=dilatation, stenosis, obstruction of main pancreatic duct + side branches (severe disease) ✓ intraductal protein plugs / calculi ✓ prolonged emptying of contrast material ✓ may have stenosis / obstruction + prestenotic dilatation of CBDUS / CT: ✓ irregular (73%) / smooth (15%) / beaded (12%) pancreatic ductal dilatation (in 41-68%) ✓ small atrophic gland (in 10-54%) ✓ pancreatic mostly intraductal calcifications (4-68%) ✓ inhomogeneous gland with increased echogenicity (62%) ✓ irregular pancreatic contour (45-60%) ✓ focal (12-32%) / diffuse (27-45%) pancreatic enlargement ✓ mostly mild biliary ductal dilatation (29%) ✓ intra- / peripancreatic pseudocysts (20-34%) ✓ segmental [portal hypertension](#) (= splenic vein thrombosis + [splenomegaly](#)) in 11% ✓ arterial pseudoaneurysm formation ✓ peripancreatic fascial thickening + blurring of organ margins (16%) ✓ [ascites](#) / [pleural effusion](#) (9%)MR: ✓ loss of signal intensity on fat-suppressed T1WI (from loss of aqueous protein in pancreatic acini secondary to [fibrosis](#)) ✓ diminished contrast enhancement (from loss of normal capillary network replaced by fibrous tissue)**Angiography:** ✓ increased tortuosity + angulation of pancreatic arcades + intrahepatic arteries (88%) ✓ luminal irregularities / focal fibrotic arterial stenoses (25-75%) / smooth beaded appearance ✓ irregular parenchymal stain ✓ venous compression / occlusion (20-50%) ✓ portoportal shunting + [gastric varices](#) without [esophageal varices](#)Cx:pancreatic carcinoma (2-4%), jaundice, pseudocyst formation, pancreatic [ascites](#), thrombosis of splenic / mesenteric / portal veinRx:surgery for infected pseudocyst, GI-bleeding from [portal hypertension](#), common bile duct obstruction, gastrointestinal obstruction

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PASSIVE HEPATIC CONGESTION

Cause: CHF, [constrictive pericarditis](#) *Pathophysiology:* chronic central venous hypertension transmitted to hepatic sinusoids results in centrilobular congestion + eventually hepatic atrophy, necrosis, [fibrosis](#) • abnormal liver function tests CT: √ globally delayed enhancement (36%) √ enhancement of portal veins + hepatic arteries + immediately adjacent parenchyma (56%) √ "reticulated mosaic" pattern = lobular patchy areas of enhancement separated by coarse linear regions of diminished attenuation (100%) √ diminished periportal attenuation (24%) √ diminished attenuation around intrahepatic IVC (8%) √ prominent IVC + hepatic vein enhancement (due to contrast reflux from right atrium into dilated IVC) *DDx:* [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) (regional / lobular distribution of reticulated mosaic pattern, caudate lobe hypertrophy)

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PELIOSIS HEPATIS

[*pelios*, Greek = purple] = rare benign disorder characterized by multiple blood-filled cavities randomly distributed throughout liver *Cause*: (a)? acquired: chronic infection (TB), hepatotoxic drugs (androgen-anabolic steroids, chemotherapeutic agents) [diabetes mellitus](#), [chronic renal failure](#) (b)? congenital: angiomatous malformation *Histo*: (1) **Phlebotatic** peliosis hepatis (early stage) = endothelial-lined cysts (= ? dilatation of central veins) communicating with dilated hepatic sinusoids + compression of surrounding liver (2) **Parenchymal** peliosis hepatis (late stage) = irregularly shaped cysts without lining communicating with dilated hepatic sinusoids + areas of liver cell necrosis *Associated with*: hormonally induced benign / malignant tumors *Age*: fetal life (rare) to adult life \checkmark hepatomegaly *Angio*: \checkmark multiple small (several mm to 1.5 cm) round collections of contrast medium scattered throughout liver in late arterial phase of hepatic arteriogram \checkmark \pm simultaneous opacification of hepatic veins *Prognosis*: reversible after drug withdrawal / progression to hepatic failure / intraperitoneal hemorrhage leading to death

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PERICHOLECYSTIC ABSCESS

Cause: subacute perforation of gallbladder wall subsequent to gangrene + infarction due to [acute cholecystitis](#) *Prevalence:* 2-20% *Location:* (a) gallbladder bed (most common) (b) area of low-level echoes in liver adjacent to gallbladder (c) intraperitoneal (d) small area of low-level echoes within thickened gallbladder wall (e) intraperitoneal area of low-level echoes within peritoneal cavity adjacent to gallbladder *Rx:* (1) Emergency operation (2) Antibiotic treatment + elective operation (3) Percutaneous abscess drainage

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PORCELAIN GALLBLADDER

=[calcium](#) incrustation of gallbladder wall *Incidence*: 0.6-0.8% of cholecystectomy patients; M:F = 1:5 *Histo*: (a) flakes of dystrophic [calcium](#) within chronically inflamed + fibrotic muscular wall (b) microliths scattered diffusely throughout mucosa, submucosa, glandular spaces, Rokitansky-Aschoff sinuses *Associated with*: gallstones in 90%

- minimal symptoms ✓ curvilinear (muscularis) / granular (mucosal) calcifications in segment of wall / entire wall ✓ nonfunctioning GB on oral cholecystogram ✓ highly echogenic shadowing curvilinear structure in GB fossa (DDx: stone-filled contracted GB) ✓ echogenic GB wall with little acoustic shadowing (DDx: [emphysematous cholecystitis](#)) ✓ scattered irregular clumps of echoes with posterior acoustic shadowing Cx: 10-20% develop carcinoma of gallbladder

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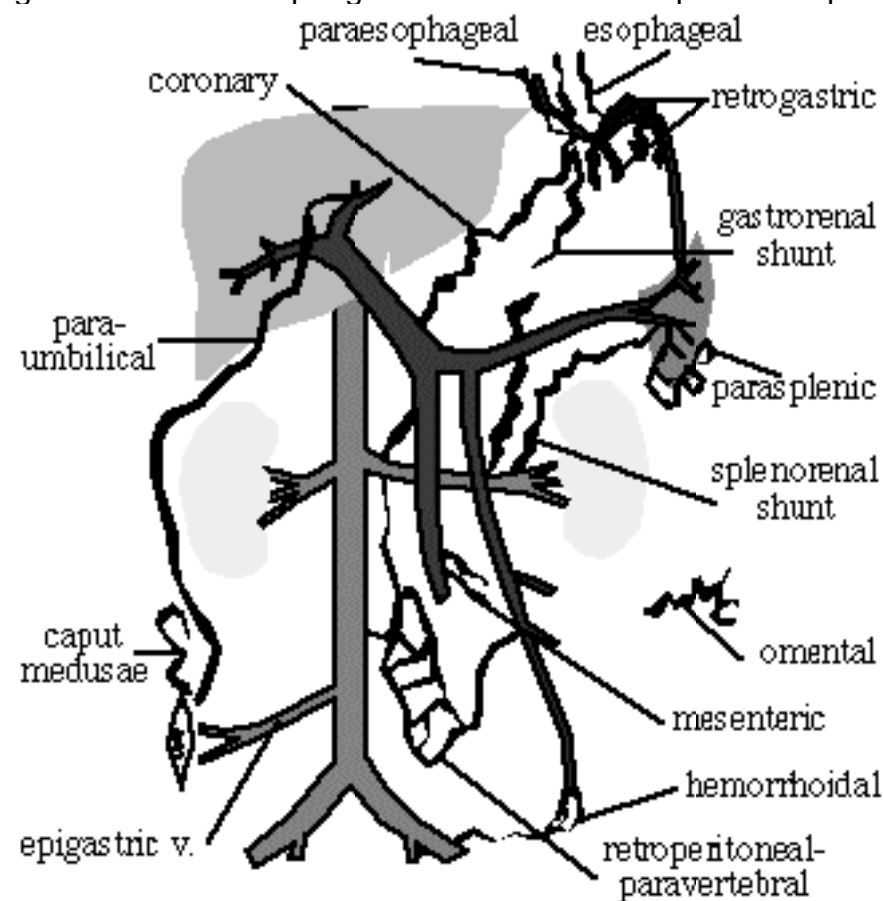
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PORTAL HYPERTENSION

• normal hepatic blood flow of 550-900 mL/min (= 25% of cardiac output) passes through portal system (2/3) + through hepatic artery (1/3)
Classification: A. DYNAMIC / HYPERKINETIC PORTAL HYPERTENSION congenital / traumatic / neoplastic arterioportal fistula B. INCREASED PORTAL RESISTANCE @ Prehepatic-portal vein thrombosis (portal phlebitis, oral contraceptives, coagulopathy, neoplastic invasion, [pancreatitis](#), neonatal omphalitis)-portal vein compression (tumor, trauma, lymphadenopathy, portal phlebosclerosis, [pancreatic pseudocyst](#)) @ Intrahepatic (= obstruction of portal venules)-presinusoidal 1. [Congenital hepatic fibrosis](#) 2. Idiopathic noncirrhotic [fibrosis](#) 3. Primary biliary [cirrhosis](#) 4. a-1-antitrypsin deficiency 5. [Wilson disease](#) 6. Sarcoid liver disease 7. Toxic [fibrosis](#) (arsenic, copper, PVC) 8. Reticuloendotheliosis 9. Myelofibrosis 10. Felty syndrome 11. [Schistosomiasis](#) 12. [Cystic fibrosis](#) 13. Chronic malaria-sinusoidal 1. Hepatitis 2. [Sickle cell disease](#)-postsinusoidal 1. [Cirrhosis](#) (most frequent): Laennec [cirrhosis](#), postnecrotic [cirrhosis](#) from hepatitis 2. Venoocclusive disease of liver @ Posthepatic 1. [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) 2. [Constrictive pericarditis](#) 3. CHF (tricuspid incompetence) **Pathophysiology:** continued elevated pressure despite formation of portal venous collateral vessels may be explained by (a) backward flow theory = hypodynamic flow theory = continuing increase in intrahepatic resistance + inadequate collateralization • low / stagnant portal venous [flow rates](#) (b) forward flow theory = hyperdynamic flow theory = splanchnic flow increases secondary to splanchnic vasodilatation + increase in cardiac output to preserve hepatic perfusion • increased portal venous [flow rates](#) >15 mL/min/kg • elevated hepatic wedge pressure (HWP) = portal venous pressure (normal <10 mm Hg); normal values seen in presinusoidal portal hypertension • **caput medusae** = drainage from paraumbilical + omental veins through superficial veins of chest (lateral thoracic vein to axillary vein; superficial epigastric vein to internal mammary vein and subclavian vein) + abdominal wall (circumflex iliac vein and superficial epigastric vein to femoral vein; inferior epigastric vein to external iliac vein) • hemorrhaging [esophageal varices](#) (50%) @ Splanchnic system: √ portal vein >13 mm (57% [sensitivity](#), 100% [specificity](#)) √ SMV + splenic vein >10 mm; coronary vein >4 mm; recanalized umbilical vein >3 mm (size of vessels not related to degree of portal hypertension or presence of collaterals) √ loss of respiratory increase of splanchnic vein diameters (80% [sensitivity](#), 100% [specificity](#)) √ portal vein aneurysm √ [portal vein thrombosis](#) √ cavernous transformation of portal vein √ increased echogenicity + thickening of portal vein walls Doppler US: √ continuous portal vein flow without respiratory changes √ reduction of mean portal vein velocities to 7-12 cm/sec (normally 12-30 cm/sec) √ loss of flow increase in portal venous system during expiration √ may have hepatofugal flow within spontaneous splenorenal shunts (indicates high incidence of hepatic encephalopathy) √ dilated hepatic artery may demonstrate elevated resistive index >0.78 @ Portosystemic collaterals: **Type of Varices Frequency (%)** Coronary venous 80-86 Esophageal 45-65 Paraumbilical 10-43 Abdominal wall 30 Perisplenic 30 Retrogastric / gastric 2-27 Paraesophageal 22 Omental 20 Retroperitoneal-paravertebral 18 Mesenteric 10 Splenorenal 10 Gastrorenal 7



**Portosystemic Collateral Vessels
in Portal Hypertension**

√ varices = serpentine tubular rounded structures √ coronary (left gastric) vein >5-6 mm (in 26%) √ [esophageal varices](#) (= subepithelial + submucosal veins) supplied by anterior branch of left gastric vein √ paraesophageal varices (endoscopically not visible) supplied by posterior branch of coronary (= left gastric) vein draining into azygos + hemiazygos vv. + vertebral plexus √ NOT connected to [esophageal varices](#)! √ mediastinal / lung mass on CXR in 5-8% √ gallbladder wall varices in thickened gallbladder wall (in 80% associated with [portal vein thrombosis](#)) @ Cruveilhier-von Baumgarten syndrome (20-35%) = recanalized paraumbilical veins (NOT recanalized umbilical veins) √ hypoechoic channel in ligamentum teres (a) size <2 mm (in 97% of normal subjects; in 14% of patients with portal hypertension) (b) size ≥2 mm (86% [sensitivity](#) for portal hypertension) √ arterial signal on Doppler US in 38% √ hepatofugal venous flow (82% [sensitivity](#), 100% [specificity](#) for portal hypertension) @ Spontaneous portosystemic shunts • high frequency of hepatic encephalopathy 1. Splenorenal / splenoadrenorenal shunt 2. Gastrorenal shunt 3. Mesenterorenal shunt (between SMV + right renal v.) 4. Splenocaval shunt (between splenic v. + left hypogastric v.) 5. Gastropulmonary shunt (between gastric / esophageal vv. and pericardiophrenic / inferior pulmonary vv.) 6. Intrahepatic shunt (portal v. to hepatic v.) @ [Spleen](#) √ [splenomegaly](#) (absence does not rule out portal hypertension) √ siderotic Gamna-Gandy nodules in 13% (= small foci of perifollicular + trabecular hemorrhage) √ multiple 3-8 mm low-intensity spots on FLASH / GRASS images √ multiple hyperechoic spots on US √ multiple faint calcifications on CT √ [ascites](#) Cx: Acute [gastrointestinal bleeding](#) (mortality of 30-50% during 1st bleeding)

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Segmental [Portal Hypertension](#) =splenic vein occlusion / superior mesenteric vein occlusion

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Portosystemic Surgical Connections 1. Portacaval shunt=portal vein to IVC end-to-side / side-to-side 2. Distal splenorenal shunt = Warren shunt (popular)=splenic vein to left renal vein 3. Mesocaval shunt=synthetic graft between SMV and IVC (a) short "H-graft" to posterior wall of SMV (b) long "C-graft" to anterior wall of SMV (c) direct mesocaval shunt dividing IVC (rare) 4. Mesoatrial shunt=polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) graft between anterior wall of SMV superior to pancreas and right atrium coursing through abdomen + diaphragm into right thoracic cavity *Doppler criteria for shunt patency:* ✓ increased local velocities ✓ turbulence + severe spectral broadening ✓ dilatation of recipient vein at shunt site ✓ phasic flow pattern in portal tributaries ✓ hepatofugal flow in intrahepatic portal vein branches ✓ reduction in size + number of portosystemic collaterals ✓ reduction / absence of [ascites](#) or [splenomegaly](#)



End-to-side portocaval shunt



Side-to-side portocaval shunt



Splenorenal (Warren) shunt



Mesocaval shunt

Surgical Portosystemic Shunts

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Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS) = portal decompression through percutaneously established shunt with expandable metallic stent between hepatic + portal veins within the liver *Indication*: patients with esophageal + gastric variceal hemorrhage / refractory [ascites](#) due to advanced liver disease with [portal hypertension](#), hepatorenal syndrome *Type of stent*: 10-mm Wall stent (curved), Palmaz stent (straight), Strecker stent, spiral Z stent *Shunt surveillance*: at regular 3-6 months intervals for A. MORPHOLOGY 1. [Ascites](#) 2. Portosystemic collaterals 3. Size of [spleen](#) 4. Diameter of stent (usually 8-10 mm) 5. Configuration of stent: areas of narrowing 6. Extension of stent into portal + hepatic veins B. HEMODYNAMICS 1. Direction of flow in: extrahepatic portal vein, RT + LT portal vein, SMV, splenic vein, all 3 hepatic veins, intrahepatic IVC, paraumbilical vein, coronary vein 2. Peak blood flow velocity within main portal vein 3. Peak blood flow velocity within proximal + mid + distal aspects of stent 4. Hepatic artery: PSV, EDV, RI Pre- and post-TIPS baseline study under stable fasting conditions! Pre-TIPS Post-TIPS Portal vein velocity (cm/s) 10-30 40-60 Mean portal vein velocity (cm/s) 18 ± 6 55 ± 7 Portal pressure (mm Hg) 37 ± 8 22 ± 6 Shunt peak velocity (cm/s) 95 ± 58 \checkmark high-velocity turbulent flow (50-270 cm/sec) at least double that of pre-TIPS values \checkmark superimposed cardiac + respiratory variations \checkmark increase in hepatic artery velocities from 77 cm/sec (pre-TIPS) to 119 cm/sec (post-TIPS) Cx: 1. Shunt obstruction 2. Hepatic vein stenosis 3. Vascular injury: hepatic artery pseudoaneurysm, arterioportal fistula 4. Intrahepatic / subcapsular hematoma 5. [Hemoperitoneum](#) (due to penetration of liver capsule) 6. Transient bile duct dilatation (due to hemobilia) 7. Bile collection 8. stent dislodgment with embolization to right atrium, pulmonary artery, internal jugular vein *Mortality*: <2% (intraoperative hemorrhage) *TIPS failure Cause*: acute thrombosis, improper stent placement, intimal hyperplasia, hepatic vein stenosis, change in stent configuration, bulging of liver parenchyma into shunt 1. Shunt obstruction (38%) *Prevalence*: 31% at 1 year, 42% at 2 years \bullet recurrent bleeding = shunt abnormality in 100% A. >50% stenosis Time of onset: in 30-80% within 12 months \checkmark irregular filling defects along wall of shunt on color Doppler \checkmark pseudointimal hyperplasia is isoechoic to blood! \checkmark gradual decrease in shunt velocity over 1-6 months (due to intimal hyperplasia) \checkmark maximal shunt velocity of <60 cm/sec (>95% sensitive + specific) \checkmark in- / decrease in peak flow velocity in similar location within stent >50 cm/sec relative to initial baseline study \checkmark velocity transition zone within stent with flow acceleration by a factor of 2 \checkmark decrease in maximal portal vein velocity >33% from baseline \checkmark reversal of portal venous flow direction (100% sensitive, 92% specific, 71% PPV, 100% NPV) \checkmark loss of [pulsatility](#) of portal / shunt flow \checkmark change in flow direction in collateral veins from baseline \checkmark retrograde flow in RHV (developing stenosis of right hepatic venous outflow tract) \checkmark developing / worsening [ascites](#) / [splenomegaly](#) B. Occlusion \checkmark absent flow within shunt \checkmark echogenic material within stent-acute cause: leakage of bile into / around stent, prolonged procedural catheterization-delayed cause: pseudointimal hyperplasia, stent shortening with delayed stent expansion

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PORTAL VEIN THROMBOSIS

Etiology: A.IDIOPATHIC (mostly): ? neonatal sepsis B.SECONDARY:(1)Tumor invasion by HCC, cholangiocarcinoma, pancreatic carcinoma, [gastric carcinoma](#) / extrinsic compression by tumor(2)Trauma; umbilical venous catheterization(3)Blood dyscrasia; clotting disorder; estrogen therapy; severe dehydration; Cx of splenectomy (7%, higher in patients with [myeloproliferative disorders](#))(4)Intraabdominal sepsis with phlebitis; perinatal omphalitis; [pancreatitis](#); ascending cholangitis(5)[Cirrhosis](#) + [portal hypertension](#) (5%)*Age:*predominantly children, young persons • abdominal pain • portal systemic encephalopathy • hematemesis ([esophageal varices](#)) ✓ nonvisualization of portal vein ✓ calcification within clot / wall of portal vein ✓ [splenomegaly](#) ✓ [ascites](#) Plain film: ✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ enlarged azygos vein ✓ paraspinal varices UGI: ✓ [esophageal varices](#) ✓ thickening of bowel wall US: ✓ echogenic material within vessel lumen (67%) ✓ increase in portal vein diameter (57%) ✓ Malignant thrombus tends to distend vein + exhibit pulsatile flow, a bland thrombus does not! ✓ portosystemic collateral circulation (48%) ✓ enlargement of thrombosed segment >15 mm (38%) ✓ no flow on postprandial Doppler color scans ✓ cavernous transformation = **cavernoma** (19%) ✓ failure to visualize the extrahepatic portal vein ✓ presence of a racemose conglomerate of collateral veins with portal venous flow linking pancreas + duodenum + gallbladder fossa ✓ decrease in hepatic artery resistive index ✓ RI <0.50 (in acute occlusive portal vein thrombosis) ✓ minimal decrease / normal RI (in chronic portal vein thrombosis / nonocclusive thrombosis) ✓ thickening of lesser omentum CECT: ✓ low-density center in portal vein surrounded by peripheral enhancement ✓ portal vein density 20-30 HU less than aortic density after contrast MR: ✓ areas of flow void in portal area + abnormal signal intensity in main portal vein Angio: ✓ "thread and streaks" sign of tumor thrombus (streaky contrast opacification of tumor vessels) Cx:(1)Hepatic infarction(2)Bowel infarction

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POSTCHOLECYSTECTOMY SYNDROME

=symptoms recurring / persisting after cholecystectomy *Incidence*: mild recurrent symptoms in 9-25%; severe symptoms in 2.6-32% (result of 1,930 cholecystectomies):
-completely cured (61%)-satisfactory improvement with (a) persistent mild dyspepsia (11%) (b) mild attacks of pain (24%) -failure with (a) occasional attacks of severe pain (3%) (b) continuous severe distress (1.7%) (c) recurrent cholangitis (0.7%) *Cause*: A. BILIARY CAUSES (a) Incomplete surgery 1. Gallbladder / cystic duct remnant 2. Retained stone in cystic duct remnant 3. Overlooked CBD stone (b) Operative trauma 1. Bile duct stricture 2. Bile peritonitis (c) Bile duct pathology 1. [Fibrosis](#) of sphincter of Oddi 2. Biliary dyskinesia 3. Biliary fistula (d) Residual disease in neighboring structures 1. [Pancreatitis](#) 2. Hepatitis 3. Cholangitis (e) Overlooked bile duct neoplasia B. EXTRABILIARY CAUSES (erroneous preoperative diagnosis) (a) Other GI tract disease: 1. Inadequate dentition 2. Hiatus hernia 3. Peptic ulcer 4. Spastic colon (b) Anxiety state, air swallowing (c) Abdominal angina (d) Carcinoma outside gallbladder (e) Coronary artery disease

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RICHTER SYNDROME

= development of large cell / diffuse histiocytic [lymphoma](#) in patients with CLL *Etiology*:transformation / dedifferentiation of CLL lymphocytes *Incidence in CLL patients*:3-10% *Median age*:59 years *Medium time interval after diagnosis of CLL*: 24 months • fever (65%) without evidence of infection • increasing lymphadenopathy + hepatosplenomegaly (46%) • weight loss (26%) • abdominal pain (26%) *Location*:bone marrow, lymph nodes, liver, [spleen](#), bowel, lung, pleura, kidney, dura *Prognosis*:median survival time: 4 months from diagnosis of [lymphoma](#); 14% rate of remission rate

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SCHISTOSOMIASIS

Worldwide major cause of [portal hypertension](#): 200 million people affected *Types*: A.SCHISTOSOMA HAEMATOBIMUMin Africa, Mediterranean, Southwest Asia
B.SCHISTOSOMA MANSONIoccurs in >70 million inhabitants of parts of Africa, Caribbean, Arabic peninsula, West Indies, northern part of South America
C.SCHISTOSOMA JAPONICUMcoastal areas of China, Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Celebes *Cycle*: cercariae enter lymphatics + blood system via thoracic duct; larvae are transported into mesenteric capillaries; mature in portal system + liver into worms; worms live in pairs in copula within portal vein + tributaries for 10-15 years; female swims against bloodflow to reach venules of urinary bladder (S. haematobium) or intestine + rectum (S. mansoni, S. japonicum); deposits eggs in wall of urinary bladder or intestines, eggs pass with urine + feces; hatch within water to release miracidia which infect snail hosts; cercariae emerge after maturation from snails *Infection*:cercariae penetrate human skin / buccal mucosa from contaminated water (slow-moving streams, irrigation canals, paddy fields, lakes)*Histo*:granulomatous reaction + [fibrosis](#) along portal vein branches • clinically mild infection with chronic course@ Liver ✓ marked diffuse thickening of echogenic walls of portal venules = periportal [fibrosis](#)✓Schistosoma infection is the most frequent cause of liver [fibrosis](#) worldwide!✓ hepatosplenomegaly✓ portal vein dilatation in 73% (= [portal hypertension](#))✓ normal parenchymal echogenicity + small peripheral hyperechoic foci in 50% (= [fibrosis](#) of portal radicles)✓ hyperechoic gallbladder bed ✓ thickened gallbladder wall@ GI tract ✓ gastric + [esophageal varices](#)✓ polypoid bowel wall masses (esp. in sigmoid)✓ granulomatous colitis✓ strictures with extensive pericolic inflammationCx:[ileus](#)

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SCHWACHMAN-DIAMOND SYNDROME

=rare congenital absence of pancreatic exocrine tissue, 2nd most frequent cause of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency in childhood • pancreatic insufficiency • recurrent respiratory and skin infections (secondary to bone marrow hypoplasia) • [dwarfism](#) (metaphyseal dysostosis) • normal electrolytes in sweat • tends to improve with time ✓ total fatty replacement of pancreas

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SOLID AND PAPILLARY NEOPLASM OF PANCREAS

=SOLID AND CYSTIC TUMOR = PAPILLARY-CYSTIC NEOPLASM = SOLID AND PAPILLARY EPITHELIAL NEOPLASM=rare, low-grade malignant tumor; often misclassified as [nonfunctioning islet cell tumor](#), cystadenoma, cystadenocarcinoma of pancreas *Prevalence*:0.17-2.7% of all nonendocrine pancreatic tumors *Mean age*:25 (range 10-74) years ; M:F = 1:9; especially in black and East Asian patients *Path*:large well-encapsulated mass with considerable hemorrhagic necrosis + cystic degeneration *Histo*:sheets + cords of cells arranged around a fibrovascular stroma • vague upper abdominal discomfort and pain • gradually enlarging abdominal mass *Location*:tail of pancreas (most frequently) ✓ well-encapsulated inhomogeneous round / lobulated [pancreatic mass](#) with solid + cystic portions ✓ may be completely cystic (when complicated by extensive necrosis + internal hemorrhage) ✓ fluid-debris level (20%) ✓ mean diameter of 9 cm (range 3-15 cm) ✓ ± stippled / punctate / amorphous dystrophic calcification (33%) ✓ hypovascular with no contrast enhancement / enhancement of solid tissue projecting toward center of mass *US*: ✓ echogenic mass with necrotic center *MR*: ✓ high signal intensity on T1WI (consistent with hemorrhagic necrosis) *Prognosis*:(1)excellent after excision(2)metastases (in 4%): omentum, lymph nodes, liver *DDx*:(1)Microcystic adenoma (innumerable tiny cysts, older age group) (2)Mucinous cystic neoplasm (large uni- / multilocular cysts, older age group)(3)[Nonfunctioning islet cell tumor](#) (hypervascular)(4)Pleomorphic carcinoma of pancreas (smaller tumor in older patient)(5)Pancreaticoblastoma (childhood tumor)(6)Calcified hemorrhagic pseudocyst

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SPLENIC ANGIOSARCOMA

Incidence: rare, <100 cases in literature *Cause:* usually not due to thorotrast or toxic exposure to vinyl chloride / arsenic as in liver [angiosarcoma](#) *Age:* 50-60 years ■
[splenomegaly](#), abdominal pain ✓ multiple nodules of varying size usually enlarging the [spleen](#) ✓ solitary complex mass with variable contrast enhancement ✓
metastasizes to liver (70%) ✓ spontaneous rupture (33%) *MR:* ✓ focal / diffuse hypointense foci on T1WI + T2WI (iron deposition from hemorrhage) *Prognosis:* 20%
survival rate after 6 months

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SPLENIC HAMARTOMA

=rare nonneoplastic tumor composed of a mixture of normal splenic elements *Etiology*: congenital *May be associated with*: hamartomas elsewhere as in [tuberous sclerosis](#) *Histo*: (a) white pulp subtype = aberrant lymphoid tissue (b) red pulp subtype = aberrant complex of sinusoids (c) mixture (most common) • asymptomatic CT: ✓ attenuation equal to splenic tissue ✓ prolonged enhancement MR: ✓ heterogeneously hyperintense on T2WI ✓ diffuse heterogeneous enhancement, more homogeneous on delayed images

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SPLENIC HEMANGIOMA

Cause: congenital, arising from sinusoidal epithelium *Prevalence:* 0.03-14% (autopsy); M > F *Most common primary splenic tumor!* *Age:* 20-50 years *Histo:* proliferation of vascular channels lined by single layer of endothelium; mostly of cavernous type; may contain areas of infarction, hemorrhage, thrombosis, [fibrosis](#) *May be associated with:* Klippel-Trénaunay-Weber syndrome (multiple hemangiomas) • asymptomatic / pain + fullness in LUQ *usually small single lesion <4 cm, up to 17 cm in size* *foci of speckled / snowflake-like calcifications* *MR:* *hyperintense on T2WI* *progressive centripetal enhancement with persistent uniform enhancement on delayed images* *Prognosis:* slow growth, thus becoming symptomatic in adulthood *Cx:* (1) Spontaneous splenic rupture (in up to 25%) (2) Kasabach-Merritt syndrome (= anemia, thrombocytopenia, coagulopathy) with large [hemangioma](#) (3) Malignant degeneration

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SPLENIC INFARCTION

‡ Most common cause of focal defects! Cause: 1. Embolic: [bacterial endocarditis](#) (responsible in 50%), atherosclerosis with plaque emboli, cardiac thrombus (atrial fibrillation, left ventricular thrombus), metastatic carcinoma 2. Local thrombosis: [sickle cell disease](#) (leading to functional asplenia), myelo- / lymphoproliferative disorders (CML most common), [polycythemia vera](#), myelofibrosis with myeloid metaplasia + [splenomegaly](#), [Gaucher disease](#) 3. [Vasculitis](#): periarteritis nodosa 4. Vascular compromise of splenic artery: focal inflammatory process (eg, [pancreatitis](#)), thrombus from [splenic artery aneurysm](#), splenic torsion 5. Therapeutic complication: transcatheter hepatic arterial embolization *mnemonic*: "PSALMS" Pancreatic carcinoma, Pancreatitis Sickle cell disease / trait Adenocarcinoma of stomach Leukemia Mitral stenosis with emboli Subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#) • LUQ pain, fever • elevated erythrocyte sedimentation rate, leukocytosis • abnormal lactate dehydrogenase levels † single / multiple focal wedge-shaped peripheral defects CT phases: (a) hyperacute phase (day 1) † mottled area of increased attenuation on NECT (hemorrhage) † large focal hyperattenuating lesion on CECT † mottled pattern of contrast enhancement (b) acute (days 2-4) + subacute phase (days 4-8) † focal progressively more well-demarcated areas of decreased attenuation without enhancement (c) chronic phase (2-4 weeks) † size decreases + attenuation returns to normal † complete resolution / residual contour defect † areas of calcification Cx: superimposed infection, splenic rupture

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SPLENIC TRAUMA

‡Most frequently injured intraperitoneal organ in blunt abdominal trauma *Associated with:* other solid visceral / bowel injuries (29%); lower rib fractures in 44%, injury to left kidney in 10%, injury to left diaphragm in 2% *Technique:* scanning delay of 60-70 sec to avoid the phase of heterogeneous splenic enhancement CT [sensitivity](#): >95% for splenic injury, but not reliable to determine need for surgical intervention ‡Attenuation of active extravasation (80-370 HU) exceeds that of splenic parenchyma / clotted blood *Prognosis:* high PPV for surgery 1. Intrasplenic laceration † linear parenchymal defect † almost always associated with [hemoperitoneum](#) 2. Splenic [fracture](#) † laceration traverses two capsular surfaces 3. Subcapsular hematoma † crescentic lesion along splenic margin flattening / indenting the normally convex lateral margin 4. Perisplenic hematoma † "sentinel clot" (= area of >60 HU adjacent to [spleen](#)) sensitive predictor of splenic injury 5. Delayed splenic rupture = hemorrhage >48 hours after trauma *Prevalence:* 0.3-20% of blunt splenic injuries *Time of onset:* in 70% within 2 weeks of injury, in 90% within 4 weeks of injury *Rx:* 52% surgery (splenectomy (8%), splenorrhaphy), 48% nonsurgical management

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SPLENOSIS

=autotransplantation of splenic tissue to other sites following trauma
Age: young men with history of trauma / splenectomy
Time of detection: mean of 10 years (range of 6 months-32 years) after trauma
Location: diaphragmatic surface, liver, omentum, mesentery, peritoneum, pleura
multiple small encapsulated sessile implants (few mm -3 cm)
demonstrated by Tc-99m sulfur colloid; In-111 labeled platelets; Tc-99m heat-damaged RBC (best detection rate)
DDx: [accessory spleen](#)

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SPONTANEOUS PERFORATION OF COMMON BILE DUCT

Pathogenesis: unknown (? CBD obstruction, localized mural malformation, ischemia, trauma) *Age:* 5 weeks to 3 years of age • vague abdominal distension • mild persistent hyperbilirubinemia • varying acholic stools *US:* ↓ biliary [ascites](#) / loculated subhepatic fluid ↓ localized pseudocholedochal cyst in porta hepatis *Hepatobiliary scintigraphy:* ↓ radioisotope diffusely throughout peritoneal cavity

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THOROTRASTOSIS

Thorotrast = 25% colloidal suspension of thorium dioxide; used as contrast agent between late 1920s and mid 1950s, in particular for cerebral [angiography](#) and liver [spleen](#) imaging; chemically inert with high atomic number of 90; >100,000 people injected **Thorium dioxide** = consists of 11 radioactive isotopes (thorium-232 is major isotope); decay by means of alpha, beta, and gamma emission; biologic half-life of 1.34×10^{10} years; hepatic dose of 1000-3000 rads in 20 years *Distribution:* phagocytosed by RES + deposited in liver (70%), [spleen](#) (30%), bone marrow, abdominal lymph nodes (20%) ∇ linear network of metallic density contrast material in [spleen](#), lymph nodes, liver ∇ [spleen](#) may be shrunken / nonfunctional Cx:hepatic [fibrosis](#), [angiosarcoma](#) (50%), cholangiocarcinoma, [hepatocellular carcinoma](#) (latency period of 3-40 years; mean 26 years)

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UNDIFFERENTIATED SARCOMA OF LIVER

=EMBRYONAL SARCOMA *Incidence*: 4th / 5th most common liver tumor in pediatric population *Age*: <2 months (in 5%); 6-10 years (in 52%); by 15 years (in 90%); up to 49 years; M:F = 1:1 *Histo*: primitive undifferentiated stellate / spindle-shaped sarcomatous cells closely packed in whorls + sheets / scattered loosely in a myxoid ground substance with foci of hematopoiesis (50%) • painful RUQ mass and fever • mild anemia + leukocytosis (50%) • elevated liver enzymes (33%) • fever (5%) *Location*: right lobe (75%); left lobe (10%); both [lobes](#) (15%) $\sqrt{}$ 7-14-21 cm in size $\sqrt{}$ well-defined margins (fibrous pseudocapsule) *NUC*: $\sqrt{}$ photodeflect on sulfur colloid scan *US / CT*: $\sqrt{}$ large intrahepatic mass with cystic areas up to 4 cm in diameter (myxoid stroma + necrosis + hemorrhage) $\sqrt{}$ discordant finding between US (solid) + CT (cystlike) *Angio*: $\sqrt{}$ hypo- / hypervascular with stretching of vessels $\sqrt{}$ scattered foci of neovascularity *Prognosis*: mostly results in death within 12 months *DDx*: mesenchymal hamartoma (a) solid lesion + cystic degeneration: [hepatocellular carcinoma](#), fibrolamellar carcinoma, [intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma](#), [angiosarcoma](#), epithelioid hemangio-endothelioma, other sarcomas, [lymphoma](#), metastatic disease, hepatocellular adenoma (b) solitary cystic lesion: [biliary cystadenoma](#) / ~carcinoma, cystic degeneration of [hepatocellular carcinoma](#), bacterial / parasitic abscess, metastatic disease, posttraumatic resolving hematoma

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WANDERING SPLEEN

=ABERRANT / FLOATING / PTOTIC / DRIFTING / DYSTOPIC / DISPLACED / PROLAPSED **SPLEEN**=excessively mobile **spleen** on an elongated pedicle displaced from its usual position in LUQ. Cause: embryologically absent / malformed gastrosplenic + splenorenal ligaments; lax abdominal musculature during pregnancy. Age: any (higher frequency in women of childbearing age) ■ asymptomatic mobile abdominal / pelvic mass ■ chronic vague lower abdominal / back pain ■ nausea, vomiting, eructation, flatulence ■ acute abdomen (with [splenic infarction](#)) ✓ empty splenic fossa ✓ inverted malpositioned stomach ✓ displaced large **spleen** (congestion during torsion) Cx: 1. Torsion with prolonged venous occlusion: perisplenitis, localized peritonitis, adhesions, venous thrombosis, hypersplenism. 2. Torsion with arterial occlusion: [hemorrhagic infarction](#), subcapsular / intrasplenic hemorrhage, gangrene, degenerative cysts, functional asplenism. 3. GI complications: @Stomach: compression, distension, volvulus, traction diverticulum, varices @Small bowel: dilatation, obstruction @Colon: compression, volvulus, laxity, ptosis Rx: 1. Splenectomy (4% postsplenectomy sepsis) 2. Splenopexy 3. Conservative treatment (if asymptomatic)

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Abnormal Air Collection 1. Abnormally located bowel Chilaiditi syndrome (= colon interposed between liver and chest wall), inguinal hernia
2. [Pneumoperitoneum](#) 3. Retroperitoneum perforation of duodenum / rectum / ascending + descending colon, diverticulitis, ulcerative disease, endoscopic procedure
4. Gas in bowel wall [gastric pneumatosis](#), [phlegmonous gastritis](#), endoscopy, rupture of lung bulla 5. Gas within abscess located in subphrenic, renal, perirenal, hepatic, pancreatic space, lesser sac 6. Gas in biliary system hepatobiliary fistula, surgery, [duodenal ulcer](#), [duodenal diverticulum](#), cancer, stone, patulous ampulla, [emphysematous cholecystitis](#) ✓ gas outlines choledochus ± gallbladder ✓ peripheral branches of bile ducts not filled *mnemonic: "SITS" Stone Inflammation (emphysematous cholecystitis) Tumor with fistula Surgery* 7. Gas in portal venous system ✓ branching air within 2 cm of liver periphery

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Pneumoperitoneum *Etiology:* A. DISRUPTION OF WALL OF HOLLOW VISCUS (a) blunt / penetrating trauma 1. Perforating foreign body (eg, thermometer injury to rectum, vaginal stimulator in rectum) 2. Compressor air directed toward anus (b) iatrogenic perforation 1. Laparoscopy / laparotomy (58%): absorbed in 1-24 days dependent on initial amount of air introduced and body habitus (80% in asthenic, 25% in obese patients) After 3 days free air should be followed with suspicion! 2. Leaking surgical anastomosis 3. Endoscopic perforation 4. Enema tip injury 5. Diagnostic pneumoperitoneum (c) diseases of GI tract 1. Perforated gastric / duodenal ulcer 2. Perforated appendix 3. Ingested foreign-body perforation 4. Diverticulitis (ruptured [Meckel diverticulum](#) / sigmoid diverticulum, jejunal diverticulosis) 5. [Necrotizing enterocolitis](#) with perforation 6. Inflammatory bowel disease (eg, [toxic megacolon](#)) 7. Obstruction (gas traversing intact mucosa): neoplasm, [imperforate anus](#), [Hirschsprung disease](#), meconium [ileus](#) 8. Ruptured pneumatosis cystoides intestinalis with "balanced pneumoperitoneum" (= free intraperitoneal air acts as tamponade of pneumatosis cysts thus maintaining a balance between intracystic air + pneumoperitoneum) 9. Idiopathic gastric perforation = spontaneous perforation in premature infants (congenital gastric muscular wall defect) B. THROUGH PERITONEAL SURFACE (a) transperitoneal manipulation 1. Abdominal needle biopsy / catheter placement 2. Mistaken thoracentesis / chest tube placement 3. Endoscopic biopsy (b) extension from chest 1. Dissection from [pneumomediastinum](#) (positive pressure breathing, rupture of bulla / bleb, chest surgery) 2. [Bronchopleural fistula](#) (c) rupture of urinary bladder (d) penetrating abdominal injury C. THROUGH FEMALE GENITAL TRACT (a) iatrogenic 1. Perforation of uterus / vagina 2. Culdocentesis 3. Rubin test = tubal patency test 4. Pelvic examination (b) spontaneous 1. Intercourse, orogenital insufflation 2. Douching 3. Knee-chest exercise, water skiing, horseback riding D. INTRAPERITONEAL 1. Gasforming peritonitis 2. Rupture of abscess Note * = asymptomatic spontaneous pneumoperitoneum without peritonitis ✓ air in lesser peritoneal sac ✓ gas in scrotum (through open processus vaginalis) Large collection of gas: ✓ abdominal distension, no gastric air-fluid level ✓ "football sign" = large pneumoperitoneum outlining entire abdominal cavity ✓ "double wall sign" = "Rigler sign" = "bas-relief sign" = air on both sides of bowel as intraluminal gas + free air outside (usually requires >1,000 mL of free intraperitoneal gas + intraperitoneal fluid) ✓ "telltale triangle sign" = triangular air pocket between 3 loops of bowel ✓ depiction of diaphragmatic muscle slips = two or three 6-13 cm long and 8-10 mm wide arcuate soft-tissue bands directed vertically inferiorly + arching parallel to diaphragmatic dome superiorly ✓ outline of ligaments of anterior inferior abdominal wall: ✓ "inverted V sign" = outline of both lateral umbilical ligaments (containing inferior epigastric vessels) ✓ outline of medial umbilical ligaments (obliterated umbilical arteries) ✓ "urachus sign" = outline of middle umbilical ligament RUQ gas (best place to look for small collections): ✓ single large area of hyperlucency over the liver ✓ oblique linear area of hyperlucency outlining the posteroinferior margin of liver ✓ doge's cap sign = triangular collection of gas in Morison pouch (posterior hepatorenal space) ✓ outline of falciform ligament = long vertical line to the right of midline extending from ligamentum teres notch to umbilicus; most common structure outlined ✓ ligamentum teres notch = inverted V-shaped area of hyperlucency along undersurface of liver ✓ ligamentum teres sign = air outlining fissure of ligamentum teres hepatis (= posterior free edge of falciform ligament) seen as vertically oriented sharply defined slitlike / oval area of hyperlucency between 10th and 12th rib within 2.5-4.0 cm of right vertebral border 2-7 mm wide and 6-20 mm long ✓ "saddlebag / mustache / cupola sign" = gas trapped below central tendon of diaphragm ✓ parahepatic air = gas bubble lateral to right edge of liver

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Pseudopneumoperitoneum = process mimicking free air
A. ABDOMINAL GAS (a) gastrointestinal gas
1. Pseudo-wall sign = apposition of gas-distended bowel loops
2. Chilaiditi syndrome
3. Diaphragmatic hernia
4. Diverticulum of esophagus / stomach / duodenum
(b) extraintestinal gas
1. Retroperitoneal air
2. Subdiaphragmatic abscess
B. CHEST
1. [Pneumothorax](#)
2. [Empyema](#)
3. Irregularity of diaphragm
C. FAT
1. Subdiaphragmatic intraperitoneal fat
2. Interposition of omental fat between liver + diaphragm

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Pneumoretroperitoneum Cause:(1)Traumatic rupture (usually duodenum)(2)Perforation of [duodenal ulcer](#)(3)Gas abscess of pancreas (usually extends into lesser sac)(4)Urinary tract gas (trauma, infection)(5)Dissected mediastinal air kidney outlined by gas outline of psoas margin \pm gas streaks in muscle bundles

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Pneumatosis Intestinalis = PNEUMATOSIS CYSTOIDES INTESTINALIS = BULLOUS EMPHYSEMA OF THE INTESTINE = INTESTINAL GAS CYSTS = PERITONEAL LYMPHOPNEUMATOSIS. Attributed to at least 58 causative factors! A. BOWEL NECROSIS / GANGRENE. Most common + life-threatening cause! *Pathogenesis*: damage + disruption of mucosa with entry of gas-forming bacteria into bowel wall (cysts contain 50% hydrogen = evidence of bacterial origin) [necrotizing enterocolitis](#), ischemia + infarction (mesenteric thrombosis), neutropenic colitis, sepsis, volvulus, [emphysematous gastritis](#), caustic ingestion B. MUCOSAL DISRUPTION *Pathogenesis*: increased [intestinal gas](#) pressure leads to overdistension and dissection of gas into bowel wall (a) intestinal obstruction: pyloric stenosis, [annular pancreas](#), [imperforate anus](#), [Hirschsprung disease](#), [meconium plug syndrome](#), obstructing neoplasm (b) intestinal trauma: endoscopy ± biopsy, biliary stent perforation, sclerotherapy, bowel surgery, postoperative bowel anastomosis, penetrating / blunt abdominal trauma, trauma of child abuse, intracatheter jejunal feeding tube, barium enema (c) infection / inflammation: peptic ulcer disease, intestinal parasites, [tuberculosis](#), peritonitis, inflammatory bowel disease ([Crohn disease](#), [ulcerative colitis](#), [pseudomembranous colitis](#)), ruptured jejunal diverticula, [Whipple disease](#), systemic [amyloidosis](#) D. INCREASED MUCOSAL PERMEABILITY *Pathogenesis*: defects in lymphoid tissue of bowel wall allows bacterial gas to enter bowel wall (a) immunotherapy: [graft-versus-host disease](#), organ transplantation, [bone marrow transplantation](#) (b) others: [AIDS](#) enterocolitides, steroid therapy, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, collagen vascular disease (scleroderma, [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), periarteritis [dermatomyositis](#)), intestinal bypass enteropathy, [diabetes mellitus](#) C. PULMONARY DISEASE *Pathogenesis*: alveolar rupture with air dissecting interstitially along bronchovascular bundles to mediastinum + retroperitoneally along vascular supply of viscera Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis, [emphysema](#), bullous disease of lung), [asthma](#), [cystic fibrosis](#), chest trauma (barotrauma from artificial ventilation, chest tube), increased intrathoracic pressure associated with retching + vomiting *Path*: (a) microvesicular type = 10-100 mm cysts / bubbles within lamina propria (b) linear / curvilinear type = streaks of gas oriented parallel to bowel wall Location: any part of GI tract; may be discontinuous with spread to distant sites along mesentery Site: subserosa > submucosa > muscularis > mesentery; mesenteric side >> antimesenteric side radiolucent clusters of cysts along contour of bowel wall (best demonstrated on CT) segmental mucosal nodularity (DDx: polyposis) ± [pneumoperitoneum](#) / [pneumoretroperitoneum](#) (asymptomatic large [pneumoperitoneum](#) may persist for months / years) ± gas in mesenteric + portal vein *Prognosis*: wide spectrum from innocuous to fatal; clinical outcome impossible to predict based on x-ray findings linear gas collections have probably a more severe connotation pneumatosis of the colon is likely clinically insignificant extent of pneumatosis is inversely related to severity of disease

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Soap-bubble Appearance In Abdomen Of Neonate 1.Feces in infant fed by mouth2.Meconium [ileus](#):gas mixed with meconium, usually RLQ3.Meconium plug:gas in and around plug, in distribution of colon4.[Necrotizing enterocolitis](#): submucosal pneumatosis5.Atresia / severe stenosis: pneumatosis6.[Hirschsprung disease](#):impacted stool, sometimes pneumatosis

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Opaque Material In Bowel *mnemonic:* "CHIPS" Chloral hydrate Heavy metals (lead) Iron Phenothiazines Salicylates

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Diffuse Abdominal Calcifications 1.Cystadenoma of ovary[✓] granular, sandlike psammomatous calcifications2.[Pseudomyxoma peritonei](#)(a)pseudomucinous adenoma of ovary(b)[mucocele](#) of appendix3.Undifferentiated abdominal malignancy4.Tuberculous peritonitis[✓] mottled calcifications, simulating residual barium5.[Meconium peritonitis](#)6.Oil granuloma[✓] annular, plaquelike

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Focal Alimentary Tract Calcifications A. ENTEROLITHS 1. Appendicolith: in 10-15% of acute [appendicitis](#) 2. Stone in [Meckel diverticulum](#) 3. Diverticular stone 4. Rectal stone 5. Proximal to partial obstruction (eg, [tuberculosis](#), [Crohn disease](#)) B. MESENTERIC CALCIFICATIONS 1. Dystrophic calcification of omental fat deposits + appendices epiploicae (secondary to infarction / [pancreatitis](#) / TB) 2. Cysts: mesenteric cyst, hydatid cyst 3. Calcified mesenteric [lipoma](#) C. INGESTED FOREIGN BODIES 1. Strapped in appendix, diverticula, proximal to stricture 1. Calcified seeds + pits ([bezoar](#)) 2. Birdshot D. TUMOR 1. [Mucocele](#) of appendix 2. crescent-shaped / circular calcification 2. Mucinous adenocarcinoma of stomach / colon = COLLOID CARCINOMA 3. small mottled / punctate calcifications in primary site ± in regional lymph node metastases, adjacent omentum, metastatic liver foci 3. Gastric / esophageal [leiomyoma](#): calcifies in 4% 4. [Lipoma](#)

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Abdominal Wall Calcifications A. IN SOFT TISSUES 1. Hypercalcemic states 2. Idiopathic calcinosis B. IN MUSCLE (a) parasites: 1. Cysticercosis = *Taenia solium* ✓ round / slightly elongated calcifications 2. Guinea worm = dracunculiasis ✓ stringlike calcifications up to 12 cm long (b) injection sites from quinine, bismuth, [calcium gluconate](#), [calcium penicillin](#) (c) [myositis ossificans](#) C. IN SKIN 1. Soft-tissue nodules: papilloma, neurofibroma, melanoma, nevi 2. Scar: ✓ linear density 3. Colostomy / ileostomy 4. Tattoo markings

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Abdominal Vascular Calcifications A. ARTERIES 1. Atheromatous plaques 2. Arterial calcifications in [diabetes mellitus](#) B. VEINS phleboliths = calcified thrombus, generally seen below interspinous line 1. normal / varicose veins 2. [hemangioma](#) C. LYMPH NODES 1. [Histoplasmosis](#) / [tuberculosis](#) 2. Chronic granulomatous disease 3. Residual lymphographic contrast 4. [Silicosis](#)

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Ascites A. TRANSUDATE: (1) [Cirrhosis](#) (75%): poor prognostic sign (2) Hypoproteinemia, (3) CHF, (4) [Constrictive pericarditis](#), (5) [Chronic renal failure](#), (6) [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) B. EXUDATE: (1) Carcinomatosis, (2) Polyserositis, (3) TB peritonitis, (4) [Pancreatitis](#), (5) Meigs syndrome C. HEMORRHAGIC / CHYLOUS FLUID Early signs (accumulation in pelvis): √ round central density in pelvis + ill-defined bladder top √ thickening of peritoneal flank stripe √ space between properitoneal fat and gut >3 mm Late signs: √ Hellmer sign = medial displacement of lateral liver margins √ medial displacement of ascending + descending colon √ obliteration of hepatic + splenic angles √ bulging flanks √ gray abdomen √ floating centralized loops √ separation of loops **High-density Ascites** 1. [Tuberculosis](#): 20-45 HU; may be lower 2. Ovarian tumor 3. Appendiceal tumor **Neonatal Ascites** A. GASTROINTESTINAL (a) perforation of hollow viscus [meconium peritonitis](#) (b) inflammatory lesions [Meckel diverticulum](#), [appendicitis](#) (c) cyst rupture mesenteric / omental / [choledochal cyst](#) (d) bile leakage biliary obstruction / perforation B. PORTOHEPATIC (a) extrahepatic portal vein obstruction atresia of veins, compression by mass (b) intrahepatic portal vein obstruction portal [cirrhosis](#) ([neonatal hepatitis](#)), biliary [cirrhosis](#) (biliary atresia) C. URINARY TRACT √ Urine ascites (most common cause) from lower urinary tract obstruction + upper urinary tract rupture: posterior / anterior urethral valves, ureterovesical / [ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#), renal / [bladder rupture](#), anterior [urethral diverticulum](#), bladder diverticula, [neurogenic bladder](#), extrinsic bladder mass D. GENITAL ruptured [ovarian cyst](#), hydrometrocolpos E. HYDROPS FETALIS [Immune hydrops](#), [nonimmune hydrops](#) (usually cardiac causes) F. MISCELLANEOUS chylous ascites, lymphangiectasia, congenital syphilis, trauma, idiopathic **Chylous Ascites** IN ADULTS: 1. Inflammatory process (35%) 2. Tumor (30%) 3. Idiopathic (23%) 4. Trauma (11%) 5. Congenital (1%) IN CHILDREN: 1. Congenital (39%) 2. Inflammatory process (15%) 3. Trauma (12%) 4. Tumor (3%) 5. Idiopathic (33%)

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Fluid Collections *mnemonic*: "BLUSCHINGS"**B**iloma **L**ymphocele, **L**ymphangioma, **L**ymphoma (almost anechoic by US) **U**rinoma **S**eroma **C**yst (pseudocyst, [peritoneal inclusion cyst](#)) **H**ematoma (aneurysm, AVM) **I**nfection, **I**nfestation ([empyema](#), abscess, Echinococcus) **N**eoplasm (necrotic) **G**I tract (dilated loops, [ileus](#), duplication) **S**erosa ([ascites](#), pleural fluid, [pericardial effusion](#))

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Intra-abdominal Cyst In Childhood 1.Omental cyst (greater omentum / lesser sac, multilocular)2.Mesenteric cyst (between leaves of small bowel mesentery)3.[Choledochal cyst](#)4.Intestinal duplication5.[Ovarian cyst](#)6.[Pancreatic pseudocyst](#)7.Cystic renal tumor8.Abscess9.[Meckel diverticulum](#) (communicates with GI tract)10.[Lymphangioma](#)11.Mesenteric [lymphoma](#)12.Intramural tumor

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=occlusion / constriction of bowel lumen

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Common Causes Of Obstruction In Children Nursery Intestinal atresia, [midgut volvulus](#), meconium ileus, [Hirschsprung disease](#), small bowel atresia with meconium ileus, [meconium plug syndrome](#), [small left colon syndrome](#), [imperforate anus](#), obstruction from [duplication cyst](#) First 3 months Inguinal hernia, [Hirschsprung disease](#), [midgut volvulus](#) 6 - 24 months Ileocolic [intussusception](#) Childhood [Appendicitis](#)

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Gastric Outlet Obstruction A. CONGENITAL LESION 1. [Antral mucosal diaphragm](#) = antral web 2. Gastric duplication: usually along greater curvature, abdominal mass in infancy 3. [Hypertrophic pyloric stenosis](#) B. INFLAMMATORY NARROWING 1. Peptic ulcer disease: cause in adults in 60-65% 2. [Corrosive gastritis](#) 3. [Crohn disease](#), [sarcoidosis](#), syphilis, [tuberculosis](#) C. MALIGNANT NARROWING 1. Antral carcinoma: cause in adults in 30-35% 2. Scirrhus carcinoma of pyloric channel D. OTHERS 1. Prolapsed antral polyp / mucosa 2. [Bezoar](#) 3. [Gastric volvulus](#) 4. Postoperative stomal edema Abdominal plain film: ∇ large smoothly marginated homogeneous mass displacing transverse colon + small bowel inferiorly ∇ one / two air-fluid levels

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Duodenal Obstruction A. CONGENITAL 1. [Annular pancreas](#) 2. Peritoneal bands = [Ladd bands](#) 3. Aberrant vessel B. INFLAMMATORY NARROWING 1. Chronic [duodenal ulcer](#) scar 2. [Acute pancreatitis](#): phlegmon, abscess, pseudocyst 3. [Acute cholecystitis](#): perforated gallstone C. INTRAMURAL HEMATOMA 1. Blunt trauma (accident, child abuse) 2. Anticoagulant therapy 3. Blood dyscrasia D. TUMORAL NARROWING 1. Primary duodenal tumors 2. Tumor invasion from pancreas, right kidney, lymph node enlargement E. EXTRINSIC COMPRESSION 1. [Aortic aneurysm](#) 2. Pseudoaneurysm F. OTHERS 1. [Superior mesenteric artery syndrome](#) from extensive burns, body cast, rapid weight loss, prolonged bed rest 2. [Bezoar](#) (in gastrectomized patient) *mnemonic*: "VA BADD TU BADD" child adult Volvulus Tumor Atresia Ulcer Bands Bands Annular pancreas Annular pancreas Duplication Duplication Diverticulum Diverticulum Abdominal plain film: ∇ double-bubble sign = air-fluid levels in stomach + duodenum ∇ frequently normal due to absence of gas from vomiting

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Jejun And Ileal Obstruction =SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION (SBO) *Technique*: best evaluated by CT (95% accurate, 94% sensitive, 96% specific) A. CONGENITAL 1. Ileal atresia / stenosis 2. Enteric duplication: located on antimesenteric side, mostly in ileum 3. [Midgut volvulus](#) from arrest in rotation + fixation of small bowel during fetal life 4. Mesenteric cyst from [meconium peritonitis](#): located on mesenteric side 5. [Meckel diverticulum](#) B. EXTRINSIC BOWEL LESIONS 1. Fibrous adhesions from previous surgery / peritonitis (in 75%) 2. Hernias (inguinal, femoral, umbilical, paraduodenal, foramen of Winslow, incisional, Spigelian, obturator) 3. Volvulus 4. Masses: neoplasm, abscess C. LUMINAL OCCLUSION 1. Swallowed foreign body, [bezoar](#), gallstone, bolus of *Ascaris lumbricoides*, inspissated milk 2. Meconium [ileus](#): \checkmark microcolon in [cystic fibrosis](#) 3. Meconium [ileus](#) equivalent 4. [Intussusception](#) (tumor, [Meckel diverticulum](#), chronic ulcer, adhesion) 5. Tumor (rare): eg, [lipoma](#) D. INTRINSIC BOWEL WALL LESION 1. Strictures from neoplasm, [Crohn disease](#), tuberculous enteritis, parasitic disease, potassium chloride tablets, surgical anastomosis, irradiation, massive deposition of amyloid 2. [Intramural hemorrhage](#): blunt trauma, [Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#) 3. Vascular insufficiency: arterial / venous occlusion

Acquired Small Bowel Obstruction In Childhood mnemonic: "AAIIMM" Adhesions Appendicitis Intussusception Incarcerated hernia Malrotation Meckel diverticulum

Small Bowel Obstruction In Adulthood mnemonic: "SHAVIT" Stone ([gallstone ileus](#)) Hernia Adhesion Volvulus Intussusception Tumor Plain abdominal radiograph (50-66% sensitive): \checkmark "candy cane" appearance in erect position = >3 distended small bowel loops >3 cm with gas-fluid levels ($>3-5$ hours after onset of obstruction) \checkmark disparity in size between obstructed loops and contiguous small bowel loops of normal caliber beyond site of obstruction \checkmark small bowel positioned in center of abdomen \checkmark little / no gas + stool in colon with complete mechanical obstruction after 12-24 hours \checkmark "stretch sign" = erectile valvulae conniventes completely encircle bowel lumen \checkmark "stepladder appearance" in low obstruction (the greater the number of dilated bowel loops, the more distal the site of obstruction) \checkmark "string-of-beads" indicate peristaltic hyperactivity to overcome mechanical obstruction \checkmark hyperactive peristalsis / aperistalsis = fatigued small bowel CAVE: little / no gas in small bowel from fluid-distended loops may lead one to overlook obstruction *Plain abdominal radiographic categories:* 1. Normal = absence of small [intestinal gas](#) / gas within 3-4 variably shaped loops <2.5 cm in diameter 2. Mild small bowel stasis = single / multiple loops of 2.5-3 cm in diameter with ≥ 3 air-fluid levels 3. Probable SBO pattern = dilated multiple gas- / fluid-filled loops with air-fluid levels + moderate amount of colonic gas 4. Definite SBO pattern = clearly disproportionate gaseous / fluid distension of small bowel relative to colon UGI: \checkmark "snake head" appearance = active peristalsis forms bulbous head of barium column in an attempt to overcome obstruction \checkmark barium appears in colon >12 hours Enteroclysis for adhesive obstruction: \checkmark abrupt change in caliber of bowel with normal caliber / collapsed bowel distal to obstruction \checkmark stretched folds of normal pattern \checkmark angulated + fixed bowel segment *Enteroclysis categories of SBO (Shrake):* (a) low-grade partial SBO = sufficient flow of contrast material through point of obstruction so that fold pattern beyond obstruction is readily defined (b) high-grade partial SBO = stasis + delay in arrival of contrast so that contrast material is diluted in distended prestenotic loop with minimal contrast in postobstructive loop leading to difficulty in defining fold pattern after transition point (c) complete SBO = no passage of contrast material 3-24 hours after start of examination CT (poor [sensitivity](#) for low-grade partial obstruction) US: \checkmark small bowel loops dilated >3 cm \checkmark length of dilated segment >10 cm \checkmark increased peristalsis of dilated segment (may become paralytic in prolonged obstruction) \checkmark colon collapsed Location of obstruction: (a) valvulae conniventes high + frequent = jejunum (b) valvulae conniventes sparse / absent = ileum

Closed Loop Obstruction = bowel obstruction at two points *Cause:* adhesion (75%), volvulus, incarcerated hernia \checkmark U-shaped distended loop \checkmark increasing intraluminal fluid \checkmark fixation of bowel loop = no change in position \checkmark "coffee bean sign" = gas-filled loop \checkmark "pseudotumor" = fluid-filled loop \checkmark U- or C-shaped dilated bowel loop on CT \checkmark "beak sign" = point of obstruction on CT / UGI \checkmark "whirl sign" = twisting of bowel + mesentery on CT \checkmark stretched mesenteric vessels converging toward torsion

Strangulated Obstruction = triad of (1) mechanical obstruction proximal to the involved segment (2) closed-loop obstruction of the involved segment (3) venous congestion of the involved segment CT: \checkmark slight circumferential thickening of bowel wall \checkmark increased wall attenuation \checkmark target / halo sign \checkmark serrated beak at site of obstruction (32-100% specific) \checkmark unusual course of mesenteric vasculature \checkmark mesenteric haziness due to edema (95% specific) \checkmark diffuse engorgement of mesenteric vasculature \checkmark poor / no enhancement of bowel wall (100% specific) \checkmark delayed prolonged enhancement of bowel wall \checkmark large amount of [ascites](#) \checkmark [pneumatosis intestinalis](#)

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Colonic Obstruction *Incidence:* 25% of all intestinal obstructions
A. NEONATAL COLONIC OBSTRUCTION
1. [Meconium plug syndrome](#)
2. Colonic atresia
3. [Anorectal malformation](#): rectal atresia, [imperforate anus](#)
B. LUMINAL OBSTRUCTION
1. Fecal impaction
✓ bubbly pattern of large mass of stool
2. Fecaloma
3. Gallstone (in sigmoid narrowed by diverticulitis)
4. [Intussusception](#)
C. BOWEL WALL LESION
(a) malignant (60-70% of obstructions): predominantly in sigmoid (b) inflammatory
1. [Crohn disease](#)
2. [Ulcerative colitis](#)
3. [Mesenteric ischemia](#)
4. Sigmoid diverticulitis (15%)
✓ stenotic segment >6 cm
5. [Acute pancreatitis](#)
(c) infectious: infectious granulomatous process ([actinomycosis](#), [tuberculosis](#), [lymphogranuloma venereum](#)), parasitic disease ([amebiasis](#), [schistosomiasis](#))
(d) wall hematoma: blunt trauma, coagulopathy
D. EXTRINSIC
(a) mass impression
1. [Endometriosis](#)
2. Large tumor mass: prostate, bladder, uterus, tubes, [ovaries](#)
3. Pelvic abscess
4. Hugely distended bladder
5. Mesenteritis
6. Poorly formed colostomy
(b) severe constriction
1. Volvulus (3rd most common cause): sigmoid colon, cecum, transverse colon, compound volvulus (= ileosigmoid knot)
2. Hernia: transverse colon in diaphragmatic hernia, sigmoid colon in left inguinal hernia
3. Adhesion
Abdominal plain-film patterns:
(a) dilated colon only = competent ileocecal valve
(b) dilated small bowel (25%) = incompetent ileocecal valve
(c) dilated colon + dilated small bowel = ileocecal valve obstruction
secondary to cecal overdistension
✓ gas-fluid levels distal to hepatic flexure (fluid is normal in cecum + ascending colon); sign not valid with diarrhea / saline catharsis / enema
✓ cecum most dilated portion (in 75% of cases); critical at 10 cm diameter (high probability for impending perforation)
✓ The lower the obstruction, the more proximal the distension
!BE: emergency barium enema of unprepared colon in suspected obstruction!
!contraindicated in [toxic megacolon](#), [pneumatosis intestinalis](#), portal vein gas, extraluminal gas

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ILEUS

[ileus = stasis / inability to push fluid along (term does not distinguish between mechanical and nonmechanical causes)] =ADYNAMIC / PARALYTIC / NONOBSTRUCTIVE ILEUS=derangement impairing proper distal propulsion of intestinal contents *Cause:* -in neonate:1.Hyperbilirubinemia2.Intracranial hemorrhage3.[Aspiration pneumonia](#)4.[Necrotizing enterocolitis](#)5.Aganglionosis-in child / adult:1.Postoperative ileus ■ usually resolves by 4th postoperative day2.Visceral pain: obstructing ureteral stone, common bile duct stone, twisted [ovarian cyst](#), blunt abdominal / chest trauma3.Intra-abdominal inflammation / infection: peritonitis, [appendicitis](#), cholecystitis, [pancreatitis](#), salpingitis, abdominal abscess, [hemolytic-uremic syndrome](#), gastroenteritis4.Ischemic bowel disease5.Anticholinergic drugs: atropine, propantheline, morphine + derivatives, tricyclic antidepressants, dilantin, phenothiazines, hexamethonium bromide6.Neuromuscular disorder: diabetes, [hypothyroidism](#), porphyria, [lead poisoning](#), uremia, hypokalemia, [amyloidosis](#), urticaria, [sprue](#), scleroderma, [Chagas disease](#), vagotomy, myotonic dystrophy, CNS trauma, paraplegia, quadriplegia7.Systemic disease: septic / hypovolemic shock, urticaria8.Chest disease: lower lobe [pneumonia](#), pleuritis, [myocardial infarction](#), acute pericarditis, [congestive heart failure](#)9.Retroperitoneal disease: hemorrhage (spine trauma), abscess
mnemonic:"Remember the P's"**P**ancreatitis **P**endicitis **P**eptic ulcer **P**erforation **P**eritonitis **P**neumonia **P**orphyrin **P**ostoperative **P**otassium deficiency **P**regnancy
Pyelonephritis ■ intestinal sounds decreased / absent ■ abdominal distension ✓ large + small bowel ± gastric distension ✓ decreased small bowel distension on serial films ✓ delayed but free passage of contrast material/Rx:not amenable to surgical correction

[Localized Ileus Intestinal Pseudoobstruction](#)

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Localized ileus =isolated distended loop of small / large bowel= SENTINEL LOOP Often associated with an adjacent acute inflammatory process *Etiology:* 1.[Acute pancreatitis](#):duodenum, jejunum, transverse colon2.[Acute cholecystitis](#):hepatic flexure of colon3.Acute [appendicitis](#):terminal ileum, cecum4.Acute [diverticulitis](#):descending colon5.Acute ureteral colic:GI tract along course of ureter

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Intestinal Pseudoobstruction A. Transient pseudoobstruction 1. Electrolyte imbalance 2. [Renal failure](#) 3. [Congestive heart failure](#) B. Chronic pseudoobstruction 1. Scleroderma 2. [Amyloidosis](#) C. Idiopathic pseudoobstruction 1. Chronic intestinal pseudoobstruction syndrome ■ persistently decreased peristalsis + clinical obstruction Age: neonatal period / delayed for months + years 2. Megacystis-microcolon-intestinal-hypoperistalsis syndrome

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Esophageal Contractions Esophageal motor activity needs to be evaluated in recumbent position without influence of gravity! PERISTALTIC EVENT = coordinated contractions of esophagus PERISTALTIC SEQUENCE = aboral stripping wave clearing esophagus A. PRIMARY PERISTALSIS = orderly peristaltic sequence with progressive aboral stripping traversing entire esophagus with complete clearance of barium; centrally mediated (medulla) swallow reflex via glossopharyngeal + vagal nerve; initiated by swallowing rapid wave of inhibition followed by slower wave of contraction Normal peristaltic sequence will be interrupted by repetitive swallowing before peristaltic sequence is complete! B. SECONDARY PERISTALSIS = local peristaltic wave identical to primary peristalsis but elicited through esophageal distension = sensorimotor stretch reflex Esophageal motility can be evaluated with barium injection through nasoesophageal tube despite patient's inability to swallow! C. TERTIARY CONTRACTIONS = nonpropulsive esophageal motor event characterized by disordered up-and-down movement of bolus without clearing of esophagus Cause: 1. [Presbyesophagus](#) 2. Diffuse esophageal spasm 3. Hyperactive [achalasia](#) 4. Neuromuscular disease: [diabetes mellitus](#), Parkinsonism, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, thyrotoxic myopathy, myotonic dystrophy 5. Obstruction of cardia: neoplasm, distal esophageal stricture, benign lesion, S/P repair of [hiatal hernia](#) Tertiary activity does not necessarily imply a significant motility disturbance! Age: in 5-10% of normal adults during 4th-6th decade (a) nonsegmental = partial luminal indentation Location: in lower 2/3 of esophagus spontaneous repetitive nonpropulsive contraction "yo-yo" motion of barium "corkscrew" appearance = scalloped configuration of barium column "rosary bead" / "shish kebab" configuration = compartmentalization of barium column no lumen-obliterating contractions (b) segmental = luminal obliteration (rare) "curling" = erratic segmental contractions "rosary-bead" appearance

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Abnormal Esophageal Peristalsis A. PRIMARY MOTILITY DISORDERS 1. [Achalasia](#) 2. **Diffuse esophageal spasm**

■ severe intermittent pain while swallowing¹ compartmentalization of esophagus by numerous tertiary contractions Dx: extremely high pressures on manometry 3. [Presbyesophagus](#) 4. [Chalasia](#) 5. Congenital TE fistula 6. [Intestinal pseudoobstruction](#) B. SECONDARY MOTILITY DISORDERS (a) [Connective tissue disease](#) 1. Scleroderma 2. SLE 3. [Rheumatoid arthritis](#) 4. Polymyositis 5. [Dermatomyositis](#) 6. Muscular dystrophy (b) Chemical / physical injury 1. Reflux / peptic esophagitis 2. S/P vagotomy 3. [Caustic esophagitis](#) 4. Radiotherapy (c) Infection Fungal: [candidiasis](#) Parasitic: [Chagas disease](#) Bacterial: TB, diphtheria Viral: herpes simplex (d) Metabolic disease 1. [Diabetes mellitus](#) 2. [Amyloidosis](#) 3. Alcoholism 4. Electrolyte disturbances (e) Endocrine disease 1. Myxedema 2. Thyrotoxicosis (f) Neoplasm (g) Drug-related atropine, propantheline, curare (h) Muscle disease 1. Myotonic dystrophy 2. Muscular dystrophy 3. Oculopharyngeal dystrophy 4. Myasthenia gravis (disturbed motility only in striated muscle of upper 1/3 of esophagus)¹ persistent collection of barium in upper third of esophagus¹ findings reversed by cholinesterase inhibitor edrophonium (Tensilon®) (i) Neurologic disease 1. Parkinsonism 2. Multiple sclerosis 3. CNS neoplasm 4. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 5. Bulbar [poliomyelitis](#) 6. Cerebrovascular disease 7. Huntington chorea 8. Ganglioneuromatosis 9. [Wilson disease](#) 10. Friedreich ataxia 11. Familial dysautonomia (Riley-Day) 12. Stiff-man syndrome

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Diffuse Esophageal Dilatation =ACHALASIA PATTERN = MEGAESOPHAGUSA.ESOPHAGEAL MOTILITY DISORDER1. Idiopathic [achalasia](#)2. [Chagas disease](#): patients commonly from South America; often associated with megacolon + cardiomegaly3. Postvagotomy syndrome4. Scleroderma5. [Systemic lupus erythematosus](#)6. [Presbyesophagus](#)7. [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#)8. Diabetic / alcoholic neuropathy9. Anticholinergic drugs10. Idiopathic [intestinal pseudoobstruction](#)= degeneration of innervation11. [Amyloidosis](#): associated with [macroglossia](#), thickened [small bowel folds](#)12. EsophagitisB. **DISTAL OBSTRUCTION**1. Infiltrating lesion of distal esophagus / gastric cardia (eg, carcinoma) = pseudoachalasia2. Benign stricture3. Extrinsic compression *mnemonic*: "MA'S TACO in a SHell"**Muscular disorder** (eg, myasthenia gravis) **Achalasia** Scleroderma Trypanosomiasis ([Chagas disease](#)) **Amyloidosis** **Carcinoma** **Obstruction** **Stricture** (lye, potassium, tetracycline) **Hiatal hernia**

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Air Esophagogram 1.Normal variant2.Scleroderma3.Distal obstruction: tumor, stricture, [achalasia](#)4.Thoracic surgery5.Mediastinal inflammatory disease6.S/P total laryngectomy (esophageal speech)7.Endotracheal intubation + PEEP

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Abnormal Esophageal Folds A. TRANSVERSE FOLDS 1. Feline esophagus

frequently seen with [gastroesophageal reflux](#); normally found in cats ✓ transient contraction of longitudinally oriented muscularis mucosae 2. Fixed transverse folds due to scarring from [reflux esophagitis](#) ✓ stepladder appearance in distal esophagus B. LONGITUDINAL FOLDS normally 1-2 mm wide in collapsed esophagus; >3 mm with submucosal edema / inflammation 1. [Gastroesophageal reflux](#) 2. Opportunistic infection 3. Caustic ingestion 4. Irradiation DDX: 1. Varices ✓ tortuous / serpentine folds that can be effaced by esophageal distension 2. Varicoid carcinoma ✓ fixed rigid folds with abrupt demarcation due to submucosal spread

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Esophageal Inflammation A. CONTACT INJURY (a) reflux related 1. Peptic ulcer disease 2. [Barrett esophagus](#) 3. Scleroderma (patulous LES) 4. Nasogastric intubation (b) caustic 1. Foreign body 2. Corrosives (c) thermic Habitual ingestion of excessively hot meals / liquids B. [RADIATION INJURY](#) C. INFECTION 1. [Candidiasis](#) 2. Herpes simplex virus / CMV 3. Diphtheria D. SYSTEMIC DISEASE (a) dermatologic disorders pemphigoid, epidermolysis bullosa (b) others: 1. [Crohn disease](#) 2. [Graft-versus-host disease](#) 3. Behçet disease 4. [Eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#)

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Esophageal Ulceration A. PEPTIC 1. [Reflux esophagitis](#): scleroderma[✓] shallow / deep ulcers in distal esophagus 2. [Barrett esophagus](#) 3. [Crohn disease](#)[✓] aphthous ulcers in variable location 4. Dermatologic disorders: benign mucous membrane pemphigoid, epidermolysis bullosa dystrophica, Behçet disease B. INFECTIOUS 1. Herpes[✓] discrete superficial ulcers in midesophagus 2. Cytomegalovirus[✓] large flat ulcer in mid- or distal esophagus C. CONTACT INJURY / EXTERNAL INJURY 1. Corrosives: alkali, strictures in 50% 2. Alcohol-induced esophagitis 3. Drug-induced = "pill esophagitis": (a) antibiotics (tetracyclines), quinidine, potassium chloride[✓] discrete superficial ulcers in midesophagus (b) alendronate (= inhibitor of osteoclastic activity)[✓] long-segment involvement with severe ulceration 4. Radiotherapy: smooth stricture >4500 rads[✓] shallow / deep ulcers conforming to radiation portal 5. Nasogastric tube[✓] elongated stricture in middle + distal 1/3 6. Endoscopic sclerotherapy D. MALIGNANT 1. Esophageal carcinoma Location: @ Upper esophagus 1. Barrett ulcer in islets of gastric mucosa @ Midesophagus 1. [Herpes esophagitis](#) 2. CMV esophagitis 3. [Drug-induced esophagitis](#) @ Distal esophagus 1. [Reflux esophagitis](#) 2. CMV esophagitis DDX: 1. Sacculation=outpouching in distal esophagus due to asymmetric scarring in [reflux esophagitis](#) 2. Esophageal intramural pseudodiverticula 3. Artifact (a) tiny precipitates of barium (b) transient mucosal crinkling in inadequate distension (c) irregular Z-line

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Double-barrel Esophagus 1.Dissecting intramural hematoma from emetogenic injury2.Mallory-Weiss teartrauma, esophagoscopy (in 0.25%), bougienage (in 0.5%), ingestion of foreign bodies, spontaneous (bleeding diathesis) 3.Intramural abscess4.Intraluminal diverticulum5.Esophageal duplication (if communication with esophageal lumen present)

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Esophageal Diverticulum 1.[ZENKER DIVERTICULUM](#) (pharyngoesophageal) 2.[INTERBRONCHIAL DIVERTICULUM](#)=traction diverticulum response to pull from fibrous adhesions following lymph node infection (TB), contains all 3 esophageal layers Location: usually on right anterolateral wall of interbronchial segment ✓ calcified mediastinal nodes 3.[INTERAORTICOBRONCHIAL DIVERTICULUM](#)= thoracic pulsion diverticulum Location: on left anterolateral wall between inferior border of aortic arch + upper margin of left main bronchus 4.[EIPHRENIC DIVERTICULUM](#) (rare) Location: usually on lateral esophageal wall, right > left, in distal 10 cm ✓ often associated with hiatus hernia 5.[INTRAMURAL ESOPHAGEAL PSEUDODIVERTICULOSIS](#) ✓ outpouching from mucosal glands

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Tracheobronchoesophageal Fistula A. CONGENITAL 1. Congenital tracheoesophageal fistula B. MALIGNANT 1. Lung cancer 2. Metastases to mediastinal lymph nodes 3. [Esophageal cancer](#) Often following radiation treatment of these tumors! C. TRAUMATIC 1. Instrumentation (esophagoscopy, bougienage, pneumatic dilatation) 2. Blunt ("crush injury") / penetrating chest trauma 3. Surgery 4. Foreign-body perforation 5. Corrosives 6. Postemetic rupture = [Boerhaave syndrome](#) D. INFECTIOUS / INFLAMMATORY 1. TB, syphilis, [histoplasmosis](#), [actinomycosis](#), [Crohn disease](#) 2. Perforated diverticulum 3. Pulmonary sequestration / cyst

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Long Smooth Esophageal Narrowing 1. Congenital esophageal stenosis[✓] at junction between middle + distal third[✓] weblike / tubular stenosis of 1 cm in length[✓]2. Surgical repair of esophageal atresia[✓] interruption of primary peristaltic wave at anastomosis[✓] secondary contractions may produce retrograde flow with aspiration[✓] impaction of food[✓]3. Caustic burns = alkaline burns[✓]4. Alendronate (= inhibitor of osteoclastic activity)[✓]5. Gastric acid: reflux, hyperemesis gravidarum[✓]6. Intubation: reflux + compromise of circulation[✓]7. Radiotherapy for esophageal carcinoma; tumor of lung, breast, or [thymus](#); [lymphoma](#); metastases to mediastinal lymph nodes[✓]Onset of stricture: usually 4-8 months post Rx[✓]Dose: 3000-5000 rad[✓]8. Postinfectious: moniliasis (rare) **Lower Esophageal Narrowing**
mnemonic: "SPADE" **S**cleroderma **P**resbyesophagus **A**chalasia; **A**nticholinergics **D**iffuse esophageal spasm **E**sophagitis

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Focal Esophageal Narrowing 1. **Web**

=1- to 2-mm thick (vertical length) area of complete / incomplete circumferential narrowing 2. **Ring**

=5- to 10-mm thick (vertical length) area of complete / incomplete circumferential narrowing 3. **Stricture**

=>10 mm in vertical length *mnemonic*: "LETTERS MC" Lye ingestion **E**sophagitis **T**umor **T**ube (prolonged nasogastric intubation) **E**pidermolysis bullosa **R**adiation **S**urgery, **S**cleroderma **M**oniliasis **C**ongenital

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Esophageal Filling Defect A. BENIGN TUMORS <1% of all esophageal tumors (a) Submucosal tumor (75%) = nonepithelial, intramural 1. [Leiomyoma](#) (50% of all benign tumors) 2. [Lipoma](#), fibroma, [lipoma](#), fibrolipoma, myxofibroma, hamartoma, [hemangioma](#), [lymphangioma](#), neurofibroma, schwannoma, granular cell myoblastoma ✓ primary wave stops at level of tumor ✓ proximal esophageal dilatation + hypotonicity ✓ rigid esophageal wall at site of tumoral implant ✓ disorganized / altered / effaced mucosal folds around defect ✓ tumor shadow on tangential view extending beyond esophageal margin (b) Mucosal tumor (25%) = epithelial, intraluminal 1. Fibrovascular / inflammatory polyp; adenomatous polyp 2. Squamous papilloma, fibropapilloma 3. [Villous adenoma](#), [fibroadenoma](#) ✓ no interruption of primary peristaltic wave ✓ well-circumscribed central radiolucent defect ✓ symmetric ampullary distension of esophagus around defect ✓ no change of mucosal pattern at periphery of defect B. MALIGNANT TUMORS 1. [Esophageal cancer](#), varicoid squamous cell carcinoma 2. Gastric cancer 3. Leiomyosarcoma, carcinosarcoma, pseudosarcoma 4. Metastases: [malignant melanoma](#), [lymphoma](#) (<1% of gastrointestinal lymphomas), stomach, lung, breast C. VASCULAR varices D. INFECTION / INFLAMMATION Candida / [herpes esophagitis](#), drug-induced inflammatory reaction E. CONGENITAL / NORMAL VARIANT 1. Prolapsed gastric folds 2. Esophageal [duplication cyst](#) (0.5-2.5% of all esophageal tumors) F. FOREIGN BODIES retained food particles (chicken bone, fish bone, pins, coins, small toys, meat), undissolved effervescent crystals, air bubbles

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Esophageal Mucosal Nodules / Plaques 1. [Candida esophagitis](#) ✓ diffuse / localized discrete plaques 2. [Reflux esophagitis](#) (early stage) ✓ tiny poorly defined nodules in distal esophagus 3. [Barrett esophagus](#) ✓ localized reticular pattern often adjacent to distal aspect of high stricture 4. [Glycogen acanthosis](#) ✓ diffuse / localized nodules / plaques 5. Superficial spreading carcinoma ✓ localized coalescent nodules / plaques 6. Artifacts (undissolved effervescent agent, air bubbles, debris)

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Extrinsic Esophageal Impression Cervical Causes Of Esophageal Impression A.OSSEOUS LESIONS1.Anterior marginal osteophyte / DISH2.Anterior disk herniation3.Cervical trauma + hematoma4.Osteomyelitis5.Bone neoplasmB.ESOPHAGEAL WALL LESIONS(a)muscle1.Cricopharyngeus2.[Esophageal web](#)(b)vessel1.Pharyngeal venous plexus2.Lymph node enlargementC.ENDOCRINE ORGANS1.Thyroid / parathyroid enlargement (benign / malignant)2.Fibrotic traction after thyroidectomyD.Retropharyngeal / mediastinal abscess **Thoracic Causes Of Esophageal Impression** A.NORMAL INDENTATIONSaortic arch, left mainstem bronchus, left inferior pulmonary vein, diaphragmatic hiatus B.ABNORMAL VASCULATUREright-sided aortic arch, [cervical aortic arch](#), aortic unfolding, aortic tortuosity, [aortic aneurysm](#), [double aortic arch](#) ("reverse S"), [coarctation of aorta](#) ("reverse figure 3"), aberrant right subclavian artery =arteria lusoria (semilunar / bayonet-shaped imprint upon posterior wall of esophagus), [aberrant left pulmonary artery](#) (between trachea + esophagus), anomalous pulmonary venous return (anterior), persistent [truncus arteriosus](#) (posterior)C.CARDIAC CAUSES(a)enlargement of chambersleft atrial / left ventricular enlargement: mitral disease (esophageal displacement backward + to the right) (b)pericardial massespericardial tumor / cyst / effusion D.MEDIASTINAL CAUSESmediastinal tumor, lymphadenopathy (metastatic, tuberculous), inflammation, cyst E.PULMONARY CAUSESpulmonary tumor, [bronchogenic cyst](#), atypical pulmonary [fibrosis](#) (retraction) F.ESOPHAGEAL ABNORMALITIES1.[Esophageal diverticulum](#)2.Paraesophageal hernia3.Esophageal duplication

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Widened Retrogastric Space A. PANCREATIC MASSES (most common cause) 1. Acute + [chronic pancreatitis](#) 2. [Pancreatic pseudocyst](#) 3. Pancreatic cystadenoma + carcinoma B. OTHER RETROPERITONEAL MASSES sarcoma, renal tumor, adrenal tumor, lymph node enlargement, abscess, hematoma C. GASTRIC MASSES 1. [Leiomyoma](#), leiomyosarcoma D. OTHERS 1. [Aortic aneurysm](#) 2. [Choledochal cyst](#) 3. Obesity 4. Postsurgical disruptions + adhesions 5. [Ascites](#) 6. Gross hepatomegaly + enlarged caudate lobe 7. Hernia involving omentum

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Gastric Pneumatosis A. INFECTION 1. [Emphysematous gastritis](#) B. ISCHEMIA 1. [Gastric ulcer](#) disease with intramural perforation 2. Severe necrotizing gastroenteritis 3. [Gastric carcinoma](#) 4. Volvulus 5. Gastric infarction C. TRAUMA (a) Iatrogenic = gastric manipulation 1. Recent gastroduodenal surgery 2. Endoscopy (1.6%) (b) Ingested material: 1. [Corrosive gastritis](#) 2. Acid ingestion D. OVERDISTENSION (increased intraluminal pressure) 1. [Gastric outlet obstruction](#) 2. Volvulus 3. Overinflation during gastroscopy 4. Profuse severe vomiting E. DISSECTING AIR 1. Rupture + dissection of subpleural blebs in bullous [emphysema](#) along esophageal wall / mediastinum F. IDIOPATHIC 1. (Intramural / nonbacterial) gastric [emphysema](#) = cystic pneumatosis = benign idiopathic submucosal air lucencies ✓ thin discrete sharply defined streaks of gas in submucosa ± subserosa ✓ irregular radiolucent band of innumerable small bubbles with constant relationship to each other ✓ bulging of mucosa ✓ gas within portal venous system

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Gastric Atony =gastric retention in the absence of mechanical obstruction *Pathophysiology*:reflex paralysis A.ACUTE GASTRIC ATONY(may develop within 24-48 hours) 1.Acute gastric dilatation: secondary to decreased arterial perfusion (ischemia, [congestive heart failure](#)) in old patients, usually fatal2.Postsurgical atony, ureteral catheterization3.Immobilization: body cast, paraplegia, postoperative state4.Abdominal trauma: especially back injury5.Severe pain: renal / biliary colic, migraine headaches, severe burns6.Infection: peritonitis, [pancreatitis](#), [appendicitis](#), subphrenic abscess, septicemiaB.CHRONIC GASTRIC ATONY1.Neurologic abnormalities: brain tumor, bulbar [poliomyelitis](#), vagotomy, tabes2.Muscular abnormalities: scleroderma, muscular dystrophy3.Drug-induced atony: atropine, morphine, heroin, ganglionic blocking agents4.Electrolyte imbalance: diabetic ketoacidosis, [hypercalcemia](#), hypocalcemia, hypokalemia, hepatic coma, uremia, myxedema5.[Diabetes mellitus](#) = gastroparesis diabetorum (0.08% incidence)6.Emotional distress7.[Lead poisoning](#)8.Porphyria ■ abdominal distension ■ vascular collapse (decreased venous return) ■ vomiting ✓ large stomach filled with air + fluid (up to 7,500 mL) ✓ retention of barium ✓ absent / diminished peristaltic activity ✓ patulous [pylorus](#) ✓ frequently [dilated duodenum](#) *DDx*:[gastric volvulus](#), pyloric stenosis

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Narrowing Of Stomach =linitis plastica type of stenosisA.MALIGNANCY1.Scirrhus [gastric carcinoma](#) (involving portion / all of stomach)2.Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), NHL3.Metastatic involvement (carcinoma of breast, pancreatic carcinoma, colonic carcinoma)B.INFLAMMATION1.Chronic [gastric ulcer](#) disease with intense spasm2.Pseudo-Billroth-I pattern of [Crohn disease](#)3.[Sarcoidosis](#) polypoid appearance, pyloric hypertrophy gastric ulcers, duodenal deformity 4.Eosinophilic gastritis5.[Polyarteritis nodosa](#)6.Stenosing antral gastritis / [hypertrophic pyloric stenosis](#)C.INFECTION1.Tertiary stage of syphilis absent mucosal folds + peristalsis no change over years2.[Tuberculosis](#) (rare) hyperplastic nodules / ulcerative lesion / annular lesion pyloric obstruction, may cross into duodenum3.[Histoplasmosis](#)4.[Actinomycosis](#)5.[Strongyloidiasis](#)6.[Phlegmonous gastritis](#)7.ToxoplasmosisD.TRAUMA1.[Corrosive gastritis](#)2.[Radiation injury](#)3.Gastric freezing4.Hepatic arterial chemotherapy infusionE.OTHERS1.Perigastric adhesions (normal mucosa, no interval change, normal peristalsis)2.[Amyloidosis](#)3.[Pseudolymphoma](#)4.Exogastric mass (hepatomegaly, [pancreatic pseudocyst](#)) mnemonic:"SLIMRAGE"**S**cirrhus carcinoma of stomach **L**ymphoma Infiltration from adjacent neoplasm **M**etastasis (breast carcinoma) **R**adiation therapy **A**cids (corrosive ingestion) **G**ranulomatous disease (TB, [sarcoidosis](#), Crohn) **E**osinophilic gastroenteritis
Antral Narrowing mnemonic:"SPICER"**S**arcoidosis, **S**yphilis **P**eptic ulcer disease **I**nfection ([tuberculosis](#)) **C**ancer, **C**rohn disease, **C**austic **E**osinophilic granuloma
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Intramural-extramucosal Lesions Of Stomach sharply delineated marginal / contour defect stretched folds over intact mucosa acute angle at margins may ulcerate centrally may become pedunculated and acquire polypoid appearance over years A.NEOPLASTIC1.[Leiomyoma](#)(48%)2.Neurogenic tumors(14%)3.Heterotopic pancreas(12%)4.Fibrous tumor(11%)5.[Lipoma](#)(7%)6.[Hemangioma](#)(7%)7.[Glomus tumor](#)(rare)8.[Carcinoid](#)9.Metastatic tumorB.INFLAMMATION / INFECTION1.Granuloma:(1) Foreign-body granuloma (2) [Sarcoidosis](#) (3) [Crohn disease](#) (4) [Tuberculosis](#) (5) [Histoplasmosis](#) 2.Eosinophilic gastritis3.Tertiary syphilis: infiltrative / ulcerative / tumorous type4.Echinococcal cystC.PANCREATIC ABNORMALITIES1.[Ectopic pancreas](#)2.[Annular pancreas](#)3.[Pancreatic pseudocyst](#)D.DEPOSITS1.Amyloid2.[Endometriosis](#)3.Localized hematomaE.OTHERS1.Varices (ie, fundal)2.Duplications (4% of all GI tract duplications)

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Gastric Filling Defects A. INTRINSIC WALL LESIONS (a) benign (most common) 1. Polyps: hyperplastic, adenomatous, villous, hamartomatous ([Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#), [Cowden disease](#)) 2. [Leiomyoma](#) 3. Granulomatous lesions: (a) [Eosinophilic granuloma](#), (b) [Crohn disease](#), (c) [Tuberculosis](#), (d) [Sarcoidosis](#) 4. [Pseudolymphoma](#) = benign reactive proliferation of lymphoid tissue 5. [Extramedullary hematopoiesis](#) 6. [Ectopic pancreas](#) 7. Gastric [duplication cyst](#) 8. Intramural hematoma 9. Esophagogastric herniation (b) malignant 1. [Gastric carcinoma](#), [lymphoma](#) 2. Gastric sarcoma: leiomyosarcoma, [liposarcoma](#), leiomyoblastoma 3. Gastric metastases: melanoma, breast, pancreas, colon B. EXTRINSIC IMPRESSIONS ON STOMACH in 70% nonneoplastic (extrinsic pseudotumors in 20%) (a) normal organs: organomegaly, tortuous aorta, heart, cardiac aneurysm (b) benign masses: cysts of pancreas, liver, [spleen](#), adrenal, kidney; gastric duplication, postoperative deformity (eg, Nissen fundoplication) (c) malignant masses: enlarged celiac nodes (d) inflammatory lesion: left subphrenic abscess / hematoma -lateral displacement: enlarged liver, [aortic aneurysm](#), enlarged celiac nodes-medial displacement: [splenomegaly](#), mass in colonic splenic flexure, cardiomegaly, subphrenic abscess C. INTRALUMINAL GASTRIC MASSES 1. [Bezoar](#) 2. Foreign bodies: food, pills, blood clot, gallstone D. TUMORS OF ADJACENT ORGANS pancreatic carcinoma + cystadenoma, liver carcinoma, carcinoma of gallbladder, colonic carcinoma, renal carcinoma, adrenal carcinoma, lymph node involvement E. [THICKENED GASTRIC FOLDS](#)

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Filling Defect Of Gastric Remnant A.IATROGENIC surgical deformity / plication defect, suture granuloma B.INFLAMMATORY bile reflux gastritis, hyperplastic polyps
C.**INTUSSUSCEPTION** 1. **Jejunogastric intussusception**
(efferent loop in 75%, afferent loop in 25%) (a) acute form: high intestinal obstruction, left hypochondriac mass, hematemesis (b) chronic / intermittent form: may be self-reducing ¹/₂ "coil spring" appearance of gastric filling defect 2. Gastrojejunal / gastroduodenal mucosal prolapse • often asymptomatic • bleeding, partial obstruction D. **NEOPLASTIC** 1. Gastric stump carcinoma: >5 years after resection for benign disease; 15% within 10 years; 20% after 20 years 2. Recurrent carcinoma (10%) secondary to incomplete removal of gastric cancer 3. Malignancy at anastomosis (incomplete resection) E. **INTRALUMINAL MATTER**: [bezoar](#)
mnemonic: "PUBLICS" Polyp (hyperplastic polyp due to bile reflux) Ulcer (anastomotic) Bezoar, Blind loop syndrome Loop ([afferent loop syndrome](#)) Intussusception at gastrojejunostomy Cancer (recurrent, residual, de novo) Surgical deformity, Suture granuloma

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Thickened Gastric Folds A. INFLAMMATION / INFECTION 1. Inflammatory gastritis: alcoholic, hypertrophic, antral, corrosive, postirradiation, gastric cooling 2. [Crohn disease](#) 3. [Sarcoidosis](#) 4. Infectious gastritis: bacterial invasion, bacterial toxins from botulism, diphtheria, dysentery, typhoid fever, [anisakiasis](#), TB, syphilis 5. [Pseudolymphoma](#) B. MALIGNANCY 1. [Lymphoma](#) 2. [Gastric carcinoma](#) C. INFILTRATIVE PROCESS 1. Eosinophilic gastritis 2. [Amyloidosis](#) D. PANCREATIC DISEASE 1. [Pancreatitis](#) 2. Direct extension from pancreatic carcinoma E. OTHERS 1. [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#) 2. [Ménétrière disease](#) 3. [Gastric varices](#) mnemonic: ZEAL VOLUMES C³P³ Zollinger-Ellison syndrome Amyloidosis Lymphoid hyperplasia Varices Operative defect Lymphoma Ulcer disease (peptic) Ménétrière disease Eosinophilic gastroenteritis Syphilis Crohn disease, Carcinoma, Corrosive gastritis Pancreatitis, Pancreatic carcinoma, Postradiation gastritis

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Gastric Ulcer A. HORMONAL 1. [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#) 2. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) (in 1.3-24%) duodenum:stomach = 4:1; M:F = 3:1 † Duodenal ulcers predominate in females † Gastric ulcers predominate in males! • absence of gastric hypersecretion 3. Steroid-induced ulcer gastric > duodenal location; frequently multiple + deep ulcers; commonly associated with erosions • bleeding (in 1/3) 4. Curling ulcer (burn) (in 0.09-2.6%) 5. [Retained gastric antrum](#) B. INFLAMMATION 1. Peptic ulcer disease 2. Gastritis 3. Radiation-induced ulcer C. BENIGN MASS 1. [Leiomyoma](#) 2. Granulomatous disease 3. [Pseudolymphoma \(lymphoid hyperplasia\)](#) D. MALIGNANT MASS 1. [Gastric carcinoma](#) 2. [Lymphoma](#) (2% of all gastric neoplasms) † multiple ulcers with aneurysmal appearance 3. Leiomyosarcoma, neurogenic sarcoma, [fibrosarcoma](#), [liposarcoma](#) 4. Metastases (a) hematogenic: [malignant melanoma](#), [breast cancer](#), lung cancer (b) per continuum: pancreas, colon, kidney E. DRUGS ASA: greater curvature

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Bulls-eye Lesions A. PRIMARY NEOPLASMS 1. [Leiomyoma](#), leiomyosarcoma 2. [Lymphoma](#) 3. [Carcinoid](#) 4. Primary carcinoma B. HEMATOGENOUS METASTASES 1. [Malignant melanoma](#) usually spares large bowel 2. [Breast cancer](#) (15%) scirrhous appearance in stomach 3. Cancer of lung 4. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) 5. [Kaposi sarcoma](#) 6. Bladder carcinoma C. [ECTOPIC PANCREAS](#) in duodenum / stomach D. [EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMA](#) most frequently in stomach

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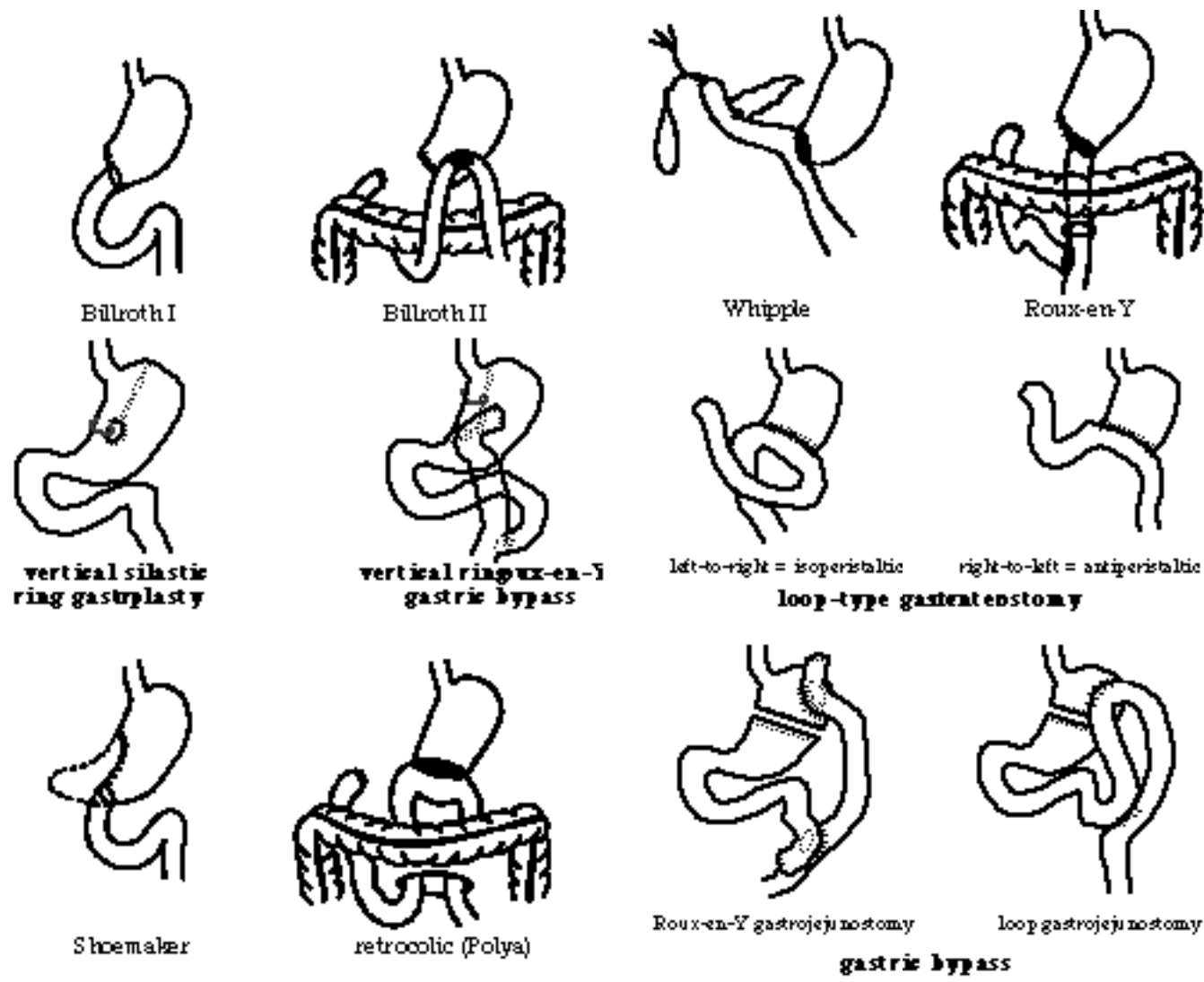


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Complications Of Postoperative Stomach 1. [Filling defect of gastric remnant](#) 2. [Retained gastric antrum](#) 3. [Dumping syndrome](#) 4. [Afferent loop syndrome](#) 5. Stomal obstruction (a) temporary reversible: edema of suture line, abscess / hematoma, potassium deficiency, inadequate electrolyte replacement, hypoproteinemia, hypoacidity (b) late mechanical: stomal ulcer (75%) *mnemonic: "LOBULATING"* Leaks (early) Obstruction (early) **Bezoar Ulcer** (especially marginal) **Loop** ([afferent loop syndrome](#)) Anemia (macrocytic secondary to decreased intrinsic factor) Tumor (? increased incidence) Intussusception **Not feeling well after meals** ([dumping syndrome](#)) Gastritis (bile reflux)



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Lesions Involving Stomach And Duodenum 1.[Lymphoma](#): in <33% of patients with [lymphoma](#)2.[Gastric carcinoma](#): in <5%, but 50 x more common than [lymphoma](#)
3.[Peptic ulcer disease](#)4.[Tuberculosis](#): in 10% of gastric TB5.[Crohn disease](#): pseudo-Billroth-I pattern6.[Strongyloidiasis](#)7.[Eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#)

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Extrinsic Pressure Effect On Duodenum A.BILE DUCTSnormal impression, dilated CBD, [choledochal cyst](#) B.GALLBLADDERnormal impression, gallbladder hydrops, Courvoisier phenomenon, [gallbladder carcinoma](#), [pericholecystic abscess](#) C.LIVERhepatomegaly, hypertrophied caudate lobe, anomalous hepatic lobe, [hepatic cyst](#), hepatic tumor D.RIGHT KIDNEYbifid collecting system, [hydronephrosis](#), multiple renal cysts, polycystic kidney disease, hypernephroma E.RIGHT ADRENALadrenal carcinoma, enlargement in [Addison disease](#) F.COLONduodenocolic apposition due to anomalous peritoneal fixation, carcinoma of hepatic flexure G.VESSELSlymphadenopathy, [duodenal varices](#), dilated arterial collaterals, [aortic aneurysm](#), intramural / mesenteric hematoma
Widened duodenal sweep A.NORMAL VARIANTB.PANCREATIC LESION1.[Acute pancreatitis](#)2.[Chronic pancreatitis](#)3.[Pancreatic pseudocyst](#)4.Pancreatic carcinoma5.Metastasis to pancreas6.Pancreatic cystadenomaC.VASCULAR LESION1.Lymph node enlargement: [lymphoma](#), metastasis, inflammation2.Cystic [lymphangioma](#) of the mesenteryD.RETROPERITONEAL MASS1.[Aortic aneurysm](#)2.[Choledochal cyst](#)

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Thickened Duodenal Folds A.INFLAMMATION(a)within bowel wall:peptic ulcer disease, [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#), regional enteritis, [lymphoid hyperplasia](#), uremia (b)surrounding bowel wall:[pancreatitis](#), cholecystitis B.INFECTION[giardiasis](#), TB, [strongyloidiasis](#), celiac disease C.NEOPLASIA[lymphoma](#), metastases to peripancreatic nodes D.DIFFUSE INFILTRATIVE DISORDER[Whipple disease](#), [amyloidosis](#), [mastocytosis](#), eosinophilic enteritis, [intestinal lymphangiectasia](#) E.VASCULAR DISORDER[duodenal varices](#), mesenteric arterial collaterals, [intramural hemorrhage](#) (trauma, Schönlein-Henoch purpura), chronic duodenal congestion ([congestive heart failure](#), portal venous hypertension); lymphangiectasia F.HYPOPROTEINEMIAnephrotic syndrome, Menetrier disease, [protein-losing enteropathy](#) G.GLANDULAR ENLARGEMENT[Brunner gland hyperplasia](#), [cystic fibrosis mnemonic](#): "BAD HELP"**B**runner gland hyperplasia **A**myloidosis **D**uodenitis (Z-E syndrome, peptic) **H**emorrhage **E**dema, **E**ctopic pancreas **L**ymphoma **P**ancreatitis, **P**arasites

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Duodenal Filling Defect A. EXTRINSIC gallbladder impression, CBD impression, gas-filled diverticulum B. INTRINSIC TO WALL (a) benign neoplastic mass adenoma, leiomyoma, lipoma, hamartoma ([Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#)), prolapsed antral polyp, Brunner gland adenoma, [villous adenoma](#), islet cell tumor, [gangliocytic paraganglioma](#) (b) malignant neoplastic mass [carcinoid](#) tumor, adenocarcinoma, ampullary carcinoma, [lymphoma](#), sarcoma, metastasis (stomach, pancreas, gallbladder, colon, kidney, melanoma), retroperitoneal lymph node involvement (c) nonneoplastic mass papilla of Vater, [choledochocele](#), [duplication cyst](#), [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), duodenal varix, mesenteric artery collaterals, intramural hematoma, adjacent abscess, stitch abscess, [ectopic pancreas](#), heterotopic gastric mucosa, [prolapsed antral mucosa](#), [Brunner gland hyperplasia](#), benign [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) C. INTRALUMINAL blood clot, foreign body (fruit pit, gallstone, feeding tube)

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Duodenal Tumor **Benign Duodenal Tumors** 1. [Leiomyoma](#) (27%) 2. Adenomatous polyp (21%) 3. [Lipoma](#) (21%) 4. Brunner gland adenoma (17%) 5. Angiomatous tumor (6%) 6. [Ectopic pancreas](#) (2%) 7. Duodenal cyst (2%) 8. Neurofibroma (2%) 9. Hamartoma (2%) **Malignant Duodenal Tumors** 1. Adenocarcinoma (73%) Location: 40% in duodenum, most often in 2nd + 3rd portion = periampullary neoplasm (a) suprapapillary: apt to cause obstruction + bleeding (b) peripapillary: extrahepatic jaundice (c) intrapapillary: GI bleeding *May be associated with: [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#)* ✓ annular / polypoid / ulcerative Metastases: regional lymph nodes (2/3) **DDx:** (1) Primary bile duct carcinoma (2) Ampullary carcinoma 2. Leiomyosarcoma (14%) most often beyond 1st portion of duodenum ✓ up to 20 cm in size ✓ frequently ulcerated exophytic mass 3. [Carcinoid](#) (11%) 4. [Lymphoma](#) (2%) ✓ marked wall thickening ✓ bulky periduodenal lymphadenopathy

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Enlargement Of Papilla Of Vater A. Normal variant identified in 60% of UGI series; atypical location in 3rd portion of duodenum in 8%; 1.5 cm in diameter in 1% of normals B. Papillary edema 1. Impacted stone 2. [Pancreatitis](#) (Poppel sign) 3. Acute [duodenal ulcer](#) disease 4. Papillitis C. Perivaterian neoplasms=tumor mass + lymphatic obstruction 1. Adenocarcinoma 2. Adenomatous polyp (pre-malignant lesion) 3. Irregular surface + erosions D. Lesions simulating enlarged papilla 1. Benign spindle cell tumor 2. Ectopic pancreatic tissue

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Duodenal Narrowing A.DEVELOPMENTAL ANOMALIES1.[Duodenal atresia](#)2.Congenital web / duodenal diaphragm3.Intraluminal diverticulum4.Duodenal [duplication cyst](#)5.[Annular pancreas](#)6.[Midgut volvulus](#), peritoneal bands ([Ladd bands](#))B.INTRINSIC DISORDERS(a)inflammation / infection1.Postbulbar ulcer2.[Crohn disease](#)3.[Sprue](#)4.[Tuberculosis](#)5.[Strongyloidiasis](#)(b)tumorduodenal / ampullary malignancy C.DISEASE IN ADJACENT STRUCTURES1.[Pancreatitis](#), pseudocyst, pancreatic carcinoma2.Cholecystitis3.Contiguous abscess4.Metastases to pancreaticoduodenal nodes ([lymphoma](#), lung cancer, [breast cancer](#))D.TRAUMA1.Duodenal rupture2.Intramural hematomaE.VASCULAR1.[Superior mesenteric artery syndrome](#)2.Aorticoduodenal fistula3.Preduodenal portal vein (anterior to descending duodenum)

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Dilated Duodenum *Megaduodenum*= marked dilatation of entire C-loop *Megabulbus*= dilatation of duodenal bulb only A. VASCULAR COMPRESSION [superior mesenteric artery syndrome](#), abdominal [aortic aneurysm](#), aorticoduodenal fistula B. PRIMARY DUODENAL ATONY (a) scleroderma, [dermatomyositis](#), SLE (b) [Chagas disease](#), aganglionosis, neuropathy, surgical / chemical vagotomy (c) focal [ileus](#): [pancreatitis](#), cholecystitis, peptic ulcer disease, trauma (d) altered emotional status, [chronic idiopathic intestinal pseudoobstruction](#) C. INFLAMMATORY / NEOPLASTIC INDURATION OF MESENTERIC ROOT [Crohn disease](#), tuberculous enteritis, [pancreatitis](#), peptic ulcer disease, [strongyloidiasis](#), metastatic disease D. FLUID DISTENSION celiac disease, [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#)

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Postbulbar Ulceration 1. Benign postbulbar peptic ulcer^v medial aspect of upper 2nd portion^v incisura pointing to ulcer^v occasionally barium reflux into common bile duct^v ring stricture^v stress- and drug-induced ulcers heal without deformity^v 2. [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#)^v multiple ulcers distal to duodenal bulb^v thickening of folds + hypersecretion^v 3. [Leiomyoma](#)^v 4. Malignant tumors: (a) primary adenocarcinoma, [lymphoma](#), sarcoma (b) contiguous spread pancreas, colon, kidney, gallbladder (c) hematogenous spread melanoma, [Kaposi sarcoma](#) (d) lymphogenic spread metastases to periduodenal lymph nodes 5. Granulomatous disease: [Crohn disease](#), TB 6. Aorticoduodenal fistula 7. Mimickers: [ectopic pancreas](#), diverticulum

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Small Bowel Diverticula A. TRUE DIVERTICULA (a) Duodenal diverticula 1. Racemose diverticula: bizarre, lobulated 2. Giant diverticula 3. Intraluminal diverticula: result of congenital web / diaphragm (b) Jejunal diverticulosis (c) [Meckel diverticulum](#) B. PSEUDODIVERTICULA 1. Scleroderma 2. [Crohn disease](#) 3. [Lymphoma](#) 4. [Mesenteric ischemia](#) 5. Communicating ileal duplication 6. Giant [duodenal ulcer](#)

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Small Bowel Ulcer *Aphthous Ulcers Of Small Bowel* A. INFECTION 1. Yersinia enterocolitis (25%) 2. Salmonellosis 3. [Tuberculosis](#) 4. Rickettsiosis B. INFLAMMATION 1. [Crohn disease](#) (22%) 2. [Behçet syndrome](#) 3. [Reiter syndrome](#) 4. [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) **Large Nonstenotic Ulcers Of Small Bowel** 1. Primary nonspecific ulcer 47% incidence 2. Yersiniosis 33% 3. [Crohn disease](#) 30% 4. [Tuberculosis](#) 18% 5. Salmonellosis / shigellosis 7% 6. [Meckel diverticulum](#) 5% **Multiple Small Bowel Ulcers** A. DRUGS 1. Potassium tablets 2. Steroids 3. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs B. INFECTION / INFLAMMATION 1. Bacillary dysentery 2. Ischemic enteritis 3. Ulcerative jejunoileitis as complication of celiac disease C. TUMOR 1. Neoplasms 2. Intestinal [lymphoma](#) **Cavitary Small Bowel Lesions** 1. [Lymphoma](#) (exoenteric form) 2. Leiomyosarcoma (exoenteric form) 3. Primary adenocarcinoma 4. Metastases (especially [malignant melanoma](#))

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Separation Of Bowel Loops A. INFILTRATION OF BOWEL WALL / MESENTERY (a) inflammation / infection 1. [Crohn disease](#) 2. TB 3. [Radiation injury](#) 4. [Retractile mesenteritis](#) 5. Intraoperative abscess (b) deposits 1. Intestinal hemorrhage / mesenteric vascular occlusion 2. [Whipple disease](#) 3. [Amyloidosis](#) (c) tumor 1. [Carcinoid](#) tumor: local release of serotonin responsible for muscular thickening + fibroplastic proliferation = desmoplastic reaction 2. Primary carcinoma of small bowel (unusual presentation) 3. [Lymphoma](#) 4. [Neurofibromatosis](#) B. [ASCITES](#) hepatic [cirrhosis](#) (75%), peritonitis, peritoneal carcinomatosis, [congestive heart failure](#), [constrictive pericarditis](#), primary / metastatic lymphatic disease C. EXTRINSIC MASS 1. [Peritoneal mesothelioma](#), mesenteric tumors (fibroma, [lipoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#), leiomyosarcoma, malignant mesenteric lymphoid tumor, metastases) 2. Intraoperative abscess 3. [Retractile mesenteritis](#) ([fibrosis](#), fatty infiltration, panniculitis)

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Normal [Small Bowel Folds & Diarrhea](#) 1.Pancreatic insufficiency2.Lactase deficiency3.[Lymphoma](#) / [pseudolymphoma](#)

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Dilated Small Bowel & Normal Folds *mnemonic:* "SOS" Sprue Obstruction Scleroderma A. EXCESSIVE FLUID (a) mechanical obstruction due to adhesion, hernia, neoplasm ¹ "string-of-beads sign" = air bubbles between mucosal folds in a fluid-filled small bowel ¹ "pseudotumor sign" = closed-loop obstruction (b) [malabsorption](#) syndromes 1. Celiac disease, tropical + nontropical [sprue](#) 2. Lactase deficiency B. BOWEL WALL PARALYSIS = functional [ileus](#) = adynamic [ileus](#) 1. Surgical vagotomy 2. Chemical vagotomy from drug effects: atropine-like substances, morphine, L-dopa, [glucagon](#) 3. [Chagas disease](#) 4. Metabolic: hypokalemia, diabetes 5. Intrinsic + extrinsic intra-abdominal inflammation 6. Chronic idiopathic pseudoobstruction C. VASCULAR COMPROMISE 1. [Mesenteric ischemia](#) (atherosclerosis) 2. Acute radiation enteritis 3. [Amyloidosis](#) 4. SLE D. BOWEL WALL DESTRUCTION 1. [Lymphoma](#) 2. Scleroderma (smooth muscle atrophy) 3. [Dermatomyositis](#)

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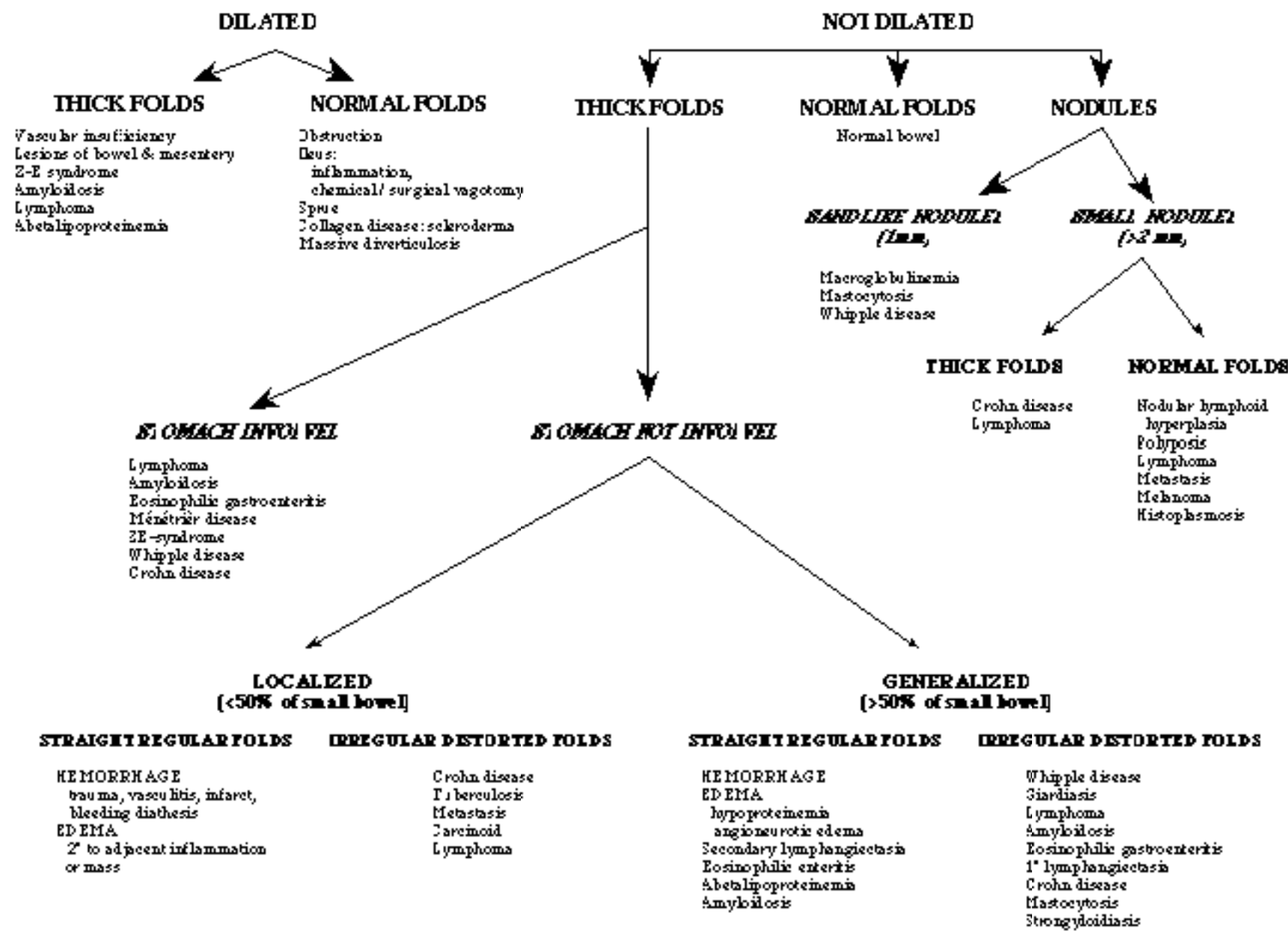
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Abnormal Small Bowel Folds

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Thickened Folds Of Stomach & Small Bowel 1. Lymphoma 2. Crohn disease 3. Eosinophilic gastroenteritis 4. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome 5. Ménétrier disease 6. Cirrhosis = gastric varices + hypoproteinemia 7. Amyloidosis 8. Whipple disease
Thickened Smooth Folds ± Dilatation A. EDEMA (a) hypoproteinemia, cirrhosis, nephrotic syndrome, protein-losing enteropathy (celiac disease, Whipple disease) (b) increased capillary permeability, angioneurotic edema, gastroenteritis (c) increased hydrostatic pressure, portal venous hypertension (d) Zollinger-Ellison syndrome B. HEMORRHAGE (a) vessel injury, ischemia, infarction, trauma (b) vasculitis, connective tissue disease, Henoch-Schönlein purpura, thrombocytopenic purpura, irradiation (c) hypocoagulability, hemophilia, anticoagulant therapy, hypofibrinogenemia, circulating anticoagulants, fibrinolytic system activation, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, coagulation defects (leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, metastatic carcinoma), hypoprothrombinemia C. LYMPHATIC BLOCKAGE 1. Tumor infiltration: lymphoma, pseudolymphoma 2. Irradiation 3. Mesenteric fibrosis 4. Intestinal lymphangiectasia 5. Whipple disease D. DEPOSITS 1. Eosinophilic enteritis 2. Pneumatosis intestinalis 3. Amyloidosis 4. Abetalipoproteinemia 5. Crohn disease 6. Graft-versus-host disease 7. Immunologic deficiency: hypo- / dysgammaglobulinemia

Thickened Irregular Folds ± Dilatation A. INFLAMMATION 1. Crohn disease B. NEOPLASTIC 1. Lymphoma, pseudolymphoma C. INFECTION (a) protozoa giardiasis, strongyloidiasis, hookworm (b) bacterial Yersinia enterocolitica, typhoid fever, tuberculosis (c) fungal: histoplasmosis (d) AIDS-related infection D. IDIOPATHIC (a) lymphatic dilatation 1. Lymphangiectasia 2. Inflammatory process, tumor growth, irradiation fibrosis 3. Whipple disease (b) cellular infiltration 1. Eosinophilic enteritis 2. Mastocytosis (c) deposits 1. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome 2. Amyloidosis 3. Alpha chain disease: defective secretory IgA system 4. A-b-lipoproteinemia: recessive, retinitis pigmentosa, neurologic disease 5. A-a-lipoproteinemia 6. Fibrocystic disease of the pancreas 7. Polyposis syndrome mnemonic: "G. WILLIAMS" Giardiasis Whipple disease, Waldenström macroglobulinemia Ischemia Lymphangiectasia Lymphoma Inflammation Amyloidosis, Agammaglobulinemia Mastocytosis, Malabsorption
Soft-tissue neoplasm (carcinoid, lipoma) Tethered Folds = indicative of desmoplastic reaction 1. kinking, angulation, tethering, separation of bowel loops 1. Carcinoid 2. Postoperative in Gardner syndrome 3. Retractable mesenteritis 4. Hodgkin disease 5. Peritoneal implants 6. Endometriosis 7. Tuberculous peritonitis 8. Mesothelioma 9. Postoperative adhesions

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Atrophy Of Folds 1.Celiac disease2.Chronic [radiation injury](#)

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Ribbonlike Bowel =featureless / tubular nature of small bowel with effacement of folds1.[Graft-versus-host disease](#)2.Celiac disease3.Small bowel infection4.Injury from radiation / corrosive medication5.Allergy6.Ischemia7.Amyloid, [mastocytosis](#)8.[Lymphoma](#), [pseudolymphoma](#)9.[Crohn disease](#)

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Delayed Small Bowel Transit =transit time >6 hours *mnemonic:*"SPATS DID"**S**cleroderma **P**otassium (hypokalemia) **A**nxiety **T**hyroid ([hypothyroidism](#)) **S**prue **D**iabetes (poorly controlled) **I**diopathic **D**rugs (opiates, atropine, phenothiazine)

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Multiple Stenotic Lesions Of Small Bowel 1.[Crohn disease](#)2.End-stage radiation enteritis3.Metastatic carcinoma4.Endometritis5.[Eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#)6.[Tuberculosis](#)7.Drug-induced (eg, potassium chloride tablets, NSAIDs)

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Small Bowel Filling Defects *Solitary Filling Defect* A. INTRINSIC TO BOWEL WALL (a) benign neoplasm: [leiomyoma](#) (97%), adenoma, [lipoma](#), [hemangioma](#), neurofibroma (b) malignant primary: adenocarcinoma, [lymphoma](#) (desmoplastic response), sarcoma, [carcinoid](#) (c) metastases: from melanoma, lung, kidney, breast (d) inflammation: inflammatory pseudotumor (e) infection: parasites B. EXTRINSIC TO BOWEL WALL 1. [Duplication cyst](#) 2. Endometrioma C. INTRALUMINAL 1. [Gallstone ileus](#) 2. Parasites ([ascariasis](#), [strongyloidiasis](#)) 3. Inverted [Meckel diverticulum](#) 4. Blood clot 5. Foreign body, [bezoar](#), pills, seeds **Multiple Filling Defects Of Small Bowel** A. POLYPOSIS SYNDROMES 1. [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#) 2. [Gardner syndrome](#) 3. Disseminated gastrointestinal polyposis 4. Generalized gastrointestinal [juvenile polyposis](#) 5. [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#) B. BENIGN TUMORS 1. Multiple simple adenomatous polyps 2. [Hemangioma](#) 3. [Leiomyoma](#), neurofibroma 4. Nodular [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) = normal terminal ileum in children + adolescents; may be associated with dysgammaglobulinemia 1/2 symmetric fairly sharply demarcated filling defects 5. Varices (= multiple phlebectasia in jejunum, oral mucosa, tongue, scrotum) C. MALIGNANT TUMORS 1. [Carcinoid](#) tumor 2. [Lymphoma](#) (a) primary [lymphoma](#) (rarely multiple) (b) secondary [lymphoma](#): gastrointestinal involvement in 63% of disseminated disease; 19% in small intestine 3. Metastases: melanoma > lung > breast > [choriocarcinoma](#) > kidney > stomach, uterus, ovary, pancreas D. INTRALUMINAL 1. Gallstones 2. Foreign bodies, food particles, seeds, pills 3. Parasites: [ascariasis](#), [strongyloidiasis](#), hookworm, tapeworm **Sandlike Lucencies Of Small Bowel** 1. [Waldenström macroglobulinemia](#) 2. [Mastocytosis](#) 3. [Histoplasmosis](#) 4. Nodular [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) 5. [Intestinal lymphangiectasia](#) 6. [Eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#) 7. [Lymphoma](#) 8. [Crohn disease](#) 9. [Whipple disease](#) 10. [Yersinia enterocolitis](#) 11. [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#) 12. [Cystic fibrosis](#) 13. Food particles / gas bubbles 14. [Strongyloides stercoralis](#)

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Small Bowel Tumors Incidence: 1:100,000; 1.5-6% of all GI neoplasms Malignant:benign = 1:1 Symptomatic malignant:symptomatic benign = 3:1 Location of small bowel primaries: ileum (41%), jejunum (36%), duodenum (18%) ROENTGENOGRAPHIC APPEARANCE: (1)pedunculated intraluminal tumor, usually originating from mucosa ✓ smooth / irregular surface without visible mucosal pattern ✓ moves within intestinal lumen twice the length of the stalk(2)sessile intraluminal tumor without stalk, usually from tissues outside mucosa ✓ smooth / irregular surface without visible mucosal pattern(3)intra- / extramural tumor ✓ base of tumor greater than any part projecting into the lumen ✓ mucosal pattern visible, may be stretched(4)serosal tumor ✓ displacement of adjacent loops ✓ small bowel obstruction (rare) ✓ coil-spring pattern of intussusceptumCT:small bowel wall >1.5 cm thickCx:small-bowel obstruction (in up to 10%) **Benign Small Bowel Tumors** • asymptomatic (80%) • melena, pain, weakness • palpable abdominal mass (20%) Types: 1.[Leiomyoma](#) (36-49%)Location:any segment2.[Lipoma](#) (14-16%)Location:duodenum (32%), jejunum (17%), ileum (51%) ✓ fat-density on CT3.Adenoma (15-20%)4.[Hemangioma](#) (13-16%)5.[Lymphangioma](#) (5%)Location: duodenum > jejunum > ileum6.Neurogenic tumor (1%) **Malignant Small Bowel Tumors** At risk:[Crohn disease](#), celiac disease, polyposis syndromes, history of small-bowel diverting surgery • asymptomatic (10-30%) • pain due to intermittent obstruction (80%) • weight loss (66%) • gastrointestinal blood loss (50%) • palpable abdominal mass (50%)1.[Carcinoid](#) (25-41%)Location:predominantly distal ileum ✓ calcified [mesenteric mass](#) on CT2.Adenocarcinoma (25-26%)Location:duodenum (48%), jejunum (44%), ileum (8%)3.[Lymphoma](#) (16-17%) ✓ aneurysmal dilatation4.Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST)= leiomyosarcoma (9-10%) Location:ileum (50%)5.Vascular malignancy (1%)6.[Fibrosarcoma](#) (0.3%)7.Metastatic tumor

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Ileocecal Valve Abnormalities A. Lipomatosis: >40 years of age, female ✓ stellate / rosette pattern B. NEOPLASM 1. [Lipoma](#), adenomatous polyp, [villous adenoma](#) 2. [Carcinoid](#) tumor 3. Adenocarcinoma: 2% of all colonic cancers 4. [Lymphoma](#): often involving terminal ileum C. INFLAMMATION 1. [Crohn disease](#) 2. [Ulcerative colitis](#) ✓ patulous valve, fixed in open position 3. [Tuberculosis](#) 4. [Amebiasis](#) ✓ terminal ileum not involved (in United States) 5. Typhoid fever, [anisakiasis](#), [schistosomiasis](#), [actinomycosis](#) 6. Cathartic abuse D. PROLAPSE (a) antegrade: indistinguishable from lipomatosis / prolapsing mucosa / neoplasm (b) retrograde E. [INTUSSUSCEPTION](#) F. [LYMPHOID HYPERPLASIA](#)

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Coned Cecum A.INFLAMMATION1.[Crohn disease](#) involvement of ascending colon + terminal ileum2.[Ulcerative colitis](#) backwash ileitis (in 10%) gaping ileocecal valve3.[Appendicitis](#)4.[Typhlitis](#)5.Perforated cecal diverticulumB.INFECTION1.[Tuberculosis](#) colonic involvement more prominent than that of terminal ileum2.[Amebiasis](#) involvement of cecum in 90% of [amebiasis](#) thickened ileocecal valve fixed in open position reflux into normal terminal ileum skip lesions in colon3.[Actinomyces](#) palpable abdominal mass indolent sinus tracts in abdominal wall4.[Blastomycosis](#)5.[Anisakiasis](#) from ingestion of raw fish with ascaris-like nematode 6.Typhoid, YersiniaC.TUMOR1.Carcinoma of the cecum2.Metastasis to cecum

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Cecal Filling Defect A.ABNORMALITIES OF THE APPENDIX1.Acute [appendicitis](#) / appendiceal abscess2.[Crohn disease](#)3.Inverted appendiceal stump / appendiceal [intussusception](#)4.[Mucocele](#)5.Myxoglobulosis6.Appendiceal neoplasm: [carcinoid](#) tumor (90%), [leiomyoma](#), [neuroma](#), [lipoma](#), adenocarcinoma, metastasisB.COLONIC LESION1.Ameboma2.Primary cecal neoplasm3.Ileocolic [intussusception](#)4.Lipomatosis of ileocecal valveC.UNUSUAL ABNORMALITIES1.Ileocecal diverticulitis (in 50% < age 30 years)2.Solitary benign ulcer of the cecum3.Adherent fecolith (eg, in [cystic fibrosis](#))4.[Endometriosis](#)5.[Burkitt lymphoma](#) *mnemonic:*"CECUM TIPSAL" **C**arcinoma **E**nteritis **C**arcinoid **U**lcerative colitis **M**ucocele of appendix **T**uberculosis **I**ntussusception **P**eriappendiceal abscess **S**tump of the appendix **A**meboma **L**ymphoma **E**ndometriosis

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Colon Cutoff Sign =abrupt cutoff of gas column at splenic flexure1.[Acute pancreatitis](#) (inflammatory exudate along transverse mesocolon)2.[Colonic obstruction](#)3.Mesenteric thrombosis4.[Ischemic colitis](#)

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Colonic Thumbprinting =sharply defined fingerlike marginal indentations at contours of wall1.**ISCHEMIA** = [Ischemic colitisocclusive vascular disease](#), hypercoagulability state, hemorrhage into bowel wall (bleeding diathesis, anticoagulants), traumatic intramural hematoma 2.**INFLAMMATION**[Ulcerative colitis](#), Crohn colitis 3.**INFECTION**acute [amebiasis](#), [schistosomiasis](#), [strongyloidiasis](#), cytomegalovirus (in [renal transplant](#) recipients), [pseudomembranous colitis](#) 4.**MALIGNANT LESIONS**localized primary [lymphoma](#), hematogenous metastases 5.**MISCELLANEOUS**[Endometriosis](#), [amyloidosis](#), [pneumatosis intestinalis](#), diverticulosis, diverticulitis, hereditary angioneurotic edema *mnemonic:*"PSALM II"**Pseudomembranous colitis Schistosomiasis Amebic colitis Lymphoma Metastases (to colon) Ischemic colitis Inflammatory bowel disease**

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Colonic Urticaria Pattern A.OBSTRUCTION1.Obstructing carcinoma2.Cecal volvulus3.Colonic [ileus](#)B.ISCHEMIAC.INFECTION / INFLAMMATION1.Yersinia enterocolitis2.Herpes3.[Crohn disease](#)D.URTICARIA

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Colonic Ulcers A.IDIOPATHIC1.[Ulcerative colitis](#)2.Crohn colitisB.ISCHEMIC1.[Ischemic colitis](#)C.TRAUMATIC1.[Radiation injury](#)2.Caustic colitisD.NEOPLASTIC1.Primary colonic carcinoma2.Metastases (prostate, stomach, [lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#))E.INFLAMMATORY1.[Pseudomembranous colitis](#)2.[Pancreatitis](#)3.Diverticulitis4.[Behçet syndrome](#)5.[Solitary rectal ulcer syndrome](#)6.Nonspecific benign ulcerationF.INFECTION(a)protozoan1.[Amebiasis](#)2.[Schistosomiasis](#)3.[Strongyloidiasis](#)(b)bacterial1.Shigellosis, salmonellosis2.Staphylococcal colitis3.[Tuberculosis](#)4.Gonorrheal proctitis5.Yersinia colitis6.Campylobacter fetus colitis(c)fungal[histoplasmosis](#), mucormycosis, [actinomycosis](#), [candidiasis](#) (d)viral1.[Lymphogranuloma venereum](#)2.Herpes proctocolitis3.Cytomegalovirus (transplants) **Aphthous Ulcers** 1.[Crohn disease](#)2.Amebic colitis3.**Yersinia enterocolitis**

Organism: Gram-negative ■ fever, diarrhea, RLQ pain Location: terminal ileum[✓] thickened folds + ulceration[✓] lymphoid nodular hyperplasia 4.Salmonella, shigella infection 5.Herpes virus infection 6.[Behçet syndrome](#) 7.[Lymphoma](#) 8.Ischemia

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Multiple [Bulls-eye Lesions](#) Of Bowel Wall *mnemonic:*"MaCK CLaN"**M**elanoma and **C**arcinoma **K**aposi sarcoma **C**arcinoid **L**ymphoma and **N**eurofibromatosis

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Double-tracking Of Colon =longitudinal extraluminal tracks paralleling the colon1.Diverticulitis: generally 3-6 cm in length2.[Crohn disease](#): generally >10 cm3.Primary carcinoma: wider + more irregular

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Colonic Narrowing A.CHRONIC STAGE OF ANY ULCERATING COLITIS(a)inflammatory:[ulcerative colitis](#), Crohn colitis, [solitary rectal ulcer syndrome](#), nonspecific benign ulcer (b)infectious:[amebiasis](#), [schistosomiasis](#), bacillary dysentery, TB, fungal disease, [lymphogranuloma venereum](#), herpes zoster, cytomegalovirus, strongyloides (c)ischemic: [ischemic colitis](#)(d)traumatic:[radiation injury](#), [cathartic colon](#), caustic colitis B.MALIGNANT LESION(a)primary: colonic carcinoma (annular / scirrhus); complication of [ulcerative colitis](#) + Crohn colitis(b)metastatic:from prostate, cervix, uterus, kidney, stomach, pancreas, primary intraperitoneal sarcoma -hematogenous (eg, breast)-lymphangitic spread-peritoneal seedingC.EXTRINSIC PROCESS(a)inflammation:[retractile mesenteritis](#), diverticulitis, [pancreatitis](#) (b)deposits:[amyloidosis](#), [endometriosis](#), pelvic lipomatosis D.POSTSURGICALadhesive bands, surgical anastomosis E.NORMALCannon point **Localized Colonic Narrowing mnemonic:**"SCARED CELL-MATE"**S**chistosomiasis **C**arcinoid **A**ctinomycosis **R**adiation **E**ndometriosis **D**iverticulitis **C**olitis **E**xtrinsic lesion **L**ymphoma **L**ymphogranuloma venereum **M**etastasis **A**denocarcinoma **T**uberculosis **E**ntamoeba histolytica **M**icrocolon mnemonic:"MI MCA"**M**econium [ileus](#) **I**leal atresia **M**egacystis-microcolon-hyoperistalsis syndrome **C**olonic atresia (distal to atretic segment) **A**ganglionosis ([Hirschsprung disease](#))

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Colonic Filling Defects Submucosal Tumor 1.[Lipoma](#)2.[Carcinoid](#)3.[Leiomyoma](#)4.[Lymphangioma](#), [hemangioma](#) **Single Colonic Filling Defect** A.BENIGN TUMOR1.Polyp(hyperplastic, adenomatous, [villous adenoma](#), villoglandular); most common benign tumor 2.[Lipoma](#)Most common intramural tumor; 2nd most common benign tumor; M < F Location:ascending colon + cecum > left side of colon3.[Carcinoid](#): 10% metastasize4.Spindle cell tumor([leiomyoma](#), fibroma, neurofibroma); 4th most common benign tumor; rectum > cecum 5.[Lymphangioma](#), [hemangioma](#)B.MALIGNANT TUMOR(a)primary tumor:carcinoma, sarcoma (b)secondary tumor:metastases (breast, stomach, lung, pancreas, kidney, female genital tract), [lymphoma](#), invasion by adjacent tumors C.INFECTION1.Ameboma2.Polypoid granuloma: [schistosomiasis](#), TBD.INFLAMMATION1.Inflammatory pseudopolyp: [ulcerative colitis](#), [Crohn disease](#)2.Periappendiceal abscess3.Diverticulitis4.Foreign-body perforationE.NONSESSILE INTRALUMINAL BODY1.Fecal impaction2.Foreign body3.Gallstone4.Bolus of Ascaris wormsF.MISCELLANEOUS1.[Endometriosis](#)3rd most common benign tumor Location:sigmoid colon, rectosigmoid junction (at level of cul-de-sac) ● may cause bleeding (after invasion of mucosa)2.Localized amyloid deposition3.Suture granuloma4.[Intussusception](#)5.Pseudotumor (adhesions, fibrous bands)6.[Colitis cystica profunda](#) **Multiple Colonic Filling Defects** A.NEOPLASMS(a)polyposis syndrome:familial polyposis, [Gardner syndrome](#), [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#), [Turcot syndrome](#), [juvenile polyposis](#) syndrome, disseminated gastrointestinal polyps, multiple adenomatous polyps (b)hematogenous metastases:from breast, lung, stomach, ovary, pancreas, uterus (c)multiple tumors-benign:[neurofibromatosis](#), colonic lipomatosis, multiple hamartoma syndrome ([Cowden disease](#)) -malignant:[lymphoma](#), [leukemia](#), adenocarcinoma B.INFLAMMATORY PSEUDOPOLYPS[ulcerative colitis](#), Crohn colitis, [ischemic colitis](#), [amebiasis](#), [schistosomiasis](#), [strongyloidiasis](#), trichuriasis C.ARTIFACTSfeces, air bubbles, oil bubbles, mucous strands, ingested foreign body (eg, corn kernels) D.MISCELLANEOUSnodular [lymphoid hyperplasia](#), lymphoid follicular pattern, hemorrhoids, diverticula, [pneumatosis intestinalis](#), [colitis cystica profunda](#), colonic urticaria, submucosal colonic edema secondary to obstruction, [cystic fibrosis](#), [amyloidosis](#), ulcerative pseudopolyps, proximal to obstruction *mnemonic*:"MILL P³"Metastases (to colon) Ischemia (thumbprinting) Lymphoma Lymphoid hyperplasia Polyposis Pseudopolyposis (with inflammatory bowel disease); Pneumatosis cystoides **Carpet Lesions Of Colon** =flat lobulated lesions with alteration of surface texture + little / no protrusion into lumenLocation:rectum > cecum > ascending colonCause: A.NEOPLASMS1.Tubular / tubulovillous / [villous adenoma](#)2.Familial polyposis3.Adenocarcinoma4.Submucosal tumor spread (from adjacent carcinoma)B.MISCELLANEOUS1.Nonspecific follicular proctitis2.Biopsy site3.[Endometriosis](#)4.Rectal varices5.Colonic urticaria

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Colonic Polyp Terminology: 1. **Polyp** =mass projecting into the lumen of a hollow viscus above the level of the mucosa; usually arises from mucosa, may derive from submucosa / muscularis propria(a)neoplastic: adenoma / carcinoma(b)nonneoplastic: hamartoma / inflammatory polyp2. **Pseudopolyp** =scattered island of inflamed edematous mucosa on a background of denuded mucosa(a)pseudopolyposis of [ulcerative colitis](#)(b)"cobblestoning" of [Crohn disease](#)3. **Postinflammatory (filiform) polyp** =fingerlike projection of submucosa covered by mucosa on all sides following healing + regeneration of inflammatory (most common in [ulcerative colitis](#)) / ischemic / infectious bowel disease *Histologic classification:* A. ADENOMATOUS POLYPS=**Familial adenomatous polyposis syndrome** 1. Familial polyposis2. [Gardner syndrome](#)3. [Turcot syndrome](#)B. HAMARTOMATOUS POLYPS=HAMARTOMATOUS POLYPOSIS SYNDROMES1. [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#) (most in small bowel)2. [Cowden disease](#)3. [Juvenile polyposis](#)4. [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#)5. [Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome](#)C. POLYPOSIS LOOK-ALIKES1. Inflammatory polyposis2. [Lymphoid hyperplasia](#)3. [Lymphoma](#)4. Metastases5. Pneumatosis coli **Polyposis Syndromes** =more than 100 polyps in number *Mode of transmission:* A. HEREDITARY(a)autosomal dominant1. Familial (multiple) polyposis2. [Gardner syndrome](#)3. [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#)(b)autosomal recessive1. [Turcot syndrome](#)B. NONHEREDITARY1. [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#)2. [Juvenile polyposis](#)

	Single Polyp	Multiple Polyps
Neoplastic (10%) - epithelial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tubular adenoma 2. Tubulovillous adenoma 3. Villous adenoma 4. Turcot syndrome 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Familial adenomatosis coli 2. Adenomatosis of GI tract 3. Gardner syndrome
- nonepithelial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carcinoid 2. Leiomyoma 3. Lipoma 4. Hem., lymphangioma 5. Fibroma, neurofibroma 	
Nonneoplastic (90%) - unclassified	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hyperplastic polyp 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hyperplastic polyposis
- hamartomatous	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juvenile polyp 2. Peutz-Jeghers syndrome 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juvenile polyposis
- inflammatory	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ulcerative colitis 2. Benign lymphoid polyp 3. Fibroid granulation polyp 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cronkhite-Canada syndrome 2. Ulcerative colitis

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Rectal Narrowing 1.[Pelvic lipomatosis + fibrolipomatosis](#)2.[Lymphogranuloma venereum](#)3.[Radiation injury](#) of rectum4.Chronic [ulcerative colitis](#)

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Enlarged Presacral Space Normal width <5 mm in 95%; abnormal width >10 mm A.RECTAL INFLAMMATION / INFECTION [ulcerative colitis](#), Crohn colitis, idiopathic proctosigmoiditis, radiation therapy B.RECTAL INFECTION 1.Proctitis (TB, [amebiasis](#), [lymphogranuloma venereum](#), radiation, ischemia) 2.Diverticulitis C.BENIGN RECTAL TUMOR 1.Developmental cyst ([dermoid](#), [enteric cyst](#), [tailgut cyst](#)) 2.[Lipoma](#), neurofibroma, hemangioendothelioma 3.Epidermal cyst 4.Rectal duplication D.MALIGNANT RECTAL TUMOR 1.Adenocarcinoma, cloacogenic carcinoma 2.[Lymphoma](#), sarcoma, lymph node metastases 3.Prostatic carcinoma, bladder tumors, [cervical cancer](#), [ovarian cancer](#) E.BODY FLUIDS / DEPOSITS 1.Hematoma: surgery, sacral [fracture](#) 2.Pus: perforated appendix, presacral abscess 3.Serum: edema, venous thrombosis 4.Deposit of fat: pelvic lipomatosis, Cushing disease 5.Deposit of amyloid: [amyloidosis](#) F.SACRAL TUMOR 1.[Sacrococcygeal teratoma](#), anterior sacral meningocele 2.[Chordoma](#), metastasis to sacrum G.MISCELLANEOUS 1.Inguinal hernia containing segment of colon 2.[Colitis cystica profunda](#) 3.Pelvic lipomatosis

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Lesions Of Ischiorectal Fossa A. Congenital and developmental anomalies 1. [Gartner duct cyst](#) 2. [Klippel-Trénaunay syndrome](#) 3. [Tailgut cyst](#) B. Inflammatory and hemorrhagic lesions 1. Fistula in ano 2. Ischiorectal / perirectal abscess 3. Extraperitoneal pelvic hematoma 4. Rectal perforation C. Secondary neoplasm per direct extension / hematogenous spread: anorectal / prostatic / pelvic / sacral tumor; lung cancer; melanoma; [lymphoma](#) D. Primary neoplasm 1. Aggressive angiomyxoma 2. [Lipoma](#) 3. Plexiform neurofibroma 4. Anal adenocarcinoma 5. Squamous cell carcinoma

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Peritoneal Mass A.SOLID MASS1.[Peritoneal mesothelioma](#)2.Peritoneal carcinomatosisB.INFILTRATIVE PATTERN1.[Peritoneal mesothelioma](#)C.CYSTIC MASS1.Cystic mesothelioma2.[Pseudomyxoma peritonei](#)3.Bacterial / mycobacterial infection

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Omental Mass 33% of primary omental tumors are malignant! Secondary neoplasms are more frequent than primary!
A. SOLID MASS (a) benign: [leiomyoma](#), [lipoma](#), [neurofibroma](#) (b) malignant: [leiomyosarcoma](#), [liposarcoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#), [lymphoma](#), [peritoneal mesothelioma](#), [hemangiopericytoma](#), metastases (c) Infection: [tuberculosis](#)
B. CYSTIC MASS
hematoma

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Mesenteric Mass A. ROUND SOLID MASSES Benign primary tumors are more common than malignant primary tumors Secondary neoplasms are more frequent than primary Cystic are more common than solid tumors Malignant solid tumors have a tendency to be located near root of mesentery, benign solid tumors in periphery near bowel 1. Metastases especially from colon, ovary (most frequent neoplasm of mesentery) 2. [Lymphoma](#) 3. [Leiomyosarcoma](#) (more frequent than [leiomyoma](#)) 4. Neural tumor (neurofibroma, [ganglioneuroma](#)) 5. [Lipoma](#) (uncommon), lipomatosis, [liposarcoma](#) 6. Fibrous histiocytoma 7. [Hemangioma](#) 8. [Desmoid tumor](#) (most common primary) B. ILL-DEFINED MASSES metastases (ovary), [lymphoma](#), [fibromatosis](#), fibrosing mesenteritis (associated with [Gardner syndrome](#)), lipodystrophy, mesenteric panniculitis C. STELLATE MASSES [peritoneal mesothelioma](#), [retractile mesenteritis](#), fibrotic reaction of [carcinoid](#), radiation therapy, [desmoid tumor](#), [Hodgkin disease](#), tuberculous peritonitis, ovarian metastases, diverticulitis, [pancreatitis](#) A mesenteric mass with calcifications suggests [carcinoid tumor](#) D. LOCULATED CYSTIC MASSES (2/3) cystic [lymphangioma](#) (most common), [pseudomyxoma peritonei](#), cystic mesothelioma, mesenteric cyst, mesenteric hematoma, benign cystic teratoma, cystic spindle cell tumor (= centrally necrotic [leiomyoma](#) / leiomyosarcoma)

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Mesenteric / Omental Cysts ="BUBBLES OF THE BELLY" The first step is to determine the organ of origin!1. [Lymphangioma](#)2. Nonpancreatic pseudocyst=sequelae of mesenteric / omental hematoma / abscess *Path*:thick-walled, usually septated cystic mass with hemorrhagic / purulent contents3. [Duplication cyst](#)4. [Mesothelial cyst](#)5. [Enteric cyst](#)

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Umbilical Tumor A.PRIMARY (38%)benign / malignant neoplasm, skin tumor B.METASTASES (30%)="Sister Joseph nodule" ■ firm painful nodule ■ ± ulceration with serosanguinous / purulent dischargeCause:gastrointestinal cancer (50%), undetermined (25%), [ovarian cancer](#), pancreatic cancer, small cell carcinoma of lung (very rare)Spread: (a)direct extension from anterior peritoneal surface(b)extension along embryonic remnants: falciform, median umbilical, omphalomesenteric ligaments(c)hematogenous(d)retrograde lymphatic flow from inguinal, axillary, paraaortic nodes(e)iatrogenic: laparoscopic tract, tract of percutaneous needle biopsyC.NONNEOPLASTIC1.[Endometriosis](#) (32%)2.Granuloma3.Incarcerated hernia

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Regional Patterns Of Lymphadenopathy @Retrocrural nodes Abnormal size: >6 mm *Common cause*: lung carcinoma, mesothelioma, [lymphoma](#) @Gastrohepatic ligament nodes=superior portion of lesser omentum suspending stomach from liver Abnormal size: >8 mm *Common cause*: carcinoma of lesser curvature of stomach, distal esophagus, [lymphoma](#), pancreatic cancer, melanoma, colon + [breast cancer](#) *DDx*: coronary varices @Porta hepatis nodes=in porta hepatis extending down hepatoduodenal ligament, anterior + posterior to portal vein Abnormal size: >6 mm *Common cause*: carcinoma of gallbladder + biliary tree, liver, stomach, pancreas, colon, lung, breast *Cx*: high extrahepatic biliary obstruction @Pancreaticoduodenal nodes=between duodenal sweep + pancreatic head anterior to IVC Abnormal size: >10 mm *Common cause*: [lymphoma](#), pancreatic head, colon, stomach, lung, [breast cancer](#) @Perisplenic nodes=in splenic hilum Abnormal size: >10 mm *Common cause*: NHL, [leukemia](#), small bowel neoplasm, [ovarian cancer](#), carcinoma of right / transverse colon @Retroperitoneal nodes=periaortic, pericaval, interaortocaval Abnormal size: >10 mm *Common cause*: [lymphoma](#), renal cell, testicular, cervical, prostatic carcinomas @Celiac and superior mesenteric artery nodes=preaortic nodes Abnormal size: >10 mm *Common cause*: any intra-abdominal neoplasm @Pelvic nodes=along common, external + internal iliac vessels Abnormal size: >15 mm *Common cause*: carcinoma of bladder, prostate, cervix, uterus, rectum

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Enlarged Lymph Node With Low-density Center 1.[Tuberculosis](#), Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare2.Pyogenic infection3.[Whipple disease](#)4.[Lymphoma](#)5.Metastatic disease after radiation + chemotherapy

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GASTROINTESTINAL HEMORRHAGE

Mortality: approx. 10%[†] Barium examination should be avoided in acute bleeders! *Source:* A. UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL HEMORRHAGE= bleeding site proximal to ligament of Treitz @ Esophagogastric junction 1. [Esophageal varices](#) (17%): 50% mortality 2. [Mallory-Weiss syndrome](#) (7-14%): very low mortality @ Stomach 1. Acute hemorrhagic gastritis (17-27%) 2. [Gastric ulcer](#) (10%) 3. Pyloroduodenal ulcer (17-25%) *Mortality:* <10% if under age 60; >35% if over age 60 @ Other causes (14%): visceral artery aneurysm, vascular malformation, neoplasm, vascular-enteric fistula *Average mortality:* 8-10% B. LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL HEMORRHAGE @ Small intestine tumor (eg, [leiomyoma](#), metastases), ulcers, diverticula (eg, [Meckel diverticulum](#)), inflammatory bowel disease (eg, [Crohn disease](#)), vascular malformation, visceral artery aneurysm, aortoenteric fistula @ Colorectal (70%) 1. Diverticula (most common): hemorrhage in 25% of patients with diverticulosis; spontaneous cessation of bleeding in 80%; recurrent bleeding in 25% 2. Colonic angiodysplasia = dilated submucosal arteries + veins overlying mucosal thinning (? secondary to mucosal ischemia) 3. Colitis, tumors, mesenteric varices INFANTILE [GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING](#) (1) Peptic ulcer (2) Varices (3) Ulcerated [Meckel diverticulum](#)

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Intramural Hemorrhage A. [VASCULITIS](#) 1. [Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#) B. TRAUMA C. COAGULATION DEFECT 1. Anticoagulant therapy 2. Thrombocytopenia 3. Disseminated intravascular coagulation D. DISEASES WITH COAGULATION DEFECT 1. [Hemophilia](#) 2. [Leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#) 3. [Multiple myeloma](#) 4. Metastatic carcinoma 5. Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura E. ISCHEMIA (often fatal) ■ abdominal pain ■ melena Site: submucosal / intramural / mesenteric
✓ "stacked coin" / "picket fence" appearance of mucosal folds (due to symmetric infiltration of submucosal blood) ✓ "thumbprinting" = rounded polypoid filling defect (due to focal accumulation of hematoma in bowel wall) ✓ separation + uncoiling of bowel loops ✓ narrowing of lumen + localized filling defects (asymmetric hematoma) ✓ no spasm / irritability ✓ mechanical obstruction + proximal distension of loops *Prognosis*: resolution within 2-6 weeks

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GI ABNORMALITIES IN [CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE](#) AND RENAL TRANSPLANTATION

@Esophagus 1. Esophagitis: candida, CMV, herpes @Stomach & duodenum 1. Gastritis ^{1/} [thickened gastric folds](#) (38%) ^{1/} edema + erosions Cause: (a) imbalance of [gastrin](#) levels + gastric acid secretion due to (1) reduced removal of [gastrin](#) from kidney with loss of cortical mass (2) impaired acid feedback mechanism (3) hypochlorhydria (b) opportunistic infection (eg, CMV) 2. [Gastric ulcer](#) (3.5%) 3. [Duodenal ulcer](#) (2.4%) 4. Duodenitis (47%) @Colon More severely + frequently affected after renal transplantation 1. Progressive distention + pseudoobstruction *Contributing factors*: dehydration, alteration of diet, inactivity, nonabsorbable antacids, high-dose steroids 2. [Ischemic colitis](#) (a) primary disease responsible for end-stage renal disease (eg, diabetes, [vasculitis](#)) (b) trauma of renal transplantation 3. Diverticulitis *Contributing factors*: chronic constipation, steroids, autonomic nervous dysfunction 4. [Pseudomembranous colitis](#) 5. Uremic colitis = nonspecific colitis 6. Spontaneous colonic perforation Cause: nonocclusive ischemia, diverticula, duodenal + gastric ulcers @Pancreas 1. [Pancreatitis](#) Cause: [hypercalcemia](#), steroids, infection, immunosuppressive agents, trauma @General 1. GI hemorrhage Cause: gastritis, ulcers, colonic diverticula, ischemic bowel, infectious colitis, [pseudomembranous colitis](#), nonspecific cecal ulceration 2. Bowel perforation (in 1-4% of transplant recipients) 3. Opportunistic infection *Organism*: Candida, herpes, CMV, strongyloides 4. Malignancy (a) skin tumors (b) [lymphoma](#)

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Protein-losing Enteropathy A.DISEASE WITH MUCOSAL ULCERATION1.Carcinoma2.[Lymphoma](#)3.Inflammatory bowel disease4.Peptic ulcer diseaseB.HYPERTROPHIED GASTRIC RUGAE1.[Ménétrier disease](#)C.NONULCERATIVE MUCOSAL DISEASE1.Celiac disease2.Tropical [sprue](#)3.[Whipple disease](#)4.Allergic gastroenteropathy5.Gastrocolic fistula6.[Villous adenoma](#) of colonD.LYMPHATIC OBSTRUCTION1.[Intestinal lymphangiectasia](#)E.HEART DISEASE1.[Constrictive pericarditis](#)2.Tricuspid insufficiency

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Malabsorption =deficient absorption of any essential food materials within small bowel(1)PRIMARY MALABSORPTION=the digestive abnormality is the only abnormality present1.Celiac disease = nontropical [sprue](#)2.Tropical [sprue](#)3.Disaccharidase deficiencies(2)SECONDARY MALABSORPTION=occurring during course of gastrointestinal disease(a)enteric1.[Whipple disease](#)2.Parasites: hookworm, Giardia, fish tapeworm3.Mechanical defects: fistulas, blind loops, adhesions, volvulus, short circuits4.Neurologic: diabetes, functional diarrhea5.Inflammatory: enteritis (viral, bacterial, fungal, nonspecific)6.Endocrine: [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#)7.Drugs: neomycin, phenindione, cathartics8.Collagen disease: scleroderma, lupus, polyarteritis9.[Lymphoma](#)10.Benign + malignant [small bowel tumors](#)11.Vascular disease12.CHF, agammaglobulinemia, amyloid, abetalipoproteinemia, [intestinal lymphangiectasia](#)(b)gastricvagotomy, gastrectomy, pyloroplasty, gastric fistula (to jejunum, ileum, colon) (c)pancreatic[pancreatitis](#), pancreatectomy, pancreatic cancer, [cystic fibrosis](#) (d)hepatobiliaryintra- and extrahepatic biliary obstruction, acute + chronic liver disease

Roentgenographic Signs In Malabsorption ✓ SMALL BOWEL WITH NORMAL FOLDS + FLUID1.Maldigestion (deficiency of bile salt / pancreatic enzymes)2.Gastric surgery3.Alactasia ✓ SMALL BOWEL WITH NORMAL FOLDS + WET1.[Sprue](#)2.Dermatitis herpetiformis ✓ DILATED DRY SMALL BOWEL1.Scleroderma2.[Dermatomyositis](#)3.Pseudoobstruction: no peristaltic activity ✓ DILATED WET SMALL BOWEL1.[Sprue](#)2.Obstruction3.Blind loop ✓ THICKENED STRAIGHT FOLDS + DRY SMALL BOWEL1.[Amyloidosis](#) (malabsorption is unusual)2.Radiation3.Ischemia4.[Lymphoma](#) (rare)5.Macroglobulinemia (rare) ✓ THICKENED STRAIGHT FOLDS + WET SMALL BOWEL1.[Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#)2.Abetalipoproteinemia: rare inherited disease characterized by CNS damage, retinal abnormalities, steatorrhea, acanthocytosis ✓ THICKENED NODULAR IRREGULAR FOLDS + DRY SMALL BOWEL 1.[Lymphoid hyperplasia](#)2.[Lymphoma](#)3.[Crohn disease](#)4.[Whipple disease](#)5.[Mastocytosis](#) ✓ THICKENED NODULAR IRREGULAR FOLDS + WET SMALL BOWEL1.Lymphangiectasia2.[Giardiasis](#)3.[Whipple disease](#) (rare)

Small Bowel Nodularity With Malabsorption mnemonic:"What Is His Main Aim? Lay Eggs, By God"Whipple disease

- Intestinal lymphangiectasia
- Histiocytosis
- Mastocytosis
- Amyloidosis
- Lymphoma, Lymph node hyperplasia
- Edema
- Blood
- Giardiasis

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Cholecystokinin =CCK = 33 amino acid residues (former name: Pancreozymin); the 5 C-terminal amino acids are identical to those of [gastrin](#), causing similar effects as [gastrin](#)*Produced in:* duodenal + upper intestinal mucosa*Released by:*fatty acids, some amino acids (phenylalanine, methionine), hydrogen ions*Effects:*
@Stomach(1)weakly stimulates HCl secretion(2)given alone:inhibits [gastrin](#), which leads to decrease in HCl production(3)stimulates pepsin secretion(4)stimulates gastric motility@Pancreas(1)stimulates secretion of pancreatic enzymes(= Pancreozymin) (2)stimulates bicarbonate secretion (weakly by direct effect; strongly through potentiating effect on [secretin](#))(3)stimulates insulin release@Liver(1)stimulates water + bicarbonate secretion@Intestine(1)stimulates secretion of Brunner glands(2)increases motility@Biliary tract(1)strong stimulator of gallbladder contraction(2)relaxation of sphincter of Oddi

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Gastrin =17 amino acid peptide amide;PentagastrinPENTAGASTRIN =acyl derivative of the biologic active C-terminal tetrapeptide amide*Produced in:* antral cells + G-cells of pancreas*Released by:* (a)vagal stimulation, gastric distension(b)short-chain alcohol (ethanol, propanol)(c)amino acids (glycine, β -alanine)(d)caffeine(e)[hypercalcemia](#)mediated by neuroendocrine cholinergic reflexes *Inhibited by:* drop in pH of antral mucosa to <3.5*Effects:*
@Stomach:(1)stimulation of gastric HCl secretion from parietal cells, which in turn:(2)increases pepsinogen production by chief cells through local reflex(3)increase in antral motility(4)trophic effect on gastric mucosa (parietal cell hyperplasia)@Pancreas(1)strong increase in enzyme output(2)weakly stimulates fluid + bicarbonate output(3)stimulates insulin release@Liver(1)water + bicarbonate secretion@Intestine(1)stimulates secretion of Brunner glands(2)increases motility@Gallbladder(1)stimulates contraction@Esophagus(1)increases resting pressure of LES

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Glucagon *Produced in:* a-cells (and b-cells) of pancreas *Released by:* low blood glucose levels *Effects:* @Intestines(1)lowers pressure of GE sphincter(2)hypotonic effect on duodenum > jejunum > stomach > colon @Hormones(1)releases catecholamines from the adrenal gland that paralyze intestinal smooth muscle(2)increases serum insulin + glucose levels (mobilization of hepatic glycogen) @Biliary tract(1)increases bile flow(2)relaxes gallbladder + sphincter of Oddi *Dose for radiologic imaging:* 1 mg maximum Ψ IV administration causes a quick response + rapid dissipation of action Ψ IM administration prolongs onset + increases length of action! *Half-life:* 3-6 minutes *Side effects:* nausea + vomiting, weakness, dizziness (delayed onset of 1.5-4 hours after IM administration) *Contraindication:* (1)hypersensitivity / allergy to glucagon: urticaria, periorbital edema, [respiratory distress](#), hypotension, coronary artery spasm (?), circulatory arrest(2)known hypertensive response to glucagon(3)[pheochromocytoma](#): glucagon stimulates release of catecholamines(4)[insulinoma](#): insulin-releasing effect may result in hypoglycemia(5)[glucaconoma](#)(6)poorly controlled [diabetes mellitus](#)

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Secretin *Produced in:* duodenal mucosa *Released by:* hydrogen ions providing a pH <4.5 *Effects:* @Stomach(1)inhibits [gastrin](#) activity, which leads to decrease in HCl secretion(2)stimulates pepsinogen secretion by chief cells (potent pepsinogen)(3)decreases gastric and duodenal motility + contraction of pyloric sphincter@Pancreas(1)increases alkaline pancreatic secretions (NaHCO₃)(2)weakly stimulates enzyme secretion(3)stimulates insulin release@Liver(1)stimulates water + bicarbonate secretion (most potent choleric)@Intestine(1)stimulates secretion of Brunner glands(2)inhibits motility@Esophagus(1)opens LES

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Lower Esophageal Anatomy A. Esophageal Vestibule

=saccular termination of lower esophagus with upper boundary at tubulovesibular junction + lower boundary at esophagogastric junction¹ collapsed during resting state² assumes bulbous configuration with swallowing(a)tubulovesibular junction = A level = junction between tubular and saccular esophagus(b)phrenic ampulla = bell-shaped part above diaphragm (term should be discarded because of dynamic changes of configuration)(c)submerged segment = infrahiatal part of esophagus³ widening / disappearance is indicative of [gastroesophageal reflux](#) disease (GERD)B. **Gastroesophageal Junction**
Site:at upper level of gastric sling fibers, straddles cardiac incisura demarcating the left lateral margin of GE junctionC. **Z line** = B level = squamocolumnar junction
line not acceptable criterion for locating GE junction Site:1-2 cm above gastric sling fibersD. **Lower Esophageal Sphincter**
=physiologic 2-4 cm high pressure zone corresponding to esophageal vestibule⁴ tightly closed during resting state⁵ assumes bulbous configuration with swallowing

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Muscular Rings Of Esophagus **A Ring** =contracted / hypertrophied muscles in response to incompetent GE sphincter ■ rarely symptomatic / dysphagia Location:at tubulovegibular junction = superior aspect of vestibule usually 2 cm proximal to GE junction at upper end of vestibule varies in caliber during the same examination, may disappear on maximum distension broad smooth narrowing with thick rounded margins visible only if tubular esophagus above + vestibule below are distended
B Ring =sling fibers representing a U-shaped thickening of inner muscle layers with open arm of U toward lesser curvature = inferior aspect of vestibule Location:< 2 cm from hiatal margins only visible when esophagogastric junction is above hiatus thin ledge-like ring just below the mucosal junction (Z line)

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Gastric Cells 1.Chief cells=peptic / zymogenic cellsLocation:body + fundusproduce:pepsinogen2.Parietal cells=oxyntic cellsLocation:body + fundusproduce:H⁺, Cl⁻, intrinsic factor, prostaglandins3.Mucous neck cellsproduce:mucoprotein, mucopolysaccharide, aminopolysaccharide sulfate4.Argentaffine cells=enteroendocrine cellsLocation:body + fundusproduce:[glucagon](#)-like substance (A-cells), somatostatin (D-cells), vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (D₁-cells), 5-hydroxytryptamine (EC-cells)5.G-cellsLocation:[pylorus](#)produce:[gastrin](#)

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Effect Of Bilateral Vagotomy = cholinergic denervation (1)decreased MOTILITY of stomach + intestines(2)decreased GASTRIC SECRETION(3)decreased TONE OF GALLBLADDER + bile ducts(4)increased TONE OF SPHINCTERS (Oddi + lower esophageal sphincter)

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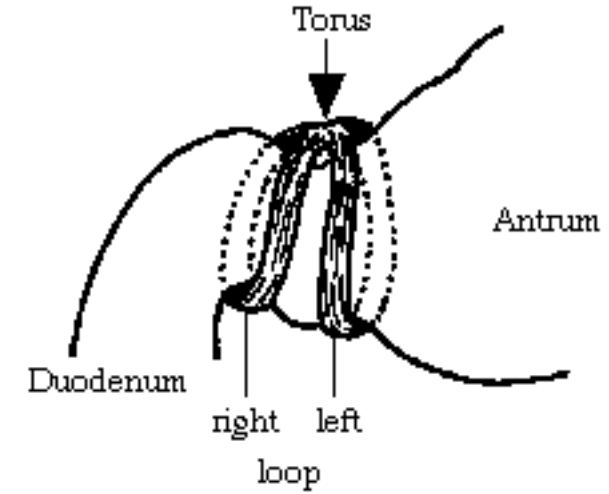


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Pylorus = fan-shaped specialized circular muscle fibers with: (a) distal sphincteric loop = right canalis loop \checkmark corresponds to radiologic pyloric sphincter (b) proximal sphincteric loop = left canalis loop \checkmark 2 cm proximal to distal sphincteric loop on greater curvature (seen during complete relaxation) (c) torus = fibers of both sphincters converge on the lesser curvature side to form a muscular prominence; prolapse of mucosa between sphincteric loops produces a niche simulating ulcer \checkmark pyloric



channel 5-10 mm long, wall thickness of 4-8 mm \checkmark concentric indentation of the base of the duodenal bulb

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Duodenal Segments (1)duodenal bulb + short postbulbar segment:intraperitoneal + freely movable (2)descending duodenum:retroperitoneal attached to head of pancreas (3)horizontal = transverse segment:retroperitoneal crossing the spine (4)ascending portionretroperitoneal ascending to level of duodenojejunal junction
VARIATIONS: (1)"mobile duodenum" / "water-trap duodenum"= long postbulbar segment with undulation / redundancy (2)duodenum inversum / duodenum reflexum= distal duodenum ascends to the right of spine to the level of duodenal bulb + then crosses spine horizontally + fixated in normal location

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Small Bowel Folds A. NORMAL FOLD THICKNESS @ jejunum 1.7-2.0 mm > 2.5 mm pathologic @ ileum 1.4-1.7 mm > 2.0 mm pathologic B. NORMAL NUMBER OF FOLDS @ jejunum 4-6 / inch @ ileum 3-5 / inch C. NORMAL FOLD HEIGHT @ jejunum 3.5-7.0 mm @ ileum 2.0-3.5 mm D. NORMAL LUMEN DIAMETER @ upper jejunum 3.0-4.0 cm > 4.5 cm pathologic @ lower jejunum 2.5-3.5 cm > 4.0 cm pathologic @ ileum 2.0-2.8 cm > 3.0 cm pathologic RULE OF 3s: ϕ wall thickness < 3 mm ϕ valvulae conniventes < 3 mm ϕ diameter < 3 cm ϕ air-fluid levels < 3

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Normal Bowel Caliber *mnemonic:* "3-6-9-12" 3 cm maximal size of small bowel 6 cm maximal size of transverse colon 9 cm maximal size of cecum 12 cm maximal caliber of cecum before it may burst

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Small Bowel Peristalsis A. INCREASED 1. Vagal stimulation 2. Acetylcholine 3. Anticholinesterase (eg, neostigmine) 4. [Cholecystokinin](#) B. DECREASED 1. Atropine (eg, Pro-Banthine®) 2. Bilateral vagotomy

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Intestinal Gas A.INFLUX1.Aerophagia2 L2.Liberation from intestinal tract(a)neutralization of bicarbonate insecretions (CO₂)8 L(b)bacterial fermentation (CO₂, H₂,CH₄, H₂S)15 L3.Diffusion from blood (N₂, O₂, CO₂)B.EFFLUX1.Diffusion from intestines into bloodand expulsion from lung50 L2.Expulsion from anus2 L

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Intestinal Fluid A. INFLUX 1. Oral ingestion 2.5 L 2. Intestinal secretions 8.2 L saliva 1.5 L bile 0.5 L gastric secretions 2.5 L pancreatic secretions 0.7 L intestinal secretions 3.0 L B. EFFLUX 1. Peranal 0.1 L 2. Intestinal resorption (primarily in ileum + ascending colon) 10.6 L

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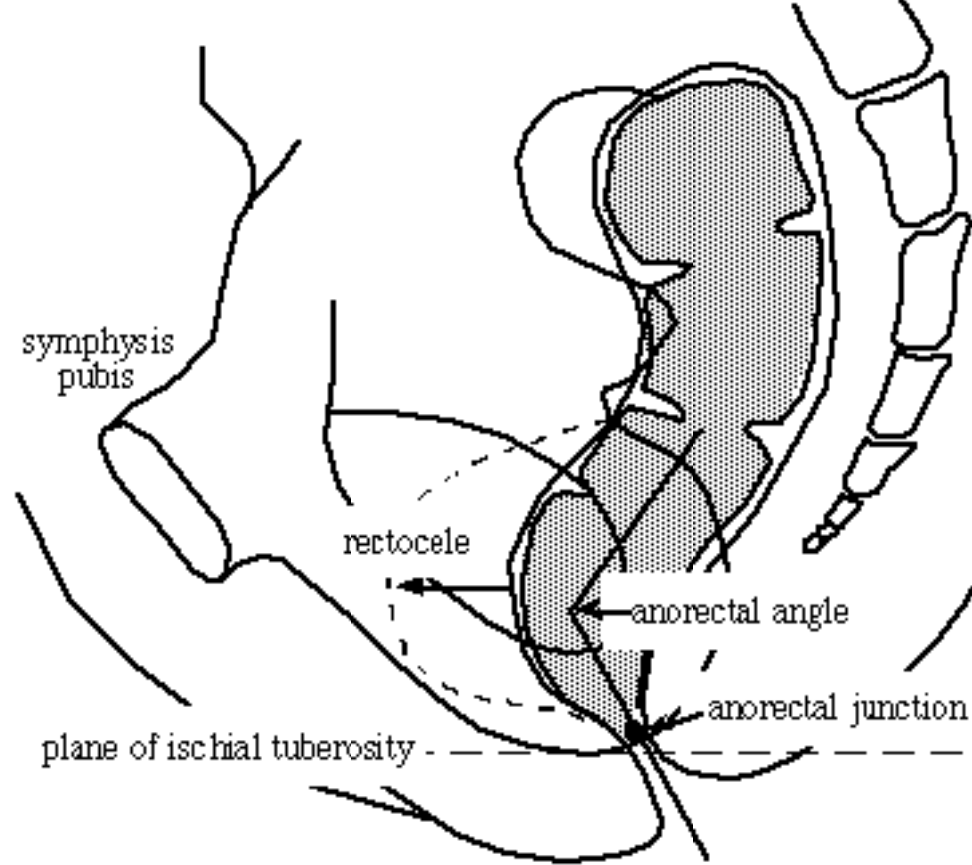
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Defecography / Evacuation Proctography

evacuation time=15 (range 5-40) seconds
 anorectal angle=angle formed between central axis of anal canal + line parallel to posterior wall of rectum
 90° at rest and during voluntary contraction (squeeze maneuver) more obtuse during defecation straining (void)
 anorectal junction=point of taper of distal rectal ampulla as it merges with the anal canal;
 position of anorectal junction referenced to plane of ischial tuberosities = 0-3.5 cm; elevation during squeeze of 0-4.5 cm; elevation during void of -3.0-0 cm
 rectovaginal space=space between vagina and rectum
 perineum=area between external genital organs and anal verge
 rectocele=measurement of anteroposterior depth of convex wall protrusion extending beyond expected margin of normal rectal wall
 small<2 cm; moderate= 2-4 cm; large>4 cm
 peritoneocele=extension of rectouterine excavation to below upper third of vagina; containing liquid / bowel / omentum
 enterocele=bowel present in peritoneocele
 rectal prolapse=descent of entire thickness of rectal wall through anal verge
 rectal intussusception =descent of the entire thickness of the rectal wall possibly extending into anal canal; starting 6-11 cm above anus; accompanied by formation of a circular indentation forming a ring pocket
 infolding of <3 mm in width / > 3 mm in width /



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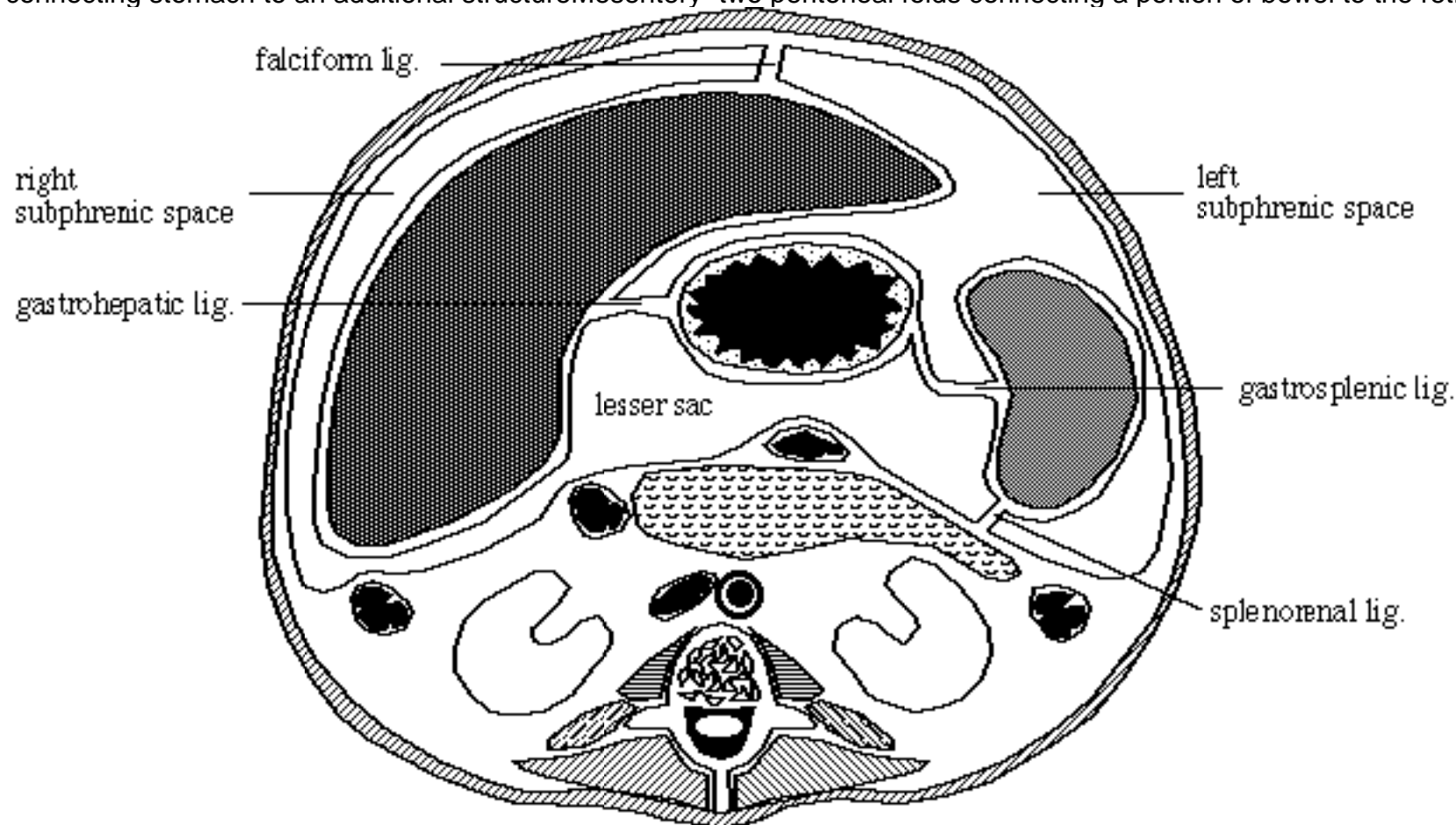
intraluminal narrowing / descent into anal canal / external prolapse

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Peritoneal Spaces *Definitions:* Ligament=formed by two folds of peritoneum supporting a structure within the peritoneal cavity Omentum=specialized structure connecting stomach to an additional structure Mesentery=two peritoneal folds connecting a portion of bowel to the retroperitoneum



Embryology: above transverse mesocolon:

A. RIGHT PERITONEAL SPACE forms perihepatic space + lesser sac: 1. Right subphrenic space:-located between right hepatic lobe + diaphragm-limited posteriorly by right superior reflection of coronary lig. + right triangular ligament 2. Right subhepatic space:-divided into ■ anterior right subhepatic space: located just posterior to porta hepatis, communicating with lesser sac via epiploic foramen (= foramen of Winslow) ■ posterior right subhepatic space = Morison pouch = hepatorenal fossa Most dependent portion of the abdomen in supine patient! 3. Bare area of liver-situated between reflections of right + left coronary ligaments-continuous with right anterior pararenal space 4. Lesser sac: ■ superior recess:-surrounds medial aspect of caudate lobe-separated from splenic recess by gastropancreatic fold ■ splenic recess:-extends across midline to splenic hilum ■ inferior recess:-separates stomach from pancreas + transverse mesocolon-anteriorly covered by lesser omentum 5. Lesser omentum = combination of gastrohepatic ligament + hepatoduodenal ligament 6. Right triangular ligament:-forms from coalescence of superior + inferior reflections of right coronary ligament-divides posterior aspect of right perihepatic space into right subphrenic space + posterior right subhepatic space

B. LEFT PERITONEAL SPACE forms left subphrenic space 1. Left subphrenic space:-artificially divided into ■ immediate subphrenic space: between diaphragm + gastric fundus ■ perisplenic space: bounded inferiorly by phrenicocolic lig. ■ subhepatic space = gastrohepatic recess: located between lateral segment of left hepatic lobe + stomach-separated from right subphrenic space by falciform ligament 2. Left triangular ligament:-forms from coalescence of superior + inferior reflections of left coronary ligament-located along superior aspect of left hepatic lobe

C. DORSAL MESENTERY gives rise to: 1. Gastrophrenic ligament-courses through immediate subphrenic space -suspends stomach from dome of diaphragm 2. Gastropancreatic ligament-formed by proximal left gastric artery-attaches posterior aspect of gastric fundus to retroperitoneum-partially separates superior recess of lesser sac from splenic recess 3. Phrenicocolic ligament-major suspensory ligament of spleen-attaches proximal descending colon to left hemidiaphragm-separates left subphrenic space from left paracolic gutter 4. Gastrosplenic ligament-remnant of dorsal mesentery-connects greater curvature of stomach with splenic hilum-contains short gastric vessels 5. Spleno renal ligament-connects posterior aspect of spleen to anterior pararenal space-contributes to left lateral + posterior border of lesser sac-encloses tail of pancreas + distal splenic artery + proximal splenic vein 6. Gastrocolic ligament-forms portion of anterior border of lesser sac-forms superior aspect of greater omentum-connects greater curvature of stomach with superior aspect of transverse colon-contains gastroepiploic vessels

D. VENTRAL MESENTERY gives rise to: 1. Falciform ligament=sickle-shaped fold composed of two layers of peritoneum-attaches ventral surface of liver to anterior abdominal wall-its right layer continues into the superior layer of the coronary ligament, its left layer continues into the anterior layer of the left triangular ligament-contains ligamentum teres (= obliterated umbilical vein) in its free inferoposterior margin-continuous with fissure for ligamentum venosum 2. Gastrohepatic ligament:-arises in fissure of ligamentum venosum-connects medial aspect of liver to lesser curvature of stomach as part of lesser omentum-contains left gastric artery, coronary vein, lymph nodes 3. Hepatoduodenal ligament:-forms inferior edge of gastrohepatic ligament-forms anterior margin of epiploic foramen-extends from proximal duodenum to porta hepatis-contains common hepatic duct, common bile duct, hepatic artery, portal vein below transverse mesocolon

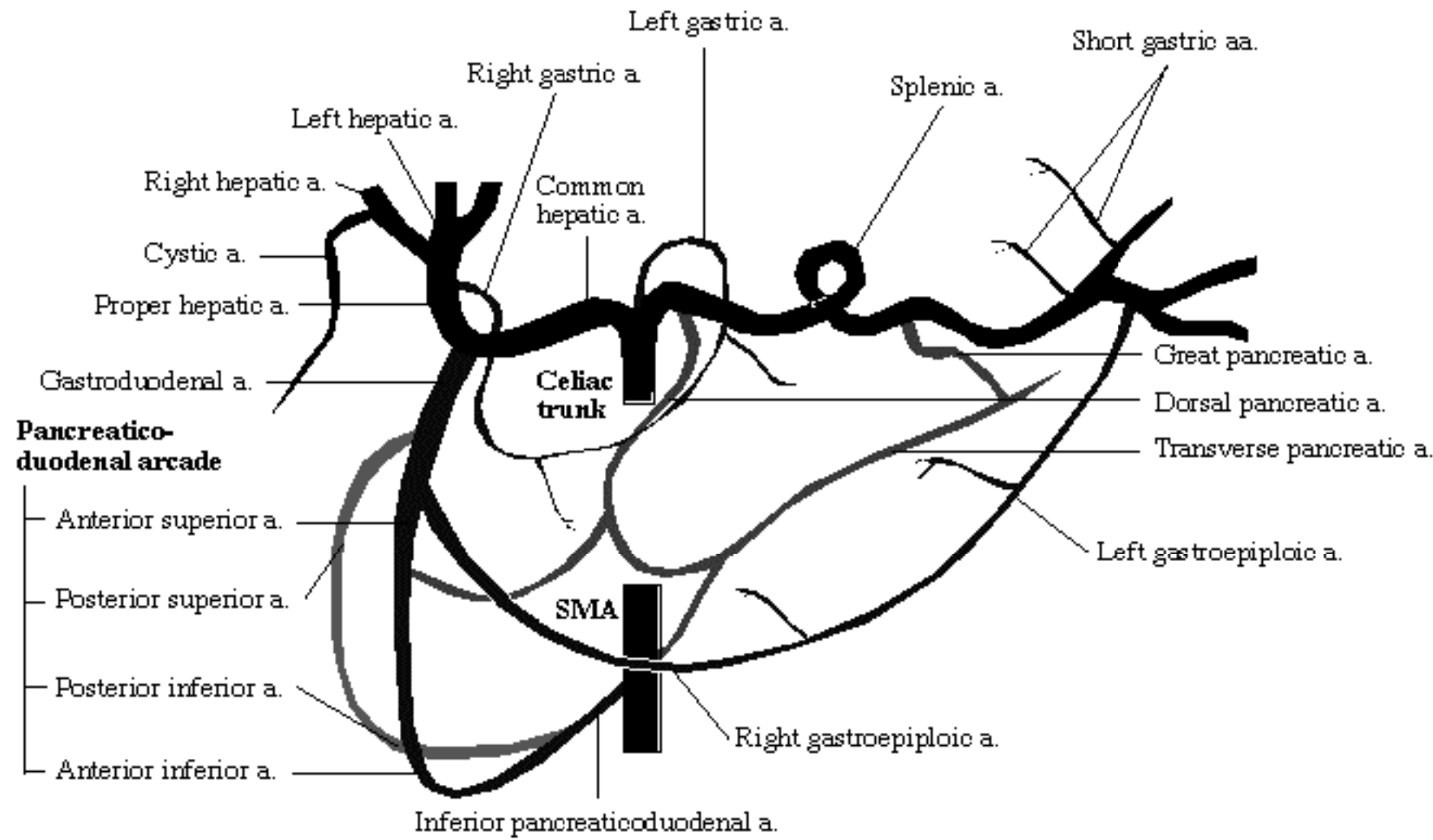
A. VENTRAL MESENTERY regresses **B. DORSAL MESENTERY** forms: 1. Transverse mesocolon:-suspends transverse colon from retroperitoneum along anteroinferior edge of pancreas-forms posteroinferior border of lesser sac-contains middle colic vessels 2. Small bowel mesentery:-suspends small bowel from retroperitoneum-extends from ligament of Treitz to ileocecal valve-contains superior mesenteric vessels + lymph nodes 3. Sigmoid mesocolon:-attaches sigmoid colon to posterior pelvic wall-contains sigmoid + hemorrhoidal vessels 4. Greater omentum:-inferior continuation of gastrocolic ligament-formed by double reflection of dorsal mesogastrium thus composed of 4 layers of peritoneum 5. Superior + inferior ileocecal recesses:-located above + below terminal ileum 6. Retrocecal space:-present only if peritoneum reflects posterior to cecum 7. Right + left paracolic gutters:-located lateral to ascending + descending colon 8. Intersigmoid recess:-located along undersurface of sigmoid mesocolon

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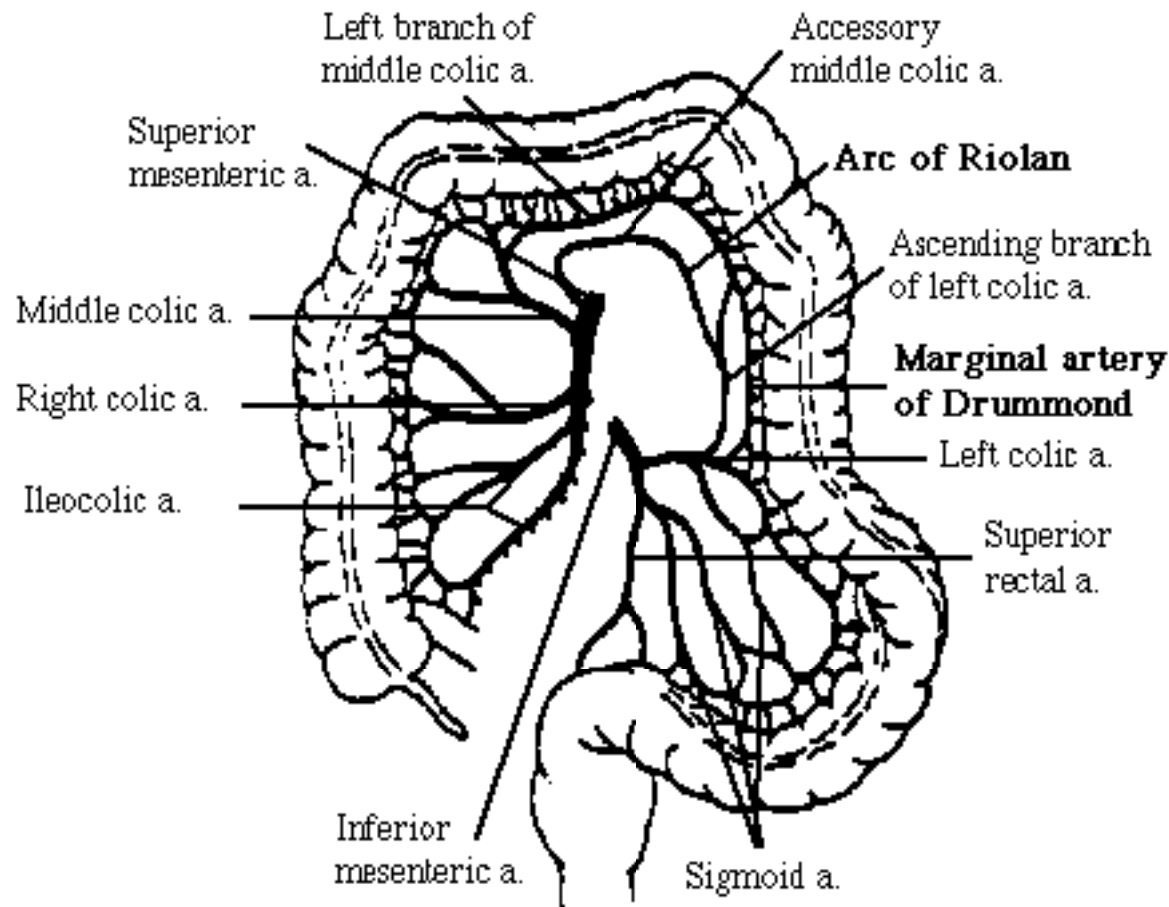




BLOOD SUPPLY



Blood Supply of Stomach, Duodenum, and Pancreas



Blood Supply of Large Intestine

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ACHALASIA

=failure of organized peristalsis + relaxation at level of lower esophageal sphincter *Etiology:* (a) idiopathic: abnormality of Auerbach plexus / medullary dorsal nucleus; ? neurotropic virus, ? [gastrin](#) hypersensitivity (b) [Chagas disease](#) ✓ megaesophagus = dilatation of esophagus beginning in upper 1/3, ultimately entire length ✓ absence of primary peristalsis below level of cricopharyngeus ✓ nonperistaltic contractions ✓ "bird-beak" / "rat tail" deformity = V-shaped conical + symmetric tapering of stenotic segment with most marked narrowing at GE junction ✓ Hurst phenomenon = temporary transit through cardia when hydrostatic pressure of barium column is above tonic LES pressure ✓ sudden esophageal emptying after ingestion of carbonated beverage (eg, Coke) ✓ "vigorous achalasia" = numerous tertiary contractions in nondilated distal esophagus of early achalasia ✓ prompt relaxation of LES upon amyl nitrate inhalation (smooth-muscle relaxant) CXR: ✓ right convex opacity behind right heart border; occasionally left convex opacity if thoracic aorta tortuous ✓ right convex opacity may be tethered by azygos arch allowing for greater dilatation above + below ✓ air-fluid level (stasis in thoracic esophagus filled with retained secretions + alimentary residue) ✓ small / absent gastric air bubble ✓ anterior displacement + bowing of trachea (LAT view) ✓ patchy bilateral alveolar opacities resembling acute / chronic [aspiration pneumonia](#) (M. fortuitum-chelonei infection) Cx: esophageal carcinoma in 2-7% (usually midesophagus) Rx: pneumatic dilatation / surgical myotomy DDx: (1) Neoplasm (separation of gastric fundus from diaphragm; normal peristalsis; asymmetric tapering) (2) Peptic stricture of esophagus

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ADENOMA OF SMALL BOWEL

Location: duodenum (21%), jejunum (36%), ileum (43%) esp. ileocecal valve *Histo:* (1) Hamartomatous polyp (77%), multiple in 47%, 1/3 of multiple lesions associated with [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#) (2) adenomatous polyp (13%), may have malignant potential (3) polypoid gastric heterotopic tumor (10%)

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ADENOMATOUS COLONIC POLYP

=EPITHELIAL POLYP Most common benign colonic tumor (68-79%) *Predisposed*: previously detected polyp / cancer; family history of polyps / cancer; idiopathic inflammatory bowel disease; [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#); [Gardner syndrome](#); familial polyposis *Prevalence*: 3% in 3rd decade; 10% in 7th decade; 26% in 9th decade *Location*: rectum (21-34%); sigmoid (26-38%); ascending colon (9-12%); transverse colon (12-13%); descending colon (6-18%); multiple in 35-50% (usually <5-10 in number) *Histo*: 1. Tubular adenoma (75%)=cylindrical glandular structure lined by stratified columnar epithelium + nests of epithelium within lamina propria usually < 10 mm in diameter often pedunculated if >10 mm *malignant potential*: <10 mm in 1%; 10-20 mm in 10%; >20 mm in 35% 2. Tubulovillous adenoma (15%)=mixture between tubular + [villous adenoma](#) *malignant potential*: <10 mm in 4%; 10-20 mm in 7%; >20 mm in 46% 3. [Villous adenoma](#) (10%)=thin frondlike projections from surface with epithelium outlining their margins ("villous fronds") • potassium depletion often >20 mm in diameter with papillary surface often broad-based sessile lesion heterogeneous low attenuation on CT (due to capacious mucin becoming trapped within papillary projections + crevices) *malignant potential*: <10 mm in 10%; 10-20 mm in 10%; >20 mm in 53% *Size & malignancy*: <5 mm in 0%; 5-9 mm in 1%; 10-20 mm in 10%; >20 mm in 46% malignant All polyps >10 mm should be removed Time for adenoma-carcinoma sequence probably averages 10-15 years! *Probability of coexistent colonic growth*: -synchronous adenoma in 50%-metachronous adenoma in 30-40%-synchronous adenocarcinoma in 1.5-5%-metachronous adenocarcinoma in 5-10% • asymptomatic (75%) • diarrhea, abdominal pain • peranal hemorrhage (67%) Colonoscopy (incomplete in 16-43%) BE (rate of detection of polyps <10 mm higher with double than single contrast; false-negative rate of 7%): sessile flat / round polyp pedunculated polyp: stalk >2 cm in length almost always indicative of a benign polyp suggestive of malignancy: irregular lobulated surface, broad base = width of the base greater than height, retraction of colonic wall = dimpling / indentation / puckering at base of tumor, interval growth lacelike / reticular surface pattern CHARACTERISTIC for [villous adenoma](#) (occasionally in tubular adenoma) *DDx*: (1) Nonneoplastic: hyperplastic polyp, inflammatory pseudopolyp, lymphoid tissue, ameboma, tuberculoma, foreign-body granuloma, [malacoplakia](#), heterotopia, hamartoma (2) Neoplastic subepithelial: [lipoma](#), [leiomyoma](#), neurofibroma, [hemangioma](#), [lymphangioma](#), endothelioma, myeloblastoma, sarcoma, [lymphoma](#), [enteric cyst](#), duplication, varix, pneumatosis, hematoma, [endometriosis](#)

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ADENOCARCINOMA OF SMALL BOWEL

Frequency: about 50 times less common than colonic carcinoma *Risk factors*: [Crohn disease](#), [sprue](#), [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#), [Lynch syndrome II](#), congenital bowel duplication, ileostomy, duodenal / jejunal bypass surgery *Histo*: mostly moderately to well differentiated; may arise in villous tumors / de novo; no correlation between size and invasiveness *Location*: duodenum (~50%, especially near ampulla), jejunum > ileum ✓ annular stricture with "overhanging edges" (60%) ✓ lobulated / ovoid polypoid sessile mass (41%) ✓ Duodenal tumors tend to be papillary / polypoid ✓ ulcerated mass (27%) *CT*: ✓ soft-tissue mass with heterogeneous attenuation ✓ moderate contrast enhancement *Cx*: [intussusception](#) *DDx*: [lymphoma](#) (lymphadenopathy more bulky)

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AFFERENT LOOP SYNDROME

=PROXIMAL LOOP / BLIND LOOP SYNDROME=partial intermittent obstruction of afferent loop leading to overdistension of loop by gastric juices after Billroth-II gastrojejunostomy
Cause: gastrojejunostomy with left-to-right anastomosis (= proximal jejunal loop attached to greater curvature instead of lesser curvature), mechanical factors ([intussusception](#), adhesion, kinking), inflammatory disease, neoplastic infiltration of local mesentery or anastomosis, idiopathic motor dysfunction
• postprandial epigastric fullness relieved by bilious vomiting • vitamin B₁₂ deficiency with megaloblastic anemia • afferent loop with abnormal bacterial flora (Gram negative, resembling colon in quality + quantity)
Abdominal plain film: ✓ normal in 85% (no air in lumen of afferent loop) ✓ preferential emptying of stomach into proximal loop ✓ proximal loop stasis ✓ regurgitation
CT: ✓ rounded water-density masses adjacent to head + tail of pancreas forming a U-shaped loop ✓ oral contrast material may not enter loop ✓ may result in biliary obstruction (increased pressure at ampulla) **Rx:** antibiotic therapy

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AIDS

❖ Gastrointestinal involvement due to opportunistic infections + AIDS-associated neoplasms Pathologic abnormalities at multiple sites with single / several opportunistic organisms are frequent! AIDS-defining illness related to CD4 T-lymphocyte count [cells/ μ L]: <400 extrapulmonary Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Kaposi sarcoma <200 Candida albicans, Histoplasma capsulatum, Cryptosporidium species, Pneumocystis carinii, Non-Hodgkin lymphoma <100 Cytomegalovirus, Herpes simplex virus, Mycobacterium avium complex A. VIRAL PATHOGENS 1. **Cytomegalovirus infection**

❖ Most common cause of life-threatening opportunistic viral infection in AIDS patients! *Organism*: double-stranded DNA virus of the herpes family *Infection*: ubiquitous among humans occurring at an early age in populations with poor sanitation + crowded living conditions Result of reactivation of latent virus in previously infected host! *Prevalence*: 13% of all gastrointestinal diseases in AIDS patients *Path.* infection of endothelial cells leads to small vessel vasculitis resulting in hemorrhage, ischemic necrosis, ulceration *Histo*: large mononuclear epithelial / endothelial cells that contain intranuclear / cytoplasmic inclusions with surrounding inflammation *Location*: colon > small bowel (terminal ileum) > esophagus > stomach @ Esophagus single / multiple large superficial ulcers @ Small bowel luminal narrowing secondary to marked bowel wall thickening thickened irregular folds (vasculitis leading to thrombosis + ischemia) penetrating ulcer \pm perforation CMV pseudotumor (uncommon) @ Colon (CMV colitis) • hematochezia, crampy abdominal pain, fever findings of toxic megacolon discrete small well-defined nodules (similar to lymphoid nodular hyperplasia) throughout entire colon aphthous ulcers on background of normal mucosa marked bowel wall thickening double-ring / target sign on CT (due to increased submucosal edema) ascites inflammation of pericolonic fat + fascia Rx: ganciclovir (effective in 75%) 2. **Herpes simplex virus infection**

❖ Result of reactivation of latent virus in previously infected host *Organism*: neurotropic DNA virus of herpes family *Prevalence*: 70% for type 1, 16% for type 2 (endemic in United States); type 2 much more common in AIDS *Infection*: direct inoculation through mucous membrane contact; from dormant state in root ganglia reactivated + transported via efferent nerves to mucocutaneous surface *Location*: oral cavity, esophagus, rectum, anus multiple small discrete ulcers 3. **HIV infection**

❖ Not an AIDS-defining illness! *Infection*: acute HIV-infection with transient immunosuppression / during AIDS >2 cm large solitary ulcer in the mid- or distal esophagus (HIV-infected cells cause alterations in cytokines resulting in infiltration of inflammatory cells into submucosa + destruction of mucosa) Rx: corticosteroids B. FUNGAL PATHOGENS 1. **Candidiasis**

❖ The absence of thrush does not exclude the diagnosis of candidal esophagitis! *Organism*: commensal fungus Candida albicans *Prevalence*: 10-20% (in United States); up to 80% in developing countries *Location*: oral cavity, esophagus discrete linear / irregular longitudinally oriented filling defects in esophagus Cx: disseminated systemic candidiasis (rare + indicative of granulocytopenia from chemotherapy / direct inoculation via catheter) 2. **Histoplasmosis**

Organism: dimorphic opportunistic fungus *Prevalence*: 10% GI involvement with disseminated histoplasmosis in AIDS patients *Location*: colon > terminal ileum segmental inflammation / applecore lesion / bowel stricture hepatosplenomegaly mesenteric lymphadenopathy diffuse hypoattenuation of spleen C. PROTOZOAN PATHOGENS 1. **Cryptosporidiosis**

❖ One of the most common causes of enteric disease in AIDS patients! *Organism*: intracellular parasite Cryptosporidium *Prevalence*: 16% (in United States) + up to 48% (in developing countries) in patients with diarrhea • severe diarrhea with fluid loss of 10-17 L/day *Location*: jejunum > other small bowel > stomach > colon Cryptosporidium antritis (= area of focal gastric thickening + ulceration) small bowel dilatation (increased secretions) regular fold thickening + effacement (atrophy, blunting, fusion, loss of villi) "toothpaste" appearance of small bowel (mimicking sprue) dilution of barium (hypersecretion) marked antral narrowing (extensive inflammation) Dx: microscopic identification in stool / biopsy 2. **Pneumocystosis**

❖ Likely to occur in patients treated with aerosolized pentamidine! *Organism*: eukaryotic microbe Pneumocystis carinii *Prevalence*: pulmonary infection in 75% of AIDS patients; in <1% dissemination *Location*: liver, spleen, lymph nodes hepatic + splenic + nodal punctate calcifications multiple tiny echogenic foci in spleen multiple low-attenuation lesions of varying size in spleen (foamy eosinophilic material) with subsequently progressive rimlike / punctate calcifications D. BACTERIAL PATHOGENS 1. **Tuberculosis**

❖ Most common cause of serious HIV-related infection worldwide with tendency to occur earlier than other AIDS-defining opportunistic infections! *Prevalence*: 4% (in United States) + 43% (in developing countries) of HIV-infected persons *Infection*: swallowing of infected sputum; hematogenous spread from pulmonary focus; direct extension from lymph node *Location*: lymph nodes, liver, spleen, peritoneum, GI tract (especially ileum, colon, ileocecal valve) low-attenuation mesenteric lymphadenopathy (suggestive of necrosis) segmental ulceration inflammatory stricture hypertrophic lesion resembling polyp or mass 2. **Mycobacterium avium complex infection**

= PSEUDO-WHIPPLE DISEASE ❖ Most common opportunistic infection of bacterial origin in AIDS patients! Most common nontuberculous mycobacterial infection in AIDS patients! *Organism*: facultative intracellular acid-fast bacillus M. avium / M. intracellulare *Infection*: invasion of Peyer patches + adjacent mesenteric lymph nodes *Histo*: true granulomas with Langhans giant cells and caseous necrosis are rare because infection occurs in patients with advanced disease and a CD4 cell count of <100/ μ L • diarrhea, malabsorption *Location*: jejunum (most common) mild dilatation of middle + distal small bowel diffuse irregular mucosal fold thickening and nodularity without ulceration mesenteric + retroperitoneal lymphadenopathy (1.0-1.5 cm in size) with homogeneous soft-tissue attenuation causing segmental separation of small bowel loops hepatosplenomegaly multiple tiny echogenic foci in liver + spleen (occasionally large hypoechoic / low-attenuation lesions) Dx: (1) visualization of large numbers of intracellular acid-fast bacilli in foamy histiocytes of tissue specimens (2) tissue culture DDx: Whipple disease (positive with periodic acid-Schiff stain just like M. avium, but not with acid-fast stain, responsive to tetracyclines)

E. OTHER INFECTIONS 1. **Bacillary angiomatosis**

Organism: Rickettsiales Bartonella henselae *Histo*: characteristic pattern of vascular proliferation with bacilli *Location*: cutis (mimicking Kaposi sarcoma), liver, spleen, lymph nodes peliosis (blood-filled cystic spaces) of liver / spleen abdominal lymphadenopathy with contrast enhancement 2. **Isospora belli**

❖ Infection resembles cryptosporidiosis *Organism*: protozoan pathogen *Histo*: oval oocysts within bowel lumen / epithelial cells; localized inflammation; fold atrophy *Location*: small intestine • severe watery diarrhea fold thickening F. AIDS-ASSOCIATED NEOPLASMS 1. **Kaposi sarcoma** 2. **Non-Hodgkin lymphoma**

❖ 2nd most common AIDS-associated neoplasm *Prevalence*: in 4-10% of AIDS patients (60 times higher risk compared with general population); occurs in all AIDS risk groups *Histo*: multiclonal B-cell lymphoma of high or intermediate grade • at initial presentation widely disseminated disease often with extranodal involvement *Location*: CNS, bone marrow, GI tract (stomach, small bowel) @ Stomach circumferential / focal wall thickening mural mass \pm ulceration @ Small bowel diffuse / focal wall thickening excavated mass solitary / multiple liver lesions *Differential diagnostic considerations*: 1. Splenomegaly (31-45%) *Cause*: nonspecific (most), lymphoma, infection (M. avium-intracellulare, P. carinii) 2. Lymphadenopathy (21-60%) *Cause*: reactive hyperplasia (most), Kaposi sarcoma, lymphoma, infections *Size*: <3 cm in diameter (in 95%) 3. Hepatomegaly (20%) *Cause*: nonspecific, hepatitis, fatty infiltration, lymphoma, Kaposi sarcoma 4. AIDS-related cholangiopathy: *Organism*: CMV, Cryptosporidium papillary stenosis of CBD dilatation of extra- and intrahepatic bile ducts periductal fibrosis strictures + irregularities of bile ducts resembling primary sclerosing cholangitis intraluminal polypoid filling defects 5. AIDS-related esophagitis: *Organism*: Candida, herpes simplex, CMV giant esophageal ulcer: HIV (76%), CMV (14%) esophageal fistula / perforation: tuberculosis, actinomycosis 6. Gastritis *Organism*: CMV (GE junction + prepyloric antrum), Cryptosporidium (antrum) 7. AIDS enteritis *Organism*: Cryptosporidium, M. avium complex 8. AIDS colitis-ischemic bowel-acute appendicitis-neutropenic colitis-pseudomembranous colitis-infectious colitis / ileitis 9. Bowel obstruction (a) infection (b) intussusception: Kaposi sarcoma, lymphoma

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AMEBIASIS

=primary infection of the colon by protozoan *Entamoeba histolytica* Countries: worldwide distribution, most common in warm climates; South Africa, Egypt, India, Asia, Central + South America (20%); United States (5%) Route: contaminated food / water (human cyst carriers); cyst dissolves in small bowel; trophozoites settle in colon; proteolytic enzymes + hyaluronidase lyse intestinal epithelium; may embolize into portal venous + systemic blood system *Histo*: amebic invasion of mucosa + submucosa causing tiny ulcers, which spread beneath mucosa + merge into larger areas of necrosis; mucosal sloughing; secondary bacterial infection ■ asymptomatic for months / years ■ acute attacks of diarrhea (loose mucoid bloodstained stools) ■ fever, headache, nausea Location: (areas of relative stasis) right colon + cecum (90%) > hepatic + splenic flexures > rectosigmoid ✓ loss of normal haustral pattern with granular appearance (edema, punctate ulcers) ✓ "collarbutton" ulcers ✓ cone-shaped cecum ✓ several cm long stenosis of bowel lumen in transverse colon, sigmoid colon, flexures (result of healing + [fibrosis](#)); in multiple segments ✓ ameboma = hyperplastic granuloma with bacterial invasion of [amebic abscess](#); usually annular + constricting / intramural mass / cavity continuous with bowel lumen; shrinkage under therapy in 3-4 weeks ✓ ileocecal valve thickened + fixed in open position with reflux ✓ involvement of distal ileum (10%) *Dx*: stool examination / rectal biopsy *Cx*: (1) [Toxic megacolon](#) with perforation (2) [Amebic abscess](#) in liver (2%), brain, lung (transdiaphragmatic spread of infection), pericolic, ischiorectal, subphrenic space (3) [Intussusception](#) in children (due to ameboma) (4) Fistula formation (colovesical, rectovesical, rectovaginal, enterocolic)

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AMYLOIDOSIS

=group of heterogeneous disorders caused by interstitial deposits of a protein-polysaccharide in various organs leading to hypoxia, mucosal edema, hemorrhage, ulceration, mucosal atrophy, muscle atrophy
Histo: amorphous eosinophilic hyaline material deposited around terminal blood vessels, stains with Congo red + crystal violet; amyloid fibrils have β -pleated sheet structure (= β fibrilloses)
Biochemical classification (1979): 1. AL amyloidosis (A = amyloidosis, L = light chain immunoglobulin) • monoclonal protein in serum + urine • occurs in primary amyloidosis + myeloma-associated amyloidosis
Histo: massive deposits in muscularis mucosae + submucosa
thickening of folds with polyps / large nodules
2. SAA amyloidosis (S = serum, AA = amyloid A) • occurs in secondary = reactive amyloidosis
Histo: expansion of lamina propria
coarse mucosal pattern + innumerable fine granular elevations
3. AF amyloidosis (A = amyloid, F = familial) • AF prealbumin as precursor of fibrils • occurs in familial amyloidosis
4. AS amyloidosis (A = amyloid, S = senile) • AS prealbumin as precursor of fibrils • occurs in senile amyloidosis
massive amyloid deposition
5. AH amyloidosis (A = amyloid, H = hemodialysis) • β_2 microglobulin as precursor of fibrils
6. AE amyloidosis (A = amyloid, E = endocrine) • [calcitonin](#) produced by medullary [thyroid carcinoma](#) is precursor of fibrils
Reimann classification (1935): 1. Primary = idiopathic amyloidosis = probably autosomal dominant inheritance with immunologically determined dysfunction of plasma cells • absence of discernible preceding / concurrent disease
Location: (predominant involvement of connective tissues + mesenchymal organs) heart (90%), lung (30-70%), liver (35%), [spleen](#) (40%), kidneys (35%), adrenals, tongue (40%), GI tract (70%), skin + subcutis (25%)
tendency to nodular deposition
2. Secondary amyloidosis (most common form) • following / coexistent with prolonged infectious / inflammatory processes
Cause: [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (in 20%), Still disease, [tuberculosis](#), osteomyelitis, [leprosy](#), chronic [pyelonephritis](#), [bronchiectasis](#), [ulcerative colitis](#), Waldenström macro-globulinemia, familial Mediterranean fever, lymphoreticular malignancy, paraplegia
Location: [spleen](#), liver, kidneys (>80%), breast, tongue, GI tract, connective tissue
small amyloid deposits
3. Amyloidosis associated with [multiple myeloma](#) • may precede development of [multiple myeloma](#)
Incidence: 10-15%
primary amyloidosis with osteolytic lesions in myelomatous disease
4. Tumor-forming / organ-limited amyloidosis • related to primary type (a) hereditary = familial amyloidosis (b) senile amyloidosis (limited to heart / brain / pancreas / [spleen](#))
large localized masses
GI involvement in primary more common than in secondary amyloidosis!
• [malabsorption](#) (diarrhea, protein loss) • occult GI bleeding • obstruction • [macroGLOSSIA](#) @ Esophagus (11%)
loss of peristalsis
megaesophagus @ Stomach (37%) • postprandial epigastric pain + heartburn • acute erosive hemorrhagic gastritis
(a) diffuse infiltrative form
small-sized stomach with rigidity + loss of distensibility simulating linitis plastica (from thickening of gastric wall)
effaced rugal pattern
diminished / absent peristalsis
marked retention of food
(b) localized infiltration (often located in antrum)
irregularly narrowed + rigid antrum
thickened rugae
superficial erosions / ulcerations
(c) amyloidoma = well-defined submucosal mass
@ Small bowel (74%)
(a) diffuse form (more common)
diffuse uniform thickening of valvulae conniventes in entire small bowel
broadened flat undulated mucosal folds (mucosal atrophy)
"jejunalization" of ileum
impaired intestinal motility
small bowel dilatation
(b) localized form (less common)
multiple pea- / marble-sized deposits
pseudoostruction = physical + plain-film findings suggesting mechanical obstruction with patent large + small bowel on barium examination (involvement of myenteric plexus)
Cx: small bowel infarction
@ Colon (27%):
pseudopolyps in colon
@ Bone:
bone cysts
@ [Spleen](#):
Histo: (a) nodular form involving lymph follicles
(b) diffuse form infiltrating red pulp
discrete masses
[splenomegaly](#) (4-13%)
Cx: spontaneous splenic rupture (from vascular fragility + acquired coagulopathy)
Dx: by rectal / gingival biopsy
DDx: [Whipple disease](#), [intestinal lymphangiectasia](#), lymphosarcoma

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ANGIODYSPLASIA OF COLON

=VASCULAR ECTASIA = [ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION](#) Cause: ?; acquired lesion Associated with: [aortic stenosis](#) (20%) Incidence at autopsy: 2% Age: majority >55 years Location: (a) cecum + ascending colon (majority) (b) descending + sigmoid colon (25%) • chronic intermittent low-grade bleeding • occasionally massive bleeding
"vascular tufts" = cluster of vessels during arterial phase along antimesenteric border
early opacification of ileocolic vein
densely opacified dilated tortuous ileocolic vein into late venous phase
contrast extravasation (unusual)

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ANISAKIASIS

=parasitic disease of GI tract *Cause*: ingestion of Anisakis larvae present in raw / undercooked fish (mackerel, cod, pollack, herring, whiting, bonito, squid) consumed as sashimi, sushi, ceviche, lomi-lomi *Organism*: worm with straight / serpentine / circular threadlike appearance *Site of penetration by larvae determines clinical form!* @Gastric anisakiasis ■ acute gastric pain, nausea, vomiting a few hours after ingestion (DDx: acute gastritis, peptic ulcer, food poisoning, neoplasia) ■ eosinophilia ✓ mucosal edema ✓ about 3-cm-long threadlike filling defects (= larvae) @Intestinal anisakiasis ■ diffuse abdominal tenderness / colicky abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting (DDx: acute [appendicitis](#), regional enteritis, [intussusception](#), [ileus](#), diverticulitis, neoplasia) ■ leukocytosis without eosinophilia (frequent) *Histo*: marked edema, eosinophilic infiltrates, granuloma formation ✓ thickened folds ✓ disappearance of Kerckring folds ✓ thumbprinting / saw-tooth appearance ✓ irregular luminal narrowing ✓ eosinophilic [ascites](#) (DDx: [eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#), hypereosinophilic syndrome) *Cx*: [ileus](#) @Colonic anisakiasis (rare) *DDx*: colonic tumor

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ANORECTAL MALFORMATION

(1)[Imperforate anus](#)(2)Cloacal malformation(3)Cloacal exstrophy*Embryology:* during weeks 3 and 4 the dorsal part of the [yolk sac](#) folds are incorporated into [embryo](#) forming the *primitive hindgut* consisting of distal part of transverse + descending + sigmoid colon, rectum, superior portion of anal canal, epithelium of urinary bladder, and most of the urethra; at 4 weeks the transverse *rectovesical septum* descends caudally between allantois and hindgut dividing the *cloaca* into *urogenital sinus* ventrally + *anorectal canal* dorsally; by 7th week the rectovaginal septum fuses with cloacal membrane creating a *urogenital membrane* ventrally + anal membrane dorsally; perineum is formed by fusion of rectovesical septum + cloacal membrane; *anal membrane* ruptures by 9th week *In 48% associated with:* (part of VACTERL syndrome) (1)GU anomalies (20%):[renal agenesis](#) / ectopia, vesicoureteral reflux, obstruction, hypospadias (3.1%); M > F; (2)Lumbosacral segmentation anomalies (30%): dysplasia, agenesis, hemivertebrae(3)GI anomalies (11%):esophageal atresia ± tracheoesophageal fistula (4%), [duodenal atresia](#) / stenosis (4)Cardiovascular anomalies (8%)(5)Abdominal wall (2%)(6)Cleft lip-cleft palate (1.6%)(7)[Down syndrome](#) (1.5%)(8)Meningomyelocele (0.5%) + occult myelodysplasia(9)Others (8%)
Caudal regression syndrome: anorectal atresia, [sacral agenesis](#), [renal agenesis](#) / dysplasia, lower limb hypoplasia, [sirenomelia](#)

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ANTRAL MUCOSAL DIAPHRAGM

= antral web *Age range*: 3 months to 80 years *Associated with*: [gastric ulcer](#) (30-50%) ■ symptomatic if opening <1 cm *Location*: usually 1.5 cm from [pylorus](#) (range 0-7 cm) ✓ constant symmetric band of 2-3 mm thickness traversing the antrum perpendicular to long axis of stomach ✓ "double bulb" appearance (in profile) ✓ concentric / eccentric orifice ✓ normal peristaltic activity

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APPENDICITIS

Incidence: 7-12% in Western world population *Etiology:* obstruction of appendiceal lumen by [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) (60%), fecolith (33%), foreign bodies (4%), stricture, tumor, parasite; [Crohn disease](#) (in 25%) *Peak age:* 2nd-3rd decade ■ fever (56%) ■ nausea + vomiting (40%) ■ RLQ pain over appendix = McBurney sign (72%) ■ leukocytosis (88%) False positive: 7-45% (average 20%) False negative: 7-33% (average 20%) 32-45% rate of misdiagnosis in women between ages 20-40! Atypical location: within pelvis (30%), extraperitoneal (5%) Abdominal plain film (abnormalities seen in <50%): Plain-film findings become more distinctive after perforation, while clinical findings subside / simulate other diseases! usually laminated calcified appendicolith in RLQ (in 7-15%) Appendicolith + abdominal pain = 90% probability of acute appendicitis! Appendicolith in acute appendicitis means a high probability for gangrene / perforation! "cecal ileus" = gas-fluid level in cecum in gangrene (= local paralysis) thickening of cecal wall small bowel obstruction pattern = small bowel dilatation with air-fluid levels (in 43% of perforations) colon cutoff sign = amputation of gas at the hepatic flexure (in 20% of perforations) due to spastic ascending colon water-density mass + paucity / absence of [intestinal gas](#) in RLQ (in 24% of perforations) extraluminal gas (in 33% of perforations) gas loculation mottled bacteriogenic gas [pneumoperitoneum](#) (rare) focal increase in thickness of lateral abdominal wall in 32% (= edema between properitoneal fat line + cecum) loss of properitoneal fat line loss of pelvic fat planes around the bladder / right obturator (= fluid / pus in cul-de-sac) loss of definition of right inferior hepatic outline (= free peritoneal fluid) distortion of psoas margin + flank stripes BE / UGI ([accuracy](#) 50-84%): failure to fill appendix with barium (normal finding in up to 35%) indentation along medial wall of cecum (= edema at base of appendix / matted omentum / periappendiceal abscess) US (77-94% sensitive, 90% specific, 78-96% accurate; nondiagnostic study in 4% due to inadequate compression of RLQ); useful in ovulating women (false-negative appendectomy rate in males 15%, in females 35%): visualization of noncompressible appendix as a blind-ending tubular aperistaltic structure (seen only in 2% of normal adults, but in 50% of normal children) target appearance of ≥ 6 mm in total diameter on cross section (81%) / mural wall thickness ≥ 2 mm diffuse hypoechoogenicity (associated with higher frequency of perforation) lumen may be distended with anechoic / hyperechoic material loss of wall layers visualization of appendicolith (6%) localized periappendiceal fluid collection prominent hyperechoic mesoappendix / pericecal fat Color Doppler US: increased conspicuity (= increase in size + number) of vessels in and around the appendix = hyperemia decreased resistance of arterial waveforms continuous / pulsatile venous flow CT (87-98% sensitive, 83-97% specific, 93% accurate): abnormal appendix distended lumen circumferentially thickened \pm enhancing wall appendicolith = homogeneous / ringlike calcification (25%) periappendicular inflammation linear streaky densities in periappendicular / pericecal / mesenteric / pelvic fat phlegmon = pericecal soft-tissue mass pericecal / mesenteric / pelvic abscess = poorly encapsulated single / multiple fluid collection with air / extravasated contrast material focal cecal apical thickening (80%) "arrowhead" sign = funnel of contrast medium in cecum centering about occluded orifice of appendix Cx: perforation (13-30%) DDx: colitis, diverticulitis, [epiploic appendicitis](#), small bowel obstruction, infectious enteritis, [duodenal ulcer](#), [pancreatitis](#), [intussusception](#), [Crohn disease](#), [mesenteric lymphadenitis](#), ovarian torsion, [pelvic inflammatory disease](#) Rx: finding of appendicolith is sufficient evidence to perform prophylactic appendectomy in asymptomatic patients (50% have perforation / abscess formation at surgery)

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ASCARIASIS

=most common parasitic infection in world; cosmopolitan occurrence; endemic along Gulf Coast, Ozark Mountains, Nigeria, Southeast Asia
Organism: *Ascaris lumbricoides* = roundworm parasite, 15-35 cm in length; production of 200,000 eggs daily
Cycle: infection by contaminated soil, eggs hatch in duodenum, larvae penetrate into venules / lymphatics, carried to lungs, migrate to alveoli and up the bronchial tree, swallowed, maturation in jejunum within 2.5 months
Age: children age 1-10 years
• colic • eosinophilia • [appendicitis](#) • hematemesis / pneumonitis • jaundice (if bile ducts infested)
Location: jejunum > ileum (99%), duodenum, stomach, CBD, pancreatic duct
✓ 15- to 35-cm-long tubular filling defects ✓ barium-filled enteric canal outlined within *Ascaris* ✓ whirled appearance, occasionally in coiled clusters ("bolus of worms")
Cx: (1) Perforation of bowel (2) Mechanical obstruction

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BANNAYAN-RILEY-RUVALCABA SYNDROME

=RUVALCABA-MYHRE-SMITH SYNDROME *Cause:* autosomal dominant transmission • pigmented genital lesions ✓ hamartomatous intestinal polyps (in 45%): usually in distal ileum + colon ✓ macrocephaly ✓ subcutaneous and visceral lipomas + hemangiomas

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BARRETT ESOPHAGUS

=BARRETT SYNDROME=replacement of stratified squamous epithelium by metaplastic columnar epithelium (Barrett epithelium) containing goblet cells
Cause: chronic [gastroesophageal reflux](#) with epithelial injury from esophagitis
Contributing factors: genetic influence, reduced LES pressure, transient LES relaxation, [hiatal hernia](#), delayed acid clearance, reduced acid [sensitivity](#), duodenogastroesophageal reflux, alcohol, tobacco, chemotherapy, scleroderma (37%), S/P repair of esophageal atresia / esophagogastric resection / Heller esophagomyotomy
Histo: (1) specialized columnar epithelium (proximal) (2) junctional-type epithelium (distal to above) (3) fundic-type epithelium (most distally)
Incidence: in general 0.3-4%; 7-10-20% of patients with symptoms of reflux
Associated with: moderate + severe esophagitis (94%), no / mild esophagitis (6%)
Age: 0-15 years and 40-88 years (mean of 55 years); M > F; mainly among Whites
■ dysphagia (due to esophageal stricture) ■ heartburn, substernal chest pain, regurgitation ■ low-grade upper intestinal bleeding ■ asymptomatic
Location: middle to lower esophagus
N.B.: the squamocolumnar junction does not coincide with the GE junction, is irregular and lies >2-3 cm oral from the gastroesophageal junction
Distribution: circumferential / focal
✓ several-cm-long stricture (71%) in midesophagus (40%) or lower esophagus (60%); **DDx:** peptic stricture without Barrett esophagus
✓ large deep wide-mouthed peptic ulcer (= Barrett ulcer) at upwardly displaced squamocolumnar junction / within columnar epithelium
✓ fine reticular mucosal pattern (3-30%) located distally from stricture (**DDx:** [gastroesophageal reflux](#), monilial + [viral esophagitis](#), superficial spreading carcinoma)
✓ thickened irregular mucosal folds (28-86%)
✓ fine granular mucosal pattern (**DDx:** [reflux esophagitis](#), acanthosis, [leukoplakia](#), superficial spreading carcinoma, moniliasis / herpes simplex / CMV esophagitis)
✓ [gastroesophageal reflux](#) (45-63%)
✓ distal esophageal widening (34-66%; due to abnormal motility)
✓ [hiatal hernia](#) (75-94%)
✓ uptake of [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) by columnar epithelium
Dx: velvety pinkish red appearance of gastric-type mucosa extending from gastric mucosa into distal esophagus (endoscopy with biopsy)
Cx: 1. Ulceration ± penetration into mediastinum 2. Stricture 3. Adenocarcinoma (0-10-46%); 40-fold higher risk than general population
✓ plaque-like / focal irregularity / nodularity / sessile polyps
Rx: (1) stop smoking, avoid bedtime snacks + foods that lower LES pressure, lose excess weight (2) suppress gastric acidity: antacids, H₂-receptor antagonists (cimetidine, ranitidine, famotidine), H⁺K⁺-adenosin triphosphatase inhibitor (omeprazole) (3) improve LES pressure: metoclopramide, bethanechol (4) esophageal resection in high-grade dysplasia

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BEHÇET SYNDROME

=uncommon chronic multisystem inflammatory disorder of unknown etiology with relapsing course characterized by mucocutaneous-ocular symptoms as a triad of aphthous stomatitis, genital ulcers, ocular inflammation
Age at onset: 3rd decade; M:F = 2:1
Major criteria: buccal + genital ulceration, ocular inflammation, skin lesions
Minor criteria: thrombophlebitis, GI + CNS lesions, arthritis, family history
• abdominal pain + diarrhea (50%)
@ Mucocutaneous: aphthous stomatitis, papules, pustules, vesicles, folliculitis, erythema nodosum-like lesions
@ Genital: ulcers on penis + scrotum / vulva + vagina
@ Ocular: relapsing iridocyclitis, hypopyon, choroiditis, papillitis, retinal vasculitis
@ Articular: mild nondestructive arthritis
@ Vascular: migratory thrombophlebitis
@ CNS: chronic meningoencephalitis
@ Esophagus: ulceration, stenosis, perforation
@ Small bowel: ulceration, perforation
@ Colon: multiple discrete deep ulcers in normal mucosa (DDx: granulomatous / [ulcerative colitis](#))

[Intestinal Behçet Disease](#)

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Intestinal Behçet Disease =presence of intestinal ulcers *Incidence*: <1% *Location*: terminal ileum, cecum[✓] deep round ulcers similar in appearance to peptic ulcers of stomach / duodenum[✓] multiple shallow / longitudinal / aphthoid ulcers *Cx*: panperitonitis with high mortality due to tendency for perforation at multiple sites *DDx*: [Reiter syndrome](#), Steven-Johnson syndrome, SLE, [ulcerative colitis](#), [ankylosing spondylitis](#)

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BEZOAR

=persistent concretions of foreign matter composed of accumulated ingested material in intestines (from Persian word padzahr = antidote, counterpoison)
Incidence: 0.4% (large endoscopic series)
Etiology: material unable to exit stomach because of large size, indigestibility, [gastric outlet obstruction](#), poor gastric motility (diabetes, mixed [connective tissue disease](#), myotonic dystrophy, [hypothyroidism](#))
Predisposition: previous gastric surgery (vagotomy, pyloroplasty, antrectomy, partial gastrectomy), inadequate chewing, missing teeth, dentures, massive overindulgence of food with high fiber contents • anorexia, bloating, early satiety / may be asymptomatic
(a) Phytobezoar (55% of all bezoars): =poorly digested fibers, skin + seeds of fruits and vegetables usually forming in stomach, may become impacted in small bowel • history of recent ingestion of pulpy foods
Food: oranges, persimmons (most common, unripe persimmons contain the tannin shibuol that forms a glue-like coagulum after contact with dilute acid)
Site of impaction: stomach, jejunum, ileum
intraluminal filling defect without constant site of attachment to bowel wall
interstices filled with barium
coiled-spring appearance (rare)
partial / complete obstruction
Cx: decubitus ulceration + pressure necrosis of bowel wall, perforation, peritonitis
DDx: lobulated / [villous adenoma](#), leiomyosarcoma, metastatic melanoma, [intussusception](#)
(b) Trichobezoar (hair): 80% are < age 30, almost exclusively in females; *Associated with:* [gastric ulcer](#) in 24-70%

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Hemoperitoneum ATTENUATION VALUES OF BLOOD during IV contrast administration and assuming an initially normal hematocrit without significant dilution from intraperitoneal fluid (ascites, urine, succus, lavage fluid) -serum (after hematocrit effect) 0-20 HU-fresh unclotted blood 30-45 HU-clotted blood 60-100 HU-active arterial extravasation >180 HU Location: paracolic gutters, pelvis "sentinel clot" sign = the highest attenuation value of blood clot marks the anatomic site of visceral injury high-density active arterial extravasation always surrounded by lower-density hematoma (DDx: extravasated oral contrast is not surrounded by lower-density material)

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Hypovolemia ✓ "collapsed cava" sign = persistent flattening of IVC (due to decreased venous return) N.B.: abort CT examination as shock is imminent! ✓ small hypodense [spleen](#) (decreased enhancement) ✓ small aorta + mesenteric arteries (due to intense vasoconstriction) ✓ shock nephrogram = lack of renal [contrast excretion](#) ✓ "shock bowel" = generalized thickening of [small bowel folds](#) + increased enhancement + luminal fluid dilatation (due to vasoconstriction of mesenteric vessels) ✓ marked enhancement of adrenal gland

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Blunt Trauma To Spleen The spleen is the most frequently injured solid parenchymal organ within the abdomen! Cause: blunt trauma (most frequent) Associated with: rib fractures (in 40%), left renal injury 20% of patients with left rib fractures have a splenic injury! 25% of patients with left renal injury have a splenic injury! CECT (95% accuracy): mottled parenchymal enhancement = contusion hypoattenuating hematoma complete separation of splenic fragments (= fracture) crescentic region of low attenuation compressing normal parenchyma = subcapsular hematoma round hypodense inhomogeneous region ± hyperdense clot = intrasplenic hematoma hypoattenuating line connecting opposing visceral surfaces + perisplenic fluid = splenic laceration multiple lacerations = "shattered spleen" high-attenuation area = contrast extravasation / pseudoaneurysm hemoperitoneum (= disruption of splenic capsule) Sequelae: splenic pseudocyst (20-30 HU) Cx: delayed rupture up to 10 days later Rx: up to 91% of stable patients can be treated conservatively with observation; transcatheter embolization DDX: (1) Normal lobulation / splenic cleft (smoothly contoured, medially located) (2) Adjacent unopacified jejunum simulating splenic tissue (3) Early differential enhancement of red and white pulp (scan obtained within 20-50 sec) (4) Perisplenic fluid from ascites / urine / succus / bile / lavage

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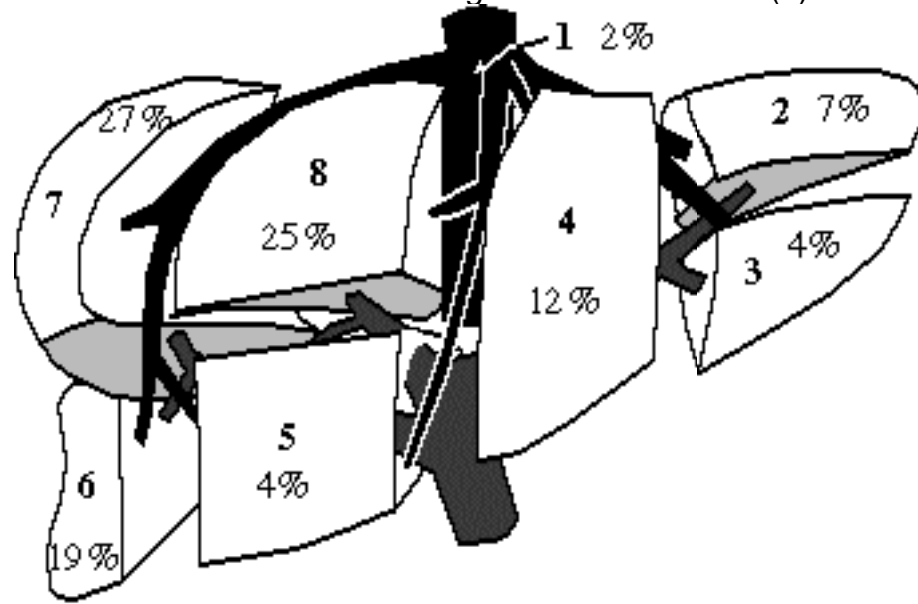
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Blunt Trauma To Liver (20%)

Second most frequently injured intra-abdominal viscus. Associated with: splenic injury in 45%. Location: R > L lobe. Site: perivascular, paralleling right + middle hepatic arteries + posterior branches of right portal vein, avulsion of right hepatic vein from IVC (13%). Left lobe injury more often associated with damage to duodenum, pancreas, transverse colon. CECT: hypoattenuating hematoma, lenticular configuration (= subcapsular hematoma) usually resolving within 6-8 weeks, irregular linear branching / round regions of low attenuation = laceration, focal / diffuse periportal tracking (in up to 22%) due to dissecting hemorrhage / bile / dilated periportal lymphatics (secondary to elevated central venous pressure / injury to lymphatics), alteration in distribution of vessels + ducts, hypodense wedge extending to liver surface = focal hepatic devascularization, focal hyperdense (80-350 HU) area = active hemorrhage / pseudoaneurysm, hemoperitoneum (inability of liver veins to contract), intrahepatic / subcapsular gas (usually due to necrosis). Cx: in up to 20% (1) delayed rupture (rare), (2) hemobilia, (3) arteriovenous fistula / pseudoaneurysm, (4) biloma ± infection, (5) superinfection of hematoma / devascularized hepatic parenchyma. Rx: conservative treatment in up to 80% in adults + 97% in children; transcatheter embolization. Healing: 1-6-15 months. DDX: (1) beam-hardening artifact from adjacent ribs / from air-contrast level in stomach, (2) Focal fatty infiltration.



Distribution of Traumatic Hepatic Lesions

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Blunt Trauma To Gallbladder (2%)

Associated with: injury to liver , duodenum ✓ pericholecystic fluid (extraperitoneal location of GB) ✓ free intraperitoneal fluid ✓ CECT: ✓ blurred contour of GB ✓ focal thickening / discontinuity of GB wall ✓ intraluminal enhancing mucosal flap ✓ hyperattenuating blood within GB lumen ✓ mass effect on adjacent duodenum ✓ collapsed GB = GB rupture ✓ focal periportal tracking = GB rupture ✓ US: ✓ focal hypoechoic thickening ✓ echogenic mass within GB lumen

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Blunt Trauma To GI Tract (5%)

Location: jejunum distal to ligament of Treitz > duodenum > ascending colon at ileocecal valve > descending colon
CECT (88-92% sensitive):
✓ hypodense free fluid (85%), particularly in interloop location due to perforation
✓ focal bowel wall thickening > 3 mm = intramural hematoma (75%) ± intestinal obstruction
✓ focal discontinuity of bowel wall
✓ sentinel clot sign adjacent to bowel
✓ streaky hyperattenuating mesentery
✓ mesenteric hematoma (39%)
✓ hyperdense contrast enhancement of injured bowel wall = delayed venous transit time (20%)
✓ [pneumoperitoneum](#) (15-32%)
✓ extravasation of oral contrast material + gas
N.B.: clinical signs + symptoms may be delayed for 24 hours (increasing mortality to 65%)

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Blunt Trauma To Pancreas (3%)

Mechanism: compression against vertebral column with shear across pancreatic neck *Associated with:* injury to liver, duodenum *Classification:* I minor contusion / hematoma, capsule + major duct intact II parenchymal injury without major duct injury III major ductal injury IV severe crush injury *Location:* junction of body + tail
posttraumatic [pancreatitis](#) / edema / fluid in peripancreatic fat / focal / diffuse pancreatic enlargement / irregularity of pancreatic contour / area of low-attenuation laceration (actual site of laceration difficult to visualize) / fluid around superior mesenteric artery / fluid in transverse mesocolon / lesser sac / fluid between pancreas and splenic vein / thickening of anterior pararenal fascia *N.B.:* 24-48 hours delayed scans uncover findings not present earlier *Rx:* I + II conservative management; III + IV need surgery within 24 hours *Cx:* recurrent [pancreatitis](#), pseudocyst, pseudoaneurysm, fistula, abscess (attendant mortality of 20%)

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Blunt Trauma To Kidney *Incidence:* 10% of injuries in emergency room *Cause:* motor vehicle accident, contact sports, falls, fights, assaults *Mechanism:* direct blow (>80%) often lacerated by lower ribs, acceleration-deceleration (renal artery tear) *Associated with:* other organ injury in 20% • >95% hematuria 25% of patients with gross hematuria have significant injuries! 24% of patients with renal pedicle injury have no hematuria! Only 1-2% with microhematuria (<35 RBCs per high-power field) have a severe renal injury! *Classification:* I contusion + corticomedullary laceration (up to 85%) II deep laceration generally communicating with collecting system (10%) III catastrophic injury: shattered kidney, renal artery pedicle injury (5%) IV UPJ avulsion / laceration (rare) *Location:* simultaneous upper + lower GU tract injury in <5% focal patchy areas of decreased enhancement / [striated nephrogram](#) = contusion irregular linear hypodense parenchymal areas = renal laceration laceration connecting two cortical surfaces = [fracture](#) multiple separated renal fragments ± perfusion = shattered kidney superficial crescentic hypodense area compressing adjacent parenchyma = subcapsular hematoma Subcapsular / perinephric hematoma usually proportional to extent of injury wedge-shaped perfusion defect = segmental arterial injury diffuse nonperfusion of kidney = devascularized kidney [persistent nephrogram](#) on delayed scans = [renal vein thrombosis](#) N.B.: Delayed images to check for urine leak! *Rx:* 1. Blunt trauma I: expectant 2. Blunt trauma II: controversial 3. Blunt trauma III + IV: surgery 4. Penetrating injury (stab wound, gunshot wound): surgery depending on location

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Blunt Trauma To Ureteropelvic junction (rare)

=laceration (60%) / avulsion of ureter at UPJ
Mechanism: tension on renal pedicle by sudden deceleration
Age: usually young boys
Associated with: [fracture](#) of transverse process (30%)
• gross / microscopic hematuria (53-60%)
✓ massive extravasation of contrast material medially in the region of UPJ
✓ nonfilling of affected ureter (with avulsion)
✓ ± circumferential perinephric [urinoma](#)

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Blunt Trauma To Bladder Associated with: pelvic [fracture](#) in 70% [Indications](#) for urethrogram: • blood at urethral meatus • "floating" prostate • inability to pass Foley catheter ✓ symphysis diastasis CT cystogram: ✓ focal thickening of bladder wall = contusion ✓ contrast extravasation = see [BLADDER RUPTURE](#)

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BOERHAAVE SYNDROME

=complete transmural disruption of esophageal wall with extrusion of gastric content into mediastinum / pleural space secondary to food bolus impaction • forceful vomiting with sudden onset of pain (substernal, left chest, in neck, pleuritic, abdominal) • dyspnea • NO hematemesis (blood escapes outside esophageal lumen) ✓ rent of 2-5 cm in length, 2-3 cm above GE junction, predominantly on left posterolateral wall ✓ [pleural effusion](#) on left >> right side / hydropneumothorax ✓ [pneumomediastinum](#) (single most important plain-film finding), [pneumopericardium](#), subcutaneous air ✓ "V-sign of Naclerio" = localized mediastinal [emphysema](#) with air between lower thoracic aorta + diaphragm ✓ mediastinal widening ✓ air-fluid level within mediastinum ✓ extravasation of contrast medium into mediastinum / pleura

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BRUNNER GLAND HYPERPLASIA

Etiology: hyperplasia secondary to hyperacidity *Physiology:* secrete a clear viscous alkaline substance into crypts of Lieberkühn **MORPHOLOGIC TYPES:** 1. Diffuse nodular hyperplasia 2. Circumscribed nodular hyperplasia: in suprapapillary portion 3. Single adenomatous hyperplastic polyp: in duodenal bulb **Location:** duodenal glands begin in vicinity of [pylorus](#) extending distally within proximal 2/3 of duodenum ✓ multiple nodular filling defects (usually limited to 1st portion of duodenum ✓ "cobblestone appearance" (most common finding) ✓ occasionally single large mass ± central ulceration

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BURKITT LYMPHOMA

=most common type of non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) in children; initially described in Africa *Etiology*: tumor from undifferentiated B-cell-derived lymphocytes; associated with Epstein-Barr virus *Age*: children + young adults *Path*: resemblance to [Hodgkin disease](#) *Histo*: characteristic "starry sky" pattern *Location*: mandible (first), maxilla; multifocal (10%) ■ jaw mass ■ abdominal mass ■ paraplegia ■ NO peripheral [leukemia](#) usually intra-abdominal extranodal involvement with sparing of [spleen](#) A. ENDEMIC FORM OF BURKITT [LYMPHOMA](#) endemic in areas with malaria: tropical Africa, New Guinea 50% of all childhood cancers in central Africa *Age*: 6-8 years @ Mandible / maxilla grossly destructive lesion, spicules of bone growing at right angles large soft-tissue mass @ Other skeleton reminiscent of Ewing tumor / reticulum cell sarcoma lamellated [periosteal reaction](#) around major long bones B. NONENDEMIC FORM OF BURKITT [LYMPHOMA](#) *Age*: 10-12 years *Location*: abdominal involvement (69%): tumors of small bowel (terminal ileum), mesentery, retroperitoneum, ovary, uterus, salivary glands, thyroid, kidneys, bone marrow well-defined sharply marginated homogeneous tumors (75%) [ascites](#) (13%) renal masses / enlargement (5%) [hydronephrosis](#) (28%) conspicuous absence of lymph node disease [pleural effusion](#) (most common chest abnormality) *Rx*: dramatic response to chemotherapy *Prognosis*: long-term survival in 50%

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CARCINOID

=most common primary tumor of small bowel + appendix (>95% of all carcinoids); belongs to APUDomas; M:F = 2:1 *Path*: firm yellow submucosal nodule arising from argentophil Kulchitsky cells in the crypts of Lieberkühn (= argentaffinoma); invasion into mesentery incites an intense fibrotic reaction *Histo*: low-grade malignancy = resemble adenocarcinomas but do not have their aggressive behavior; malignant through invasion of muscularis *Biochemistry*: tumor elaborates (1) ACTH (2) histamine (3) bradykinin (4) kallikrein (5) serotonin = 5-hydroxytryptamine (from tryptophan over 5-hydroxytryptophan), which is metabolized in liver by monoamine oxidase into 5-hydroxyindole acetic acid (5-HIAA) and excreted in urine; 5-hydroxytryptophan is destroyed in pulmonary circulation ■ asymptomatic (66%) ■ pain / obstruction (19%) ■ weight loss (16%) ■ palpable mass (14%) ■ **Carcinoid syndrome** (7% of small bowel carcinoids) caused by excess serotonin levels, requires that serotonin metabolism (to 5-HIAA in liver) is bypassed (a) with liver metastases (b) with primary pulmonary / ovarian carcinoids ■ recurrent diarrhea (70%) ■ right-sided [endocardial fibroelastosis](#) (35%) resulting in tricuspid regurgitation + pulmonary valve stenosis + right heart failure ■ attacks precipitated by ingestion of food / alcohol ■ asthmatic wheezing from bronchospasm (15%) ■ desquamative skin lesions (5%) ■ nausea & vomiting, fever ■ hypotension ■ cutaneous flushing (rare) *Metastases*: to lymph nodes, liver (in 90% of patients with [carcinoid syndrome](#)), lung, bone (osteoblastic) (a) incidence versus tumor size tumor of <1 cm (in 75%) metastasizes in 2% tumor of 1-2 cm (in 20%) metastasizes in 50% tumor of >2 cm (in 5%) metastasizes in 85% (b) incidence versus location tumor in ileum (in 28%) metastasizes in 35% tumor in appendix (in 46%) metastasizes in 3% tumor in rectum (in 17%) metastasizes in 1% Liver metastases seen: best / (only) on: (a) NECT 35% (3%) (b) CECT in HAP 35% (14%) (c) CECT in PVP 30% (3%) HAP = hepatic arterial-dominant phase of triple phase CT PVP = portal venous-dominant phase of triple phase CT RULE OF 1/3: 1/3 occur in small bowel 1/3 have metastases 1/3 are multiple 1/3 have a second malignancy Location: between gastric cardia and anus @ Appendix (30-45%) commonly benign; surgical incidence of 0.03-0.7% Site: tip (70%), middle (20%), base (10%) of appendix @ Small bowel (25-35%) Location: ileum (91%); jejunum (7%), duodenum (2%); multiple in 15-35% @ Rectum (10-15%): metastasize in 10% @ Colon (5%): ascending colon, often malignant @ Stomach (rare) @ Other organs (5%): bronchus, thyroid, pancreas, biliary tract, teratomas (ovarian, sacrococcygeal, testicular) @ may be multicentric UGI: ✓ small smooth submucosal mass (usually <2 cm) impinging eccentrically on lumen ✓ angulation + kinking of loops leading to obstruction (DIAGNOSTIC) ✓ spiculated / tethered appearance of mucosal folds (desmoplastic reaction) ✓ separation of loops due to large mesenteric metastases CT: ✓ stellate radiating pattern + beading of mesenteric neurovascular bundles (desmoplastic reaction) ✓ retraction + shortening of mesentery ✓ displacement + kinking + separation of adjacent bowel loops ✓ segmental thickening of adjacent bowel loops (encasement of mesenteric vessels leads to chronic ischemia) ✓ calcification of [mesenteric mass](#) ✓ low-density lymphadenopathy (due to necrosis) ✓ liver metastases may become isodense following slow contrast infusion Angio: ✓ thickening + foreshortening of mesenteric vessels ✓ kinking of small- and medium-sized vessels with stellate configuration ✓ venous occlusion / mesenteric varices ✓ encasement of medium-sized vessels ✓ simulated hypervascularity secondary to fibrotic retraction of mesenteric vessels NUC (I-123 MIBG imaging): ✓ [uptake](#) in 44-63% (higher frequency of radiotracer [uptake](#) in midgut carcinoids + with elevated serotonin levels) US: ✓ persistent fluid-distended appendix without typical signs of [appendicitis](#) Cx: second primary malignant neoplasm in other location (36% at necropsy) Rx: Somatostatin / SMS 201-995 Ddx: oat-cell carcinoma, pancreatic carcinoma, medullary [thyroid carcinoma](#), [retractile mesenteritis](#), desmoplastic carcinoma / [lymphoma](#)

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CATHARTIC COLON

=prolonged use of stimulant-irritant cathartics (>15 years) resulting in neuromuscular incoordination from chronically increased muscular activity + tonus
Agents: castor oil, senna, phenolphthalein, cascara, podophyllum, aloin
Location: involvement of colon proximal to splenic flexure
effaced mucosa with flattened smooth surface
diminished / absent haustrations
"pseudostrictures" = smoothly tapered areas of narrowing are typical (sustained tonus of circular muscles)
poor evacuation of barium
flattened + gaping ileocecal valve
shortened but distensible ascending colon
DDx: "burned-out" [ulcerative colitis](#) with right-sided predominance (very similar)

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CHAGAS DISEASE

=damage of [ganglion](#) cells by neurotoxin liberated from protozoa *Trypanosoma cruzi* resulting in aperistalsis of GI tract + dilatation Endemic to Central + South America (esp. eastern Brazil) *Histo*:decreased number of cells in medullary dorsal motor nucleus + Wallerian degeneration of vagus + decrease / loss of argyrophilic cells in myenteric plexus of Auerbach *Peak age*:30-50 years; M:F = 1:1 ■ intermittent / persistent dysphagia ■ odynophagia (= fear of swallowing) ■ foul breath, regurgitation, aspiration ■ Mecholy test: abnormal response indicative of deficient innervation; 2.5-10 mg methacholine subcutaneously followed by severe tetanic nonperistaltic contraction 2-5 minutes after injection, commonly in distal half of esophagus, accompanied by severe pain @ Dilative cardiomyopathy (myocarditis) @ Megacolon (bowels move at intervals of 8 days to 5 months) Cx:impacted feces, sigmoid volvulus @ Esophagus: changes as in [achalasia](#)

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CHALASIA

=continuously relaxed sphincter with free reflux in the absence of a sliding hernia *Etiology*: elevated submerged segment *Causes*: (1) Delayed development of esophagogastric region in newborns (2) Scleroderma, [Raynaud disease](#) (3) S/P forceful dilatation / myotomy for [achalasia](#) free / easily induced reflux

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CHRONIC IDIOPATHIC INTESTINAL PSEUDOObSTRUCTION

=nonpropulsive intestine characterized by impaired response to intestinal dilatation without definable cause; ? autosomal dominant Age:all ages, M:F = 1:1 • recurrent attacks of abdominal distension, periumbilical pain, nausea, vomiting, constipation ✓ mild to marked gaseous distension of duodenum + proximal small bowel ✓ esophageal dilation + hypoperistalsis (lower third) ✓ excessive duodenal dilation (DDx: megaduodenum, [superior mesenteric artery syndrome](#)) ✓ ligament of Treitz may be placed lower than usual ✓ delayed transit of barium through affected segments ✓ disordered motor activity (fluoroscopy)

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COLITIS CYSTICA PROFUNDA

=rare benign condition characterized by submucosal mucus-containing cysts lined by normal colonic epithelium *Etiology*: probably related to chronic inflammation *Age*: primarily disease of young adults • brief periods of bright red rectal bleeding • mucous / bloody discharge • intermittent diarrhea *Location*: (a) localized to rectum (most commonly) / sigmoid (b) generalized colonic process (less common) [✓] nodular polypoid / cauliflower-like lesions <2 cm in size, containing no gas [✓] spiculations mimicking ulcers (barium-filled clefts between nodules) *DDx*: pneumatosis (rarely affects rectum)

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COLORECTAL CARCINOMA

Most common cancer of GI tract; 2nd most frequently diagnosed malignancy; 2nd most common cause of death from malignancy after lung cancer (in men) + [breast cancer](#) (in women) *Predisposed:* socioeconomic status; diet low in fiber + high in fat and animal protein; obesity (in men); asbestos worker Syndromes (6% of colorectal carcinomas): [familial adenomatous polyposis](#) syndrome (= familial polyposis, [Gardner syndrome](#), [Turcot syndrome](#)), [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#), hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer syndrome *Risk factors:* 1. Colonic adenoma-malignancy in 5% of tubular adenomas-malignancy in 40% of villous adenomas Proof of adenoma-carcinoma sequence: (a) frequent coexistence of adenoma + carcinoma (b) similar distribution within colon (c) consistent proportional prevalence in population having varied magnitudes of colon cancer risk (d) increased frequency of carcinoma in patients with adenomas (e) reduction of cancer incidence following endoscopic removal of polyps (f) all patients with [familial adenomatous polyposis](#) syndrome develop colon carcinoma if colon not removed (g) similarity of DNA + chromosomal constitution 93% of colorectal carcinomas arise from adenomatous polyp A patient with one adenoma has a 9% chance of having a colorectal carcinoma in next 15 years It takes about 7 years for a 1-cm adenoma to become an invasive cancer 5% of adenomas 5 mm in size develop into invasive cancers (5 mm is considered critical mass of intraepithelial neoplasia) 2. Dysplasia of colon within flat mucosa 3. Family history of benign / malignant colorectal tumors, 3-5 x risk in first-degree relatives 4. Chronic [ulcerative colitis](#) (3-5% incidence; cumulative incidence of 26% after 25 years of colitic symptoms) 5. Prominent lymphoid follicular pattern 6. History of endometrial / [breast cancer](#) 7. [Crohn disease](#) (particularly in bypassed loops / in vicinity of chronic fistula) 8. Pelvic irradiation 9. Ureterosigmoidostomy *Screening recommendations:* as / more effective than mammographic screening (a) for persons >50 years of age: annual fecal occult-blood test + sigmoidoscopy / BE every 3 to 5 years (b) for first-degree relatives of patients with colon cancer screening should start at age 40 *Incidence:* 15% of all newly diagnosed cancers; 13% of all cancer deaths; 156,000 new cases/year with 61,300 deaths; 6.5% lifetime probability of any White person to develop colorectal cancer; 3/100,000 in 30- to 34-year-olds; 532/100,000 for >85-year-olds *Age:* median age of 71 years for colon cancer; median age of 69 years for [rectal cancer](#); M:F = 3:2 *Histo:* (1) Adenocarcinoma with varied degrees of differentiation (2) Mucinous carcinoma (uncommon) (3) Squamous cell carcinoma + adenoacanthoma (rare) *Staging (modified Dukes = Astler-Coller classification):* A limited to mucosa B involvement of muscularis propria B₁ extension into muscularis propria B₂ extension through muscularis propria into serosa / mesenteric fat (35%) C lymph node metastases (50%) C₁ + growth limited to bowel wall C₂ + growth extending into adipose tissue D distant metastases *Staging (UICC-AJCC Colorectal Cancer Staging System):* Stage Grouping 5-year survival Tis N0 M0 >95% IT1 N0 M0 T2 N0 M0 75-100% IT3 N0 M0 T4 N0 M0 50-75% III any TN1 M0 any TN2,3 M0 30-50% IV any Tany NM1 <10% *Legend:* Tis carcinoma in situ T1 invasion of submucosa T2 invasion of muscularis propria T3 invasion of subserosa / pericolic tissue T4 invasion of other organs N1 1 to 3 pericolic Lnn N2 >4 pericolic Lnn N3 any Lnn along course of a vascular trunk Metastases (lymphatic / hematogenous venous): 1. liver (75%; 15-20% at time of surgery) 2. retroperitoneal + mesenteric nodes (10-15%) 3. adrenal (10-14%) 4. lung (5-50%) 5. ovary (3-8%) 6. psoas muscle tumor deposit 7. malignant ascites 8. bone (5%) 9. brain (5%) Because of absence of lymphatics in lamina propria colon cancer will not metastasize until it penetrates the muscularis mucosa • rectal bleeding, [iron deficiency anemia](#) • change in caliber of stools • obstruction (poor prognostic indicator) • [hydronephrosis](#) (13%) • positive fecal occult blood testing (2-6% positive-result rate ; 5-10% [positive predictive value](#); fails to detect 30 -50% of colorectal carcinomas + up to 75% of adenomas): Hemoccult (hematein), Hemoquant (porphyrins), Haemselect (hemoglobin) • progressive elevation of carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) >10 µg/L indicative of recurrent / metastatic disease *Location:* rectum (15-33 -41%), sigmoid (20-37%), descending colon (10-11%), transverse colon (12%), ascending colon (8-16%), cecum (8-10%); "aging gut" = number of right-sided lesions increasing with age *Colonoscopy:* cecum not visualized in 10-36%; fails to detect 12% of colonic polyps (10% in areas never reached by colonoscope) Cx: perforation in 0.2% (0.02% for BE); death in 1:5,000 (1:50,000 for BE) BE (sensitivities for polyps >1 cm: single contrast 77-94%, double contrast 82-98%; for polyps <1 cm: single contrast 18-72%, double contrast 61-83%): • fungating polypoid carcinoma; • chronic bleeding, [intussusception](#) • annular ulcerating carcinoma = "applecore lesion"; = annular constriction is a result of tumor growing along the lymphatic channels which parallel the circular muscle fibers of the inner layer of the muscularis propria; longitudinal growth is limited with abrupt transition to normal mucosa • [colonic obstruction](#) • "saddle lesion" = growth characteristics between polypoid mass + annular constricting lesion • scirrhus carcinoma = rare variant of diffusely infiltrating adenocarcinoma (signet-ring type); often seen in [ulcerative colitis](#) = circumferential + longitudinal tumor spread within the loose submucosal tissue between muscularis mucosa + muscularis propria • long-segment stricture similar to linitis plastica • curvilinear / mottled calcifications (rare) are CHARACTERISTIC of mucinous adenocarcinoma CT: staging [accuracy](#) of 48-90%, for lymph node metastases of 25-73% CT staging (poor [accuracy](#) compared with modified Duke classification): Stage 1 intramural polypoid mass Stage 2 thickening of bowel wall Stage 3 slight invasion of surrounding tissues Stage 4 massive invasion of surrounding tissue + adjacent organs / distant metastases • low-density mass + low-density lymph nodes in mucinous adenocarcinoma (= >50% of tumor composed of extracellular mucin) • psammomatous calcifications in mucinous adenocarcinoma • signs of Lnn involvement: single lymph node >1 cm in diameter / cluster of ≥3 nodes <1 cm / node of any size within mesentery MR (staging [accuracy](#) of 73%, 40% [sensitivity](#) for lymph node metastases) *Prognosis:* Survival rate of 40-50% overall in 5 years (unchanged over past 40 years); 80-90% with Duke A; 70% with Duke B; 33% with Duke C; 5% with Duke D Recurrence in 1/3 of patients: (a) local recurrence at line of anastomosis (60%) within 1 year after resection in 50%, within 2 years after resection in 70-80% (b) distant metastases (26%) (c) local recurrence + metastases (14%) Risk after detection of colon cancer: of 5% for synchronous colon cancer of 14% for synchronous cancer with "sentinel polyp" of 35% for additional adenomatous polyp of 3% for metachronous colon cancer of 4% for extracolonic malignancy Cx: (1) Obstruction (frequently in descending + sigmoid colon) (2) Perforation (3) [Intussusception](#) (4) Pneumatosis cystoides intestinalis (5) [Pseudomyxoma peritonei](#) (from low-grade adenocarcinoma of colon) *DDx:* (1) Prolapsing ileocecal valve (change on palpation) (2) Spasm (intact mucosa, released by propantheline bromide) (3) Diverticulitis

[Lynch Syndrome Rectal Cancer](#)

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Lynch Syndrome =HEREDITARY NONPOLYPOSIS COLORECTAL CANCER SYNDROME=families with high incidence of colorectal cancers + increased incidence of synchronous and metachronous colorectal cancers.A.Lynch I=no associated extracolonic cancerB.Lynch II=associated with extracolonic malignancy: [transitional cell carcinoma](#) of ureter + renal pelvis, adenocarcinoma of [endometrium](#), stomach, small bowel, pancreas, biliary tract, brain, hematologic malignancy, carcinoma of skin + [larynx](#)*Etiology*:autosomal dominant abnormality of chromosome 2 with defect in DNA replication-repair process(a)accelerated adenoma-carcinoma sequence(b)dysplasia in flat mucosa of colon*Prevalence*:5-10% of patients with colon cancer;5 times more common than [familial adenomatous polyposis](#) syndrome*Mean age*:45 years*Location*:70% proximal to splenic flexure*Prognosis*:better stage for stage than in other cancers (5-year survival rate of 65% versus 44% in sporadic cases)*Surveillance*:colonoscopy every 1-2 years from ages 22-35 years

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Rectal Cancer *Incidence:* 45,000 rectal cancers/year in United States *Pathologic staging of rectal cancer:* Astler-Coller/TNM *Description* 5-year survival
A T1, N0, M0 limited to submucosa 80% B1 T2, N0, M0 limited to muscularis propria 70% B2 T3, N0, M0 transmural extension 60-65% C1 T2, N1, M0 nodes (+), into
muscularis 35-45% C2 T3, N1, M0 nodes (+), transmural 25% T4 invasion of adjacent organs DM1 distant metastasis <25% *Risk of recurrence:* 5% for T1 10% for T2 33% for
T1, N1 + T2 125% for T3 66% for T3 N1 50% for T4 *Staging accuracy:* (1) Digital rectal examination: 68-75-83%; limited to lesions within 10 cm of anal verge (2) CT:
48-72-92%, better for more extensive regional spread; 25-73% for lymph node involvement (3) MR: 74-84-93% with tendency for overstaging (4) Transrectal ultrasound:
64-77-94% with tendency for overstaging; limited to lesions <14 cm from anal verge + nonstenotic lesions; 50-83% *sensitivity* for lymph node involvement Transrectal
US (81% *accuracy*): Normal layers: (a) hyperechoic interface of balloon + mucosa (b) hypoechoic mucosa + muscularis mucosa (c) hyperechoic submucosa (d)
hypoechoic muscularis propria (e) hyperechoic serosa ✓ hypoechoic mass disrupting rectal wall ✓ no interruption of hyperechoic submucosa = tumor confined to
mucosa + submucosa ✓ no interruption of hyperechoic serosa = tumor confined to rectal wall ✓ break in outermost hyperechoic layer = tumor penetrates into perirectal
fat ✓ irregular serrated outer border of muscularis propria (pseudopodia through serosa) ✓ hypoechoic perirectal lymph nodes (= tumor involvement)

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COLONIC VOLVULUS

=most common form of volvulus
A. VOLVULUS OF CECUM Associated with: [malrotation](#) + long mesentery Age peak: 20-40 years; M > F "kidney-shaped" distended cecum, usually positioned in LUQ tapered end of barium column points toward torsion
B. VOLVULUS OF SIGMOID = sigmoid twists on mesenteric axis Usually in elderly / psychiatrically disturbed Degree of torsion: 360° (50%), 180° (35%), 540° (10%) greatly distended paralyzed loop with fluid-fluid levels, mainly on left side, extending toward diaphragm (erect film) "coffee-bean sign" = distinct midline crease corresponding to mesenteric root in largely gas-distended loop (supine) "bird-of-prey sign" = tapered hooklike end of barium column
CT: "whirl sign" = tightly torsioned mesentery formed by twisted afferent + efferent loop

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CONGENITAL INTESTINAL ATRESIA

Incidence: 1:300 livebirths *Cause:* usually sporadic vascular accidents (primary / secondary to volvulus or [gastroschisis](#)) *Location:* jejunum + ileum (70%), duodenum (25%), colon (5%); may involve multiple sites *"triple bubble sign"* = intraluminal gas in stomach + duodenal bulb + proximal jejunum as pathognomonic sign for jejunal atresia *bulbous bowel segment sign* = dilated loop of bowel just proximal to site of atresia (due to prolonged impaction of intestinal contents) with curvilinear termination *gasless lower abdomen* (gut usually air-filled by 4 hours after birth) *meconium peritonitis* (6%) *polyhydramnios* (in 50% with duodenal / proximal jejunal atresia; rarely in ileal / colonic atresia) *Prognosis:* 88% survival for isolated atresia

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CRICOPHARYNGEAL ACHALASIA

=hypertrophy of cricopharyngeus muscle (= upper esophageal sphincter) with failure of complete relaxation *Etiology*: 1. Normal variant without symptoms: seen in 5-10% of adults 2. Compensatory mechanism to [gastroesophageal reflux](#) 3. Neuromuscular dysfunction of deglutition (a) primary neural disorders: brainstem disorder (bulbar [poliomyelitis](#), [syringomyelia](#), multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis); central / peripheral nerve palsy; cerebrovascular occlusive disease; Huntington chorea (b) primary muscle disorder: myotonic dystrophy; polymyositis; [dermatomyositis](#); [sarcoidosis](#); myopathies secondary to steroids / thyroid dysfunction; oropharyngeal myopathy (c) myoneural junction disorder: myasthenia gravis; diphtheria; tetanus • mostly asymptomatic • dysphagia • Cineradiography / videotape recording required for demonstration! ↓ distension of proximal esophagus + pharynx ↓ smoothly outlined shelf- / lip-like projection posteriorly at level of cricoid (= pharyngoesophageal junction) = level of C5/6 ↓ barium may overflow into [larynx](#) + trachea Cx: Zenker diverticula Rx: cricopharyngeal myotomy

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COWDEN DISEASE

=MULTIPLE HAMARTOMA SYNDROME=autosomal dominant disease with high penetrance characterized by multiple hamartomas + neoplasms of endodermal, ectodermal, mesodermal origin
Incidence: 160 cases reported
Age: 2nd decade
@Mucocutaneous tumors ■ facial papules ■ oral papillomas (lips, gingiva, tongue) ■ palmoplantar keratosis, acral keratosis
@Breast lesions (in 50%): ✓ fibrocystic disease + fibroadenomas ✓ [breast cancer](#) (20-30%): often bilateral + ductal
@GI tract ✓ multiple hamartomatous polyps (in 30-60%, commonly in rectosigmoid)
@Thyroid abnormalities (in 60-70%): ✓ adenomas + goiter ✓ follicular thyroid adenocarcinoma (3-4%)
@Genitourinary lesions
@Skeletal abnormalities

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CROHN DISEASE

=REGIONAL ENTERITIS = disease of unknown etiology with prolonged + unpredictable course characterized by discontinuous + asymmetric involvement of entire GI tract *Prevalence*: 2-3:100,000 white adults *Path.* transmural inflammation (noncaseating granuloma with Langhans giant cells and epithelioid cells, edema, [fibrosis](#)); obstructive lymphedema + enlargement of submucosal lymphoid follicles; ulceration of mucosa overlying lymphoid follicles *Age*: onset between 15-30 years; M:F = 1:1

- recurrent episodes of diarrhea
- colicky / steady abdominal pain
- low-grade fever
- weight loss, anorexia
- occult blood + anemia
- perianal abscess / fistula (40%)
- [malabsorption](#) (30%)

Associated with: erythema nodosum, pyoderma gangrenosum

INTESTINAL MANIFESTATIONS @ Esophagus (rare) @ Stomach (1-2%) = granulomatous gastritis

- pseudo-post Billroth-I appearance
- "rams horn sign" = poorly distensible smooth tubular narrowed antrum + widened [pylorus](#) + narrow duodenal bulb
- aphthous ulcers (= pinpoint erosions)
- cobblestone appearance of mucosa
- antral-duodenal fistula @ Duodenum (4-10%) almost always associated with gastric involvement

Location: duodenal bulb + proximal half of duodenum

- superficial erosions / aphthoid ulcers (early lesion)
- [thickened duodenal folds](#) @ Small bowel (80%) = regional enteritis terminal ileum (alone / in combination in 95%); jejunum / ileum (15-55%)
- thickening + slight nodularity of circular folds
- aphthous ulcers
- cobblestone mucosa / ulceration
- commonly associated with medial cecal defect @ Colon (22-55%) = granulomatous colitis particularly on right side with rectum + sigmoid frequently spared
- tiny 1- to 2-mm nodular filling defects (lymphoid follicular pattern)
- aphthous ulcers with "target / bulls-eye" appearance
- "transverse stripe sign" = 1-cm-long straight stripes representing contrast medium within deep grooves of coarse mucosal folds
- long fistulous tracts parallel to bowel lumen @ [Appendicitis](#) (20%) @ Rectum (14-50%)
- deep / collarbutton ulcers
- rectal sinus tracts

Phases: (a) Earliest changes

- nodular enlargement of lymphoid follicles
- blunting / flattening / distortion / straightening / thickening of valvulae conniventes (obstructive lymphedema, usually first seen in terminal ileum)
- aphthous ulcers = nodules with shallow central barium collection up to 5 mm in diameter

Location: duodenal bulb, second portion of duodenum, terminal ileum (b) Advanced nonstenotic phase

- skip lesions (90%) = discontinuous involvement with intervening normal areas
- cobblestone appearance = serpiginous longitudinal + transverse ulcers separated by areas of edema
- thick + blunted [small bowel folds](#) (inflammatory infiltration of lamina propria + submucosa)
- straightening + rigidity of small bowel loops with luminal narrowing (spasm + submucosal edema)
- separation + displacement of small bowel loops (from lymphedematous wall thickening / increase in mesenteric fat / enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes / perforation with abscess formation)
- pseudopolyps = islands of hyperplastic mucosa between denuded mucosa
- inflammatory polypoid masses
- sessile / pedunculated / filiform postinflammatory polyps
- diffuse mucosal granularity due to 0.5- to 1-mm round lucencies (= blunted + fused villi seen en face)
- pseudodiverticula = pseudosacculations = bulging area of normal wall opposite affected scarred wall on antimesenteric side (c) Stenotic phase
- "string sign" = strictures (in 21%, most frequently in terminal ileum) / marked narrowing of rigid loops
- normal proximal loops may be dilated with stasis ulcers + fecoliths

CT:

- homogeneous density of thickened bowel wall (DDx: [ulcerative colitis](#) with inhomogeneous attenuation)
- "double halo configuration" (50%) = intestinal lumen surrounded by inner ring of low attenuation (= edematous mucosa) + outer ring of soft-tissue density (= thickened fibrotic muscularis + serosa) (DDx: radiation enteritis, ischemia, mesenteric venous thrombosis, [acute pancreatitis](#))
- luminal narrowing + proximal dilatation
- skip areas of asymmetric bowel wall thickening of 10-20 mm in 82% (DDx: [ulcerative colitis](#) with a mean thickness of 8 mm)
- "creeping fat" = massive proliferation of mesenteric fat (40%) with mass effect separating small bowel loops
- mesenteric adenopathy (18%)
- abscess (DDx: postoperative blind loop)

US:

- "pseudokidney" / target sign = thickening of bowel wall (22-65-89%) of 5-20 mm (DDx: [ulcerative colitis](#))
- circumferential diffusely hypoechoic bowel wall with loss of normal layering (due to transmural edema, inflammation, [fibrosis](#))
- rigid + noncompressible bowel segment with reduction / loss of peristalsis
- hyperemia of gut wall + adjacent fat on color Doppler
- inflammatory mass = phlegmon (14%), abscess (4%)
- distended fluid-filled loops (12%)
- hypoechoic fistulous tract

Prognosis: recurrence rate of up to 39% after resection (commonly at the site of the new terminal ileum, most frequently during first 2 years after resection); mortality rate of 7% at 5 years, 12% at 10 years after 1st resection

Cx: (1) Fistula (33%): (a) enterocolic: most frequently between ileum and cecum (b) enterocutaneous (8-21%): rectum-to-skin; rectum-to-vagina (c) perineal fistula + sinus tracts

Crohn disease is 3rd most common cause of fistula / sinus tracts (DDx: iatrogenic [most common cause], diverticula [2nd most common cause])

(2) Intramural sinus tracts (3) Abscess (DDx: acute [appendicitis](#)) (4) Free perforation (1-2%) (5) [Toxic megacolon](#) (6) Small bowel obstruction (15%) (7) [Hydronephrosis](#) (from ureteric compression, generally on right side) (8) Adenocarcinoma in ileum / colon (particularly in bypassed loops / in vicinity of chronic fistula) 4-20 x increased risk of colonic adeno-carcinoma compared with general population with a latency period of 25-30 years! (9) [Lymphoma](#) in large + small bowel

DDx: (1) *Yersinia* (in terminal ileum, resolution within 3-4 months) (2) [Tuberculosis](#) (more severe involvement of cecum, pulmonary TB) (3) [Actinomyces](#), [histoplasmosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), [anisakiasis](#) (4) Segmental infarction (acute onset, elderly patient) (5) Radiation ileitis (appropriate history) (6) [Lymphoma](#) (no spasm, luminal narrowing is uncommon, tumor nodules) (7) [Carcinoid](#) tumor (tumor nodules) (8) [Eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#) (9) Potassium stricture

EXTRINTESTINAL MANIFESTATIONS @ Hepatobiliary

- Fatty infiltration of liver (steroid therapy, hyperalimentation)
- [Hepatic abscess](#)
- Gallstones (28-34%) 3-5 x higher risk than expected; stone formation caused by interrupted enterohepatic circulation with [malabsorption](#) of bile salts in terminal ileum; risk correlates with length of diseased ileum / resected ileum / duration of disease
- [Acute cholecystitis](#)
- Sclerosing cholangitis (10%) + hepatoma
- Bile duct + [gallbladder carcinoma](#)

@ Genitourinary

- [Urolithiasis](#): oxalate (frequent) / urate stones
- [Hydronephrosis](#)
- Renal [amyloidosis](#)
- Focal [cystitis](#)
- Ileoureteral / ileovesical fistula (5-20%)

@ Musculoskeletal

- digital clubbing (11-40%)
- mild self-limiting seronegative peripheral migratory arthritis (15-22%): may precede bowel disease in 10%; severity + course correlates well with severity of intestinal disease; resection of diseased bowel leads to regression of symptoms
- [Hypertrophic osteoarthropathy](#)
- [Ankylosing spondylitis](#) (in 3-16%)
- Axial skeletal involvement usually precedes onset of GI symptoms!
- unrelated in severity / course to activity level of bowel disease
- symmetric bilateral [sacroiliitis](#)
- spondylitis with syndesmophytes
- Peripheral erosive arthritis
- small marginal erosions
- periostitis
- propensity for osseous ankylosis
- [Avascular necrosis](#) of femoral head (steroid Rx)
- Pelvic osteomyelitis (contiguous involvement)
- [Septic arthritis](#)
- Muscle abscess
- Retarded skeletal growth + maturation @ Erythema nodosum, uveitis

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CRONKHITE-CANADA SYNDROME

=nonneoplastic nonhereditary inflammatory polyps (as in [juvenile polyposis](#)) associated with ectodermal abnormalities; no familial predisposition *Incidence*: >100 cases described *Histo*: hamartomatous polyps resembling juvenile / retention polyps = multiple cystic spaces filled with mucin secondary to degenerative changes; expansion + inflammation of lamina propria *Age*: 62 years (range 42-75 years); M < F • exudative [protein-losing enteropathy](#) • diarrhea ([disaccharidase deficiency](#), bacterial overgrowth in small intestine) • severe weight loss, anorexia • abdominal pain • nail atrophy • brownish macules of hand + feet • alopecia ✓ multiple polyps ✓ thickened gastric rugae *Location*: stomach (100%); small bowel (>50%); colon (100%) *Prognosis*: rapidly fatal in women within 6-18 months (cachexia); tendency toward remission in men

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DESMOID TUMOR

=uncommon benign tumor consisting of fibrous tissue with insidious growth [desmos = "band / tendon"]=subgroup of fibromatoses
Types: 1. ABDOMINAL DESMOID Location: mesentery (most common mesenteric primary), musculoaponeurosis of rectus, internal oblique muscle; occasionally external oblique muscle
2. EXTRA-ABDOMINAL DESMOID=musculoaponeurotic [fibromatosis](#) Location: pelvis, chest wall, mediastinum
Age: peak age in 3rd decade, 70% between 20 and 40 years of age; M:F = 1:3
Path: poorly circumscribed coarsely trabeculated tumor resembling scar tissue, confined to musculature + overlying aponeurosis
Histo: elongated spindle-shaped cells of uniform appearance, septated by dense bands of collagen, infiltration of adjacent tissue (DDx: low-grade [fibrosarcoma](#), reactive [fibrosis](#))
Associated with: [Gardner syndrome](#), multiple pregnancies, prior trauma
■ firm slowly growing deep-seated mass
Size: 5-20 cm in diameter
MR: √ hypointense to muscle on T1WI + variable intensity on T2WI
CT: √ ill-defined / well-circumscribed mass √ usually higher attenuation than muscle √ ± enhancement √ retraction, angulation, distortion of small / large bowel with mesenteric infiltration
US: √ sharply defined + smoothly marginated mass of low / medium / high echogenicity
Cx: compression / displacement of bowel / ureter, intestinal perforation
Prognosis: locally aggressive growth; 25-65% recurrence rate
Rx: local resection + radiotherapy, antiestrogen therapy
DDx: (1) Malignant tumor: metastasis, [fibrosarcoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), synoviosarcoma, [liposarcoma](#), fibrous histiocytoma, [lymphoma](#), (2) Benign tumor: neurofibroma, [neuroma](#), [leiomyoma](#) (3) Acute hematoma

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DIAPHRAGM DISEASE

=small bowel webs due to NSAIDs *Effect of NSAID*: gastric irritation, ulceration of small intestines *Frequency*: in 10% of patients receiving long-term NSAID therapy *Path*: foci of submucosal [fibrosis](#) with interruption of adjacent muscularis mucosae • blood + protein loss • intermittent intestinal obstruction *Location*: ileum > jejunum *Enteroclysis*: √ multiple concentric diaphragm-like strictures *DDx*: [Crohn disease](#)

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DISACCHARIDASE DEFICIENCY

=enzyme deficiencies for any of the disaccharides (maltose, lactose, etc.)A.PRIMARYB.SECONDARY to other diseases (eg, [Crohn disease](#))*Pathophysiology:*
(a)unabsorbed disaccharides produce osmotic diarrhea(b)bacterial fermentation produces short-chain volatile fatty acids causing further osmotic + irritant diarrhea
normal small bowel series without added lactose
abnormal small bowel series done with lactose (50 g added to 600 cm³ of barium suspension)
small + large bowel distension
dilution of barium
shortening of transit time

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DISTAL INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION SYNDROME

=MECONIUM ILEUS EQUIVALENT=impaction of inspissated stool in distal part of ileum + proximal part of colon *Prevalence*:7-15-41% of children / adolescents with [cystic fibrosis](#); 2% in patients <5 years of age *Cause*:tenacious intestinal mucus, steatorrhea due to pancreatic insufficiency, undigested food residue, disordered intestinal motility with increase in intestinal transit time, fecal stasis, dehydration *Age*:2nd-3rd decade of life ■ recurrent bouts of colicky abdominal pain (from fecal impaction / constipation) in RLQ ■ palpable cecal mass ✓ bubbly granular ileocecal soft-tissue mass in RLQ ✓ partial / complete small bowel obstruction (due to puttylike fecal material in terminal ileum / right colon) ✓ thickening of mucosal folds ✓ [cystic fibrosis](#) of lung *CT*: Location:cecum > ascending colon > transverse colon > descending colon (contiguous involvement) ✓ diffuse colonic thickening ✓ mural striation (50%) ✓ mesenteric soft-tissue infiltration (100%) ✓ increased pericolonic fat (60%) *Cx*:[intussusception](#), volvulus *Rx*:stool softeners, oral polyethylene glycol-electrolyte solution (Go-lytely®), increasing dose of pancreatic enzyme supplements, mucolytic agents (N-acetylcysteine) orally / with Gastrografin® enema *DDx*:[appendicitis](#), partial intestinal obstruction (adhesion / stricture from previous bowel surgery)

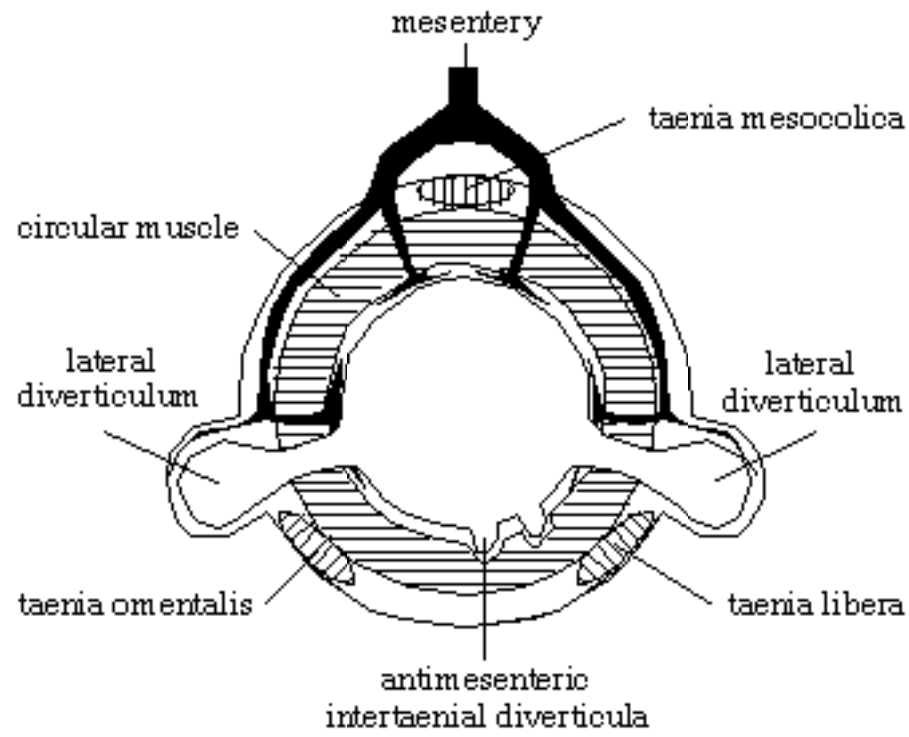
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DIVERTICULAR DISEASE OF COLON

=overactivity of smooth muscle causing herniation of mucosa + submucosa through muscle layers *Incidence*: 5-10% in 5th decade; 33-48% over age 50; 50% past 7th decade; M:F = 1:1; most common affliction of colon in developed countries *Cause*: decreased fecal bulk (diet high in refined fiber + low in roughage) *Location*: in 80% in sigmoid (= narrowest colonic segment with highest pressure); in 17% distributed over entire colon; in 4-12% isolated to cecum / ascending colon



Cross Section through Colon

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Prediverticular Disease Of Colon =longitudinal + circular smooth muscle thickening with redundancy of folds secondary to myostatic contracture[✓] "saw-tooth sign" = crowding + thickening of haustral folds (shortening of colonic segment)[✓] plump marginal indentations[✓] superimposed muscle spasm (relieved by antispasmodics)[✓] DDX:hemorrhage; ischemia; radiation changes; [pseudomembranous colitis](#)

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Colonic Diverticulosis =acquired herniations of mucosa + muscularis mucosae through the muscularis propria with wall components of mucosa, submucosa, serosa = false diverticula of pulsion typeSite: (a)lateral diverticula arise between mesenteric + antimesenteric teniae on opposite sides(b)antimesenteric intertaenial diverticula opposite of mesenteric sideIntramural type vasa recta (= nutrient arteries) pass through the circular muscle (weakness in muscular wall) and are carried over the fundus of the diverticula as it enlarges size: initially tiny (3- to 10-mm) V-shaped protrusions increasing up to several cm in diameter bubbly appearance of air-containing diverticula residual barium within diverticula from previous study spiky irregular outline (antimesenteric intertaenial ridge is typical site for intramural diverticula) smooth dome-shaped appendages with a short neck may be pointed, attenuated, irregular with variable filling circular line with sharp outer edge + fuzzy blurred inner edge (en face view in double contrast BE) **Giant sigmoid diverticulum** = large gas-containing cyst (air entrapment secondary to ball-valve mechanism) arising in left iliac fossaCT: diverticula distorted luminal contour + muscular hypertrophy

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Colonic Diverticulitis = perforation of diverticulum with intramural / localized pericolic abscess *Incidence*: 5% of population; in 10-35% of diverticular disease; increasing frequency with age *Pathogenesis*: mucosal abrasion from inspissated fecal material leads to perforation of thin wall • pain + local tenderness + mass in LLQ • fever (25%), leukocytosis (36%) Location: sigmoid colon (most commonly) ✓ localized [ileus](#) ✓ ± pattern of small bowel obstruction (kinking / edema if small bowel adheres to abscess) ✓ gas in abscess / fistula ✓ [pneumoperitoneum](#) (rare) BE (77-86% sensitive): ✓ focal area of eccentric luminal narrowing caused by pericolic / intramural inflammatory mass ✓ marked thickening + distortion of mucosal folds ✓ mucosal tethering ✓ extraluminal contrast = PERIDIVERTICULITIS ✓ "double-tracking" = pericolic longitudinal sinus tract ✓ pericolic collection = peridiverticular abscess ✓ fistula to bladder / small bowel / vagina CT (79-93% sensitive, 77% specific): ✓ poorly marginated hazy area of increased attenuation ± fine linear strands within pericolic fat (98%) ✓ diverticula (84%) = flask-shaped structures projecting through colonic wall + filled with air / barium / fecal material ✓ circumferential bowel wall thickening of >4 mm (70%) ✓ frank abscess (47%) = central liquid / gas ✓ fluid ± air of peritonitis (16%) ✓ fluid at root of mesentery ✓ fistula formation (14%): most commonly colovesical, also colovaginal, coloenteric, colocutaneous ✓ [colonic obstruction](#) (12%) ✓ intramural sinus tracts (9%) ✓ ureteral obstruction (7%) US (85-98% sensitive, 80-97% specific): ✓ thickening of bowel wall = >4 mm distance between echogenic lumen interface and serosa ✓ diverticula = round / oval hypo- / hyperechoic foci protruding from colonic wall with focal disruption of normal layer continuity ± internal acoustic shadowing ✓ inflammatory pericolic fat = regionally increased echogenicity adjacent to colonic wall ± ill-defined hypoechoic zones ✓ pericolic abscess *Prognosis*: (a) self-limiting (usually) (b) transmural perforation (c) superficial ulceration (d) chronic abscess *DDx*: (1) Colonic neoplasm (shorter segment, heaped-up margins, ulcerated mucosa) (2) Crohn colitis (double-tracking longer than 10 cm) *Rx*: antibiotics, surgery (in 25%), percutaneous abscess drainage

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Colonic Diverticular Hemorrhage Not related to diverticulitis *Incidence*:in 3-47% of diverticulosis *Location*:75% located in ascending colon (larger neck + dome of diverticula) • massive rectal hemorrhage without pain ✓ extravasation of radionuclide tracers ✓ angiographic contrast pooling in bowel lumen *Rx*:(1)transcatheter infusion of vasoconstrictive agents (Pitressin®)(2)embolization with Gelfoam®

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DUMPING SYNDROME

=early postprandial vascular symptomatology of sweating, flushing, palpitation, feeling of weakness and dizziness *Pathophysiology*: rapid entering of hypertonic solution into jejunum resulting in fluid shift from blood compartment into small bowel *Incidence*: 1-5%; M:F = 2:1 ∇ Roentgenologic findings not diagnostic! ∇ rapid emptying of barium into small bowel (= loss of gastric reservoir function) *Rx*: lying down, diet *DDx*: late postprandial hypoglycemia (90-120 minutes after eating)

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DUODENAL ATRESIA

=most common cause of congenital [duodenal obstruction](#); second most common site of gastrointestinal atresias after ileum *Incidence*:1:10,000; M:F = 1:1 *Etiology*:defective vacuolization of duodenum between 6th-11th weeks of fetal life; rarely from vascular insult (extent of obstruction usually involves larger regions with vascular insult) *Age at presentation*:first few days of life ■ persistent bilious vomiting a few hours after birth / following 1st feeding ■ rapid deterioration secondary to loss of fluids + electrolytes Isolated sporadic anomaly (30-52%) *Associated anomalies (in 60%)*: (1)[Down syndrome](#) (20-33%); 25% of fetuses with duodenal atresia have [Down syndrome](#)! <5% of fetuses with [Down syndrome](#) have duodenal atresia! (2)CHD (8-30-50%): [endocardial cushion defect](#), VSD (3)Gastrointestinal anomalies (26%):esophageal atresia, biliary atresia, duodenal duplication, [imperforate anus](#), small bowel atresia, intestinal [malrotation](#), [Meckel diverticulum](#), transposed liver, [annular pancreas](#) (20%) (4) Urinary tract anomalies (8%) (5) Vertebral + rib anomalies (37%) Location:(a)usually distal to ampulla of Vater (80%)(b)proximal duodenum (20%) "double bubble sign" = gas-fluid levels in duodenal bulb + gastric fundus total absence of [intestinal gas](#) in small / large bowel colon of normal caliber OB-US (usually not identified prior to 24 weeks GA): ■ ± elevated AFP "double bubble sign" = simultaneous distension of stomach + 1st portion of duodenum, continuity of fluid between stomach + duodenum must be demonstrated increased gastric peristalsis [polyhydramnios](#) in 3rd trimester (100%) *Prognosis*:36% mortality in neonates *DDx*:(1)Prominent incisura angularis causing bidivision of stomach (2) [Choledochal cyst](#) (3)[Annular pancreas](#) (4)Peritoneal bands (5)Intestinal duplication Cx:prematurity (40%) secondary to preterm labor related to [polyhydramnios](#)

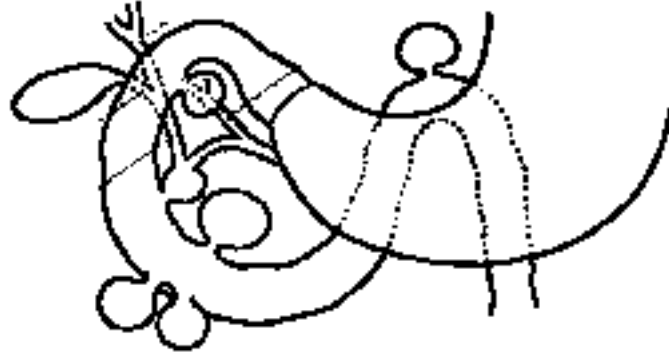
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DUODENAL DIVERTICULUM

Incidence: 1-5% of GI studies; 22% of autopsies
A. PRIMARY DIVERTICULUM=mucosal prolapse through muscularis propria
Location: 2nd portion (62%), 3rd portion (30%), 4th portion (8%)
Site: medial wall in region of papilla (88%), posteriorly (8%), lateral wall (4%)
B. SECONDARY DIVERTICULUM=all layers of duodenal wall = true diverticulum as complication of duodenal / periduodenal inflammation
Location: almost invariably in 1st portion of duodenum
• mostly asymptomatic
Cx: (1) Perforation +



peritonitis (2) Bowel obstruction (3) Biliary obstruction (4) Bleeding (5) Diverticulitis

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DUODENAL ULCER

Incidence: 200,000 cases/year; 2-3 x more frequent than gastric ulcers; M:F = 3:1 *Pathophysiology:* too much acid in duodenum from (a) abnormally high gastric secretion (b) inadequate neutralization *Predisposed:* cortisone therapy, severe cerebral injury, after surgery, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease *Location:* (a) bulbar (95%): anterior wall (50%), posterior wall (23%), inferior wall (22%), superior wall (5%) (b) postbulbar (3-5%): majority on medial wall of supraampullary region; tendency for hemorrhage in 66%; M:F = 7:1 \checkmark frequently small round / ovoid / linear ulcer niche \checkmark "kissing ulcers" = ulcers opposite from each other on anterior + posterior wall \checkmark giant duodenal ulcer >3 cm (rare) with higher morbidity + mortality; may be overlooked by simulating a normal / deformed duodenal bulb \checkmark "cloverleaf deformity, hourglass stenosis" (healed stage) with prestenotic dilatation of recesses *Cx:* (1) Obstruction (5%) (2) Perforation (<10%): anterior > posterior wall; fistula to gallbladder (3) Penetration (<5%) = sealed perforation (4) Hemorrhage (15%): melena > hematemesis *Rx:* antral resection (Billroth I) + vagotomy

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DUODENAL VARICES

=dilated collateral veins secondary to [portal hypertension](#) (posterior superior pancreaticoduodenal vein) lobulated filling defects (best demonstrated in prone position, maximal luminal distension will obliterate them) commonly associated with fundal + [esophageal varices](#)

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DUPLICATION CYST

=uncommon congenital anomaly found anywhere along alimentary tract from tongue to anus
Incidence: 15% of pediatric abdominal masses are gastrointestinal duplication cysts
Theories of formation: (1) Abortive twinning (2) Persistent embryologic diverticula (3) Split notochord (4) Aberrant luminal recanalization (5) Intrauterine vascular accident associated with alimentary tract atresia in 9%
Age: presentation often in infancy / early childhood
Path: spherical cyst / tubular structure located in / immediately adjacent to gastrointestinal tract; shares a common muscle wall + [blood supply](#); has a separate mucosal lining; cyst contents are usually serous
Histo: smooth muscle wall + lined with alimentary tract mucosa; ectopic mucosa squamous, transitional, ciliated mucosa; lymphoid aggregates; [ganglion](#) cells
Gastric mucosa + pancreatic tissue are the only ectopic tissues of clinical importance!
■ [respiratory distress](#) (with esophageal duplication) ■ palpable abdominal mass
■ nausea, emesis
Location: ileum (30-33%), esophagus (17-20%), colon (13-30%), jejunum (10-13%), stomach (7%), [pylorus](#) (4%), duodenum (4-5%), ileocecal junction (4%), rectum (4%)
■ In 7-15% concomitant duplications elsewhere in the alimentary tract!
Site: on mesenteric aspect of alimentary canal
Morphology: (a) large spherical / saccular cyst (82%) (b) small intramural cyst (c) tubular sausage-shaped cyst (18%): commonly along small + large bowel; frequently communicates with lumen of adjacent gut
✓ elongated tubular / spherical cystic mass
✓ muscular rim sign (= echogenic inner mucosal lining + hypoechoic outer rim) in 47%
✓ cyst paralleling normal bowel lumen
Cx: bowel obstruction, [intussusception](#), bleeding (due to presence of gastric mucosa / pressure necrosis of adjacent mucosa by cyst expansion / from [intussusception](#))
DDx: (1) Omental cyst (greater omentum / lesser sac, multilocular) (2) Mesenteric cyst (between leaves of small bowel mesentery) (3) [Choledochal cyst](#) (4) [Ovarian cyst](#) (5) [Pancreatic pseudocyst](#) (6) Cystic renal tumor (7) Abscess (8) [Meckel diverticulum](#) (communicates with GI tract) (9) [Lymphangioma](#) (10) Mesenteric [lymphoma](#) (11) Intramural tumor

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Colonic Duplication Cyst *Incidence:*13% of all alimentary tract duplicationsA.CYSTIC COLONIC DUPLICATION (7%)*Path:*closed spherical cyst; contains gastric mucosa in 2% + ectopic pancreatic tissue in 5% • abdominal mass, bowel obstruction, GI hemorrhage*Location:*cecum (40%) ± [intussusception](#)B.COLORECTAL TUBULAR DUPLICATION (6%)=DUPLICATION OF THE HINDGUT=double-barreled duplication involving part / all of large bowel with "twin" segment on mesenteric / antimesenteric side*Symptomatic age:*neonatal period / infancy;M:F = 1:2 *May be associated with:* rectogenital / rectourinary fistula, duplication of internal / external genitalia, vertebral anomalies, multisystem congenital anomaly complex • bowel obstruction • passage of feces through vagina¹ simultaneous opacification of true + twin colon¹ duplication may terminate at(a)2nd functional anus(b)imperforate perineal orifice(c)fistulous communication with GU tractC.DOUBLE APPENDIX

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Duodenal Duplication Cyst *Incidence:*5% of all alimentary tract duplications *Path:*noncommunicating spherical cyst; may contain ectopic gastric mucosa in 21%, small bowel mucosa, pancreatic tissue • obstruction, palpable abdominal mass • hemorrhage (due to peptic ulceration) • jaundice (due to biliary obstruction) • [pancreatitis](#) (due to ectopic pancreatic tissue) *Site:*on mesenteric side of anterior wall of 1st + 2nd portion of duodenum ✓ mass in concavity of duodenal C-loop ✓ compression + displacement of 1st / 2nd portion of duodenum superiorly + anteriorly *Cx:*[pancreatitis](#) from perforation of [duplication cyst](#) *DDx:*[pancreatic cyst](#), [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), [choledochal cyst](#), [choledochocele](#), duodenal intramural tumor, pancreatic tumor

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Esophageal Duplication Cyst arises from foregut *Incidence*:10-20% of all alimentary tract duplications; 0.5-2.5% of all esophageal masses;M:F = 2:1 *Path*:contains ectopic gastric mucosa in 43% *Histo*:contains no cartilage, lined by gastrointestinal tract epithelium *Associated with*: vertebral anomalies, esophageal atresia, small bowel duplication (18%) *Location*:adjacent to esophagus / within esophageal musculature at any level, paraspinal position; R:L = 2:1; in right pleural space detached from esophagus (rare) **A.CERVICAL ESOPHAGUS (23%)** • asymptomatic enlarging lateral neck mass • upper [airway](#) obstruction in newborn *DDx*:[thyroglossal duct cyst](#), branchial cleft cyst, [cystic hygroma](#), cervical tumor, cervical lymphadenopathy **B.MIDESOPHAGUS (17%)** • severe upper [airway](#) obstruction in early infancy *DDx*:[bronchogenic cyst](#), [neurenteric cyst](#), intramural esophageal tumor **C.DISTAL ESOPHAGUS (60%)** • frequently asymptomatic *Location*:paraspinal *DDx*:[bronchogenic cyst](#), [neurenteric cyst](#), intramural esophageal tumor ✓ closed spherical cyst, almost never communicating *CXR*: ✓ posterior [mediastinal mass](#) ± air-fluid level ✓ lobar consolidation + central cavitation (from autodigestion of lung tissue by gastric secretions) ✓ thoracic vertebral anomalies *UGI*: ✓ displacement of esophagus by paraesophageal mass ✓ intramural extramucosal mass *US*: ✓ hypoechoic fluid-filled cyst + inner mucosal lining *Cx*:(1)Peptic ulceration (secondary to gastric mucosa)(2)Perforation (secondary to penetrating ulcer)(3)Hematemesis (from erosion into esophagus)(4)[Hemoptysis](#) + autodigestion of pulmonary tissue (from erosion into tracheobronchial tree)

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Gastric Duplication Cyst =intramural gastric cyst lined with secretory epithelium *Incidence*:7% of all alimentary tract duplications *Path*:noncommunicating spherical cyst (majority); may communicate with aberrant pancreatic duct; ectopic pancreatic tissue found in 37% *Symptomatic age*:infancy; in 75% detected before age 12; M:F = 1:2 ■ pain (from overdistension of cyst, rupture with peritonitis, peptic ulcer formation, internal [pancreatitis](#)) ■ vomiting, anemia, fever ■ symptoms mimicking congenital [hypertrophic pyloric stenosis](#) (if duplication in antrum / [pylorus](#)) Most common site:greater curvature (65%) √ para gastric cystic mass up to 12 cm in size, indenting greater curvature √ seldom communicates with main gastric lumen at one or both ends √ may enlarge + ulcerate √ Tc-99m [uptake](#) US: √ cyst with two wall layers (inner echogenic layer of mucosa, outer hypoechoic layer of muscle) √ clear / debris-containing fluid Cx:(1)Partial / complete small bowel obstruction(2)Relapsing [pancreatitis](#) (with ductal communication)(3)Ulceration, perforation, fistula formation *DDx*:[pancreatic cyst](#), [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), mesenteric cyst, [leiomyoma](#), adenomatous polyp, hamartoma, [lipoma](#), neurofibroma, teratoma

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Rectal Duplication Cyst *Incidence:* 4% of all alimentary tract duplications *Path:* spherical fluid-filled cyst; may contain duodenal / gastric mucosa + pancreatic tissue *Site:* posterior to rectum / anus *Communication with rectum / perianal fistula (in 20%)* *Symptomatic age:* childhood ■ constipation + fecal soiling ■ palpable retrorectal / retroanal mass ■ intractable excoriation of perianal skin (with chronic perianal fistula) *Y* cystic mass; may be echogenic (due to solid material ± gas from communication with rectum) *DDx:* anterior meningocele, [sacrococcygeal teratoma](#), retrorectal abscess, pilonidal cyst, sacral [bone tumor](#)

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Small Bowel Duplication Cyst *Incidence*: most common of all alimentary tract duplications *Symptomatic age*: neonatal period (1/3); <2 years of age (in 72%) *Path*: contains ectopic gastric mucosa in 24%; ectopic pancreatic tissue in jejunum (8%) *May be associated with*: small bowel atresia • neonatal bowel obstruction • [intussusception](#), palpable mass • acute abdominal pain, hemorrhage *Location*: ileum (33%), jejunum (10%), ileocecal (4%) *low small bowel obstruction ± soft-tissue mass* *†* cyst may serve as lead point for [intussusception](#) *DDx*: mesenteric cyst, [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), omental cyst, exophytic [hepatic cyst](#), [ovarian cyst](#)

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Thoracoabdominal Duplication =FOREGUT DUPLICATION=long tubular cyst closed at its cranial end, passing through diaphragm through its own hiatus, in 60% communicating with normal duodenum / jejunum / ileum *Incidence*:2% of all alimentary tract duplications *Associated with*:thoracic vertebral anomalies *Histo*:gastric mucosa in 29% *Symptomatic age*:50% during neonatal period;80% within 1st year of life ■ severe [respiratory distress](#) ■ chest pain, GI bleeding, anemia ✓ tubular right posterior [mediastinal mass](#) ± air ✓ thoracic vertebral anomaly ✓ contrast material may enter through distal connection

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ECTOPIC PANCREAS

=PANCREATIC REST *Incidence:* 2-10% of autopsies; M:F = 2:1 • asymptomatic *Location:* distal greater curvature of antrum / [pylorus](#) (80%), duodenal bulb, jejunum, ileum, [Meckel diverticulum](#); lesions may be multiple ✓ smooth cone- / nipple-shaped submucosal nodule 1-5 cm in size ✓ central umbilication representing orifice of filiform duct

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ENTERIC CYST

=cyst lined by gastrointestinal mucosa without bowel wall *Etiology*: migration of small bowel / colonic diverticulum into mesentery / mesocolon *Path*: unilocular thin smooth-walled cyst with serous contents lined by enteric epithelium + thin fibrous wall *US*: ↓ hypoechoic cystic mass, occasionally with septations *DDx*: [duplication cyst](#) (reduplication of bowel wall)

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EOSINOPHILIC GASTROENTERITIS

=uncommon self-limited form of gastroenteritis with remissions + exacerbations characterized by infiltration of eosinophilic leukocytes into stomach / small bowel wall + usually marked peripheral eosinophilia
Cause: unknown
Histo: fibrous tissue + eosinophilic infiltrate of gastrointestinal mucosa
Age: in children + young adults with allergy + eosinophilia
A. [EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMA](#) = FIBROUS POLYPOID LESION = INFLAMMATORY PSEUDOTUMOR = localized form / circumscribed type

Location: almost exclusively in stomach (most common in antrum + [pylorus](#))
B. EOSINOPHILIC GASTROENTERITIS = diffuse type = eosinophilic infiltration of mucosa, submucosa, and muscular layers of small intestine ± stomach by mature eosinophils (? gastric pendant to [Löffler syndrome](#))
• recurrent episodes of abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting
• weight loss
• hematemesis (from ulceration)
• peripheral eosinophilia, anemia
• history of systemic allergy / food allergy
Location: entire small bowel (particularly jejunum), distal stomach, omentum, mesentery
Site: (a) mucosal (b) muscular (c) serosal (rare)
@ Stomach (almost always limited to antrum)
"wet stomach"
ulcers are rare
(a) mucosal type
enlarged gastric rugae / cobblestone nodules / polyps
(b) muscular type
thickened + rigid wall with narrowed gastric antrum / [pylorus](#)
bulky intraluminal mass up to 9 cm in size
Cx: pyloric obstruction
DDx: hypertrophic gastritis, [lymphoma](#), carcinoma
@ Small bowel (involved in 50%)
separation of small bowel loops
(a) mucosal type
malabsorption + hypoproteinemia
thickening + distortion of folds predominantly in jejunum
(b) submucosal / muscular type
motility disturbance
small-bowel obstruction
effacement of mucosal pattern + narrowing of lumen
(c) serosal type
[ascites](#)
Prognosis: tendency toward spontaneous remission
Rx: steroids / removal of sensitizing agent

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EPIPLOIC APPENDAGITIS

=rare inflammation of one of the 100 epiploic appendages
Cause:(a)primary: torsion (exercise), venous thrombosis(b)secondary: inflammation of adjacent organ (eg, diverticulitis, [appendicitis](#))
Histo:acute infarction with fat necrosis, inflammation, thrombosed vessels with hemorrhagic suffusion • abrupt onset of localized abdominal pain, gradually resolving over 3-7 days! Almost never suspected preoperatively!
Location:anterolaterally / (occasionally) anteromedially to ascending / descending / sigmoid colon
US: ✓ solid hyperechoic noncompressible ovoid mass ✓ hypoechoic margin (93%)
CT: ✓ pericolonic oval-shaped pedunculated mass, 1-4 cm in diameter, with fat attenuation (approx. -60 HU) ✓ hyperattenuating peripheral rim + fat stranding ✓ thickening of adjacent visceral peritoneal lining (93%)
Prognosis:spontaneous resolution
Rx:conservative management
DDx:torsion / infarction of greater omentum, diverticulitis, [appendicitis](#)

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ESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA & TRACHEOESOPHAGEAL FISTULA

=incomplete division of primitive foregut into respiratory + digestive tracts characterized by failure of formation of tubular esophagus + abnormal communication between esophagus + trachea; occurring at 3rd-5th week of intrauterine life **Incidence:** 1:2,000-4,000 livebirths; most common sporadic congenital anomaly diagnosed in childhood **Risk of recurrence in sibling:** 1% **Associated anomalies (17-56-70%):** 1. Cardiac (15-39%): [patent ductus arteriosus](#), ASD, VSD, right-sided aortic arch (5%) 2. Musculoskeletal (24%): radial ray hypoplasia, vertebral anomalies 3. Gastrointestinal (20%): anorectal anomalies, [duodenal atresia](#) 4. Genitourinary (12%): unilateral [renal agenesis](#) 5. Chromosomal (3-19%): [trisomy 18](#), 21, 13 **Trisomy 18** is present in 75-100% of fetuses + in 3-4% of neonates with esophageal atresia! **mnemonic:** "ARTICLES" **A**nal atresia **R**enal anomalies **T**E fistula **I**ntestinal atresia / [malrotation](#) **C**ardiac anomaly (PDA, VSD) **L**imb anomalies (radial ray hypoplasia, [polydactyly](#)) **E**sophageal atresia **S**pinal anomalies **mnemonic:** "VACTERL" **V**ertebral anomalies **A**norectal anomaly **C**ardiovascular anomalies **T**racheo- **E**sophageal fistula **R**enal anomalies **L**imb anomalies • drooling from excessive accumulation of pharyngeal secretions (esophageal atresia = EA) • obligatory regurgitation of ingested fluids (EA) • coughing + choking during feeding (TEF) • recurrent [pneumonia](#) + progressive [respiratory distress](#) of variable severity (tracheoesophageal fistula = TEF) **Location:** between upper 1/3 + lower 1/3 of esophagus just above carina ✓ "coiled tube" = inability to pass feeding tube into stomach (esophageal atresia) ✓ retrotracheal air-filled pouch causing compression / displacement of esophagus ✓ gasless abdomen (esophageal atresia ± proximal TE fistula) ✓ bowel gas present in 90% (distal TE fistula / H-type fistula) ✓ non- / hypoperistaltic esophageal segment (6-15 cm) in midesophagus ✓ [aspiration pneumonia](#), esp. in dependent upper [lobes](#) **OB-US** (anomalies not identified before 24 weeks GA): ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) in 33-60% ✓ TE-fistula with esophageal atresia is cause of [polyhydramnios](#) in only 3%! ✓ absence of fluid-distended stomach (in 10-41%; in remaining cases TE-fistula / gastric secretions allow some gastric distension) ✓ small abdomen (birth weight <10th percentile in 40%) ✓ distended proximal pouch of atretic esophagus **Cx after repair:** (1) Anastomotic leak (2) Recurrent TE fistula (3) [Aspiration pneumonia](#) secondary to (a) esophageal stricture (b) disordered esophageal motility distal to TE fistula (c) [gastroesophageal reflux](#) **DDx:** pharyngeal pseudodiverticulum (traumatic perforation of posterior pharynx from finger insertion into [oropharynx](#) during delivery / tube insertion)



Esophageal atresia 9%



Esophageal atresia + TE fistula



TE fistula without esophageal atresia 6%

[Esophageal Atresia Without Fistula \(8-9%\)](#) [Esophageal Atresia With Fistula](#) [Tracheo-esophageal Fistula Without Atresia \(6%\)](#)

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Esophageal Atresia Without Fistula (8-9%)

Associated anomalies in 17% (mostly [Down syndrome](#) + other atresias of GI tract)

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Esophageal Atresia With Fistula 1. Proximal TE fistula (1%) 2. Distal TE fistula (82-86%) 3. Proximal + distal TE fistula (1-2%) Associated anomalies in 30% (mostly cardiovascular)

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Tracheo-esophageal Fistula Without Atresia (6%)
Associated anomalies in 23% (mostly cardiovascular)

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ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

Incidence: <1% of all cancers; 4-10% of all GI malignancies; 11,000 cases/year (United States in 1994); M:F = 4:1; Blacks:Whites = 2:1 **High-risk regions:** Iran, parts of Africa, Italy, China **Predisposing factors:** [achalasia](#) (risk factor of 1000 x), asbestosis, [Barrett esophagus](#), celiac disease, ionizing radiation, caustic stricture (risk factor of 1000 x), Plummer-Vinson syndrome, tannins, alcohol, tobacco, history of oral / pharyngeal cancer, tylosis palmaris et plantaris **mnemonic:** "BELCH SPAT" **Barrett esophagus** **EtOH** abuse **Lye** stricture **Celiac** disease **Head and neck tumor** **Smoking** **Plummer-Vinson syndrome** **Achalasia** **Tylosis** **Cancer Staging:** TNM system: T1 tumor invades lamina propria / submucosa T2 tumor invades muscularis propria T3 tumor invades adventitia T4 tumor invades adjacent structures Stage I=T1,N0,M0 Stage II=T2/3,N0,M0 or T4,N0/1,M0 Stage III=T3,N1,M0 Stage IV=T1-4,N0/1,M1 CT staging (Moss): Stage 1 intraluminal tumor / localized wall thickening of 3-5 mm Stage 2 localized / circumferential wall thickening >5 mm Stage 3 contiguous spread into adjacent mediastinum (trachea, bronchi, aorta, pericardium) ✓ loss of fat planes (nonspecific due to cachexia, often still resectable) ✓ mass in contact with aorta >90° arc (in 20-70% still resectable) ✓ displacement / compression of [airway](#) (90-100% [accuracy](#) for invasion) ✓ esophagotracheal / -bronchial fistula (unresectable) Stage 4 distant metastases ✓ enlarged abdominal lymph nodes >10 mm (12-85% [accuracy](#)) ✓ hepatic, pulmonary, adrenal metastases ✓ direct erosion of vertebral body ✓ tumor >3 cm wide = high frequency of extra-esophageal spread **Histo:** (1) Squamous cell carcinoma (81-95%) (2) Adenocarcinoma (4-19%) arising from mucosal / submucosal glands or heterotopic gastric mucosa or columnar-lined epithelium (Barrett) (a) in 70% from [Barrett esophagus](#) (b) at gastroesophageal junction (3) [Mucoepidermoid carcinoma](#), [adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) (4) Carcinosarcoma = pseudosarcoma = spindle-cell squamous carcinoma **Age:** in men >45 years **Location:** usually middle third of esophagus ✓ large bulky polypoid smooth, lobulated, scalloped intraluminal mass, may be pedunculated (5) [Leiomyosarcoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#), malignant [lymphoma](#) • dysphagia (87-95%) of <6 months duration • weight loss (71%) • retrosternal pain (46%) • regurgitation (29%) **Location:** upper 1/3 (15-20%); middle 1/3 (37-44%); lower 1/3 (38-43%) **Radiologic types:** (1) Polypoid / fungating form (most common) ✓ sessile / pedunculated tumor with lobulated surface ✓ protruding, irregular, polycyclic, overhanging, steplike "apple core" lesion (2) Ulcerating form ✓ large ulcer niche within bulging mass (3) Infiltrating form ✓ gradual narrowing with smooth transition (DDx: benign stricture) (4) Varicoid form = superficial spreading carcinoma **Histo:** longitudinal extension within wall without invasion beyond mucosa / submucosa ✓ tiny confluent nodules / plaques **DDx:** [Candida esophagitis](#) **Metastases:** (a) lymphogenic: anterior jugular chain + supraclavicular nodes (primary in upper 1/3); paraesophageal + subdiaphragmatic nodes (primary in middle 1/3); mediastinal + paracardial + celiac trunk nodes (primary in lower 1/3) (b) hematogenous: lung, liver, adrenal gland **CXR:** ✓ widened azygoesophageal recess with convexity toward right lung (in 30% of distal + midesophageal cancers) ✓ thickening of posterior tracheal stripe + right paratracheal stripe >4 mm (if tumor located in upper third of esophagus) ✓ widened mediastinum ✓ tracheal deviation ✓ posterior tracheal indentation / mass ✓ retrocardiac mass ✓ esophageal air-fluid level ✓ lobulated mass extending into gastric air bubble ✓ repeated [aspiration pneumonia](#) (with tracheoesophageal fistula) **Cx:** fistula formation to trachea (5-10%) / bronchi / mediastinum **Prognosis:** 3-5-20% 5-year survival rate **Mean survival time:** 90 days with subdiaphragmatic lymphadenopathy 180 days with local invasion + abdominal metastases 480 days without evidence of invasion / metastases **Rx:** (1) chemotherapy (fluorouracil, cisplatin, bleomycin sulfate, mitomycin) + surgery (2) chemotherapy + irradiation (~4,000 cGy) (3) chemotherapy + irradiation + surgery **Operative mortality:** 3-8%

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ESOPHAGEAL INTRAMURAL PSEUDODIVERTICULOSIS

=dilated excretory ducts of deep esophageal adnexal mucous glands *Etiology*:uncertain *Incidence*:about 100 cases in world literature *Site*:diffuse / segmental involvement *In 90% associated with*: any severe esophagitis (most often reflux / Candida), esophageal stricture *✓* multiple tiny rounded / flask-shaped barium collections in longitudinal rows parallel to long axis of esophagus *✓* appear to "float" outside esophagus without apparent communication with lumen *✓* commonly associated with strictures in distal esophagus

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ESOPHAGEAL PERFORATION

Cause: (1)Iatrogenic injury (most common cause, 55%): complication of endoscopy, dilatation of stricture, bougie, disruption of suture line following surgical anastomosis, attempted intubation(2)Spontaneous rupture = [Boerhaave syndrome](#) (15%): emetogenic injury of the esophagus from sudden increase in intra-abdominal pressure + relaxation of distal esophageal sphincter in the presence of a moderate to large amount of gastric contents(3)Closed chest trauma (10%)(4)Esophageal carcinoma(5)Retained foreign body (14%): coin, aluminum pop-tops, metallic button, safety pin, invisible plastic toy) leading to perforation (in pediatric age group)(6)Barrett ulcer

• pain, dysphagia, odynophagia

• rapid onset of overwhelming sepsis: fever, tachycardia, hypotension, shock

Plain film (normal in 9-12%):

- ✓ [pneumomediastinum](#)
- ✓ subcutaneous [emphysema](#) of the neck
- ✓ delayed widening of the mediastinum (secondary to mediastinitis)
- ✓ hydrothorax (after rupture into pleural cavity), usually unilateral
- ✓ hydropneumothorax (often not initially seen)
- ✓ confirmation with contrast study (90% of contrast esophagrams are positive)

CT:

- ✓ extraluminal air (92%; most useful sign)
- ✓ periesophageal / mediastinal fluid (92%)
- ✓ [pleural effusion](#) (75%)
- ✓ esophageal thickening
- ✓ extravasation of oral contrast material

Esophagography with:

- (1)water-soluble contrast material (10% false-negative results)
- (2)barium (if result with water-soluble material negative)

A.UPPER / MID-ESOPHAGEAL PERFORATION

Location:at level of cricopharyngeus muscle (most frequent)

- ✓ widening of upper mediastinum
- ✓ right-sided hydrothorax

B.DISTAL ESOPHAGEAL PERFORATION (more common)

Cause:biopsy, dilatation of stricture, [Boerhaave syndrome](#)

- ✓ left-sided hydrothorax
- ✓ little mediastinal changes

Cx:(1) Acute mediastinitis (2) Obstruction of SVC(3) Mediastinal abscess

Prognosis:20-60% mortality

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ESOPHAGEAL VARICES

=dilated submucosal veins due to increased collateral blood flow from portal venous system to azygos system. UPHILL VARICES=collateral blood flow from portal vein via azygos vein into SVC (usually lower esophagus drains via left gastric vein into portal vein) Cause: (a)intrahepatic obstruction from [cirrhosis](#)(b)splenic vein thrombosis (usually [gastric varices](#))(c)obstruction of hepatic veins(d)[IVC obstruction](#) below hepatic veins(e)[IVC obstruction](#) above hepatic vein entrance / CHF(f)marked [splenomegaly](#) / splenic hemangiomas (rare)✓ varices in lower half of esophagus. DOWNHILL VARICES=collateral blood flow from SVC via azygos vein into IVC / portal venous system (upper esophagus usually drains via azygos vein into SVC) Cause: obstruction of superior vena cava distal to entry of azygos vein most commonly due to lung cancer, [lymphoma](#), retrosternal goiter, [thymoma](#), mediastinal [fibrosis](#)✓ varices in upper 1/3 of esophagus EXAMINATION TECHNIQUE (a)small amount of barium (not to obscure varices)(b)relaxation of esophagus (not to compress varices): refrain from swallowing because succeeding swallow initiates a primary peristaltic wave that lasts for 10-30 seconds; sustained Valsalva maneuver precludes from swallowing(c)in LAO projection with patient recumbent / in Trendelenburg position ± Valsalva maneuver / deep inspiration Plain film: ✓ lobulated masses in posterior mediastinum (visible in 5-8% of patients with varices)✓ silhouetting of descending aorta ✓ abnormal convex contour of azygoesophageal recess UGI: ✓ thickened sinuous interrupted mucosal folds (earliest sign)✓ tortuous radiolucencies of variable size + location ✓ "worm-eaten" smooth lobulated filling defects ✓ findings may be accentuated after sclerotherapy CT: ✓ thickened esophageal wall + lobulated outer contour ✓ scalloped esophageal luminal masses ✓ right- / left-sided soft-tissue masses(= paraesophageal varices)✓ marked enhancement following dynamic CT ✓ bleeding in 28% within 3 years; exsanguination in 10-15% DDX: varicoid carcinoma of esophagus

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ESOPHAGEAL WEB

=ringlike esophageal constriction caused by thin mucosal membrane projecting into lumen; covered by squamous epithelium on superior + inferior surfaces
Age: middle-aged females? association with: **Plummer-Vinson syndrome** = Paterson-Kelly syndrome ([iron deficiency anemia](#), stomatitis, glossitis, dysphagia, thyroid disorder, spoon-shaped nails) Cause: mnemonic: "BIEP" B-ring ([Schatzki ring](#)) Idiopathic (= transverse mucosal fold) Epidermolysis bullosa Plummer-Vinson disease Path: hyperkeratosis + chronic inflammation of submucosa ■ mostly asymptomatic (unless severely stenosing) Location: in cervical esophagus near cricopharyngeus (most common) > thoracic esophagus; occasionally multiple ✓ visualized during maximal distension (in one tenth of a second) ✓ arises at right angles from anterior esophageal wall ✓ thin delicate membrane of uniform thickness of <3 mm Cx: high risk of upper esophageal + [hypopharyngeal carcinoma](#) Rx: (1) balloon dilatation (2) bougienage during esophagoscopy D Dx: stricture (circumferential + thicker = 1- to 2-mm thick [vertical length] area of complete / incomplete circumferential narrowing

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Acute Esophagitis *mnemonic for cause: "CRIER"* **C**orrosives, **C**rohn disease **R**eflux **I**nfection, **I**ntubation **E**pidermolysis bullosa **R**adiation therapy ✓ thickened >3-mm-wide folds with irregular lobulated contour ✓ mucosal nodularity (= multiple ulcerations + intervening edema) ✓ erosions ✓ vertically oriented ulcers usually 3-10 mm in length ✓ inflammatory esophagogastric polyp = proximal gastric fold extending across esophagogastric junction (rare) ✓ abnormal motility

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Candida Esophagitis = MONILIASIS = [CANDIDIASIS](#) ✓ Most common cause of infectious esophagitis! *Organism*: C. albicans, C. tropicalis; endogenous (majority) / transmitted by another human / animal; often discovered in diseased skin, GI tract, sputum, female genital tract, urine with an indwelling Foley catheter *Predisposed*: (a) individuals with depressed immunity: hematologic disease, [renal transplant](#), [leukemia](#), chronic debilitating disease, [diabetes mellitus](#), steroids, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, [AIDS](#) ✓ Most common type of fungi found with opportunistic infections! (b) delayed esophageal emptying: scleroderma, strictures, [achalasia](#), S/P fundoplication (c) antibiotics *Path*: patchy, creamy-white plaques covering a friable erythematous mucosa *Histo*: mucosal plaques = necrotic epithelial debris + fungal colonies • dysphagia (= difficulty swallowing) • severe odynophagia (= painful swallowing from segmental spasm) • intense retro- / substernal pain • associated with thrush (= oropharyngeal moniliasis) in 20-50-80% *Location*: predilection for upper 1/2 of esophagus ✓ involvement of long esophageal segments ✓ longitudinal plaques = grouping of tiny 1-2 mm nodular filling defects with linear orientation (= heaped-up areas of mucosal plaques) ✓ "cobblestone" appearance = mucosal nodularity in early stage (from growth of colonies on surface) ✓ **shaggy** / fuzzy / serrated contour (from coalescent plaques, pseudomembranes, erosions, ulcerations, [intramural hemorrhage](#)) in fulminant [candidiasis](#) ✓ narrowed lumen (from spasm, pseudomembranes, marked edema) ✓ "intramural diverticulosis" = multiple tiny indentations + protrusions ✓ sluggish / absent primary peristalsis ✓ strictures (rare) ✓ [mycetoma](#) resembling large intraluminal tumor (rare) *Diagnostic sensitivity*: endoscopy (97%), double contrast (88%), single contrast (55%) *Cx*: (1) systemic [candidiasis](#) ("microabscesses" in liver, [spleen](#), kidney) (2) gastric [bezoar](#) due to large fungus ball (after long-standing esophageal [candidiasis](#)) *Rx*: Mycostatin @ *DDx*: [glycogen acanthosis](#), [reflux esophagitis](#), superficial spreading carcinoma, artifacts (undissolved effervescent crystals, air bubbles, retained food particles), [herpes esophagitis](#), acute caustic ingestion, intramural pseudo-diverticulosis, squamous papillomatosis, [Barrett esophagus](#), epidermolysis bullosa, varices

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Caustic Esophagitis =CORROSIVE ESOPHAGITIS *Corrosive agents*: lye (sodium hydroxide), washing soda (sodium carbonate), household cleaners, iodine, silver nitrate, household bleaches, Clintest® tablets (tend to be neutralized by gastric acid) Ψ Severity of injury dependent on contact time + concentration of corrosive material! *Associated with*: injury to pharynx + stomach (7-8%): antral burns more common with acid (buffering effect of gastric acid on alkali) *Location*: middle + lower thirds of esophagus *Stage I*: acute necrosis from protein coagulation Ψ mucosal blurring (edema) Ψ diffusely atonic + dilated esophagus Ψ tertiary contractions *Stage II*: frank ulceration in 3-5 days Ψ ulceration + pseudomembranes *Stage III*: scarring + stricture from fibroblastic activity Ψ long segmental stricture after 10 days when acute edema subsides (7-30%) *Cx*: (1) Esophageal / gastric perforation during ulcerative stage (2) Squamous cell carcinoma in injured segment

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Chronic Esophagitis ✓ luminal narrowing with tapered transition to normal + proximal dilatation ✓ circumferential / eccentric stricture ✓ sacculations = pseudodiverticula

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Cytomegalovirus Esophagitis *Organism:* member of herpesvirus group *Associated with:* [AIDS](#) • severe odynophagia ✓ diffusely normal mucosal background ✓ one / more **large ovoid flat ulcers** (up to several cm in size) near gastroesophageal junction ✓ discrete small superficial ulcers indistinguishable from [herpes esophagitis](#) (uncommon) *Rx:* ganciclovir (relatively toxic) *Dx:* endoscopic brushings, biopsy specimen, cultures

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Drug-induced Esophagitis *Agents:*tetracycline, doxycycline, potassium chloride, quinidine, aspirin, ascorbic acid, alprenolol chloride, emepronium bromide ■ severe odynophagia ■ history of taking medication with little / no water immediately before going to bed *Location:*midesophagus at site of compression by aortic arch / left mainstem bronchus ✓ superficial solitary / several discrete / localized clusters of tiny ulcers distributed circumferentially ✓ dramatic healing of lesion 7-10 days after withdrawal of offending agent *DDx:*[herpes esophagitis](#) (less localized)

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Herpes Esophagitis 2nd most common cause of opportunistic infection! *Organism*: Herpes simplex virus type I (DNA core virus) secreted in saliva of 2% of healthy population *Age*: 15-30 years; usually males • history of recent exposure to sexual partners with herpetic lesions on lips / buccal mucosa • flu-like prodrome of 3-10 days (headaches, fever, sore throat, upper respiratory symptoms, myalgia) • severe acute dysphagia / odynophagia *May be associated with*: oropharyngeal herpetic lesions / oropharyngeal [candidiasis](#) *Location*: midesophagus (level of left main bronchus) initially vesicles / blisters that subsequently rupture **multiple small** discrete superficial punctate / linear / stellate (often "diamond shaped") **ulcers** surrounded by radiolucent halos of edematous mucosa intervening mucosa normal (without plaques) multiple plaque-like lesions (only with severe infection) *Rx*: oral / intravenous acyclovir *Dx*: rising serum titer for HSV type 1, viral culture, biopsy (immunofluorescent staining for HSV antigen, demonstration of intranuclear inclusions) *DDx*: [drug-induced esophagitis](#), [Crohn disease](#), [esophageal intramural pseudodiverticulosis](#)

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Human Immunodeficiency Virus Esophagitis ■ maculopapular rash + ulcers of soft palate^{1/} one / more **giant flat** ovoid / diamond-shaped **ulcers** (at time of seroconversion) indistinguishable from CMV esophagitis *Dx:ONLY* per exclusion *DDx:CMV* esophagitis, mycobacterial esophagitis, [actinomycosis](#), potassium chloride, quinidine, caustic ingestion, nasogastric intubation, radiation therapy, endoscopic sclerotherapy

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Reflux Esophagitis = [esophageal inflammation](#) secondary to reflux of acid-peptic contents of the stomach; reflux occurs if resting pressure of LES <5 mm Hg (may be normal event if followed by rapid clearing) *Histo*: basal cell hyperplasia with wall thickening + thinning of epithelium, mucosal edema + erosions, inflammatory infiltrate *Determinants*: (1) Frequency of reflux (2) Adequacy of clearing mechanism (3) Volume of refluxed material (4) Potency of refluxed material (5) Tissue resistance *Reflux preventing features*: (1) Lower esophageal sphincter (2) Phrenoesophageal membrane (3) Length of subdiaphragmatic esophagus (4) Gastroesophageal angle of His (70-110°) *May be associated with*: sliding [hiatal hernia](#) (in most patients), scleroderma, nasogastric intubation • heartburn, epigastric discomfort • choking, globus hystericus • retrosternal pain • thoracic / cervical dysphagia *Site*: usually lower 1/3 / lower 1/2 with continuous disease extending proximally from GE junction ✓ segmental esophageal narrowing (edema / spasm / stricture) ✓ granular / finely nodular appearance of thickened longitudinal mucosal folds with poorly defined borders (mucosal edema + inflammation) in early stages ✓ single marginal ulcer / erosion at or adjacent to gastroesophageal junction ✓ multiple areas of superficial ulceration in distal esophagus ✓ prominent mucosal fold ending in polypoid protuberance within [hiatal hernia](#) / cardia ✓ interruption of primary peristalsis at inflamed segment ✓ nonperistaltic waves in distal esophagus following deglutition (85%) ✓ incomplete relaxation of LES (75%), incompetent sphincter (33%) ✓ acid test = abnormal motility elicited by acid barium (pH 1.7) ✓ "felinization" = transverse ridges of esophagus secondary to contraction of muscularis mucosae (similar to cat esophagus) *NUC (pertechnetate)*: ✓ esophageal activity ([Barrett esophagus](#) similar to ectopic gastric mucosa) *Reflux tests*: 1. Reflux of barium in RPO position, may be elicited by coughing / deep respiratory movements / swallowing of saliva + water / anteflexion in erect position: only in 50% accurate 2. Water-siphon test: in 5% false negative; large number of false positives 3. Tuttle test = measurement of esophageal pH: 96% accurate 4. Radionuclide [gastroesophageal reflux](#) test (typically combined with [gastric emptying](#) test): *Technique*: ROI drawn over distal esophagus + compared with time-activity curve over stomach, scaled to 4% ✓ esophageal activity >4% stomach activity *Cx of reflux*: (a) from acid + pepsin acting on esophageal mucosa: 1. Motility disturbance 2. Stricture 3. [Schatzki ring](#) 4. [Barrett esophagus](#) 5. Iron-deficiency anemia 6. Reflux / peptic esophagitis (b) from aspiration of gastric contents 1. Acute [aspiration pneumonia](#) 2. Mendelson syndrome 3. Pulmonary [fibrosis](#)

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Viral esophagitis *Predisposed:* immunocompromised, eg, underlying malignancy, debilitating illness, radiation treatment, steroids, chemotherapy, [AIDS](#)

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FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS

=FAMILIAL MULTIPLE POLYPOSIS = autosomal dominant disease with 80% penetrance (gene for familial polyposis localized on chromosome 5); sporadic occurrence in 1/3 *Incidence*: 1:7,000 to 1:24,000 livebirths *Histo*: tubular / villotubular adenomatous polyps; usually about 1,000 adenomas *Age*: polyps appear around puberty • family history of colonic polyps (66%) • Screening of family members after puberty! • clinical symptoms begin during 3rd-4th decade (range 5-55 years) • vague abdominal pain, weight loss • diarrhea, bloody stools • [protein-losing enteropathy](#) (occasionally) *Associated with*: (1) Hamartomas of stomach in 49% (2) Adenomas of duodenum in 25% (3) Periampullary carcinoma ✓ "carpet of polyps" = myriad of 2-3 mm (up to 2 cm) polypoid lesions @ Colon (100%): more numerous in distal colon; always affecting rectum ✓ normal haustral pattern @ Stomach (5%) @ Small bowel (<5%) *Cx*: malignant transformation: colon > stomach > small bowel (in 12% by 5 years; in 30% by 10 years; in 100% by 20 years after diagnosis; age at carcinomatous development usually 20-40 years; multiple carcinomas in 48%) ✓ Periampullary carcinoma is the most common cause of death after prophylactic colectomy! *Rx*: prophylactic total colectomy in late teens / early twenties before symptoms develop + (1) Permanent ileostomy (2) Continent endorectal pull-through pouch (3) Kock pouch (= distal ileum formed into a one-way valve by invaginating the bowel at skin site) *DDx*: other polyposes, [lymphoid hyperplasia](#), lymphosarcoma, [ulcerative colitis](#) with inflammatory pseudopolyps

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GALLSTONE ILEUS

Incidence: 0.4-5% of all intestinal obstructions (20% of obstruction in patients >65 years; 24% of obstructions in patients >70 years); develops in <1% of patients with [cholelithiasis](#); in 1 of 6 perforations; risk increases with age *Age:* average 65-75 years; M:F = 1:4 -7 ■ previous history of gallbladder disease ■ intermittent episodes of acute colicky abdominal pain (20-30%) ■ nausea, vomiting, fever, distension, obstipation ✓ **Rigler triad** on plain film: 1. Partial / complete intestinal obstruction (usually small bowel), "string of rosary beads" = multiple small amounts of air trapped between dilated + stretched valvulae conniventes (in 86%) 2. [Gas in biliary tree](#) (in 69%) 3. Ectopic calcified gallstone (in 25%): stones are commonly >2.5 cm in diameter ✓ change in position of previously identified gallstone UGI / BE: ✓ well-contained localized barium collection lateral to first portion of duodenum (barium-filled collapsed GB + possibly biliary ducts) Fistulous communication: CHOLECYSTODUODENAL (60%), choledochoduodenal, cholecystocolic, choledochocolic, cholecystogastric ✓ identification of site of obstruction: terminal ileum (60-70%), proximal ileum (25%), distal ileum (10%), [pylorus](#), sigmoid, duodenum (Bouveret syndrome) Cx: recurrent gallstone [ileus](#) in 5-10% (additional silent calculi more proximally) *Prognosis:* high mortality

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GANGLIOCYTIC PARAGANGLIOMA

=rare benign tumor of the GI tract *Frequency*: <100 cases reported *Origin*: pancreatic endocrine rest that remained when the ventral primordium rotated around the duodenum *Age*: 50-60 years of age; M:F = 2:1 *Location*: almost exclusively in 2nd portion of duodenum near the ampulla of Vater on the medial / lateral wall of duodenum

• GI hemorrhage, abdominal pain ✓ polypoid smooth-surfaced intraluminal mass ✓ homogeneously enhancing mural / extrinsic solid mass of soft-tissue attenuation ✓ well-circumscribed hypoechoic mass contiguous with bowel ✓ no biliary duct dilatation *DDx*: adenocarcinoma (biliary duct dilatation, hypovascular), leiomyosarcoma (cystic internal hemorrhage / necrosis), [hemangioma](#), [duplication cyst](#), [choledochal cyst](#), [lipoma](#), hamartoma, inflammatory fibroid polyp (distal small bowel), [lymphoma](#) (isolated in stomach and ileum)

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GARDNER SYNDROME

=autosomal dominant disease (? variant of familial polyposis) characterized by a triad of (1) colonic polyposis (2) osteomas (3) soft-tissue tumors
Histo:adenomatous polyps
Age:15-30 years
Associated with: ? MEA complex(1) periampullary / duodenal carcinoma (12%) (2) [thyroid carcinoma](#) (3) adrenal adenoma / carcinoma (4) parathyroid adenoma (5) pituitary chromophobe adenoma (6) [carcinoid](#), [adenoma of small bowel](#) (7) retroperitoneal [leiomyoma](#) ■ skin pigmentation
Familial polyposis + Gardner syndrome may occur in the same family!
Extraintestinal manifestations occur usually earlier than in intestinal polyposis!
Polyposis Location:colon (100%), stomach (5-68%), duodenum (90%), small bowel (<5%)
multiple colonic polyps appearing during puberty, increasing in number during 3rd-4th decade
[lymphoid hyperplasia](#) of terminal ileum
hamartomas of stomach
Soft-tissue tumors(a)sebaceous / epidermoid inclusion cysts (scalp, back, face, extremities)(b)fibroma, [lipoma](#), [leiomyoma](#), neurofibroma(c)desmoid tumors (3-29%); peritoneal adhesions (desmoplastic tendency); mesenteric [fibrosis](#), retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#), mammary [fibromatosis](#), marked keloid formation, hypertrophied scars (anterior abdominal wall) arise 1-3 years after surgery ■ GI / urinary tract obstruction
Osteomatosis of membranous bone (50%)
Location:calvarium, mandible (81%), maxilla, ribs, long bones
Long bones
localized wavy cortical thickening / exostoses
slight shortening + bowing
Teeth
odontoma, unerupted supernumerary teeth, hypercementosis
tendency toward numerous caries (dental prosthesis at early age)
Cx:malignant transformation in 100% (average age at death is 41 years if untreated)
Rx:prophylactic total colectomy at about 20 years of age

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GASTRIC CARCINOMA

3rd most common GI malignancy after colorectal + pancreatic cancer, 6th leading cause of cancer deaths *Prevalence*: declining; 24,000 cases/year in USA *Risk factors*: smoking, nitrites, nitrates, pickled vegetables *Predisposed*: pernicious anemia (risk factor of 2), chronic atrophic gastritis, adenomatous + villous polyp (7-27% are malignant), gastrojejunostomy, Billroth II > Billroth I *Histo*: adenocarcinoma (95%); rarely squamous cell carcinoma / adenoacanthoma *Staging*: T1 tumor limited to mucosa / submucosa T2 tumor involves muscle / serosa T3 tumor penetrates through serosa T4 invasion of adjacent contiguous tissues T4b invasion of adjacent organs, diaphragm, abdominal wall N1 involvement of perigastric nodes within 3 cm of primary along greater / lesser curvature N2 involvement of regional nodes >3 cm from primary along branches of celiac axis N3 paraaortic, hepatoduodenal, retropancreatic, mesenteric nodes M1 distant metastases Location: mostly distal third of stomach + cardia; 60% on lesser curvature, 10% on greater curvature; esophagogastric junction in 30% Probability of malignancy of an ulcer: at lesser curvature 10-15%, at greater curvature 70%, in fundus 90% *Morphology*: 1. Polypoid / fungating carcinoma 2. Ulcerating / penetrating carcinoma (70%) 3. Infiltrating / scirrhous carcinoma (5-15%) = linitis plastica *Histo*: frequently signet ring cell type + increase in fibrous tissue Location: antrum, fundus + body (38%) firmness, rigidity, reduced capacity of stomach, aperistalsis in involved area granular / polypoid folds with encircling growth 4. Superficial spreading carcinoma = confined to mucosa / submucosa; 5-year survival of 90% patch of nodularity little loss of elasticity 5. Advanced bulky carcinoma • GI bleeding, abdominal pain, weight loss UGI: rigidity filling defect amputation of folds ± ulceration ± stenosis calcifications (mucinous adenocarcinoma) CT: irregular nodular luminal surface asymmetric thickening of folds mass of uniform density / varying attenuation wall thickness >6 mm with gas distension + 13 mm with positive contrast material distension increased density in perigastric fat enhancement exclusively in linitis plastica type nodules of serosal surface (= dilated surface lymphatics) diameter of esophagus at gastroesophageal junction larger than adjacent aorta (DDx: [hiatal hernia](#)) lymphadenopathy below level of renal pedicle (3%) *Metastases*: 1. along peritoneal ligaments (a) gastrocolic lig.: transverse colon, pancreas (b) gastrohepatic + hepatoduodenal lig.: liver 2. local lymph nodes 3. hematogenous: liver (most common), adrenals, [ovaries](#), bone (1.8%), [lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) of lung (rare) 4. peritoneal seeding: on rectal wall = Blumer shelf on [ovaries](#) = [Krukenberg tumor](#) 5. left supraclavicular lymph node = Virchow node *Prognosis*: overall 5-year survival rate of 5-18%, mean survival time of 7-8 months; -85% 5-year survival in stage T1-52% 5-year survival in stage T2-47% 5-year survival in stage T3-17% 5-year survival in stage N1-2- 5% 5-year survival in stage N3

Prognostic Parameters of Gastric Carcinoma

Tumor Size	Metastases	Limited to Submucosa	5-Year Survival Rate
1 cm	11%		87%
2 cm	25%	70%	67%
3 cm	45%		35%
4 cm	59%	60%	33%
>4 cm	72%	33%	

[Early Gastric Cancer \(20%\)](#) [Advanced Gastric Cancer \(T2 lesion and higher\)](#)

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Early Gastric Cancer (20%)

=invasion limited to mucosa + submucosa (T1 lesion)
Classification of Japan Research Society for Gastric Cancer: Type I Protruded type = >0.5 cm height with protrusion into gastric lumen (10-20%)
Type II Superficial type = <0.5 cm height
IIa slightly elevated surface (10-20%)
IIb flat / almost unrecognizable (2%)
IIc slightly depressed surface (50-60%)
Type III Excavated type (5-10%)

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Advanced Gastric Cancer (T₂ lesion and higher)

Bormann classification: Type 1 broad-based elevated polypoid lesion Type 2 elevated lesion + ulceration + well-demarcated margin Type 3 elevated lesion + ulceration + ill-defined margin Type 4 ill-defined flat lesion Type 5 unclassified, no apparent elevation

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GASTRIC DIVERTICULUM

stomach is least common site of diverticula *Incidence*:1:600-2,400 of UGI studies *Etiology*:(a)traction secondary to scarring / periantral inflammation = true diverticulum(b)pulsion (less common) = false diverticulum *Age*:beyond 40 years *Often associated with*: aberrant pancreas in antral location *Location*:juxtacardiac on posterior wall (75%), prepyloric (15-22%), greater curve (3%) *pliability + varying degrees of distension* *NO* mass, edema or rigidity of adjacent folds *DDx*:small ulcer in intramural-extramucosal mass

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GASTRIC POLYP

Incidence: 1.5-5%, most common benign gastric tumor *Associated with:* hyperacidity + ulcers, chronic atrophic gastritis, [gastric carcinoma](#)
A. NONNEOPLASTIC 1. INFLAMMATORY POLYP (75-90%) = HYPERPLASTIC POLYP = REGENERATIVE POLYP *Histo:* cystically dilated glands lined by gastric epithelium + acute and chronic inflammatory infiltrates in lamina propria *Associated with:* chronic atrophic gastritis, pernicious anemia *Location:* random distribution within stomach; usually multiple sharply delineated polyp with smooth circular border "Mexican hat sign" = stalk seen en face overlying the head of polyp sessile / pedunculated usually <2 cm in diameter without progression no contour defect of stomach *Prognosis:* no malignant potential 2. HAMARTOMATOUS POLYP (rare) *Histo:* densely packed gastric glands + bundles of smooth muscle *Associated with:* [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#) sessile / pedunculated usually <2 cm in diameter 3. RETENTION POLYP (rare) *Histo:* dilated cystic glands + stroma *Associated with:* [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#) B. NEOPLASTIC 1. ADENOMATOUS POLYP (10-20%) = true neoplasm with malignant potential (10-80%, increasing with size) *Age:* increasing incidence with age; M:F = 2:1 *Histo:* intestinal metaplasia (common) + marked cellular atypism *Associated with:* [Gardner syndrome](#); coexistent with [gastric carcinoma](#) in 35% *Location:* more commonly in antrum (antrum spared in [Gardner syndrome](#)) broad-based elliptical / mushroom-shaped ± pedicle; often single usually >2 cm in diameter (in 80%) smooth / irregular lobulated contour 2. VILLOUS POLYP (rare) trabeculated / lobulated slightly irregular contour *Cx:* malignant transformation *DDx:* (1) [Ménétriér disease](#) (antrum spared) (2) Eosinophilic polyp (peripheral eosinophilia, linitis plastica appearance, small bowel changes) (3) [Lymphoma](#) (4) Carcinoma

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Benign Gastric Ulcer 95% of all gastric ulcers *Cause*: 1. Stress 2. Burns = curling ulcer 3. Cerebral disease = Cushing ulcer 4. Uremia 5. Severe prolonged illness 6. Gastritis 7. Steroid therapy 8. Intubation 9. Stasis ulcer proximal to pyloric / [duodenal obstruction](#) 10. HPT (25% with ulcer disease) *Pathophysiology*: disrupted mucosal barrier (*Helicobacter pylori*) with vulnerability to acid + secretion of large volume of gastric juice containing little acid *Incidence*: 5:10,000; 100,000/year (United States) *Age peak*: 55-65 years; M:F = 1:1 *Multiplicity*: (a) multiple in 2-8% (17-24% at autopsy), especially in patients on Aspirin (b) coexistent [duodenal ulcer](#) in 5-64%; gastric:duodenal = 1:3 (adults) = 1:7 (children) • abdominal pain: in 30% at night, in 25% precipitated by food *Location*: lesser curvature at junction of corpus + antrum within 7 cm from [pylorus](#); proximal half of stomach in older patients (geriatric ulcer); adjacent to GE junction within [hiatal hernia](#) ✓ ulcer size usually <2 cm (range 1-250 mm); in 4% >40 mm ✓ *Haudek niche* = conical / collar button-shaped barium collection projecting outside gastric contour (profile view) ✓ *Hampton line* = 1-mm thin straight lucent line traversing the orifice of the ulcer niche (seen on profile view + with little gastric distension) = ledge of touching overhanging gastric mucosa of undermined benign ulcer ✓ *ulcer collar* = smooth thick lucent band interposed between the niche and gastric lumen (thickened rim of edematous gastric wall) in well-distended stomach ✓ *ulcer mound* = smooth, sharply delineated, gently sloping extensive tissue mass surrounding a benign ulcer (edema + lack of wall distensibility) in well-distended stomach ✓ *ulcer crater* = round / oval barium collection with smooth border on dependent side (en face view) ✓ *halo defect* = wide lucent band symmetrically surrounding ulcer resembling extensive ulcer mound (viewed en face) ✓ *ring shadow*: ulcer on nondependent side (en face view) ✓ *radiating thick folds* extending directly to crater edge fusing with the effaced marginal fold of the ulcer collar / halo of ulcer mound ✓ *incisura defect* = smooth, deep, narrow, sharp indentation on greater curvature opposite a niche on lesser curvature at / slightly below the level of the ulcer (spastic contraction of circular muscle fibers) *Prognosis*: healing in 50% by 3 weeks, in 100% by 6-8 weeks; slower healing in older patients; only complete healing proves benignancy *Cx*: bleeding, perforation

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Malignant Gastric Ulcer *Incidence:* 5% of ulcers are malignant *Prognosis:* partial healing may occur *Location:* anywhere within stomach; fundal ulcers above level of cardia are usually malignant *ulcer location within gastric lumen, ie, not projecting beyond expected margin of stomach (profile view)* *eccentrically located ulcer within the tumor* *irregularly shaped ulcer* *shallow ulcer with width greater than depth* *nodular ulcer floor* *abrupt transition between normal mucosa + abnormal tissue at some distance (usually 2-4 cm) from ulcer edge* *rolled / rounded / shouldered edges surrounding ulcer* *nodular irregular folds approaching ulcer with fused / clubbed / amputated tips* *rigidity / lack of distensibility* *associated large irregular mass* **Carman meniscus sign** = curvilinear lens-shaped intraluminal form of crater with convexity of crescent toward gastric wall and concavity toward gastric lumen (profile view, usually under compression) found in specific type of ulcerating carcinoma, seen only infrequently; wall aspect can also be concave / flat **Kirklin meniscus complex** = Carman sign (appearance of crater) + radiolucent slightly elevated rolled border

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GASTRIC VARICES

Cause: [portal hypertension](#) (varices seen in 2-78%) **Location:** (a) esophagogastric junction (most common) (b) along lesser curvature (in 11-75% of patients with [portal hypertension](#) / [cirrhosis](#)) **Feeding vessels:** 1. Left gastric vein (between splenic vein + stomach) 2. Short gastric veins (between [spleen](#) + fundus) 3. Retrogastric vein (between splenic vein + esophagogastric junction) • increased prevalence of portosystemic encephalopathy ✓ **barium study:** 65-89% rate of detection ✓ **endoscopy:** most practical method ✓ **splenic portography** ✓ **hepatofugal blood flow** along SMV into left gastric + splenic vein **Cx:** variceal bleeding in 3-10-36% ✓ Gastric varices bleed less frequently but more severely than [esophageal varices](#)!

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GASTRIC VOLVULUS

=abnormal degree of rotation of one part of stomach around another part, usually requires >180° twisting to produce complete obstruction
Etiology: (a) abnormality of suspensory ligaments (hepatic, splenic, colic, phrenic) (b) unusually long gastrohepatic + gastrocolic mesenteries
Usually associated with: diaphragmatic abnormality: 1. Paraesophageal hiatus hernia in 33% 2. Eventration
Types: A. ORGANOAXIAL VOLVULUS rotation around a line extending from cardia to pylorus
B. MESENTEROAXIAL VOLVULUS rotation around an axis extending from lesser to greater curvature
• severe epigastric pain
• vigorous attempts to vomit without results
• inability to pass tube into stomach
✓ massively distended stomach in LUQ extending into chest
✓ incomplete / absent entrance of barium into stomach
✓ barium demonstrates area of twist
Cx: intramural [emphysema](#), perforation
DDx: [gastric atony](#), acute gastric dilatation, pyloric obstruction

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Corrosive Gastritis *Agents:* (a)acid, formaldehyde ■ clinically usually silentLocation:esophagus usually unharmed, severe gastric damage, duodenum may be involved (newer potent materials cause atypical distribution)(b)alkalineLocation:[pylorus](#) + antrum most frequently involvedA.ACUTE CHANGES (edema + mucosal sloughing)✓ marked enlargement of gastric rugae + erosions / ulceration✓ complete cessation of motor activity✓ gas in portal venous systemCx:perforationB.CHRONIC CHANGES ✓ firm thick nonpliable wall✓ stenotic / incontinent [pylorus](#) (if involved)✓ [gastric outlet obstruction](#) (cicatrization) after 3-10 weeks

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Emphysematous Gastritis =rare but severe form of widespread [phlegmonous gastritis](#) subsequent to mucosal disruption characterized by gas in wall of stomach
Cause of mucosal disruption: ingestion of toxic / corrosive substances (most common), alcohol abuse, trauma, gastric infarction, [necrotizing enterocolitis](#), ulcer
*Histo:*bacterial invasion of submucosa + subserosa *Organism:*hemolytic streptococcus, Clostridium welchii, E. coli, S. aureus ■ explosive onset of abdominal pain, nausea, chills, fever, leukocytosis ■ bloody foul-smelling emesis ✓ linear small gas bubbles within grossly thickened gastric wall ✓ may be associated with gas in portal vein Cx: cicatricial stenosis / sinus tract formation *Prognosis:*60-80% mortality

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Erosive Gastritis = HEMORRHAGIC GASTRITIS *Incidence*: 0.5-10% of GI studies *Etiology* (in 50% without causative factors): (1) Peptic disease: emotional stress, alcohol, acid, corrosives, severe burns, anti-inflammatory agents (aspirin, steroids, phenylbutazone, indomethacin) (2) Infection: herpes simplex virus, CMV, Candida (3) [Crohn disease](#): aphthoid ulcers identical in appearance to varioliform erosions *Histo*: epithelial defect not penetrating beyond muscularis mucosae • 10-20% of all GI hemorrhages (usually without significant blood loss) • vague dyspepsia, ulcerlike symptoms *Location*: antrum, rarely extending into fundus; aligned on surface of gastric rugal folds ✓ varioliform erosion = tiny fleck of barium surrounded by radiolucent halo ("target lesion") <5 mm, usually multiple ✓ incomplete erosion = linear streaks / dots of barium without surrounding mound of edema / inflammation ✓ nodularity / scalloping of prominent antral folds ✓ contiguous duodenal disease may be present ✓ limited distensibility, poor peristalsis / atony, delayed [gastric emptying](#)

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Phlegmonous Gastritis *Etiology*: septicemia, local abscess, postoperative stomach, complication of [gastric ulcer](#) / cancer *Organism*: Streptococcus *Path*: multiple gastric wall abscesses, which may communicate with lumen • severe fulminating illness • patient may vomit pus *Location*: usually limited to stomach not extending beyond [pylorus](#); submucosa is the most severely affected gastric layer ✓ barium dissection into submucosa + serosa

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GIARDIASIS

=overgrowth of commensal parasite *Giardia lamblia* *Organism*: *Giardia lamblia* (flagellated protozoan); often harmless contaminant of duodenum + jejunum in motile form (= trophozoite) attached to mucosa by suction disk, nonmotile form (= cyst) shed in feces; capable of pathogenic behavior with invasion of gut wall
Incidence: 1.5-2% of population in United States, infests 4-16% of inhabitants of tropical countries, found in 3-20% of children in parts of southern United States
Predisposed: altered immune mechanism (dysgammaglobulinemia, nodular [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) of ileum)
Histo: blunted villi (may be misdiagnosed as celiac disease especially in children), cellular infiltrate of acute + chronic inflammation in lamina propria
■ abdominal pain, weight loss, failure to thrive (especially in children)
■ spectrum from asymptomatic to severe debilitating diarrhea, steatorrhea (related to number of organisms)
■ reduced fat absorption (simulating celiac disease)
Location: most pronounced in duodenum + jejunum
✓ thickened distorted mucosal folds in duodenum + jejunum (mucosal edema) with normal ileum
✓ marked spasm + irritability with rapid change in direction + configuration of folds
✓ hypersecretion with blurring + indistinctness of folds
✓ hyperperistalsis with rapid transit time
✓ segmentation of barium (from motility disturbance + excess intraluminal fluid)
✓ ± [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) (associated with immunoglobulin deficiency state)
Dx: (1) Detection of *Giardia lamblia* cysts in formed feces or trophozoites in diarrheal stools (2) Trophozoites in duodenal aspirate / jejunal biopsy
DDx: Strongyloides / hookworm infection
Rx: quinacrine (Atabrine®)

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GLYCOGEN ACANTHOSIS

=benign degenerative condition with accumulation of cellular glycogen within squamous epithelial lining of esophagus; etiology unknown/*Incidence*:in up to 15% of endoscoped patients*Age*:middle-aged / elderly individuals*Histo*:hyperplasia + hypertrophy of squamous mucosal cells secondary to increased glycogen; no malignant potential ■ asymptomatic ■ white oval mucosal plaques of 2-15 mm in diameter on otherwise normal appearing mucosa*Location*:middle (common) / distal esophagus¹ multiple 1-3 mm rounded nodules / plaques*Dx*:biopsy*DDx*:[Candida esophagitis](#) (lesions disappear under treatment in contrast to glycogen acanthosis)

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GRAFT-VERSUS-HOST DISEASE

=T lymphocytes from donor bone marrow cause selected epithelial damage of recipient target organs [Bone marrow transplantation](#) for treatment of: [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), aplastic anemia, immunologic deficit, metabolic disorders of hematopoietic system, some metastatic disease *Incidence*: 30-70% of patients with allogeneic (= donor genetically different from host) transplant
Target organs: GI tract (small bowel), skin, liver
@Skin • maculopapular rash on face, trunk, extremities
@Liver • elevation of hepatic enzymes ± liver failure
@GI tract • profuse secretory diarrhea • abdominal cramping, fever, nausea, vomiting
Path: severe mucosal atrophy / destruction
✓ shaggy fold thickening
✓ "ribbon bowel" = small bowel fold effacement with tubular appearance (DDx: viral enteritis, ischemia, celiac disease, radiation, soybean allergy)
✓ loss of haustration, spasm, edema, ulceration, granular mucosal pattern of colon (simulating [ulcerative colitis](#))
✓ small bowel "cast" = prolonged coating of abnormal bowel for hours to days
✓ circular collections of contrast material on cross section + parallel tracks on longitudinal section
✓ severely decreased transit time
CT: ✓ abnormally enhancing thin layer of mucosa diffusely involving small + large bowel
✓ fluid-filled distended poorly opacified bowel (oral contrast material not given!)
Cx: infection with opportunistic organisms, eg, *Candida albicans*, herpes virus, invasive fungal organisms, CMV, varicella-zoster virus, Epstein-Barr virus, hepatitis viruses, rotavirus, adenovirus, Coxsackie virus A and B, *P. carinii*, pneumococcus
Prognosis: fatal in up to 15% (due to opportunistic infections)
Rx: steroids + cyclosporine
DDx: superinfection with enteroviruses

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HELICOBACTER PYLORI INFECTION

Organism: worldwide gram-negative spiral-shaped bacillus [formerly *Campylobacter pylori*]
Prevalence: increasing with age; >50% of Americans >60 years of age
Path: surface epithelial damage + inflammation with mucosal infiltration by neutrophils, plasma cells, and lymphoid nodules
Location: gastric antrum > proximal half of stomach
Site: beneath mucus layer on surface epithelial cells
• asymptomatic (vast majority)
• dyspepsia, epigastric pain
• gastritis
• thickened gastric folds
• polypoid gastritis mimicking malignant tumor
• enlarged areae gastricae
• gastric ulcer (60-80% prevalence of *H. pylori*)
• duodenal ulcer (90-100% prevalence of *H. pylori*)
Dx: (1) Endoscopic brushings + biopsy (2) Breath test measuring urease activity after ingestion of carbon-14-labeled urea (3) Serologic test for IgG antibodies
Rx: triple therapy (= bismuth + metronidazole + tetracycline / amoxicillin) results in 95% cure rate after 2 weeks of therapy

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HEMANGIOMA OF SMALL BOWEL

Increased incidence in: [Turner syndrome](#), [tuberous sclerosis](#), Osler-Weber-Rendu disease Location: duodenum (2%), jejunum (55%), ileum (42%) ∇ multiple sessile compressible intraluminal filling defects ∇ nodular segmental mucosal abnormality ∇ phleboliths in intestinal wall

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HENOCH-SCHÖNLEIN PURPURA

=most common systemic allergic [vasculitis](#) in children precipitated by bacterial / viral infection, allergies, insect sting, drugs (eg, penicillin, sulfonamides, aspirin)
Cause: deposition of IgA-dominant immune complexes in venules, capillaries, and arterioles
Age: children (peak age of 5 years) + adults
■ most frequent manifestations: ■ purpuric skin rash on legs + extensor surfaces on arms ■ colicky abdominal pain + GI bleeding ■ microscopic hematuria + proteinuria in 50% (from proliferative glomerulonephritis with IgA deposits demonstrated by immunofluorescence) ■ often begins as an upper respiratory tract infection ■ arthralgias
✓ thickened valvulae conniventes (due to hemorrhage + edema)
Cx: renal insufficiency (10-20%), end-stage renal disease (5%)
Rx: high doses of corticosteroids + azathioprine

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External Hernia = bowel extending outside the abdominal cavity *Incidence*: 95% of all hernias *Location*: 1. Inguinal hernia 2. Femoral hernia 3. **Spigelian hernia**
Frequency: 2% of anterior abdominal hernias = acquired ventrolateral hernia through defect in aponeurosis between transverse and rectus muscle of abdomen at junction of semilunar + arcuate lines below umbilicus ✓ hernia sac dissects laterally to rectus abdominis muscle through a fibrous groove (= semicircular / spigelian line) ✓ hernia sac lies beneath an intact external oblique aponeurosis 4. Petit lumbar triangle 5. Obturator foramen 6. Sciatic notch 7. Diaphragmatic hernia (foramen of Bochdalek + Morgagni) 8. Richter hernia = entrapment of antimesenteric border of bowel in hernia orifice, usually seen in older women with femoral hernias 9. Perineal hernia (rare) (a) anterior perineal hernia = defect of urogenital diaphragm anterior to superficial transverse perineal m. + lateral to bulbocavernosus m. + medial to ischiocavernosus m. (only in females) (b) posterior perineal hernia = defect in levator ani m. / between levator ani m. and coccygeus m. posterior to superficial transverse perineal m. ✓ defecating proctography

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Internal Hernia *Incidence:* 5% of all hernias, responsible for <1% of mechanical small bowel obstruction *Classification of hernias:* (a) retroperitoneal: usually congenital containing a hernial sac 1. paraduodenal (ligament of Treitz) 2. foramen of Winslow 3. intersigmoid 4. pericecal / ileocolic 5. supramesocolic (b) antepitoneal: small group of hernias without a peritoneal sac 1. transmesenteric (transverse / sigmoid mesocolon) 2. transomental 3. pelvic (including broad ligament) A. PARADUODENAL HERNIA (53%) (a) through fossa of Landzert on left side (3/4) lateral to 4th portion of duodenum and behind descending + transverse mesocolon (b) through fossa of Waldeyer on right side (1/4) caudal to SMA and inferior to 3rd portion of duodenum B. LESSER SAC HERNIA (<10%) through foramen of Winslow in retrogastric location Invaginated gut: ileum > jejunum, cecum, appendix, ascending colon, [Meckel diverticulum](#), gallbladder, greater omentum C. HERNIA THROUGH BROAD LIGAMENT (very rare) after laceration / fenestration from surgery or during pregnancy

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Hiatal Hernia Associated with: diverticulosis (25%), [reflux esophagitis](#) (25%), [duodenal ulcer](#) (20%), gallstones (18%) **Sliding Hiatal Hernia** (99%) = AXIAL HERNIA = CONCENTRIC HERNIA = esophagogastric junction remains in chest with portion of peritoneal sac forming part of wall of hernia **Etiology**: rupture of phrenicoesophageal membrane due to repetitive stretching with swallowing **Incidence**: increasing with age ✓ reducible in erect position ✓ epiphrenic bulge = entire vestibule + sleeve of stomach are intrathoracic ✓ distance between B ring (if visible) and hiatal margin >2 cm ✓ peristalsis ceases above hiatus (end of peristaltic wave delineates esophagogastric junction) ✓ tortuous esophagus having an eccentric junction with hernia ✓ numerous coarse thick gastric folds within suprahiatal pouch (>6 longitudinal folds) ✓ ± [gastroesophageal reflux](#) CT: ✓ dehiscence of diaphragmatic crura >15 mm ✓ pseudomass within / above esophageal hiatus ✓ increase in fat surrounding distal esophagus (= herniation of omentum through phrenicoesophageal ligament) **DDx**: normal temporary cephalad motion of esophagogastric junction by 1-2 cm into chest due to contraction of longitudinal muscle during esophageal peristalsis **Paraesophageal Hernia** (1%) = ROLLING HIATAL HERNIA = PARAHIAL HERNIA = portion of stomach superiorly displaced into thorax with esophagogastric junction remaining in subdiaphragmatic position ✓ cardia in normal position ✓ herniation of portion of stomach anterior to esophagus ✓ frequently nonreducible ✓ may be associated with [gastric ulcer](#) of lesser curvature at level of diaphragmatic hiatus **Totally Intrathoracic Stomach** = defect in central tendon of diaphragm in combination with slight volvulus in transverse axis of stomach behind heart ✓ cardia may be intrathoracic (usually) / subdiaphragmatic ✓ great gastric curvature either on right / left side **Congenitally Short Esophagus** (not true hernia, very rare) = gastric ectopy by lack of lengthening of esophagus ✓ nonreducible intrathoracic gastric segment (in erect / supine position) ✓ cylindrical / round intrathoracic segment with large sinuous folds ✓ short straight esophagus ✓ circular narrowing at gastroesophageal junction, frequently with ulcer ✓ [gastroesophageal reflux](#)

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Umbilical Hernia =protrusion of abdominal contents / fat into anterior abdominal wall via umbilical ring *Prevalence*:4% of all hernias; M<F *Cause*:failed closure of umbilical ring, obesity, multiple pregnancies, intra-abdominal masses, liver failure, increased intra-abdominal pressure, weak abdominal wall may contain fat / small bowel / colon herniation of antimesenteric border of intestine (Richter hernia) [Meckel diverticulum](#) in hernial sac (Littre hernia) Cx:strangulation, incarceration D Dx:paraumbilical, spigelian, epigastric, incisional hernia

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HIRSCHSPRUNG DISEASE

=AGANGLIONOSIS OF THE COLON = AGANGLIONIC MEGACOLON=absence of parasympathetic ganglia in muscle (Meissner plexus) + submucosal layers (Auerbach plexus) secondary to an arrest of craniocaudal migration of neuroblasts along vagal trunks before 12th week leading to relaxation failure of the aganglionic segment *Incidence*: 1:5,000-8,000 livebirths; usually sporadic; familial in 4% *Age*: full-term infant during first 6 weeks of life (70-80%); M:F = 4-9:1; extremely rare in premature infants *Associated with*: trisomy 21 (2%) *Location*: at varying distances proximal to anus, usually rectosigmoid (a) short segment disease (80%) (b) long segment disease (15%) (c) total colonic aganglionosis (5%) (d) skip aganglionosis = sparing of rectum (very rare) ■ failure to pass meconium within first 24 hours of life ■ intermittent constipation + paradoxical diarrhea (25%) ■ rectal manometry with absence of spike activity ✓ "transition zone" = aganglionic segment appears normal in size ✓ dilatation of large + small bowel aborally from transition zone ✓ marked retention of barium on delayed films after 24 hours ✓ normal-appearing rectum in 33% ✓ 10- to 15-cm segment of persistent corrugated / convoluted rectum (= abnormal uncoordinated contractions of the aganglionic portion of colon) in 31% (DDx: colitis, milk allergy, normal intermittent spasm of rectum) N.B.: avoid digital exam / cleansing enema prior to radiographic studies! OB-US: ✓ dilated small bowel / dilated colon Cx: (1) [Necrotizing enterocolitis](#) (2) Cecal perforation (secondary to stasis, distension, ischemia) (3) Obstructive uropathy Dx: suction mucosal biopsy of rectum (increased acetylcholinesterase activity) Rx: (1) Swenson pull-through procedure (2) Duhamel operation (3) Soave procedure

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HODGKIN DISEASE

Incidence: 0.75% of all cancers diagnosed each year **Age:** bimodal peaks at age 25-30 years and 75-80 years **Histo:** Reed-Sternberg cell = binucleate cell with prominent centrally located nucleolus (1) **Lymphocyte predominance (5%)**=abundance of normal-appearing lymphocytes + relative paucity of abnormal cells; often diagnosed in younger people; frequently early stage; systemic symptoms are uncommon; most favorable natural history (2) **Nodular sclerosis (78%)**=lymph nodes traversed by broad bands of birefringent collagen separating nodules, which consist of normal lymphocytes, eosinophils, plasma cells, and histiocytes; most common subtype; typically mediastinal involvement; 1/3 with systemic symptoms (3) **Mixed cellularity (17%)**=diffuse effacement of lymph nodes with lymphocytes, eosinophils, plasma cells + relative abundance of atypical mononuclear and Reed-Sternberg cells; more commonly advanced stage at presentation and older age (4) **Lymphocyte depletion (1%)**=paucity of normal-appearing lymphocytes + abundance of abnormal mononuclear and Reed-Sternberg cells; least common subtype with worst prognosis; associated with advanced stage and systemic symptoms **STAGE** I involvement of single lymph node region II involvement of ≥ 2 lymph node regions on same side of diaphragm III lymph node involvement on both sides of diaphragm IV diffuse / disseminated involvement of ≥ 1 extralymphatic organs / tissues \pm associated lymph node involvement **E**=extralymphatic site **S**=splenic involvement **A**=absence of fever, night sweats, $>10\%$ weight loss in past 6 months **B**=presence of fever, night sweats, $>10\%$ weight loss in past 6 months ■ painless lymphadenopathy ■ alcohol-induced pain ■ unexplained fevers, night sweat, weight loss ■ generalized pruritus **Location:** intestinal involvement uncommon (10-15%); duodenum + jejunum (67%); terminal ileum (20%) ∇ narrow rigid obstructive lesion ∇ abundance of desmoplastic reaction (DDx from NHL) ∇ infiltrating (60%); polypoid (26%); ulcerated (14%) **Prognosis:** excellent for isolated / localized disease

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HYPERPLASTIC POLYP OF COLON

=intestinal metaplasia consisting of mucous glands lined by a single layer of columnar epithelium; NO malignant potential
Path: infolding of epithelium into the glandular lumen
Location: rectum usually <5 mm in diameter

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HYPERTROPHIC PYLORIC STENOSIS

=idiopathic hypertrophy and hyperplasia of circular muscle fibers of [pylorus](#) with proximal extension into gastric antrum *Incidence*:3:1,000; M:F = 4-5:1 *Etiology*:inherited as a dominant polygenic trait; increased incidence in firstborn boys; acquired rather than congenital condition

[Infantile Form Of Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis](#) [Adult Form Of Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis](#) [Focal Pyloric Hypertrophy](#)

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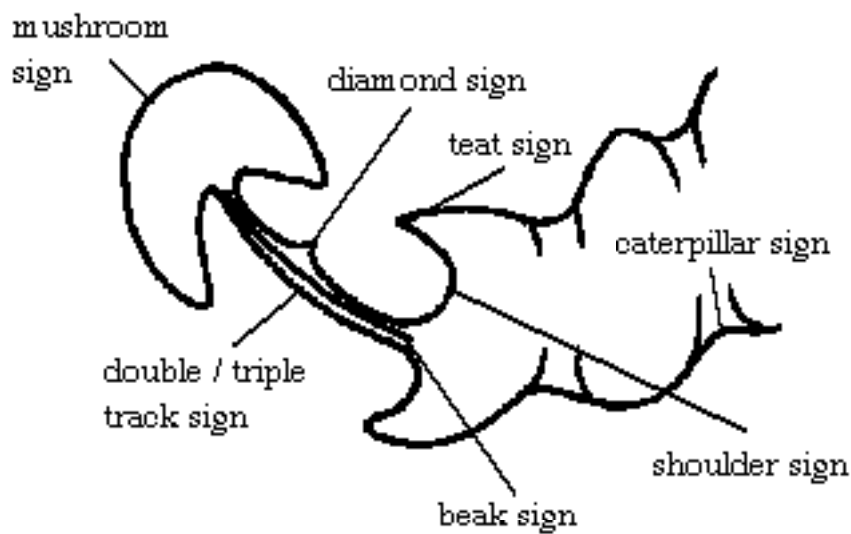


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Infantile Form Of Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis Age: manifestation at 2-8 weeks of life • nonbilious projectile vomiting (sour formula / clear gastric contents) with progression over a period of several weeks after birth (15-20%) • positive family history • palpable olive-shaped mass (80% sensitive in experienced hands, up to 14% false positive) • nasogastric aspirate >10 mL (92% sensitive, 86% specific)UGI (95% [sensitivity](#)): Precautions:(1)empty stomach via nasogastric tube before study(2)remove contrast at end of study✓ pyloric wall thickness >10 mm✓ elongation + narrowing of pyloric canal (2-4 cm in length)✓ "double / triple track sign" = crowding of mucosal folds in pyloric channel✓ "string sign" = passing of small barium streak through pyloric channel✓ Twining recess = "diamond sign" = transient triangular tentlike cleft / niche in midportion of pyloric canal with apex pointing inferiorly secondary to mucosal bulging between two separated hypertrophied muscle bundles on the greater curvature side within pyloric channel✓ "pyloric teat" = outpouching along lesser curvature due to disruption of antral peristalsis✓ "antral beaking" = mass impression upon antrum with streak of barium pointing toward pyloric channel ✓ Kirklan sign = "mushroom sign" = indentation of base of bulb (in 50%)✓ gastric distension with fluid✓ active gastric hyperperistalsis✓ "caterpillar sign" = gastric hyperperistaltic waves



US: ✓ "target sign" = hypoechoic ring of hypertrophied pyloric muscle around echogenic mucosa centrally on cross-section✓ "cervix sign" = indentation of muscle mass on fluid-filled antrum on longitudinal section✓ "antral nipple sign" = redundant pyloric channel mucosa protruding into gastric antrum✓ pyloric volume $>1.4 \text{ cm}^3$ ($= \frac{1}{4} \div x [\text{maximum pyloric diameter}]^2 \times \text{pyloric length}$); most criteria independent of contracted or relaxed state (33% false negative)✓ pyloric length (mm) + 3.64 x muscle thickness (mm) > 25✓ pyloric muscle wall thickness $\geq 3 \text{ mm}$ ✓ pyloric transverse diameter $\geq 13 \text{ mm}$ with pyloric channel closed✓ elongated pyloric canal $\geq 17 \text{ mm}$ in length✓ exaggerated peristaltic waves✓ delayed [gastric emptying](#) of fluid into duodenumCx:hypochloremic metabolic alkalosisDDx: 1.**Infantile pylorospasm** ✓ muscle thickness between 1.5 and 3 mm✓ variable caliber of antral narrowing✓ antral peristalsis✓ delayed [gastric emptying](#)✓ elongation of [pylorus](#)Prognosis:resolves in several days / ? early stage of evolving pyloric stenosisRx:effective with metoclopramide hydrochloride2.Milk allergy3.[Eosinophilic gastroenteritis](#)

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Adult Form Of Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis (secondary to mild infantile form) ■ acute obstructive symptoms uncommon ■ nausea, intermittent vomiting ■ postprandial distress, heartburn
Associated with: (1) peptic ulcer disease (in 50-74%) (prolonged [gastrin](#) production secondary to stasis of food)(2)chronic gastritis (54%)
✓ persistent elongation (2-4 cm) + concentric narrowing of pyloric channel ✓ parallel + preserved mucosal folds ✓ antispasmodics show no effect on narrowing ✓ proximal benign ulcer (74%), usually near incisura

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Focal Pyloric Hypertrophy =TORUS HYPERPLASIA=localized muscle hypertrophy on the lesser curvature=milder atypical form of HPS¹ flattening of distal lesser curvature

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IMPERFORATE ANUS

Prevalence: 1:5,000 live births A. LOW ANOMALY (55%)=bowel has passed through levator sling • fistula to perineum / vulva Rx: readily reparable B. INTERMEDIATE DEFECT (least common)=bowel ends within levator muscle as a result of abnormality in posterior migration of rectum • fistula opening low in vagina / vestibule Rx: 2- / 3-stage operation C. HIGH ANOMALY=bowel ends above levator sling; M > F • fistulous connection to perineum / vagina / posterior urethra (air in bladder in males; air in vagina in females) Cx: associated malformations more common + more severe Rx: multiple [surgical procedures](#) √ distance between rectal air and skin will not accurately outline the extent of atretic rectum and anus (varying length during crying with increase in abdominal pressure + contraction of levator ani muscle) US: √ ≤15 mm distance between anal dimple + distal rectal pouch on transperineal images indicates low lesion OB-US (earliest detection by 20-29 weeks GA): • absent / low disaccharidase level in amniotic fluid √ dilated colon in lower pelvis with U- / S-shaped configuration ± intraluminal calcifications √ normal amniotic fluid (unless also TE fistula) √ absence of anal characteristics (= hypoechoic circular rim with central echogenic stripe)

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INTESTINAL LYMPHANGIECTASIA

A. **CONGENITAL LYMPHANGIECTASIA** = PRIMARY **PROTEIN-LOSING ENTEROPATHY** = generalized congenital malformation of lymphatic system with atresia of the thoracic duct + gross dilatation of small bowel lymphatics; usually sporadic; may be inherited Age: presentation before 30 years • asymmetric generalized lymphedema (due to [protein-losing enteropathy](#) with hypoproteinemia) • chylous pleural effusions (45%) • diarrhea (60%), steatorrhea (20%) • vomiting (15%) • abdominal pain (15%) + distension • decreased albumin + globulin • lymphocytopenia (90%) • decreased serum fibrinogen, transferrin, ceruloplasmin B. **ACQUIRED LYMPHANGIECTASIA** Causes leading to dilatation of intestinal lymphatics: 1. Mesenteric adenitis 2. Retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#) 3. Diffuse small bowel [lymphoma](#) 4. [Pancreatitis](#) 5. [Pericardial effusion](#) with obstruction of thoracic duct • peripheral edema / anasarca (KEY SYMPTOM) • chylous + serous effusion • diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, [malabsorption](#), steatorrhea • hypoproteinemia secondary to protein loss into intestinal lumen Path: dilatation of lymph vessels in mucosa + submucosa + abundance of foamy fat-staining macrophages (negative for PAS) ↓ diffuse symmetric marked enlargement of folds in jejunum + ileum (due to dilated intestinal lymphatics + hypoproteinemc edema) ↓ slight separation + rigidity of folds ↓ dilution of barium column (considerable increase in intestinal secretions from [malabsorption](#)) ↓ no / mild dilatation of bowel Lymphangiogram (not always diagnostic): ↓ hypoplasia of lower extremity lymphatics ↓ occlusion of thoracic duct / large tortuous thoracic duct ↓ obstruction of cisterna chyli with backflow into mesenteric + intestinal lymphatics ↓ hypoplastic lymph nodes Dx: small bowel biopsy (dilated lymphatics in lamina propria + vascular core) Rx: low-fat diet with medium-chain triglycerides (direct absorption into portal venous system) DDx: (1) [Whipple disease](#) (more segmentation + fragmentation, wild folds) (2) [Amyloidosis](#) (edema + secretions usually absent) (3) Hypoalbuminemia (less pronounced symmetric thickening of folds, less prominent secretions)

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INTRALUMINAL DUODENAL DIVERTICULUM

=congenital lesion secondary to elongation of an incomplete duodenal diaphragm
Age at presentation: in young adult • easy satiety • vomiting • upper abdominal cramping pain
Location: 2nd-3rd portion of duodenum
barium-filled sac within duodenal lumen (pathognomonic picture) = "windsock, comma, teardrop" appearance
anchored to the lateral wall of the duodenum
"halo" sign = duodenal mucosa covers outer + inner wall of diverticulum

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INTRAMURAL ESOPHAGEAL RUPTURE

=DISSECTING INTRAMURAL HEMATOMA=mucosal tear with dissecting hemorrhage into submucosa and involvement of venous plexus • hematemesis ✓ intramural hematoma simulates retained solid material within lumen ✓ "mucosal stripe sign" = dissected mucosa floating within lumen

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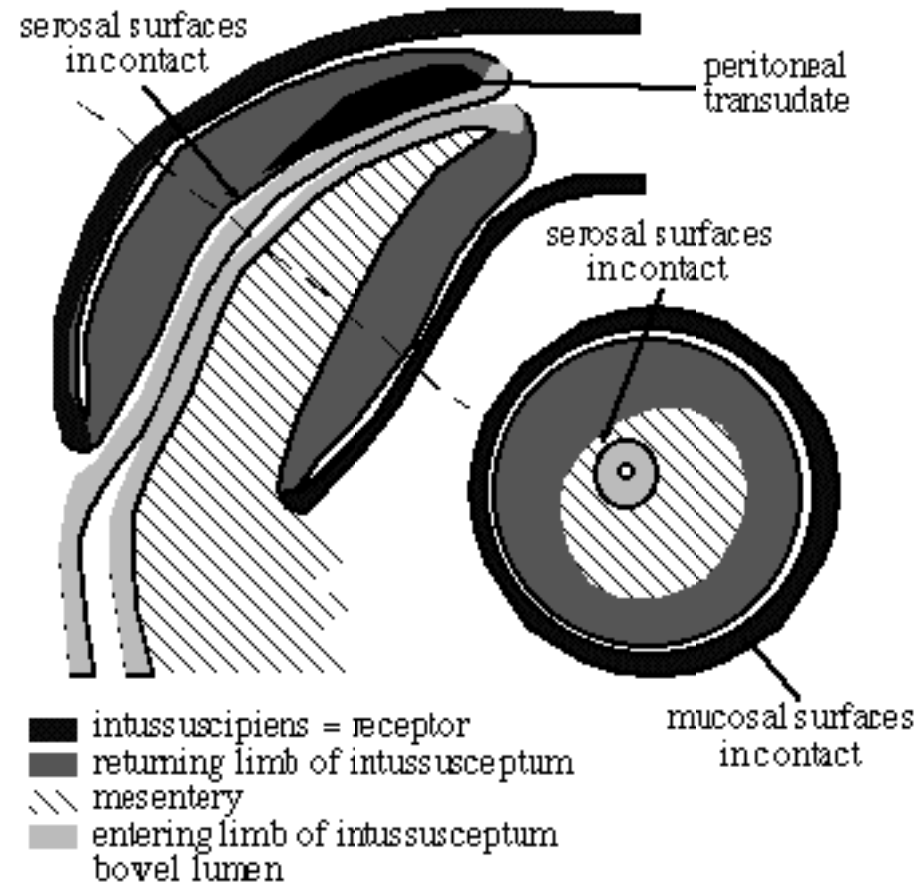
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INTUSSUSCEPTION

=invagination or prolapse of a segment of intestinal tract (= intussusceptum) into the lumen of adjacent intestine (= intussusciens)



A. IN CHILDREN (94%) Most common abdominal emergency of early childhood, leading cause of acquired bowel obstruction in childhood *Etiology*: (1) idiopathic (over 95%): mucosal edema + [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) following viral gastroenteritis; predominantly at ileocecal valve (2) lead point (5%): [Meckel diverticulum](#) (most common), lymphosarcoma, polyp, enterogenous cyst, [duplication cyst](#), suture granuloma, appendiceal inflammation, [Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#), inspissated meconium; usually >6 years of age *Age*: peak incidence between 6 months and 2 years; 3-9 months (40%); <1 year (50%); <2 years (75%); >3 years (<10%); M:F = 2:1 • abrupt onset of violent crampy pain (90%), vomiting (85%) • abdominal mass (60%) • "currant jelly" bloody stools (60%) *Location*: ileocolic (75-95%) > ileoileal (4%) > colocolic *Cx*: vascular compromise secondary to incorporation of mesentery (hemorrhage, infarction, acute inflammation) **B. IN ADULTS (6%)** *Etiology*: (1) specific cause (80%): benign tumor (1/3), malignant tumor (1/5), [lipoma](#), [Meckel diverticulum](#), prolapsed gastric mucosa, aberrant pancreas, adhesions, foreign body, feeding tube, chronic ulcer (TB, typhoid), prior gastroenteritis, gastroenterostomy, trauma without anatomic lead point: celiac disease, scleroderma, [Whipple disease](#), fasting, anxiety, agonal state (2) idiopathic (20%) • recurrent episodes of colicky pain, nausea, vomiting *Location*: ileoileal (40%) > ileocolic (13%) *Plain film* (no abnormality in 25%): ✓ abdominal soft-tissue mass (50-60%), usually in RUQ ✓ loss of inferior hepatic margin ✓ small bowel obstruction (25%) with nipplelike termination of gas shadow *Antegrade barium study*: ✓ "coil spring" appearance ✓ beaklike abrupt narrowing of barium column demonstrating a central channel *Retrograde barium study*: ✓ convex intracolic mass + "coiled spring" pattern *US* (close to 100% sensitive): ✓ "doughnut / target / bulls eye sign" (on transverse scan) = concentric rings of alternating hypoechoic + hyperechoic layers (= intussusciens) with central hyperechoic portion (= mesentery of intussusceptum) ✓ "pseudokidney / sandwich / hay fork sign" (on longitudinal scan) = hypoechoic layers on each side of echogenic center of mesenteric fat ✓ peritoneal fluid trapped inside intussusception (associated with irreducibility + ischemia) ✓ color Doppler demonstrates mesenteric vessels dragged between entering + returning wall of intussusceptum ✓ Absence of blood flow suggests bowel necrosis! *CT*: ✓ "multiple concentric rings" = 3 concentric cylinders (central cylinder = canal + wall of intussusceptum; middle cylinder = crescent of mesenteric fat; outer cylinder = returning intussusceptum + intussusciens) ✓ proximal obstruction **HYDROSTATIC / PNEUMATIC REDUCTION** ✓ <1% mortality if reduction occurs <24 hours after onset! *Overall success rate*: 70-85% *Contraindications*: [pneumoperitoneum](#), peritonitis, hypovolemic shock *Technique*: (1) Sedation with morphine sulfate (0.2 mg/kg IM) / fentanyl citrate IV (straining increases intraluminal pressure of distended colon) (2) Anal seal with 24-F Foley catheter + balloon inflation to size equal to interpediculate distance of L5; balloon pulled down to levator sling; taped to buttocks; both buttocks firmly taped together (3) 60% wt/vol barium sulfate with container between 24-36 inches above level of anus (4) Maximally 3 attempts for 3 minutes each (5) Manual manipulation increases colonic pressure (6) Reduction should be accomplished within 10 minutes (7) Extensive reflux into small bowel desirable to exclude residual ileoileal intussusception **"Rule of 3s"**: (1) 3.5 feet (105 cm) above table (=120 mm Hg) (2) 3 attempts (3) 3 minutes between attempts (delay allows venous congestion + edema to subside) *Alternative medium*: (1) 1:4 Gastrografin®-water solution raised to a height of 5 feet (150 cm) (2) air: delivers higher intracolonic pressures, faster, less fluoroscopic time, smaller tears, less contamination of peritoneal cavity *Cx*: perforation (0.4-2%; colonic bursting pressure ~200 mm Hg); reduction of nonviable bowel; incomplete reduction; missed lead point *Prognosis*: 3.5-10% rate of recurrence

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ISCHEMIC COLITIS

=nonocclusive vascular disease within the territory of the inferior mesenteric artery characterized by acute onset + rapid clinical and radiographic evolutionary changes
Etiology: diminished blood flow within bowel wall (mucosa + submucosa most sensitive to ischemia); major mesenteric vessels usually patent
Precipitating factors: (a) bowel obstruction: volvulus, carcinoma (proximal bowel segment affected) (b) thrombosis: cardiovascular disease, collagen vascular disease, [sickle cell disease](#), [hemolytic-uremic syndrome](#), oral contraceptives (c) trauma: history of aortoiliac reconstruction (2%) with ligation of IMA
Mnemonic: "VINTS" Vasculitis, Incarceration (hernia, volvulus) Nonocclusive ischemia (shock, CHF) Thrombosis (atherosclerosis, emboli, [polycythemia vera](#), hyperviscosity) Spontaneous Age: >50 years
■ abrupt onset of lower abdominal pain + rectal bleeding ■ abdominal tenderness, diarrhea
Location: left colon (90%), splenic flexure = Griffith point (80%) + sigmoid ("watershed areas"), rectum spared
Plain film (usually normal): ✓ segmental thumbprinting = marginal indentations on mesenteric side (rare finding on plain film) BE (in 90% abnormal): ✓ Single contrast may efface thumbprinting, but double contrast overall is more sensitive! ✓ thumbprinting (75%) due to submucosal hemorrhage + edema ✓ transverse ridging = markedly enlarged mucosal folds (spasm), some wall pliability is preserved ✓ serrated mucosa = inflammatory edema + superficial longitudinal / circumferential ulceration ✓ deep penetrating ulcers (late) CT: ✓ symmetric / lobulated segmental thickening of colonic wall ✓ irregular narrowed atonic lumen (= thumbprinting) ✓ curvilinear collection of intramural gas ✓ portal + mesenteric venous air ✓ blood clot in SMA / SMV US: ✓ absence / barely visible color flow ✓ absence of arterial signals ✓ nonstratified (= indistinct layers) thickened bowel wall >3 mm Angio (findings similar to inflammatory disease): ✓ normal / slightly attenuated arterial supply ✓ mild acceleration of arteriovenous transit time ✓ small tortuous ectatic draining veins
Prognosis: (1) Transient ischemia = complete resolution within 1-3 months (2) Strictureing ischemia = incomplete delayed healing ✓ narrowed foldless segment of several cm in length with smooth tapering margins (3) Gangrene with necrosis + perforation (extremely uncommon)

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JEJUNOILEAL DIVERTICULAR DISEASE

=JEJUNAL DIVERTICULOSIS=rarest form of gastrointestinal diverticular disease *Cause*:acquired mucosal herniation (= pulsion diverticulum) *Incidence*:0.5-2.3% on UGI; 0.3-4.5% of autopsy series; M > F *Age*:6th-7th decades *Location*:80% in jejunum, 15% in ileum (usually solitary), 5% in jejunum + ileum *Site*:on mesenteric border near entrance of vasa recti ■ intermittent upper abdominal pain, flatulence, episodes of diarrhea (30%) *Plain film*: √ air-fluid levels in multiple diverticula √ slight dilatation of intestinal loops in area of diverticula *BE*: √ may not fill (narrow neck / stagnant secretions) √ trapped barium on delayed film after 24 hours *Cx*: (1)Blind loop syndrome with bacterial overgrowth ■ steatorrhea, diarrhea, [malabsorption](#), weight loss ■ megaloblastic anemia (overgrowth of coliform bacteria leads to deconjugation of bile acids + intraluminal metabolism of vitamin B12)(2)Free perforation = leading cause of pneumo-peritoneum without peritonitis (21-40% mortality)(3)Hemorrhage (few cases)(4)Diverticulitis(5)Intestinal obstruction

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JUVENILE POLYPOSIS

=rare autosomal dominant disease with variable penetrance characterized by development of multiple (>5) juvenile polyps in GI tract. Most common familial / nonfamilial [colonic polyp](#) in children (75%)! *Categories:* A. Juvenile polyposis of infancy *Age:* 4-6 years (range 1-10 years); M:F = 3:2 • [protein-losing enteropathy](#), diarrhea, hemorrhage • rectal prolapse • [intussusception](#) B. Colonic & generalized juvenile polyposis *Age:* in 85% manifested by 20 years of age • prolapse of polyp / rectum • rectal bleeding, anemia *Path:* hamartomatous polyps; adenomas may coexist *Histo:* little / no smooth muscle; hyperplasia of mucous glands; retention cysts develop with obstruction of gland orifices (multiple mucin-filled spaces); edematous inflamed expanded lamina propria *DDx:* [familial adenomatous polyposis](#), [Peutz-Jeghers syndrome](#) • rectal bleeding (95%) most commonly as intermittent bright red hematochezia • anemia, pain • diarrhea, constipation • abdominal pain (from [intussusception](#)) • rectal prolapse (rare) *Location:* rectosigmoid (80%); rare in small bowel + stomach; not in esophagus • solitary polyp (75%); multiple polyps (1/3) of smooth round contour • lesion of pinpoint size / up to several cm in diameter • invariably on stalk of variable length *Dx:* (1) any number of polyps with family history (2) polyps throughout the GI tract (3) >5-10 polyps in colon *Cx:* colorectal cancer by 35 years of age (in 15%) *DDx:* solitary juvenile polyps (<5 polyps, 1% prevalence in children)

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KAPOSI SARCOMA

=multicentric malignant neoplasm originating from endothelial cells of lymphatic / blood vessels
Cause: HIV regulatory protein (trans-activator target [TAT]) important for viral replication is thought to cause proliferation of Kaposi sarcoma cells
Incidence: most common AIDS-related neoplasm (10-20-34%); in 51% of homosexual / bisexual men with AIDS; rare in hemophiliacs; M:F = 50:1
Histo: proliferation of spindle cells with numerous extravasated RBCs located in clefts between stromal cells
@Skin (most frequent site)
@Lymph nodes (2nd most frequent site): abdominal + pelvic lymphadenopathy with high contrast-enhancement (secondary to vascularity)
Associated with high frequency of GI tract involvement
@GI tract (40%, 3rd most frequent site): usually clinically silent
concurrent with / after cutaneous disease
GI tract is the only site of involvement in <5%!
Location: anywhere within GI tract; often multifocal
thickened nodular folds
multiple submucosal nodules ± central umbilication
polypoidal mass
infiltrating lesion
@Liver (34% at autopsy) infrequently contributes to morbidity + mortality
multiple 5-12 mm nodules
hyperechoic on US, hypoattenuating on NECT/CECT indistinguishable from multiple hemangiomas
DDx: metastatic disease, fungal microabscesses, multiple areas of bacillary angiomatosis (= swollen venous lakes in liver)
@Lung (18-47% of patients with cutaneous sarcoma): late complication of AIDS
Site: peribronchial + perivascular axial interstitium (91%); middle / lower lung zones (92%)
coarsening of bronchovascular bundles
tram track opacities
peribronchial cuffing
septal lines (38-71%)
central perihilar coalescent consolidation ± air bronchograms in 45% (= confluent tumor)
small (50%) / large (28%) pulmonary nodules (= tumor proliferation extending into parenchyma)
pleural effusion (33-67%), chylothorax (rare)
moderate lymphadenopathy (16%)
@Lower extremities: lytic cortical lesion
subcutaneous nodules
Dx: visualization + biopsy of mass with red-purple color

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LADD BANDS

=congenital peritoneal bands extending from cecum / hepatic flexure over anterior surface of 2nd / 3rd portion of duodenum causing [duodenal obstruction](#) at its 2nd portion (even without volvulus) *Associated with:* [malrotation](#)

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LEIOMYOMA

Location: 2/3 occur in stomach *Path*: arising from muscularis propria / submucosa / muscularis mucosae / smooth muscle of blood vessels within wall of viscus *Histo*: intersecting bands of muscle + fibrous tissue in a well-defined capsule *DDx*: fibroma, neurofibroma, [hemangioma](#)

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Esophageal Leiomyomatosis Age:6-18 (mean of 11) years; M >F Cause:(1)sporadic (50%)(2)familial disease (20%): leiomyomas of uterus, vulva, tracheobronchial tree, small bowel, rectum(3)Alport syndrome (30%) = nephritis, high-frequency sensorineural hearing loss, [congenital cataract](#) Site:distal third / half of esophagus ± extension into proximal stomach • slowly progressive dysphagia over years ✓ smooth tapered narrowing of distal esophagus over an average length of 6 cm ✓ decreased / absent esophageal peristalsis ✓ smooth relatively symmetric defect at cardia (from thickened muscle bulging into gastric fundus)CT: ✓ marked circumferential wall thickening of up to 4 cm from mass with relatively low soft-tissue attenuation *DDx*:(1)primary [achalasia](#) (shorter narrowed segment)(2)secondary [achalasia](#) (older individual, recent onset of dysphagia)(3)stricture from [reflux esophagitis](#)(4)idiopathic muscular hypertrophy of the esophagus (in late adulthood, corkscrew appearance of esophagus with nonperistaltic contractions, cardia rarely involved)

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Leiomyoma Of Esophagus ♦ Most common benign tumor of esophagus! *Incidence*: 1:1,119 (autopsy study); 50% of all benign esophageal tumors *Age*: young adults; 3% in children; M > F ♦ usually asymptomatic (due to slow growth) ♦ dysphagia, odynophagia, dyspepsia ♦ hematemesis if large (rare) *Site*: frequently lower + mid 1/3 of esophagus; intramural; multiple leiomyomas in 3-4% ♦ 2-15 cm large smooth well-defined intramural mass causing eccentric thickening of wall + deformity of lumen ♦ may have coarse calcifications ♦ [Leiomyoma](#) is the only calcifying esophageal tumor! ♦ ulceration uncommon *CT*: ♦ uniform soft-tissue density ♦ diffuse contrast enhancement *CAVE*: high percentage misdiagnosed as extrinsic lesion!

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Leiomyoma Of Small Bowel Most common benign tumor of small bowel Location:duodenum (21%), jejunum (48%), ileum (31%); single in 97%Site:mainly serosal (50%), mainly intraluminal (20%), intramural (10%)Size:<5 cm (50%), 5-10 cm (25%), >10 cm (25%)¹ small ulcer + large barium-filled cavity (central necrosis + communication with lumen)¹ hypervascular

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Leiomyoma Of Stomach 2nd most common benign gastric tumor (after [gastric polyp](#)), most common of calcified benign tumors Location: pars media (39%), antrum (26%), [pylorus](#) (12%), fundus (12%), cardia (10%) Site: intraluminal submucosal (60%), exophytic subserosal (35%), combined intramural-extramural dumbbell type mass (5%) average size of 4.5 cm ovoid mass with smooth margin + smooth surface (most frequently) forms right angle with gastric wall ulcerated in 50% pedunculated intraluminal tumor in submucosal growth (rare) "iceberg phenomenon" = large extraluminal component in subserosal growth calcifies in 4% Cx: (1) Hemorrhage (acute / chronic) (2) Obstruction (tumor bulk / [intussusception](#)) (3) Infection (4) Fistulization / perforation (5) Malignant degeneration (benign:malignant = 3:1)

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Leiomyosarcoma Of Small Bowel Location: duodenum (26%), jejunum (34%), ileum (40%) usually >6 cm in size nodular mass: intraluminal (10%), intraluminal pedunculated (5%), intramural (15%), chiefly extrinsic (66%) mucosa may be stretched + ulcerated (50%) may show central ulcer pit / fistula communicating with a large necrotic center [intussusception](#)

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Leiomyosarcoma Of Stomach *Incidence:* 0.1-3% of all gastric malignancies *Age:* 10-73 years; M > F *Histo:* pleomorphism, hypercellularity, mitotic figures, cystic degeneration, necrosis • GI bleeding (from ulceration) • obstruction *Metastases:* (a) hematogenous to liver, lung, peritoneum; rarely to bone + soft tissue (b) direct extension into omentum, retroperitoneum (c) lymph nodes (rare) *Location:* anterior / posterior wall of body of stomach ✓ average size of 12 cm ✓ intramural mass ✓ may be pedunculated ✓ large masses tend to be exogastric ✓ very frequently ulcerated *CT:* ✓ lobulated irregular outline ✓ central zones of low density (necrosis with liquefaction) ✓ air / positive contrast within tumor (= ulceration) ✓ dystrophic calcifications

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Carney Syndrome Triad of (1) Gastric epitheloid leiomyosarcoma (2) Functioning extraadrenal [paraganglioma](#) (3) Pulmonary chondromas *Incidence*: 24 patients reported; M:F = 1:11

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LIPOMA

Most common submucosal tumor in colon *Incidence*: in colon in 0.25% (autopsy) *Location*: colon (particularly cecum + ascending colon) > duodenum > ileum > stomach > jejunum > esophagus ■ asymptomatic ■ crampy pain, hemorrhage (rare) ✓ smooth, sharply outlined, round / ovoid globular mass of 1-3 cm in diameter ✓ short thick pedicle in 1/3 caused by repeated peristaltic activity (prone to intussusception) ✓ marked radiolucency ✓ change in shape + size on compression due to softness ✓ "squeeze sign" = sausage-shaped mass on postevacuation radiographs CT: ✓ sharply defined intramural mass of fat density Cx: [intussusception](#) (rare) / ulceration (rare) *Prognosis*: NO liposarcomatous degeneration

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LYMPHANGIOMA

=congenital malformation of lymphatic vessels *Path*: usually multiloculated large thin-walled cystic mass with chylous / serous / hemorrhagic fluid contents *Location*: mesentery / proximal bowel dilatation (in partial bowel obstruction) *US*: multiseptated cystic mass with lobules / fluid anechoic / with internal echoes / sedimentation *CT*: cystic mass with contents of water- to fat-density *MR*: serous contents: hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI / hemorrhage / fat: hyperintense on T1WI + T2WI *Rx*: surgery (difficult due to intimate attachment to bowel wall)

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LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM

=LGV = sexually transmitted disease caused by virus Chlamydia trachomatis producing a nonspecific granulomatous inflammatory response in infected mucosa (mononuclear cells + macrophages), perirectal lymphatic invasion Location: rectum, may extend to sigmoid + descending colon M:F = 3.4:1 ✓ narrowing + shortening + straightening of rectosigmoid ✓ widening of retrorectal space ✓ irregularity of mucosa + ulcerations ✓ paracolic abscess ✓ fistula to pericolic area, rectum, vagina (common) Rx: tetracyclines effective in acute phase before scarring has occurred

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LYMPHOID HYPERPLASIA

Incidence: normal variant in 13% of BE examinations *Histo:* hyperplastic lymph follicles in lamina propria (Peyer patches), probably compensatory attempt for immunoglobulin deficiency *Etiology:* (1) Normal in child / young adult (2) Self-limiting local / systemic inflammation / infection / allergy (3) May be related to immunodeficiency / dysgammaglobulinemia with small bowel involvement *Age:* (a) generally in children <2 years (b) in adults invariably associated with late onset immunoglobulin deficiency (IgA, IgM) *Associated with:* [splenomegaly](#), large tonsils, eczematous dermatitis, achlorhydria, pernicious anemia, [acute pancreatitis](#), colonic carcinoma *At risk for:* (1) **Good syndrome** (10%) = [gastric carcinoma](#) + benign [thymoma](#) + lymphoid hyperplasia (2) Respiratory infections (3) *Giardia lamblia* infection (90%) (4) Functional thyroid abnormalities *Location:* primarily jejunum, may involve entire small bowel, ascending colon + hepatic flexure, seldom in sigmoid / rectum *malabsorption* (diarrhea + steatorrhea) ■ low serum concentrations of IgA, IgG, IgM *mucosa* studded with innumerable 1-3 mm small uniform polypoid lesions ■ lesions may be umbilicated (uncommon)

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LYMPHOMA OF GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

Classification: A. PRIMARY LYMPHOMA OF BOWEL (a) localized (b) diffuse *Predisposed:* Arabs + Middle Eastern Jews *Associated with:* celiac disease B. SECONDARY INTESTINAL LYMPHOMA as part of generalized systemic process *Incidence:* 4-20% of all NHL; 10% of patients with abdominal lymphoma have bowel involvement *At risk:* long-standing celiac disease, AIDS, systemic lupus erythematosus, Crohn disease, history of chemotherapy *Median age:* 60 years *Histo:* (1) T-cell malignant lymphoma (in celiac disease) (2) B-cell lymphoma (3) Immunoproliferative small intestinal disease (= Mediterranean lymphoma) (4) Low-grade B-cell lymphoma (= lymphoma of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue) (5) Follicular lymphoma (6) Burkitt lymphoma (in children) (7) Mantle cell lymphoma (8) Hodgkin disease (<15%) *May be associated with:* enlargement of extra-abdominal lymph nodes, malabsorption *Radiographic types:* 1. Polypoid / nodular (47%) enlarged nodular folds 2. Ulcerative (42%) ulcerative lesions, may be complicated by perforation aneurysmal configuration 3. Diffusely infiltrating (11%) diffuse hose-like thickening of bowel wall decreased / absent peristalsis CT staging: Stage I tumor confined to bowel wall Stage II limited to local nodes Stage III widespread nodal disease Stage IV disseminated to bone marrow, liver, other organs *Location:* 10-25% of NHL are extranodal; stomach > small bowel > colon > esophagus; multicentric in 10-50% enlargement of spleen bulky enlargement of regional lymph nodes @ Esophagus least common site of GI involvement (in <1%) @ Stomach 1-5% of all gastric malignancies; most common site of extranodal Hodgkin disease; 25% of extranodal lymphoma; mostly NHL with histiocytic cell type; isolated primary gastric malignancy in 10% *Site:* arises in lymphoid tissue of lamina propria; no predilection for any particular region of stomach *Direct extension into:* pancreas, spleen, transverse colon, liver flexibility of gastric wall preserved duodenum often affected when antrum involved circumscribed mass with endogastric / exogastric (25%) growth broad tortuous mucosal folds over large portions of stomach (diffuse form) large irregular ulcers CT: diffuse involvement of entire stomach (50%), typically more than half of gastric circumference segmental involvement (15%) ulcerated mass (8%) average wall thickness of 4-5 cm luminal irregularity (66%) hyperrugosity (58%) *Prognosis:* 55% 5-year survival rate after resection @ Small bowel 1/5 of all small bowel malignancies; most common malignant small bowel tumor; multiple sites of involvement in 1/5; most common cause of intussusception in children >6 years *Location:* ileum (51%), jejunum (47%), duodenum (2%) *Site:* arising from lymphoid patches of Peyer *Types:* 1. Infiltrating lymphoma with plaque-like involvement of wall >5 cm in length (80%) / >10 cm in length (20%) (DDx: Crohn disease) ± ulceration (considerable excavation) desmoplastic response thickened valvulae with corrugated appearance aneurysmal dilatation (secondary to destruction of autonomic nerve plexus + muscle / tumor necrosis) 2. Single / multiple polypoid mucosal / submucosal masses cobblestone defects due to lymphomatous polyps nodules may ulcerate may cause intussusception sprue pattern 3. Endoexoenteric mass large mass with only small intramural component ± ulcer + fistulae + aneurysmatic dilatation 4. Mesenteric / retroperitoneal adenopathy single / multiple extraluminal masses displacing bowel ill-defined confluent mass engulfing + encasing multiple loops of adjacent bowel "sandwich configuration" = mass surrounding mesenteric vessels that are separated by perivascular fat conglomerate mantle of retroperitoneal + mesenteric mass @ Colon Less commonly involved than stomach / small bowel; 1.5% of all abdominal lymphomas *Location:* cecum most commonly involved (85%) single mass > diffuse infiltration > polypoid lesion paradoxical dilatation gross mural circumferential / focal soft-tissue thickening (average size of 5 cm) slight enhancement massive regional + distant mesenteric + retroperitoneal adenopathy *DDx:* frequently resembles inflammatory disease / polyposis *Prognosis:* (a) 71-82% 2-year survival rate in isolated bowel lymphoma (b) 0% 2-year survival rate in stage IV disease with bowel involvement *Cx during chemotherapy:* perforation (9-40%), hemorrhage

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MALIGNANT MELANOMA

=develops from melanocytes derived from neural crest cells, arising in preexisting benign nevi
Incidence: 1% of all cancers @Skin primary
Clark staging: Level I tumor cells above basement membrane (in situ lesion)
Level II tumor extends to papillary dermis
Level III tumor extends to interface between papillary + reticular dermis
Level IV tumor extends between bundles of collagen of reticular dermis
Level V tumor invasion of subcutaneous tissue (in 87% metastatic)
Breslow staging:
thin < 0.75 mm depth of invasion
intermediate 0.76-3.99 mm depth of invasion
thick > 4 mm depth of invasion
METASTASES: latent period of 2-20 years after initial diagnosis (most commonly 2-5 years)
Primary site: head + neck (79%), eye (77%), GU system (67%), GI tract (in up to 60%)
@Lymphadenopathy-in 23% with level II + IV-in 75% with level V
@Bone (11-17%)
• often initial manifestation of recurrence
• poor prognosis
Location: axial skeleton (80%), ribs (38%)
@Lung (70% at autopsy)
most common site of relapse; respiratory failure most common cause of death
@Liver (17-23%; 58-66% at autopsy)
✓ single / multiple lesions 0.5-15 cm in size
✓ larger lesion often necrotic
✓ may be partially calcified
@Spleen (1-5%; 33% at autopsy)
✓ single / multiple lesions of variable size
✓ solid / cystic
@GI tract + mesentery (4-8%)
• abdominal pain, GI bleeding
Location: small intestine (35-50%), colon (14-20%), stomach (7-20%)
✓ multiple submucosal nodules ± "bull's-eye / target" appearance = central ulceration
✓ irregular amorphous cavity (exoenteric growth)
✓ [intussusception](#) (10-20%)
@Kidney (up to 35% at autopsy)
@Adrenal (11%, up to 50% at autopsy)
@Subcutis
Prognosis: 30-40% eventually die from this tumor

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MALLORY-WEISS SYNDROME

=mucosal + submucosal tear with involvement of venous plexus *Pathophysiology*: violent projection of gastric contents against lower esophagus *Age*: 30-60 years; M > F *Predisposed*: alcoholics • history of repeated vomiting prior to hematemesis • massive painless hematemesis *Location*: at / above / below (76%) esophagogastric junction ✓ longitudinal single tear in 77%, in 23% multiple tears ✓ extravasation of barium *Angio*: ✓ bleeding site at gastric cardia *DDx*: peptic ulcer / ulcerative gastritis

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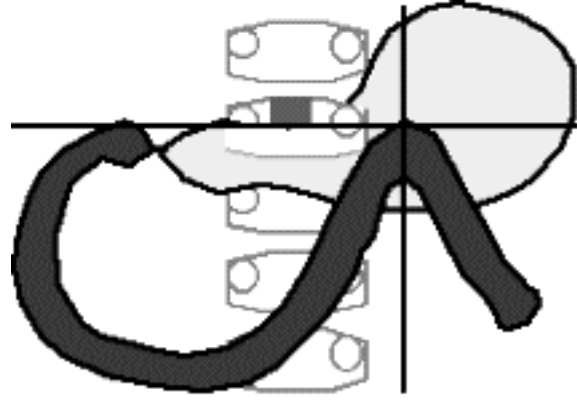
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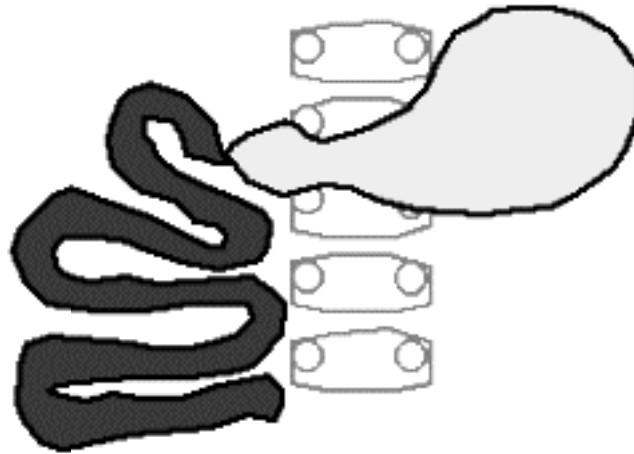


MALROTATION

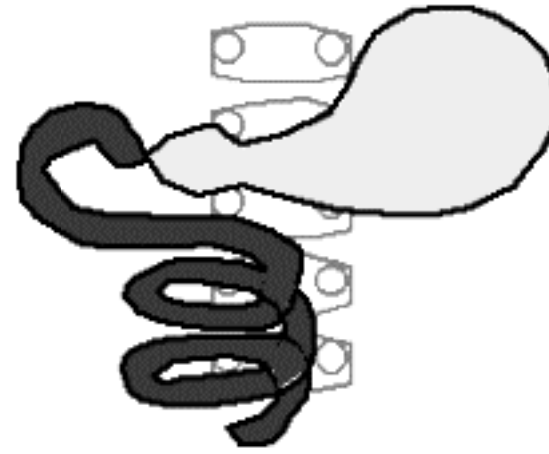
=abnormal position of gut secondary to a narrow mesenteric attachment as a result of arrest in the embryologic development of gut rotation + fixation



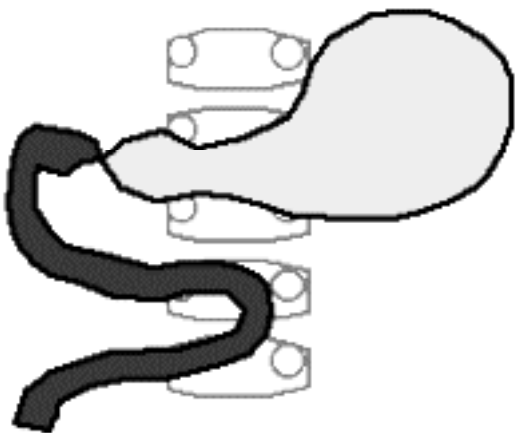
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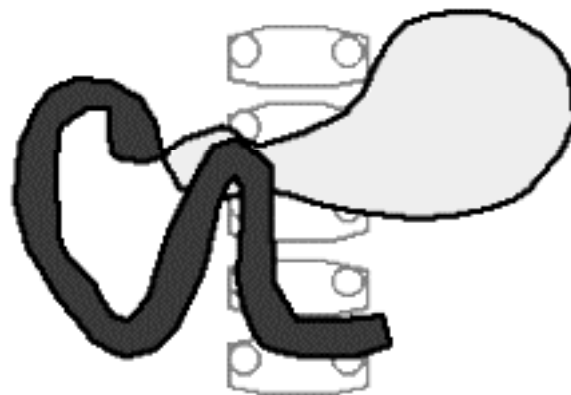
nonrotation of duodenum



corkscrew duodenum + jejunum



partial duodenal rotation with jejunum in right upper quadrant



partial duodenal rotation with duodenojejunal junction over right pedicle



redundant-duodenum malrotation to right of spine

Embryology: duodenojejunal + ileocolic segments of primitive digestive tube rotate by 270° in a counterclockwise direction about the omphalomesenteric vessels to cross beneath the vessels (future SMA + SMV); LUQ fixation at ligament of Treitz (an extension of the right crus of diaphragm) + fibrous tissue around celiac artery, located to left of L2) + RLQ fixation of cecum *Definition:* nonrotation $\leq 90^\circ$; malrotation = 90-270° *Associated with:* urinary pseudoobstruction, prune-belly syndrome, cloacal exstrophy Barium meal & barium enema: *Purpose:* guess the location of abnormal peritoneal fixation from position of bowel! ✓ clearly abnormal position of duodenum (81%): ✓ duodenum + jejunum to the right of spine (30%) ✓ corkscrew duodenum + jejunum (29%) ✓ duodenojejunal junction low + in midline (22%) ✓ unusual abnormal position of duodenum (16%): ✓ duodenojejunal junction over right pedicle ✓ duodenojejunal junction to left of spine but low ✓ duodenal redundancy to right of spine ✓ Z-shape configuration of duodenum + jejunum ✓ nonrotation = small bowel on right + colon on left (in 0.2% incidental finding in adults) ✓ abnormal position of duodenum + cecum (84%) ✓ normal position of duodenum (3%) ✓ normal position of cecum (in 5-20%) *DDx:* mobile cecum (15%) CT: ✓ SMV positioned to left of SMA (80%) ✓ aplastic / hypoplastic uncinata process of pancreas Cx: midintestinal volvulus, [duodenal obstruction](#), internal herniation

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MASTOCYTOSIS

=systemic disease with mast cell proliferation in skin + RES (lamina propria of small bowel; bone; lymph nodes; liver; [spleen](#)) associated with eosinophils + lymphocytes Age:<6 months old (in 50%) Categories: Iindolent mastocytosis (most frequent) II mastocytosis associated with myeloproliferative / myelodysplastic hematologic disorder III aggressive / lymphadenopathic mastocytosis with eosinophilia IV mast cell [leukemia](#) (rare) • diarrhea, [malabsorption](#), steatorrhea, anorexia • urticaria pigmentosa = cutaneous form (in 80-90%) • abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting • tachycardia, [asthma](#), flushing, gastrointestinal upset, headache, pruritus (due to liberation of histamine / prostaglandin D₂) caused by: physical exertion, heat, certain foods, alcohol, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs @ Stomach ulcer @ Small bowel ✓ generalized irregular distorted thickened folds ± wall thickening ✓ diffuse pattern of 2-3 mm sandlike mucosal nodules ✓ urticaria-like lesions of gastric + intestinal mucosa @ Reticuloendothelial system ✓ hepatomegaly ✓ Budd-Chiari hepatic veno-occlusive disease ✓ reversed portal venous flow ✓ cavernous transformation of portal vein ✓ [splenomegaly](#) (43-61%) ✓ [ascites](#): (a) transudative secondary to liver disease (b) exudative from mast cell proliferation of peritoneum @ Bone ✓ sclerotic bone lesions Dx: skin / bone marrow biopsy; jejunal biopsy demonstrates an excess of mast cells Cx: (1) Peptic ulcer disease (histamine-mediated acid secretion) (2) [Leukemia](#) Rx: antihistamines, histamine decarboxylase inhibitors, sodium chromoglycate; steroids; splenectomy (for symptomatic [splenomegaly](#) / hypersplenism) DDx: [carcinoid](#), [pheochromocytoma](#)

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MECKEL DIVERTICULUM

=persistence of the omphalomesenteric duct (= vitelline duct), which usually obliterates by 5th embryonic week †Most common congenital abnormality of the GI tract!
Incidence: 0.3-2-3% of population (at autopsy) *Age:* majority in children <10 years of age; M:F = 3:1 *Histo:* contains ectopic mucosa in 50%: gastric / pancreatic / colonic mucosa †Frequency of ectopic gastric mucosa: 15-34% overall; 60% in symptomatic children; in >95% with GI hemorrhage Location: within terminal 6 feet of ileum (= 30-90 cm from ileocecal valve); in 94% on antimesenteric border ■ asymptomatic (20-40%) **RULE OF 2s:** (1) in 2% of population (2) symptomatic usually before age 2 (3) located within 2 feet of ileocecal valve (4) length of 2 inches **NUC** (>85% [sensitivity](#), >95% [specificity](#), >83-88% [accuracy](#)): † accumulation of radiotracer in right lower quadrant coinciding with [uptake](#) of tracer in stomach **N.B.:** [sensitivity](#) drops after adolescence, because patients asymptomatic throughout childhood are less likely to have ectopic gastric mucosa † [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) is excreted by mucoid cells of gastric mucosa, [excretion](#) is not dependent on presence of parietal cells
Preparation: (1) No irritative measures for 48 hours (contrast studies, endoscopy, cathartics, enemas, drugs irritating GI tract) (2) Fasting for 3-6 hours (results in decreased gastric secretion + diminished bowel peristalsis) (3) Evacuation of bowel + bladder prior to study
Dose: 5-20 mCi (100 µCi/kg) [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) *Radiation dose:* 0.54 rad/2 mCi for thyroid; 0.3 rad/2 mCi for large intestine; 0.2 rad/2 mCi for stomach *Imaging:* serial images in 5- to 10-minute intervals for 1 hour † improved visualization through (a) pentagastrin = stimulates [uptake](#) (6 µg/kg SC 20 min prior to pertechnetate) (b) cimetidine = inhibits secretion (maximum 300 mg/dose IV 1 hour prior) (c) [glucagon](#) = decreases peristalsis (50 µg/kg IM 5-10 minutes prior) † poor visualization with use of perchlorate + atropine (= depressed [uptake](#)) **False-positive results:** (1) Ectopic gastric mucosa in gastrogenic cyst, enteric duplication, normal small bowel, [Barrett esophagus](#) (2) Increased blood pool in AVM, [hemangioma](#), hypervascular tumor, aneurysm (3) [Duodenal ulcer](#), [ulcerative colitis](#), [Crohn disease](#), [appendicitis](#), laxative abuse (4) [Intussusception](#), intestinal obstruction, volvulus (5) Urinary tract obstruction, caliceal diverticulum (6) Anterior meningomyelocele (7) Poor technique *mnemonic:* "HA GUIDI" **H**emangioma **A**ppendicitis **G**astric ectopia **U**rinary obstruction **I**ntussusception **D**uplication of bowel **I**nflammatory bowel disease **F**alse-negative results: (1) Insufficient mass of ectopic gastric mucosa (2) Dilution of intraluminal activity (hemorrhage / hypersecretion) *mnemonic:* "MIS" **M**alrotation of ileum **I**rritable bowel in RLQ (rapid transit) **S**mall amount of ectopic gastric mucosa
Enteroclysis: † elongated, smoothly marginated, clublike, intraluminal mass parallel to long axis of distal ileum = inverted Meckel diverticulum (20%) † 0.5-20-cm-long blind pouch on the antimesenteric border of ileum with junctional fold pattern **Angio** (59% [accuracy](#)): † presence of vitelline artery (= anomalous end branch of superior mesenteric artery) is **PATHOGNOMONIC Cx** (*in 20%*): (1) GI bleeding secondary to ulceration (in 95% due to ectopic gastric mucosa) (2) Acute diverticulitis (3) Intestinal obstruction secondary to [intussusception](#) (diverticulum acts as lead point) / volvulus (when omphalomesenteric diverticulum attached to umbilicus by fibrous band) (4) Malignant tumor (rare): carcinoma, sarcoma, [carcinoid](#) (5) Chronic abdominal pain

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MECONIUM ILEUS

=small bowel obstruction secondary to desiccated meconium pellets impacted in distal ileum *Age*: may develop in utero (in 15%) *Associated with*: [cystic fibrosis](#) with thick + sticky meconium due to deficiency of pancreatic secretions (in almost 100%) ∇ Earliest clinical manifestation of [cystic fibrosis](#)! ∇ Virtually all infants with meconium ileus prove to have [cystic fibrosis](#) ∇ 10-15% of infants with [cystic fibrosis](#) present with meconium ileus! \bullet abdominal distension, bilious emesis \bullet failure to pass meconium within 48 hours

∇ numerous dilated small bowel loops without air-fluid levels (fluid not present) ∇ "bubbly" / "frothy" appearance of intestinal contents ∇ "soap-bubble" / "applesauce" appearance in RLQ (in 50-66%) ∇ multiple round / oval filling defects in distal ileum + colon ∇ microcolon (unused colon in antenatal obstruction) OB-US: ∇ unusual echogenic intraluminal areas in small bowel (DDx: normal transient inspissated meconium) ∇ usually [polyhydramnios](#) ∇ fluid-filled dilated small bowel Cx (in 40-50%): volvulus, ischemia, necrosis, stenosis, atresia, perforation, [meconium peritonitis](#), pseudocyst Rx: (1) Nonionic contrast media enema (because of risk of bowel perforation) (2) 17% Hypaque / Conray enema mixed with acetylcysteine (Mucomyst®) (3) Gastrografin® enema with Tween 80 (attention to fluid + electrolyte balance) DDx: [Hirschsprung disease](#), small bowel atresia with meconium ileus, [meconium plug syndrome](#), [small left colon syndrome](#), [imperforate anus](#), obstruction from [duplication cyst](#)

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MECONIUM PERITONITIS

=sterile chemical peritonitis secondary to perforation of bowel proximal to high-grade / complete obstruction that seals in utero due to inflammatory response

Incidence: 1:35,000 livebirths *Age:* antenatal perforation after 3rd month of gestation *Cause:* (1) Atresia (secondary to ischemic event) (50%) (a) of small bowel (usually ileum or jejunum) (b) of colon (uncommon) (2) Bowel obstruction (46%) (a) meconium [ileus](#) (b) volvulus, [internal hernia](#) (c) [intussusception](#), congenital bands, [Meckel diverticulum](#) (3) Hydrometrocolpos ∇ Meconium peritonitis due to [cystic fibrosis](#) diagnosed in utero in 8% + at birth in 15-40%! ∇ Intraperitoneal meconium may calcify within 24 hours!

Types: (a) fibroadhesive type (most common): =intense chemical reaction of peritoneum, which seals off the perforation \blacksquare no evidence for active leak at birth ∇ dense mass with [calcium](#) deposits ∇ calcific plaques scattered throughout peritoneal cavity (b) cystic type: =cystic cavity formed by fixation of bowel loops surrounding the perforation site, which continues to leak meconium ∇ cyst outlined by calcific rim (c) generalized type: \blacksquare perforation occurs immediately antenatally \blacksquare active leakage of bowel contents ∇ complicated [ascites](#)

∇ intra-abdominal calcifications (conspicuously absent in [cystic fibrosis](#)) ∇ peripherally calcified pseudocysts ∇ small flecks of calcifications scattered throughout abdomen ∇ larger aggregates of calcifications along inferior surface of liver / flank / processus vaginalis / scrotum ∇ obstructive roentgen signs following birth ∇ [separation of bowel loops](#) by fluid ∇ microcolon = "unused colon" ∇ meconium [hydrocele](#) producing labial mass OB-US: ∇ [polyhydramnios](#) (64-71%) ∇ fetal [ascites](#) (54-57%) ∇ bowel dilatation (27-29%) ∇ intra-abdominal bright echogenic mass ∇ multiple linear / clumped foci of calcifications (84%); may develop within 12 hours after perforation ∇ meconium pseudocyst = well-defined hypoechoic mass surrounded by an echogenic calcified wall (= contained perforation) *DDx:* (1) Intra-abdominal teratoma (2) Fetal gallstones (3) Isolated liver calcifications *Mortality:* up to 62% *Prognosis:* generally good; surgery may not be required when perforation site is completely healed

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MECONIUM PLUG SYNDROME

=local inspissation of meconium leading to low [colonic obstruction](#) Age:newborn infant (symptomatic within first 24 hours of life) Cause:[cystic fibrosis](#) (25%), [Hirschsprung disease](#), prematurity, maternal magnesium sulfate treatment • abdominal distension • vomiting • failure to pass meconium √ distended transverse + ascending colon + dilated small bowel (proximal to obstruction) √ occasionally bubbly appearance in colon (DDx: submucosal air in [necrotizing enterocolitis](#)) √ presacral pseudotumor (no gas in rectum) √ double-contrast effect = barium between meconium plug + colonic wall Rx:water-soluble enema DDx:[Hirschsprung disease](#)

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MELANOSIS COLI

=benign brown-black discoloration of colonic mucosa *Incidence*:10% of autopsies *Cause*:? chronic anthracene cathartic usage ■ asymptomatic *Prognosis*:no malignant potential

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MÉNÉTRIÈR DISEASE

=GIANT HYPERTROPHIC GASTRITIS =HYPERPLASTIC GASTROPATHY =characterized by excessive mucus production and TRIAD of(1)Giant mucosal hypertrophy (2)Hypoproteinemia (3)Hypochlorhydria *Histo*:hyperplasia of glandular tissue + microcyst formation, mucosal thickness up to 6 mm (normal range: 0.6-1.0 mm) *Age*:20-70 years; M:F = 2:1 *Associated with*: [benign gastric ulcer](#) (13-72%) ■ [protein-losing enteropathy](#) with hypoproteinemia + peripheral edema ■ weight loss ■ [gastrointestinal bleeding](#) ■ absent / decreased acid secretion (>50%) epigastric pain vomiting Location:throughout fundus + body, particularly prominent along greater curvature, antrum usually spared (DDx to [lymphoma](#): usually in antrum) ✓ markedly enlarged + tortuous gastric folds in spite of adequate gastric distension ✓ relatively abrupt demarcation between normal + abnormal areas ✓ marked hypersecretion (mucus) ✓ preserved pliability CT: ✓ wall thickening of proximal stomach ✓ nodular symmetric folds *DDx*:[lymphoma](#), polypoid variety of [gastric carcinoma](#), acute gastritis, chronic gastritis, [gastric varices](#)

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MESENTERIC LYMPHADENITIS

=clinical entity whose symptoms relate to benign inflammation of lymph nodes in the bowel mesentery *Cause*: Yersinia enterocolitica, Y pseudotuberculosis, viral infection *Age*: children, young adults ■ nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever ■ diffuse / RLQ pain + tenderness *Location*: usually RLQ (immediately anterior to right psoas muscle in 78%, small bowel mesentery in 56%) ✓ enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes ✓ isolated ileal wall thickening (33%) ✓ colonic wall thickening (18%)
N.B.: visualization of entire normal appendix is necessary to differentiate from acute [appendicitis](#)! *DDx*: [appendicitis](#) (enlarged nodes immediately anterior to right psoas muscle in 40-82%, nodes less numerous + smaller), [Crohn disease](#)

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MESENTERIC ISCHEMIA

Acute Mesenteric Ischemia *Etiology:* (a)arterial:atheromatous disease, embolic disease, dissecting [aortic aneurysm](#), fibromuscular hyperplasia, arteritis, endotoxin shock, hypoperfusion (shock, [hypovolemia](#)), disseminated intravascular coagulation, direct trauma, radiation -**occlusive mesenteric infarction** (90% mortality) 1.embolus (40-50%) just distal to middle colic a. 2.SMA thrombosis (20-40%) at origin + site of atherosclerotic narrowing (ostium stenosis) -**nonocclusive mesenteric ischemia** (10% mortality) = preexisting atherosclerosis with systemic low-flow state (cardiac failure / intraoperative hypotension, bowel vasospasm) (b)venous (<10%): young patient, often following abdominal surgery Location:superior mesenteric vein > inferior mesenteric vein > portal vein (c)incarceration of hernia, volvulus, constriction by adhesive bands, [intussusception](#) *Prevalence:*5% for SMA; 4% for celiac artery; 11% for inferior mesenteric artery *Pathophysiology:*mucosa is most sensitive area to anoxia from arterial / venous occlusion with early ulcerations leading to formation of strictures ■ first crampy, then continuous abdominal pain with acute event ■ cardiac disease predisposing to embolization ■ gut emptying (vomiting / diarrhea) ■ WBC >12,000/ μ l with left shift (80%) ■ gross rectal bleeding Location:(a)any segment of small bowel (b)distal transverse colon, splenic flexure, cecum (most common) *Consequences:* dependent on magnitude of insult, duration of process, adequacy of collaterals (a)reversible ischemia 1.Complete restitution of bowel wall secondary to abundant collaterals 2.Healing with [fibrosis](#) + stricture formation (b)irreversible ischemia 1.Transmural infarction with bowel perforation

Plain film: ✓ gasless abdomen (= fluid-filled loops from exudation) (21%) ✓ bowel distension to splenic flexure (= perfusion territory of SMA) in 43% ✓ "thumbprinting" (36%) = thickening of bowel wall + valvulae (edema) ✓ small bowel pseudoobstruction (most frequently in thrombosis) ✓ pneumatosis = dissection of luminal gas into bowel wall (28%) ✓ mesenteric + portal vein gas (14%) ✓ [ascites](#) (14%) Barium: ✓ "scalloping / thumbprinting" = thickening of wall + valvulae ✓ "picket fencing" ✓ separation + uncoiling of loops ✓ narrowed lumen ✓ circumferential ulcer CT (26-73-82% sensitive): ✓ focal / diffuse bowel dilatation (10-56-71%) with gas (43%) / fluid (29%) ✓ [portal venous gas](#) (5-13-36%) / mesenteric vein gas (28%) ✓ [pneumoperitoneum](#) (7%) ✓ [ascites](#) (43%) ✓ mesenteric edema (a)arterial occlusion: ✓ thrombosis of SMA (4-18%) ✓ [pneumatosis intestinalis](#) (22-30%) ✓ thumbprinting (26%) = thickening of bowel wall ✓ lack of bowel wall enhancement with arterial occlusion (b)venous thrombosis: ✓ SMV / [portal vein thrombosis](#) (15%) ✓ thickened intestinal wall (64%) ✓ marked contrast enhancement Angio: ✓ occlusion / vasoconstriction / vascular beading ✓ embolus lodged at major branching points distal to first 3 cm of SMA

NUC: (a)IV / IA Tc-99m sulfur colloid / labeled leukocytes, Ga-citrate, [Tc-99m pyrophosphate](#): ✓ tracer accumulation 5 hours after onset of ischemia (more intense [uptake](#) with transmural infarcts) (b)intraperitoneal injection of Xe-133 in saline is absorbed by intestine: ✓ decreased washout with abnormal perfusion of strangulated bowel *Prognosis:* (1)Massive infarction of small + large bowel if mesenteric embolization occurs proximal to middle colic artery (= limited collateral flow) (2)Focal segments of intestinal ischemia if mesenteric embolization occurs distal to middle colic artery (= good collateral flow) *Mortality:*70-80-92% for intestinal infarction

Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia =ABDOMINAL ANGINA = intermittent mesenteric ischemia in severe arterial stenosis with inadequate collateralization provoked by food ingestion ■ postprandial abdominal pain 15-20 minutes after food intake (due to "gastric steal" diverting blood flow away from intestine) ■ fear of eating large meals ■ weight loss, [malabsorption](#) ■ reflex emptying of bowel after eating Barium: (a)Subacute: ✓ flattening of one border ✓ pseudosacculation / pseudodiverticula on antimesenteric border (b)Chronic: ✓ 7- to 10-cm-long smooth pliable strictures ✓ dilatation of gut between strictures ✓ thinned + atrophic valvulae Cx:obstruction Duplex US: ✓ celiac trunk occlusion + retrograde perfusion of hepatic artery through SMA ✓ PSV >300 cm/sec and EDV >45 cm/sec in SMA ✓ peak systolic velocity >160 cm/sec in celiac trunk for >50% stenosis (57% [sensitivity](#), 100% [specificity](#)) during fasting state

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MESOTHELIAL CYST

=MESENTERIC / OMENTAL CYST *Etiology*: failure of mesothelial peritoneal surfaces to coalesce *Path*: unilocular thin-walled cyst usually with serous, occasionally chylous / hemorrhagic fluid contents *Histo*: lined by mesothelial cells + surrounded by thin layer of fibrous tissue *Location*: small bowel, mesentery (78%), mesocolon ■ asymptomatic ✓ single cyst up to several cm in size ✓ omental cysts may be pedunculated *CT*: ✓ near-water density / soft-tissue density ✓ ± fluid levels related to fat + water components *Cx*: torsion, hemorrhage, intestinal obstruction *DDx*: [lymphangioma](#) (septations)

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METASTASES TO SMALL BOWEL

Origin: colon > stomach > breast > ovary > uterine cervix > melanoma > lung > pancreas Spread: (1) Intraperitoneal seeding: primary mucinous tumor of ovary, appendix, colon; [breast cancer](#) (2) Hematogenous dissemination with submucosal deposits: [malignant melanoma](#), breast carcinoma, lung carcinoma, [Kaposi sarcoma](#) (3) Direct extension from adjacent neoplasm: ovary, uterus, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney ✓ fixation + tenting + transverse stretching (= across long axis) of folds secondary to mesenteric + peritoneal infiltration (most common form) UGI: ✓ single mass protruding into lumen resembling annular carcinoma ✓ "bull's-eye" lesions = multiple polypoid masses with sizable ulcer craters ✓ obstruction from kinking / annular constriction / large intraluminal mass ✓ compression by direct extension of primary tumor / involved nodes CT: ✓ soft-tissue density nodules / masses ✓ sheets of tissue causing thickening of bowel wall + mesenteric leaves ✓ fixation + angulation of bowel loops (in tumors with desmoplastic response) ✓ [ascites](#)

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METASTASES TO STOMACH

Organ of origin: [malignant melanoma](#), breast, lung, colon, prostate, [leukemia](#), secondary [lymphoma](#) ■ GI bleeding + anemia (40%) ■ epigastric pain √ solitary mass (50%) √ multiple nodules (30%) √ linitis plastica (20%): especially breast √ multiple umbilicated nodules: melanoma

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MIDGUT VOLVULUS

=torsion of entire gut around SMA due to a short mesenteric attachment of small intestine in [malrotation](#) Age:neonate / young infant; occasionally older child / adult *In 20% associated with:*(1)[Duodenal atresia](#) (2)Duodenal diaphragm (3)Duodenal stenosis (4)[Annular pancreas](#) *Pathophysiology:* degree of twisting can change due to natural movement of bowel + determines symptomatology; severe volvulus (= twist of 3 and a half turns) causes bowel necrosis ■ acute symptoms in newborn (medical emergency): bile-stained vomiting (intermittent, postprandial, projectile); abdominal distension; shock ■ intermittent obstructive symptoms in older child: recurring attacks of nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain ■ failure to thrive (hypoproteinemic gastroenteropathy as a result of lymphatic + venous obstruction) Plain film: ✓ dilated air-filled duodenal bulb + paucity of gas distally ✓ "[double bubble sign](#)" = air-fluid levels in stomach + duodenum ✓ isolated collection of gas-containing bowel loops distal to obstructed duodenum = gas-filled volvulus = closed-loop obstruction (from nonresorption of [intestinal gas](#) secondary to obstruction of mesenteric veins) Barium studies: ✓ duodenojejunal junction (ligament of Treitz) located lower than duodenal bulb + to the right of expected position ✓ spiral course of midgut loops = "apple-peel / twisted ribbon / corkscrew" appearance (in 81%) ✓ duodenal-fold thickening + thumbprinting (mucosal edema + hemorrhage) ✓ abnormally high position of cecum CT: ✓ whirl-like pattern of small bowel loops + adjacent mesenteric fat converging to the point of torsion (during volvulus) ✓ SMV to the left of SMA (NO volvulus) ✓ chylous mesenteric cyst (from interference with lymphatic drainage) US: ✓ clockwise whirlpool sign = color Doppler depiction of mesenteric vessels moving clockwise with caudal movement of transducer ✓ distended proximal duodenum with arrowhead-type compression over spine ✓ superior mesenteric vein to the left of SMA ✓ thick-walled bowel loops below duodenum + to the right of spine associated with peritoneal fluid Angio: ✓ "[barber pole sign](#)" = spiraling of SMA ✓ tapering / abrupt termination of mesenteric vessels ✓ marked vasoconstriction + prolonged contrast transit time ✓ absent venous opacification / dilated tortuous superior mesenteric vein Cx:intestinal ischemia + necrosis in distribution of SMA (bloody diarrhea, [ileus](#), abdominal distension) *DDx:*pyloric stenosis (same age group, no bilious vomiting)

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MUCOCELE OF APPENDIX

Mucocele =distension of appendix with sterile mucus *Etiology*: (a)(perhaps) cystic dilatation of lumen secondary to obstruction by fecolith, foreign body, [carcinoid](#), [endometriosis](#), adhesions, volvulus (b)mucosal hyperplasia (c)[mucinous cystadenoma](#) (d)[mucinous cystadenocarcinoma](#) *Incidence*:0.07-0.3% of appendectomies *Mean age*:55 years; M:F = 1:4 *Associated with*:colonic adenocarcinoma (6-fold risk), mucin-secreting tumor of ovary ■ asymptomatic (25%) ■ acute / chronic right lower quadrant pain ✓ globular, smooth-walled, broad-based mass invaginating into cecum ✓ nonfilling of the appendix on BE ✓ peripheral rimlike calcifications frequent CT: ✓ round sharply defined mass with homogeneous content of near-water / soft-tissue attenuation US: ✓ purely cystic / cystic with fine internal echoes / complex cystic mass with high-level echoes ✓ gravity-dependent echoes = layering of protein macroaggregates / inspissated mucoid material NUC: ✓ intense early gallium [uptake](#) (affinity to acid mucopolysaccharides of mucus) Cx:(1)Rupture with [pseudomyxoma peritonei](#) (2)Torsion with gangrene + hemorrhage (3)Herniation into cecum with bowel obstruction

Myxoglobulosis =rare variant of [mucocele](#) of the appendix characterized by clusters of pearly white mucous balls intermixed with mucus ■ usually asymptomatic ■ may appear as acute [appendicitis](#) ✓ multiple 1- to 10-mm small rounded annular, nonlaminated calcified spherules (PATHOGNOMONIC) *DDx*:inverted appendiceal stump, acute [appendicitis](#), carcinoma of the cecum

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NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS

=NEC = ischemic bowel disease secondary to hypoxia, perinatal stress, infection (endotoxin), congenital heart disease *Incidence*:most common GI emergency in premature infants *Age*:develops >48-72 hours after birth; in 90% within first 10 days of life *Path*:acute inflammation + mucosal ulceration + widespread transmural necrosis *Organism*:not yet isolated; often occurs in miniepidemics within nursery *Predisposed*:premature infant (50-80%), [Hirschsprung disease](#), bowel obstruction (small bowel atresia, pyloric stenosis, meconium [ileus](#), [meconium plug syndrome](#)) ■ blood-streaked stools (in 50%); explosive diarrhea ■ bile emesis ■ mild [respiratory distress](#) ■ generalized sepsis *Location*:usually in terminal ileum (most commonly involved), cecum, right colon; rarely in stomach, upper bowel ✓ disarrayed bowel gas pattern (no longer normal array of polygons) ✓ distension of small bowel and colon (loops wider than vertebral body L1) ± air-fluid levels, commonly in RLQ (1st sign) ✓ tubular loops of bowel ✓ bowel wall thickening + "thumbprinting" ✓ "fixed" bowel = persistent abnormal loop of bowel without change on supine vs. prone films / for >24 hours ✓ [pneumatosis intestinalis](#) (80%) -in curvilinear shape (= subserosal) or -bubbly / cystic (= submucosal gas collection from gasforming organisms / dissection of intraluminal gas) ✓ "bubbly" appearance of bowel due to gas in wall / intraluminal gas / fecal matter (intraluminal contents are composed of blood, sloughed colonic mucosa, intraluminal gas, some fecal material) ✓ gas in portal venous system (frequently transient, does not imply hopeless outcome) ✓ [ascites](#) ✓ [pneumoperitoneum](#) (immediate surgery required) N.B.:Barium enema is contraindicated! May be used judiciously in selected cases with radiologic + clinical doubt!
Cx:(1)Inflammatory stricture after healing (BE follow-up in survivors) (2)Bowel perforation in 12-32%

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PELVIC LIPOMATOSIS + FIBROLIPOMATOSIS

=nonmalignant overgrowth of adipose tissue with minimal fibrotic + inflammatory components compressing soft-tissue structures within pelvis Age:9-80 years (peak 25-60 years); M:F = 10:1; NO racial predominance for Blacks; obesity NOT contributing factor • often incidental finding • urinary frequency, flank pain, suprapubic tenderness • recurrent urinary tract infections • low back pain, fever ✓ elongation + narrowing of rectum ✓ elevation of rectosigmoid + sigmoid colon out of pelvis ✓ increase in sacrorectal space >10 mm ✓ stretching of sigmoid colon ✓ elongation + elevation of urinary bladder with symmetric inverted pear shape ✓ elongation of posterior urethra ✓ pelvic lucency; CT confirmatory ✓ medial / lateral displacement of ureters Cx of fibrolipomatosis: (1)Ureteral obstruction (40% within 5 years) (2)[IVC obstruction](#)

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PERITONEAL MESOTHELIOMA

=only primary tumor of peritoneum arising from mesothelial cells lining peritoneal cavity *Age*:55-66 years; M >> F *Associated with*:asbestos exposure
Spread:intraperitoneal along serosal surfaces; direct invasion of liver, pancreas, bladder, bowel *Location*:pleura (67%), peritoneum (30-40%), pericardium (2.5%), processus vaginalis (0.5%) ✓ thickening of mesentery, omentum, peritoneum, bowel wall ✓ nodular masses in anterior parietal peritoneum becoming confluent cakelike ✓ disproportionately small amount of [ascites](#) ✓ areas of calcification (rare) CT: ✓ nodular irregular thickening of peritoneal surfaces ✓ localized masses ✓ infiltrating sheets of tissue ✓ foci of calcifications ✓ [ascites](#) of near-water density ✓ stellate configuration of neurovascular bundles ✓ pleated thickening of mesenteric leaves NUC: ✓ diffuse [uptake](#) of gallium-67 *Prognosis*:extremely poor due to advanced disease at presentation (most patients die within 1 year)
Cystic Mesothelioma =rare benign neoplasm without metastatic potential but tendency for local recurrence (in 27-50%) *Path*:multiple thin-walled cysts lined by mesothelial cells + filled with watery fluid; intermediate form between benign adenomatoid tumor + malignant peritoneal mesothelioma ✓ Not associated with asbestos exposure! *Median age*:37 years; M << F *Location*:any peritoneal / omental surface, most frequently in pelvis • contains watery fluid ✓ uni- / multilocular cystic tumor (cysts of 1 mm to 6 cm) without calcifications *DDx*:[lymphangioma](#), ovarian carcinoma

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PERITONEAL METASTASES

=PERITONEAL CARCINOMATOSIS =intra-abdominal spread of malignant tumors *Origin:*(a)common: ovary, stomach, colon (b)less common: pancreas, uterus, bladder ✓ massive [ascites](#) ✓ desmoplastic reaction at (a) anterior border of rectum (Blumer shelf) (b) mesenteric side of terminal ileum CT: ✓ increased density of linear network in mesenteric fat ✓ loculated [fluid collections](#) in peritoneal cavity ✓ apparent thickening of mesenteric vessels (= fluid within leaves of mesentery) ✓ adnexal mass of cystic / soft-tissue density (= [Krukenberg tumor](#)) ✓ small nodular densities on peritoneal surface ✓ "omental cake" = thickening of greater omentum ✓ lobulated mass in pouch of Douglas ✓ calcified peritoneal implants in serous cystadenocarcinoma of ovary (in up to 40% with stage III / IV disease)

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PEUTZ-JEGHERS SYNDROME

=rare autosomal dominant disease with incomplete penetrance characterized by intestinal polyposis + mucocutaneous pigmentation (= hamartomatosis); often spontaneous mutation *Incidence*:1:7,000 livebirths; in 50% familial, in 50% sporadic; most frequent of polyposis syndromes to involve small intestines *Age*:25 years at presentation (range 10-30 years); M:F = 1:1 *Path*:multiple small sessile / large pedunculated polyps *Histo*:benign hamartomatous polyp with smooth muscle core arising from muscularis mucosae + extending treelike into lamina propria of polyp; misplaced epithelium in submucosa, muscularis propria, subserosa frequently surrounding mucin-filled spaces ■ mucocutaneous pigmentation (similar to freckles) =1-5 mm small elongated melanin spots on mucous membranes (lower lips, gums, palate) + facial skin (nose, cheeks, around eyes) + volar aspects of toes and fingers (100%), becoming noticeable in first few years of life ■ cramping abdominal pain (small bowel [intussusception](#) in 47%) ■ rectal bleeding, melena (30%) ■ prolapse of polyp through anus ■ chronic hypochromic microcytic anemia Location:small bowel (jejunum + ileum > duodenum) > colon > stomach; mouth + esophagus spared @ Small bowel (>95%) ✓ multiple usually broad-based polyps separated by wide areas of intervening flat mucosa ✓ multilobulated surface of larger polyps ✓ myriad of 1- to 2-mm nodules of up to several cm = carpet of polyps ✓ [intussusception](#) usually confined to small bowel @ Colon + rectum (30%) ✓ multiple scattered 1- to 30-mm polyps; NO carpeting @ Stomach + duodenum (25%) ✓ diffuse involvement with multiple polyps @ Respiratory + urinary tract ✓ adenoma of bronchus + bladder Cx: (1)Transient [intussusception](#) (pedunculated polyp) (2)Carcinoma of GI tract (2-3%) (3)Carcinoma of pancreas (13%) (4)Carcinoma of breast (commonly bilateral + ductal) (5)Ovarian tumor (5%): ovarian sex cord tumor, mucinous cystic tumor, cystadenoma, [granulosa cell tumor](#) (6)[Endometrial cancer](#): adenoma malignum of cervix (7)[Testicular tumor](#): feminizing Sertoli cell tumor Rx:(1)Endoscopic removal of all polyps >5 mm (2)Surgery is reserved for obstruction, severe bleeding, malignancy *Prognosis*:decreased life expectancy (risk of cancer approaching 40% by 40 years of age) *DDx*:[familial adenomatous polyposis](#), [juvenile polyposis](#) (similar age), Cowden syndrome, [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#)

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POSTCRICOID DEFECT

=variable defect seen commonly in the fully distended cervical esophagus; no pathologic value *Etiology*:redundancy of mucosa over rich postcricoid submucosal venous plexus *Incidence*:in 80% of normal adults Location:anterior aspect of esophagus at level of cricoid cartilage [✓]tumor- / weblike lesion with variable configuration during swallowing *DDx*:submucosal tumor, [esophageal web](#) (persistent configuration)

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POSTINFLAMMATORY POLYPOSIS

=PSEUDOPOLYPOSIS =reepithelialized inflammatory polyps as sequelae of mucosal ulceration *Etiology*:[ulcerative colitis](#) (10-20%); granulomatous colitis (less frequent); [schistosomiasis](#) (endemic); amebic colitis (occasionally); [toxic megacolon](#) Location:most common in left hemicolon, may occur in stomach / small intestine [✓] sessile + frondlike appearance (often) [✓] filiform polyposis = multiple wormlike projections only attached at their bases (CHARACTERISTIC) *Pathogenesis*:ulcerative undermining of strips of mucosa with reepithelialization of denuded surfaces of tags + bowel wall *Prognosis*:NO malignant potential *DDx*:familial polyposis (polyps terminate in bulbous heads)

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PRESBYESOPHAGUS

=defect in primary peristalsis + LES relaxation associated with aging *Incidence*:15% in 7th decade; 50% in 8th decade; 85% in 9th decade *Associated with*:hiatus hernia, reflux ■ usually asymptomatic ✓ impaired / no primary peristalsis ✓ often repetitive nonperistaltic tertiary contractions in distal esophagus ✓ mild / moderate esophageal dilatation ✓ poor LES relaxation *DDx*:diabetes, diffuse esophageal spasm, scleroderma, esophagitis, [achalasia](#), benign stricture, carcinoma

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PROGRESSIVE SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS

=PSS = multisystem connective tissue disorder (collagen-vascular disease) of unknown etiology characterized by widespread disorder of the microvasculature causing exuberant interstitial [fibrosis](#) with atrophy + sclerosis of many organ systems =SCLERODERMA = variety of skin disorders associated with hardening of skin; by extent of cutaneous involvement divided into: (a)DIFFUSE SCLERODERMA tends to involve older women; interstitial pulmonary [fibrosis](#) more severe; organ failure more likely (b)SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS WITH LIMITED SCLERODERMA (formerly CREST syndrome) CREST features more common; pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#) more common + more severe)

May be associated with: other connective tissue diseases (especially SLE and polymyositis/[dermatomyositis](#))

*Cause:*autoimmune condition with genetic predisposition, may be initiated by environmental antigen (eg, toxic oil syndrome in Spain through ingestion of adulterated rape seed oil / ingestion of L-tryptophan) *Peak age:*30-50 years; M:F = 1:3 *Histo:*[vasculitis](#) + submucosal [fibrosis](#) extending into muscularis, smooth muscle atrophy (initially hypertrophy and finally atrophy of collagen fibers)

■ CREST:Calcinosis of skin Raynaud phenomenon Esophageal dysmotility Sclerodactyly Telangiectasia ■ antinuclear antibodies (30-80%): ■ centromere antibody (ACA) specific for limited disease ■ anti-topoisomerase-1 (= antiScl-70) identifies patients with diffuse cutaneous disease ■ antibodies to extracellular matrix proteins and type I + IV collagen ■ rheumatoid factor (35%) ■ LE cells (5%) ■ weakness, generalized debility *Prognosis:*50-67% 5-year survival rate

Gastrointestinal Scleroderma (in 40-45%) ◊Third most common manifestation of scleroderma (after skin changes + [Raynaud phenomenon](#)) ◊May precede other manifestations! ■ abdominal pain, diarrhea ■ multiple episodes of pseudoobstruction ✓ hepatomegaly @Esophagus (in 42-95%) ◊First GI tract location to be involved! ■ dysphagia (50%) ■ heartburn (30%) ✓ normal peristalsis above aortic arch (striated muscle in proximal 1/3 of esophagus) ✓ hypotonia / atony + hypokinesia / aperistalsis in lower 2/3 of esophagus (>50%) ✓ deficient emptying in recumbent position ✓ thin / vanished longitudinal folds ✓ mild to moderate dilatation of esophagus ✓ [chalasia](#) (= patulous lower esophageal sphincter) ✓ [gastroesophageal reflux](#) (70%) ✓ erosions + superficial ulcers (from asymptomatic [reflux esophagitis](#): NO protective esophageal contraction) ✓ fusiform stricture usually 4-5 cm above gastroesophageal junction (from [reflux esophagitis](#)) ✓ esophageal shortening + sliding [hiatal hernia](#) Cx:peptic stricture, aspiration, [Barrett esophagus](#), adenocarcinoma
@ Stomach (less frequent involvement) ✓ gastric dilatation ✓ decreased motor activity + delayed emptying @ Small bowel (in up to 45%) ◊PSS is rapidly progressing once small intestine is involved! ■ [malabsorption](#) (delayed intestinal transit time + bacterial overgrowth) ✓ marked dilatation of small bowel (in particular duodenum = megaduodenum, jejunum) simulating small bowel obstruction CAVE:misdiagnosis of obstruction may lead to exploratory surgery! ✓ abrupt cutoff at SMA level (atrophy of neural cells with hypoperistalsis) ✓ prolonged transit time with barium retention in duodenum up to 24 hours ✓ "hidebound / accordion" pattern (60%) = sharply defined folds of normal thickness with decreased intervalvular distance (tightly packed folds) within dilated segment (due to predominant involvement of circular muscle) ✓ pseudodiverticula (10-40%) = asymmetric sacculations with squared tops + broad bases on mesenteric side (due to eccentric smooth muscle atrophy) ✓ pneumatisis cystoides intestinalis + [pneumoperitoneum](#) (occasionally) ✓ excess fluid with bacterial overgrowth (= "pseudo-blind loop syndrome") ✓ normal mucosal fold pattern Cx:[intussusception](#) without anatomic lead point

@ Colon (up to 40-50%) ■ constipation (common), may alternate with diarrhea ✓ pseudosacculations + wide-mouthed "diverticula" on antimesenteric side (formed by repetitive bulging through atrophic areas) in transverse + descending colon ✓ eventually complete loss of haustrations (simulating [cathartic colon](#)) ✓ marked dilatation (may simulate [Hirschsprung disease](#)) ✓ stercoral ulceration (from retained fecal material) Cx:life-threatening barium impaction

DDx:(1)[Dermatomyositis](#) (similar radiographic findings) (2)[Sprue](#) (increased secretions, segmentation, fragmentation, dilatation most significant in midjejunum, normal motility) (3)Obstruction (no esophageal changes, no pseudodiverticula) (4)Idiopathic [intestinal pseudoobstruction](#) (usually in young people)

Pulmonary Scleroderma (in 10-25%) *Path:*almost 100% involvement in autopsy series *Histo:*thickening of basement membrane of alveoli + small arteries and veins

■ slightly productive cough + progressive dyspnea ■ hematemesis ■ pulmonary function abnormalities in the absence of frank roentgenographic changes (typical dissociation of clinical, functional, and radiologic evidence) ■ pericarditis Location:most prominent at both lung bases (where blood flow greatest) ✓ fine / [coarse reticulations](#) / diffuse interstitial infiltrates ✓ subpleural fibrocystic spaces (honeycombing) ✓ low lung volumes from progressive volume loss ✓ alveolar changes (secondary to aspiration of refluxed gastric contents with disturbed esophageal motility / mineral oil taken to combat constipation) ✓ air esophagram (*DDx:* [achalasia](#), mediastinitis) ✓ pleural reaction / effusion distinctly uncommon Cx:(1)Pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#) (6-60%) (2)Increased incidence of lung cancer @ Heart: sclerosis of cardiac muscle ± [cor pulmonale](#)

Renal Scleroderma (25%) *Onset:*common within 3 years *Histo:*fibroid necrosis of afferent arterioles (also seen in malignant hypertension) ✓ renal cortical necrosis ✓ spotty inhomogeneous nephrogram (constriction + occlusion of arteries) ✓ concomitant arterial ectasia Cx:[renal failure](#) (from nephrosclerosis)

Musculoskeletal Scleroderma ■ edema of distal portion of extremities ■ thickened inelastic waxy skin most prominent about face + extremities ■ symmetrical polyarthralgias (50-80%) ■ [Raynaud phenomenon](#) (may proceed other symptoms by months / years) ■ atrophy + thickening of skin and musculature (78%) @Fingers ■ "sausage digit" = edema of digits associated with loss of transverse skin folds + lack of definition of subcutaneous fat ✓ "tapered fingers" = sclerodactyly = atrophy + resorption of soft tissues of fingertips + soft-tissue calcifications ✓ [acroosteolysis](#) = "pencil" / "autoamputation" = resorption of distal phalanges of hand (63%) beginning at volar aspect of terminal tufts with proximal progression ✓ calcinosis (25%) = punctate soft-tissue calcifications of fingertips, axilla, ischial tuberosity, forearm, elbow (over pressure area), lower [leg](#), face ✓ calcifications around tendons, bursae, within joints

@Arthritis ■ stiffness in small joints, occasionally in knee, [shoulder](#), wrist ■ lack of motility, eventually contractures ✓ arthritis of interphalangeal joints of hands (25%) Location:1st CMC, MCP, DIP, PIP ✓ central / marginal erosions (50%) ✓ resorption of palmar aspect of terminal phalanges (most frequent sign) ✓ bony erosions of [carpal bones](#) (trapezium), distal radius + ulna, mandible, ribs, lateral aspect of clavicle, humerus, acromion, mandible, cervical spine ✓ joint-space narrowing (late)

*DDx:*rheumatoid, psoriatic, erosive arthritis ✓ soft-tissue swelling ± periarticular [osteoporosis](#) ✓ NO significant [osteoporosis](#) ✓ ± flexion contractures of fingers (from tendon sheath inflammation + [fibrosis](#))

✓ erosion of superior aspect of ribs ✓ widening of periodontal membrane

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PROLAPSED ANTRAL MUCOSA

=prolapse of hypertrophic + inflammatory mucosa of gastric antrum into duodenum resulting in pyloric obstruction ✓ mushroom- / umbrella- / cauliflower-shaped filling defect at duodenal base ✓ filling defect varies in size + shape ✓ redundant gastric rugae can be traced from pyloric antrum through pyloric channel ✓ gastric hyperperistalsis

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PSEUDOMEMBRANOUS COLITIS

=CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE DISEASE (more appropriate name because pseudomembranes are uncommon) *Cause*: overgrowth of Gram-positive Clostridium difficile in response to a decrease in normal intestinal flora *Etiologic agent*: cytotoxin produced by C. difficile *Predisposed*: (a) complication of antibiotic therapy with tetracycline, penicillin, ampicillin, clindamycin, lincomycin, amoxicillin, chloramphenicol, cephalosporins (b) complication of some chemotherapeutic agents: methotrexate, fluorouracil (c) following surgery / renal transplantation / irradiation; intestinal vascular insufficiency (d) shock, uremia (e) proximal to large bowel obstruction (f) debilitating diseases: lymphosarcoma, leukemia (g) immunosuppressive therapy with actinomycin D

Histo: pseudomembranes (exudate composed of leukocytes, fibrin, mucin, sloughed necrotic epithelium held in columns by strands of mucus) on a partially denuded colonic edematous mucosa (mucosa generally intact); reactive edema in lamina propria, submucosa, and eventually subserosa ■ profuse watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, tenderness ■ fever, fecal blood, leukocytosis ■ less common: chronic diarrhea, toxic megacolon, hyperpyrexia, leukemoid reaction, hypoalbuminemia with anasarca ■ confluent small yellow plaques (= pseudomembranes) adherent to mucosal surface seen on endoscopy (50%) Location: rectum (95%); confined to right +

transverse colon (5-27%) Plain film: ✓ adynamic ileus pattern = moderate gaseous distension of small bowel + colon ✓ "transverse banding" = marked thickening + distortion of haustral folds ✓ "thumbprinting" most prominent in transverse colon ✓ diffusely shaggy + irregular surface (confluent pseudomembranes) BE

(CONTRAINDICATED in severe cases): ✓ "accordion-like" haustral thickening = contrast material trapped between distorted thickened closely spaced transverse edematous folds (simulating intramural tracts) ✓ pseudoulcerations = barium filling clefts between pseudomembranes ✓ irregular ragged polypoid contour of colonic wall ✓ discrete multiple plaque-like lesions of 2-4 mm in size (DDx: polyposis, nodular form of lymphoma) N.B.: Risk of colonic perforation! CT (85% sensitive, 48% specific): ✓ colonic wall thickening of 4-22 mm (61-88%) ✓ smooth circumferential thickening (44%) ✓ accordion sign (51-70%) = alternating bands of edematous haustral folds separated by intraluminal contrast material ✓ nodular thickening (17%) ✓ homogeneous enhancement due to hyperemia ✓ pericolonic stranding (42%) ✓ ascites (15-25%) ✓ NO colonic abnormality (12-39%)

Dx: (1) Stool assay for Clostridium difficile cytotoxin (detects toxin B): cumbersome to perform (2) Enzyme immunoassay test (up to 33% false-negative results): detects toxin A + B (3) Stool culture (95% sensitive): not available for 2 days (4) Pseudomembranes on proctosigmoidoscopy *Cx*: peritonitis *Prognosis*: 15% mortality; most patients recover within 2 weeks *Rx*: discontinuation of suspected antibiotic + administration of vancomycin / metronidazole with attention to fluid and electrolyte balance

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PSEUDOMYXOMA PERITONEI

= "jelly belly" = "gelatinous ascites" = slow insidious accumulation of large amounts of intraperitoneal gelatinous material *Etiology*: rupture of [mucinous cystadenoma](#) / cystadenocarcinoma of appendix (male) / ovary (female); rarely associated with malignancy of colon (<5%), stomach, uterus, pancreas, common bile duct, urachal duct, omphalomesenteric duct • slowly progressive massive abdominal distension • recurrent abdominal pain ✓ thickening of peritoneal + omental surfaces ✓ omental cake ✓ posterior displacement of bowel loops + mesentery ✓ voluminous septated / loculated pseudoascites ✓ several thin-walled cystic masses of different size throughout abdominal cavity ✓ scalloped contour of liver margins ✓ annular / semicircular calcifications (rare but highly suggestive) CT: ✓ tumor collection of very low attenuation (common) / soft-tissue density (rare) US: ✓ hypoechoic collection (common) / more solid appearance (rare) *DDx*: [peritoneal metastases](#), [pancreatitis](#) with pseudocysts, pyogenic peritonitis, widespread echinococcal disease, [ascites](#) *Prognosis*: 50% 5-year survival rate

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RADIATION INJURY

=obliterative endarteritis with irradiation in excess of 4,000-4,500 rads *Incidence*:5%; increased risk after pelvic surgery ✓ radiographic changes within field of radiation only

Radiation Gastritis Permanent radiographic findings of radiation injury appear 1 month to 2 years after therapy ✓ gastric ulceration + deformity ([pylorus](#)) ✓ enlargement + effacement of gastric folds ✓ antral narrowing + rigidity (similar to linitis plastica)

Radiation Enteritis Permanent radiographic findings of radiation injury appear >1-2 years following irradiation *Predisposed*:women (cancer of cervix, [endometrium](#), ovary), patients with bladder cancer ■ crampy abdominal pain (from intermittent obstruction) ■ persistent diarrhea ■ occult intestinal hemorrhage Location:ileum; concomitant radiation damage to colon / rectum ✓ irregular nodular thickening of folds with straight transverse course ± ulcerations ✓ serrated bowel margin ✓ thickened bowel wall with luminal narrowing ✓ multiple strictures + partial mechanical obstruction ✓ separation of adjacent bowel loops by >2 mm ✓ shortening of small bowel ✓ fixation + immobilization of bowel loops with similar radiographic appearance between examinations (from dense desmoplastic response to irradiation) CT: ✓ increased attenuation of mesentery *DDx*:[Crohn disease](#), [lymphoma](#), ischemia, hemorrhage

Radiation Injury Of Rectum Manifestation of radiation colitis can occur up to 15 years following irradiation *Predisposed*:90% in women (carcinoma of cervix) ■ tenesmus, diarrhea, bleeding, constipation ✓ ridgelike appearance of mucosa (submucosal [fibrosis](#)) ✓ irregularly outlined ulcerations (rare) CT: ✓ narrowed partially distensible rectum ✓ thick homogeneous rectal wall ✓ "target sign" = submucosal circumferential lucency ✓ proliferation of perirectal fat >10 mm ✓ thickening of perirectal fascia ✓ "halo sign" = increase in pararectal [fibrosis](#) Cx:(1) Obstruction (2) Colovaginal / coloenteric fistula formation

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RETAINED GASTRIC ANTRUM

*Cause:*retention of endocrinologically active gastric antrum in continuity with [pylorus](#) + duodenum *Pathophysiology:*bathing of antrum in alkaline duodenal juice stimulates secretion of [gastrin](#) *Associated with:*gastric ulcers in 30-50% ✓ duodenogastric reflux of barium through [pylorus](#) (diagnostic) ✓ giant marginal ulcer / several marginal ulcers usually on jejunal side of anastomosis (large false-negative + false-positive rates; correct-positive rate of 28-60%) ✓ large amount of secretions ✓ edematous mucosa of jejunal anastomotic segment ✓ lacy / cobweblike small bowel pattern (hypersecretion) Cx:gastrojejunocolic fistula

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RETRACTILE MESENTERITIS

=CHRONIC FIBROSING MESENTERITIS = CHRONIC SUBPERITONEAL SCLEROSIS = MESENTERIC PANNICULITIS = LIPOSCLEROTIC MESENTERITIS = MESENTERIC LIPODYSTROPHY = MESENTERIC WEBER-CHRISTIAN DISEASE =rare disorder of unknown etiology characterized by fibrofatty thickening of small bowel mesentery *Etiology*:? trauma, previous surgery, ischemia *Path*:spectrum ranging from mesenteric lipodystrophy through mesenteric panniculitis to mesenteric fibrosis *Histo*:chronic inflammation with a dense collection of lymphocytes + plasma cells + lipid-laden macrophages; desmoplastic reaction; fat necrosis; calcifications *Associated with*: (1)[Gardner syndrome](#), familial polyposis (2)[Fibrosing mediastinitis](#), retroperitoneal fibrosis (3)[Lymphoma](#), lymphosarcoma (4)[Carcinoid](#) tumor (5)Metastatic gastric / colonic carcinoma (6)Whipple lipodystrophy (7)Weber-Christian disease *Age*:most common in 6th decade; M:F = 2:1 ■ crampy abdominal pain ■ nausea + vomiting; mild weight loss ■ low-grade fever

Location:root of mesentery extending toward mesenteric border of bowel *Plain film*: ✓ soft-tissue mass with calcifications ✓ ± thumbprinting (from vascular congestion) *UGI*: ✓ compression / distortion of duodenum near ligament of Treitz ✓ separation of small bowel loops with fixation, kinking, and angulation *CT*: ✓ mass of fat density interspersed with soft-tissue density (fibrous tissue) + calcifications ✓ mesenteric thickening with fine stellate pattern extending to bowel border ✓ retraction of small bowel loops ✓ single mesenteric soft-tissue mass (fibroma) ✓ multiple nodules throughout mesentery ([fibromatosis](#)) *Prognosis*:usually benign course *DDx*:metastatic gastric / colonic adenocarcinoma; [carcinoid](#) tumor; mesenteric [lymphoma](#); [liposarcoma](#) of mesentery

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SCHATZKI RING

=LOWER ESOPHAGEAL MUCOSAL RING = constant lower esophageal ring (mucosal thickening) presumed to result from [reflux esophagitis](#) = thin annular peptic stricture *Incidence*:6-14% of population; old age > young age; M > F *Histo*:usually squamous epithelium on upper surface + columnar epithelium on undersurface; may be covered totally by squamous epithelium or columnar epithelium ■ asymptomatic (if ring >20 mm) ■ dysphagia (if ring <12 mm) Location:near the squamocolumnar junction; in region of B ring at inferior margin of lower esophageal sphincter ✓ permanently present nondistensible transverse ring with constant shape + size (range of 3-18 mm) ✓ 2- to 4-mm thick shelllike projection into lumen with smooth symmetric margins ✓ visible only with adequate distension of esophagogastric region and when located above the esophageal hiatus of the diaphragm ✓ best demonstrated in prone position during arrested deep inspiration with Valsalva maneuver while barium column passes through esophagogastric region ✓ short esophagus + intrahiatal / intrathoracic gastric segment = sliding [hiatal hernia](#) if Schatzki ring located 1-2 cm above diaphragmatic hiatus *Prognosis*:decrease in caliber over 5 years (in 25-33%) *Cx*:impaction of food bolus (associated with severe chest pain) *Rx*:(1)Proper mastication of food (2)Endoscopic rupture (3)Esophageal dilatation (radiographically often lack of caliber change after successful dilatation) *DDx*:annular peptic stricture (usually thicker, asymmetric, irregular surface, associated with thickened esophageal folds, serration of esophageal margins)

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SMALL LEFT COLON SYNDROME

Cause: transient functional [colonic obstruction](#) due to immaturity of mesenteric plexus *Age:* newborn infant *Associated with:* maternal [diabetes mellitus](#) (most common), maternal substance abuse; NOT related to [cystic fibrosis](#) ∇ colonic caliber becomes abruptly diminutive distal to splenic flexure ∇ bowel dilatation proximal to splenic flexure ∇ \pm meconium plug (as a result and not the cause of obstruction) *Prognosis:* gradual resolution of functional immaturity over days to weeks

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SOLITARY RECTAL ULCER SYNDROME

=MUCOSAL PROLAPSE SYNDROME *Related disorders with common pathogenesis:* hamartomatous inverted polyp, [colitis cystica profunda](#) *Cause:* prolapse of anterior rectal wall resulting in mucosal ischemia due to traumatization of rectal mucosa by anal sphincter during defecation *Path:* small / large, single / multiple shallow ulcers; 25% broad-based, 18% patchy granular / velvety hyperemic mucosa; rectal stenosis through confluent circumferential lesion *Histo:* obliteration of lamina propria mucosae by fibromuscular proliferation of muscularis mucosae, streaming of fibroblasts + muscle fibers between crypts, misplaced mucosal glands deep to muscularis mucosae; diffuse increase in mucosal collagen ■ chronic rectal bleeding ■ passage of mucus ■ disordered defecation ■ tenesmus BE: ✓ ulcer (ulcerative type) ✓ polypoid lesion / nodules (polypoid type) ✓ flat granular mucosa (flat type) ✓ stricture Evacuation proctography: ✓ failure of anorectal angle to open while straining ✓ excessive perineal descent *Prognosis:* (1) Little change over time (2) Considerable change in appearance of lesion (3) Transfusions necessitated by massive blood loss *DDx:* invasive rectal carcinoma, [Crohn disease](#)

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SPRUE

=classic disease of [malabsorption](#) Path:villous atrophy (truncation) + elongation of crypts of Lieberkühn + round cell infiltration of lamina propria (plasma cells + lymphocytes)

Celiac Disease =NONTROPICAL SPRUE = GLUTEN-SENSITIVE ENTEROPATHY =characterized by [malabsorption](#) resulting from atrophy of small intestinal villi
Irritating agent:gliadin polypeptides in wheat, rye, barley, oats *May be hereditary*:detected in 15% of 1st-degree relatives *Countries*:North America, Europe, Australia, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Cuba *Age*: childhood by age 2 years; 30-40 years with M<F; 40-60 years with M>F *Rx*:gluten-free diet: corn, rice, tapioca, soya, millet, vitamin supplements

Tropical Sprue *Etiology*:infectious agent cured with antibiotics; geographic distribution (India, Far East, Puerto Rico) *Age*:any age group ■ glossitis ■

hepatosplenomegaly ■ macrocytic anemia + leukopenia *Prognosis*:spontaneous resolution after months / years *Rx*:responds well to folic acid + broad-spectrum antibiotics

■ severe diarrhea, steatorrhea (CLASSIC but found only in minority of patients) ■ crampy abdominal pain (from [intussusception](#)) ■ lassitude, fatigue, weight loss ■ stomatitis, anemia (iron / folate / vitamin B₁₂ deficiency) ■ bleeding diathesis ■ neuropathy, depression ■ [infertility](#) ■ [osteomalacia](#) with bone pain ■ dermatitis

herpetiformis Location:patchy involvement of duodenum + jejunum > remainder of small bowel Small bowel follow-through: ✓ small bowel dilatation is HALLMARK in untreated celiac disease (70-95%), best seen in mid + distal jejunum (due to intestinal hypomotility); degree of dilatation related to severity of disease ✓

hypersecretion-related artifacts: ✓ air-fluid levels in small bowel (rare) ✓ segmentation = breakup of normal continual column of barium creating large masses of barium in dilated segments separated by stringlike strands from adjacent clumps due to excessive fluid; best seen on delayed films ✓ flocculation = coarse granular appearance of small clumps of disintegrated barium due to excess fluid best seen at periphery of intestinal segment; occurs especially with steatorrhea ✓ fragmentation

= scattering = faint irregular stippling of residual barium resembling snowflakes associated with segmentation due to excessive fluid ✓ "moulage sign" (50%) = smooth contour with effaced featureless folds resembling tubular wax mold (due to atrophy of the folds of Kerckring); CHARACTERISTIC of sprue if seen in duodenum +

jejunum ✓ long / normal / short transit time ✓ nonpropulsive peristalsis (flaccid + poorly contracting loops) ✓ normal / thickened / effaced mucosal folds (depending on degree of hypoproteinemia) ✓ colonlike haustrations in well-filled jejunum (secondary to spasm + cicatrization from transverse ulcers) ✓ "jejunization" of ileal loops (=

adaptive response to decreased jejunal mucosal surface) = SPECIFIC ✓ transient nonobstructive [intussusception](#) (20%) without anatomic lead point ✓ "bubbly bulb" = peptic duodenitis = mucosal inflammation, gastric metaplasia, [Brunner gland hyperplasia](#) Enteroclysis: ✓ decreased number of folds in proximal jejunum (≤3 folds per

inch) ✓ increased number of folds in distal ileum (>5 folds per inch) ✓ tubular featureless lumen ✓ mosaic pattern = 1-2 mm polygonal islands of mucosa surrounded by barium-filled distinct grooves (10%) CT: ✓ small bowel dilatation + increased fluid content ± mucosal fold thickening ✓ mild to moderate lymphadenopathy in mesentery / retroperitoneum (up to 12%)

Dx:(1)Jejunal / duodenal biopsy (2)Improvement of small bowel abnormalities after a few months on a gluten-free diet *Cause for relapse*:hidden dietary gluten, diabetes, bacterial overgrowth, intestinal ulceration, development of [lymphoma](#) *Cx*: (1)Ulcerative jejunoileitis =multiple chronic benign ulcers (sausage appearance of small bowel) with hemorrhage, perforation + obstruction *Age*:5th-6th decade Location:jejunum > ileum > colon ■ response to gluten-free diet ceases

Prognosis:frequently fatal *Rx*:small bowel resection (2)[Hyposplenism](#) (30-50%) ✓ small atrophic [spleen](#) (3)Cavitary mesenteric lymph node syndrome characterized by:

(a)mesenteric lymph node cavitation (b)splenic atrophy (c)villous atrophy of small intestinal mucosa ✓ enlarged lymph nodes of low attenuation ± fat-fluid levels (filled with lipid-rich hyaline material) within jejunoileal mesentery *Prognosis*:usually fatal disorder (4)Malignant tumors (a)[lymphoma](#) (in 8%): commonly diffuse + nodular and

of C-cell type *Peak prevalence*:7th decade ✓ enlarged nodular folds, ulcers, extrinsic mass effect (b)[adenocarcinoma of small bowel](#) (6%), rectum, stomach

(c)squamous cell carcinoma of pharynx / esophagus (in 6%) during 6th-7th decade (5)Generalized lymphadenopathy with lymphocytosis (mimicking [lymphoma](#)) (6)Sigmoid volvulus (rare)

DDx: (1)Esophageal hypoperistalsis: scleroderma, idiopathic pseudoobstruction (2)Gastric abnormalities: [Zollinger-Ellison syndrome](#), chronic granulomatous disease, eosinophilic enteritis, [amyloidosis](#), malignancy (3)Tiny nodular defects on thickened folds: [Whipple disease](#), [intestinal lymphangiectasia](#), [Waldenström macroglobulinemia](#) (4)Small 1- to 3-mm nodules: [lymphoid hyperplasia](#) associated with [giardiasis](#) and immunoglobulin deficiency disease, diffuse [lymphoma](#) (5)Small nodules of varying sizes: systemic [mastocytosis](#), [amyloidosis](#), eosinophilic enteritis, [Cronkhite-Canada syndrome](#) (6)Bowel wall narrowing, kinking, scarring, ulceration: regional enteritis, bacterial / parasitic infection, [carcinoid](#), [vasculitis](#), ischemia, irradiation

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STRONGYLOIDIASIS

Organism: helminthic parasite *Strongyloides stercoralis* (2.2 mm long, 50µm in diameter); capable of reproducing within human host **Prevalence:** 100 million cases globally; 4% in U.S. **Country:** tropical + subtropical regions, parts of Europe, southeastern U.S. (eastern Kentucky, rural Tennessee), Puerto Rico **Infection:** filiform larva enters body through skin / mucous membranes (from contaminated soil) **Cycle:** larva passes from subcutaneous / submucosal sites via venous circulation to lung; larva breaks into alveolar spaces and ascends via bronchi + trachea; larva swallowed; settles in duodenum + upper jejunum (lives in tunnels between enterocytes); parasitic adult female worms release eggs containing mature larvae into the intestinal lumen; ova hatch immediately into rhabditiform larvae and are passed to the environment **Path:** edema + inflammation of intestinal wall secondary to invasion by larvae; flattening of villi; ova in mucosal crypts ■ asymptomatic for many years (in majority) ■ larva currens = recurrent allergic cutaneous skin lesions of autoinfection ■ severe malnutrition ([malabsorption](#), steatorrhea) ■ weight loss ■ worms, larvae, eggs in stool ■ peripheral eosinophilia ■ elevated levels of immunoglobulin E ✓ paralytic [ileus](#) (massive invasion) ✓ edematous irregular mucosal folds, spasm, dilatation of proximal 2/3 of duodenum ✓ ulcerations ✓ stricture of 3rd + 4th part of duodenum ✓ rigid pipestem appearance + irregular narrowing of duodenum (in advanced cases) **Rx:** thiabendazole (90% efficacy rate) **Prognosis:** high mortality in undernourished patients **HYPERINFECTIOIN SYNDROME** = extensive tissue invasion by larvae in patients with malignancy, autoimmune disease, malnutrition ■ bacteremia, septicemia ■ crampy abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, diarrhea **CXR:** ✓ fine miliary nodules / diffuse reticular opacities

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SUPERIOR MESENTERIC ARTERY SYNDROME

=VASCULAR COMPRESSION OF DUODENUM =WILKIE SYNDROME = CHRONIC DUODENAL [ILEUS](#) =BODY CAST SYNDROME =vascular compression of 3rd portion of duodenum within aortomesenteric compartment; probably representing a functional reflex dilatation *Etiology*: narrowing of angle between SMA + aorta to 10-22° (normal 45-65°): congenital, weight loss, visceroptosis due to loss of abdominal muscle tone (as in pregnancy), asthenic build, exaggerated lumbar lordosis, prolonged bed rest in supine position (body cast, whole-body burns, surgery) • repetitive vomiting • abdominal cramping √ megaduodenum = pronounced dilatation of 1st + 2nd portion of duodenum + frequently stomach, best seen in supine position √ vertical linear compression defect in transverse portion of duodenum overlying spine √ abrupt change in caliber distal to compression defect √ relief of compression by postural change into prone knee-elbow position

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TAILGUT CYST

=RETRORECTAL CYSTIC HAMARTOMA *Cause*:incomplete regression of embryonic tailgut (= the portion distal to future anus) *Average age*:35 years; M<F
Histo:several types of epithelia + elements of intestinal epithelium, smooth muscle within cyst wall ■ asymptomatic / perirectal pain, rectal bleeding, urinary frequency
Location:retrorectal / presacral space ± extension into ischiorectal fossa √ thin-walled multicystic / unilocular cyst adhering to sacrum / rectum √ fluid of clear / mucoid fluid with internal echoes *Cx*:(1)repeated perirectal abscesses, recurring anorectal fistula (2)degeneration into mucinous adenocarcinoma

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TOXIC MEGACOLON

=acute transmural fulminant colitis with neurogenic loss of motor tone + rapid development of extensive colonic dilatation >5.5 cm in transverse colon (damage to entire colonic wall + neuromuscular degeneration) *Etiology*: 1.[Ulcerative colitis](#) (most common) 2.[Crohn disease](#) 3.[Amebiasis](#), salmonellosis 4.[Pseudomembranous colitis](#) 5.[Ischemic colitis](#) *Histo*:widespread sloughing of mucosa + thinning of frequently necrotic muscle layers ■ systemic toxicity ■ profuse bloody diarrhea ✓ colonic [ileus](#) with marked dilatation of transverse colon ✓ few air-fluid levels ✓ increasing caliber of colon on serial radiographs without redundancy ✓ loss of normal colonic haustra + interhaustral folds ✓ coarsely irregular mucosal surface ✓ pseudopolyposis = mucosal islands in denuded ulcerated colonic wall ✓ pneumatis coli ± [pneumoperitoneum](#) CT: ✓ distended colon filled with large amounts of fluid + air ✓ distorted haustral pattern ✓ irregular nodular contour of thin wall ✓ intramural air / small collections BE:CONTRAINDICATED due to risk of perforation *Prognosis*:20% mortality

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TUBERCULOSIS

Rarely encountered in Western Hemisphere, increased incidence in [AIDS](#); usually associated with pulmonary tuberculosis (in 6-38%) *Etiology*: (1) Ingestion of tuberculous sputum (2) Hematogenous spread from tuberculous focus in lung to submucosal lymph nodes, associated with radiographic evidence of pulmonary TB in <50% (3) Primary infection by cow milk (*Mycobacterium bovis*) *Path*: (a) ulcerative form (most frequent): ulcers with their long axis perpendicular to axis of intestine, undermining + pseudopolyps (b) hypertrophic form: thickening of bowel wall (transmural granulomatous process) *Organism*: *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. avium-intracellulare* *Age*: 20-40 years • weight loss, abdominal pain (80-90%) • nausea, vomiting • tuberculin skin test negative in most patients with primary intestinal TB *Location*: ileocecal area > ascending colon > jejunum > appendix > duodenum > stomach > sigmoid > rectum @ Tuberculous peritonitis (in 1/3) ◊ Most common presentation *Cause*: hematogenous spread / rupture of mesenteric node (a) wet type = exudative [ascites](#) with high protein contents + leukocytes (b) dry type = caseous adenopathy + adhesions (c) fibrotic type = omental cakelike mass with separation + fixation of bowel loops *CT*: ✓ high-density [ascites](#) (20-45 HU) ✓ enlarged lymph nodes (90%) with low-density centers in 40% (due to caseous necrosis) *Location*: peripancreatic + mesentery, retroperitoneum ✓ irregular masses of soft-tissue density in omentum + mesentery (common) *Cx*: small bowel obstruction (adhesions from serosal tubercles) @ Ileocecal area (80-90%) ◊ Most commonly affected bowel *Cause*: relative stagnation of intestinal contents + abundance of lymphoid tissue (Peyer patches) ✓ Stierlin sign = rapid emptying of narrowed terminal ileum (due to persistent irritability) on BE ✓ thickened ileocecal valve (mass effect) ✓ Fleischner sign = "inverted umbrella" defect = wide gaping patulous ileocecal valve associated with narrowing of the immediately adjacent ileum + narrowed rigid cecum ✓ deep fissures + ulcers with sinus tracts / enterocutaneous fistulas / perforation *DDx*: [Crohn disease](#), cecal carcinoma @ Colon *Site*: segmental colonic involvement, esp. on right side ✓ rigid contracted cone-shaped cecum (spasm / transmural [fibrosis](#)) ✓ spiculations + wall thickening ✓ diffuse ulcerating colitis + pseudopolyps ✓ shortening + short hourglass strictures *DDx*: [ulcerative colitis](#), [Crohn disease](#), [amebiasis](#) (spares terminal ileum), colitis of bacillary dysentery, [ischemic colitis](#), [pseudomembranous colitis](#) @ Gastroduodenal *Site*: simultaneous involvement of [pylorus](#) + duodenum ✓ stenotic [pylorus](#) with [gastric outlet obstruction](#) ✓ narrowed antrum (linitis plastica appearance) ✓ antral fistula ✓ multiple large and deep ulcerations on lesser curvature ✓ [thickened duodenal folds](#) with irregular contour / dilatation *DDx*: carcinoma, [lymphoma](#), syphilis @ Esophagus ◊ Least common GI tract manifestation *Cause*: secondary involvement from adjacent tuberculous lymphadenitis / primary TB ✓ deep ulceration ✓ stricture ✓ mass ✓ intramural dissection / fistula formation = sinus tract formation

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TURCOT SYNDROME

=autosomal recessive disease with (a)colonic polyposis (b)CNS tumors (especially supratentorial glioblastoma, occasionally [medulloblastoma](#)) Age:symptomatic during 2nd decade *Histo*:adenomatous polyps • diarrhea • seizures ✓ multiple 1-30 mm polyps in colon + rectum Cx:malignant transformation of colonic polyps in 100%
Prognosis:death from brain tumor in 2nd + 3rd decade

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TYPHLITIS

=ILEOCECAL SYNDROME = NEUTROPENIC COLITIS = acute inflammation of cecum, appendix, and occasionally terminal ileum; initially described in children with [leukemia](#) + severe neutropenia; typhlos = "blind sac" = cecum *Cause*: leukemic / lymphomatous infiltrate, ischemia, focal [pseudomembranous colitis](#), infection *Histo*: edema + ulceration of entire bowel wall; transmural necrosis with perforation possible *Organism*: CMV, Pseudomonas, Candida, Klebsiella, E. coli, B. fragilis, Enterobacter *Predisposed*: common in childhood [leukemia](#), aplastic anemia, [lymphoma](#), immunosuppressive therapy (eg, [renal transplant](#)), clinical [AIDS](#) ■ abdominal pain, may be localized to RLQ ■ watery diarrhea ■ fullness / palpable mass in RLQ ■ fever, neutropenia ■ hematochezia / occult blood Location: cecum + ascending colon, appendix + distal ileum may become secondarily involved ✓ fluid-filled masslike density in RLQ ✓ distension of nearby small bowel loops ✓ thumbprinting of ascending colon ✓ circumferential thickening of cecal wall >4 mm ✓ occasionally pneumatosis CT (preferable examination due to risk of perforation): ✓ circumferential wall thickening (>1-3 mm) of cecum ± terminal ileum ✓ decreased bowel wall attenuation (edema) ✓ increased attenuation of adjacent fat + thickening of fascial planes (pericolonic inflammation) ✓ ± pericolonic fluid + intramural pneumatosis Cx:(1) Perforation (BE is a risky procedure) (2) Abscess formation Rx: early aggressive medical support (high doses of antibiotics + IV fluids) prior to development of transmural necrosis DDX:(1) Leukemic / lymphomatous deposits (more eccentric thickening) (2) [Appendicitis](#) with periappendicular abscess (normal cecal wall thickness) (3) Diverticulitis (4) Inflammatory bowel disease

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ULCERATIVE COLITIS

=common idiopathic inflammatory bowel disease with continuous concentric + symmetric colonic involvement *Etiology*:? hypersensitivity / autoimmune disease
Prevalence:50-80:100,000 In high incidence areas of North America, Northern Europe, Australia *Path*:predominantly mucosal + submucosal disease with exudate + edema + crypt abscesses (HALLMARK) resulting in shallow ulceration *Age peak*:20-40 years + 60-70 years; M:F = 1:1 • alternating periods of remission + exacerbation • bloody diarrhea • electrolyte depletion, fever, systemic toxicity • abdominal cramps Extracolonic manifestations: • iritis, erythema nodosum, pyoderma gangrenosum • pericholangitis, chronic active hepatitis, [primary sclerosing cholangitis](#), [fatty liver](#) • spondylitis, peripheral arthritis, coincidental [rheumatoid arthritis](#) (10-20%) • thrombotic complications Location:begins in rectum with proximal progression (rectum spared in 4%) (a)rectosigmoid in 95% (diagnosed by rectal biopsy); continuous circumferential involvement often limited to left side of colon (b)colitis extending proximally to splenic flexure = universal colitis (c)terminal ileum in 10-25% ("backwash ileitis") Plain film: ✓ hyperplastic mucosa, polypoid mucosa, deep ulcers ✓ diffuse dilatation with loss of haustral markings ✓ [toxic megacolon](#) ✓ free intraperitoneal gas ✓ complete absence of fecal residue (due to inflammation)

BE: (a)acute stage ✓ narrowing + incomplete filling (spasm + irritability) ✓ fine mucosal granularity = stippling of barium coat (from diffuse mucosal edema + hyperemia + superficial erosions) ✓ spicules + serrated bowel margins (tiny superficial ulcers) ✓ "collar button" ulcers (= undermining of ulcers) ✓ "double-tracking" = longitudinal submucosal ulceration over several cm ✓ hazy / fuzzy quality of bowel contour (excessive secretions) ✓ "thumbprinting" = symmetric thickening of colonic folds ✓ pseudopolyps = scattered islands of edematous mucosa + reepithelialized granulation tissue within areas of denuded mucosa ✓ widening of presacral space ✓ obliterated rectal folds = valves of Houston (43%) (b)subacute stage ✓ distorted irregular haustra ✓ inflammatory polyps = sessile frondlike / rarely pedunculated lesions (= localized mucosal inflammation resulting in polypoid protuberance) ✓ coarse granular mucosa (= mucosal replacement by granulation tissue) (c)chronic stage ✓ shortening of colon (= reversible spasm of longitudinal muscle) with depression of flexures ✓ "leadpipe" colon = rigidity + symmetric narrowing of lumen ✓ widening of haustral clefts / complete loss of haustrations (DDx: [cathartic colon](#)) ✓ "burnt-out colon" = fairly distensible colon without haustral markings + without mucosal pattern ✓ hazy / fuzzy quality of bowel contour (excessive secretions) ✓ postinflammatory polyps (12-19%) = small sessile nodules / long wormlike branching + bridging outgrowths (= filiform polyposis) ✓ "backwash ileitis" (5-30%) involving 4-25 cm of terminal ileum with patulous ileocecal valve + absent peristalsis + granularity CT: ✓ wall thickening <10 mm

Cx: (1)[Toxic megacolon](#) ± perforation in 5-10% (DDx: granulomatous / ischemic / amebic colitis) ⚡Most common cause of death in ulcerative colitis! (2)Colonic adenocarcinoma (3-5%): risk starts after 8-10 years of onset of disease; risk progresses at 0.5% for 10-20 years + at 0.9% thereafter; higher risk with pancolitis + onset of disease in <15 years of age Location:rectosigmoid > descending colon, distal transverse colon ✓ narrowed segment of 2-6 cm in length with eccentric lumen + irregular contour + flattened rigid tapered margins = scirrhous carcinoma ✓ annular / polypoid carcinoma (3)Colonic strictures (10%) smooth contour with fusiform pliable tapering margins, usually short + single stricture; commonly in sigmoid / rectum / transverse colon; usually after minimum of 5 years of disease; rarely cause for obstruction (DDx: colonic carcinoma)

DDx:(1)Familial polyposis (no inflammatory changes) (2)[Cathartic colon](#) (more extensive in right colon)

DDx between [CROHN DISEASE](#) and [ULCERATIVE COLITIS](#): mnemonic:"LUCIFER M"

[Crohn Disease](#)Ulcerative Colitis

Locationright sideleft side Ulcersdeepshallow Contractionnoyes Ileocecal valvethickenedgaping Fistulaeyesno Eccentricityyesno Rate of carcinomaslight increaseincrease Megacolonunusualyes

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VILLOUS ADENOMA

Villous Adenoma Of Colon *Incidence:*7% of all colonic tumors *Age:*presentation late in life;M = F *Location:*rectum + sigmoid (75%), cecum, ileocecal valve; 2% of all tumors in rectum + colon *Associated with:*other GI tumors (25%) ■ sensation of incomplete evacuation ■ rectal bleeding ■ [excretion](#) of copious amounts of thick mucus ■ fatigability, weakness ■ electrolyte depletion syndrome in 4% (dehydration, hyponatremia, hypokalemia) ✓ may completely encircle the colon ✓ bulky tumor with spongelike corrugated appearance (barium within interstices) ✓ striated "brushlike" surface ✓ soft pliable tumor with change in shape ✓ innumerable mucosal projections (= fronds) with reticular / granular surface pattern (if villous elements constitute >75% of tumor, diagnosis can be made on BE) ✓ apparent decrease in size on postevacuation films Cx:malignant transformation / invasion (in 36%) related to size of tumor <5 cm (9%); >5 cm (55%); >10 cm (100%)

Villous Adenoma Of Duodenum More common in colon + rectum; fewer than 50 cases in world literature ✓ sessile, soft nonobstructive mass ✓ "lace" / "soap bubble" pattern ✓ preservation of peristaltic activity + bowel distensibility

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WALDENSTRÖM MACROGLOBULINEMIA

=low-grade lymphoid malignancy composed of mature plasmacytoid lymphocytes with production of abnormal monoclonal IgM protein *Incidence*:0.53 / 100,000 annually; frequency 10-15% that of [multiple myeloma](#) *Histo*:macroglobulin proteinaceous hyaline material fills lacteals in lamina propria of small bowel villi with secondary lymphatic distension + edema *Mean age*:63 years; M > F • fatigue, weight loss • diarrhea, steatorrhea, [malabsorption](#) • anemia, bleeding diathesis • IgM elevation • hyperviscosity syndrome (20%) = bleeding, visual changes, neurologic abnormalities @Small bowel (rarely involved) √ small bowel dilatation √ uniform diffuse thickening of valvulae conniventes with spikelike configuration (jejunum + proximal ileum) √ granular surface of punctate filling defects (distended villi) @Bone marrow involvement (91-98%) (a)diffuse replacement of bone marrow (56%) (b)variegated replacement of bone marrow (35%) √ compression fractures of spine (48%) √ diffuse demineralization of spine √ lytic lesions on bone surveys (in up to 20%) MR (pre- and postcontrast T1WI preferred): √ marrow iso- / hypointense to muscle on T1WI √ enhancement of abnormal marrow on T1WI @Lymph nodes √ lymphadenopathy (43%) @Liver & [spleen](#) √ hepatosplenomegaly *Dx*:(1)characteristic M-spike in serum / urine electrophoresis (2)abnormal lymphplasmacytoid cells in bone marrow / lymph nodes *DDx*:[multiple myeloma](#) (lymphadenopathy rare, lytic lesions in 31%)

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WHIPPLE DISEASE

=INTESTINAL LIPODYSTROPHY =sporadically occurring chronic multisystem disease *Etiology*:thought to be caused by infection with an as yet unidentified gram-positive bacterium (*Tropheryma whippelii*) closely related to actinobacteria *Histo*:PAS-positive material (periodic acid Schiff) = glycoprotein within foamy macrophages in the submucosa of the jejunum (bacterial cell wall) + fat deposits within intestinal submucosa and lymph nodes causing lymphatic obstruction + dilatation

Age:4th-6th decade (mean age of onset, 50 years); M:F = 8:1; Caucasians

● recurrent and migratory arthralgias / nondeforming arthritis (65-95%); arthritis may precede Whipple disease in 10% up to 10 years ● [malabsorption](#), steatorrhea, abdominal pain ● weight loss, low-grade fever ● polyserositis ● generalized peripheral lymphadenopathy (50%) ● hyperpigmentation of skin similar to [Addison disease](#) ● pale shaggy yellow plaques / erosions in postbulbar duodenum on endoscopy

Organ involvement:virtually every organ system, liver, intestines, joints, heart, lung, CNS, eyes, skin

✓ moderate thickening of jejunal + duodenal folds (from mucosal + submucosal infiltration by PAS-positive macrophages combined with lymphatic obstruction) ✓ micronodularity (= swollen villi) and wild mucosal pattern ✓ hypersecretion, segmentation, fragmentation (occasionally if accompanied by hyperproteinemia) ✓ NO / minimal dilatation of small bowel ✓ NO rigidity of folds ✓ NO ulcerations ✓ normal transit time (approximately 3 hours) ✓ hepatosplenomegaly CT: ✓ bulky 3-4 cm large low-density lymph nodes in mesenteric root + retroperitoneum (due to extracellular neutral fat + fatty acids) ✓ thickening of bowel wall ✓ [splenomegaly](#) ✓ [ascites](#) ✓ pleuropericarditis ✓ [sacroiliitis](#) Dx:endoscopically guided biopsy of small bowel mucosa, abdominal / peripheral lymph node biopsy Rx:long-term broad-spectrum antibiotics (tetracycline) DDX:(1)[Sprue](#) (marked dilatation, no fold thickening, pronounced segmentation + fragmentation) (2)[Intestinal lymphangiectasia](#) (thickened folds throughout small bowel) (3)[Amyloidosis](#) (4)[Lymphoma](#)

Pseudo-Whipple disease in AIDS similar clinical picture caused by *Mycobacterium avium* intracellulare ✓ wall + fold thickening of small bowel loops ✓ mesenteric lymphadenopathy

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ZENKER DIVERTICULUM

=PHARYNGOESOPHAGEAL DIVERTICULUM =outpouching of posterior hypopharyngeal wall = pulsion diverticulum with herniation of mucosa + submucosa through oblique + transverse muscle bundles (pseudodiverticulum) of the cricopharyngeal muscle *Prevalence*:0.01-0.11% (overall); higher in elderly women (50% occur in 7th-8th decade) *Etiology*:cricopharyngeal dysfunction (cricopharyngeal [achalasia](#) / premature closure) results in increased intraluminal pressure *Associated with*:[hiatal hernia](#), gastroduodenal ulcer, midesophageal diverticulum, esophageal spasm, [achalasia](#) ■ compressible neck mass ■ upper esophageal dysphagia (98%) ■ regurgitation + aspiration of undigested food ■ noisy deglutition ■ halitosis (= foul breath) Location:at pharyngoesophageal junction in midline of Killian dehiscence / triangle of Laimer, at level of C5/6 ✓ posterior barium extension in upper half of semilunar depression on the posterior wall of esophagus (cricopharyngeal muscle) ✓ barium-filled sac extending caudally behind + usually to left of esophagus ✓ partial / complete obstruction of esophagus from external pressure of sac contents ✓ partial barium reflux from diverticulum into [hypopharynx](#) ✓ continual growth with successive enlargement CXR: ✓ air-fluid level in superior mediastinum Cx:[aspiration pneumonia](#) (30%); [esophageal perforation](#); carcinoma (0.48%) Rx:surgical excision

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ZOLLINGER-ELLISON SYNDROME

=peptic ulcer diathesis associated with marked hypersecretion of gastric acid + [gastrin](#)-producing non-b islet cell tumor of pancreas Cause: A. [GASTRINOMA](#) (90%) = non-b islet cell tumor with continuous [gastrin](#) production B. PSEUDO Z-E SYNDROME = COWLEY SYNDROME = antral G-cell hyperplasia (10%) (increase in number of G-cells in gastric antrum) • lack of [gastrin](#) elevation after [secretin](#) injection • exaggerated [gastrin](#) elevation after protein meal Age: middle age; M > F

• Clinical tetrad: (1) Gastric hypersecretion: refractory response to histamine stimulation test concerning HCl concentration; increased basal secretion (>60% of augmented secretion is diagnostic) (2) Hypergastrinemia >1000 ng/L (during fasting) (3) Hyperacidity with basal acid output >15 mEq/h (4) Diarrhea (30%), steatorrhea (40%); may be sole complaint in 10%, frequently nocturnal; secondary to inactivation of pancreatic enzymes by large volumes of HCl • severe intractable pain (90%)

• ulcer perforation (30%) • positive [secretin](#) test = increase in serum [gastrin](#) level by >200 ng/L after administration of 2 IU/kg of [secretin](#) ✓ ulcers (atypical location + course should suggest diagnosis): Location: duodenal bulb (65%) + stomach (20%), near ligament of Treitz (25%), duodenal C-loop (5%), distal esophagus (5%)

Multiplicity: solitary ulcer (90%), multiple ulcers (10%) ✓ recurrent / intractable ulcers ✓ marginal ulcers in postgastrectomy patient (a) on gastric side of anastomosis (b) on mesenteric border of efferent loop ✓ prominence of area gastricae (hyperplasia of parietal cell mass) ✓ enlargement of rugal folds ✓ sluggish gastric peristalsis (? hypokalemia) ✓ "wet stomach" = dilution of barium by excess secretions in nondilated nonobstructed stomach ✓ [gastroesophageal reflux](#) (common) + esophagitis ✓

dilatation of duodenum + upper small bowel (fluid overload) ✓ thickened folds in duodenum + jejunum (edema) ✓ rapid small-bowel transit time

mnemonic: "FUSED" Folds (thickened, gastric folds) Ulcers (often multiple, postbulbar) Secretions increased (refractory to histamine) Edema (of proximal small bowel) Diarrhea

Cx: (1) Malignant islet cell tumor (in 60%) (2) Liver metastases will continue to stimulate gastric secretion

Rx: (1) Control of gastric hypersecretion: (a) H₂-receptor antagonist: cimetidine, ranitidine, famotidine (b) Hydrogen-potassium adenosine triphosphatase inhibitor (omeprazole) (2) Resection of [gastrinoma](#) if found (because of malignant potential) (3) Total gastrectomy

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RENAL FAILURE

=reduction in renal function • rise in serum creatinine >2.5 mg/dL

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Acute Renal Failure = clinical condition associated with rapid steadily increasing azotemia ± oliguria (<500 mL urine per day) over days / weeks *Etiology:*

A. PRERENAL = renal hypoperfusion secondary to systemic illness
1. Fluid + electrolyte depletion
2. Hemorrhage
3. Hepatic failure + hepatorenal syndrome
4. Abnormally elevated resistive index
5. Cardiac failure
6. Sepsis
7. Resistive index <0.75 in 80% of kidneys
B. RENAL (most common)
1. **Acute tubular necrosis**: ischemia, nephrotoxins, radiographic contrast, hemoglobinuria, myoglobinuria, **myocardial infarction**, burns
2. Resistive index ≥ 0.75 in 91% of kidneys
3. Acute glomerulonephritis + small vessel disease: acute poststreptococcal glomerulonephritis, rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis, lupus, **polyarteritis nodosa**, Schönlein-Henoch purpura, subacute **bacterial endocarditis**, serum sickness, **Goodpasture syndrome**, malignant hypertension, hemolytic uremic syndrome, drug-related **vasculitis**, abruptio placentae
4. Normal resistive index <0.70
5. Acute tubulointerstitial nephritis: drug reaction, **pyelonephritis**, **papillary necrosis**
6. Abnormal resistive index
7. Intrarenal precipitation (**hypercalcemia**, urate, myeloma protein)
8. Arterial / venous obstruction
9. Cortical necrosis
C. POSTRENAL (5%) = result of outflow obstruction (rare)
1. Prostatism
2. Tumors of bladder, retroperitoneum, pelvis
3. Calculus
4. **hydronephrosis**
D. CONGENITAL: bilateral **renal agenesis** / dysplasia / infantile polycystic kidney disease, congenital nephrotic syndrome, congenital nephritis, perinatal hypoxia
Incidence: ATN + prerenal disease account for 75% of acute **renal failure**

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Chronic Renal Failure =decrease in renal function over months / years *Incidence*: end-stage renal disease in 0.01% of U.S. population; 85,000 patients/year undergo hemodialysis; 8,000 renal transplantations/year *Etiology*: A. INFLAMMATION / INFECTION 1. Glomerulonephritis 2. Chronic pyelonephritis 3. Tuberculosis 4. Sarcoidosis B. VASCULAR 1. Renal vascular disease 2. Bilateral renal vein thrombosis C. DYSPROTEINEMIA 1. Myeloma 2. Amyloid 3. Cryoglobulinemia 4. Waldenström macroglobulinemia D. METABOLIC 1. Diabetes 2. Gout 3. Hypercalcemia 4. Hyperoxaluria 5. Cystinosis 6. Fabry disease E. CONGENITAL 1. Polycystic kidney disease 2. Multicystic dysplastic kidney 3. Medullary cystic disease 4. Alport syndrome 5. Infantile nephrotic syndrome F. MISCELLANEOUS 1. Hepatorenal syndrome 2. Radiation

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Musculoskeletal Manifestations Of CRF 1. [Renal osteodystrophy](#) = combination of 2° HPT, [osteoporosis](#), osteosclerosis, [osteomalacia](#), soft-tissue and vascular calcifications 2. Aluminum toxicity (1-30%) Cause: ingestion of aluminum salts phosphate-binding antacids (to control hyperphosphatemia) • aluminum serum level >100 ng/mL ✓ signs of [osteomalacia](#) (>3 insufficiency fractures with predominant involvement of ribs) ✓ [avascular necrosis](#) ✓ lack of osteosclerosis ✓ less evidence of subperiosteal resorption 3. Amyloid deposition Path: amyloid consists of b₂-microglobulin Organs: bone, tenosynovium ([carpal tunnel syndrome](#)), vertebral disk, articular cartilage + capsule, ligament, muscle 4. Destructive spondyloarthropathy (15%) ✓ disc/vertebral junction erosion + sclerosis ✓ vertebral body compression ✓ disk space narrowing ✓ [Schmorl node](#) formation ✓ lack of osteophytosis ✓ facet involvement with subluxation 5. Tendon rupture 6. Crystal deposition disease Type: [calcium](#) hydroxyapatite, CPPD, [calcium](#) oxalate, monosodium urate 7. Osteomyelitis + [septic arthritis](#) 8. [Avascular necrosis](#) (in up to 40%)

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DIABETES INSIPIDUS

A. Hypothalamic Diabetes Insipidus=vasopressin production is reduced to <10% Cause: (a) idiopathic (27%) rare familial (autosomal dominant X-linked) / sporadic disorder *Histo*: atrophic supraoptic nucleus ■ never associated with anterior pituitary dysfunction (b) pituitary destruction by tumor / infiltrative disorder (32%): in childhood: hypothalamic [glioma](#), tuber cinereum hamartoma, [craniopharyngioma](#), histiocytosis, germinoma, [leukemia](#), complication of [meningitis](#) in adulthood: [sarcoidosis](#), metastasis ■ in 60% associated with anterior pituitary dysfunction (c) pituitary destruction by surgery (20%) ■ always associated with anterior pituitary dysfunction (d) head injury (17%) ■ in 20% associated with anterior pituitary dysfunction A lesion in the posterior pituitary will NOT produce diabetes insipidus, because it is just the storage space for vasopressin! B. Psychogenic Water Intoxication=compulsive intake of large amounts of fluid, which leads to inhibition of normal vasopressin production ■ water deprivation test C. Primary [Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus](#)=rare sex-linked recessive genetic disorder with unresponsiveness of tubules + collecting system to vasopressin (in infants + young males) D. Secondary [Nephrogenic Diabetes Insipidus](#) Cause: drug toxicity, [analgesic nephropathy](#), sickle cell anemia, hypokalemia, [hypercalcemia](#), chronic uremic nephropathy, postobstructive uropathy, [reflux nephropathy](#), [amyloidosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#)

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ABNORMAL TUBULAR FUNCTION

A. PROXIMAL TUBULE reabsorbs almost all of glucose, amino acids, phosphate, bicarbonate • glycosuria (Toni-Fanconi syndrome) • aminoaciduria (cystinuria) • phosphaturia (phosphate diabetes, thiazides) • HCO_3^- wasting ([proximal renal tubular acidosis](#)) B. DISTAL TUBULE absorbs most of water • [diabetes insipidus](#), secretes H^+ • [distal renal tubular acidosis](#)

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ARTERIAL HYPOTENSION

Cause: intrarenal [hypovolemia](#), primary vasoconstriction, reduced glomerular filtration, depletion of intratubular urine volume! May occur as a contrast reaction! Urogram reverts to normal after reversion of hypotension! √ bilateral small smooth kidneys (compared with size on preliminary films) √ increasingly dense nephrogram √ usually NO opacification of collecting system √ initially opacification of collecting system if hypotension occurs during contrast injection

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HYPERCALCEMIA

mnemonic: "SHAMPOO DIRT" **S**arcoidosis **H**yperparathyroidism, **H**yperthyroidism **A**lkali-milk syndrome **M**etastases, **M**yeloma **P**aget disease **O**steogenesis imperfecta **O**steopetrosis **D** vitamin intoxication **I**mmobility **R**enal tubular acidosis **T**hiazides

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POLYCYTHEMIA

Cause: increased level of erythropoietin (acting on erythroid stem cells) secondary to a decrease in pO_2 ; erythropoietin precursor is produced in juxtaglomerular epitheloid cells of kidney + converted in blood. A. RENAL (a) intrarenal 1. Vascular impairment 2. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) (5%) 3. [Wilms tumor](#) 4. Benign fibroma 5. Simple cyst (14%) 6. Polycystic kidney disease (b) postrenal 1. Obstructive uropathy (14%) B. EXTRARENAL (a) liver disease 1. Hepatoma 2. Regenerating hepatic cells (b) adrenal disease 1. [Pheochromocytoma](#) 2. Aldosteronoma 3. Cushing disease C. CNS DISEASE 1. Cerebellar hemangioblastoma D. Large uterine myomas NOT in: [renal vein thrombosis](#), [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), [medullary sponge kidney](#)

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URINARY TRACT INFECTION

=pure growths of >100,000 organisms/mL urine
Prevalence: 3% of girls + 1% of boys during first 10 years of life
Underlying radiologic abnormality: 1. Vesicoureteral reflux = VUR (30-40%)
2. Obstructive uropathy (8%)
3. [Reflux nephropathy](#) / scar formation (6%)
†The prevalence of an underlying radiologic abnormality depends on age, sex, and frequency of previous infections!
Imaging objective: 1. Identify patients at risk for [reflux nephropathy](#)
2. Detect [reflux nephropathy](#) / scars
3. Detect obstructive uropathy
4. Minimize radiation, morbidity, and cost
VCUG: for children <5 years of age with infection; normal results in 60-70%
Renal cortical scintigraphy (DMSA / glucoheptonate): to detect [acute pyelonephritis](#) (risk for scarring) / scar; with VUR there is twice the risk of cortical defects than without VUR

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WETTING

1. Enuresis

=manifestation of neuromuscular vesicourethral immaturity; M:F = 3:2 ■ intermittent wetting, usually at night during sleep ■ often positive history of enuresis from one parent ■ normal physical examination ✓ no structural abnormality; urography NOT indicated 2. **Epispadia** =incomplete fusion of infravesical portion of urinary tract ■ urinary [incontinence](#) from incompetent bladder neck / urethral sphincter ✓ abnormally wide symphysis pubis (>1 cm) 3. [Sacral agenesis](#)=segmental defect (below S2) with deficiency of nerves that innervate bladder, urethra, rectum, feet ✓ Children of diabetic mothers are affected in 17%! 4. **Extravesical infrasphincteric ectopic ureter**

only affects girls as boys do NOT have infrasphincteric ureteral orifices (a)ureter draining upper pole of duplex system exits below urethral sphincter (90%)(b)ureter draining single system with ectopic extravesical orifice (10%) 5. **Synechia vulvae**

=adhesive fusion of minor labia directs urine primarily into vagina from where it dribbles out post micturition 6. **Vaginal reflux** in obese older girls with fat thighs and fat labia 7. Miscellaneous [posterior urethral valves](#), urethral stricture, urethral diverticula

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MALE INFERTILITY

A. CONGENITAL (a) Wolffian duct anomalies 1. [Renal agenesis](#) / atrophy 2. Vas deferens agenesis / cyst 3. Seminal vesicle agenesis / cyst 4. Ejaculatory duct cyst (b) Müllerian duct anomalies 1. Müllerian duct cyst 2. Utricle cyst B. ACQUIRED 1. Cowper duct cyst 2. Prostatic cyst in peripheral zone C. INFECTIOUS 1. Prostatitis D. HORMONAL ■ semen low in volume, acid pH, without fructose 1. Seminal vesicle atrophy = seminal vesicles <7 mm in width 2. Seminal vesicle hypoplasia = seminal vesicles <11 mm + >7 mm in width

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ABNORMAL GAS IN URINARY TRACT

A. Renal [emphysema](#) = renal / perirenal gas1. [Emphysematous pyelonephritis](#)2. [Emphysematous pyelitis](#)3. Gasforming [perinephric abscess](#)4. Perinephric [emphysema](#)B. Bladder1. Emphysematous [cystitis](#)C. Trauma1. Penetrating trauma2. Ureterosigmoidostomy, ileal conduit, catheterization with vesicoureteral reflux, percutaneous procedureCAVE: anomalous posterior position of colon3. Infarction of renal carcinoma (therapeutic / spontaneous)D. Fistula to urinary tractConnection: bronchus / cutis / GI tract (colon > duodenum > stomach > small bowel > appendix)1. Inflammation: chronic purulent renal infection, diverticulitis, [Crohn disease](#)2. Neoplastic: colonic carcinoma

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Absent Renal Outline On Plain Film A.ABSENT KIDNEY1.Congenital absence2.S/P nephrectomyB.SMALL KIDNEY1.Renal hypoplasia2.Renal atrophyC.[RENAL ECTOPIA](#)1.Pelvic kidney2.Crossed fused ectopia3.Intrathoracic kidneyD.OBLITERATION OF PERIRENAL FAT1.Perirenal abscess2.Perirenal hematoma3.Renal tumors

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Unilateral Large Smooth Kidney A. PRERENAL (a) arterial: acute arterial infarction (b) venous: [acute renal vein thrombosis](#) B. INTRARENAL (a) congenital: duplicated pelvicaliceal system, crossed fused ectopia, [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), adult polycystic kidney (in 8% unilateral) (b) infectious: acute bacterial nephritis (c) adaptation: compensatory hypertrophy C. POSTRENAL (a) collecting system: obstructive uropathy *mnemonic: "AROMA"* Acute [pyelonephritis](#) Renal vein thrombosis **Obstructive uropathy** **Miscellaneous** (compensatory hypertrophy, duplication) **Arterial obstruction** (infarction)

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Bilateral Large Kidneys Average renal length by x-ray: M = 13 cm; F = 12.5 cm
1. PROTEIN DEPOSITION [amyloidosis](#), [multiple myeloma](#)
2. INTERSTITIAL FLUID ACCUMULATION [acute tubular necrosis](#), [acute cortical necrosis](#), acute arterial infarction, [renal vein thrombosis](#)
3. CELLULAR INFILTRATION (a) Inflammatory cells: [acute interstitial nephritis](#), acute bacterial nephritis (b) Malignant cells: [leukemia](#) / [lymphoma](#)
4. PROLIFERATIVE / NECROTIZING DISORDERS (a) Glomerulonephritis (GN) acute (poststreptococcal) GN, rapidly progressive GN, idiopathic membranous GN, membrano-proliferative GN, lobular GN, IgA nephropathy, glomerulosclerosis, glomerulosclerosis related to heroin abuse (b) Multisystem disease [polyarteritis nodosa](#), [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), [Wegener granulomatosis](#), allergic angitis, diabetic glomerulosclerosis, [Goodpasture syndrome](#) (lung hemorrhage + glomerulonephritis), Schönlein-Henoch syndrome (anaphylactoid purpura), thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, focal glomerulonephritis associated with subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#)
5. URINE OUTFLOW OBSTRUCTION bilateral [hydronephrosis](#): congenital / acquired
6. HORMONAL STIMULUS [acromegaly](#), compensatory hypertrophy, nephromegaly associated with [cirrhosis](#) / hyperalimentation / [diabetes mellitus](#)
7. DEVELOPMENTAL bilateral duplication system, [horseshoe kidney](#), polycystic kidney disease
8. MISCELLANEOUS acute urate nephropathy, [glycogen storage disease](#), [hemophilia](#), [sickle cell disease](#), Fabry disease, physiologic response to contrast material and diuretics *mnemonic:* "FOG P" Fluid:= edema of kidney (ATN, [acute cortical necrosis](#))
Other: [leukemia](#), [acromegaly](#), sickle cell anemia, bilateral duplication, acute urate nephropathy
Glomerular disease: acute GN, lupus, [polyarteritis nodosa](#), [diabetes mellitus](#)
Protein deposition: [multiple myeloma](#), [amyloidosis](#)

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Bilateral Small Kidneys A. PRERENAL = VASCULAR 1. [Arterial hypotension](#) (acute) 2. Generalized arteriosclerosis 3. Atheroembolic disease 4. Benign & malignant nephrosclerosis B. INTRARENAL 1. Hereditary nephropathies: [medullary cystic disease](#), [hereditary chronic nephritis](#) (Alport syndrome) 2. [Chronic glomerulonephritis](#) 3. [Amyloidosis](#) (late) C. POSTRENAL 1. [Papillary necrosis](#) D. CAUSES OF UNILATERAL SMALL KIDNEY occurring bilaterally *mnemonic*: "CAPE HANA" **C**hronic glomerulonephritis **A**rteriosclerosis **P**apillary necrosis **E**mbolic disease (secondary to atherosclerosis) **H**ypotension **A**lport syndrome **N**ephrosclerosis **A**myloidosis (late)

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Increased Echogenicity Of Renal Cortex =RENAL MEDICAL DISEASE = diffuse increase in cortical echogenicity with preservation of corticomedullary junction
*Path:*deposition of collagen / [calcium](#) in interstitial, glomerular, tubular, vascular disease¹ echointensity of cortex greater than liver / [spleen](#) ± equal to renal sinus¹ renal size may be normal; enlarged kidneys suggest active stage of renal disease; small kidneys suggest chronic + often end-stage renal disease 1.Acute / [chronic glomerulonephritis](#)2.[Renal transplant](#) rejection3.Lupus nephritis4.Hypertensive nephrosclerosis5.Renal cortical necrosis6.Methemoglobinuric [renal failure](#)7.Alport syndrome8.[Amyloidosis](#)9.Diabetic nephrosclerosis10.Nephrotoxin-induced [acute tubular necrosis](#)11.End-stage renal disease

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Hyperechoic Renal Pyramids In Children
A. NEPHROCALCINOSIS(a)iatrogenic (most common cause):furosemide (Rx for BPD), vitamin D (Rx for hypophosphatemic rickets) (b)noniatrogenic:1. Idiopathic hypercalcemia2. Williams syndrome3. Absorptive hypercalcemia4. Hyperparathyroidism5. Milk-alkali syndrome6. Kenny-Caffey syndrome7. Distal renal tubular acidosis8. Malignant tumors9. Chronic glomerulonephritis10. Sjögren syndrome (distal RTA)11. Sarcoidosis
B. METABOLIC DISEASE1. Gout2. Lesch-Nyhan syndrome (urate)3. Fanconi syndrome4. Glycogen storage disease (distal RTA)5. Wilson disease (distal RTA)6. Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency7. Tyrosinemia8. Cystinosis9. Oxalosis10. Crohn disease
C. HYPOKALEMIA1. Primary aldosteronism2. Pseudo-Bartter syndrome
D. PROTEIN DEPOSITS1. Infant dehydration with presumed Tamm-Horsfall proteinuria2. Toxic shock syndrome
E. VASCULAR CONGESTION1. Sickle cell anemia
F. INFECTION1. Candida / CMV nephritis2. AIDS-associated Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare
G. FIBROSIS OF RENAL PYRAMID
H. CYSTIC MEDULLARY DISEASE1. Medullary sponge kidney2. Congenital hepatic fibrosis with tubular ectasia
I. INTRARENAL REFLUX1. Chronic pyelonephritis

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Iron Accumulation In Kidney A.RENAL CORTEX1.Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria(= intravascular extrasplenic hemolysis) 2.Sickle cell anemiaB.RENAL MEDULLA1.Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (uncommon viral illness caused by Hanta virus)Triad:(1)renal medullary hemorrhage(2)right atrial hemorrhage(3)necrosis of anterior pituitary

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Depression Of Renal Margins 1.Fetal lobation✓ notching between normal calices2.Splenic impression✓ flattened upper outer margin of left kidney3.Chronic atrophic pyelonephritis✓ indentation over clubbed calices4.Renal infarct✓ normal calices5.Chronic renal ischemia✓ normal calices

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Enlargement Of iliopsoas Compartment A.INFECTION(a)from retroperitoneal organs1.Renal infection2.Complicated [pancreatitis](#)3.Postoperative [aortic graft infection](#)(b)from spine1.Osteomyelitis / postoperative complication of bone surgery2.[Discitis](#) / postoperative complication from disk surgery(c)from GI tract1.[Crohn disease](#)2.[Appendicitis](#)(d)others1.[Pelvic inflammatory disease](#) / postpartum infection2.SepsisB.HEMORRHAGE1.Coagulopathy and anticoagulant therapy2.Ruptured [aortic aneurysm](#)3.Postoperative aneurysm repair / other surgery / traumaC.NEOPLASTIC DISEASE(a)Extrinsic1.[Lymphoma](#)2.Metastatic lymphadenopathy3.Bone metastases with soft-tissue involvement4.Retroperitoneal sarcoma(b)Intrinsic1.Muscle tumors2.Nervous system tumors3.[Lipoma](#) / [liposarcoma](#)D.MISCELLANEOUS1.Pseudoenlargement of psoas musclecompared to de facto atrophy of contralateral side in neuromuscular disease 2.[Fluid collections](#)[urinoma](#), lymphocele, [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), enlargement of iliopsoas bursa 3.Pelvic venous thrombosis[†] diffuse swelling of all muscles (edema)

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Bilateral Renal Masses A.MALIGNANT TUMOR1.Malignant [lymphoma](#) / [Hodgkin disease](#)2.Metastases3.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)4.[Wilms tumor](#)B.BENIGN TUMOR1.[Angiomyolipoma](#)2.[Nephroblastomatosis](#)C.CYSTS1.[Adult polycystic kidney disease](#)2.[Acquired cystic kidney disease](#)

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Renal Mass In Neonate A.UNILATERAL1.Multicyclic kidney (15%)2.[Hydronephrosis](#) (25%)(a)UPJ obstruction(b)upper moiety of duplication3.[Renal vein thrombosis](#)4.[Mesoblastic nephroma](#)5.Rare: [Wilms tumor](#), teratomaB.BILATERAL1.[Hydronephrosis](#)2.Polycystic kidney disease3.Multicyclic kidney + contralateral [hydronephrosis](#)4.[Nephroblastomatosis](#)5.Bilateral multicystic kidney

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Renal Mass In Older Child A. SINGLE MASS1. [Wilms tumor](#)2. Multilocular cystic nephroma3. [Focal hydronephrosis](#)4. Traumatic cyst, abscess5. [Renal cell carcinoma](#)6. Malignant rhabdoid tumor7. Teratoma8. [Clear cell sarcoma of kidney](#)9. Intrarenal [neuroblastoma](#)B. MULTIPLE MASSES1. [Nephroblastomatosis](#)2. Multiple Wilms tumors3. [Angiomyolipoma](#)4. [Lymphoma](#)5. [Leukemia](#)6. Adult polycystic kidney disease7. Abscesses

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Growth Pattern Of Renal Tumors In Adults A.EXPANSILE GROWTH1.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)2.[Oncocytoma](#)3.[Angiomyolipoma](#)4.[Juxtglomerular tumor](#)5.Metastatic tumor (eg, [lymphoma](#))6.Mesenchymal tumorB.INFILTRATIVE GROWTH1.[Lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#)2.Invasive [transitional cell carcinoma](#)3.Metastatic tumor4.[Renal cell carcinoma](#) (unusual)5.Xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#)

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Local Bulge In Renal Contour A.CYST1.Simple renal cystB.TUMOR1.Adenocarcinoma2.[Angiomyolipoma](#)3.PseudotumorC.INFECTION1.Subcapsular abscess2.XGPD.TRAUMA1.Subcapsular hematomaE.DILATED COLLECTING SYSTEM

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Unilateral Renal Mass Solid Renal Mass A. TUMORS (a) primary malignant: adenocarcinoma (83%), chromophobe carcinoma (4%), papillary neoplasm (14%), renal collecting duct carcinoma = Bellini duct carcinoma (1%), [transitional cell carcinoma](#) (8%), renal neuroendocrine tumors ([carcinoid](#), small cell carcinoma), [Wilms tumor](#) (6%), renal sarcoma (2%) in *horseshoe kidney*: adenocarcinoma (45%), [Wilms tumor](#) (28%), [transitional cell carcinoma](#) (20%) (b) secondary malignant: malignant [lymphoma](#) / [Hodgkin disease](#), metastases, invasive [transitional cell carcinoma](#) (c) benign: adenoma, [oncocytoma](#), hamartoma ([mesoblastic nephroma](#), [angiomyolipoma](#), myolipoma, [lipoma](#), [leiomyoma](#), fibroma), [hemangioma](#) B. INFLAMMATORY MASSES acute focal bacterial nephritis, [renal abscess](#), xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#), [malacoplakia](#), tuberculoma **Fluid-filled Mass** A. CYSTS 1. Simple renal cyst 2. Inherited cystic disease: [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) disease (Potter type II), multilocular cystic nephroma 3. [Focal hydronephrosis](#) B. VASCULAR 1. [Arteriovenous malformation](#) 2. [Arteriovenous fistula](#) = single dilated artery + vein ↑ tortuous varices over time ↑ enlargement of renal vein Cx: [hydronephrosis](#) ↓ Lesions <1 cm often cannot be clearly characterized ↓ Lesions 1-1.5 cm can often be ignored, particularly in elderly / patients with significant other disease

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Avascular Mass In Kidney *mnemonic:*"CHEAT"**C**yst **H**ematoma **E**dema **A**bscess **T**umor

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Hyperechoic Renal Nodule A. MALIGNANT TUMOR 1. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) 2. [Angiosarcoma](#) 3. [Liposarcoma](#) 4. Undifferentiated sarcoma 5. [Lymphoma](#) B. BENIGN TUMOR 1. [Angiomyolipoma](#) 2. [Lipoma](#) 3. [Oncocytoma](#) 4. Cavernous [hemangioma](#) C. INFARCTD. HEMATOMA

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Hyperattenuating Renal Mass On NECT A.BENIGN1.Complicated benign cyst: hemorrhagic, protein-rich, gelatinous2.[Leiomyoma](#)3.[Angiomyolipoma](#) (rare)4.Thrombosed renal veinB.MALIGNANT1.Metastasis from [thyroid carcinoma](#)2.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)

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Low-density Retroperitoneal Mass 1.[Lipoma](#) sharply marginated, homogeneously fatty mass 2.[Lymphangioma](#) similar to [lipoma](#) if enough fat content 3. Adrenal [myelolipoma](#) density between fat + water usually nonhomogeneous, occasionally with hemorrhage ± calcifications 4. Renal [angiomyolipoma](#) intrarenal component hypervascular with large feeding arteries, multiple aneurysms, lacking without shunting, tortuous circumferential vessels, whorled parenchymal + venous phase 5. Xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#) nonfunctioning kidney replaced by low-density material + central staghorn calculus 6. Metastatic retroperitoneal tumors 7. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) 8. [Fibrosarcoma](#), fibrous histiocytoma, mesenchymal sarcoma, malignant teratoma density close to muscle 9. [Liposarcoma](#)

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Focal Area Of Increased Renal Echogenicity A.NONNEOPLASTIC1.[Chronic renal infarction](#)2.Acute focal bacterial nephritisB.BENIGN TUMOR1.[Angiomyolipoma](#)2.Cavernous renal [hemangioma](#)3.[Oncocytoma](#)C.MALIGNANCY1.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)2.[Angiosarcoma](#)3.Undifferentiated sarcoma4.Metastasis

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Fat-containing Renal Mass 1.[Angiomyolipoma](#)2.[Lipoma](#), [liposarcoma](#)3.Teratoma4.[Wilms tumor](#)5.Xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#)6.[Oncocytoma](#) engulfing renal sinus fat7.[Renal cell carcinoma](#)(a)invasion of perirenal fat(b)intratumoral metaplasia into fatty marrow (in 32% if RCCs <3 cm)

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Renal Sinus Mass A.TUMORS1.[Transitional cell carcinoma](#)2.[Lymphoma](#)3.Metastasis to sinus lymph nodes4.Mesenchymal tumor: [lipoma](#), fibroma, myoma, [hemangioma](#)5.Plasmacytoma6.Myeloid metaplasiaB.MISCELLANEOUS1.[Sinus lipomatosis](#)2.Parapelvic cyst3.Saccular aneurysm4.[Urinoma](#) **Hypoechoic Renal Sinus** A.SOLID1.Fibrolipomatosis2.Column of Bertin3.Duplex kidney4.TCC / RCCB.CYSTIC1.Renal sinus cysts2.Caliectasis3.Dilated veins, varix4.Aneurysm, [arteriovenous malformation](#)

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Renal Pseudotumor = anomalies of lobar anatomy that may simulate a tumor A. PRIMARY 1. **Large column of Bertin**

= large septum / cloison of Bertin = large cloison = focal cortical hyperplasia = benign cortical rest = focal renal hypertrophy = persistence of normal septal cortex / excessive infolding of cortex usually in the presence of partial or [complete duplication](#) Location: between upper and interpolar portion ✓ mass <3 cm in largest diameter ✓ lateral indentation of renal sinus ✓ "deformation" of adjacent calices + infundibula ✓ mass continuous with renal cortex ✓ enhancement pattern like renal cortex ✓ echogenicity similar to cortex 2. **Dromedary hump**

= subcapsular nodule = splenic bump = secondary to prolonged pressure by [spleen](#) during fetal development Location: in mid portion of lateral border of left kidney ✓ triangular contour + elongation of middle calyx ✓ enhancement pattern like renal cortex 3. **Hilar lip**

= supra- / infra-hilar bulge = medial part of kidney above / below sinus Location: most frequently medial to left kidney just above renal pelvis (on transaxial scan) ✓ enhancement pattern like cortex with medulla 4. **Fetal lobation**

= persistent cortical lobation = ren lobatus 14 individual [lobes](#) with centrilobar cortex located around calices 5. **Lobar dysmorphism**
complete diminutive lobe situated deep within renal substance with its own diminutive calyx in its central portion = calyx of nonresorbed normal junctional parenchyma between upper + lower subkidneys B. ACQUIRED 1. **Nodular compensatory hypertrophy**

areas of unaffected tissue in the presence of focal renal scarring from chronic atrophic [pyelonephritis](#) (= [reflux nephropathy](#)), surgery, trauma, infarction; ✓ hypertrophy usually evident within 2 months; less likely to occur > age 50 Ddx: [accessory spleen](#), medial lobule of [spleen](#), [splenosis](#), normal / abnormal bowel, pancreatic disease, gallbladder, adrenal abnormalities Dx: static radionuclide imaging / renal arteriography / CT

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Potter Classification =POTTER SYNDROME=any renal condition associated with severe [oligohydramnios](#) ■ peculiar facies with wide-set eyes, parrot-beak nose, pliable low-set ears, receding chinTypeI:infantile PCKDTypeII:[multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) disease, multilocular cystic nephromaIIa:kidneys of normal / increased sizeIIb:kidneys reduced in sizeTypeIII:adult PCKD, [tuberous sclerosis](#), [medullary sponge kidney](#)TypeIV:small cortical cysts / cystic dysplasia secondary to [ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#)

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Renal Cystic Disease A. SIMPLE RENAL CYST1. Intrarenal2. ParapelvicB. POLYCYSTIC RENAL DISEASE1. Adult PCKD2. Infantile PCKD3. Glomerulocystic kidney disease=congenital disease with extremely variable presentation + prognosis*Path*:cysts within Bowman capsule ± tubular cysts¹/ multiple macroscopic cortical cystsC. CYSTIC MEDULLARY DISEASE1. Uremic [medullary cystic disease](#)2. Juvenile nephrophthisis3. [Medullary sponge kidney](#)D. RENAL DYSPLASIA1. [Multicystic dysplastic kidney](#)2. Segmental / focal renal dysplasia3. Familial renal dysplasiaE. NEUROCUTANEOUS DYSPLASIA 1. [Tuberous sclerosis](#)2. Von Hippel-Lindau syndromeF. CYSTIC TUMORS1. Multilocular cystic nephroma2. Cystic [Wilms tumor](#)3. [Cystic renal cell carcinoma](#)G. ACQUIRED RENAL CYSTIC DISEASE1. Acquired cystic disease of uremia2. Infectious cysts (TB, Echinococcus, abscess)3. Medullary necrosis4. Pyelogenic cyst

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Syndromes With Multiple Cortical Renal Cysts 1.Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome2.[Tuberous sclerosis](#)3.[Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#)4.[Zellweger syndrome](#) = cerebrohepatorenal syndrome5.Jeune syndrome6.Conradi syndrome = [chondrodysplasia punctata](#)7.Oro-facial-digital syndrome8.[Trisomy 13](#)9.[Turner syndrome](#)10.[Dandy-Walker malformation](#)

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Multiloculated Renal Mass A.NEOPLASTIC DISEASE1.[Cystic renal cell carcinoma](#)2.[Multilocular cystic renal tumor](#)(a)cystic nephroma(b)cystic partially differentiated nephroblastoma3.Cystic [Wilms tumor](#)4.Necrotic tumor(a)[mesoblastic nephroma](#)(b)clear cell sarcomaB.[RENAL CYSTIC DISEASE](#)1.Localized [renal cystic disease](#)2.Septated cyst3.[Multicystic dysplastic kidney](#)3.Segmental multicystic dysplasia4.Complicated cystC.[INFLAMMATORY DISEASE](#)1.Echinococcus2.Segmental XGP3.Abscess4.[Malacoplakia](#)D.[VASCULAR LESIONS](#)1.AV fistula2.Organizing hematoma

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Normal Nephrographic Phases

1. Vascular phase (= cortical arteriogram)=contrast material visible in interlobular arteries + glomeruli
Timing after IV injection:10-15 sec (arm-to-kidney circulation time)
Duration:transient vascular phase of <0.5 sec
2. Cortical phase (= cortical nephrogram)=contrast medium in cortical capillaries + peritubular spaces + cortical tubular lumina
Timing after IV injection:20-45 sec
Timing after intraarterial injection:2-3 sec
CT: ✓ exclusive renal cortical enhancement
3. Parenchymal phase (= generalized / tubular nephrogram)=contrast material within loops of Henle + collecting tubules
Timing after IV injection:1-2 min (maximum) ✓ enhancement of both cortex and medulla
4. Excretory phase
Timing after IV injection:beginning at 2-3 min

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Absence Of Nephrogram *Global Absence Of Nephrogram Pathophysiology:* complete renal ischemia secondary to occlusion of main renal artery1. Injury to vascular pedicle during blunt abdominal trauma2. Thromboembolic disease3. Renal artery dissection: spontaneous, traumatic, iatrogenic **Segmental Absence Of Nephrogram**
A. SPACE-OCCUPYING PROCESS1. Neoplasm2. Cyst3. AbscessB. FOCAL [RENAL INFARCTION](#)1. Arterial embolus / thrombosis2. [Vasculitis](#), collagen-vascular disease3. Sickle cell anemia4. Septic shock5. [Renal vein thrombosis](#)

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Rim Nephrogram =rim of cortex receiving collateral blood flow from capsular, peripelvic, and periureteric vessels. Most specific indicator of renovascular compromise!
✓ 2-4 mm peripheral band of cortical opacification
Cause: 1. Acute total main renal artery occlusion: seen in 50% of cases with [renal infarction](#) 2. [Renal vein thrombosis](#) 3. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) 4. Severe chronic urinary obstruction
DDx: severe [hydronephrosis](#) (rim/shell nephrogram surrounding dilated calices)

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Unilateral Delayed Nephrogram A.OBSTRUCTIVE UROPATHYB.REDUCTION IN RENAL BLOODFLOW1.[Renal artery stenosis](#)2.[Renal vein thrombosis](#)

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Striated Nephrogram =stasis of contrast material in dilated collecting ducts on background of edematous renal parenchyma^v fine linear bands of alternating lucency + density parallel to axis of tubules + collecting ductsA.UNILATERAL1.Acute ureteric obstruction2.Acute bacterial nephritis / [pyelonephritis](#)3.Renal contusion4.[Renal vein thrombosis](#)B.BILATERAL1.[Acute pyelonephritis](#)2.Intratubular obstruction: Tamm-Horsfall proteinuria, rhabdomyolysis with myoglobinuria3.Systemic hypotension4.Autosomal recessive PCKD5.[Medullary sponge kidney](#)6.[Medullary cystic disease mnemonic](#)"CHOIR BOY"**C**ontusion **H**ypotension (systemic) **O**bstruction (ureteral) **I**natubular obstruction **R**enal vein thrombosis **B**acterial nephritis (acute) **O**bstruction (ureteral) - it is so common! **Y**es, also cystic diseases: infantile PCKD, [medullary cystic disease](#), [medullary sponge kidney](#)

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Persistent Nephrogram A.BILATERAL GLOBAL1.Systemic hypotension2.Intratubular obstruction from protein: Tamm-Horsfall, Bence-Jones, myoglobin3.Tubular damage by contrast materialB.UNILATERAL GLOBAL1.[Renal artery stenosis](#)2.[Renal vein thrombosis](#)3.Urinary tract obstructionC.SEGMENTAL1.Obstructed moiety of duplicated collecting system2.Obstructing renal calculus3.Obstructing neoplasm4.Focal stricture5.Focal parenchymal disease: tubulointerstitial infection

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Abnormal Nephrogram Due To Impaired Perfusion A. SYSTEMIC HYPOTENSIVE REACTION as reaction to contrast material / cardiac failure / dehydration / shock
Pathophysiology: drop in perfusion pressure after contrast reaches kidney leads to increased salt + water reabsorption and slowed tubular transit ✓ prolonged bilateral dense nephrograms = persistent increasing nephrogram ✓ decrease in renal size ✓ loss of pyelogram after initial opacification NUC (use of glomerular filtration agent [eg, [Tc-99m DTPA](#)] preferred) ✓ prolonged cortical transit + reduced [excretion](#) B. [RENAL ARTERY STENOSIS](#) ✓ decreased nephrographic opacity + [rim nephrogram](#) ✓ hyperconcentration in collecting system ✓ ureteral notching NUC (glomerular filtration agent [eg, [Tc-99m DTPA](#)] preferred): ✓ decreased perfusion with prolonged excretory phase C. IMPAIRED PERFUSION OF SMALL ARTERIES *Trueta shunting* = transient rerouting of blood flow from cortex to medulla *Cause:* (a) reflex spasm during arterial [angiography](#) secondary to catheter trauma / pressure injection of highly concentrated contrast medium (b) chronic renal disorders (collagen vascular disease, malignant nephrosclerosis, [chronic glomerulonephritis](#)) (c) necrotizing [vasculitis](#) ([polyarteritis nodosa](#), scleroderma, hypertensive nephrosclerosis) CT, Angio: ✓ inhomogeneous opacification of cortex IVP: ✓ irregular cortical nephrogram = spotted nephrogram D. ACUTE VENOUS OUTFLOW OBSTRUCTION in [renal vein thrombosis](#) ✓ obstructive nephrogram ✓ progressive increase in opacity of entire kidney

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Abnormal Nephrogram Due To Impaired Tubular Transit Cause: A. EXTRARENAL: ureteric obstruction (eg, stone) ∇ obstructive nephrogram NUC: before decrease in renal function use of glomerular filtration agent (eg, [Tc-99m DTPA](#)); with decrease in renal function use of plasma flow agents (eg, Tc-99m MAG3 / I-123 Hippuran) preferred ∇ continuous increase in renal activity ∇ dilatation of collecting system B. INTRARENAL (a) segmental: limb of duplication system, caliceal obstruction, interstitial edema ∇ segmental nephrogram (b) protein precipitation: Tamm-Horsfall protein (a normal mucoprotein product of proximal nephrons), Bence Jones protein ([multiple myeloma](#)), uric acid precipitation (acute urate nephropathy), myoglobinuria, hyperproteinuric state ∇ [striated nephrogram](#) NUC: before decrease in renal function use of glomerular filtration agent (eg, [Tc-99m DTPA](#)); with decrease in renal function use of plasma flow agents (eg, Tc-99m MAG3 / I-123 Hippuran) preferred ∇ prolonged cortical transit time + prolonged excretory phase

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Abnormal Nephrogram Due To Abnormal Tubular Function 1. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) ^V: immediate [persistent nephrogram](#) (common) ^V: progressive increasing opacity (rare) 2. Contrast-induced [renal failure](#) **Striated Angiographic Nephrogram** = random patchy densities reflecting redistribution of blood flow from the cortical vasculature to the vasa recta of the medulla 1. Obliterative diseases of the renal microvasculature: [polyarteritis nodosa](#), scleroderma, necrotizing angiitis, catheter-induced vasospasm 2. Acute bacterial nephritis 3. [Renal vein thrombosis](#) **Increasingly Dense Nephrogram** = initially faint nephrogram becoming increasingly dense over hours to days **Mechanism:** (a) diminished plasma clearance of contrast material (b) leakage of contrast material into renal interstitial spaces (c) increase in tubular transit time **Cause:** A. VASCULAR = diminished perfusion 1. Systemic [arterial hypotension](#) (bilateral) 2. Severe main [renal artery stenosis](#) (unilateral) 3. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) (in 33%): due to contrast material nephrotoxicity 4. [Acute renal vein thrombosis](#) B. INTRARENAL 1. Acute glomerular disease C. COLLECTING SYSTEM 1. Intratubular obstruction (a) uric acid crystals (acute urate nephropathy) (b) precipitation of Bence Jones protein (myeloma nephropathy) (c) Tamm-Horsfall protein (severely dehydrated infants / children) 2. Acute extrarenal obstruction: ureteral calculus

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Vicarious Contrast Material Excretion During IVP =biliary contrast material detected radiographically following intravenous administration of contrast material/Normal contrast excretion: <2% of urographic dose of diatrizoates + iohalamates are handled by hepatobiliary excretion Pathophysiology: increase in protein binding due to prolonged intravascular contact + acidosis Cause: 1.Uremia (reduction in glomerular filtration + uremia-associated acidosis)2.Acute unilateral obstruction (increase in circulation time + transient intracellular acidosis)3.Spontaneous urinary extravasation (prolonged vascular contact of contrast material)

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Spontaneous Urinary Contrast Extravasation = SPONTANEOUS PYELORENAL BACKFLOW *Etiology*: physiologic "safety valve" for obstructed urinary tract with pressures of 80-100 mm Hg in collecting system due to ipsilateral ureteral obstruction from distal stone impaction; pressure is proportional to degree + duration of acute obstruction + dose of contrast material *Incidence*: 0.1-18%; M > F (male ureter less compliant) *Criteria*: (a) absence of recent ureteral instrumentation (b) absence of previous renal / ureteral surgery (c) absence of destructive urinary tract lesion (d) absence of external trauma (e) absence of external compression (f) absence of pressure necrosis due to stone *Types*: 1. Pyelotubular backflow = opacification of terminal portions of collecting ducts (= papillary ducts = ducts of Bellini) as a physiologic phenomenon (in 13% with low osmolality + in 0.4% with high osmolality contrast media), wrongly termed "backflow" ✓ wedge-shaped brushlike lines from calyx toward periphery 2. Pyelosinus backflow = contrast extravasation from ruptured fornices along infundibula, renal pelvis, proximal ureter; most common form Cx: [urinoma](#), retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#) 3. Pyelointerstitial backflow = contrast flow from pyramids into subcapsular tubules 4. Pyelolymphatic backflow = contrast extravasation into periforniceal + peripelvic lymphatics ✓ visualization of small lymphatics draining medially 5. Pyelovenous backflow = forniceal rupture into interlobar / arcuate veins; very rare

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Widened Collecting System & Ureter *Fetal pyelectasis*: AP diameter of renal pelvis <5 mm<20 weeks MA<8 mm20-30 weeks MA<10 mm>30 weeks
MAA.OBSTRUCTIVE UROPATHY1.Acute / chronic obstruction2.Obstructed upper pole moiety of duplicated systemB.NONOBSTRUCTIVE
WIDENING(a)congenital1.[Megacalycosis](#)underdevelopment of papillae, usually unilateral 2.Congenital primary [megaureter](#)widened ureter with normally tapered distal
end 3.Megacystis-[megaureter](#) syndrome4.Prune-belly syndrome(b)increased urine volume1.High-flow states: [diabetes insipidus](#), osmotic diuresis, dehydrated patient
undergoing rehydration, unilateral kidney2.Vesicoureteral reflux(c)atony of renal collecting system1.Infection: ie, [acute pyelonephritis](#)2.Pregnancy*Etiology*:? obstruction
by enlarged ovarian veins / uterus; progesterone-induced decrease in ureteral tone*Incidence*:3-4% of pregnant womenTime:at end of 1st trimester, maximal in 3rd
trimesterLocation:right (90%), left (67%); ureter widened only to pelvic brim*Prognosis*:resolution within a few weeks to 6 months after delivery3.Retroperitoneal
[fibrosis](#)(d)distended urinary bladder(e)previous long-standing significant obstruction:dilatation remains in spite of relief of obstruction

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Caliceal Abnormalities A. OPACIFICATION OF COLLECTING TUBULES 1. Pyelorenal backflow 2. [Medullary sponge kidney](#) B. PAPILLARY CAVITY 1. [Papillary necrosis](#) 2. Caliceal diverticulum 3. [Tuberculosis / brucellosis](#) C. LOCALIZED CALIECTASIS 1. [Reflux nephropathy](#) = chronic atrophic [pyelonephritis](#) 2. Compound calyx 3. Hydrocalyx 4. Congenital megacalyx 5. Localized postobstructive caliectasis 6. Localized [tuberculosis / papillary necrosis](#) D. GENERALIZED CALIECTASIS 1. Postobstructive atrophy 2. Congenital megacalices 3. Obstructive uropathy ([hydronephrosis](#)) 4. Nonobstructive [hydronephrosis](#) 5. [Diabetes insipidus](#)

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Filling Defect In Collecting System *mnemonic:* "6 C's & 2 P's" **C**lot **C**ancer **C**yst **C**alculus **C**andida + other fungi **C**ystitis cystica **P**olyp **P**apilla (sloughed) **Nonopaque**

Intraluminal Mass In Collecting System A. **NONOPAQUE CALCULUS** uric acid, xanthine, matrix ✓ smooth, rounded, not attached B. **TISSUE SLOUGH** 1. [Papillary necrosis](#) 2. [Cholesteatoma](#) 3. Fungus ball = conglomeration of fibrillar hyphae 4. Inspissated debris ("mucopus") C. **VASCULAR** 1. Blood clot: history of hematuria ✓ change in appearance over time D. **FOREIGN MATERIAL** 1. Air from bladder via reverse peristalsis, direct trauma, renoalimentary fistula 2. Foreign matter

Mucosal Mass In Collecting System **NEOPLASTIC** A. **BENIGN TUMOR** 1. Aberrant papilla = papilla without calyx protruding into major infundibulum 2. [Endometriosis](#) 3. **Fibroepithelial polyp** = fibrous polyp = fibroepithelioma = vascular fibrous polyp = polypoid fibroma = mesodermal tumor with fibrovascular stroma + normal transitional cell epithelium *Age:* 20-40 years • intermittent abdominal / flank pain • gross hematuria (rare) ✓ elongated cylindrical filling defect with smooth margins ✓ mobile on thin pedicle B. **MALIGNANT TUMOR** (a) Uroepithelial tumors 1. [Transitional cell carcinoma](#) (85-91%) 2. Squamous cell carcinoma (10-15%) *Predisposing factors:* calculi (50-60%), chronic infection, [leukoplakia](#), phenacetin abuse ✓ infiltrating / superficially spreading 3. Mucinous adenocarcinoma = metaplastic transformation 4. Sarcoma (extremely rare) (b) Metastases: breast (most common), melanoma, stomach, lung, cervix, colon, prostate

INFLAMMATION / INFECTION 1. [Tuberculosis](#) 2. [Candidiasis](#) 3. [Schistosomiasis](#) 4. [Pyeloureteritis cystica](#) 5. [Leukoplakia](#) 6. [Malacoplakia](#) 7. Xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#) **VASCULAR** 1. Submucosal hemorrhage: trauma, anticoagulant therapy, acquired circulating anticoagulants, complication of crystalluria / microlithiasis ✓ thumbprinting with progressive improvement 2. Vascular notching: ureteropelvic varices, renal vein occlusion, IVC occlusion, vascular malformation, retroaortic left renal vein, "nutcracker" effect on left renal vein between aorta and SMA 3. [Polyarteritis nodosa](#) **PROMINENT MUCOSAL FOLDS** 1. Redundant longitudinal mucosal folds of intermittent [hydronephrosis](#) (UPJ obstruction, vesicoureteral reflux) or after relief of obstruction 2. Chemical / mechanical irritation 3. Urticaria (Stevens-Johnson syndrome = erythema multiforme bullosa) 4. [Leukoplakia](#) (= squamous metaplasia) 5. Ureteral diverticulosis = rupture of the roofs of cysts in ureteritis cystica

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Effaced Collecting System A. EXTRINSIC COMPRESSION(1)Unilateral / bilateral global enlargement of renal parenchyma(2)Renal sinus masses: hemorrhage; parapelvic cyst; [sinus lipomatosis](#)B. SPASM / INFLAMMATION(1)Infection: [acute pyelonephritis](#), acute bacterial nephritis, acute [tuberculosis](#)(2)HematuriaC. INFILTRATIONMalignant uroepithelial tumors D. OLIGURIA1. Antidiuretic state2. Renal ischemia3. Oliguric [renal failure](#)

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Retroperitoneal Calcification A.NEOPLASM1.[Wilms tumor](#) (in 10%)2.[Neuroblastoma](#) (in 50%): fine granular / stippled / amorphous3.Teratoma: cartilage / bone / teeth, pseudodigits, pseudolimbs4.Cavernous [hemangioma](#): phlebolithsB.INFECTION1.Tuberculous psoas abscess2.Hydatid cystC.TRAUMA1.Old hematoma

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Calcified Renal Mass A calcified renal mass is malignant in 75% of cases! Lesions with (a) nonperipheral calcifications are malignant in 87%! (b) peripheral calcifications are malignant in 20%! A. TUMOR 1. [Renal cell carcinoma](#) (calcifies in 8-18%) calcifications generally nonperipheral, sometimes along fibrous capsule 2. [Wilms tumor](#) B. INFECTION 1. Abscess Tuberculous abscess frequently calcifies! [Pyogenic abscess](#) rarely calcifies! 2. Echinococcal cyst Renal involvement in 3% of [hydatid disease](#); 50% of echinococcal cysts calcify 3. Xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#) large obstructive calculus in >70% C. CYST Calcification is related to prior hemorrhage or infection 1. Simple renal cyst (calcifies in 1%) 2. [Multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) (in adult) 3. Adult polycystic kidney disease 4. Milk of [calcium](#) (cyst, caliceal diverticulum, obstructed hydrocalyx) DDx: residual pantopaque used in cyst puncture D. VASCULAR 1. Subcapsular / perirenal hematoma 2. Renal artery aneurysm circular cracked eggshell appearance 3. Congenital / posttraumatic [arteriovenous fistula](#)

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Nephrocalcinosis = NEPHROLITHIASIS = calcium salts in renal parenchyma *Incidence*: 0.1-6%; M > F *Mnemonic*: "MARCH" **Medullary sponge kidney** Alkali excess
Renal medullary / cortical necrosis, RTA Chronic glomerulonephritis Hyperoxaluria, Hypercalcemia, Hypercalciuria
Medullary Nephrocalcinosis = calcifications involving the distal convoluted tubules in the loops of Henle *Incidence*: 95% of all nephrocalcinoses *Cause*:
A. HYPERCALCIURIA (a) endocrine 1. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) in 5% (primary >> secondary) 2. Paraneoplastic syndrome of lung + kidney primary ([ectopic parathormone production](#)) 3. [Cushing syndrome](#) 4. [Diabetes insipidus](#) 5. [Hyperthyroidism](#) (b) alimentary 1. Milk-alkali syndrome (excess calcium + alkali = milk + antacids) 2. [Hypervitaminosis D](#) 3. Beryllium poisoning (c) osseous 1. Osseous metastases, [multiple myeloma](#) 2. Prolonged immobilization 3. Progressive senile [osteoporosis](#) (d) renal 1. [Renal tubular acidosis](#) (in 73% of primary RTA) 2. [Medullary sponge kidney](#) 3. **Bartter syndrome**
tubular disorder with potassium + sodium wasting, hyperplasia of juxtaglomerular apparatus, hyperaldosteronism, hypokalemic alkalosis, and normal blood pressure (e) drug therapy 1. Furosemide (in infants) 2. Prolonged ACTH therapy 3. Vitamin E (orally) 4. Calcium (orally) (f) miscellaneous 1. [Sarcoidosis](#) 2. Idiopathic hypercalciuria 3. Idiopathic [hypercalcemia](#) B. HYPEROXALURIA = OXALOSIS 1. **Primary hyperoxaluria**
= Hereditary hyperoxaluria (more common) = rare autosomal recessive inherited enzyme deficiency of carbonylase with diffuse oxalate deposition in kidneys, heart, blood vessels, lung, [spleen](#), bone marrow Type I = a-ketoglutarate-glyoxylate carboxylase deficiency • glycolic aciduria Type II = D-glycerate dehydrogenase deficiency • 1-glyceric aciduria *Age*: usually < 5 years *Prognosis*: early death in childhood 2. **Secondary hyperoxaluria**
= enteric hyperoxaluria (rare) *Cause*: disturbance of bile acid metabolism after jejunioileal bypass, ileal resection, blind loop syndrome, [Crohn disease](#), increased ingestion (green leafy vegetables), pyridoxine deficiency, ethylene glycol poisoning, methoxyflurane anesthesia C. HYPERURICOSURIA 1. Gouty kidney 2. Lesch-Nyhan syndrome D. URINARY STASIS 1. Milk-of-calcium in [pyelocaliceal diverticulum](#) 2. [Medullary sponge kidney](#) E. DYSTROPHIC CALCIFICATION 1. Renal [papillary necrosis](#) *Mnemonic*: "HAM HOP" Hyperparathyroidism Acidosis (renal tubular) Medullary sponge kidney Hypercalcemia / hypercalciuria ([sarcoidosis](#), milk-alkali syndrome, [hypervitaminosis D](#)) Oxalosis Papillary necrosis ✓ normal-sized / occasionally enlarged kidneys ([medullary sponge kidney](#)) ✓ grouped rounded / linear calcifications ✓ small poorly defined / large coarse granular calcifications in renal pyramids US: ✓ absence of hypoechoic papillary structures (earliest sign) ✓ hyperechoic rim at corticomedullary junction + around tip and sides of pyramids ✓ solitary focus of hyperechogenicity at tip of pyramid near fornix ✓ increased echogenicity of renal pyramids ± shadowing (no acoustic shadowing with small + light calcifications) *DDx of hyperechoic medulla in newborns*: oliguria with transient tubular blockage by Tamm-Horsfall proteinuria Cx: often followed by [uroolithiasis](#) **Cortical Nephrocalcinosis** *Incidence*: 5% of all nephrocalcinoses *Cause*: 1. [Acute cortical necrosis](#) 2. [Chronic glomerulonephritis](#) 3. Alport syndrome = hereditary nephritis + deafness 4. Congenital [oxalosis](#), primary hyperoxaluria 5. Chronic paraneoplastic [hypercalcemia](#) 6. Rejected [renal transplant](#) *Mnemonic*: "COAG" Cortical necrosis (acute) Oxalosis Alport syndrome Glomerulonephritis (chronic) US: ✓ homogeneously increased echogenicity of renal parenchyma > liver echogenicity

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Renovascular Hypertension =normalization of blood pressure following nephrectomy / reestablishment of normal renal blood flow (Dx made in retrospect)*Incidence:*1-5% of general population; 2nd most common cause of potentially curable hypertension*Pathophysiology:* usually >50% stenosis at any level in renovascular bed leads to mildly reduced pressure in glomerular afferent arteriole (pressure falls precipitously in >80% stenosis); reduced pressure stimulates release of renin followed by angiotensin-II, and aldosterone causing (a)constriction of efferent glomerular arterioles(b)increase in systemic hypertension(c)sodium retention*Cause:* 1.Atherosclerosis (60-90%) in individuals >50 years of age2.[Fibromuscular dysplasia](#) (10-35%) in women <40 years of age3.[Neurofibromatosis](#)4.[Pheochromocytoma](#)5.Fibrous bands (congenital stenosis, retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#), postradiation artery stenosis)6.Arteritis ([Buerger disease](#), [polyarteritis nodosa](#), Takayasu disease, thrombangitis obliterans, syphilitic arteritis)7.[Arteriovenous malformation](#) / fistula8. Thromboembolic disease (eg, atrial fibrillation, prosthetic valve thrombi, cardiac [myxoma](#), paradoxical emboli, atheromatous emboli)9. Renal artery aneurysm10.Extrinsic compression (eg, renal cyst, neoplasm, perirenal hematoma)11.Middle aortic syndrome, [aortic dissection](#), dissecting [aortic aneurysm](#)12.Trauma! [Renal artery stenosis](#) is present in 77% of hypertensive patients! [Renal artery stenosis](#) is present in 32-49% of normotensive patients! 15-20% of patients remain hypertensive after restoration of normal renal blood flow!Rx:(1)Relieving [renal artery stenosis](#)(2)Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor **Hypertension In Children Prevalence:**1-3%1.Coarse renal cortex scarring (36%)2.Glomerulonephritis (23%)3.Coarctation of aorta (10%)4.Renovascular disease (10%)5.Polycystic renal disease (6%)6.[Hemolytic-uremic syndrome](#) (4%)7.Catecholamine excess [[pheochromocytoma](#), [neuroblastoma](#)] (3%)8.Renal tumor (2%)9.Essential hypertension (3%)

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Renal Aneurysm A. EXTRARENAL ANEURYSM (2/3) 1. Congenital 2. Atherosclerotic 3. [Fibromuscular dysplasia](#) 4. Mycotic 2.5% of all aneurysms *Cause*: bacteremia, SBE, perivascular extension of inflammation *Organism*: Streptococcus, Staphylococcus, Pneumococcus, Salmonella *Locations*: thoracic aorta, SMA, peripheral branches of [middle cerebral artery](#), large arteries of extremities, intrarenal (rare), in areas of preexisting vascular disease 5. [Neurofibromatosis](#) 6. Trauma + renal artery angioplasty B. INTRARENAL ANEURYSM (1/3) in interlobar and more peripheral branches 1. Congenital renal aneurysm *Age at Dx*: 30 years; M:F = 1:1 ■ hypertension in 25% (from segmental renal ischemia) 2. aneurysm close to vascular bifurcations, may calcify 2. Atherosclerotic (may calcify) 3. [Polyarteritis nodosa](#) 4. SLE 5. Drug-abuse [vasculitis](#) Kidney most commonly affected organ *Cause*: (a) immunologic injury from circulating hepatitis antigen-antibody complexes producing a necrotizing angiitis (b) [bacterial endocarditis](#) (c) drug-related (d) impurity-related *Drugs*: methamphetamine, heroin, LSD 2. multiple small aneurysms in interlobar branches near corticomedullary junction 3. inhomogeneous spotty nephrogram 6. Allergic [vasculitis](#) 7. Neoplasm ([renal cell carcinoma](#) in 14%; adult [Wilms tumor](#)) 8. Hamartoma ([angiomyolipoma](#) in 50%) 9. [Wegener granulomatosis](#) 10. Metastatic arterial [myxoma](#) 11. Transplant rejection 12. [Neurofibromatosis](#) Cx: (1) Hypertension (unusual) (2) Perinephric / retroperitoneal hemorrhage (3) Formation of AV fistula (4) Peripheral renal embolization (5) Thrombosis

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Spontaneous Renal Hemorrhage A. RENAL TUMOR (57-63%)(a)malignant (30-33%):RCC, TCC of renal pelvis, [Wilms tumor](#), lipo-, fibro-, [angiosarcoma](#) (b)benign (24-33%):[angiomyolipoma](#) (16-20%), [lipoma](#), adenoma, fibromyoma, ruptured hemorrhagic cyst B. VASCULAR DISEASE (18-26%)[vasculitis](#) (eg, [polyarteritis nodosa](#) in 13%), [arteriovenous malformation](#), ruptured aneurysm, segmental [renal infarction](#) C. INFLAMMATION / INFECTION (7-10%) 1/2 with + 1/2 without abscess D. COAGULOPATHY anticoagulation therapy, bleeding diathesis, long-term hemodialysis ∇ Surgical exploration must be considered to uncover a small renal tumor if the cause of hemorrhage is not determined radiologically! **Subcapsular Hematoma** ∇ subcapsular mass with flattening of renal parenchyma ∇ total resorption / formation of pseudocapsule with calcification Angio: ∇ avascular mass Cx: [Page kidney](#) (ischemia, release of renin, hypertension)

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Renal Doppler A. NORMAL RENAL DOPPLER^{4/} resistive index (RI) of 0.70 = upper limit of normal Elevation of RI: -significant systemic hypotension-markedly decreased heart rate-perinephric / subcapsular fluid collection-in neonates + infants B. RENAL MEDICAL DISEASE Elevation of RI more likely with vascular / tubulointerstitial process, less likely with glomerular disease May be useful in predicting clinical outcome in: -[hemolytic-uremic syndrome-acute renal failure](#)-nonazotemic patients with severe liver disease C. RENAL ARTERIAL STENOSIS D. [RENAL VEIN THROMBOSIS](#)

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Ureteral Deviation A.LUMBAR URETER(a)lateral deviation (common):1.Hypertrophy of psoas muscle2.Enlargement of paracaval / para-aortic lymph nodes3.Aneurysmal dilatation of aorta4.Neurogenic tumors5.[Fluid collections](#) (abscess, [urinoma](#), lymphocele, hematoma)(b)medial deviation:1.[Retrocaval ureter](#) (on right side only)2.Retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#)B.PELVIC URETER(a)medial deviation:1.Hypertrophy of iliopsoas muscle2.Enlargement of iliac lymph nodes3.Aneurysmal dilatation of iliac vessels4.[Bladder diverticulum](#) at UVJ (Hutch)5.Following abdominoperineal surgery + retroperitoneal lymph node dissection6.Pelvic lipomatosis(b) lateral deviation with extrinsic compression1.Pelvic mass (eg, fibroids, ovarian tumor)

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Megaureter A. VESICoureTERAL REFLUX(a)primary vesicoureteral reflux1.Primary reflux megaureterabnormal ureteral tunnel at UVJ 2.[Prune belly syndrome](#)(b)secondary vesicoureteral reflux1.Hypertonic [neurogenic bladder](#)2.Bladder outlet obstruction3.[Posterior urethral valves](#)B.OBSTRUCTION(a)primary obstruction1.Intrinsic ureteral obstruction (stone, stricture, tumor)2.Ectopic ureter3.[Ureterocele](#)4.Ureteral duplication: tortuous dilated ureter of upper moiety(b)secondary obstruction1.Retroperitoneal obstruction: tumor, [fibrosis](#), [aortic aneurysm](#)2.Bladder wall mass3.Bladder outlet obstruction: eg, prostatic enlargementC.NONREFLUX-NONOBSTRUCTED MEGAURETER1.Congenital primary megaureter = [megaloureter](#)2.Polyuria: eg, [diabetes insipidus](#), acute diuresis3.Infection4.Ureter remaining wide after relief of obstruction *mnemonic*:"DiaPOUR"**D**iabetes insipidus **P**imary megaureter **O**bstruction (recent / old) **U**VJ obstruction **R**eflux

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Ureteral Stricture A. INTRINSIC CAUSE (a) mucosal 1. Primary ureteral tumors (b) mural 1. [Endometriosis](#)

common disorder in menstruating women (15%); ureteral involvement is rare and indicates widespread pelvic disease ^{1/} abrupt smooth stricture of 0.5-2.5 cm length ^{1/} rectosigmoid involvement on BE 2. [Tuberculosis](#), [schistosomiasis](#) 3. Traumatic ureterolithotomy, endoscopic stone extraction, hysterectomy 4. [Amyloidosis](#) ^{1/} distal stricture with submucosal calcification 5. Nonspecific (rare) B. EXTRINSIC CAUSE 1. [Endometriosis](#) extrinsic form: intrinsic form = 4:1 2. Abscess tubo-ovarian, appendiceal, perisigmoidal 3. Inflammatory bowel disease (eg, [Crohn disease](#), diverticulitis) 4. Radiation [fibrosis](#) 5. Metastases cervix, [endometrium](#), ovary, rectum, prostate, breast, [lymphoma](#) 6. Iliac artery aneurysm (with perianeurysmal [fibrosis](#)) *mnemonic: "MISTER"* Metastasis (extrinsic / intrinsic) Inflammation from calculus **S**chistosomiasis **T**uberculosis, **T**ransitional cell carcinoma, **T**rauma **E**ndometriosis + other periureteral inflammatory process **R**adiation therapy, **R**etroperitoneal [fibrosis](#)

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Ureteral Filling Defect A. FIXED 1. Urothelial neoplasm 2. Metastasis 3. Inflammation (a) ureteritis cystica (b) [tuberculosis](#) 4. Fibroepithelial polyp 5. [Endometriosis](#) B. MOBILE
1. Calculus 2. Sloughed papilla 3. Blood clot

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Adrenal Medullary Disease 1.[Neuroblastoma](#)2.[Ganglioneuroblastoma](#)3.[Ganglioneuroma](#)4.[Pheochromocytoma](#)

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Adrenal Cortical Disease 1. Adrenal hyperplasia 2. [Adrenocortical adenoma](#) 3. [Adrenocortical carcinoma](#) 4. [Cushing syndrome](#) 5. [Conn syndrome](#) 6. Adrenogenital syndrome **Adrenocortical Hyperfunction** 1. [Cushing syndrome](#) = hypercortisolism 2. [Conn syndrome](#) = hyperaldosteronism
solitary unilateral adrenal adenoma + normal contralateral gland on CT may be due to: (a) aldosterone-producing [adrenocortical adenoma](#) (b) renin-responsive aldosterone-producing adenoma (c) idiopathic hyperaldosteronism with dominant hyperplastic / nonfunctional adenoma 3. Adrenogenital syndrome *DDx of Cushing syndrome* A. [FOCAL UNILATERAL ADRENAL MASS](#)
2-4 cm focal mass in one adrenal gland + atrophy of contralateral gland = adrenal adenoma
>4 cm large focal mass with central necrosis in one adrenal gland + atrophy of contralateral gland = adrenal adenocarcinoma B. [BILATERAL ADRENAL ENLARGEMENT](#)
diffuse uniform thickening = Cushing disease C. [MULTIPLE BILATERAL ADRENAL NODULES](#)
macronodules = multinodular hyperplasia of long-standing Cushing disease
large nodules (autonomous ACTH-independent) = massive macronodular hyperplasia
small nodules = primary pigmented nodular adrenal disease

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Bilateral Large Adrenals *mnemonic:* "4 H PM" **H**odgkin disease **H**yperplasia **H**emorrhage **H**istoplasmosis / TB **P**heochromocytoma **M**etastasis

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Unilateral Adrenal Mass †CT attenuation <0HU=benign mass 0-15HU=probably benign >15HU=indeterminate †on 15-minute-delayed CECT scan: <25 HU benign lesion, >25 HU malignant lesion *Cause*: rapid contrast washout from benign lesions *mnemonic*: "PLAN My HAM" Pheochromocytoma Lymphoma Adenoma Neuroblastoma Myelolipoma Hemorrhage Adenocarcinoma Metastasis **Small Unilateral Adrenal Tumor** †Incidental discovery of adrenal mass in 1% of all CT! (a) mass <3 cm in diameter is likely (in 87%) benign (b) mass >5 cm in diameter is likely malignant 1. Cortical adenoma (in 1-9% of autopsies) † <10 HU imply (in 96%) an adenoma 2. Metastasis (27% of all tumors): lung (40%), breast (20%), [renal cell carcinoma](#), gastrointestinal tumors, melanoma † 50% of adrenal masses in oncologic patients represent benign nonhyperfunctioning adenomas! 3. [Pheochromocytoma](#) 4. Asymmetric hyperplasia 5. Granulomatous disease (TB, [histoplasmosis](#)) † diffuse enlargement / discrete mass † ± central cystic changes ± calcification 6. [Myelolipoma](#): rare benign tumor composed of hematopoietic cells + fat similar to bone marrow • may cause pain if large † typically between -30 to -115 HU † calcified in up to 20% Cx: retroperitoneal hemorrhage **Large Solid Adrenal Mass** 1. Cortical carcinoma 2. [Pheochromocytoma](#) 3. [Neuroblastoma](#) / [ganglioneuroma](#) 4. [Myelolipoma](#) 5. Metastasis 6. Hemorrhage 7. Inflammation 8. Abscess (eg, [histoplasmosis](#), [tuberculosis](#)) 9. [Hemangioma](#)

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Cystic Adrenal Mass 1.Pseudocyst: old hemorrhage / infarction2.Vascular cystic space (endothelial lining): [lymphangioma](#), [hemangioma](#)3.True cyst (epithelial lining): glandular cyst, embryonal cyst, mesothelial inclusion cyst4.Parasitic cyst: hydatid cyst5.Hemorrhagic complication / degeneration of a tumor:cystic adenoma, cystic [pheochromocytoma](#), cystic adenomatoid tumor, cystic [adrenocortical carcinoma](#), schwannoma6.[Neuroblastoma](#) (rare)7.Cortical adenoma with low density

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Adrenal Calcification A.TUMOR1.[Neuroblastoma](#)2.[Pheochromocytoma](#)3.Adrenal adenoma4.Adrenal carcinoma5.[Dermoid](#)B.VASCULAR1.Hemorrhage (neonatal, sepsis)C.INFECTION1.[Tuberculosis](#)2.[Histoplasmosis](#)3.Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndromeD.ENDOCRINE1.[Addison disease](#) (TB) E.OTHERS1.[Wolman disease](#)

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Bilateral Narrowing Of Urinary Bladder A. WITH ELEVATION OF BLADDER FLOOR 1. Pelvic lipomatosis 2. Pelvic hematoma Cause: trauma, anticoagulant therapy, spontaneous rupture of blood vessels, blood dyscrasia (rare), bleeding neoplasm (rare) 3. Chronic [cystitis](#) B. WITH SUPERIOR COMPRESSION OF BLADDER 1. Thrombosis of IVC Cause: trauma, hypercoagulability state (oral contraceptives), extension of thrombi from lower extremity, abdominal sepsis, [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#), compression of IVC by neoplasm ↓ collaterals through gonadal veins, ascending lumbar veins, vertebral plexus, retroperitoneal veins, portal vein (via hemorrhoidal veins) ↓ notching of distal ureter by ureteral veins 2. Pelvic lymphadenopathy Cause: [lymphoma](#) (most often) ↓ polycyclic asymmetric compression of bladder ↓ medial displacement of pelvic segment of ureters ↓ lateral displacement of upper ureters 3. Hypertrophy of iliopsoas muscles 4. Bilateral pelvic masses (a) bilateral lymphocysts (following radical pelvic surgery) (b) bilateral urinomas (c) bilateral pelvic abscesses **Pear-shaped Urinary Bladder mnemonic:** "HALL" Hematoma Aneurysm (bilateral common / external iliac artery) Lipomatosis Lymphadenopathy (pelvic)

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Small Bladder Capacity Cause: A. Thickened / fibrotic bladder wall 1. Interstitial [cystitis](#) 2. Tuberculous [cystitis](#) 3. [Cystitis](#) cystica 4. [Schistosomiasis](#) 5. Trauma: surgical resection, radiation therapy B. Disuse of bladder • urinary frequency • progressive rise in bladder pressure during filling ✓ reduced bladder [compliance](#) ✓ thickened bladder wall + decreased bladder volume ✓ vesicoureteral reflux

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Bladder Wall Thickening Normal bladder wall thickness (regardless of age + gender): <5 mm in nondistended bladders <3 mm in well-distended bladders
A. TUMOR 1. [Neurofibromatosis](#) B. INFECTION / INFLAMMATION 1. [Cystitis](#) C. MUSCULAR HYPERTROPHY 1. [Neurogenic bladder](#) 2. Bladder outlet obstruction (eg, [posterior urethral valves](#)) D. UNDERDISTENDED BLADDER

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Urinary Bladder Wall Masses A. CONGENITAL 1. Congenital septum 2. [Simple ureterocele](#) 3. [Ectopic ureterocele](#) B. BLADDER TUMORS C. INFLAMMATION / INFECTION 1. [Cystitis](#): hemorrhagic ~, abacterial ~, bullous ~, edematous ~, interstitial ~, eosinophilic ~, granulomatous ~, emphysematous ~, [cystitis](#) cystica, cyclophosphamide [cystitis](#), [cystitis](#) glandularis (pre-malignant lesion with villous lesions in bladder dome from proliferation of "intestine-like" glands in submucosa) 2. [Tuberculosis](#) 3. [Schistosomiasis](#) 4. [Malacoplakia](#) 5. Extravesical inflammation: (a) Diverticulitis (b) [Crohn disease](#) (c) [endometriosis](#) D. HEMATOMA after instrumentation, surgery, trauma

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Bladder Tumor A. EPITHELIAL TUMORS (95%) 1. [Transitional cell carcinoma](#) (90%) multicentric, aniline dyes 2. Squamous cell carcinoma (4%) worst prognosis; secondary to chronic disorders (infection, stricture, calculi), bladder diverticula, [schistosomiasis](#) 3. Adenocarcinoma (1%) most common in [bladder exstrophy](#), less common in [cystitis glandularis](#) + [urachal carcinoma](#) (at dome of bladder in urachal remnant) B. NONEPITHELIAL TUMORS (a) primary benign tumors 1. [Leiomyoma](#) (most common) • hematuria secondary to ulceration Site: submucosal / intramural / subserosal 2. Rhabdomyoma (rare) 3. [Hemangioma](#) 4. Neurofibroma / [neurofibromatosis](#) generalized [neurofibromatosis](#) in 60% 5. [Nephrogenic adenoma](#) Associated with: [cystitis](#) cystica / [cystitis](#) glandularis 6. [Endometriosis](#) on posterior wall, urinary symptoms in 80% 7. [Pheochromocytoma](#) (0.5%) from paraganglia of bladder wall; 7% are malignant • adrenergic attack at micturition / bladder filling (headaches, weakness) • intermittent hypertension • elevated catecholamine levels (b) primary malignant tumors 1. Primary [lymphoma](#) 2nd most common nonepithelial tumor of urinary bladder Age: 40 years; M:F = 1:3 Location: submucosal; at bladder base + trigone 2. [Rhabdomyosarcoma](#) 1st and 2nd decade of life 3. [Leiomyosarcoma](#) rarely at trigone; mainly >40 years of age (c) secondary tumors 1. Metastases 1.5% of all bladder malignancies Origin: melanoma > stomach > breast > kidney > lung / solitary / multiple nodules 2. [Lymphoma](#) bladder involved at autopsy: for NHL in 15%, for [Hodgkin disease](#) in 5% 3. [Leukemia](#) microscopic involvement in 22% at autopsy 4. Direct extension (common) from prostate, rectum, sigmoid, cervix, ovary

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Bladder Wall Calcification A. INFLAMMATION 1. [Schistosomiasis](#) (50%)¹ relatively normal distensibility 2. [Tuberculosis](#)¹ bladder markedly contracted 3. Postirradiation [cystitis](#) 4. Bacillary UTI (extremely uncommon) B. NEOPLASMS TCC, squamous cell carcinoma, leiomyosarcoma, [hemangioma](#), [neuroblastoma](#), osteogenic sarcoma
mnemonic: "SCRITT" **S**chistosomiasis **C**ytotoxan **R**adiation **I**nterstitial [cystitis](#) **T**uberculosis **T**ransitional cell carcinoma

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Masses Extrinsic To Urinary Bladder A. NORMAL / ENLARGED ORGANS 1. Uterus, leiomyomatous uterus, pregnant uterus 2. Distended rectosigmoid 3. Ectopic pelvic kidney 4. [Prostate cancer](#) / BPH B. SOLID PELVIC TUMORS 1. Lymphadenopathy 2. [Bone tumor](#) from sacrum / coccyx 3. Rectosigmoid mass 4. Hip arthroplasty 5. Neurogenic neoplasm, meningomyelocele 6. Pelvic lipomatosis / [liposarcoma](#) C. CYSTIC PELVIC LESIONS (a) congenital / developmental 1. Urachal cyst 2. Müllerian duct cyst 3. [Gartner duct cyst](#) 4. Anterior meningocele 5. Hydrometrocolpos (b) related to trauma 1. Hematoma (eg, rectus sheath hematoma) 2. [Urinoma](#) 3. Lymphocele 4. Abscess 5. Aneurysm 6. Mesenteric cyst (c) cyst of genitalia 1. Prostatic cyst 2. Cyst of seminal vesicle 3. Cyst of vas deferens 4. [Ovarian cyst](#) 5. Hydrosalpinx 6. [Vaginal cyst](#) (d) cyst of urinary bladder 1. [Bladder diverticulum](#) (e) cyst of GI tract 1. [Peritoneal inclusion cyst](#) 2. Fluid-filled bowel

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VOIDING DYSFUNCTION

A. FAILURE TO STORE URINE • urinary frequency, urgency, [incontinence](#)(a) bladder causes 1. involuntary detrusor contractions-detrusor instability (idiopathic / neurogenic)-detrusor hyperreflexia (upper cord lesion) 2. poor bladder [compliance](#)-detrusor hyperreflexia-bladder wall [fibrosis](#) 3. sensory urgency-infection, inflammation, irritation-neoplasia 4. vesicovaginal fistula 5. psychogenic condition (b) sphincter causes 1. Stress [incontinence](#) 2. Sphincteric [incontinence](#) (c) extravesical ectopic insertion of ureter in females

B. FAILURE TO EMPTY BLADDER • poor flow, straining, hesitancy • inability to completely empty bladder (a) bladder causes 1. Detrusor areflexia (sacral arc lesion) 2. Impaired detrusor contractility (myogenic) 3. Psychogenic condition (b) bladder outlet obstruction: 1. Bladder neck contracture 2. Prostatic enlargement 3. Detrusor-external sphincter dyssynergia 4. Scarring from surgery / radiation therapy 5. [Ectopic ureterocele](#) 6. Urethral stenosis 7. Urethral kinking (eg, due to cystocele)

[Incontinence](#) [Prostatic Obstruction](#)

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Incontinence 1. Stress incontinence 2. Vesicovaginal / ureterovaginal fistula 3. Overflow incontinence secondary to lesions of sacral spinal cord / sacral reflex arc or severe outlet obstruction 4. Reflex voiding (a) hyperreflexive lesion (lesion of upper spinal cord) (b) uninhibited / unstable bladder 5. Urge incontinence 6. Continual dribbling (extravesical ectopic termination of ureter) 7. Psychogenic incontinence **Stress Incontinence** = SPHINCTER WEAKNESS INCONTINENCE Cause: A. Female: congenital bladder neck weakness, pregnancy, childbirth, aging (secondary to changes in anatomic relationship of urethra + bladder base) B. Male: S/P prostatectomy with damage to distal sphincter • frequency, urgency (involuntary filling of bladder neck) ✓ opening of bladder neck during coughing ✓ impairment of milk-back mechanism (= retrograde emptying of urethra during interruption of voiding phase does not occur) ✓ urethrovesical descent (in types I + II) Chain cystography: ✓ posterior urethrovesical angle (= angle between posterior urethra + bladder base) increased >100° ✓ upper urethral axis (= angle between upper urethra + vertical line) increased >35° **Detrusor Instability** = MOTOR URGE INCONTINENCE = UNSTABLE BLADDER Condition resembles that of immature bladder before toilet training Patient groups: (1) symptoms of nocturnal enuresis + frequency / incontinence dating back to childhood (2) idiopathic instability occurring in middle age (3) outflow obstruction commonly in men (4) degenerative instability secondary to cardiovascular + neurologic disease later in life • frequency, urgency, urge incontinence, occasionally nocturia • hesitancy + difficulty in voiding may occur in men without significant prostatic hypertrophy ✓ involuntary bladder contractions with no relationship to bladder distension ✓ progressively vigorous contractions during bladder filling ✓ postural instability limited to upright position ✓ impaired milk-back due to high bladder pressure ✓ strong aftercontractions following bladder emptying Cx: thickening of bladder wall, bladder diverticula Rx: treatment of obstruction, anticholinergic drug (oxybutynin), operative increase in bladder capacity **Sensitive Bladder** (Sensory Urgency) Cause: [cystitis](#) (reduced [compliance](#)), some cases of stress incontinence (filling of bladder neck induces urgency) • frequency, urgency, sometimes nocturia ✓ patient uncomfortable with low bladder filling ✓ no abnormal rise in bladder pressure ✓ normal voiding function **Detrusor-sphincter Dyssynergia** = overactivity of bladder neck muscle with failure to relax at beginning of voiding Cause: spinal cord lesion / trauma above level of sacral outflow • difficulty in voiding ± frequency • lifelong history of poor stream ✓ collarlike indentation of bladder neck during voiding (= persistent / intermittent narrowing of membranous urethra) ✓ may have high voiding pressure + reduced flow ✓ trapping of contrast in urethra during interruption of flow ✓ massive reflux into prostatic ducts during voiding (due to high pressure within prostatic urethra) ✓ severely trabeculated "Christmas-tree" bladder + bilateral hydronephrosis Rx: bladder neck incision **Hinman Syndrome** = NONNEUROGENIC [NEUROGENIC BLADDER](#) [NNNB] = DETRUSOR-SPHINCTER DYSSYNERGIA Cause: no neurologic / anatomic obstructive disease; distinctly abnormal family dynamics (in 50%) Age: some time after toilet training with onset during early / late childhood / puberty • clinical criteria: (1) intact perineal sensation + anal tone (2) normal anatomy + function of lower extremities (3) absence of skin lesions overlying sacrum (4) normal lumbosacral spine at plain radiography (5) normal spinal cord at MR imaging ✓ high-pressure uninhibited detrusor contractions ✓ lack of coordination between detrusor contraction + periurethral striated sphincter relaxation ✓ inability to suppress bladder contractions ✓ normal response of detrusor muscle to reflex stimulation ✓ increased bladder capacity + pressure ✓ sphincter activity may increase paradoxically during detrusor contraction US: ✓ trabeculated bladder ✓ dilatation of upper urinary tracts ✓ renal damage VCUG: ✓ urethra normal during early voiding ✓ urethral distension after contraction of external sphincter as voiding progresses ✓ ureterovesical obstruction / reflux Rx: suggestion therapy + hypnosis, bladder retraining, biofeedback, anticholinergic drugs

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Prostatic Obstruction =urethral compression by hypertrophic prostatic tissue ■ difficulty in voiding ■ reduction in flow rate[✓] high-pressure bladder[✓] slow + prolonged flow[✓] increase in bladder capacity with reduced contractility (late)

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BLADDER TRAUMA

1. [Bladder contusion](#) (most common injury) 2. Interstitial bladder injury (uncommon)=bladder tear without serosal involvement 3. [Bladder rupture](#) (a) intraperitoneal rupture (30%) (b) extraperitoneal rupture (c) combined intra- and extraperitoneal rupture (5%)

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Acutely Symptomatic Scrotum = acute unilateral scrotal swelling ± pain
Cause: epididymitis:torsion = 3:2 < 20 years of age; epididymitis:torsion = 9:1 > 20 years of age
A. TORSION
1. Torsion of [testis](#) (20%) = most common acute process in prepubertal age
2. Torsion of testicular appendages accounts for 5% of scrotal pathology; both located near upper pole of testes
Frequency: appendix [testis](#):appendix [epididymis](#) = 9:1
8-9 mm complex mass in superior aspect of scrotum without color Doppler flow signals
mildly enlarged [epididymis](#) (75%)
blood flow increased in [epididymis](#) (60%), scrotal wall (53%), [testis](#) (13%) simulating acute epididymo-orchitis
3. Scrotal fat necrosis
4. Strangulated hernia
B. INFECTION / INFLAMMATION (75-80%)
1. **Acute epididymitis** = most common acute process in postpubertal age
2. **Orchitis**
Etiology: (a) bacterial infection (b) complication of mumps in 20%: in adolescents + young adults; usually developing 4-5 days later; unilateral involvement in >90%; parotitis precedes orchitis in 84%, simultaneous in 3%, later in 4%, without parotitis in 10%
3. Intrascrotal abscess
C. HEMORRHAGE
1. Testicular trauma
Location: hematoma in scrotal wall, between layers of tunica vaginalis (= hematocele), in [epididymis](#), in [testis](#)
rapid change in echo character over time
disruption of tunica albuginea (= [testicular rupture](#))
2. Hemorrhage into [testicular tumor](#)
D. STRANGULATED HERNIA

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Scrotal Wall Thickening 1.Acute idiopathic scrotal edema *Incidence*:20-30% of all acute scrotal disorders *Age*:5-11 years (range 18 months to 14 years) ■ subcutaneous scrotal edema, erythema ■ minimal pain, afebrile, peripheral eosinophilia 2.Epididymo-orchitis 3.[Testicular torsion](#) 4.Torsion of testicular / epididymal appendage 5.Trauma 6.[Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#) 7.Cx of [ventriculoperitoneal shunt](#) 8.Cx of peritoneal dialysis (? leakage of fluid into the anterior abdominal wall + dissection into scrotum)

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Scrotal Gas 1.[Fournier gangrene](#)2.[Scrotal abscess](#)3.Scrotal hernia with gas-containing bowel4.Scrotal [emphysema](#) from bowel perforation5.Extension of subcutaneous [emphysema](#)6.Air leakage + dissection due to faulty chest tube positioning

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Scrotal Mass Most frequent conditions: 1. Inflammation(48%)2. [Hydrocele](#)(24%)3. Torsion(9%)4. [Varicocele](#)(7%)5. Spermatocele(4%)6. Cysts(4%)7. Malignant tumor(2%)8. Benign tumor(0.7%)
Sonographic differentiation of intra- from extratesticular mass is 80-95% accurate! A. INTRATESTICULAR MASS[⚡]90-95% of testicular tumors are malignant!
1. Malignant tumor2. Inflammation: focal orchitis3. Abscess4. [Testicular infarction](#): torsion, endocarditis, trauma, [leukemia](#), [vasculitis](#), embolus ■ soft to palpation[⚡] hypochoic wedge-shaped peripheral defect5. Hematoma6. Benign gonadal tumor7. Granulomatous disease: [sarcoidosis](#)8. Testicular cyst / tunica albuginea cyst9. Postbiopsy defect10. Adrenal rest ■ increase in circulating corticotropin[⚡] bilateral eccentric nodular masses ± acoustic shadowing
B. MULTIPLE INTRATESTICULAR MASSES1. Primary [testicular tumor](#)2. [Lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#)3. Chronic infections4. Metastases5. [Sarcoidosis](#)[⚡] The prevalence of synchronous / metachronous bilateral testicular neoplasms is 1-3%! C. EXTRATESTICULAR FLUID COLLECTION1. [Hydrocele](#), pyocele, hematocele (surgery, trauma, neoplasm)2. [Varicocele](#)3. Spermatocele=cyst filled with fluid + spermatozoa + cellular debris ■ frequently following vasectomyLocation:commonly in head of [epididymis](#)[⚡] up to a few cm in size ± septations4. Epididymal cyst=cyst without spermatozoaLocation:anywhere within [epididymis](#)5. Scrotal hernia
D. PARATESTICULAR MASS[⚡] Only 4% of all scrotal tumors!
(a)inflammatory mass1. [Sarcoidosis](#) of [epididymis](#)2. Inflammatory nodule of epididymitis3. Sperm granulomaCause:sperm extravasation with granuloma formation4. Scrotal calculi = "scrotal pearls"Cause:fibrinous debris in long-standing [hydrocele](#) / following torsion of appendix [testis](#) or [epididymis](#)(b)paratesticular tumor[⚡] The majority of paratesticular tumors are derived from the [spermatic cord](#)!-Benign Paratesticular tumor (70%)1. Cord [lipoma](#) (vast majority)2. [Adenomatoid tumor](#) (30%)=benign slow-growing mesothelial neoplasm Age:2nd-4th decadeHisto:epithelial-like cells + fibrous stromaLocation:[epididymis](#) (particularly in globus minor), tunica albuginea, [spermatic cord](#) (rare)[⚡] well-marginated solid mass with echogenicity equal to / greater than [testis](#)[⚡] 0.4-5.0 cm in size3. [Epidermoid inclusion cyst](#)4. Polyorchidism5. Others: herniated omentum, adrenal rest, [carcinoid](#), papillary cystadenoma of [epididymis](#), cord [leiomyoma](#), cord fibroma (= reactive nodular proliferation of paratesticular tissues), adrenal rest, [cholesteatoma](#)-Malignant Paratesticular Tumor (3-16%)1. Sarcomas:[⚡] Sarcomas are the most common [spermatic cord](#) tumors after lipomas!(a)primarily in adults: undifferentiated sarcoma (30%), leiomyo-, lipo-, fibro-, myxochondro-sarcoma(b)children: embryonal sarcoma, [rhabdomyosarcoma](#) (20%)2. Mesothelioma of tunica (in 15% malignant)3. Metastases
Prepubertal Testicular Mass A. Germ cell tumors (70-90%): [yolk sac](#) tumor, teratomaB. Interstitial cell tumors: Leydig / Sertoli cell tumor, gonadoblastomaC. [Leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), metastasesD. Others: adrenal rest, [lipoma](#), hematoma, histiocytosis, tuberculous orchitis

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Calcification Of Male Genital Tract A.VAS DEFERENS1.[Diabetes mellitus](#): in muscular outer layer2.Degenerative changes3.TB, syphilis, nonspecific UTI: intraluminalB.SEMINAL VESICLESgonorrhea, TB, [schistosomiasis](#), bilharziasis C.PROSTATEcalcified corpora amylacea, TB

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Cystic Lesions Of [Testis](#) Incidence:4-10% (increasing with age) • asymptomaticA.NONNEOPLASTIC1.**Testicular cyst**

• nonpalpable *Often associated with:*spermatocele Location:related to rete [testis](#) (in 92%)2.**Tunica albuginea cyst**

• palpable[✓] solitary small marginally located cyst3.**Intratesticular tubular ectasia**

=DILATATION OF RETE [TESTIS](#) Age:middle-aged to elderly *Often associated with:*spermatocele • nonpalpable Location: mediastinum [testis](#)[✓] elliptical hypoechoic mass with branching tubular structures ± cysts4.Congenital cystic dysplasia of [testis](#) (extremely rare)B.NEOPLASTIC[✓]24% of all testicular tumors have cystic component! • palpable[✓] in combination with solid elements *DDx:*hematoma, inflammation, seminoma, Leydig cell tumor

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Epididymal Enlargement With Hypoechoic Foci 1.Epididymitis2.Sperm granulomas3.[Tuberculosis](#)4.[Lymphogranuloma venereum](#)5.Granuloma inguinale6.Filarial granuloma7.Fungal disease8.Lymphoproliferative disease9.Metastases

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Cystic Lesions Of Epididymis 1.Epididymal cyst/*Incidence*:in up to 40%*May be associated with*:intratesticular tubular ectasia[†] single / multiple / bilateral*DDx*:loculated [hydrocele](#)2.Spermatocele[†] may contain low-level echoes3.Cystic degeneration of [epididymis](#)

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Seminal Vesicle Cyst A. CONGENITAL associated with [renal dysgenesis](#), collecting system duplication, ectopic ureter, vas deferens agenesis B. ACQUIRED 1. [Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease](#) bilateral seminal vesicle cysts 2. Invasive [bladder tumor](#) 3. Infection 4. [Benign prostatic hypertrophy](#) 5. Ejaculatory duct obstruction

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Large Utricle 1.[Prune belly syndrome](#)2.[Imperforate anus](#) of high type3.[Down syndrome](#)4.[Hypospadias](#)5.[Posterior urethral valves](#)

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Prostatic Cysts 1. Müllerian duct cyst

from remnants of paramesonephric (= müllerian) duct which has regressed by 3rd fetal month *Prevalence*: 4-5% of male newborns; in 1% of men *Age*: discovered in 3rd-4th decade • obstructive / irritative urinary tract symptoms • suprapubic / rectal pain • hematuria • [infertility](#) (most common cause of ejaculatory duct obstruction) *Location*: arise from region of verumontanum slightly lateral to midline • No communication with genital tract / urethra • large intraprostatic cyst usually with extension superolaterally above prostate • aspirate contains serous / mucous clear brown / green fluid (hemorrhage + debris), NOT spermatozoa • rarely contains calculi *Cx*: infection, hemorrhage, carcinomatous transformation

2. Utricle cyst

Secondary to dilatation of prostatic utricle (sometimes believed to be a remnant of the müllerian duct) *Age*: 1st-2nd decade • postvoid dribbling • obstructive / irritative urinary tract symptoms • suprapubic / rectal pain • hematuria *Often associated with*: hypospadias, intersex disorders, incomplete testicular descent, ipsilateral [renal agenesis](#) *Location*: arise in midline from verumontanum • Free communication with urethra • 8- to 10-mm long cyst usually • NO extension above prostate *Dx*: endoscopic catheterization with aspiration of white / brown fluid occasionally containing spermatozoa *Cx*: infection, hemorrhage, carcinomatous metaplasia

3. Ejaculatory duct cyst

Cause: congenital / acquired obstruction of ejaculatory duct • perineal pain, dysuria, ejaculatory pain • hematospermia *Location*: along expected course of ejaculatory duct • intraprostatic cyst within central zone • aspirate contains spermatozoa with normal testicular function • cyst commonly contains calculi • cystic dilatation of ipsilateral seminal vesicle • contrast injection into cyst outlines seminal vesicle

4. Cystic degeneration of BPH

Most common cystic lesion of prostate *Location*: transition zone • usually small cyst within nodules of benign prostatic hyperplasia

5. Retention cyst

= dilatation of glandular acini *Cause*: acquired obstruction of glandular ductule *Age*: 5th-6th decade *Location*: transition / central / peripheral zone • 1- to 2-cm smooth-walled unilocular cyst

6. Cavitory / diverticular prostatitis

Cause: [fibrosis](#) of chronic prostatitis constricts ducts leading to stagnation of exudate + breakdown of intraacinar septa with cavity formation • history of long-standing inflammatory condition • "Swiss cheese" prostate

7. Prostatic abscess

Age: 5th-6th decade • fever, chills • urinary frequency, urgency, dysuria, hematuria • perineal / lower back pain • focally enlarged tender prostate • hypo- / anechoic mass with irregular wall + septations

8. Parasitic cyst (Echinococcus, bilharziasis) 9. Cystic carcinoma • hemorrhagic aspirate • solid tissue invaginating into cyst

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Hypoechoic Lesion Of Prostate 1. Adenocarcinoma (35%) 2. Benign prostatic hyperplasia (18%) rarely may originate in the peripheral zone 3. "Normal" prostatic tissue (18%) (a) cluster of prostate retention cysts (b) prominent ejaculatory ducts 4. Acute / chronic prostatitis (14%) 5. Granulomatous prostatitis (0.8%): most frequently due to Calmette-Guérin bacillus (BCG) 6. Atrophy (10%) occurs in 70% of young healthy men May be confused with carcinoma histologically! 7. Prostatic dysplasia (6%)

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Cowper (Bulbourethral) Gland Lesions Analogous to Bartholin glands in females *Prevalence*:2.3% (autopsy)*Location*:within urogenital diaphragm1.*Retention cyst*Cx:prenatal death from urinary obstruction2.*Infectious / traumatic cyst* • asymptomatic (most) • hematuria, bloody urethral discharge • postvoid dribbling

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Urethral Tumors **Benign Urethral Tumor** 1. **Fibroepithelial polyp**

in child / young adult; transitional cell epithelium ✓ solitary, pedunculated fingerlike filling defect attached near verumontanum Cx: bladder outlet obstruction 2. **Transitional cell papilloma**

older patient; in prostatic / bulbomembranous urethra; frequently associated with concomitant bladder papillomas 3. **Adenomatous polyp**

young men; adjacent to verumontanum *Histo*: columnar epithelium from aberrant prostatic epithelium • hematuria 4. **Penile squamous papilloma / condyloma acuminata**

in 5% of patients with cutaneous disease (glans penis) ✓ verrucous lesion in distal urethra, rarely extension into bladder 5. Others: caruncle, urethral mucosal prolapse, inflammatory tags (in female)

Malignant Urethral Neoplasm Incidence: 6th-7th decade, M:F = 1:5 A. **FEMALE** • urethral bleeding • obstructive symptoms • dysuria • mass at introitus 1. Squamous cell carcinoma (70%): distal 2/3 of urethra 2. [Transitional cell carcinoma](#) (8-24%): posterior 1/3 of urethra 3. Adenocarcinoma (18-28%): from periurethral glands of Skene B. **MALE** • palpable urethral mass • periurethral abscess • obstructive symptoms • cutaneous fistula • bloody discharge Site: bulbomembranous urethra (60%); penile urethra (30%); prostatic urethra (10%) 1. Squamous cell carcinoma (70%) secondary to chronic urethritis from venereal disease (44%) + urethral strictures (88%) 2. [Transitional cell carcinoma](#) (16%) part of multifocal urothelial neoplasia, in 10% after cystectomy for [bladder tumor](#) 3. Adenocarcinoma (6%) in bulbous urethra originating in glands of Cowper / Littre 4. Melanoma, [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), [fibrosarcoma](#) (rare) 5. Metastases from bladder / prostatic carcinoma (rare)

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AMBIGUOUS GENITALIA

=external genitalia that are not clearly of either sex
Prevalence: 1:1,000 live births • cryptorchidism • labial fusion • clitoromegaly • epi- / hypospadias
Cause: A. Abnormal hormone levels
1. congenital adrenal hyperplasia
2. transplacental passage of hormones
3. [true hermaphroditism](#)
B. Anomalies of external genitalia not hormonally mediated (eg, micropenis)
SEX=what a person is biologically; sex assignment based on (1) karyotype (2) gonadal biopsy (3) genital anatomy
GENDER=what a person becomes socially

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Female Pseudohermaphroditism =FEMALE INTERSEX *Cause:* exposure to excessive androgens in 1st trimester due to (a) congenital adrenogenital syndrome (b) maternal drug ingestion (progestational agents, androgens) (c) masculinizing ovarian tumor Karyotype: 46,XX • masculinized external genitalia • penislike clitoris (due to prominent corpora cavernosa + corpus spongiosum) • rugose labioscrotum • uterus + vagina may be filled with urine through urogenital sinus ✓ normal [ovaries](#), fallopian tubes, uterus, vagina ✓ enlarged adrenal glands (adrenal hyperplasia) ✓ no testicular tissue / internal wolffian duct derivatives

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Male Pseudohermaphroditism Cause: within fetal [testis](#) (a) decreased testosterone synthesis (b) decreased dihydrotestosterone production (= substance responsible for masculinization of external genitalia) due to 5 α -reductase deficiency (b) no testosterone production due to early destruction / dysgenesis of testes (c) complete / incomplete androgen insensitivity due to androgen receptor defect (= testicular feminization) Karyotype: 46,XY • incompletely masculinized / ambiguous external genitalia [• apparent hypergonadotropic primary [amenorrhea](#)] ✓ commonly undescended normal / mildly defective bilateral testes ✓ prostatic tissue ✓ no müllerian duct derivatives (production of müllerian regression factor by testes not affected) ✓ occasionally blind-ending vaginal pouch emptying into perineum (= pseudovagina) / through urethra (= urogenital sinus)

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Gonadal Dysgenesis characterized by abnormal gonadal organization and function with gonads often partially / completely replaced by fibrous stroma (1) Mixed gonadal dysgenesis = testis on one side + gonadal streak on other side Karyotype: 45, XO/46, XY karyotype or other mosaics with a Y chromosome • ambiguous external genitalia ✓ small / rudimentary uterus + vagina ✓ fallopian tube present on side of streak gonad ✓ urogenital sinus commonly empties at base of phallus ✓ dysgenetic gonads (with inability to secrete müllerian regression factor) Cx: gonadal neoplasia (2) Pure XY gonadal dysgenesis Karyotype: 46, XY ✓ bilateral streak gonads / dysgenetic testes ✓ müllerian + wolffian duct derivatives both absent / partially developed (3) XY gonadal agenesis = vanishing testes syndrome = testicular resorption in early fetal life of unknown cause Karyotype: 46, XY • ambiguous external genitalia / female phenotype ✓ absent testes ✓ müllerian + wolffian duct derivatives both absent / partially developed

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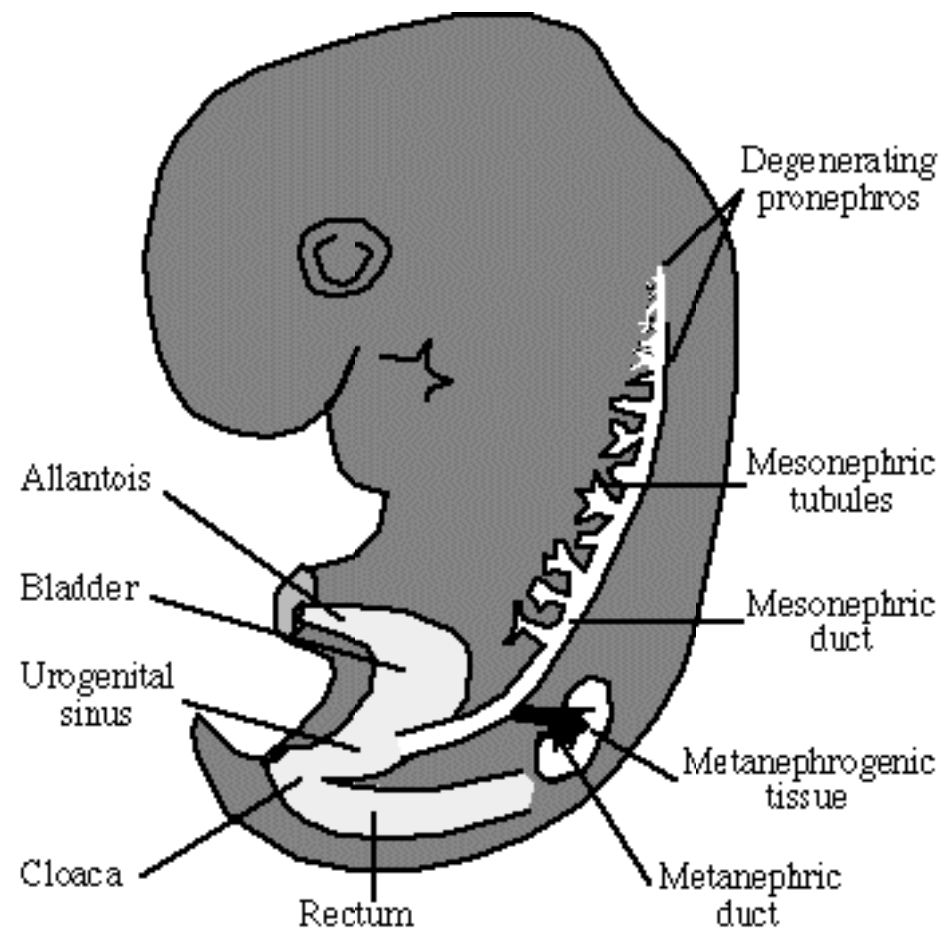
True Hermaphroditism = TRUE INTERSEX = condition characterized by presence of ovarian + testicular tissue either separate or in same gonad (= ovotestis in 64%) *Gonads*: (a) ovary on one + [testis](#) on other side (30%) (b) ovary / [testis](#) on one + ovotestis on other side (50%) (c) bilateral ovotestes (20%) *Location*: in pelvis (predominantly ovarian tissue); in scrotum / inguinal region (predominantly testicular tissue) *Incidence*: rare (500 cases in world literature); <10% of all intersex conditions *Age*: diagnosed within first 2 decades (75%) *Karyotype*: 46,XX (80%) / 46,XY (10%) / mosaicism (10%) *Classification*: Class I: normal female genitalia (80%) Class II: enlarged clitoris Class III: partially fused labioscrotal folds Class IV: fused labioscrotal folds Class V: hypoplastic scrotum + penoscrotal hypospadias Class VI: normal male genitalia • ambiguous external genitalia • inguinal hernia • lower abdominal pain (due to [endometriosis](#)) • lower abdominal tumor ([dysgerminoma](#), myomatous uterus) Reared as boy: • cryptorchidism • short penis • slight degree of hypospadias • urogenital sinus at base of penis • penile urethra (extremely rare) • effective spermatogenesis (rare) Reared as girl: • development of breasts • hematuria (= menstruation via urogenital sinus opening) in 50% • internal female organs + female fertility • [amenorrhea](#) • separate urethral + vaginal openings (uncommon) ✓ hypoplastic uterus (in virtually 100%) ✓ ovotestis with heterogeneous appearance due to combination of testicular tissue + ovarian follicles ✓ internal gonadal duct fits the gonad: ✓ deferent duct on side of [testis](#) ✓ fallopian tube on side of ovary ✓ ipsilateral fallopian tube absent (suppression of development by fetal [testis](#)) ✓ [testis](#) / testicular portion of ovotestis usually dysgenetic

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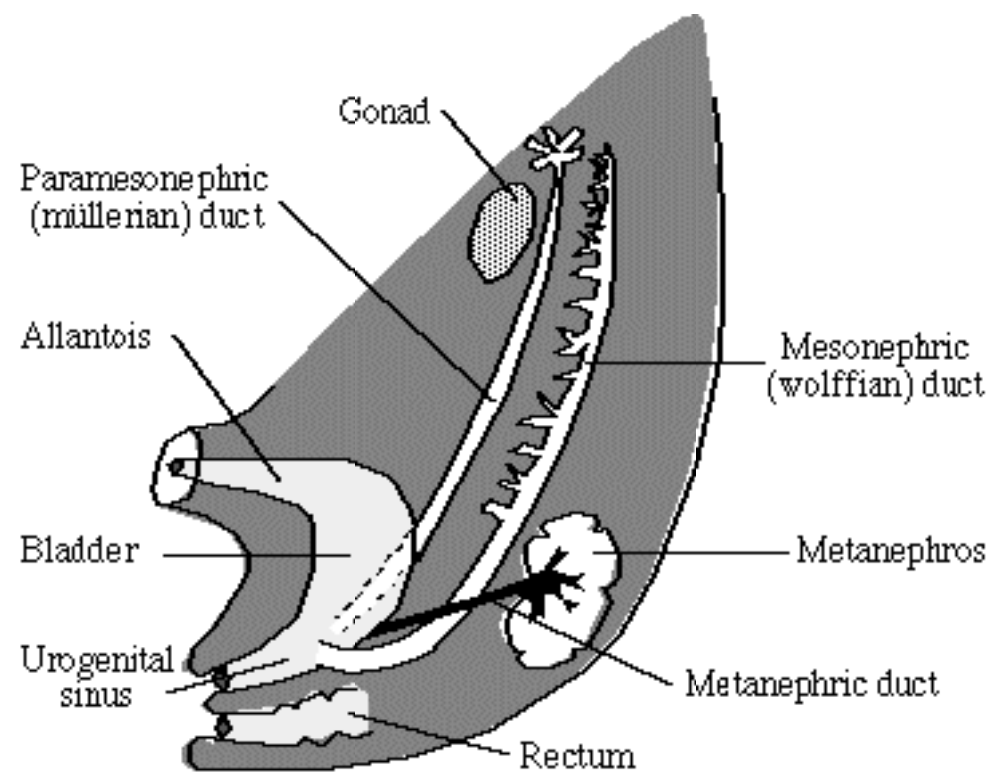




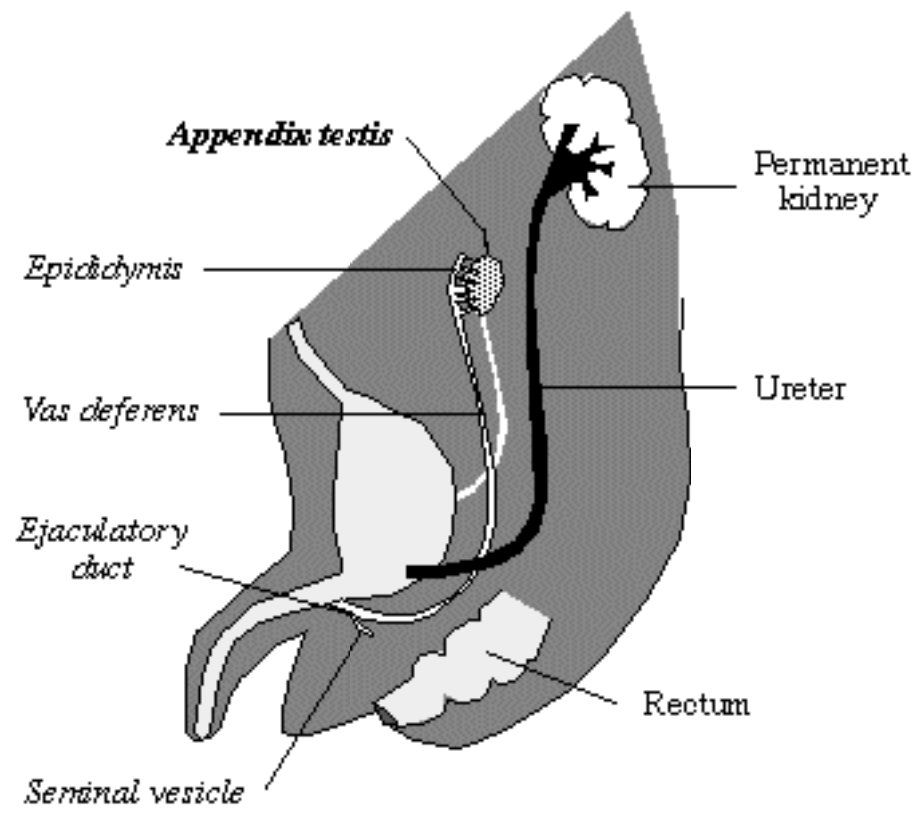
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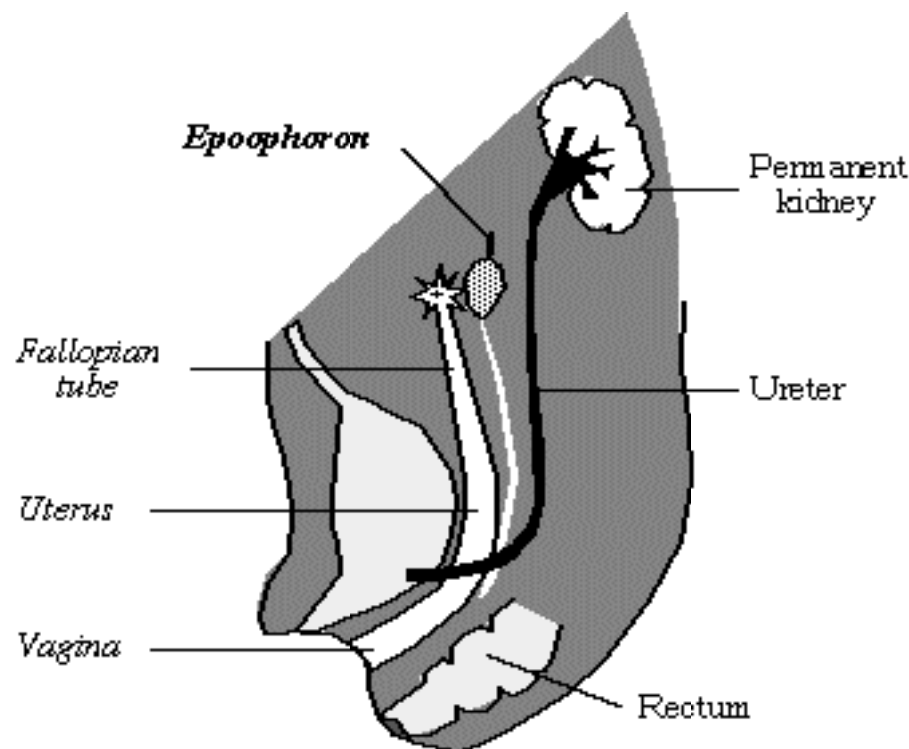
[Embryo at 6th week](#)



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Male metanephros differentiation



Female metanephros differentiation

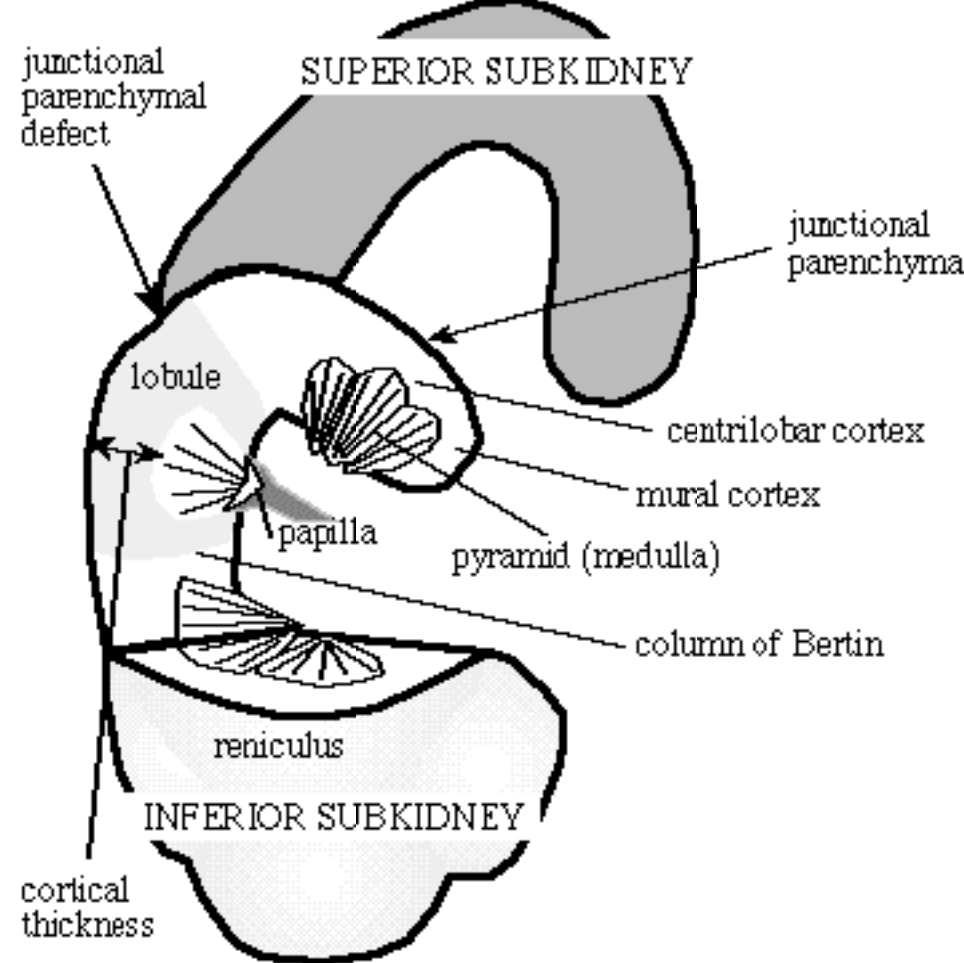
Pronephros = Forekidney develops from mesoderm during 3rd week of gestation; involutes during 4th week of gestation; → vestigial remnant / completely absent
Mesonephros = Midkidney develops during 4th week of gestation immediately caudal to pronephros, functions as interim kidney; degenerates around 8 weeks of gestation (a) mesonephric tubules → paradidymis, epididymis, efferent ductules (M); epinephron (F) (b) mesonephric (wolffian) duct → appendix epididymis, vas deferens, ejaculatory duct, seminal vesicles (M); vanishes (F) **Paramesonephric (Müllerian) Duct** (grows along mesonephric duct) Male: degenerates due to production of Müllerian inhibiting factor (MIF) by Sertoli cells of testis at about 6 weeks GA, remnants are prostatic utricle + appendix testis Female: induced by wolffian duct at 5 weeks GA; grow caudally + join in midline + fuse with outgrowth of urogenital sinus; uterus, fallopian tubes **Metanephros = Hindkidney** = permanent kidney (1) metanephric diverticulum (**ureteric bud**) buds from mesonephric duct near its entry into the cloaca at 4th week; it grows toward nephrogenic cord which becomes the metanephric blastema + divides and forms → ureter (mesonephric duct) → renal pelvis (first 4 dividing generations of duct) → calices (second 4 dividing generations of duct) → collecting tubules (10-12 generations of duct) (2) **metanephric blastema** (= nephrogenic mesoderm) forms nephrons under the influence of ureteral bud, ie, the end of collecting tubules induce clusters of metanephric blastema cells (3) **metanephric vesicles** form within clusters of metanephric blastema cells + elongate into S-shaped tubules which, by 12th week of gestation, result in → glomerulus → proximal convoluted tubule → loop of Henle → distal convoluted tubule Polycystic kidney disease is believed to be a failure of linkage! **Urogenital Sinus** forms from cloaca → develops into bladder + urethra (+ prostate)

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Adult Kidney -forms by fusion of superior + inferior subkidneys(= metanephric lobes); the line of fusion runs obliquely forward and upward \checkmark separation of upper + lower groups of calices \checkmark indentation of cortical contour + echogenic line(= interrenicular septum = **junctional parenchymal defect**) delineates junctional parenchyma (often referred to as hypertrophic column of Bertin) -consists of 20,000 lobules within 14 lobes (reniculi)-initially located in pelvic region ventral to sacrum, ascending cranially at 9 weeks of gestation secondary to body growth caudal to kidneys + straightening of body curvature-renal hilum at first ventrally located, eventually rotating



Renal anatomy

medially by 90 degrees with renal ascent enveloped by(a)centrilobar cortex (= cortical arch) that covers the base of the pyramid subsequently forming the renal cortex with loss of grooves(b)mural cortex that wraps around sides of pyramid and fuses with the mural cortex of adjacent lobe to form renal septum (= column of Bertin) \checkmark ren lobatus (= interlobar surface grooves) present in fetus + infant, rare in adulthood

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Renal Size (in cm)

-<1 year of age: $4.98 + 0.155 \times \text{age (months)}$ ->1 year of age: $6.79 + 0.22 \times \text{age (years)}$ -adulthood: R kidney 10.74 ± 1.35 (SD); L kidney 11.10 ± 1.15 (SD); -ratio of renal length (RL) to distance between first 4 lumbar transverse processes (4TP) = 1.04 ± 0.22

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Renal Echogenicity -neonate (up to 6 months of age): cortex may be more echogenic than adjacent normal liver / [spleen](#) (glomeruli occupy larger percentage of cortex in neonate)-adult: liver \geq [spleen](#) \geq renal cortex > renal medulla-renal sinus echogenicity less prominent in neonate because of paucity of fat

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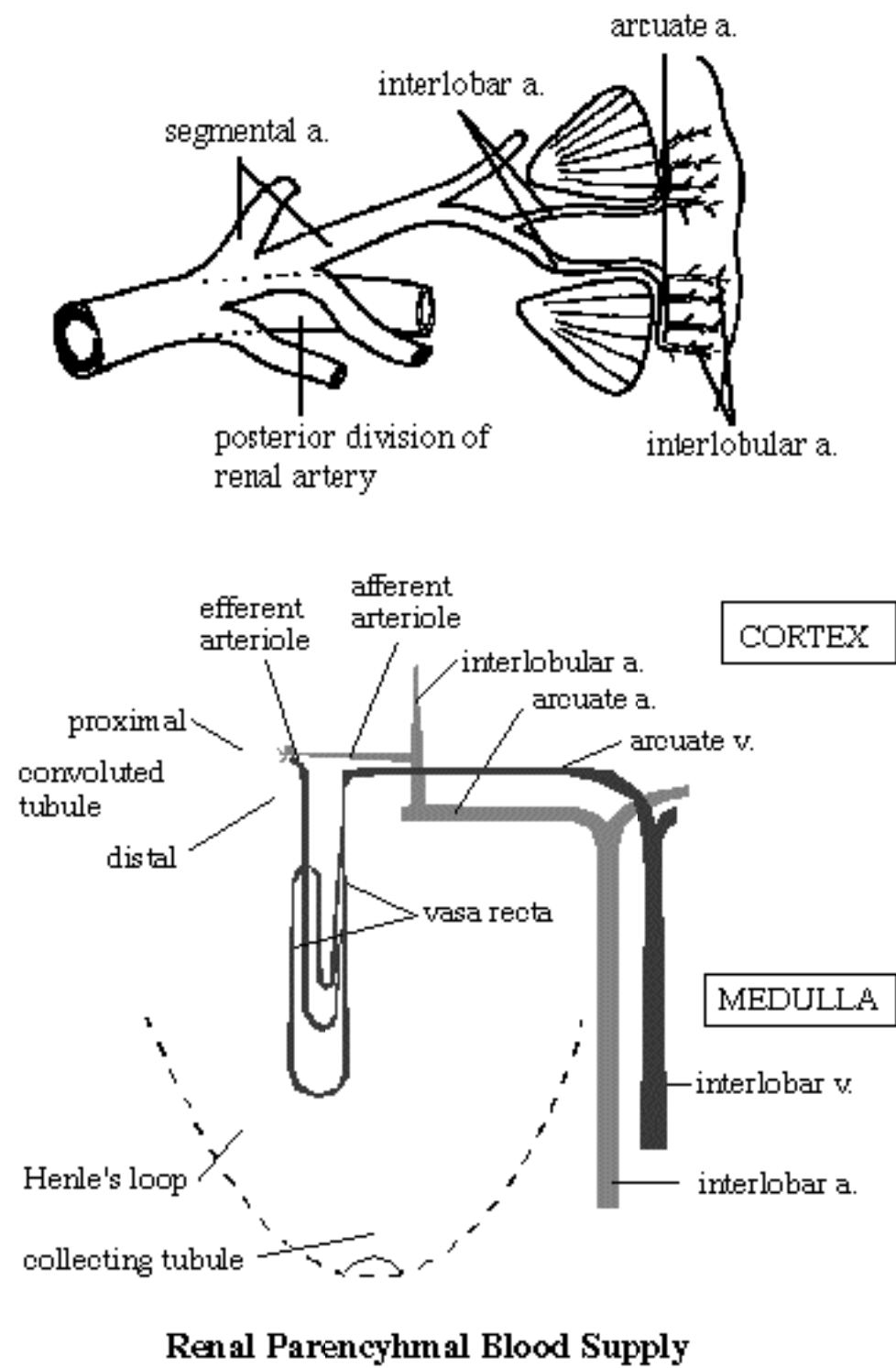


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Renal Vascular Anatomy 1st order:main renal artery2nd order:anterior + posterior division at / before hilum3rd order:5 segmental branches for each division
Accessory renal artery =segmental arteries originating from the aorta
Aberrant renal artery =segmental artery arising from superior mesenteric artery / internal spermatic artery
Resistive index:<0.701 SD of several measurements = 0.04



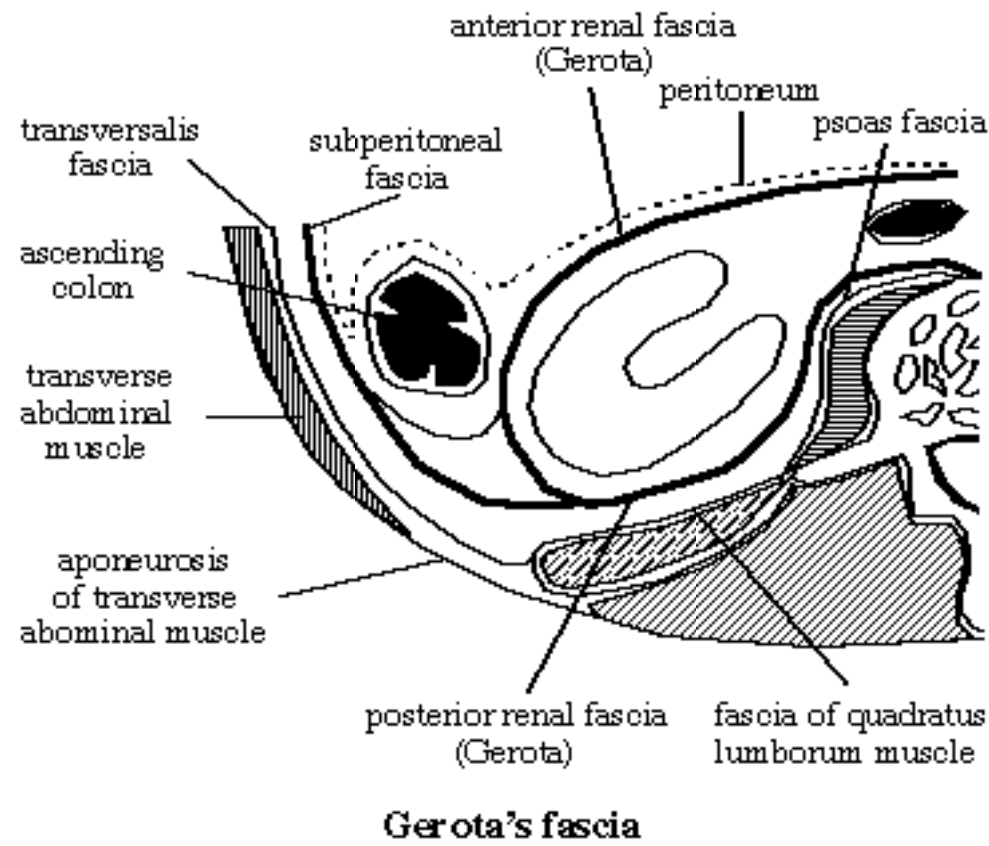
Renal Parenchymal Blood Supply

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Perirenal Compartments A. Anterior border: anterior renal fascia B. Anterior pararenal space → superiorly joins with posterior renal fascia and attaches to crux of diaphragm → in the middle blends with connective tissues of central [prevertebral space](#) around great vessels → inferiorly joins with posterior renal fascia and attaches to great vessels C. Perirenal spaces subdivided into multiple compartments by incomplete bridging septa that attach to anterior + posterior renal fascia → forms inverted cone around adrenal gland + perirenal fat + upper half of kidney → forms cone around perirenal fat + lower pole of kidney → medially open communicating with central [prevertebral space](#) D. Posterior pararenal space E. Posterior border: posterior renal fascia (attaches to psoas muscle)



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Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH)

Production site: supraoptic nuclei of hypothalamus, transported to neurohypophysis
Stimulus: fluid loss with increase in osmolality
Effects: (1) 10 x increase in permeability of collecting ducts (= concentrated urine) (2) decreased blood flow through vasa recta leads to increased hypertonicity of interstitium (= countercurrent multiplier mechanism)

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Renin-aldosterone Mechanism receptors in juxtaglomerular apparatus register the intraglomerular capillary hydraulic pressure, which is one of the main determinants of the glomerular filtration rate (GFR); the receptors regulate the release of **renin** as an autoregulatory feedback mechanism to maintain the intraglomerular hydraulic pressure; renin mediates conversion of angiotensin to angiotensin-I, which is then cleaved by a converting enzyme into angiotensin-II; **Angiotensin-II** effect: (a) constriction of efferent postglomerular arterioles, which increases intraglomerular capillary hydraulic pressure + GFR (b) systemic arteriolar constriction (= most potent vasoconstrictor of biologic systems), which causes systemic hypertension (c) release of **aldosterone**, which increases sodium retention by renal tubules - leads to an increase in blood volume + pressure if both kidneys are affected - leads to compensatory natriuresis if only one kidney is affected. ACE inhibitors (eg, captopril) produce a dramatic decrease in blood pressure!

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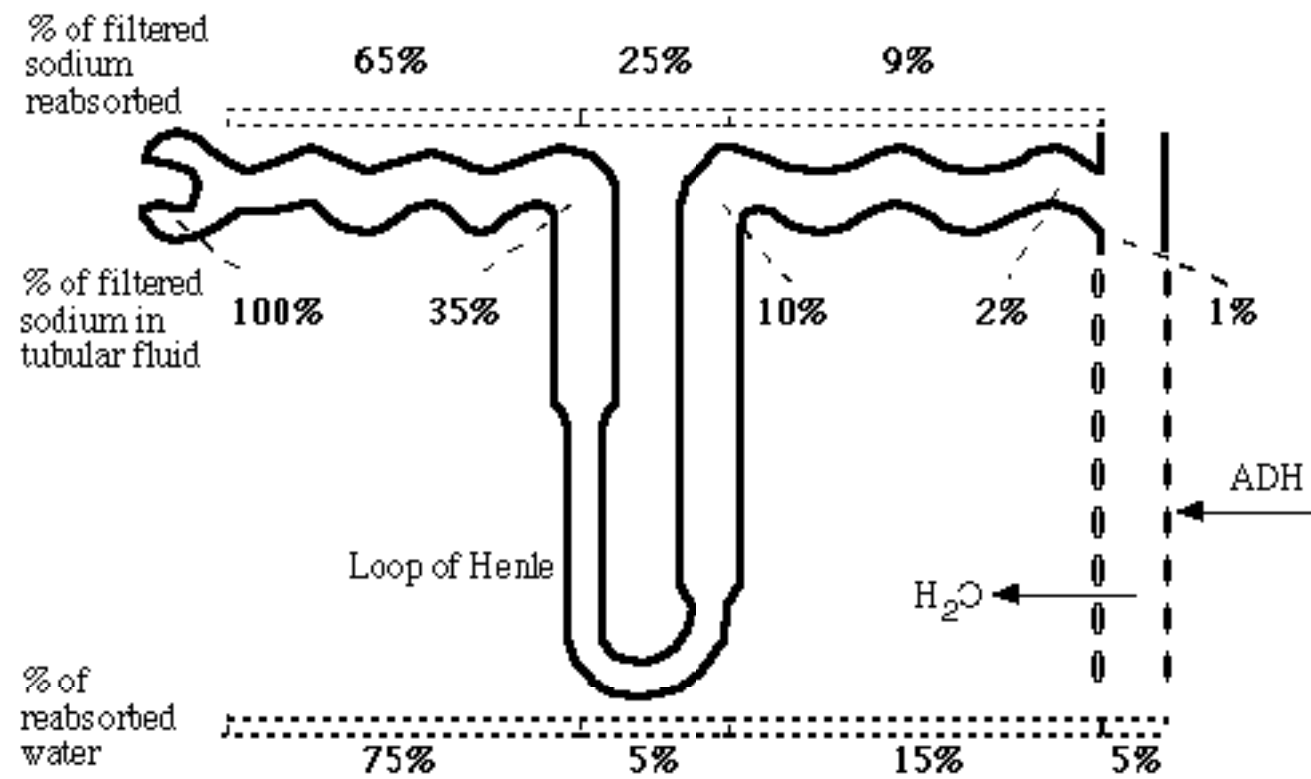


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RENAL PHYSIOLOGY



Perfusion: 1.2-1.3 L of blood per minute (= 20-25% of total cardiac output) Urine output: 1 L/d Filtration: substances of up to 4 nm (excluding substances >8 nm), threshold at molecular weight of approximately 40,000 **Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR)** $[P] \times GFR = [U] \times U_{vol}$ $GFR = \frac{[U] \times U_{vol}}{[P]} = 125 \text{ mL/min} = 20\% \text{ of RPF}$ *Substrate:* inulin; ^{99m}Tc-DTPA **Tubular Secretion (Tm)** $[U] \times U_{vol} = [P] \times GFR + Tm$ $Tm = [U] \times U_{vol} - [P] \times GFR$ *Substrate:* p-aminohippurate (PAH); I-131 Hippuran **Renal Plasma Flow (RPF)** $[P] \times RPF = [U] \times U_{vol}$ $RPF = [U] \times U_{vol} / [P]$ *Substrate:* p-aminohippurate [P]= concentration in plasma GFR= glomerular filtration rate [U]= concentration in urine U_{vol}= urine volume Tm= transport maximum (across tubular cells) RPF= renal plasma flow

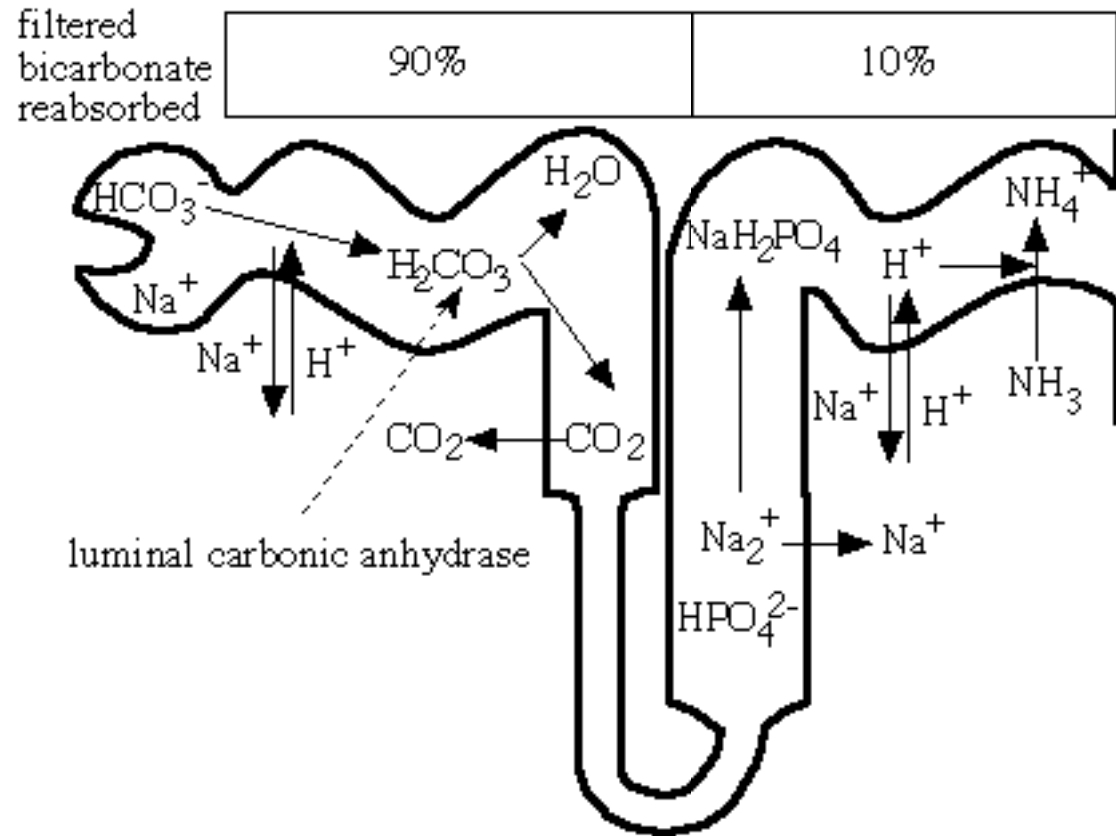
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Renal Acidification Mechanism Proximal tubule: reabsorption of 90% of filtered bicarbonate by luminal Na^+/H^+ exchange and $\text{Na}^+/\text{HCO}_3^-$ cotransport at basolateral membrane regulated by: luminal carbonic anhydrase influenced by: luminal HCO_3^- concentration, extracellular fluid volume, [parathormone](#), K^+ , aldosterone Distal nephron: active secretion of H^+ against a steep urine-to-blood gradient across luminal cell membrane by H^+ -ATPase pump facilitated by Na^+ reabsorption resulting in reabsorption of 10% of filtered bicarbonate, formation of ammonium (NH_4^+) and titratable acidity Ammonium [excretion](#): Ammonia (NH_3) is formed in proximal tubule as a product of catabolism of glutamine + other amino acids; combination with secreted H^+ to NH_4^+ takes place in distal nephron Titratable acidity: divalent basic phosphate is converted into monovalent acid form in distal tubule



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Renal Imaging In Newborn Infant \dot{Q} low glomerular filtration rate (GFR):-on first day of life:21% of adult values-by 2 weeks of age:44% of adult values-at end of 1st year:close to adult values \dot{V} limited capacity to concentrate urineIVP: \uparrow occasional failure of renal visualizationNUC: \uparrow improved visualization on radionuclide studies

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Contrast Excretion UROGRAPHIC DENSITY depends on $[U] = [P] \times GFR / U_{vol}$ 1. Concentration of contrast material in plasma [P] is a function of (a)total iodine dose(b)contrast injection rate(c)volume distributionRapid decline of concentration of contrast material in vessels is due to: (1)rapid mixing within vascular compartment(2)diffusion into extravascular extracellular fluid space (capillary permeation)(3)renal [excretion](#)2. Glomerular filtration rate (GFR): 99% filtered 3. Urine volume (U_{vol}), ie, activity of ADH: (a)in dehydrated state with increased ADH activity concentrations of contrast material are higherDehydration is considered a risk-potentiating factor for nephrotoxicity!(b)in volume-expanded state with decreased ADH activity concentrations of contrast material are lowerPatients with CHF require higher doses of contrast material!A.MEGLUMINE no metabolization, excreted by glomerular filtration alone Meglumine effect of osmotic diuresis: (a) lower concentration of urinary iodine per mL urine (b) greater distension of collecting system N.B.:Avoid meglumine in "at risk" patients (higher incidence of contrast reactions than sodium!)B.SODIUMextensive reabsorption by tubules with delayed [excretion](#) Sodium effect of reabsorption: (a)increased concentration of urinary iodine (improved visualization)(b)less distension of collecting system (ureteral compression necessary)

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Renal Ectopia Normal location of kidneys: 1st-3rd lumbar vertebra *Incidence*:0.2% (autopsy series) **Longitudinal Renal Ectopia** Location:pelvic, sacral, lower lumbar level, intrathoracic; L > R ^V must demonstrate aberrant arteries *DDx*:displacement through diaphragmatic hernia (nonaberrant); hypermobile kidney **Pelvic kidney** =ectopic kidney due to failure of renal ascent *Incidence*:1:725 births *May be associated with*: (1)vesicoureteral reflux(2)[hydronephrosis](#) due to abnormally high insertion of ureter into renal pelvis(3)hypospadias (common)(4)contralateral [renal agenesis](#) ^V [blood supply](#) via iliac vessels / aorta ^V nonrotation = anteriorly positioned renal pelvis (common) **Crossed Renal Ectopia** =kidney located on opposite side of midline from its ureteral orifice; usually L > R and crossed kidney inferior to normal kidney *Cause*:? faulty development of ureteral bud, vascular obstruction of renal ascent *Associated with*:obstruction [urolithiasis](#), infection, reflux, [megaureter](#), hypospadias, cryptorchidism, urethral valves, multicystic dysplasia(a)fused (common)(b)separate (rare) ^V invariably aberrant renal arteries ^V distal ureter inserts into trigone on the side of origin **Renal Fusion** ="lump, cake, disk, horseshoe" Cx:aberrant arteries may cross and obstruct ureter **Discoid / pancake kidney** =bilateral fused pelvic kidneys *Associated with*: abnormal testicular descent, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), [vaginal agenesis](#), [sacral agenesis](#), caudal regression, anal anomalies **Renal Malrotation** ^V collecting structures may be positioned ventrally (most common), lateral (rare), dorsal (rarer), transverse (along AP axis) ^V "funny-looking calices" = developmental usually nonobstructive ectasia

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ADRENAL ANATOMY

from periphery to centrum: (a)renin-angiotensin-dependent outer adrenal cortex:zona glomerulosa=mineralocorticoid (aldosterone)(b)corticotropin-dependent inner adrenal cortex:zona fasciculata=cortisolzona reticularis=sex hormones (androgen, estrogen)(c)medulla=norepinephrine, epinephrine *mnemonic*: "Glomerular Filtration Rate May Give Answers"**G**lomerulosa **F**asciculata **R**eticulosa **M**ineralocorticoids **G**lucocorticoids **A**ndrogens Normal size:3-5 x 3 x 1 cmNormal weight:3-5 gVisualizationby CT:Left side 100%, Right side 99%by US:Left side 45%, Right side 80%

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SCROTAL ANATOMY

Scrotal wall thickness: 2-8 mm (3-6 mm in 89%) Tunica vaginalis =inferior extension of processus vaginalis of the peritoneum [Hydrocele](#): small to moderate in 14% of normals

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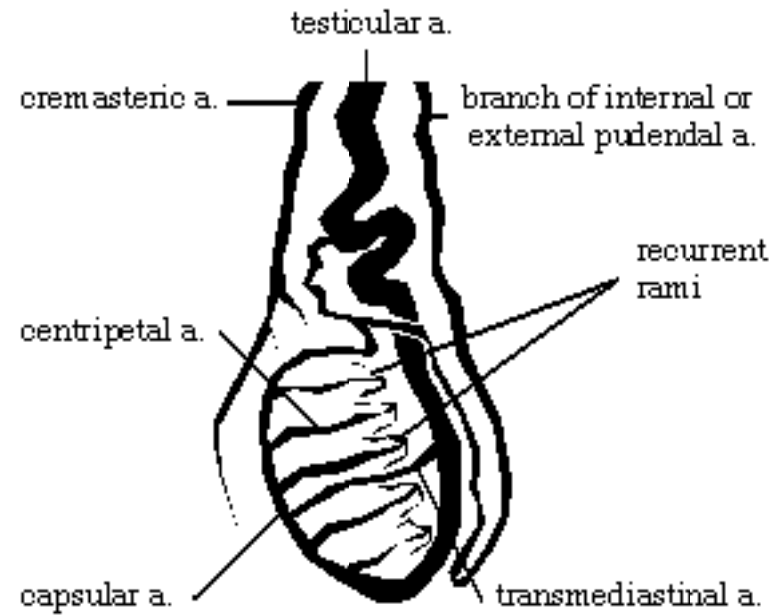


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Testis Average size of testis: 3.8 x 3.0 x 2.5 cm (decreasing with age) Length of testis: 3-5.5 cm (mature); 1-1.5 cm (newborn) Testicular cysts: in 8% of normals (average size 2-3 mm), numbers increasing with age **Appendix Testis** = small stalked appendage at upper pole of testis = remnant of paramesonephric duct **Tunica Albuginea** = fibrous covering of testis, invaginating into testicular parenchyma at mediastinum testis; externally covered by visceral layer of tunica vaginalis; internally applied to tunica vasculosa carrying the capsular artery **Mediastinum Testis** = converging point of ~400 cone-shaped lobules separated by fibrous septa + seminiferous tubules forming tubuli recti and the rete testis within the mediastinum ✓ linear echogenic region extending longitudinally 5-8 mm from the edge **Blood**



Arterial Supply of Scrotum

Flow To Testis PSV: 4-10-19 cm/s EDV: 2-5-8 cm/s RI: 0.44-0.60-0.75

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Epididymis =tortuous tightly folded canal forming the efferent route from [testis](#); consists of head (= globus major), body, tail (= globus minor)Size of globus major:11 x 7 x 6 mm (decreasing with age)Epididymal cysts:occur in 30% of normals (average size of 4 mm)Epididymal calcification:in 3%Appendix epididymis= occasionally duplicated, small stalked appendage of globus major

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Spermatic Cord =testicular + deferential + cremasteric aa., pampiniform plexus of veins, vas deferens, nerves, lymphatics

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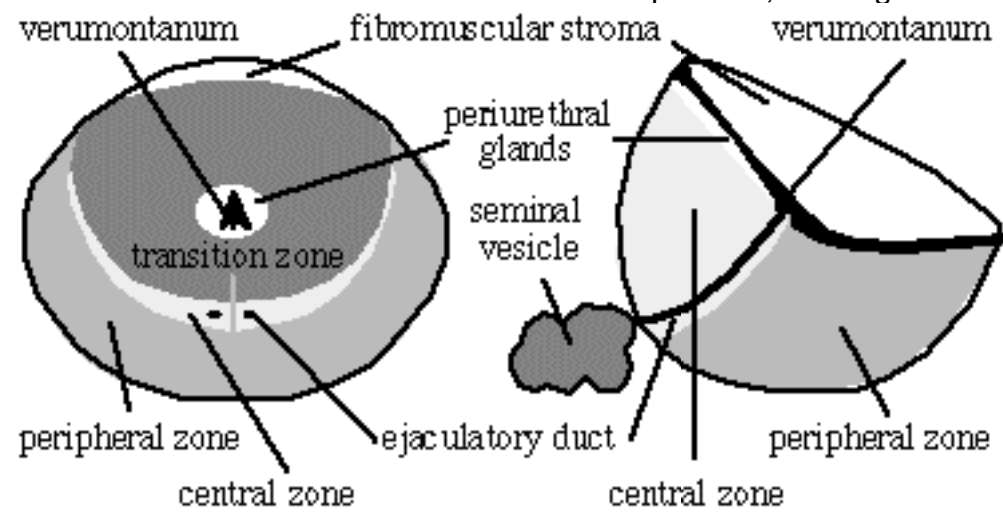
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ZONAL ANATOMY OF PROSTATE

Normal weight: 20 ± 6 g Normal size: 2.8 cm (craniocaudad), 2.8 cm (anteroposterior), 4.8 cm (width)
A. Outer gland
1. Central zone: surrounds ejaculatory ducts from their entrance at prostatic base to verumontanum; 25% of glandular tissue
2. Peripheral zone: extends from base of prostate to apex along rectal surface; 70% of glandular tissue
B. Inner gland
1. Transition zone: on each side of internal sphincter; 4% of glandular tissue; enlarges with BPH
2. Periurethral zone: surrounding urethra; 1% of



Transverse Section Through Prostate With BPH

Midsagittal Section Through Normal Prostate

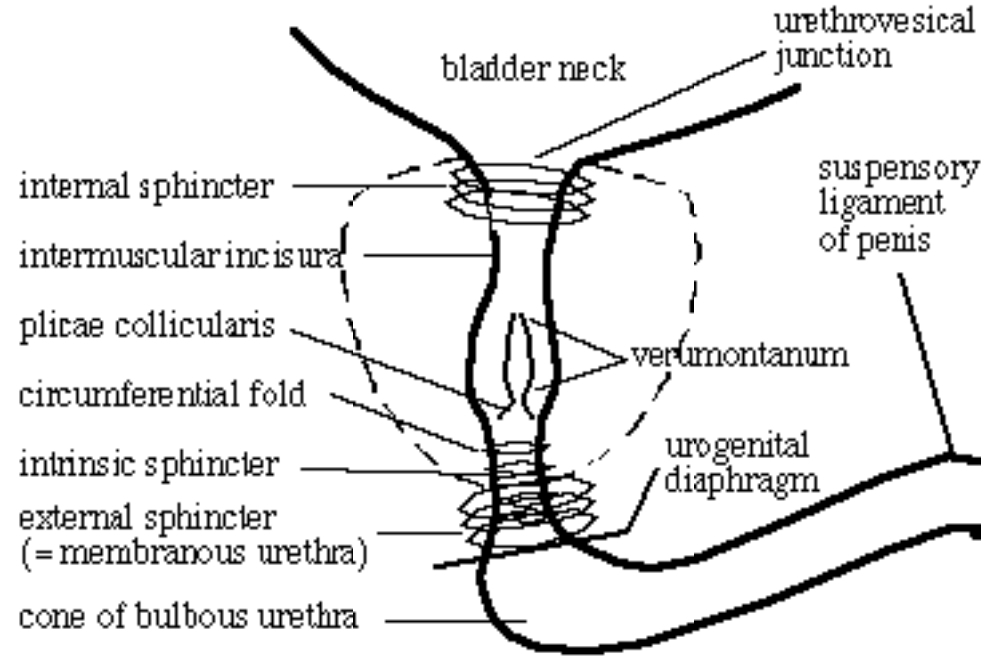
glandular tissue

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Male Urethra extends through corpus spongiosum (composed of large venous sinuses) A. Posterior urethra 1. Prostatic urethra = from vesical neck to triangular ligament-orifices of ducts from prostatic acini on floor-verumontanum = colliculus seminalis = prostatic utricle (fused end of müllerian ducts)-orifice of the two ejaculatory ducts 2. Membranous urethra = portion traversing urogenital diaphragm-pea-sized bulbourethral glands of Cowper lie laterally + posteriorly between fasciae and sphincter urethrae within urogenital diaphragm B. Anterior = cavernous urethra 1. Bulbous urethra 2. Penile = pendulous urethra-many small branched tubular periurethral glands of Littre terminate in recesses (lacunae of Morgagni) Cx: recurring urethral discharge following chronic urethritis, latent gonorrhoeal urethritis, stricture



Urethrogram: normal urethral folds in LPO

formation 3. Fossa navicularis

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Female Urethra 3-5 cm in length, 6 mm in diameter urethral crest = posteriorly located prominent fold Two sets of glands: (a)urethral glands = terminate separately along entire length of urethra(b)paraurethral glands = glands of Skene (homologues of prostatic ducts) are formed by an interdependent conducting system and exit on either side of midline just posterior to urethral meatus draining into vaginal vestibuleCx:chronic gonorrhoeal urethritis1. Intrapelvic urethra =upper 2/3 of urethra that lies behind symphysis pubis2.Membranous urethrasurrounded by sphincter membranacea urethrae (weaker less important structure than in male) 3.Perineal urethralower 1/3 extending from superior fascia of urogenital diaphragm to meatus between labia minora

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ABORTIVE CALYX

= developmental anomaly with short blind-ending outpouching of pyramid without papillary invagination Location:(a) renal pelvis(b) infundibulum (mostly upper pole)

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ACQUIRED CYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE

=ACQUIRED CYSTIC DISEASE OF UREMIA=development of numerous fluid-filled renal cysts in patients with [chronic renal failure](#) undergoing hemodialysis[↓]
Successful transplant probably stops development of additional cysts, but does not affect malignant potential!
Prevalence:in 10-20% after 1-3 years, in 40-60% after 3-5 years, in 90% after 5-10 years of hemodialysis;in 25% of renal allograft recipients
Proposed etiologies: (a)altered [compliance](#) of tubular basement membrane(b)intra- and extratubal obstruction due to focal proliferation of tubular epithelium(c)obstruction of ducts by interstitial [fibrosis](#) / oxalate crystals(d)toxicity from circulating metabolites (endogenous / exogenous toxins, mutagens, mitogens, growth factors)(e)vascular insufficiency
At increased risk:older men
Histo:cysts lined by flattened cuboidal / papillary epithelium
In 13-20% associated with: (a)small papillary / tubular / solid clear-cell adenomas1 cm in diameter(b)[renal cell carcinoma](#) (in 3-6%);
7-year interval between transplantation + detection of RCC[↓] small end-stage kidneys (<280 g)[↓] multiple 0.5- to 3-cm cysts bilaterally (early = small,late = large)[↓] occasionally progressive renal enlargement due to cysts
Dx:>3 cysts + NO history of hereditary cystic disease
Cx:spontaneous hemorrhage into cyst (macrohematuria / retroperitoneal hemorrhage from cyst rupture)

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AIDS

• azotemia, proteinuria, hematuria, pyuria (in 38-68% sometime during illness) • progressive [renal failure](#) (10%)1. **HIV nephropathy** (40%)=characterized by nephrotic-range proteinuria + rapidly progressive [renal failure](#), primarily occurring in Black patients *Histo*.focal + segmental glomerulosclerosis, sparse interstitial infiltrates, severe tubular degenerative changes, interstitial tubular microcystic ectasia containing protein casts • mild hypertension • early + rapidly progressive [renal failure](#) with 100% mortality within 6 months ✓ global enlargement of both kidneys US (best screening test): ✓ increased cortical echogenicity (33-68%) CT: ✓ medullary hyperattenuation (14%) ✓ [striated nephrogram](#) on CECT MRI: ✓ loss of corticomedullary differentiation *Prognosis*: death within 6 months 2. Renal infection with *Pneumocystis carinii* (8%) ✓ more frequent since introduction of prophylactic aerosolized pentamidine therapy encouraging extrapulmonic spread (<1%) due to inadequate systemic distribution of drug! ✓ punctate renal calcifications confined to cortex (DDx: CMV, *Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare*) ✓ associated calcifications in [spleen](#), liver, lymph nodes, adrenal glands 3. Renal [lymphoma](#) (3-12%) AIDS-related [lymphoma](#): highly aggressive B-cell lymphomas (centroblastic, lymphoblastic, immunoblastic); NHL > [Burkitt lymphoma](#), [Hodgkin disease](#) ✓ bilateral multiple renal masses ✓ direct extension of retroperitoneal lymphadenopathy engulfing kidney, renal sinus, ureter 4. [Cystitis](#) (22%) *Organism*. routine Gram-negative species, *Candida*, beta-hemolytic streptococci, *Salmonella*, CMV ✓ [bladder wall thickening](#)

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ACUTE CORTICAL NECROSIS

=rare disorder with patchy / universal necrosis of renal cortex + proximal convoluted structures secondary to distension of glomerular capillaries with dehemoglobinized RBCs; medulla and 1-2 mm of peripheral cortex are spared *Etiology*: (a)Obstetric patient (most often): abruptio placentae= premature separation of placenta with concealed hemorrhage (50%), septic [abortion](#), [placenta previa](#) (b)Children: severe dehydration + fever, infection, hemolytic uremic syndrome, transfusion reaction (c)Adults: sepsis, dehydration, shock, myocardial failure, burns, snakebite, abdominal aortic surgery, hyperacute [renal transplant](#) rejection • protracted + severe oliguria / anuria A. EARLY SIGNS: ↓ diffusely enlarged smooth kidneys ↓ absent / faint nephrogram US: ↓ loss of normal corticomedullary region with hypoechoic outer rim of cortex NUC: ↓ severely impaired renal perfusion B. LATE SIGNS: ↓ small kidney (after a few months) ↓ "tramline" / punctate calcifications along margins of viable and necrotic tissue (as early as 6 days) US: ↓ hyperechoic cortex with acoustic shadowing *Prognosis*: poor chance of recovery

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ACUTE DIFFUSE BACTERIAL NEPHRITIS

=ACUTE SUPPURATIVE [PYELONEPHRITIS](#)=more severe and extensive form of [acute pyelonephritis](#), which may lead to diffuse necrosis (phlegmon) *Organism*: Proteus, Klebsiella > E. coli *Predisposed*: diabetics (60%)

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ACUTE INTERSTITIAL NEPHRITIS

=infiltration of interstitium by lymphocytes, plasma cells, eosinophils, few PMNs + edema
*Cause:*allergic / idiosyncratic reaction to drug exposure (methicillin, sulfonamides, ampicillin, cephalothin, penicillin, anticoagulants, phenindione, diphenylhydantoin) ■ eosinophilia (develops 5 days to 5 weeks after exposure) ✓ large smooth kidneys with thick parenchyma ✓ normal / diminished contrast density
US: ✓ normal / increased echogenicity

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ACUTE TUBULAR NECROSIS

=temporary reversible marked reduction in tubular flow rate *Etiology:* (a)DRUGS: bichloride of mercury, ethylene glycol (antifreeze), carbon tetrachloride, bismuth, arsenic, uranium, urographic contrast material (especially when associated with glomerulosclerosis in [diabetes mellitus](#)), aminoglycosides (gentamicin, kanamycin)(b)ISCHEMIA: major trauma, massive hemorrhage, postpartum hemorrhage, crush injury, myoglobinuria, compartmental syndrome, septic shock, cardiogenic shock, burns, transfusion reaction, severe dehydration, [pancreatitis](#), gastroenteritis, renal transplantation, cardiac surgery, biliary surgery, aortic resection *Pathophysiology:* profound reduction in renal blood flow due to elevated arteriolar resistance smooth large kidneys, especially increase in AP diameter >4.63 cm (due to interstitial edema) diminished / absent opacification of collecting system immediate persistent dense nephrogram (75%) increasingly dense [persistent nephrogram](#) (25%) diffuse calcifications (rare) US: normal to diminished echogenicity of medulla sharp delineation of swollen pyramids normal (89%) / increased (11%) echogenicity of cortex elevated resistive index ≥ 0.75 (in 91% excluding patients with hepatorenal syndrome); unusual in prerenal azotemia Angio: normal arterial tree with delayed emptying of intrarenal vessels slightly delayed / normal venous opacification NUC: poor concentration of Tc-99m glucoheptonate / [Tc-99m DTPA](#) well-maintained renal perfusion better renal visualization on immediate postinjection images than on delayed images progressive parenchymal accumulation of I-131 Hippuran / Tc-99m MAG3 no [excretion](#)

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ADDISON DISEASE

=PRIMARY ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY 90% of adrenal cortex must be destroyed!
Course: acute (adrenal apoplexy), subacute (disease present for <2 years), chronic
Cause: 1. Idiopathic adrenal atrophy (60-70%): likely autoimmune disorder
2. Granulomatous disease: [tuberculosis](#), [sarcoidosis](#)
3. Fungal infection: [histoplasmosis](#), [blastomycosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#)
4. [Adrenal hemorrhage](#): anticoagulation therapy, trauma, bleeding, coagulation disorders, sepsis, shock
5. Bilateral metastatic disease (rare)
↓ diminutive glands (in idiopathic atrophy + chronic inflammation) ↓ enlarged glands (acute inflammation, acute hemorrhage, metastasis) ↓ calcifications (in 25% of chronic course)

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ADRENAL CYST

Prevalence: 0.064-0.180% *Path*: (a)endothelial lining (45-48%): 1. [Lymphangioma](#) (93%) 2. [Hemangioma](#) (b)epithelial lining = true cyst (9-10%): 1. Glandular / retention cyst 2. Embryonal cyst 3. Cystic adenoma 4. Mesothelial inclusion cyst (c)pseudocyst (39-42%): 1. Previous hemorrhage / infarction 2. Hemorrhagic complication of benign vascular neoplasm / malformation 3. Cystic degeneration / hemorrhage of primary adrenal mass (d)parasitic cyst (7%): usually echinococcal *Age*: 3rd-6th decades (most commonly); M:F = 1:3 *Location*: mostly solitary; R:L = 1:1; bilateral in 8-10% *Well-defined*: uni- / multilocular *Wall thickness*: of up to 3 mm *<5 cm in diameter*: in 50% (up to 20 cm) *usually homogeneous with near-water density*; higher attenuation with hemorrhage / intracystic debris / crystals *lack of central enhancement ± wall enhancement* *calcifications*: (a)peripheral / mural: rimlike / nodular (51-69%) (b)central: in intracystic septation (19%) / punctate within intracystic hemorrhage (5%) *Cx*: hypertension; hemorrhage; infection; rupture with retroperitoneal hemorrhage *DDx*: 1. Cystic [pheochromocytoma](#) 2. Cystic adenomatoid tumor 3. Schwannoma 4. Cystic [adrenocortical carcinoma](#) (thick-walled lesion >7 cm in size; extremely rare) 5. Adrenal adenoma (contrast enhancement, no wall, no peripheral calcification)

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ADRENAL HEMORRHAGE

Cause: A. NEWBORN 1. [Birth trauma](#): forceps / breech delivery 2. Hypoxia due to prematurity 3. Infants of diabetic mothers 4. Septicemia 5. Hemorrhagic disorders **Age:** 1st week of life **Site:** R > L; bilateral in 10% B. ADULT 1. Anticoagulant therapy: during initial 3 weeks 2. Stress caused by sepsis: Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndrome 3. Surgery: orthotopic liver transplantation 4. Adrenal venous sampling 5. Tumor 6. Blunt abdominal trauma **Prevalence:** 2% (in 28% of autopsies) **Location:** R:L = 9:1, bilateral in 20% **round / oval hematoma (in 83%) located in medulla + stretching cortex around hematoma** **obliteration of gland by diffuse irregular hemorrhage (in 9%)** **uniform adrenal enlargement (in 9%)** **periadrenal hemorrhage causes ill-defined adrenal margin + stranding + asymmetric thickening of diaphragmatic crus** **mass displacing renal axis** **gradual decrease in size** **peripheral calcification occurring after 1 week** **US:** **initially echogenic becoming progressively hypoechoic (degeneration, lysis)** **CT:** **high-attenuation mass (50-90 HU) in acute / subacute stage**

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ADRENOCORTICAL ADENOMA

A. NONHYPERFUNCTIONING characterized by (a) normal lab values of adrenal hormones (b) NO pituitary shutdown of the contralateral gland (c) activity on NP-59 radionuclide scans *Incidence*: incidental finding in 0.6 -1.5% of CT examinations, in 3-9% at autopsy *surveillance* CT to confirm lack of growth *Rx*: surgical removal for masses 3-5 cm as indeterminate potentially malignant neoplasms *DDx*: metastasis B. HYPERFUNCTIONING 1. Primary hyperaldosteronism (= [Conn syndrome](#)) *Pathophysiology*: secretion of aldosterone by an adenoma is pulsatile *ACTH* infusion incites a dramatic increase in levels of cortisol + aldosterone for venous sampling 2. [Cushing syndrome](#) (10%) 3. Virilization: (a) hirsutism + clitoromegaly in girls (b) pseudopuberty in boys most common type of hormone elevation in children • elevated testosterone levels >0.55 ng/mL 4. Feminization (estrogen production) *contralateral atrophic gland* (secondary to ACTH suppression with autonomous adenoma) *unilateral focus of I-131 NP-59 radioactivity + contralateral absence of iodocholesterol accumulation* (DDx: hyperplasia [bilateral activity]) *well-defined sharply marginated mass <5 cm in size (average size 2.0-2.5 cm) mild homogeneous enhancement adenoma may calcify CT: soft-tissue density / cystic density (mimicked by high cholesterol content) with poor correlation between functional status and HU number <10 HU on NECT is 73% sensitive + 96% specific for adenoma <37 HU on delayed CECT (>5-15 minutes after contrast injection) is DIAGNOSTIC of adenoma small adenomas <1 cm often go undetected contralateral gland often normal / atrophic* *Angio: tumor blush + neovascularity; occasionally hypovascular pooling of contrast material enlarged central vein with high flow arcuate displacement of intraadrenal veins bilateral adrenal venous sampling in up to 40% unsuccessful in localizing* *MR: mass iso- / hypointense (rarely hyperintense) to liver on T2WI mild enhancement + quick washout on Gd-dimeglumine enhanced study (DDx: metastases tend to have higher signal intensities [however 20-30% overlap])*

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ADRENOCORTICAL CARCINOMA

Prevalence: 0.3-0.4% of all pediatric neoplasms (3 times as likely than adrenal adenoma) *May be associated with:* hemihypertrophy, [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#), astrocytomas • 20% nonfunctioning • 50% hyperfunctioning (in 10-15% [Cushing syndrome](#)) *Size:* usually >5 cm (median size 12 cm; in 16% <6 cm) ✓ frequently heterogeneous mass with irregular margins ✓ occasionally calcified ✓ invasion of IVC ✓ metastases to regional lymph nodes, kidney, renal veins, liver, diaphragm, lung, bone, brain ✓ Metastases are the only reliable sign of malignancy ✓ Large size + calcifications suggest malignancy! *CT:* ✓ central areas of low attenuation (tumor necrosis) ✓ heterogeneous enhancement (foci of hemorrhage + central necrosis) *US:* ✓ complex echo pattern (due to hemorrhage + necrosis) *MR:* ✓ hyperintense to liver on T2WI *Angio:* ✓ enlarged adrenal arteries ✓ neovascularity, occasionally with parasitization ✓ AV shunting; multiple draining veins *NUC:* ✓ usually bilateral nonvisualization with I-131 NP-59 (carcinomatous side does not visualize because amount of [uptake](#) is small for size of lesion; contralateral side does not visualize because carcinoma is releasing sufficient hormone to cause pituitary feedback shutdown of contralateral gland) *Biopsy:* may appear histologically benign in well-differentiated adenocarcinoma *Prognosis:* 0% 5-year survival rate *DDx:* metastasis (similar signal intensities on MR)

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ADRENOCORTICAL HYPERPLASIA

‡ Responsible for 8% of [Cushing syndrome](#) and 10-20% of hyperaldosteronism! *Cause:* 1. Corticotropin-dependent (85%): pituitary causes, ectopic corticotropin production, production of corticotropin-releasing factor 2. Primary pigmented nodular adrenocortical hyperplasia *Associated with:* Carney complex (spotty skin pigmentation, calcified Sertoli cell tumors of testes, cardiac and soft-tissue myxomas) 3. Primary aldosteronism (rare) *Incidence:* 4 x increased in patients with malignancy *Age:* 70-80% in adults; 19% in children *Types:* (1) Smooth hyperplasia (common) † bilateral normal-sized glands † thickened + elongated glands (2) Cortical nodular hyperplasia (less common) † normal glands ± appreciable micronodular configuration † thickened gland with macronodular configuration (nodules up to 2.5 cm) *Angio:* † minimally increased hypervascularity † focal accumulation of contrast medium † normal venogram / may show enlarged gland *NUC:* † asymmetric bilateral NP-59 uptake (related to urinary cortisol excretion) without dexamethasone suppression in [Cushing syndrome](#) † bilateral foci of NP-59 uptake with dexamethasone suppression (nondiagnostic ≥5 days)

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ADRENOGENITAL SYNDROMES

A. CONGENITAL TYPE=impaired cortisol + aldosterone synthesis secondary to enzyme defect (21-hydroxylase) with increased ACTH stimulation by [pituitary gland](#) (negative feedback mechanism) M < F • excess of androgenic steroids • ± salt wasting due to diminished mineralocorticoids • virilization of female fetus • [precocious puberty](#) in male • pseudohermaphroditism (clitoral hypertrophy, ambiguous external genitalia, urogenital sinus) ✓ symmetrically enlarged + thickened adrenal glands Rx: cortisone ± mineralocorticoids B. ACQUIRED TYPE M < F (a) adrenal hyperplasia / adenoma / carcinoma (b) ovarian / [testicular tumor](#) (c) gonadotropin-producing tumor: pineal, hypothalamic, [choriocarcinoma](#) • virilization • [Cushing syndrome](#)

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AMYLOIDOSIS

=accumulation of extracellular eosinophilic protein substances@Renal involvement/Incidence:1° amyloidosis (35%), 2° amyloidosis (in >80%)√ smooth normal to large kidneys with increase in parenchymal thickness (early stage)√ small kidneys = renal atrophy (late stage)√ occasionally attenuated collecting system√ increase in cortical echogenicity (deposition of amyloid in glomeruli and interstitium) + prominence of corticomedullary junction + obscuration of arcuate aa.√ nephrographic density normal to diminishedUS: √ normal to increased echogenicityCx:[renal vein thrombosis](#)

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ANALGESIC NEPHROPATHY

=renal damage from ingestion of salicylates in combination with phenacetin / acetaminophen in a cumulative dose of 1 kg
Incidence: United States (2-10%), Australia (20%)
Age: middle-aged; M:F = 1:4
■ gross hematuria ■ hypertension ■ renal colic (passage of renal tissue) ■ renal insufficiency (2-10% of all end-stage renal failures)
■ **Analgesic syndrome:** history of psychiatric therapy, abuse of alcohol + laxatives, headaches, pain in cervical + lumbar spine, peptic ulcer, anemia, [splenomegaly](#), arteriosclerosis, premature aging, [papillary necrosis](#), scarring of renal parenchyma ("wavy outline"); bilateral in 66%, unilateral in 5%, renal atrophy, papillary urothelial tumors in calices / pelvis (mostly TCC / squamous cell carcinoma), in 5% bilateral

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ANGIOMYOLIPOMA

=benign mesenchymal tumor of kidney=RENAL CHORISTOMA (= benign tumor composed of tissues not normally occurring within the organ of origin)=RENAL HAMARTOMA (improper name since fat and smooth muscle do not normally occur within renal parenchyma)*Prevalence*:0.3-3%*Path*:no true capsule, 88% extending through renal capsule, hemorrhage (characteristic lack of complete elastic layer of vessels predisposes to aneurysm formation); tumor continues to grow during childhood + early adulthood*Histo*:tumor composed of fat, smooth muscle, aggregates of thick-walled blood vessels*Types*: (1)Isolated AML (80%) = sporadic AMLsolitary + unilateral (in 80% on R side), NO stigmata of [tuberous sclerosis](#) *Age*:27-72 (mean 43) years of age; M:F = 1:4(2)AML associated with [tuberous sclerosis](#) (in 20%)*AML* in 80% of patients with [tuberous sclerosis](#)commonly large + bilateral + multiple;*may be the only evidence of [tuberous sclerosis](#)**Mean age*:17 years; M:F = 1:1 • small lesions are asymptomatic (60%) • acute flank / abdominal pain (due to hemorrhage) in 87% • shock (due to massive retroperitoneal hemorrhage) • hematuria (40%) • palpable mass (47%)*mostly <5 cm in diameter**large component of exophytic extrarenal tumor (25%)**calcifications (6%)**Plain film*: *mass of fat lucency (in <10%)**CT*: *well-marginated cortical heterogeneous tumor predominantly of fat density <-20 HU**homogeneously high attenuation on NECT in 5% (due to minimal fat component)**variable enhancement (smooth muscle, vessels)**US*: *intensely echogenic tumor (due to high fat content)**homogeneously isoechoic in 5% (due to minimal fat component)**less echogenic areas due to hemorrhage, necrosis, dilated calyces**MRI*: *intratumoral fat (fat-suppression technique)**variable areas of high signal intensity on T1WI(DDx: hemorrhagic cyst, solid tumor)**Angio*: *hypervascular mass (95%) with enlarged interlobar + interlobular feeding arteries, tortuous irregular aneurysmally dilated vessels (1/3), venous pooling, "sunburst" / "whorled" / "onion peel" appearance, no AV shunting**Cx*:hemorrhagic shock from bleeding into angiomyolipoma or into retroperitoneum*Angiomyolipomas >4 cm bleed spontaneously in 50-60%**Rx*:(1)annual follow-up of lesions <4 cm(2)emergency laparotomy (in 25%): nephrectomy, tumor resection(3)selective arterial embolization*DDx*:renal / perirenal [lipoma](#) or [liposarcoma](#); [Wilms tumor](#) / [renal cell carcinoma](#) (occasionally contains fat)

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ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION

(1) Congenital AVM (2) Acquired AVM: trauma, spontaneous rupture of aneurysm, very vascular malignant neoplasm *Histo:* (a) cirroid = multiple coiled vascular channels grouped in cluster; supplied by one / more arteries; draining into one / more veins (b) cavernous = single well-defined artery feeding into a single vein (rare) ✓ large unifocal mass ✓ focally attenuated and displaced collecting system ✓ homogeneously enhancing mass ✓ curvilinear calcification US: ✓ tubular anechoic structure (DDx: [hydronephrosis](#), hydrocalyx)

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BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY

=BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA *Prevalence*: 50% between ages 51 + 60 years; 75-80% of all men >80 years of age *Histo*: fibromyoadenomatous nodule (most common), muscular + fibromuscular + fibroadenomatous + stromal nodules *Age*: initial growth onset <30 years of age; onset of clinical symptoms at 60 ± 9 years ■ sensation of full bladder, nocturia ■ trouble initiating micturition ■ decreased urine caliber + force ■ dribbling at termination of micturition *Location*: transition + periurethral zone proximal to verumontanum forming "lateral lobes" (82%), "median lobe" (12%) ↓ oval (61%) / round (22%) / pear-shaped (17%) enlargement of central gland ↓ posterior + lateral displacement of outer gland (= prostate proper) creating cleavage plane of fibrous tissue between hyperplastic tissue + compressed prostatic tissue (= surgical capsule) often demarcated by displaced intraductal calcifications *Cx*: bladder outflow obstruction *Rx*: (1) Surgery: open prostatectomy (glands >80 g), transurethral resection of prostate = TURP (glands <80 g) ↓ Only 4-5% of patients need surgical treatment! (2) Drugs: α-blockers (for stromal hyperplasia); androgen deprivation (suppression of LHRH / inhibition of Leydig cell synthesis of testosterone / competition for androgen receptor [binding sites](#)) + α-blockers (for glandular hyperplasia)

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BLADDER CALCULI

Etiology: 1.FOREIGN BODY NIDUS CALCULI from self-introduced objects, bladder wall-penetrating bone fragments, prostatic chips, nonabsorbable suture material, fragments of Foley balloon catheter, pubic hair, presence of intestinal mucosa (in bladder augmentation, ileal conduit, repaired [bladder exstrophy](#)) 2.STASIS CALCULI in bladder outflow obstruction, vesical diverticula, lower [urinary tract infection](#) (in particular Proteus), cystocele, neuropathic bladder dysfunction 3.MIGRANT CALCULI= renal calculi spontaneously passing into bladder 4.IDIOPATHIC / PRIMARY / ENDEMIC CALCULI in North Africa, India, Indonesia; in young boys of low socioeconomic class (nutritional deficiency?) √ single stone in 86%Rate of recurrence after removal:41%

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BLADDER CONTUSION

= intramural hematoma (most common bladder injury) ✓ no extravasation ✓ lack of normal distensibility ✓ crescent-shaped filling defect in contrast-distended bladder

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BLADDER DIVERTICULUM

=cavity formed by herniation of bladder mucosa through muscular wall, joined to the bladder cavity by a constricted neck *Prevalence*: 1.7% in children *Etiology*:
A. PRIMARY / CONGENITAL / IDIOPATHIC DIVERTICULUM (40%)¹ in 3% single diverticulum (a) with vesicoureteral reflux 1. Hutch diverticulum in paraureteral region (b) without vesicoureteral reflux B. SECONDARY DIVERTICULUM (60%)² in 50% multiple diverticula (a) postoperative state (b) associated with bladder outlet obstruction 1. [Posterior urethral valves](#) 2. Urethral stricture 3. Large [ureterocele](#) 4. Neurogenic dysfunction 5. Enlarged prostate 6. Bladder neck stenosis (c) associated with syndromes 1. [Prune belly syndrome](#) 2. Menkes kinky-hair syndrome 3. [Williams syndrome](#) 4. Ehlers-Danlos type 9 syndrome 5. Diamond-Blackfan syndrome C. MULTIPLE DIVERTICULA IN CHILDREN 1. Neurogenic dysfunction 2. [Posterior urethral valves](#) 3. [Prune belly syndrome](#) *Average age*: 57 years; M:F = 9:1 *Site*: areas of congenital weakness of muscular wall at (a) ureteral meatus (b) posterolateral wall (Hutch diverticulum = paraureteral) *Cx*: (1) Vesical carcinoma in 0.8-7% secondary to chronic inflammation (average age 66 years) (2) Ureteral obstruction (3) Ureteral reflux

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BLADDER EXSTROPHY

=EPISPADIA-EXSTROPHY COMPLEX *Prevalence*: 1:33,000 to 1:40,000 live births *Etiology*: incomplete retraction of cloacal membrane prevents normal midline migration of mesoderm resulting in incomplete midline closure of infraumbilical abdominal wall; size of persistent cloacal membrane at time of rupture accounts for different degrees of severity ■ urinary bladder exposed + open anteriorly ■ mucosa everted through [abdominal wall defect](#) ■ bladder margins continuous with margins of abdominal wall ■ epispadia (male); bifid clitoris (female) *May be associated with*: wide linea alba, [omphalocele](#), limb defects (eg, club feet), renal malformation ([horseshoe kidney](#), [renal agenesis](#)), incomplete testicular descent, GI obstruction, bilateral inguinal hernias, [imperforate anus](#), cardiac anomalies, [hydrocephalus](#), [meningomyelocele](#) ✓ ventral defect of infraumbilical abdominal wall ✓ low position of umbilicus ✓ pubic diastasis = widening of pubic symphysis Cx: urinary [incontinence](#), [infertility](#), [pyelonephritis](#), bladder carcinoma (4%) Rx: primary closure, bladder excision with urinary diversion Closed Exstrophy = Pseudoexstrophy = persistent large cloacal membrane without rupture ■ anterior wall of bladder covered by thin bilaminar epithelial membrane ✓ infraumbilical musculoskeletal defect ✓ subcutaneous position of bladder

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BLADDER RUPTURE

Cystography: diagnostic in >85% false-negatives if tear sealed by hematoma / mesentery

[Extraperitoneal Rupture Of Bladder \(80%\)](#) [Intraperitoneal Rupture Of Bladder \(20%\)](#)

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Extraperitoneal Rupture Of Bladder (80%)

Cause: pelvic [fracture](#) (sharp bony spicule) or avulsion tear at fixation points of puboprostatic ligaments
Location: usually close to base of bladder anterolaterally
Plain film: "pear-shaped" bladder, loss of obturator fat planes, paralytic [ileus](#), upward displacement of ileal loops
Contrast examination: flame-shaped contrast extravasation into perivesical fat, best seen on postvoid films, may extend into thigh / anterior abdominal wall
US: "bladder within a bladder" = bladder surrounded by fluid collection

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Intraperitoneal Rupture Of Bladder (20%)

Cause: (a) usually as a result of invasive procedure (cystoscopy), stab wound, surgery (b) blunt trauma with sudden rise in intravesical pressure (requires distended bladder) *Location:* usually at dome of bladder ✓ contrast extravasation into paracolic gutters ✓ contrast outlining small bowel loops ✓ uriniferous [ascites](#)

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CHOLESTEATOMA

=keratin ball = keratinized squamous epithelium shed into lumen • history of UTIs • repeated episodes of renal colic
Location: renal pelvis > upper ureter ✓ mottled / stringy filling defects in collecting system ✓ dilatation of pelvicaliceal system (with obstruction) ✓ calcification of keratinized material possible ✓ Not a premalignant condition!

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CHROMOPHOBE CARCINOMA OF KIDNEY

Prevalence: 4% of renal cell neoplasms *Age*: median in 6th decade (31-75 years) *Histo*: cells with abundant cytoplasm containing numerous microvesicles ¹/₂ average size of 8 cm (range 1.3-20 cm) *Prognosis*: probably better than RCC

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CHRONIC GLOMERULONEPHRITIS

Cause: after acute poststreptococcal glomerulonephritis • late presentation without prior clinically apparent acute phase • hypertension • renal failure ✓ small smooth kidneys with wasted parenchyma ✓ normal papillae + calices ✓ patchy nephrogram with diminished density of contrast material ✓ cortical calcification (uncommon) US: ✓ increased echogenicity ✓ small kidneys with vicarious sinus lipomatosis Angio: ✓ marked reduction in renal blood flow + reflux of contrast material into aorta ✓ severely pruned + tortuous interlobar and arcuate arteries ✓ nonvisualization of interlobular arteries ✓ delayed contrast clearance from interlobar arteries

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CLEAR CELL SARCOMA OF KIDNEY

=rare highly malignant renal tumor of childhood with predilection for bone metastasis
Incidence: up to 6% of renal tumors in children
Histo: composed of well-defined polygonal to stellate cells with vacuolization, ovoid to rounded nuclei, prominent capillary pattern + tendency toward cyst formation separated by slightly thickened septa
Age: 1-6 years; M:F = 1:1
• increasing abdominal girth + palpable abdominal mass
• lethargy, weight loss
• hematuria
✓ expansile mass (8-16 cm) with dominant soft-tissue component
✓ cystic component of varying size (few mm to 5 cm) + multiplicity (58%)
✓ amorphous / linear calcifications (25%)
✓ renal mass crossing midline (58%)
US: ✓ inhomogeneous renal mass of soft-tissue density
✓ well-defined hypoechoic central area (= necrosis)
✓ mass of fluid-filled cystic spaces
CT: ✓ inhomogeneous enhancement less than that of normal renal parenchyma
✓ low-attenuation areas (= necrosis)
✓ water-density areas (= cysts)
Prognosis: worse than [Wilms tumor](#)
DDx: cystic form of [Wilms tumor](#), multilocular cystic nephroma, cystic dysplasia

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CONGENITAL RENAL HYPOPLASIA

=miniaturization with reduction in number of renal lobes, number of calices and papillae, amount of nephrons(+ smallness of cells)VARIANT:**Ask-Upmark kidney** = aglomerular focal hypoplasia✓ [unilateral small kidney](#)✓ decreased number of papillae + calices (5 or less)✓ hypertrophied contralateral kidney✓ absent renal artery✓ hypoplastic disorganized renal veins

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CONN SYNDROME

=PRIMARY HYPERALDOSTERONISM = PRIMARY ALDOSTERONISM = autonomous excess secretion of the mineralocorticoid aldosterone with hypertension + spontaneous hypokalemia=solitary [adrenocortical adenoma](#) (originally) *Incidence*:0.05-2% of hypertensive population *Age*:3rd-5th decade; M:F = 1:2 ■ hypertension (secondary to hypernatremia) ■ hypokalemia (80-90%, induced by administering large amounts of sodium chloride for 3-5 days): ■ muscle weakness, cardiac arrhythmia ■ carbohydrate intolerance ■ nephrogenic [diabetes insipidus](#) ■ depletion of magnesium ■ metabolic alkalosis ■ increased urinary [excretion](#) of aldosterone + metabolites ■ nonsuppressible elevation in plasma aldosterone concentration ■ suppressed plasma renin levels *Path*: (a)adenoma (65-89%): solitary aldosteronoma (65-70%); multiple (13%); microadenomatosis (6%)(b)bilateral adrenal hyperplasia (11-25-30%):= idiopathic hyperaldosteronism = focal / diffuse hyperplasia of glomerular zone accompanied by micro- / macroscopic nodules (c)[adrenocortical carcinoma](#) (<1%)[†] small aldosteronoma of 1.7 cm average size (range0.5-3.5 cm); L > R, bilateral in 6%[†] soft-tissue density / low attenuation[‡] Among hyperfunctioning adrenal adenomas aldosteronomas have the lowest attenuation![†] usually hypervascular, rarely hypovascular[†] normal / nodular / multinodular adrenal gland(s) (with hyperplasia)Adrenal [venography](#):76% [accuracy](#)Adrenal venous blood sampling:95% [accuracy](#), 75% [sensitivity](#)CT :60-80% [sensitivity](#) NUC: [†]I-131 NP-59 [uptake](#) following dexamethasone suppression[†] bilateral early visualization (<5 days) implies adrenal hyperplasia[†] unilateral early visualization implies adenoma[†] late bilateral visualization (>5 days) may be normal *Dx*:elevated plasma aldosterone concentration + suppressed plasma renin activityDiagnostic endocrine tests: postural stimulation test, short saline infusion test, 18-hydroxycorticosterone concentration *Rx*:adrenalectomy for neoplasms (75% long-term cure rate for hypertension); medical treatment for hyperplasia

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CONTRAST NEPHROPATHY

=CONTRAST-INDUCED [RENAL FAILURE](#)=increase in serum creatinine of ≥ 1 mg/dL \pm 25-50% of the baseline creatinine level after intravascular contrast administration *Patients at risk*: 1. Preexisting renal insufficiency 2. Insulin-dependent [diabetes mellitus](#) 3. Large volume of contrast media 4. Concomitant administration of other nephrotoxic drugs: aminoglycosides, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents 5. American Heart Association class IV [congestive heart failure](#) 6. Hyperuricemia A serum creatinine level of >4.5 mg/dL causes [acute renal failure](#) in 60% of nondiabetics + 100% of diabetics! *Previously considered but no longer accepted risk factors*: dehydration, hypertension, proteinuria, peripheral vascular disease, age >65 years, [multiple myeloma](#) *Mechanism*: increase in renal perfusion by vasodilatation (via prostaglandin $I_2 \pm E_2$) followed by vasoconstriction (via angiotensin II, norepinephrine, vasopressin) *Time course*: (a) rise in serum creatinine within 1-2 days (b) peak at 4-7 days (c) return to normal by 10-14 days *persistent nephrogram* on plain film *cortical attenuation* >140 HU on CT with 24-hour delay *Recommendation*: \diamond Employ nonionic contrast media (LOCM appears safe in patients without renal dysfunction / underlying risk factors in doses as large as 800 mL [300 mg iodine per mL]) \diamond Do not exceed maximum allowed dose (Cigarroa formula for HOCM): Contrast limit (mL) 60% by weight = $(5 \text{ mL} \times \text{body weight (kg)}) / (\text{serum creatinine (mg/100 mL)})$

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CUSHING SYNDROME

=HYPERCORTISOLISM = excessive glucocorticoid secretion from either exogenous / endogenous sources *Etiology*: A.ACTH-INDEPENDENT 1.Exogenous cortisol 2.Primary adrenal abnormality (20%):(a)primary pigmented nodular [adrenocortical hyperplasia](#) (children, young adults)(b)[adrenocortical adenoma](#) (10-20% of cases; 10% in adults, 15% in children)(c)[adrenocortical carcinoma](#) (5-10% of cases; 10% in adults, 66% in children) B.ACTH-DEPENDENT=overproduction of corticotropin with adrenal hyperplasia (in up to 85%) 1.Exogenous ACTH 2.Paraneoplastic ectopic ACTH production (20%): oat cell carcinoma of lung (8%), liver cancer, [prostate cancer](#), [ovarian cancer](#), [breast cancer](#), bronchial / thymic [carcinoid](#), [bronchial adenoma](#), pancreatic islet cell tumor (10%), [medullary carcinoma of thyroid](#), [thymoma](#), [pheochromocytoma](#) Bronchial + thymic carcinoids are often <1 cm at the time they produce Cushing syndrome! Islet cell tumors are large + often metastatic by the time they produce Cushing syndrome! 3.**Cushing disease** (70% of endogenous causes)=adrenal hyperplasia due to overproduction of ACTH Cause:(1)basophilic / chromophobe adenoma(2)overactive pituitary(3)ACTH-producing primary elsewhere 4.Hypothalamic dysfunction 5.Production of corticotropin-releasing factor (rare) *Incidence*:1:1,000 autopsies; M:F = 1:4 *Age*: 30-40 years (highest incidence); more often following pregnancy ■ central / truncal obesity, buffalo hump, moon face, facial plethora ■ purple striae, acne, hirsutism ■ fatigue, weakness, [amenorrhea](#) ■ impaired glucose tolerance / [diabetes mellitus](#) ■ hypertension, atherosclerosis, edema ■ elevated plasma cortisol levels ■ excessive [excretion](#) of urinary 17-hydroxy-corticosteroids ■ dexamethasone suppression test / metyrapone test ■ retarded bone maturation ■ most often axial [osteoporosis](#) ■ stippled calvarium ■ demineralized dorsum sellae ■ excess callus formation Cx:(1)pathologic fractures of vertebrae + ribs with excessive callus formation(2)aseptic necrosis of hips(3)bone infarcts(4)delayed skeletal maturation in children

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CYSTITIS

=bacterial infection; more common in females ■ frequency, dysuria, hematuria ■ reduced bladder capacity ✓ cystogram insensitive US: ✓ focal / multifocal / circumferential isoechoic [bladder wall thickening](#) ✓ decrease in [bladder wall thickening](#) during bladder distension (eg, instillation of sterile saline via a urethral catheter) ✓ bullous lesions ✓ intact mucosa

[Cystitis Cystica](#) [Emphysematous Cystitis](#) [Granulomatous Cystitis](#) = [Tuberculous Cystitis](#) [Hemorrhagic Cystitis](#) [Interstitial Cystitis](#) [Bullous Edema Of Bladder Wall](#)

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Cystitis Cystica = [CYSTITIS FOLLICULARIS](#) = [CYSTITIS GLANDULARIS](#) = [BULLOUS CYSTITIS](#) = nonspecific inflammatory process of bladder wall^f multiple small round cystlike mucosal elevations *Prognosis*: potentially malignant in adults

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Emphysematous Cystitis =uncommon complication of [urinary tract infection](#) by gasforming organism almost PATHOGNOMONIC of poorly controlled diabetes (= bacterial fermentation of glucose)Age:>50 years; M:F = 1:2Predisposed:[diabetes mellitus](#), [neurogenic bladder](#), bladder outlet obstruction, chronic UTIOrganism:E. coli, E. aerogenes, P. mirabilis, S. aureus, streptococci, Clostridium perfringens, Nocardia, CandidaMay be associated with:[emphysematous pyelitis](#) / [pyelonephritis](#) ●
pneumaturia (rare)Plain film: √ translucent streaky irregular area / ring of air bubbles in bladder wall√ intraluminal air-fluid levelUS: √ shadowing echogenic foci within area of [bladder wall thickening](#)CT (most specific modality) DDX:(a)Gas within bladder:trauma, urinary tract instrumentation, enterovesical fistula (b)Gas extern to bladder:rectal gas, emphysematous vaginitis, pneumatosis cystoides intestinalis, gas gangrene of uterus

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Granulomatous Cystitis = Tuberculous [Cystitis](#)

✓ irritable hypertonic bladder with decreased capacity ✓ disease process usually starts at trigone spreading upward and laterally ✓ calcification of bladder wall (rare)

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Hemorrhagic Cystitis Cause: unclear (a) nonspecific: negative culture (b) bacterial: E. coli (in 17%) (c) viral (adenovirus in 19%): negative culture, viral exanthem (d) cytotoxic: cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), in 15% of patients within 1st year of treatment¹ echogenic mobile clumps of solid material (= intraluminal blood clots)

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Interstitial Cystitis Age:postmenopausal female ■ pink pseudoulceration of bladder mucosa characteristically at vertex of bladder (= Hunner ulcer)

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Bullous Edema Of Bladder Wall Cause:continuous internal contact with Foley catheter, involvement of bladder wall by external contact in pelvic inflammatory conditions (eg, [Crohn disease](#), [appendicitis](#), diverticulitis)✓ smoothly thickened / polypoid redundant hypoechoic mucosa DDX:bladder neoplasm, [ureterocele](#), [pseudoureterocele](#), [neurofibromatosis](#), pseudosarcomatous myofibroblastic proliferations

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DIABETES MELLITUS

=multisystem disorder *Prevalence*: 14 million patients in United States *Path*: macro- and microvascular disease; neuropathy increased susceptibility to infection
A. CHRONIC EFFECTS
1. [Papillary necrosis](#)
2. [Renal artery stenosis](#)
3. Vas deferens calcification
B. URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS
1. Renal and perirenal abscess
2. [Emphysematous pyelonephritis](#)
3. Emphysematous [cystitis](#)
4. Fungal infection: Candida, Aspergillus
5. Xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#)
C. GENITAL INFECTION
1. [Fournier gangrene](#)
2. Postmenopausal tubo-ovarian abscess

[Diabetic Nephropathy](#) [Diabetic Cystopathy](#)

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Diabetic Nephropathy =defined as persistent proteinuria (>500 mg of albumin/24 hours) + retinopathy + elevated blood pressure. Most common cause of end-stage renal disease!
Incidence: 35-45% of IDDM; <20% of NIDDM; M > F
Histo: diffuse intercapillary glomerulosclerosis
Mortality: 90% after 40 years
Early: renal enlargement (renal hypertrophy with glomerular expansion)
Late: progressive decrease in size; diffuse cortical hyperechogenicity with gradual loss of corticomedullary differentiation; resistive index >0.7 (very late)
IVP: contrast material may induce [renal failure](#) (= rise in serum creatinine level 1-5 days after exposure). Keep patient well hydrated with 0.45% saline!

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Diabetic Cystopathy Cause:autonomous peripheral neuropathy*Histo*:vacuolation of [ganglion](#) cells in bladder wall, giant sympathetic neurons, hypochromatic [ganglion](#) cells, demyelination ■ insidious impairment of bladder sensation ■ decreased reflex detrusor activity¹ enlarged postvoid residual urine volumeCx:vesicoureteral reflux, recurrent [pyelonephritis](#), pyohydronephrosis, overflow [incontinence](#)

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Acute Epididymitis = ACUTE EPIDIDYMO-ORCHITIS = most common acute pathologic process in postpubertal age secondary to ascending infection (usually beginning as prostatitis) *Incidence*: 634,000 cases/year; <10 years in 0%; 20-30 years in 72% *Organism*: E. coli + S. aureus (85%), Gonococcus (12%), TB (2%); nonspecific epididymitis in 20% (a) >35 years of age Escherichia coli + Proteus mirabilis (b) <35 years of age: Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae ■ fever ■ increasing pain over 1-2 days ■ epididymal swelling + tenderness ■ pyuria (95%) ■ positive urine culture ■ leukocytosis (50%) ■ dysuria + frequency (25%) ■ prostatic tenderness (infrequent) Location: may have focal involvement as in focal epididymitis (25%) often in epididymal tail Subsequent spread to [testis](#) is common: global orchitis (frequent), focal orchitis (10%) US: ✓ enlarged [epididymis](#) with decreased echogenicity ✓ reactive [hydrocele](#) + skin thickening ✓ enlarged [spermatic cord](#) containing hyperechoic fat ✓ thickening of tunica albuginea (in severe infection) Color Duplex (91% sensitive, 100% specific): ✓ increased number + concentration of identifiable vessels in affected region (= hyperemia) ✓ peak systolic velocity (PSV) >15 cm/s with PSV ratio >1.9 compared with normal side ✓ detection of venous flow ✓ diastolic flow reversal in testicular artery (due to epididymal edema with obstruction of venous outflow) NUC (true positive rate of 99%): ✓ symmetric perfusion of iliac + femoral vessels ✓ markedly increased perfusion through [spermatic cord](#) vessels (testicular + deferential arteries) ✓ curvilinear increased activity laterally in hemiscrotum on static images (also centrally if [testis](#) involved) ✓ increased activity of scrotal contents on static images (hyperemia + increased capillary permeability) Rx: antimicrobial therapy, scrotal elevation, bed rest, analgesics, ice packs Cx: (1) Focal / diffuse orchitis (20-40%) (2) Epididymal abscess (6%) / testicular abscess (6%) (3) [Testicular infarction](#) (3%) from extrinsic compression of testicular blood flow (4) Late testicular atrophy (21%) (5) Hydropyocele (6) [Fournier gangrene](#) Ddx: (1) Testicular abscess (increased perfusion with centrally decreased [uptake](#)) (2) [Hydrocele](#) (normal perfusion, no [uptake](#)) (3) [Testicular tumor](#) (slightly increased perfusion; in- / decreased [uptake](#); no associated epididymal hyperemia on CFI; positive tumor markers: HCG, AFP)

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Chronic Epididymitis US: \surd enlarged hyperechoic [epididymis](#)

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ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION

=**IMPOTENCE** (term replaced due to negative connotation)=inability to obtain / maintain a penile erection sufficient for vaginal penetration in 50% or more attempts during intercourse
Physiology: Psychogenic phase: stimuli from thalamic nuclei, rhinencephalon, limbic system converge in medial preoptic anterior hypothalamic area
Neurologic phase: sacral nerve roots (S2-S4) contribute fibers to pelvic sympathetic plexus stimulation of cavernous n. (parasympathetic nerve) causes changes in blood flow resulting in full erection stimulation of pudendal n. (motor nerve) causes contraction of bulbocavernosus + ischiocavernosus muscle resulting in occlusion of veins + rigid erection
Risk factors:hypertension, diabetes, smoking, CAD, peripheral vascular disease, pelvic trauma / surgery, blood lipid abnormalities, *Cause*:
A.Organic cause (50%)1.Endocrine disorder (reducing serum testosterone / increasing serum prolactin)2.Vascular disease (10-20%): increasing with age3.Neurologic disorder (10%): multiple sclerosis, spinal cord trauma, cervical spondylosis, spinal [arachnoiditis](#), pelvic trauma, temporal lobe / idiopathic epilepsy, [Alzheimer disease](#), Parkinson disease, tabes dorsalis, [amyloidosis](#), primary autonomic insufficiency, cerebrovascular accidents, primary / metastatic tumor4.Chronic disease: [diabetes mellitus](#), drugs (antihypertensives, anticonvulsants, alcohol, narcotics, psychotropic agents)5.Surgery: damage to pelvic sympathetic nerves / cavernous n. during radical prostatectomy / cystectomy
Penile-brachial index (normal > 1.0) =highest penile artery pressure over mean brachial pressure¹ <0.70 suggests large vessel disease
Rx:nonsurgical external devices, sex therapy, surgery, intracavernosal injection of vasoactive agents, medical therapy

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FOURNIER GANGRENE

=FULMINANT FASCIITIS=uncommon potentially lethal [necrotizing fasciitis](#) of the scrotum *Incidence*:500 cases in literature *Organism*:(a)aerobes: S. aureus, E. coli, Proteus species, enterococci(b)anaerobes: Bacteroides fragilis, anaerobic streptococci, clostridia *Path*:cellulitis, myositis, fasciitis with soft-tissue necrosis *Histo*:thrombosis of subcutaneous vessels with gangrene of overlying skin *Age*:newborn to elderly *Predisposed*:[diabetes mellitus](#) (present in 40-60%) ■ pain, fever, leukocytosis ■ scrotal tenderness, erythema, swelling, crepitation! In 95% primary focus of infection is recognizable (urethra, soft tissue of anorectal area, genital skin)! ✓ gas in scrotal wall + perineum ✓ scrotal skin thickening + normal testes *Mortality*:7-75% *Rx*:antibiotic therapy + surgery + hyperbaric oxygen *DDx*:epididymo-orchitis, gas-containing [scrotal abscess](#), scrotal hernia with gas-containing bowel, scrotal [emphysema](#) from bowel perforation, extension of subcutaneous [emphysema](#), air leakage + dissection due to faulty chest tube positioning

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GANGLIONEUROBLASTOMA

=tumor of sympathetic nervous system that is intermediate in cellular maturity between [neuroblastoma](#) and [ganglioneuroma](#); metastatic potential *Incidence*: less common than [neuroblastoma](#) / [ganglioneuroma](#) *Age*: early childhood; M:F = 1:1 *Location*: posterior mediastinum, abdomen *extension* through neural foramen into epidural space *nerve root / spinal cord compression*

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GANGLIONEUROMA

=benign neoplastic growth of autonomic ganglia=may represent end-stage of maturation of a [neuroblastoma](#) induced by chemotherapy / occurring spontaneously
Histo:mixture of mature [ganglion](#) + Schwann cells
Age:42-60% <20 years, 39% aged 20-39 years, 19% aged 40-80 years; M:F = 1:1
Location:posterior mediastinum (25-43%); abdomen (52%), adrenal gland (20%); pelvis and neck (9%); oral + intestinal ganglioneuromatosis associated with MEN IIb
■ respiratory symptoms, local pressure (40%)
■ rarely hormone-active: diarrhea, sweating, hypertension, virilization, myasthenia gravis
✓ spherical / elliptical large well-defined encapsulated slow-growing mass
✓ tendency to surround blood vessels without compromising the lumen
✓ dumbbell-shaped large mass extending from paraspinal region through neural foramen into epidural space
✓ calcifications (8-27%)
CT: ✓ homogeneous attenuation less than that of muscle
MR: ✓ homogeneous + isointense with muscle on T1W
✓ heterogeneous + hyperintense to muscle on T2W
DDx:neurofibroma (no calcification), schwannoma (no calcification), [neuroblastoma](#) (calcified)

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HEMANGIOMA OF URINARY BLADDER

Incidence: 0.6% of primary bladder NEOPLASMS; 0.3% of all bladder tumors *Age:* <20 years (in >50%), M:F = 1:1 *May be associated with:* (a) additional hemangiomas in 30% (b) [Klippel-Trénaunay syndrome](#) (c) Sturge-Weber syndrome *Histo:* capillary / venous / cavernous / hemangiolymphomatous form ■ recurrent gross painless hematuria ■ cutaneous hemangiomas over abdomen, perineum, thighs in 25-30% *Location:* dome, posterolateral wall *Site:* limited to submucosa (33%), muscular wall, perivesical tissue ✓ compressible solitary (2/3) / multiple (1/3) masses ✓ rounded well-marginated intraluminal mass ✓ diffuse [bladder wall thickening](#) + punctate calcifications (phleboliths) *IVP:* ✓ rounded / lobulated filling defect *US:* ✓ solid predominantly hyperechoic mass ✓ hypoechoic spaces within thickened bladder wall *CAVE:* high risk of intractable hemorrhage at biopsy!

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HEMOLYTIC-UREMIC SYNDROME

‡Most common cause of [acute renal failure](#) in children requiring dialysis! = characterized by thrombotic microangiopathy with typical features of DIC *Cause*: (1) Infection: enterotoxigenic E. coli, Shigella dysenteriae I, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Salmonella typhi, Coxsackie virus, ECHO virus, adenovirus (2) Associated medical condition: pregnancy, SLE + other collagen vascular disease, malignancy, malignant hypertension (3) Drugs: oral contraceptives, cyclosporine, mitomycin, 5-fluorouracil *Pathogenesis*: capillary and endothelial injury to kidney leads to mechanical damage of RBCs + formation of hyaline microthrombi within renal vasculature + focal infarction *Age*: usually children <2 years *Histo*: microangiopathy including endothelial swelling + thrombus formation in glomerulus + renal arterioles **CLASSIC TRIAD**: (1) microangiopathic hemolytic anemia (2) thrombocytopenia (3) acute oliguric / anuric [renal failure](#) leading to uremia • recent bout of gastroenteritis (commonly with E. coli) • sudden pallor, irritability • bloody diarrhea • dyspnea (due to fluid retention, heart failure, [pleural effusion](#)) • convulsions • rapid rise in blood urea nitrogen level out of proportion to plasma creatinine level (= result of cell lysis) @Kidney (sometimes only organ involved): † kidneys of normal / slightly increased size † hyperechoic cortex Doppler-US: † diastolic flow absent / reversed / reduced (= increase in resistance to flow) † return to normal waveforms predates return of urine output Scintigraphy: † lack of renal perfusion @Liver: hepatomegaly, hepatitis @Pancreas: [diabetes mellitus](#) @Heart: myocarditis @Muscle: rhabdomyolysis @Intestines: perforation, [intussusception](#), [pseudomembranous colitis](#) @Brain (20-50%): drowsiness, personality changes, coma, hemiparesis, seizures (up to 40%) *Prognosis*: complete spontaneous recovery (in 85%)

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HEREDITARY CHRONIC NEPHRITIS

=ALPORT SYNDROME = probably autosomal dominant trait with presence of fat-filled macrophages ("foam cells") in the corticomedullary junction and medulla(a)males: progressive renal insufficiency, death usually < age 50(b)females: nonprogressive • polyuria • anemia • salt wasting • hyposthenuria • nerve deafness • ocular abnormalities (congenital cataracts, nystagmus, myopia, spherophakia) • NO hypertension ✓ small smooth kidneys ✓ diminished density of contrast material ✓ cortical calcifications

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HORSESHOE KIDNEY

=two kidneys joined at poles by parenchymal / fibrous isthmus *Incidence*: 1-4:1,000 births; 0.2-1% (autopsy series); M:F = 2-3:1 *Associated with*: cardiovascular anomaly, skeletal anomaly, CNS anomaly, [anorectal malformation](#), genitourinary anomaly (hypospadias, undescended [testis](#), bicornuate uterus, ureteral duplication), [trisomy 18](#), [Turner syndrome](#) in 50% with: (1) Caudal ectopia (2) Vesicoureteral reflux (3) [Hydronephrosis](#) fusion of R + L kidney at lower (90%) / upper (10%) pole renal long axis medially oriented isthmus at L4/5 between aorta + inferior mesenteric a. renal pelvises and ureters situated anteriorly Cx: renal calculi

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HYDROCELE

=collection of fluid between parietal and visceral layers of tunica vaginalis; most common type of fluid collection in scrotum(A)PRIMARY = IDIOPATHIC HYDROCELE without predisposing lesion as congenital defect of lymphatic drainage (B)SECONDARY HYDROCELE (a)inflammation (epididymitis, epididymo-orchitis)(b)[testicular tumor](#) (in 10-40%)(c)trauma / postsurgical(d)torsion, infarction(C)CONGENITAL HYDROCELE=[ascites](#) in scrotum through communication with peritoneal cavity (= open processus vaginalis); may be associated with inguinal hernia(D)INFANTILE HYDROCELE=hydrocele with fingerlike extension into funicular process but without communication with peritoneal cavityUS: ∇ anechoic, good back wall, through transmission ∇ with low level echoes \pm septations: hematocele / pyocele / cholesterol crystals

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HYDRONEPHROSIS

A. OBSTRUCTIVE UROPATHY = HYDRONEPHROSIS = dilatation of collecting structures without functional deficit B. OBSTRUCTIVE NEPHROPATHY = dilatation of collecting system with renal functional impairment
US: Grading system of hydronephrosis: Grade 0 = homogeneous central renal sinus complex without separation
Grade 1 = separation of central sinus echoes of ovoid configuration; continuous echogenic sinus periphery; 52% predictive value for obstruction
Grade 2 = separation of central sinus echoes of rounded configuration; dilated calices connecting with renal pelvis; continuity of echogenic sinus periphery
Grade 3 = replacement of major portions of renal sinus; discontinuity of echogenic sinus periphery
Amount of collecting system dilatation depends on: (a) duration of obstruction (b) renal output (c) presence of spontaneous decompression
Amount of residual renal cortex is of prognostic significance!

[Acute Hydronephrosis](#) [Chronic Hydronephrosis](#) [Congenital Hydronephrosis](#) [Focal Hydronephrosis](#)

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Acute Hydronephrosis Cause: (1) Passage of calculus with sites of stone impaction at points of ureteral narrowing: (a) ureterovesical junction (70%) (b) ureteropelvic junction (c) crossing of iliac vessels (2) Passage of blood clot (from carcinoma, AV malformation, trauma, anticoagulant therapy), sloughed necrotic papilla (3) Suture on ureter (4) Ureteral edema following instrumentation (5) Sulfonamide crystallization in nonalkalinized urine (6) Normal pregnancy

- pain (50%)
- [urinary tract infection](#) (36%)
- nausea + vomiting (33%)

✓ normal-sized kidney with normal parenchymal thickness ✓ increasingly dense nephrogram ✓ delayed opacification of collecting system (decreased glomerular filtration) ✓ increasingly dense nephrogram over time ("obstructed nephrogram") ✓ dilated collecting system + ureter ✓ widening of forniceal angles ✓ delayed images demonstrate site of obstruction at the end of a persistent column of contrast material in a dilated urinary collecting system ✓ vicarious [contrast excretion](#) through gallbladder (uncommon) NECT: ✓ dilatation of renal collecting system + ureter ✓ inflammation of perinephric ± periureteral fat ✓ calcified ureteral stone ✓ ureteral rim sign (77%) = thickening of ureteral wall secondary to edema from stone impaction with small stones (DDx: in *% of phleboliths) US: ✓ ureteral jet not detectable / continuous at low level False-negatives: staghorn calculus filling entire collecting system, hyperacute renal obstruction (system not yet dilated), spontaneous decompression of obstruction, fluid-depleted patient with partial obstruction, dehydrated neonate False-positives: full bladder, increased urine flow (overhydration, medications, following urography, [diabetes insipidus](#), diuresis in nonoliguric azotemia), [acute pyelonephritis](#), postobstructive / postsurgical dilatation, vesicoureteral reflux Imposters: parapelvic cysts, sinus vessels, prominent extrarenal pelvis Duplex: ✓ mean RI of 0.77 ± 0.05 (0.63 ± 0.06 in nonobstructed kidney) Caution: RI often normal in chronic obstruction; nonobstructive renal disease may elevate RIs ✓ ≥ 0.08 difference in RI in right-to-left comparison with unilateral obstruction Cx: spontaneous urinary extravasation (10-18%) from forniceal / pelvic tear (= pyelosinus reflux)

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Chronic Hydronephrosis = most frequent cause of abdominal mass in first 6 months of life (25% of all neonatal abdominal masses) *Cause:* (a)acquired: benign + malignant tumors of the ureter; ureteral strictures; retroperitoneal tumor / [fibrosis](#); [neurogenic bladder](#); benign prostatic hyperplasia; cervical / prostatic carcinoma; pelvic mass ([lymphoma](#), abscess, ovarian); urethral polyps; urethral neoplasm; acquired urethral strictures(b)congenital ■ insidious course ✓ large kidney with wasted parenchyma ✓ diminished nephrographic density (decreased clearance) ✓ early "rim" sign (thin band of radiodensity surrounding calices) ✓ delayed opacification of collecting system ✓ moderate to marked widening of collecting system ✓ tortuous dilated ureterNUC: ✓ photopenic area during vascular phase ✓ accumulation of radionuclide tracer within hydronephrotic collecting system on delayed imagesCx:superimposed infection (= [pyonephrosis](#))

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Congenital Hydronephrosis Mostly isolated malformation *Incidence:* 1:100-300 births *Risk of recurrence:* 2-3% for siblings *Age at presentation:* 25% by age 1 year, 55% by age 5 years *Cause:* 1. UPJ obstruction (22-40-67%) 2. [Posterior urethral valves](#) (18%) 3. [Ectopic ureterocele](#) (14%) 4. [Prune belly syndrome](#) (12%) 5. Ureteral + UVJ obstruction (8%) 6. Others: severe vesicoureteral reflux, bladder neck obstruction, hypertrophy of verumontanum, [urethral diverticulum](#), congenital urethral strictures, anterior urethral valves, meatal stenosis *May be associated with:* [Down syndrome](#) (17-25%) ■ palpable abdominal mass ■ intermittent flank + periumbilical pain ■ failure to thrive ■ vomiting ■ hematuria, infection *Location:* 70% unilateral *OB-US:* ✓ AP diameter of renal pelvis ≥ 5 mm between 15-20 weeks, ≥ 8 mm at 20-30 weeks, ≥ 10 mm after 30 weeks *MAV:* ratio of AP diameter of renal pelvis to kidney $> 50\%$ ✓ caliceal distension communicating with renal pelvis ✓ *Postnatal evaluation* after 4-7 days of age (because of decreased GFR + relative dehydration in first days of life) *Prognosis:* parenchymal atrophy + renal impairment (dependent on severity + duration)

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Focal Hydronephrosis = HYDROCALICOSIS = HYDROCALYX = obstructed drainage of one portion of kidney Cause: (1) Congenital: partial / [complete duplication](#) (2) Infectious stricture: eg, TB (3) Infundibular calculus (4) Tumor (5) Trauma
✓ unifocal mass, commonly in upper pole
✓ absent polar group of calices (early)
✓ dilated polar group (late) with displacement of adjacent calices
✓ delayed opacification in obstructed group
✓ focally replaced nephrogram US: ✓ anechoic cystic lesion with smooth margins
CT: ✓ focal area of water density with smooth margin and thick wall

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IMPOTENCE

=inability to have + maintain an erection adequate for sexual intercourse
Incidence: 10 million Americans
Cause: A.ORGANIC (majority): diabetes (2 million), vascular disease, cancer surgery, spinal cord injury, pelvic trauma, endocrine problem, multiple sclerosis, alcoholism, drug-associated impotence(a)failure to initiate (neurogenic)(b)failure to fill (arteriogenic)(c)failure to store (venogenic)(d)end organ disease
B.PSYCHOGENICRx:(1)Vascular reconstructive surgery(2)Oral / intracavernous pharmacotherapy(3)Vacuum erection devices(4)Penile prosthesis placement(a)nonhydraulic: semirigid, malleable, positionable(b)hydraulic
[also see ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION](#)

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JUXTAGLOMERULAR TUMOR

=RENINOMA = very rare tumor arising from renin-producing juxtaglomerular cells *Incidence*: <30 cases reported *Age*: mean age of 31 years; 50% <21 years; M < F *Path*: small foci of hemorrhage + pseudocapsule *Histo*: tumor resembles [hemangiopericytoma](#) • typical features of primary reninism: • hypertension • hyperreninemia • secondary hyperaldosteronism • moderate to severe headaches • polydipsia, polyuria, enuresis *Location*: just beneath renal capsule *renal mass* of usually 2-3 cm in size *US*: \checkmark echogenic mass \pm areas of necrosis / hemorrhage *CT* (thin overlapping cuts): \checkmark isodense tumor on NECT, hypodense on CECT *Angio*: \checkmark angiographically hypo- / avascular tumor \checkmark renal venous blood sampling yields high renin level on affected side *Dx*: combination of elevated renin without renal arterial lesion + hypovascular solid renal mass *DDx of renin elevation*: [Wilms tumor](#), hypernephroma, lung cancer, paraovarian tumor, fallopian tube adenocarcinoma, epithelial liver hamartoma, orbital [hemangiopericytoma](#), pancreatic cancer, angiolymphoid hyperplasia

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LEUKEMIA

¶ Most common malignant cause of bilateral global renal enlargement! *Incidence*: renal involvement in 63% of autopsies. A. FOCAL ACCUMULATION OF LEUKEMIC CELLS (rare) **chloroma** (= [granulocytic sarcoma](#)) of acute myeloblastic [leukemia](#), myeloblastoma, myeloblastic sarcoma • may antedate other manifestations of [leukemia](#) ✓ unifocal mass in renal cortex / renal sinus. B. DIFFUSE INVOLVEMENT. Leukemic cells infiltrate the interstitial tissue + renal sinus; tubules are replaced (more common in lymphocytic than in granulocytic forms); no relationship to peripheral white blood cell count • renal impairment (from leukemic infiltrate, hyperuricemia, septicemia, hemorrhage) • hypertension ✓ large kidneys bilaterally with smooth contours ✓ normal or diminished density on nephrogram ✓ occasionally attenuated collecting system (DDx: renal [sinus lipomatosis](#)) ✓ nonopaque filling defects on IVP (clot, uric acid) ✓ renal / subcapsular / perinephric hemorrhage frequent ✓ retroperitoneal lymphadenopathy. US: ✓ loss of definition + distortion of central sinus complex ✓ normal to increased coarse echoes throughout renal cortex + preservation of renal medullae ✓ single / multiple focal anechoic masses. DDx: [Hodgkin disease](#), malignant [lymphoma](#), [multiple myeloma](#)

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LEUKOPLAKIA

=KERATINIZING SQUAMOUS METAPLASIA / DYSPLASIA = DYSKERATOSIS
Cause: chronic infection (80%) / stones (40%)
Histo: large confluent areas / scattered patches of squamous metaplasia of transitional cell epithelium with keratinization + cellular atypia in deeper layers
Peak age: 4th-5th decade; M:F = 1:1 (with involvement of renal pelvis) M:F = 4:1 (with involvement of bladder) ■ hematuria (30%) ■ recurrent UTIs ■ pathognomonic passage of gritty flakes, soft-tissue stones, white chunks of tissue (desquamated keratinized epithelial layers) leading to colic, fever, chills
Location: bladder > renal pelvis > ureter; bilateral in 10%
✓ corrugated / striated irregularities of pelvicaliceal walls, localized / generalized ✓ plaque-like intraluminal mass with "onion skin" pattern of contrast material in interstices ✓ caliectasis + pyelectasis common (with obstruction) ✓ ridging / filling defects of ureter ✓ associated with calculi in 25-50%
Cx: premalignant condition for [epidermoid carcinoma](#) in 12% (controversial!)

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LOBAR NEPHRONIA

= ACUTE FOCAL BACTERIAL NEPHRITIS = focal variant of [acute pyelonephritis](#) with single / multiple areas of suppuration + necrosis *Organism*: E. coli > Proteus > Klebsiella *Predisposed*: patients with altered host resistance (diabetes [60%], immunosuppression), chronic catheterization, mechanical / functional obstruction, trauma

• fever, flank pain, pyuria *Site*: usually involves entire renal lobe ✓ focal area of absent nephrogram / distorted pyelogram ✓ renal arteries displaced, renal veins compressed ✓ hypoechoic mass with ill-defined margins and disruption of corticomedullary border, NO fluid collection ✓ low attenuation zone with poorly defined transition to surrounding parenchyma ✓ Ga-67 [uptake](#) ✓ vesicoureteral reflux often present *Cx*: scarring, abscess

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LOCALIZED CYSTIC DISEASE

=multiple simple cysts involving only one portion of the kidney • no family history *Histo*:dilated ducts and tubules varying in size from mm to several cm *Prognosis*:not progressive

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LYMPHOMA

Incidence: in 2.7-6% renal involvement *Types:* A. [NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMA](#) renal involvement detected in 5% of abdominal CT, in 33-65% of autopsies; occurs usually late in disease B. [HODGKIN DISEASE](#) renal involvement in 13% of autopsies *Patterns of involvement:* (a) primary renal lymphoma (very rare) (b) hematogenous dissemination: -single / multiple foci-diffuse infiltration (c) contiguous extension from adjacent pararenal lymphomatous disease, usually extranodal ■ clinically silent (50%) ■ flank pain, palpable mass, weight loss ■ hematuria ■ compromise of renal function (urinary tract obstruction, renal vein compression, diffuse infiltration of kidney, superimposed infarct, [amyloidosis](#), [hypercalcemia](#)) ✓ unilateral: bilateral = 3:1 ✓ multiple nodular masses (29-61%) ✓ invasion from retroperitoneal disease (11%) with involvement by transcapsular / transsinus extension ✓ single bulky tumor (7%), small solitary tumor (7-48%) ✓ diffuse infiltration (6-19%), microscopic infiltration (7%) CECT: ✓ usually homogeneous poorly marginated masses less dense than renal parenchyma US: ✓ single / multiple anechoic / hypoechoic masses ✓ renal enlargement + decreased parenchymal echoes ✓ loss of renal sinus echoes ✓ neovascularity, encasement, vascular displacement (occasionally palisade-like configuration)

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MALACOPLAKIA

=uncommon chronic inflammatory response to Gram-negative infection *Organism*: E. coli (in 94%); [diabetes mellitus](#) predisposes *Histo*: submucosal histiocytic granulomas containing large foamy mononuclear cells (Hansemann macrophages) with intracytoplasmic basophilic PAS-positive inclusion bodies (Michaelis-Gutmann bodies) consisting of incompletely destroyed E. coli bacterium surrounded by lipoprotein membranes *Peak age*: 5th-7th decade; M:F = 1:4 • hematuria • raised yellow lesion <3 cm in diameter *Location*: bladder > lower 2/3 of ureter > upper ureter > renal pelvis; multifocal in 75%; bilateral in 50% ✓ multiple dome-shaped smooth mural filling defects ✓ scalloped appearance if lesions confluent ✓ generalized pelviureteral dilatation (if obstructive) ✓ displacement of pelvicaliceal system + distorted central sinus complex ✓ multifocal parenchymal masses may cause diminished / absent nephrogram *DDx*: [pyeloureteritis cystica](#)

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MALPOSITIONED TESTIS

=MALDESCENDED **TESTIS** Testes are normally within scrotum by 28-32 weeks **MA Incidence**: early 3rd trimester in 10%; at birth in 3.7% (in babies >2,500 g in 3.4%; in premature babies in 30%); beyond 3 months of age in 1% **Test sensitivity**: MR: modality of choice US: 20-88%; very sensitive in inguinal canal **Need to identify mediastinum testis** (DDx: lymph node) CT: 95% (**testis** <1 cm cannot be detected) **no spermatic cord** in inguinal canal **Venography**: 50-90% **Cx**: (1) Sterility (2) Malignancy: most commonly seminoma, 30-50 x risk increase = 1:1,000 men/year, 4-11% of all testicular tumors found in cryptorchidism; risk remains increased even after orchiopexy **Annual screening until at least age 35!** (3) Torsion: 10 x risk in cryptorchidism **Rx**: surgery at 9-12 months of age **DDx**: (1) Rudimentary **testis** (2) Pars intravaginalis gubernaculum = nonatrophied bulbous termination (3) Congenital absence = monorchia / anorchia (in 3-5%)

[Cryptorchidism \(20-29%\)](#) [Ectopia Testis \(1%\)](#) [Pseudocryptorchidism \(70%\)](#) [Undescended Testis](#)

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Cryptorchidism (20-29%)

=arrested descent of [testis](#) along its normal course *Associated with:* [prune belly syndrome](#) (bilateral cryptorchidism), Prader-Willi syndrome, [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#), [Noonan syndrome](#), [Laurence-Moon-Biedl syndrome](#), trisomies 13, 18, 21 ■ nonpalpable [testis](#) Location: high scrotal position (50%); canalicular = between internal + external inguinal ring (20%); abdominal (10%); bilateral in 10% The most cranial possible point of an undescended [testis](#) is the lower pole of the ipsilateral kidney! ↓ failure to visualize [testis](#) within scrotum ↓ small atrophic [testis](#) with generalized decreased echogenicity + demonstrable mediastinum [testis](#)

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Ectopia [Testis](#) (1%)

=deviation from the usual pathway Location: interstitial = groin (on external oblique muscle), pubopenile = root of penis, perineal, femoral triangle, on opposite side

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Pseudocryptorchidism (70%)
=RETRACTILE [TESTIS](#)=unusually spastic cremasteric muscle

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Undescended [Testis](#) = retractile [testis](#) + cryptorchidism

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MECKEL-GRUBER SYNDROME

=autosomal recessive disease characterized by occipital encephalocele, polycystic kidneys, [polydactyly](#) *Incidence*:1:12,000-50,000; more common among Yemenite Jews *Risk of recurrence*:25%; carrier frequency of 1:56 ■ history of affected siblings *OB-US*: √ large polycystic kidneys containing 2- to 10-mm cysts √ occipital encephalocele √ postaxial [polydactyly](#) √ [microcephaly](#) √ cleft lip and palate √ moderate-to-severe [oligohydramnios](#) (onset midtrimester) √ inability to visualize urine within fetal bladder *OB management*: 1.Chromosomal analysis to exclude [trisomy 13](#) (if no prior family history) 2.Option of pregnancy termination <24 weeks GA 3.Nonintervention for fetal distress >24 weeks GA *Prognosis*:invariably fatal at birth due to [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) + [renal failure](#) *DDx*:[trisomy 13](#)

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MEDULLARY CYSTIC DISEASE

=NEPHRONOPHTHISIS *Histo*: variable number of medullary cysts (100 μ to 2 cm) + progressive periglomerular and interstitial [fibrosis](#) + tubular atrophy with dilatation of some proximal tubules *Types*: (1) MEDULLARY CYSTIC DISEASE = ADULT ONSET autosomal dominant, in young adults, rapidly progressive course with uremia + death in 2 years (2) JUVENILE NEPHRONOPHTHISIS = JUVENILE ONSET autosomal recessive, in children 3-5 years, average duration of 10 years before uremia and death occurs

- salt-wasting, polyuria, hyposthenuria, polydipsia
- failure to thrive, growth retardation (in early teens)
- uremia, severe anemia, normal sediment, hypertension (only in late phase)

IVP: ∇ bilateral normal / small kidneys with smooth contour + thin cortex ∇ poor opacification of renal collecting system ∇ "medullary nephrogram" = medullary striations persistent for up to 2 hours; occasionally replaced by sharply defined multiple thin-walled lucencies ∇ Retrograde pyelogram: ∇ communication between collecting system + cysts ∇ US / CT: ∇ increased parenchymal echogenicity + loss of corticomedullary junction ∇ multiple small medullary / corticomedullary cysts

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MEDULLARY SPONGE KIDNEY

=dysplastic cystic dilatation of papillary + medullary portions of collecting ducts (first few generations of metanephric duct branchings) *Incidence*: 0.5% *Age*: young to middle-aged adults; sporadic *May be associated with*: [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#), parathyroid adenoma, [Caroli disease](#) ■ often asymptomatic *medullary nephrocalcinosis* (40-80%) with one / more calculi up to 5 mm *"bunch of flowers"* = thick dense streaks of contrast material radiating from pyramids peripherally representing papillary cysts / ectatic ducts (DDx: dense papillary blush in normals) *may be unilateral in 25%* *may involve only one pyramid / all pyramids (25%)* Cx: [urolithiasis](#), hematuria, infection DDx: (1) Normal variant ("papillary blush" without distinct streaks / [nephrocalcinosis](#) / pyramidal enlargement) (2) Renal [tuberculosis](#) (larger more irregular calcifications + cavitations + strictures + ulcerations) (3) [Papillary necrosis](#) (sloughed papilla + caliceal ring sign) (4) Medullary [nephrocalcinosis](#) (no ectatic ducts / cysts, calcifications beyond pyramids) (5) Juvenile polycystic kidney disease (bilateral renal enlargement + hepatic periportal [fibrosis](#)) (6) Caliceal diverticulum (small, solitary, located between pyramid)

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MEGACALICOSIS

=CONGENITAL MEGACALICES = nonprogressive caliceal dilatation caused by hypoplastic medullary pyramids
Age: any age; M >> F May be associated with: primary [megaureter](#) • normal glomerular filtration rate
Site: entire kidney / part of kidney; unilateral / bilateral kidney usually enlarged with prominent fetal lobation
reduced parenchymal thickness (medulla affected, NOT cortex) mosaic-like arrangement of dilated calices (polygonal + faceted appearance, NOT globular as in obstruction)
increased number of calices ABSENT caliceal cupping (semilunar instead of pyramidal configuration of papillae) NO dilatation of pelvis / ureters, NORMAL [contrast excretion](#)
Cx: (1) Hematuria (2) Stone formation

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MEGACYSTIS-MICROCOLON SYNDROME

=MEGALOCYSTIS-MICROCOLON-INTESTINAL HYPOPERISTALSIS SYNDROME (MMIH)= functional obstruction of bladder + colon characterized by (1)enlarged urinary bladder(2)small colon(3)strikingly short small intestine suspended on a primitive dorsal mesentery(4)markedly enlarged hydronephrotic kidneys with little remaining parenchyma *Incidence*:26 cases reported; M:F = 1:7 *May be associated with*: diaphragmatic hernia, PDA, teeth at birth • distended abdomen (large bladder + dilated small bowel loops) • overflow [incontinence](#) • intestinal pseudo-obstruction (poor emptying of stomach, NO peristaltic activity of small bowel)OB-US: ✓ normal amount of amniotic fluid / [polyhydramnios](#) (in spite of dilated bladder = "nonobstructive obstruction")✓ massive + progressive bladder distension with poor emptying✓ bilateral megaloureters✓ ± [hydronephrosis](#)✓ female sexBE: ✓ microcolon (transient feature of "unused colon") with narrow rectum + sigmoid✓ [malrotation](#) / malfixation or foreshortening of small bowelVCUG ✓ distended unobstructed bladder with poor / absent muscular function *Prognosis*:lethal in most cases (a few months of age)

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MEGALOURETER

=CONGENITAL PRIMARY [MEGAURETER](#) = TERMINAL URETERECTASIS = [ACHALASIA](#) OF URETER= URETEROVESICAL JUNCTION OBSTRUCTION = intrinsic congenital dilatation of lower juxtavesical orthotopic ureter *Cause:* aperistaltic juxtavesical (1.5 cm long) segment secondary to faulty development of muscle layers of ureter (functional, NOT mechanical obstruction) *Incidence:* all ages; second most common cause of [hydronephrosis](#) in fetus and newborn; M:F = 2-5:1 *Associated disorders* (in 40%): (a)contralateral: UPJ obstruction, reflux, [ureterocele](#), ureteral duplication, [renal ectopia](#), [renal agenesis](#)(b)ipsilateral: caliceal diverticulum, [megacalycosis](#), [papillary necrosis](#) • asymptomatic (mostly) • pain • abdominal mass • hematuria • infection *Location:* L:R = 3:1, bilateral in 15-40% ✓ prominent localized dilatation of pelvic ureter (up to 5 cm in diameter) usually not progressive, but may involve entire ureter + collecting system ✓ vigorous nonpropulsive to-and-fro motion in dilated segment ✓ functional smoothly tapered narrowing of intravesical ureter ✓ NO reflux, NO stenosis

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MESOBLASTIC NEPHROMA

=FETAL RENAL HAMARTOMA = LEIOMYOMATOUS HAMARTOMA = BENIGN CONGENITAL [WILMS TUMOR](#) = BENIGN FETAL HAMARTOMA = FETAL MESENCHYMAL TUMOR = BOLANDE TUMOR = CONGENITAL [FIBROSARCOMA](#) = FIBROMYXOMA=nonfamilial benign fibromyomatoid mass arising from renal connective tissue *Incidence*: most common renal neoplasm in neonate; 3% of all renal neoplasms in children *Age*: 3 months mean age at presentation; may occasionally go undetected until adulthood; M > F *Histo*: smooth muscle cells + immature fibroblasts resembling [leiomyoma](#) containing trapped islands of embryonic glomeruli, tubules, vessels, hematopoietic cells, cartilage *In 14% associated with*: prematurity, [polyhydramnios](#), GI + GU tract malformations, [neuroblastoma](#) ■ large flank mass ■ hematuria (20%) / hypertension (4%), anemia ✓ usually replaces 60-90% of renal parenchyma ✓ usually solid but may produce multiple cystic spaces ✓ NO sharp cleavage plane toward normal parenchyma, may extend beyond capsule ✓ calcifications (rare) ✓ NO venous extension (DDx from [Wilms tumor](#)) IVP: ✓ large noncalcified renal mass with distortion of collecting system ✓ usually NO herniation into renal pelvis (DDx from MLCN) US: ✓ evenly echogenic tumor with concentric echogenic + hypoechoic rings resembling uterine fibroids ✓ complex mass with hemorrhage + cyst formation + necrosis *Angio*: ✓ hypervascular mass with neovascularity + displacement of adjacent vessels *Cx*: transformation to metastasizing spindle cell sarcoma (rare) *Rx*: complete resection *Prognosis*: excellent

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METASTASES TO KIDNEY

‡Most common malignant tumor of the kidney (2-3 times as frequent as primaries in autopsy studies)!‡5th most common site of metastases (after lung, liver, bone, adrenals)!most common primaries: bronchus, breast, opposite kidney, non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), colon less common primaries: stomach, cervix, ovary, pancreas, prostate, chloroma, myeloblastoma, myeloblastic sarcoma, melanoma (45% incidence), osteogenic sarcoma, [choriocarcinoma](#) (10-50% incidence), Hodgkin [lymphoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#) ■ usually asymptomatic‡ bilateral multiple small masses (due to brief survival of patient)DDx on CT:[lymphoma](#), bilateral RCC, multiple renal infarcts, acute focal bacterial nephritis, infiltrating TCC

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MULTICYSTIC DYSPLASTIC KIDNEY

=MULTICYSTIC DYSGENETIC KIDNEY (MCDK)= MULTICYSTIC KIDNEY (MCK) = Potter Type II

Second most common cause of an abdominal mass in neonate (after [hydronephrosis](#))

Most common form of cystic disease in infants

Incidence: 1:10,000 (for bilateral MCDK); M:F = 2:1 (for unilateral MCDK); more common among infants of diabetic mothers

Risk of recurrence: 2-3%

Etiology: (sporadic) generalized interference with ureteral bud function before 8-10 weeks of fetal life

Pathophysiology: ureteral obstruction / atresia interferes with ureteral bud division + inhibits induction and maturation of nephrons; collecting tubules enlarge into cysts

Histo: immature glomeruli + tubules reduced in number + whirling mesenchymal tissue, cartilage (33%), cysts

abdominal mass

asymptomatic if unilateral (may go undetected until adulthood)

recurrent urinary tract infections, intermittent abdominal pain, nausea + vomiting, hematuria, failure to thrive

fatal due to [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) if bilateral

Fatal form: bilateral MCDK (4.5-21%), contralateral [renal agenesis](#) (0-11%)

Location: 1. UNILATERAL multicystic dysplastic kidney most common form (80-90%); L:R = 2:1 secondary to pelvoinfundibular atresia

Associated with anomalies of contralateral side in 20-40-50%: (1) [Ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#) (7-27%) (2) [Horseshoe kidney](#) (5-9%) (3) Ureteral anomalies (5%) (4) Renal hypoplasia (4%) (5) Vesicoureteral reflux (6) [Malrotation](#) (7) [Renal agenesis](#)

Associated with ipsilateral anomalies: (1) Vesicoureteral reflux (25%) (2) Ectopic ureter (3) SEGMENTAL / focal renal dysplasia = "multilocular cyst" secondary to (a) high-grade obstruction of upper pole moiety in duplex kidney from [ectopic ureterocele](#) (b) single obstructed infundibulum

3. BILATERAL cystic dysplasia in the presence of severe obstruction in utero from [posterior urethral valves](#) / urethral atresia with [oligohydramnios](#) + [pulmonary hypoplasia](#)

Types: (1) Multicystic kidney (Potter IIa)

large kidney with multiple large cysts + little visible renal parenchyma

(2) Hypoplastic / diminutive form (Potter IIb)

echogenic small kidney

APPEARANCE RELATED TO SITE OF OBSTRUCTION @ureteropelvic junction

single / several large / multiple medium-sized cysts in large kidney @distal ureter / urethra

small / no cysts in small kidney

APPEARANCE RELATED TO TIME OF INSULT (a) early onset between 8th-11th week

small / atretic renal pelvis + calices

10-20 cysts + loss of reniform appearance

(b) late onset = HYDRONEPHROTIC FORM

large central cyst (= dilated pelvis) often communicating with cysts

some renal function may be demonstrated

large kidney with lobulated contour in infancy

incidental finding of small kidney in adults (secondary to arrested growth)

ipsilateral atretic ureter

contralateral renal hypertrophy

calcification: curvilinear / ringlike in wall of cysts in 30% of adults, rarely in children

IVP + NUC: NUC preferred over IVP in first month of life as concentrating ability of even normal neonatal kidneys is suboptimal

no function (rarely faint contrast accumulation)

US: normal renal architecture replaced

random cysts of varying shape + size ("cluster of grapes") with largest cyst in peripheral nonmedial location (100% accurate)

cysts separated by septa (100% accurate)

central sinus complex absent (100% accurate)

no communication between multiple cysts (93% accurate)

no identification of parenchymal rim or corticomedullary differentiation (74% accurate)

cysts begin to disappear in infancy

kidney may be small + atrophic (as little as 1 g) / normal / large

[oligohydramnios](#) in bilateral MCDK / unilateral MCDK + contralateral urinary obstruction

Angio: absent / hypoplastic renal artery; [angiography](#) unnecessary since a Ddx to long-standing functionless kidney is not possible

OB-management: (1) Routine antenatal care + evaluation by pediatric urologist following delivery if unilateral

(2) Option of pregnancy termination if <24 weeks GA

(3) Nonintervention for fetal distress if >24 weeks GA

Cx: (1) Renin-dependent hypertension (rare)

(2) Malignancy in <1:330

Rx: (1) follow-up

(2) nephrectomy (in hypertension / if kidney does not involute)

DDx: (1) [hydronephrosis](#) (2) renal dysplasia with cysts (associated with partial obstruction)

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MULTILOCLAR CYSTIC RENAL TUMOR

=rare nonhereditary benign renal neoplasm originating from metanephric blastema possibly representing the benign end of a spectrum with solid [Wilms tumor](#) at the malignant end= BENIGN MULTILOCLAR CYSTIC NEPHROMA = POLYCYSTIC NEPHROBLASTOMA = WELL-DIFFERENTIATED POLYCYSTIC [WILMS TUMOR](#)= BENIGN CYSTIC DIFFERENTIATED NEPHROBLASTOMA = CYSTIC PARTIALLY DIFFERENTIATED NEPHROBLASTOMA= MULTILOCLAR CYSTIC NEPHROMA = PERLMANN TUMOR = MULTILOCLAR RENAL CYST = CYSTIC ADENOMA / HAMARTOMA / [LYMPHANGIOMA](#) = PARTIALLY POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY Age:biphasic age + sex distribution: <4 years in 73% male, >4 years in 89% female(a)3 months to 2 years of age (65%), 5-30 years (5%); M:F = 2:1(b)>30 years (30%); M:F = 8:1!90% of tumors in males occur in first 2 years of life (peak 3-24 months)!Most of the lesions in females occur between ages 4 and 20 or 40 and 60!Path:solitary large well-circumscribed multiseptated mass of noncommunicating fluid-filled loculi, surrounded by thick fibrous capsule + compressed renal parenchyma; cyst size between mm up to 4 cmHisto:(gross anatomic features are identical)1.**Cystic nephroma** fibrous tissue septa of undifferentiated mesenchymal and primitive glomerulotubular elements surround cysts lined by flattened cuboidal epithelium; NO blastemal / other embryonal elements 2.**Cystic partially differentiated nephroblastoma** =CPDNpredominantly cystic lesion with septa containing blastemal / other embryonal elements • commonly asymptomatic painless abdominal mass • ± sudden and rapid enlargement • pain, hematuria, [urinary tract infection](#)Location:unilateral, often replacing an entire renal pole (usually lower pole) Size:average size of 10 cm (few cm to 33 cm)!sharply well-circumscribed (characteristic) multiseptated cystic renal mass!tumor surrounded by thick fibrous capsule!cluster of noncommunicating "honeycombed" cysts of various sizes separated by thick septa!smaller closely spaced cysts appear as solid nodules!contrast enhancement of septations (secondary to tortuous fine vessels coursing through septa)!curvilinear to flocculent calcification of septa / capsuleIVP: !distortion of calices / [hydronephrosis](#) secondary to nonfunctional mass!tendency for herniation of tumor cysts into renal pelvis (nonspecific, also seen with [Wilms tumor](#) + RCC)US: !cluster of cysts separated by thick septa (SUGGESTIVE PATTERN)!occasionally solid echogenic character (due to very small cysts / jellylike contents)CT: !cysts with attenuation equal to / higher than water (gelatinous fluid) Cx:local recurrence / coexistent [Wilms tumor](#) (extremely rare)Rx:nephrectomyDDx:(1)Cystic [Wilms tumor](#) (overlapping age)(2)Clear cell sarcoma (poor prognosis)(3)Cystic [mesoblastic nephroma](#) (most common renal tumor of infancy)(4)Cystic RCC (mean age of 10 years)(5)Segmental form of [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#)

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MULTIPLE MYELOMA

It is essential that dehydration is avoided! *Impairment of renal function:* (1) Precipitation of abnormal proteins (Bence-Jones ± Tamm-Horsfall protein casts) into tubule lumen (30-50%) (2) Toxicity of Bence-Jones proteins on tubules (3) Impaired renal blood flow secondary to increased blood viscosity (4) [Amyloidosis](#) (5) [Nephrocalcinosis](#) from [hypercalcemia](#) Contrast-induced [renal failure](#) in multiple myeloma is not seen with greatly increased frequency! ■ Tamm-Horsfall proteinuria (tubular cell secretion) ✓ smooth normal to large kidneys (initially), become small with time ✓ occasionally attenuated pelvo-infundibulo-caliceal system ✓ normal to diminished contrast material density; increasingly dense in acute oliguric failure US: ✓ normal to increased echogenicity NUC in bone scintigraphy: ✓ nonspecific increased parenchymal activity

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MYCETOMA

=FUNGUS BALL *Organism*: typically Candida, Aspergillus, Mucor, Cryptococcus, Phycomycetes, Actinomycetes mostly mycelial (M-form) or occasionally yeast cells (Y-form) *Predisposed*: diabetics, debilitating illness, prolonged antibiotic therapy, [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#), [thymoma](#), immunosuppression • flank pain, passing of tissue, hematuria (extremely rare) • renal [candidiasis](#) associated with candidemia • Candida [cystitis](#) preceded by vaginal [candidiasis](#) ✓ unilateral nonvisualization of kidney (most frequent) ✓ large irregular filling defect extending into dilated calices (retrograde contrast study) ✓ necrotizing papillitis from Candida nephritis (common) ✓ lacelike pattern (on antegrade contrast study)

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NEPHROBLASTOMATOSIS

=multiple / diffuse nephrogenic rests (= abnormally persistent nephrogenic cells with potential to form [Wilms tumor](#)) *Incidence*: in 41% with unilateral [Wilms tumor](#), in 94% with metachronous contralateral [Wilms tumor](#), in 99% with bilateral [Wilms tumor](#) *Pathogenesis*: primitive renal tissue (metanephrogenic blastema) normally present up to 36 weeks of gestational age; embryonal renal tissue in mature kidney after birth retains potential to form nephroblastomatosis / [Wilms tumor](#) *Histo*: contains only primitive epithelial cell line without mesenchymal elements (as seen in [Wilms tumor](#)) *Age*: neonatal period, infancy, childhood *Associated with*: hemihypertrophy, sporadic aniridia, [Klippel-Trénaunay syndrome](#), [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#), [trisomy 18](#), pseudohermaphroditism, splenic agenesis with hepatic malformation, Drash syndrome *Site*: (a) at periphery of renal lobe = perilobar nephrogenic rest associated with a 1-2% risk of [Wilms tumor](#) (b) within renal lobe = intralobar nephrogenic rest associated with 4-5% risk of [Wilms tumor](#) A. **Multifocal (juvenile) nephroblastomatosis**

most common form = discrete islands of rests in cortex / columns may escape detection with imaging ± deformation of pelvicaliceal structures kidneys may be enlarged B. **Superficial diffuse (late infantile) nephroblastomatosis**

=superficial continuous peripheral ring of rests around normal medulla + pyramid *Age*: <2 years nephromegaly Strong association with [Wilms tumor](#)! C. **Universal / panlobar (infantile) nephroblastomatosis**

rare form = entire renal parenchyma diffusely involved may develop [renal failure](#) bilateral renal enlargement US: subtle subcapsular hypoechoic / isoechoic / hyperechoic nodules nephromegaly with decreased parenchymal echoes CECT (preferred study): nonenhancing subcapsular nodules splaying + elongation of collecting system MR (43% [sensitivity](#), 58% [sensitivity](#) with enhancement): homogeneously hypointense lesions on T1WI homogeneously hypointense lesions on T2WI for sclerosing / involuting type of nephroblastomatosis isointense lesions on T2WI for hyperplastic / neoplastic type of nephroblastomatosis hypointense lesions on enhanced T1WI Cx: malignant transformation (enlargement of rest / development of mass) Rx: amenable to chemotherapy

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MYEOLIPOMA

Prevalence: 0.08-0.2% (autopsy series) *Cause:* ? metaplasia of adrenal cortical cells precipitated by chronic stress / degeneration *Path:* mature fat interspersed with hematopoietic cells resembling bone marrow + pseudocapsule *Histo:* variable mixture of myeloid cells, erythroid cells, megakaryocytes, lymphocytes *Associated with:* endocrine disorders in 7% ([Cushing syndrome](#), 21-hydroxylase deficiency), nonhyperfunctioning adenoma (15%) *Location:* (a) adrenal gland (85%) (b) extraadrenal (15%): retroperitoneal (12%), intrathoracic (3%) *Site:* unilateral : bilateral = 10:1 *Size:* mean diameter of 10.4 cm *X-ray:* ✓ lucent mass with rim of residual normal adrenal cortex ✓ calcifications (22%) *US:* ✓ heterogeneous predominantly hyperechoic (= fatty + myeloid tissue) mass with interspersed hypoechoic (= pure fat) regions *CT:* ✓ large amounts of fat with interspersed "smoky" areas of higher attenuation of 20-30 HU (= admixture of fat + marrowlike elements) *MR:* ✓ hyperintense areas on T1WI (= predominantly fatty areas) ✓ intermediate intensity on T2WI similar to [spleen](#) ✓ hyperintense areas on fat-suppressed images (= marrowlike elements + hemorrhage) *Cx:* acute hemorrhage with increase in size (12%) *Dx:* percutaneous needle biopsy *Rx:* surgical excision not necessary *DDx:* [liposarcoma](#)

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NEPHROGENIC ADENOMA

=uncommon benign metaplastic response to urothelial injury / prolonged irritation
Cause:(a)trauma: accident, surgery, instrumentation, renal transplantation(b)irritation: calculi, chronic infection
Age:3 weeks to 83 years; M:F = 3:1 (more common in females <20 years of age)
Path:discrete raised papillary / polypoid areas projecting from epithelial surface
Histo:variable number of small tubules + cysts + papillae lined with a single layer of cuboidal / low columnar cells
■ hematuria, dysuria ■
asymptomatic
Location:bladder (72%), renal pelvis, ureter, urethra; strong correlation between location + site of insult to urothelium
✓ filling defect
Rx:resection / fulguration
DDx:inflammatory / malignant urothelial lesions

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NEPHROGENIC DIABETES INSIPIDUS

=poor reabsorption of water in collecting ducts due to (1) lack of adequate vasopressin production (2) end-organ resistance to vasopressin
Cause: (a) congenital 1. X-linked recessive trait with variable expression 2. Autosomal dominant form (rare) (b) acquired 1. Obstructive uropathy 2. Unilateral [renal artery stenosis](#) 3. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) ■
symptoms in infancy: ■ vomiting secondary to hypernatremic dehydration ■ mental retardation ■ caloric growth failure (water favored over formula) ■ symptoms after infancy: ■ increased fluid intake ■ avoiding urination ■ bilateral hydronephrosis
Rx: thiazide diuretics, low-salt diet, encouragement of frequent micturition, indomethacin

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NEUROBLASTOMA

Most common solid abdominal mass of infancy (12.3% of all perinatal neoplasms), 3rd most common malignant tumor in infancy (after [leukemia](#) + CNS tumors), 2nd most common tumor in childhood ([Wilms tumor](#) more common in older children), 7% of all childhood cancers; 15% of cancer deaths in children *Incidence*: 1:7,100 to 1:10,000 livebirths; 500 cases per year in USA; 20% hereditary *Origin*: neural crest *Path*: round irregular lobulated mass of 50-150 g with areas of hemorrhage + necrosis *Histo*: small round cells slightly larger than lymphocytes with scant cytoplasm; Horner-Wright rosettes = one / two layers of primitive neuroblasts surrounding a central zone of tangled neurofibrillary processes *Age*: peak age at 2 years; 25% during 1st year; 50% <2 years; 75% in <4 years; 90% in <8 years; occasionally present at birth; M:F = 1:1 *May be associated with*: aganglioneuroblastoma of bowel, CHD • pain + fever (30%) • palpable abdominal mass (45-54%) • bone pain, limp, inability to walk (20%) • myoclonus of trunk + extremities • cerebellar ataxia, nystagmus (20%) • opsoclonus = spontaneous conjugate + chaotic eye movements (sign of cerebellar disease) • orbital ecchymosis / proptosis (12%) • intractable diarrhea (9%) due to increase in vasoactive intestinal polypeptides (VIP) • increased catecholamine production (75-90%): in 95% excreted in urine as vanillylmandelic acid (VMA) / homovanillic acid (HVA) • hypertension (up to 30%) • acute cerebellar encephalopathy • paroxysmal episodes of flushing, tachycardia, headaches, sweating • rise in body temperature • hyperglycemia *Stage*: I limited to organ of origin II regional spread not crossing midline III extension across midline IV metastatic to distant lymph nodes, liver, bone, brain, lung *IVs*: stages I + II with disease confined to liver, skin, bone marrow WITHOUT radiographic evidence of skeletal metastases *Metastases*: bone (60%), regional lymph nodes (42%), orbit (20%), liver (15%), intracranial (14%), lung (10%) • Metastases are first manifestation in up to 60% **Hutchinson syndrome** (1) primary adrenal neuroblastoma (2) extensive skeletal metastases, particularly skull (3) proptosis (4) bone pain **Pepper syndrome** (1) primary adrenal neuroblastoma (2) massive hepatomegaly from metastases **Blueberry muffin syndrome** (1) primary adrenal neuroblastoma (2) multiple metastatic skin lesions • Bone marrow aspirate positive in 50-70% at time of initial diagnosis • 2/3 of patients >2 years have disseminated disease! *@Skeletal metastases*: • [periosteal reaction](#) • osteolytic focus / multicentric lytic lesions • lucent horizontal metaphyseal line • vertical linear radiolucent streaks in metadiaphysis of long bones • pathologic [fracture](#) • vertebral collapse • widened cranial sutures (subadjacent dural metastases) • sclerotic lesions with healing *DDx*: [Ewing sarcoma](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#), [leukemia](#), [lymphoma](#) *@Intracranial + maxillofacial metastases*: Site: dura, brain substance *@Pulmonary metastases*: • nodular infiltrates • rib erosion • mediastinal + retrocrural lymphadenopathy (common) *Location*: anywhere within sympathetic neural chain *@abdomen* (a) adrenal (36%): almost always unilateral (b) both adrenals (7-10%) (c) extraadrenal in sympathetic chain (18%) *@thorax + posterior mediastinum* (14%): aortic bodies *@neck* (5%): carotid ganglia *@pelvis* (5%): organ of Zuckerkandl *@skull* / esthesioneuroblastoma of olfactory bulb, cerebellum, cerebrum (2%) *@other sites* (10%): eg, intrarenal (very rare) *@unknown* (10%) • large suprarenal mass with irregular shape + margins (82%) • heterogeneous texture with low-density areas from hemorrhage + necrosis (55%) • stippled / coarse calcifications (36-70%) • "drooping lily" sign = displacement of kidney inferolaterally without distortion of collecting system • [hydronephrosis](#) (24%) • inseparable from kidney ± invasion of kidney (32%) • propensity for extension into spinal canal through neural foramen with erosion of pedicles (15%) • extension across midline (55%) (DDx: [Wilms tumor](#)) • retroperitoneal adenopathy / contiguous extension (73%) • retrocrural adenopathy (27%) • encasement of IVC + aorta, celiac axis, SMA (32%) • caval involvement = indicator of unresectability • liver metastases (18-66%); invasion of liver (5%) *Angio*: • hypo- / hypervascular mass *US*: • hyper- / hypoechoic mass with acoustic shadows *NUC*: • focal [uptake](#) of I-131 / I-123 MIBG radioactivity (82% [sensitivity](#); 88% [specificity](#)) • tracer [uptake](#) on bone scan (60%) *OB-US*: • maternal symptoms of catecholamine excess • mixed cystic + solid mass in adrenal region • may exhibit acoustic shadowing (calcifications) • hydrops fetalis (severe anemia secondary to [metastases to bone](#) marrow, mechanical compression of IVC, hypersecretion of aldosterone) *2-year survival rate versus age at presentation*: 60% if patients age <1 year 20% if patients age 1-2 years 10% if patients age >2 years • May revert to benign [ganglioneuroma](#) in 0.2% *Survival rate versus stage*: 80% for stage I 60% for stage II 30% for stage III 7% for stage IV 75-87% for stage IVs *DDx*: exophytic [Wilms tumor](#), [mesoblastic nephroma](#), multicystic kidney, retroperitoneal teratoma, [adrenal hemorrhage](#), hepatic hamartoma / [hemanangioma](#), infradiaphragmatic sequestration

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NEUROGENIC BLADDER

Neuroanatomy: bladder innervation of detrusor muscle by parasympathetic nerves S2-S4 *Etiology:* congenital ([myelomeningocele](#)); trauma; neoplasm (spinal, CNS); infection (herpes, polio); inflammation (multiple sclerosis, syrinx); systemic disorder (diabetes, pernicious anemia) A.SPASTIC BLADDER "upper motor neuron" lesion above conus B.ATONIC BLADDER "lower motor neuron lesion" below conus

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ONCOCYTOMA

= PROXIMAL TUBULAR ADENOMA = BENIGN OXYPHILIC ADENOMA *Prevalence*: 1-2-13% of renal tumors *Age*: median age around 65 (range of 26-94) years; M:F = 1.6:1 to 2.5:1 *Path*: well-encapsulated tan-colored tumor of well-differentiated proximal tubular cells (benign adenoma) + oncocytes *Histo*: oncocytes = large epithelial cells with granular oxyphilic / eosinophilic cytoplasm (due to large number of mitochondria); no clear cytoplasm; similar oncocytic tumors seen in thyroid, parathyroid, salivary glands, adrenals • majority asymptomatic, occasionally hypertension *renal mass* of 6-7.5 cm average size (0.1-26 cm) *tumor* of homogeneous low attenuation / hypoechoogenicity (>50%) *well-demarcated* with pseudocapsule *central stellate scar* in 30% (in lesions >3 cm in diameter due to organization of central infarction + hemorrhage after tumor growth has outstripped [blood supply](#)) *invasion* of renal capsule / renal vein in large tumors *Angio*: *spoke-wheel configuration* (80%), homogeneously dense parenchymal phase (71%) *NO contrast puddling / arteriovenous shunting / renal vein invasion* *NUC*: *photopenic area* (tubular cells do not function normally) on [Tc-99m DMSA](#) *Dx*: percutaneous needle biopsy unreliable *Pathologic diagnosis* requires entire tumor because well-differentiated [renal cell carcinoma](#) may have oncocytic features! *Rx*: local resection / heminephrectomy *Prognosis*: death from malignancy following surgery (3%)

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PAGE KIDNEY

=renin-angiotensin mediated hypertension caused by renal compression in a perinephric / subcapsular location *Etiology*: (1) Spontaneous hematoma (most common) (2) Blunt trauma (3) Cyst (4) Tumor ✓ stretching + splaying of intrarenal vessels ✓ slow arterial washout ✓ distortion of renal contour + thinning of renal parenchyma ✓ enlarged + displaced capsular artery

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PAPILLARY NECROSIS

=NECROTIZING PAPILLITIS = ischemic necrobiosis of medulla (loops of Henle + vasa recta) secondary to interstitial nephritis (interstitial edema) or intrinsic vascular obstruction
Cause: mnemonic: "POSTCARD" Pyelonephritis Obstructive uropathy Sickle cell disease Tuberculosis, Trauma Cirrhosis = alcoholism, Coagulopathy Analgesic nephropathy Renal vein thrombosis Diabetes mellitus (50%) also: dehydration, severe infantile diarrhea, hemophilia, Christmas disease, acute tubular necrosis, transplant rejection, postpartum state, high-dose urography, intravesical instillation of formalin, thyroid cancer
Types: 1. Necrosis in situ = necrotic papilla detaches but remains unextruded within its bed 2. Medullary type (partial papillary slough) = single irregular cavity located concentric / eccentric in papilla with long axis paralleling the long axis of the papilla + communicating with calyx 3. Papillary type (total papillary slough)
Phases: (1) Enlargement of papilla (papillary swelling) (2) Fine projections of contrast material alongside papilla (tract formation) (3) Medullary cavitation / complete slough of papilla
■ flank pain, dysuria, fever, chills ■ ureteral colic
■ acute oliguric renal failure ■ hypertension ■ proteinuria, pyuria, hematuria, leukocytosis
Location: (a) localized / diffuse (b) bilateral distribution (systemic cause) (c) unilateral (obstruction, renal vein thrombosis, acute bacterial nephritis)
✓ normal or small kidney (analgesic nephropathy) / large kidney (acute fulminant)
✓ smooth / wavy renal contour (analgesic nephropathy) ✓ calcification of necrotic papilla: papillary / curvilinear / ringlike
✓ VP: ✓ subtle streak of contrast material extending from fornix parallel to long axis of papilla ✓ centric / eccentric, thin and short / bulbous cavitation of papilla ✓ widened fornix (necrotic shrinkage of papilla) ✓ ring shadow of papilla (outlining detached papilla within contrast material-filled cavity) ✓ club-shaped / saccular calyx (sloughed papilla) ✓ intraluminal nonopaque filling defect (sloughed papilla) in calyx / pelvis / ureter ✓ diminished density of contrast material in nephrogram; rarely increasingly dense ✓ wasted parenchymal thickness ✓ displaced collecting system (enlarged septal cortex from edema)
US: ✓ multiple round / triangular cystic spaces in medulla with echo reflections of arcuate arteries at periphery of cystic spaces
Cx: higher incidence of transitional cell carcinoma in analgesic abusers (8 x); higher incidence of squamous cell carcinoma
DDx: (1) Postobstructive renal atrophy (2) Congenital megacalices (normal renal function) (3) Hydronephrosis (dilated infundibula)

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PARAGANGLIOMA

=rare neuroendocrine tumor arising from paraganglionic tissue found between base of skull and floor of pelvis; belong to amine-precursor-[uptake](#) decarboxylation (APUD) system characterized by cytoplasmic vesicles containing catecholamines *Types:* (1)Adrenal paraganglioma arising from adrenal medulla = [pheochromocytoma](#)(2)Aorticosympathetic paraganglioma associated with sympathetic chain + retroperitoneal ganglia(3)Parasympathetic paraganglioma including branchiomeric **chemodectoma**, vagal + visceral autonomic paraganglioma ■ paroxysmal / permanent hypertension (due to secretion of vasopressor amines) with headache, pallor, perspiration, palpitations ■ tumor may secrete catecholamine (= **functional paraganglioma**); proportion of hormonally active tumors high for pheochromocytomas, intermediate for aorticosympathetic paragangliomas, low for parasympathetic paragangliomas ■ pheochromocytomas secrete norepinephrine + epinephrine, extraadrenal paragangliomas secrete only norepinephrine, some paragangliomas produce dopamine ■ determination of free norepinephrine most sensitive with gas chromatography / high-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) performed on 24-hour urine specimensLocation of functioning paragangliomas: (a)adrenal medulla (>80%)(b)extraadrenal intraabdominal (8-16%)(c)extraadrenal in head, neck, chest (2-4%)(d)multiple paragangliomas in up to 20%, particularly in hereditary disorders ([multiple endocrine neoplasia](#) syndromes, neuroectodermal syndromes)Cx:malignant transformation in 2-10%

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PAROXYSMAL NOCTURNAL HEMOGLOBINURIA

=rare acquired disorder of nonmalignant bone marrow clones
Cause:infection, transfusion, radiographic contrast material, exercise, drugs, immunization, surgery
Pathophysiology:destruction of abnormally sensitive RBCs by activated complement; complement activation of abnormal platelets + release of thrombogenic material from lysed RBCs
■ intravascular hemolysis: ■ hemoglobinuria ■ chronic [iron deficiency anemia](#) ■ venous thrombosis: ■ acute / [chronic renal failure](#) (small vessel thrombosis)MR: √ renal cortical iron depositionCx:thrombosis due to hypercoagulable state ([Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) involving tertiary + secondary venous radicles, portal v., mesenteric v., splenic v.)

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PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA

=ADRENAL [PARAGANGLIOMA](#)= rare tumor of chromaffin tissue; responsible for 0.1% of hypertension *Incidence*:0.13% in autopsy series; sporadic occurrence in 94% *Histo*:chromaffin tumor cells contain chromagranin within secretory granules, tumor tends to form "Zellballen" (cell balls) *Age*:5% in childhood *Symptomatology* secondary to excess catecholamine production (norepinephrine / epinephrine): ■ asymptomatic (9%) ■ headaches, sweating, flushing, palpitations, anxiety, tremor ■ nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, chest pain ■ paroxysmal (47%) / sustained (37%) hypertension (a) elevated catecholamine (b) functional renal vasoconstriction (c) [renal artery stenosis](#) ([fibrosis](#), intimal proliferation, tumor encasement) ■ hypoglycemia during hypertensive crisis ■ elevated urine vanillylmandelic acid (VMA) in 54%; in up to 22% false-negative result because VMA not excreted *Associated with*: ✓ pheochromocytomas usually bilateral (1) [Multiple endocrine neoplasia](#) (MEN) in 6%: ■ pheochromocytoma asymptomatic in 50% (a) [Sipple syndrome](#) = MEN type II (= type 2A) = [medullary carcinoma of thyroid](#) + parathyroid adenoma + pheochromocytoma (b) [Mucosal neuroma syndrome](#) = MEN type III (= type 2B) = [medullary carcinoma of thyroid](#) + intestinal ganglioneuromatosis + pheochromocytoma (2) Neuroectodermal disorder (a) [tuberous sclerosis](#) (b) [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (c) [neurofibromatosis](#) (3) Familial pheochromocytosis (4) [Carney syndrome](#) = [paraganglioma](#) + gastric epithelioid leiomyosarcoma + pulmonary chondroma *mnemonic*: "VEIN" Von Hippel-Lindau *Endocrine neoplasia* (MEN 2) Inherited (congenital pheochromocytoma) *Neurofibromatosis* Location: anywhere in sympathetic nervous system from neck to sacrum; subdiaphragmatic in 98% (a) adrenal medulla (85-90%) (b) extraadrenal (10-15% in adults, 31% in children): para-aortic sympathetic chain (8%), organ of Zuckerkandl at origin of inferior mesenteric artery (2-5%), gonads, urinary bladder (1%) *Multiplicity*: 10% in nonfamilial adult cases 32% in nonfamilial childhood cases 65% in familial syndromes *RULE OF TENS* ("ten percent tumor"): 10% bilateral / multiple 10% extraadrenal 10% malignant 10% familial ✓ discrete round / oval mass with a mean size of 5 cm (range 3-12 cm) ✓ calcifications in 10% *CT*: localization accurate in 91% with tumor >2 cm in size; up to 40% in extraadrenal location are missed by CT; 93-100% *sensitivity* ✓ solid / cystic / complex mass with low-density areas secondary to hemorrhage / necrosis ✓ IV injection of iodinated contrast material may precipitate hypertensive crisis in patients not on alpha-adrenergic blockers *NUC*: I-131 / I-123 MIBG (metaiodobenzylguanidine) scan (80-90% *sensitivity*; 98% *specificity*) *Useful*: (a) with clear clinical / laboratory evidence of tumor but no adrenal abnormality on CT / MRI (b) in detecting extraadrenal pheochromocytomas by whole-body scintigraphy *US*: ✓ well-marginated purely solid (68%) / complex (16%) / cystic tumor (16%) ✓ homo- (46%) / heterogeneously (54%) solid tumor: isoechoic + hypoechoic (77%) / hyperechoic (23%) to renal parenchyma *MRI*: ✓ iso- / slightly hypointense to liver on T1WI ✓ extremely hyperintense on T2WI ✓ marked homo- / inhomogeneous enhancement *Angio*: intraarterial injection CONTRAINDICATED (induces hypertensive crisis) ✓ localization by aortography in >91% ✓ usually hypervascular lesion with intense tumor blush ✓ slow washout of contrast material ✓ enlarged feeding arteries + neovascularity ("spoke-wheel" pattern) ✓ parasitization from intrarenal perforating branches ✓ venous blood sampling (at different levels in IVC) *Cx*: malignancy in 2-14%; metastases (may be hormonally active) to bone, lymph nodes, liver, lung *Rx*: (1) Surgical removal curative (2) Alpha-adrenergic blocker (phenoxybenzamine / phentolamine) (3) Beta-adrenergic blocker (propranolol) (4) I-131 MIBG used to treat metastases *DDx*: nonfunctioning adrenal adenoma, [adrenocortical carcinoma](#), [adrenal cyst](#)

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Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease =ADULT POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE=Potter Type III=slowly progressive disease with nearly 100% penetrance and great variation in expressivityCause:gene located on short arm of chromosome 16 (in 90%); spontaneous mutation in 10%Incidence:1:1,000 people carry the mutant gene; 3rd most prevalent cause of [chronic renal failure](#)Risk of recurrence:50%Histo:abnormal rate of tubule divisions (Potter Type III) with hypoplasia of portions of tubules left behind as the ureteral bud advances; cystic dilatation of Bowman capsule, loop of Henle, proximal convoluted tubule, coexisting with normal tissueMean age at diagnosis: 43 years (neonatal / infantile onset has been reported); M:F = 1:1 Onset of cyst formation: -54% in 1st decade-72% in 2nd decade-86% in 3rd decademorphologic evidence in all patients by age 80 Associated with: (1)Cysts in: liver (25-50%), pancreas (9%); rare in lung, [spleen](#), thyroid, [ovaries](#), uterus, [testis](#), seminal vesicles, [epididymis](#), bladder(2)Aneurysm: saccular "berry" aneurysm of cerebral arteries (3-13%)(3)[Mitral valve prolapse](#) ■ symptomatic at mean age of 35 years (cysts are growing with age) ■ hypertension (50-70%) ■ azotemia ■ hematuria, proteinuria ■ lumbar / abdominal pain✓ bilaterally large kidneys with multifocal round lesions; unilateral enlargement may be the first manifestation of the disease✓ cysts may calcify in curvilinear rim- / ringlike irregular amorphous fashion ✓ elongated + distorted + attenuated collecting system✓ nodular puddling of contrast material on delayed images✓ "Swiss cheese" nephrogram = multiple lesions of varying size with smooth margins✓ polycystic kidneys shrink after beginning of [renal failure](#), after renal transplantation, or on chronic hemodialysisNUC: poor renal function on [Tc-99m DTPA](#) scan ✓ multiple areas of diminished activity, cortical activity only in areas of functioning cortexUS: ✓ multiple cysts in cortical region (usually not seen prior to teens)✓ diffusely echogenic when cysts small (children)✓ renal contour poorly demarcatedOB-US: ✓ large echogenic kidneys similar to infantile PCKD (usually in 3rd trimester, earliest sonographic diagnosis at 14 weeks), can be unilateral✓ macroscopic cysts (rare)✓ normal amount of amniotic fluid / [oligohydramnios](#) (renal function usually not impaired) Atypical rare presentation: (a)unilateral adult PCKD(b)segmental adult PCKD(c)adult PCKD in utero / neonatal period Cx: (1)Death from uremia (59%) / cerebral hemorrhage (secondary to hypertension or ruptured aneurysm [13%]) / cardiac complications (mean age 50 years)(2)Renal calculi (3)[Urinary tract infection](#)(4)Cyst rupture(5)Hemorrhage(6)[Renal cell carcinoma](#) (increased risk)DDx: (1)Multiple simple cysts (less diffuse, no family history)(2)[von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (cerebellar hemangioblastoma, retinal hemangiomas, occasionally pheochromocytomas)(3)Acquired uremic cystic disease (kidneys small, no renal function, transplant)(4)Infantile PCKD (usually microscopic cysts)

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Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease = INFANTILE POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE = POLYCYSTIC DISEASE OF CHILDHOOD = Potter Type
Incidence: 1:6,000 to 1:50,000 livebirths; F > M; carrier frequency of 1:112
Path: @kidney: abnormal proliferation + dilatation of collecting tubules resulting in multiple 1- to 2-mm cysts @liver: periportal [fibrosis](#) often with abnormal proliferation + dilatation of bile ducts @pancreas: pancreatic [fibrosis](#)
A. ANTENATAL FORM (most common) 90% of tubules show cystic changes • onset of [renal failure](#) in utero • Potter sequence ✓ [oligohydramnios](#) and dystocia (large abdominal mass) *Prognosis*: death from [renal failure](#) / respiratory insufficiency ([pulmonary hypoplasia](#)) within 24 hours in 75%, within 1 year in 93%; uniformly fatal
B. NEONATAL FORM 60% of tubules show ectasia + minimal hepatic [fibrosis](#) + bile duct proliferation • onset of [renal failure](#) within 1st month of life *Prognosis*: death from [renal failure](#) / hypertension / left ventricular failure within 1st year of life
C. INFANTILE FORM 20% of renal tubules involved + mild / moderate periportal [fibrosis](#) • disease appears by 3-6 months of age *Prognosis*: death from [chronic renal failure](#) / systemic [arterial hypertension](#) / [portal hypertension](#)
D. JUVENILE FORM 10% of tubules involved + gross hepatic [fibrosis](#) + bile duct proliferation • disease appears at 1-5 years of age *Prognosis*: death from [portal hypertension](#) ✓ The less severe the renal findings, the more severe the hepatic findings!
@Lung ✓ severe [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) ✓ [pneumothorax](#) / [pneumomediastinum](#) @Liver • portal venous hypertension ✓ tubular cystic dilatation of small intrahepatic bile ducts ✓ increase in liver echogenicity (from [congenital hepatic fibrosis](#)) @Kidneys ✓ bilateral gross renal enlargement ✓ faint nephrogram + blotchy opacification on initial images ✓ increasingly dense nephrogram ✓ poor visualization of collecting system ✓ "sunburst nephrogram" = [striated nephrogram](#) with persistent radiating opaque streaks (collecting ducts) on delayed images ✓ prominent fetal lobation
CT: ✓ prolonged corticomedullary phase
US: ✓ hyperechoic enlarged kidneys (unresolved 1- to 2-mm cystic / ectatic dilatation of renal tubules increase number of acoustic interfaces) ✓ increased renal through-transmission (high fluid content of cysts) ✓ loss of corticomedullary differentiation, poor visualization of renal sinus + renal borders ✓ occasionally discrete macroscopic cysts <1 cm ✓ compressed / minimally dilated collecting system
OB-US (diagnostic as early as 17 weeks GA): ✓ progressive renal enlargement with renal circumference: abdominal circumference ratio >0.30 ✓ hyperechoic renal parenchyma ✓ nonvisualization of urine in fetal bladder (in severe cases) ✓ [oligohydramnios](#) (33%) ✓ small fetal thorax
OB management: (1) Chromosome studies to determine if other malformations present (eg, [trisomy 13 / 18](#)) (2) Option of pregnancy termination <24 weeks (3) Nonintervention for fetal distress >24 weeks if severe [oligohydramnios](#) present
Risk of recurrence: 25%
DDx: [Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#), adult polycystic kidney disease

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POSTERIOR URETHRAL VALVES

=congenital thick folds of mucous membrane located in posterior urethra (prostatic + membranous portion) distal to verumontanum Type I:(most common) mucosal folds (vestiges of Wolffian duct) extend anteroinferiorly from the caudal aspect of the verumontanum, often fusing anteriorly at a lower level Type II:(rare) mucosal folds extend anterosuperiorly from the verumontanum toward the bladder neck (nonobstructive normal variant, probably a consequence of bladder outlet obstruction) Type III:diaphragm-like membrane located below the verumontanum (= abnormal canalization of urogenital membrane) *Incidence*:1:5,000-8,000 boys; most common cause of urinary tract obstruction + leading cause of end-stage renal disease among boys *Time of discovery*:prenatal (8%), neonatal (34%), 1st year (32%), 2nd-16th year (23%), adult (3%) ■ [urinary tract infection](#) (fever, vomiting) in 36% ■ obstructive symptoms in 32% (hesitancy, straining, dribbling [20%], enuresis [20%]) ■ palpable kidneys / bladder in neonate (21%) ■ failure to thrive (13%) ■ hematuria (5%) VCUg: ✓ vesicoureteral reflux, mainly on left side (<50%) ✓ fusiform distension + elongation of proximal posterior urethra persisting throughout voiding ✓ transverse / curvilinear filling defect in posterior urethra ✓ diminution of urethral caliber distal to severe obstruction ✓ hypertrophy of bladder neck ✓ trabeculation + sacculation of bladder wall ✓ large postvoid bladder residual US: ✓ male gender ✓ [oligohydramnios](#) (related to severity + duration of obstruction) ✓ hypoplastic / [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) (if early occurrence) ✓ bilateral hydronephrosis (+ [pulmonary hypoplasia](#)) ✓ dilated renal pelvis may be absent in renal dysplasia / rupture of bladder / pelviureteral atresia ✓ overdistended urinary bladder (megacystis) in 30% ✓ thick-walled urinary bladder + trabeculations (best seen after decompression) ✓ urine leak: [urinoma](#), urine [ascites](#), urothorax ✓ posterior urethral dilatation (on perineal scan) ✓ dilated utricle (perineal scan) OB management: (1) Induction of labor as soon as fetal lung maturity established if diagnosed during last 10 weeks of pregnancy (2) Vesicoamniotic shunting may be contemplated if diagnosed remote from term (68% survivors) with good prognostic parameters of fetal urinary sodium <100 mEq/dL + chloride <90 mEq/dL + osmolality <210 mOsm/dL Cx:(1) Neonatal urine leak ([ascites](#), urothorax, [urinoma](#)) in 13% (2) Neonatal [pneumothorax](#) / [pneumomediastinum](#) in 9% (3) [Prune belly syndrome](#) (4) Renal dysplasia (if obstruction occurs early during gestation) *Prognosis*: depends upon duration of obstruction prior to corrective surgery; poor prognosis if associated with vesicoureteral reflux; nephrectomy for irreversible damage (13%) *DDx*:(1) UPJ obstruction (2) UVJ obstruction (3) Primary [megaureter](#) (4) Massive vesicoureteral reflux (5) Megacystis-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome

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POSTINFLAMMATORY RENAL ATROPHY

=acute bacterial nephritis with irreversible ischemia as an unusual form of severe Gram-negative bacterial infection in patients with altered host resistance in spite of proper antibiotic treatment *Histo*:occlusion of interlobar arteries / vasospasm / small smooth kidney / [papillary necrosis](#) in acute phase

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POSTOBSTRUCTIVE RENAL ATROPHY

= generalized papillary atrophy usually following successful surgical correction of urinary tract obstruction and progressing in spite of relief of obstruction ✓ small smooth kidney, usually unilateral ✓ dilated calices with effaced papillae ✓ thinned cortex

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PRIAPISM

=prolonged penile erection not associated with sexual arousal
Types: (1)Low-flow form = veno-occlusive form (common)characterized by ischemia, venous stasis, pooling of blood within corpora cavernosa Cause:[sickle cell disease](#), hematopoietic malignancy, hypercoagulable state ■ painful erection
✓ sluggish intracavernosal flow
✓ decreased venous outflow
✓ decreased arterial inflow
✓ intracavernosal thrombosis
Rx:cavernosal aspiration + irrigation, anticoagulation, shunt procedure
Cx:[impotence](#) (in 50% in spite of Rx)(2)High-flow form (rare)characterized by unregulated arterial inflow of blood into corpora cavernosa usually due to arterial injury Cause:perineal / penile trauma ■ subsequent persistent painless erection
Color Doppler US: ✓ focal blush of abnormal intracavernosal flow adjacent to cavernosal artery from arterial-sinusoidal fistula
Rx:percutaneous transcatheter embolization; arterial ligation

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PROSTATE CANCER

Incidence: 8.7% in White males, 9.4% in Black males, increasing with age; less common in Asian population; 200,000 new cases in USA (1994); 2nd most common malignancy in males (after lung cancer); in 35% of men >45 years of age (autopsies) $\hat{=}$ One out of 11 males will develop prostate cancer! **Risk factors:** advancing age, presence of testes, cadmium exposure, animal fat intake **Histo:** nuclear anaplasia + large nucleoli in secretory cells, disturbed architecture, invasive growth **Premalignant change:** (1) Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN) = premalignant lesion frequently associated with invasive carcinoma next to it / elsewhere in the gland (2) Atypical adenomatous hyperplasia = proliferation of newly formed small acini **Grading (Gleason score 2-10):** 1,2,3 glands surrounded by 1 row of epithelial cells 4 absence of complete gland formation 5 sheets of malignant cells low numbers refer to well-differentiated, high numbers to anaplastic tumors; primary predominant grade (1-5) is added to secondary less representative area with highest degree of dedifferentiation (1-5) $\hat{=}$ Gleason grading is in only 80% reproducible! **Categories:** 1. Latent carcinoma = usually discovered at autopsy of a patient without signs or symptoms referable to the prostate (26-73%) 2. Incidental carcinoma = discovered in 6-20% of specimens obtained during transurethral resection for clinically benign prostatic hyperplasia 3. Occult carcinoma = found at biopsy of metastatically involved bone lesion / lymph node in a patient without symptoms of prostatic disease 4. Clinical carcinoma = cancer detected by digital rectal examination based on induration / irregularity / nodule **Prostate-specific antigen (PSA = glycoprotein produced by prostatic epithelium) may be elevated (a) monoclonal radioimmunoassay (Hybritech®); most commonly used: normal value of 0.1-4 ng/mL $\hat{=}$ Cancers with PSA levels of <10 ng/mL are usually confined to gland! $\hat{=}$ Cancers of <1 mL usually do not elevate PSA! $\hat{=}$ 19% of prostate cancers have normal PSA! $\hat{=}$ 16% of normal men have PSA >4 ng/mL $\hat{=}$ Benign conditions with PSA elevation: [benign prostatic hypertrophy](#), prostatitis, prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (b) polyclonal radioimmunoassay (Prosccheck®, Abbott PSA®) (c) enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay **PSA density = volume corrected PSA level [= prostate volume (height x width x length x 0.523) / Hybritech® PSA value]: >0.12 (90% sensitive, 51% specific for cancer) $\hat{=}$ Each gram of malignant prostate tissue results in about 10 times as much PSA in the serum as its benign counterpart! PSA "velocity" = serial PSA evaluation $\hat{=}$ If annual rate of PSA increase is >20% / >0.75 ng/mL, the chances of cancer increase sharply! **Staging (American Urological Association System, modified Jewitt-Whitmore staging system):** A No palpable lesion A₁ focal well-differentiated tumor <1.5 cm A₂ diffuse poorly differentiated tumor; >5% of chips from transurethral resection contain cancer B Palpable tumor confined to prostate B₁ lesion <1.5 cm in diameter confined to one lobe B₂ tumor \geq 1.5 cm / involving more than one lobe C Localized tumor with capsular involvement C₁ capsular invasion C₂ capsular penetration C₃ seminal vesicle involvement D Distant metastasis D₁ involvement of pelvic lymph nodes D₂ distant nodes involved D₃ [metastases to bone](#) / soft tissues / organs $\hat{=}$ At initial presentation >75% have stage C + D! $\hat{=}$ Escape routes through prostatic capsule are: (1) apex, (2) capsular margin at neurovascular bundle posterolaterally, (3) seminal vesicles! **Staging (American Joint Committee on Cancer):** T₀ No evidence of primary tumor T₁ Clinically inapparent nonpalpable nonvisible tumor T_{1a} <3 microscopic foci of cancer / <5% of resected tissue T_{1b} >3 microscopic foci of cancer / <5% of resected tissue T_{1c} tumor identified by needle biopsy T₂ Tumor clinically present + confined to prostate T_{2a} tumor \leq 1.5 cm, normal tissue on 3 sides T_{2b} tumor >1.5 cm / in >1 lobe T_{2c} tumor involves both lobes T₃ Extension through prostatic capsule T_{3a} unilateral extracapsular extension T_{3b} bilateral extracapsular extension T_{3c} invasion of seminal vesicles T₄ Tumor fixed / invading adjacent structures other than seminal vesicles T_{4a} invasion of bladder neck, external sphincter, rectum T_{4b} invasion of levator anus muscle and/or fixed to pelvic wall N Involvement of regional lymph nodes N₁ metastasis in a single node \leq 2 cm N₂ metastasis in a single node >2 and <5 cm / multiple lymph nodes affected N₃ metastasis in a lymph node \geq 5 cm M Distant metastasis M₁ nonregional lymph nodes M_{1b} bone M_{1c} other site **Staging accuracy for local / advanced disease:** 46 / 66% for US, 57 / 77% for MR $\hat{=}$ Extracapsular disease is common at a tumor volume of >3.8 cm³! **Metastases to lymph nodes:** 0% in stage A₁, 3-7% in stage A₂, 5% in stage B₁, 10-12% in stage B₂, 54-57% in stage C; 10% with Gleason grade \leq 5, 70-93% with Gleason grade 9 / 10 **Location:** peripheral zone (70%), transition zone (20%), central zone (10%) **US (21% [positive predictive value](#)):** $\hat{=}$ hypoechoic (61%) / mixed (2%) / hyperechoic (2%) lesion; not detectable isoechoic lesion (35%) $\hat{=}$ asymmetric enlargement of gland $\hat{=}$ deformed contour of prostate = irregular bulge sign (75% PPV) $\hat{=}$ heterogeneous texture **Size versus rate of detection:** \leq 5 mm (36%), 6-10 mm (65%), 11-15 mm (53%), 16-20 mm (84%), 21-25 mm (92%), \geq 26 mm (75%) **DDx of hypoechoic lesion:** external sphincter, veins, neurovascular bundle, seminal vesicle, dilated duct, small prostatic cyst, acute prostatitis, benign prostatic hyperplasia, dysplasia, sonographic artifact **MR:** $\hat{=}$ extracapsular extension (90% specific, 15% sensitive). $\hat{=}$ obliteration of rectoprostatic angle $\hat{=}$ asymmetry of neurovascular bundle **Prognosis:** increase in tumor volume increases probability of capsular penetration, metastasis, histologic dedifferentiation **Mortality:** 2.6% for White males, 4.5% for Black males; 34,000 deaths/1992 **Screening recommendation (American Urological Association, American Cancer Society):** PSA level measurements + digital rectal exam annually **Rx:** (1) Watchful waiting (2) Radical prostatectomy for disease confined to capsule + life expectancy >15 years (3) Radiation therapy for (a) disease confined to capsule, life expectancy <15 years (b) disease outside capsule, no spread (4) Hormonal therapy (orchiectomy, diethylstilbestrol, leuprolide acetate) for widely metastatic disease (5) Cryosurgery (6) Chemotherapy****

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PRUNE BELLY SYNDROME

=EAGLE-BARRETT SYNDROME=congenital nonhereditary multisystem disorder; almost exclusively in males
TRIAD:1.Absent / markedly hypoplastic abdominal wall musculature ("prune belly")2.Nonobstructed markedly distended redundant ureters ± [hydronephrosis](#) and variable degree of renal dysplasia3.Undescended testes (cryptorchidism)
Etiology: (1)primary mesodermal defect at 7-10 weeks GA(2)massive abdominal distension secondary to massive ureteral dilatation / urine [ascites](#) / intestinal perforation with [ascites](#) / cystic abdominal masses / megacystis-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome causes pressure atrophy of abdominal wall muscles; bladder distension interferes with descent of testes
Incidence:1:35,000 to 1:50,000 livebirths; almost exclusively in males
Groups: (1)Obstruction of urethra (most commonly urethral atresia)**Associated with:** [malrotation](#) (most common anomaly), intestinal atresia, [imperforate anus](#), skeletal abnormalities (meningomyelocele, scoliosis, pectus carinatum / excavatum, [arthrogryposis](#), clubfoot, dislocation of hip, lower limb hemimelia, [sacral agenesis](#), [polydactyly](#)), CHD (VSD, pulmonary artery stenosis), [Hirschsprung disease](#), congenital [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) of lung ✓ bladder wall hypertrophy
Prognosis:in 20% death within 1 month; in 30% death within 2 years(2)Functional abnormality of bladder emptying (more common) no associated abnormalities ✓ large floppy urinary bladder ✓ large urachal remnant
Prognosis:chronic urinary tract problems • wrinkled flaccid appearance of hypotonic abdominal wall with bulging flanks (agenesis / hypoplasia of muscles in lower + medial parts of abdominal wall) • bilateral cryptorchidism • ± impaired renal function@Bladder ✓ large distended urinary bladder with bizarre contours ✓ intramural bladder calcifications ✓ persistence of urachal remnant ± calcification ✓ patent bladder neck@Urethra ✓ elongated + dilated prostatic urethra (absence of prostate) ✓ dilated prostatic utricle (= small epithelium-lined diverticulum representing the remnant of the fused caudal ends of the müllerian ducts) ✓ urethral obstruction (stenosis / atresia / dorsal chordae / [posterior urethral valves](#)) ✓ megalourethra(a)complete / fusiform megalourethra (rare)=complete absence / marked deficiency of corpora cavernosa + corpus spongiosum(b)incomplete / scaphoid megalourethra (common)=congenital absence / deficiency of corpus spongiosum@Ureters ✓ massively dilated tortuous laterally placed ureters ✓ alternating narrowed + dilated ureteral segments ✓ vesicoureteral reflux@Kidneys ✓ asymmetry of renal size + lobulated contours ✓ no / mild [hydronephrosis](#) ✓ caliceal dilatation ± diverticula ✓ renal calcifications ✓ renal dysplasia with cystic dysplastic changes [oligohydramnios](#), [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) (in severe cases)Cx:respiratory infections (ineffective cough)

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PYELICALICEAL DIVERTICULUM

=PYELOGENIC CYST = PERICALICEAL CYST= CALICEAL DIVERTICULUM=uroepithelium-lined pouch extending from a peripheral point of the collecting system into adjacent renal parenchymaTYPE I (calyx): more common; connected to caliceal cup, usually at fornix; bulbous shape; narrow connecting infundibulum of varying length; few millimeters in diameter; in polar region especially upper pole TYPE II (pelvis): interpolar region; communicates directly with pelvis; usually larger and rounder; neck short and not easily identified *Cause*: (1)Developmental origin from ureteral bud remnant (obstruction of peripheral aberrant "minicalyx")(2)Acquired: reflux, infection, rupture of simple cyst / abscess, infundibular [achalasia](#) / spasm, hydrocalyx secondary to inflammatory [fibrosis](#) of an infundibulum¹ formation of single / multiple stones (50%) or milk of [calcium](#) (fluid-[calcium](#) level)¹ opacification may be delayed and remain so for prolonged period¹ mass effect on adjacent pelvicaliceal system if large enoughCx:recurrent infectionDDx:ruptured simple nephrogenic cyst, evacuated abscess / hematoma, renal [papillary necrosis](#), [medullary sponge kidney](#), hydrocalyx due to infundibular narrowing from TB / crossing vessel / stone / infiltrating carcinoma

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PYELONEPHRITIS

=upper [urinary tract infection](#) with pelvic + caliceal + parenchymal inflammation[†]Society of Uroradiology recommends to eliminate the terms (acute focal) bacterial nephritis, lobar nephritis, [lobar nephronia](#), preabscess, renal cellulitis, renal phlegmon, renal [carbuncle](#)!

[Acute Pyelonephritis](#) [Emphysematous Pyelitis](#) [Emphysematous Pyelonephritis](#) [Xantho-granulomatous Pyelonephritis](#)

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Acute Pyelonephritis =episodic bacterial infection of kidney with acute inflammation, usually involving pyelocaliceal lining + renal parenchyma centrifugally along medullary rays *Etiology*:infected urine from lower tract during adulthood; in 5% anatomic abnormality (obstruction, stone, stasis); (DDx: chronic atrophic [pyelonephritis](#) secondary to vesicoureteral reflux in infancy)*Pathway of infection*: (a)ascending bacterial infection usually due to P-fimbriated E. coli (fimbriae facilitate adherence to mucosal surface): initial colonization of ureter in areas of turbulent flow leads to paralysis of ureteral smooth muscle function with dilatation + functional obstruction of collecting system(b)vesicoureteral reflux + pyelotubular backflow: P-fimbriated E. coli not necessary for infection(c)hematogenous spread (12-20%) with Gram-positive cocci*Path*:radiating yellow-white stripes / wedges extending from papillary tip to cortical surface in a patchy distribution + sharply demarcated from adjacent spared parenchyma by 48-72 hours*Histo*:tubulointerstitial nephritis = leukocytic migration from interstitium into lumen of tubules with destruction of tubule cells by released enzymes, bacterial invasion of interstitium by 48-72 hours *Organism*:E. coli > Proteus > Klebsiella, Enterobacter, Pseudomonas*Age*:any; M << F*Prevalence*:1-2% of all pregnant women ■ fever, chills, flank pain + tenderness ■ leukocytosis ■ pyuria, bacteriuria, positive urine culture ■ ± microscopic hematuria / bacteremia *Indication for imaging*: (1) diabetes (2) analgesic abuse (3) neuropathic bladder (4) history of urinary tract stones (5) atypical organism (6) poor response to antibiotics (7) frequent recurrences ✓ normal urogram in 75%! ✓ smooth normal / enlarged kidney(s), focal >> diffuse involvement of kidney ✓ delayed opacification of collecting system ✓ compression of collecting system (edema) ✓ nonobstructive ureteral dilatation (rare, effect of endotoxins) ✓ immediate persistent dense nephrogram, rarely striated ✓ diminished nephrographic density (global / wedge-shaped / patchy) ✓ nonvisualization of kidney (in severe [pyelonephritis](#), rare) ✓ "tree-barking" = mucosal striations (rare)CT: ✓ area of high attenuation on unenhanced scan (= hemorrhagic bacterial nephritis) ✓ thickening of Gerota fascia + thickened bridging septa / stranding (= perinephric inflammation) ✓ generalized renal enlargement / focal swelling ✓ obliteration of renal sinus ✓ caliceal effacement ✓ thickening of walls of renal pelvis + calices ✓ mild dilatation of renal pelvis + ureter ✓ soft-tissue [filling defect in collecting system](#) (= [papillary necrosis](#), inflammatory debris, blood clot)CECT: ✓ hypoattenuating wedge-shaped area of cortex extending from papilla to renal capsule during nephrographic phase (= lobar segments of hypoperfusion + edema) ✓ poor corticomedullary differentiation ✓ streaky linear bands of alternating hyper- and hypoattenuation parallel to axis of tubules + collecting ducts during excretory phase (diminished concentration of contrast material in tubules from ischemia + tubular obstruction by inflammatory cells + debris) ✓ persistent enhancement on delayed scans in area of earlier diminished enhancement ✓ contrast material staining of parenchyma on 3-6 hours delayed scan (= functioning renal parenchyma)US: ✓ majority of kidneys appear normal ✓ swollen kidney with decreased echogenicity ✓ loss of central sinus echoes ✓ wedge-shaped hypo- / isoechoic zones, rarely hyperechoic (due to hemorrhage) ✓ thickened sonolucent corticomedullary bands ✓ blurred corticomedullary junctions ✓ localized increase in size + echogenicity of perinephric fat ± fat within renal sinus ✓ localized perinephric exudate ✓ thickening of wall of renal pelvisMR: ✓ wedge-shaped foci of high signal intensity on contrast-enhanced fast multiplanar IR imagesRenal cortical scintigraphy ([Tc-99m DMSA](#)): ✓ focal areas of diminished [uptake](#) (in 90%)*Prognosis*: (1)Quick response to antibiotic treatment will leave no scars(2)Delayed treatment of acute [pyelonephritis](#) during first 3 years of life can severely affect renal function later in life: decreased renal function, hypertension (33%), end-stage renal disease (10%)Cx:(1)[Renal abscess](#) (near-water density lesion without enhancement)(2)Scarring of affected renal [lobes](#) often in children + in up to 43% in adults(3)Maternal septic shock (3%)(4)Premature labor (17%)

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Emphysematous Pyelitis =gas confined to renal pelvis + calices *Organism*:E. coli *Predisposed*:[diabetes mellitus](#) (50%); M:F = 1:3 *May be associated with*:
emphysematous [cystitis](#) (rare) • pyuria ✓ gas pyelogram outlining pelvicaliceal system ✓ dilated renal collecting system (frequent) ✓ ± gas in ureters *DDx*:reflux of gas /
air from bladder or urinary diversion

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Emphysematous Pyelonephritis = life-threatening acute fulminant necrotizing infection of kidney and perirenal tissues associated with gas formation *Organism*: E. coli (68%), Klebsiella pneumoniae (9%), Proteus mirabilis, Pseudomonas, Enterobacter, Candida, Clostridia (exceptionally rare) *Path*: acute and chronic necrotizing pyelonephritis with multiple cortical abscesses *Mechanism*: pyelonephritis leads to ischemia + low O₂ tension with anaerobic metabolism; facultative anaerobe organisms form CO₂ with fermentation of necrotic tissue / tissue glucose *Predisposed*: immunocompromised patients, esp. diabetics (in 87-97% of cases); ureteral obstruction (in 20-40%) *Average age*: 54 years; M:F = 1:2 *May be associated with*: XGP • features of acute severe pyelonephritis (chills, fever, flank pain, lethargy, confusion) not responding to Rx • positive blood + urine cultures (in majority) • urosepsis, shock • fever of unknown origin + NO localizing signs in 18% • multiple associated medical problems: uncontrolled hyperglycemia, acidosis, dehydration, electrolyte imbalance *Location*: in 5-7% bilateral Type I (33%): √ streaky / mottled gas in interstitium of renal parenchyma radiating from medulla to cortex √ crescent of subcapsular / perinephric gas √ NO fluid collection (= no effective immune response) *Prognosis*: 69% mortality Type II (66%): √ bubbly / loculated intrarenal gas (infers presence of abscess) √ renal / perirenal fluid collection √ gas within collecting system (85%) *Prognosis*: 18% mortality √ parenchymal destruction √ absent / decreased contrast excretion (due to compromised renal function) *US*: √ high-amplitude echoes within renal sinus / renal parenchyma associated with "dirty" shadowing / "comet tail" reverberations *CAVE*: (1) kidney may be completely obscured by large amount of gas in perinephric space (DDx: surrounding bowel gas) (2) gas may be confused with renal calculi *CT* (most reliable + sensitive modality): √ mottled areas of low attenuation extending radially along the pyramids √ extensive involvement of kidney + perinephric space √ air extending through Gerotas fascia into retroperitoneal space √ occasionally gas in renal veins *MR*: √ signal void on T1WI + T2WI (DDx: renal calculi, rapidly flowing blood) *Mortality*: 60-75% under antibiotic Rx; 21-29% after antibiotic Rx + nephrectomy; 80% with extension into perirenal space *Rx*: antibiotic therapy + nephrectomy; drainage procedure with coexisting obstruction *DDx*: emphysematous pyelitis (gas in collecting system but not in parenchyma, diabetes in 50%, less grave prognosis)

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Xanthogranulomatous Pyelonephritis =chronic suppurative granulomatous infection in chronic obstruction (calculus, stricture, carcinoma) originating in medulla *Incidence*:681,000 surgically proven cases of chronic [pyelonephritis](#) *Organism*:Proteus mirabilis, E. coli, S. aureus *Path*:replacement of corticomedullary junction with soft yellow nodules; calices filled with pus and debris *Histo*:diffuse infiltration by plasma cells + histiocytes + lipid-laden macrophages (xanthoma cells) *Peak age*:45-65 years; all ages affected, may occur in infants; M:F = 1:3-1:4 ■ pyuria(95%) ■ flank pain(80%) ■ fever(70%) ■ palpable mass(50%) ■ weight loss(50%) ■ microscopic hematuria(50%) ■ reversible hepatic dysfunction with elevated liver function tests (50%) Symptomatic for 6 months prior to diagnosis in 40%! A.DIFFUSE XGP (83-90%) B.SEGMENTAL / FOCAL XGP (10-17%)=tumefactive form due to obstructed single infundibulum / one moiety of duplex system *DDx*:[renal cell carcinoma](#) ✓ kidney globally enlarged (smooth contour uncommon) / focal renal mass ✓ contracted pelvis with dilated calices ✓ totally absent / focally absent nephrogram ✓ central obstructing calculus: staghorn calculus in 75% ✓ extension of inflammation into perirenal space, pararenal space, ipsilateral psoas muscle, colon, [spleen](#), diaphragm, posterior abdominal wall, skin *Retrograde*: ✓ complete obstruction at ureteropelvic junction / infundibulum / proximal ureter ✓ contracted renal pelvis, dilated deformed calices + nodular filling defects ✓ irregular parenchymal masses with cavitation *CT*: ✓ low attenuation masses replacing renal parenchyma *US*: ✓ hypoechoic dilated calices with echogenic rim ✓ hypoechoic masses frequently with low-level internal echoes replacing renal parenchyma ✓ loss of corticomedullary junction ✓ parenchymal calcifications are uncommon *Angio*: ✓ stretching of segmental / interlobar arteries around large avascular masses ✓ hypervascularity / blush around periphery of masses in late arterial phase (= granulation tissue) ✓ venous encasement + occlusion *DDx*:[hydronephrosis](#), avascular tumor *Rx*:nephrectomy

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PYELOURETERITIS CYSTICA

=hyperplastic transitional epithelial cell collections projecting into ureteral lumen^WIndicative of past / present [urinary tract infection](#)!Cause:chronic urinary tract irritant (stone / infection)*Histo*:numerous small submucosal epithelial-lined cysts representing cystic degeneration of epithelial cell nests within lamina propria (cell nests of von Brunn) formed by downward proliferation of buds of surface epithelium that have become detached from the mucosa *Organism*:E. coli > M. [tuberculosis](#), Enterococcus, Proteus, [schistosomiasis](#)*Predisposed*:diabetics*Age*:6th decade; more prevalent in women • no specific symptoms; ± hematuriaLocation:bladder >> proximal 1/3 of ureter > ureteropelvic junction; unilateral >> bilateral^V multiple small round smooth lucent defects of 1-3 mm in size; scattered discrete / clustered^V persist unchanged for years in spite of antibiotic therapy*Cx*:increased incidence of [transitional cell carcinoma](#)*DDx*:(1)Spreading / multifocal TCC(2)Vascular ureteral notching(3)Multiple blood clots(4)Multiple polyps(5)Allergic urticaria of mucosa(6)Submucosal hemorrhage (eg, anticoagulation)

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PYONEPHROSIS

=presence of pus in dilated collecting system secondary to infected [hydronephrosis](#) *Path*: purulent exudate composed of sloughed urothelium + inflammatory cells from early formation of microabscesses + necrotizing papillitis *Organism*: most commonly E. coli *US*: ∇ dispersed / dependent internal echoes within dilated pelvicaliceal system ∇ shifting urine-debris level ∇ dense peripheral echoes in nondependent location + shadowing (gas from infection) *Cx*: 1. XGP 2. [Renal abscess](#) 3. [Perinephric abscess](#) 4. Fistula to duodenum, colon, pleura

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RADIATION NEPHRITIS

Histo: interstitial [fibrosis](#), tubule atrophy, glomerular sclerosis, sclerosis of arteries of all sizes, hyalinization of afferent arterioles, thickening of renal capsule
Threshold dose: 2,300 rads over 5 weeks • clinically resembling [chronic glomerulonephritis](#) ✓ normal / small smooth kidney consistent with radiation field ✓ parenchymal thickness diminished (globally / focally; related to radiation field) ✓ diminished nephrographic density

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REFLUX ATROPHY

Cause: increased hydrostatic pressure of pelvicaliceal urine with atrophy of nephrons secondary to long-standing vesicoureteral reflux¹ / small smooth kidney with loss of parenchymal thickness² / widened collecting system with effaced papillae³ / longitudinal striations from redundant mucosa when collecting system is collapsed⁴ / Do NOT confuse with [reflux nephropathy](#)!

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REFLUX NEPHROPATHY

=CHRONIC ATROPHIC [PYELONEPHRITIS](#) = ascending bacterial [urinary tract infection](#) secondary to reflux of infected urine from lower tract + tubulointerstitial inflammation in childhood (hardly ever endangers [adult kidney](#)); most common cause of small scarred kidney *Etiology*: 3 essential elements: (1) Infected urine (2) Vesicoureteral reflux (3) Intrarenal reflux *Age*: usually young adults (subclinical diagnosis starting in childhood); M < F ■ fever, flank pain, frequency, dysuria ■ hypertension, [renal failure](#) ■ may have no history of significant symptoms *Site*: predominantly affecting poles of kidneys secondary to presence of compound calyces having distorted papillary ducts of Bellini (= papillae with gaping openings instead of slitlike openings of interpolar papillae) ✓ normal / small kidney; uni- / bilateral; uni- / multifocal ✓ focal parenchymal thinning with contour depression in upper / lower pole (more compound papillae in upper pole), scar formation only up to age 4 ✓ retracted papilla with clubbed calyx subjacent to scar ✓ contralateral / focal compensatory hypertrophy (= pseudotumor) ✓ dilated ureters (secondary to reflux) sometimes with linear striations (redundant / edematous mucosa) *US*: ✓ focally increased echogenicity within cortex (scar) *Angio*: ✓ small tortuous intrarenal arteries, pruning of intrarenal vessels ✓ vascular stenoses, occlusion, aneurysms ✓ inhomogeneous nephrographic phase *NUC* (Tc-99m glucoheptonate / DMSA with SPECT most sensitive method): ✓ focal / multifocal photon-deficient areas *Cx*: 1. Hypertension 2. Obstetric complications 3. [Renal failure](#)

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RENAL / PERIRENAL ABSCESS

=usually complication of renal inflammation with liquefactive necrosis; 2% of all renal masses
Pathway of infection: (a) ascending (80%): associated with obstruction (UPJ, ureter, calculus) (b) hematogenous (20%): infection from skin, teeth, lung, tonsils (S. aureus), endocarditis, [intravenous drug abuse](#)
Organism: E. coli, Proteus
Predisposed: diabetics (twice as frequent compared with nondiabetics) ■ positive urine culture in 33% ■ positive blood culture in 50% ■ pyuria, hematuria (absent if abscess isolated within parenchyma)

[Renal Abscess](#) [Carbuncle](#) [Perinephric Abscess](#)

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Renal Abscess ■ may have negative urine analysis / culture (in up to 20%) IVP: ✓ focal mass displacing collecting system CT: ✓ hypoattenuating focal renal mass with thick irregular enhancing wall / pseudocapsule ✓ ± presence of gas ✓ thickened septa + Gerota fascia ✓ perinephric fat obliteration US: ✓ slightly hypoechoic (early), hypo- to anechoic (late) mass with irregular margins + increased through-transmission ± septations ± microbubbles of gas NUC (Ga-67 citrate / In-111 leukocytes): ✓ hot spot DDX: [cystic renal cell carcinoma](#)

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Carbuncle =multiple coalescent intrarenal abscesses! Term should not be used in radiology reports!

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Perinephric Abscess Cause: [acute pyelonephritis](#) / extension of [renal abscess](#) through capsule Predisposed: diabetics (in 30%), [urolithiasis](#), septic emboli 14-75% of patients with perinephric abscess have [diabetes mellitus](#)! loss of psoas margin / obscuration of renal contour / renal displacement / focal renal mass / scoliosis concave to involved side / respiratory immobility of kidney = renal fixation / occasionally gas in renal fossa / unilateral impaired [excretion](#) / [pleural effusion](#)

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RENAL ADENOMA

Small adenoma <3 cm should be considered a [renal cell carcinoma](#) of low metastatic potential = borderline [renal cell carcinoma](#)! Incidence: in 7-15-23% of adults (autopsies); most common cortical lesion; increasing with age (in 10% of patients >80 years of age); increased frequency in tobacco users + patients on long-term dialysis Age: usually >30 years; M:F = 3:1 Types: (1) Papillary / cystadenoma (38%) (2) Tubular adenoma (38%) (3) Mixed type adenoma (21%) (4) Alveolar adenoma (3%) = precursor of RCC solitary in 75%, multiple in 25% usually <3 cm in size; subcapsular cortical location impossible to differentiate from [renal cell carcinoma](#) Cx: premalignant / potentially malignant Prognosis: average growth rate of 0.4 (range, 0.2-3.5) cm/year; tumors growing <0.25 cm/year rarely metastasize; tumors growing >0.6 cm/year frequently metastasize

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RENAL AGENESIS

Mechanism: (a) formation failure = failure of ureteral bud to form • hemitrigone = absence of ipsilateral trigone + ureteral orifice (b) induction failure = failure of growing ureteral bud to induce metanephric tissue • blind-ending ureter

A. UNILATERAL RENAL AGENESIS *Incidence:* 1:600-1,000 pregnancies; M:F = 1.8:1 *Risk of recurrence:* 4.5% *Often coexisting with other anomalies:* 1. Genital abnormalities: (a) in male (10-15%): hypoplasia or agenesis of [testis](#) / vas deferens, [seminal vesicle cyst](#) (Zinner syndrome) (b) in female (25-50%): unicornuate / bicornuate / hypoplastic / absent uterus, absent / aplastic vagina 2. [Turner syndrome](#), trisomy, [Fanconi anemia](#), [Laurence-Moon-Biedl syndrome](#)

Location: L > R *Visualization of single kidney (DDx: additional kidney in ectopic location):* absent adrenal gland (11%)
absent / rudimentary renal vessels *Colon occupies renal fossa* *Compensatory contralateral renal hypertrophy (50%)*

B. BILATERAL RENAL AGENESIS (= Potter syndrome) *Incidence:* 1:3,000 to 1:10,000 pregnancies; M:F = 2.5:1 *Risk of recurrence:* <1% • **Potters facies** = low-set ears, redundant skin, parrot-beaked nose, receding chin *US-sensitivity is ONLY 69-73% due to decreased visualization from oligohydramnios + discoid-shaped adrenal glands simulating kidneys!* *Severe oligohydramnios (after 14 weeks MA)* *bilateral absence of kidneys (after 12 weeks), ureters, renal arteries* *inability to visualize renal arteries by color duplex* *flattened discoid shape of adrenals (due to absence of pressure by kidney)* *inability to visualize urine in fetal bladder (after 13 weeks) = bladder agenesis / hypoplasia; negative furosemide test (20-60 mg IV) not diagnostic (fetuses with severe IUGR may not be capable of diuresis)* *bell-shaped thorax (pulmonary hypoplasia) in mid to late 3rd trimester* *compression deformities of extremities = clubfoot, flexion contractures, joint dislocations (eg, hip)* *Prognosis: stillbirths (24-38%); invariably fatal in the first days of life (pulmonary hypoplasia)* *DDx: functional cause of in utero renal failure (eg, severe IUGR)* **Potter Sequence** = hypoplasia of lungs, bowing of legs, broad hands, loose skin, growth retardation associated with long-standing severe [oligohydramnios](#) *Cause: renal agenesis, urethral obstruction, prolonged rupture of membranes, severe IUGR*

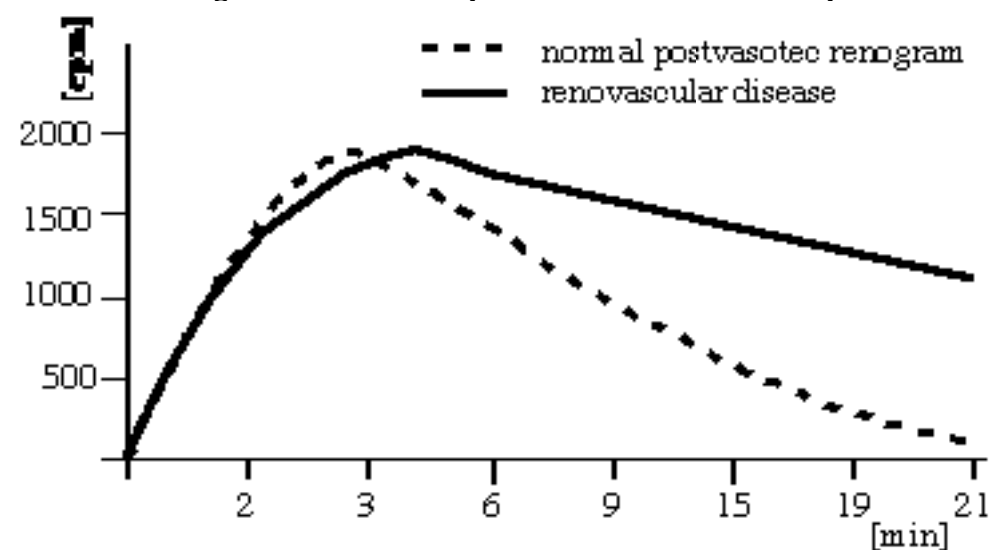
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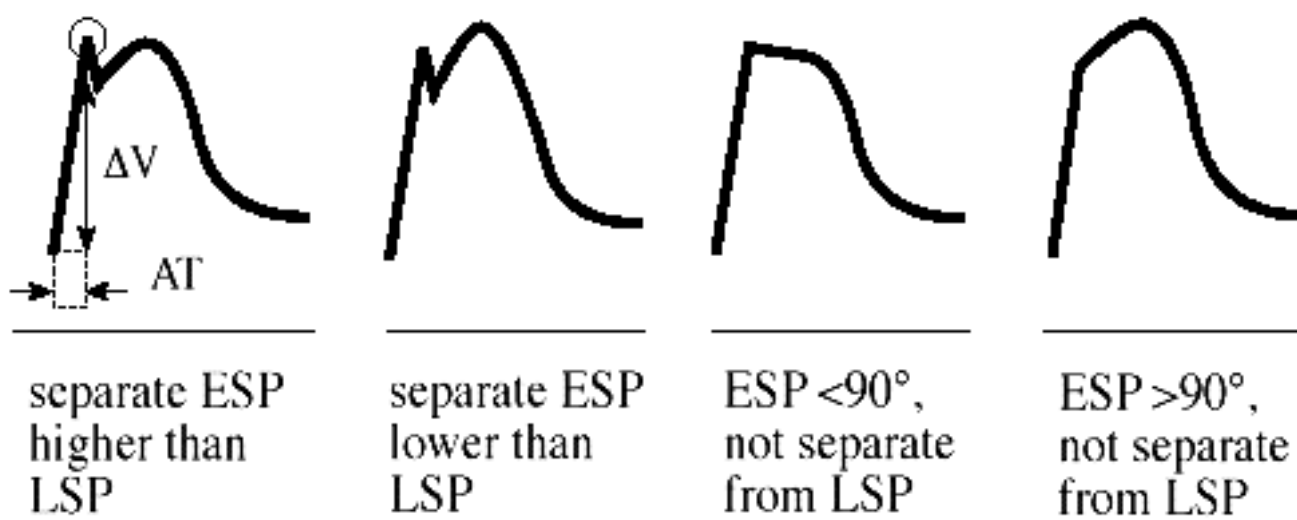
RENAL ARTERY STENOSIS

Prevalence: 1-2% of hypertensive individuals; 4.3 % of autopsies; 10% of hypertensive individuals with coronary artery disease; 25% of patients with hypertension that is difficult to control; in 45% of patients with malignant hypertension; in 45% of patients with peripheral vascular disease. Hemodynamic significance determined by: (a) elevated renin levels in ipsilateral renal vein $\geq 1.5:1$ (b) presence of collateral vessels (c) greater than 70% stenosis with poststenotic dilatation (d) transstenotic pressure gradient ≥ 40 mm Hg (e) decrease in renal size. 15-20% of patients remain hypertensive after restoration of normal renal blood flow (= renal artery stenosis without renovascular hypertension). **Cause:** 1. Atherosclerosis (60-90%) mostly in proximal 2 cm of main renal artery. Any of multiple renal arteries (occurring in 14-28% of the population) may be affected. 2. Fibromuscular dysplasia (10-30%). 3. Others (<10%): thromboembolic disease, arterial dissection, infrarenal aortic aneurysm, arteriovenous fistula, vasculitis (Buerger disease, Takayasu disease, polyarteritis nodosa, post-radiation), neurofibromatosis, retroperitoneal fibrosis. **Pathophysiology:** decreased perfusion pressure of glomeruli stimulates production of renin in juxtaglomerular apparatus + angiotensin II in kidney; renin converts angiotensinogen into angiotensin I, subsequently converted by angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) into angiotensin II which releases aldosterone; aldosterone increases salt + water retention; angiotensin II + aldosterone vasoconstrict vessels (especially intraglomerular efferent arteriole to maintain filtration pressure). **Histo:** tubular atrophy and shrinkage of glomeruli. **abdominal / flank pain** **hematuria** **hypertension** **oliguria, anuria** **low urine sodium concentration**. **Patient selection criteria for screening test:** 1. Well-documented recent-onset hypertension with diastolic pressure ≥ 105 mm Hg. 2. Patients <25 years of age developing hypertension. 3. Long-standing well-controlled hypertension becoming refractory to an existing regimen. 4. Refractory hypertension on an adequate 3-drug regimen (after exclusion of other causes). 5. Generalized vascular disease. 6. Hypertension + abdominal bruit. 7. Hypertension + elevated serum creatinine (after exclusion of other causes). 8. Hypertension treated with ACE inhibitors developing new / worsening of renal failure. **normal / decreased renal size (R 2 cm < L; L 1.5 cm < R) with smooth contour** **vascular calcifications (aneurysm / atherosclerosis)**. **IVP (60% true-positive rate, 22% false-negative rate):** **delayed appearance of contrast material (decreased glomerular filtration)** **increased density of contrast material (increased water reabsorption)** **delayed washout of contrast material (prolonged urine transit time)** **lack of distension of collecting system** **global attenuation of contrast density, urogram may be normal with adequate collateral circulation** **notching of proximal ureter (enlargement of collateral vessels)**. **CT:** **prolongation of cortical nephrographic phase + persistent corticomedullary differentiation** **CT angiography (2-3 mm collimation, pitch $\leq 1.5-2.0$)** **Angiography:** (a) conventional angiography = "gold standard" test (b) intravenous digital subtraction angiography: does not address hemodynamic significance. **NUC (75-95% sensitive, 80-93% specific):** radionuclide renography (preferably with Tc-99m MAG₃) + angiotensin-I converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor challenge which reduces GFR: **Discontinue ACE inhibitor therapy for >24 hours for enalapril + >48 hours for captopril / lisinopril!** (a) captopril (Capoten®): Dose: 1 mg/kg PO for pediatric patient, 25 or 50 mg PO for adult patient. **Technique:** radiopharmaceutical injected 60 minutes after ingestion of captopril (b) enalaprilat (Vasotec®): Dose: 0.04 mg/kg IV (up to 2.5 mg maximum). **Technique:** } 10 mL fluid/kg body weight PO over 1 hour (to ensure adequate hydration) } 5 mCi IV Tc-99m MAG₃ + 20 mg IV furosemide } image acquisition for 22 minutes } postvoid image (or Foley catheter with PVR) } 0.04 mg/kg IV enalaprilat (up to a maximum of 2.5 mg) infused over 5 minutes } 5 mCi IV Tc-99m MAG₃ + 20 mg IV furosemide injected 15 minutes after injection of enalaprilat } image acquisition for another 22 minutes



Semiquantitative interpretation of renograms: **delay in the time to peak activity + elevation of**

3rd phase of curve **residual cortical activity (= activity remaining at 20 minutes expressed as percent of peak) >30% with increase by 10% over baseline following ACEI challenge** **asymmetry of renal uptake <40% of total renal uptake**. **Duplex US:** (1) direct signs = measurement at site of stenosis **peak systolic velocity >150 cm/sec for angles <60° or 180 cm/sec for angles >70° (with many false positives due to suboptimal Doppler angles)** **ratio of peak renal artery velocity to peak aortic center stream velocity >3.5 (for >60% stenosis; 0-91% sensitive, 37-97% specific)** **poststenotic spectral broadening ± flow reversal** **absence of blood flow during diastole (for >50% stenosis)**. **Problems:** (a) technically inadequate examination (gas, corpulence, respiratory motion) in 6-49%; usually limited to children + thin adults (b) multiple renal arteries in 16-28% (c) "false" tracings from large collateral vessels / reconstituted segments of main renal artery (d) need to visualize entire length of renal artery (e) transmitted cardiac / aortic pulsations obscure renal artery waveform recordings. (2) indirect signs = measurement of distal arterial segments **tardus-parvus pulse:** (a) gradual (= tardus) slope of Doppler waveform during systole = delay in acceleration / pulse rise time of $\geq 0.07-0.12$ sec (b) attenuated (= parvus) Doppler waveform amplitude = decrease in peak systolic velocity to <20-30 cm/sec **acceleration index = tangential inclination of Doppler waveform in early systole of ≥ 3 m/sec² (single most sensitive screening parameter; 76% sensitive + 95% specific at 20% disease prevalence)** **RI <0.56** **DRI >5% between both kidneys (82% sensitive + 92% specific for stenosis >50%, 100% sensitive + 94% specific for stenosis $\geq 60%$)** **absent early systolic peak (ESP)** **segmental arterial flow detectable with renal artery occlusion**. **False-negative:** stenosis in accessory renal artery. **False-positive:** coarctation



Renal Artery Waveforms With Normal Early Systolic Peaks

AT = acceleration time; ΔV = velocity difference between early systolic peak velocity and late diastolic velocity; ESP = early systolic peak; LSP = late systolic peak; Acceleration index (AI) = $\Delta V/AT$; 98% PPV for exclusion of renal artery stenosis with a normal spectral tracing from each renal pole

Renal Artery Waveforms with Normal Early Systolic Peaks

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60 - 89% stenosis



>90% stenosis or occlusion

Tardus-Parvus Pattern

Results for >60% renal artery stenosis: [sensitivity](#)[specificity](#)[accuracy](#) AT ≥ 0.07 sec 81%95%91% AI < 30 cm/sec² 89%86%87% absent ESP 92%96%95%

[Arteriosclerotic Renal Artery Disease](#) [Fibromuscular Dysplasia Of Renal Artery](#) [Neurofibromatosis](#)

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Arteriosclerotic Renal Artery Disease *Incidence:* in up to 6% of hypertensive patients; most common cause of secondary hypertension *Age:* >50 years; M > F *Path:* lesion primarily involving intima • worsening of preexistent hypertension • abrupt onset of severe hypertension >180/110 mm Hg • vascular bruit in 40-50% (present in 20% of hypertensive patients without [renal artery stenosis](#)) *Associated with:* severe arteriosclerosis of aorta, cerebral, coronary, peripheral arteries *Location:* main renal artery (93%) + additional stenosis of renal artery branch (7%); bilateral in 31% ↓ eccentric stenosis in proximal 2 cm of renal artery, frequently involving orifice ↓ decrease in renal length over time (= high-grade [renal artery stenosis](#) with risk for occlusion) *Prognosis:* progression of atherosclerotic lesion (40-45%) to renal atrophy, arterial occlusion, ischemic [renal failure](#) *Cx:* azotemia with (a) bilateral renal artery stenoses (b) unilateral [renal artery stenosis](#) + poorly functioning contralateral kidney ↓ Reversible azotemia may be induced by treatment with angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors / sodium nitroprusside! *Rx:* (1) Three-step antihypertensive therapy (control of hypertension difficult) (2) Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (eg, Captopril PO, Enalaprilat IV) (3) Renal artery angioplasty (80% success for nonostial lesion, 25-30% for ostial lesion) (4) Surgical revascularization (80-90% success for any lesion location)

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Fibromuscular Dysplasia Of Renal Artery *Incidence:*35% of renal artery stenoses; 1,100 patients reported (by 1982) with involvement of renal artery in 60% + extracranial carotid artery in 30%; 25% of all cases of [renovascular hypertension](#) *Age:*most common cause of [renovascular hypertension](#) in children + young adults <30-40 years; M:F = 1:3 *Associated with:*[fibromuscular dysplasia](#) of other aortic branches in 1-2%: celiac a., hepatic a., splenic a., mesenteric a., iliac a., internal carotid a. ■ hypertension ■ progressive renal insufficiency *Sites:*mid and distal main renal artery (79%), renal artery branches (4%), combination (17%); proximal third of main renal artery spared in 98%; bilateral in 2/3; R:L = 4:1 1.**INTIMAL FIBROPLASIA** (1-2%) *Path:*circumferential / eccentric fibrous tissue between intima + internal elastic lamina *Age:*children + young adults; M:F = 1:1 *Site:*main renal artery + major segmental branches; often bilateral ✓ narrow annular radiolucent band ✓ poststenotic fusiform dilatation 2.**MEDIAL FIBROPLASIA** (60-85%)=medial fibroplasia with microaneurysm *Path:*multiple fibromuscular ridges + severe mural thinning with loss of smooth muscle + internal elastic lamina *Site:*mid + distal renal artery + branches; usually bilateral ✓ "string-of-beads" sign = alternating areas of stenoses (weblike constrictions) + aneurysms (which exceed the normal diameter of the artery) ✓ single focal stenosis 3.**MEDIAL HYPERPLASIA** (5-15%) *Path:*smooth muscle hyperplasia within arterial media *Site:*main renal artery and branches ✓ long smooth tubular narrowing 4.**PERIMEDIAL FIBROPLASIA** (20%)=subadventitial fibroplasia *Path:*fibroplasia of outer 1/2 of media replacing external elastic lamina *Site:*distal main renal artery ✓ long irregular stenosis ✓ beading = NO aneurysm formation (diameter of beads not wider than normal diameter of artery) 5.**MEDIAL DISSECTION** (5-10%) *Path:*new channel in outer 1/3 of media within external elastic lamina *Site:*main renal artery + branches ✓ false channel, aneurysm 6.**ADVENTITIAL FIBROPLASIA** (<1%) *Path:*adventitial + periarterial proliferation in fibrofatty tissue *Site:*main renal artery, large branches ✓ long segmental stenosis *Prognosis:*progression of lesions in 20% causing decline in renal function *Cx:*(1)[Giant aneurysm](#)(2)AV fistula between renal artery + vein (in medial fibroplasia) *Rx:*(1)Resection of diseased segment with end-to-end anastomosis(2)Replacement by autogenous vein graft, excision + repair by patch angioplasty(3)Transluminal balloon angioplasty (90% success rate with very low restenosis rate)

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Neurofibromatosis Hypertension in [neurofibromatosis](#) due to: (1)[Pheochromocytoma](#)(2)[Renal artery stenosis](#) Renal artery involvement mainly seen in children! Types: (a)mesodermal dysplasia of arterial wall with fibrous transformation (common)(b)narrowing of main renal artery by periarterial neurofibroma (rare) sacular funnel-shaped aneurysm involving aorta / main renal artery smooth / nodular stenosis (mural / adventitial neurofibroma) in proximal renal artery intrarenal aneurysm (rare)DDx:[fibromuscular dysplasia](#); congenital [renal artery stenosis](#)

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RENAL CELL CARCINOMA

=RCC = RENAL ADENOCARCINOMA= HYPERNEPHROMA *Incidence*: 80-90% of all renal malignant primaries in adults; 1-3% of all visceral cancers (frequency approximates [ovarian cancer](#), gastric cancer, pancreatic cancer, [leukemia](#)) *Age*: 6th-7th decade (generally >40 years); peak age of 55 years; may occur in children beyond age of 7 years; M:F = 2-3:1 *Path*: arises from proximal tubular cells; 30% found incidentally with imaging; Tumor growth pattern: papillary (5-15%, best prognosis); trabecular / tubular / cystic / solid (poorer prognosis) *Histo*: (based on cytoplasmic criteria) (a) clear cell = rich in glycogen + lipid content (b) granular cell = intensely eosinophilic due to abundant mitochondria (c) mixed (most frequent type of RCC) (d) sarcomatoid *Predisposed*: (1) Tobacco; phenacetin abuse (2) [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (10-25%): often small intracystic tumors (hemangioblastoma, retinal angioma, renal cysts) (3) Hemodialysis (in 1.4-2.6%) (4) Acquired cystic disease of uremia (3.3-6.1%; 7 x increased risk) *Robson Staging Classification*: Stage I: tumor confined to within renal capsule / sharply defined convex interface with perirenal fat II: extension into perinephric fat but confined to Gerota fascia = renal fascia / irregular interface between tumor + fat III A: extension into renal vein or IVC III B: positive lymph nodes III C: extension into renal vein + lymph nodes IV A: extension into adjacent organs (other than ipsilateral adrenal) IV B: distant metastases *Staging accuracy*: 84-91% for CT 82-96% for MR poor for US Regional extension: into lymph nodes (9-23%); into main renal vein (21-35%); into IVC (4-10%) Multiple RCC: commonly in von Hippel-Lindau syndrome; bilateral in 1-3% METASTASES ■ bone pain, cough, [hemoptysis](#) (as initial symptoms of metastatic disease present in 9%) 28% of patients have clinically apparent multiple distant metastases at presentation! Spread to: lung (55%); lymph nodes (34%); liver (33%); bone (32%); adrenals (19%); contralateral kidney (11%); brain (6%); heart (5%); [spleen](#) (5%); bowel (4%); skin (3%); ureter (rare) Incidence of metastatic disease: (a) tumors <3 cm: 2.6% (b) tumors 3-5 cm: 15.4% (c) tumors >5 cm: 78.6% ■ hematuria (56%), flank pain (36%), weight loss (27%), fever (11-15%) ■ classic triad of flank pain + gross hematuria + palpable renal mass (4-9%) ■ [varicocele](#) (2%) ■ normochromic normocytic anemia (28-40%) ■ Stauffer syndrome (15%) = nephrogenic hepatopathy = hepatosplenomegaly + abnormal liver function in absence of hepatic metastases (? tumor hepatotoxin) ■ Paraneoplastic syndromes: erythrocytosis (2%); [hypercalcemia](#) ([parathormone](#), prostaglandin, vitamin D metabolites) / often lobulated mass, focal bulge in renal contour / enlargement of affected part of kidney / calcification (8-18%): usually central + amorphous, peripheral + curvilinear in cystic RCC / extrinsic compression / displacement / invasion of renal pelvis + calices / cysts: (a) cystic necrotic tumor (40%) (b) cystadenocarcinoma (2-5%) (c) renal cell carcinoma in wall of cyst (3%) / tumor growth into renal vein / IVC (30%) IVP: / diminished function (parenchymal replacement, [hydronephrosis](#)) / absence of [contrast excretion](#) (renal vein occlusion) / pyelotumoral backflow = necrotic part of tumor fills with contrast material CT: / mostly inhomogeneous enhancement (due to cystic areas or necrosis) / ± subcapsular / perinephric hemorrhage US: / hyperechoic (50-61%), mostly in small tumors <3 cm (78%), occasionally in large tumors (32%) / markedly hyperechoic, ie, isoechoic to renal sinus fat, (4-12%) in small tumors (DDx: [angiomyolipoma](#)) / anechoic rim (in 84% of small hyperechoic RCCs), probably due to pseudocapsule of compressed renal tissue (NOT seen in [angiomyolipoma](#)) / isoechoic (30-86%) / hypoechoic (10-12%), mostly in larger tumors / cystic with increase in acoustic transmission (2-13%) due to extensive liquefaction necrosis (DDx: complicated cyst) / inhomogeneity due to hemorrhage, necrosis, cystic degeneration MRI (best modality to assess stage III + IV disease): / low to medium signal intensity on T1WI; hyperintense areas are usually due to hemorrhage / heterogeneous signal intensity on T2WI Angio: / typically hypervascular (95%) with puddling of contrast + occasional AV shunting / enlarged tortuous poorly tapering feeding vessels / coarse neovascularity + formation of small aneurysms / parasitization of lumbar, adrenal, subcostal, mesenteric artery branches / poorly defined tumor margins *Prognosis*: / Tumor stage + histologic grade are the most important prognosticators! 5-year survival rates for stages I, II, III, IV are 85-100%, 45-65%, 20-40%, 0-10%; 10-year survival rates for stages I, II, III, IV are 56%, 28%, 20%, 3%-4.4% 3-year survival rate if untreated; papillary carcinomas have better prognosis than nonpapillary carcinomas! -presence of spindle-shaped cells reduces survival! *Recurrence*: in 11% after 10 years Rx: radical nephrectomy (2-5% operative mortality) / parenchyma-conserving procedure dependent on tumor size + stage + grade

[Cystic Renal Cell Carcinoma Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma](#)

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Cystic Renal Cell Carcinoma A.UNILOCLAR CYSTIC RCC (50%)=extensive necrosis of a previously solid RCC / intrinsic cystic growth of a cystadenocarcinoma[✓]
fluid-filled mass without criteria of a renal cystB.MULTILOCLAR RCC (30%)=intrinsic multilocular growth[✓] impossible to distinguish from multilocular cystic nephromaC.MURAL NODULE IN CYSTIC RCC (20%)(a)asymmetric cystic tumor necrosis(b)tumor arising in wall of preexisting cyst(c)tubular dilatation with secondary cyst formation from tumor obstruction

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Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma *Incidence:* 5-15% of all RCC *Age:* 40-50 years *Path:* cystic necrosis + degeneration frequent; familial form associated with trisomy 17 *Histo:* cells surrounding fronds of fibrovascular stroma; macrophages infiltrating the papillary stalks *✓* slow growing well-encapsulated tumor *✓* peripheral calcification frequent *✓* usually hypovascular *✓* little / no contrast enhancement *✓* frequently hypoechoic mass *Prognosis:* favorable (metastasize late)

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Simple Cortical Renal Cyst Acquired lesion possibly secondary to tubular obstruction; accounts for 62% of all renal masses *Incidence*: in 1-2% of all urograms; in 3-5% of all autopsies *Age*: peak incidence after age 30 years; increasing frequency with age (in 0.22% in pediatric age group, in 50% over age 50) *Path*: low cuboidal / flattened epithelium surrounded by 1-2 mm-thick fibrous wall containing clear / slightly yellow serous fluid *May be associated with*: [tuberous sclerosis](#), [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#), [Caroli disease](#), [neurofibromatosis](#) ✓ large and unifocal when peripheral ✓ focal attenuation + displacement of collecting system ✓ focally replaced nephrogram with smooth margin ✓ "beak / claw sign" = effaced wedge of renal parenchyma ✓ delicate filamentous often undulating septa (10-15%) ✓ curvilinear calcification (1%) in wall / septa US (90-100% [accuracy](#) of US & CT): ✓ spherical / ovoid in shape ✓ anechoic without internal echoes ✓ smooth clearly demarcated walls ✓ acoustic enhancement beyond cyst CT: ✓ near-water-density lesion (<20-25 HU), thin wall, smooth interface with renal parenchyma, no enhancement Cystography: ✓ smooth wall, clear aspirate with low lactic dehydrogenase, no fat content Cx: (1) Hemorrhage in 1-11.5% (2) Infection in 2.5% (3) Tumor within cyst in <1%

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Atypical / Complicated Renal Cyst A. HEMORRHAGIC CYST *Cause:* trauma, varices, bleeding diathesis ■ rust-colored puttylike material ✓ uni- / multilocular cyst separated by thick septa ✓ thick fibrous ± calcified wall ✓ fibrin ball inside cyst (rare) CT: ✓ increased density secondary to acute hemorrhage / high protein contents (= hyperattenuating cyst with approximately 50-90 HU) ✓ no contrast enhancement MR: ✓ usually iso- to hyperintense on T1WI (owing to methemoglobin) + hyperintense on T2WI (due to lysis of RBCs) ✓ variable signal intensities (dependent on amount + acuity of hemorrhage, hemoglobin degradation product, degree of RBC lysis, protein content) ✓ hematocrit effect (= RBCs settle to cyst bottom) B. INFECTED CYST *Cause:* hematogenous dissemination of bacteria, ascending [urinary tract infection](#) *Mean age:* 61 years; in 94% females ■ history of no response to antibiotic Rx for [acute pyelonephritis](#) ■ leukocyturia US: ✓ thickened irregular cyst wall (22%) ✓ internal septations (11%) ✓ wall calcification (occasionally) ✓ minute debris either diffusely / fluid-fluid level in dependent portion of cyst ✓ amorphous solid conglomerates ✓ round sharply marginated lesion *Dx:* cyst puncture *DDx:* [renal abscess](#), hematoma, renal artery aneurysm, cystic tumor *Rx:* surgery, aspiration, serial follow-up

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Renal Sinus Cyst =PERIPELVIC / PARAPELVIC CYST = PARAPELVIC LYMPHANGIECTASIA = PARAPELVIC LYMPHATIC CYST=spherical fluid-filled masses intimately attached to renal pelvis without connection to pelvicaliceal system either arising from renal sinus or parenchyma *Incidence*:1.5% (autopsies); 4-6% of all renal cysts *Etiology*: probably ectatic lymphatic channels from lymphatic obstruction; ? posttraumatic extravasation of urine / blood; ? protrusion of parenchymal cysts into sinus; ? mesonephric remnant; ? remnant of wolffian body; ? outpouchings of renal pelvis; ? duplication anomaly *Age*:mostly during 5th-6th decade ■ almost always asymptomatic ■ pain (from obstructive caliectasis) ■ renal vascular hypertension (compression of renal arteries) ■ clear straw-colored serous fluid ✓ soft-tissue density in renal sinus ✓ focal displacement + smooth effacement of collecting system ✓ stretching of collecting system when generalized (indistinguishable from [sinus lipomatosis](#)) ✓ rarely curvilinear calcification of cyst wall (4%) *US*: ✓ anechoic mass(es) with acoustic enhancement, irregular shape *Cx*:obstructive caliectasis (rarely [hydronephrosis](#)) *Rx*:cyst ablation with 95% ethanol if symptomatic *DDx*:[hydronephrosis](#)

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RENAL DYSGENESIS

=undifferentiated tissue of renal anlage Pathologic NOT radiologic diagnosis \checkmark renal vessels usually absent; occasionally small vascular channels

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RENAL INFARCTION

Causes: 1. TRAUMA: blunt abdominal trauma, traumatic avulsion of renal artery, surgery 2. EMBOLISM: (a) Cardiac: rheumatic heart disease with arrhythmia (atrial fibrillation), [myocardial infarction](#), prosthetic valves, myocardial trauma, left atrial / mural thrombus, myocardial tumors, subacute [bacterial endocarditis](#) (b) Catheters: angiographic catheter manipulation, umbilical artery catheter above level of renal arteries 3. ARTERIAL THROMBOSIS: arteriosclerosis, thrombangitis obliterans, [polyarteritis nodosa](#), syphilitic cardiovascular disease, aneurysm (aorta / renal artery), [sickle cell disease](#) 4. Sudden complete [renal vein thrombosis](#)

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Acute Renal Infarction ✓ normal / large kidney with smooth contour ✓ normal / expanded parenchymal thickness ✓ normal / attenuated collecting system, often only opacified by retrograde pyelography ✓ absent / diminished nephrogram with cortical rim enhancement, rarely striations US: ✓ diminished echogenicity (within <24 hours) ✓ normal echogenicity (echoes appear within 7 days) NUC (SPECT imaging with [Tc-99m DMSA](#)): ✓ photon-deficient area

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Lobar Renal Infarction EARLY SIGNS: \surd focal attenuation of collecting system (tissue swelling) \surd focally absent nephrogram (triangular with base at cortex) LATE SIGNS: \surd normal / small kidney(s) \surd focally wasted parenchyma with NORMAL interpapillary line (portion of lobe / whole lobe / several adjacent lobes) CT: \surd nonperfused area corresponding to vascular division, cortical rim sign US: \surd focally increased echogenicity

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Chronic Renal Infarction *Path:* all elements of kidney atrophied with replacement by interstitial fibrosis ✓ normal / small kidney with smooth contour ✓ globally wasted parenchyma ✓ diminished / absent contrast material density US: ✓ increased echogenicity (by 17 days) ✓ normal intrarenal venous architecture ✓ late visualization of renal arteries on abdominal aortogram

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Atheroembolic Renal Disease =dislodgment of multiple atheromatous emboli from the aorta into renal circulation (below level of arcuate arteries) ✓ normal / small kidneys with smooth contour or shallow depressions ✓ wasted parenchymal thickness ✓ diminished density of contrast materialCT: ✓ patchy nephrographic distributionAngio: ✓ embolic occlusion

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Arteriosclerotic Renal Disease =disseminated process involving most of the interlobar + arcuate arteries causing uniform shrinkage of kidneyAge:generally over 60 yearsAccelerated development in:scleroderma, [polyarteritis nodosa](#), chronic tophaceous [gout](#) ■ often associated with hypertension (NEPHROSCLEROSIS)✓ normal / small kidneys✓ smooth contour with random shallow contour depressions (infarctions)✓ uniform loss of cortical thickness✓ normal / [effaced collecting system](#) (fat proliferation)✓ increased pelvic radiolucency (vicarious sinus fat proliferation)✓ calcification of medium-sized intrarenal arteriesUS: ✓ increased echogenicity possible✓ increased size of renal sinus echoes (fatty replacement) **Nephrosclerosis** *Histo*:thickening + hyalinization of afferent arterioles, proliferative endarteritis, necrotizing arteriolitis, necrotizing glomerulitis ■ [arterial hypertension](#)(a)BENIGN NEPHROSCLEROSIS(b)MALIGNANT NEPHROSCLEROSIS (rapid deterioration of renal function)✓ radiographic appearance similar to arteriosclerotic kidney

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RENAL LEIOMYOMA

=CAPSULOMA *Prevalence*: 5% at autopsy (average size of 5 mm) *Median age*: 42 years; M < F *Path*: well-circumscribed lesion with mean size of 12 cm containing hemorrhage (17%) / cystic degeneration (27%) *Location*: 53% subcapsular, 37% capsular, 10% attached to renal pelvis *Associated with*: [tuberous sclerosis](#) • palpable mass (50%), hematuria (20%)¹ well-circumscribed exophytic solid lesion ± cleavage plane between tumor and cortex *DDx*: renal leiomyosarcoma, adenocarcinoma

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RENAL TRANSPLANT

Frequency: 11,000 transplants per year in USA (1994) Complications in 10% \diamond Problematic period between 4 days and 3 weeks after surgery! \bullet hypertension in 50% (from rejection / arterial stenosis) Prognosis: organ survival at 2 years in 5% for cadaveric Tx / 88% for living related donor grafts; 7-8 years half-life for cadaveric Tx;

	Renal Transplant Scintigram			
	early study (≤ 24 hours post transplantation)		late study (≥ 5 days post transplantation)	
	flow	excretion	flow	excretion
Acute tubular necrosis	nl / mildly decreased	decreased	nl / mildly decreased	mildly decreased
Hyperacute rejection	absent	absent		
Acute rejection	decreased	decreased	worsening	worsening
Chronic rejection	decreased	decreased	decreased	decreased

13-24 years half-life for Tx from living related donor

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Acute Tubular Necrosis In Renal Transplant =primary nonfunction within 72 hours of transplantation followed by improvement within a few days to 1 month secondary to ischemia-ATN more frequent in cadaveric than living-related donor transplant (donor hypotension)-ATN greater in transplants with more than one renal artery-ATN related to length of ischemic interval (prolonged organ storage) • no constitutional symptoms • elevated urine sodium • oliguria may begin immediately after transplantation / may be delayed for several daysUS: √ transient enlargement of transplant√ transient increase in resistive indexScintigram: √ normal / slightly decreased transplant perfusion√ decreased + delayed radiopharmaceutical uptake√ delayed / decreased / absent excretion of Tc-99mDDx:acute rejection (serial renal studies help to differentiate)

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Rejection Of [Renal Transplant](#) Most common cause of parenchymal failure Rejection occurs in all transplants to some degree!

Causes of Renal Allograft Dysfunction	
Immediate to 1st 48 hours	Day 2 to day 7
1. Hyperacute rejection	1. ATN
2. Renal vein thrombosis	2. RVT
3. Discordant size	
>1 week post-op	Delayed
1. Acute rejection	1. Chronic rejection
2. ATN	2. Drug toxicity
	3. Obstruction
	4. Infection
	5. Extrinsic compression

1. **Hyperacute rejection** (rare)=humeral rejection with preformed circulating antibodies present in recipient at time of transplantation, usually following retransplantation *Path*: thrombosed arterioles + cortical necrosis *Time of onset*: within minutes after transplantation *✓* complete absence of renal perfusion + renal function on [Tc-99m DTPA](#) scan (DDx: complete arterial / venous occlusion) *Rx*: requires immediate reoperation

2. **Accelerated acute rejection** =combination of antibody + cell-mediated rejection *Time of onset*: 2-5 days after transplantation

3. **Acute rejection** =cellular rejection predominantly dependent on cellular immunity *Time of onset*: any time, typically within 5 days to 6 months; peak incidence at 2nd-5th week *Path*: (a) acute interstitial rejection=edema of interstitium with lymphocytic infiltration of capillaries + lymphatics (b) acute vascular rejection (rare)=proliferative endovasculitis + vessel thrombosis • low urine sodium, increase in serum creatinine • hypertension • oliguria • fever • tenderness of transplant • weight gain US (30-50% [negative predictive value](#)): *✓* increase in renal volume from edema= decreased renal sinus fat with increased cortical thickness (most predictive) *✓* conspicuous pyramids + decreased cortical echogenicity *✓* thickening of pelvoinfundibular wall *✓* diminished echogenicity of renal sinus fat Doppler (higher [accuracy](#) than morphologic parameters): *✓* initially decrease in resistive index(? autoregulatory mechanism) *✓* increase in resistive index with increasing severity of rejection (a) ≤ 0.70 without any form of rejection (57% [negative predictive value](#)) (b) > 0.90 (100% [positive predictive value](#), 26% [sensitivity](#)) NUC: *✓* may show decreased renal perfusion + renal function *✓* initially perfusion may be normal with only function decreased (DDx to ATN may not be possible on single study) *✓* subsequent exams (1-3 day intervals) demonstrate decreasing renal perfusion *✓* prolonged excretory phase *✓* poor and inhomogeneous nephrogram *Angio*: *✓* rapid tapering + pruning of interlobar arteries *✓* multiple stenoses + occlusions *✓* nonvisualization of interlobular arteries *✓* prolonged arterial opacification (normally < 2 sec)

4. **Chronic rejection** =slow relentless progressive process resulting in interstitial scarring + [fibrosis](#) *Path*: endothelial proliferation in small arteries + arterioles; glomerular lesions (? recurrence of patients original glomerulonephritis) *Time of onset*: months to years after transplantation *✓* small kidney *✓* diminished number of intrarenal vessels *✓* vascular pruning / stenoses / occlusions

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Cyclosporine Nephrotoxicity *Action*: impedes rejection process with narrow therapeutic window *Action*: impedes rejection process with narrow therapeutic window
Histo: (a) acutely: damage to tubules, microthrombosis of kidney (secondary to activation of coagulation cascade) (b) chronically: hyaline deposition within arterial walls
✓ NO change in renal size / resistive index

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Urologic Problems With Renal Transplant

1. Ureteral obstruction (1-10%) (a) acute: secondary to technical problems (b) late: secondary to ischemia or previous extravasation *Causes*: stricture (most commonly at ureterovesical junction), ureteral kinking, (transient) edema at ureteroneocystostomy, ureteropelvic [fibrosis](#), crossing vessels, blood clot, lymphocele, fungus ball, calculus ✓ pyelocaliectasis ✓ normal resistive index strongly argues against obstruction unless ureteral leak is present *DDx*: low-pressure dilatation secondary to denervation + handling of relatively large urine volume (confirmed by Whitaker test)

2. Urine extravasation (3-10%) *Causes*: (1) Distal ureteral necrosis secondary to interruption of [blood supply](#) (early) / vascular insufficiency due to rejection (late) (2) Leakage from ureteroneocystostomy site (3) Leakage from anterior cystostomy closure site (4) Segmental [renal infarction](#) • high creatinine level in fluid collection *Prognosis*: high morbidity + mortality (death from transplant infection + septicemia)

3. Pararenal fluid collection *Incidence*: in up to 50% of transplantations *Cx*: [Page kidney](#) (1) Lymphocele (10%) occur weeks to month after transplantation • does not contain creatinine ✓ mean diameter of 11 cm ✓ thick septa (50%) + internal debris *Rx*: sclerotherapy with povidone-iodine; long-term catheter drainage / surgical marsupialization (2) [Urinoma](#) ✓ rarely septated + smaller than lymphoceles (3) Abscess, hematoma • small hematomas typically resolve spontaneously within a few weeks ✓ photopenic region with displacement / impression on kidney / urinary bladder *mnemonic*: "HAUL" Hematoma Abscess Urinoma Lymphocele

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Vascular Problems With Renal Transplant

A. PRERENAL

1. **Renal artery stenosis** (1-12%) \diamond Transient elevation of velocities in immediate postoperative period is due to vessel wall edema / arterial spasm! *Time of onset*: within 3 years; cadaver kidney > young donor kidney > living-related donor kidney (a) short-segment stenosis at anastomosis: technical (75%), use of clamp / cannula, trauma, ischemia of donor vessel (b) long-segment stenosis: trauma during allograft harvesting, faulty operative technique, chronic rejection, atherosclerosis, kinking, scar formation \bullet recent onset of hypertension \bullet renal insufficiency \bullet bruit over graft site (occasionally) \checkmark increase in peak systolic velocity >200-210 cm/sec \checkmark 2:1 ratio between peak stenotic and poststenotic velocities \checkmark main renal artery/external iliac artery ratio >3.5 \checkmark gross poststenotic turbulence (supportive evidence) \checkmark dampened signals distal to stenosis \checkmark increase in acceleration time (= pulse rise time) *Angio*: \checkmark standard test for detection of arterial stenosis *Cx* (0.5-2.3%): hemorrhage, intimal flap, [arteriovenous fistula](#)

2. **Renal artery thrombosis** (1-5%) *Cause*: rejection, faulty surgical technique *Time of onset*: within 1st month *Predisposed*: allografts with disparate vessel size, multiple anastomoses, intramural vessel injury due to faulty handling, rejection \bullet early sudden onset of anuria \checkmark global absence of perfusion, [uptake](#), [excretion](#) \checkmark segmental infarction due to occlusion of polar artery \checkmark hypo- / hyperechoic area \pm cortical thickening \checkmark no flow in affected area

3. **Pseudoaneurysm** (in up to 17%) *Cause*: percutaneous biopsy with vascular injury, faulty surgical technique, perivascular infection *Location*: (a) at anastomotic site: due to suture rupture, anastomotic leakage, vessel wall ischemia (b) mostly of arcuate arteries within allograft: following needle biopsy, mycotic infection \checkmark hypoechoic mass \checkmark mixed arterial + venous pulsations within mass *Prognosis*: mostly spontaneous regression

4. **Arteriovenous fistula** (in 2%) *Cause*: percutaneous biopsy with vascular injury, faulty surgical technique, perivascular infection \bullet hypertension, hematuria, high-output cardiac failure \checkmark high-velocity low-resistance flow in feeding artery \checkmark arterialization of waveform in draining vein \checkmark turbulence + high-frequency velocity shift \checkmark exaggerated focal color around lesion (= perivascular soft-tissue vibration = bruit)

5. **Renal allograft necrosis** = total lack of perfusion in an area of renal cortex associated with variable degrees of medullary necrosis *Cause*: rejection, surgical ligature, preexistent arterial lesion, severe ATN, prolonged time of warm ischemia *Pattern*: 1. Small focal necrosis 2. Large isolated area of infarction (segmental arterial occlusion) 3. Outer cortical necrosis 4. Cortical necrosis with large patches 5. Diffuse cortical necrosis 6. Cortical + medullary necrosis 7. Necrosis of whole kidney (occlusion of main renal artery) *MR*: \checkmark slightly hyperintense (ischemic necrosis) / hypointense (hemorrhagic necrosis) / isointense area on T2WI \checkmark hypointense areas on Gd-DTPA images *US*: \checkmark hypoechoic (ischemic necrosis) / iso- or hyperechoic (hemorrhagic necrosis) areas \checkmark swollen area (probably cortical edema) \checkmark absence of arterial perfusion by color duplex (not sensitive for small infarcts / superficial cortical necrosis) \checkmark elevated resistive indexes + no / reversed diastolic flow

B. POSTRENAL

1. **Renal / iliac vein thrombosis** (4.2-5%) *Cause*: (a) immediately: injury to epithelium at site of renal vein anastomosis, extrinsic compression by [urinoma](#) / hematoma / lymphocele (b) after 1st week: acute rejection, reduced intrarenal arterial flow \bullet abrupt onset of renal dysfunction \bullet graft tenderness \bullet hematuria, proteinuria \checkmark enlargement of transplant \checkmark prolonged arterial transit time without arterial occlusions + arterial spasms \checkmark diminished cortical perfusion \checkmark absent venous flow \checkmark "U-shaped" / plateau-like reversal of diastolic arterial flow \checkmark decreased systolic rise time

HIGH VASCULAR IMPEDANCE OF [RENAL TRANSPLANT](#) = [pulsatility](#) index (A - B/mean) greater than 1.8 or resistive index (A - B/B) of Doppler signals of 0.75-0.80 indicate a reduction in diastolic flow velocity *Causes*: (a) intrinsic vascular obstruction 1. Acute vascular rejection (later stage) 2. Renal vein obstruction (b) increased intraparenchymal pressure 1. Severe ATN 2. Severe [pyelonephritis](#): CMV, herpes, E. coli, C. albicans 3. Extrarenal compression: large collection, hematoma, discordant size 4. Urinary obstruction (doubted!) 5. Excessive pressure by transducer

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Gastrointestinal Problems With Renal Transplant *Incidence:40%* 1.[Gastrointestinal hemorrhage](#) (a)Upper GI tract bleeding gastric erosions, gastric / duodenal ulcers *Mortality rate: 2-3 x of normal* (b)Lower GI tract bleeding hemorrhoids, [pseudomembranous colitis](#), cecal ulcers, colonic polyps 2.GI tract perforation (3%) *Causes:spontaneous, antacid impaction, [perinephric abscess](#), diverticular disease* Location:colon > small bowel > gastroduodenal *Mortality rate:approaches 75% (because of delayed diagnosis)*

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Hypertension With Renal Transplant †Leading cause of death in [renal transplant](#) recipient! *Prevalence*.up to 60% 1 year after transplantation *Cause*:
A. TRANSPLANT RELATED 1.Acute transplant rejection 2.Chronic rejection 3.Cyclosporine toxicity 4.Ureteral obstruction 5.[Renal artery stenosis](#) (a)accelerated atherosclerosis (b)postsurgical [fibrosis](#) at anastomosis B.NOT TRANSPLANT RELATED 1.Renin production of native kidney 2.Original renal disease involving transplant 3.Development of essential hypertension

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Aseptic Necrosis With Renal Transplant Most common long-term disabling complication; femoral head most common site, bilateral in 59-80% *Frequency*:6-15-29% within 3 years after surgery *Time of onset*:symptoms develop 5-126 (mean 9-19) months after transplantation *Risk factors*: dose + method of glucocorticoid administration, duration + quality of dialysis before transplantation, secondary [hyperparathyroidism](#), allograft dysfunction, liver disease, previous transplantation, iron overload, increased protein catabolism during dialysis *Pathophysiology of corticosteroid therapy*: (1)[Fat embolism](#) (fat globules occlude subchondral end arteries) (2)Increase in fat cell volume in closed marrow space (increase in intramedullary pressure leads to diminished perfusion) (3)[Osteopenia](#) (increased bone fragility) (4)Reduced sensibility to pain (loss of protection against excessive stress) *Histo*:fragmentation, compression, resorption of dead bone, proliferation of granulation tissue, revascularization, production of new bone ■ 40% asymptomatic ■ joint pain ■ restriction of movement Sites:femoral head, femoral condyles (lateral > medial condyle), humeral head ✓ subchondral bone resorption ✓ patchy osteosclerosis ✓ collapse / fragmentation of bone MR with abbreviated T1WI protocol = test of choice! see *page 37* [AVASCULAR NECROSIS](#)

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Posttransplant Lymphoproliferative Disease =abnormal proliferation of B-cell lymphocytes strongly associated with Epstein-Barr virus infection (in 80%); up to 11% may arise from T-cell lymphocytes *Incidence*: 0.6%after [bone marrow transplantation](#), 1-6%after kidney transplantation (in 20% NHL, especially affecting CNS) 1.8-20%after cardiac transplantation ϕ Prevalence of NHL is 35 x greater than in general population! *Cause*:sequela of chronic immunosuppression with limited ability to suppress neoplastic activity Types: 1.Polyclonal B-cell hyperplasia (nearly identical to infectious mononucleosis) 2.Monoclonal non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) Time of onset:as early as 1 month after transplantation depending on immunosuppressive regimen Location: @Lymph nodes: tonsils, cervical neck nodes @Gastrointestinal tract Cx:visceral perforation (frequent) @Thorax ∇ multiple / solitary well-circumscribed pulmonary nodules \pm mediastinal lymphadenopathy (DDx: [cryptococcosis](#), fungus, [Kaposi sarcoma](#)) ∇ patchy airspace consolidation (DDx: edema, infection, rejection) DDx:[lymphoid hyperplasia](#) (spontaneous resolution) Rx:(1)Antiviral agents (controversial) (2)Reduction / cessation of immunosuppressive agents (3)Surgical resection of tumor mass (complete resolution in 63%)

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RENAL TRAUMA

Classification: 1. Superficial cortical laceration (75-85%) (a) Subcapsular hematoma ✓ lenticular-shaped area + flattening of subjacent parenchyma (b) Renal contusion ✓ poorly defined area of low attenuation (c) Small cortical laceration without caliceal disruption Rx: observation 2. Complete cortical laceration / [fracture](#) communicating with caliceal system (10%) ✓ extravasation of contrast material ✓ separation of renal poles (= [fracture](#)) Rx: clinical judgement required 3. Shattered kidney / injury to the renal vascular pedicle (5%) ✓ multiple separate renal fragments (= shattered kidney) ✓ lack of enhancement of part / all of kidney ✓ ± "rim sign" (= enhancement of renal periphery through intact capsular / collateral vessels) ✓ extravasation of contrast material Rx: surgery DDX: respiratory motion artifact (low-attenuation area surrounding kidney)

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RENAL TUBULAR ACIDOSIS

=clinical syndrome characterized by tubular insufficiency to resorb bicarbonate, excrete hydrogen ion, or both (= nonanion gap metabolic acidosis) • failure to thrive

[Proximal Renal Tubular Acidosis](#) [Distal Renal Tubular Acidosis](#)

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Proximal Renal Tubular Acidosis =TYPE 2 RTA =impaired capacity to absorb HCO_3^- in proximal tubule leads to presence of bicarbonate in urine at lower plasma levels than normal *Pathogenesis*: ? defect in $\text{Na}^+/\text{HCO}_3^-$ cotransport at basolateral membrane; deficit of carbonic anhydrase; parathyroid hormone activates cyclic AMP which inhibits carbonic anhydrase (hypocalcemia of [hyperparathyroidism](#) + various types of Fanconi syndrome) ■ self-limited acidosis (bicarbonate loss stops once bicarbonate threshold of about 15 mEq/L is reached) ■ unimpaired ability to lower urine pH (pH 4.5-7.8 depending on level of plasma bicarbonate) by normal [excretion](#) of hydrogen ions ■ hypokalemia (due to hyperaldosteronism secondary to decreased proximal resorption of NaCl) ✓ [rickets](#) / [osteomalacia](#) N.B.:NEVER [nephrocalcinosis](#) / nephrolithiasis (due to normal urinary citrate [excretion](#), low urine pH, self-limited less severe acidosis with less [calcium](#) release from bone *Dx*:bicarbonate titration test, large requirement of alkali to sustain plasma bicarbonate level at 22 mmol/L *Rx*:administration of alkali ± potassium ± hydrochlorothiazide

1.INFANTILE TYPE OF PRIMARY PROXIMAL RTA *Age*:diagnosed within first 18 months of life; usually male patients ■ excessive vomiting in early infancy ■ growth retardation (<3rd percentile) ■ metabolic hyperchloremic acidosis ■ normal quantities of net acid [excretion](#) *Prognosis*:transient type with spontaneous remission

2.SECONDARY PROXIMAL RTA =tubular defect of bicarbonate resorption associated with other tubular dysfunction / generalized disease *Cause*: -Fanconi syndrome, cystinosis, Lowe syndrome, hereditary fructose intolerance, [glycogen storage disease](#), galactosemia, tyrosinemia, [Wilson disease](#), Leigh syndrome -1° + 2° [hyperparathyroidism](#), vitamin D deficiency, mineralocorticoid deficiency, [osteopetrosis -medullary cystic disease](#), renal transplantation, vascular accident to kidney in newborn period, [multiple myeloma](#), [amyloidosis](#), nephrotic syndrome, cyanotic CHD, [Sjögren syndrome](#) -intoxication with cadmium, outdated tetracycline, methylchromone, 6-mercaptopurine

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Distal Renal Tubular Acidosis =TYPE 1 RTA (first type discovered) =impaired ability to secrete H⁺ in distal tubule despite low levels of plasma bicarbonate (urine cannot be acidified with pH invariably high at >5.5-6.0)

Pathophysiology: primary defect of nonacidification of urine followed by (a)hyperchloremia small constant loss of serum sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO₃) without concomitant loss of chloride (NaCl retention) leads to shrinkage of ECF volume (b)chronic severe + progressive acidosis (due to inability to excrete the usual endogenously produced nonvolatile acid) leads to -mobilization of [calcium](#) + phosphate from bone ([osteomalacia](#)) -growth retardation -hypercalciuria (+ 2° [hyperparathyroidism](#)) -loss of phosphate ([osteomalacia](#) / [rickets](#)) (c)[nephrocalcinosis](#) + nephrolithiasis (due to combination of hypercalciuria + elevated urine pH + marked reduction in urinary citrate) (d)potassium wastage with hyperkaliuria + hypokalemia (due to constant small loss of sodium bicarbonate in urine, reduction of ECF space, 2° hyperaldosteronism, increase in sodium-potassium exchange in distal tubule)

Path:[calcium](#) deposits accompanied by chronic interstitial nephritis with cellular infiltration, tubular atrophy, glomerular sclerosis ■ muscle weakness, hyporeflexia, paralysis (due to hypokalemia) ■ bone pain (due to [osteomalacia](#)) ■ polyuria (from defect in urinary concentrating ability as a result of [nephrocalcinosis](#) + potassium deficiency) ■ low plasma bicarbonate ■ hyperchloremic acidosis (from impaired ability to excrete the usual endogenous load of nonvolatile acid) ■ alkaline urine (pH >5.0-5.5) ■ hypokalemia, loss of sodium ■ hypercalciuria (continued mobilization of [calcium](#) phosphate from bone due to metabolic acidosis) ■ hypocitraturia (increased proximal tubular reabsorption of citrate) *Dx:*acid load test with ammonium chloride (NH₄Cl) *Rx:*administration of mixture of sodium + potassium bicarbonate

*Cx:*interstitial nephritis, [chronic renal failure](#) (damage from [nephrocalcinosis](#) + secondary [pyelonephritis](#)), bone lesions, [nephrocalcinosis](#), nephrolithiasis

1.PERMANENT DISTAL RTA =ADULT TYPE OF PRIMARY DISTAL RTA =BUTLER-ALBRIGHT SYNDROME *Genetics:*mostly sporadic, may be autosomal dominant

*Age:*children + adults (usually not diagnosed before age 2); F > M ■ vomiting, constipation, polyuria, dehydration ■ failure to thrive, growth retardation, anorexia ■ polyuria (due to renal concentrating defect) ■ potassium loss resulting in flaccid paralysis ■ bone pain + pathologic fractures in adolescents + adults (from [osteomalacia](#)) ■ low serum pH, low bicarbonate concentration ■ elevation of chloride ■ urinary pH of 6.0-6.5 ✓ [rickets](#) / [osteomalacia](#) ✓ moderately retarded bone age ✓ medullary [nephrocalcinosis](#) / nephrolithiasis (as early as 1 month of age)

2.SECONDARY DISTAL RTA (a)systemic conditions: -starvation, malnutrition, [sickle cell disease](#) -primary [hyperthyroidism](#) + [nephrocalcinosis](#), 1° [hyperparathyroidism](#) + [nephrocalcinosis](#), vitamin D intoxication, idiopathic [hypercalcemia](#), idiopathic hypercalciuria + [nephrocalcinosis](#) -amphotericin B nephropathy, toxicity to lithium, toluene sniffing -hepatic [cirrhosis](#), fructose intolerance with [nephrocalcinosis](#), [Ehlers-Danlos syndrome](#), [Marfan syndrome](#), elliptocytosis (b)renal conditions: renal tubular necrosis, renal transplantation, [medullary sponge kidney](#), obstructive uropathy (c)hypergammaglobulinemic states (? autoimmune process): idiopathic hypergammaglobulinemia, chronic active hepatitis, hyperglobulinemic purpura, [Sjögren syndrome](#), cryoglobulinemia, [systemic lupus erythematosus](#), lupoid hepatitis, fibrosing alveolitis

[TRANSIENT DISTAL [RENAL TUBULAR ACIDOSIS](#) =INFANTILE TYPE OF PRIMARY DISTAL RTA =LIGHTWOOD SYNDROME =transient self-limited form in infancy (only observed within 1st year of life) with unclear pathophysiology, probably due to vitamin D intoxication]

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RENAL VEIN THROMBOSIS

Prevalence: 0.5% (autopsy) *Causes:* A. Intrinsic = thrombotic process begins intrarenally within small intrarenal veins due to acidosis, hemoconcentration, disseminated intravascular coagulation, intrarenal arteriolar constriction reducing venous flow (a) antenatally: abruptio placentae (b) newborns: advanced maternal age, glycosuria in infants of diabetic mothers, dehydration from vomiting, diarrhea, enterocolitis, sepsis, [polycythemia](#), [birth trauma](#), left [adrenal hemorrhage](#), prematurity (c) adults: membranous GN, [pyelonephritis](#), [amyloidosis](#), [polyarteritis nodosa](#), sickle cell anemia, thrombosis of IVC, renal neoplasia (50%), low flow states (CHF, [constrictive pericarditis](#)), [diabetic nephropathy](#), lupus nephropathy, [sarcoidosis](#), hypercoagulable states, trauma B. Extrinsic umbilical vein catheterization, thrombosis of IVC with extension into renal vein, malpositioned IVC filter, carcinoma of pancreatic tail invading renal vein (in 75%), [pancreatitis](#), [lymphoma](#), retroperitoneal sarcoma, retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#), metastases to retroperitoneum ([bronchogenic carcinoma](#))

mnemonic: "TEST MAN" Thrombophlebitis Enterocolitis (dehydration) Sickle cell disease, Systemic lupus erythematosus Trauma Membranous glomerulonephritis Amyloidosis Neoplasm

Radiographic appearance varies with: (1) rapidity of venous occlusion (2) extent of occlusion (3) availability of collateral circulation (4) site of occlusion in relation to collateral pathways *Pathophysiology:* formation of collateral channels develops at 24 hours + peaks at 2 weeks after onset of occlusion Collaterals: ureteral v. to vesicular vv., pericapsular vv. to lumbar vv., azygos v., portal v. on left: in addition gonadal v., adrenal v., inferior phrenic vv.

[Acute Renal Vein Thrombosis](#) [Subacute Renal Vein Thrombosis](#) [Chronic Renal Vein Thrombosis](#)

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Acute Renal Vein Thrombosis Path: hemorrhagic renal infarction from ruptured venules + capillaries without time for effective development of collaterals • gross hematuria, proteinuria • asymptomatic / painful flank mass • consumptive thrombocytopenia • anuria, hypertension ✓ smooth enlargement of kidney (edema + hemorrhage) ✓ initially faint + delayed dense nephrogram ✓ little / no pyelocaliceal visualization ✓ focal hemorrhagic infarction + capsular rupture US: ✓ enlarged kidney of variably altered echotexture ✓ thrombus within distended renal vein / IVC Doppler-US: ✓ venous flow present in segmental veins + collateral veins overlying renal hilum mimicking patency of main renal vein ✓ steady / less pulsatile venous flow compared with contralateral main renal vein ✓ main renal vein not traceable into IVC on color Doppler ✓ elevated resistive index $>0.70 \pm$ reversed end-diastolic renal arterial flow in native kidney CT: ✓ prolonged cortical nephrographic phase + persistent corticomedullary differentiation ✓ thickened renal fascia + perirenal stranding ✓ retroperitoneal hemorrhage Angio: ✓ poorly filling cortical arteries ✓ absent inflow from renal vein into IVC ✓ thrombus extending into IVC NUC: ✓ no characteristic pattern on sequential functional study Cx:(1) Pulmonary emboli (50%) (2) Severe renal atrophy (may show complete recovery)

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Subacute Renal Vein Thrombosis =good collateral drainage; impaired function with steady state or recanalization ✓ enlarged edematous boggy kidney ✓ slightly diminished / normal nephrographic density (may increase over time) ✓ compression of collecting system ("spidery calices") ✓ increased renal cortical echogenicity ✓ collateral veins allow venous efflux normalizing arterial waveform ✓ main renal vein appears small due to recanalization

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Chronic Renal Vein Thrombosis =indolent stage ■ 80-90% asymptomatic ■ nephrotic syndrome (proteinuria, hypercholesterolemia, anasarca) ✓ normal excretory urogram in 25% (with good collateral circulation especially if left side affected) ✓ notching of collecting system + proximal ureter ✓ retroperitoneal dilated collaterals ✓ lacelike intrarenal pattern of calcifications US: ✓ branching linear calcifications (calcified thrombus) ✓ small echogenic kidney CT: ✓ renal vein + IVC thrombus (24%); perirenal collaterals ✓ prolonged corticomedullary differentiation ✓ delayed / absent pyelocaliceal opacification + attenuated collecting system ✓ thickening of Gerota fascia Arteriography: ✓ enlarged venous collaterals on delayed images

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RETROCAVAL URETER

=CIRCUMCAVAL URETER = abnormality in embryogenesis of IVC with abnormal persistence of right subcardinal vein ventral to ureter (instead of right supracardinal vein, which is dorsal to right ureter) *Incidence:0.07%; M:F = 3:1* ■ symptoms of right ureteral obstruction ✓ ureteral course swings medially over pedicle of L3/4, passing behind IVC, and then exiting anteriorly between IVC and aorta returning to its normal position ✓ varying degrees of [hydronephrosis](#) + proximal hydroureteronephrosis

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RETROPERITONEAL FIBROSIS

=ORMOND DISEASE = CHRONIC PERIAORTITIS *Path*: dense hard fibrous tissue enveloping the retroperitoneum with effects on ureter, lymphatics, great vessels
Causes: A. PRIMARY RETROPERITONEAL FIBROSIS (2/3) Probably autoimmune disease with antibodies to ceroid (by-product of aortic plaque, which has penetrated into media) leading to systemic vasculitis; Associated with fibrosis in other organ systems (in 8-15%): mediastinal fibrosis, Riedel fibrosing thyroiditis, sclerosing cholangitis, fibrotic orbital pseudotumor Age: 31-60 years (in 70%); M:F = 2:1 Rx: responsive to corticoids B. SECONDARY RETROPERITONEAL FIBROSIS (1/3) (1) Drugs (12%): methysergide, b-blocker, phenacetin, hydralazine, ergotamine, methyl dopa, amphetamines, LSD (2) Desmoplastic response to malignancy (8%): lymphoma, Hodgkin disease, carcinoid, retroperitoneal metastases (breast, lung, thyroid, GI tract, GU organs) (3) Retroperitoneal fluid collection: from trauma, surgery, infection (4) Aneurysm of aorta / iliac arteries (desmoplastic response) (5) Connective tissue disease: eg, polyarteritis nodosa (6) Radiation therapy Peak age: 40-60 years; M:F = 2:1 ■ weight loss, nausea, malaise ■ dull pain in flank, back, abdomen (90%) ■ renal insufficiency (50-60%) ■ hypertension ■ leg edema, fever, hydrocele (10%) ■ claudication (occasionally)

Location: plaque typically begins around aortic bifurcation extending cephalad to renal hilum / surrounding kidney; rarely extends below pelvic rim, but may extend caudad to bladder + rectosigmoid IVP Classic TRIAD: (1) ureterectasis above L4/5 (interference with peristalsis) (2) medial deviation of ureters in middle third, typically bilateral (3) gradual tapering of ureter (extrinsic compression) ✓ usually mild pyelocaliectasis US: ✓ hypoechoic homogeneous mass in para-aortic region / perinephric space CT: ✓ periaortic mass of attenuation similar to muscle ✓ may show contrast enhancement (active inflammation) MR: ✓ low to medium homogeneous signal intensity on T1WI ✓ heterogeneous high signal intensity on T2WI (with malignancy / associated inflammatory edema) ✓ low signal intensity on T2WI (in dense fibrotic plaque) NUC: ✓ gallium uptake during active inflammation

DDx: lymphoma, retroperitoneal adenopathy *Rx*: (1) Withdrawal of possible causative agent (2) Interventional relief of obstruction (3) Corticosteroids

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RETROPERITONEAL LEIOMYOSARCOMA

Incidence: 2nd most common primary retroperitoneal malignancy (after [liposarcoma](#)) *Origin:* (a) retroperitoneal space without attachment to organs (b) wall of inferior vena cava *Age:* 5th-6th decade; M:F = 1:6 • abdominal mass, pain, weight loss, nausea, vomiting • abdominal distension, change in defecation habits, [leg](#) edema, back / radicular pain, frequency of urination • [hemoperitoneum](#), GI bleeding, dystocia, paraplegia *Metastases:* frequently hematogenous, less commonly lymphatic dissemination (a) common sites: liver, lung, brain, peritoneum (b) rare sites: skin, soft tissue, bone, kidney, omentum † Distant metastases present at time of diagnosis in 40%

A. EXTRAVASCULAR LEIOMYOSARCOMA (62%) *Path:* extraluminal (= completely extravascular) large tumor with extensive necrosis IVP: √ large soft-tissue mass with (a) displacement of kidney + ureter (b) gas-containing ascending / descending colon √ well-defined fat plane between mass and kidney √ obstruction of kidney (ureteral involvement) √ usually not calcified US: √ solid mass isoechoic to liver / rarely hyperechoic √ complex mass with cystic spaces + irregular walls CT: √ lobulated mass often >10 cm in size √ large cystic areas of tumor necrosis in center of mass √ areas of high attenuation with recent hemorrhage MR: √ intermediate intensity on T1WI with low-intensity areas of necrosis √ inhomogeneous intermediate intensity on T2WI Angio: √ hypervascular tumor with [blood supply](#) from lumbar, celiac, mesenteric, renal arteries √ avascular center surrounded by thick hypervascular rind B. INTRAVASCULAR LEIOMYOSARCOMA (6%) *Path:* intraluminal (= completely intravascular) polypoid mass firmly attached to vessel wall *Location:* between diaphragm + renal veins, may extend along entire length of IVC + into heart √ small solid mass within IVC √ gradually dilatation / obstruction of IVC √ intratumoral vascularity confirmed by Doppler √ irregular enhancement (CT bolus injection) Cx: (1) [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) (extension into hepatic veins) (2) Nephrotic syndrome (extension into renal veins) (3) Edema of lower extremities (extension into lower IVC without adequate collateralization) (4) Tumor embolus to lung C. EXTRA- AND INTRAVASCULAR LEIOMYOSARCOMA (33%) √ solid / necrotic extraluminal mass not originating from a retroperitoneal organ with contiguous intravascular enhancing component (PATHOGNOMONIC) D. INTRAMURAL LEIOMYOSARCOMA (extremely rare)

DDx: (1) [Liposarcoma](#) (fat content) (2) [Malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#) (not as necrotic) (3) [Lymphoma](#) (nonnecrotic, tends to envelop IVC + aorta) (4) Primary adrenal tumor (5) IVC thrombus (no luminal enlargement, no neovascularity)

Rx: (1) Complete excision (resectable in 10-75%) (2) Partial resection (reduction in tumor size) (3) Adjuvant chemotherapy / radiotherapy

Prognosis: local recurrence in 40-70%; death within 5 years in 80-87% with extraluminal tumors

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RETROPERITONEAL LIPOSARCOMA

=slow-growing tumor that displaces rather than infiltrates surrounding tissue and rarely metastasizes *Incidence*: 2nd most common primary retroperitoneal tumor (after [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#)), 95% of all fatty retroperitoneal tumors *Histo*: rarely arising from [lipoma](#) (a) myxoid form (most common): varying degrees of mucinous + fibrous tissue + relatively little lipid =intermediate differentiation ✓ radiodensity between water + muscle (b) lipogenic form: malignant lipoblasts with large amounts of lipid + scanty myxoid matrix =well-differentiated ✓ radiodensity of fat (c) pleomorphic type (least common): marked cellular pleomorphism, paucity of lipid + mucin =highly undifferentiated ✓ radiodensity of muscle *Age*: most commonly 40-60 years; M > F *Sites*: lower extremity (45%), abdominal cavity + retroperitoneum (14%), trunk (14%), upper extremity (7.6%), head & neck (6.5%), miscellaneous (13.5%) *CT*: ✓ solid pattern: inhomogeneous poorly marginated infiltrating mass with contrast enhancement ✓ mixed pattern: focal fatty areas (-40 to -20 HU) + areas of higher density (+ 20 HU) ✓ pseudocystic pattern: water-density mass (averaging of fatty + solid connective-tissue elements) ✓ calcifications in up to 12% *Angio*: ✓ hypovascular without vessel dilatation / capillary staining / leaking *Prognosis*: most radiosensitive of soft-tissue sarcomas; 32% overall 5-year survival *DDx*: [malignant fibrous histiocytoma](#), leiomyosarcoma, [desmoid tumor](#)

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RHABDOMYOSARCOMA, GENITOURINARY

Frequency: 4-8% of all malignant solid tumors in children <15 years of age (ranking 4th after CNS neoplasm, [neuroblastoma](#), [Wilms tumor](#)); 10-25% of all sarcomas; annual incidence of 4.5:1,000,000 white + 1.3:1,000,000 black children *Age:* mean age of 7 years; white:black = 3:1; M:F = 6:4 *Path:* firm fleshy lobulated mass with infiltrative margin / well-defined pseudocapsule; composed of smooth grapelike clusters if intraluminal (= sarcoma botryoides) *Origin:* mesenchyme of the urogenital ridge *Histo (Horn & Enterline):* (a) embryonal (56%) (b) botryoid = "grapelike" (5%) = subtype of embryonal [rhabdomyosarcoma](#) (c) alveolar (20%): worst prognosis (d) pleomorphic (1%): mostly in adults DDX: [primitive neuroectodermal tumor](#), extraosseous [Ewing sarcoma](#), synovial cell sarcoma, [fibrosarcoma](#), alveolar soft part sarcoma, [hemangiopericytoma](#), undifferentiated sarcoma, [neuroblastoma](#) Metastases: lung, cortical bone, lymph nodes > bone marrow, liver \diamond Metastases in 10-20% at time of diagnosis! ∇ nonspecific imaging features: ∇ homogeneous echogenicity similar to muscle \pm hypoechoic areas (hemorrhage / necrosis) ∇ hyperemia with high diastolic flow component ∇ bulky pelvic mass of heterogeneous attenuation ∇ hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI with heterogeneous enhancement ∇ diffuse tumor vascularity on angio *Prognosis:* (a) 14-35% 5-year survival with radical surgery (b) 60-90% 3-year survival with chemotherapy added \diamond Local recurrence is common!

[Bladder-prostate Rhabdomyosarcoma](#) [Rhabdomyosarcoma Of Female Genital Tract](#) [Paratesticular Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)

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Bladder-prostate Rhabdomyosarcoma Age:in first 3 years of life Location:trigone of urinary bladder / prostate (tumor infiltrating both) ■ abdominal pain + distension (from bladder outlet obstruction) ■ urinary frequency + dysuria (from [urinary tract infection](#)) ■ palpable bladder ■ hematuria (unusual late manifestation) ■ strangury (= painful urge to void without success) √ polypoid intraluminal tumor mass √ elevation of bladder floor with obstruction of bladder neck + large postvoid residual √ ± invasion of periurethral / perivesical tissues √ retroperitoneal lymph node enlargement *DDx*:polyp, [hemangioma](#), [ectopic ureterocele](#), [cystitis](#)

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Rhabdomyosarcoma Of Female Genital Tract Location:vulva / vagina (infancy), cervix (reproductive years), uterine corpus (postmenopausal) ■ vulvar / perineal / vaginal mass ■ vaginal bleeding / discharge / protruding grapelike mass *DDx*:polyp, urethral prolapse, hydrometrocolpos, neoplasm

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Paratesticular Rhabdomyosarcoma Age: childhood, 2nd age peak in adolescence Location: [spermatic cord](#), [testis](#), penis, [epididymis](#) ■ painless scrotal swelling ■ palpable nontransilluminating intrascrotal tumor ■ bulky abdominal (lymphadenopathy) ↓ displacement / compression / infiltration of adjacent [testis](#) Prognosis: 73-89% 3-year survival rate DDX: [hydrocele](#), epididymitis, testicular neoplasm

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SCHISTOSOMIASIS

=BILHARZIASIS *Organism*: trematodes of species: *S. haematobium* (GU tract) >95%; *S. mansoni*, *S. japonicum* (GI tract) <5% *Life cycle*: female parasite discharges eggs into vesicular venules; eggs erode bladder mucosa, are excreted with urine + feces, and hatch in fresh water into larval miracidia; larvae invade snail (= intermediate host) of genus *Bulinus*, *Biomphalaria*, *Oncomelania*; resulting daughter sporocysts develop into cercariae and pass into surrounding body of water; penetrate human skin (usually foot) + pass into lymphatics; schistosome settles in portal veins + migrate into pelvic venous plexus *Incidence*: 8% of world's population; 25% in Africa (endemic in South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zimbabwe); endemic in Puerto Rico @Urinary tract ■ frequency, urgency, dysuria ■ hematuria, albuminuria (most common) ■ dull flank pain (from [hydronephrosis](#)) ■ index of infectious severity = urine egg count Location: lower ureters + bladder ✓ bladder wall calcifications (in 4-56%): linear / coarse / floccular, beginning at base, parallel to upper aspect of pubic bone, involving all wall layers ✓ vesical calculi (in 39%), distal ureteral calcification (in 34%), honeycombed calcification of seminal vesicles ✓ striation of renal pelvis + proximal ureter in 21% (DDx: normal in 3%, other [urinary tract infection](#), [vesicoureteric reflux](#) ✓ ureterectasis (focal egg deposition leads to peristaltic disorganization) ✓ ureteral strictures in distal third (in 8%, L > R), most commonly in intravesical portion with cobra-head configuration = [pseudoureterocele](#); Makar stricture = focal stricture at L3 ✓ multiple inflammatory pseudopolyps in ureter secondary to granulomas (= bilharziomas) ✓ ureteritis cystica ✓ ureterolithiasis / ureteritis calcinosa (= punctate / linear calcifications) ✓ vesicoureteral reflux ✓ polypoid filling defects + mucosal irregularities in urinary bladder (pseudotubercles, papillomas) ✓ thick-walled fibrotic "flat-topped" bladder with high insertion of ureters ✓ reduced bladder capacity with significant postvoid residual (fibrotic stage) ✓ urethral stricture with perineal fistulas Cx: Squamous cell carcinoma of bladder Age: 30-50 years (exposed early in childhood with 20-to-30-year latency period) Location: posterior bladder wall, rarely trigone ✓ irregular filling defect ✓ discontinuous calcifications @GI tract ✓ [portal hypertension](#) (ova migrating into portal venous system incite fibrosing granulomatous reaction within presinusoidal portal veins) ✓ [esophageal varices](#) (from [portal hypertension](#)) ✓ polypoid calcifying bowel lesions (from eggs of *S. mansoni* trapped in bowel wall + inciting granulomatous reaction) @Chest ✓ enlargement of RV + pulmonary artery + azygos vein (from [portal hypertension](#)) ✓ diffuse granulomatous lung lesions Rx: praziquantel

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SCROTAL ABSCESS

Etiology: (1)Complication of epididymo-orchitis (often in diabetics), missed [testicular torsion](#), gangrenous tumor, infected hematoma, primary pyogenic orchitis (2)Systemic infection: mumps, [smallpox](#), scarlet fever, influenza, typhoid, syphilis, TB (3)Septic dissemination from: [sinusitis](#), osteomyelitis, cholecystitis, [appendicitis](#)
NUC: \uparrow marked increase in perfusion, hot hemiscrotum with photon-deficient area representing the abscess on [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) scan (DDx: chronic torsion) \uparrow increased scrotal [uptake](#) with leukocyte imaging US: \uparrow hypoechoic / complex fluid collection with low-level echoes (differentiation of intra- from extratesticular abscess location possible) Cx:(1)Pyocele (2)Fistulous tract to skin

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SEMINAL VESICLE CYST

1.ACQUIRED [SEMINAL VESICLE CYST](#) 2.CONGENITAL [SEMINAL VESICLE CYST](#) *Associated with:* anomalies of ipsilateral mesonephric duct: (1)Ectopic insertion of ipsilateral ureter (92%) into bladder neck / posterior prostatic urethra / ejaculatory duct / seminal vesicle (2)Ipsilateral [renal dysgenesis](#) (80%) (3)Duplication of collecting system (8%) *Symptomatic age:*21-41 years • abdominal / flank / pelvic / perineal pain exacerbated by ejaculation • dysuria, frequent urination • epididymitis in prepubertal boy • recurrent [urinary tract infection](#)
∇ cystic mass posterior to urinary bladder (DDx: müllerian duct cyst) ∇ dilated ejaculatory duct

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SINUS LIPOMATOSIS

=PERIPELVIC LIPOMATOSIS =PELVIC FIBROLIPOMATOSIS =PERIPELVIC FAT PROLIFERATION *Etiology:* (1)Normal increase with aging and obesity (2)Vicarious proliferation of sinus fat with destruction / atrophy of kidney (= replacement lipomatosis) (3)Extravasation of urine leading to proliferation of fatty granulation tissue (4)Normal variant *Age:*6th-7th decade ✓ kidney may be enlarged ✓ elongated "spiderlike / trumpetlike" pelvicaliceal system ✓ infundibula arranged in "spoke-wheel" pattern ✓ parenchymal thickness diminished with underlying disease ✓ occasionally focal fat deposit with localized deformity of collecting system Plain film: ✓ diminished sinus density CT: ✓ unequivocal fat values US: ✓ echodense / patchy hypoechoic sinus complex

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SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA OF KIDNEY

Incidence: 15% of all urothelial tumors *Path:* flat ulcerating mass + extensive induration *Associated with:* previous chronic renal infection + calculi (25-60%) ∇ stricture that may simulate extrinsic cause ∇ [ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#) (common) ∇ presence of faceted calculi ∇ thickening of pelvicaliceal wall (with superficial spread over large areas) ∇ arterial encasement + occlusion + neovascularity ∇ enlarged pelvic + ureteric arteries ∇ occlusion of renal vein / branches (41%) *Prognosis:* poor due to early metastases

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SUPERNUMERARY KIDNEY

=aberrant division of nephrogenic cord into two metanephric tails (rare) *Associated with:* [horseshoe kidney](#), vaginal atresia, duplicated [female urethra](#), duplicated penis
Location: most commonly on left side of abdomen caudal to normal kidney [✓] supernumerary ureter may insert into ipsilateral kidney / directly into bladder / ectopic site
Cx: [hydronephrosis](#), [pyonephrosis](#), [pyelonephritis](#), cysts, calculi, carcinoma, papillary cystadenoma, [Wilms tumor](#)

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TESTICULAR INFARCTION

Etiology: torsion, trauma, [leukemia](#), [bacterial endocarditis](#), [polyarteritis nodosa](#), [Henoch-Schönlein purpura](#) √ diffusely hypoechoic small [testis](#) √ hyperechoic regions (hemorrhage / [fibrosis](#))

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TESTICULAR MICROLITHIASIS

Etiology: formation of microliths from degenerating cells in the seminiferous tubules + absence of phagocytosis by Sertoli cells *Prevalence:* 0.05-0.60% *May be associated with:* [Klinefelter syndrome](#), cryptorchidism, testicular infarcts, granulomas, subfertility, [infertility](#), testicular germ cell tumor (40%), [male pseudohermaphroditism](#), [Down syndrome](#), pulmonary [alveolar microlithiasis](#) • asymptomatic, uncommon incidental finding † 1- to 2-mm hyperechoic foci scattered throughout the testicular parenchyma (PATHOGNOMONIC) Cx: concurrent germ cell tumor in 40% DDX: postinflammatory changes, scars, granulomatous changes, benign adenomatoid tumor, hemorrhage with infarction, large-cell calcifying Sertoli cell tumor

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TESTICULAR RUPTURE

⚡ Testicular rupture is indication for immediate surgical intervention! *Cause*: scrotal trauma *Salvageability*: 80-90% if surgical repair occurs <72 hours after trauma; 30-55% if surgical repair occurs >72 hours after trauma ✓ areas of decreased / increased echogenicity (hemorrhage ± necrosis) ✓ loss of testicular outline ✓ thickened scrotal wall (= hematoma) ✓ visualization of [fracture](#) plane ✓ hematocele, may show thickening + calcification of tunica vaginalis if chronic ✓ uriniferous [hydrocele](#) from perforated bulbous urethra ✓ avascular region on color duplex Cx: torsion (due to stimulation of a forceful cremasteric contraction) *DDx*: laceration, contusion, hemorrhage

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TESTICULAR TORSION

=[SPERMATIC CORD](#) TORSION Most common scrotal disorder in children, 20% of acute scrotal pathology *Incidence*:1:160, 10-fold risk in undescended [testis](#) compared with normal annual incidence of 1:4,000 males *Etiology*: (1)"Bell and clapper" deformity = high insertion of tunica vaginalis on [spermatic cord](#) (2)Abnormally loose mesorchium between [testis](#) + [epididymis](#) (3)Extravaginal torsion involving [testis](#) + tunica vaginalis due to loose attachment of testicular tunics to scrotum during in utero + perinatal period *Peak age*:newborn period + puberty (13-16 years); <20 years in 74-85%; >21 years in 26%; >30 years in 9%

- sudden severe pain in 100% (frequently at night)
- negative urine analysis (98%)
- history of similar episode in same / contralateral [testis](#) (42%)
- nausea + vomiting (50%)
- scrotal swelling + tenderness (42%)
- leukocytosis (32%)
- low-grade fever (20%)
- history of trauma / extreme exertion (13%)

Location:in 5% bilateral (anomalous suspension of contralateral [testis](#) found in 50-80%)
Salvage rate: versus time interval between onset of pain and surgery 80-100%<6 hours 76%6-12 hours 20%12-24 hours near 0%>24 hours spontaneous detorsion in 7% †Irreversible ischemic damage in only 3-6 hours! Cx:testicular atrophy (in 33-45%)

[Acute Testicular Torsion](#) [Subacute Testicular Torsion](#) [Chronic Testicular Torsion](#)

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Acute Testicular Torsion • 70% of patients present within first 6 hours from onset of pain US (80-90% [sensitivity](#)): ✓ normal grey-scale appearance (within 6 hours) ✓ testicular + epididymal enlargement with decreased echogenicity (within 8-24 hours) ✓ increase in size of [spermatic cord](#) ✓ scrotal skin thickening ✓ [hydrocele](#) (occasionally) ✓ loss of [spermatic cord](#) Doppler signal ([sensitivity](#) 44%, [specificity](#) 67%) Color duplex (86% sensitive, 100% specific, 97% accurate): ✓ absence of testicular + epididymal flow (DDx: global [testicular infarction](#)) false-negative:torsion-detorsion sequence, incomplete torsion <360 degrees *Degree of torsion and blood flow*: • [testis](#) usually turns medially up to 1,080 degrees ✓ diminished blood flow in <180°-torsion at 1 hour ✓ absent blood flow in any degree of torsion >4 hours ✓ hyperemia after spontaneous detorsion
NUC (98% [accuracy](#)): Dose:5-15 mCi [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) *Imaging*:at 2- to 5-second intervals for 1 minute (vascular phase); at 5-minute intervals for 20 minutes (tissue phase) ✓ decreased perfusion / occasionally normal ✓ nubbin sign = bump of activity extending medially from iliac artery denoting reactive increased blood flow in [spermatic cord](#) with abrupt termination ✓ rounded cold area replacing [testis](#) (requires knowledge of side + location of painful [testis](#))

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Subacute Testicular Torsion = MISSED [TESTICULAR TORSION](#) ■ symptoms present for >24 hours + less than 10 days US: ✓ enlarged / normal-sized [testis](#) with heterogeneous texture ✓ increased peritesticular flow without parenchymal blood flow NUC: ✓ normal NUC angiogram / nubbin sign ✓ "doughnut" sign = decreased testicular activity with rim hyperemia of dartos perfusion MRI: ✓ enlarged [spermatic cord](#) without increase in vascularity ✓ whirlpool pattern (twisting of [spermatic cord](#)) ✓ torsion knot = low-signal-intensity focus at point of twist (displacement of free protons from epicenter of twist)

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Chronic [Testicular Torsion](#) ✓ small homogeneously hypoechoic [testis](#) ✓ enlarged echogenic [epididymis](#)

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TESTICULAR TUMOR

Most common neoplasm in males between ages 25-34 years; 1-2% of all cancers in males; 4-6% of all male genitourinary tumors; 1.5% of all childhood malignancies; 4th most common cause of death from malignancy between ages 15-34 years (12%) *Incidence per year*:3-5:100,000 *Peak age*:25-35 years; prior to puberty: [yolk sac](#) tumor + teratoma *Risk factors*: (a)Caucasian race, Jewish religion (b)family history of testicular cancer, previous testicular neoplasm (c)testicular maldescent / atrophy (10 x risk); abdominal site affected in 5%, inguinal site affected in 1.25%

● chronic pain, "heaviness" ● acute scrotal pain (10%, from intratumoral hemorrhage) ● enlarging [testis](#), mass ● [gynecomastia](#), virilization Location:mostly unilateral; contralateral tumor develops eventually in 8% *Staging*: StageIlimited to [testis](#) + [spermatic cord](#) StageIImetastases to lymph nodes below diaphragm II Anonpalpable II Bbulky mass StageIIImetastases to lymph nodes above diaphragm III Aconfined to lymphatic system III Bextranodal metastases

Metastases:at presentation in 4-14% to lung, liver, bones, brain, lymph nodes *Tumor activity*:monitored by levels of a-fetoprotein + b-HCG

Color duplex: $\sqrt{}$ tumor <1.5 cm is hypovascular in 86%, >1.6 cm hypervascular in 95% (DDx: orchitis associated with epididymal hyperemia) $\sqrt{}$ distortion of vessels

Prognosis:>93% 5-year survival rate for stage I; 85-90% 5-year survival rate for stage II; complete remission under chemotherapy in 65-75%; relapse in 10-20% within 18 months

[Germ Cell Tumors \(95%\)](#) [Stromal Cell Tumors = Interstitial Cell Tumors](#) [Metastases To Testis \(0.06%\)](#) [Lymphoma / Leukemia Of Testis](#) [Burned-out Tumor Of Testis](#) [Second Testicular Tumor](#)

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Germ Cell Tumors (95%) (a)one histologic type in 65% (b)mixed lesion in 35-40% 1.Teratocarcinoma (= teratoma + embryonal cell carcinoma) 2nd most common after seminoma, may occasionally undergo spontaneous regression 2.Embryonal cell carcinoma + seminoma 3.Seminoma + teratoma
mnemonic:"YES CT" Yolk sac tumor Embryonal cell carcinoma Seminoma Choriocarcinoma Teratoma

A.**SEMINOMA** (40-50%) Most common tumor in undescended [testis](#) *Peak age:* 30-40 years *Spread:*in 25% metastasized on initial presentation, pulmonary metastases develop in 19% ■ serum a-fetoprotein usually normal ■ b-HCG elevation in 10-15% √ usually uniformly hypoechoic + confined within tunica albuginea √ may be multifocal *Rx:*sensitive to radiation + chemotherapy *Prognosis:*10-year survival rate of 75-85%

B.**NONSEMINOMATOUS TUMOR** *Age:*20-30 years 1.**Embryonal cell carcinoma** (20-25%) Most common component of mixed testicular tumors; often associated with teratoma *Peak age:*2nd-3rd decade and <2 years *Spread:*most aggressive [testicular tumor](#), visceral metastases ■ ± a-fetoprotein elevation √ hypoechoic mass with areas of increased echogenicity + cystic areas (hemorrhage / necrosis) √ may show invasion of tunica albuginea *Prognosis:*30-35% 5-year survival rate

2.**Teratoma** (4-10%) 2nd most common [testicular tumor](#) in young boys *Prevalence:*1:1,000,000 *Histo:*consists of elements from more than one germ cell layer (keratin, muscle, bone, cartilage, hair, mucous glands, neural tissue) (a)mature (b)immature *Age:*within first 4 years of life; benign in children; may transform into malignancy in adulthood ■ serum a-fetoprotein may be elevated √ mixed echotexture with sonolucent + highly echogenic components (markedly heterogeneous) *Prognosis:*metastases to lymph nodes, bone, liver in 30% within 5 years

3.**Choriocarcinoma** (1-3%) *Peak age:* 20-30 years *Spread:*may rapidly metastasize without evidence of [choriocarcinoma](#) in primary lesion, pulmonary metastases develop in 81% ■ serum b-HCG always elevated (may produce [gynecomastia](#)) √ mixed echotexture (hemorrhage, necrosis, calcifications) √ indistinct margins of pulmonary metastases (due to hemorrhage) *Prognosis:* nearly 0% 5-year survival rate

4.**Yolk sac tumor = endodermal sinus tumor** Equivalent to [endodermal sinus tumor of ovary](#) *Age:*predominantly <3 years ■ serum a-fetoprotein always elevated √ pulmonary metastases

5.**Epidermoid cyst of testicle** (<1%) ="monodermal [dermoid](#)" = KERATIN CYST =benign teratoma with only ectodermal components *Age:*20-40 years; primarily in Whites *Histo:*cyst contains keratin, wall composed of fibrous tissue + lined by squamous epithelium √ sharply circumscribed encapsulated round lesion of 0.5-10.5 cm in diameter √ hyperechoic fibrous cyst wall ± shadowing from calcifications √ hypoechoic cyst contents (= laminated keratin debris) √ may have echogenic center (= calcification of intraluminal content) MRI: √ target appearance with fibrous capsule of low signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI, cyst content of high signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI, central calcification with center of low signal intensity

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Stromal Cell Tumors = Interstitial Cell Tumors (3% of all testicular tumors, 10-30% during childhood) ■ precocious virilism (children) ■ [gynecomastia](#) (adults) ■ loss of libido (adults) ■ [impotence](#) (adults) Rx:conservative resection under ultrasound guidance 1.**Leydig cell tumor** derived from interstitial cells forming the fibrovascular stroma; benign:malignant = 9:1 *Peak age*:3-6 years ■ may secrete androgens or estrogens ■ [gynecomastia](#) (in almost 50%) ✓ usually hypoechoic nodule 2.**Sertoli cell tumor** derived from Sertoli cells of seminiferous tubules, benign:malignant = 9:1 *Peak age*:1st year of life ■ may secrete estrogens ✓ usually hypoechoic nodule ✓ punctate calcifications in large-cell calcifying Sertoli cell tumors 3.Gonadoblastoma = primitive gonadal stroma tumor (exceedingly rare) ■ dysgenetic gonads + abnormal karyotype

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Metastases To Testis (0.06%) (a)in adults: prostate > lung > kidney > GI tract, bladder, thyroid, melanoma \diamond More common than germ cell tumors in males >50 years of age! (b)in children: [neuroblastoma](#), [Wilms tumor](#), [rhabdomyosarcoma](#) \surd often multiple and bilateral \surd mostly hypoechoic, occasionally echogenic masses

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[Lymphoma / Leukemia Of Testis](#) *Incidence:*6.7% of all testicular tumors [Lymphoma](#):most common [testicular tumor](#) in men > age 50; bilateral in 40%
[Leukemia](#):60-92% incidence of testicular involvement on autopsy, 8-16% on clinical examination during therapy, up to 41% on clinical examination after therapy †Occult
[testicular tumor](#) often found in patients in bone marrow remission ("gonadal barrier" to chemotherapy) † uni- / bilateral diffuse / focal process of decreased echogenicity

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Burned-out Tumor Of Testis = AZZOPARDI TUMOR = spontaneous regression of testicular malignancy (teratocarcinoma) \checkmark highly echogenic focal lesion \pm shadowing (= scarred tumor residue) \checkmark metastases to retroperitoneum, mediastinum, cervical / axillary / supraclavicular lymph nodes, lung, liver

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Second Testicular Tumor *Risk for second tumor in cryptorchidism: 15% for inguinal, 30% for abdominal location Risk for second contralateral tumor: 500-1,000 x ; bilaterality in 1.1-4.4%; Development interval between 1st + 2nd tumor: 4 months to 25 years Detected in 47% by 2 years; in 60% by 5 years, in 75% by 10 years Synchronous contralateral tumor in 1-3% US: a testicular abnormality is malignant in only 50!*

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TRANSITIONAL CELL CARCINOMA

Prevalence: 85% of all urothelial tumors / primary renal pelvic tumors; 7% of all renal neoplasms *Mean age:* 64 years; M:F = 3:1 *Pathogenesis:* chemical carcinogens act locally on epithelium (= field of change), action enhanced by length of contact time (eg, stasis / diverticulum) *Risk factors:* (1) tobacco (2-3 x) (2) aniline dye, benzidine, aromatic amines, azo dyes in textile, rubber, printing, plastic manufacturing (lag time of 10 years) (3) cyclophosphamide therapy (lag time of 6.5 years) (4) analgesic abuse (8 x increase): phenacetin (5) Balkan nephritis (= progressive [renal failure](#) + development of bilateral and multiple tumors) (6) recurrent / chronic [urinary tract infection](#) *Classification:* (a) exophytic papillary lesion (85%) = frondlike structure with central fibrovascular core lined by epithelial layer - broad based - pedunculated (b) infiltrating: usually higher grade + less common (c) carcinoma in situ *Grade:* usually correlates with stage 1=cells slightly anaplastic 2=intermediate features 3=marked cellular pleomorphism ■ frank / microscopic hematuria (72%) ■ dull flank pain (22%) ■ acute renal colic (due to obstruction) Location: bladder 30-50 x more common than upper urinary tract
SYNCHRONOUS TCC (a) both renal pelves (in 1-2%) (b) both ureters (in 2-9%) (c) bladder-in 24% of primary renal pelvic involvement -in 39% of primary ureteral involvement -in 2% of primary bladder involvement

[Renal And Ureteral TCC Bladder TCC](#)

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Renal And Ureteral TCC Staging: TNMAJCCDescription Tis0in situ lesion Ta...noninvasive papillary carcinoma T1linvasion of subepithelial connective tissue T2IIconfined to muscularis layer T3IIIinvasion of renal parenchyma / peripelvic soft tissues T4IVextension beyond renal capsule
METACHRONOUS TCC IN UPPER TRACT (a)in 12% of pelvic + ureteral primaries (in 25 months) (b)in 4% of bladder primaries (2/3 within 2 years, up to 20 years later)

@Kidney Site:extrarenal part of renal pelvis > infundibulocaliceal region IVP: ✓ single / multiple filling defects in renal pelvis (35%) ✓ "stipple sign" = contrast material trapped in interstices (DDx: blood clot, fungus ball) ✓ dilated calyx with filling defect (26%) due to partial / complete obstruction of infundibulum ✓ "phantom calyx" = failure to opacify from obstruction ✓ ± focal delayed increasingly dense nephrogram ✓ "oncocalyx" = caliceal distension with tumor ✓ caliceal amputation (19%) ✓ absent / decreased [excretion](#) with renal atrophy (13%) due to long-standing obstruction of ureteropelvic junction ✓ [hydronephrosis](#) with renal enlargement (6%) due to tumor obstruction of ureteropelvic junction US: ✓ bulky hypoechoic (similar to renal parenchyma) mass lesion ✓ splitting / separation of central renal sinus complex ✓ infiltrative without bulge of renal contour ✓ ± focal caliceal dilatation CT (52% [accuracy](#) due to overstaging): ✓ sessile filling defect in opacified collecting system ✓ thickening + induration of pelvicaliceal wall ✓ central solid mass in renal pelvis expanding centrifugally ✓ compression of renal sinus fat ✓ invasion of renal parenchyma (infiltrating growth pattern) with preservation of renal contour ✓ coarse punctate calcific deposits (0.7-6.7%) may mimic urinary calculi ✓ variable enhancement of tumor @Ureter Site:lower 1/3 (70%), mid 1/3 (15%), upper 1/3 (15%) IVP: ✓ nonfunctioning kidney in advanced tumor (46%) ✓ [hydronephrosis](#) ± hydroureter (34%) ✓ single / multiple ureteral filling defects (19%) ✓ irregular narrowing of ureteral lumen Retrograde: ✓ "champagne glass" / "goblet sign" = focal expansion of ureter around + distal to mass (probably secondary to to-and-fro peristalsis of mass) ✓ "Bergman sign" = "catheter-coiling sign" = coiling of catheter on retrograde catheterization below the mass CT: ✓ intraluminal soft-tissue mass ✓ eccentric / circumferential thickening of ureteral wall Dx:cytologic analysis of urine (selective lavage, ureteral urine collection, brush biopsy, ureteroscopy DDx:papilloma (benign lesion, fronds lined by normal epithelium)

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Bladder TCC *Incidence*:5% of all new malignant neoplasms; most common tumor of genitourinary tract; 2% of all cancer deaths in United States *Staging* T 1=A=lesions involving mucosa + submucosa T 2=B1=invasion of superficial muscle layer T 3a=B2=invasion of deep muscular wall T 3b=C=invasion of perivesical fat T 4a=D1=extension to perivesical organs (seminal vesicles, prostate, rectum) T4b=invasion of pelvic / abdominal wall D2=distant metastases *Staging accuracy*:50% clinically; 32-80% for CT; 73% for MRI Overstaging due to:edema following endoscopy /endoscopic resection, [fibrosis](#) from radiation therapy *Histo*:80% low-stage superficial papillary neoplasm, (multifocal in 1/3), becoming invasive in 10-20%; 20% invasive (almost always solitary) Site:lateral wall of bladder, [bladder diverticulum](#) (in 0.8-10.8%)
METACHRONOUS TCC OF BLADDER (a)in 23-40% of primary renal TCC after 15-48 months (b)in 20-50% of primary ureteral TCC after 10-24 months
IVP (70% [accuracy](#) rate): √ irregular filling defect with broad base and fronds (DDx: rectal gas marginated by Simpsons white line) √ <1% calcified CT / US: √ focal wall thickening √ papillary mass protruding into lumen MR (staging modality of choice): √ TCC isointense to bladder muscle on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI √ enhancement differentiates between early enhancing mucosa, submucosa, tumor + nonenhancing muscle

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TUBERCULOSIS

Urogenital tract is the second most common site after lung; almost always affects the kidney first as a hematogenous focus from lung / bone / GI tract Age: usually before age 50; M > F • gross / microscopic hematuria • "sterile" pyuria • frequency, urgency, dysuria • history of previous clinical TB (25%)

@EXTRARENAL SIGNS ON ABDOMINAL PLAIN FILM ✓ osseous / paraspinal changes of TB ([discitis](#) + psoas abscess) ✓ calcified granulomas in liver, [spleen](#), lymph nodes, adrenals

@RENAL MANIFESTATION ◊ Renal TB in 4-8% of patients with pulmonary TB! ◊ Radiographic evidence of pulmonary TB in <50% of patients with renal TB (only 5% have active cavitary TB)! Location: unilateral renal involvement in 75% ✓ displacement of collecting system secondary to tuberculoma (initial infection) ✓ dystrophic amorphous calcifications in tuberculomas of renal parenchyma (in 25%) ✓ kidney enlarged (early) / small (late) / normal ✓ "smudged" papillae = irregularities of surface of papillae ✓ "moth-eaten" calyx = caliceal erosion (early change) ✓ irregular tract formations from calyx into papilla ✓ large irregular cavities with extensive destruction = [papillary necrosis](#) ✓ dilated calices (hydrocalicosis) often with sharply defined circumferential narrowings (infundibular strictures) at one / several sites (most common finding) ✓ renal calculi (in 10%) ✓ "putty kidney" = tuberculous [pyonephrosis](#) from [ureteral stricture](#) ✓ autonephrectomy = small shrunken scarred nonfunctioning kidney ± dystrophic calcifications ✓ infection may extend into peri- / pararenal space + psoas

@URETERAL MANIFESTATION Always with evidence of renal involvement as it spreads from kidney Location: either end of ureter (most commonly distal 1/3), usually asymmetric, may be unilateral ✓ ureteral filling defects (= mucosal granulomas) ✓ "saw-tooth ureter" = irregular jagged contour secondary to dilatation + multiple small mucosal ulcerations + wall edema (early changes) ✓ strictures (late changes): "beaded ureter" = alternating areas of strictures + dilatations "corkscrew ureter" = marked tortuosity with strictures + dilatations "pipestem ureter" = rigid aperistaltic short thick and straight ureter ✓ vesicoureteral reflux through "fixed" patulous orifice ✓ ureteral calcifications uncommon (usually in distal portion)

@BLADDER MANIFESTATION Infection from renal source causing interstitial [cystitis](#) ✓ thickened bladder wall (= muscle hypertrophy + inflammatory tuberculomas) ✓ bladder wall ulcerations ✓ "shrunken bladder" = scarred bladder with diminished capacity ✓ bladder wall calcifications (rare) Cx: fistula / sinus tract

@SEMINAL VESICULAR + EPIDIDYMAL MANIFESTATION Hematogenous infection (NOT ascending) ✓ calcifications in 10% (diabetes more common cause) *DDx*: [brucellosis](#), fungal infections (identical picture)

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UNICALICEAL (UNIPAPILLARY) KIDNEY

Path: OLIGOMEGANEPHRONIA = reduced number of nephrons and enlargement of glomeruli *Associated with:* absence of contralateral kidney, other anomalies • hypertension • proteinuria • azotemia

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URACHAL ANOMALIES

urachus = median umbilical ligament = thick fibrous cord as the remnant of the allantois (= endodermal outgrowth from [yolk sac](#) into stalk) which regresses at 5th month of development

Cx:infection (23%), intestinal obstruction, hemorrhage into cyst, peritonitis from rupture, malignant degeneration

[Alternating Sinus Patent Urachus](#) [Urachal Cyst \(30%\)](#) [Urachal Diverticulum \(3%\)](#) [Urachal Sinus](#)

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Patent Urachus =fistula between bladder and umbilicus *Incidence*:1:200,000 live births ■ urine draining from umbilicus

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Urachal Cyst (30%) =gradually enlarging cyst due to closure of both ends of urachus *Incidence:1:5,000* (at autopsy) ■ asymptomatic in children unless rupture occurs
■ symptomatic in adults due to enlargement / infection ✓ cystic extraperitoneal mass

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Urachal Sinus =urachus patent only at umbilicus *Associated with:*urachal cyst ■ umbilical mass / inflammation ± drainage ✓ thickened tubular structure with echogenic center

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URACHAL CARCINOMA

=rare tumor arising from the urachus (vestigial remnant of cloaca + allantois) within space of Retzius *Incidence*:0.2-0.34% of all bladder cancers; 20-40% of all primary bladder adenocarcinomas *Histo*: (a)adenocarcinoma (84%) from malignant transformation of columnar metaplasia, in 75% mucin producing (b)TCC (3%), sarcoma, squamous cell carcinoma 75% of urachal neoplasms in patients <20 years of age are sarcomas! *Age*:41-70 years; M:F = 3:1 • suprapubic mass, abdominal pain • hematuria (71%) • discharge of blood, pus, mucus from umbilicus • irritative voiding symptoms • mucous micturition (25%)

Stage: I cancer limited to urachus II invasion limited to urachus III A local invasion of bladder III B invasion of abdominal wall III C invasion of peritoneum III D invasion of other viscera IV A metastases to local lymph nodes IV B distant metastases

Location:supravesical, midline, anterior (80%), in space of Retzius (bounded by transversalis fascia ventrally + peritoneum dorsally) ✓ mass anterosuperior to vesical dome with predominantly muscular / extravescical involvement ✓ invasion of bladder dome (88%) ✓ low-attenuation mass in 60% (mucin) ✓ often peripheral psammomatous PATHOGNOMONIC calcifications (70%) ✓ markedly increased signal intensity on T2WI *Prognosis*:7-16% 5-year survival rate

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Complete Duplication Cause: second ureteral bud arising from mesonephric duct leading to complete ureteral duplication *Prevalence*: 0.2% of livebirths; M:F = 1:2; in 15-40% bilateral *Risk of recurrence*: 12% in 1st-degree relatives *Embryology*: ureters develop from separate ureteric buds originating from a single Wolffian duct
Weigert-Meyer rule = lower moiety ureter is incorporated into developing bladder first + ascends during bladder growth + enters bladder at trigone + drains lower pole and interpolar portion; upper moiety ureter remains with wolffian duct longer + passes through bladder wall + inserts inferior and medial to lower moiety ureter below the level of the trigone / into any wolffian duct derivative Cx: (1) Vesicoureteral reflux (most commonly) (2) Ectopic ureteral insertion (3) [Ectopic ureterocele](#) (4) [Ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#) of lower pole
UPPER MOIETY ☼ Subject to ureteral obstruction from ectopic ureteral insertion / [ectopic ureterocele](#) / aberrant artery crossing! *Associated with*: significant renal dysplasia Site of insertion of ectopic ureter M: suprasphincteric insertion: low in bladder, bladder neck, prostatic urethra, vas deferens, seminal vesicle (seminal vesical cyst), ejaculatory duct ■ NO ENURESIS in males as insertion is always above external sphincter ■ epididymitis / orchitis in preadolescent male ■ urge [incontinence](#) (insertion into posterior urethra) F: infrasphincteric insertion: distal urethra, vaginal vestibule, vagina, cervix, uterus, fallopian tube, rectum ■ [WETTING](#) in upright females if insertion is below external sphincter (common) ■ intermittent / constant dribbling LOWER MOIETY ☼ Subject to VESICoureTERAL REFLUX due to its shortened ureteral tunnel at bladder insertion Cx: lower pole of duplex kidney may atrophy (in 50%) secondary to chronic [pyelonephritis](#) = [reflux nephropathy](#) (from reflux ± infection) ✓ clubbed calices underneath focal scars ☼ Subject to UPJ OBSTRUCTION
✓ two separate echodense renal sinuses + pelves separated by parenchymal bridge ✓ poor / nonvisualization of upper pole collecting system (delayed films) ✓ "drooping lily sign" = [hydronephrosis](#) + decreased function of obstructed upper pole moiety causing downward displacement of lower pole calices ✓ lateral displacement of lower pole collecting system + ureter ✓ "nubbin sign" = scarring, atrophy, and decreased function of lower pole moiety may simulate a renal mass ✓ tortuous dilated lower pole ureter ✓ voiding cystogram may show reflux into lower moiety (rare) ✓ displacement of proximal orifice upward

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Incomplete / Partial Duplication =branching of single ureteral bud (one ureteral orifice) before reaching metanephric blastema *Prevalence*:in 0.6% of urograms
Associated with:[ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#) of lower renal pole ✓ bifid ureter (in early branching) ✓ bifid pelvis (in late branching) ✓ ureteroureteral reflux = "yo-yo"
/ "saddle" / "seesaw" peristalsis = urine moves down the cephalad ureter + refluxes up the lower pole ureter and vice versa ✓ asymmetric dilatation of one ureteral
segment ✓ upper pole ureter may end blindly (seen on retrograde injection only) Cx:urinary tract infections

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URETEROCELE

=cystic ectasia of subepithelial segment of intravesical ureter *Prevalence*: 1:5,000 to 1:12,000 children IVP: \surd early filling of bulbous terminal ureter ("cobra head") \surd radiolucent halo (= ureteral wall + adjacent bladder urothelium) VCUG: \surd round / oval lucent defect near trigone \surd effacement with increased bladder distension \surd \pm eversion during voiding

[Simple Ureterocele](#) [Ectopic Ureterocele](#) [Pseudoureterocele](#)

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Simple Ureterocele = ORTHOTOPIC [URETEROCELE](#) = congenital prolapse of dilated distal ureter + orifice into bladder lumen at the usual location of the trigone, typically seen with single ureter *Presentation*: incidental finding in adults; M:F = 2:3; bilateral in 33% Cx: (1) Pyelocaliceal dilatation (2) Prolapse into bladder neck / urethra causing obstruction (rare) (3) Wall thickening secondary to edema from impacted stone / infection

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Ectopic Ureterocele = ureteral bud arising in an abnormal cephalad position from the mesonephric duct and moving caudally resulting in an ureteral orifice distal to trigone within / outside bladder *Incidence*: in 10% bilateral (a) in single nonduplicated system (20%) M:F = 1:1 ■ hypoplastic / absent ipsilateral trigone √ poorly visualized / nonvisualized kidney √ small / poorly functioning kidney (b) in upper moiety ureter of duplex kidney (80%) M:F = 1:4-1:8 Cx: (1) Bladder outlet obstruction (from ectopic [ureterocele](#) prolapsing into bladder neck / urethra) (2) Contralateral ureteral obstruction (if ectopic [ureterocele](#) large) (3) [Multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) (the further the orifice from normal site of insertion, the more dysplastic the kidney!)

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Pseudoureterocele =obstruction of an otherwise normal intramural ureter mimicking [ureterocele](#) Cause: (a)Tumor [bladder tumor](#) (most common in adults), invasion by [cervical cancer](#), [pheochromocytoma](#) of intravesical ureter (b)Edema from impacted ureteral calculus (most common in children), radiation [cystitis](#), following ureteral instrumentation √ thick, irregular halo in urinary bladder √ "cobra head" / "spring onion" appearance of distal ureter √ NO protrusion of ureter into bladder lumen (oblique views + cystoscopy normal)

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URETEROPELVIC JUNCTION OBSTRUCTION

Most common cause of fetal / neonatal [hydronephrosis](#) *Intrinsic causes*: primarily functional with impaired formation of urine bolus (1)partial replacement of UPJ muscle by collagen (2)abnormal arrangement of junction muscles causing dysmotility (69%) (3)high ureteral insertion (4)mucosal folds in upper ureter (5)eosinophilic ureteritis (6)ischemia *Extrinsic causes*: (1)aberrant vessels to lower pole (2)adventitial bands (3)renal cyst (4)XGP (5)[aortic aneurysm](#) *Associated anomalies* (27%): vesicoureteral reflux, bilateral ureteral duplication, bilateral obstructed [megaureter](#), contralateral nonfunctioning kidney, contralateral [renal agenesis](#), meatal stenosis, hypospadias M:F = 5:1 Location:left > right side; bilateral (10-40%) ✓ large dilated anechoic renal pelvis communicating with calices, no dilatation of ureter IVP: ✓ sharply defined narrowing at UPJ ✓ pelvicaliectasis without ureterectasis ✓ anterior rotation of pelvis ✓ broad tangential sharply defined extrinsic compression (in arterial crossing) ✓ longitudinal striae of redundant mucosa (in dehydrated state) ✓ late changes: unilateral renal enlargement, diminished opacification, wasting of kidney substance OB-US: ✓ enlargement of renal pelvis + branching infundibula + calices ✓ anteroposterior diameter of renal pelvis ≥ 10 mm ✓ large unilocular fluid collection (severely dilated collecting system) *DDx*:[multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), perinephric [urinoma](#) ADDITIONAL TESTS: (1)Diuresis [excretory urography](#) (Whitfield): accurate in 85% (2) Diuresis renography ([Iodine-131](#)-iodohippurate sodium / Tc-99m-DTPA) (3)Pressure flow urodynamic study (Whitaker) *Rx*:early surgical correction may be needed to preserve renal function

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URETHRAL DIVERTICULUM

Age:26-74 years; 6 x more common in black women • urinary [incontinence](#) (9-32-70%) • asymptomatic (3-20%)

[Congenital Urethral Diverticulum](#) [Acquired Urethral Diverticulum](#)

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Acquired Urethral Diverticulum *Prevalence*:0.6-6%; M<F *Cause*: (1)obstruction of paraurethral glands with subsequent infection + rupture into urethra (2)trauma: catheterization / childbirth Site:dorsolateral aspect of middle urethra ■ vague urinary tract symptoms mimicking chronic / interstitial [cystitis](#), carcinoma in situ of the bladder, detrusor instability ■ dyspareunia ■ tender cystic swelling protruding from anterior wall of vagina + expulsion of purulent material ■ dribbling after voiding ■ frequency / urgency (67%), dysuria (45%) ■ recurrent urinary tract infections (40%) Voiding cystourethrography (65% accurate): ¹ rounded / elongated sac connected to urethra Transrectal US Cx:infection, stone formation (in up to 10%), malignant degeneration (5% of all urethral carcinomas) *DDx*:[vaginal cyst](#) ([Gartner duct cyst](#), paramesonephric cyst, müllerian duct cyst, epithelial inclusion cyst), [ectopic ureterocele](#), endometrioma, urethral tumor

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URETHRAL TRAUMA

Incidence: in 4-17% of pelvic fractures in males, in <1% of pelvic fractures in females *Associated with:* bladder injury in 20% *Types:* I=separation of puboprostatic ligament with cranial displacement of prostate (least common) ✓ elongated narrowed urethra ✓ elevation of bladder (displacement by hematoma) II=urethral rupture at prostatomembranous junction above urogenital diaphragm ✓ contrast extravasation into true pelvis III=rupture of proximal bulbous urethra below the urogenital diaphragm (most common injury) ✓ contrast extravasation into perineum ± scrotum *Cx:* 1. Urethral stricture (38-100%) 2. [Impotence](#) (in up to 40%) 3. [Incontinence](#) (30%)

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URINOMA

=uriniferous perirenal pseudocyst secondary to tear in collecting system with continuing renal function *Etiology:* (a)nonobstructive: blunt / penetrating trauma, surgery, infection, calculus erosion (b)obstructive: (1)ureteral obstruction (calculus, surgical ligature, neoplasm) (2)bladder outlet obstruction ([posterior urethral valves](#))
Augmented by sudden diuretic load of urographic contrast material! *Path.*fibroblastic cavity (in 5-12 days), dense connective tissue encapsulation (in 3-6 weeks) \checkmark extravasation of contrast material \checkmark smooth thin-walled cavity (-10 to +30 HU) \checkmark sickle-shaped collection = SUBCAPSULAR urinoma \checkmark cystic mass in perirenal space = **localized perirenal urinoma** (most common) \checkmark cystic mass filling entire perirenal space = **diffuse perirenal urinoma** \checkmark encapsulated expanding intrarenal cystic mass separating renal tissue fragments = **intrarenal urinoma** \checkmark frequently associated with urine [ascites](#) Cx:retroperitoneal [fibrosis](#), stricture of upper ureter, [perinephric abscess](#) \checkmark Renal dysplasia of affected kidney in almost 100% when detected in utero! *Dx:*aspirated fluid with high urea concentration *DDx:*lymphocele, hematoma, abscess, renal cyst, [pancreatic pseudocyst](#), [ascites](#)

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UROLITHIASIS

Anderson-Carr-Randall theory of renal stone formation: in the presence of abnormally high [calcium excretion](#) exceeding lymphatic capacity, microaggregates of [calcium](#) (present in the normal kidney) occur in medulla, increase in size, migrate toward caliceal epithelium, and rupture into calices to form calculi *Formation theory:* (a) nucleation theory = crystal / foreign body initiates formation in urine supersaturated with crystallizing salt (b) stone matrix theory = organic matrix of urinary proteins + serum serves as framework for deposition of crystals (c) inhibitor theory = little / no concentration of urinary stone inhibitors (citrate, pyrophosphate, glycosaminoglycan, nephrocalcin, Tamm-Horsfall protein) results in crystal formation *Annual incidence:* 1-2:1,000; M:F = 4:1 $\hat{\phi}$ 12% of population develop renal stones by age 70 $\hat{\phi}$ 2-3% of population experience an attack of acute renal colic during their lifetime $\hat{\phi}$ Patients with acute flank pain have ureteral calculi in 67-95% *Peak age:* onset in 3rd decade *Distribution:* [calcium oxalate](#) 75% [struvite](#) 15% [uric acid](#) 5% [calcium phosphate](#) 5% [cystine](#) 1%

Mineral Composition	Opacity
A. Calcium stones (90%)	
1. Calcium oxalate monohydrate (= whewellite) + dihydrate (wedellite) (34%) \checkmark small, densely opaque, mammillated (stippled appearance)	+++
2. Calcium oxalate plus apatite (34%)	+++
3. Calcium phosphate (= apatite) (5 - 10%) rarely pure (= laminated), occasionally forms in infected alkaline urine	+++
4. Calcium hydrogen phosphate (= brushite)	+++
5. Magnesium ammonium phosphate (= struvite) (1%) laminated, result of urea-splitting organisms (usually Proteus), most common constituent of staghorn calculus	++
6. Struvite plus calcium phosphate (7 - 31%) associated with infection	++
B. Cystine (3%): mildly opaque	+
C. Uric acid (5 - 10%): radiolucent	-
D. Xanthine (extremely rare): nonopaque	-
E. Matrix (mucoprotein / mucopolysaccharide) (rare): nonopaque	-

Cause: $\hat{\phi}$ 70-80% of patients with first-time stones have a specific metabolic disorder

- Hypercalciuria**
 - with [hypercalcemia](#) (50%): [hyperparathyroidism](#), milk-alkali syndrome, [hypervitaminosis D](#), neoplastic disorders, [sarcoidosis](#), [Cushing syndrome](#)
 - with normocalcemia (30-60%): obstruction, [urinary tract infection](#), vesical diverticulum, [horseshoe kidney](#), [medullary sponge kidney](#), prolonged immobilization, [renal tubular acidosis](#), idiopathic hypercalciuria (a) absorptive hypercalciuria = increased intestinal absorption of [calcium](#) *Cause:* increase in 1,25-dihydroxy-vitamin D levels (50%) (b) renal hypercalciuria = abnormal renal [calcium](#) leak *Cause:* diet high in sodium, [urinary tract infection](#) (33%) (c) resorptive hypercalciuria = increased bone demineralization secondary to subtle [hyperparathyroidism](#) (d) idiopathic
 - Hyperoxaluria** $\hat{\phi}$ 85% of urinary oxalate is produced endogenously in liver! $\hat{\phi}$ Oxalic acid is present in many foods but poorly absorbed in healthy individuals resulting in increase in urinary oxalate by only 2-3%! (a) congenital = deficiency of an enzyme leading to accumulation of glycolate + oxylate (b) acquired = increased intake of oxalate / oxalate precursors, excess oxalate absorption from bowel in patients with ileal resection / inflammatory bowel disease $\hat{\phi}$ Hyperoxaluria has a stronger correlation to severity of stone disease than hypercalciuria!
 - Hyperuricosuria**
 - uric acid lithiasis (15-20%); stones form in acid urine (a) with hyperuricemia: [gout](#) (25%) from excessive intake of meat, fish, poultry, myeloproliferative diseases, antimitotic drugs, chemo- / radiation therapy, uricosuric agents, Lesch-Nyhan syndrome (b) with normouricemia: idiopathic; occurrence in acid-concentrated urine (hot climate, ileostomy) Rx: raising urinary pH (potassium citrate / sodium bicarbonate)
 - Cystinuria** (stones form in acid urine) = autosomal recessive disorder in renal tubular reabsorption of cystine, ornithine, lysine, arginine *Age of onset:* after 10 years Rx: (1) decreased intake of methionine (2) alkalinization of urine
 - Xanthinuria** = inherited autosomal recessive deficiency of xanthine oxidase (failure of normal oxidation of purines)
 - Urinary tract infection** *Cause:* urea-splitting organisms (Proteus mirabilis, P. vulgaris, Haemophilus influenzae, S. aureus, Ureaplasma urealyticum) + alkaline environment (pH >7.19) may lead to magnesium ammonium phosphate = **struvite stones** *Predisposed:* women (M:F = 1:2), [neurogenic bladder](#), urinary diversion, indwelling catheter, lower-urinary-tract [voiding dysfunction](#) \checkmark often branching into staghorn calculi \checkmark most struvite stones are radiopaque, but poorly mineralized matrix stones are not
 - Any condition causing [nephrocalcinosis](#)
- NONRADIOPAQUE STONES *mnemonic:* "SMUX" **S**truvite (rarely magnesium ammonium phosphate) **M**atrix stone (mucoprotein, mucopolysaccharide) **U**ric acid **X**anthine
- CALCULI OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH INFECTION *mnemonic:* "S and M" **S**truvite (magnesium ammonium phosphate \pm [calcium](#) phosphate) **M**atrix stone (mucoprotein, mucopolysaccharide)

Acute Obstruction By Ureteric Calculi

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Acute Obstruction By Ureteric Calculi see also [ACUTE HYDRONEPHROSIS](#), page 769 ■ renal colic = acute colicky flank pain frequently radiating into pelvis / groin / [testis](#) ■ hematuria Site: ureteropelvic junction, iliac vessel crossing, ureterovesical junction Plain film: 60% of calcifications along expected course of ureter on symptomatic side are ureteric stones! 40% of stones may be present in 30% of the time when KUB is negative! IVU: 40% hydronephrosis 40% displays degree of obstruction US: 40% unilateral pelvicaliectasis (up to 35% false-negative, up to 10% false-positive rate) 40% resistive index >0.7 in symptomatic kidney 40% absent ureteral jet on affected side (may be present with partially obstructing calculus) 40% direct visualization of prevesical calculus by transabdominal, transrectal, transvaginal US CT (97% sensitive, 96% specific, 97% accurate): 40% calculus within ureter (PATHOGNOMONIC) DDX: phlebolith 40% all stone compositions readily detectable 40% ureteric rim sign (77%) = ureteric edema surrounding impacted small ureteric calculus DDX: gonadal vein 40% ureterovesical junction edema 40% stranding of perinephric / periureteric fat 40% perinephric fluid collection 40% renal enlargement Cx: xanthogranulomatous [pyelonephritis](#) Rx: (1) hydration (within 3 hours after meal, during strenuous physical activity, at bedtime) maintaining urine output of 2-3 l/day (2) diet: restrict amounts of protein, sodium, [calcium](#) (3) drugs: thiazide diuretics (lowers urinary [calcium](#)), allopurinol (lowers urate + oxalate [excretion](#)) *Prognosis:* (1) Spontaneous passage of ureteral calculi in 93% 40% Most stones <5 mm will eventually pass! (2) Without treatment stone recurrence is 10% at 1 year, 33% at 5 years, 50% at 10 years

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VARICOCELE

=dilatation + tortuosity of plexus pampiniformis secondary to retrograde flow into internal spermatic vein Components of pampiniform plexus: (a)internal spermatic vein (ventral location) draining [testis](#) (b)vein of vas deferens (mediodorsal location) draining [epididymis](#) (c)cremasteric vein (laterodorsal location) draining scrotal wall

Etiology: (1)Incompetent / absent valve at level of left renal vein / IVC on right side (2)Compression of left renal vein by tumor, aberrant renal artery, obstructed renal vein **Incidence:** (a)clinical varicocele: in 10-15% of adult males, in 21-39% of infertile men (b)subclinical varicocele: in 40-75% of infertile men **Theoretical causes for infertility:** (1) increase in local temperature (2) reflux of toxic substances from adrenal gland (countercurrent exchange of norepinephrine from refluxing renal venous blood into testicular arterial blood at the level of the pampiniform plexus) (3) alteration in Leydig cell function (4) hypoxia of germinative tissue due to venous reflux resulting in venous hypertension + stasis ■ scrotal pain ■ scrotal swelling ■ abnormal spermatogram (impaired motility, immature sperm, oligospermia) Location:left side (78%), bilateral (16%), right side (6%)

Bidirectional Doppler sonography (erect with quiet breathing): (1)SHUNT TYPE (86%): insufficient distal valves allow spontaneous + continuous reflux from internal spermatic vein (retrograde flow) into cremasteric vein + vein of vas deferens (where flow is orthograde) via collaterals ■ sperm quality diminished ■ clinically plexus type (Grade II + III) = medium-sized + large varicoceles ✓ continuous reflux during Valsalva maneuver (2)STOP TYPE / PRESSURE TYPE (14%): intact intrascrotal valves allow only brief period of reflux from spermatic vein into pampiniform plexus under Valsalva maneuver ■ sperm quality normal ■ clinically central type (Grade 0 + I) = subclinical + small varicocele ✓ short phase of initial retrograde flow US: ✓ diameter of dominant vein in upright position at inguinal canal *relaxed*during Valsalva

normal 2.2 mm 2.7 mm small varicocele 2.5-4.0 increase of 1.0 mm moderate varicocele 4.0-5.0 increase of 1.2-1.5 mm large varicocele >5.0 increase of >1.5 mm

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large varicocele	>5.0	increase of >1.5 mm

Dx:documentation of venous reflux **Rx:**(1)Ivanissevitch procedure = surgery (2)Transcatheter spermatic vein occlusion

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VESICoureTERIC REFLUX

A. CONGENITAL REFLUX = PRIMARY REFLUX = incompetence of ureterovesical junction due to abnormal tunneling of distal ureter through bladder wall *Prevalence*: in 9-10% of normal Caucasian babies; in 1.4% of school girls; in 30% of children with a first episode of UTI • short submucosal ureteral tunnel (normally has a length/width ratio of 4:1) • large laterally located ureteral orifice Location: uni- / bilateral (frequently involves lower pole ureter in total ureteral duplication) √ renal scars in 22-50% *Prognosis*: disappears in 80% Cx: [reflux atrophy](#) / nephropathy in 22-50%; end-stage renal disease in 5-15% of adults B. ACQUIRED REFLUX = SECONDARY REFLUX 1. Paraureteric diverticulum = Hutch diverticulum 2. Duplication with [ureterocele](#) 3. [Cystitis](#) (in 29-50%) 4. Urethral obstruction (urethral valves) 5. [Neurogenic bladder](#) 6. Absence of abdominal musculature ([prune belly syndrome](#)) Cx: renal scarring with UTI (30-60%)

GRADES OF REFLUX (VCUG): Grade I: √ reflux into distal ureters Grade II: √ reflux into collecting system (without caliceal dilatation / blunting) Grade III: √ all of the above + mild dilatation of pelvis and calices Grade IV: √ all of the above + moderate dilatation (clubbing of calices) Grade V: √ all of the above + severe tortuosity of ureter *Prognosis*: (a) grade I-III resolve with maturation of the ureterovesical junction (b) grade IV-V require surgery to avoid renal scarring + renal impairment + hypertension Renal scarring: >20% chance for grade III-V reflux; 2-3% chance for grade I-II reflux

Radionuclide cystography: √ Lower [radiation dose](#) to gonads than fluoroscopic cystography (5 mrad)! Evaluation of bladder volume at reflux, volume of refluxed urine, residual urine volume, ureteral reflux drainage time (a) indirect: IV injection of [Tc-99m DTPA](#) (b) direct: instillation of 1 mCi [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) (more sensitive for reflux during filling phase, which occurs in 20%) US: √ intermittent hydronephrosis = variable size of collecting system √ redundant mucosa causing apparent thickening of renal pelvic wall √ large thin-walled bladder √ midline-to-orifice distance >7-9 mm has high probability of vesicoureteric reflux

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WILMS TUMOR

=NEPHROBLASTOMA Most common malignant abdominal neoplasm in children 1-8 years old (10%)! 3rd most common malignancy in childhood (after leukemia + brain tumors; neuroblastoma more common in infancy)! 3rd most common of all renal masses in childhood (after hydronephrosis + multicystic dysplastic kidney)!

Incidence: 1:10,000 livebirths; 450 cases/year in USA; familial in 1-2%; multifocal in 10%; bilateral in 4.4-9%

Age: peak age at 2.5-3 years (range of 3 months to 8 years); rare during first year; 50% before 3 years, 75% before 5 years; 90% before 8 years; rare in adults; M:F = 1:1

Histo: arises from undifferentiated metanephric blastema as nephroblastomatosis, recapitulates the developing embryonic kidney (a) aggregates of small blastemal cells (b) neoplastic nodules (c) elongated mesenchymal cells Multilocular cystic nephroma, mesoblastic nephroma, nephroblastomatosis are related to the more favorable types of Wilms tumor!

In 14% associated with: (1) Sporadic aniridia (= severe hypoplasia of iris) (2) Hemihypertrophy: total / segmental / crossed (2.5%); Ipsilateral or contralateral kidney affected Increased incidence of all embryonal tumors (adrenal cortical neoplasms, hepatoblastoma) (3) Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome = EMG-syndrome (exomphalos, macroglossia, gigantism) + hepatomegaly, hyperglycemia from islet cell hyperplasia (4) Genitourinary disorders (4.4%): (a) Drash syndrome (pseudohermaphroditism, glomerulonephritis, nephrotic syndrome) (b) Renal anomalies (horseshoe kidney, duplex / solitary / fused kidney) (c) Genital anomalies (cryptorchidism, hypospadias, ambiguous genitalia)

Stage: I tumor limited to kidney II local extension into perirenal tissue / renal vessels outside kidney / lymph nodes III not totally resectable (peritoneal implants, other than paraaortic nodes involved, invasion of vital structures) IV hematogenous metastases (lung, liver, bone [rare], brain) V bilateral renal involvement at diagnosis (5-10%)

palpable abdominal mass (90%) hypertension (47-90%) abdominal pain (25%) fever (15%) gross hematuria (7-15%) microscopic hematuria (15-20%)
large tumor (average size 12 cm) sharply marginated with compressed renal tissue = pseudocapsule partially cystic = focal hemorrhage and necrosis (71%)
curvilinear / phlebolithic calcifications in 5% on plain film, in 15% on CT (DDx: regular stippled calcifications in neuroblastoma) distorted "clobbered" calices tumor may invade IVC / right atrium (4-10%) tumor may cross midline hypervascular tumor: enlarged tortuous vessels, coarse neovascularity; small arterial aneurysms, vascular lakes parasitization of vascular supply US: fairly evenly echogenic mass ± irregular anechoic areas due to central necrosis + hemorrhage MR: hypointense on T1WI, variable on T2WI NUC: nonfunctioning kidney (10%) hypo- / iso- / hyperperfusion on radionuclide angiogram absent tracer accumulation on delayed static images displacement of kidney + distortion of collecting system

Prognosis: 90% survival rate depending on pathologic pattern, age at time of diagnosis, extent of disease

VARIANT: Cystic partially differentiated nephroblastoma = combination of MLCN + Wilms tumor elements *Incidence:* ?; M < F multiple noncommunicating locules polypoid masses within locules

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WOLMAN DISEASE

=PRIMARY FAMILIAL XANTHOMATOSIS = rare autosomal recessive lipidosis with accumulation of cholesterol esters and triglycerides in visceral foam cells + various tissues (liver, [spleen](#), lymph nodes, adrenal cortex, small bowel) *Etiology*: deficiency of lysosomal acid esterase / acid lipase ■ [malabsorption](#) in neonatal period: failure to thrive, diarrhea, steatorrhea, vomiting ■ delayed growth, diminished muscle mass, abdominal distention ✓ hepatosplenomegaly ✓ extensive bilateral punctate calcifications (calcification of fatty-acid soaps) throughout enlarged adrenals (maintaining their normal triangular shape) is DIAGNOSTIC ✓ enlarged fat-containing lymph nodes ✓ small bowel wall thickening (due to infiltration of mucosa of small bowel by lipid-filled histiocytes impairing absorption) ✓ generalized [osteoporosis](#) CT & MR: attenuation + signal intensities consistent with deposition of lipids *Dx*: assay of leukocytes / cultured skin fibroblasts *Prognosis*: death occurs within first 6 months of life

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ZELLWEGER SYNDROME

= CEREBROHEPATORENAL SYNDROME autosomal recessive ■ muscular hypotonia ■ hepatomegaly + jaundice ■ craniofacial dysmorphism ■ seizures, mental retardation √ brain dysgenesis ([lissencephaly](#), macrogyria, polymicrogyria) √ renal cortical cysts *Prognosis*: death in early infancy

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Level I Obstetric Ultrasound *Indication:* MS-AFP ≥ 2.5 multiples of mean (MoM) between 14 and 18 weeks MA Limited scope of examination to identify frequent causes of MS-AFP elevation in 20-50% of pregnancies: 1. Gestational age ≥ 2 weeks more advanced than estimated clinically (18%) 2. [Multiple gestations](#) (10%) 3. Unsuspected fetal demise (5%) 4. Obvious fetal NTD / [abdominal wall defect](#) *Outcome:* no cause identified in 50-80% *Recommendation if level I ultrasound is unrevealing:* (1) [amniocentesis](#) for AF-AFP (with normal results in >90%) (2) [level II obstetric ultrasound](#) (skipping [amniocentesis](#))

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Level II Obstetric Ultrasound *Indication:* AF-AFP ≥ 2 MoM *Accuracy:* identification of abnormal fetuses in 99% Examination targeted for: 1. Open neural tube defect: [anencephaly](#), encephalocele, open [spina bifida](#), [amniotic band syndrome](#) resulting in open neural tube defect 2. Closed neural axis anomaly: [hydrocephalus](#), [Dandy-Walker malformation](#) 3. Abdominal wall defect: [gastroschisis](#), [omphalocele](#), gastroschisis from [amniotic band syndrome](#) 4. Upper GI obstruction: esophageal atresia \pm tracheoesophageal fistula, [duodenal obstruction](#) 5. [Cystic hygroma](#) 6. Teratoma: sacrococcygeal, lingual, retropharyngeal 7. Renal anomalies: obstructive uropathy, [renal agenesis](#), [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), congenital Finnish nephrosis Risk of fetal chromosomal anomaly is only 0.6-1.1% with normal level II sonogram!

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First Trimester Bleeding =VAGINAL BLEEDING IN FIRST TRIMESTER *Frequency*:15-25% of all pregnancies, of which 50% terminate in [abortion](#)A.INTRAUTERINE CONCEPTUS IDENTIFIED1.Blighted ovum / blighted twin2.Threatened [abortion](#)3.Implantation bleed4.Early fetal death5.[Gestational trophoblastic disease](#)6.[Subchorionic hemorrhage](#)B.NORMAL ENDOMETRIAL CAVITY(a)with b-HCG level >1,800 mIU/mL1.Recent spontaneous [abortion](#)2.[Ectopic pregnancy](#)(b)with b-HCG level <1,800 mIU/mL1.Very early IUP2.[Ectopic pregnancy](#)

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Positive b-HCG Without IUP *mnemonic:* "HERE" HCG-producing tumor (rare) Ectopic pregnancy Recent / incomplete [abortion](#) Early intrauterine pregnancy

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Dilated Cervix 1. Inevitable [abortion](#) 2. Premature labor=spontaneous onset of palpable, regularly occurring uterine contractions between 20 and 37 weeks
MA 3. Incompetent cervix=gaping cervix usually develops during 2nd trimester *Predisposed:* cervical trauma (D & C, cauterization), DES exposure in utero with cervical hypoplasia, estrogen medication
✓ visualization of fetal parts / amniotic fluid within dilated endocervical canal ([stress test](#): patient standing with bladder empty) *Prognosis:* 14th-18th week best time for Rx prior to significant cervical dilatation

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Uterus Large For Dates 1. Multiple gestation pregnancy 2. Inaccurate menstrual history 3. Fibroids 4. [Polyhydramnios](#) 5. [Hydatidiform mole](#) 6. Fetal [macrosomia](#)

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Empty [Gestational Sac](#) 1. Normal early IUP between 5-7 weeks MA2. Blighted ovum *DDx*: Pseudosac of [ectopic pregnancy](#)

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Alpha-fetoprotein =glycoprotein as major circulatory protein of early fetus *Origin*.formed initially by [yolk sac](#) + fetal gut (4-8 weeks), later by fetal liver Detectable in (a) fetal serum • concentration peaks at 14-15 weeks followed by progressive decline (b) amniotic fluid (AF-AFP) secondary to fetal urination, fetal gastrointestinal secretions, transudation across fetal membranes (amnion, placenta), transudation across immature fetal epithelium • concentration peaks early in 2nd trimester followed by progressive decline (c) maternal circulation (MS-AFP) secondary to leakage from amniotic fluid across the placenta • levels rise from 7th week, peak at 32nd week, and decline toward end of pregnancy • Either high / low MS-AFP is associated with 34% of all major congenital defects!

Sample site Approximate level Peak (ng/mL) maternal serum 30-30th-32nd week amniotic fluid 20,000 early 2nd trimester fetal plasma 3,000,000 14th-15th week

At the end of the 1st trimester AFP is present: in fetal plasma in *milligram* quantities in amniotic fluid in *microgram* quantities in maternal serum in *nanogram* quantities

Reported in MoM =multiples of mean to standardize interpretation among laboratories

Elevated Alpha-fetoprotein • screening at 16-18 weeks GA • Values must be corrected for dates, maternal weight, race, presence of diabetes (diabetes has depressing effect on MS-AFP so that lower levels may be associated with NTDs) (a) Elevation in MATERNAL SERUM (MS-AFP) = defined as ≥ 2.5 MoM / equivalent to the 5th percentile; 4.5 MoM for [multiple gestations](#) Power of detection at ≥ 2.5 MoM cutoff: 98% of [gastrochisis](#) 90% of anencephalic fetuses 75-80% of open spinal defects 70% of omphaloceles *Incidence*: 2-5% screen-positive rate (in 16% normal MS-AFP on retesting); 6-15% of fetuses have some type of major congenital defect; in 1.3 per 1,000 tests fetal anomaly detected • The higher the AFP elevation the higher the probability of fetal anomalies • 20-38% of women with unexplained high MS-AFP (ie, in absence of fetal abnormality) suffer adverse pregnancy outcomes (premature birth, [preeclampsia](#), 2-4 x IUGR, 10 x perinatal mortality, 10 x [placental abruption](#))! (b) Elevation in AMNIOTIC FLUID (AF-AFP) = defined as ≥ 2 MoM *Incidence*: <10% of women with elevated MS-AFP and "unrevealing" level I US exam • determine acetylcholinesterase + karyotype in amniotic fluid • 66% of fetuses of women with elevated AF-AFP levels are normal! • A targeted level II ultrasound exam will show fetal anomalies in 33%!

Associated with: A. LABORATORY ERROR B. ERRONEOUS DATES (18%): fetus actually older (AFP levels rise 15% per week during 16-18-week window) C. [MULTIPLE GESTATIONS](#) (14%) D. FETAL DEMISE (7%) / fetal distress / threatened [abortion](#) E. FETAL ANOMALIES (61%) 1. Neural tube defects (51%): [[anencephaly](#) (30%), [myelomeningocele](#) (18%), encephalocele (3%), forebrain malformation] *Prevalence*: 1.6 per 1,000 births in USA; 6 per 1,000 in Great Britain • in 90% as 1st time event! *Risk of recurrence*: 3% after one affected child; 6% after 2 affected children 2. Ventral wall defects (21%) ([gastrochisis](#), [omphalocele](#)): *sensitivity* of 50% 3. Upper GI obstruction (esophageal / [duodenal atresia](#)) 4. [Cystic hygroma](#), teratoma (pharyngeal, sacral) 5. [Amniotic band syndrome](#) (asymmetric [cephalocele](#), gastroschisis) 6. Renal abnormalities: [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), [renal agenesis](#), pelviectasis, **congenital Finnish nephrosis** (typically ≥ 10 MoM + negative amniotic fluid acetylcholinesterase) 7. [Oligohydramnios](#) F. PLACENTAL LESION 1. Infarct 2. [Chorioangioma](#) 3. Peri- and intraplacental hematoma resulting in fetomaternal hemorrhage 4. Placental lakes, intervillous thrombosis G. LOW BIRTH WEIGHT H. Normal pregnancy + MATERNAL DISORDER 1. Hepatitis 2. Hepatoma I. Fetal-maternal blood mixing: collection of MS-AFP samples after [amniocentesis](#) *mnemonic*: "GEM MINER CO" *H0* **G**astrochisis **E**sophageal atresia **M**ultiple gestations **M**ole **I**ncorrect menstrual dates **N**eural tube defects **E**rror (laboratory) **R**enal disease in fetus ([autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease](#), renal dysplasia, obstructive uropathy, congenital Finnish nephrosis) **C**horioangioma **O**mphalocele

Low Alpha-fetoprotein = MS-AFP ≤ 0.5 / AF-AFP ≤ 0.72 multiples of the median *Incidence*: 3% 1. Autosomal trisomy syndromes (trisomy 21, 18, 13) • 20% of trisomy 21 fetuses are found in women with low MS-AFP after adjustment for age! 2. Absence of fetal tissues (eg, [hydatidiform mole](#)) 3. Fetal demise 4. Misdated pregnancy 5. Normal pregnancy 6. Patient not pregnant

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Use Of Karyotyping *Frequency:* 11-35% of fetuses with sonographically identified abnormalities have chromosomal abnormalities
A. FETAL ANOMALIES
1. CNS anomalies: [holoprosencephaly](#) (43-59%), [Dandy-Walker malformation](#) (29-50%), cerebellar hypoplasia, [agenesis of corpus callosum](#), [myelomeningocele](#) (33-50%)
2. [Cystic hygroma](#) (72%): [Turner syndrome](#)
3. [Omphalocele](#) (30-40%)
4. Cardiac malformations
5. [Nonimmune hydrops](#)
6. [Duodenal atresia](#)
7. Severe early-onset IUGR: [trisomy 18](#), 13, [triploidy](#)
8. Diaphragmatic hernia
9. Bone-echodense bowel (20%): trisomy 21
B. MATERNAL RISK FACTORS
1. Advanced age
2. Low serum a-fetoprotein
3. Abnormal triple screen of maternal serum
4. History of previous chromosomally abnormal pregnancy (1% risk of recurrence)
C. PLANNED INTENSE INTRAUTERINE MANAGEMENT
Fetal anomalies not associated with chromosomal anomalies: 1. [Gastroschisis](#)
2. Unilateral renal anomaly
3. Intestinal obstruction distal to duodenal bulb
4. Off-midline unilateral cleft lip
5. Fetal teratoma (sacroccocygeal / anterior cervical)
6. Isolated [single umbilical artery](#)

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AMNIOTIC FLUID VOLUME

Production: (a)1st trimester: dialysate of maternal + fetal serum across the noncornified fetal skin(b)2nd + 3rd trimester: fetal urine (600-800 cm³/day near term), fetal lungs (600-800 cm³/day near term), amniotic membraneAbsorption: fetal swallowing + GI absorption, fetal lung absorption, clearance by placenta Assessment of amniotic fluid volume by: (1)Subjective assessment ("Gestalt" method):quick + efficient, accounts for GA-related variations in fluid volume, considered the most accurate if performed by experienced operator, operator + interpreter must be identical, no documentation, variations on serial scans difficult to appreciate (2)Depth of largest vertical pocket: simple + quick (used in BPP), pockets >2 cm may be found in crevices between fetal parts with moderately severe [oligohydramnios](#), does not account for GA-related variations(3)Four-quadrant [Amniotic Fluid Index](#) (AFI): fairly quick, correlates probably better with fluid volume than any single measurement, may not accurately reflect overall fluid volume, may be affected by fetal movement during measurements(4)Planimetric measurement of total intrauterine volume(5)Dye / para-amino hippurate dilution technique:800 cm³ at 34 weeks, 500 cm³ >34 weeks

[Polyhydramnios](#) [Oligohydramnios](#) [Intrauterine Membrane In Pregnancy](#)

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Polyhydramnios = [amniotic fluid volume](#) >1500-2000 cm³ at term *Incidence*: 1.1-2-3.5%¹ fetus does not fill the AP diameter of uterus¹ single largest pocket devoid of fetal parts / cord >8 cm in vertical direction¹ AFI ≥20-24 cm *Prognosis*: 64% perinatal mortality with severe polyhydramnios *Etiology*: A. IDIOPATHIC (60%) associated with [macrosomia](#) in 19-37% *Suggested cause*: (1) increased renal vascular flow (2) bulk flow of water across surface of fetus + [umbilical cord](#) + placenta + membranes B. MATERNAL CAUSES (20%) 1. Diabetes (5%) 2. Isoimmunization (Rh incompatibility) 3. Placental tumors: [chorioangioma](#) C. FETAL ANOMALIES (20-63%) (a) gastrointestinal anomalies (6-16%) impairment of fetal swallowing (esophageal atresia in 3%); high intestinal atresias / obstruction of duodenum / proximal small bowel (1.2-1.8%), [omphalocele](#), [meconium peritonitis](#) (b) [nonimmune hydrops](#) (16%) (c) neural tube defects (9-16%) [anencephaly](#), [hydranencephaly](#), [holoprosencephaly](#), [myelomeningocele](#), [ventriculomegaly](#), [agenesis of corpus callosum](#), encephalocele, [microcephaly](#) (d) chest anomalies (12%) diaphragmatic hernia, [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#), tracheal atresia, mediastinal teratoma, primary [pulmonary hypoplasia](#), extralobar sequestration, congenital [chylothorax](#) (e) skeletal dysplasias (11%) [dwarfism](#) ([thanatophoric dysplasia](#), achondroplasia), kyphoscoliosis, [platyspondyly](#) (f) chromosomal abnormalities (9%) trisomy 21, 18, 13 (g) cardiac anomalies (5%) VSD, [truncus arteriosus](#), [ectopia cordis](#), septal rhabdomyoma, arrhythmia (h) genitourinary malformations *Cause*: ? hormonally mediated polyuria unilateral UPJ obstruction, unilateral [multicystic dysplastic kidney](#), [mesoblastic nephroma](#) (i) miscellaneous (8%) [cystic hygroma](#), facial tumors, cleft lip / palate, teratoma, [amniotic band syndrome](#), congenital [pancreatic cyst](#) ¹In polyhydramnios efforts to detect fetal anomalies should be directed at SGA fetuses! *mnemonic*: "TARDI" Twins Anomalies, fetal Rh incompatibility Diabetes Idiopathic

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Oligohydramnios = [amniotic fluid volume](#) $<500 \text{ cm}^3$ at term $\sqrt[4]{}$ single largest pocket devoid of fetal parts / cord $\leq 1-2 \text{ cm}$ in vertical direction $\sqrt[4]{}$ AFI $\leq 5-7 \text{ cm}$ *Etiology:* *mnemonic:* "DRIPP" **D**emise of fetus / **D**rugs (Motrin therapy for tocolysis of preterm labor) **R**enal anomalies, bilateral (= inadequate urine production): [renal agenesis](#) / dysgenesis, infantile polycystic kidney disease, [prune belly syndrome](#), [posterior urethral valves](#), urethral atresia, cloacal anomalies \uparrow 20-fold increase in incidence of fetal anomalies with oligohydramnios! N.B.: bilateral renal obstruction, if combined with intestinal obstruction, may be associated with [polyhydramnios](#) IUGR (reduced renal perfusion) **P**remature rupture of membranes (most common) **P**ostmaturity

Cx: [pulmonary hypoplasia](#), cord compression *Prognosis:* 77-100% perinatal mortality with 2nd trimester oligohydramnios

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Intrauterine Membrane In Pregnancy A.MEMBRANE OF MATERNAL ORIGIN1.Uterine septum=incomplete resorption of sagittal septum between the fused two müllerian ducts2.Amniotic sheet / shelve=folding of amniochorionic membrane around uterine synechia^v synechia often thins during uterine stretching + disappears as pregnancy progressesB.MEMBRANE OF FETAL ORIGIN1.Intertwin membrane=apposing membrane of multiple pregnancy2.Amniotic band=rent within amnion3.[Chorioamnionic separation](#)=incomplete fusion / hemorrhagic separation of amnion (= inner membrane) and chorion (= outer membrane)4.[Subchorionic hemorrhage](#) = chorioamnionic elevation=separation of chorionic membrane from decidua ■ implantation bleed of early pregnancy
mnemonic:"STABS"**S**eparation (chorioamnionic) **T**wins (intertwin membrane) **A**bruption **B**ands ([amniotic band syndrome](#)) **S**ynechia

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Abnormal Placental Size Placental mass tends to reflect fetal mass! A. ENLARGEMENT OF PLACENTA => 5 cm thick in sections obtained at right angles to long axis of placenta (a) maternal disease 1. Maternal diabetes (= villous edema) 2. Chronic intrauterine infections 3. Maternal anemia (= normal histology) 4. Alpha-thalassemia (b) fetal disease 1. Hemolytic disease of the newborn (= villous edema + hyperplasia) 2. Umbilical vein obstruction 3. Fetal high-output failure: large [chorioangioma](#), [arteriovenous fistula](#) 4. Fetal malformation: [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#), [sacrococcygeal teratoma](#), chromosomal abnormality, fetal hydrops 5. [Twin-twin transfusion syndrome](#) (c) fetomaternal hemorrhage *mnemonic:* "HAD IT" Hydrops Abruption Diabetes mellitus Infection Triploidy B. DECREASE IN PLACENTAL SIZE 1. [Preeclampsia](#) associated with placental infarcts in 33-60% 2. IUGR 3. Intrauterine infection 4. Chromosomal abnormality

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Vascular Spaces Of The Placenta 1. "**Placental cysts**"=large fetal veins located between amnion + chorion anastomosing with umbilical vein[✓] sluggish blood flow (detectable by real-time observation) 2. **Basal veins**=decidual + uterine veins[✓] lacy appearing network of veins underneath placenta *DDx*:[placental abruption](#) 3. **Intraplacental venous lakes**[✓] intraplacental sonolucent spaces[✓] whirlpool motion pattern of flowing blood

Macroscopic Lesions Of The Placenta 1. **Intervillous thrombosis** (36%)=intraplacental areas of hemorrhage *Etiology*:breaks in villous capillaries with bleeding from fetal vessels[✓] irregular sonolucent intraplacental lesions (mm to cm range)[✓] blood flow may be observed within lesion *Significance*:fetal-maternal hemorrhage (Rh sensitization, elevated AFP levels) 2. **Perivillous fibrin deposition** (22%)=nonlaminated collection of fibrin deposition *Etiology*:thrombosis of intervillous space *Significance*:none 3. **Septal cyst** (19%) *Etiology*:obstruction of septal venous drainage by edematous villi[✓] 5-10 mm cyst within septum *Significance*:none 4. **Placental infarct** (25%)=coagulation necrosis of villi *Etiology*:disorder of maternal vessels, [retroplacental hemorrhage](#)[✓] not visualized unless hemorrhagic[✓] well-circumscribed mass with hyperechoic / mixed echo pattern *Significance*:dependent on extent + associated maternal condition 5. **Subchorionic fibrin deposition** (20%)=laminated collection of fibrin deposition *Etiology*:thrombosis of maternal blood in subchorionic space[✓] subchorionic sonolucent area *Significance*:none 6. **Massive subchorial thrombus**=BREUS MOLE = [PREPLACENTAL HEMORRHAGE](#)

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Placental Tumor A.TROPHOBLASTIC1.Complete [hydatidiform mole](#)2.Partial [hydatidiform mole](#)3.[Invasive mole](#)4.[Choriocarcinoma](#)B.NONTROPHOBLASTIC1.[Chorioangioma](#) (in up to 1% of placentas)2.Teratoma (rare)3.Metastatic lesion (rare): melanoma, breast carcinoma, bronchial carcinoma

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Unbalanced Intertwin Transfusion =unbalanced intertwin transfusion through vascular anastomoses between the two circulations of monochorionic twinsA.ACUTE=
Twin-embolization syndromeB.CHRONIC= [Twin-twin transfusion syndrome](#)C.REVERSE= Acardiac twinning

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Abnormal Cord Attachment 1. Marginal cord attachment (7%)=battledore placenta (flat wooden paddle used in an early form of badminton) ■ no clinical significance 2. Velamentous insertion of cord (1%) 3. [Vasa previa](#)

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Umbilical Cord Lesions ϕ [Umbilical cord](#) cysts persisting into 2nd + 3rd trimester are frequently accompanied by fetal anomalies (hernia, intestinal obstruction, urinary tract obstruction, [urachal anomalies](#), [omphalocele](#), cardiac defect, [trisomy 18](#))!

A. DEVELOPMENTAL CORD LESION 1. **Umbilical hernia**=protrusion from anterior abdominal wall with normal insertion of umbilical vessels *Predisposed*: Blacks, low-birth-weight infants, trisomy 21, congenital [hypothyroidism](#), [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#), [mucopolysaccharidoses](#) *Prognosis*: spontaneous closure in first 3 years of life 2. **Omphalomesenteric duct cyst** ∇ near fetal end of cord + eccentric in cord 3. **Allantoic cyst**=remnant of umbilical vesicle / allantois; usually degenerates by 6 weeks *Histo*: lined by single layer of flattened epithelium ∇ near fetal end of cord + in center of cord 4. **Amniotic inclusion cyst**=amniotic epithelium trapped within [umbilical cord](#) 5. **Mucoid degeneration of umbilical cord**=**umbilical cord pseudocyst**=liquefaction of Wharton jelly / edema ∇ focal thickening of Wharton jelly, usually near umbilicus ∇ usually resolved by 12 weeks MA Associated commonly with [omphalocele](#) 6. **Noncoiled "straight" cord** counterclockwise: clockwise umbilical cords = 7:1 right-handed: left-handed persons = 7:1 *Incidence*: 3.7-5% ∇ absent vascular coiling for entire length of visible cord *At risk for*: intrauterine death (8%), stillbirth, fetal anomalies (24%), prematurity, intrapartum heart rate decelerations, fetal distress, meconium staining

B. ACQUIRED CORD LESION 1. **False knot** (a) exaggerated looping of cord vessels causing focal dilatation of cord (b) focal accumulation of Wharton jelly (c) varix of umbilical vessel ∇ knoblike protrusion / bulge of cord 2. **True knot** *Incidence*: 1% of pregnancies *Cause*: excessive fetal movements *Predisposed*: long cord, [polyhydramnios](#), small fetus, monoamniotic twins ∇ local distension / thrombosis of umbilical vein near cord knot resembling an umbilical cyst ∇ tortuosity of cord at level of knot Cx: vascular occlusion + [fetal death in utero](#) OB management: expectant 3. **Umbilical cord hematoma** =rupture of the wall of the umbilical vein secondary to mechanical trauma (torsion, loops, knots, traction) / congenital weakness of vessel wall *Incidence*: 1:5,505 to 1:12,699 deliveries Location: near fetal insertion of [umbilical cord](#) (most common) ∇ hyper- / hypoechoic mass 1-2 cm in size, multiple (in 18%) Cx: rupture into amniotic cavity with exsanguination *Prognosis*: 52% overall perinatal fetal mortality 4. Neoplasm (a) **Angiomyxoma / hemangioma of cord** *Incidence*: 22 cases in literature *Histo*: multiple vascular channels lined by benign endothelium surrounded by edema + myxomatous degeneration of Wharton jelly *Associated with*: elevated a-fetoprotein level Location: more frequently near placental end of [umbilical cord](#) ∇ hyperechoic / multicystic mass within cord ∇ may be associated with pseudocyst (= localized collection of edema) Cx: premature delivery, stillbirth, hydramnios, [nonimmune hydrops](#), massive hemorrhage due to rupture (b) Other tumors: myxosarcoma, [dermoid](#), teratoma 5. **Umbilical vein varix** *Incidence*: <4% of all [umbilical cord](#) abnormalities Site: intraamniotic, intraabdominal ∇ fusiform dilatation of umbilical vein Cx: (1) Thrombosis with subsequent fetal death (2) Partial thrombosis with IUGR *Prognosis*: usually no clinical significance 6. Umbilical artery aneurysm

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FETAL SKELETAL DYSPLASIA

=heterogeneous group of bone growth disorders resulting in abnormal shape + size of the skeleton

More than 200 skeletal dysplasias are known, but only a few are frequent: -[thanatophoric dysplasia-osteogenesis imperfecta](#) type II (56%) -[achondrogenesis](#) (71%) -[heterozygous achondroplasia](#) Birth prevalence: 2.3:10,000-7.6:10,000 births for all skeletal dysplasias; 1.5:10,000 births for lethal skeletal dysplasias Prognosis: 51% lethal due to hypoplastic lungs:23% stillbirths, 32% death in 1st week of life

Birth Perinatal prevalence/deaths

[Thanatophoric dysplasia](#) 0.69:10,000*1:246 [Achondroplasia](#) 0.37:10,000 none [Achondrogenesis](#), type I 0.23:10,000*1:639 [Achondrogenesis](#), type II 0.25:10,000* [Osteogenesis imperf. type II](#) 0.18:10,000*1:799 [Osteogenesis imperf., others](#) 0.18:10,000 none [Asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia](#) 0.14:10,000*1:3,196 [Hypophosphatasia](#) 0.10:10,000* [Chondrodysplasia punctata](#), rhizo 0.09:10,000* none [Camptomelic dysplasia](#) 0.05:10,000*1:3,196 [Chondroectodermal dysplasia](#) 0.05:10,000*1:3,196 [Cleidocranial dysplasia](#) 0.05:10,000 [Diastrophic dysplasia](#) 0.02:10,000** = lethal dysplasias

shortening of long bones (common characteristic) Femur length >5 mm below 2 standard deviations suggests skeletal dysplasia femur length/foot length ratio <0.9

moderate limb shortening of 40-60% of the mean in [thanatophoric dysplasia](#) + OI type II severe limb shortening of >30% of the mean in [achondrogenesis](#) DDX features: mineralization, bowing, fractures, number of digits, fetal movement, thoracic measurement, associated anomalies, age of onset DDX: constitutionally short limbs, severe IUGR

see also [DWARFISM](#)

[Fetal Hand Malformation](#)

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Fetal Hand Malformation [Polydactyly](#) [trisomy 13](#), short-rib-[polydactyly](#) syndrome, asphyxiating thoracic dystrophy (Jeune syndrome), Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome
(a)Postaxial [polydactylychondroectodermal dysplasia](#) (Ellis-van Creveld syndrome), [Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#), hydrolethrus syndrome (b)Preaxial
[polydactyly](#)orofaciogigital syndrome
[Syndactyly](#) [Apert syndrome](#), [triploidy](#), Roberts syndrome
[Clinodactyly](#) trisomy 21, [triploidy](#)
Overlapping Digit [trisomy 18](#)
Hitchhiker's Thumb [diastrophic dysplasia](#)
Flexion Contractures [trisomy 13 + 18](#), fetal akinesia deformation sequence
Limb Reduction congenital varicella, hypoglossia-hyperdactyly syndrome
Amputation [amniotic band syndrome](#)

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FETAL CNS ANOMALIES

Incidence: 2:1,000 births (United States); 90% as 1st time occurrence *Recurrence:* 2-3% after 1st, 6% after 2nd occurrence¹ ventricular atrium + cisterna magna are two sensitive anatomic markers for normal brain development! A. **HYDROCEPHALUS** 1. [Aqueductal stenosis](#) 2. [Communicating hydrocephalus](#) 3. [Dandy-Walker malformation](#) 4. [Choroid plexus papilloma](#) B. **NEURAL TUBE DEFECT** *Incidence:* 1:500-600 livebirths *Risk of recurrence:* 3-4% 1. [Spina bifida](#) 2. [Anencephaly](#) 3. [Acrania](#) 4. [Encephalocele](#) (8-15%) 5. [Porencephaly](#) 6. [Hydranencephaly](#) 7. [Holoencephaly](#) 8. [Iniencephaly](#) 9. [Microcephaly](#) 10. [Agenesis of corpus callosum](#) 11. [Lissencephaly](#) 12. [Arachnoid cyst](#) 13. [Choroid plexus cyst](#) 14. [Vein of Galen aneurysm](#) C. **INTRACRANIAL NEOPLASM** 1. [Teratoma](#) (>50%): benign / malignant Location: originate from base of skull 2. [Glioblastoma](#) 3. [Astrocytoma](#)

[Hypotelorism](#) [Hypertelorism](#) [Fetal Ventriculomegaly](#) [Cystic Intracranial Lesion](#) [Abnormal Cisterna Magna](#)

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Hypotelorism 1.[Holoprosencephaly](#)2.Chromosomal abnormalities: [trisomy 13](#)3.[Microcephaly](#), trigonocephaly4.Maternal [phenylketonuria](#)5.[Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#)6.Myotonic dystrophy7.[Williams syndrome](#)8.Oculodental dysplasia

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Hypertelorism 1. Median cleft syndrome: cleft lip/palate 2. Craniosynostosis: Apert /Crouzon syndrome 3. Pena-Shokeir syndrome 4. Frontal / ethmoidal, sphenoidal encephalocele 5. Dilantin effect

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Fetal Ventriculomegaly Cause: A.Morphologic anomaly (70-80%):1.[Spina bifida](#) (30-65%)2.[Dandy-Walker malformation](#)3.Encephalocele4.[Holoprosencephaly](#)5.[Agenesis of corpus callosum](#)B.Abnormal karyotype (10-20%)C.Viral infection[†]20-40% of concurrent anomalies are missed by ultrasound!

[†]"dangling" choroid plexus = choroid hanging from tela choroidea[†] width of ventricular atrium >10 mm[†]*Prognosis*:21% survival rate; 50% with intellectual impairment; 80% with isolated mild [ventriculomegaly](#) (atrial width >10 and ≤15 mm) have normal motor + intellectual function at ≥12 months of age

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Cystic Intracranial Lesion *mnemonic:* "CHAP VAN" **C**horoid plexus cyst **H**ydrocephalus, **H**oloprosencephaly, **H**ydranencephaly **A**genesis of corpus callosum + cystic dilatation of 3rd ventricle **P**orencephaly **V**ein of Galen aneurysm **A**rachnoid cyst **N**eoplasm (cystic teratoma)

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Abnormal Cisterna Magna Normal size between 15 and 25 weeks MA: >2 to <10 mm (usually 4-9 mm) in 94-97% of fetuses
A. SMALL CISTERNA MAGNA + "banana sign"
1. Chiari II malformation (with [myelomeningocele](#))
2. Occipital [cephalocele](#)
3. Severe [hydrocephalus](#)
B. LARGE CISTERNA MAGNA
1. Megacisterna magna
cerebellum + vermis remain intact
2. [Arachnoid cyst](#) en bloc displacement of cerebellum + vermis
3. Cerebellar hypoplasia
4. Dandy-Walker syndrome (with vermian agenesis)

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FETAL NECK ANOMALIES

1.Cervical [myelomeningocele](#)2.Occipital [cephalocele](#)3.[Cystic hygroma](#)4.Teratoma

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Nuchal Skin Thickening =NUCHAL SONOLUCENCY / FULLNESS / EDEMA=skin thickening of posterior neck measured between calvarium + dorsal skin margin(a) \geq 3 mm during 9-13 weeks MA(b) \geq 6 mm during 14-21 weeks MA \downarrow The smallest measurement should be used!Image plane:axial plane (slightly cranial to that of the BPD measurement) that includes cavum septi pellucidi, cerebellar hemisphere and cisterna magna!Incidence:among the most common anomaly in 1st trimester + early 2nd trimesterCauses: A.NORMAL VARIANT (0.06%)B.CHROMOSOMAL DISORDERStrisomy 21 (in 45-80%), [Turner syndrome](#) (45 X0), [Noonan syndrome](#), [trisomy 18](#), XXX syndrome, XYY syndrome, XXXX syndrome, XXXXY syndrome, 18p-syndrome, 13q-syndrome \downarrow 30-40% of fetuses with [Down syndrome](#) have nuchal skin thickening!C.NONCHROMOSOMAL DISORDERS1.Multiple pterygium syndrome = Escobar syndrome2.[Klippel-Feil syndrome](#) (fusion of cervical vertebrae, CHD, deafness (30%), cleft palate3.[Zellweger syndrome](#) = cerebrohepatorenal syndrome (large forehead, flat facies, macrogyria, hepatomegaly, cystic kidney disease, contractures of extremities)4.Robert syndrome5.Cumming syndrome \downarrow larger lymphangiomas with radiating septations are usually found with [trisomy 18](#) \downarrow nuchal fullness \geq 3 mm during 1st trimester is seen in trisomy 21 / 18 / 13 (30-50% PPV) \downarrow often reverting to normal by 16-18 weeks \downarrow septations within nuchal translucency carries a 20- to 200-fold risk for chromosomal anomalies compared with normal
[Sensitivity](#):2-44-75% for detection of trisomy 21 [Specificity](#):99% for detection of trisomy 21 [Positive screen](#):1.2-3% in general population (exceeding 0.5% risk of [amniocentesis](#)) [False positives](#):1-2-8.5%OB-management:thorough sonographic evaluation at 18-20 weeks MADDx:[chorioamniotic separation](#)

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Macroglossia 1.[Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#)2.[Down syndrome](#)3.[Hypothyroidism](#)4.Mental retardation

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Micrognathia 1. Pierre-Robin syndrome 2. Treacher-Collins syndrome 3. Goldenhar syndrome (hemifacial microsomia) 4. [Seckel syndrome](#) (bird-headed dwarfism) 5. Multiple pterygium syndrome 6. Pena-Shokeir syndrome 7. [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#) 8. [Arthrogyrosis](#) 9. Skeletal dysplasias 10. [Trisomy 13, 18, 9](#) (abnormal karyotype in 25%) *Prognosis*: 20% survival

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Maxillary Hypoplasia 1.[Down syndrome](#)2. Drugs (alcohol, dilantin, valproate)3. Apert / Crouzon syndrome4. Achondroplasia5. Cleft lip/palate

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Pulmonary Hypoplasia *Path:* absolute decrease in lung volume / weight for gestational age *Cause:* 1. Prolonged [oligohydramnios](#) (20-25%) 2. Skeletal dysplasia (small thorax) 3. [Intrathoracic mass](#) (lung compression) 4. Large hydrothorax (lung compression) 5. Neurologic condition (reduced breathing activity) 6. Chromosomal abnormality 7. CHD with R-sided cardiac obstructing lesion

✓ [thoracic circumference \(TC\)](#) <5th percentile for EGA ✓ declining TC:AC ratio from >0.80 (75% sensitive, 80-90% specific); not applicable for intrathoracic masses

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Intrathoracic Mass in order of frequency: 1. Diaphragmatic hernia / eventration 2. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) 3. [Bronchopulmonary sequestration](#) 4. [Bronchogenic cyst](#) with bronchial compression 5. [Bronchial atresia](#)

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Chest Mass

Unilateral Chest Mass 1. [Congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#) 2. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) 3. [Bronchopulmonary sequestration](#) 4. [Bronchogenic cyst](#) 5. Unilateral [bronchial atresia](#) / stenosis

Bilateral Chest Masses 1. Laryngeal / tracheal atresia 2. Bilateral [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) 3. Bilateral congenital diaphragmatic herniae

Mediastinal Mass 1. Goiter 2. [Cystic hygroma](#) 3. Pericardial teratoma 4. [Neuroblastoma](#)

Cystic Chest Mass 1. [Bronchogenic cyst](#) 2. [Enteric cyst](#) 3. [Neurenteric cyst](#) 4. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) (Type I) 5. [Congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#) 6. [Pericardial cyst](#) 7. Mediastinal meningocele

Complex Chest Mass 1. [Congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#) 2. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) (Type I, II, III) 3. Pulmonary sequestration 4. Complex [enteric cyst](#) 5. Pericardial teratoma

Solid Chest Mass 1. [Congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#) (bowel ± liver) 2. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) type III 3. Pulmonary sequestration 4. Obstructed lung from [bronchial atresia](#), laryngeal atresia, [bronchogenic cyst](#) 5. Bronchopulmonary foregut malformation 6. Pericardial tumor 7. Heterotopic brain tissue

Regressing Fetal Chest Mass 1. [Cystic adenomatoid malformation](#) 2. [Bronchopulmonary sequestration](#)

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Chest Wall Mass 1.[Hemangioma](#)2.[Cystic hygroma](#)3.[Teratoma](#)4.[Hamartoma](#)5.Thoracic [myelomeningocele](#)

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Pleural Effusion 1.Primary idiopathic [chylothorax](#) (most common)2.Hydrops fetalis (multiple causes)3.Chromosome anomaly: trisomy 21, 45 XO (mostly)4.Pulmonary lymphangiectasia / [cystic hygroma](#)5.Lung mass: [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#), [bronchopulmonary sequestration](#), [congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#), chest wall hamartoma (uncommon)6.Pulmonary vein atresia7.Idiopathic

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FETAL CARDIAC ANOMALIES

Incidence: 1:125 births = 0.8% of population; most common of all congenital malformations (40%)¹90% occur as isolated multifactorial traits with a recurrence risk of 2-4%²10% are associated with multiple birth defects³responsible for 50% of childhood deaths from congenital malformationsAntenatal sonographic diagnosis to prompt cardiac evaluation: A.ABNORMALITIES IN [CARDIAC POSITION](#)B. CNS1.[Hydrocephalus](#)2.[Microcephaly](#)3.[Agenesis of corpus callosum](#)4.Encephalocele ([Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#))C.GASTROINTESTINAL1.Esophageal atresia2.[Duodenal atresia](#)3.[Situs](#) abnormalities4.Diaphragmatic herniaD.VENTRAL WALL DEFECT1.[Omphalocele](#)2.[Ectopia cordis](#)E. RENAL1.Bilateral [renal agenesis](#)2.Dysplastic kidneysF.TWINS1.[Conjoined twins](#)

[Prenatal Risk Factors For Congenital Heart Disease In Utero Detection Of Cardiac Anomalies Structural Cardiac Abnormalities & Fetal Hydrops Fetal Echocardiographic Views](#)

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Prenatal Risk Factors For Congenital Heart Disease

A. FETAL RISK FACTORS

1. Symmetric IUGR
2. Arrhythmias (a) fixed bradycardia (50%) (b) tachycardia (low risk) (c) irregular: PACs, PVCs (low risk)
3. Abnormal fetal karyotype (CHD in [Down syndrome](#) in 40%; in [Trisomy 18 / 13](#) in >90%; in [Turner syndrome](#) in 35%)
4. Extracardiac somatic anomalies by US: omphaloceles (20%), [duodenal atresia](#), hydrocephaly, [spina bifida](#), VACTERL
5. [Nonimmune hydrops](#) (30-35%)
6. Oligo- / [polyhydramnios](#)

B. MATERNAL RISK FACTORS

1. Maternal heart disease (10%)
2. Insulin-dependent [diabetes mellitus](#) (4-5%)
3. [Phenylketonuria](#) (15% if maternal phenylalanine >15%)
4. Collagen vascular disease: SLE
5. Viral infection: [rubella](#)
6. Drugs (a) phenytoin (in 2% PS, AS, coarctation, PDA) (b) trimethadione (in 20% transposition, tetralogy, hypoplastic left heart) (c) sex hormones (in 3%) (d) lithium (7%): [Ebstein anomaly](#), [tricuspid atresia](#) (e) alcohol (25% of fetal alcohol syndrome): VSD, ASD (f) retinoic acid = isotretinoin (?15%)
7. Paternal CHD (risk uncertain)

C. MENDELIAN SYNDROMES

1. [Tuberous sclerosis](#)
2. Ellis-van Creveld syndrome
3. [Noonan syndrome](#)

D. FAMILIAL RISK FACTORS FOR RECURRENCE OF HEART DISEASE-overall incidence: 6-8:1,000 livebirths-affected sibling: 1-4% (risk doubled)-affected parent: 2.5-4%

♣ In 50% of neonates with CHD there is no identifiable risk factor! *Poor prognostic features:* (1) Intrauterine cardiac failure (hydrops) (2) Severe trisomy (18, 13) (3) Hypoplastic left heart + [endocardial fibroelastosis](#) (4) Delivery in center without pediatric cardiology

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FETAL GASTROINTESTINAL ANOMALIES

1. Esophageal atresia ± TE fistula 2. Duodenal atresia 3. Meconium peritonitis 4. Hirschsprung disease 5. Choledochal cyst 6. Mesenteric cyst

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Abdominal Wall Defect *Prevalence:* 1:2,000 pregnancies 1. [Gastroschisis](#) 2. [Omphalocele](#):-upper abdominal wall defect 3. [Ectopia cordis](#) 4. [Pentalogy of Cantrell](#)-midabdominal wall defect: classic [omphalocele](#)-lower abdominal wall defect 5. [Bladder exstrophy](#) 6. Cloacal exstrophy 7. [Amniotic band syndrome](#) 8. [Limb-body wall complex](#)

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Nonvisualization Of Fetal Stomach ϕ Fetal swallowing begins at 11 weeks MA!Incidence:2% (stomach is visualized in almost all normal fetuses by 14 weeks + in all normal fetuses by 19 weeks)1.Physiologic [gastric emptying](#) / intermittent swallowing (repeat scan after 30 minutes)2.Decreased [amniotic fluid volume](#)3.CNS abnormalities that impair swallowing4.GI tract abnormalities:(a)[congenital diaphragmatic hernia](#)(b)esophageal atresia \pm TE fistula ϕ Nonvisualization of fetal stomach and [polyhydramnios](#) in 33% fetuses with esophageal atresia after 24 weeks MA!5.Cleft palate

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Double Bubble Sign =fluid filled stomach + proximal duodenum. A persistently fluid-filled duodenum is always abnormal! 1. [Duodenal atresia](#) (usually not seen <24 weeks MA) Cause: in 30% due to trisomy 21. 2. Duodenal stenosis. 3. Duodenal web. 4. [Annular pancreas](#). 5. Preduodenal portal vein. 6. [Ladd bands](#). 7. [Malrotation](#) mnemonic: "LADS" Ladd bands / [malrotation](#) **A**nnular pancreas **D**uodenal atresia **S**tenosis (duodenal)

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Dilated Bowel In Fetus 1.Meconium [ileus](#)! All newborns with meconium [ileus](#) have [cystic fibrosis](#)! 10-15% of newborns with [cystic fibrosis](#) present with meconium [ileus](#)! 2."Apple peel" atresia of small bowel 3.Jejunal atresia 4.Megacystic-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome 5.Colonic aganglionosis = [Hirschsprung disease](#) (may be associated with [Down syndrome](#)) 6.Anorectal atresia (associated with CNS abnormalities, part of VACTERL complex)

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Bowel Obstruction In Fetus *Etiology:* intestinal atresia / stenosis secondary to vascular accident, volvulus, meconium [ileus](#), [intussusception](#) after organogenesis *Incidence:* [imperforate anus](#) 1:3,000; small bowel 1:5,000; colon 1:20,000 *Pathologic types:* lone / more transverse diaphragms | blind-ending loops connected by fibrous string | complete separation of blind-ending loops | Vapple-peel atresia of small bowel (occlusion of SMA branch) *Associated with:* GI anomalies in 45% ([malrotation](#), duplication, microcolon, esophageal atresia) | multiple distended bowel loops >7 mm in diameter | increased peristalsis | [polyhydramnios](#) (if obstruction above level of mid jejunum; exceptions are esophageal atresia + TE fistula) due to fetal inability to cycle amniotic fluid through gut Cx: [Meconium peritonitis](#) (50%) *DDx:* (1) Other cystic masses: [duodenal atresia](#), [hydronephrosis](#), [ovarian cyst](#), mesenteric cyst (2) Chronic chloride diarrhea

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Hyperechoic Fetal Bowel *Definition:* bowel echogenicity \geq bone *Incidence:* 0.2-0.6% of 2nd trimester fetuses *Cause:* (?) "constipation" in utero due to decreased swallowing, hypoperistalsis, bowel obstruction + increased fluid absorption 1. Normal small bowel variant (especially <20 weeks MA) with resolution on follow-up sonogram toward end of 2nd trimester (55-68%) 2. Meconium ileus \uparrow Increased abdominal echogenicity is seen in 60-70% of fetuses with [cystic fibrosis](#)! 3. [Meconium peritonitis](#) *Cause:* (a) intestinal atresia with perforation (b) CMV infection 4. Chromosomal abnormality (3-25%) (a) [Down syndrome](#) (5-14%) (b) [Trisomy 13, 18](#) (c) [Turner syndrome](#) 5. Severe IUGR (16%) *Prognosis:* 5-fold increase in risk for adverse fetal outcome (due to chromosomal abnormality, other anomalies, [placental abruption](#), perinatal death [8-16%], IUGR [67-23%]) \uparrow 30-50% of fetuses with echogenic bowel in 2nd trimester will have poor outcome! *Management:* parental testing for [cystic fibrosis](#), careful fetal anatomic survey, follow-up for growth assessment

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Intraabdominal Calcifications In Fetus A.PERITONEAL1.[Meconium peritonitis](#)2.Plastic peritonitis associated with hydrometrocolposB.TUMORS1.[Hemangioma](#) / hemangioendothelioma2.[Hepatoblastoma](#)3.Metastatic [neuroblastoma](#)4.Teratoma5.Ovarian [dermoid](#)C.CONGENITAL INFECTION1.Toxoplasmosis2.Cytomegalovirus
⚡ Isolated liver calcifications are relatively frequent + of no clinical significance!

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Cystic Mass In Fetal Abdomen A. POSTERIOR MID ABDOMEN 1. Cysts of renal origin 2. Hydroureteronephrosis 3. [Multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) 4. Paranephric collection B. RIGHT UPPER QUADRANT 1. Liver cyst 2. [Choledochal cyst](#) C. LEFT UPPER QUADRANT 1. Splenic cyst D. ANTERIOR MID ABDOMEN 1. Gastrointestinal [duplication cyst](#) 2. Mesenteric cyst 3. Meconium pseudocyst 4. Dilated bowel 5. Urachal cyst E. LOWER ABDOMEN 1. Adnexal cyst: [follicular cyst](#) (most), [corpus luteum cyst](#), [theca lutein cyst](#), [paraovarian cyst](#), teratoma, cystadenoma Cx of large cysts: [polyhydramnios](#), dystocia, torsion, [respiratory distress](#) Prognosis: 60% resolve within first 6 months of life 2. Hydrometrocolpos 3. Meningocele 4. [Sacrococcygeal teratoma](#)

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FETAL URINARY TRACT ANOMALIES

Incidence: 0.25%-1% liveborn infants (OB-US); 1:100-1:200 neonates (pediatrics)

1. Bilateral [renal agenesis](#) 2. Infantile polycystic kidney disease 3. Adult polycystic kidney disease 4. [Multicystic dysplastic kidney](#) 5. [Ureteropelvic junction obstruction](#) 6. [Megaureter](#) 7. [Posterior urethral valves](#) 8. [Prune belly syndrome](#) 9. Megacystis-microcolon-intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome 10. [Mesoblastic nephroma](#) 11. [Wilms tumor](#) 12. [Neuroblastoma](#) *Associated with:* chromosome abnormalities in 12% (74% trisomy, 10% deletion, 9% sex chromosome aneuploidy, 6% triploidy)

■ fetal urine production: 5 mL/hr at 20 weeks MA; 56 mL/hr at 40 weeks MA[✓] bladder volume: 1 mL at 20 weeks MA; 36 mL at 40 weeks MA[✓] filling + emptying of fetal urinary bladder occurs every 10 to 30 (range 7 to 43) minutes[✓] increased renal parenchymal echogenicity indicates renal abnormality in 80%[✓] fetal [hydronephrosis](#) = AP diameter of renal pelvis >5 mm at 15-20 weeks, ≥8 mm at 20-30 weeks, ≥10 mm at >30 weeks

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Precocious Puberty = early onset of puberty • premature thelarche / adrenarche / menses **Isolated** Premature Adrenarche = pubic hair development due to action of adrenal androgens • increased levels of adrenal androgens ✓ prepubertal uterus + [ovaries](#) (0.1-1 cm³)

Isolated Premature Thelarche = breast enlargement may occur without endocrine abnormalities ✓ prepubertal uterus + [ovaries](#)

Pseudoprecocious Puberty = PSEUDOSEXUAL PRECOCITY = incomplete precocious puberty = pubertal changes occurring independently of the action of pituitary gonadotropins, ie, early development of secondary sex characteristics without ovulation Cause: ovarian tumor (eg, granulosa theca-cell tumor, thecoma, [choriocarcinoma](#)), [ovarian cyst](#), estrogen-producing adrenal tumor, [hypothyroidism](#), [neurofibromatosis](#), estrogen ingestion • low gonadotropin levels after LHRH stimulation • increased estradiol levels ✓ prepubertal uterus + [ovaries](#) ✓ asymmetric ovarian enlargement (one ovary 2.4-7 cm³) with macrocysts (>9 mm)

True Precocious Puberty = TRUE ISOSEXUAL PRECOCITY = complete precocious puberty = early development of gonads + secondary sex characteristics with ovulation before 8 years of age Cause: (1) Idiopathic activation of hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis (80%) (2) Lesion of [pituitary gland](#) / hypothalamus • increased levels of estrogen • increased gonadotropin levels after LHRH stimulation • advanced bone age ✓ adult-sized [ovaries](#) (1.2-12 cm³) ✓ dominance of corpus over cervix length

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Amenorrhea *Primary Amenorrhea* = failure to menstruate by 16 years of age *Cause:* A. FEMALE ANATOMIC ANOMALIES B. CONGENITAL DISORDERS OF SEXUAL DIFFERENTIATION (a) pure [gonadal dysgenesis](#) / bilateral dysfunctional / streak gonads (b) mixed [gonadal dysgenesis](#) / [testis](#) + streak gonad *Risk:* in 25% development of [dysgerminoma](#) / gonadoblastoma in dysgenetic gonads with Y chromosome C. OVARIAN FAILURE / DYSFUNCTION D. HYPOTHALAMIC / PITUITARY CAUSES

✓ absent / streak gonads + infantile uterus: 1. Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism (a) hypothalamic dysfunction: hypothalamic tumor, Kallmann disease (= lack of pulsatile GnRH release), systemic illness, constitutional growth delay, extreme physical / psychological / nutritional stress ([cystic fibrosis](#), [sickle cell disease](#), [Crohn disease](#)) (b) pituitary dysfunction: disruption of pituitary stalk from child abuse, [head trauma](#) 2. Hypergonadotropic hypogonadism = ovarian tissue fails to respond to endogenous gonadotropins (a) abnormal karyotype: [Turner syndrome](#), XY [gonadal dysgenesis](#) (b) radiation, chemotherapy, autoimmune disease

✓ absent uterus: 1. Testicular feminization = male intersex = [male pseudohermaphroditism](#) (end-organ insensitivity to testosterone) 2. Müllerian dysgenesis (= [Mayer-Rokitansky-Küster-Hauser syndrome](#)) / normal fallopian tubes + [ovaries associated with:](#) unilateral renal abnormality (50%), skeletal abnormality (12%)

✓ small infantile uterus: 1. Androgen-producing virilizing tumors of adolescent ovary (usually Sertoli-Leydig cell tumor) / unilateral adnexal mass 2. [Turner syndrome](#) 3. In utero exposure to diethylstilbestrol

✓ normal uterus + unilateral ovarian tumor: 1. Estrogen-producing with disruption of menstrual cycle: [granulosa cell tumor](#), thecoma

✓ hydrometrocolpos: 1. Vaginal membrane / septum

✓ bilateral ovarian enlargement: 1. Polycystic ovary syndrome (= [Stein-Leventhal syndrome](#)): most common cause of secondary amenorrhea

Secondary Amenorrhea 1. Pregnancy: most common cause in girls >9 years of age 2. Polycystic ovary syndrome 3. [Asherman syndrome](#) 4. All causes of primary amenorrhea

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Calcifications Of Female Genital Tract A.UTERUS1.Uterine fibroid2.Arcuate arteriesB.[OVARIES](#)1.[Dermoid](#) cyst (50%)2.Papillary cystadenoma (psammomatous bodies)3. Cystadenocarcinoma4. [Hemangiopericytoma](#)5. Gonadoblastoma6. Chronic ovarian torsion7. [Pseudomyxoma peritonei](#)C.FALLOPIAN TUBES1.Tuberculous salpingitisD.PLACENTAE.LITHOPEDION

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Free Fluid In Cul-de-sac 1.Follicular rupture2.Ovulation3.[Ectopic pregnancy](#)4.S/P culdocentesis5.Ovarian neoplasm6.[Pelvic inflammatory disease](#)

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Frequency Of Pelvic Masses 1. Benign adnexal cyst 34% 2. [Leiomyoma](#) 14% 3. Cancers 14% 4. [Dermoid](#) 13% 5. [Endometriosis](#) 10% 6. [Pelvic inflammatory disease](#) 8%

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Cystic Pelvic Masses A.CYSTIC ADNEXAL MASSB.EXTRAADNEXAL CYSTIC MASS1.[Peritoneal inclusion cyst](#)2.Mesenteric cyst3.Lymphocele4.[Bladder diverticulum](#)5.Ectopic gestation6.Fluid-distended bowel7.Loculated pelvic abscess: appendiceal, diverticular, postoperative

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Complex Pelvic Mass *mnemonic: "CHEETAH"* Cystadenoma / cystadenocarcinoma Hemorrhagic cyst Endometrioma Ectopic pregnancy Teratoma ([dermoid](#)) Abscess (from adjacent [appendicitis](#), etc.) Hematoma in pelvis

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Solid Pelvic Masses 1. Pedunculated myoma (most common) 2. Fibroma 3. Adenofibroma 4. Thecoma 5. [Brenner tumor](#)

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Extrauterine Pelvic Masses 1.Solid adnexal mass2.Metastatic disease3.[Lymphoma](#)4.Pelvic kidney5.Rectosigmoid carcinoma6.Prostate carcinoma7.Benign prostatic enlargement8.Bladder carcinoma9.Retroperitoneal tumor10.Intraperitoneal fat11.Vascular mass / malformation12.Hematoma13.Bowel

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Adnexal Masses A. CYSTIC 1. Physiologic [ovarian cyst](#): -[Graafian follicle](#): at midcycle <25 mm - [Corpus luteum](#): after midcycle <15 mm 2. Functional / retention cyst 3. Endometrioma 4. Tuboovarian abscess 5. [Dermoid cyst](#) 6. [Ectopic pregnancy](#) 7. [Paraovarian cyst](#) 8. Serous / [mucinous cystadenoma](#) 9. Serous / [mucinous cystadenocarcinoma](#) 10. Hyperstimulation cysts 11. [Peritoneal inclusion cyst](#) 12. [Massive ovarian edema](#) 13. Hydrosalpinx B. SOLID 1. Ovarian tumor 2. Ovarian torsion 3. Oophoritis 4. Polycystic [ovaries](#) 5. Fallopian tube carcinoma (DDx: pedunculated fibroid)

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Ovarian Tumors ■ pressure symptoms: abdominal discomfort, vomiting, flatulence, dyspnea ■ acute pain from torsion, hemorrhage ■ chronic pain from slowly enlarging mass, impaction, adhesions ■ menstrual irregularity
Radiologic guidelines: Imaging features of ovarian neoplasms virtually never allow a specific diagnosis. Regardless of further differentiation patients always undergo surgery! Signs suggestive of malignancy: solid ovarian tumor, many solid-tissue elements in a complex lesion, wall thickness >3 mm, inner wall irregularities, thick septations >3 mm, increased echogenicity within a cyst
Age: 13% of neoplasms malignant in premenopause; 45% of neoplasms malignant in postmenopause
Cx: (1) Torsion (in 10-20%) (2) Rupture (rare) (3) Infection
Classification: A. TUMORS OF SURFACE EPITHELIUM (60%) 85-95% of all ovarian cancers (although majority of epithelial tumors are benign) 1. [Serous ovarian tumor](#) 2. [Mucinous ovarian tumor](#) 3. Endometrioid tumor 4. [Cystadenofibroma](#) 5. Clear cell adenocarcinoma 6. [Brenner tumor](#) 7. Undifferentiated carcinoma
B. GERM CELL TUMORS (30%) 40% of germ cell tumors are malignant (a) benign 1. [Dysgerminoma](#) 2. Immature teratoma 3. Endodermal sinus tumor 4. Embryonal carcinoma 5. [Choriocarcinoma](#)
C. GONADAL STROMAL TUMORS (5%) (a) Sex cord-mesenchyme tumors 1. [Granulosa cell tumor](#) 2. Theca cell tumor 3. Luteal cell tumor 4. [Arrhenoblastoma](#) (b) Connective tissue tumor 1. Fibroma 2. [Fibrosarcoma](#)-estrogen-producing tumors: [granulosa cell tumor](#), theca cell tumor = thecoma-androgen-producing tumors: [arrhenoblastoma](#), Sertoli-Leydig cell tumor, clear cell tumor
D. SECONDARY OVARIAN TUMORS (5%) Metastases from: pelvic organs, upper GI tract, breast, bronchus, reticuloendothelial tumors, [leukemia](#)
Subclassification: adenoma, borderline adenocarcinoma
serous 60% 15% 25% mucinous 80% 10% 10% endometrioid almost always clear cell almost always undifferentiated always
Terminology: prefix "cyst-": cystic component present suffix "-fibroma": >50% fibrous component "tumor of low malignant potential": borderline malignant
Solid Ovarian Tumor 1. Fibroma 2. Thecoma 3. [Granulosa cell tumor](#) 4. Sertoli-Leydig cell tumor 5. [Brenner tumor](#) 6. Sarcoma 7. [Dysgerminoma](#) 8. Endodermal sinus tumor 9. Teratoma 10. Metastasis 11. Endometrioma 12. [Massive ovarian edema](#)

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Ovarian Cyst Image Signature Of Ovarian Cysts A. SIMPLE CYST=sharply defined wall; NO internal septations / mural nodules US: \checkmark [pulsatility](#) index >1.0 / RI >0.4 (unreliable!) MR: \checkmark isointense to urine on T1WI + T2WI B. COMPLEX CYST=does not satisfy criteria for hemorrhagic cysts / endometrioma \checkmark internal septations / mural nodules / internal echoes \checkmark mixed signal intensity, hyperintense on T2WI C. HEMORRHAGIC CYST US: \checkmark echogenic mass \checkmark whirled pattern of mixed echogenicity \checkmark "ground-glass" pattern = diffuse low-level echoes \checkmark "fishnet weave" pattern = fine interdigitating septations \checkmark NO color Doppler signals MR: \checkmark intermediate / high intensity on T1WI \checkmark hyperintense with distinct central area of hypointensity on T2WI

Management Of Ovarian Cyst A. PREMENOPAUSAL 1. Unilocular cyst ≤ 2.5 cm \pm hemorrhage Rx: no follow-up unless on birth control pills 2. Unilocular thin-walled cyst 2.5-6 cm without hemorrhage Rx: clinical / sonographic follow-up in 1-2 months \pm addition of hormones 3. Unilocular cyst 2.5-6 cm with hemorrhage Rx: sonographic follow-up in 1 month \pm addition of hormones 4. Unilocular cyst >6 cm Rx: surgery N.B.: All follow-up scans should take place in the immediate postmenstrual period, when follicular cysts should not be present!

B. POSTMENOPAUSAL 1. Unilocular nonseptated thin-walled cyst <3 cm *Incidence*: 15-17% \checkmark high resistive index (RI) of >0.7 (resistive index <0.40 is suspect for malignancy!) *Prognosis*: 56% decrease in size / disappear; 28% remain unchanged for up to 2 years *DDx*: serous ovarian cyst, peritubal cyst, hydrosalpinx Rx: serial follow-up 2. Septated cyst / cyst >3 cm / cyst with low RI \checkmark 18% of complex cysts are malignant! Rx: CA-125 determination + surgical exploration \checkmark Screening of 1300 symptomatic women: -in 2.5% abnormalities on US -in 1.9% benign [ovarian tumors](#) -in 0.15% ovarian cancers

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Postmenopausal Bleeding 1. Endometrial atrophy (most commonly) ■ thin atrophic [endometrium](#) is prone to superficial ulceration ✓ in 75% endometrial thickness <4-5 mm ✓ in 25% endometrial thickness of 6-15 mm 2. Endometrial adenomatous hyperplasia ✓ thickened homogeneous texture 3. Endometrial polyp ✓ cystic endometrial spaces 4. Submucosal fibroid 5. Endometrial carcinoma (in 7-30%) 10% cancer rate with endometrial thickness of 6-15 mm 50% cancer rate with endometrial thickness of >15 mm ✓ heterogeneous [endometrium](#) ✓ irregular poorly defined endometrial-myometrial interface

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Thickened Irregular Endometrium Normal endometrial thickness: <1 cm

1. **Endometrial polyp** =focal hyperplasia of stratum basale; in 20% multiple *Age*:mainly 30-60 years *Histo*:projections of endometrial glands + stroma into uterine cavity (a)hyperplastic polyp resembling endometrial hyperplasia (b)functional polyp resembling surrounding [endometrium](#) (least frequent) (c)atrophic polyp ∇ enlarged cystically dilated glands ∇ well-defined homogeneous hyperechoic intracavitary mass ∇ heterogeneous texture suggests infarction, cystic changes, hemorrhage Malignant transformation:in 0.4-3.7% 2. **Endometrial hyperplasia** *Age*:peri- / postmenopausal women *Cause*:prolonged endogenous / exogenous unopposed estrogen stimulation ∇ endometrial thickening >5-6 mm *Types*: (a)glandular-cystic hyperplasia (more common) *Histo*:dilated glands lined by tall columnar / cuboidal epithelium ∇ small cysts within evenly echogenic [endometrium](#) *Prognosis*:NO premalignant condition (b)adenomatous hyperplasia ∇ [endometrium](#) with irregular hypoechoic areas *Prognosis*:precursor of [endometrial cancer](#) 3. Endometritis 4. Primary carcinoma of the [endometrium](#) Location:predominantly in uterine fundus; 24% in isthmic portion) ∇ irregular heterogeneous [endometrium](#) ∇ mean endometrial thickness of 18.2 mm 5. Tamoxifen-related endometrial changes=nonsteroidal antiestrogen may act as partial estrogen agonist with proliferative effects on [endometrium](#) 6. Metastatic carcinoma:ovary, cervix, fallopian tube, [leukemia](#) 7. [Hydatidiform mole](#) ∇ echogenic mass with irregular sonolucent areas 8. Incomplete [abortion](#) 9. Submucosal [leiomyoma](#)

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Fluid Collection Within Endometrial Canal *Types:* blood, mucus, purulent material
A. PREMENOPAUSAL
1. Congenital obstructive lesion: imperforate hymen, vaginal septum, vaginal / cervical atresia
2. Acquired obstructive lesion: cervical stenosis (following instrumentation / radiation), cervical carcinoma
3. Spontaneous hematometra in bleeding disorders
4. Pregnancy: intrauterine, ectopic, incomplete [abortion](#)
B. POSTMENOPAUSAL
1. Cervical stenosis
2. Pyometrium
3. Polyps
4. Endometrial / cervical / [ovarian cancer](#)

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Endometrial Cysts 1. Endometrial cystic atrophy *Histo*: cystically dilated atrophic glands lined by single layer of flattened / low cuboidal epithelium¹ very thin [endometrium](#) of <4-5 mm². Endometrial cystic hyperplasia

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Diffuse Uterine Enlargement 1. Diffuse leiomyomatosis 2. Adenomyosis 3. Endometrial carcinoma (15%)

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Uterine Masses A. **BENIGN** 1. Uterine fibroids (99%) 2. Pyometra 3. Hemato- / hydrocolpos 4. Transient uterine contraction (during pregnancy) 5. Bicornuate uterus 6. Adenomyosis 7. Intrauterine pregnancy 8. Lipoleiomyoma (<50 cases in world literature) B. **MALIGNANT** 1. Cervical carcinoma 2. Endometrial carcinoma 3. Leiomyosarcoma 4. Invasive trophoblastic disease

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Fundic Depression On HSG 1.Bicornuate uterus2.Septate uterus3.Arcuate uterus4.Fundal myoma

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Vaginal Cyst 1. [Gartner duct cyst](#) 2. Bartholin gland cyst=female homologue of male Cowper glands Location: posterolateral portion of lower vagina 3. Paramesonephric / müllerian duct cyst=aberrant remnant of paramesonephric duct Location: anterior wall of vagina near cervix 4. Epithelial inclusion cyst=arise from urogenital sinus *Histo*: lined by transitional epithelium containing thick caseous material

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Vaginal Fistula 1. Enterovaginal fistula (a) rectovaginal: incomplete healing of perineal laceration from obstetric trauma, radiation therapy (b) anovaginal: inflammatory bowel disease (10% of patients with [Crohn disease](#)) (c) colovaginal: diverticulitis 2. Vesicovaginal fistula: hysterectomy, radiation therapy 3. Ureterovaginal fistula: vaginal hysterectomy

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Vaginal & Paravaginal Neoplasm A.PRIMARY1.Cavernous [hemangioma](#) of vulva2.Pedunculated submucosal [leiomyoma](#) prolapsed into vagina3.[Adenoid cystic carcinoma](#) of Bartholin gland4.Vaginal carcinoma(a)squamous cell carcinoma (90%)(b)adenocarcinoma (3%)5.[Rhabdomyosarcoma](#)
B.SECONDARY (80% of all vaginal tumors)direct extension from bladder, rectum, cervix, uterus

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GAS IN GENITAL TRACT

A. UTERUS 1. Endometritis 2. Superinfection of [leiomyoma](#): more common in submucosal [leiomyoma](#) (insufficient [blood supply](#)) 3. Bacterial metabolism of necrotic neoplastic tissue 4. Fistula to GI tract: uterine cancer 5. Pyometra secondary to obstruction by [cervical cancer](#) 6. Gas gangrene: due to clostridial infection from septic [abortion](#)

B. OVARY 1. Superinfected ovarian neoplasm

C. VAGINA 1. Vaginitis emphysematosa = nonbacterial self-limiting process mostly occurring during pregnancy characterized by numerous gas-filled spaces in submucosa of vagina + exocervix

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HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN

= HCG = glycoprotein elaborated by placental trophoblastic cells beginning the 8th day after conception

A. IMMUNOLOGIC PREGNANCY TEST=indirect agglutination test for HCG in urine; cross-reaction with other hormones / medications possible Becomes positive at 5 weeks MA *Advantages*: readily available, easily + rapidly performed *Disadvantages*: frequently false-positive + false-negative results *Sensitivity*: (a) slide: 400-15,000 mIU/mL (2 min test time) (b) test tube: 1,000-3,000 mIU/mL (2 hours test time)

B. RADIOIMMUNOASSAY (RIA) PREGNANCY TEST=measures beta subunit of HCG in serum with a *sensitivity* as low as 1-2 mIU/mL Serum b-HCG becomes positive at 3 weeks MA / 7-10 days following conception! *Standards*: (1) Second International Standard (SIS) (2) International Reference Preparation (IRP) (3) Third International Standard (TIS) 1 mIU/mL (SIS) = 2 mIU/mL (IRP) = 2 mIU/mL (TIS) 1 ng/mL = 5-6 mIU/mL (SIS) = 10-12 mIU/mL (IRP or TIS) Variations of lab values of up to 50% can occur among different laboratories! 6-15% between-run precision! *Advantages*: specific for HCG, sensitive *Disadvantages*: requires specialized lab + 3-24 hours for completion *Sensitivity*: (a) qualitative: 25-30 mIU/mL (3 hours test time) (b) quantitative: 3-4 mIU/mL (24 hours test time) *Rise*: >66% increase of initial b-HCG level over 48 hours in 86% of NORMAL pregnancies <66% increase of initial b-HCG level over 48 hours in 87% of ECTOPIC pregnancies b-HCG levels double every 2-3 days during first 60 days of pregnancy!

"1-7-11 rule": b-HCG (IRP) US landmarks Gestational age 1,000 mIU/mL gestational sac 32 d (<5 weeks) 7,200 mIU/mL yolk sac 36 d (5 weeks) 10,800 mIU/mL embryo + heart motion 40 d (<6 weeks)

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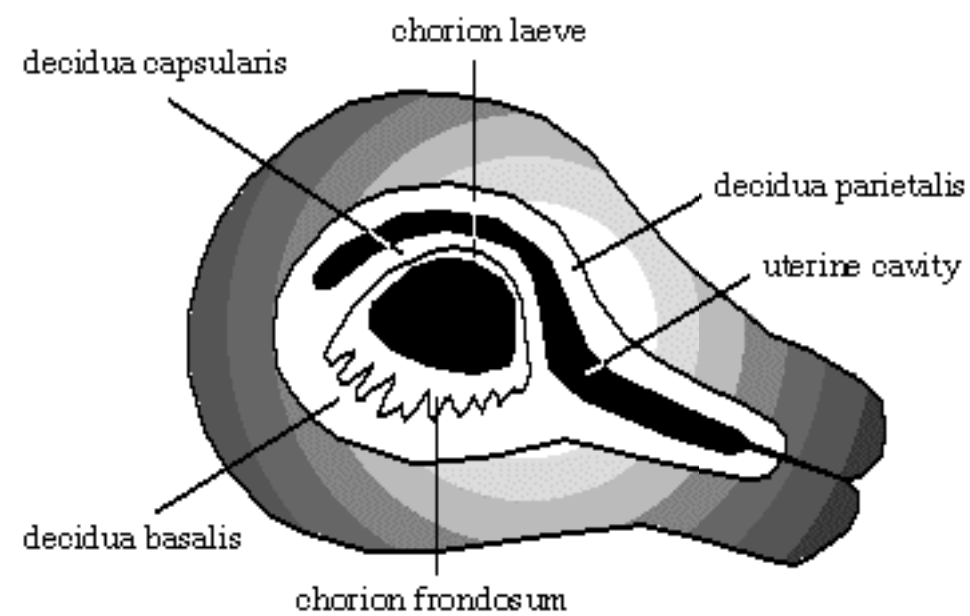


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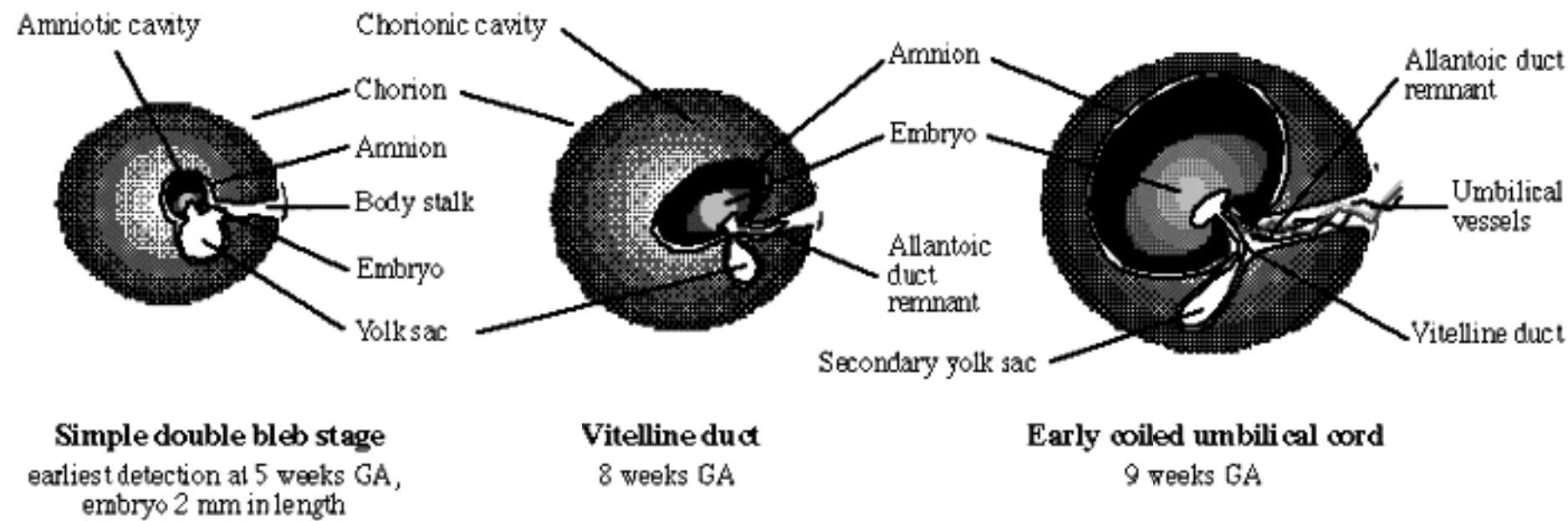
Chorion = trophoblast + fetal mesenchyme with villous stems protruding into decidua; provides nutrition for developing [embryo](#)(a) chorion frondosum = part adjacent to decidua basalis, forms primordial placenta(b) chorion laeve = smooth portion of chorion with atrophied villi(c) "chorionic plate" = [amniotic membrane](#) covering the chorionic plate of the placenta **Decidua** (a) decidua basalis = between chorion frondosum + myometrium(b) decidua capsularis = portion protruding into uterine cavity(c) decidua parietalis = decidua vera = portion lining the uterine cavity elsewhere

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Gestational Sac



Arises from blastocyst which implants into secretory [endometrium](#) 6-7 days after ovulation, surrounded by echogenic trophoblast \checkmark intradecidual sign (earliest sign) = intrauterine fluid collection corresponding to gestational sac completely embedded within decidua (48% sensitive, 66% specific, 45% accurate) \checkmark double decidual sac sign (DDS) [most useful at 4-6 weeks GA] = 2 concentric rings (decidua parietalis adjacent to decidua capsularis) surrounding a portion of the gestational sac \checkmark A double decidual sac sign correlates with the presence of pregnancy in 98% \checkmark GS surrounded by endometrial thickening >12 mm \checkmark continuous hyperechoic inner rim >2 mm thick \checkmark spherical / ovoid shape without angulations \checkmark mean sac diameter grows 1.13 (range 0.71-1.75) mm/day **Gestational Sac Size** linear growth: 10 mm by 5th week MA 60 mm by 12th week MA fills chorionic cavity by 11-12 weeks MA **Visualization Of Gestational Sac** Earliest visualization: mean sac diameter of 2-3 mm A. GS VISUALIZATION VERSUS b-HCG LEVEL (2nd International Standard): (a) on transabdominal scan: in 100% with b-HCG levels of $>1,800$ IU/L (b) on transvaginal scan: in 20% with b-HCG levels of <500 IU/L in 80% with b-HCG levels of 500-1,000 IU/L in 100% with b-HCG levels of $>1,000$ IU/L B. GS VISUALIZATION VERSUS MENSTRUAL AGE (a) on transabdominal scan: 5.0 \pm 1 weeks = 5-10 mm 5.5 \pm 1 weeks = 8.5-13 mm 6.0 \pm 1 weeks = 12-17 mm (b) on transvaginal scan: 5.0 \pm 1 weeks = 2 mm 5.5 \pm 1 weeks = 6 mm 6.0 \pm 1 weeks = 11 mm C. GS VISUALIZATION VERSUS VISUALIZATION OF [EMBRYO](#) (a) on transabdominal scan 100% visualization if gestational sac ≥ 27 mm (b) on transvaginal scan 100% visualization if gestational sac ≥ 12 mm \checkmark Transvaginal scan not necessary if on transabdominal scan gestational sac >27 mm without evidence of [embryo](#) **Predictive of miscarriage (in 94%): "first-trimester oligohydramnios"** (miscarriage: not diminished size of amniotic cavity but rather chorionic cavity) = mean sac diameter - CRL ≤ 5 mm (with a live [embryo](#) at 5.5-9.0 weeks)

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Yolk Sac =rounded sonolucent structure (outside amniotic cavity) within chorionic sac (= extracoelomic cavity) connected to umbilicus via a narrow stalk; formed by proliferation of endodermal cells at around 4 weeks MA; part of yolk sac is incorporated into fetal gut; the rest persists as a sac connected to the fetus by the vitelline duct *Function:* (a)transfer of nutrients from trophoblast to [embryo](#) prior to functioning placental circulation (b)early formation of blood vessels + blood precursors on sac wall (c)formation of primitive gut (d)source of primordial germ cells Mean size: 1.0 mm by 4.7 weeks MA; 2.0 mm by 5.6 weeks MA; 3.0 mm by 7.1 weeks MA; 4.0 (2.2-5.3) mm by 10 weeks MA; disappears around 12 weeks MA *Earliest visualization:* ∇ at 4-5 weeks MA as one of the "double blebs" on endovaginal scan; in 65% with GS size of ≥ 8 mm ∇ Visualization excludes the possibility of an ectopic / [anembryonic pregnancy](#)! *Failed pregnancy:* Abnormal pregnancy outcome (using endovaginal technique) generally if (a)yolk sac absent with GS diameter of ≥ 20 mm (100% [specificity](#) + 100% PPV) (b)yolk sac diameter >5.6 mm at <10 weeks MA (c)[embryo](#) visualized without demonstrable yolk sac (d)yolk sac shape persistently abnormal

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Embryo Developmental stages: Preembryonic period: 2nd-4th week MA Trilaminar embryonic disk: during 5th week MA 3 laminae = ectoderm, endoderm, mesoderm
Embryonic period: 6th-10th week MA Physiologic umbilical herniation: 8th-12th week MA Fetal period: beginning at 11th week MA Average growth rate: 0.7 mm per day / 1.5 mm every 2 days; curvilinear growth from 7 mm at 6.3 weeks MA to 50 mm at 12.0 weeks MA **Earliest visualization:** at 5.4 weeks MA at CRL of 1.2 mm on endovaginal scan **Failed pregnancy:** nonvisualization of embryo with mean [gestational sac](#) size of ≥ 18 mm **Cardiac Activity** Heart begins to contract at a CRL of 1.5-3 mm = 6th week MA **Earliest visualization (on endovaginal scan):** (a) in 65% of embryos with a CRL of 2-4.9 mm (b) in 100% at ≥ 5 mm CRL = 6.2 weeks **Failed pregnancy:** nonvisualization of cardiac activity with CRL of 2-12 mm means embryonic demise in 94%! \downarrow Spontaneous pregnancy loss at <8 weeks gestation occurs in 10-17% of embryos with cardiac activity! **Embryonic Mortality Rate** ≤ 6.2 weeks ≤ 7.0 weeks 11% > 100 bpm > 120 bpm 32% 90-99 bpm 110-119 bpm 64% 80-89 bpm 100-109 bpm 100% < 80 bpm < 100 bpm

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Amnionic Membrane =curvilinear echogenic line within chorionic sac; fills chorionic cavity by 11-12 weeks MA;*Fusion*: -fuses with chorionic membrane at approximately 16 weeks MA to form the chorionic plate-incomplete fusion with chorion frequent (DDx: [subchorionic hemorrhage](#), twin [abortion](#), coexistent with [limb-body wall complex](#))

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Umbilical Cord Embryology: -cord forms between 5th and 12th postmenstrual week with contributions from body stalk, omphalo-mesenteric or vitelline duct, [yolk sac](#), allantois-junction of the amnion with ventral surface of [embryo](#) will form umbilicus-midgut undergoes physiologic herniation into the base of the umbilical cord 7-12 postmenstrual weeks-cord grows until end of 2nd trimester: average diameter of 17 mm, length of 50-60 cm Anatomy: -two umbilical arteries = branches of the two internal iliac arteries-one umbilical vein (remains after regression of right umbilical vein in early embryonic period)-Wharton jelly = compressible matrix of cord-spiraling of cord with 0-40 twists established by 9 weeks

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Placental Grading according to echo appearance of basal zone, chorionic plate, placental substance. Premature placental calcification is associated with cigarette smoking, hypertension, IUGR. Not considered useful because placental grading is imprecise for fetal dating or for fetal lung maturity!

GRADE 0 ✓ homogeneous placenta + straight line of chorionic plate
Time: <30 weeks MA
GRADE 1 ✓ undulated chorionic plate + scattered bright placental echoes
Time: seen at any time during pregnancy; in 40% at term; in 68% L/S ratio >2.0
GRADE 2 ✓ linear bright echoes parallel to basal plate ✓ confluent stippled echoes within placenta ± indentations of chorionic plate
Time: rarely seen in gestations <32 weeks MA; seen in 40% at term; in 87% L/S ratio >2.0
GRADE 3 ✓ calcified intercotyledonary septa, often surrounding sonolucent center
Time: rarely seen in gestations <34 weeks MA; in 15-20% at term; in 100% L/S ratio >2.0 (= strongly correlated with lung maturity)

PREMATURE PLACENTAL SENESCENCE = grade 3 placenta seen in gestation <34 weeks MA in 50% suggestive of maternal hypertension / IUGR

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Uteroplacental Circulation By 20 weeks MA trophoblast invades maternal vessels and transforms spiral arteries into distended tortuous vessels = uteroplacental arteries *Histo:* (a) in the decidual portion of spiral arteries: proliferating trophoblast from anchoring villi invades lumen of spiral arteries + partially replaces endothelium (b) in the myometrial portion of spiral arteries: disintegration of smooth muscle elements (loss of elastic lamina) leads to easily distensible vascular system of low resistance **Uterine Blood Volume Flow** -50 mL/min shortly after conception-500-900 mL/min by term Intervillous blood flow: 140 ± 53 mL/min (by Xe-133 washout) **Umbilical Artery Doppler** Variables of Doppler measurements: site of Doppler (close to placenta preferred), fetal heart rate, fetal breathing, drugs (ritodrine hydrochloride decreases S/D ratio) \downarrow degree of diastolic flow increases as gestation progresses-S/D ratio between 3.3 and 4.3 at 20 weeks-S/D ratio between 1.7 and 2.4 at term \downarrow highly turbulent flow **IUGR Lesions** = narrowing of vascular lumen through (a) thrombosis of decidual segments of uteroplacental arteries (b) failure of development of myometrial segments of uteroplacental arteries

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FETAL MENSURATION

US is more reliable than LMP / physical examination
ULTRASOUND MILESTONES: $\sqrt{\text{gestational sac w/o embryo or yolk sac}}=5.0 \text{ weeks}$
 $\sqrt{\text{gestational sac} + \text{yolk sac w/o embryo}}=5.5 \text{ weeks}$
 $\sqrt{\text{heartbeat}} \pm \text{embryo} < 5 \text{ mm}=6.0 \text{ weeks}$
Accuracy: $\pm 0.5 \text{ week}$

[Fetal Age](#) [Gestational Sac](#) [Early Embryonic Size](#) [Crown-rump Length \(CRL\)](#) [Biparietal Diameter \(BPD\)](#) [Cephalic Index \(CI\)](#) [Corrected BPD \(cBPD\)](#) [Abdominal Circumference \(AC\)](#) [Femur Length \(FL\)](#) [Thoracic Circumference \(TC\)](#) [Estimated Fetal Weight \(EFW\)](#) [Appearance Of Epiphyseal Bone Centers](#) [CNS Ventricles](#) [Diameter Of Cisterna Magna](#)

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Fetal Age = GESTATIONAL AGE (GA) = "MENSTRUAL AGE" (MA)=age of pregnancy based on womans regular last menstrual period (LMP) projecting the estimated date of confinement (EDC) at 40 weeks! Note the inaccurate clinical usage of "gestational age," which strictly speaking refers to the true age of the pregnancy counting from the day of conception, whereas "menstrual age" refers to the true age of the pregnancy + approximately 2 weeks counting from the first day of the last menstruation! On subsequent scans GA = GA assigned at 1st ultrasound + number of intervening weeks! **ACCURACY** (95% confidence range): *StageBased on Accuracy[weeks]*

1st trimester (5-6 weeks)US milestones ± 0.5 (6-13 weeks)CRL ± 0.7 *2nd trimester* (14-20 weeks)cBPD / HC ± 1.2 BPD / FL ± 1.4 (20-26 weeks)cBPD / HC ± 1.9 BPD / FL ± 2.1 -2.5*3rd trimester* (26-32 weeks)cBPD / HC / FL ± 3.1 -3.4FL ± 3.1 (32-42 weeks)cBPD / HC / FL ± 3.5 -3.8FL ± 3.5

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Gestational Sac =average of 3 diameters (craniocaudad, AP, TRV) of anechoic space within sac walls, used for dating between 6-12 weeks MA (identified as early as 5 weeks MA (on transabdominal scan)*Accuracy*: ± 1 week

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Early Embryonic Size =length of [embryo](#) <25 mm on transvaginal scan <10 weeks MAGestational age (days) = embryonic size (mm) + 42 [Accuracy](#):± 3 days

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Crown-rump Length (CRL)

=length of fetus; useful up to 12 weeks MA (usually identified by 7 weeks MA on transabdominal scan)Rule of thumb:MA (in weeks) = CRL (in cm) + 6

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Biparietal Diameter (BPD)

=measured from leading edge to leading edge of calvarial table at widest transaxial plane of skull= level of thalami + cavum septi pellucidi + sylvian fissures with middle cerebral arteries
♦Excellent means of estimating GA in 2nd trimester >12 weeks MA [Accuracy](#): 2 mm for "between occasion error" ♦Most accurate for dating if combined with HC, AC, FL provided body ratios are normal ♦Less reliable for dating in 3rd trimester because of increasing biologic variability!

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Cephalic Index (CI)

=BPD / OFD; measurements of BPD and occipitofrontal diameter (OFD) are both taken from outer to outer edge of calvarium. Confirms appropriate use of BPD if ratio is between 0.70-0.86 (2 SD)

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Corrected BPD (cBPD)

=BPD and OFD are used to adjust for variations in head shape
$$cBPD = \sqrt[3]{BPD \times OFD \div 1.26}$$
Head Circumference (HC) Used if ratio of BPD/OFD outside 0.70-0.86
$$HC = ([BPD + OFD] \times 1.62) \times 3.1417$$
Accuracy: slightly less than for BPD
HC too large: [hydrocephalus](#), hydranencephalus, intracranial hemorrhage, short limb dystrophies, tumor
HC too small: [anencephaly](#), cerebral infarction, synostosis, [microcephaly](#) vera

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Abdominal Circumference (AC)

=measured at level of vascular junction of umbilical vein with left portal vein ("hockey-stick" appearance) where it is equidistant from the lateral walls in a plane perpendicular to long axis of fetus; measured from outer edge to outer edge of soft tissues. Allows evaluation of head-to-body disproportion. Better predictor of fetal weight than BPDAC too large:GI tract obstructions, obstructive uropathy, [ascites](#), hepatosplenomegaly, congenital nephrosis, abdominal tumorAC too small:diaphragmatic hernia, [omphalocele](#), [gastroschisis](#), [renal agenesis](#)

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Femur Length (FL)

=measurement of ossified femoral diaphysis *Error: "flare" at distal end included in measurement (= reflection from cartilaginous condyle)*

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Thoracic Circumference (TC)

=measured in axial plane of chest which includes four-chamber view of heart without inclusion of SQ tissue⁴ Linear growth between 16 and 40 weeks similar to AC Useful age-independent parameter: TC:AC >0.80

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Estimated Fetal Weight (EFW)

based on measurements of head size (BPD / HC), abdominal size (AD / AC), and [femur length \(FL\)](#) *Accuracy: body part used* **95% confidence range**
abdomen $\pm 22\%$ head + abdomen $\pm 17-20\%$ head + abdomen + femur $\pm 15\%$

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Appearance Of Epiphyseal Bone Centers in 95% of all cases -distal femoral epiphysis (DFE): >33 weeks GA-distal femoral epiphysis (DFE) >5 mm: >35 weeks-proximal tibial epiphysis (PTE): >35 weeks GA-proximal humeral epiphysis (PHE): >38 weeks GA

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CNS Ventricles width of 3rd ventricle:<3.5 mm (any gestational age)

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Diameter Of Cisterna Magna measured from inner margin of occiput to vermis cerebelli: 2-10 mm DISCORDANT ESTIMATED DATE OF CONFINEMENT (EDC) BY LMP AND BPD: 1.Methodological error in measurement(a)wrong axial section(b)cranial compression (multiple gestation, breech presentation, [oligohydramnios](#), dolichocephaly)2.Erroneous LMP other measurements (AC, FL) correlate with BPD 3.Abnormal head growth(a)BPD less than AC: [microcephaly](#), fetal [macrosomia](#)(b)BPD more than AC: intracranial abnormality, asymmetric IUGR

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Amniotic Fluid Index =sum of vertical depths of largest clear amniotic fluid pockets in the 4 uterine quadrants measured in mm *Method*:patient supine, uterus viewed as 4 equal quadrants, transducer perpendicular to plane of floor + aligned longitudinally with patient's spine *Variation*:3.1% intraobserver, 6.7% interobserver *Result*: -95th percentile:185 mm at 16 weeks GA,rising to 280 mm at 35 weeks, declining to 190 at 42 weeks-5th percentile:80 mm at 16 weeks GA,rising to 100 mm at 23 weeks,declining to 70 mm at 42 weeks

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Biophysical Profile (Platt and Manning) = BPP

=in utero Apgar score = assessment of fetal well-being Gestational age at entry: 25 weeks MA Observation period: 30 (occasionally 60) minutes; ordinarily <8 minutes needed; in 2% full 30 minutes required A. ACUTE BIOPHYSICAL VARIABLES Subject to rhythmic variation coincident with sleep-wake cycle! 1. Fetal breathing movement (FBM): ≥ 1 episode of chest + abdominal wall movement for a period lasting 30 seconds (time is arbitrary to avoid confusion with general body movements / maternal respiration) stimulated by: glucose, catecholamine, caffeine, prostaglandin synthetase inhibitors suppressed by: barbiturates, benzodiazepine, labor, hypoxia, asphyxia, prostaglandin E₂ 2. Fetal body movement: ≥ 3 discrete movements of limbs / trunk influenced by: glucose, gestational age, time of day, maternal drugs, intrinsic rhythm, labor 3. Fetal tone upper + lower limbs usually fully flexed with head on chest; least sensitive test parameter ≥ 1 episode of opening + closing of hand / extension + flexion of limb B. CHRONIC FETAL CONDITION 4. Amniotic fluid volume ≥ 1 at least one pocket ≥ 2 cm in vertical diameter in two perpendicular planes Avoid inclusion of loops of cord! Score (for each test): 2 points if normal; 0 points if abnormal Results (including NST for a maximum of 10 points):

Score Interpretation Perinatal mortality

10 asphyxia rare 0.0%	8+ normal fluid asphyxia rare <0.1%	8+ abnormal fluid chronic compromise 8.9%	6+ normal fluid equivocal variable 6+ abnormal fluid asphyxia probable 8.9%
4 asphyxia highly probable 9.1%	2 asphyxia almost certain 12.5%	0 asphyxia certain 60.0%	False-negative rate: 0.7 per 1,000

The probability of fetal death within a week of a BPP score of 8/8 is 1 per 1,000!

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Stress Tests **Nonstress Test** (NST) †Test needed in less than 5% of cases! † reactive fetal heart rate tracing (normal) = at least 4 fetal heart accelerations (>15 bpm over baseline lasting >15 seconds) in a 20-minute period subsequent to fetal movement >34 weeks GA † nonreactive (abnormal) fetal heart rate tracing= absence of acceleration in a continuous 40-minute observation period N.B.:no heart accelerations in immaturity, during sleep cycle, with maternal sedative use **Accuracy**:false-negative rate of 3.2/1000 (if done weekly) or 1.6/1000 (if done biweekly); 50% false-positive rate for neonatal morbidity + 80% for neonatal mortality

Contraction Stress Test (CST) =external monitoring after injection of oxytocin / maternal breast stimulation † >3 uterine contractions in 10-minute period **Accuracy**:false-negative rate of 0.4/1000; 50% false-positive rate

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Amniocentesis *Indication:* (1) Inadequate sonographic fetal anatomic survey due to fetal position / maternal body habitus (2) Equivocal sonographic findings (eg, abnormal posterior fossa but spinal defect not seen) (3) Experienced sonographer not available (4) Nonlethal anomaly detected on Level I sonogram for which karyotype testing is appropriate
A. DIAGNOSTIC AMNIOCENTESIS
1. Genetic studies: karyotype, DNA analysis, biochemical assay
Timing: early (11-15 weeks), late (15-18 weeks)
2. Neural tube defect: α -fetoprotein, acetylcholinesterase
3. Isoimmunization: \rightarrow -OD 4504. Fetal lung maturity
5. Intraamniotic infection
6. Confirmation of ruptured membranes
B. THERAPEUTIC AMNIOCENTESIS
1. [Polyhydramnios](#)
2. [Twin-twin transfusion syndrome](#)
Technique: ∇ avoid fetus, placenta, [umbilical cord](#), uterine contraction, fibroid, large uterine vessel ∇ use continuous ultrasound guidance ∇ inject 2-5 mL of indigo carmine dye in first sac of twin (colorless fluid assures that second sac has been entered)
Risk: A. FETAL RISK
1. Spontaneous [abortion](#) (<1%)
2. Amniotic fluid leak
3. Chorioamnionitis
4. Fetal injury: skin dimple, limb gangrene, porencephalic cyst, [hemothorax](#), [spleen](#) laceration, orthopedic abnormality, [amniotic band syndrome](#)
B. MATERNAL RISK (rare)
1. Bowel perforation
2. Hemorrhage
3. Isoimmunization
Advantage over CVS: 1. Error rate (<1% versus 2%)
2. Culture failure rate (0.6% versus 2.2%)
3. Fetal loss rate (0.6-0.8% less)

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Chorionic villus sampling (CVS)

=aspiration of cells from chorion frondosum for genetic studies (karyotype, DNA analysis, biochemical assay) Transabdominal CVS for rapid karyotyping in 2nd + 3rd trimester = **placental biopsy**

Advantage: >2 weeks earlier results compared with [amniocentesis](#) Timing: 9-11 weeks Approach: (a) transcervical route = catheter introduced through cervix into chorion frondosum, easier for posterior placenta; contamination by cervical flora possible; CONTRAINDICATED in cervical infections! (b) transabdominal route = 20- to 22-gauge needle inserted from anterior abdominal wall; easier for anterior / fundal placenta; sterile technique Chromosome analysis: (a) direct preparation = analysis of cytotrophoblasts (may have different karyotype than fetus) → analysis can be performed immediately (b) villus culture = cells from central mesenchymal core (same karyotype as fetus) → cultured for several days before analysis Errors (2%): 1. Mosaicism = cell line forming cytotrophoblast may develop abnormal karyotype while fetal cell line is normal 2. Maternal contamination = cells from maternal decidua may overgrow mesenchymal core cells Risks: 1. Spontaneous [abortion](#) (1%) 2. Perforation of amniotic sac 3. Infection 4. Teratogenesis: limb reduction defect

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Cordocentesis =PERCUTANEOUS UMBILICAL BLOOD SAMPLING (PUBS)A.DIAGNOSTIC CORDOCENTESIS1.Hematocrit2.Karyotype3.Immunodeficiency: chronic granulomatous disease, severe combined immunodeficiency4.Coagulopathy: von Willebrand syndrome, factor deficiency5.Platelet disorder: alloimmune / idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura6.Hemoglobinopathy: sickle cell anemia, thalassemia7.Infection: toxoplasmosis, [rubella](#), varicella, cytomegalovirus, parvovirus8.Hypoxia / acidosis B.THERAPEUTIC CORDOCENTESIS1.Intravascular fetal transfusion (fresh rh-negative CMV-negative leukodepleted irradiated packed cells compatible with mother infused at 10-15 mL/min)2.Direct delivery of medication to fetus Cx:1.Chorioamnionitis2.Rupture of membranes3.[Umbilical cord](#) hematoma4.[Umbilical cord](#) thrombosis5.Bleeding from insertion site6.Fetal bradycardia

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MULTIPLE GESTATIONS

Incidence: 1.2% of all births; in 5-50% clinically undiagnosed at term *Occurrence:* twins in 1:85 pregnancies (= 85¹) triplets in 1:7,600 pregnancies (~ 85²) quadruplets in 1:729,000 pregnancies (~ 85³) quintuplets in 1:65,610,000 pregnancies (~ 85⁴) ■ [uterus large for dates](#) ■ may have elevated HCG, HPL (human placental lactogen), AFP levels Perinatal morbidity & mortality compared to singletons: twins: up to 5-fold increase triplets: up to 18-fold increase

[Twin pregnancy Amnionicity & Chorionicity](#)

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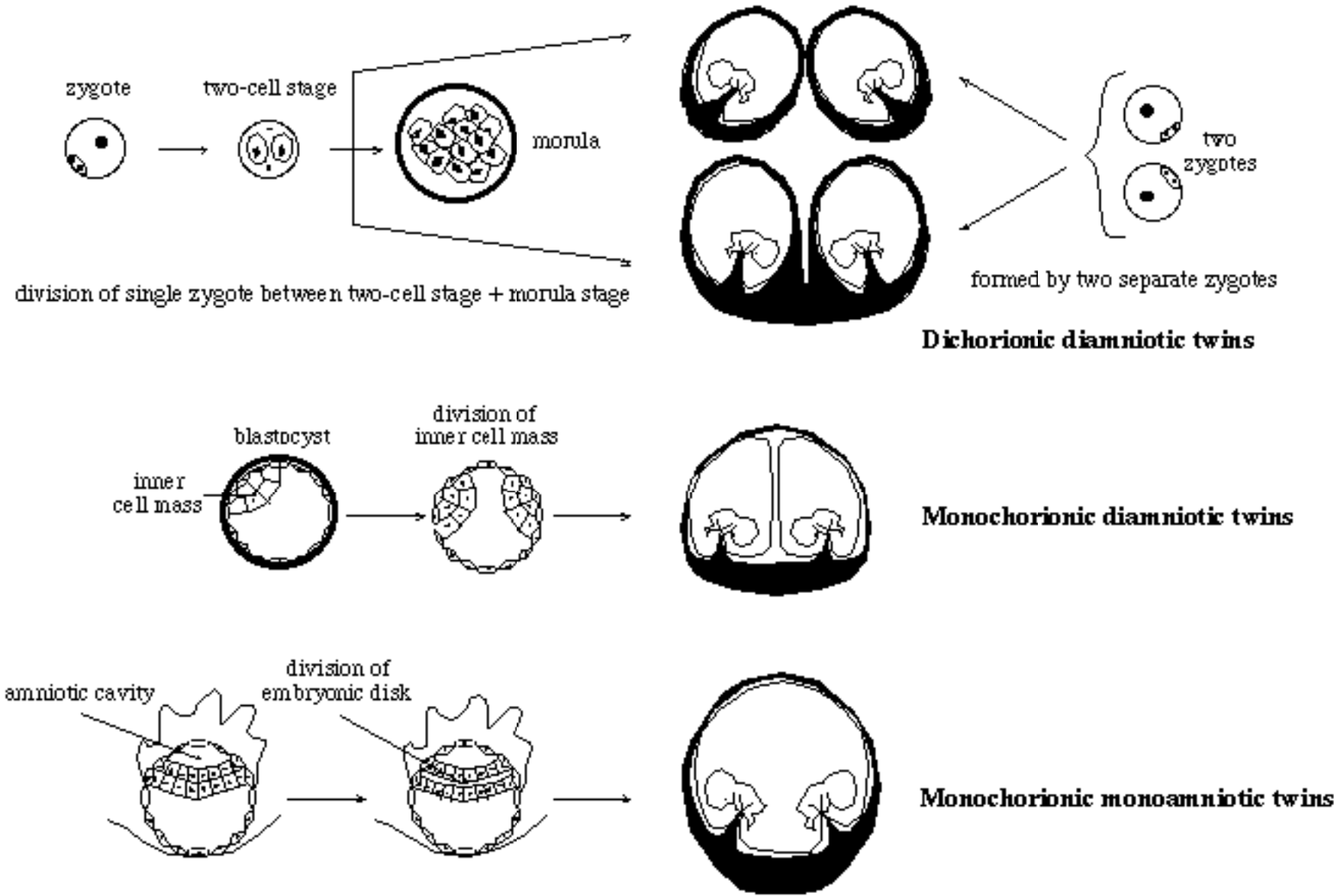


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Twin pregnancy



Zygote = fertilized egg 1. **MONOZYGOTIC TWINS** (1/3) = "identical twins" = division of a single fertilized ovum during earliest stages of embryogenesis (chorion differentiates 4 days and amnion 8 days after fertilization) *Incidence*: 1:250 birth (constant around the world) *Predisposing factors*: (1) Advanced maternal age (2) in vitro fertilization ✓ same sex + identical genotype (a) **Dichorionic diamniotic twins** (30%) = separation at two-cell stage (= blastomere) approximately 60 hours / <4 days after fertilization ✓ 2 separate fused / unfused placentas ✓ membrane >2 mm due to 2 separate chorionic sacs + 2 separate amniotic sacs (92% accurate for dichorionic diamniotic twins) ✓ "twin peak" sign = triangular projection of placental tissue insinuated between layers of intertwin membrane (b) **Monochorionic diamniotic twins** (69-80%) (most common) = separation in blastocyst stage between 4th and 7th day after fertilization (chorion already developed and separated from embryo) ✓ 2 separate amniotic sacs within single chorionic sac ✓ Common monochorionic placenta has vascular communications in 100%! Cx: (1) [Twin-twin transfusion syndrome](#) (2) [Twin embolization syndrome](#) = DIC in surviving twin from transfer of thromboplastin; 17% morbidity / mortality of survivor after fetal death of twin (3) [Acardiac parabiotic twin](#) (c) **Monochorionic monoamniotic twins** (1%) = division of embryonic disk between 8th and 12th day after fertilization (amniotic cavity already developed) ✓ common amniotic + chorionic sac, no separating membrane ✓ entanglement of cords (the only definitive positive sonographic sign of monoamnicity) Cx: double perinatal mortality up to 45% (1) Entangled [umbilical cord](#) (70%) (2) True knot of cord (3) [Conjoined twins](#) ([umbilical cord](#) with >3 vessels, shared fetal organs, continuous fetal skin contour) *Prognosis*: 40% survival rate (d) **Conjoined twins** = division more than 13 days after fertilization is usually incomplete; M:F = 3:7 *Incidence*: 1:50,000 births ✓ no separating membrane demonstrable (monochorionic, monoamniotic) ✓ fetuses commonly face each other; most common are thoracopagus + omphalopagus Cx: (1) perinatal mortality 2.5 times greater than for dizygotic twins (2) Fetal anomalies 3-7 times higher than in dizygotic twins / singletons (often only affecting one twin): [anencephaly](#), [hydrocephalus](#), [holoprosencephaly](#), cloacal exstrophy, VATER syndrome, [sirenomelia](#), [sacroccoccygeal teratoma](#) 2. **DIZYGOTIC TWINS** (2/3) = "fraternal twins" (a) fertilization of two ova by two separate spermatozoa during two simultaneous ovulations (occurring either in both ovaries or in one ovary) (b) superfetation = fertilization of two ova by two separate spermatozoa during two subsequent ovulations (frequency unknown) (c) superfecundation = two ova fertilized by two different fathers (very rare) *Incidence*: 1:80 to 1:90 births *Predisposing factors*: (1) Advanced maternal age (increased up to age 35): reduced gonadal-hypothalamic feedback with increase of FSH levels (2) Ovulation-inducing agents (multiple pregnancies in 6-17% with clomiphene, in 18- 53% with Pergonal) (3) Maternal history of twinning (3 times as frequent compared with normal population) (4) Increased parity (5) Maternal obesity (6) Race with inherited predisposition for multiple ovulations (Blacks > Whites > Asians) ✓ different phenotypes; same / opposite sex ✓ always dichorionic diamniotic

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Amnionicity & Chorionicity Embryologic events in monozygotic twins:

days after cleavage results in fertilization embryologic event chorion amnion 1-2 cell divisions → morula di-3-4 chorionic differentiation 6 blastocyst implants in mono-di-[endometrium](#) 8 amnionic differentiation mono-mono- → 13 division of embryonic disk mono-mono-but conjoined

Rules: Only monozygotic twins can give rise to monochorionic + monoamniotic pregnancies! All monoamniotic twins must also be monochorionic! All dizygotic twins must be dichorionic + diamniotic! 77% of all twin pregnancies are dichorionic (ie, all dizygotics [2/3 of all twins] which equals 67% + 30% of all monozygotics [1/3 of all twins] which equals 10%)

1. **GESTATIONAL SACS** (<10 weeks MA) **Accuracy:** 100% in 1st trimester, 80-90% in 2nd trimester! 2 gestational sacs, each with a live fetus, indicates dichorionic twinning! single [gestational sac](#) with 2 live fetuses indicates monochorionic twins! single extraembryonic coelom indicates monochorionic twins

2. **YOLK SAC**! number of yolk sacs = number of amnions

3. **FETAL GENDER**! different genders (in 25% of twin pregnancies) must be dizygotic twins and thus dichorionic! [DDx: testicular feminization demonstrates female external genitalia with a 46,XY karyotype]

4. **PLACENTAL SITES**! 2 placentas (in 45% of twin pregnancies) indicate dichorionic diamniotic pregnancy! 1 placenta indicates (a) monochorionic pregnancy (b) dichorionic pregnancy with fused placenta (occurs in 50% of dichorionic twin pregnancies)

5. **CHORIONIC PEAK**! "twin peak" sign (= triangular projection of placental tissue extending beyond chorionic surface of the placenta + insinuated between layers of intertwin membrane + wider at chorionic surface and tapering to a point some distance inward from surface) indicates dichorionic pregnancy

6. **MEMBRANE**! separating membrane confirms diamniotic pregnancy, but does not distinguish between mono- or dichorionic pregnancy! dichorionic membrane (two layers of chorion + two layers of amnion) is thicker (>2 mm) than monochorionic membrane (two layers of amnion <1 mm): 88-92% **accuracy** in 1st trimester, 39-83% **accuracy** in 2nd + 3rd trimester! All membranes appear to be thin in 3rd trimester! absence of membrane suggests a monoamniotic monochorionic [twin pregnancy](#)! Nonvisualization of membrane is not sufficient evidence of monoamnioticity due to technical factors!

7. **CORD**! entanglement of cords is the only definitive positive sonographic sign of monoamnioticity! simultaneous recording of fetal arterial signals at nonsynchronous rates within wide Doppler gate

8. **AMNIOGRAPHY**! detection of imbibed intestinal contrast in both twins by CT following single sac contrast injection proves monoamniotic monochorionic [twin pregnancy](#)

Growth Rates Of Twins Twins should be scanned every 3-4 weeks >26-28 weeks GA A. Below 30-32 weeks GA! normal individual twins grow at same rate as singletons! BPD growth rates similar to singleton fetuses B. Beyond 30-32 weeks GA! combined weight gain of both twins equals that of a singleton pregnancy (AC of twins < AC of singleton)! Weight of twin fetus falls below that of singleton when combined weight of twins >4000 g! BPD + HC growth may / may not be affected (controversial)! FL not affected Discordant Growth = weight difference at birth >25% Cause: (1) [Twin-twin transfusion syndrome](#) (2) IUGR of one fetus! BPD difference >5 mm (discordant growth in 20-30%)! discordant HC increases probability of IUGR! AC is single most sensitive parameter for IUGR! EFW is most sensitive set of combined parameters for IUGR! >15% S/D ratio difference of umbilical artery Doppler waveforms between twins

Risks In Multiple Gestations 1. [Placental abruption](#) 3-fold 2. Anemia 2.5-fold 3. Hypertension 2.5-fold 4. Congenital anomaly 2-3-fold 5. Preterm delivery 12-fold 6. Perinatal mortality 4-6-fold! Risk increases with number of fetuses, monozygosity, monochorionicity **Risk For IUGR** monochorionic-monoamniotic > monochorionic-diamniotic > dichorionic-diamniotic **Risk For Perinatal Mortality:** 1% for singletons, 9% for diamniotic dichorionic twins, 26% for diamniotic monochorionic twins, 50% for monoamniotic monochorionic twins **Prognosis:** (1) Perinatal mortality 5-10 times that of singleton pregnancy (91-124:1,000 births)- 9% for dichorionic diamniotic twins-26% for monochorionic diamniotic twins-50% for monochorionic monoamniotic twins (a) preterm delivery with birth weight <2500 g (b) IUGR (25-32%; 2nd most common cause of perinatal mortality + morbidity) (c) amniotic fluid infection (60%) (d) [premature rupture of membranes](#) (11%) (e) [twin-twin transfusion syndrome](#) (8%) (f) large placental infarct (8%) (g) [placenta previa](#) (h) abruptio placentae (i) [preeclampsia](#) (j) cord accidents (k) malpresentations (l) [velamentous cord insertion](#) (7-fold increase compared with singleton pregnancy) (2) [Fetal death in utero](#) (0.5-6.8%; 3 times as often in monochorionic than in dichorionic gestations)! 50% of twin gestations seen at 10 weeks GA will be singletons at birth! (3) Increased risk of congenital anomalies (23:1,000 births = twice as frequent as in singletons; 3-7 times more frequent in monozygotic twins than in dizygotic twins)

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Uterine Size A. NEONATAL UTERUS tubular structure Length of 2.3-4.6 cm (mean 3.4 cm), fundal width of 0.8-2.1 cm (mean 1.2 cm), cervical width of 0.8-2.2 cm (mean 1.4 cm) $\sqrt[3]{}$ echogenic [endometrium](#) + endometrial fluid (in 25%) secondary to maternal hormonal stimulation B. INFANTILE UTERUS Age: infancy to 7 years of age Length of 2.5-3.3 cm, fundal width of 0.4-1.0 cm, cervical width of 0.6-1.0 cm $\sqrt[3]{}$ cervix occupies 2/3 of uterine length C. POSTPUBERTAL UTERUS-nulliparous: 5-8 cm (L); 1.6-3.0 cm (W); 3 cm (D)-multiparous: add 2 cm for multiparous dimensions $\sqrt[3]{}$ cervix occupies 1/3 of uterine length $\sqrt[3]{}$ mean uterine volume of 90 cm³ D. POSTMENOPAUSAL UTERUS cervix occupies 1/3 of uterine length; 3.5-6.5 cm (L); 1.2-1.8 cm (W); 2 cm (D)

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Uterine Zonal Anatomy (on T2WI)

Thickness of zones depends on menstrual cycle + hormonal medication
A. **ENDOMETRIUM** \checkmark high signal intensity similar to fat
B. **JUNCTIONAL ZONE** = innermost layer of myometrium
Histo: compact smooth muscle fibers with 3-fold increase in number + size of nuclei compared with outer myometrium \checkmark low signal intensity (lower water content); seen in 40 -60%, may not be visible in premenarchal + postmenopausal women
C. **MYOMETRIUM** \checkmark intermediate signal intensity, increases during secretory phase
Cervical Zones (a) Central stripe of high signal intensity on T2WI
Histo: secretions in endocervical canal + cervical mucosa + plicae palmatae \checkmark arbor vitae / plicae palmatae = irregular branched mucosal pattern of cervical canal
(b) Middle layer of low signal intensity continuous with junctional zone of corpus uteri
Histo: inner zone of fibromuscular stroma with percentage of nuclear area 2.5 times greater than in outer zone
(c) Outer layer of intermediate signal intensity
Histo: outer zone of fibromuscular stroma

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Endometrium Measurements refer to AP diameter of both apposed endometrial layers (= double thickness) excluding intrauterine fluid
1. MENSTRUAL PHASE (usually days 1-5) *Thickness*: 1-3 mm interrupted thin echogenic line of central interface
2. PROLIFERATIVE PHASE (days 6-14) *Thickness*: 4-6 mm bright echogenic central line (= apposed borders of endometrial canal) hypoechoic band (= thickened endometrium) surrounded by slightly more echogenic myometrium
3. SECRETORY PHASE (days 15-28) *Thickness*: 7-14 mm bright central line markedly echogenic thick endometrium thin hypoechoic halo of inner myometrial zone
4. POSTMENOPAUSAL *Thickness*: <8 mm thick in 81%; may increase to 15 mm with hormonal replacement (unopposed estrogen, continuous estrogen + progestogen) endometrium <5 mm is consistently associated with atrophic inactive endometrium by histology Doppler waveforms with resistive index <0.7 suggest malignancy
Rx: biopsy / DC if endometrial thickness >8 mm

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Pelvic Spaces 1. Rectouterine pouch = cul-de-sac Anterior boundary: broad ligaments + uterus Most dependent portion of pelvis in women! 2. Rectovesical recess Most dependent portion of pelvis in men! 3. Vesicouterine recess 4. Inguinal fossa located between lateral + medial umbilical folds

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Cervical Length *transabdominal/transvaginal* 1st trimester(<14 wks) 53 ± 17 40 ± 8 mm 2nd trimester(14-28 wks) 44 ± 14 42 ± 10 mm 3rd trimester(≥ 28 wks) 40 ± 10 32 ± 12 mm
Distended bladder improves visualization but increases cervical length on transabdominal US
Difference between nulli- and multiparous women 10%
physical examination tends to underestimate the true length of the cervix

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Pelvic Ligaments

1. Broad ligament *Histo*: 2 layers of peritoneum *Origin*: uterine peritoneum *Attachment*: pelvic sidewall-medial superior free edge: formed by fallopian tube -lateral superior free edge: suspensory ligament of ovary-lower margin: cardinal ligament *Contents* (= parametrium): extraperitoneal connective tissue, smooth muscle, fat, fallopian tube, round ligament, ovarian ligament, uterine + ovarian blood vessels, nerves, lymphatics, mesonephric remnants
2. Round ligament = anterior suspensory ligament of uterus *Histo*: band of fibromuscular tissue + lymphatic channels *Origin*: anterolateral uterine fundus, just below + anterior to ovarian ligament *Attachment*: through internal inguinal canal (lateral to deep inferior epigastric vessels) to labia majora
3. Cardinal ligament = transverse cervical ligament = Mackenrodt ligament *Origin*: cervix + upper vagina *Attachment*: fascia of obturator internus muscle *Relationship*: -uterine artery runs along its superior aspect-forms the base of the broad ligament
4. Uterosacral ligament *Origin*: posterolateral cervix + vagina *Attachment*: anterior body of sacrum at S2 or S3
5. Ovarian ligament = round ligament of the ovary *Origin*: medial aspect of ovary *Attachment*: uterus, just inferior + posterior to fallopian tube + round ligament
6. Suspensory ligament of ovary = infundibulopelvic lig. *Origin*: anterolateral aspect of ovary *Attachment*: connective tissue over psoas muscle *Contents*: ovarian artery + vein
7. Lateral umbilical fold / ligament = reflection of peritoneum over deep inferior epigastric vessels
8. Medial umbilical fold / ligament = reflection of peritoneum over obliterated umbilical arteries
9. Median umbilical ligament = reflection of peritoneum over obliterated urachus *Origin*: dome of urinary bladder *Attachment*: umbilicus

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Fixation: fairly mobile with attachments to anterior pelvic wall by broad ligament, uterine body by utero-ovarian ligament, fallopian tube by tubo-ovarian ligament, lateral pelvic wall by infundibulopelvic ligament. *Embryology*: coelomic (surface) epithelium invaginates into mesenchymal substance (= primary sex cords) and incorporates primordial germ cells, which develop into primordial follicles.

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Ovarian Size Ovarian volume = length x height x width x 0.523 at birth:1.5 cm (L), 0.25 cm (H), 0.3 cm (W)<2 years:<0.7 cm³childhood:0.75-0.86 cm³6-11 years:1.19-2.52 cm³after puberty:2.5-5 cm (L), 0.6-1.5 cm (H),1.5-3 cm (W); 1.8-5.7 cm³

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Ovarian Morphology neonate: ✓ follicles occasionally fail to involute + undergo growth < 8 years: ✓ solid ovoid structures with homogeneous / finely heterogeneous texture ✓ up to 70% of [ovaries](#) contain cystic follicles (in 95% < 9 mm, in 5% > 9 mm)

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Visualization Of [Ovaries](#)

after menopause (average onset at age 50): <5 years after menopause:in 78%>10 years after menopause:in 64%-both [ovaries](#):in 85%-one ovary:in 60%following hysterectomy:in 43%

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Ovarian Cycle 1.FOLLICULAR PHASE = days 1-14 ■ a number of immature primordial follicles begin to mature in response to FSH¹ multiple small cysts (= stimulated / unstimulated follicles)¹ 2-3 follicles in each ovary by day 4, subsequently enlarging to approximately 10 mm¹ single "ascendant" / "dominant" follicle (= [graafian follicle](#)) appears by day 10, subsequently enlarging to 20-25 mm by day 14¹ progressively increasing diastolic flow on the side of maturing follicle 2.OVULATORY PHASE = day 14 ■ "mittelschmerz" = pain just prior to ovulation (pressure of [graafian follicle](#) distending ovarian capsule)¹ sudden decrease in follicular size over minutes / hours (= rupture of mature [graafian follicle](#) with extrusion of ovum) 3.LUTEAL PHASE = days 15-28¹ 16-24 mm almost isoechoic cyst with blurred margin + scattered internal echoes (follicular fluid + blood) = corpus luteum of menstruation¹ 30- to 40-mm cyst = [corpus luteum cyst](#) (fluid collecting in corpus luteum / additional hemorrhage)¹ involution + atrophy of corpus luteum on about 24th day of cycle = corpus luteum atreticum

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Graafian Follicle Size of mature graafian follicle: 17-29 mm[✓] growth rate 3 mm/day until the last preovulatory 24 hours followed by a sudden increase in diameter[✓] cumulus = 1-mm mural echogenic focus projecting into antrum of follicle + containing oocyte, followed by ovulation within next 36 hours **Signs Of Ovulation**[✓] development of solid echoes within graafian follicle[✓] decrease in diameter / sudden collapse of dominant follicle 28-35 hours after LH peak[✓] "ring" structure within uterine fundus[✓] free fluid appearing in pouch of Douglas
Signs Of Ovulatory Failure[✓] development of internal echoes prior to 18 mm size[✓] continuous cystic enlargement up to 30-40 mm

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Ovarian Doppler Signals A. NONFUNCTIONING OVARY: high-impedance waveform B. FUNCTIONING OVARY-days 1-6: high-impedance waveform with RI close to 1.0-days 7-22 = midfollicular to midluteal phase= developing dominant follicle + ovulation + corpus luteal phase: continuous diastolic flow with RI close to 0.5-days 23-28 = late luteal phase: high-impedance waveform with RI close to 1.0

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ABORTION

Rate of spontaneous abortions (= miscarriage) ->50% of all fertilized ova (estimate)-31-43% of all implantations (estimate)-10-25% of clinically diagnosed pregnancies-2-4% with normal cardiac activity-decreases with increasing gestational age! Majority of pregnancies lost before 7th week MA! *Etiology*: usually due to abnormal karyotype: autosomal trisomy (52%), [triploidy](#) (20%), monosomy (15%)

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Complete [Abortion](#) ■ cervix closed¹ thin regular [endometrium](#)

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Incomplete Spontaneous Abortion =RETAINED PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION=portion of chorionic villi (placental tissue) / trophoblastic tissue (fetal tissue) remaining within uterus • continued bleeding • patulous cervixUS (overall [accuracy](#) 96%): FindingRetained Products✓ [gestational sac](#) / collection100%✓ sac with dead fetus100%✓ [endometrium](#)>5 mm thick100%✓ [endometrium](#)2-5 mm thick 43%✓ [endometrium](#)<2 mm thick14%Cx:endometritis, myometritis, peritonitis, septic shock, diffuse intravascular coagulation (with retention >1 month)Rx:suction DC after IV oxytocin

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Inevitable Abortion = [gestational sac](#) with fetus having become detached from implantation site; leading to spontaneous [abortion](#) within next few hours Clinical triad:

- bleeding >7 days
- persistent painful uterine contractions
- moderate effacement of cervix
- [dilated cervix](#) >3 cm
- rupture of membranes
- sac located low within uterus
- sac surrounded by anechoic zone of blood
- [dilated cervix](#)

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Missed Abortion =dead conceptus within uterine cavity *Time:between 8-14 weeks MA* ■ brownish vaginal discharge ■ closed firm cervix ✓ no cardiac activity in a well-defined **embryo** with CRL >9 mm (on abdominal scans) / CRL >5 mm (on transvaginal scans) ✓ gestation not in correspondence with menstrual age ✓ sac >25 mm in diameter without an **embryo** (DDx: **anembryonic pregnancy**) ✓ sac >20 mm without **yolk sac** ✓ crenated irregular / distorted angular sac configuration ✓ stringlike debris within **gestational sac** (in 25%) ✓ discontinuous / irregular / thin (2 mm) choriodecidual reaction ✓ no double decidual sac ✓ low sac position ✓ subchorionic collection Cx:coagulopathy secondary to low plasma fibrinogen (after 4 weeks in 2nd trimester pregnancy) Rx:suction DC (in 1st trimester);prostaglandin E suppositories (in 2nd trimester)

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Threatened Abortion = 1st trimester bleeding with a live fetus *Incidence*: 20-25% of all pregnancies *Clinical triad*: ■ mild bleeding ■ cramping ■ closed cervix *Prognosis*: 50% develop normally; 50% miscarry *Factors with a poor prognosis*: ✓ early bradycardia ✓ large subchorionic hematoma (DDx: implantation bleed) ✓ relative fetal inactivity

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ACARDIA

=ACARDIAC MONSTER = TWIN REVERSED ARTERIAL PERFUSION SEQUENCE (TRAP)=rare developmental anomaly of monochorionic twinning in which one twin develops without a functioning heart *Incidence*:1:30,000-35,000 births; in 1% of monozygotic twins *Pathophysiology*: normal twin perfuses acardiac twin through *artery-to-artery + vein-to-vein anastomoses* in shared placenta; reversed circulation alters hemodynamic forces which result in abnormal cardiac morphogenesis
Spectrum: (1)Holoacardia = no heart at all(2)Pseudoacardia = rudimentary cardiac tissue *proximity of the two cord insertions on placental surface linked by an arterioarterial anastomosis* *reversed arterial flow in cord toward acardiac twin* *fused placentas* [polyhydramnios](#) A.PUMP TWINat increased risk for fetal demise + preterm labor *morphologically normal* *cardiac overload signs*: hydrops, IUGR, hypertrophy of right ventricle, increased cardiothoracic ratio, hepatosplenomegaly, [ascites](#)B.PERFUSED TWIN = ACARDIAC TWINmonochorial placenta (same gender) with vascular anastomosis sustains life of acardiac monster; wide range of associated abnormalities *absent / rudimentary heart ("acardius")* *tiny / absent cranium (acephalus)* *small upper torso ± absent / deformed upper extremities* *marked integumentary edema + cystic hygroma* *Prognosis*:mortality of 100% for perfused twin, 50% for pump twin (increased with increased size of acardiac twin)*Rx*:laser ablation of [umbilical cord](#) to acardiac twin (up to 20-22 weeks)

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ADENOMYOSIS

=**ENDOMETRIOSIS INTERNA**=focal / diffuse benign invasion of myometrium by [endometrium](#) (heterotopic "endometrial islands") which incite myometrial hyperplasia
Cause:? uterine trauma (parturition, myomectomy, curettage)
Incidence:9-31% in hysterectomy specimens
Histo:endometrial glands (nonfunctioning due to resistance to hormonal stimulation unlike [endometriosis](#)) + stroma within myometrium surrounded by hypertrophic smooth muscle
Age:multiparous women >30 years during menstrual life (later reproductive years)
Associated with:[endometriosis](#) (in 36-40%) • asymptomatic in 5-70% • pelvic pain, menorrhagia, dysmenorrhea (abates after menopause)
A.**FOCAL ADENOMYOSIS** = "adenomyoma"
• oval / elongated shape (DDx: [leiomyoma](#) is round)
• ill-defined margins (DDx: sharp margin in [leiomyoma](#))
• contiguity with junctional zone (DDx: leiomyomas may occur anywhere in myometrium)
B.**DIFFUSE ADENOMYOSIS**
• smooth uterine enlargement (DDx: diffuse leiomyomatosis)
MR (86% sensitive, 86% specific):
• myometrial mass with indistinct margins of primarily low signal intensity on all sequences
• diffuse / focal widening of junctional zone ≥ 12 mm on T2WI, T2-weighted SE images, contrast-enhanced T1WI images
• central high-intensity spots on T1WI + T2WI (ectopic endometrial tissue / endometrial cyst / hemorrhagic foci) in 50%
• enhancement always less than adjacent myometrium
US (80-86% sensitive, 74-89% specific):
• poorly defined hypoechoic heterogeneous areas within myometrium
• 1-3 mm small myometrial cysts (50%), occasionally with "Swiss cheese" appearance of myometrium
• thickening + asymmetry of anterior and posterior myometrial walls
Cx:[infertility](#)
DDx:(1)leiomyomas (clinically + sonographically difficult to distinguish)
(2)uterine contraction
Rx:hysterectomy (the only definitive cure)

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AMNIOTIC BAND SYNDROME

=EARLY AMNION RUPTURE SYNDROME=rupture of the amnion exposing the fetus to the injurious environment of fibrous mesodermic bands that emanate from the chorionic side of the amnion *Prevalence*: 1:1,200 - 1:2,000 - 1:15,000 livebirths very thin membrane that flaps with fetal movement or attaches to fetus abnormal sheet / bands of tissue that attach to the fetus (DDx: uterine synechia, incomplete amniochorionic fusion, amniochorionic separation due to [subchorionic hemorrhage](#), fibrin deposits, venous lakes, residual sac of blighted [twin pregnancy](#), wisps of [umbilical cord](#)) restriction of fetal motion secondary to entrapment of fetal parts by bands *Associated with fetal deformities in 77%*: 1. Limb defects (multiple + asymmetric) amputation / constriction rings of limbs / digits distal [syndactyly](#) clubbed feet (30%) 2. Craniofacial defects=asymmetric nonanatomic defects of skull + brain [anencephaly](#) asymmetric lateral encephalocele [facial clefting](#) of lip / palate asymmetric [microphthalmia](#) incomplete / absent cranial calcification ± attachment of head to uterine wall 3. Visceral defects [gastroschisis](#) ± exteriorization of liver [omphalocele](#) gibbus deformity of spine DDx: (1) [Chorioamniotic separation](#) (2) Intrauterine synechia

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ANEMBRYONIC PREGNANCY

=BLIGHTED OVUM; may occur as a blighted twin=[gestational sac](#) of >2.5 mL with no identifiable [embryo](#) ✓ [yolk sac](#) identified without [embryo](#) ✓ [empty gestational sac](#) (>6-8 weeks MA) ✓ [gestational sac](#) small / appropriate / large for dates ✓ lack of growth / decrease in size on serial scans(a)by transabdominal scan:GS usually not visualized before 5-5.5 weeks MA; [yolk sac](#) forms at 4 weeks MA when GS is 3 mm; [embryo](#) usually visualized by 6 weeks MA ✓ GS size >20 mm of mean diameter without [yolk sac](#) ✓ GS size >25 mm of mean diameter without [embryo](#) ✓ absence of GS growth documented on repeat scan 7-14 days later(b)by transvaginal scan ✓ GS size >8 mm of mean diameter without [yolk sac](#) ✓ GS size >16 mm of mean diameter without [embryo](#) / cardiac activity Cx:[first trimester bleeding](#)

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ARRHENOBLASTOMA

Age peak: 25-45 years (range 15-66 years) ¹ solid mass with cystic components (hemorrhage± necrosis) ¹ unilateral (95%), up to 27 cm in diameter Cx: malignant transformation in 22%

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ASHERMAN SYNDROME

=association of intrauterine synechiae (= adhesions consisting of fibrous tissue or smooth muscle) with menstrual dysfunction + [infertility](#) Cause: sequela of endometrial trauma (vigorous instrumentation during dilatation & curettage) usually during postpartum or postabortion period / severe endometritis • hypomenorrhea / [amenorrhea](#) • habitual [abortion](#) / sterility HSG: ✓ solitary / multiple filling defects ✓ bands of tissue traversing endometrial cavity ✓ irregularity of uterine cavity ✓ partial / near complete obliteration of uterine cavity (DDx: DES exposure) US: ✓ thickened [endometrium](#)

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BECKWITH-WIEDEMANN SYNDROME

=EMG SYNDROME (Exomphalos = [omphalocele](#), **M**acroglossia, **G**igantism)=common autosomal dominant overgrowth syndrome with reduced penetrance + variable expressivity related to short arm of chromosome 11; sporadic in 85% *Incidence*: 1:13,700 to 1:14,300 livebirths; M:F = 1:1 • neonatal [polycythemia](#) advanced bone age *Constellation*: (1) Hemihypertrophy 13-33% (2) Hyperplastic visceromegaly: 57% kidney, liver, [spleen](#), pancreas, clitoris, penis, [ovaries](#), uterus, bladder (3) Abdominal wall defects (a) [Omphalocele](#) 76% (b) [Umbilical hernia](#) 49% (c) Diastasis recti 33% (4) [Macroglossia](#) 98% (5) Facial nevus flammeus 63% (6) Ear lobe creases and pits 66% (7) Prominent eyes with intraorbital creases (8) Infraorbital hypoplasia 81% (9) Gastrointestinal [malrotation](#) 83% (10) Pancreatic islet hyperplasia (11) Cardiac anomalies (12) Natal / postnatal gigantism 77% @ Adrenal gland *Histo*: adrenocortical cytomegaly, cystic adrenal cortex, hyperplastic adrenal medulla @ Kidney *Histo*: disordered lobar arrangement, medullary dysplasia nephromegaly increased cortical echogenicity (due to glomeruloneogenesis) accentuation of corticomedullary definition [medullary sponge kidney](#) pyelocaliceal diverticula OB-US: LGA fetus with growth along 95th percentile [polyhydramnios](#) (51%) thickened placenta long [umbilical cord](#) Cx: (1) Development of malignant tumors (in 10%): [Wilms tumor](#), [hepatoblastoma](#), [adrenocortical carcinoma](#) (2) Neonatal hypoglycemia (50-61%)

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BRENNER TUMOR

= almost always benign ovarian tumor *Incidence*:1.5-2.5%*Histo*:transitional epithelial cells within prominent fibrous connective tissue stroma*Associated with*:[mucinous cystadenoma](#) / other epithelial tumor in 20-30%*Peak age*:40-70 years ■ may have estrogenic activity ✓ usually hypoechoic solid homogeneous tumor with well-defined back wall ✓ mostly 1-2 cm (up to 30 cm) in diameter ✓ ± extensive calcifications ✓ bilateral in 5-7%

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CERVICAL CANCER

6th most common cause of death from cancer in women; 3rd most common gynecologic malignancy; 15,800 new cases + 4,800 deaths in 1996 *Incidence*:12:100,000 women per year *Peak age*:45-55 years *Histo*:squamous cell carcinoma (95%), adeno-carcinoma (5%), unusual clear cell adeno-carcinoma in women exposed to DES in utero *Risk factors*:lower socioeconomic class, Black race, early marriage, increased parity, young onset of sexual relations, multiple sexual partners, positive herpes virus type II titers *FIGO stage*: 0 Carcinoma in situ (before invasion) I Confined to cervix I microinvasion of stroma I invasion confined to cervix II Extension beyond cervix but not to pelvic wall / lower third of vagina I vaginal invasion excluding lower 1/3 II parametrial involvement excepting pelvic sidewall III Extension to pelvic wall / lower third of vagina I invasion of lower 1/3 of vagina II parametrial involvement to pelvic wall IV mucosal involvement of bladder / rectum V spread to distant organs (paraortic / inguinal nodes, intraperitoneal metastasis) Significance of tumor size: >4 cm:nodal metastases (80%), local recurrence (40%), distant metastases (28%) <4 cm:nodal metastases (16%), local recurrence (5%), distant metastases (0%) *Spread*:direct extension, lymphatic, hematogenous *Incidence of nodal metastases* (77% *accuracy* for CT, 78% for MR): 0.3% for stage 0, I a 16% for stage I b 33% for stage II a 37% for stage II b ■ leukorrhea ± vaginal bleeding (<30%) ■ postcoital bleeding / metrorrhagia ✓ bulky enlargement of cervix (DDx: cervical fibroid) ✓ fluid-filled uterus (secondary to obstruction) ✓ signs of parametrial invasion: >4-mm soft-tissue strands extending from cervix into parametria, cardinal / sacrouterine ligaments, irregularity of cervical margins, eccentric parametrial enlargement, obliteration of fat planes MR (76-83% *accuracy* for staging, 82-92% *accuracy* for parametrial involvement): ✓ isointense mass on T1WI ✓ hyperintense focal bulge / mass on T2WI (DDx: postbiopsy changes, inflammation, nabothian cysts) ✓ blurring + widening of junctional zone secondary to obstruction of cervical os (retained secretions in uterine cavity) *Prognosis*:local recurrence (usually within 2 years)

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CHORIOAMNIONIC SEPARATION

(a) normally seen <16 weeks=incomplete fusion of amniotic membrane with chorionic plate (b) abnormal >17 weeks MA =secondary to hemorrhage $\frac{1}{2}$ membrane extends over fetal surface + stops at origin of [umbilical cord](#) $\frac{1}{2}$ elevated membrane thinner than chorionic membrane Cx:rupture of amniotic membrane may lead to [amniotic band syndrome](#) DDX:[cystic hygroma](#) (moves with [embryo](#))

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CHORIOANGIOMA

=benign vascular malformation of proliferating capillaries (= hamartoma)*Incidence*:1:3,500 to 1:20,000 births*Location*:usually near the [umbilical cord](#) insertion site[✓]
well-circumscribed intraplacental mass with complex echo pattern protruding from the fetal surface of the placenta[✓] [polyhydramnios](#) (in 1/3)[✓] arterial signal on Doppler ultrasound in angiomatous chorioangioma*Cx*:hemorrhage, fetal hydrops, cardiomegaly, [congestive heart failure](#), IUGR, premature labor, fetal demise (with large lesion)

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CHORIOCARCINOMA

5% of gestational trophoblastic diseases *Age*: child-bearing age *Histo*: biphasic pattern including syncytiotrophoblastic + cytotrophoblastic proliferation without villous structures; extensive necrosis + hemorrhage; early + extensive vascular invasion Preceded by: *mnemonic*: "MEAN" Mole (hydatidiform) in 50.0% Ectopic pregnancy in 2.5% Abortion, spontaneous in 25.0% Normal pregnancy in 22.5% • continued vaginal bleeding • continued elevation of HCG after expulsion of molar / normal pregnancy (25%) ↓ mass enlarging the uterus ↓ mixed hyperechoic pattern (hemorrhage, necrosis) Spread: (a) hematogenous (usually) (b) lymphatic + direct extension (occasionally) Hemorrhagic + necrotic metastases to lung, vagina, kidney (10-50%), brain ↓ radiodense pulmonary masses with hazy borders due to hemorrhage ↓ hyperechoic hepatic foci *Prognosis*: 85% cure rate (even with metastases); fatal with spread to kidneys + brain *Rx*: (1) Chemotherapy: methotrexate, actinomycin D ± cyclophosphamide (2) Hysterectomy (if at risk for uterine rupture) *DDx*: *mnemonic*: "THE CLIP" True mole Hydropic degeneration of placenta Endometrial proliferation Coexistent mole and fetus Leiomyoma (degenerated) Incomplete [abortion](#) Products of conception (retained)

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CLEAR CELL NEOPLASM OF OVARY

=MESONEPHROID TUMOR= almost always invasive carcinoma *Incidence*:5-10% of all ovarian cancers *Histo*:clear cells (cuboidal cells with clear cytoplasm) + hobnail cells (columnar cells with large nuclei projecting into the lumina of glandular elements); similar to clear cell carcinoma of [endometrium](#), cervix, vagina, kidney *Not associated with*:in utero DES exposure (like lesions of the vagina + cervix) • 75% of patients present with stage I disease *f* frequently unilocular cyst + mural nodule *Prognosis*:50% 5-year survival rate

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CONJOINED TWINS

=incomplete division of embryonic cell mass in monozygotic twins occurring at 13-16 days GA *Incidence*: 1:52,000 livebirths; 1:600 twin births; M:F = 3:7 *Types*:
A. Inferior conjunction: 1. Diprosopus two faces + one head and body 2. Dicephalus two heads + one body 3. Ischiopagus joined by inferior sacrum and coccyx 4. Pygopagus (20%) joined by posterolateral sacrum and coccyx B. Superior conjunction: 1. Dipygus single head, thorax, abdomen + two pelvis and four legs 2. Syncephalus facial fusion ± thoracic fusion 3. Craniopagus (6%) joined between homologous portions of cranial vault C. Middle conjunction: 1. Thoracopagus (18%) between thoracic walls; conjoined hearts (75%) 2. Omphalopagus (10%) joined between umbilicus + xiphoid 3. Xiphopagus joined at xiphoid 4. Thoracoomphalopagus (28%) D. Incomplete duplication (10%): duplication of only one part of body OB-US (diagnosed as early as 12 weeks GA): ✓ single placenta without amniotic membrane (monochorionic, monoamniotic = hallmark of monozygotic twinning) ✓ inseparable fetal bodies + skin contours ✓ no change in relative position of fetuses ✓ both fetal heads persistently at same level (fetuses commonly face each other) ✓ bibreech (more common) / bicephalic presentation (cephalic-breech presentation is most common presentation for omphalopagus) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (in almost 50%) ✓ single [umbilical cord](#) with >3 vessels ✓ backward flexion of cervical spine (in anterior fusion) ✓ single cardiac motion (shared heart) *Associated malformations*: ✓ [omphalocele](#) ✓ congenital heart disease *Prognosis*: 39% stillborn; 34% die within first days of life

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CORD PROLAPSE

=prolapse of cord into endocervical canal *Incidence*: 0.5% at delivery *Predisposing factors*: nonvertex fetal lie, [polyhydramnios](#), cephalopelvic disproportion, multiple gestation, increased length of [umbilical cord](#) *Cx*: cord compression with high perinatal mortality N.B.: MEDICAL EMERGENCY! Alert obstetrician immediately! *OB-Management*:: (1) Patient immediately placed into Trendelenburg / knee-elbow position in radiology department (2) Cesarean section for term infants (3) Expectant management for preterm infants *DDx*: **Cord presentation** (= [umbilical cord](#) between fetus and internal os)

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CORPUS LUTEUM CYST

Types: 1. **Corpus luteum of menstruation** formed after rupture of follicle + increasing in size until 22nd day of menstrual cycle ✓ usually >12-17 mm in size 2. **Corpus luteum of pregnancy**

caused by HCG stimulation during pregnancy ✓ usual size 30-40 mm, may grow up to 15 cm in diameter ✓ reaches maximum size after 8-10 weeks ✓ usually resolves before 20 weeks GA (12-15 weeks), occasionally persists past 1st trimester ✓ thin-walled usually unilateral cyst ✓ echogenic (organized clot) / sonolucent (resorbed blood) ✓ low-level internal echoes frequent (= hemorrhage) Cx: rupture with intraperitoneal hemorrhage

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CYSTADENOFIBROMA

= variant of serous cystadenoma, rarely malignant *Prevalence*: nearly 50% of all benign ovarian cystic serous tumors; bilateral in 6% *Age*: 15-65 (mean 31) years • may produce estrogen excess ✓ small multilocular cystic tumor ✓ clusters of short rounded papillary processes

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DERMOID

=DERMOID CYST = MATURE CYSTIC TERATOMA=congenital tumor containing mature tissues from all 3 germ cell layers with predominance of ectodermal component/*Incidence*:5 -11-25% of all ovarian neoplasms; 66% of pediatric [ovarian tumors](#); most common ovarian neoplasm*Origin*:self-fertilization of a single germ cell after the first meiotic division (= random error in meiosis)*Histo*:may contain struma ovarii, [carcinoid](#) tumor*Age*:reproductive life (80%); age peak 20-40 years ■ abdominal mass (2/3) ■ pelvic pressure / pain due to torsion or hemorrhage*Location*:bilateral in 8-15-25%¹ cystic mass with average diameter of 10 cm¹ "dermoid plug" = Rokitansky nodule / protuberance= oval / round solid tissue mass (sebaceous material) of 10-65 mm projecting into cyst lumen*Plain film* (diagnostic in 40%):¹ tooth / bone¹ fat density (SPECIFIC)*CT*:¹ round mass of fat floating in interface between two water-density components (93%)¹ Rokitansky nodule = dermoid plug (81%), usually single, may be multiple¹ fat-fluid level (12%)¹ globular calcifications (tooth) / rim of calcification (56%)*US* ([sensitivity](#) 77-87%):¹ complex mass containing echogenic components (66%)¹ echogenic mass (due to mixture of sebum + hair) with "dirty" acoustic shadowing (= "tip of the iceberg") in a predominantly cystic mass (25-44%) (DDx: stool-filled rectosigmoid)¹ predominantly solid mass (10-31%)¹ purely cystic tumor (9-15%)¹ echogenic focus with acoustic shadowing (due to calcification)*MR*:¹ hyperintense fat within fluid of low signal intensity on T1WI¹ hyperintense mass (fat + serous fluid both with high signal intensity) on T2WI¹ ± chemical shift artifact (frequency-encoding direction)*Cx*:(1)Malignant degeneration in 1-3% (usually within dermoid plug of tumors >10 cm in diameter in postmenopausal women)(2)Torsion (4-16%)(3)Rupture with chemical peritonitis (rare)(4)[Hydronephrosis](#)*Rx*:surgery (to avoid torsion / rupture)

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DIETHYLSTILBESTROL (DES) EXPOSURE

=first reported transplacental carcinogen@Vagina:[adenosis](#), septa, ridges,clear-cell adenocarcinoma (in 1:1,000 women exposed in utero to DES, by age 35)
@Cervix:hypoplasia, stenosis, mucosal displacement, pseudopolyps, hooded / "cockscomb" appearance@Uterus:hypoplasia, bands, contour irregularity, "T- shaped" uterus@Tubes:deformity, irregularity, obstruction

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DYSGERMINOMA

=malignant [germ cell tumor of ovary](#) homologous to testicular seminoma *Incidence*: 0.5-2% of all malignant [ovarian tumors](#) *Peak age*: 2nd-3rd decade • no elevation of AFP / HCG (in 5% syncytiotrophoblastic giant cells present, which can elevate HCG levels) *Location*: usually unilateral; bilateral in 15-17% *US*: multilobulated solid mass divided by fibrovascular septa *MR*: hypo- / isointense septa on T2WI with contrast-enhancement on T1WI *US*: hyperechoic solid mass, may have areas of hemorrhage + necrosis *MR*: prominent arterial color Doppler flow within septa *Rx*: highly radiosensitive

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ECLAMPSIA

=occurrence of coma ± pre-, intra-, or postpartum convulsions not related to a coincidental neurologic disorder in a preeclamptic patient *Pathophysiology:*

A. VASOSPASM THEORY overregulation of cerebral vasoconstrictive response to acute + severe hypertension progresses to vasospasm; prolonged vasospasm causes local ischemia, increased brain capillary permeability, disruption of blood-brain barrier, arteriolar necrosis, leading to cerebral edema + hemorrhage

B. FORCED-DILATATION THEORY with severe [arterial hypertension](#) upper limit of cerebral autoregulation is reached + cerebral vasodilatation starts disrupting the blood-brain barrier and resulting in cerebral edema *Time of onset:* 2nd half of pregnancy in primigravida; <20th week GA with trophoblastic disease ■ severe throbbing frontal headache ■ visual disturbance: scotomata, amaurosis, blurred vision ■ retinal / cortical blindness ■ hyperreflexia, hemi- / quadriparesis, confusion, coma ■ seizures: usually tonic-clonic CT (positive in up to 50%): √ bilaterally rather symmetric white matter hypodensities without contrast enhancement √ ± cerebral edema with compression of lateral ventricles √ usually transient + completely reversible cerebral-cortical + basal ganglia hypodensities (= reversible ischemic lesions) √ cerebral infarction in prolonged ischemia √ [intracerebral hemorrhage](#) (major cause of mortality in 10-60%) MR: √ transiently increased T2-signal intensity in cerebral cortex + subcortical white matter frequently in watershed areas of posterior hemispheres

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ECTOPIA CORDIS

=fusion defect of anterior thoracic wall / sternum / septum transversum prior to 9th week of gestation
A.THORACIC TYPE (60%)=heart outside thoracic cavity protruding through defect in sternum
B.ABDOMIANL TYPE (30%)= heart protruding into abdomen through gap in diaphragm
C.THORACOABDOMINAL TYPE (7%)= in [pentalogy of Cantrell](#)
D.CERVICAL TYPE (3%)= displacement of heart into cervical region
Associated with: (1)Facial deformities(2)Skeletal deformities(3)Ventral wall defects(4)CNS malformations: meningocele, encephalocele(5)Intracardiac anomalies: [tetralogy of Fallot](#), TGA(6)[Amniotic band syndrome](#)
Prognosis: stillbirth / death within first hours / death within first days of life in most case

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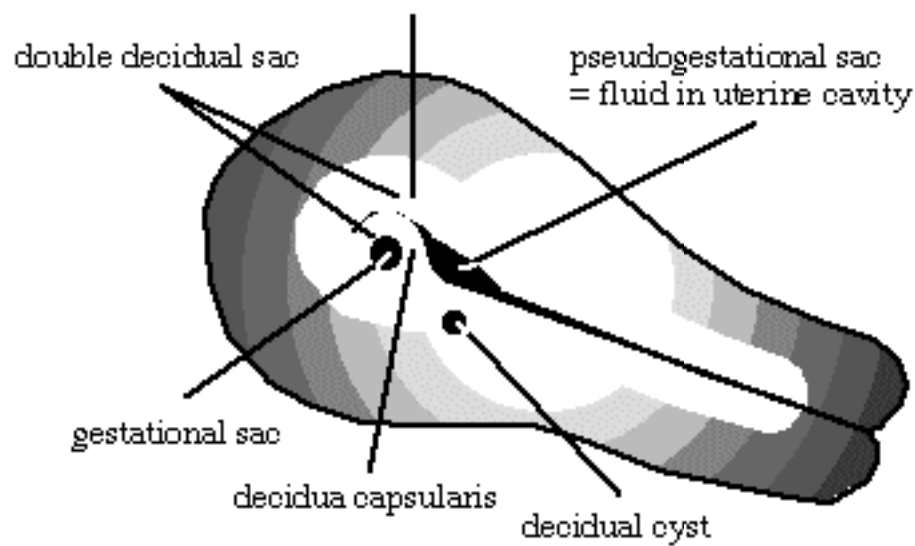
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ECTOPIC PREGNANCY

=implantation outside the endometrial cavity *Incidence*: 1.6:1,000 of all pregnancies (increasing); 9.9:10,000 women annually; 73,700 cases in 1986 in United States *Risk of recurrence*: 10-15% *Cause*: delayed transit of the fertilized zygote (formed on day 14 MA) secondary to (a) abnormal angulation of oviduct (b) adhesions or scarring from inflammation (c) slowed tubal transit from ciliary abnormalities *Risk factors*: (1) Previous tubal surgery (tubal ligation / tuboplasty) (2) Previous PID (30-50%): esp. Chlamydia (3) In-vitro fertilization / gamete intrafallopian tube transfer (4) [Endometriosis](#) (5) Previous ectopic pregnancy (prevalence up to 1.1%, 10-fold increase in risk, 25% chance of recurrence) (6) Current use of IUD (7) Advanced maternal age If the pregnancy cannot be documented as intrauterine, the patient should be considered at risk! *Time of manifestation*: usually by 7th week of MA CLASSIC CLINICAL TRIAD (<50%): ■ abnormal vaginal bleeding (75-86%) ■ pelvic pain (97%) ■ palpable adnexal mass (23-41%) ■ secondary [amenorrhea](#) (61%) ■ cervical motion tenderness ■ positive urinary pregnancy test (50%) ■ progesterone level <25 mg/mL ■ b-HCG does not rise >66% within 48 hours (lower levels + slower rise and decline compared with IUP) Most ectopic pregnancies do not exhibit a b-HCG of >6500 mIU/mL (1st IRP) prior to symptomatology! A b-HCG level above the discriminatory zone with absence of IUP suggests ectopic pregnancy! **Discriminatory zone of b-HCG** (at which a normal IUP should be visualized): (a) by transabdominal scan: ≥6500 mIU/mL (IRP) with 100% [sensitivity](#) + 96% [specificity](#) (b) by endovaginal scan: ≥2000 to 3000 mIU/mL (IRP) *Caveats*: technical quality of exam, [multiple gestations](#), distortion by uterine cavity ([leiomyoma](#)), lab error, assay variation Location: (a) tubal (95%): (1) Ampullary ectopic (75-80%) (2) Isthmic ectopic (10-15%) (3) Fimbrial ectopic (5%) (4) Interstitial ectopic (2-4%) (b) other (5%): (1) Abdominal ectopic (2) Ovarian ectopic (0.5-1%) (3) Interligamentary ectopic (4) Cervical ectopic (0.15%) *Spectrum*: Type 1: unruptured live ectopic + heartbeat Type 2: early embryonic demise without rupture / embryonic structures / heartbeat Type 3: ruptured ectopic with blood in pelvis Type 4: no sonographic signs of ectopic *Dx*: diagnostic laparoscopy (3-4% false negative, 5% false positive) Transvaginal US (6-20% false-negative rate): ♦ Detected 1 week sooner than by transvesical US! @ Uterus ♦ absence of intrauterine pregnancy (beyond 6 weeks MA / with β-HCG level >1,000 mIU/mL [2nd IRP]) ♦ No IUP by transvesical US = ectopic pregnancy in 43-46% ♦ No IUP by endovaginal US = ectopic pregnancy in 67% ♦ slight thickening of [endometrium](#) ♦ sloughing of [endometrium](#) = decidual cast (21%) ♦ decidual cast = hyperechoic endometrial thickening (50%) due to hormonal stimulation from ectopic pregnancy ♦ decidual cyst = 1- to 5-mm cyst at junction of [endometrium](#) and myometrium (14%) ♦ pseudogestational sac = single parietal decidual layer surrounding an anechoic fluid collection in uterine cavity secondary to bleeding (10-20%) ♦ decidual thickened decidual vera = decidual cast



[endometrium](#) lacks low-impedance blood flow

saclike structure (40-68%) 1-3 cm in diameter + surrounded by a 2-4 mm concentric ring ♦ extrauterine mass of any type (84%) ♦ solid / complex adnexal mass = clotted blood free in peritoneal cavity / hematosalpinx (36%) ♦ extrauterine [gestational sac](#) without live [embryo](#) / [yolk sac](#) (35%) ♦ embryonic heartbeat (6-28%) = PATHOGNOMONIC ♦ echogenic "tubal mass" (89-100%) ♦ varying flow pattern depending on viability ♦ corpus luteum within ovary in >50% on side of ectopic pregnancy (DDx: ectopic pregnancy) @ Cul-de-sac ♦ free fluid (40-83%): echogenic / particulate fluid (= [hemoperitoneum](#)) has 93% [positive predictive value](#) for ectopic pregnancy DDx: anechoic fluid in 10-27% of IUP Doppler-US (low diagnostic impact): ♦ high-velocity low-impedance flow around extrauterine gestation in 54% (up to 4 kHz shift with 3 MHz transducer, 0.38 ± 0.2 Pourcelot index, $RI = 0.18-0.58$) ♦ absence of peritrophoblastic flow after 36 days (<0.8 kHz shift with 3 MHz transducer or <1.3 kHz shift with 5 MHz transducer) DDx of low-impedance flow: [corpus luteum cyst](#), tuboovarian abscess, fibroid *Probability of ectopic pregnancy in absence of IUP + clinical symptoms of an ectopic pregnancy with*: normal scan / simple cyst in adnexa 5% complex adnexal mass 92% tubal ring 95% live [embryo](#) outside uterus 100% *Prognosis*: (1) 3.8:10,000 mortality rate (4% of all maternal deaths) (2) [Infertility](#) (in 40%) *Dx*: (1) Laparoscopy (almost 100% accurate) (2) Culdocentesis (high probability for ectopic with aspiration of nonclotting blood with a hematocrit >15) Cx: maternal death in 1:1,000; tubal rupture (10-15%) DDx: (1) Hemorrhagic corpus luteum / hematoma (2) Adnexal mass: hydrosalpinx, endometrioma, [ovarian cyst](#) (3) Fluid-containing small bowel loop (4) Eccentrically placed GS in bicornuate / retroflexed / fibroid uterus

Abdominal Ectopic (1:6000) Heterotopic Pregnancy Interstitial (Cornual) Ectopic (2-4%)

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Abdominal Ectopic (1:6000)

◇ >25% may be missed sonographically! ■ bloating, abdominal pain (fetal movement / peritoneal irritation due to adhesions) ■ bleeding, hypotension, shock
✓ extrauterine location of fetus + placenta ✓ uterus compressed with visible endometrial cavity line ✓ absence of uterine wall between gestation + bladder / abdominal wall
✓ anhydramnios Cx: bowel obstruction / perforation; erosion of pregnancy through abdominal wall **Lithopedion** = "stone child" = very rare obstetric complication consisting of a dehydrated + calcified demised fetus in an extrauterine pregnancy existing for >3 months without infection *Types:* (1) Lithokelyphosis = fetal membranes calcified (2) Lithokelyphopedion = fetus + membranes calcified (3) True lithopedion = only fetus calcified *Maternal age at discovery:* 23-100 years of age; within 4-20 years of fetal demise *Location:* most common in adnexae ✓ large densely calcified mass in lower abdomen / upper pelvis ✓ CT scan reveals fetal skeleton *DDx:* uterine fibroid, calcified ovarian malignancy / cyst, sarcoma

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Heterotopic Pregnancy = ectopic + coexistent intrauterine pregnancy *Incidence:* 1:6,800-30,000 pregnancies (higher number of coexisting ectopic with ovulation induction) An IUP does not preclude a complete pelvic ultrasound evaluation, although depiction of an IUP virtually excludes the diagnosis of an [ectopic pregnancy!](#)

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Interstitial (Cornual) Ectopic (2-4%)

=[ectopic pregnancy](#) with eccentric location in relation to [endometrium](#) + close to uterine serosa. Often rupture late because of greater myometrial distensibility compared with other parts of tube! High likelihood of catastrophic hemorrhage + death due to abundant [blood supply](#) by both ovarian + uterine arteries! *Increased risk*: previous ipsilateral salpingectomy • Baart de la Faille sign = broad-based palpable mass extending outward from uterine angle • Ruge-Simon syndrome = fundus displaced to contralateral side with rotation of uterus + elevation of affected cornu. eccentric heterogeneous mass in cornual region (66%) eccentrically placed [gestational sac](#) (25%) thinning of myometrial mantle to <5 mm (33%) interstitial line sign = thin echogenic line extending directly up to the center of [ectopic pregnancy](#) (= endometrial canal / interstitial portion of Fallopian tube) in 92% myometrium between sac and uterine cavity large vascular channels + peritrophoblastic blood flow absence of double decidual sign *Prognosis*: massive bleeding from erosion of uterine arteries + veins (pregnancy survives only 12-16 weeks GA); 2-fold mortality compared with other tubal ectopics *DDx*: pregnancy within horn of bicornuate uterus; [hydatidiform mole](#); degenerating uterine fibroid

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Early Embryonic Demise / Failing Pregnancy

on endovaginal scan • b-HCG level <2-3 standard deviations below the mean for given MA / GS size / CRLA.DEFINITE DEMISE absence of cardiac activity with CRL of ≥ 5 mm / ≥ 6.5 weeks GA (repeat scan in 3 days for confirmation)B.PROBABLY FAILING PREGNANCY mean sac diameter of ≥ 16 mm without [embryo](#) mean sac size of ≥ 8 mm without [yolk sac](#) (repeat scan in 3 days for confirmation) $> 1,000$ mIU/mL (1st IRP) without [gestational sac](#) $> 7,200$ mIU/mL (1st IRP) without [yolk sac](#) $> 10,800$ mIU/mL (1st IRP) without [embryo](#)C.HIGH RISK OF SUBSEQUENT DEMISE severe bradycardia < 80 bpm small mean [gestational sac](#) size (difference between mean sac size and CRL < 5 mm is predictive of miscarriage in 94%)D.MODERATELY HIGH RISK OF DEMISE bradycardia of 80-90 bpm large subchorionic hematoma lifting much of placenta [yolk sac](#) > 6 mm / abnormal shape mean [gestational sac](#) size too small for good clinical dates [gestational sac](#) growth ≤ 0.7 mm/day (normal growth rate of 1.13 mm/day determines appropriate time interval for follow-up scan, ie, when sac is expected to be 27 mm) sac position in lower uterine segment / cervix stringlike / granular debris / fluid-fluid level within [gestational sac](#) (= intrasac bleeding)

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Late Embryonic Demise on endovaginal scan ✓ wrinkled collapsing amniotic membrane ✓ irregular distorted shape of [gestational sac](#) (DDx: compression by bladder, myoma, contraction) ✓ absence of double decidual sac = thin (<2 mm) weakly hyperechoic / irregular choriodecidual reaction

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ENDODERMAL SINUS TUMOR OF OVARY

=[YOLK SAC TUMOR](#)=rare but highly malignant tumor *Histo*:resembles endodermal sinuses of the rat [yolk sac](#)(a)papillary pattern (most common): contains glomerular structures with central vessel + peripheral mantling of epithelial cells (= Schiller-Duval bodies)(b)others: reticular, solid, polyvesicular vitelline-periodic acid-Schiff reaction-a-fetoprotein-positive hyaline globules *Incidence*:<1% of all ovarian carcinomas *Age*:usually adolescence *May be associated with*: teratoma, [dermoid](#) cyst, [choriocarcinoma](#) • frequently abdominal enlargement + pain • elevated serum AFP (common) ∇ predominantly echogenic solid tumor ∇ cystic areas (epithelial-lined cysts / cysts of coexisting mature teratoma / hemorrhage / necrosis) ∇ bilateral in 1% *Rx*:surgery + combination chemotherapy *Prognosis*:poor

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ENDOMETRIAL CANCER

Most common invasive gynecologic malignancy; 4th most prevalent female cancer in USA women *Incidence*: 34,000 new cases per year with 3,000 deaths *Histo*: adenocarcinoma (90-95%), sarcoma (1-3%) *Peak age*: 55-62 years; 74% > age 50 *Risk factors*: nulliparity, late menopause, unopposed estrogen therapy, polycystic ovaries, obesity, hypertension, [diabetes mellitus](#) *FIGO stage*: 0 In situ a Tumor limited to [endometrium](#) I invasion to less than half of myometrium I invasion to more than half of myometrium II a Endocervical glandular involvement only II b cervical stromal invasion III a invasion of serosa / adnexa / [peritoneal metastases](#) III b vaginal metastases III c metastases to pelvic / paraaortic lymph nodes IV a invasion of bladder / bowel mucosa IV b distant metastases (lung, brain, bone) including intraabdominal / inguinal lymph nodes *Clinical staging with dilatation & curettage* inaccurate in up to 51% *Histo*: (a) endometrioid carcinoma (75% of all cancers) (b) serous, mucinous, clear cell carcinoma (less common): similar to ovarian counterpart (c) squamous (rare): associated with cervical stenosis, pyometra, chronic inflammation (d) mixed mesodermal tumor: contains elements of epithelial + mesenchymal differentiation Lymph node metastases: 3% with superficial invasion; 40% with deep invasion • [postmenopausal bleeding](#) without hormonal therapy US: ✓ normal-sized / enlarged uterus ✓ echogenic [endometrium](#) > 5 mm AP thickness (100% [negative predictive value](#), not very specific) ✓ inhomogeneous endometrial echotexture with irregular hypoechoic areas ✓ [pulsatility](#) index of < 1.5 (DDx: endometritis, benign endometrial polyp) MR (82-92% [accuracy](#) for staging, 74-87% [accuracy](#) for depth of invasion): ✓ endometrial cancer has slightly lower signal intensity than [endometrium](#) but higher than myometrium on T2WI ✓ endometrial thickness abnormal if > 3 mm (postmenopausal woman) / > 10 mm (under estrogen replacement) DDx: blood clot, uterine secretions, adenomatous hyperplasia, submucosal [leiomyoma](#) ✓ disruption / absence of junctional zone (myometrial invasion) ✓ hyperintense areas penetrating into myometrium (deep muscle invasion; 74-87% [accuracy](#))

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ENDOMETRIOID CARCINOMA OF OVARY

Incidence: 15% of all ovarian cancers; 2nd most common malignant ovarian neoplasm (after serous adenocarcinoma) *Associated with:* hyperplasia / carcinoma of the uterine [endometrium](#) in 20-33% *Histo:* tubular glandular pattern with a pseudostratified epithelium resembling endometrial adenocarcinoma / metastatic colon carcinoma
✓ solid / complex (= cystic + solid) tumor ✓ bilateral in 25% *Prognosis:* better than serous / mucinous carcinomas

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ENDOMETRIOSIS

=encysted functional endometrial epithelium + stroma in an ectopic site outside the uterine cavity / myometrium *Prevalence*: 8-10-18% of menstruating women *Etiology*: (1) Peritoneal implantation of endometrial cells via retrograde menstruation through fallopian tubes (2) Metaplastic transformation of peritoneal epithelium into endometrial tissue (3) Traumatic spread (uterine surgery, [amniocentesis](#)) *Age*: 30-45 years; dependent on normal hormonal stimulation • [infertility](#) 25% of infertile women have endometriosis 30-40% of women with endometriosis are infertile • severe dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia • chronic pelvic pain (peritoneal adhesions, bleeding) • dyspareunia *Location*: (a) internal endometriosis (within uterus) = ADENOMYOSIS (b) external endometriosis typical in: [ovaries](#) > uterosacral ligaments > pouch of Douglas > uterine serosal surface > fallopian tube > rectosigmoid rare in: urinary bladder wall, umbilicus, bowel wall (20%), laparotomy scar, lungs, pleural space, limbs *Morphologic types*: 1. Discrete pelvic mass Multiplicity favors the diagnosis of endometrioma typically cystic space = **endometrioma** = "chocolate cyst" up to 20 cm in diameter (usually 2-5 cm) anechoic cyst / cyst with "ground-glass" homogeneous low-level echoes (= hemorrhagic debris) may contain echogenic material (= clot) appearing as a solid tumor may show layering of debris smooth walls + acoustic enhancement 2. Diffuse form (70%) often no detectable abnormality (when lesions small + scattered) frequently multiple cysts bilaterally thickened wall + loss of definition of borders of pelvic organs MR (90% sensitive, 98% specific with fat suppression + contrast enhancement): hyperintense lesions on all pulse sequences in 47%, hypointense on all pulse sequences in 27% typically hyperintense on T1WI (similar to fat) + additional hyperintensity (like urine) on T2WI with multiple locules and internal "shading" @ GI tract (5-12-37%) • change in bowel habits, rectal pain / bleeding *Path*: muscular hypertrophy + [fibrosis](#) related to endometriotic deposits in bowel wall *Location*: inferior margin of sigmoid colon + anterior wall of rectosigmoid (72%); rectovaginal septum (14%); small intestine (7%); cecum (4%); appendix (3%); occasionally multiple lesions single extramucosal mass with crenulated / spiculated mucosal pattern polypoid intraluminal mass / annular constricting lesion (rare appearance) CXR: catamenial [pneumothorax](#) = spontaneous [pneumothorax](#) due to endometriosis of diaphragm Cx: [infertility](#) with involvement of tubes + [ovaries](#) (peritubal adhesions causing anatomic distortion, limitation of fimbrial motion, tubal destruction / occlusion) Dx: laparoscopy Rx: hormonal therapy, surgery Ddx: hemorrhagic [ovarian cyst](#), [dermoid](#) cyst, tubo-ovarian abscess

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FACIAL CLEFTING

Normal embryology: 1st branchial arch develops into maxillary + mandibular prominences; by 5th week the stomodeum is surrounded by 5 prominences: frontal-nasal, paired maxillary, paired mandibular prominences; nasal pits are formed by invagination of nasal placodes on each side of frontal-nasal prominence; the 2 maxillary prominences grow medially to fuse with the 2 medial nasal prominences forming the upper lip; the lateral nasal prominences form the nasal alae *Incidence:* 0.5:1,000 in blacks; 1:1,000 livebirths in white population; 1.5:1,000 in Asians; 3.6:1,000 in American Indians; 13% of all congenital anomalies; second most common congenital malformation; most common craniofacial malformation *Risk of recurrence:* 4% with one affected sibling, 17% with one affected sibling + parent

[Median Facial Cleft](#) [Lateral Facial Cleft](#)

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Median Facial Cleft =failure of fusion of the 2 medial nasal prominences *Incidence*:rare *Cause*: 1. median cleft face syndrome = frontonasal dysplasia¹ brain anomalies rare 2. [Holoprosencephaly](#) 3. Majewski syndrome (short rib, [polydactyly](#), median cleft)

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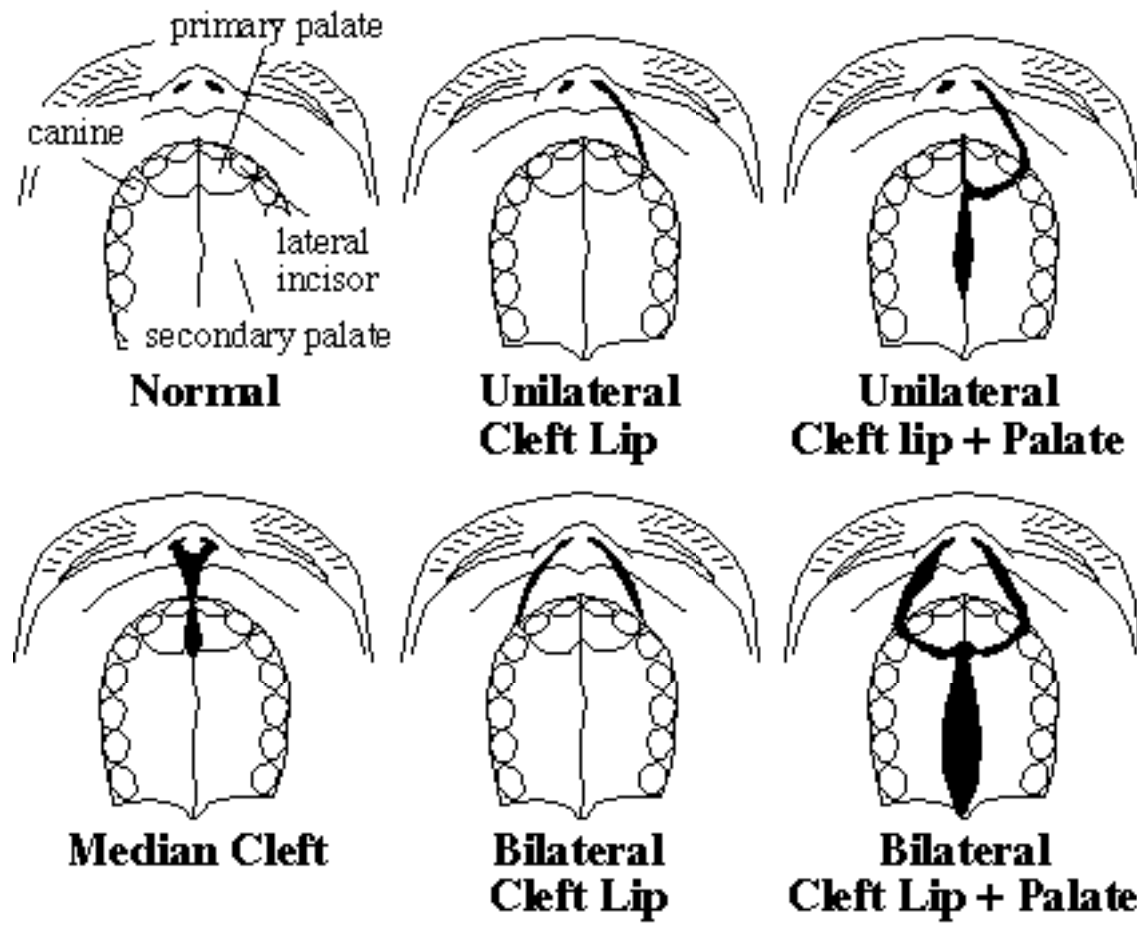


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Lateral Facial Cleft Cleft Lip [25%] Cause: lack of fusion of maxillary prominence with medial nasal prominence (= intermaxillary segment) around 7th week
MAAssociated with: anomalies in 20% (most frequently clubfoot); NO chromosomal anomalies Site: isolated in 8%, bilateral in 20%
Prognosis: excellent
Cleft Lip & Palate [50%] Cause: incomplete fusion of lip + primary palate Associated with: 72 abnormalities in 56-80%: most frequently polydactyly; chromosomal anomalies in 20-33% Location: L > R Site: unilateral in 23%, bilateral in 30%
linear defect extending through alveolar ridge + hard palate reaching the floor of the nasal cavity / orbit (often deeper + longer cleft than in isolated cleft lip)
paranasal echogenic mass inferior to nose (= premaxillary protrusion of soft tissue + alveolar process + dental structures) in bilateral cleft lip + palate
Cleft Palate [25%] = lack of fusion of mesenchymal masses of lateral palatine processes around 8th-9th weeks
MAAssociated with: anomalies in 50% (most frequently clubfoot + polydactyly) often missed on prenatal sonograms small fetal stomach + polyhydramnios (due to impaired fetal swallowing)



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Premature Atrial Contractions =PAC = most common benign rhythm abnormality ✓ transient tachycardia ✓ transient bradycardia (due to atrial bigeminy if every other beat is nonconducted) Cx:supraventricular tachycardia (unusual) Rx:discontinue smoking, alcohol, caffeine Follow-up:biweekly auscultation until arrhythmia resolves

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Supraventricular Tachyarrhythmia *Incidence:* 1:25,000; most frequent tachyarrhythmia in children *Etiology:* viral infection, hypoplasia of sinoatrial tract *Pathogenesis:* (1) Automaticity = irritable ectopic focus discharges at high frequency (2) Reentry = electric pulse reentering the atria inciting new discharges *Types:* 1. Supraventricular tachyarrhythmia (SVT) (a) paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia (b) paroxysmal atrial tachycardia ∇ atrial rate of 180-300 bpm + ventricular response of 1:12. Atrial flutter ∇ atrial rate of 300-460 bpm + ventricular rate of 60-200 bpm 3. Atrial fibrillation ∇ atrial rate of 400-700 bpm + ventricular rate of 120-200 bpm *Hemodynamics:* fast ventricular rate results in suboptimal filling of heart chambers + decreased cardiac output, overload of RA, CHF *Associated with:* cardiac anomalies (5-10%): ASD, congenital mitral valve disease, cardiac tumors, WPW syndrome, cardiomyopathy, thyrotoxicosis *OB-US:* ∇ M-mode echocardiography with simultaneous visualization of atrial + ventricular contractions allows inference of atrioventricular activation sequence *Cx:* [congestive heart failure](#) + [nonimmune hydrops](#) *Rx:* Intrauterine pharmacologic cardioversion (digoxin, verapamil, propranolol, procainamide, quinidine)

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Atrioventricular Block *Incidence:* 1:20,000 livebirths; in 4-9% of all infants with CHD *Etiology:* (1) Immaturity of conduction system (2) Absent connection to AV node (3) Abnormal anatomic position of AV node *Associated with:* (1) Cardiac structural anomalies (45-50%): corrected transposition, univentricular heart, [cardiac tumor](#), cardiomyopathy (2) Maternal [connective tissue disease](#): lupus erythematosus *Types:* 1. First-degree heart block = simple conduction delay ✓ normal heart rate + rhythm (not reportedly diagnosed in utero) 2. Second-degree heart block (a) Mobitz type I = progressive prolongation of PR interval finally leading to the block of one atrial impulse (Luciani-Wenckebach phenomenon) ✓ a few atrial contractions are not followed by a ventricular contraction (b) Mobitz type II = intermittent conduction with a ventricular rate as a submultiple of the atrial rate (eg, 2:1 / 3:1 block) ✓ atrial contraction not followed by ventricular contraction in a constant relationship 3. Third-degree heart block = complete heart block = complete dissociation of atria + ventricles ✓ slow atrial + ventricular contractions independent from each other *Cx:* decreased cardiac output + CHF

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FETAL DEATH IN UTERO

=INTRAUTERINE DEMISE=fetal death during 2nd + 3rd trimesters
Specific signs: ✓ absent cardiac / somatic motion
Nonspecific signs seen not before 48 hours after death: ✓ same / decreased BPD measurement compared with prior exam
✓ development of dolichocephaly
✓ "Spalding sign" = overlapping fetal skull bones
✓ distorted fetus without recognizable structures
✓ skin edema (epidermolysis) = fetal maceration
✓ increased amount of echoes in amniotic fluid (= fetal tissue fragments)
✓ gas in fetal vascular system

["Vanishing Twin" "Fetus Papyraceus"](#)

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"Vanishing Twin" = disappearance of one twin in utero due to complete resorption / [anembryonic pregnancy](#) Incidence:13-78% (mean 21%) before 14 weeks
GA Time:<13 weeks MA¹ NO sonographic evidence of [twin pregnancy](#) later in pregnancy

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"Fetus Papyraceus" =compression + mummification of fetus
Time:in 2nd trimester
Path:resorption of fluid resulting in paperlike fetal body + compression into adjacent membranes
compressed mummified fetus plastered against uterine wall
Risk to surviving twin: A.Dichorionic gestation (minimal risk)(1)Premature labor(2)Obstruction of labor by macerated fetusB.Monochorionic gestation(1)DIC in response to release of thromboplastin from degenerating fetus(a)into maternal circulation(b)into twin fetus through shared circulation (= [twin embolization syndrome](#))

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Nonimmune Hydrops =excess of total body water evident as extracellular accumulation of fluid in tissues + serous cavities without antibodies against RBC
Incidence: 1:1,500 to 1:4,000 deliveries
Causes: 1. Cardiac anomalies (40%): (a) structural heart disease (25%): AV septal defect, hypoplastic left heart, rhabdomyoma (b) tachyarrhythmia (15%) 2. Hematologic causes: thalassemia, hemolysis, fetal blood loss 3. Idiopathic (25-44%) 4. Twin-twin transfusion (20%) 5. Chromosomal abnormalities (6%): [Turner syndrome](#) 6. Skeletal dysplasias: achondroplasia, [achondrogenesis](#), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#), thanatophoric [dwarfism](#), [asphyxiating thoracic dysplasia](#) 7. Renal disease (4%): congenital nephrotic syndrome 8. Infections: toxoplasmosis, CMV, syphilis, Coxsackie virus, parvovirus 9. Cervical tumors: teratoma 10. Chest masses: [cystic adenomatoid malformation](#), extralobar sequestration, mediastinal tumor, [rhabdomyoma of heart](#), diaphragmatic hernia 11. Abdominal masses: [neuroblastoma](#), hemangioendothelioma of liver 12. Placental tumors: [chorioangioma](#) *Prognosis:* 46% death in utero; 17% neonatal death

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Immune Hydrops = ERYTHROBLASTOSIS FETALIS = lysis of fetal RBCs by maternal IgG antibodies *Pathophysiology*: rh-negative women (= no D antigen) may become isoimmunized if exposed to Rh-positive blood (= D allotype present); maternal IgM antibodies develop initially, later IgG antibodies with ability to cross placenta (= transplacental passage) *Prognosis*: (if untreated) 45-50% mild anemia, 25-30% moderate anemia (with neonatal problems only), 20-25% develop hydrops (death in utero / neonatally) *Cause of isoimmunization*: fetomaternal hemorrhage during pregnancy / delivery / spontaneous or elective [abortion](#) if fetus is D-positive; fetus has a 50% chance of being rh-negative as 56% of RhD-positive fathers are heterozygous for D antigen *At risk*: Caucasians (15%), Blacks (6%), Orientals (1%); absence of D antigen originates in Basques Determination of extent of disease by: (1) Optical density shift at 450 nm (= delta OD 450) reflects amount of bilirubin in amniotic fluid; reasonably reliable only >25 weeks MA; unreliable in alloimmunization due to Kell antibodies (2) Percutaneous [umbilical cord](#) sampling (PUBS) with direct determination of Hct and Hb ✓ anasarca (= skin edema) ✓ fetal [ascites](#) in 2nd trimester (indicates severe anemia with Hct <15%, Hb <4 g/dL; present in only 66%) ✓ [pleural effusion](#) ✓ increased diameter of umbilical vein ✓ subcutaneous edema (skin thickness >5 mm) ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (75%) ✓ placentomegaly >6 cm ✓ [pericardial effusion](#) ✓ hepatosplenomegaly *Prophylaxis*: Rh immune globulin (RhoGAM® = antibody against D antigen) blocks antigen sites on Rh-positive cells in maternal circulation to prevent initiation of maternal antibody production; Rh immune globulin given at 28 weeks to all rh-negative women *OB-Management*: regular monitoring from 18 weeks on when maternal anti-D concentration exceeds 4 IU/mL (severe anemia unlikely if maternal antibodies <15 IU/mL) *Rx*: umbilical vein transfusion during PUBS

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FOLLICULAR CYST

=unruptured follicle / ruptured follicle that sealed immediately (after continued stimulation) = failure to ovulate / involute; sign of anovulatory cycle *Predisposed:* patients during puberty + menopause; S/P salpingectomy ✓ thin-walled, unilocular cyst ✓ size usually >2.5 cm / occasionally up to 10 cm in size ✓ usually multiple / may be single ✓ low-level internal echoes / fluid-debris level / septations / predominantly hyperechoic = hemorrhagic cyst (DDx: teratoma, abscess, torsion, malignancy, [ectopic pregnancy](#)) *Prognosis:* usually disappears after 1-2 menstrual cycles

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FUNCTIONAL OVARIAN CYST

Cause: (a) failure of involution of follicle / corpus luteum with changes in the menstrual cycle (b) excessive hormonal stimulation of follicles preventing normal follicular regression (eg, theca-lutein cysts) **Types:** (1) **Follicular cyst** (from preovulatory follicle): may elaborate estrogen, extremely common (2) **Corpus luteum cyst** (from postovulatory follicle): elaborates progesterone causing delayed menstruation / persistent bleeding (3) **Corpus albicans cyst** = from corpus luteum following regression of luteal tissue; no hormone production (4) **Theca lutein cyst**: in hyperstimulated ovary from ovary-stimulating drugs, twins, trophoblastic disease; elaborates estrogen (5) **Surface epithelial inclusion cyst**: common in postmenopausal women **Age:** any; in newborns (influence of maternal estrogen) **Incidence:** 3-5-17% in postmenopausal women ■ usually asymptomatic ■ acute unilateral pelvic pain (from hemorrhage / pressure) ✓ unilocular smooth-walled cyst ✓ contents anechoic / with internal debris (from hemorrhage) ✓ up to 8-10 cm in diameter **Prognosis:** spontaneous regression is common but unpredictable; typically resolve within 2 menstrual cycles (less likely if cyst > 5 cm) **Rx:** (1) hormonal manipulation (2) surgery (absolutely indicated if cyst enlarges) (3) percutaneous aspiration (if chance of malignancy is nil as in infants) **DDx:** cystic teratoma, simple benign epithelial neoplasm, endometrioma in resolution, [paraovarian cyst](#), quiescent hydrosalpinx

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GARTNER DUCT CYST

Frequency: 1-2% *Origin:* remnant of vaginal portion of mesonephric / wolffian duct with incomplete involution + persistent glandular secretion *Histo:* lined by flat cuboidal / columnar epithelium *May be associated with:* complex renal + urogenital malformations (1) Herlyn-Werner-Wunderlich syndrome = ipsilateral renal agenesis + ipsilateral blind vagina (2) Ectopic ureter inserting into Gartner duct cyst • usually asymptomatic *Location:* anterolateral aspect of proximal third of vaginal wall extending into ischioirectal fossa *✓* well-defined round lesion with fluid contents *✓* large cysts may displace ureter upward / protrude through introitus *Cx:* dyspareunia; interference with vaginal delivery

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GASTROSCHISIS

=paramedian full-thickness abdominal fusion defect usually on right side of [umbilical cord](#); may involve thorax; bowel is nonrotated and lacks secondary fixation to dorsal abdominal wall *Incidence*: 1-2:10,000 livebirths (same as [omphalocele](#)), sporadic *Cause*: (a) abnormal involution of right umbilical vein resulting in rupture of anterior abdominal wall at area of weakness (b) premature interruption of right omphalo-mesenteric artery (normally persists proximally as superior mesenteric artery) resulting in ischemic damage to abdominal wall *Age of occurrence*: 37 days (5 weeks) of embryonic life *Age of detection*: difficult <20 weeks GA *Associated anomalies* (5%): intestinal atresia / stenosis (25%; small size of opening leads to compression or torsion of vessels); [ectopia cordis](#) (rare) • MS-AFP ≥ 2.5 MoM in 77-100% exteriorized bowel = thick-walled edematous freely floating loops outside fetal abdomen (due to lack of peritoneal covering) dilated intra- / extraperitoneal bowel <2-5 cm paraumbilical defect, usually on right side of cord insertion normal insertion of [umbilical cord](#) no fetal [ascites](#) / [polyhydramnios](#) may be present liver / [spleen](#) may herniate infrequently [malrotation](#) / nonrotation of bowel *Cx before birth*: (1) Bowel obstruction (2) Peritonitis (exposure of bowel to fetal urine / meconium) (3) Perforation (from peritonitis) (4) Fetal growth restriction (38-77%) secondary to nutritional loss from exposed bowel *Cx after birth*: [malrotation](#), jejunal / ileal atresia (18%), bowel necrosis, [necrotizing enterocolitis](#), hyperalimentation hepatitis, prolonged intestinal motility dysfunction, chronic short-gut syndrome *Mortality rate*: 17% *Survival rate*: 87-100% after surgical treatment (during 1st day of life, not influenced by mode of delivery); death from premature delivery / sepsis / bowel ischemia

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GERM CELL TUMOR OF OVARY

=malignant (except for mature teratoma) [ovarian tumors](#) of varying histology Age:14 years on average • pelvic / abdominal pain + mass • elevated [alpha-fetoprotein](#) (60% in immature teratoma; 100% in endodermal sinus tumor) • elevated b-HCG (30% of endodermal sinus tumors) ✓ average diameter of 15 cm ✓ unilateral, rarely bilateral ✓ calcifications (40%) ✓ homogeneously solid (3%), predominantly solid (85%), predominantly cystic (12%)

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GESTATIONAL TROPHOBLASTIC DISEASE

=group of disorders as a result of an aberrant fertilization event arising from trophoblastic elements of the developing blastocyst with invasive tendency
Components of trophoblast: 1. Cytotrophoblast = stem cell with high mitotic activity 2. Syncytiotrophoblast = synthesis of b-HCG 3. Intermediate trophoblast = responsible for endometrial invasion + implantation • increased levels of b-HCG
Incidence: <1% of all gynecologic malignancies
Associated with: molar pregnancy (most), post [abortion](#), [ectopic pregnancy](#), term pregnancy
Spectrum: 1. Benign [hydatidiform mole](#) (80-90%) 2. [Invasive mole](#) (5-8-10%) 3. [Choriocarcinoma](#) (1-2-5%) 4. Placental site trophoblastic tumor (rare)
Cytogenesis: =fertilization of one egg by two sperm = chromosomes completely / predominantly of paternal origin
1. Diploid karyotype-46,XX = from fertilization of ovum by two 23,X sperm after loss of maternal haploid chromosomes-46,XY = from fertilization of a chromosomally empty ovum by two different sperm: • in complete [hydatidiform mole](#) (almost 100%), [invasive mole](#) (almost 100%), [choriocarcinoma](#) (50%)
2. Triploid karyotype (69,XXX; 69,XXY; 69,XYY)=fertilization of a normal ovum (23,X) by 2 different sperm thus containing 2/3 paternal chromosomes • occurs in partial [hydatidiform mole](#)
At risk: maternal age >35 years and <20 years, previous molar gestation, previous spontaneous abortions

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GRANULOSA CELL TUMOR

Most common hormone-active estrogenic tumor of ovary *Incidence*:1-2-3% of all ovarian neoplasms *Age*:puberty (5%), reproductive age (45%), postmenopausal (50%) *Path*:well-circumscribed, smooth / lobulated solid mass; foci of hemorrhage / cystic degeneration (when tumor gets larger) *Histo*:macro- / microfollicular, alveolar, trabecular, diffuse types ■ [precocious puberty](#) ■ irregular menstruation cycles, menorrhagia, [amenorrhea](#) ■ abdominal pain, palpable adnexal mass *Location*: unilateral in 90-95% *Dissemination*:local extension, spread to peritoneum (similar to cystadenocarcinoma) ✓ multilocular cyst containing fluid / blood (most frequently) ✓ size up to 40 cm in diameter ✓ predominantly hypoechoic mass simulating fibroid ✓ endometrial glandular hyperplasia *Cx*:(1)Malignant transformation (5-25%)(2)Low-grade endometrial carcinoma (10%)(3)Recurrence (raised serum aromatase + estradiol levels) *Rx*:uni- / bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy ± postoperative chemotherapy *Prognosis*:85% 10-year survival rate

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HELLP SYNDROME

=Hemolysis, Elevated Liver enzymes, Low Platelets
Prevalence: 4-12% of patients with severe [preeclampsia](#) / [eclampsia](#); higher in White women (24%), with delayed diagnosis of [preeclampsia](#) / delayed delivery (57%), in multiparous patients (14%)
■ epigastric / RUQ pain (90%) ■ nausea + vomiting (45%), occasionally jaundice ■ headache (50%) ■ demonstrable edema (55%)
↓ tender hepatomegaly ↓ fatty infiltration of liver (peak at 35th week) ↓ subcapsular hematoma of liver + kidney ↓ hepatic necrosis ↓ ascites + pleural effusions ↓ vitreous hemorrhage
Cx: (1) Perinatal mortality (8-60%) (2) Maternal death (3-24%) from liver rupture, DIC, abruptio placentae, acute renal failure, sepsis

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HYDATIDIFORM MOLE
=MOLAR PREGNANCY

[Complete / Classic Mole](#) [Complete Mole With Coexistent Fetus \(1-2%\)](#) [Invasive Mole](#) [Partial Mole](#)

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Complete / Classic Mole = fertilization of ovum by two 23,X sperm after loss of maternal haploid chromosomes (46,XX) or occasionally fertilization of an "empty egg" (= ovum with no active chromosomal material) by 2 different sperm (46,XY) *Histo*: generalized hydropic swelling of all chorionic villi with prominent acellular space centrally; pronounced trophoblastic proliferation of syncytio- and cytotrophoblast ■ severe [eclampsia](#) prior to 24 weeks ■ uterus too large for dates (in 50%) ■ 1st trimester bleeding ■ marked elevation of b-HCG with hyperemesis ■ passing of grapelike vesicles per vagina ■ [hyperthyroidism](#) (due to thyroid-stimulating properties of b-HCG) ■ anemia (secondary to plasma volume expansion + vaginal bleeding) ■ diploid karyotype, almost always paternal XX chromosomes ✓ hyperechoic to moderately echogenic central uterine mass interspersed with punctate hypoechoic areas ✓ numerous discrete cystic spaces (= hydropic villi) within a central area of heterogeneous echotexture ✓ in 25% atypical appearance: ✓ large hyperechoic areas (blood clot) + areas of cystic degeneration resembling incomplete [abortion](#) ✓ single large central fluid collection with hyperechoic rim mimicking an anembryonic gestation / [abortion](#) ✓ no fetal parts / no chorionic membrane ✓ bilateral theca lutein cysts (18-37%), which may take 4 months to regress after evacuation of a molar pregnancy *Prognosis*: in 80-85% benign, in 15-20% [invasive mole](#) / [choriocarcinoma](#) *Rx*: dilatation + suction curettage (curative in 85%) *DDx*: (1) Hydropic degeneration of the placenta (associated with incomplete / missed abortions) (2) Degenerated uterine [leiomyoma](#) (3) Incomplete [abortion](#) = retained products with hemorrhage (4) [Choriocarcinoma](#)

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Complete Mole With Coexistent Fetus (1-2%)

=molar degeneration of one conceptus of a dizygotic [twin pregnancy](#) with same risk of malignant degeneration as in classic mole • vaginal bleeding in 2nd trimester • [uterus large for dates](#) • abnormally elevated serum b-HCG • [amniocentesis](#) with normal diploid karyotype excludes diagnosis of [partial mole](#) ✓ normal gestation with placenta + separate typical echogenic material of a [hydatidiform mole](#) ✓ ovarian theca lutein cysts *Prognosis:* fetal survival unlikely due to maternal complications from coexistent mole

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Invasive Mole =CHORIOADENOMA DESTRUENS*Histo*:excessive trophoblastic proliferation with presence of villous structure + invasion of myometrium*Preexisting condition*:complete / partial [hydatidiform mole](#) • history of previous molar gestation / missed [abortion](#) (75%) • continued uterine bleeding • persistently elevated b-HCG levels (with failure of b-HCG to return to undetectable levels after treatment of a complete [hydatidiform mole](#))[✓] hyperechoic tissue with punctate lucencies[✓] irregular focal hyperechoic region within myometrium[✓] bilateral theca lutein cysts, 4-8 cm in size[✓] myometrial invasion occasionally demonstrable*Rx*:chemotherapy, hysterectomy (if at risk for uterine perforation)

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Partial Mole = areas of molar change alternating with normal villi + fetus with significant congenital anomalies *Histo*: focal proliferations of syncytiotrophoblast; normal villi interspersed with hydropic villi ■ triploid karyotype (66% XXY; 33% XXX) due to fertilization of single ovum with 2 sperm ■ early onset of [preeclampsia](#) nearly always coexistent fetus with severe abnormalities¹ placenta with numerous cystic spaces *Prognosis*: (1) frequently spontaneous [abortion](#) (unrecognized as mole for lack of karyotyping of the abortus) (2) no survival of triploid fetus (3) 3% risk of persistent gestational trophoblastic neoplasia

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HYDRO- / HEMATOMETROCOLPOS

=accumulation of sterile fluid (hydro-) / blood (hemato-) / pus (pyo-) within uterus (~metria) + vagina (~colpos); (a)premenarcheally = secretions + mucus (b)postmenarcheally = blood *Incidence*: 1:16,000 female births *Etiology*: A. CONGENITAL OBSTRUCTION (a) persistent urogenital sinus = single exit chamber for bladder + vagina; separate orifice for anus; caused by virilization of female fetus / intersex anomaly / arrest of normal vaginal development *Frequently associated with*: [ambiguous genitalia](#) *Age*: newborn period (b) cloacal malformation = single perineal orifice for bladder + vagina + rectum; caused by early embryologic arrest *Frequently associated with*: duplex genital tract *Age*: newborn period (c) imperforate hymen, transverse vaginal septum, segmental vaginal atresia, imperforate cervix, blind horn of bicornuate uterus, [Mayer-Rokitansky-Küster-Hauser syndrome](#) (= agenesis of uterus + vagina with active uterine anlage) • primary [amenorrhea](#) = "delayed menarche" • cyclical abdominal pain • interlabial mass *Age*: puberty • Hematometocolpos / hematocolpos are due to imperforate hymen / transverse vaginal septum • Hematometra is due to cervical dysgenesis + [vaginal agenesis](#) / [Mayer-Rokitansky-Küster-Hauser syndrome](#) / obstructed uterine horn *May be associated with*: [imperforate anus](#), [hydronephrosis](#), [renal agenesis](#) / dysplasia, polycystic kidneys, duplication of vagina + uterus, sacral hypoplasia, esophageal atresia 2. ACQUIRED OBSTRUCTION neoplastic obstruction of endocervical canal / vagina, postpartum infection, attempted [abortion](#), cervical stenosis after radiotherapy, postsurgical scarring (eg, dilatation and curettage, traumatic delivery), senile contraction • vague pelvic discomfort • pain during defecation / urination • asymptomatic • smooth symmetric enlargement resulting in pear-shaped uterus ± distended vagina • varying amounts of low-level internal echoes centrally within uterus continuous with vaginal canal • hematosalpinx ± [endometriosis](#) OB-US: • cystic / midlevel echogenic retrovesical mass (mucous secretions secondary to stimulation by maternal estrogens during fetal life) • cystic mass ± fluid-debris level (distended vagina) • bladder often not identified (compression by distended vagina) *DDx*: [ovarian cyst](#), [duplication cyst](#), meconium cyst, mesenteric cyst, rectovesical fistula, anterior meningocele, cystic tumor, trophoblastic disease, degenerating [leiomyoma](#) / leiomyosarcoma *Cx*: endometritis, myometritis, parametritis (= pelvic lymphangitis), pelvic abscess, septic pelvic thrombophlebitis, [urinary tract infection](#)

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IMMATURE TERATOMA OF OVARY

=EMBRYONAL TERATOMA = MALIGNANT TERATOMA = SOLID TERATOMA *Histo*: immature tissue resembling those of the [embryo](#); grade 0-3 reflect amount of immature neuroectodermal tissue *May be associated with*: gliomatosis peritonei = multiple peritoneal implants of mature glial tissue ■ elevated AFP levels (50%) ■ no elevation of serum HCG levels ✓ predominantly solid tumor with numerous cysts of varying size ✓ scattered calcifications (due to invariable association with mature teratoma)

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INFERTILITY

=failure to conceive after 1 year of unprotected intercourse *Incidence*: affects 10-15% of couples *Etiology*: (a) female factors (55%): Tubal disease (10-20-40%): congenital anomalies, DES exposure, [pelvic inflammatory disease](#), salpingitis isthmica nodosa, [endometriosis](#), postoperative factors, polyp, neoplasm, [ectopic pregnancy](#) Uterine factors (2-5%): bicornuate uterus, septate uterus, DES exposure, intrauterine adhesions, endometrial inflammation / infection, uterine neoplasm, complications after pregnancy, [leiomyoma](#) Ovulatory disorder (10-20%) Pelvic factors (20-25%) Cervical factors (5-10%) (b) male factors (40%) (c) combination of factors (15-25%) (d) unknown cause (5-10%) Tests: ■ history + physical examination ■ laboratory tests (mainly hormonal) ■ basal body temperature measurement ■ postcoital test ■ cervical culture ■ endometrial biopsy ■ sonographic monitoring of [ovaries](#) ■ sperm agglutination studies ■ in vitro mucus penetration test ■ laparoscopy + hysteroscopy ■ hysterosalpingography

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INTRAUTERINE CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICE

✓ double echogenic line with plastic IUD ✓ reverberation echoes with metal IUD
Types of IUD: 1. Lippes loop ✓ 4-5 echogenic dots on SAG view ✓ horizontal line / dot on TRV view
2. Saf-T-coil ✓ echogenic solid line on SAG view ✓ series of echoes / dot on TRV view
3. Copper 7 / Copper T / Progestasert ✓ dot in fundus + solid line in corpus on SAG view ✓ solid line in fundus + dot in corpus on TRV view
4. Dalkon shield (no longer produced) Cx: [pelvic inflammatory disease](#) (2-3-fold risk compared with that of non-IUD users) in 35%; [actinomycosis](#) with IUD in place for >6 years

["Lost IUD" IUD & Pregnancy](#)

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"Lost IUD" =locator device not palpated
*Cause:*1.expulsion of IUD2.migration of thread3.detachment of thread4.uterine perforation of IUD
Abdominal plain film is indicated if IUD not identified by US!

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IUD & Pregnancy IUD may not be visualized after 1st trimester (as uterus grows IUD is drawn into cavity) *Prognosis:* high risk of septic [abortion](#) *Rx:* early removal of IUD if string remained in vagina

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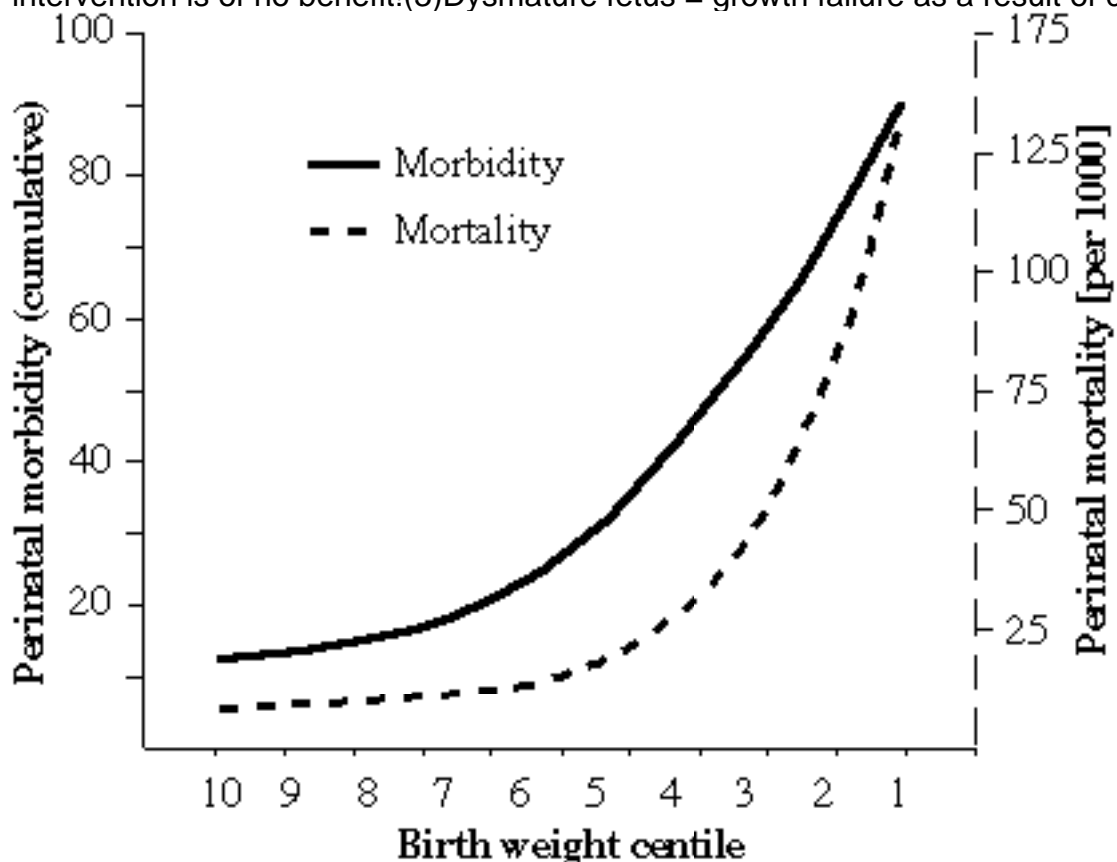
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INTRAUTERINE GROWTH RESTRICTION

=FETAL GROWTH RETARDATION=perinate with a weight at/below the 10th percentile for gestational age occurring as a result of a pathologic process inhibiting expression of normal intrinsic growth potential for [twin pregnancy](#): discordant weight >25% Fetal weight at/below 10th percentile for age will classify 7% of normal fetuses as growth retarded! IUGR is primarily an ultrasound diagnosis! *Prevalence*: 3-7% of all deliveries; in 12-47% of all twin pregnancies; in 25% of fetuses following birth of a growth-retarded sibling / stillborn *Etiology*: A. UTEROPLACENTAL INSUFFICIENCY (80%)=injury during period of cell hypertrophy resulting in decreased cell size with features of intrauterine starvation + protective cardiac output redistribution reflex • absence of body fat • diminished liver and muscle glycogen 1. Maternal causes ✓ asymmetric IUGR / symmetric IUGR (in severe cases) (a) deficient supply of nutrients: [cyanotic heart disease](#), severe anemia (in 10-25% of sickle cell anemia), maternal starvation, life in high altitudes, drugs (anticonvulsants, methotrexate, warfarin), alcohol abuse (dose related), illicit drugs (up to 50% with heroine addiction, 30% with cocaine abuse), uterine anomaly, multiple gestation (in 15-20%) (b) maternal vascular disease resulting in inadequate placental perfusion: nicotine-induced release of catecholamines, preconceptual diabetes, [preeclampsia](#), chronic renal disease collagen vascular disease (SLE) (c) maternal demographics: maternal age (adolescence / advanced), nulliparous mother, small short habitus, racial influence (Asians) 2. Primary placental causes Extensive placental infarctions, chronic partial separation (abruption), [partial mole](#), [Breus mole](#), [chorioangioma](#), [placenta previa](#), low implantation, placental metastases (breast, melanoma), placentitis (luteal, malaria) *Histo*: reduction in placental villous surface area + in number of capillary vessels ✓ asymmetric growth failure B. PRIMARY FETAL CAUSES (20%)=injury during the period of cell hyperplasia (= embryogenesis) producing profound reduction in cell number across all cell lines ✓ symmetric IUGR (globally decreased intrinsic growth) ✓ normal / increased [amniotic fluid volume](#) 1. Chromosomal abnormalities (in 2-6%): [triploidy](#), tetraploidy, [trisomy 13 + 18 + 21](#), aneuploidy ([Turner syndrome](#)), partial deletion (4-p, 5-p [cri du chat], 13-q), partial trisomy (4-p, 18-p, 10-q, 18-q), unbalanced translocation (chromosomes 4 + 15), balanced translocation (chromosomes 5 + 11) 2. Structural anomalies: congenital heart disease, genitourinary anomalies, CNS anomalies, [dwarfism](#) 3. Viral infection: [rubella](#) (in 40-60%), CMV, varicella (in 40%) All fetuses with IUGR need to have a detailed and often repeated search for structural anomalies! • fundal height as screening test (37-60% true positive, 40-55% false negative; 26-60% false positive) *Sequence of events in fetal hypoxia*: nonreactive CST > absence of fetal breathing > nonreactive NST > diminished fetal movements > absence of fetal tone PHENOTYPES 1. **Pure symmetric IUGR** = decreased-cell-number IUGR = early-insult IUGR = low-profile IUGR=proportionate reduction of all fetal measurements due to (a) intrinsic alteration in growth potential (usually due to chromosomal abnormalities) (b) severe nutritional deprivation overwhelming protective brain-sparing mechanism occurring prior to 26 weeks MA + persisting until delivery ✓ proportionate decrease in HC and AC maintaining normal HC:AC ratios ✓ estimated fetal weight <10th percentile for age by middle of 2nd trimester 2. **Mixed IUGR** =onset of IUGR during period of mixed hyperplasia / hypertrophy with near normal inherent fetal growth potential but decreased size + impaired function of placenta ✓ impaired fetal growth ± asymmetry ✓ abnormal Doppler umbilical artery flow velocity (due to increased placental vascular resistance) ✓ progressive [oligohydramnios](#) 3. **Asymmetric IUGR** = decreased-cell-size IUGR=late-onset IUGR = late-flattening IUGR (75%)=disproportionate reduction of fetal measurements due to uteroplacental insufficiency with preferential shunting of blood to fetal brain occurring after 26 weeks GA ✓ IUGR usually not detectable before 32-34 weeks GA (time of maximal fetal growth)! *Effective time for screening*: 34 weeks MA *Routine surveillance*: every 4 weeks beginning at 26 weeks MA ✓ AC >2 SD below the mean for age = highly suspicious; AC >3 SD below mean for age= diagnostic (AC single most effective fetal parameter for detection of asymmetric IUGR) ✓ high HC/AC and FL/AC ratios (head size + femur length less affected) ✓ fetal weight percentile useful for follow-up ✓ accelerated placental maturity ✓ decreased [amniotic fluid volume](#) ✓ elevated umbilical artery S/D ratio ✓ FL/AC ratio + umbilical artery S/D ratio are the only effective techniques to screen for IUGR on a single exam with late prenatal care in 3rd trimester! **DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND METHODS** ✓ An accurate fix on [fetal age](#) dictates [accuracy](#) of diagnosis of IUGR (early US exam, clinical dates, early physical exam, pregnancy test)! ✓ Every effort needs to be made to determine the underlying cause for growth failure as it effects management + perinatal morbidity and mortality! 1. Fetal morphometric indices The three key parameters for diagnosing IUGR are (1) low [estimated fetal weight \(EFW\)](#), (2) low [amniotic fluid volume \(AFV\)](#), (3) maternal hypertension (HBP) *Sonographic criteria for IUGR* PPV [%] NPV [%] advanced placental grade 1694 elevated FL/AC 18-2092-93 abnormal UA waveform 17-37 low total intrauterine volume 21-2492-97 small BPD 21-4492-98 slow BPD growth rate 3597 low EFW 4599 [oligohydramnios](#) 5592 elevated HC/AC 6298 (a) intrafetal proportions ✓ elevated HC:AC ratio for dysmature IUGR (overall 36% sensitive, 90% specific, 67% PPV, 72% NPV; 93% sensitive in fetus >28 weeks MA with severe dysmature IUGR) ✓ Early-onset dysmature IUGR not detectable! ✓ May not be used in anomalous fetuses! (b) rate of growth = growth velocity ✓ HC, AC, FL measurements allow Ddx between erroneous dates + normal small fetus + fetus with intrinsic abnormality ✓ plot growth curves ✓ Minimum time interval of 2 weeks necessary! 2. [Amniotic fluid volume](#) ✓ Screening for decreased amniotic fluid is of value in the fetus with dysmature IUGR (60-84% sensitive, 79-100% accurate)! ✓ normal amniotic fluid does not exclude IUGR ✓ [oligohydramnios](#) means dysmature IUGR in a fetus with normal GU tract until proven otherwise (DDx: [trisomy 13 + 18](#)) 3. Fetal morphologic assessment + fat distribution ✓ diminished thigh circumference ✓ absent paraspinal fat pad (posterior neck) ✓ reduced / absent malar fat pads ✓ disproportionately small liver size ✓ increased small bowel echogenicity (= absent omental fat) 4. Placental assessment ✓ increased placental [calcium](#) deposition 5. Doppler blood flow velocities a. Nonstress test (NST) b. Contraction [stress test](#) (CST) c. Umbilical artery waveform ✓ Not useful with unknown dates / for screening! *Physiology*: S/D ratio increases with sampling site closer to fetus + increasing fetal heart rate; S/D ratio decreases with advancing gestational age ✓ elevated systolic:diastolic ratio (S/D ratio >3.0 beyond 30-34 weeks GA) indicates an increase in vascular resistance within placental circulation ✓ absent diastolic flow = 50-90% mortality rate ✓ reverse diastolic flow = impending fetal collapsed. Uterine artery waveform (measured at its point of overlap with external iliac artery) ✓ S/D ratio >2.6 after 26 weeks GA ✓ persistence of early diastolic notches. Fetal aortic flow volume (no proven usefulness) ✓ decrease in blood flow to <185-246 mL/kg/min 6. Biophysical profile *Accuracy*: false-negative fetal death rate of 0.645/1000 fetuses within 1 week the last normal BPP; 33% [sensitivity](#), 17% [positive predictive value](#) 7. Invasive fetal testing: fetal blood analysis for karyotyping, hypoxemia, hypercapnia, acidemia, hypoglycemia, hypertriglyceridemia Cx: increased risk for perinatal asphyxia, meconium aspiration, electrolyte imbalance from metabolic acidosis, [polycythemia](#) *Neonatal Cx*: [pulmonary hemorrhage](#) + vasoconstriction, [persistent fetal circulation](#), intracranial hemorrhage, bowel ischemia, [necrotizing enterocolitis](#), [acute renal failure](#) *Prognosis*: 6-8-fold increase in risk for intrapartum death + neonatal death! 20% of all stillborn fetuses are growth retarded! *DDx of fetus small for gestational age (SGA)*: *Definition*: generic clinical term describing a group of perinates at/below the 10th percentile for gestational age without reference to etiology (1) Small normal fetus = constitutionally small fetus (80-85%) ✓ No indication for surveillance / intervention! (2) Small abnormal fetus = primary growth failure associated with karyotype anomaly / fetal infection (5-10%) ✓ Active intervention is of no benefit! (3) Dysmature fetus = growth failure as a result of compromised placental function (10-15%) ✓ Intensive management is likely of benefit!



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KRUKENBERG TUMOR

=[ovarian tumors](#) from GI tract cancer (colon:stomach = 2:1) now including pancreatic + biliary primaries; 2% of females with gastric cancer develop Krukenberg tumor
Krukenberg tumors antedate the discovery of the primary lesion in up to 20%! Age: any age, most common in 5th-6th decade in 80% bilateral hypo- / hyperechoic mass ± cystic degeneration

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LIMB-BODY WALL COMPLEX

Prevalence: 1:10,000 live births *Cause:* ? severe form of [amniotic band syndrome](#); ? early vascular disruption; ? embryonic dysplasia due to malformation of ectodermal placodes
A. EXTERNAL DEFECTS
1. Ventral wall anomaly ✓ large eccentric defect Location: L:R = 3:1 (DDx: [gastroschisis](#))
2. Craniofacial defects: [anencephaly](#), [cephalocele](#), facial cleft
3. Limb reductions
4. Spinal defects: dysraphism, scoliosis
B. INTERNAL DEFECTS (in 95%)
1. Cardiac defects
2. Diaphragmatic absence
3. Bowel atresia
4. Renal abnormalities: agenesis, [hydronephrosis](#), dysplasia ✓ persistence of extraembryonic coelom (= separation of amnion + chorion)
Prognosis: invariably fatal shortly after birth

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MACROSOMIA

=FETAL GROWTH ACCELERATION=fetus large for gestational age (LGA) with EFW >90th percentile for age / >4,000 g at term¹ AC >3 SD above the mean for age (most reliable measurement)¹ [estimated fetal weight \(EFW\)](#) including fetal head, abdomen, femur length >90th percentile ($\pm 15\%$ [accuracy](#))¹ low FL:AC ratio¹ low HC:AC ratio¹ enlarged thigh circumference¹ low FL:thigh circumference ratio¹ *Risk:* [shoulder](#) dystocia, prolonged labor, meconium spiration

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MASSIVE OVARIAN EDEMA

=tumorlike condition with marked enlargement of one / (occasionally) both [ovaries](#) due to accumulation of edema fluid in stroma *Age*:6-33 (average 21) years *Cause*:
(1)partial / intermittent torsion (obstruction to ovarian lymphatic + venous drainage)(2)ovarian stromal proliferation with enlargement of ovary susceptible to torsion *Histo*:edematous ovarian stroma + extensive [fibromatosis](#) surrounding primordial follicles, luteinized cells ■ acute / intermittent lower abdominal pain for month
■ masculinization (in chronic phase) ✓ solid / multicystic adnexal mass ✓ ovarian diameter of 5-40 (mean 11.5) cm *Rx*:oophorectomy / salpingo-oophorectomy / wedge resection with ovarian suspension

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MAYER-ROKITANSKY-KÜSTER-HAUSER SYNDROME

(1)[vaginal agenesis](#) / hypoplasia of proximal + middle segments(2)intact [ovaries](#) + fallopian tubes (3)variable anomalies of uterus (agenesis / hypoplasia), urinary tract ([renal agenesis](#), pelvic kidney in 40%), skeletal system *Frequency*:1:4,000-1:5,000 *Cause*:lack of müllerian development ■ normal external genitalia ■ shallow distal vaginal pouch (derived from urogenital sinus) ■ [amenorrhea](#) ■ cyclic pelvic pain (secondary to functioning [endometrium](#) within rudimentary uterine tissue)Rx:neovaginoplasty

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MUCINOUS OVARIAN TUMOR

Incidence: 20% of all [ovarian tumors](#); 2nd most common benign epithelial neoplasm of ovary (after serous ovarian adenoma) *Histo:* single layer of nonciliated tall columnar epithelium with clear cytoplasm of high mucin content (similar to endocervix + intestinal epithelium) 80% benign, 10% borderline, 10% malignant *Age:* middle adult life, rare before puberty + after menopause *Cx:* rupture may lead to [pseudomyxoma peritonei](#)

[Mucinous Cystadenoma](#) [Mucinous Cystadenocarcinoma](#)

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Mucinous Cystadenoma *Prevalence:* 20% of all benign ovarian neoplasms *Age:* 3rd-5th decade of life \checkmark multilocular cyst with numerous thin septa \checkmark cysts frequently have high protein content: \checkmark low-level echoes in cysts \checkmark high attenuation on CT \checkmark hyperintense on T1WI \checkmark usually unilateral, bilateral in 5%

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Mucinous Cystadenocarcinoma difficult to differentiate from benign variety ✓ solid tissue areas: thick septa + other soft-tissue elements within septated cyst ✓ usually unilateral, bilateral in 20% ✓ capsular infiltration with loss of definition + fixation Cx: [pseudomyxoma peritonei](#)

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NUCHAL CORD

=[umbilical cord](#) encircling fetal neck: single loop > two loops (2-3%) > 3 or more loops (<1%)
Incidence: 25% of pregnancies; frequently transient
Associated with: increased cord length, small fetus, vertex presentation, [polyhydramnios](#) • generally not of clinical significance: no difference in 5-minute Apgar score, no increase in infant mortality
✓ two adjacent cross sections of cord on longitudinal view of neck (diagnosis facilitated by color Doppler flow)
✓ indentation of skin by nuchal cord suggests tight loop
Risk: signs of fetal distress (fetal bradycardia, variable decelerations, depressed 1-minute Apgar score)
OB management: 1. Assess fetal well-being (biophysical profile biweekly, NST, fetal growth) 2. Vaginal delivery permissible if without evidence of fetal compromise 3. Intervention only for signs of fetal distress

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OMPHALOCELE

=midline defect of anterior abdominal wall due to failure to form the umbilical ring during 3rd to 4th week of gestation with herniation of intraabdominal contents into base of [umbilical cord](#) *Prevalence*: 1:4,000 to 1:5,500 pregnancies *Cause*: (a) migration failure of lateral mesodermal body folds *omphalocele* contains liver (b) persistence of primitive body stalk beyond 12th week MA *omphalocele* contains primarily bowel *Age*: earliest detection at 12 weeks menstrual age High incidence of ASSOCIATED ANOMALIES (45-88%): 1. Chromosomal (10-30-58%): [trisomy 13](#), 18, 21, [Turner syndrome](#) (13% with liver in omphalocele, 77% with bowel in omphalocele), [triploidy](#) 2. Genitourinary (40%): [bladder exstrophy](#) OEIS complex = **O**mphalocele + **b**ladder **E**xstrophy + **I**mperforate anus + **S**pinal anomalies 3. Cardiac (16-30-47%): VSD, ASD, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), [ectopia cordis](#) in [pentalogy of Cantrell](#), DORV 4. Neural tube defects (4-39%): [holoprosencephaly](#), encephalocele, cerebellar hypoplasia 5. IUGR (20%) 6. [Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome](#) (5-10%) 7. GI tract: intestinal atresia (vascular compromise); [malrotation](#); abnormal fixation of liver, esophageal atresia, facial cleft, diaphragmatic hernia 8. Limb-body wall deficiency; [cystic hygroma](#) • MS-AFP ≥ 2.5 in 40-70% *omphalocele* midline central defect at base of [umbilical cord](#) insertion *omphalocele* defect over entire ventral abdominal wall (mean size 2.5-5 cm) *omphalocele* widened cord where it joins the skin of the abdomen *omphalocele* cord inserting at apex of defect *omphalocele* herniation of abdominal viscera at base of [umbilical cord](#): liver (27%) \pm stomach \pm bowel *omphalocele* covering amnioperitoneal membrane (inner layer = peritoneum; outer layer = amnion); may rupture in exceedingly rare cases *omphalocele* hypoechoic loose mesenchymal tissue (= Wharton jelly) between layers of membrane *omphalocele* [ascites](#) within herniated sac *omphalocele* [polyhydramnios](#) (occasionally [oligohydramnios](#)) *mnemonic*: "OMPHALOCele" **O**ther anomalies (common) **M**embrane surrounding viscera **P**erfectly midline **H**eart anomalies **A**scites **L**iver commonly herniated **O** for "zero" bowel complications **C**hromosomal abnormalities (common) **C**x: (1) Infection, inanition (2) Immaturity (23%) (3) Rupture of hernial sac (4) Intestinal obstruction *Mortality rate*: 10% mortality if isolated abnormality; 80% with one / more concurrent malformations; nearly 100% with chromosomal + cardiovascular abnormalities *DDx*: (1) [Gastroschisis](#) (usually right-sided defect) (2) [Limb-body wall complex](#) (usually left-sided defect)

[Pseudo-omphalocele](#)

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Pseudo-omphalocele (1) Deformation of fetal abdomen by transducer pressure coupled with an oblique scan orientation may give the appearance of an [omphalocele](#)
✓ obtuse angle between pseudomass and fetal abdominal wall (2) Physiologic herniation of midgut into [umbilical cord](#) between 8th and 12th week of gestation
✓ herniated sac never contains liver ✓ herniated sac usually <7 mm ✓ disappears by 12th week GA

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OMPHALOMESENTERIC DUCT CYST

Etiology: persistence + dilatation of a segment of the omphalomesenteric / vitelline duct joining the embryonic midgut and the primary [yolk sac](#), which is formed during the 3rd week and closed by the 16th week of gestation *Histo*: cyst lined by columnar mucin-secreting gastrointestinal epithelium M:F = 3:5 Location: usually in close proximity to fetus *U*: [umbilical cord](#) cyst up to 6 cm in diameter *V*: beneath amniotic surface of cord (= eccentric) *Cx*: (1) Compression of umbilical vessels by expanding cyst (2) Erosion of umbilical vein from acid-producing gastric mucosal lining *DDx*: allantoic cyst, [umbilical cord](#) hematoma

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OVARIAN CANCER

8th leading cause of cancer in women; 3rd most common gynecologic malignancy = 25% of all gynecologic malignancies; leading cause of death of all female cancers (60%); 5th leading cause of cancer deaths in women; accounts for 50% of cancer deaths of female genital tract *Etiology*: ovarian surface epithelium proliferates temporarily to repair defect after rupture of ovum which may result in an "inclusion body" / "cystoma"; an error in DNA replication within inclusion body may occur resulting in inactivation / loss of a tumor-suppressor gene *Incidence*: affects 1:2000 women; 50 cases per year per 100,000 women (33 cases per year per 100,000 women > age 50); 26,700 new cases + 14,500 deaths in 1996 *Age*: increasing with age; peaking at 55-59 years (80% of cases in women >50 years) *Histo*:
A. EPITHELIAL TUMORS (60-70%) (a) serous tumor resembling ciliated columnar cells of the fallopian tubes (50%) (b) endometrioid tumor similar to endometrial adenocarcinoma (15-30%) (c) mucinous tumor similar to endocervical canal epithelium (15%) (d) clear cell carcinoma = mesonephroid tumor (5%) (e) [Brenner tumor](#) (2.5%) (f) undifferentiated tumor (<5%) B. GERM CELL TUMORS (15-30%) Most common malignant ovarian neoplasm in girls + young women *Age*: 4-27 years (a) mature teratoma (10%) = the only benign variety (b) [dysgerminoma](#) (1.9%) (c) immature teratoma (1.3%) (d) endodermal sinus tumor (1%) (e) malignant mixed germ cell tumor (0.7%) (f) [choriocarcinoma](#) (0.1%) (g) embryonal carcinoma (0.1%) C. METASTASES (5-10%) D. STROMAL TUMORS (5%) *Size versus risk of malignancy*: <5 cm in 3% 5-10 cm in 10% >10 cm in 65% *Increased risk*: nulliparity, early menarche, late menopause, Caucasian race, higher socioeconomic group, positive family history for ovarian cancer (risk factor of 3 with one close relative, risk factor of 30 with two close relatives affected with ovarian cancer), history of [breast cancer](#) (risk factor of 2) / early colorectal cancer (risk factor of 3.5) \downarrow Lifetime risk of ovarian cancer = 1:70 women (1.4%) *Decreased risk*: pregnancy, use of oral contraceptives, breast-feeding *Stage* (FIGO system) based on staging laparotomy I limited to ovary I limited to one ovary I limited to both ovaries I c+ positive peritoneal lavage / [ascites](#) II limited to pelvis II a involvement of uterus / fallopian tubes II b extension to other pelvic tissues II c+ positive peritoneal lavage / [ascites](#) III limited to abdomen = intraabdominal extension outside pelvis / retroperitoneal nodes / extension to small bowel / omentum IV Hematogenous disease (liver parenchyma) / spread beyond abdomen \downarrow 50-75% of patients have stage III / IV disease at time of diagnosis *Spread*: (1) direct extension through subperitoneal space (sigmoid mesocolon on left, cecum + distal ileum on right) (2) exfoliation of tumor cells into peritoneal space (often microscopic) with frequent seeding to: -pouch of Douglas-termination of small bowel mesentery-superior aspect of sigmoid-right paracolic gutter-omentum (3) lymphatic spread \bullet occasional pelvo-abdominal pain \bullet constipation, urinary frequency \bullet early satiety \bullet [ascites](#) \bullet paraneoplastic [hypercalcemia](#) \bullet elevated CA-125 levels (= high-molecular-weight glycoprotein with normal level of <35 units/mL): \rightarrow >35 units/mL in 29% of stage I disease \rightarrow >65 units/mL in 21% of stage I disease \downarrow CA-125 levels elevated in 80% of ovarian cancers (60% of mucinous + 20% of nonmucinous tumors) \downarrow CA-125 levels elevated in 30% of benign processes (fibroid, pregnancy, menstruation, [endometriosis](#), PID, benign [ovarian tumors](#), [cirrhosis](#)) *US*: \downarrow Screening finds adnexal cysts in 1-15% of postmenopausal women; only 3% of ovarian cysts <5 cm are malignant \downarrow solid / partly solid consistency + papillae \downarrow postmenopausal ovarian volume >9 cm³ \downarrow low-resistance Doppler waveform (due to lack of muscular layer of arterial wall in neoplasms) with much overlap between benign + malignant tumors: RI <0.40, PI <1.0 *Prediction*: gray-scale US = 99% NPV; presence of internal flow = 49% PPV; abnormal PI/RI = 37-47% PPV \downarrow presence of color flow (malignant vs. benign tumors = 93% vs. 35%) usually within thick wall, septa, papillary projections, solid inhomogeneous areas \downarrow omental / peritoneal masses ("omental cake") \downarrow [pseudomyxoma peritonei](#) (with tumor rupture) \downarrow liver metastases \downarrow [ascites](#) *BE*: \downarrow serosal spiculation / tethering \downarrow annular constriction / complete obstruction *Rx*: stage I: total abdominal hysterectomy (TAH) + bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy (BSO) \pm melphalan / intraperitoneal P-32 stage >I: TAH/BSO + surgical cytoreduction (debulking) + 6 cycles of chemotherapy (cyclophosphamide + cisplatin) *Prognosis (without change in past 60 years)*: 20-40% overall 5-year survival rate, 5-8% for stage IV, 14-30% for stage III, 50% for stage II, 80-90% for stage I *DDx*: tubo-ovarian abscess, [dermoid](#) cyst, endometrioma

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OVARIAN FIBROMA /FIBROTHERCOMA

Incidence: 3-4% of all [ovarian tumors](#); bilateral in <10% *Age:* usually menopausal / postmenopausal *Histo:* mesenchymal tumor consisting of intersecting bundles of collagen-producing spindle cells; fibrothecomas also have a small population of theca cells that contain intracellular lipids • usually asymptomatic • Meigs syndrome (in only 1%) *ascites* (in 10-15% of tumors >10 cm) \pm cystic degeneration and edema in larger lesions *US:* ∇ hypoechoic mass with marked sound attenuation *MR:* ∇ low signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI (less than or equal to myometrium) *CT:* ∇ well-defined solid homogeneous / slightly heterogeneous mass *DDx:* pedunculated uterine [leiomyoma](#)

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OVARIAN HYPERSTIMULATION SYNDROME

Incidence: severe OHSS in 1.5-6% under Perganol therapy *Etiology:* (1) Induced by HCG therapy with human menopausal gonadotropin (Perganol), occasionally with clomiphene (Clomid) (2) [Hydatidiform mole](#) (3) Chorioepithelioma (4) Multiple pregnancies *Path:* enlarged [ovaries](#) with multiple follicular cysts, corpora lutea, edematous stroma (fluid shift secondary to increased capillary permeability) • abdominal pain (100%) + distension (100%) • nausea (100%), vomiting (36%) • acute abdomen (17%) • dyspnea (16%) • thrombophlebitis (11%) • marked hemoconcentration • fainting (11%) • blurred vision (5%) • anasarca (5%) • hydrothorax • enhanced fertility • ovary >5 cm in longest dimension containing large geometrically packed follicles • [ovarian cyst](#) >10 cm (100%): usually disappear after 20-40 days • [ascites](#) (33%) • [pleural effusion](#) (5%) • hydronephrosis (11%) *Cx:* (related to volume depletion) (1) [Hypovolemia](#) + hemoconcentration (2) Oliguria, electrolyte imbalance, azotemia (3) Death from intraabdominal hemorrhage / thromboembolic event

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OVARIAN VEIN THROMBOSIS

Etiology:

(1) Bacterial seeding from puerperal endometritis with secondary thrombosis (pregnancy + puerperium are hypercoagulable states) = **puerperal ovarian vein thrombophlebitis**

(2) [Pelvic inflammatory disease](#) (3) Gynecologic surgery (4) Malignant tumors (5) Chemotherapy
Incidence: 1:600-1:2,000 deliveries • presents on 2nd / 3rd postpartum day
• lower abdominal / flank pain (>90%) • palpable ropelike tender abdominal mass (50%) • fever if diagnosis delayed
Location: right ovarian vein (80%), bilateral (14%), left ovarian vein (6%)
CT: √ tubular structure in location of ovarian vein with low-density center + peripheral enhancement
Cx: IVC thrombosis; pulmonary embolism (25%); septicemia; metastatic abscess formation
Mortality: 5%
Rx: IV antibiotics + heparin; ligation of involved vessel at most proximal point of thrombosis after failure to improve after 3-5 days
DDx: [appendicitis](#), broad-ligament phlegmon / hematoma, torsion of [ovarian cyst](#), [uroolithiasis](#), [pyelonephritis](#), degenerated pedunculated [leiomyoma](#), pelvic cellulitis, pelvic / abdominal abscess

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PARAOVARIAN CYST

=vestigial remnant of Wolffian duct in mesosalpinx *Frequency*: 10% of all pelvic masses *Embryology*: Wolffian body (= mesonephros) consists of (a) mesonephric duct (= Wolffian duct) in female degenerates into vestigial structures of epithelial-lined cysts (= canals / duct of Gartner) Location: at lateral edge of uterus and vagina extending from broad ligament to vestibule of vagina (b) mesonephric tubules in female degenerates into vestigial structures of 1. **EPOÖPHORON** (at lateral part of Fallopian tube) 2. **PAROÖPHORON** (at medial part of Fallopian tube) Location: between the tube and hilum of the ovary within the two peritoneal layers of broad ligament 1. **Gartner duct cyst**: inclusion cyst; lateral to vagina + uterine wall 2. **Paroöphoron**: medial location between tube + hilum of ovary 3. **Epoöphoron**: lateral location between tube + hilum of ovary 4. **Hydatids of Morgagni** (= appendices vesiculosae): most lateral + outer end of Gartner duct $\checkmark \geq 1$ vesicle(s) attached to fringes of tube + filled with clear serous fluid \checkmark thin-walled unilocular cyst, up to 18 cm in diameter \checkmark may arise out of pelvis (if pedunculated + mobile) $\checkmark \pm$ low-level internal echoes (from hemorrhage) *DDx*: functional cyst, cystic teratoma, benign epithelial neoplasm

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PELVIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

=acute clinical syndrome associated with ascending spread of microorganisms ("canalicular spread") from vagina / cervix to uterus, fallopian tubes, and adjacent pelvic structures, not related to surgery / pregnancy
Incidence: 10% of women in reproductive age (17% in Blacks); 1 million American women/year
Risk factors: early age at sexual debut, multiple sexual partners, history of sexual transmitted disease, douching
Predisposed: formerly married > married > never married; [intrauterine contraceptive device](#) (1.5-4-fold increase in risk)
Etiology: (a) bilateral: venereal disease, IUD, S/P [abortion](#) (b) unilateral = nongynecologic: rupture of appendix, diverticulum, S/P pelvic surgery
Organisms: (1) Chlamydia trachomatis Chlamydia trachomatis + Neisseria gonorrhoea (>50% with high prevalence of coinfection) damage protective barrier of endocervical canal with spread to tubes (30-50%) producing [fibrosis](#) + adhesions (2) Aerobes: Streptococcus, Escherichia coli, Haemophilus influenzae (3) Anaerobes: Bacteroides, Peptostreptococcus, Peptococcus (4) Mycobacterium [tuberculosis](#) (hematogenous) (5) [Actinomyces](#) in IUD users (6) Herpesvirus hominis type 2, Mycoplasma
May be associated with: **Fitz-Hugh-Curtis syndrome**

(= gonorrhoeic perihepatitis) ■ usually bilateral lower abdominal pain (due to peritoneal irritation) ■ abnormal vaginal discharge / uterine bleeding ■ dysuria, dyspareunia, nausea, vomiting ■ fever, leukocytosis, elevated ESR ■ lower abdominal + adnexal + cervical motion tenderness

1. **Endometritis**

✓ endometrial prominence ✓ small amount of fluid within uterine lumen ✓ gas reflection within uterine cavity (most specific) ✓ pain over uterus

2. **Salpingitis**

not depicted by imaging techniques ■ often beginning during / immediately after menstruation (due to less effective barrier of mucus at cervix) *Salpingitis isthmica nodosa* unknown etiology, commonly associated with pelvic inflammatory disease, [infertility](#), [ectopic pregnancy](#) ■ nodular thickening of isthmus portion of tube ✓ tubal irregularity + multiple diverticula / tubal obstruction on HSG

3. **Hydro- / pyosalpinx**

=continued secretion of tubal epithelium into lumen of a fallopian tube obstructed at two sites
Cause: infection, [endometriosis](#), adhesions, microtubal

Location: ampullary / infundibular portion of tube ✓ undulating / folded tubular structure in extraovarian location filled with sterile fluid / debris / pus ✓ short linear

echoes protruding into lumen (= tall ramified mucosal folds) ✓ longitudinal folds in ampullary portion
HSG: ✓ absence of peritoneal spill
Cx: tubal torsion
DDx: dilated uterine / ovarian vein, developing follicle

4. **Tubo-ovarian abscess**

Cause: sexually transmitted disease, IUD (20%), diverticulitis, [appendicitis](#), pelvic surgery, gynecologic malignancy
Organism: anaerobic bacteria become dominant

Location: usually in posterior cul-de-sac extending bilaterally ✓ multilocular complex mass often with debris, septations, irregular thick wall ✓ may contain fluid-fluid levels or gas
Dx: clinically, laparoscopy
Imaging employed only to differentiate between medical + surgical condition!
Cx: 1. [Infertility](#) due to tubal occlusion (25%): 8% after single episode, 20% after 2 episodes, 40% after ≥3 episodes of PID
2. [Ectopic pregnancy](#) (6 x as frequent)
3. Chronic pelvic pain (from pelvic adhesions)
DDx: acute

[appendicitis](#), [endometriosis](#), hematoma of corpus luteum, [ectopic pregnancy](#), [paraovarian cyst](#)

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PENA-SHOKEIR PHENOTYPE

=autosomal recessive syndrome (45% sporadic, 55% familial) characterized by fetal akinesia *Cause*: decreased / absent fetal motion secondary to abnormalities of fetal muscle / nerves / connective tissue ("fetal akinesia deformation sequence") *Time of first detection*: 16-18 weeks MA @ Spine: scoliosis, kyphosis, lordosis @ Thorax: [pulmonary hypoplasia](#), cardiac anomalies @ Kidney: renal dysplasia @ Limbs: limited movement, knee + hip ankylosis ([arthrogryposis](#)), abnormal shape + position, demineralization, camptodactyly, clubfeet / craniofacial anomalies / [polyhydramnios](#) / IUGR / short [umbilical cord](#) *Prognosis*: still birth *DDx*: multiple pterygium syndrome, Neu-Laxova syndrome, restrictive dermopathy, Larsen syndrome, trisomies 13 + 18

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PENTALOGY OF CANTRELL

=sporadic very rare abnormality
Cause: failure of lateral body folds to fuse in the thoracic region with variable extension inferiorly
1. [Omphalocele](#) + defect of lower sternum
2. [Ectopia cordis](#)
3. Deficiency of anterior diaphragm (herniation of intraabdominal organs into thoracic cavity is rare)
4. Deficiency of diaphragmatic pericardium
5. Cardiovascular malformation: atrioventricular septal defect (50%), VSD (18%), [tetralogy of Fallot](#) (1%)
Associated with: trisomies¹ exteriorization of heart
Prognosis: death within a few days after birth

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PERITONEAL INCLUSION CYST

=PERITONEAL PSEUDOCYST = ENTRAPPED [OVARIAN CYST](#) *Cause*: from previous abdominal surgery (time delay of 6 months to 20 years) / trauma / [pelvic inflammatory disease](#) / [endometriosis](#) *Pathogenesis*: extensive pelvic adhesions result in impaired peritoneal clearing of fluid normally produced by an active ovary *Path*: cyst adherent to surface of ovary *Histo*: cyst lined by hyperplastic mesothelial cells + fibroglandular tissue with chronic inflammation^v single / multiloculated cyst contiguous with ovary *Cx*: [infertility](#) *Rx*: surgery (30-50% risk of recurrence) *DDx*: [paraovarian cyst](#) (ovoid cyst outside ovary), hydrosalpinx (visible folds, located outside ovary), ovarian neoplasm, [lymphangioma](#)

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PLACENTA ACCRETA

=underdeveloped decidualization with chorionic villi growing into myometrium *Incidence*: 1:2,500-7,000 deliveries; in 5% of [placenta previa](#) patients *Risk of placenta accreta vs. cesarean section*: in 10% of [placenta previa](#); in 24% of [placenta previa](#) + 1 cesarean section; in 48% of [placenta previa](#) + 2 cesarean sections; in 67% of [placenta previa](#) + 4 cesarean sections *Predisposed*: areas of uterine scarring with deficient decidua: previous dilatation + curettage, endometritis, submucous leiomyoma, [Asherman syndrome](#), manual removal of placenta, [adenomyosis](#), increasing parity *Associated with*: [placenta previa](#) (20%) *Types*: 1. PLACENTA ACCRETA = chorionic villi in direct contact with myometrium 2. PLACENTA INCRETA = villi invade myometrium 3. PLACENTA PERCRETA = villi penetrate through uterine serosa US (78% sensitive, 94% specific): ∇ thinning to <1 mm / absence of hypoechoic myometrial zone between placenta + echodense uterine serosa / posterior bladder wall [retroplacental hypoechoic zone of decidua + myometrium + dilated periuterine venous channels measures 9.5 mm thick >18 weeks GA] ∇ thinning / irregularity / focal disruption of linear hyperechoic boundary echo (= uterine serosa-bladder wall interface) ∇ focal masslike elevations / extensions of echogenic placental tissue beyond uterine serosa ∇ >6 irregular intraplacental lacunae (= vascular spaces) Cx: (1) Retention of placental tissue (2) Life-threatening hemorrhage in 3rd stage of labor necessitating emergent hysterectomy (3) Persistent postpartum bleeding (4) Maternal death

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PLACENTA EXTRACHORIALIS

= chorionic plate smaller than basal plate; ie, the transition of membranous to villous chorion occurs at a distance from the placental edge that is smaller than the basal plate radius A.CIRCUMMARGINATE PLACENTA *Incidence*: up to 20% of placentas ■ No clinical significance ✓ placental margin not deformed B.CIRCUMVALLATE PLACENTA=attachment of fetal membranes form a folded thickened ring with underlying fibrin + often hemorrhage *Incidence*: 1-2% of pregnancies Cx: premature labor, threatened [abortion](#), increased perinatal mortality, marginal hemorrhage

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PLACENTAL ABRUPTION

=ABRUPTIO PLACENTAE=premature separation of placenta from the myometrium secondary to maternal hemorrhage into decidua basalis between 20th week and birth
Incidence: 0.5-1.3% of gestations
Risk factors: mnemonic: "VASCULAR"
Vascular disease + hypertension
Abruption (previous history)
Smoking
Cocaine
Unknown (idiopathic)
Leiomyoma
Anomaly (fetal malformation)
Reckless driving (trauma)
Associated with: intraplacental infarction / hematoma
vaginal bleeding (80%): bright red (acute), brownish-red (chronic)
abdominal pain (50%)
consumptive coagulopathy = DIC (30%)
uterine rigidity (15%)
Site: (a) marginal (most common site) low-pressure bleed due to tears of marginal veins; associated with cigarette smoking (b) retroplacental high-pressure bleed due to rupture of spiral arteries; associated with hypertension + vascular disease
hyperechoic / isoechoic hematoma (initially difficult to distinguish from placenta)
hypoechoic / complex collection between uterine wall + placenta in 50% within 1 week (hematoma / placental infarction)
anechoic collection within 2 weeks
separation / rounding of placental margin
abnormally thick + heterogenous placenta (if blood isoechoic)
elevation of chorioamnionic membrane (DDx: incomplete chorioamnionic fusion during 2nd trimester, blighted twin)
Prognosis: (1) Only large hematomas (occupying >30-40% of the maternal surface) result in fetal hypoxia (2) Abruptions with contained hematoma have worse prognosis (3) Responsible for up to 15-25% of all perinatal deaths (4) Normal term deliveries in 27% of hematomas detected >20 weeks GA (5) Normal delivery in 80% of intrauterine hematomas detected <20 weeks GA
Cx: (1) Perinatal mortality (20-60%), up to 15-25% of all perinatal deaths (2) Fetal distress / demise (15-27%) (3) Premature labor + premature delivery (23-52%) (3-fold increase) (4) Threatened [abortion](#) during first 20 weeks (5) Infant small-for-gestational age (6-7%)
DDx: (1) Normal draining basal veins (2) Normal uterine tissue (3) Retroplacental myoma (4) Focal contraction (5) [Chorioangioma](#) (6) Coexistent mole

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PLACENTAL HEMORRHAGE

Location:subchorionic, subamniotic, marginal, retroplacental

[Preplacental Hemorrhage](#) [Retroplacental Hemorrhage](#)

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Preplacental Hemorrhage = BREUS MOLE = SUBCHORIAL HEMORRHAGE = variant of [placental abruption](#) with progressive slow intracotyledonary bleeding *Incidence*: in 4% of all placental abruptions *Etiology*: massive pooling + stasis due to extensive venous obstruction *Time of onset*: 18 weeks MA ∇ total loss of normal placental architecture ∇ gelatinous character of placenta elicited by fetal movement / abdominal jostling ∇ severe symmetric IUGR *Risk for fetal demise*: 67% overall; 100% for hematomas >60 mL

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Retroplacental Hemorrhage =accumulation of blood behind placenta, which may dissect into placenta / myometrium secondary to rupture of spiral arteries
*Incidence:*4.5%; 16% of all placental abruptions ■ external bleeding
thickened heterogeneous appearing placenta (hematoma of similar echogenicity as placenta)
rounded placental margins + intraplacental sonolucencies
Cx:(1)Precipitous delivery(2)Coagulopathy(3)Fetal demise (accounts for 15-25% of all perinatal deaths); risk for fetal demise with hematomas >60 mL: 6% before 20 weeks GA; 29% after 20 weeks GA

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PLACENTA MEMBRANACEA

=presence of well-vascularized placental villi in the peripheral membranes
Cause:? endometritis, endometrial hyperplasia, extensive vascularization of decidua capsularis, previous endometrial damage by curettage • repeated vaginal bleeding extending into 2nd trimester + [abortion](#) at 20-30 weeks • postpartum hemorrhage
thickened outline over whole [gestational sac](#) (0.2-3.0 cm) may show additional distinct disk of placenta

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PLACENTA PREVIA

=abnormally low implantation of ovum with the placenta covering all / part of internal cervical os **Incidence:** 0.5% of all deliveries; in 7-11% of women with 2nd + 3rd trimester vaginal bleeding; in 0.26% with unscarred uterus **Risk for placenta previa vs. cesarean section:** 0.65% after 1 section, 1.8% after 2 sections, 3% after 3 sections, 10% after 4 sections **Cause:** defective decidual vascularization in areas of endometrial scarring causing compensatory placental thinning; placenta occupies a greater surface of the uterus with increased probability for encroachment upon internal os **Predisposed:** (1) Previous uterine incision (cesarean section, myomectomy) (2) Older women (3) Multiparous women **Types on clinical examination:** 1. Central / total previa (1/3) = complete covering of internal os 2. Partial previa = internal os partially covered by placenta 3. Low-lying placenta = low placental edge without extension over internal os; palpable by examining finger ■ painless vaginal bleeding in 93% (usually 3rd trimester / as early as 20 weeks) 3-5% of all pregnancies are complicated by 3rd trimester bleeding; of these 7-11% are due to placenta previa! US - FALSE POSITIVES (5-7%): 1. Placental "migration" / rotation = differential growth rates between lower uterine segment + placenta 63-93% will have normal implantation at term! -conversion to normal position: anterior wall > posterior wall of uterus -NO conversion if placenta attaches to both posterior + anterior walls 2. Overfilled urinary bladder -bladder-induced compression leads to apposition of the lower anterior + posterior uterine walls ([cervical length](#) >3.5-4 cm) simulating a placenta previa 3. Focal myometrial contraction (myometrial thickness >1.5 cm) in the region of the lower uterine segment **mnemonic:** "ABCD and F" **A**bruption (may mimic placenta previa) **B**ladder (must be empty) **C**ontraction (may have to wait 15-20 minutes) **D**ates (be wary in 1st half of pregnancy) **F**ibroid US - FALSE NEGATIVES (2%): 1. Obscuring fetal head -remedied by Trendelenburg position / gentle upward traction on fetal head 2. Lateral position of placenta previa; remedied by obtaining oblique scans 3. Blood in region of internal os mistaken for amniotic fluid **Cx:** (secondary to premature detachment of placenta from lower uterine segment) (1) Maternal hemorrhage (blood from intervillous space) (2) Premature delivery (3) IUGR (4) Perinatal death (5%) **Rx:** precludes vaginal delivery + pelvic examination

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PLACENTAL SITE TROPHOBLASTIC DISEASE

=very rare neoplasm (? type of [choriocarcinoma](#)) *Path*:microscopic tumor / diffuse nodular replacement of myometrium *Histo*:proliferation of predominantly intermediate trophoblasts but no syncytio- or cytotrophoblasts ■ abnormal bleeding / [amenorrhea](#) ■ low b-HCG levels (due to lack of syncytiotrophoblastic proliferation) ✓ cystic / solid lesions ± central component ✓ myometrium usually invaded *Prognosis*:benign / highly malignant course *Rx*:hysterectomy

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POSTMATURITY SYNDROME

=inability of aging placenta to support demands of fetus *Incidence*:in 15% of all postterm gravidas ■ meconium-stained amniotic fluid ✓ grade 3 placenta (in 85%), grade 2 (in 15%), grade 1 (in 0%) ✓ decreased subcutaneous fat + wrinkling of skin ✓ long fingernails ✓ decreased vernix Cx:meconium aspiration, perinatal asphyxia, thermal instability

[Postterm Fetus](#)

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Postterm Fetus =fetus undelivered by 42nd week MA *Incidence*:7- 12% of all pregnancies *Risk of perinatal mortality*: 2-fold at 43 weeks MA, 4- to 6-fold at 44 weeks MA

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PREECLAMPSIA

=TOXEMIA OF PREGNANCY *Incidence*: 5% of pregnancies, typically during 3rd trimester *Clinical triad*: • pregnancy-induced / -aggravated hypertension • proteinuria • peripheral edema + weight gain *Histo*: blunted invasion of vasa media of spiral arterioles + focal [vasculitis](#) + atheromatous degeneration + fibrin deposits in intima of maternal placental arterioles ✓ heavy [calcium](#) deposition (in areas of placental degeneration) ✓ IUGR (6% with late-onset preeclampsia, 18% with early-onset preeclampsia) *Cx*: @CNS@Liver: hematoma, infarction @Kidney [ECLAMPSIA](#) • convulsions + coma

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PREMATURE RUPTURE OF MEMBRANES

=spontaneous rupture of chorioamniotic membranes before the onset of labor *Types:* (a)Preterm premature rupture of membranes (PPROM) <37 weeks GA(b)Term premature rupture of membranes (TPROM) >37 weeks GA*Incidence:*overall 2.1-17.1%; PPROM 0.9-4.4%; in 29% of all preterm deliveries; in 18% of all term deliveries*Risk of recurrence:*21% of women with PPROM*Cause:?* infection of membranes*Cx:* (a)TPROM:->24 hours may result in intrapartum fever->72 hours may result in chorioamnionitis + still-birth(b)PPROM: [respiratory distress](#) syndrome (9-43%), neonatal sepsis (2-19%)

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PRIMARY OVARIAN [CHORIOCARCINOMA](#)

=NONGESTATIONAL [CHORIOCARCINOMA](#) *Incidence*: extremely rare; 50 cases in world literature *Age*: <20 years ■ elevated serum HCG¹ predominantly solid tumor with areas of hemorrhage + necrosis *DDx*: metastasis to ovary from gestational [choriocarcinoma](#) (reproductive age)

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SECKEL SYNDROME

=BIRD-HEADED [DWARFISM](#)=rare autosomal recessive disorder (44 cases) • proportionate postnatal short stature • characteristic stance: slight flexion of hips and knees • mental retardation • simian crease • cryptorchidism@Skull✓ severe [microcephaly](#)✓ receding forehead, large beaked nose, [micrognathia](#)@Skeleton✓ dislocation of radial head + hypoplasia of proximal end of radius✓ absence of phalangeal epiphysis✓ [clinodactyly](#) of 5th digit✓ gap between 1st and 2nd toe✓ [hip dislocation](#)✓ hypoplasia of proximal fibula✓ 11 pairs of ribsOB-US: ✓ severe IUGR✓ [oligohydramnios](#)✓ decreased bone length (femur, tibia, fibula)✓ decreased AC, HC

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SEROUS OVARIAN TUMOR

Incidence: 30% of [ovarian tumors](#) *Histo:* lined by tall columnar epithelial cells (like fallopian tubes), filled with serous fluid, psammoma bodies (= microscopic calcifications) in 30%; 60% benign, 15% borderline, 25% malignant *Age:* 20-50 years (malignant variety later) 1. **Serous cystadenoma**

second most common benign tumor of the ovary (after [dermoid](#) cyst); 20% of all benign ovarian neoplasms ✓ uni- / multilocular thin-walled cyst up to 20 cm in diameter

✓ only small amount of solid tissue: occasional septum / mural nodule ✓ bilateral in 7-20-30% 2. **Serous cystadenocarcinoma**

= 60-80% of all ovarian carcinomas ✓ cyst with large amount of solid tissue: papillomatous excrescences within cyst (= papillary serous carcinoma) ✓ may have calcifications ✓ bilateral in 50-70% ✓ loss of capsular definition + tumor fixation ✓ [ascites](#) secondary to peritoneal surface implantation ✓ lymph node enlargement (periaortic, mediastinal, supraclavicular)

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SERTOLI-LEYDIG CELL TUMOR OF OVARY

Origin: from hilar cells of ovary *Incidence:* <0.5% *Age:* any age; most common in 2nd-3rd decade ■ androgenic¹ hypoechoic mass simulating fibroid¹ may have cystic / hemorrhagic degeneration

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SINGLE UMBILICAL ARTERY

Etiology:

(1) Primary agenesis of one umbilical artery (usually first appears in 5th menstrual week)(2)Secondary atrophy / atresia of one umbilical artery(3) Persistence of original single allantoic artery of the body stalk
Incidence: 0.2-1% of singleton births; 5% in dizygotic twins; 2.5% in abortuses; increased incidence in trisomy D / E, diabetic mothers, White patients, spontaneous abortions
Associated with: (a) Congenital anomalies (21%): 1. CHD (most frequent): VSD, conotruncal anomalies 2. Abdomen: ventral wall defect, diaphragmatic hernia 3. CNS: [hydrocephalus](#), [holoprosencephaly](#), [spina bifida](#) 4. GU: [hydronephrosis](#), dysplastic kidney 5. Esophageal atresia, [cystic hygroma](#), cleft lip 6. [Polydactyly](#), [syndactyly](#) (b) IUGR (c) Premature delivery (d) Perinatal mortality (20%): stillbirth (66%) (e) Marginal (18%) / velamentous (9%) insertion of [umbilical cord](#) (f) Chromosomal anomalies (67%): [trisomy 18](#) > [trisomy 13](#) > [Turner syndrome](#) > [triploidy](#) Site: left artery slightly more often absent than right
axial view of cord shows 2 vessels
single umbilical artery nearly as large as umbilical vein (umbilical vein-to-umbilical artery ratio < 2)
incurvation of distal aorta toward common iliac artery on the side of patent umbilical artery
ipsilateral hypoplastic common iliac artery
absence of abdominal portion of umbilical artery on ipsilateral side of missing umbilical artery
color flow imaging permits earlier (15-16 weeks) + more confident diagnosis
Prognosis: (1) 4-fold increase in perinatal mortality (14%) with concurrent major abnormality (2) Isolated single umbilical artery does not affect clinical outcome
DDx: (1) normal variant = two arteries at fetal end may fuse near placental end into single umbilical artery (umbilical arteries normally unite with allantoic artery near placental insertion) (2) arterial convergence of 2 into 1 umbilical a.

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STEIN-LEVENTHAL SYNDROME

=POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME *Incidence:* 2.5% of all women *Etiology:* deficient aromatase activity (catalyst for conversion of androgen into estrogen) results in androgen excess; exaggerated pulsatile release of LH stimulates continued ovarian androgen secretion at the expense of estradiol; reduction of local estrogen impairs FSH activity; this results in accumulation of small- + medium-sized atretic follicles without final maturation into graafian follicles *Path:* pearly white ovaries with multiple cysts below the capsule, which are lined by a hyperplastic theca interna layer showing pronounced luteinization; granulosa cells are absent / degenerating; corpora lutea are absent *Age:* late 2nd decade *Associated with:* Cushing syndrome, basophilic pituitary adenoma, postpill amenorrhea, virilizing ovarian / adrenal tumor • reduced infertility / sterility • mild facial / severe generalized hirsutism • obesity • secondary amenorrhea (most common cause) • menstrual irregularities / oligomenorrhea • cystic acne • cephalic hair loss • periodic abdominal discomfort • elevated LH levels without LH surge + normal / decreased FSH = increased LH/FSH ratio • elevated androstenedione / testosterone levels • elevated estrone / estradiol • bilaterally enlarged ovaries >15 cm³ (70%) • normal ovarian size (in 30%), polycystic ovaries have a volume of 6-30 cm³ • excessive number of developing follicles • multiple (more than 5) small cysts of 5-8 mm in subcapsular location (40%) • hypoechoic ovaries (25%) • isoechoic ovaries (5%) *Cx:* endometrial cancer <40 years of age (due to unopposed chronic estrogen stimulation) *DDx:* ovaries in congenital adrenal hyperplasia, normal ovaries *Rx:* (1) Ovulation induction with clomiphene (Clomid) / menotropins (Perganol) (2) Wedge resection (transient effect only)

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STUCK TWIN

=one twin with IUGR residing within an oligo- / anhydramniotic sac of a diamniotic [twin pregnancy](#) ✓ amnion invisible secondary to close contact with fetal parts ✓ fetus fixed relative to the uterine wall without change during shift in maternal position ✓ diminished / absent active fetal motion ✓ absence of intermingling of fetal parts between twins *Prognosis: fetal death in utero* **SUCCENTURIATE LOBE OF PLACENTA** = ACCESSORY LOBE = separate mass of chorionic villi connected to main placenta by vessels within membrane *Cause: placental villi atrophy in area of inadequate [blood supply](#) + proliferate in two opposite directions (trophotropism) with fetal vessels remaining at the site of villous atrophy* *Incidence: 0.14-3%* *Cx: (1) Retained in utero with postpartum hemorrhage (2) [Placenta previa](#) with intrapartum hemorrhage (3) [Vasa previa](#) = succenturiate vessels traversing internal os, which may rupture resulting in fetal blood loss*

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SUBCHORIONIC HEMORRHAGE

=separation of chorionic membrane from decidua with accumulation of blood in subchorionic space (placental membranes are more easily stripped from myometrium than from placenta) *Incidence*: 81% of all placental abruptions; in 91% before 20 weeks MA • may lead to vaginal hemorrhage after dissection through decidua (18% of all causes of 1st-trimester bleeding) ✓ detached placental margin from adjacent myometrium (60%) ✓ hematoma contiguous with placental margin (100%) ✓ predominant hemorrhage often separate from placenta, even on opposite side of placenta *Prognosis*: worsens with (1) increased maternal age (2) earlier gestational age (3) size of hematoma; 9% overall miscarriage rate; risk of fetal demise doubles once hematoma reaches 2/3 of circumference of chorion

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TERATOMA OF NECK

=germ cell tumor of neck ([oropharynx](#), tongue)✓ [polyhydramnios](#) in 30% (from esophageal obstruction)✓ complex mass in cervical region Cx:[airway](#) obstruction Ddx:[cystic hygroma](#), goiter, branchial cleft cyst, cervical meningocele, [neuroblastoma](#) of neck, [hemangioma](#) of neck

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TERATOMA OF OVARY

=immature derivatives of all 3 germ cell layers *Incidence*: rare *Age*: childhood / adolescence^{1/} cystic / complex mass (most frequently)^{1/} usually large solid mass with internal echoes

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THECA CELL TUMOR OF OVARY

=THECOMA *Incidence*: 1-2% of all ovarian neoplasms *Age*: >30 years (30%), postmenopausal (70%) ■ estrogenic ✓ hypoechoic mass with sound attenuation ✓ unilateral

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THECA LUTEIN CYST

=form of ovarian hyperstimulation ■ associated with abnormally high levels of b-HCG secondary to (a) [multiple gestations](#) (b) [gestational trophoblastic disease](#) (in 40%) (c) fetal hydrops (d) pharmacologic stimulation with b-HCG (e) normal pregnancy (uncommon) ✓ multiloculated cysts, often bilateral ✓ [ovaries](#) several cm in size ✓ involution within a few months after source of gonadotropin removed

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TORSION OF OVARY

=result of rotation of ovary on its axis producing arterial, venous, and lymphatic stasis *Age*: usually affects prepubertal girls, may occur prenatally, increased risk during pregnancy *Cause*: (1) Enlarged ovary (large cyst / tumor, [paraovarian cyst](#)) (2) Hypermobility of adnexa (more frequent in younger children + during pregnancy), excessively long mesosalpinx, tubal spasm ■ severe lower abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, fever ■ palpable mass in 50% *Location*: R:L = 3:1 US: ✓ markedly enlarged hypo- / hyperechoic midline mass ✓ multiple peripheral cysts (= transudation of fluid into follicles) measuring 8-12 mm in diameter (64-74%) ✓ good sound transmission (vascular engorgement + stromal edema) ✓ [free fluid in cul-de-sac](#) (32%) ✓ absence of Doppler waveforms (not always reliable) ✓ ± complex mass (if secondary to cyst / tumor) CT + MR: ✓ deviation of uterus to side of torsion ✓ engorgement of blood vessels on side of torsion ✓ small amount of [ascites](#) ✓ obliteration of fat planes around torsed ovary ✓ lack of enhancement *Prognosis*: spontaneous detorsion is common (history of prior similar episodes)

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TRIPLOIDY

=69 chromosomes *Incidence*: 1% of conceptions; 0.04% of 20-week fetuses NO obvious pattern! ✓ early severe asymmetric IUGR (MOST PROMINENT FEATURE); cephalocorporal disproportion ✓ [oligohydramnios](#) ✓ large hydropic placenta with scattered vesicular spaces (partial [hydatidiform mole](#)) ✓ congenital heart disease: ASD, VSD ✓ brain anomalies: [hydrocephalus](#), [holoprosencephaly](#), neural tube defect ✓ cleft lip / palate ✓ [syndactyly](#) of fingers ✓ [omphalocele](#) ✓ renal abnormalities *Prognosis*: most ending in spontaneous [abortion](#)

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TRISOMY 13

=PATAU SYNDROME *Incidence*:1:5,000 births@OB:severe IUGR, hydramnios@CNS:[alobar holoprosencephaly](#), posterior encephalocele, neural tube defect@Face:midline labial cleft, proboscis, [hypotelorism](#), cyclopia, anophthalmia@Skeleton:postaxial [polydactyly](#), rocker bottom foot@Heart:(CHD in 90%) VSD, echogenic chordae tendineae, hypoplastic ventricle, [tetralogy of Fallot](#), transposition@Kidney:polycystic kidney, [horseshoe kidney](#)@GI:[omphalocele](#) (occasionally)*Prognosis*:few infants live more than a few days / hours*DDx*:[Meckel-Gruber syndrome](#)

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TRISOMY 18

=EDWARD SYNDROME *Incidence*:3:10,000 births ■ triple-marker screening test: ■ decreased maternal [alpha-fetoprotein](#) ■ decreased HCG (DDx: increased in own syndrome) ■ decreased estriol@OB:severe symmetric IUGR (28% <24 weeks MA), [single umbilical artery](#) (30%), [polyhydramnios](#) (occasionally)@Face:[micrognathia](#), [hypotelorism](#), facial cleft (10-40%)@Head:strawberry-shaped head (50%), [cystic hygroma](#)@CNS:[holoprosencephaly](#), [choroid plexus cyst](#) (30-75%), small cerebellum with prominent cisterna magna, [myelomeningocele](#)@Hand:clenched hand with overlapping of index finger (>60%, HIGHLY CHARACTERISTIC)@Arm:shortened radial ray, clubbed forearm@Foot:clubbed foot, rocker-bottom foot@Heart:(CHD in 90%) VSD, complete AV canal, DORV@GI:diaphragmatic hernia, [omphalocele](#) (30-40%), TE fistula@Kidney:polycystic kidney, [horseshoe kidney](#), UPJ obstruction*Prognosis*:usually delivered by emergency cesarean section due to IUGR + fetal distress, if not detected prenatally

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TWIN EMBOLIZATION SYNDROME

=rare complication of monochorionic pregnancy following the death of one twin whose blood pressure falls to zero
Pathophysiology: 1. Acute reversal of transfusion to co-twin at time of intrauterine demise of one twin with ischemic changes in survivor
2. Embolization of thromboplastin-enriched blood / detritus from the dead to the living twin through vascular anastomoses in placenta
Embolized organs: CNS (72%), GI tract (19%), kidneys (15%), lungs
¹ [ventriculomegaly](#), cortical atrophy, porencephalic cyst, cystic encephalomalacia within 2 weeks of death of co-twin

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TWIN-TWIN TRANSFUSION SYNDROME

=FETO-FETAL TRANSFUSION SYNDROME=MONOVULAR TWIN TRANSFUSION= INTRAUTERINE PARABIOTIC SYNDROME = complication of monozygotic twinning with one placenta or one fused placenta of mono- / dizygotic twins *Incidence*:5-18% of twin pregnancies; 5-15% of monozygotic multiple pregnancies; 15-30% of monochorionic twin gestations *Cause*:unbalanced intrauterine shunting of blood through shared placental vessels *Time of onset*:2nd trimester with discordant amniotic fluid volumes *Path*:large communication between arterial circulation of one twin and venous circulation of the other twin through *arteriovenous* shunt (= common villous district) deep within placenta ↓ discrepant [amniotic fluid volume](#) (75%) ↓ discordant BPD by >5 mm (57%) ↓ discordant estimated fetal weight >25% (67-100%)
A.DONOR TWIN=twin that transfuses the recipient twin + remains itself underperfused • anemia + [hypovolemia](#) • high output cardiac failure + hydrops (rare) ↓ [oligohydramnios](#) (75-80%) / "stuck twin" = severe [oligohydramnios](#) (60%) from oliguria ↓ [intrauterine growth restriction](#) (common) diagnosed by discordant EFW of >25% ↓ morphologically normal
B.RECIPIENT TWIN • [polycythemia](#) (higher hemoglobin) • plethora = hypervolemia (volume overload) ↓ [polyhydramnios](#) (70-75%) from increased fetal urination ↓ fetal hydrops (10-25%): pericardial + pleural effusions, [ascites](#), skin thickening ↓ organomegaly ↓ fetus papyraceus = macerated dead fetus ↓ [velamentous cord insertion](#) (64%) *Prognosis*:80-100% perinatal mortality if presenting <28 weeks MA and left untreated *Cx*:amniorrhhexis, preterm labor *Rx*:elective termination, volume-reduction [amniocentesis](#) of polyhydramniotic sac (decreasing mortality rates to 34%), selective feticide, laser ablation of vascular anastomoses *DDx*:IUGR of one dizygotic twin (two separate placentas, two different sexes)

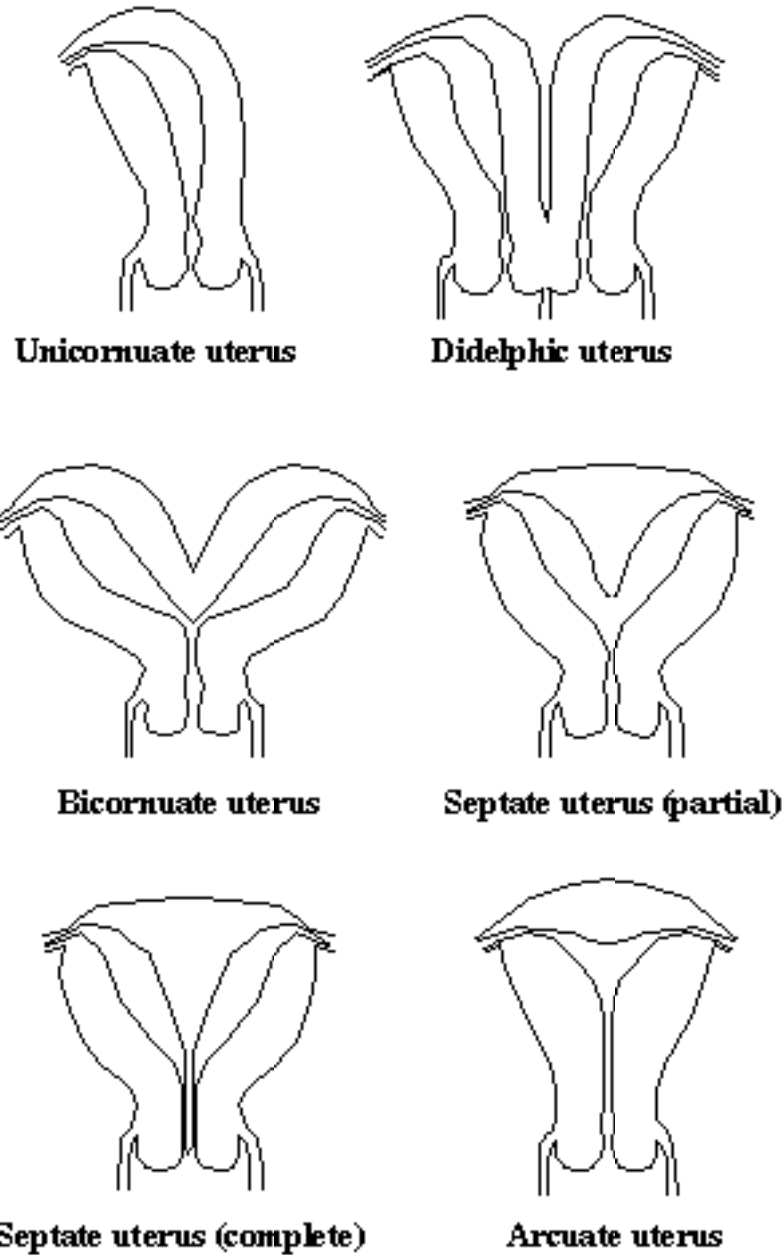
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UTERINE ANOMALIES

=anomalies of fusion of paramesonephric duct(= müllerian duct) completed by 18th week of fetal life Incidence:0.1-3%Uterine anomalies are found in 9% of women with infertility / repeated spontaneous abortions!25% of women with uterine abnormalities have fertility problems!Associated with:urinary tract anomalies in 20-50%;



possibly increased familial occurrence of limb reduction the classification of the American Fertility Society) A.ARRESTED MÜLLERIAN DUCT DEVELOPMENT1.bilateral: Uterine agenesis / hypoplasia (class I)Incidence:1:5,000Often associated with:vaginal agenesis / hypoplasiaAge of detection:menarche small uterus with small endometrial canal poor zonal differentiation + abnormal T2-hypointense myometrium2.unilateral: Unicornuate uterus = Uterus unicornis unicollis (class II)(a)with contralateral rudimentary horn(b)without rudimentary hornIncidence:3-6-13% of uterine anomaliesMay be associated with:ipsilateral renal agenesis • infertility in 5-20% • ? pregnancy wastage reduced uterine volume asymmetric ellipsoidal uterine configuration rudimentary horn may contain endometrium + may communicate with main uterine cavity solitary fusiform "banana-shaped" uterine cavity with lateral deviation within pelvis terminating in a single fallopian tube on HSGCx:cryptomenorrhea within endometrium-containing rudimentary horn that does not communicate with endometrium cavityB.TOTAL / PARTIAL FAILURE OF MÜLLERIAN DUCT FUSION(75% of uterine anomalies) 1.Uterus didelphys (class III)=complete duplication with 2 vaginas + 2 cervixes + 2 uterine hornsMay be associated with:renal agenesis • usually asymptomatic two widely spaced uterine corpora, each with a single fallopian tube separate divergent uterine horns large fundal cleft cervical duplication horizontal septum of upper vagina (ipsilateral to renal agenesis) opacification of single deviated horn on HSG Cx:unilateral hydro- / hematocolpos (if transverse vaginal septum present) with reflux endometriosisRx:surgery is rarely performed2.Bicornuate uterus = uterus bicornis (class IV)=lack of fusion of corpus(a)bicornis bicollis = complete with division down to internal os(b)bicornis unicollis = partial concave / heart-shaped external fundal contour due to a large fundal cleft >1-2 cm deep separation of uterine horns intercornual angle of >75-105° (demonstrated on luteal-phase US in conjunction with HSG) intercornual distance (= distance between maximum lateral extent of hyperintense endometrium on transaxial image) >4 cm divider between cornua comprised of myometrium / fibrous tissue / both fusiform shape of each uterine horn with lateral convex margins discrepancy in size of the 2 uterine horns elongation + widening of cervical canal + isthmusLaparoscopy:typical external fundal indentationCx:repeated spontaneous abortions (frequently in 2nd-3rd trimester), premature rupture of membranes, premature labor, persistent, SGA infant, malpresentations (transverse lie)Rx:transabdominal surgery to fuse uterine horns (abdominal metroplasty)C.NONRESORPTION OF SAGITTAL UTERINE SEPTUM1.Septate uterus (class V)Most common anomaly (almost 50%) associated with reproductive failure in 67% Path:septum may be composed of fibrous tissue (low-signal intensity), myometrium (intermediate-signal intensity), or both convex / flat / minimally indented (<=1 cm) external fundal contour distal portion of septum hypoechoic to myometrium (= fibrous tissue) acute angle of <75° between uterine cavities duplication of uterine horns on HSG (DDx to bicornuate uterus unreliable) endometrial canals completely separated by tissue isoechoic to myometrium extending into endocervical canalTypes: (a)Uterus septus=complete septum extending to internal os(b)Uterus subseptus=partial septum involving endometrial canalCx:90% abortion rate (poor septal vascularity)Rx:hysteroscopic metroplasty (= excision of septum) 2.Uterus arcuatus (class VI)Most common anomaly unassociated with reproductive failure NO division of uterine horns normal fundal contour smooth indentation of fundal endometrial canal increased transverse diameter of uterine cavity single uterine canal with saddle-shaped fundus on HSGD.INADEQUATE HORMONAL STIMULATION DURING FETAL DEVELOPMENT= DES (= diethylstilbestrol) -related abnormalities (class VII) • synthetic hormone used in 1950s + 1960s to prevent miscarriage • may cause abnormal uterine morphology (with decreased fertility) • increased risk of vaginal malignancy1.Uterine hypoplasia associated with diethylstilbestrol (DES) exposure in utero mean uterine volume = 50 cm³2.T-shaped uterus encountered in 15% of women exposed to DES (diethylstilbestrol) in utero low uterine volume uterine fundus thinner than cervix greater width than depth of corpus + fundus over cervix T-shaped lumen on hysterosalpingogram

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UTERINE LEIOMYOMA

=FIBROID = benign overgrowth of smooth muscle + connective tissue; commonest cause for uterine enlargement after pregnancy *Histo*: monoclonal proliferation of smooth muscle cells (NOT myometrial hyperplasia) *Hormonal dependency*: 1. Growth during pregnancy in 15-32% by a mean volume of $12 \pm 6\%$ within the 1st trimester (NOT during remainder of pregnancy) 2. The larger the myoma, the greater the likelihood of growth 3. Shrinkage in puerperium + after menopause *Incidence*: in 20-25-50% of women > age of 30 years; black:white women = 3:1 - 9:1 *Age*: usually >30 years • asymptomatic in 70-75% • palpable mass • pelvic pressure / pain (torsion, infarction, necrosis) • hypermenorrhea (= heavy prolonged periods) *Location*: mostly in fundus + corpus; in 3% in cervix 1. Intramural (within confines of uterine outline) in 95% 2. Subserosal = exophytic (a) parasitic fibroid = subserosal fibroid, which has become detached secondary to circulatory occlusion of vessels in pedicle; revitalized through omental / mesenteric [blood supply](#) (b) intraligamentous fibroid (eg, within broad ligament) 3. Submucosal (a) fibroid polyp = partial / complete extrusion of pedunculated submucosal fibroid through cervical canal 4. uterine enlargement 5. lobulated / nodular distortion of uterine outline (subserosal [leiomyoma](#)) + indentation of urinary bladder 6. distortion / obliteration of the contour of the uterine cavity (submucosal [leiomyoma](#)) 7. intramural soft-tissue mass (most frequent), usually multiple, solitary in 2% 8. speckled / ringlike / popcorn calcification *US* (60% [sensitivity](#), 99% [specificity](#), 87% [accuracy](#)): 9. hypoechoic solid concentric mass (<33%) (= muscle component prevails) 10. echogenic attenuating mass (= dense [fibrosis](#) prevails) 11. sharp discrete refractory shadows (from borders between fibrous tissue and smooth muscle, margins of [leiomyoma](#) with normal myometrium, edges of whorls, bundles of smooth muscle) 12. anechoic features (secondary to internal degeneration: atrophic, hyaline, cystic, myxomatous, lipomatous, calcareous, carneous, necrobiotic, hemorrhagic, proteolytic degeneration) *CT*: 13. hypo- / iso- / hyperdense mass containing mixed hyperechoic areas *MR* (86-92% [sensitivity](#), 100% [specificity](#), 97% [accuracy](#); desirable for planning myomectomy): 14. sharply marginated homogeneous focal area of low / intermediate signal intensity on T1WI + T2WI 15. occasionally inhomogeneous high signal intensity on T2WI (from hemorrhage / hyaline degeneration or in highly cellular [leiomyoma](#) or [leiomyoma](#) with edema) 16. hyperintense rim in 33% (dilated lymphatics / veins / edema) 17. enhancement pattern (usually later than myometrium): 65% hypointense, 23% isointense, 12% hyperintense to myometrium *Hysterosalpingography* (9% [sensitivity](#), 97% [specificity](#), 76% [accuracy](#)) *Cx*: (1) [Infertility](#) in 35% (a) narrowing of isthmic portion of tube (b) impingement on [endometrium](#) interfering with implantation; [infertility](#) rates highest for submucosal leiomyomas (2) *Complications* in pregnancy significantly increased for myomas >200 cm³ (a) Increased frequency of spontaneous abortions (b) Increased frequency of IUGR (c) Preterm labor in 7% + [premature rupture of membranes](#) (d) Uterine dyskinesia, uterine inertia during labor (e) Dystocia, obstruction of birth canal during vaginal delivery (if near internal os) (f) Postpartum hemorrhage (3) Hydronephrosis (4) Malignant transformation (in 0.2%) *Rx*: surgery for: pain, menorrhagia, visceral compression 5. Submucosal leiomyomas may be treated with hysteroscopic myomectomy *DDx of necrotic leiomyoma*: (1) Ovarian mass ([ovarian cyst](#), hemorrhagic cyst, endometrioma, cystic [dermoid](#), cystadenoma, malignancy) (2) Ectopic interstitial pregnancy (3) Intrauterine [gestational sac](#) (4) Intrauterine fluid collection (5) [Hydatidiform mole](#) (6) Myometrial contraction (lasts for 15-30 minutes) (7) Cervical tumor (8) Hematoma of broad ligament *DDx of pedunculated subserosal leiomyoma*: ovary: use transvaginal US / MR to identify follicles!

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UTERINE RUPTURE IN PREGNANCY

=disruption of all layers surrounding the fetus (membranes, decidua, myometrium, serosa)
Prevalence: 3-5% for classic cesarean sections; 1-2% for lower segment operations
Classification: 1. Spontaneous rupture during labor 2. Traumatic rupture during delivery 3. Rupture due to myometrial scars / disease
Predisposed: previous uterine surgery, previously excessively long / difficult labor
Location: (a) corpus with rupture before onset of labor (b) lower uterine segment during labor, L > R
Cx: hypofibrinogenemia (triggered by excessive blood loss, trauma, [amniotic fluid embolism](#))
Mortality: 2-20% maternal mortality; 10-25% fetal mortality
DDx: Uterine dehiscence = rupture of only myometrium

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UTERINE TRAUMA DURING PREGNANCY

Incidence: 6-7% (70% due to motor vehicle accident) 1. [Placental abruption](#) 2. Fetal injury (eg, cerebral injury) 3. Fetal death

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VAGINAL AGENESIS

2nd most common cause of primary [amenorrhea](#) Incidence:1:4,000-5,000 women • cyclic abdominal pain *May be associated with:* (1)Uterine + partial tubal agenesis (90%)(2)Unilateral [renal agenesis](#) / ectopia (34%)(3)Skeletal malformations (12%)(4)McKusick-Kaufman syndrome (hydrometrocolpos + [polydactyly](#) + heart defects)(5)Ellis-van Creveld syndrome

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VASA PREVIA

=rare type of [velamentous cord insertion](#) in which umbilical vessels cross the internal os(a)vessels connecting separate succenturiate lobe to main portion of placenta(b)cord vessels of velamentous (membranous) cord insertion from low-lying placenta(c)aberrant chorionic vessels in association with marginal cord insertion from low lying placentaCx:(1)Bleeding from torn fetal vessels(2)Cord compression by presenting part during labor(3)[Cord prolapse](#)Risk:50-100% fetal mortality

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VELAMENTOUS CORD INSERTION

=[umbilical cord](#) insertion into membranes before entering placenta = attachment of cord to chorion laeve *Incidence*: 0.09 to 1.8% *Associated with*: (a) multiple gestation, uterine anomaly, IUD (b) congenital anomalies (in 5.9-8.5%): asymmetric head shape, [spina bifida](#), esophageal atresia, obstructive uropathy, VSD, cleft palate
Cx: (1) IUGR (2) Preterm labor
Risk: (1) Cord compression (2) Rupture of cord with traction during delivery

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Syringomyelia =ACQUIRED / SECONDARY [SYRINGOHYDROMYELIA](#)=any cavity within substance of spinal cord which may communicate with the central canal, usually extending over several vertebral segments *Histo*:not lined by ependymal tissue *Pathophysiology*:interrupted flow of CSF through the perivascular spaces of cord between subarachnoid space + central canal *Cause*: 1.Posttraumatic syringomyelia *Incidence*:in 3.2% after spinal cord injury *Location*:68% in thoracic cord 0.5-40 cm (average 6 cm) in length syrinx may be septated (parallel areas of cavitation) on transverse T1WI loss of sharp cord-CSF interface (obliteration of arachnoid space by adhesions) in 44% associated with arachnoid loculations (extramedullary arachnoid cysts) at upper aspect of syrinx 2.Postinflammatory syringomyelia [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#), arachnoid adhesions, S/P surgery, infection ([tuberculosis](#), syphilis) 3.Tumor-associated syringomyelia spinal cord tumors, herniated disk; secondary to circulatory disturbance + thoracic spinal [cord atrophy](#) 4.Vascular insufficiency

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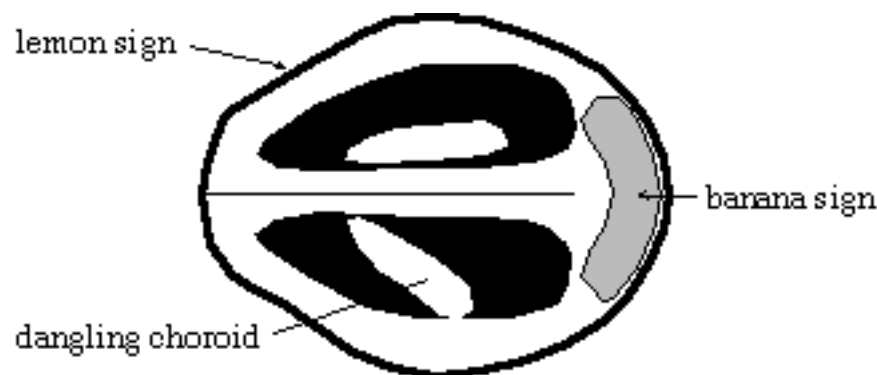
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MYELOMENINGOCELE

=sac covered by leptomeninges containing CSF + variable amount of neural tissue; herniated through a defect in the posterior / anterior elements of spine **Incidence:** 1:1,000-2,000 births (in Great Britain 1:200 births); twice as common in infants of mothers >35 years of age; Caucasians > Blacks > Orientals; most common congenital anomaly of CNS **Etiology:** localized defect of closure of caudal neuropore (usually closed by 28 days) • positive family history in 10% • neural placode = reddish neural tissue in the middle of back made up of open spinal cord • normal skin / cutaneous abnormality: pigmented nevus, abnormal distribution of hair, skin dimple, angioma, **lipoma** • MS-AFP (≥ 2.5 S.D. over mean) permits detection in 80% (**positive predictive value** of 2-5%) if defect not covered by full skin thickness **Recurrence rate:** 3-7% chance of NTD with previously affected sibling / in fetus of affected parent **Associated with:** (1) **Hydrocephalus** (70-90%): requiring **ventriculoperitoneal shunt** in 90% • 25% of patients with **hydrocephalus** have **spina bifida**! (2) Chiari II malformation (100%) (3) Congenital / acquired kyphoscoliosis (90%) (4) Vertebral anomalies (vertebral body fusion, hemivertebrae, cleft vertebrae, butterfly vertebrae) (5) **Diastematomyelia** (31-46%): spinal cord split above (31%), below (25%), at the same level (22%) as the myelomeningocele (6) Duplication of central canal (5%) cephalic to + at level of placode (7) **Hemimyelocele** (10%) = two hemicords in separate dural tubes separated by fibrous / bony spur: one hemicord with myelomeningocele on one side of midline, one hemicord normal / with smaller myelomeningocele at a lower level • impaired neurological function on side of hemimyelocele (8) **Hydromyelia** (29-77%) depending on efficacy of **hydrocephalus** treatment (9) Chromosomal anomalies (10-17%): **trisomy 18**, **trisomy 13**, **triploidy**, unbalanced translocation • In 20% no detectable associated anomalies! **Location:** (a) **dorsal meningocele:** lumbosacral (70% below L2), suboccipital (b) **anterior sacral meningocele** = prolapse through anterior sacral bony defect; occasionally associated with **neurofibromatosis** type 1, **Marfan syndrome**, partial **sacral agenesis**, **imperforate anus**, anal stenosis, tethered spinal cord, GU tract / colonic anomalies; M:F = 1:4 (c) **lateral thoracic meningocele** through enlarged intervertebral foramen into extrapleural aspect of thorax; right > left side, in 10% bilateral; often associated with **neurofibromatosis** (85%) + sharply angled scoliosis convex to meningocele • expanded spinal canal • erosion of posterior surface of vertebral body • thinning of neural arch • enlarged neural foramen (d) **lateral lumbar meningocele** through enlarged neural foramina into subcutaneous tissue / retroperitoneum; often associated with **neurofibromatosis** / **Marfan syndrome** • expanded spinal canal • erosion of posterior surface of vertebral body • thinning of neural arch • enlarged neural foramen (e) **traumatic meningocele** = avulsion of spinal nerve roots secondary to tear in meningeal root sheath; in C-spine after **brachial plexus injury** (most commonly) • small irregular **arachnoid diverticulum** with extension outside the spinal canal (f) **cranial meningocele** = encephalocele OB-US: detection rate of 85-90%; **sensitivity** dependent on GA (fetal spine may be adequately visualized after 16-20 weeks GA); false-negative rate of 24% • spinal level estimated by counting up from last sacral ossification center = S4 in 2nd trimester + S5 in 3rd trimester (79% **accuracy** for \pm spinal level) • may have clubfoot / rocker-bottom foot • **polyhydramnios** @ Spine: • loss of dorsal epidermal integrity • soft-tissue mass protruding posteriorly + visualization of sac • widening of lumbar spine with fusiform enlargement of spinal canal • splaying (= divergent position) of ossification centers of laminae with cup- / wedge-shaped pattern (in transverse plane = most important section for diagnosis) • absence of posterior line = posterior vertebral elements (in sagittal plane) • gross irregularity in parallelism of lines representing laminae of vertebrae (in coronal plane) • anomalies of segmentation / hemivertebrae (33%) with short-radius kyphoscoliosis • **tethered cord** (with lumbar / lumbosacral myelomeningocele) @ Head:



• "lemon sign" = concave / linear frontal contour abnormality located at coronal suture associated with nonskin covered myelomeningocele (in 98% of fetuses ≤ 24 weeks + 13% of fetuses >24 weeks; **positive predictive value** 81-84%, in 0.7-1.3% of normal fetuses) • "banana sign" = obliteration of cisterna magna with cerebellum wrapped around posterior brainstem secondary to downward traction of spinal cord in Arnold-Chiari malformation type II (in 96% of fetuses ≤ 24 weeks + in 91% of fetuses >24 weeks) • nonvisualization of cerebellum • effaced cisterna magna (100% **sensitivity**) • the normal cisterna magna is 3-10 mm deep and usually visualized in 97% at 15-25 weeks GA • BPD <5th percentile during 2nd trimester (65-79% **sensitivity**) • HC <5th percentile (35% **sensitivity**) • **ventriculomegaly** (40-90%) with choroid plexus incompletely filling the ventricles (54-63% **sensitivity**) = "dangling" choroid on dependent side; in 44% of myelomeningoceles <24 weeks GA; in 94% of myelomeningoceles during 3rd trimester **Plain films:** • bony defect in neural arch • deformity + failure of fusion of lamina • absent spinous process • widened interpedicular distance • widened spinal canal **Rx:** (1) Possibly elective cesarean section at 36-38 weeks GA (may decrease risk of contaminating / rupturing the meningomyelocele sac) (2) Repair within 48 hours **Postoperative complications:** (1) Postoperative tethering of spinal cord by placode / scar (2) Constricting dural ring (3) Cord compression by **lipoma** / **dermoid** / epidermoid cyst (4) Ischemia from vascular compromise (5) **Syringohydromyelia** **Prognosis:** (1) Mortality 15% by age 10 years (2) Intelligence: IQ <80 (27%); IQ >100 (27%); learning disability (50%) (3) Urinary **incontinence:** 85% achieve social continence (scheduled intermittent catheterization) (4) Motor function: some deficit (100%); improvement after repair (37%) (5) Hindbrain dysfunction associated with Chiari II malformation (32%) (6) **Ventriculitis:** 7% in initial repair within 48 hours, more common in delayed repair >48 hours

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Uptake at 24 hours:most intense in RES, liver, [spleen](#) (4%), bone marrow (lumbar spine, sacroiliac joints), bowel wall (chiefly colonic activity on delayed images), renal cortex, nasal mucosa, lacrimal + salivary glands, blood pool (20%), lung (<3% = equivalent to background activity), breastsat 72 hours:activity in liver, skeleton, colon, nasal mucosa, occiput; kidney activity no longer detectable; lacrimal + salivary glands may still be prominent

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Excretion (a)via GI tract (10-20%)hepatobiliary pathway + colonic mucosal excretion: enemas + laxatives promote clearing of bowel activity (b)via urinary tract (10-20% within 24 hours)no activity in kidneys + urinary bladder after 24 hours (c)via various body fluidseg, human milk (mandates to stop nursing for 2 weeks)

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SPINAL STENOSIS

= encroachment on central spinal canal, lateral recess, or neuroforamen by bone / soft tissue *Cause*: A. Congenitally short pedicles (a) idiopathic (b) developmental: [Down syndrome](#), achondroplasia, hypochondroplasia, Morquio disease B. Acquired: 1. Hypertrophy of ligamentum flavum = buckling of ligament secondary to joint slippage in facet joint [osteoarthritis](#) (most common) 2. Facet joint hypertrophy 3. Degenerated [bulging disk](#) 4. Spondylosis, [spondylolisthesis](#) 5. Surgical fusion 6. [Fracture](#) 7. Ossification of posterior longitudinal ligament 8. [Paget disease](#) 9. Epidural lipomatosis *Age*: middle-aged for congenital cause / elderly during 6th-8th decade for acquired cause; M > F *Location*: generally involves lumbar spinal canal; cervical spinal canal may be similarly affected ∇ distorted shape of thecal sac ∇ obliteration of epidural fat ∇ narrowing of cervical canal <13 mm, of lumbar canal <16 mm (AP diameter) ∇ interpedicular distance <25 mm ∇ Measurements are not a valid indicator of disease! **Lumbar Spinal Stenosis** *Cause*: 1. Achondroplasia: ∇ narrowed interpediculate distance progressive toward lumbar spine 2. [Paget disease](#): bony overgrowth 3. [Spondylolisthesis](#) 4. Operative posterior spinal fusion 5. Herniated disk 6. Metastasis to vertebrae 7. Developmental / congenital *Age*: presentation between 30-50 years of age \bullet low back pain \bullet "neurogenic claudication" = bilateral lower extremity pain, numbness, weakness worse during walking / standing + relieved in supine position and flexion \bullet [cauda equina syndrome](#): paraparesis, [incontinence](#), sensory findings in saddlelike pattern, areflexia ∇ sagittal diameter of spinal canal <12 mm (normal range in adults: 15-23 mm) ∇ dural sac area <100 mm² ∇ diminished amount of CSF + crowding of nerve roots ∇ unusual small quantity of contrast material to fill thecal sac ∇ anteroposterior + interpediculate diameter spinal canal constricted ∇ hourglass configuration of thecal sac (SAG view) ∇ triangular / trefoil shape of thecal sac (AXIAL view) ∇ redundant serpiginous nerve roots above + below stenosis ∇ may appear as spinal block in hyperextended neck on AP views ∇ thickened articular process, pedicles, laminae, ligaments ∇ bulging disks

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Specificity =ability to identify absence of disease=probability of having a negative test given no disease=number of correct negative tests / number without disease=true negative ratio = $TN / (TN + FP) = TN / D-$ • D- column in decision matrix independent of prevalence

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SPONDYLOLISTHESIS

=forward displacement of one vertebra over another *Incidence*:4% of general population *Location*:L5/S1 or L4/L5 *Grades* I-IV (Meyerding method): each grade equals 1/4 anterior subluxation of superior on inferior vertebral body

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Geometry =to assure that measurement is not dependent upon location of tracer within ionization chamber, usually done by manufacturer *Test frequency*:at installation / after factory repair / recalibration *Method*:0.5 mL of Tc-99m (activity 25 mCi) is measured in a 3-mL syringe; syringe contents are then diluted with water to 1.0 mL, 1.5 mL, and 2.0 mL and each level remeasured; test is repeated with a 10-mL glass vial

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SPONDYLOLYSIS

=pars interarticularis defect between superior + inferior articulating processes as the weakest portion of spinal unit *Incidence*: 3-7% of population; in 30-70% other family members afflicted *Age*: early childhood; M:F = 3:1; Whites:Blacks = 3:1 *Cause*: (a) pseudarthrosis following stress (fatigue) **fracture** of pars (in most) from repetitive minor trauma; common in gymnastics (30%), diving, contact sports (football, soccer, hockey, lacrosse) (b) hereditary hypoplasia of pars leads to insufficiency **fracture**; eg, pars defect in 34% of Eskimos (c) secondary spondylolysis: neoplasm, osteomyelitis, [Paget disease](#), [osteomalacia](#), [osteogenesis imperfecta](#) (d) congenital malformation: frequently associated with [spina bifida](#) occulta of S1, dorsally wedge-shaped body of L5, hypoplasia of L5; HOWEVER: no pars defects have been identified in fetal cadavers • symptomatic in 50% (if associated with [degenerative disk disease](#) / [spondylolisthesis](#)) *Location*: L5 (67-95%); L4 (15-30%); L3 (1-2%); in 75% bilateral *Plain film*: ✓ radiolucent band ± sclerotic margin resembling the collar of the "Scottie dog" (on oblique view) ✓ may be associated with [spondylolisthesis](#) ✓ subluxation of involved vertebra (if pars defect bilateral) ✓ Wilkinson syndrome = reactive sclerosis + bony hypertrophy of contralateral pedicle + lamina (produced by stress changes related to weakening of neural arch in unilateral pars defect) ✓ *Planar / SPECT bone scintigraphy* may be useful! *CT*: ✓ pars defect located 10-15 mm above disk space ✓



inner contour of spinal canal interrupted
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Spondylolysis oblique radiograph of L5 CT scan through

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Linearity =accurate measurement over large range of activity levels *Test frequency*:4 x per year *Method*:1 mCi source activity is measured every 4 hours for 10 / more measurements (down to 10-100 μ Ci) *Evaluation*:measurements must fall within $\pm 5\%$ of the calculated physical decay curve

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ANGIOGRAPHY Burning sensation: (a)intense with concentration of 60-76% HO₂CM(b)reduced with concentration of $\leq 30\%$ HO₂CM / LO₂CM[†] Overall incidence of adverse allergic-type reactions is (for unknown reasons) much less with intra-arterial than with intravenous use of contrast media!

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CHORDOMA

Chordoma is the most common primary malignant tumor of the spine in adults excluding lymphoproliferative neoplasms! *Prevalence*: 1:2,000,000; 1-2-4% of all primary malignant neoplasms of bone; 1% of all intracranial tumors *Etiology*: originates from embryonic remnants of notochord / ectopic cordal foci (notochord appears between 4th and 7th week of embryonic development, extends from Rathke pouch to coccyx and forms nucleus pulposus) *Age*: 30-70 years (peak age in 6th decade); M:F = 2:1; highly malignant in children *Path*: lobulated tumor contained within pseudocapsule *Histo*: (1) typical chordoma: cords + clusters of large bubblelike vacuolated (physaliferous) cells containing intracytoplasmic mucous droplets; abundant extracellular mucus deposition + areas of hemorrhage (2) chondroid chordoma: cartilage instead of mucinous extracellular matrix *Location*: (a) 50% in sacrum (b) 35% in skull base (c) 15% spinal axis (d) other sites (5%) in mandible, maxilla, scapula *enhancement after contrast administration* CT: \checkmark low-attenuation within soft-tissue mass (due to myxoid-type tissue) \checkmark higher attenuation fibrous pseudocapsule MR (modality of choice): \checkmark heterogeneous low to intermediate intensity on T1WI, occasionally hyperintense (due to high protein content) \checkmark very high signal intensity on T2WI (similar to nucleus pulposus with high water content) NUC: \checkmark cold lesion on bone scan \checkmark no uptake on gallium scan *Metastases* (in 5-43%) to: liver, lung, regional lymph nodes, peritoneum, skin (late), heart *Prognosis*: almost 100% recurrence rate despite radical surgery

[Sacrococcygeal Chordoma \(50-70%\)](#) [Spheno-occipital Chordoma \(15-35%\)](#) [Vertebral / Spinal Chordoma \(15-20%\)](#)

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Superscan A. Metabolic 1. [Renal osteodystrophy](#) 2. [Osteomalacia](#) ✓ randomly distributed focal sites of intense activity = Looser zones = [pseudofractures](#) = Milkman fractures (most characteristic) 3. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) ✓ focal intense [uptake](#) corresponds to site of brown tumors 4. [Hyperthyroidism](#) rate of bone resorption more increased than rate of formation (= decrease in bone mass) • [hypercalcemia](#) (occasionally) • elevated alkaline phosphatase ✓ NOT visible on radiographs ✓ susceptible to [fracture](#) B. Widespread bone lesions 1. Diffuse skeletal metastases (most frequent) from prostate, breast, [multiple myeloma](#), [lymphoma](#), lung, bladder, colon, stomach 2. Myelofibrosis / [myelosclerosis](#) 3. Aplastic anemia, [leukemia](#) 4. [Waldenström macroglobulinemia](#) 5. Systemic [mastocytosis](#) 6. Widespread [Paget disease](#) ✓ diffusely increased activity in bones: particularly prominent in axial skeleton, calvarium, mandible, costochondral junctions (= "rosary beading"), sternum (= "tie sternum"), long bones ✓ increased metaphyseal + periarticular activity ✓ increased bone-to-soft-tissue ratio ✓ "absent kidney sign" = little / no activity in kidneys but good visualization of urinary bladder ✓ femoral cortices become visible CAVE: scan may be interpreted as normal, particularly in patients with poor renal function!

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SCHEUERMANN DISEASE

=SPINAL OSTEOCHONDROSIS = KYPHOSIS DORSALIS JUVENILIS = VERTEBRAL EPIPHYSITIS=disorder consisting of vertebral wedging + endplate irregularity + narrowing of intervertebral disk space *Incidence*: in 31% of male + 21% of female patients with back pain *Age*: onset at puberty *Location*: lower thoracic / upper lumbar vertebrae; in mild cases limited to 3-4 vertebral bodies \checkmark anterior wedging of vertebral body of $>5^\circ$ \checkmark increased anteroposterior diameter of vertebral body \checkmark slight narrowing of disk space \checkmark kyphosis of $>40^\circ$ / loss of lordosis; scoliosis \checkmark Schmorl nodes (intravertebral [herniation of nucleus pulposus](#) into vertebral body) = depression in contour of endplate in posterior half of vertebral body; found in up to 30% of adolescents + young adults \checkmark flattened area in superior surface of epiphyseal ring anteriorly = avulsion [fracture](#) of ring apophysis due to migration of nucleus pulposus through weak point between ring apophysis + vertebral endplate (fusion of ring apophysis usually occurs at about 18 years of age) \checkmark detached epiphyseal ring anteriorly *DDx*: (1) Developmental notching of anterior vertebrae (NO wedging or Schmorl nodes) (2) Osteochondrodystrophy (earlier in life, extremities show same changes)

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Accuracy *Test frequency:* annually *Method:* measurements of three different activity standards whose amount is certified by the National Bureau of Standards (NBS); standard values are decayed mathematically to calibrator date *Co-57:* 123 keV, half-life of 270 days *Ba-133:* 354 keV, half-life of 7.2 years *Cs-137:* 662 keV, half-life of 30 years *Evaluation:* measurements must fall within expected range

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Negative Predictive Value = negative test [accuracy](#) = likelihood that a negative test result actually identifies absence of disease = number of correct negative tests / number of negative tests = $TN / (TN + FN) = TN / T-$ • T- row in decision matrix • dependent on prevalence • NPV increases with decreasing prevalence for given [sensitivity](#) + [specificity](#) • NPV increases with increasing [sensitivity](#) for given prevalence

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Mixed Bone Metastases breast, prostate, lymphoma

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Expansile / Bubbly Bone Metastases kidney, thyroid

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Permeative Bone Metastases Burkitt lymphoma, Mycosis fungoides

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Bone Metastases With "Sunburst" Periosteal Reaction (infrequent) prostatic carcinoma, retinoblastoma, neuroblastoma (skull), GI tract

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Bone Metastases With Soft-tissue Mass thyroid, kidney

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MYOCARDIAL ISCHEMIA

can be assessed (a)directly with stress Tl-201 imaging(b)indirectly with [gated blood pool imaging](#) (wall motion, [ejection fraction](#)) LOCATION OF [PERFUSION DEFECTS](#) (1)Right coronary artery (RCA)best seen on left LAT / AP projections √ inferior + posteroseptal segments(2)Circumflex branch of left coronary artery (LCX)best seen on LAO projection √ posterolateral segment(3)Anterior descending branch of left coronary artery (LAD)√ anteroseptal, anterior, anterolateral segmentsN.B.:decreased activity in apical + posterior segments is not reliably correlated with disease of any vessel!

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SPONDYLOEPIPHYSEAL DYSPLASIA

[Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Congenita](#) [Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Tarda](#)

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KLIPPEL-FEIL SYNDROME

=BREVICOLLIS=synostosis of two / more cervical segments *May be associated with:* [platybasia](#), [syringomyelia](#), encephalocele, facial + cranial asymmetry, [Sprengel deformity](#) (25-40%), [syndactyly](#), clubbed foot, hypoplastic lumbar vertebrae; renal anomalies in 50% (agenesis, dysgenesis, [malrotation](#), duplication, [renal ectopia](#)); congenital heart disease in 5% ([atrial septal defect](#), coarctation) ■ clinical triad of (1) short neck (2) restriction of cervical motion (3) low posterior hairline ■ deafness (30%) ■ webbed neck Location: cervical spine ✓ fusion of vertebral bodies and posterior elements ✓ ± hemivertebrae ✓ may have cervicothoracic / cervical / atlanto-occipital fusion ✓ torticollis ✓ scoliosis ✓ rib fusion ✓ [Sprengel deformity](#) (25-40%) = elevation + medial rotation of scapula (may be related to presence of anomalous omovertebral bone) ✓ ear anomalies: absent auditory canal, microtia, deformed ossicles, underdevelopment of bony labyrinth

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ARACHNOIDITIS

Etiology: back surgery, hemorrhage, trauma, Pantopaque (inflammatory effect potentiated by blood), idiopathic
Associated with: syrinx
Myelo: blunting of nerve root sleeves
blocked nerve roots without cord displacement (2/3)
streaking + clumping of contrast
CT: fusion / clumping of nerve roots
featureless empty-looking sac with roots adherent to wall (final stage)

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ARACHNOID CYST OF SPINE

Location:dorsal to cord in thoracic regionSite: (a)extradural cyst secondary to congenital / acquired dural defect(b)intradural secondary to congenital deficiency within arachnoid (= true [arachnoid cyst](#)) / adhesion from prior infection or trauma (= arachnoid loculation)✓ oval sharply demarcated extramedullary mass✓ immediate / delayed contrast filling depending upon size of opening between cyst + subarachnoid space✓ local displacement + compression of spinal cord✓ higher signal intensity than CSF (from relative lack of CSF pulsations)

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ARACHNOID DIVERTICULUM

=widening of root sheath with arachnoid space occupying >50% of total transverse diameter of root + sheath together
Cause:? congenital / traumatic, [arachnoiditis](#), infection
Pathogenesis: hydrostatic pressure of CSF / scalloping of posterior margins of vertebral bodies / myelographic contrast material fills diverticula

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ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION OF SPINAL CORD

Classification: 1. True intramedullary AVM=nidus of abnormal intermediary arteriovenous structure with multiple shunts Age:2nd-3rd decade Cx:[subarachnoid hemorrhage](#), paraplegia *Prognosis:* poor (especially in midthoracic location) 2. Intradural [arteriovenous fistula](#)=single shunt between one / several medullary arteries + single perimedullary vein 3. Dural [arteriovenous fistula](#)=single shunt between meningeal arteries + intradural vein 4. Metameric [angiomas](#)

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ATLANTOAXIAL ROTARY FIXATION

● history of insignificant cervical spine trauma / upper respiratory tract infection ● limited painful neck motion ● head held in "cock-robin" position + inability to turn head
✓ atlanto-odontoid asymmetry (open mouth odontoid view): ✓ decrease in atlanto-odontoid space + widening of lateral mass on side ipsilateral to rotation ✓ increase in atlanto-odontoid space + narrowing of lateral mass on side contralateral to rotation ✓ atlantoaxial asymmetry remains constant with head turned into neutral position
Types: I < 3 mm anterior displacement of atlas on axis II 3-5 mm anterior displacement III > 5 mm anterior displacement IV posterior displacement of atlas on axis
DDx: torticollis (atlantoaxial symmetry reverts to normal with head turned into neutral position)

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BRACHIAL PLEXUS INJURY

1. Erb-Duchenne: adduction injury affecting C5/6 (downward displacement of [shoulder](#)) 2. Klumpke: abduction injury at C7, C8, T1 (arm stretched over head) 1/2 pouchlike root sleeve at site of avulsion 1/2 asymmetrical nerve roots 1/2 contrast extravasation collecting in axilla 1/2 metrizamide in neural foramina (CT myelography)

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CAUDAL REGRESSION SYNDROME

=midline closure defect of neural tube with a spectrum of anomalies *Etiology*: disturbance of caudal mesoderm <4th week of gestation from toxic / infectious / ischemic insult *Incidence*: 1:7,500 births; 0.005-0.01% *Predisposed*: infants of diabetic mothers (16-22%) **NOT** associated with VATER syndrome! A. Musculoskeletal anomalies @ Lower extremity • symptoms from minor muscle weakness to complete sensorimotor paralysis of both lower extremities ✓ [hip dislocation](#) ✓ foot deformities ✓ hypoplasia of extremities @ Lumbosacral spine ✓ [spina bifida](#) ([myelomeningocele](#) often not in combination with [hydrocephalus](#)) ✓ total / partial [sacral agenesis](#) ✓ total / partial agenesis of lumbosacral spine ✓ fusion of caudal-most 2 or 3 vertebrae ✓ narrowing of spinal canal rostral to last intact vertebra ✓ characteristic wedge-shaped cord terminus (hypoplasia of distal spinal cord) ✓ spinal cord may be tethered ± associated [lipoma](#) ✓ ± dural sac stenosis with high termination ✓ ± spinal cord [lipoma](#), teratoma, cauda equina cyst B. Genitourinary anomalies • [neurogenic bladder](#) (if >2 segments are missing) • malformed external genitalia • lack of bowel control ✓ ± bilateral renal aplasia with [pulmonary hypoplasia](#) + Potter facies ✓ anal atresia OB-US: • normal / [imperforate anus](#) ✓ normal / mildly dilated urinary system ✓ normal / increased amniotic fluid ✓ 2 umbilical arteries ✓ 2 hypoplastic nonfused lower extremities ✓ [sacral agenesis](#), absent vertebrae from lower thoracic / upper lumbar spine caudally

[Sirenomelia](#)

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Sirenomelia =recently considered a distinct separate entity from [caudal regression syndrome](#) NOT associated with maternal [diabetes mellitus](#) ■ Potter facies ■ absence of anus ■ absent genitalia ✓ bilateral [renal agenesis](#) / dysgenesis (lethal) ✓ marked [oligohydramnios](#) ✓ single aberrant umbilical artery ✓ single / fused lower extremity ✓ [sacral agenesis](#), absent pelvis, lumbosacral "tail", lumbar rachischisis *Prognosis*:incompatible with life

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Sacrococcygeal Chordoma (50-70%) 40% of all sacral tumors *Peak age*:40-60 years; M:F = 2:1 ■ low back pain (70%) ■ constipation / fecal [incontinence](#) ■ rectal bleeding (42%) ■ sciatica ■ frequency, urgency, straining on micturition ■ sacral mass (17%) Location:esp. in 4th + 5th sacral segment ✓ presacral mass with average size of 10 cm extending superiorly + inferiorly; rarely posterior location ✓ displacement of rectum + bladder ✓ solid tumor with cystic areas (in 50%) ✓ osteolytic midline mass in sacrum + coccyx ✓ amorphous peripheral calcifications (15-89%) ✓ secondary bone sclerosis in tumor periphery (50%) ✓ honeycomb pattern with trabeculations (10-15%) ✓ may cross sacroiliac joint *Prognosis*:8-10 years average survival; 66% 5-year survival rate (adulthood) *DDx*:[Giant cell tumor](#), plasmacytoma, [lymphoma](#), metastatic adenocarcinoma, [aneurysmal bone cyst](#), atypical [hemangioma](#), [chondrosarcoma](#), osteomyelitis, [ependymoma](#)

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Spheno-occipital Chordoma (15-35%) Age: younger patient (peak age of 20-40 years); M:F - 1:1 ■ orbitofrontal headache ■ visual disturbances, ptosis ■ 6th nerve palsy / paraplegia Location: clivus, spheno-occipital synchondrosis ✓ bone destruction (in 90%): clivus > sella > petrous bone > orbit > floor of middle cranial fossa > jugular fossa > atlas > [foramen magnum](#) ✓ reactive bone sclerosis (rare) ✓ calcifications / bone fragments (20-70%) ✓ soft-tissue extension into nasopharynx (common), into sphenoid + [ethmoid sinuses](#) (occasionally), may reach nasal cavity + maxillary antrum ✓ variable degree of enhancement MR: ✓ large intraosseous mass extending into prepontine cistern, [sphenoid sinus](#), middle cranial fossa, nasopharynx ✓ posterior displacement of brainstem ✓ usually isointense to brain / occasionally inhomogeneously hyperintense on T1WI ✓ hyperintense on T2WI Prognosis: 4-5 years average survival DDX: [meningioma](#), metastasis, plasmacytoma, [giant cell tumor](#), [sphenoid sinus](#) cyst, [nasopharyngeal carcinoma](#), [chondrosarcoma](#)

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Vertebral / Spinal Chordoma (15-20%) more aggressive than sacral / cranial chordomas Age:younger patient; M:F = 2:1 • low back pain + radiculopathy Location:cervical (8% - particularly C2), [thoracic spine](#) (4%), lumbar spine (3%) solitary midline spinal mass tumor calcification in 30% sclerosis / "ivory vertebra" in 43-62% total destruction of vertebra, initially unaccompanied by collapse variable extension into spinal canal violates disk space to involve adjacent bodies (10-14%) simulating infection anterior soft-tissue mass Cx:complete spinal block *Prognosis*:4-5 years average survival *DDx*:Metastasis, primary [bone tumor](#), primary soft-tissue tumor, [neuroma](#), [meningioma](#)

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CSF FISTULA

Cause: (1)Trauma to skull base (most commonly) 2% of all head injuries develop CSF fistula (2)Tumor: especially those arising from [pituitary gland](#) (3)Congenital anomalies: encephalocele
● traumatic leak: usually unilateral; onset within 48 hours after trauma, usually scanty; resolve in 1 week
● nontraumatic leak: profuse flow; may persist for years
● anosmia (in 78% of trauma cases)
Location: fractures through frontoethmoidal complex + middle cranial fossa (most commonly)
dx: high-resolution thin-section CT in coronal plane followed by rescanning after low-dose intrathecal contrast material instilled into lumbar subarachnoid space
Cx: infection (in 25-50% of untreated cases)

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DEGENERATIVE DISK DISEASE

⚡Therapeutic decision-making should be based on clinical assessment alone!⚡There are no prognostic indicators on images in patients with acute lumbar radiculopathy!35% of individuals without back trouble have abnormal findings (HNP, disk bulging, facet degeneration, [spinal stenosis](#)) ⚡Imaging tests are only justified in patients for whom surgery is considered! *Pathophysiology*: loss of disk height leads to malalignment (= rostrocaudal subluxation) of facet joints causing spine instability with arthritis, capsular hypertrophy, hypertrophy of posterior ligaments, facet [fracture](#) Plain film: ✓ narrowing of disk space ✓ disk calcification ✓ vacuum disk phenomenon = radiolucent interspace accumulation of nitrogen gas at sites of negative pressure ✓ intervertebral osteochondrosis = loss of disk space height + bone sclerosis of adjacent vertebral bodies ✓ cartilaginous nodes = intraosseous disk herniation ✓ spondylosis deformans = endplate osteophytosis secondary to anterolateral disk displacement resulting in traction osteophytes at sites of osseous attachment of annulus fibrosus fibers of Sharpey Myelography: ✓ delineation of thecal sac, spinal cord, exiting nerve roots CT ([accuracy](#) >90%): ✓ facet joint disease (marginal sclerosis, joint narrowing, cyst formation, bony overgrowth) MR: ✓ endplate changes (Modic & DeRoos): (a) Type I (4%) with decreased signal on T1WI + increased signal on T2WI (= vascularized fibrous tissue), contrast-enhancement of marrow (b) Type II (16%) with increased signal on T1WI + isointensity on T2WI (= local fatty replacement of marrow) (c) Type III with decreased signal on T1WI + T2WI (= advanced sclerosis) NUC: SPECT imaging of vertebrae can aid in localizing increased [uptake](#) to vertebral bodies, posterior elements, etc. ✓ eccentrically placed increased [uptake](#) on either side of an intervertebral space (osteophytes, discogenic sclerosis) *Sequelae*: (1) disk bulging (2) disk herniation (3) [spinal stenosis](#) (4) facet joint disease TERMINOLOGY: 1. Disk bulge=concentric smooth circumferential expansion of softened disk material beyond the confines of endplates 2. Disk protrusion=focal protrusion of disk material maintaining broad base with parent disk due to focally weakened / ruptured annulus but intact posterior longitudinal ligament 3. Disk extrusion=prominent focal extrusion of disk material with only an isthmus of connection to parent disk due to (a) ruptured annulus + intact posterior longitudinal ligament (b) ruptured annulus + ruptured posterior longitudinal ligament 4. Free fragment=frank separation of disk material from parent disk 5. Free fragment migration=separated disk material travels above / below intervertebral disk space

[Bulging Disk Herniation of Nucleus Pulposus Free Fragment Herniation Cervical Disk Herniation](#)

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Bulging Disk =broad-based disk extension outward in all directions with intact but weakened annulus fibrosus + posterior longitudinal ligamentAge:common finding in individuals >40 years of ageLocation:lumbar, cervical spine✓ rounded symmetric defect localized to disk space level✓ concave anterior margin of thecal sacMR: ✓ nucleus pulposus hypointense on T1WI + hyperintense on T2WI (water loss through degeneration)

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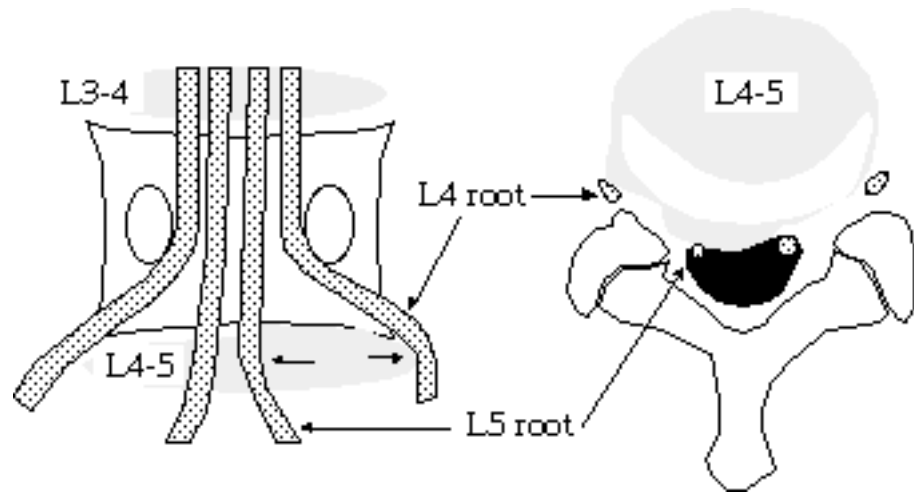


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Herniation of Nucleus Pulposus =HNP = focal protrusion of disk material beyond margins of adjacent vertebral endplates secondary to rupture of annulus fibrosus confined within posterior longitudinal ligament 21% of asymptomatic population has disk herniation! ● local somatic spinal pain = sharp / aching, deep, localized ● centrifugal radiating pain = sharp, well-circumscribed, superficial, "electric," confined to dermatome ● centrifugal referred pain = dull, ill-defined, deep or superficial, aching or boring, confined to somatome(= dermatome + myotome + sclerotome) Location:L4/5 (35%) > L5/S1 (27%) > L3/4 (19%) > L2/3 (14%) > L1/2 (5%); [thoracic spine](#) affected in 3:1,000 disk operations(a)posterolateral (49%) = weakest point along posterolateral margin of disk at lateral recess of spinal canal (posterior longitudinal ligament tightly adherent to posterior margins of disk)(b)posterocentral (8%)(c)bilateral (on both sides of posterior ligament)(d)lateral / foraminal (<10%)(e)intraosseous / vertical = [Schmorl node](#) (14%)(f)extraforaminal = anterior (commonly overlooked) (29%)Myelography: ✓ sharply angular indentation on lateral aspect of thecal sac with extension above or below level of disk space (ipsilateral oblique projection best view)✓ asymmetry of posterior disk margin✓ double contour secondary to superimposed normal + abnormal side (horizontal beam lateral view)✓ narrowing of intervertebral disk space (most commonly a sign of disk degeneration)✓ deviation of nerve root / root sleeve✓ enlargement of nerve root secondary to edema ("trumpet sign")✓ amputated / truncated nerve root (nonfilling of root sleeve)MR: ✓ herniated disk material of low signal intensity displaces the posterior longitudinal ligament and epidural fat of relative high signal intensity on T1WICx:[spinal stenosis](#)*Prognosis:* conservative therapy reduces size of herniation by 0-50%in 11% of patients,50-75%in 36% of patients,75-100%in 46% of patients(secondary to growth of granulation tissue)



Lateral Disk Herniation Nerve compression usually occurs posterolaterally (here at L4-5); therefore an atypical lateral compression (here of L4 root) directs surgery to the wrong more cephalad level (L3-4 disk)

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Free Fragment Herniation =DISK SEQUESTRATION=complete separation of disk material with rupture through posterior longitudinal ligament into epidural space
Missed free fragments are a common cause of failed back surgery!
! migration superiorly / inferiorly away from disk space with compression of nerve root above / below level of disk herniation
! disk material noted >9 mm away from intervertebral disk space
! soft-tissue density with higher value than thecal sac
DDx:(1)Postoperative scarring (retraction of thecal sac to side of surgery)(2)Epidural abscess(3)Epidural tumor(4)Conjoined nerve root (2 nerve roots arising from thecal sac simultaneously representing mass in ventrolateral aspect of spinal canal; normal variant in 1-3% of population)(5)Tarlov cyst (dilated nerve root sleeve)

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Cervical Disk Herniation *Peak age:* 3rd-4th decade ■ neck stiffness, muscle splinting ■ dermatomic sensory loss ■ weakness + muscle atrophy ■ reflex loss Sites: C6-7 (69%); C5-6 (19%); C7-T1 (10%); C4-5 (2%) *Sequelae:* (1) compression of exiting nerve roots (2) cord compression ([spinal stenosis](#) + massive disk rupture)

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DERMOID OF SPINE

=uni- / multilocular cystic tumor lined by squamous epithelium containing skin appendages (hair follicles, sweat glands, sebaceous glands)*Cause:* (a)congenital dermal rest / focal expansion of dermal sinus(b)acquired from implantation of viable dermal tissue (by spinal needle without trocar)*Incidence:*1% of spinal cord tumors*Age at presentation:*<20 years; M:F = 1:1 *May be associated with:*dermal sinus (in 20%) ■ slowly progressive myelopathy ■ acute onset of chemical [meningitis](#) (secondary to rupture of inflammatory cholesterol crystals from cyst into CSF) *Location:*lumbosacral (60%), cauda equina (20%)*Site:*extramedullary (60%), intramedullary (40%)[✓] almost always complete spinal block on myelography[✓] intensity of fat[✓] occasionally hypointense on T1WI + hypodense on CT (secretions from sweat glands within tumor)[✓] NO contrast enhancement[✓] CT myelography facilitates detection

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DIASTEMATOMYELIA

=SPLIT CORD = Myeloschisis MYELOSCHISIS=sagittal division of spinal cord into two hemicords, each of which contains a central canal, one dorsal horn + one ventral horn *Etiology*: congenital malformation as a result of split notochord; M:F = 1:3 *Path*: (a) 2 hemicords each covered by layer of pia within single subarachnoid space + dural sac (60%); not accompanied by bony spur / fibrous band (b) 2 hemicords each with its own pial, subarachnoidal + dural sheath (40%); accompanied by fibrous band (in 25%), cartilaginous / bony spurs (in 75%) *Associated with*: [myelomeningocele](#) • hypertrichosis, nevus, [lipoma](#), dimple, [hemangioma](#) overlying the spine (26-81%) • clubfoot (50%) • muscle wasting, ankle weakness in one [leg](#) *Location*: lower thoracic / upper lumbar > upper thoracic > cervical spine *congenital scoliosis* (50-75%) 5% of patients with congenital scoliosis have diastematomyelia *spina bifida* over multiple levels *anteroposterior narrowing of vertebral bodies* *widening of interpediculate distance* *narrowed disk space with hemivertebra, butterfly vertebra, block vertebra* *fusion + thickening of adjacent laminae* (90%) (a) fusion to ipsilateral lamina at adjacent levels (b) diagonal fusion to contralateral adjacent lamina = intersegmental laminar fusion *bony spur through center of spinal canal arising from posterior aspect of centra* (<50%) *thickened filum terminale >2 mm* (>50%) *tethered cord* (>50%) *low conus medullaris below L2 level* (>75%) *the 2 hemicords usually reunite caudal to cleft* *defect in thecal sac on myelogram* *Cx*: progressive spinal cord dysfunction

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DISCITIS

most common pediatric spine problem *Etiology:*

(1) Bloodborne bacterial invasion of vertebrae infecting disk via communicating vessels through endplate (2) invasive procedure: surgery, discography, myelography, chemonucleolysis *Agents:* (a) pyogenic: *Staphylococcus aureus* (by far most frequent), Gram-negative rods (in IV drug abusers / immunocompromised patients) (b) nonpyogenic: [tuberculosis](#), [coccidioidomycosis](#) *Pathogenesis:* infection starts in disk (still vascularized in children) / in anterior inferior corner of vertebral body (in adults) with spread across disk to adjacent vertebral endplate *Age peak:* 6 months to 4 years and 10-14 years; average age of 6 years at presentation • over 2-4 weeks gradually progressing irritability, malaise, fever • back / referred hip pain, limp • refusal to bear weight *Location:* L3/4, L4/5, unusual above T9; usually involvement of one disk space (occasionally 2) *Plain film* (positive 2-4 weeks after onset): ↓ decrease in disk space height (earliest sign) = intraosseous [herniation of nucleus pulposus](#) into vertebral body through weakened endplate ↓ indistinctness of adjacent endplates with destruction ↓ endplate sclerosis (during healing phase beginning anywhere from 8 weeks to 8 months after onset) ↓ bone fusion (after 6 months to 2 years) *CT:* ↓ paravertebral inflammatory mass ↓ epidural soft-tissue extension with deformity of thecal sac *MR* (preferred modality; 93% sensitive, 97% specific, 95% accurate): ↓ decreased marrow intensity on T1WI in two contiguous vertebrae ↓ in early stage preserved disk height with variable intensity on T2WI (often increased) ↓ in later stages loss of disk height with increased intensity on T2WI *NUC* (41% sensitive, 93% specific, 68% accurate on Tc-99m MDP + Tc-99m WBC scans): ↓ positive before radiographs ↓ increased [uptake](#) in disk space + contiguous vertebrae ↓ bone scan usually positive in adjacent vertebrae (until age 20) secondary to vascular supply via endplates; may be negative after age 20 *Cx:* kyphosis *Rx:* immobilization in body cast for ~4 weeks *DDx:* [osteomyelitis of vertebra](#)

[Postoperative Discitis](#)

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Postoperative Discitis *Frequency:*0.75-2.8% *Organism:*Staphylococcus aureus; many times no organism recovered ■ severe recurrent back pain 7-28 days after surgery accompanied by decreased back motion, muscle spasm, positive straight leg raising test ■ fever (33%) ■ wound infection (8%) ■ persistently elevated / increasing ESRMR: ↓ decreased signal intensity within disk + adjacent vertebral body marrow on T1WI ↑ increased signal intensity in disk + adjacent marrow on T2WI often with obliteration of intranuclear cleft ↓ contrast-enhancement of vertebral bone marrow ± disk space *DDx:*[degenerative disk disease](#) type I (no gadolinium-enhancement of disk)

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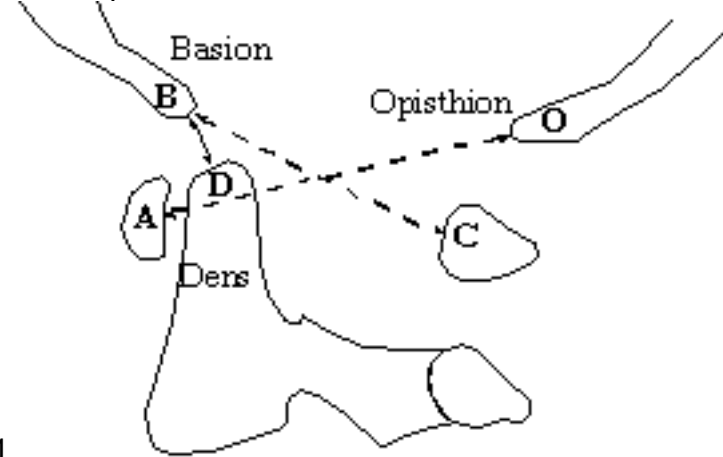


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Atlanto-occipital Dislocation=ATLANTO-OCCIPITAL DISTRACTION INJURY=disruption of tectorial membrane + paired alar ligaments
 Cause:rapid deceleration with either hyperextension or hyperflexion
 Age:childhood (due to larger size of head relative to body, increased laxity of ligaments, horizontally oriented occipito-atlanto-axial joint, hypoplastic occipital condyles) • neurologic symptoms: range from respiratory arrest with quadriplegia to normal neurologic exam • discomfort, stiffness
 retropharyngeal swelling (80%)
 dens-basion distance (BD) >12.5 mm without traction placed on head / neck
 BC/OA ratio >1 = ratio of distance between basion +



posterior arch of C1 divided by distance between opisthion + anterior arch of C1 membrane + alar ligaments
 Cx:injury to caudal cranial nerves, upper 3 cervical nerves, brainstem, upper part of spinal cord

CT: ✓ blood in region of tectorial

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DORSAL DERMAL SINUS

=epithelium-lined dural tube extending from skin surface to intracanalicular space + frequently communicating with CNS / its coverings
Cause: focal area of incomplete separation of cutaneous ectoderm from neural ectoderm during [neurulation](#)
Age: encountered in early childhood-3rd decade; M:F = 1:1
■ **midline dimple / pinpoint ostium**
■ **hyperpigmented patch / hairy nevus / capillary angioma**
Location: lumbosacral (60%), occipital (25%), thoracic (10%), cervical (2%), sacrococcygeal (1%), ventral (8%)
CT myelography (best modality to define intraspinal anatomy): ✓ groove in upper surface of spinous process + lamina of vertebra ✓ hypoplastic spinous process ✓ single bifid spinous process ✓ focal multilevel [spina bifida](#) ✓ laminar defect ✓ dorsal tenting of dura + arachnoid ✓ sinus may terminate in conus medullaris / filum terminale / nerve root / fibrous nodule on dorsal aspect of cord / [dermoid](#) / epidermoid ✓ nerve roots bound down to capsule of [dermoid](#) / epidermoid cyst ✓ displacement / compression of cord by extramedullary dermoids / epidermoids ✓ expansion of cord by intramedullary dermoids / epidermoids ✓ clumping of nerve roots from adhesive [arachnoiditis](#) ✓ 50% of dorsal dermal sinuses end in [dermoid](#) / epidermoid cysts ✓ 20-30% of [dermoid](#) cysts / [dermoid](#) tumors are associated with dermal sinus tracts!
Cx: (1) [Meningitis](#) (bacterial / chemical) (2) Subcutaneous / epidural / subdural / subarachnoid / subpial abscess (bacterial ascent) ✓ Dermal sinus accounts for up to 3% of spinal cord abscesses! (3) Compression of neural structures

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EPIDERMOID OF SPINE

=cystic tumor lined by a membrane composed of epidermal elements of skin
Cause: (a)congenital dermal rest / focal expansion of dermal sinus(b)acquired from implantation of viable epidermal tissue (by spinal needle without trocar)
*Incidence:*1% of spinal cord tumors
*Age at presentation:*3rd-5th decade; M > F
*May be associated with:*dermal sinus ■ slowly progressive myelopathy ■ acute onset of chemical [meningitis](#) (secondary to rupture of inflammatory cholesterol crystals from cyst into CSF)
*Location:*upper thoracic (17%), lower thoracic (26%), lumbosacral (22%), cauda equina (35%)
*Site:*extramedullary (60%), intramedullary (40%)
almost always complete spinal block on myelography
displacement of spinal cord / nerve roots
small tumors isointense to CSF
NO contrast enhancement
CT myelography facilitates detection

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EPIDURAL HEMATOMA OF SPINE

Etiology: (1) vertebral [fracture](#) / dislocation (2) traumatic lumbar puncture (3) hypertension (4) AVM (5) vertebral [hemangioma](#) (6) bleeding diathesis / anticoagulation / [hemophilia](#) (7) idiopathic (45%) *Peak age:* 40-50 years ■ acute radicular pain ■ paraplegia *Location:* [thoracic spine](#) (most common) ✓ compression of posterior aspect of cord ✓ high attenuation lesion on CT ✓ iso- / slightly hypointense lesion on T1WI with marked increase in intensity on T2WI

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FRACTURES OF SKULL

1. Linear [fracture](#) (most common type) [✓] deeply black sharply defined line *DDx*: (1) vascular groove, esp. temporal artery (gray line, slightly sclerotic margin, branching like a tree, typical location (temporal artery projects behind dorsum sellae) (2) suture 2. Depressed [fracture](#) [✓] often palpable [✓] bone-on-bone density *Rx*: surgery indicated if depression >3-5 mm (due to arachnoid tear / brain injury) N.B.: CT / MR mandatory to assess extent of underlying brain injury 3. Skull-base [fracture](#)

[LeFort Fracture](#) [Sphenoid Bone Fracture](#) [Zygomaticomaxillary Fracture](#) [Blowout Fracture](#)

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LeFort Fracture =all LeFort fractures involve pterygoid processA.LeFort I = Transverse maxillary fracturecaused by blow to premaxilla Fracture line:(a) alveolar ridge(b) lateral aperture of nose(c) inferior wall of maxillary sinus✓ detachment of alveolar process of maxillaB.LeFort II = "Pyramidal fracture"Fracture line:arch through(a) posterior alveolar ridge(b) medial orbital rim(c) across nasal bones✓ separation of midportion of faceC.LeFort III = "craniofacial disjunction"Fracture line:horizontal course through(a) nasofrontal suture(b) maxillo-frontal suture(c) orbital wall(d) zygomatic arch✓ separation of entire face from base of skull

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Sphenoid Bone Fracture *Incidence:*involved in 15% of skull-base fractures ■ CSF rhinorrhea / otorrhea ■ hematotympanum ■ battle sign = mastoid region ecchymosis ■ raccoon eyes = periorbital ecchymosis ■ 7th / 8th nerve palsy ■ muscular dysfunction: problems with ocular motility, mastication, speech, swallowing, eustachian tube function ✓ air-fluid level in sinuses + mastoid ✓ axial thin-slice high-resolution CT for best delineation of fractures ✓ water-soluble intrathecal contrast material for [CSF fistula](#)

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Zygomaxillary Fracture = "TRIPOD" **FRACTURE** = MALAR / ZYGOMATIC COMPLEX **FRACTURE** Cause: direct blow to malar eminence ■ loss of sensibility of face below orbit ■ deficient mastication ■ double vision / [ophthalmoplegia](#) ■ facial deformity **Fracture** line: (a) lateral wall of [maxillary sinus](#) (b) orbital rim close to infraorbital foramen (c) floor of orbit (d) zygomatico-frontal suture / zygomatic arch

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Blowout Fracture =isolated [fracture](#) of orbital floor *Cause*: sudden direct blow to globe with increase in intraorbital pressure transmitted to the weak orbital floor, often associated with [fracture](#) of the thin lamina papyracea • diplopia on upward gaze (entrapment of inferior rectus + inferior oblique muscles) • enophthalmos • facial anesthesia ✓ soft-tissue mass extending into [maxillary sinus](#) ✓ complete opacification of [maxillary sinus](#) (edema + hemorrhage) ✓ depression of orbital floor ✓ posttraumatic atrophy of orbital fat leads to enophthalmos

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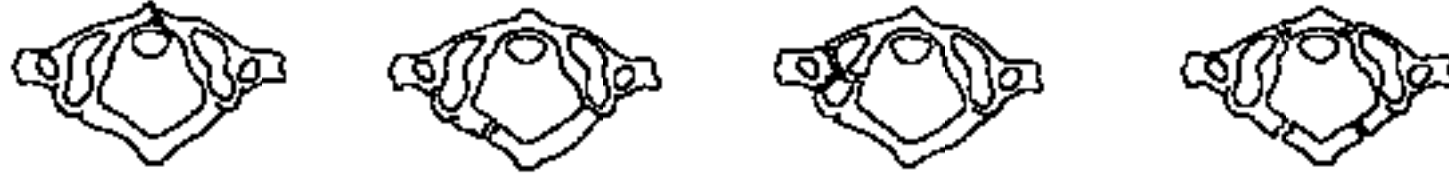
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FRACTURES OF CERVICAL SPINE

Frequency: C2, C6 > C5, C7 > C3, C4 > C1 **Location:** (a) upper cervical spine = C1/2 (19-25%): atlas (4%), odontoid (6%) (b) lower cervical spine = C3-7 (75-81%) (c) multiple noncontiguous spine fractures (15-20%) **Site:** vertebral arch (50%), vertebral body (30%), intervertebral disk (25%), posterior ligaments (16%), dens (14%), locked facets (12%), anterior ligament (2%) **Associated with:** thoracic / lumbar spine fracture in 5-15% **N.B.:** Plain radiography misses 20-30% of cervical spine injuries! Most missed fractures involve C1 (8%), C2 (34%), C4 (12%), C6-7 (14%), occipital condyles!



Anterior arch fracture Posterior arch fracture Lateral mass fracture Jefferson fracture
Atlas Fractures



Tear drop fracture Hangman's fracture
Axis Fractures



Type I Type II Type III
Dens Fractures



Os odontoideum Ossiculum terminale Hypoplasia of dens Aplasia of dens

A. HYPERFLEXION INJURY (46-79%) 1. Odontoid fracture 2. Simple wedge fracture (stable) 3. Tear drop fracture: most severe + unstable injury of C-spine 4. Anterior subluxation 5. Bilateral locked facets (unstable) 6. Anterior disk space narrowing 7. Widened interspinous distance 8. Spinous process fracture = clay shovelers fracture = sudden load on flexed spine with avulsion fracture of C6 / C7 / T1 (stable) **B. HYPEREXTENSION INJURY (20-38%)** 1. Anteriorly widened disk space 2. Prevertebral swelling 3. Tear drop fracture = avulsion of anteroinferior corner by anterior ligament (unstable) typically at C2 4. Neural arch fracture of C1 (stable = anterior ring + transverse ligament intact) 5. Subluxation (anterior / posterior) 6. Hangmans fracture = bilateral neural arch fracture of C2 (unstable) prevertebral soft-tissue swelling anterior subluxation of C2 on C3 avulsion of anteroinferior corner of C2 (rupture of anterior longitudinal ligament) **C. FLEXION-ROTATION INJURY (12%)** 1. Unilateral locked facets (oblique views!, stable) **D. VERTICAL COMPRESSION (4%)** 1. Jefferson fracture = comminuted fracture of ring of C1 (unstable) lateral displacement of lateral massa (self-decompressing) (DDx: Pseudo-Jefferson fracture = lateral offset of lateral masses of atlas without fracture in fusion anomalies of anterior / posterior arches of C1, in children as lateral masses of atlas ossify earlier than C2) 2. Burst fracture = intervertebral disk driven into vertebral body below (stable) several fragments, fragment from posterior superior margin often in spinal canal **E. LATERAL FLEXION / SHEARING (4-6%)** 1. Uncinate fracture 2. Isolated pillar fracture 3. Transverse process fracture 4. Lateral vertebral compression

[Significant signs of cervical vertebral trauma Atlas Fracture Axis Fracture](#)

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Significant signs of cervical vertebral trauma (a)most reliable + specific[✓] widening of interspinous space (43%)[✓] widening of facet joint (39%)[✓] displacement of prevertebral fat stripe (18%)(b)reliable but nonspecific[✓] wide [retropharyngeal space](#) >7 mm (31%)(DDx: mediastinal hemorrhage of other cause, crying in children, S/P difficult intubation) (c)nonspecific[✓] loss of lordosis (63%)[✓] anterolisthesis / retrolisthesis (36%)[✓] kyphotic angulation (21%)[✓] tracheal deviation (13%)[✓] disk space: narrow (24%), wide (8%)

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Atlas Fracture *Incidence:*4% of cervical spine injuries *Site:*posterior arch, anterior arch, massa lateralis, Jefferson [fracture](#) *Associated with:*fractures of C7 (25%), C2 pedicle (15%), extraspinal fractures (58%)

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Axis Fracture *Incidence:* 6% of cervical spine injuries *Associated with:* fractures of C1 in 8% Type I=avulsion of tip of odontoid (5-8%)¹ difficult to detect Type II=[fracture](#) through base of dens (54-67%) Cx: nonunion Type III=subdental [fracture](#) (30-33%) *Prognosis:* good *DDx:* os odontoideum, ossiculum terminale, hypoplasia of dens, aplasia of dens

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FRACTURES OF THORACOLUMBAR SPINE

40% of all vertebral fractures that cause neurologic deficit, mostly complex (body + posterior elements involved) Location: 2/3 at thoracolumbar junction
✓ diastasis of apophyseal joints ✓ disruption of interspinous ligament ✓ retropulsion of body fragments into spinal canal ✓ "burst" fragments at superior surface of body

[Fracture of Upper Thoracic Spine \(T1 to T10\)](#) [Fracture of Thoracolumbar Junction \(T11 to L2\)](#) [Chance Fracture](#)

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Fracture of Upper Thoracic Spine (T1 to T10) Types: 1.compression / axial loading [fracture](#) (most common) \checkmark wedging of vertebral body \checkmark retropulsion of bone fragments \checkmark posttraumatic disk herniation 2.burst [fracture](#) \checkmark associated [fracture](#) of posterior neural arch \checkmark comminuted retropulsed bone fragments 3.sagittal slice [fracture](#) \checkmark vertebra above telescopes into vertebra below, displacing it laterally 4.anterior / posterior dislocation \checkmark torn anterior / posterior longitudinal ligament \checkmark facet dislocation \checkmark Relatively stable fractures due to rib cage + strong costovertebral ligaments + more horizontal orientation of facet joints! Signs of spinal instability: =inability to maintain normal associations between vertebral segments while under physiologic load \checkmark displaced vertebra \checkmark widening of interspinous / interlaminar distance \checkmark facet dislocation \checkmark disruption of posterior vertebral body line

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Fracture of Thoracolumbar Junction (T11 to L2) =area of transition between a stiff + mobile segment of the spine ■ neurologic deficit (in up to 40%)*Classification based on injury to the middle column:* (1)Hyperflexion injury (most common)=compression of anterior column + distraction of posterior spinal elements(a)hyperflexion-compression [fracture](#) loss of height of vertebral body anteriorly + laterally focal kyphosis / scoliosis [fracture](#) of anterosuperior end plate(b)flexion-rotation injury (unusual) Very unstable! ■ catastrophic neurologic sequela: paraplegia subluxation / dislocation widening of interspinous distance fractures of lamina, transverse process, facets, adjacent ribs(c)shearing [fracture](#)-dislocation=damage of all 3 columns secondary to horizontally impacting force(d)flexion-distraction injury: [Chance fracture](#)2.Hyperextension injury (extremely uncommon) widened disc space anteriorly posterior subluxation vertebral anterior superior corner avulsion posterior arch [fracture](#)3.Axial compression [fracture](#) Unstable! burst [fracture](#) with herniation of intervertebral disc through end plates + comminution of vertebral body marked anterior vertebral body wedging retropulsed bone fragment increase in interpediculate distance ± vertical [fracture](#) through vertebral body, pedicle, lamina

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Chance Fracture = SEATBELT **FRACTURE** *Mechanism*: shearing flexion-distraction injury (lap-type seatbelt injury in back-seat passengers) • neurologic deficit infrequent (20%) Location: L2 or L3 ✓ horizontal splitting of spinous process, pedicles, laminae + superior portion of vertebral body ✓ disruption of ligaments ✓ distraction of intervertebral disc + facet joints ✓ **Fracture** often unstable! *Often associated with*: (1) bone injury rib fractures along the course of diagonal strap; sternal fractures; clavicular fractures (2) soft-tissue injury transverse tear of rectus abdominis muscle; anterior peritoneal tear; diaphragmatic rupture (3) vascular injury mesenteric vascular tear; transection of [common carotid artery](#); injury to [internal carotid artery](#), subclavian artery, superior vena cava; thoracic aortic tear; abdominal [aortic transection](#) (4) visceral injury perforation of jejunum + ileum > large intestine > duodenum (free intraperitoneal fluid in 100%, mesenteric infiltration in 88%, thickened bowel wall in 75%, extraluminal air in 56%); laceration / rupture of liver, [spleen](#), kidneys, pancreas, distended urinary bladder; uterine injury **Chance Equivalent** = purely ligamentous disruption leading to lumbar subluxation / dislocation ✓ mild widening of posterior aspect of affected disk space ✓ widened facet joints ✓ splaying of spinous processes = "empty hole sign" on AP view

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GLIOMA OF SPINAL CORD

Often associated with: syrinx 1. **Ependymoma** (60-70%) Location: lower spinal cord, conus medullaris, filum terminale; extends over several vertebral segments ✓ well-demarcated / diffusely infiltrating tumor ✓ occupies whole width of spinal cord ✓ focal mass with areas of extensive cystic degeneration, hemorrhage, and calcification ✓ erosion of vertebral body (uncommon) MR: ✓ intense homogeneous sharply marginated focal enhancement on Gd-enhanced MR ✓ hypointense tumor margin on T1WI + T2WI 2. **Astrocytoma** (30%) *Histo:* low-grade **astrocytoma** I and II (75%), high-grade **astrocytoma** III and IV (8%) Location: cervical + **thoracic spine**; often extending into lower brainstem ✓ usually homogeneous extensive cord tumor with widening of spinal cord ✓ eccentric location within spinal cord ✓ dilated veins on surface of cord ✓ mass may be cystic with water-soluble myelographic contrast entering cystic space on delayed CT images ✓ patchy irregular Gd enhancement on MR

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HEMANGIOBLASTOMA OF SPINE

=ANGIOBLASTOMA = ANGIORETICULOMA
Incidence: 2% of all spinal cord tumors; mostly sporadic
Associated with: [von Hippel-Lindau disease](#) (in 1/3)
Age: middle age; M:F = 1:1
Location: intramedullary (75%), radicular (20%), intradural extramedullary (5%); solitary in >90%; mostly in cervicothoracic spine
Increased interpediculate distance (mass effect) ✓ *expanded cord* ✓ *intratumoral cystic component (50-60%)* ✓ *large draining veins form sinuous mass along posterior aspect of cord* ✓ *densely staining tumor nodule* ✓ *frequently accompanies syrinx* MR: ✓ *well-demarcated Gd-enhancing mass* ✓ *curvilinear area of signal void* Cx: intramedullary hemorrhage

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KÜMMELL DISEASE

= intravertebral vacuum phenomenon *Cause*:1.Osteonecrosis2.Weeks to months following acute [fracture](#) *Pathophysiology*:likely to represent gaseous release into bony clefts within a nonhealed [fracture](#) underneath endplate *Age*:>50 years *Location*:most commonly at thoracolumbar junction *V* gas collection increasing with extension + traction, decreasing with flexion

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LEPTOMENINGEAL CYST

= "Growing" [fracture](#) *Incidence*: 1% of all pediatric skull fractures *Pathogenesis*: skull [fracture](#) with dural tear leads to arachnoid herniation into dural defect; CSF pulsations produce [fracture](#) diastasis + erosion of bone margins (apparent 2-3 months after injury) *Age*: usually <3 years *skull defect with indistinct scalloped margins* *CSF-density cyst adjacent to / in skull, may contain cerebral tissue* *MR*: *cyst isointense with CSF + communicating with subarachnoid space* *area of encephalomalacia underlying [fracture](#) (frequent)* *intracranial tissue extending between edges of bone*

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LIPOMA OF SPINE

=partially encapsulated mass of fat + connective tissue with connection to leptomeninges / spinal cord Types: (a)[intradural lipoma](#) (4%)(b)[lipomyelomeningocele](#) (84%)(c)[fibrolipoma of filum terminale](#) (12%)¹Intradural lipomas + lipomyelomeningoceles represent 35% of skin-covered lumbosacral masses + 20-50% of occult [spinal dysraphism!](#)

[Intradural Lipoma](#) [Lipomyelomeningocele](#) [Fibrolipoma of Filum Terminale](#)

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Intradural Lipoma =subpial juxtamedullary mass totally enclosed in intact dural sac/Incidence:<1% of primary intraspinal tumorsAge peaks:first 5 years of life (24%), 2nd + 3rd decade (55%), 5th decade (16%) • slow ascending mono- / paraparesis, spasticity, cutaneous sensory loss, defective deep sensation (with cervical + thoracic intradural lipoma) • flaccid paralysis of legs, sphincter dysfunction (with lumbosacral intradural lipoma) • overlying skin most often normal • elevation of protein in CSF (30%)Location:cervical (12%) / cervicothoracic (24%) / thoracic (30%); dorsal aspect of cord (75%), lateral / anterolateral (25%) spinal cord open in midline dorsally lipoma in opening between lips of placode exophytic component at upper / lower pole of lipoma syringohydromyelia (2%) focal enlargement of spinal canal ± adjacent neural foramina narrow localized spina bifida

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Lipomyelomeningocele = [lipoma](#) tightly attached to exposed dorsal surface of neural placode blending with subcutaneous fat / *Incidence*: 20% of skin-covered lumbosacral masses; up to 50% of occult [spinal dysraphism](#) / *Age*: typically <6 months of age; M < F • semifluctuant lumbosacral mass with overlying skin intact • sensory loss in sacral dermatomes, motor loss, bladder dysfunction • foot deformities, [leg](#) pain / *Location*: lumbosacral; longitudinal extension over entire length of spinal canal (in 7%) / [lipoma](#) may enter central canal and extend rostrally (= "intradural intramedullary [lipoma](#)") / [lipoma](#) may extend upward within spinal canal external to dura (= "epidural [lipoma](#)") / [tethered cord](#) / large spinal canal / erosion of vertebral body + pedicles / posterior scalloping (50%) / focal [spina bifida](#) / segmental anomalies / butterfly vertebra (up to 43%) / confluent sacral foramina / partial [sacral agenesis](#) (up to 50%)

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Fibrolipoma of Filum Terminale *Incidence:*6% of autopsies ■ asymptomatic *Location:*intradural filum, extradural filum, involvement of both portions *Prognosis:*potential for development of symptoms of [tethered cord](#)

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LÜCKENSCHÄDEL

=CRANIOLACUNIA = LACUNAR SKULL = mesenchymal dysplasia of calvarial ossification (developmental disturbance)
Age: present at birth
Associated with: (1) meningocele / [myelomeningocele](#) (2) encephalocele (3) [spina bifida](#) (4) cleft palate (5) Arnold-Chiari II malformation • normal intracranial pressure
Location: particularly upper parietal area
Appearance: honeycombed appearance about 2 cm in diameter (thinning of diploic space)
Causes: premature closure of sutures (turricephaly / scaphocephaly)
Prognosis: spontaneous regression within first 6 months of life
DDx: (1) Convolutional impressions = "digital" markings (visible at 2 years, maximally apparent at 4 years, disappear by 8 years of age) (2) "Beaten brass" = "hammered silver" appearance of [increased intracranial pressure](#)

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MENINGIOMA OF SPINE

Incidence: 25-45% of all spine tumors; 2-3% of pediatric spinal tumors; 12% of all meningiomas *Age:* >40 years + female (80%) *Location:* thoracic region (82%); cervical spine on anterior cord surface near [foramen magnum](#) (2nd most common location); 90% on lateral aspect *Site:* intradural extramedullary (50%); entirely epidural; intradural + epidural • spinal cord / nerve root compression ✓ bone erosion in <10% ✓ scalloping of posterior aspect of vertebral body ✓ widening of interpedicular distance ✓ enlargement of intervertebral foramen ✓ may calcify (not as readily as intracranial [meningioma](#)) *CT:* ✓ solid smoothly marginated mass isodense to skeletal muscle ✓ marked enhancement *MR:* ✓ isointense to grey matter on T1WI + T2WI ✓ rapid + dense enhancement after Gd-DTPA

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METASTASES TO SPINE

Source: (a)Metastatic tumors: breast, prostate, lung, kidney, [lymphoma](#), [malignant melanoma](#)(b)Primary tumor: [multiple myeloma](#)*Pathogenesis:*hematogenous spread to vertebral bodies (bones with greatest vascularity)MR: \surd patchy multifocal relatively well defined lesions \surd diminished signal on T1WI + increased signal on T2WI (except for blastic metastases with diminished T1 + T2 signals)*DDx:*(1)Infection (centered around disk space)(2)Primary vertebral tumor (rare in older patients, almost always benign in patients <21 years of age)

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METASTASES TO SPINAL CORD

Metastases from Outside CNS (a)with [subarachnoid hemorrhage](#): [malignant melanoma](#), [choriocarcinoma](#), hypernephroma, [bronchogenic carcinoma](#)(b)others:breast, [lymphoma](#)✓ predominantly dorsal location✓ single / multiple nodules✓ thickening of meninges✓ matted nerve roots

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CSF Seeding of Intracranial Neoplasms Age: occurs more frequently in pediatric age group than in adults *CNS-tumors causing drop metastases*: 1. [Medulloblastoma](#): up to 33% 2. [Ependymoma](#): after local recurrence, more common in infra- than supratentorial ependymomas 3. Anaplastic [glioma](#) 4. Germinoma 5. [Pineoblastoma](#), [pineocytoma](#) Less common: malignant [choroid plexus papilloma](#), angioblastic [meningioma](#) *mnemonic: "MEGO TP"* **M**edulloblastoma **E**pendymoma **G**lioblastoma **O**ligodendroglioma **T**eratoma **P**ineoblastoma Location: lumbosacral + dorsal [thoracic spine](#) thickened + nodular nerve roots nodular + irregularly narrowed thecal sac enlarged cord (from coating of outer wall of spinal cord) Gd-DTPA enhancement

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MYELOCYSTOCELE

=SYRINGOCELE=hydromyelic spinal cord + arachnoid herniated through posterior [spina bifida](#); least common form of [spinal dysraphism](#) May be associated with: GI tract anomalies, GU tract anomalies • cystic skin-covered mass over spine • cloacal exstrophy (frequent) Location: lower spine > cervical > [thoracic spine](#) ✓ direct continuity of meningocele with subarachnoid space ✓ cyst communicating with widened central canal of spinal cord typically posteriorly + inferiorly to meningocele ✓ lordosis, scoliosis, partial [sacral agenesis](#) (common)

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NEURENTERIC CYST

=incomplete separation of foregut and notochord with persistence of canal of Kovalevski between [yolk sac](#) + notochord; cyst connected to meninges through midline defect *Incidence*: rarest of bronchopulmonary foregut malformations (pulmonary sequestration, [bronchogenic cyst](#), [enteric cyst](#)) *Associated with*: [neurofibromatosis](#); meningocele; spinal malformation (stalk connects cyst and neural canal; usually no stalk between cyst and esophagus) *Location*: anterior to spinal canal on mesenteric side of gut ✓ posterior [mediastinal mass](#) ✓ air-fluid level (if communicating with GI-tract through diaphragmatic defect) ✓ [spinal dysraphism](#) at the same level ✓ midline cleft in centra (accommodates stalk) ✓ anterior / posterior [spina bifida](#) ✓ vertebral body anomalies: absent vertebra, butterfly vertebra, hemivertebra, scoliosis ✓ [diastematomyelia](#) ✓ thoracic [myelomeningocele](#)

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OSSIFYING FIBROMA

Peak incidence: first 2 decades of life *Histo:* areas of osseous tissue intermixed with a highly cellular fibrous tissue *Sites:* maxilla > frontal > ethmoid bone > mandible (rarely seen elsewhere) *✓* areas of increased + decreased attenuation *✓* intact inner + outer table *✓* slow-growing expansile lesion *✓* usually unilateral + monostotic *DDx:* may be impossible to differentiate from [fibrous dysplasia](#)

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OSTEOMYELITIS OF VERTEBRA

Incidence: 2-10% of all cases of osteomyelitis *Causes:* (1) direct penetrating trauma (most common); following surgical removal of nucleus pulposus (2) hematogenous: associated with urinary tract infections / following GU surgery / instrumentation; [diabetes mellitus](#); drug abuse *Pathophysiology:* infection begins in low-flow end-vascular arcades adjacent to subchondral plate *Organism:* Staphylococcus aureus, Salmonella *Peak age:* 5th-7th decade ■ pain in back, neck, chest, abdomen, flank, hip ■ neurologic deficit ■ fever (most common presenting symptom), leukocytosis ■ increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate ■ positive blood / urine culture ✓ disk space narrowing (earliest radiographic sign) ✓ demineralization of adjacent vertebral endplates ✓ bulging of paraspinal lines ✓ tracer [uptake](#) in adjacent portions of two vertebral bodies ✓ decreased marrow signal on T1WI ✓ iso- / hyperintense marrow signal on T2WI *Cx:* secondary infection of intervertebral disk is frequent *Rx:* >4 weeks course of IV antibiotics *DDx:* [discitis](#)

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PERINEURAL SACRAL CYST

=TARLOV CYST = cyst arising from posterior rootlets (S2 + S3 most common) = dilated nerve-root sleeve as normal variant^{1/} sacral erosion^{1/} may communicate with thecal sac

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SACRAL AGENESIS

=[CAUDAL REGRESSION SYNDROME](#) = midline closure defect of neural tube *Incidence:* 0.005-0.01% *Predisposed:* infants of diabetic mothers (16%) *Associated with:* (1) musculoskeletal anomalies: [hip dislocation](#), foot deformities, hypoplasia of extremities (2) lack of bladder / bowel control (3) [spina bifida](#) ([myelomeningocele](#) often not in combination with [hydrocephalus](#)) NOT associated with VATER syndrome ✓ sacral agenesis ✓ ± dural sac stenosis with high termination ✓ ± [tethered cord](#) with associated [lipoma](#), teratoma, cauda equina cyst Cx: [neurogenic bladder](#) (if >2 segments are missing)

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SACROCOCCYGEAL TERATOMA

Incidence: 1:40,000 livebirths; Type I + II (80%); most common congenital solid tumor in the newborn; M:F = 1:4 **Pathogenesis:** (1) growth of residual primitive pluripotential cells derived from the primitive streak + knot (Hensen node) of very early embryonic development (2) attempt at twinning • increased prevalence of twins in family **Histo:** (1) Mature teratoma (55-75%) with elements from glia, bowel, pancreas, bronchial mucosa, skin appendages, striated + smooth muscle, bowel loops, bone components (metacarpal bones + digits), well-formed teeth, choroid plexus structures (production of CSF) • **MATURE TERATOMA** = benign tumor composed of tissues foreign to the anatomic site in which they arise, usually containing tissues from at least 2 germ cell layers (2) Immature teratoma (11-28%): admixed with primitive neuroepithelial / renal tissue • **IMMATURE TERATOMA** = benign teratoma with embryonic elements (3) Malignant germ cell tumor (a) mixed malignant teratoma (7-17%): elements of endodermal sinus tumor (= [yolk sac](#) tumor) + either form of teratoma (b) pure endodermal sinus tumor (rare) (c) seminoma ([dysgerminoma](#)), embryonal carcinoma, [choriocarcinoma](#) (extremely rare) Metastases to: lung, bone, lymph nodes (inguinal, retroperitoneal), liver, brain **Age:** 50-70% during first few days of life; 80% by 6 months of age; <10% >2 years of age; M:F = 1:4 **Classification (Altman):** Type I predominantly external lesion covered by skin with only minimal presacral component (47%) Type II predominantly external tumor with significant presacral component (35%) Type III predominantly sacral component + external extension (8%) Type IV presacral tumor with no external component (10%) **Associated with:** other congenital anomalies (in 18%): (1) musculoskeletal (5-16%): [spinal dysraphism](#), [sacral agenesis](#), dislocation of hip (2) renal anomalies: [hydronephrosis](#), renal cystic dysplasia, Potter syndrome (3) GI tract: [imperforate anus](#), [gastroschisis](#), constipation (4) fetal hydrops (due to high-output cardiac failure) (5) placentomegaly (due to fetal hydrops) (6) curvilinear sacrococcygeal defect (rare autosomal dominant inheritance with equal sex incidence, low malignant potential, absence of calcifications) + anorectal stenosis / atresia, vesicoureteral reflux • AFP elevated with mixed malignant teratoma + endodermal sinus tumor (CAVE: fetal + newborn serum contains AFP which reaches adult levels not until about 8 months of age) • premature labor (due to [polyhydramnios](#) + large mass) • [uterus large for dates](#) • radicular pain, constipation, urinary frequency / [incontinence](#) Plain film: ✓ amorphous, punctate, spiculated calcifications, possibly resembling bone (36-50%); suggestive of benign tumor ✓ soft-tissue mass in pelvis protruding anteriorly + inferiorly BE: ✓ anterosuperior displacement of rectum ✓ luminal constriction IVP: ✓ displacement of bladder anterosuperiorly ✓ development of bladder neck obstruction Myelography: ✓ intraspinal component may be present **Angio:** ✓ neovascularity (arterial supply by middle + lateral sacral + gluteal branches of internal iliac artery, branches of profunda femoris artery) ✓ enlargement of feeding vessels ✓ arterial encasement ✓ arteriovenous shunting ✓ early venous filling with serpiginous dilated tumor veins US / CT: ✓ solid (25%) / mixed (60%) / cystic (15%) sacral mass ✓ 1-30 cm (average size of 8 cm) in diameter ✓ [polyhydramnios](#) (2/3) ✓ [oligohydramnios](#), fetal [hydronephrosis](#), fetal hydrops with [ascites](#), pleural effusions, skin edema, placentomegaly are poor prognostic factors MR: ✓ lobulated + sharply demarcated tumor extremely heterogeneous on T1WI as a result of high signal from fat, intermediate signal from soft tissue, low signal from [calcium](#) ✓ best modality to detect spinal canal invasion **Prognosis:** prevalence of malignant germ cell tumors increases with patient's age • predominantly fatty tissue tumors are usually benign • hemorrhage / necrosis is suggestive of malignancy • cystic lesions are less likely malignant • sacral destruction indicates malignancy • patients >2 months of age have a malignant tumor with a 50-90% probability **Cx:** (1) dystocia in 6-13% (2) massive intratumoral hemorrhage (3) [fetal death in utero](#) / stillbirth **Rx:** 1. Complete tumor resection + coccygectomy + reconstruction of pelvic floor: up to 37% recurrence rate, esp. without coccygectomy 2. Multiagent chemotherapy (in malignancy) with long-term survival rate of 50% **DDx:** 1. [Myelomeningocele](#) (superior to sacrococcygeal region, not septated, axial bone changes) 2. Rectal duplication, anterior meningocele (purely cystic) 3. [Hemangioma](#), [lymphangioma](#), lipomeningocele, [lipoma](#), epidermal cyst, [chordoma](#), sarcoma, [ependymoma](#), [neuroblastoma](#)

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SPLIT NOTOCHORD SYNDROME

=spectrum of anomalies with persistent connection between gut + dorsal ectoderm *Etiology*: failure of complete separation of ectoderm from endoderm with subsequent splitting of notochord and mesoderm around the adhesion about 3rd week of gestation *Types*: 1. **Dorsal enteric fistula** = fistula between intestinal cavity + dorsal midline skin traversing prevertebral soft tissue, vertebral body, spinal canal, posterior elements of spine • bowel ostium / exposed pad of mucous membrane in dorsal midline in newborn • opening passes meconium + feces *Types*: 1. **Dorsal enteric fistula** = fistula between intestinal cavity + dorsal midline skin traversing prevertebral soft tissue, vertebral body, spinal canal, posterior elements of spine • bowel ostium / exposed pad of mucous membrane in dorsal midline in newborn • opening passes meconium + feces *Types*: 2. **Dorsal enteric sinus** = blind remnant of posterior part of tract with midline opening to dorsal external skin surface 3. **Dorsal enteric enterogenous cyst** = prevertebral / postvertebral / intraspinal enteric-lined cyst derived from intermediate part of tract *Intraspinal enteric cyst* *Age at presentation*: 20-40 years • intermittent local / radicular pain worsened by elevation of intraspinal pressure *Location*: intraspinal in lower cervical / upper thoracic region *Location*: enlarged spinal canal at site of cyst *Location*: hemivertebrae, segmentation defect, partial fusion, scoliosis in region of cyst 4. **Dorsal enteric diverticulum** = tubular / spherical diverticulum arising from dorsal mesenteric border of bowel as a persistent portion of tract between gut + vertebral column 5. **Dorsal enteric cyst** = involution of portion of diverticulum near gut • mass in abdomen / mediastinum (due to bowel rotation)

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Isthmic Spondylolisthesis = open-arch type Cause: usually bilateral [spondylolysis](#)=separation of anterior part (vertebral body, pedicles, transverse processes, superior articular facet) from posterior part (inferior facet, laminae, dorsal spinous process) Age: often <45 years ■ symptomatic if intervertebral disk + posterosuperior aspect of vertebral body encroaches on superior portion of neuroforamen ✓ elongation of spinal canal in anteroposterior diameter ✓ bilobed configuration of neuroforamen ✓ ratio of maximum anteroposterior diameter of spinal canal at any level divided by diameter at L1 >1.25

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Degenerative Spondylolisthesis = closed-arch type = PSEUDOSPONDYLOLISTHESIS Cause: degenerative / inflammatory joint disease (eg, [rheumatoid arthritis](#)) Pathophysiology: excess motion of facet joints Age: usually >60 years ■ commonly symptomatic ✓ narrowing of spinal canal ✓ hypertrophy of facet joints ✓ ratio of maximum anteroposterior diameter of spinal canal at any level divided by diameter at L1 <1.25

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Spondylolysis of Cervical Spine =progressive degeneration of intervertebral disks leading to proliferative changes of bone + meninges; more common than disk herniation as a cause for cervical radiculopathy *Incidence*:5-10% at age 20-30; >50% at age 45;>90% by age 60 • spastic gait disorder • neck pain *Location*:C4-5, C5-6, C6-7 (greater normal cervical motion at these levels) *Sequelae*:(a)direct compression of spinal cord(b)neural foraminal stenosis(c)ischemia due to vascular compromise(d)repeated trauma from normal flexion / extension *DDx of myelopathy*: [rheumatoid arthritis](#), congenital anomalies of craniocervical junction, intradural extramedullary tumor, spine metastases, cervical spinal cord tumor, [arteriovenous malformation](#), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, neurosyphilis

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SYRINGOHYDROMYELIA

=[SYRINGOMYELIA](#) = SYRINX (used in a general manner reflecting difficulty in classification)=longitudinally oriented CSF-filled cavities + gliosis within spinal cord frequently involving both parenchyma + central canal
Age: primarily childhood / early adult life
● loss of sensation to pain + temperature (interruption of spinothalamic tracts)
● trophic changes [skin lesions; Charcot joints in 25% ([shoulder](#), elbow, wrist)]
● muscle weakness (anterior horn cell involvement)
● spasticity, hyperreflexia (upper motor neuron involvement)
● abnormal plantar reflexes (pyramidal tract involvement)
Location: predominantly lower end of cervical cord; extension into brainstem (= syringobulbia)
CT: ✓ distinct area of decreased attenuation within spinal cord (100%) ✓ swollen / normal-sized / atrophic cord ✓ no contrast enhancement ✓ flattened vertebral border (rare) with increased transverse diameter of cord ✓ change in shape + size of cord with change in position (rare) ✓ filling of syringohydromyelia with intrathecal contrast (a) early filling via direct communication with subarachnoid space (b) late filling after 4-8 hours (80-90%) secondary to permeation of contrast material
Myelography: ✓ enlarged cord (DDx: intramedullary tumor) ✓ "collapsing cord sign" = collapsing of cord with gas myelography as fluid content moves caudad in the erect position (rare)
MR: ✓ cystic area of low signal intensity on T1WI, increased intensity on T2WI ✓ presence of CSF flow-void (= low signal on T2WI) within cavity from pulsations ✓ beaded cavity from multiple incomplete septations ✓ cord enlargement

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Hydromyelia =PRIMARY [SYRINGOHYDROMYELIA](#) =CONGENITAL [SYRINGOHYDROMYELIA](#)=dilatation of persistent central canal of spinal cord (in 70-80% obliterated) which communicates with 4th ventricle (= communicating [syringomyelia](#))*Histo:*lined by ependymal tissue *Associated with:* (1)Chiari malformation in 20-70%
metameric haustrations within syrinx on sagittal T1WI(2)[Spinal dysraphism](#)(3)Myelocoele(4)Dandy-Walker syndrome(5)[Diastematomyelia](#)(6)Scoliosis in 48-87%(7)[Klippel-Feil syndrome](#) (8)Spinal segmentation defects(9)[Tethered cord](#) (in up to 25%)

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Reactive Cyst =POSTTRAUMATIC SPINAL CORD CYST= CSF-filled cyst adjacent to level of trauma; usually single (75%) • late deterioration in patients with spinal cord injury (not related to severity of original injury)Rx:shunting leads to clinical improvement

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TETHERED CORD

=TIGHT FILUM TERMINALE SYNDROME = LOW CONUS MEDULLARIS = abnormally short + thickened filum terminale with low position of conus medullaris *Etiology*: failure of ascent of conus (normal location of tip of conus medullaris: L 4/5 at 16 weeks of gestation, L 2/3 at birth, L1/2 >3 months of age) *Pathophysiology*: mechanical + metabolic + vascular insults with stretching of cord *Age at presentation*: 5-15 years (in years of growth spurt); M:F = 2:3 *Associated with*: [lipoma](#) in 29-78%, [diastematomyelia](#), [imperforate anus](#) • dorsal nevus, dermal sinus tract, hair patch (50%) • bowel + bladder dysfunction in childhood • spastic gait with muscle stiffness • lower extremity weakness + muscle atrophy • asymmetric hyporeflexia + fasciculations • orthopedic anomalies: scoliosis, pes cavus, tight Achilles tendon • hypalgesia, dysesthesia • paraplegia, paraparesis • radiculopathy (adults) • hyperactive deep tendon reflexes • extensor plantar responses • anal / perineal pain (in adults) • back pain (particularly with exertion) ✓ lumbar [spina bifida](#) occulta with interpedicular widening ✓ scoliosis (20%) ✓ diameter of filum terminale >2 mm at L5-S1 level (55%), small fibrolipoma within thickened filum (23%), small filar cyst (3%), spinal cord ending in a small [lipoma](#) (13%) ✓ posteriorly located tethered conus medullaris + filum terminale (supine views) ✓ conus medullaris below level of L2 by age 12 (86%) ✓ abnormal lateral course of nerve roots (>15° angle relative to spinal cord) ✓ widened triangular thecal sac tented posteriorly (thecal sac pulled posteriorly by filum) MR: ✓ prolonged T1 relaxation in center of spinal cord on T1WI in 25% (? myelomalacia / mild [hydromyelia](#)) Rx: decompressive laminectomy / partial removal of [lipoma](#) ± freeing of cord

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TERATOMA OF SPINE

=neoplasm containing tissue belonging to all 3 germinal layers at sites where these tissues do not normally occur *Incidence*:0.15% (excluding [sacroccygeal teratoma](#)) *Age*:all ages; M:F = 1:1 *Path*:solid, thin- / thick-walled partially / wholly cystic with clear / milky / dark cyst fluid, uni- / multilocular, presence of bone / cartilage *Location*:intra- / extramedullary ✓ complete block at myelography ✓ [syringomyelia](#) above level of tumor ✓ spinal canal may be focally widened

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Indications A. Infection Gallium has been largely replaced with WBC imaging but can be used in chronic infection 1. Inflamed / infarcted bowel (eg, [Crohn disease](#))
DDx: normal bowel excretions (must be cleared by enema; bowel pathology shows persistent activity) 2. Diffuse lung [uptake sarcoidosis](#), diffuse infections (TB, CMV, PCP), lymphangitic metastases, pneumoconioses (asbestosis, [silicosis](#)), diffuse interstitial [fibrosis](#) (UIP), drug-induced pneumonitis (bleomycin, cyclophosphamide, busulfan), acute [radiation pneumonitis](#), recent lymphangiographic contrast 3. Lymph node involvement [sarcoidosis](#), TB, MAI, [Hodgkin disease](#) *DDx*: NOT seen in [Kaposi sarcoma](#), a useful distinction in [AIDS](#) patients with hilar nodes B. Tumor Neoplastic [uptake](#) is variable; prominent [uptake](#) is usually seen in: 1. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) (especially Burkitt) 2. [Hodgkin disease](#) 3. Hepatoma 4. Melanoma Useful in: -detection of tumor recurrence-*DDx* of focal cold liver lesions on Tc-99m sulfur colloid scan **No Ga-67 Uptake** most benign neoplasms; [hemangioma](#); [cirrhosis](#); cystic disease of the breast, liver, thyroid; reactive lymphadenopathy; inactive granulomatous disease

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RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

• wheezing (inconsequential) • bronchoconstriction (life-threatening) • laryngeal edema (life-threatening)
A. MILD □ 50 mg diphenhydramine □ 0.3 mL epinephrine (1:1000) SQ may repeat after 15 min up to 1 mL □ supplemental oxygen at 2-3 L/min if persistent, □ metaproterenol / terbutaline in metered-dose inhaler
B. SEVERE (add to the above) □ 250 mg aminophylline IV over 15-30 min with care Cx: hypotension, cardiac arrhythmia □ 200-400 mg hydrocortisone IV if unsuccessful, may require intubation if anxiety exacerbates bronchospasm, sedation with 5-10 mg Demerol IV

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Tc-99m DTPA =Tc-99m diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid=agent of choice for assessment of(1)Perfusion(2)Glomerular filtration = relative GFR(3)Obstructive uropathy(4)Vesicoureteral reflux *Pharmacokinetics*: chelating agent; 5-10% bound to plasma protein; extracted with 20% efficiency on each pass through kidney (= filtration fraction); excreted exclusively by glomerular filtration (similar to inulin) without reabsorption / tubular [excretion](#) / metabolism Time-activity behavior: -abdominal aorta (15-20 seconds)-kidneys + [spleen](#) (17-24 seconds); liver appears later because of portal venous supply-renal cortical activity (2-4 minutes): mean transit time of 3.0 ± 0.5 minutes; static images of cortex taken at 3-5 minutes-renal pelvic activity (3-5 minutes): peak at 10 minutes; asymmetric clearance of renal pelvis in 50%; accelerated by furosemide *Biologic half-life*:20 minutes *Dose*:10-20 mCi *Radiation dose*:0.85 rads/mCi for renal cortex; 0.6 rads/mCi for kidney; 0.5 rads/mCi for bladder; 0.15 rads/mCi for gonads; 0.15 rads/mCi for whole body Adjunct: Lasix administration (20-40 mg IV) 20 minutes into exam allows assessment of renal pelvic clearance with [accuracy](#) equal to Whitaker test (DDx of obstructed from dilated but nonobstructed pelvicalyceal system)

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Hydrocephalus A. Normal-pressure [hydrocephalus](#) reversal of normal CSF flow dynamic = tracer moves from basal cisterns into 4th, 3rd, and lateral ventricles loss of w sign
B. Obstructive [hydrocephalus](#) delay (up to 48 hours) for tracer to surround convexities + reach arachnoid villi positive w sign

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Soft-tissue Uptake A. Physiologic 1. Breast 2. Kidney: accentuated [uptake](#) with dehydration, antineoplastic drugs, gentamicin 3. Bowel: surgical diversion of urinary tract B. Faulty preparation with [radiochemical impurity](#) (a) free pertechnetate (TcO_4^-) Cause: introduction of air into the reaction vial¹ activity in mouth (saliva), salivary glands, thyroid, stomach (mucus-producing cells), GI tract (direct secretion + intestinal transport from gastric juices), choroid plexus (b) Tc-99m MDP colloid Cause: excess aluminum ions in generator eluate / patient ingestion of antacids; hydrolysis of stannous chloride to stannous hydroxide, excess hydrolyzed technetium¹ diffuse activity in liver + [spleen](#) C. Neoplastic conditions (a) Benign tumor 1. [Tumoral calcinosis](#) 2. [Myositis ossificans](#) (b) Primary malignant neoplasm 1. [Extraskeletal osteosarcoma](#) / soft-tissue sarcoma: bone forming 2. [Neuroblastoma](#) (35-74%): calcifying tumor 3. Breast carcinoma 4. [Meningioma](#) 5. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (rare) 6. Pericardial tumor (c) Metastases with extraosseous activity 1. to liver: mucinous carcinoma of colon, breast carcinoma, lung cancer, [osteosarcoma mnemonic](#): "LE COMBO" Lung cancer Esophageal carcinoma Colon carcinoma Oat cell carcinoma Melanoma Breast carcinoma Osteogenic sarcoma 2. to lung: 20-40% of [osteosarcoma](#) metastatic to lung demonstrate Tc-99m MDP [uptake](#) 3. Malignant [pleural effusion](#), [ascites](#), [pericardial effusion](#) D. Inflammation 1. Inflammatory process (abscess, pyogenic / fungal infection): (a) adsorption onto [calcium](#) deposits (b) binding to denatured proteins, iron deposits, immature collagen (c) hyperemia 2. Crystalline arthropathy (eg, [gout](#)) 3. [Dermatomyositis](#), scleroderma 4. Radiation: eg, [radiation pneumonitis](#) 5. [Necrotizing enterocolitis](#) 6. Diffuse pericarditis 7. Bursitis 8. [Pneumonia](#) E. Trauma 1. Healing soft-tissue wounds 2. Rhabdomyolysis: crush injury, surgical trauma, electrical burns, [frostbite](#), severe exercise, alcohol abuse 3. Intramuscular injection sites: especially Imferon (= iron dextran) injections with resultant chemisorption; meperidine 4. Ischemic bowel infarction (late [uptake](#)) 5. Hematoma: soft tissue, subdural 6. Heterotopic ossification 7. Myocardial contusion, defibrillation, unstable angina pectoris 8. Lymphedema F. Metabolic 1. [Hypercalcemia](#) (eg, [hyperparathyroidism](#)): (a) [uptake](#) enhanced by alkaline environment in stomach (gastric mucosa), lung (alveolar walls), kidneys (renal tubules) (b) [uptake](#) with severe disease in myocardium, [spleen](#), diaphragm, thyroid, skeletal muscle 2. Diffuse interstitial pulmonary calcifications: [hyperparathyroidism](#), [mitral stenosis](#) 3. Amyloid deposits G. Ischemia with dystrophic soft-tissue calcifications = necrosis with dystrophic calcification @ [Spleen](#): infarct (sickle cell anemia in 50%), microcalcification secondary to [lymphoma](#), [thalassemia major](#), hemosiderosis, glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase deficiency @ Liver: massive hepatic necrosis @ Heart: transmural [myocardial infarction](#), valvular calcification, amyloid deposition @ Muscle: traumatic / ischemic skeletal muscle injury @ Brain: cerebral infarction (damage of blood-brain barrier) @ Kidney: [nephrocalcinosis](#) @ Vessels: calcified wall, calcified thrombus **Abnormal Uptake Within Kidneys** 1. Effect of chemotherapeutic drugs: bleomycin, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, mitomycin C, 6-mercaptopurine 2. S/P radiation therapy 3. Metastatic calcification 4. [Pyelonephritis](#) 5. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) 6. Iron overload 7. [Multiple myeloma](#) 8. [Renal vein thrombosis](#) 9. Ureteral obstruction **Abnormal Uptake Within Breast** 1. Breast carcinoma 2. Prosthesis 3. Drug-induced **Abnormal Uptake In Ascitic, Pleural, Pericardial Effusion** 1. Uremic renal disease 2. Infection 3. Malignant effusion

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Tc-99m Pertechnetate *Physical decay:* 10 mCi Tc-99m decays to 2.7×10^{-7} mCi Tc-99 *Physical half-life:* 2×10^5 years *Biologic half-life:* 6 hours *Decay:* by photon emission of 140 keV *Quality control:* (1) < 0.1% Mo-99 (= 1 μ Ci/mCi), maximum of Mo-99 at 5 μ Ci (2) < 0.5 mg aluminum/10 mCi Tc-99m (3) < 0.01% radionuclide impurities *Administration:* oral / IV *Dose:* 3-5 mCi administered IV 20 minutes prior to imaging (100-300 mrad/mCi) *Pharmacokinetics:* *Uptake:* in thyroid, salivary glands, gastric mucosa, choroid plexus *Excretion:* mostly in feces, some in urine *Uptake in thyroid:* 0.5-3.7% at 20 minutes (time of maximum uptake) assessment of trapping function only; NO organification; may be almost completely discharged by perchlorate Comparison to iodine: (a) target-to-background ratio less favorable than with iodine (b) greater photon flux than iodine = detectability of small thyroid lesions (>8 mm) is improved (c) lesions with pertechnetate-iodine discordance (= hot on Tc-99m pertechnetate + cold on radioiodine) are very rare + due to Tc-99m-avid cancer *Imaging:* (a) Collimator: usually with pinhole collimator for image magnification (5-mm hole) (b) Distance: selected so that organ makes up 2/3 of field of view; significant distortion of organ periphery occurs if detector too close (c) Counts: 200,000-300,000 counts are usually acquired within 5 minutes after a dose of 5-10 mCi of Tc-99m pertechnetate (d) Image must include markers for scale + anatomic landmarks + palpatory findings

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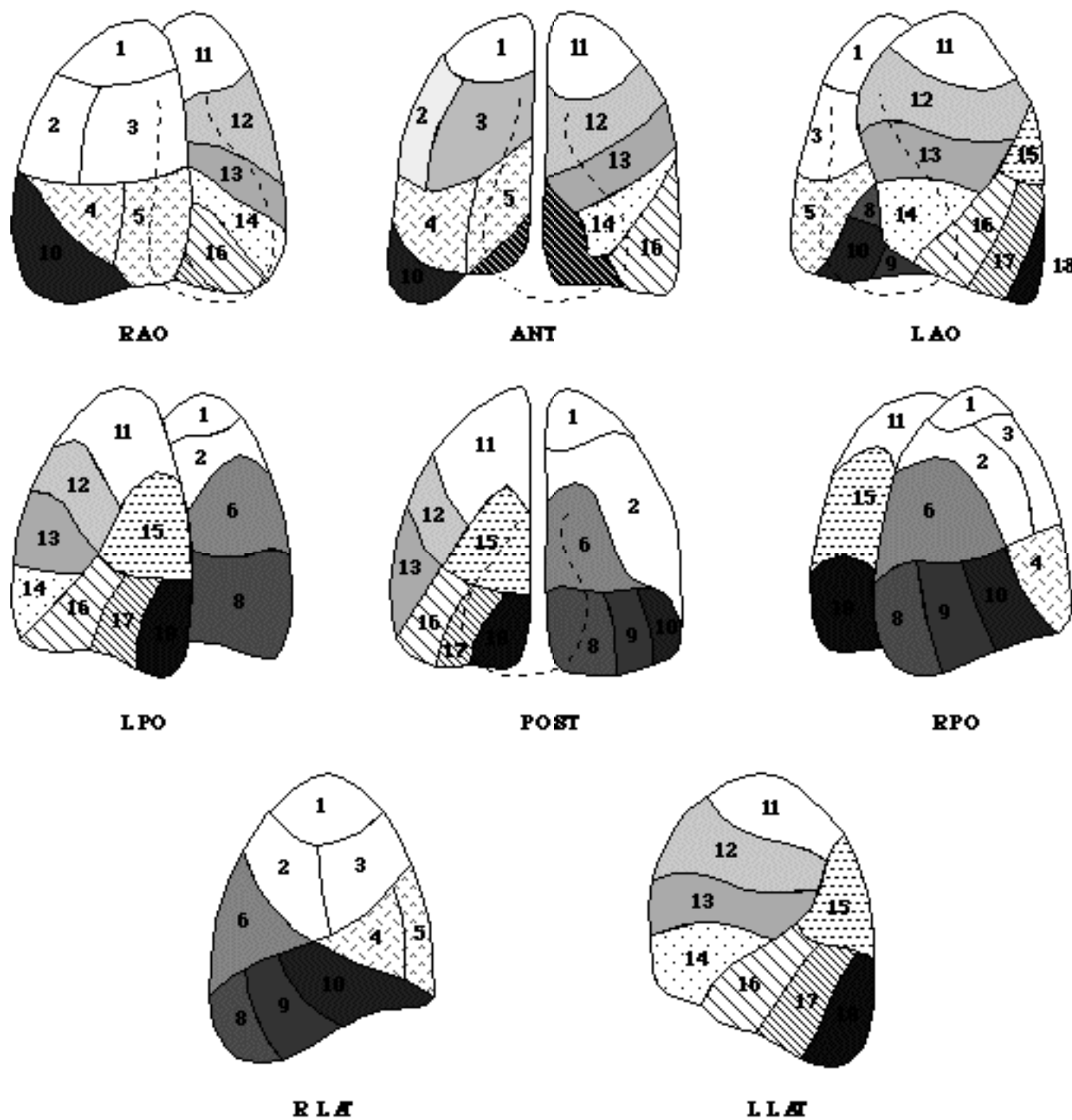
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PULMONARY THROMBOEMBOLISM

Interpretation Criteria for V/Q Lung Scans

Probability of PE	Elieo criteria	PIOPED criteria
Normal	✓ normal perfusion	✓ normal perfusion
Low (~10%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ small (<25% segment) V/Q mismatches ✓ focal V/Q matches without corresponding CXR abnormality ✓ perfusion defects substantially smaller than CXR abnormality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ small perfusion defects regardless of number / ventilation scan finding / CXR finding ✓ perfusion defect substantially smaller than CXR abnormality, ventilation findings irrelevant ✓ V/Q match in ≤50% of one lung / ≤75% of upper / mid / lower lung zone; CXR normal / nearly normal ✓ single moderate perfusion defect with normal CXR; ventilation findings irrelevant ✓ nonsegmental perfusion defects
Indeterminate (30 – 40%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ severe COPD with perfusion defects ✓ perfusion defect + CXR opacity of same size ✓ single moderate V/Q mismatch without corresponding CXR abnormality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 large (segmental) ± 1 moderate (subsegmental) V/Q mismatch ✓ 1–3 moderate (subsegmental) V/Q mismatches ✓ 1 matched V/Q with normal CXR
High (~90%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ perfusion defects substantially larger than CXR abnormalities ✓ ≥2 moderate (25–90% segment) / ≥2 large (>90% segment) V/Q mismatches; no corresponding CXR abnormality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ≥2 large (segmental) perfusion defects; ventilation scan + CXR findings normal ✓ >2 large (segmental) perfusion defects substantially larger than matching ventilation / CXR abnormality ✓ ≥2 moderate (subsegmental) + 1 large (segmental) perfusion defect; ventilation + CXR findings normal ✓ ≥4 moderate (subsegmental) perfusion defects; ventilation + CXR findings normal



Lung Segments

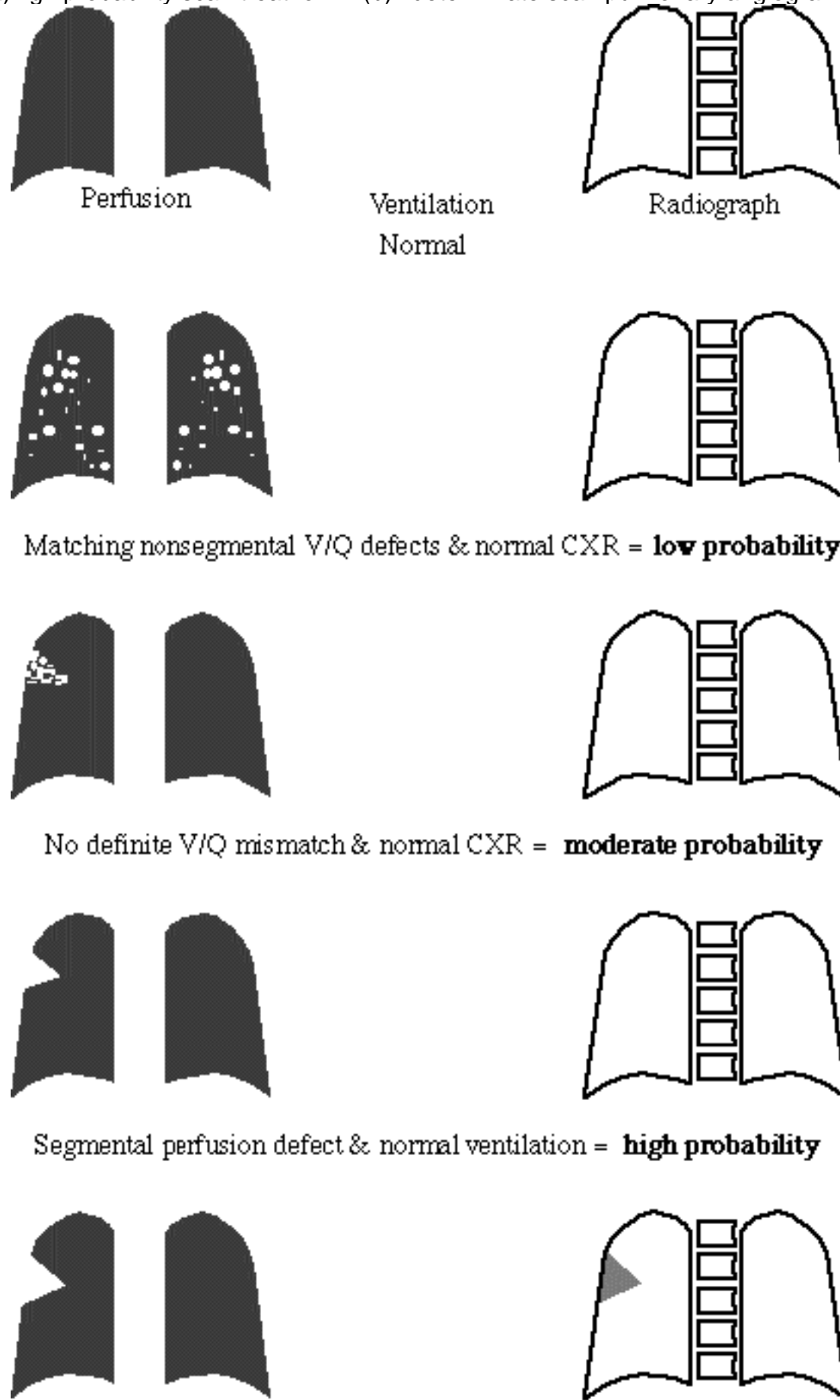
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1 apical 4 lateral 6 superior 11 apicoposterior 15 superior
 2 posterior 5 medial 7 mediobasal 12 anterior 16 anteromedial basal
 3 anterior 8 posterobasal 13 superior lingual 17 laterobasal
 9 laterobasal 14 inferior lingual 18 posterobasal

10 anterobasal Segmental defect = involves >75% of a known bronchopulmonary segment
 Subsegmental defect = involves 25-75% of a known bronchopulmonary segment
 V/Q match = abnormal ventilation in region of perfusion defect
 V/Q mismatch = normal ventilation / normal CXR in region of perfusion defect or perfusion defect larger than ventilation defect / CXR abnormality
 Perfusion images will detect: (a)90% of emboli that completely occlude a vessel >1 mm in diameter (b)90% of surface perfusion defects that are larger than 2 x 2 cm (c)26% of emboli that partially occlude a vessel

• A history of prior PE decreases probability of acute embolism because

small V/Q mismatches never resolve! *Therapeutic implications:* (a) high probability scan: treat for PE (b) indeterminate scan: pulmonary angiogram (c) low probability



Matching nonsegmental V/Q defects & normal CXR = **low probability**

No definite V/Q mismatch & normal CXR = **moderate probability**

Segmental perfusion defect & normal ventilation = **high probability**

Matching segmental V/Q defect & CXR opacity = **indeterminate**

scan: consider other diagnosis, unless clinical suspicion very high
 PIOPED (Prospective Investigation of Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis) study results:
 Probability of PE in angiogram positive in high 13% 88% intermediate 39% 33% low 34% 16% normal 14% 9% *Indications for pulmonary angiography:* 1. Embolectomy is a therapeutic option 2. Indeterminate V/Q scan with high clinical suspicion + risky anticoagulation therapy 3. Specific diagnosis necessary for proper management (vasculitis, drug induced, lung cancer with predominant vascular involvement) *Overall accuracy:* 68% for perfusion scan only, 84% for ventilation-perfusion scan 100% sensitivity in detection of PE is due to the occurrence of multiple emboli (usually >6-8), at least one of which causes a perfusion defect A normal perfusion scan virtually excludes PE In an individual <45 years of age a subsegmental perfusion defect + pleuritic chest pain in the same region is indicative of pulmonary embolism in 77% (DDx: idiopathic / viral pleurisy) 73-82% of patients have equivocal perfusion scans (ie, low and intermediate probability) Interobserver variability for intermediate- and low-probability scans is 30% False-positive scans: nonthrombotic emboli, IV drug abuse, vasculitis, redistribution of flow, acute asthma (due to mucous plugging) False-negative scans: saddle embolus associated with normal ventilation scan in >90% "stripe sign" = rim of preserved peripheral activity to a perfusion defect usually indicates (a) nonembolic cause (b) old / resolving pulmonary embolism
 Correlation with CXR: CXR category nondiagnostic V/Q scan
 no acute abnormality 12% linear atelectasis 12% pulmonary edema 12% pleural effusion 36% parenchymal consolidation 82% focal lung opacity + not ventilated + not perfused = "indeterminate scan" Cause: pneumonia, pulmonary embolism with infarction, segmental atelectasis perfusion defect larger than CXR opacity = high probability for PE perfusion defect substantially smaller than CXR opacity = low probability for PE perfusion defect of comparable size = intermediate probability focal lung opacity (not changed >1 week) + not ventilated + not perfused = low probability for PE When there is lung opacity, evaluate well-aerated areas for perfusion defects COPD does not diminish usefulness of V/Q scan, but does increase likelihood of an indeterminate result 75% of patients with pulmonary edema + without pulmonary embolism have a normal perfusion scan! Influence of clinical estimate:

V/Q scan Clinical probability PE present
 high-probability >80% 96% low-probability <20% 4% indeterminate DVT present 93% Influence of cardiopulmonary disease (CPD):

V/Q probability normal CXR no prior CPD any prior CPD COPD

high 67% 93% 83% 100% intermediate 24% 39% 26% 22% low 17% 15% 14% 6% near normal 3% 4% 4% 0%

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Gastroesophageal Reflux 89% correlation with acid reflux test *Cause:* (1)Decreased pressure of lower esophageal sphincter(a)transient-complete relaxation of LES(b)low resting pressure of LES(2)Transient increase in intra-abdominal pressure(3)Short intra-abdominal esophageal segment *Age of population:* usually 6-9 months, up to 2 years ■ poor weight gain ■ vomiting, aspiration, choking ■ asthmatic episodes, stridor, apnea *Detection:* upper GI examination with barium, distal esophageal sphincter pressure measurements, 24-hour pH probe measurement in distal esophagus (gold standard), radionuclide examination *Preparation:* 4 hours / overnight fasting; abdominal sphygmomanometer (for adults) *Dose:* 0.5-1.0 mCi Tc-99m sulfur colloid in 300 mL of acidified orange juice (150 mL juice + 150 mL 0.1 N hydrochloric acid) followed by "cold" acidified orange juice *Imaging:* at 30-60-second intervals for 30-60 minutes, images taken in supine position from anterior; sphygmomanometer inflated at 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 mm Hg *Interpretation:* Reflux (in %) = $\frac{[\text{esophageal counts} - \text{background}]}{\text{gastric counts}} \times 100$ ✓ up to 3% magnitude reflux is normal ✓ evidence of pulmonary aspiration (valuable in pediatric age group) *Cx:* reflux esophagitis secondary to (a)delayed clearance time of esophageal acid load: tertiary / repetitive [esophageal contractions](#), supine position of refluxor, aspiration of saliva, stimulation of salivary flow, stretched phrenoesophageal membrane in [hiatal hernia](#) (b)delayed [gastric emptying](#): increased intragastric pressure ([gastric outlet obstruction](#)), viral gastropathy, diabetes *Prognosis:* (1)Self-limiting process with spontaneous resolution by end of infancy (in majority of patients)(2)Persistent symptoms until age 4 (1/3 of patients)(3)Death from inanition / recurrent [pneumonia](#) (5%)(4)Cause of recurrent respiratory infections, [asthma](#), failure to thrive, esophagitis, esophageal stricture, chronic blood loss, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) *Rx:* (1)Conservative therapy: avoidance of food + drugs that decrease pressure in LES, elevation of head during sleep, acid neutralization, cimetidine / ranitidine (reduction of acid production), metoclopramide / domperidone (increase sphincter pressure + promote [gastric emptying](#)) (2)Antireflux surgery

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ANAPHYLACTOID REACTION

• tachycardia (pulse >100) • hypotension (systolic blood pressure <80 mm Hg) • dizziness, diaphoresis • loss of consciousness
A. MILD □ volume expander IV □ 0.2-0.4 mL epinephrine (1:1000) SQB. SEVERE □ volume expander IV □ 1 mL epinephrine (1:10,000) IV up to 3 mL over 5 min (rate of 0.1 mL/min = 10 µg/min) □ oxygen □ EKG and central pressure monitor □ 500 mg hydrocortisone IV □ 50 mg diphenhydramine if hypotension persists, 5-10 mg/kg/min dopamine IV code team + intensive care unit

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Perfusion Defects A. VASCULAR DISEASE (a) Acute / previous pulmonary embolus 1. [Pulmonary thromboembolic disease](#) 2. [Fat embolism](#) nonsegmental perfusion defect 3. Air embolism characteristic decortication appearance in uppermost portion on perfusion scintigraphy 4. Embolus of tumor / cotton wool / balloon for occlusion of AVM / obstruction by Swan-Ganz catheter, other foreign body 5. *Dirofilaria immitis* (dog heartworm): clumps of heartworms break off cardiac wall + embolize pulmonary arterial tree 6. [Sickle cell disease](#) (b) Vasculitis 1. Collagen vascular disease: [sarcoidosis](#) 2. IV drug abuse 3. Previous radiation therapy: defect localized to radiation port 4. [Tuberculosis](#) (c) Vascular compression 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#): perfusion defect depending on tumor size + location 2. [Lymphoma](#) / lymph node enlargement 3. Pulmonary artery sarcoma 4. [Fibrosing mediastinitis](#) due to [histoplasmosis](#) 5. Idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#): small subsegmental defects in both lungs 6. [Aortic aneurysm](#) (large saccular / dissecting) 7. Intrathoracic stomach (d) Altered pulmonary circulation 1. Absence / hypoplasia of pulmonary artery 2. Peripheral pulmonary artery stenosis 3. [Bronchopulmonary sequestration](#) 4. [Primary pulmonary hypertension](#) upward redistribution + large hilar defects multiple small peripheral perfusion defects 5. Pulmonary venoocclusive disease 6. Mitral valve disease predilection for right middle lobe + superior segments of lower lobes 7. [Congestive heart failure](#) diffuse nonsegmental VQ mismatch enlargement of cardiac silhouette + perihilar regions reversed distribution: more activity anteriorly than posteriorly accentuation of fissures flattening of posterior margins of lung (lateral view) [pleural effusion](#) B. AIRWAY DISEASE Nearly all pulmonary disease produces decreased pulmonary blood flow to affected lung zones! 1. [Asthma](#), chronic bronchitis, bronchospasm, mucous plugging 2. [Bronchiectasis](#) (bronchiolar destruction) 3. [Emphysema](#) (bullae / cyst) 4. [Pneumonia](#) / lung abscess 5. [Lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) perfusion defects in area of hypoxia (reflex vasoconstriction) abnormal ventilation to a similar / more severe degree mostly nonanatomic multiple defects (in 20%)

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Critical organ rad/mCi

I-131Thyroid1,000 I-125Thyroid900 In-111 oxine WBC [Spleen](#)26 I-123Thyroid15 In-111 DTPASpinal cord12 TI-201Kidney1.5 Ga-67 citrateColon1.0 Tc-99m MAALung0.4 Tc-99m albumin microspheresLung0.4 Tc-99m DISIDALarge bowel0.39 Tc-99m sulfur colloidLiver0.33 Yc-99m pertechnetateIntestine0.3 Thyroid0.15 Tc-99m glucoheptonateKidney0.2 [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) (+ perchlorate)Colon0.2 [Tc-99m pyrophosphate](#)Bladder0.13 Tc-99m phosphateBladder0.13 [Tc-99m DTPA](#)Bladder0.12 Tc-99m-tagged RBCs [Spleen](#)0.11 Tc-99m albuminBlood0.015 Xe-133Trachea

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QUALITY CONTROL

⚡ Quality control logs should be kept for 3 years!

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False-negative Ratio =proportion of diseased patients with a normal test result ■ D+ column in decision matrix= $\frac{FN}{(TP + FN)} = \frac{FN}{D+=1} - \text{sensitivity} = \frac{(TP + FN - TP)}{(TP + FN)}$

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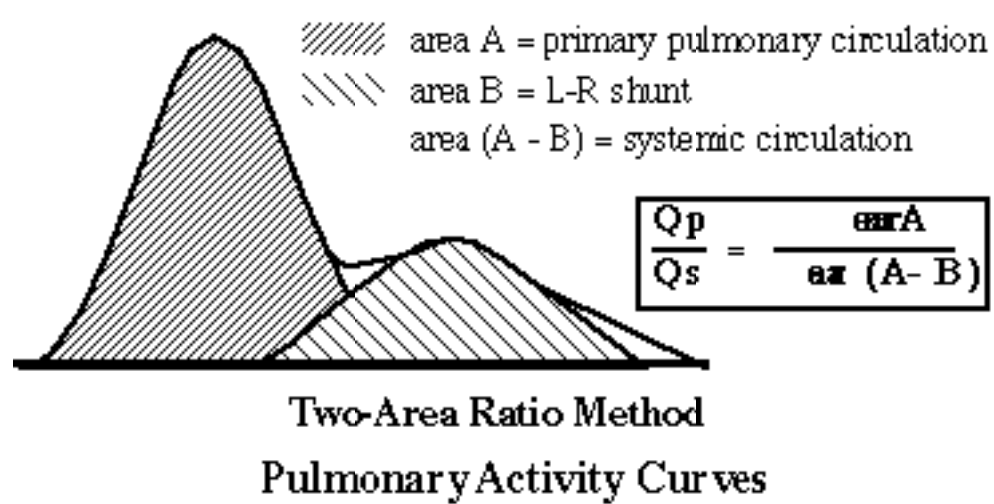
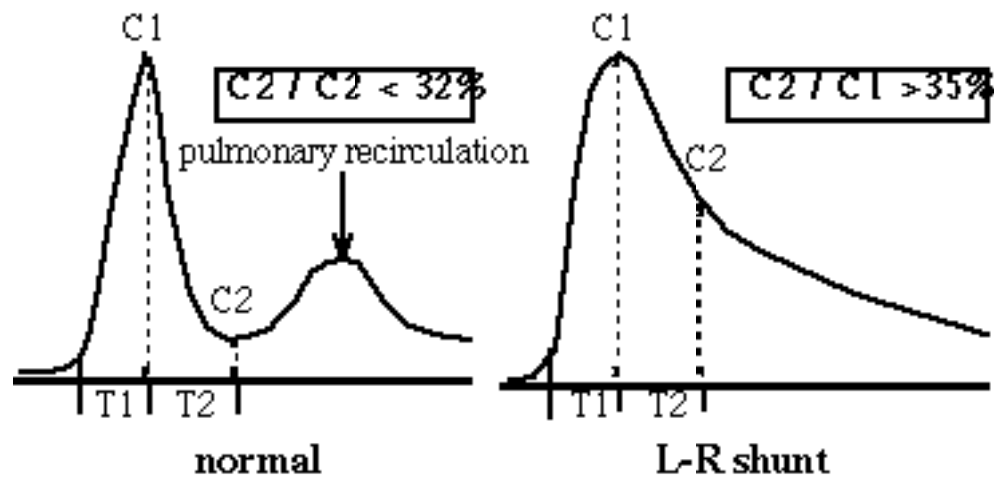
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INTRACARDIAC SHUNTS

Blood-pool agents administered by peripheral IV injection: [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#), DTPA, sulfur colloid, macroaggregated albumin, labeled RBCs Method: C2/C1-method measures hemodynamic significance of a shunt; raw data obtained from pulmonary activity curve (gamma variate method, $Q_p:Q_s$ ratio = two-area ratio method, count method); [accuracy](#) depends on the shape of the input bolus (single peak of <2 seconds duration); measuring C1, C2, T1, T2



A. Normal C2/C1 is <32%. B. L-R shunt Indication: ASD, VSD, AV canal, [aortopulmonic window](#), rupture of [sinus of Valsalva aneurysm](#) C2/C1 >35% (area A = primary pulmonary circulation; area B = L-R shunt; area (A - B) = systemic circulation; $Q_p / Q_s = \text{area A} / \text{area (A - B)} > 1.2$) C. R-L shunt Indication: [Tetralogy of Fallot](#), transposition, truncus, [Ebstein anomaly](#) early arrival of tracer in left side of heart + aorta (first-pass method) prior to arrival of activity from lungs to LV quantification possible only by registration of sum of activity of trapped macroaggregate / microspheres in brain + kidneys Causes of abnormal nonshunt-related activity: (1) Radiopharmaceutical breakdown free pertechnetate activity in salivary glands, gastric mucosa, thyroid, kidney (2) Hepatic [cirrhosis](#) abnormal pulmonary vascular channels bypassing the lung (in 10-70%) (3) Pulmonary AVM

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EJECTION FRACTION

Ejection fraction (EF) = $\frac{\text{stroke volume (SV)}}{\text{end-diastolic volume (EDV)}}$ $\text{EF} = \frac{[\text{EDV} - \text{ESV}]}{[\text{EDV}]}$

= $\frac{[\text{ED}_{\text{counts}} - \text{ES}_{\text{counts}}]}{[\text{ED}_{\text{counts}} - \text{BKG}_{\text{counts}}]}$ sensitive indicator of left ventricular function *Accuracy in detection of coronary artery disease:* (a) Exercise EF: 87% sensitivity; 92% specificity (b) Exercise ECG: 60% sensitivity; 81% specificity *Interpretation:* @ Left ventricle Mean normal value = $67 \pm 8\%$ (increase under stress normally >5-7%) Probably abnormal $\leq 55\%$ Definitely abnormal $< 50\%$ Peak exercise LVEF is an independent predictor of coronary artery disease @ Right ventricle mean normal value >45% (RV ejection fraction is smaller than for LV because RV has greater EDV than LV but the same stroke volume) False-positive with (a) inadequate exercise (b) recent ingestion of meal \checkmark EF unchanged / decreased in coronary artery disease \checkmark new regional wall motion abnormality under exercise in coronary artery disease \checkmark correlates well with clinical severity of myocardial infarction Shortcoming: poor study in patients with atrial fibrillation because of inability to achieve adequate cardiac gating (exercise MUGA can yield more sensitive assessment of coronary artery disease)

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Tc-99m Pyrophosphate Pathophysiology in MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION: Pyrophosphate is taken up by myocardial necrosis through complexation with [calcium](#) deposits >10-12 hours post infarction -requires presence of residual collateral blood flow-30-40% maximum accumulation in hypoxic cells with a 60-70% reduction in blood flow (greater levels of occlusion reduce [uptake](#)) **Uptake post infarction:** -earliest [uptake](#) by 6-12-24 hours;-peak [uptake](#) by 48-72 hours;-persistent [uptake](#) seen up to 5-7 days with return to normal by 10-14 days **Sensitivity:**90% for transmural infarction, 40-50% for subendocardial (nontransmural) infarction **Specificity:**as low as 64% **Dose:**15-20 mCi IV (minimal count requirement of 500,000/view) **Imaging:**at 3-6 hours (60% absorbed by skeleton within 3 hours) **Indications:** 1.Lost enzyme pattern = patient admitted 24-48 hours after infarction 2.Equivocal ECG + atypical angina:(a)left ventricular bundle branch block(b)left ventricular hypertrophy(c)impossibility to perform [stress test](#)(d)patient on digitalis 3.ST depression without symptoms 4.Equivocal enzyme pattern + equivocal symptoms 5.S/P cardiac surgery (perioperative infarction in 10%, enzymes routinely elevated, ECG always abnormal), requires preoperative baseline study as 40% are preoperatively abnormal 6.For detection of [right ventricular infarction](#) NOT HELPFUL: 1.In differentiating multiple- from single-vessel disease 2.Typical angina 3.Normal ECG [stress test](#) + NO symptoms **Scan interpretation:** [Grade 2+ and above are positive] Grade 0 no activity Grade 1+faint [uptake](#) Grade 2+slightly less than sternum, equal to ribs Grade 3+equal to sternum Grade 4+greater than sternum ∇ "doughnut" pattern = central cold defect (necrosis in large infarct) usually in cases of large anterior + anterolateral wall infarctions ∇ [uptake](#) in inferior wall extending behind sternum (anterior projection) suggests RV infarction ∇ SPECT imaging improves [sensitivity](#) (eliminates rib overlap) ∇ diffuse [uptake](#) can be seen in angina, cardiomyopathy, subendocardial infarct, pericarditis and normal blood pool (normal blood pool can be eliminated with delayed imaging) **FALSE POSITIVES (10%)** A.Cardiac causes 1.Recent injury: myocardial contusion, resuscitation, cardioversion, [radiation injury](#), adriamycin cardiotoxicity, myocarditis, acute pericarditis 2.Previous injury: left [ventricular aneurysm](#), mural thrombus, unstable angina, previous infarct with persistent [uptake](#) 3.Calcified heart valves / coronaries (rare) / chronic pericarditis 4.Cardiomyopathy: eg, [amyloidosis](#) B.Extracardiac causes: 1.[Soft-tissue uptake](#): breast tumor / inflammation, chest wall injury, paddle burns from cardioversion, surgical drain, lung tumor 2.Osseous: calcified costal cartilage (most common), lesions in rib / sternum 3.Increased blood pool activity secondary to renal dysfunction / poor labeling technique (improvement on delayed images) *mnemonic:*"SCUBA"**S**ubendocardial infarction (extensive) **C**ardiomyopathy / myocarditis **U**nstable angina **B**lood pool activity **A**myloidosis **FALSE NEGATIVES (5%)** Myocardial metastasis **PERSISTENTLY POSITIVE SCAN (>2 weeks)** =ongoing myocardial necrosis indicating poor prognosis, may continue on to cardiac aneurysm, repeat infarction, cardiac death-in 77% of persistent / unstable angina pectoris-in 41% of compensated [congestive heart failure](#)-in 51% of ECG evidence of ventricular dyssynergy **Prognosis:**the larger the area, the worse the mortality + morbidity

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VENOGRAPHY (1)Foot / calf discomfort or pressure or burning(a)~24% with 60% HOEM(b)~5% with 40% HOEM / 300 mg I/mL LOEM ϕ The addition of 10-40 mg lidocaine/50 mL of contrast media decreases patient discomfort!(2)Postphlebography [deep vein thrombosis](#)(a)26-48% with 60% HOEM(b)0-9% with dilute HOEM / LOEM ϕ Infusion of 150-200 mL of 5% dextrose in water / 5% dextrose in 0.45% saline / heparinized saline through injection site immediately after examination reduces likelihood of DVT!

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Disease Prevalence =proportion of diseased subjects to total population= $(TP + FN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN) = D+ / total$ ϕ [Sensitivity](#) + [specificity](#) are independent of prevalence ψ Affects predictive values + [accuracy](#) of a test result *Example:*

Test A: **90%** [sensitivity](#) + **90%** [specificity](#) GOLD STANDARD Tnormalabnormalsubtotal Enormal 90 10 100 Sabnormal10 90 100 T

subtotal100100200 NPV = 90% PPV = 90%

Test B: prevalence of **10%**, 90% [sensitivity](#) + [specificity](#) GOLD STANDARD Tnormalabnormalsubtotal Enormal 1622 164 Sabnormal18 18 36 T

subtotal18020 200 NPV = 99% PPV = 50%

Test C: prevalence of **90%**, 90% [sensitivity](#) + [specificity](#) GOLD STANDARD Tnormalabnormalsubtotal Enormal 18 18 36 Sabnormal2 162164 T

subtotal20 180200 NPV = 50% PPV = 99%

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Gastrointestinal Bleeding Detection depends on: (1)Rate of hemorrhage (≥ 0.05 mL/min); NUC more sensitive than angiogram(2)Continuous versus intermittent bleeding (most GI hemorrhages are intermittent)(3)Site of hemorrhage(4)Characteristics of radionuclide agent**ANGIOGRAPHY**: detection requires a bleeding rate of approximately 0.5 mL/min; 63% **sensitivity** for upper GI bleed; 39% **sensitivity** for lower GI bleed **Tc-99m Sulfur Colloid Indication**:bleeding must be active at time of tracer administration; length of active imaging can be increased by fractionating dose-Disappearance half-life of 2.5-3.5 minutes (rapidly cleared from blood by RES + low background activity)-Active bleeding sites detected with rates as low as 0.05-0.1 mL/min-Not useful for upper GI bleeding (interference from high activity in liver + **spleen**) or bleeding near hepatic / splenic flexure**Dose**:10 mCi (370 MBq) **Imaging**: every image should be for 500,000-1,000,000 counts with oblique + lateral images as necessary (a)every 5 seconds for 1 minute ("flow study"= radionuclide angiogram) (b)60-second images at 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 60 minutes; study terminated if no abnormality up to 30 minutes(c)delayed images at 2, 4, 6, 12 hours ∇ extravasation of tracer seen in active bleeding**Specificity**:almost 100% (rare false-positives due to ectopic RES tissue)**False positives**:transplanted kidney, ectopic splenic tissue, modified marrow **uptake**, male genitalia, **aortic aneurysm**
Tc-99m-labeled RBCs (In Vitro Labeling Preferred) Indications:acute / intermittent bleeding (0.35 mL/min)-Remains in vascular system for prolonged period-Liver + **spleen** activity are low allowing detection of upper GI tract hemorrhage-Low target-to-background ratio (high activity in great vessels, liver, **spleen**, kidneys, stomach, colon; probably related to free pertechnetate fraction) **Dose**:10-20 mCi**Imaging**:
(a)every 2 seconds for 64 seconds(b)static images for 500,000-1,000,000 counts at 2, 5, and every consecutive 5 minutes up to 30 minutes + every 10 minutes until 90 minutes(c)delayed images at 2, 4, 6, 12 hours up to 36 hours **Localization of bleeding site**: may be difficult secondary to rapid transit time (reduced bowel motility with 1 mg **glucagon** IV) or too widely spaced time intervals; overall 83% correlation with **angiography** ∇ increase in tracer accumulation over time in abnormal location ∇ bleeding site conforms to bowel anatomy ∇ change in appearance with time consistent with bowel peristalsis **Sensitivity**: in 83-93% correctly identified bleeding site (50-85% within 1st hour, may become positive in 33% only after 12-24 hours); collection as small as 5 mL may be detected; superior to sulfur colloid -50% **sensitivity** for blood loss <500 mL/24 hours->90% **sensitivity** for blood loss >500 mL/24 hours**False positives** (5%): physiologic **uptake** in stomach + intestine, renal pelvis **uptake**, hepatic **hemangioma**, varices, inflammation, isolated vascular process (AVM, venous / arterial graft) **False negatives**: 9% for bleeding of <500 mL/24 hours **Tc-99m Pertechnetate Indication**:bleeding from functioning gastric mucosa in **Meckel diverticulum** / intestinal duplication; consider in adults up to age 25; independent of bleeding rate**Pathophysiology**:tracer accumulation in mucus-secreting cells ∇ Avoid barium GI studies + endoscopy + irritating bowel preparation prior to study!**Dose**:5-10 mCi (185-370 MBq)**Imaging**: (a)radionuclide angiogram 2-3 seconds/frame for 1st minute(b)sequential 5-minute images up to 20 minutes with 500,000-1,000,000 counts per image**Sensitivity**:>80%enhanced by -fasting for 3-6 hours to reduce gastric secretions passing through bowel-nasogastric tube suction to remove gastric secretions-premedication with pentagastrin (6 μ g/kg SC 15 minutes before study) to stimulate gastric secretion of pertechnetate-premedication with cimetidine (300 mg qid x 48 hours) to reduce release of pertechnetate from mucosa-voiding just prior to injection **False positives**: **Barrett esophagus**, **duodenal ulcer**, **ulcerative colitis**, **Crohn disease**, enteric duplication, small bowel, **hemangioma**, AV malformation, aneurysm, volvulus, **intussusception**, urinary obstruction, uterine blush **False negatives**: ulcerated epithelium

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Gastric Emptying Dose:0.5-1 mCi(a)Tc-99m sulfur colloid cooked with egg white / liver pâté as solid food(b)In-111 DTPA for simultaneous measurement of liquid phase
Imaging:1-minute anterior abdominal images obtained at 0, 10, 30, 60, 90 minutes in erect position if dual-head camera available; anterior and posterior imaging performed with geometric mean activity calculated
Pharmacokinetics: 79% tracer activity in stomach for solid phase at 10 minutes; 65% at 30 minutes; 33% at 60 minutes; 10% at 90 minutes
Normal result:50% of activity in stomach at time zero; should empty by 60 ± 30 minutes[✓] acutely delayed emptying in stress (pain, cold), drugs (morphine, anticholinergics, levo-dopa, nicotine, b-adrenergic antagonists), postoperative [ileus](#), acute viral gastroenteritis, hyperglycemia, hypokalemia[✓] chronically delayed gastric emptying in [gastric outlet obstruction](#), postvagotomy, [gastric ulcer](#), [chronic idiopathic intestinal pseudoobstruction](#), GE reflux, [progressive systemic sclerosis](#), [dermatomyositis](#), spinal cord injury, myotonia dystrophica, familial dysautonomia, anorexia nervosa, [hypothyroidism](#), [diabetes mellitus](#), [amyloidosis](#), uremia[✓] abnormally rapid gastric emptying in gastric surgery, ZE syndrome, [duodenal ulcer](#) disease, [malabsorption](#) (pancreatic exocrine insufficiency / celiac [sprue](#))

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EXCRETORY UROGRAPHY Clearance: >99% of contrast material eliminated through kidney (<1% through liver, bile, small and large intestines, sweat, tears, saliva); vicarious [excretion](#) with renal insult / failure (may be unilateral as in obstructive uropathy) Halftime: 1-2 hours (doubled in dialysis patients) Concentration: 60% by weight (a) Sodium-containing HO CM / less distension of collecting system (b) Meglumine-only HO CM / improved distension of collecting system (due to decreased tubular resorption of water) (c) LO CM / denser nephrogram + slightly denser pyelogram than HO CM (due to higher tubular concentration)

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Iodocholesterol Agent: I-131 6-beta-iodomethyl-19-norcholesterol (NP-59); NO FDA approval (available as investigational new drug) **Indications:** adrenocortical imaging (1) ACTH-independent [Cushing syndrome](#) (adenoma, cortical nodular hyperplasia) (2) [Adrenocortical carcinoma](#) spectrum from nonfunctioning to functioning (3) Primary aldosteronism (adenoma, bilateral adrenal hyperplasia) improved scintigraphic discrimination requires dexamethasone suppression before + during imaging (4) Hyperandrogenism (adrenal adenoma, zona reticularis hyperplasia, polycystic ovary disease, ovarian stromal hyperplasia, androgen-secreting ovarian neoplasm) (5) Incidentaloma (= adrenal mass) localization to side of CT-depicted adrenal mass (= concordant [uptake](#)) suggests hyperfunctioning adenoma markedly diminished / absent [uptake](#) (= discordant [uptake](#)) or symmetric [uptake](#) (= nonlateralization) suggests space-occupying mass (eg, cyst) / malignant adrenal mass **Pharmacokinetics:** NP-59 is incorporated into low-density lipoproteins (LDL), circulates to adrenal cortex, absorbed from LDL complex by low-density lipoprotein receptors, esterified in adrenal cortex; adrenocortical [uptake](#) affected by adrenocortical secretagogues (corticotropin, angiotensin II); enterohepatic [excretion](#) may obscure adrenals (prior laxative administration beneficial) **Dose:** 1 mCi (37 MBq) with slow IV injection **Radiation dose:** 26 rad/mCi for adrenals, 8.0 rad/mCi for ovaries, 2.4 rad/mCi for liver, 2.3 rad/mCi for testes, 1.2 rad/mCi for whole body **Method:** Lugol solution administered orally (50 mg of iodine per day) for 4-5 days starting the day before injection (to block thyroid [uptake](#) of free iodine); mild laxative administered to decrease bowel activity **Imaging:** (a) 5-7-day interval between injection + imaging; (b) 3-5-day interval between injection + imaging in case of dexamethasone suppression (1 mg four times daily for 7 days prior to and throughout 4-5 days of postinjection imaging interval)

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Binding Sites (a)fluid spaces1. Transferrin, haptoglobin, albumin, globulins in blood serum2. Interstitial fluid space (increased capillary permeability and hyperemia in inflammation + tumor)3. Lactoferrin in tissue(b)cellular binding1. Viable PMNs incorporate 10% of Ga-67 (bound to lactoferrin in intracytoplasmic granules)2. Nonviable PMNs + their protein exudate (iron-binding proteins are deposited at sites of inflammation; these remove iron from the extracellular space; iron is no longer available for bacterial growth)3. Lymphocytes have lactoferrin-binding surface receptors4. Phagocytic macrophages engulf protein-iron complexes5. Bacteria + fungi (siderophores = lysosomes) have iron-transporting protein mechanism6. Tumor cell-associated transferrin receptor + transportation into cells (lymphocytes bind Ga-67 less avidly than PMNs; RBCs do not bind Ga-67)*mnemonic:*"LFTS"Lactoferrin (WBCs) Ferritin Transferrin Siderophores (bacteria)

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Tc-99m DMSA =Tc-99m dimercaptosuccinic acid=suitable for imaging of functioning cortical mass: pseudotumor versus lesion *Pharmacokinetics*: high protein-binding + slow plasma clearance; 4% extracted per renal passage; 4-8% glomerular filtration within 1 hour and 30% by 14 hours; 50% of dose accumulates in proximal + distal renal tubular cells by 3 hour (= cortical agent) *Imaging*:after 1- 3-24 hours (optimal at 34 hours); improved [sensitivity](#) to structural defects with SPECT *Biologic half-life*:>30 hours *Dose*:5-10 mCi *Radiation dose*:0.014 rads/mCi for gonads; 0.015 rads/mCi for whole body

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Alternating Sinus =cystic dilatation of urachus periodically emptying into bladder / umbilicus

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Urachal Diverticulum (3%) =urachus communicates only with bladder dome

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Iodine-131 *Indication:* thyroid [uptake](#) study, thyroid imaging, treatment of [hyperthyroidism](#), treatment of functioning thyroid cancer, imaging of functioning metastases *Production:* by fission decay *Physical half-life:* 8.05 days (allows storing for long periods) *Decay:* principal gamma energy of 364 keV (82% abundance) + significant beta decay fraction of a mean energy of 192 keV (92% abundance) *Dose:* 30-50 μCi (1.2 rad/ μCi = 50 rad for thyroid) *Radiation dose:* (90% from beta decay, 10% from gamma radiation) 0.6 mrad/mCi for whole body; 1.2 mrad/ μCi for thyroid (critical organ) *Pharmacokinetics:* identical to I-123 *Disadvantages:* (a) Too energetic for gamma camera, well suited for rectilinear scanner with limited resolution (b) High [radiation dose](#) prohibits use for diagnostic purposes (c) Ectopic thyroid tissue just as well detectable with I-123 or [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#)

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Congenital Urethral Diverticulum *Cause:*ectopic cloacal epithelium; M>F

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Incidence: 20-71% loss rate of one twin <10 weeks

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Brain [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) 10 - 105 mCi 1406 h [Tc-99m DTPA](#) 10 mCi 1406 h Tc-99m glucoheptonate 10 mCi 1406 h Tc-99m Ceretec 20 mCi 140 6 h I-123 Spectamine 3 - 6 mCi 159 13.6 h CSF In-111 DTPA 500 µCi 173,2472.8 d [Tc-99m DTPA](#) 1 mCi 1406 h Cardiac TI-201 1 - 2 mCi 72,135,16773 h [Tc-99m pyrophosphate](#) 15 mCi 1406 h [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) 15 - 25 mCi 1406 h [Tc-99m-labeled RBCs](#) 10 - 20 mCi 1406 h Tc-99m sestamibi 25 mCi 1406 h [Tc-99m teboroxime](#) 30 mCi 1406 h Liver Tc-99m sulfur colloid 3 - 5 mCi 1406 h Tc-99m DISIDA 4 - 5 mCi 1406 h Lung Xe-127 5 - 10 mCi 172,203,37536.4 d 13 s Xe-133 10 - 20 mCi 81,1615.3 d 20 s Kr-81 20 mCi 176,188,19013 s Tc-99m MAA aerosol 3 mCi 1406 h 8 h Kidney [Tc-99m DTPA](#) 15 - 20 mCi 1406 h [Tc-99m DMSA](#) 2 - 5 mCi 1406 h Tc-99m glucoheptonate 15 - 20 mCi 1406 h Tc-99m mercaptoacetyl triglycine 10 mCi 1406 h I-131 Hippuran 250 µCi 365*8 d 18 min I-123 Hippuran 1 mCi 159 13.2 h Thyroid [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) 5 - 10 mCi 1406 h I-123 50 - 200 µCi 159 13.2 h I-125 30 - 100 µCi 27,3560 d I-131 30 - 100 µCi 365*8 d Testes [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) 10 mCi 1406 h Gastric mucosa [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) 50 µCi / kg 1406 h Gallium Ga-67 citrate 3 - 5 mCi 88,185,300,3883.3 d WBC In-111 oxine 550 µCi 173,2472.8 d Tc-99m Ceretec 10 - 20 mCi 1406 h

*mnemonic.** = as many days as in a year

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PEDIATRIC DOSE Actual doses for pediatric patients may vary in different institutions based on empirical data. As rough guidelines use: 1.Clarks rule (body weight): $Dose_{Ped} = \text{body weight [in lbs]} / 150 \times Dose_{Adult}$ 2.Youngs rule (child up to age 12): $Dose_{Ped} = \text{Age of child} / (\text{Age of child} + 12) \times Dose_{Adult}$ 3.Surface area: $Dose_{Ped} = (\text{weight [in kg]}^{0.7} / 11) / 1.73 \times Dose_{Adult}$

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Radionuclide Impurity =amount (μCi) of radiocontaminant per amount ($\mu\text{Ci}/\text{mCi}$) of desired radionuclide **Mo-99 Breakthrough Test:** (a)allowable contamination of 1:1,000 (= 0.15 μCi Mo-99 per 1 mCi of Tc-99m)(b)<5 μCi Mo-99 per administered dose (NRC dropped this requirement, but nonagreement states may still require this) Measured after lead shielding of vial (filters 140 keV but permits 452 keV of Mo-99 to pass through) Effect of impurity: increased [radiation dose](#), poor image quality

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Radiochemical Impurity Precise registration of different compounds of Tc-99m, eg -hydrolyzed reduced technetium $[\text{TcO}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]$ -free pertechnetate $[\text{TcO}_4]^{-1}$ can be monitored by paper chromatography Effect of impurity with hydrolyzed reduced Tc: RES [uptake](#), poor image quality, increased [radiation dose](#)

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Chemical Impurity Chemicals from elution process are restricted in their amount: Tc-99m:<10 µg Al per 1 mL eluate if radionuclide from fission generator;<20 µg Al per 1 mL eluate if radionuclide from neutron bombardment **Aluminum Ion Breakthrough Test:** One drop of generator eluate placed on one end of special test paper containing aluminum reagent; equal-sized drop of a standard solution of Al³⁺ (10 ppm) is placed on other end of strip; if color at center of drop eluate is lighter than that of standard solution, the eluate has passed the colorimetric test Effect of impurity: degradation of image quality

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Pyrogen Testing *USP XX Test* Monitor rectal temperature of 3 suitable rabbits after injection of material through ear vein Acceptable results: no rabbit shows a rise of $>0.6^{\circ}\text{C}$; total rise of all three $<1.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ ***Limulus Amoebocyte Lysate Test (LAL)*** Highly specific for Gram-negative bacterial endotoxins, [sensitivity](#) 10 x greater than USP XX test Amoebocyte = primitive blood cell of horseshoe crab (*Limulus polyphemus*); lysate formed by hydrolysis of amoebocyte Positive result: in the presence of minute amounts of endotoxin LAL forms an opaque gel; response to other pyrogens (particulate contaminations, chemicals) doubtful

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Constancy = Precision

=reproducibility over time *Test frequency*:daily *Method*:measurement of a long-lived source, usually a Cs-137 standard *Evaluation*:measurement must fall within $\pm 5\%$ of the calculated activity

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Field Uniformity =ability of camera to reproduce a uniform radioactive distribution = variability of observed count density with a homogeneous flux(a)Integral **uniformity**=maximum deviation(b)Differential **uniformity**=maximum rate of change over a specified distance (5 pixels) *Causes for nonuniformity:* (1)High kilovoltage drift of photomultiplier (PM) tubes(2)Physical damage to collimator(3)Improper photopeak setting(4)Contamination *Frequency of quality control:*daily A.INTRINSIC FIELD **UNIFORMITY TEST** (without collimator) 1.Remove collimator + replace with lead ring (to eliminate edge packing)2.Place a point source at a distance of at least 5 crystal diameters from detector (4-5 feet for small, 7-9 feet for large crystals)3.Point source contains 200-400 μCi of Tc-99m for minimal personnel exposure (avoid contamination of crystal)4.Set count rate below limit of instrument (<30,000 counts)5.Adjust the pulse height selector to normal window settings by centering at 140 keV with a window of 15% (for Tc-99m studies only)6.Use the same photographic device7.Acquire 1.25 million counts for a 10" field of view, 2.5 million counts for a 15" field of view8.Register counts, time, CRT intensity, analyzer settings, initials of controller B.EXTRINSIC FIELD **UNIFORMITY TEST**(with collimator) 1.Collimator is kept in place!Only 1 of 2,000 gamma rays that reach the collimator are transmitted to the sodium iodide crystal!2.Sheet source / flood of 2-10 mCi activity is placed on collimator(a)fillable floods: mix thoroughly, avoid air bubbles, check for flat surface(b)nonfillable: commercially available Co-57 source3.Other steps as described above Evaluation: (1)Compare uncorrected with corrected images. Note acquisition time!(2)Store correction flood(3)Rerecord image with corrected flood + check for [uniformity](#)

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Spatial Resolution / Linearity A. SPATIAL RESOLUTION=parameter of scintillation camera that characterizes its ability to accurately determine the original location of a gamma ray on an X,Y plane; measured in both X and Y directions; expressed as full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the line spread function in mm(a)intrinsic spatial resolution(b)system spatial resolutionB. INTRINSIC SPATIAL **LINEARITY**=parameter of a scintillation camera that characterizes the amount of positional distortion caused by the camera with respect to incident gamma events entering the detector(a)differential **linearity** = standard deviation of line spread function peak separation (in mm)(b)absolute **linearity** = maximum amount of spatial displacement (in mm) *Frequency of quality control*: every week 1.Mask detector to collimated field of view (lead ring)2.Lead phantom is attached to front of crystal(a)Four-quadrant bar pattern (3 pictures each after 90° rotation to test entire crystal)(b)Parallel-line equal-spacing (PLES) bar pattern [2 pictures](c)Smith orthogonal hole test pattern (OHP) [1 picture only](d)Hine-Duley phantom [2 pictures]3.Set symmetric analyzer window to width normally used4.Place a point source (1-3 mCi) at a fixed distance of at least 5 crystal diameters from detector on central axis (remove all sources from immediate area so that background count rate is low)5.Acquire 1.25 million counts for a small field, 2.5 million counts for a large field on the same media used for clinical studies6.Record counts, time, CRT intensity, analyzer setting, initials of controller(All new cameras are equipped with a spatial distortion correction circuit) *Evaluation*: Visual assessment of (1)Spatial resolution over entire field(2)**Linearity** **Intrinsic Energy Resolution**=ability to distinguish between primary gamma events and scattered events; performed without collimator; expressed as ratio of photopeak FWHM to photopeak energy (in %) **CRT-output / Photographic Device** (1)Check for dirt, scratches, burnt spots on CRT face plates(2)Adjust grey scale + contrast settings to suit film

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SOURCES OF ARTIFACTS

A. Attenuator between source and detector Materials: cable, lead marker, solder dropped into collimator during repair, belt buckle / watch / key on patient, defective collimator(a)at time of correction flood procedure: γ hot spot(b)after correction flood procedure: γ cold spot B. Cracked crystal γ white band with hot edges C. PMT failure + loss of optical coupling between PMT and crystal γ cold defect D. Problems during film exposure + processing 1. Double exposed film 2. Light leak in multiformat camera 3. Water lines from film processing 4. Frozen shutter: γ part of film cut off 5. Variations in film processing E. Improper window setting 1. Photopeak window set too high: γ hot tubes 2. Photopeak window set too low: γ cold tubes F. Administration of wrong isotope γ atypically imaged organs G. Excessive amounts of free [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) γ too much uptake in choroid plexus, salivary glands, thyroid, stomach H. Faulty Injection Technique eg, inadvertently labeled blood clot in syringe leading to iatrogenic pulmonary emboli I. Contamination with radiotracer on patient's skin, stretcher, collimator, crystal J. CRT problems 1. Burnt spot on CRT phosphor 2. Dirty / scratched CRT face plates

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SPECT QUALITY CONTROL

=SINGLE PHOTON EMISSION COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY=gamma cameras rotating about a pallet supporting the patient obtain 60-120 views over 180° / 360° rotation with typically a field of view of 40-50 cm across the patient and 30-40 cm in axial directionSpatial resolution:~8 mm for high-count study

[Uniformity Center Of Rotation \(COR\) Sources Of Artifacts](#)

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Center Of Rotation (COR)

1. Tc-99m-filled line source (5-8 mCi) positioned 3-5 cm off the center of rotation while keeping scanning palette out of field of view
2. Direction of rotation to be the same as patient study
3. Number of steps (32, 64, or 128) to be the same as in patient study
4. Time per step such that at least 100K counts are acquired
5. COR must be done with same collimator, orientation, and magnification as patient study
Frequency of [quality control](#): weekly

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Sources Of Artifacts 1.Scanning palette in field of view2.Collimator shifting + rotation on camera face3.Noncircular orbit of camera head4.PM tube failure5.PM tube uncoupling6.Cracked crystal7.Improper peaking of camera

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POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY

= PET = technique that permits noninvasive in vivo examination of metabolism, blood flow, electrical activity, neurochemistry *Concept*: measurement of distribution of a biocompound as a function of time after radiolabeling and injection into patient *Labeling*: PET compounds are radiolabeled with positron-emitting radionuclides *Physics*: positron matter-antimatter annihilation reaction with an electron results in formation of annihilation photons, which are emitted in exactly opposite directions (511 keV each); detected by coincidence circuitry through simultaneous arrival at detectors (bismuth germanate-68) on opposite sides of the patient (= electronic collimation through coincidence circuit); lead collimators not necessary (= advantages in resolution + [sensitivity](#) over SPECT); spatial reconstruction similar to transmission CT *Radionuclide production*: in nuclide generator / particle accelerator (positive / negative ion cyclotron; linear accelerator) Expected amount of radionuclide: 500-2,000 mCi Generator characteristics: beam energy (radionuclide production rate increases monotonically with beam energy), beam current (production rate directly proportional to beam current), accelerated particle, shielding requirement, size, cost *Radiopharmaceutical production*: (1)Initialize accelerator, setup(2)Irradiation(3)Synthesis(4)Sterility test, compounding *Sensitivity*: =fraction of radioactive decays within the patient that are detected by the scanner as true events (measured in counts per second per microcurie per milliliter) 30-100 times more sensitive than SPECT (due to electronic collimation as opposed to lead collimation)! *Resolution*: =resolving power = smallest side-by-side objects that can be distinguished as separate objects in images with an infinite number of counts (measured in mm);determined by -distance a positron travels before annihilation occurs (usually 0.5-2 mm depending on energy)-angle variation from 180° (±5° = 0.5 mm)-physical size of detector (1-3 mm) Typical spatial resolution: 4-7 mm *Measurement of radioactivity distribution*: Pixel values proportional to radioactivity per volume Unit:mg of glucose per minute per 100 g tissue *Imaging time*:1-10 min *Organ-specific concentration*: (a)heart, brain: contain little glucose-6-phosphatase resulting in high concentrations of F-18 fluorodeoxyglucose-metabolic rate of glucose is proportional to phosphorylation rate of FDG(b)liver: abundance of glucose-6-phosphatase + low levels of hexokinase resulting in rapid clearing of FDG(c)neoplasm: enhanced glycolysis with increased activity of hexokinase + other enzymes

Isotope	Use	Half-life (min)	Average Positron Energy (keV)	Typical Reaction	Yield at 10 MeV (mCi/μA EOSB)
rubidium	Rb-82	1.23	1,409	Sr/Rb generator	...
fluorine	F-18	109	242	O-18(p,n)F-18	120
oxygen	O-15	2.1	735	N-15(p,n)O-15	70
nitrogen	N-13	10	491	C-13(p,n)N-13	110
carbon	C-11	20.3	385	N-14(p,α)C-11	85

p = proton injected; n = neutron ejected; α = alpha particle; EOSB = end of saturated bombardment (infinitely long irradiation at which time the numbers of radionuclides produced equals the number of radionuclides that are decaying) per microampere of beam current (= number of particles per second emerging from accelerator and impinging on target material)

PET imaging in oncology

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PET imaging in oncology *Pathophysiology*: serum glucose competes with FDG for entry into tumor cells; malignant cells have a high rate of glycolysis 1. Lung cancer
tumor [uptake](#) > mediastinal [uptake](#) of FDG (94-97% sensitive, 87-89% specific, 92% accurate) FDG can differentiate adrenal "incidentaloma" from
metastasis 2. [Breast cancer](#) 3. Colon cancer recurrence 4. Lymph node metastases from head and neck cancer (91% sensitive, 88% specific) 5. Brain tumor: (a) necrosis
versus residual / recurrent tumor decreased FDG [uptake](#) in necrosis (b) response to chemo- / radiation therapy (c) prediction of patients average survival in pediatric
primary brain tumors: ≤ 6 months if FDG [uptake](#) \geq gray matter 1-2 years if FDG [uptake](#) > white matter 2.5 years if FDG [uptake](#) = white matter 3 years if FDG [uptake](#) < gray
matter 6. Pancreatic cancer (96% sensitive + specific) 7. [Lymphoma](#) staging with whole-body scan

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IMMUNOSCINTIGRAPHY =imaging with monoclonal antibodies [= homogeneous antibody population directed against a single antigen (eg, cancer cell)], which are labeled with a radiotracer *Hybridoma technique*: antibody-producing B lymphocytes are extracted from the [spleen](#) of mice that were immunized with a specific type of cancer cell; B lymphocytes are fused with immortal myeloma cells (= hybridoma)

Agents: Indium-111 satumomab pentetide = indium-111 CYT-103 (OncoScint® CR/OV) = murine monoclonal antibody product derived by site-specific radiolabeling of the antibody B27.3-GYK-DTPA conjugate with indium-111 *Use*:detection + staging of colorectal + ovarian cancers *Dose*:1 mg of antibody radiolabeled with 5 mCi of indium-111 injected IV

Biodistribution:liver, [spleen](#), bone marrow, salivary glands, male genitalia, blood pool, kidneys, bladder *Imaging*:2 sets of images 2-5 days post injection + 48 hours apart

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GALLIUM-67 CITRATE

Ga-67 acts as an analogue of ferric ion; used as gallium citrate (water-soluble form) *Production*: bombardment of zinc targets (Zn-67, Zn-68) with protons (cyclotron); virtually carrier-free after separation process *Decay*: by electron capture to ground state of Zn-67 *Energy levels*: (a) used: 93 keV (38%), 184 keV (24%), 300 keV (16%) (b) unused: 91 keV (2%), 206 keV (2%), 388 keV (8%) *Physical half-life*: 3.3 d (= 78 hours) *Biologic half-life*: 2-3 weeks *Adult dose*: 3-6 mCi or 50 µCi/kg *Radiation dose*: 0.3 rads/mCi for whole body; 0.9 rads/mCi for distal colon (= critical organ); 0.58 rads/mCi for red marrow; 0.56 rads/mCi for proximal colon; 0.46 rads/mCi for liver; 0.41 rads/mCi for kidney; 0.24 rads/mCi for gonads *Physiology*: Ga-67 is bound to iron-[binding sites](#) of various proteins (strongest bond with transferrin in plasma, lactoferrin in tissue); multiexponential + slow plasma disappearance; competitive iron administration (Fe-citrate) enhances target-to-background ratio by increasing Ga-67 [excretion](#)

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Time Of Imaging usually 6, 24, 48, 72 hours †Best target-to-background ratio generally at 72 hours †Optimal target-to-background ratio at 6-24 hours for abscess †Optimal target-to-background ratio at 24-48 hours for tumor **Degrading Factors Of Imaging** † lesions <2 cm are not detectable † photon scatter within overlying tissues † physiologic high activity of liver, [spleen](#), bones, kidney, GI tract may obscure lesion

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Normal Variants Of Ga-67 Uptake 1.Breasts: increased [uptake](#) under stimulus of menarche, estrogens, pregnancy, lactation, phenothiazine medication 2.Liver: suppressed [uptake](#) by chemotherapeutic agents / high levels of circulating iron / irradiation / severe acute liver disease 3.Lung: prominent [uptake](#) after lymphangiography 4.Spleen: increased [uptake](#) in [splenomegaly](#) 5.Thymus: [uptake](#) in children 6.Salivary glands: [uptake](#) within first 6 months after radiation therapy to neck (may persist for years) 7.Epiphyseal plates in children 8.Previous steroid therapy, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy may decrease Ga [uptake](#)

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Gallium In Bone Imaging Increased activity in: 1.Active osteomyelitis (90% [sensitivity](#) is higher than for Tc-99m MDP)2.Sarcoma3.Cellulitis (bone scan followed by gallium scan)4.[Septic arthritis](#), [rheumatoid arthritis](#)5.[Paget disease](#)6.Metastases (65% [sensitivity](#), less than for [bone agents](#))

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Gallium In Tumor Imaging Particularly useful in evaluating extent of known tumor disease + in detection of tumor recurrence A.USEFUL
CATEGORY 1. **Lymphoma** (a) **Hodgkin disease**: 74-88% [sensitivity](#) (b) NHL: [sensitivity](#) varies-histiocytic form: 85-90% [sensitivity](#)-lymphocytic well-diff.: 55-70% [sensitivity](#) 95% [sensitivity](#) for mediastinal disease, 80% [sensitivity](#) for cervical + superficial lesions; poor [sensitivity](#) below diaphragm 2. **Burkitt lymphoma**: almost 100% [sensitivity](#) 3. **Rhabdomyosarcoma**: >95% [sensitivity](#) 4. **Hepatoma**: 85-95% [sensitivity](#) 5. **Melanoma**: 69-79% [sensitivity](#) B. POSSIBLY USEFUL 1. NHL: good for large + mediastinal lesions 2. Nodal metastases from seminoma + embryonal cell carcinoma: 87% [sensitivity](#) 3. Non-small cell lung cancer: 85% [sensitivity](#) for primary of any histologic type, 90% probability for [uptake](#) in mediastinal nodes, 67% probability for [uptake](#) in normal mediastinal nodes, 90% probability for [uptake](#) in extrathoracic metastases C. NOT USEFUL head & neck tumors, GI tumors (especially adenocarcinomas; 35-40% [sensitivity](#)), breast tumor (52-65% [sensitivity](#)), gynecologic tumors (<26% [sensitivity](#)), pediatric tumors

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Gallium In Lung Imaging †Scans obtained at 48 hours, because 50% of normals show activity at 24 hours A.FOCAL [UPTAKE](#) 1.Primary pulmonary malignancy (>90% [sensitivity](#)) 2.Benign disorders: granuloma, abscess, [pneumonia](#), [silicosis](#) B.MULTIFOCAL / DIFFUSE [UPTAKE](#) (a) Infection 1.[Tuberculosis](#) † intense [uptake](#) in active lesions (97%)= parameter of activity † diffuse [uptake](#) in miliary TB + rapidly progressive TB [pneumonia](#) 2.Pneumocystis carinii † increased [uptake](#) at time when physical signs, symptoms, and roentgenographic changes are unimpressive 3.Cytomegalovirus (b) Inflammation 1.[Sarcoidosis](#) 70% [sensitivity](#) for active parenchymal disease, 94% [sensitivity](#) for hilar adenopathy =indicator of therapeutic response to steroids 2.[Interstitial lung disease](#) pneumoconiosis, idiopathic pulmonary [fibrosis](#), [lymphangitic carcinomatosis](#) 3.Exudative stage of [radiation pneumonitis](#) (c) Drugs 1.Bleomycin toxicity 2.Amiodarone (d) Contrast lymphangiography (in 50%) C.GALLIUM [UPTAKE](#) + NORMAL CHEST FILM 1.Pulmonary drug toxicity 2.Tumor infiltration 3.[Sarcoidosis](#) 4.Pneumocystis carinii

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Gallium In Renal Imaging Abnormal [uptake](#) on delayed images at 48-72 hours A. Renal tumor 1. Primary renal tumor (variable [uptake](#)) 2. [Lymphoma](#) / [leukemia](#) 3. Metastases (eg, melanoma) B. Renal inflammation 1. [Acute pyelonephritis](#) (88% [sensitivity](#)): ¹ diffuse / focal [uptake](#) 2. [Lobar nephronia](#) 3. [Renal abscess](#) C. Others 1. Collagen-vascular disease, [vasculitis](#), [Wegener granulomatosis](#) 2. [Amyloidosis](#), [hemochromatosis](#) 3. Hepatic failure 4. Administration of antineoplastic drugs D. Transplant 1. Acute / chronic rejection 2. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) E. Urinary bladder 1. [Cystitis](#) 2. Tumor *mnemonic*: "CHANT An OLD PSALM" Chemotherapy Hemochromatosis, Hepatorenal failure Acute tubular necrosis, Acute [lobar nephronia](#) Neoplasm Transfusion, Tuberos sclerosi Abscess Obstruction Lymphoma Drugs (Fe, drugs causing ATN) Pyelonephritis, Polyarteritis nodosa Sarcoidosis Amyloidosis, Allograft Leukemia Metastasis, Myeloma

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Gallium Imaging In Lymphoma A. [Hodgkin disease](#) 50-70% average [sensitivity](#) dependent on size, location, technique B. Non-Hodgkin [lymphoma](#) 30% [sensitivity](#) for lymphocytic subtype, 70% [sensitivity](#) for histiocytic subtype [Sensitivity](#): 90% for mediastinal nodes 80% for neck nodes 48% for periaortic nodes 47% for iliac nodes 36% for axillary nodes

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Gallium Imaging In Malignant Melanoma Types: 1. Lentigo maligna: low invasiveness, low metastatic potential 2. Superficial spreading melanoma: intermediate prognosis 3. Nodular melanoma: most lethal *Prognosis (level of invasion versus 5-year survival)*: Level I (in situ) 100% Level II (within papillary dermis) 100% Level III (extending to reticular dermis) 88% Level IV (invading reticular dermis) 66% Level V (subcutaneous infiltration) 15% Ga-67: >50% [sensitivity](#) for primary + metastatic sites; detectability versus tumor size: 73% [sensitivity](#) >2 cm; 17% [sensitivity](#) <2 cm Bone, brain, [liver scintigraphy](#): show very low yield in detecting metastases at time of preoperative assessment and are not indicated

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AGENTS FOR INFLAMMATION

1. Ga-67 citrate

overall 58-100% [sensitivity](#); 75-100% [specificity](#) (lower for abdominal inflammation because of problematic abdominal activity) *Indication*: chronic + nonpyogenic inflammation, pulmonary infection + lymphadenitis with HIV-positivity, granulomatous disease (eg, [sarcoidosis](#)) *Pathophysiology*: leakage of protein-bound Ga-67 into extracellular space secondary to hyperemia + increased capillary permeability; Ga-67 is preferentially bound to nonviable PMNs + macrophages 1. Leukocyte incorporation (rich in lactoferrin) 2. Bacterial [uptake](#) (iron-chelating siderophores) 3. Inflammatory tissue stimulates lactoferrin production **GALLIUM IN CHRONIC ABDOMINAL INFLAMMATION** 67% [sensitivity](#), 64% [specificity](#), 13% false-negative rate, 5% false-positive rate *Dose*: 5 mCi *Imaging*: routine at 48-72 hours (after clearance of high background activity); optional at 6-24 hours (prior to renal + gastrointestinal [excretion](#)); delayed images as needed ^{1/} diffuse [uptake](#) in peritonitis ^{1/} localized [uptake](#) in acute [pyogenic abscess](#), phlegmon, [acute cholecystitis](#), [acute pancreatitis](#), acute gastritis, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease, surgical wound, [pyelonephritis](#), [perinephric abscess](#) **2. In-111-labeled WBC**

=In-111-oxine-labeled autologous leukocytes with 80% [sensitivity](#); 97% [specificity](#), 91% [accuracy](#) (superior to Ga-67 citrate); no activity in intestinal contents / urine *Indication*: occult sepsis, acute pyogenic infection, abdominal + [renal abscess](#), inflammatory bowel disease, nonpulmonary infection with HIV positivity, prosthetic graft infection (bone / cardiovascular graft), acute + chronic + complicated bone / joint infection *Technique*: harvesting of cells followed by separation from RBCs and platelets + washing off plasma proteins; chelating agents (oxine = 8-hydroxyquinoline / tropolone) used for labeling; lipophilic oxine-indium complex penetrates cell membrane of white cells; intracellular proteins scavenge the indium from oxine; oxine diffuses out from cell; requires 2 hours of preparation time *Recovery rate*: 30% at 1-4 hours after injection *Limitations*: 19 gauge IV access, leukopenia, impaired chemotaxis, abnormal WBCs, children *Dose*: 0.5 mCi *Half-life*: 67 hours *Useful photopeaks*: 173 keV (89%), 247 keV (94%) *Radiation dose*: 13-18 rad/mCi for [spleen](#); 3.8 rad/mCi for liver; 0.65 rad/mCi for red marrow; 0.45 rad/mCi for whole body; 0.29 rad/mCi for testes; 0.14 rad/mCi for [ovaries](#) (compared with Ga-67 higher dose to [spleen](#), but lower dose to all other organs) *Biodistribution*: [spleen](#), liver, bone marrow; blood clearance half-time of 6-7 hours *Imaging*: best at 18-24 hours following injection of cell preparation; optional at 2-6 hours (eg, in inflammatory bowel disease); delayed images as needed; bone marrow [uptake](#) provides useful landmarks ^{1/} focal activity greater than in [spleen](#) is typical for abscess (comparison based on liver, [spleen](#), bone marrow activity) ^{1/} activity equal to liver (significant inflammatory focus) ^{1/} abdominal activity is always abnormal *False positives*: @Chest: CHF, RDS, embolized cells, [cystic fibrosis](#) @Abdomen: [accessory spleen](#), colonic accumulation, [renal transplant](#) rejection, GI hemorrhage, [vasculitis](#), ischemic bowel disease, following CPR, uremia, postradiation therapy, [Wegener granulomatosis](#), ALL @Miscellaneous: IM injection, histiocytic [lymphoma](#), cerebral infarction, arthritis, skeletal metastases, thrombophlebitis, hematoma, hip prosthesis, cecal carcinoma, postsurgical pseudoaneurysm, necrotic tumors that harvest WBCs *False negatives*: chronic infection, aortofemoral graft, LUQ abscess, infected pelvic hematoma, splenic abscess, [hepatic abscess](#) (occasionally)

3. Tc-99m-labeled WBC

Optimal use: osteomyelitis in extremities *Advantages over In-111 WBC imaging*: (a) improved photon flux (b) earlier imaging *Disadvantages*: (1) Biliary [excretion](#) leads to bowel activity, which may obscure abdominal abscess if not imaged early (2) Heart and blood pool may obscure disease (3) Nonspecific accumulation in lung *Technique*: Tc-99m Ceretec binds with autologous WBCs and is reinjected *Imaging*: 30 minutes (optimum for use in abdomen), 60 minutes, 3-4 hours, 24 hours (optional) *False positives*: may be due to unusual marrow distribution, correlation with bone marrow (sulfur colloid) scan may be necessary

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BONE AGENTS

A. POLYPHOSPHATES = LINEAR PHOSPHATES = CONDENSED PHOSPHATES First agents described; contain up to 46 phosphate residues; simplest form contains 2 phosphates = pyrophosphate (PYP) B. DIPHOSPHONATES Organic analogs of pyrophosphate characterized by P-C-P bond; chemically more stable; not susceptible to hydrolysis in vivo; most widely used agents: 1. ethylene hydroxydiphosphonate (EHDP) = ethane-1-hydroxy-1,1-diphosphonate 2. methylene diphosphonate (MDP) C. IMIDODIPHOSPHONATES (IDP) Characterized by P-N-P bond **Indications:** 1. Imaging of bone, myocardial / cerebral infarct, ectopic calcifications, some tumors ([neuroblastoma](#)) 2. Rx for [Paget disease](#), [myositis ossificans](#) progressiva, calcinosis universalis (inhibits formation + dissolution of hydroxyapatite crystals) **Usual dose:** 20 mCi (740 MBq) **Radiation dose:** 0.13 rad/mCi for bladder (critical organ), 0.04 rad/mCi for bone, 0.01 rad/mCi for whole body **Imaging:** @ Bone: 2-3 hours post injection ∇ Fractures may not show positive **uptake** until 3-10 days depending on age of patient @ Myocardium: 90-120 minutes post injection ∇ Ideal imaging time is 1-3 days post infarction **Labeling:** Tc (VII) is eluted as a pertechnetate ion; chemical reduction with Sn (II) chloride; chelated into a complex of Tc-99m (IV)-tin-phosphate **Quality Control:** (1) <10% Tc-99m tin colloid / free [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) (a good preparation is 95% bound) (2) Agent should not be used prior to 30 minutes after preparation (3) Avoid injection of air in preparation of multidose vials (oxidation results in poor Tc bond) (4) Kit life is 4-5 hours after preparation **Uptake:** (a) rapid distribution into ECF (78% of injected dose with biologic half-life of 2.4 minutes) directly related to blood flow + vascularity; blood clearance rate determines ECF (= background) activity (at 4 hours 1% for diphosphonates, 5% for pyrophosphate / polyphosphate secondary to greater degree of protein binding) (b) chemisorbs on hydroxyapatite crystals in bone + in [calcium](#) crystals in mitochondria; MDP concentration at 3 hours is directly proportional to [calcium](#) contents of tissues (14-24% [calcium](#) in bone, 0.005% [calcium](#) in muscle); 50-60% (58% for MDP, 48% for EHDP, 47% for PYP) are localized in bone by approx. 3 hours depending on blood flow + osteoblastic activity; 2-10% of the dose are present within soft tissues; myocardial **uptake** depends on at least some revascularization of infarcted muscle **Excretion:** via urinary tract by 6 hours in 68% of MDP/EHDP, in 50% of PYP, in 46% of polyphosphates ∇ Forcing fluids + frequent voiding reduces **radiation dose** to bladder! **THREE-PHASE BONE SCANNING** over area of interest 1. Rapid sequence flow study (2-5 seconds/frame) = early arterial flow = 1st phase 2. Immediate postflow images (1 million counts for central body + 0.5 million counts for extremities) = blood pool = 2nd phase 3. Delayed images (0.5-1.0 million counts) between 3-4 hours following injection = 3rd phase

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BONE MARROW AGENTS

for assessment of hematopoiesis / phagocytosis by RES 1.Tc-99m sulfur colloid (10% [uptake](#) in bone marrow) 2.In-111 chloride 3.Tc-99m MMAA=mini-microaggregated albumin colloid for liver, [spleen](#), hematopoietic marrow *Particle size*:30-100 microns *Dose*:10 mCi *Marrow dose*:0.55 rad Marrow accumulation at 1 hour: 6 x higher than for sulfur colloid 3 x higher than for antimony-sulfur colloid *Indications*: (a) expansion of hematopoietically active bone marrow 1. Hematologic disorders to reveal presence of peripheral expansion of functional marrow (b) focal defect due to displacement by infiltrating disease 1. Marrow replacement disorders: eg, [Gaucher disease](#) 2. Bone infarction: eg, sickle cell anemia (DDx from osteomyelitis) 3. [Avascular necrosis](#) in children

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Pediatric Indications For Bone Scan A.Back pain1.[Discitis](#)2.Pars interarticularis defect: SPECT imaging adds [sensitivity](#)3.[Osteoid osteoma](#): can be used intraoperatively to assure removal of nidus4.Sacroiliac infectionB.Nonaccidental trauma

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Hot Bone Lesions *mnemonic:* "NATI MAN" **N**eoplasm **A**rthropathy **T**rauma **I**nfection **M**etastasis **A**septic **N**ecrosis **L**ong **S**egmental **D**iaphyseal **U**ptake

A. BILATERALLY SYMMETRIC 1. Hypertrophic pulmonary osteoarthropathy 2. Thigh / [shin splints](#) = mechanical [enthesopathy](#) 3. Ribbing disease 4. Engelmann disease = progressive diaphyseal dysplasia B. UNILATERAL 1. Inadvertent arterial injection 2. [Melorheostosis](#) 3. Chronic venous stasis 4. [Osteogenesis imperfecta](#) 5. Vitamin A toxicity 6. Osteomyelitis 7. [Paget disease](#) 8. [Fibrous dysplasia](#)

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Photon-deficient Bone Lesion =decreased radiotracer [uptake](#) A.Interruption in local bone blood flow=vessel trauma or vascular obstruction by thrombus / tumor1.Early osteomyelitis2.Radiation therapy3.Posttraumatic aseptic necrosis4.Sickle cell crisisB.Replacement of bone by destructive process1.Metastases (most common cause): central axis skeleton > extremity, most commonly in carcinoma of kidney + lung + breast + [multiple myeloma](#) 2.Primary [bone tumor](#) (exceptional)
mnemonic:"HM RANT"**H**istiocytosis X **M**ultiple myeloma **R**enal cell carcinoma **A**naplastic tumors (reticulum cell sarcoma) **N**euroblastoma **T**hyroid carcinoma

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Benign Bone Lesions A.NO TRACER UPTAKE1.[Bone island](#)2.[Osteopoikilosis](#)3.[Osteopathia striata](#)4.[Fibrous cortical defect](#)5.[Nonossifying fibroma](#)B.INCREASED TRACER UPTAKE1.[Fibrous dysplasia](#)2.[Paget disease](#)3.[Eosinophilic granuloma](#)4.[Melorheostosis](#)5.[Osteoid osteoma](#)6.[Enchondroma](#)7.[Exostosis](#)

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Incidental Urinary Tract Abnormalities >50% of injected dose of Tc-99m MDP is excreted by 3 hours A. Bilateral diffuse increased [uptake=uptake](#) greater than that of lumbar spine (a) excess tissue [calcium](#) 1. [Hyperparathyroidism](#) 2. [Hypercalcemia](#) 3. [Osteosarcoma](#) metastatic to kidney (b) tissue damage 1. Drug-induced nephrotoxicity (a) Chemotherapy (eg, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, bleomycin, mitomycin-C, S-6-mercaptopurine, mitoxantrone) (b) aminoglycosides (c) amphotericin B 2. Radiation therapy 3. Necrotic [renal cell carcinoma](#) (rare) 4. Renal metastasis (rare) 5. [Acute pyelonephritis](#) 6. [Acute tubular necrosis](#) 7. [Multiple myeloma](#) (c) iron overload 1. Sickle cell anemia 2. [Thalassemia major](#) mnemonic: "RICH CON" Radiation therapy to kidney Iron overload Chemotherapy (cytoxan, vincristine, doxorubicin) **Hyperparathyroidism** **Calcification** (metastatic), **Carcinoma** **Obstruction** (urinary) **Nephritis**, **Normal variant** B. Bilateral decreased renal [uptake](#) (a) loss of renal function 1. Endstage renal disease (b) increased osteoblastic activity (= [superscan](#)) C. Focally decreased renal [uptake](#) (a) space-occupying lesion replacing normal renal parenchyma 1. Abscess 2. Cyst 3. Primary / metastatic renal neoplasm (b) Scar 1. Infarct 2. Chronic [pyelonephritis](#) 3. Partial nephrectomy D. Uni- / bilateral focally increased GU [uptake](#) (a) urine accumulation 1. normal upper pole calices (supine position) 2. Urinary tract diversion / ileal conduit 3. [Urinoma](#) E. Change in location of kidney 1. Congenital anomaly (eg, pelvic kidney)

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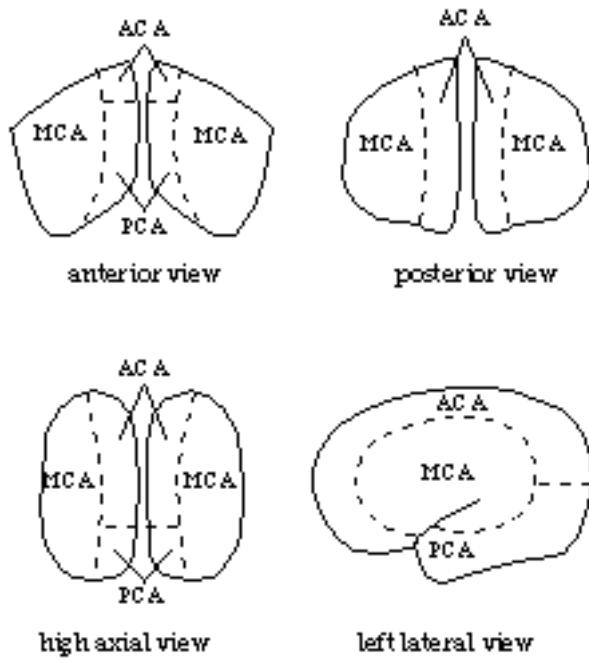


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Mechanism of accumulation: disruption of blood-brain barrier *Agents:* A. Tc-99m glucoheptonate 15-20 mCi bolus injection in <2 mL saline; 30 flow images of 2 seconds duration; static image of 1 million counts after 4 hours; delayed image after 24 hours (higher target-to-background ratio than DTPA) B. [Tc-99m DTPA](#) C. Thallium-201: best predictor for tumor burden ✓ increased perfusion in 1. Primary / metastatic brain tumor 2. AVM, large aneurysm, tumor shunting 3. Luxury perfusion after infarction 4. Infections (eg, herpes simplex [encephalitis](#)) 5. Extracranial lesions: bone metastasis, [fibrous dysplasia](#), [Paget disease](#), [eosinophilic granuloma](#), fractures, burr holes, craniotomy defects ✓ asymmetric decreased perfusion in acute / chronic cerebrovascular disease + mass lesions (tumor, hemorrhage, subdural hematoma) ✓ "flip-flop" phenomenon (= decreased perfusion in arterial phase, equalization of activity in capillary phase, increased activity in venous phase) in CVA secondary to late arrival of blood via collaterals + slow washout ✓ bilateral absent flow in brain death

[Ceretec Brain Imaging I-123 Spectamine Brain Imaging](#)

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Ceretec Brain Imaging *Pharmacokinetics*: lipophilic radiopharmaceutical distributing across a functioning blood-brain barrier proportional to cerebral blood flow; no redistribution *Indication*: acute cerebral infarct imaging before evidence of CT / MRI pathology; positive findings within 1 hour of event

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I-123 Spectamine Brain Imaging *Pharmacokinetics*: initially distributes proportional to regional cerebral blood flow with increased flow to basal ganglia and cerebellum; homogeneous uptake in gray matter; decreased activity in white matter; redistribution over time ↓ activity in an area of initial deficit on reimaging (after 4 hours) implies improved prognosis **Seizures** Abnormal cerebral radionuclide [angiography](#) within 1 week of seizure activity even without underlying organic lesion *Etiology*: (1) 35% cerebral tumors ([meningioma](#) in 34%, metastases in 17%) (2) Cerebral vascular disease (more common in age >50 years) (3) Trauma, inflammation, CNS effects of systemic disease ↓ transient hyperperfusion of involved hemisphere **Brain Tumor** Good correlation between hyperperfusion and enlarged supplying vessels *Etiology*: (1) [Meningioma](#) (increased activity in 60-80%); (2) Metastases (increased activity in 11-23%); (3) Vascular metastases: thyroid, renal cell, melanoma, anaplastic tumors from lung / breast **Cerebral Death** [Increased intracranial pressure](#) results in markedly decreased cerebral perfusion, thrombosis, total cerebral infarction *Path*: severe brain edema, diffuse liquefactive necrosis ↓ carotid arteries visualized (= confirmation of good bolus) ↓ activity stops abruptly at the skull base ↓ sagittal sinus not visualized ↓ activity in arteries of face + scalp with "hot nose" sign *DDx by EEG*: severe barbiturate intoxication may produce a flat EEG response in the absence of brain death **Arterial Stenosis** ↓ Radionuclide [angiography](#) of limited value! (1) Complete occlusion / >80% stenosis of ICA: 53-80% [sensitivity](#) (2) 50-80% stenosis of ICA: 50% [sensitivity](#) (3) <50% stenosis of ICA: 10% [sensitivity](#) Problematic lesions: (1) Bilaterally similar degree of stenosis (2) Occlusion of MCA + unilateral ACA (3) Vertebrobasilar occlusive disease (20% [sensitivity](#))

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POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY

A. REGIONAL CEREBRAL BLOOD FLOW (a) breathing of carbon monoxide (C-11 and O-15), which concentrates in RBCs (b) Xe-133 inhalation / injection into ICA / IV injection after dissolution in saline: volume distribution is in the water space of the brain; no correction for recirculation necessary because all Xe is exhaled during lung passage, but correction for scalp + calvarial activity is required (for inhalation method) washout rate of grey matter:white matter = 4-5:1 B. GLUCOSE METABOLISM for measurements of metabolic rate + mapping of functional activity (a) C-11 glucose: rapid uptake, metabolization, and excretion by brain (b) F-18 fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG): diffuses across blood-brain barrier + competes with glucose for phosphorylation by hexokinase, which traps FDG-6-phosphate within mitochondria; FDG-6-phosphate cannot enter most metabolic pathways (eg, glycolysis, storage as glycogen) and accumulates proportional to intracellular glycolytic activity; FDG-6-phosphate is dephosphorylated slowly by glucose-6-phosphatase and then escapes cell

Indications: 1. Focal epilepsy prior to seizure surgery interictal decreased uptake of FDG of >20% at seizure focus (70% sensitivity, 90% for temporal lobe hypometabolism) hypermetabolism within 30 minutes of seizure measurement of opiate receptor density with C-11-labeled carfentanil (= high-affinity opium agonist) uptake by μ receptors (found in thalamus, striatum, periaqueductal gray matter, amygdala), which mediate analgesia and respiratory depression 2. **Alzheimer disease** clinical diagnosis false positive in 35% bilateral temporoparietal hypoperfusion + hypometabolism resulting in decreased FDG uptake (92-100% sensitive) sparing of sensory and motor cortex + basal ganglia + thalamus **DDx:** frontal lobe dementia, primary progressive aphasia without dementia, normal-pressure hydrocephalus, multi-infarct dementia 3. Parkinson disease = deficient presynaptic terminals with normal postsynaptic dopaminergic receptors clinical diagnosis in 50-70% accurate **DDx:** drug-induced chorea, Huntington disease, tardive dyskinesia, progressive supranuclear palsy, Shy-Drager syndrome, striatonigral degeneration, alcohol-related cerebellar dysfunction, olivopontocerebellar atrophy 4. Huntington disease, senile chorea hypometabolism of basal ganglia 5. Schizophrenia abnormally reduced glucose activity in frontal lobes dopamine receptors in caudate / putamen elevated to 3 x that of normal levels 6. **Stroke**, cerebral vasospasm disassociated oxygen metabolism + brain blood flow

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RADIONUCLIDE CISTERNOGRAPHY

Indications: 1. Suspected normal pressure [hydrocephalus](#) 2. Occult CSF rhinorrhea / otorrhea 3. Ventricular shunt 4. Porencephalic cyst, [leptomeningeal cyst](#), posterior fossa cyst
Technique: 1. Measurement of spinal subarachnoid pressure 2. Sample of CSF for analysis 3. Subarachnoid injection of radiotracer
Normal study (completed within 48 hours): symmetric activity sequentially from basal cisterns, up the sylvian fissures + anterior commissure, eventual ascent over cortices with parasagittal concentration ✓ image lumbar region immediately after injection to assure subarachnoid injection ✓ activity in basal cistern by 2-4 hours ✓ activity at vertex by 24-48 hours ✓ no / minimal lateral ventricular activity (may be transient in older patients)
Agents: 1. **Indium-111 DTPA** *Physical half-life:* 2.8 days *Gamma photons:* 173 keV (90%), 247 keV (94%) detected with dual pulse height analyzer *Dose:* 250-500 µCi *Radiation dose:* 9 rads/500 µCi for brain + spinal cord (in normal patients) *Imaging:* at 10-minute intervals / 500,000 counts up to 4-6 hours; repeat scans at 24, 48, 72 hours
2. **Technetium-99m DTPA**
Not entirely suitable for imaging up to 48-72 hours; DTPA tends to have faster flow rate than CSF; used for shunt evaluation + [CSF leak study](#) since leak increases CSF flow *Dose:* 4-10 mCi *Radiation dose:* 4 rads for brain + spinal cord
3. **Iodine-131 serum albumin (RISA)** prototype agent; beta emitter *Physical half-life:* 8 days; high *radiation dose* of 7.1 rads/100 µCi; no longer used secondary to pyrogenic reactions
4. **Ytterbium-169 DTPA**
Physical half-life: 32 days *Gamma decay:* 63 keV; 177 keV (17%); 198 keV (25%); 308 keV; dual pulse height analyzer set for 177 + 198 keV *Dose:* 500 µCi *Radiation dose:* 9 rads/500 mCi for brain + spinal cord (in normal patients)

[CSF Leak Study Hydrocephalus](#)

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CSF Leak Study *Purpose:* localization of origin of CSF leak in patient with CSF rhinorrhea / otorrhea *Causes of dural fistula:* (a) traumatic: in 30% of basilar skull fractures (b) nontraumatic: brain, pituitary and skull tumors; skull infections; congenital defects *Location of dural fistula:* cribriform plate > ethmoid cells > [frontal sinus](#)
Method: 1. Weigh cotton pledgets 2. Pledgets placed by ENT surgeon in the anterior and posterior turbinates bilaterally 3. Radiopharmaceutical injected intrathecally via lumbar puncture; immediate postinjection view of lumbar region to assure intrathecal placement 4. Pledgets removed and weighed 4-6 hours after lumbar injection 5. Pledget activity counted + indexed to weight 6. Results compared with 0.5-mL serum specimens drawn at the time of pledget removal 7. Pledget to serum count ratio of >1.5 is evidence of CSF leak 8. With active leak patient should be placed in various positions with various maneuvers to accentuate leak

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THYROID SCINTIGRAPHY

A. SUPPRESSION SCAN = to define autonomy of a nodule / suppression of a hot nodule following T_3/T_4 administration is proof that autonomy does not exist
B. STIMULATION SCAN = to demonstrate thyroid tissue suppressed by hyperfunctioning nodule / administration of TSH documents functioning thyroid tissue (rarely done)
C. PERCHLORATE WASHOUT TEST = to demonstrate organification defect / repeat measurement of radioiodine uptake following oral potassium perchlorate shows lower values if organification defect present

[Tc-99m Pertechnetate](#) [Iodine-123](#) [Iodine-131](#) [Iodine Fluorescence Imaging](#) [Thyroid Uptake Measurements](#)

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Iodine-123 ϕ Agent of choice for thyroid imaging! *Production*: in accelerator; contamination with I-124 dependent on source (Te-122 in ~ 5%, Xe-123 in ~ 0.5%); contamination with I-125 increases with time elapsed after production *Physical half-life*: 13.3 hours *Decay*: by electron capture with photon emission at 159 keV (83% abundance) + x-ray of 28 keV (87% abundance) *Dose*: 200-400 μ Ci orally 24 hours prior to imaging ([radiation dose](#) of 7.5 mrad/ μ Ci) *Uptake*: iodine readily absorbed from GI tract (10-30% by 24 hours), distributed primarily in extracellular fluid spaces; trapped + organified by thyroid gland; trapped by stomach + salivary glands *Excretion*: via kidneys in 35-75% during first 24 hours + GI tract *Disadvantages* compared with [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#): (1) More expensive (2) Less available (3) More time-consuming (4) Higher dose to thyroid (but less to whole body)

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Iodine Fluorescence Imaging *Technique:* collimated beam of 60 keV gamma photons from an Am-241 source is directed at thyroid, which results in production of K-characteristic x-rays of 28.5 keV; x-rays are detected by semiconductor detector *Advantages:* (1)No interference with flooded iodine pool / thyroid medication(2)Measures total iodine content(3)Low radiation exposure (15 mrad) acceptable for children + pregnant women*Disadvantage:*dedicated equipment necessary

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Thyroid Uptake Measurements Agents: I-123 / I-131 (easier to use), [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) (requires calibration) *Uptake*: measurements at both 4 and 24 hours prevent missing the occasional rapid-turnover hyperthyroid patient returning to normal by 24 hours; *uptake* values distinguish different causes of [hyperthyroidism](#) (a) normal: >25% at 4 hours, >35% at 24 hours (b) increased: in [Graves disease](#) (c) decreased: in subacute thyroiditis N.B.: *Uptake* values do not diagnose [hyperthyroidism](#), which is done with laboratory values (T₄, T₃, TSH) and clinical history

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Technetium-thallium Subtraction Imaging *Sensitivity*:72-92% (depending on size, smallest adenoma was 60 mg) *Specificity*:43% (benign thyroid adenomas, carcinomas, lymph nodes also concentrate thallium) *Method*: (1)IV injection of 1-3.5 mCi Tl-201 chloride; images recorded for 15 minutes with 2-mm pinhole collimator ^{201}Tl concentrates in normal thyroid + enlarged [parathyroid glands](#) (extraction proportional to regional blood flow + tissue cellularity)(2)IV injection of 1-10 mCi [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#); images recorded at 1-minute intervals for 20 minutes $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ pertechnetate concentrates only in thyroid(3)Computerized subtraction ^{201}Tl focal / multifocal excess Tl-201 *Limitations*: (1)unfavorable dosimetry + poor quality images of Tl-201 (up to 3.5 mCi, 80 keV photons)(2)prolonged patient immobilization (motion artifact)(3)processing artifacts (eg, over- / undersubtraction)(4)poor Tc-99m thyroid [uptake](#) from interfering medications / recent iodinated contrast media(5)parathyroid pathology may be mimicked by coexisting thyroid disease (eg, nonfunctioning adenoma, multinodular goiter)*Indication*: Localization of one / more parathyroid adenoma (hyperplasia not visualized), may be more sensitive than CT / MRI in detection of ectopic mediastinal parathyroid tissue and in postoperative context

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Technetium-99m Sestamibi =Tc-99m MIBI *Sensitivity*:88-100% (smallest adenoma weighed 150 mg); 91% for early SPECT imaging For unknown reasons even large tumors (2 g) may not accumulate sufficient MIBI for detection! *Pharmacokinetics*: MIBI localizes in myocardium + mitochondria-rich tumors proportional to regional blood flow + cellular metabolic activity; MIBI washes out of thyroid quickly, but is retained in abnormal parathyroids (= need for dual-phase study) *Method*: 1.IV injection of 20-25 mCi Tc-99m MIBI 2.10-30 minutes after injection anterior cervicothoracic images (5 minutes/view) with large-field-of-view camera equipped with low-energy high-resolution parallel-hole collimator 3.Repeat set of images at 2-4 hours post injection (10 minutes/view) 4.Adjunctive imaging with thyroid-selective agent for computer-aided subtractions is optional *Advantages (over thallium)*: A.Physical properties:-optimal gamma emission (140 keV)-abundant photons (high dose of 20 mCi)-favorable dosimetry-high parathyroid-to-thyroid ratio-unaffected by medications / iodinated contrast B.Technical features:-Single readily available radiopharmaceutical-Simple protocol of early + delayed images-No prolonged patient immobilization-No subtraction study / computer processing-SPECT / multiple projections possible C.Scan interpretation-sharp images-clear visualization of abnormal [parathyroid glands](#)-ectopic sites surveyed

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Tc-99m Macroaggregated Albumin (MAA) Preparation: human serum albumin (HSA) is heat-denatured + pH adjusted; added stannous chloride precipitates albumin into tin-containing macroaggregates; lyophilization prolongs stability; added [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) is reduced by SnCl_2 and tagged onto the MAA particles [Quality control](#) (*USP guidelines*): (1)90% of particles should have a diameter between 10-90 μm (2)No particle should exceed 150 μ (3)Should be at least 90% pure (by ascending chromatography)(4)A batch of Tc-99m MAA should not be used >8 hours after preparation(5)Preparation should not be backflushed with blood into syringe, causes "hot spots" on lungs*Physical half-life*:6 hours*Biologic half-life*:6 hours*Dose*:approximately 2-4-6 mCi + 0.14 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ albumin which corresponds to >60,000 particles (recommended number particles is 200,000-500,000 particles for even spatial distribution + good image quality) }IV injection in supine position to give an even distribution between base + apex of lung (ventral to posterior gradient persists)}imaging in upright position to allow maximum expansion of lung, especially at lung basesN.B.:reduce number of particles to 80,000 in(a)critically ill patients with severe COPD, on mechanical ventilator support, documented pulmonary [arterial hypertension](#), significant left-to-right cardiac shunts need reduction in number of particles but not tagged activity!(b)children up to age 5 need reduction in number of particles + tagged activity! *Radiation dose (rads/mCi)*: 0.013 for whole body, 0.25 for lung (critical organ), 0.01 for gonads **PHYSIOLOGY** 90% of MAA particles act as microemboli and will be trapped in lung capillaries on first pass; there are an estimated 600 million pulmonary arterioles small enough to trap the particles; the effect is insignificant physiologically as only 500,000 particles are injected per study; 0.22% of capillaries become occluded (= 2 of 1000); protein is lysed within 6-8 hours and taken up by RES; particles <1 μ are phagocytized by RES in liver + [spleen](#) **IMAGING** Large-field-of-view scintillation camera + parallel-hole low-energy collimator with identical recording times for corresponding views Views:anterior, posterior, lateral, posterior oblique (additional information in 50% due to segmental delineation of basal segments and separation of both lungs), anterior oblique (additional information in 15%); oblique views reduce equivocal findings from 30% to 15%

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Tc-99m Human Albumin Microspheres *Particle size:20-30 μ Biologic half-life:8 hours*

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Xe-133, Xe-127, Xe-125, Kr-81m, N-13, O₂-15, CO₂-11, CO-11, radioactive aerosol (Tc-99m-DTPA, Tc-99m-PYP, Tc-99m-labeled ultrafine dry dispersion of carbon "soot")

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Xenon-133 Fission product of U-235 Decay to stable Cs-133 under emission of beta particle (374 keV), gamma ray (81 keV), x-ray (31 keV); beta-component responsible for high [radiation dose](#) of 1 rad to lung) *Physical half-life*: 5.2 days *Biologic half-life*: 2-3 minutes *Physical properties*: highly soluble in oil + grease, absorbed by plastic syringe *Administration*: injection into mouth piece of a disposable breathing unit at the beginning of a maximal inspiration *Dose*: 15-20 mCi **TECHNIQUE** Ventilation study preferably done before perfusion scan to avoid interference with higher-energy Tc-99m (Compton scatter from Tc-99m into lower Xe-133 photopeak); [may be feasible after perfusion scan if dose of Tc-99m MAA is kept below 2 mCi + concentration of Xe-133 is above 10 mCi/l of air and if Xe-133 acquisition times for washing, equilibrium, washout images are kept to about 30 seconds] Posterior imaging routine, ideally in upright position Phase 1 = single-breath image: =inhalation of 10-20 mCi Xe-133 to vital capacity with breath-holding over 10-15-20 seconds (65% [sensitivity](#) for abnormalities) ✓ cold spot is abnormal Phase 2 = equilibrium phase: =tidal breathing = closed-loop rebreathing of Xe-133 + oxygen for 3-4-5 minutes for tracer to enter poorly ventilated areas; also functions as internal control for air leaks; posterior oblique images + posterior images are obtained to improve correlation with perfusion scan. ✓ activity distribution corresponds to aerated lung Phase 3 = washout phase: =clearance phase after readjusting intake valves of spirometer permitting patient to inhale ambient air and to exhale Xe-133 into shielded charcoal trap; washout phase should last >5 min} images taken at 30-60 sec intervals for >5 min ✓ rapid clearance within 90 seconds with slight retention in upper zones is normal ✓ tracer retention (hot spot) at 3 minutes reveals areas of air-trapping ✓ poor image quality secondary to significant scatter ✓ abnormal scan: (a) delayed washing (initial 30 seconds of tidal breathing) (b) tracer accumulation on equilibrium views (partial obstruction with collateral air drift + diffusion into affected area via bloodstream) (c) delayed washout = retention >3 minutes (d) tracer retention in regions not seen on initial single-breath view (from collateral air drift into abnormal lung zones)

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Xenon-127 Cyclotron-produced with high cost *Physical half-life*:36.4 days *Photon energies*:172 keV (22%), 203 keV (65%) *Advantages*: (1)High photon energy allows ventilation study following perfusion study(2)Decreased [radiation dose](#) (0.3 rad)(3)Storage capability because of long physical half-life

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Krypton-81m insoluble inert gas; eluted from Rb-81 generator (half-life of 4.7 hours); decays to Kr-81 by isomeric transition *Physical half-life*:13 seconds*Biologic half-life*: <1 minute*Principal photon energy*:190 keV (65% abundance)*Advantages*: (1)Higher photon energy than Tc-99m so that ventilation scan can be performed following perfusion study(2)Each ventilation scan can be matched to perfusion scan without moving patient(3)Can be used in patients on respirator (no contamination due to short half-life)(4)Low [radiation dose](#) (during continuous inhalation for 6-8 views 100 mrad are delivered)*Disadvantages*: (1)High cost(2)Limited availability (generator good only for one day, so weekend availability may not be possible(3)No washout images possible due to short half-life(4)Decreased resolution due to septal penetration with low-energy collimators ∇ lack of activity = abnormal area (tracer activity is proportional to regional distribution of tidal volume because of short biologic half-life, washout phase not available)

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Tc-99m DTPA Aerosol =Tc-99m diethylenetriaminepentaacetic radioaerosol=UltraVent®*Biological half-life:55 minAdministration:delivery through a nebulizer during inspirationDose:30-45 mCi in 2-3 mL of saline at a nebulizer flow rate of 8-10 L/minPHYSIOLOGY* radioaerosols are small particles that become impacted in central airways, sediment in more distal airways, experience random contact with alveolar walls during diffusion in alveoli; crosses respiratory epithelium with rapid removal by bloodstream †Less physiologic indicator of ventilation + subject to nebulization technique†Erect position preferable for basilar [perfusion defects](#) (dependent lung region receives more ventilation + radiotracer)

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Carbon Dioxide Tracer O-15-labeled carbon dioxide *Physical half-life*: 2 minutes (requires on-site cyclotron) **PHYSIOLOGY**: inhalation of carbon dioxide; rapid diffusion across alveolar-capillary membrane; clearance from lung within seconds \checkmark cold spot due to failure of tracer entry into [airway](#) = [airway](#) disease \checkmark hot spot due to delayed / absent tracer clearance = perfusion defect (87% [sensitivity](#), 92% [specificity](#)) *Indications*: 1. Emboli can be detected in preexisting cardiopulmonary disease 2. Equivocal / indeterminate V/Q studies

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Positron Emission Tomography Dose:10 mCi FDG *Technique:* }patient fasts for 4 hours }Elevated serum glucose may cause a decrease in FDG uptake }imaging 30-60 minutes after IV injection in 30-45 image planes (15 cm axial field of view; resolution of 5 mm) }calculation of standardized uptake ratio (SUR) in region of interest (ROI) = mean activity in ROI [mCi/mL] divided by injected dose [mCi] }SUR >2.5 indicates malignant disease *Indications:* (1)Focal pulmonary abnormality accurate differentiation of benign and malignant lesions as small as 1 cm }low FDG uptake = benign }increased FDG uptake = cancer, active TB, histoplasmosis, rheumatoid nodule (2)Staging lung cancer }Occult metastases detected in up to 40% of cases! (a)Intrathoracic lymph nodes } lymph node with short-axis diameter > 1 cm by CT + not FDG avid = 100% NPV } small lymph node by CT + intense FDG uptake = 100% PPV (b)adrenal metastasis: 100% sensitive, 80% specific (3)Recurrent disease } increased FDG uptake at sites of residual radiographic abnormality >8 weeks after completion of therapy

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QUANTITATIVE LUNG PERFUSION IMAGING

Indication: determination of postresection pulmonary function when combined with pulmonary function testing (FEV₁) *Technique:* 1.Acquire posterior and anterior perfusion (MAA) image and calculate geometric mean2.Separate into right + left and into 2 equal lung zones from top to bottom, which yields 4 segments (upper left, bottom right, etc)*Result:* activity in each segment is compared with total activity, which yields % perfusion to each lung field

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Unilateral Lung Perfusion *Incidence:* 2% A. PULMONARY EMBOLISM (23%) B. [AIRWAY DISEASE](#) (a) Unilateral pleural / parenchymal disease (23%) (b) [Bronchial obstruction](#) 1. [Bronchogenic carcinoma](#) (23%) 2. [Bronchial adenoma](#) 3. Aspirated endobronchial foreign body C. CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE (15%) D. ARTERIAL DISEASE 1. [Swyer-James syndrome](#) (8%) 2. Congenital pulmonary artery hypoplasia / stenosis 3. Shunt procedure to pulmonary artery (eg, Blalock-Taussig) E. ABSENT LUNG 1. Pneumonectomy (8%) 2. [Unilateral pulmonary agenesis](#) *mnemonic:* "SAFE POEM" **S**wyer-James syndrome **A**genesis (pulmonary) **F**ibrosis (mediastinal) **E**ffusion (pleural) **P**neumonectomy, **P**neumothorax **O**bstruction by tumor **E**mbolus (pulmonary) **M**ucous plug

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CARDIAC IMAGING CHOICES

1.PLANAR imaging 2.SPECT imaging improves object contrast by removing overlying tissues 3.QUANTITATIVE analysis=circumferential profiles = plotting of average counts along equally spaced radii emanating from center of LV makes interpretation more objective + reproducible

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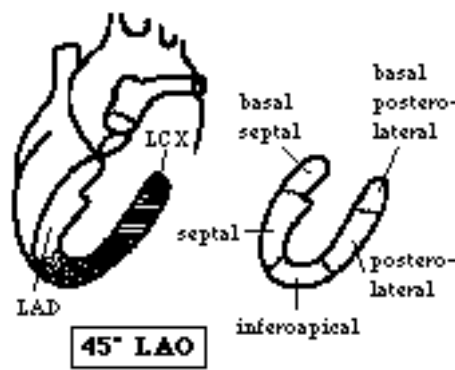
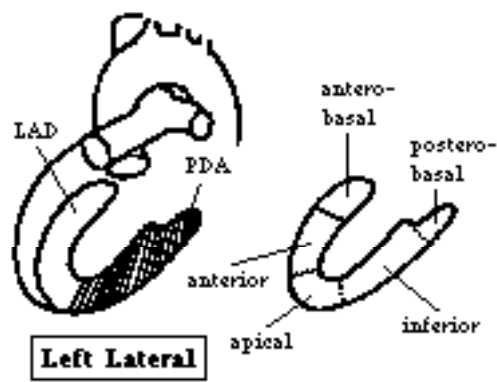
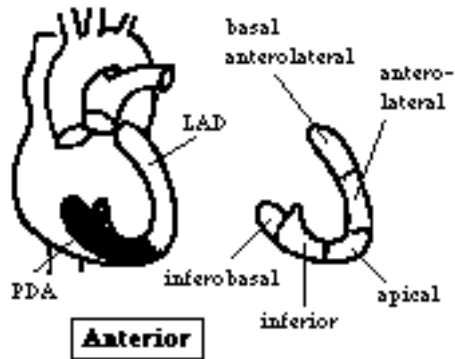
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LEFT VENTRICULAR ANATOMY AND PROJECTIONS

A.AP displays anterolateral wall, apex, inferior wall decreased activity at apex of LV due to thinning in 50%
B.LEFT LATERAL displays inferior wall, anterior wall
C.LAO 40° / LAO 70° Most often used projection; for all exercise studies displays interventricular septum, posterior wall, inferior wall best projection to separate right + left ventricles best projection to evaluate septal + posterior LV wall motion
D.RAO 45° displays anterior + inferior ventricular wall useful during 1st-pass studies with temporal separation of ventricles
E.LPO 45° (rarely used) 10° caudal tilt minimizes LA contamination of LV region displays anterior + inferior ventricular wall preferred over RAO 45° because LV is closer to camera
F.Angled LAO (slant-hole collimator / caudal tilt) separates ventricular from atrial activity highlights apical dyskinesis



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[Tc-99m DTPA](#) / [Tc-99m Sulphur Colloid](#) preferred for cardiac first-pass studies as they allow multiple studies with little residual from any preceding study

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Tc-99m-labeled RBCs = agent of choice because of good heart-to-lung ratio *Technique:* (1)IN VITRO LABELING}50 mL drawn blood incubated with Tc-99m reduced by stannous ion; RBCs washed and reinjected}Recently developed labeling kit allows excellent in vitro labeling with only 3 mL of blood and is no longer time-consuming and expensive(2)IN VIVO LABELING}IV injection of stannous pyrophosphate (1 vial PYP diluted with 2 mL sterile saline = 15 mg sodium pyrophosphate containing 3.4 mg anhydrous stannous chloride)}15-30 minutes later injection of [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) (+7), which binds to "pretinned" RBCs (reduction to Tc-99m [+4])}Least time-consuming + easiest method!}Worst labeling efficiency (30% not tagged to RBCs + excreted in urine)!(3)IN VITRO LABELING= MODIFIED IN VIVO METHOD }10 minutes after IV injection of 1 mg stannous pyrophosphate 10 mL of blood are drawn + incubated with [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) for 10-20 minutes with small amount of heparin added + reinjected (3-way stopcock technique)}Preferred method because of high labeling efficiency with little free pertechnetate!N.B.:poor tagging in(a)heparinized patient(b)injection through IV line (adherence to wall)(c)syringe flushed with dextrose instead of salineDose:15-30 mCi (larger dose required for stress MUGA + obese patients);for children: 200 µCi/kg (minimum dose of 2-3 mCi)*Radiation dose:*1.5 rad for heart, 1.0 rad for blood, 0.4 rad for whole body

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Tc-99m HSA HSA = human serum albumin *Indication:* drug interference with RBC labeling (eg, heparinized patient) *Physiology:* (a) albumin slowly equilibrates throughout extracellular space (b) poorer heart-to-lung ratio than with labeled RBCs

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Thallium-201 Chloride = cation produced in cyclotron from stable Tl-203 = image agent of choice to assess myocardial viability
Cyclotron: by (p,3n) reaction to radioactive Pb-201 (half-life of 9.4 hours) which decays by electron capture to Tl-201
Decay: by electron capture to Hg-201
Energy spectrum: 69-83 keV of Hg-K x-rays (98% abundance); 135 keV (2%) + 167 keV (8%) gamma photons
Physical half-life: 74 hours
Biologic half-life: 10 ± 2.5 days
Dose: 1.5-3-4 mCi (the larger dose for SPECT)
Radiation dose: 3 rad for kidneys (critical organ) (1.2 rad/mCi); 1.2 rad for gonads (0.6 rad/mCi); 0.7 rad for heart + marrow (0.34 rad/mCi); 0.5 rad for whole body (0.24 rad/mCi)
Quality control: should contain <0.25% Pb-203, <0.5% Tl-202 (439 keV)
Indications: 1. Acute [myocardial infarction](#) 2. Coronary artery disease particularly useful over ECG in: (a) conduction disturbances (eg, bundle branch block, preexcitation syndrome) (b) previous infarction (c) under drug influence (eg, digitalis) (d) left ventricular hypertrophy (e) hyperventilation (f) ST depression without symptoms (g) if stress ECG impossible to obtain
Thallium uptake & distribution
 intracellular uptake via Na/K-ATPase analogue to ionic potassium, but less readily released from cells than potassium; distribution is proportional to regional blood flow; uptake depends on quality of regional perfusion + integrity of sodium-potassium pump @ Blood pool <5% remain in blood pool 15 minutes post injection
 @ Myocardium uptake depends on (a) myocardial perfusion (b) myocardial mass (c) myocardial cellular integrity
 First-pass extraction efficiency is 88%!
REMEMBER: 90% in 90 seconds! 4% of total dose localizes in myocardium at rest (myocardial blood flow = 4% of cardiac output) - peak myocardial activity occurs at 5-15 minutes after injection - uptake can be increased to 8-10% with dipyridamole stress - clearance from myocardium is proportional to regional perfusion @ Skeletal muscle + splanchnicus: first-pass extraction efficiency is 65% - accumulate 40% of injected dose - 4-6 hours fast + exercise decreases flow to splanchnicus and increases cardiac uptake @ Lung: 10% of total dose localizes in lung - augmented pulmonary extraction with left ventricular dysfunction, [bronchogenic carcinoma](#), [lymphoma](#) of lung
 <5% activity over lung is normal
 heart-to-lung ratio decreased with triple-vessel disease @ Kidney: accumulates 4% of injected dose - excretion of 4-8% within 24 hours @ Thyroid: increased uptake >1% in [Graves disease](#) + [thyroid carcinoma](#) @ Brain: uptake only if blood-brain barrier disrupted
Technique:
 A. Single dose method } 3 mCi injected at peak exercise for exercise image immediately + rest image 3 hours later
 B. Split dose method } 2 mCi injected for exercise image } 1 mCi reinjected at rest after 3 hours with rest image taken 30 minutes later
 C. Booster reinjection technique } reinjection of thallium followed by imaging after 18-24-72 hours augments blood concentration of isotope = late reversibility provides evidence of regional [myocardial ischemia](#) + viability not appreciated even on very delayed (24-72 hours) redistribution images; predicts scintigraphic improvement post intervention Reasoning: 50% of irreversible persistent defects improve significantly after booster reinjection
Imaging: 1. EXERCISE IMAGE = stress thallium image = map of regional perfusion obtained within minutes after injection at peak exercise; initial distribution proportional to myocardial blood flow, arterial concentration of radioisotope, and muscle mass; 300,000-400,000 counts / view (approximately 5-8 minutes sampling time), should be completed by 30 minutes
 2. REDISTRIBUTION IMAGE = equilibrium between tracer uptake and efflux dependent on blood flow + mass of viable tissue + concentration gradients = map of ischemic viable myocardium obtained at rest after 2-3-6 hours; washout half-life from myocardium is 54 minutes
 3. DELAYED IMAGE (optional) = viability study at 24 hours

INTERPRETATION OF STRESS THALLIUM IMAGES

Immediate Image Delayed Image Diagnosis

normal normal normal defect fill-in exertional ischemia defect persistent myocardial scar defect partial fill-in scar + ischemia / persistent ischemia

1. Initial phase = first-pass extraction
 temporary defect accentuated by exercise
 defect >15% of ventricular surface suggests >50% stenosis of coronary artery
 right heart well seen during [stress test](#), tachycardia, volume / pressure overload
 2. Redistribution phase (on 2-4-hour images)
 washout in normal areas
 slow continued accumulation of tracer for areas of greatly reduced perfusion
 increased uptake in viable ischemic zones
 permanent defect = nonviable myocardium as in [myocardial infarction](#) / [fibrosis](#)
 increased lung activity (= >50% of myocardial count) indicative of (a) left ventricular failure due to severe LCA disease / [myocardial infarction](#) (b) [pulmonary venous hypertension](#) due to cardiomyopathy / mitral valve disease
 right heart faintly visualized during rest (15% of perfusion to right side); increased activity in RV due to (a) increase in ventricular systolic pressure (b) increase in mean pulmonary artery pressure (c) increase in total pulmonary vascular resistance
Sensitivity: overall 82-84% for stress Tl-201 (60-62% for exercise ECG) (a) increased with: (1) severity of stenosis (86% + 67% sensitive with stenosis >75% + <75%) (2) greater number of involved arteries (3) stenosis of left main > LAD > RCA > LXC (4) prior infarction (5) high work load during exercise testing in patients with single-vessel disease (b) decreased with: (1) presence of collateral (2) beta blockers (3) time delay for poststress images
Specificity: overall 91-94% for stress Tl-201 (81-83% for exercise ECG)
False-positive thallium test (37-58%): A. Infiltrating myocardial disease 1. [Sarcoidosis](#) 2. [Amyloidosis](#) B. Cardiac dysfunction 1. [Cardiomyopathy](#) 2. [IHSS](#) 3. Valvular [aortic stenosis](#) 4. [Mitral valve prolapse](#) (rare) C. Decreased cardiac perfusion other than [myocardial infarction](#) 1. Cardiac contusion 2. Myocardial [fibrosis](#) 3. Coronary artery spasm (severe unstable angina may cause defect after stress + on redistribution images, but will be normal at rest!) D. Normal variant 1. Apical myocardial thinning 2. Attenuation due to diaphragm, breast, implant, pacemaker
Mnemonic: "IM SIC" Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis
Myocardial infarct without coronary artery disease Scarring, Spasm, Sarcoidosis Infiltrative / metastatic lesion
Cardiomyopathy **False-negative thallium test:** 1. Under influence of beta-blocker (eg, propranolol) 2. "Balanced ischemia" = symmetric 3-vessel disease 3. Insignificant obstruction 4. Inadequate stress 5. Failure to perform delayed imaging 6. Poor technique
Mnemonic: "3NMRS COR" 3-vessel disease (rare) Noncritical stenosis Medications interfering Right coronary lesion (isolated)
Submaximal exercise Collateral (coronary) blood vessels Overestimation of stenosis on [angiography](#) Redistribution (early / delayed)
Advantages compared to Tc-99m compounds: (1) higher total accumulation in myocardium (2) provides redistribution information
Disadvantages: (1) low energy x-rays result in poor resolution (improved with SPECT) (2) dose is limited by its long half life (3) half-value thickness of 3 cm results in less avid appearing myocardium: inferior wall (deeper part of myocardium) / anterolateral wall (overlain by breast) (4) imaging must be completed by 45 minutes post injection or redistribution occurs

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Tc-99m MIBI (Sestamibi) = cationic lipophilic isonitrile complex which associates with myocyte mitochondria *Pharmacokinetics*: -relatively rapid clearance from circulation (40% first pass extraction)-high myocardial accumulation (4%) with nonlinear [uptake](#) proportional to regional perfusion (fall-off in extraction at higher rates of flow)-slow washout with long retention time in myocardium with little recirculation-significant hepatic activity *Excretion*.through biliary tree (give milk after injection and before imaging to decrease GB activity) *Dose*:25 mCi (Cardiolite®) *Imaging*:optimum images 1 hour after injection (may be imaged up until 3 hours) *Technique*:separate injections for stress and rest studies because of slow washout A.1-day protocol Improved detection of reversibility compared with stress-rest protocol }rest images 60-90 minutes after injection of 8 mCi Tc-99m sestamibi}wait 0-4 hours}stress patient followed by injection of 25 mCi Tc-99m sestamibi at peak stress (increased myocardial blood flow means increased myocardial [uptake](#))}image 30-60 minutes later (optimum imaging time of stress-induced defects) B.2-day protocol (stress-rest protocol):}stress images on 1st day: Tc-99m sestamibi given at peak stress; imaging after 30-60 minutes delay to allow liver activity to decrease}repeat on 2nd day if stress views abnormal *Advantages over thallium*: (1)Low [radiation dose](#) related to shorter half-life allowing larger doses with less patient radiation(2)excellent imaging characteristics due to(a)improved photon flux which means faster imaging + allows cardiac gating(b)higher photon energy means less attenuation artifact from breast tissue / diaphragm + less scatter(3)NO redistribution(4)Temporal separation of injection and imaging allows injection during acute myocardial infarct when patient may not be stable for imaging; after stabilization + intervention (angioplasty / urokinase) imaging can demonstrate the pre-intervention defect(5)low cost(6)easy availability(7)flexible scheduling(8)increased patient throughput *Disadvantage*:less well suited to assess viability

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Tc-99m Teboroxime =neutral boronic acid oxime complex *Pharmacokinetics*: -very rapid clearance time from circulation (rapid [uptake](#) by myocardium with high extraction efficiency)-distribution proportional to cardiac blood flow EVEN at high blood flow levels (sestamibi + thallium plateau at high levels of flow)-biexponential washout from myocardium-high background from lung + liver *Dose*: 25-30 mCi (Cardiotech®) *Imaging*: must begin immediately post injection due to rapid washout; rest image can immediately follow stress image

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Tc-99m Tetrofosmin =diphosphine complex *Related compounds:* Q12 (furifosmin), Q3 *Pharmacokinetics:* -lower first-pass extraction and accumulation than thallium
-slow myocardial washout-rapid background clearance

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Positron Emission Tomography *Perfusion agents:* N-13 ammonia, O-15 water, Rb-82 (available from a strontium generator) *Metabolic agents:* Fluorine-18-deoxyglucose (glycolysis), carbon-11-palmitate (beta-oxidation), carbon-11-acetate (tricarboxylic acid cycle) *Pathophysiology:* in [myocardial ischemia](#) glycolysis (utilization of glucose) increases while mitochondrial beta-oxidation of fatty acids decreases! *Sensitivity:* >95% mismatched defect (= decreased perfusion but enhanced metabolism indicated by FDG uptake) indicates viable myocardium (= dysfunctional myocardium salvageable by revascularization procedure) matched defect (= flow + FDG accumulation both decreased) indicate nonviable myocardium 80-90% of matching defects do not improve after bypass 11-C-acetate superior to FDG (accurately reflects overall oxidation metabolism, not influenced by myocardial substrate utilization) *Comparison with thallium:* [accuracy](#) for fixed lesions similar; higher for reversible ischemia

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Physical Stress Test }exercise in erect position (peak heart rate lower if supine) on treadmill or bicycle; isometric handgrip exercise raises blood pressure less (but adequate for evaluation)}starting point of workload selected according to preliminary exercise results (at an average of 200 kilowatt pounds)}workload increments by 200 kilowatt pounds up to 85% of predicted maximum heart rate (= 220 - age) / exercise limited by symptoms of chest pain, dyspnea, fatigue, arrhythmia, ischemic ECG (cardiologist with crash cart should be available) *End points for discontinuing exercise:* A.Symptoms:chest pain, dyspnea, fatigue, [leg](#) cramps, dizzinessB.Signs:fall in BP >10 mm Hg below previous stage, ventricular tachycardia, run of 3 successive ventricular premature beatsProblems with exercise imaging: (1)[Sensitivity](#) to detect ischemic lesions decreases with suboptimal exercise (in particular for older population)(2)Higher false-positive tests in women (artifacts from overlying breast tissue)(3)Propranolol (beta blocker) interferes with [stress test](#), should be discontinued 24-48 hours prior to testing

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Pharmacological Stress Test *Advantage:* (1)Reproducibility(2)Independent from patient motivation(3)Freedom from patient infirmities, eg, severe peripheral vascular disease, arthritis, pain *Drug: A. Vasodilators* Action: binding to A₂ receptors affects the intracellular cyclic AMP, GMP, and [calcium](#) levels resulting in coronary hyperemia N.B.: Discontinue use of caffeine, tea, chocolate, cola drinks for 24 hours prior to test (1) IV infusion of 0.15 mg/kg/min dipyridamole (= Persantine®) for 4 minutes causing 3-5-fold increase in coronary artery blood flow Drug action: 30 minutes Side effects: flushing, nausea, bronchospasm (reversible with aminophylline) Prolonged supervision after test necessary} radiotracer injection 3-5 minutes later (2) IV infusion of 140 µg/kg/min adenosine (= Adenocard®, Adenoscan®) for 6 minutes Drug action: 2-3 minutes (half life of 15 sec) Side effects: flushing, nausea, AV block, bronchospasm} Supervision after test not needed} radiotracer injection during 3rd minute *Contraindication:* significant pulmonary disease requiring use of inhalers B. Inotropes Action: beta-1 agonist increasing myocardial contractility thus oxygen demand Candidates: patients with COPD, [asthma](#), allergy to vasodilators (1) IV infusion of 5 µg/kg/min dobutamine for 5 minutes, increased in steps of 5 µg/kg every 5 minutes to a maximum infusion rate of 30-40 µg/kg/min titrated to patients response} radiotracer injected at onset of significant symptoms / ECG changes / achievement of maximal rate of infusion or heart rate} infusion maintained for an additional 2 minutes with dose adjusted to patients condition (2) IV infusion of arbutamine with its own computerized delivery system titrating dose rate automatically *Contraindication:* severe hypertension, atrial flutter / fibrillation Applied to: 1. THALLIUM IMAGING (redistribution images after [stress test](#)): injection of 1.5-2 mCi of Tl-201 during peak exercise, continuation of exercise for additional 60 seconds before imaging commences Clues for stress images: ✓ RV myocardium well visualized ✓ little pulmonary background activity ✓ little activity in liver, stomach, [spleen](#) ✓ distribution more uniform after stress than during rest ✓ Degree of liver [uptake](#) useful as direct measure of level of exercise! Sources of technical errors: *mnemonic:* "ABCDE" PS "Attenuation from overlying breast / diaphragm Background oversubtraction Camera field nonuniformity Drugs, Delayed (excessively) imaging, Dose infiltration Eating / Exercising between stress + delayed images Positioning variation between stress + delayed images Submaximal exercise 2. GATED BLOOD POOL IMAGING (response of EF) ✓ increase in [ejection fraction](#) from 63-93% in normals ✓ increase in ventricular wall motion (anterolateral > posterolateral > septal)

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First-pass Ventriculography =FIRST TRANSIT = recording of initial transit time of an intravenously administered tight Tc-99m bolus through heart + lungs; limited number of cardiac cycles available for interpretation; additional projections / serial studies require additional bolus injection **Accuracy:** good correlation with contrast ventriculography **Agents:** pertechnetate, pyrophosphate, albumin, DTPA, sulfur colloid (almost any Tc-99m-labeled compound except lung scanning particles), Tc-99m-labeled autologous RBCs (most commonly) **Indication:** (1) Only 15 seconds of patient cooperation required (2) Calculation of cardiac output + [ejection fraction](#) (RBCs) (3) Subsequent first-pass studies within 15-20 minutes of initial study possible (DTPA) (4) Separate assessment of individual cardiac chambers in RAO projection (temporal separation without overlying atria, pulmonary artery, aortic outflow tract), eg, for right ventricular EF and [intracardiac shunts](#) **Technique:** cannulation of antecubital vein with ≥ 20 ga needle attached to 3-way stopcock and two syringes: syringe 1 contains ≤ 1 mL of radiotracer; syringe 2 contains a saline flush (10-20 mL); injection of radiotracer is followed by a strong flush of saline **Gating:** Improved images obtained by selection of time interval corresponding only to RV passage of bolus averaged over several (3-5) individual beats; gating may be done intrinsically or with ECG guidance **Imaging:** Region of interest (ROI) over RV silhouette in RAO projection; background activity taken over horseshoe-shaped ventricular wall; counts in ROI displayed as function of time; 25 frames/second for 20-30 seconds Normal passage of bolus: SVC, RA, RV, lungs, LA, LV, aorta R-to-L shunt: tracer appears in left side of heart before passage through lungs Evaluation of: 1. Obstruction in SVC region 2. Reflux from RA into IVC / jugular vein 3. Stenosis in pulmonary outflow tract 4. R-L shunt 5. Contractility of RV 6. Sequential beating of RA and RV 7. [Ejection fraction](#) of RV and LV

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Equilibrium Images = "blood pool" radionuclide [angiography](#) Agents: Tc-99m-labeled autologous RBCs (most commonly) / human serum albumin / *imaging*: after thorough mixing of radiotracer throughout vascular space} acquisition of images during selected portions of cardiac cycle triggered by R-wave; each image is composed of >200,000 counts (2-10 minutes) obtained over 500-1,000 beats after equilibrium has been reached; high-quality images can be obtained in different projections} gated acquisition from 16-32 equal subdivisions of the R-R cycle (electronic bins) allows display of synchronized cinematic images (assembled to composite single-image sequence) of an "average" cardiac cycle¹ may be displayed as time activity curves reflecting changes in ventricular counts throughout R-R interval-measured functional indices: preejection period (PEP), left ventricular ejection time (LVET), left ventricular fast filling time (LVFT₁), left ventricular slow filling time (LVFT₂), PEP/LVET ratio, rate of ejection + filling of LV} at rest: count density 200-250 counts/pixel requires generally 7-10 minutes acquisition time for 200,000-250,000 counts/frame} during exercise: 100,000-150,000 counts/frame requires an acquisition time of 2 minutes Evaluation of: 1. LV [ejection fraction](#) 2. Regional wall motion 3. Valvular regurgitation *Interpretation*: 1. Heart failure: decreased EF, prolongation of PEP, shortening of LVET, decreased rate of ejection 2. Hypertensive heart: normal systolic indices, normal EF, prolonged LVT₁ 3. [Hypothyroidism](#): prolonged PEP, normal EF 4. [Aortic stenosis](#): mild reduction of EF, prolonged LV emptying time, decreased rate of ejection, normal rate of filling¹ area of decreased periventricular [uptake](#) secondary to (a) [pleural effusion](#) >100 mL (b) ventricular hypertrophy

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Gated Blood Pool Imaging =MULTIPLE GATED ACQUISITION (MUGA)Recording of: (1)[Ejection fraction](#) (EF) of left ventricle before + after exercise (>6 million counts, 32 frames)(2)Regional wall motion of ventricular chambers (>4.5 million counts, 24 frames)(a)at rest:[myocardial infarction](#), aneurysm, contusion(b)during exercise:ischemic dyskinesia (detectable in 63%)(3)Regurgitant indexProjection: (a)best septal view (usually LAO 45°) for EF; often requires some cephalad tilting of detector head(b)two additional views for evaluation of wall motion (usually anterior + left lateral views)*Imaging*: Physiologic trigger provided by R-R interval of ECG ("bad beat" rejection program desirable) (a)gated images obtained for 5 minutes(b)2-minute image acquisition time for each stage of exercise *PROs*:(1)Higher information density than 1st-pass method(2)Assessment of pharmacologic effect possible(3)"Bad beat" rejection possible*CONS*:(1)Significant background activity(2)Inability to monitor individual chambers in other than LAO 45° projection(3)Plane of AV valve difficult to identify*Radiation dose*:1.5 rad for heart; 1.0 rad for blood; 0.4 rad for whole body

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INFARCT-AVID IMAGING

=hot spot imaging Agent: [Tc-99m pyrophosphate](#) (standard), Hg-203 chlormerodrin, Tc-99m tetracycline, Tc-99m glucoheptonate, F-18 sodium fluoride, Indium-111 antimyosin (murine monoclonal antibodies to myosin), Tc-99m antimyosin Fab fragment

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Tc-99m Antimyosin Fab Fragments =specific marker for myocyte damage=Fab fragments of an antibody raised against water-insoluble heavy chains of cardiac myosin that are exposed due to necrosis **Sensitivity:95%** **uptake** ONLY in acute infarct with decreasing intensity as the infarct heals

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NONAVID INFARCT IMAGING

=Cold spot imaging=myocardial perfusion study for acute myocardial infarct
Agent: Tl-201 (at rest) *Sensitivity after onset of symptoms:* 96% within 6-12 hours, 79% after 48 hours, 59% in remote infarction; *sensitivity for SPECT (seven pinhole tomography)* 94% > planar scintigraphy 75%
fixed permanent defect in acute infarction
fixed permanent defect at rest + on stress thallium + redistribution images in old infarction
"cold defect" at rest may represent transient ischemia in unstable angina
N.B.: Tl-201 cannot distinguish between recent + remote infarction!

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BILIARY SCINTIGRAPHY

Tc-99m IDA analogs = Tc-99m acetanilide iminodiacetic acid analogs (IDA) Dependent on the substances lipophilicity, there is a trade-off between renal [excretion](#) + hepatic [uptake](#) (BIDA is the most lipophilic, HIDA the least lipophilic) 1. HIDA (2,6-dimethyl derivative): [H = hepatic] bilirubin threshold of <18 mg/dL; 15% renal [excretion](#) 2. BIDA (parabutyl derivative): bilirubin threshold of <20 mg/dL 3. PIPIDA (paraisopropyl derivative): 2% renal [excretion](#) 4. DIDA (diethyl derivative) 5. DISIDA (diisopropyl derivative) = Disida®, Disofen®, Hepatolite®: bilirubin threshold of <30 mg/dL 6. TMB-IDA (m-bromotrimethyl IDA) = Mebrofenin®, Choletec®: T_{1/2} [uptake](#) is 6 minutes, T_{1/2} [excretion](#) is 14 minutes in normals **Quality control**: the final compound should contain- 90-100% Tc-99m IDA- <10% Tc-99m tin colloid- <10% Tc-99m sodium pertechnetate **Pharmacokinetics**: @Bloodstream tracer bound predominantly to albumin, which decreases renal [excretion](#) (renal [excretion](#) seen in most normals); dissociation of albumin + Tc-99m-IDA takes place at space of Disse @Liver peak liver activity 5-10 minutes post injection = hepatic phase; 85% extracted by hepatocytes; tracer enters anion pathway of bilirubin ↓Delayed liver [uptake](#) implies hepatocyte dysfunction / CHF (less likely) ↓Look for liver lesions on early images @Bile secretion by hepatocytes without conjugation; CBD + cystic duct visualized within 15 minutes (not always visualized in normals); GB visualized by 20 minutes ↓Activity in right paracolic gutter / intraperitoneal space implies postoperative bile leak @Bowel [excretion](#) into duodenum by 30 minutes; bowel visualized within 1 hour; no enterohepatic recirculation **Dose**: 3-7 mCi for adults (higher dose may be needed for high bilirubin level + for tracer with lower bilirubin threshold) **Radiation dose**: 2 rad for upper large bowel; 0.55 rad for gallbladder; 3 rad/mCi for small bowel; 0.01 rad/mCi for whole body **Patient preparation**: 1. Narcotics (opiates) + sedatives increase tone of sphincter of Oddi and are stopped 6-12 hours before exam 2. Fasting of at least 2-4 hours but <24 hours 3. **Cholecystokinin**-C-terminal octapeptide = Sincalide (slow IV injection of 0.02 µg/kg Kinevac®) may be used to empty gallbladder about 30 minutes before tracer injection in patients on prolonged fasting (gallbladder atony + retained bile and sludge secondary to absence of endogenously produced CCK) Useful in: (a) patient fasting >24 hours / on total parenteral nutrition (b) acalculous cholecystitis Side effect: increase in biliary-to-bowel transit time **Equipment**: Large field-of-view scintillation camera fitted with LEAP collimator; spectrometer set at 140 keV with 20% window Computer software for deconvolutional analysis allows determination of percent of hepatic arterial and percent of portal venous blood flow to liver (helpful in assessment of liver transplants) **Imaging**: at 5-10-minute intervals for 60 minutes; if gallbladder not visualized for at least up to 4 hours; RLAT, RAO, LAO projections to confirm gallbladder position ↓Look for enterogastric reflux as a cause of biliary gastritis! **IV morphine sulfate** (0.04 µg/kg): contracts sphincter of Oddi + raises intrabiliary pressure with retrograde filling of gallbladder; maximal effect 5 minutes post injection; shortens study time to 1 hour in cases of nonvisualization of gallbladder when injected 30-40 minutes into study; increases [accuracy](#) from 88% to 98% and [specificity](#) from 83% to 100% **Normals**: gallbladder appearance within 60 minutes (90% within 30 minutes); gallbladder visualization within 30 minutes after administration of morphine; small bowel activity within 90 minutes (80% within 60 minutes) **Gallbladder Ejection Fraction** (GBEF) GBEF = $[GB_{initial} - GB_{post}] \div GB_{initial}$ **Indication**: (1) to increase [sensitivity](#) of study for acute (acalculous) cholecystitis (2) in patients with atypical GB pain and no [cholelithiasis](#) **Technique**: 1. Select ROI about GB 2. Administer Sincalide in a dose of 0.02 µg/kg body weight IV over 30 minutes (with infusion pump) **Normal result**: >30% GBEF **False-positive DISIDA Scan mnemonic**: "F2C PAL" Food (recent meal) Fasting (prolonged) Cystic duct cholangiocarcinoma Pancreatitis Alcoholism Liver dysfunction **False-negative DISIDA Scan mnemonic**: "ADA" Acalculous cholecystitis Duodenal diverticulum simulating GB Accessory cystic duct

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LIVER SCINTIGRAPHY

Technetium-99m Sulfur Colloid = LIVER-**SPLEEN** SCAN *Indications*: liver, [spleen](#), bone marrow, acute rejection in [renal transplant](#), lower GI bleeding, [gastric emptying](#) *Preparation*: [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#) and sodium trisulfate are heated in a water bath ($95 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$) for 10 ± 2 minutes; sulfur atoms aggregate to form a "colloid" (average particle size $0.1-1 \mu$ with a range of $0.001-1 \mu$; true colloid has a particle size of $0.001-0.5 \mu$); gelatin is added to prevent further growth of particles *Quality control*: (a) >92% remain at origin of ascending chromatography (b) upper limit for particle size is 1μ - Usual cause for poor preparation is excessive / prolonged heating or a pH >7 - Preparation should not be used >6 hours (agglomeration of particles with aging) *Dose*: usually 3-6 mCi (8 mCi for SPECT) *Radiation dose*: 0.3 rad/mCi for liver (critical organ); 0.02 rad/mCi for whole body; 0.025 rad/mCi for bone marrow *Imaging*: 15-30 minutes post IV injection *Pharmacokinetics*: accumulation in liver (85%), [spleen](#) (10%), bone marrow (5%); lung localization is rare (presumably secondary to circulating endotoxins + macrophage infiltration)

A. RETICULOENDOTHELIAL LOCALIZATION \uparrow colloid shift away from liver in diffuse hepatic dysfunction / decreased hepatic perfusion \uparrow increased bone marrow activity in hemolytic anemia \uparrow increased splenic activity in hypersplenism of [splenomegaly](#) / cancer / systemic illness B. BONE MARROW LOCALIZATION Hematopoietic system extends into long bones in children; recedes to axial skeleton, femora, and humeri with age \uparrow Bone marrow distribution cannot be used to determine sites of erythropoiesis! C. ABSCESS LOCALIZATION Sulfur colloid phagocytized by PMNs + monocytes *Labeling*: (a) in vivo: small labeling yield (b) in vitro: 40% labeling efficiency, but difficult + time-consuming preparation **Colloid Shift** A. Hepatic dysfunction 1. [Cirrhosis](#) 2. Hepatitis 3. Chronic passive congestion B. Augmented perfusion of [spleen](#) + bone marrow 1. Hematopoietic disorders 2. Long-term corticosteroid therapy **Focal Hot Liver Lesion** 1. IVC / SVC obstruction \uparrow increased perfusion of quadrate lobe located at posterior aspect of medial segment left hepatic lobe (collateral pathway via umbilical vein) 2. [Budd-Chiari syndrome](#) \uparrow "increased" perfusion of caudate lobe (actually decrease of activity elsewhere in liver) 3. FNH (varying amount of Kupffer cells) \uparrow hot / cold / isoactive with surrounding parenchyma 4. Regenerating nodules of [cirrhosis](#) **Defects In Porta Hepatis** 1. Normal variant (thinning of hepatic tissue overlying portal veins + gallbladder) 2. Biliary causes: dilatation of bile ducts, gallbladder hydrops 3. Enlarged portal lymph nodes 4. Metastases 5. [Hepatic cyst](#) 6. Hepatic parenchymal disease (pseudotumor) 7. Hepatic compression by adjacent extrinsic mass 8. Postsurgical changes following cholecystectomy **Focal Liver Defects** A. Neoplastic (a) primary liver tumor: hepatoma, [hemangioma](#), [hepatic adenoma](#), FNH (b) metastases: 85% [sensitivity](#), 75-80% [specificity](#) (for lesion >1-2 cm) B. Infectious disease / abscess C. Benign cyst D. Trauma E. Pseudotumor = normal variant *mnemonic*: "LCHAIM" Lymphoma Cyst Hematoma Abscess Infarct Metastasis **Mottled Hepatic Uptake** 1. [Cirrhosis](#) 2. [Acute hepatitis](#) 3. [Lymphoma](#) 4. [Amyloidosis](#) 5. Granulomatous disease (sarcoid, fungal, viral, parasitic) 6. Chemo- / radiation therapy

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SPLENIC SCINTIGRAPHY

1. Tc-99m sulfur colloid: 3-5 mCi 2. Tc-99m heat-denatured erythrocytes *Indication:* (1) [Splenic trauma](#) (2) Accessory + ectopic [spleen](#) *Technique:* 20-30 minutes after injection of pyrophosphate IV 15-20 mL of blood are drawn + incubated with 2 mCi of pertechnetate; blood is heated to 49.5°C for 35 minutes and reinjected ♂
Fragmentation of RBCs from overheating increases hepatic [uptake](#)! *Imaging:* 20 minutes post injection

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Radionuclide Esophagogram *Preparation:* 4-12 hours fasting; imaging in supine / erect position *Dose:* 250-500 μ Ci Tc-99m sulfur colloid in 10 mL of water taken through straw *Imaging:* when swallowing begins \downarrow normal transit time: 15 seconds with 3 distinct sequential peaks progressing aborally \downarrow prolonged transit time: [achalasia](#), [progressive systemic sclerosis](#), diffuse esophageal spasm, nonspecific motor disorders, "nutcracker" esophagus, [Zenker diverticulum](#), esophageal stricture + obstruction *Difficult interpretation in:* [hiatal hernia](#), GE reflux, Nissen fundoplication

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Levine / Denver Shunt Patency *Technique:* sterile injection of 0.5-1 mCi Tc-99m MAA / sulfur colloid via paracentesis *Imaging:* over abdomen (or chest) to detect [uptake](#) in liver (or lung), which confirms patency

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RENAL AGENTS

Renal Scintigraphic Agents			
MORPHOLOGIC AGENTS			
Tc-99m DTPA	5 mCi	proximal tubular uptake + glomerular filtration	collecting system visualized on delayed images
Tc-99m DMSA	2-5 mCi	proximal + distal tubular uptake	limited availability, relatively high radiation dose, collecting system not visualized on delayed images
FUNCTIONAL AGENTS			
I-131 OIH	200-400 µCi	80% secreted, 20% filtered	routinely used for ERPF measurement, analog of PAH, highest renal extraction fraction, poor image detail, high radiation dose, requires high-energy collimator
Tc-99m DTPA	10-15 mCi	nearly 100% filtered	GFR calculation, delayed time-to-peak with slow clearance
Tc-99m MAG ₃	2-10 mCi	99% secreted	ERPF estimate, good cortical detail, high target-to-background ratio

1. Agents for renal function: [Tc-99m DTPA](#), I-131 Hippuran 2. Renal cortical agent: [Tc-99m DMSA](#) 3. Renal combination agent: Tc-99m glucoheptonate

[Tc-99m DTPA \[Tc-99m Glucoheptonate\]](#) [Tc-99m DMSA \[I-131 OIH\]](#) [Tc-99m Mercaptoacetyltriglycine \(MAG3\)](#) [Enalaprilat-enhanced Renography](#) [Cold Defect On Renal Scan](#)

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[Tc-99m Glucoheptonate] largely replaced by Tc-99m MAG3 *Pharmacokinetics*: rapid plasma clearance + urinary [excretion](#) with excellent definition of pelvicalyceal system during 1st hour; extracted by (a) glomerular filtration and (b) tubular [excretion](#) (30-45% within 1st hour); 5-15% of dose accumulates in tubular cells by 1 hour, 15-25% by 3 hours; cortical accumulation remains for 24 hours Imaging: (a)collecting system within first 30 minutes(b)renal parenchyma after 1-2 hours (interfering activity in collecting system) *Biologic half-life*:2 hours *Dose*:15 (range 10-20) mCi *Radiation dose*:0.17 rads/mCi for kidney; 0.008 rads/mCi for whole body; 0.015 rads/mCi for gonads

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[I-131 OIH] largely replaced by Tc-99m MAG3 =I-131 orthiodohippurate (Hippuran®)=good for evaluation of renal tubular function / effective renal plasma flow; agent with highest extraction ratio without binding to renal parenchyma; visualizes kidney even in severe [renal failure](#) *Pharmacokinetics*: 80% secreted by proximal tubules; 20% filtered by glomeruli; maximal renal concentration within 5 minutes; normal transit time of 2-3 minutes; approximately 2% free iodine ϕ Lugol's solution is administered to protect thyroid *Imaging*: in 15-60-second intervals for 20 minutes; renal [uptake](#) determined from images obtained by 1-2 minutes (patient in supine position for equidistance of kidneys to camera) *Biologic half-life*: 10 minutes (with normal renal function) *Dose*: 200 (range 150-300) μ Ci *Radiation dose*: 0.06 rads/200 μ Ci for bladder; 0.02 rads/200 μ Ci for kidney; 0.02 rads/200 μ Ci for whole body; 0.02 rads/200 μ Ci for gonads

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Tc-99m Mercaptoacetyltriglycine (MAG₃)

=renal plasma flow agent similar to OIH but with imaging benefits of Tc-99m label (improved dosimetry) *Pharmacokinetics*: correlates with renal plasma flow; clearance is less than Hippuran *Dose*: 10 mCi *Evaluation*: true renal plasma flow = MAG₃ flow (obtained off renogram curve) multiplied by a constant (varies between 1.4 and 1.8)

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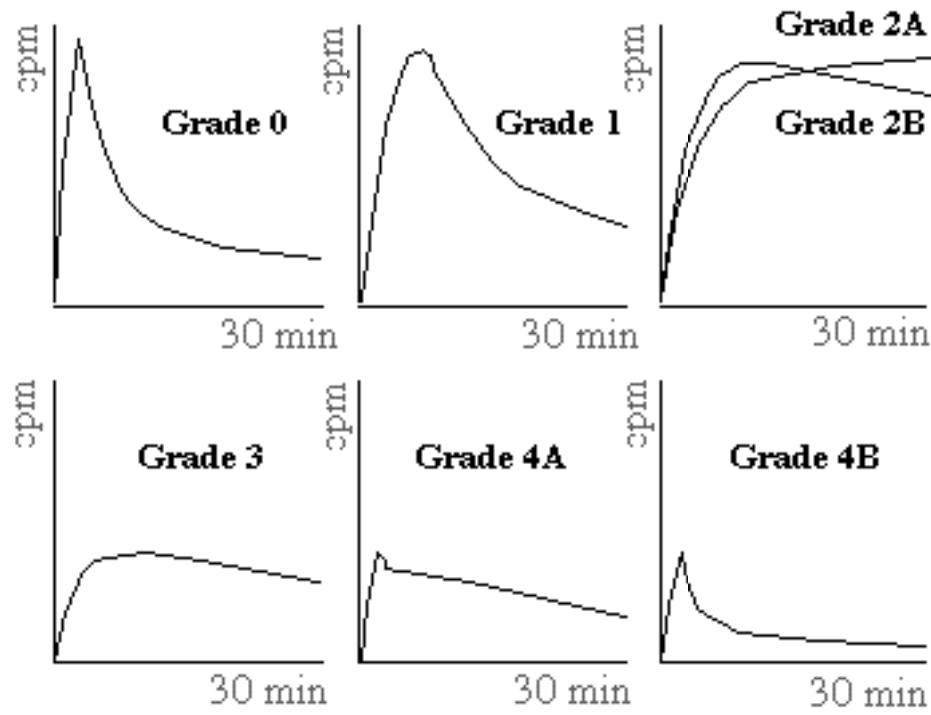


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Enalaprilat-enhanced Renography =screening for [renovascular hypertension](#) with angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) *Pharmacology*: the affected kidney responds to decreased arteriolar flow by releasing angiotensin II (= extremely potent vasoconstrictor acting on the efferent renal arteriole to increase filtration pressure); ACE inhibitors (eg, captopril, enalapril) block the angiotensin-converting enzyme Protocol: 1.Blood pressure checked (to prevent testing-4 d excessively hypertensive patients)2.Stop antihypertensive medications-9 hrs overnight (except for b-blockers)3.Fasting (liquids acceptable)-4 hrs4.Bladder catheterization to monitor -40 min urinary output5.1/2 normal saline IV drip at 75 mL/hr-30 min6.Lasix (= furosemide) IV-5 min20 mg if serum creatinine <1.5 mg/dL,40 mg if serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dL,60 mg if serum creatinine >3.0 mg/dL(not to exceed 1.0 mg/kg)7.2.5 mCi Tc-99m MAG₃ IV for baseline0 minstudy(a)flow phase with 1 sec/frame for60 frames(b)tracer kinetic (dynamic) phasewith 15 sec/frame for 120 frames8.Rehydration with 1/2 normal salinekeeping a 250-300 mL negative+30 minfluid balance 9.0.04 mg/kg Enalaprilat IV with blood +105 minpressure + heart rate checksq 5 minutes10.Repeat Lasix (= furosemide) IV+115 min(step 6)11.7.5 mCi Tc-99m MAG₃ IV for +120 minEnalaprilat-enhanced study12.10 mCi Tc-99m MAG₃ IV single post-Enalaprilat study for patients already onACEI therapy



Grading of Differential Renal Function

✓ change from baseline grade 0 / 1 by >1 grade=high probability for [renal artery stenosis](#) ✓ abnormal baseline curve without change= indeterminate for [renovascular hypertension](#) ✓ functional improvement following ACEI challenge= low probability for [renovascular hypertension](#)

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Cold Defect On Renal Scan *mnemonic:*"CHAT SIN"**C**yst **H**ematoma **A**bscess **T**umor **S**car **I**nfarct **N**eoplasm

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DIFFERENTIAL RENAL FUNCTION

Agents: (1)[Tc-99m DTPA](#):measurements prior to [excretion](#) within first 1-3 minutes; images taken at 1.5-second intervals for 30 seconds followed by serial images for next 30 minutes (2)[I-131 Hippuran](#):measurements prior to [excretion](#) within first 1-2 minutes Evaluation:generation of time-activity curves \checkmark upslope (= accretion phase) \checkmark peak activity (maximal [uptake](#) phase) \checkmark downslope ([excretion](#) phase) \checkmark increased hepatic + [soft-tissue uptake](#) with impaired renal function \checkmark measurements usually not significantly affected with differences in renal depth \checkmark measurements are accurate in renal obstruction if obtained within 1-3 minutes \checkmark prediction about functional recovery not possible following surgical relief of obstruction

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RADIONUCLIDE CYSTOGRAM

Technique: Infusion of 0.5-1 mCi [Tc-99m pertechnetate](#)-saline mixture into bladder *Imaging:* posterior upright views throughout filling and voiding phases; review on cinematic loop helpful; residual bladder volume can be calculated *Advantage:* lower [radiation dose](#) to child than comparable contrast study

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ADRENAL SCINTIGRAPHY

A. ADRENOCORTICAL IMAGING AGENTS 1. NP-592. Selenium-75 6-b-selenomethylnorcholesterol (Scintadren®) B. SYMPATHOADRENAL IMAGING AGENTS 1. I-131 / I-123 metaiodobenzylguanidine (MIBG)

[I-131 Metaiodobenzylguanidine \(MIBG\)](#) [I-123 Metaiodobenzylguanidine Iodocholesterol](#)

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I-131 Metaiodobenzylguanidine (MIBG) *Indications:* APUDomas = tumors of neural crest origin (C cells of thyroid, melanocytes of skin, chromaffin cells of adrenal medulla, pancreatic cells, Kulchitsky cells), which share the presence of neurosecretory granules capable of accumulating I-131 MIBG (1)[Pheochromocytoma](#) (80-90% [sensitivity](#), >90% [specificity](#)); tumors as small as 0.2 g have been detected(2)[Neuroblastoma](#), [carcinoid](#), medullary [thyroid carcinoma](#), nonfunctioning retroperitoneal neuroendocrine tumor, middle mediastinal [paraganglioma](#), adrenal metastasis of [choriocarcinoma](#), Merkel (skin) tumor *Pharmacokinetics:* Chemically similar to norepinephrine, which is synthesized by adrenergic neurons + cells of the adrenal medulla; localizes in storage granules of adrenergic tissue by means of energy- and sodium-dependent [uptake](#) mechanism; not metabolized to any appreciable extent; Normal activity is seen in liver, [spleen](#), bladder, salivary glands, myocardium, lungs; 85% of injected dose is excreted unchanged by kidneys *Method:* Lugol solution administered orally (50 mg of iodine per day) for 4-5 days starting the day before injection (to block thyroid [uptake](#) of free iodine) *Dose:* 0.4 mCi (14.8 MBq) or maximally 0.5 mCi/1.73 square meters of body surface MIBG *Radiation dose:* 35 rad/mCi for adrenal medulla, 1.0 rad/mCi for [ovaries](#), 0.4 rad/mCi for liver, 0.22 rad/mCi for whole body *Imaging:* 24, 48, (72) hours after injection *False-negative scan:* [uptake](#) blocked by reserpine, imipramine, other tricyclic depressants, amphetamine-like drugs

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I-123 Metaiodobenzylguanidine also allows SPECT imaging *Dose:*10 mCi *Radiation dose:*2.76 rad/mCi for adrenals, 0.07 rad/mCi for [ovaries](#), 0.05 rad/mCi for liver, 0.02 rad/mCi for whole body *Imaging:*at 6 and 24 hours

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STATISTICS

Incidence=number of diseased people per 100,000 population per year **Prevalence**=number of existing cases per 100,000 population at a target date

Mortality=number of deaths per 100,000 population per year **Fatality**=number of deaths per number of diseased

Decision Matrix: GOLD STANDARD Tnormalabnormalsubtotal EnormalTNFNNT-NPV SabnormalFPTPT+PPV T

subtotalD-D+total specsensacc

TP=test positive in diseased subjectFP=test positive in nondiseased subjectFN=test negative in diseased subjectTN=test negative in nondiseased subjectT+=abnormal

test resultT-=normal test resultD+=diseased subjectsD-=nondiseased subjects

[Sensitivity](#) [Specificity](#) [Accuracy](#) [Positive Predictive Value](#) [Negative Predictive Value](#) [False-positive Ratio](#) [False-negative Ratio](#) [Disease Prevalence](#)

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Accuracy = number of correct results in all tests = number of correct tests / total number of tests = $(TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN) = (TP + TN) / \text{total}$ depends much on the proportion of diseased + nondiseased subjects in studied population. Not valuable for comparison of tests. *Example:* same test accuracy of 90% for two tests A and B

Test A GOLD STANDARD Tnormalabnormalsubtotal Enormal 90 10 100 Sabnormal10 90 100 T

subtotal100100200

Test B GOLD STANDARD Tnormalabnormalsubtotal Enormal 17020 190 Sabnormal0 10 10 T

subtotal17030 200

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False-positive Ratio = proportion of nondiseased patients with an abnormal test result • D- column in decision matrix = $FP / (FP + TN) = FP / D = 1 - \text{specificity} = (TN + FP - TN) / (TN + FP)$

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BAYESS THEOREM

=the predictive [accuracy](#) of any test outcome that is less than a perfect diagnostic test is influenced by (a) pretest likelihood of disease (b) criteria used to define a test result

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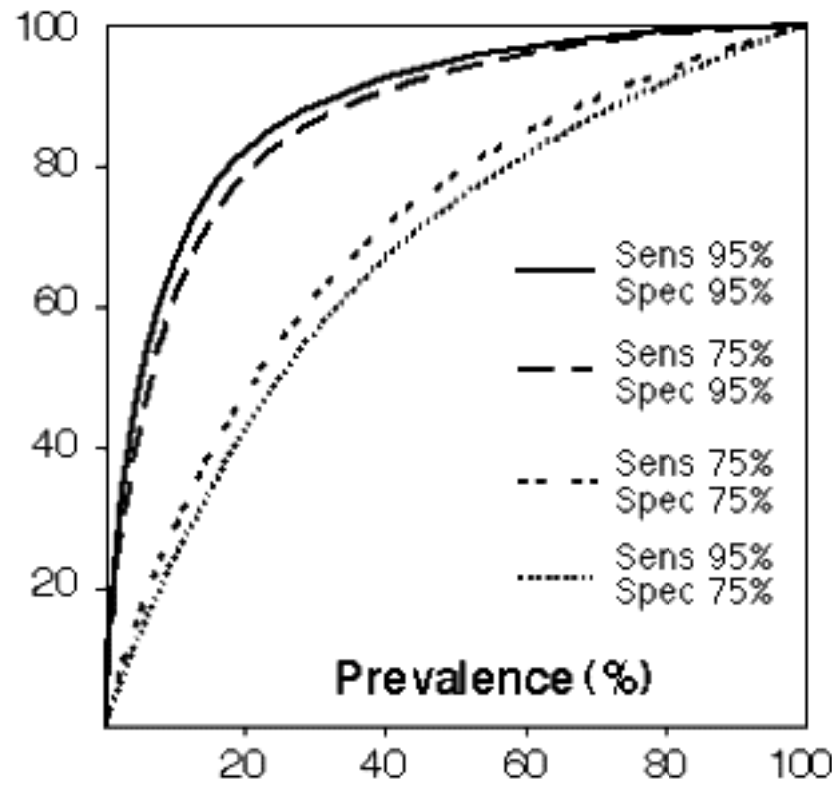
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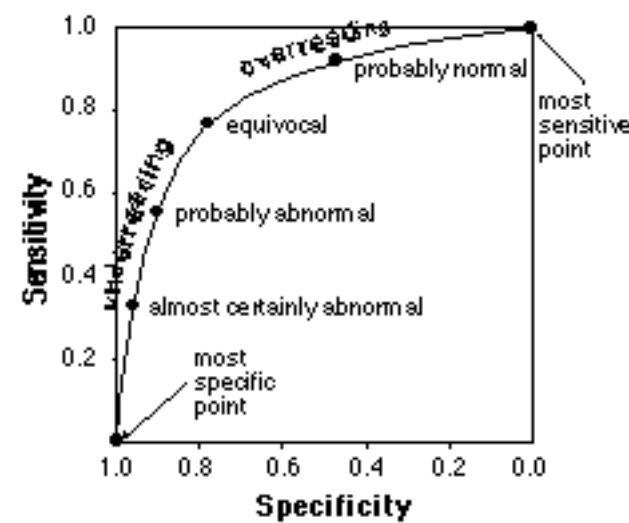
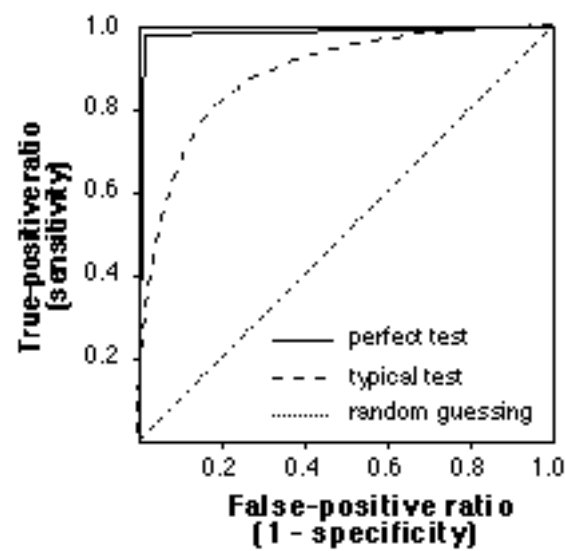
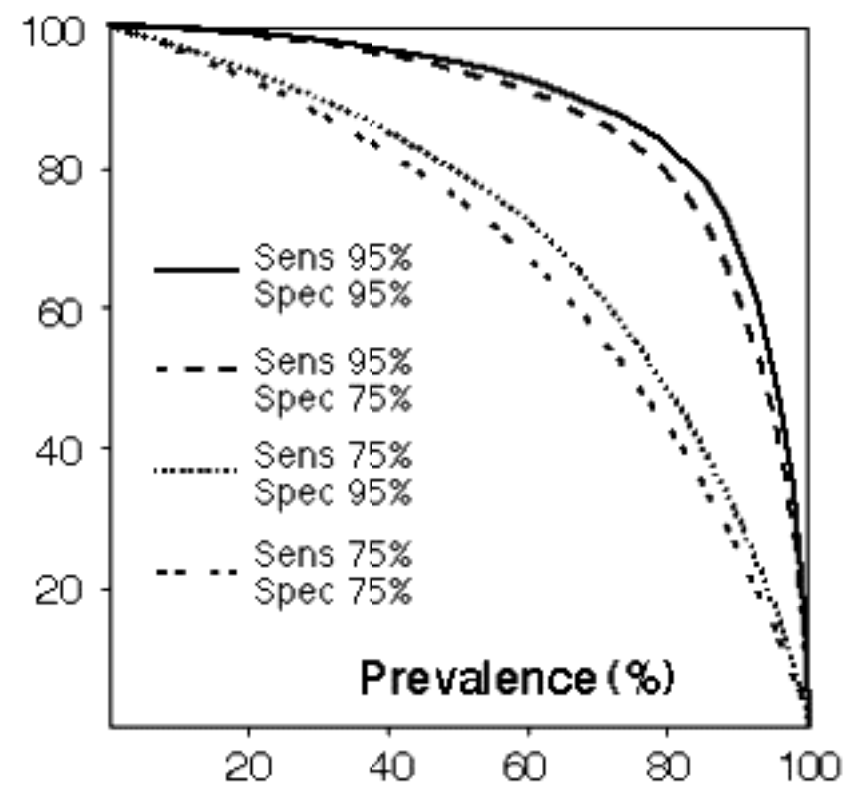
RECEIVER OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS (ROC)

=degree of discrimination between diseased + nondiseased patients using varying diagnostic criteria instead of a single value for the TP + TN fraction=curvilinear graph generated by plotting TP ratio as a function of FP ratio for a number of different diagnostic criteria (ranging from definitely normal to definitely abnormal) Y-axis:true-positive ratio = [sensitivity](#)X-axis:false-positive ratio = 1 - [specificity](#);reversing the values on the X-axis results in an identical "[sensitivity-specificity](#) curve" Use:variations in diagnostic criteria are reported as a continuum of responses ranging from definitely abnormal to equivocal to definitely normal due to subjectivity + bias of individual radiologist A minimum of 4-5 data points of diagnostic criteria are needed! *Difficulty*:subjective evaluation of image features; subjective diagnostic interpretation; data must be ordinal (= discrete rating scale from definitely negative to definitely positive) *Interpretation*: Increase in [sensitivity](#) leads to decrease in [specificity](#) Increase in [specificity](#) leads to decrease in [sensitivity](#) The most sensitive point is the point with the highest TP ratio-equivalent to "overreading" by using less stringent diagnostic criteria (all findings read as abnormal) The most specific point is the point with the lowest FP ratio-equivalent to "underreading" by using more strict diagnostic criteria (all findings read as normal) The ROC curve closest to the Y-axis represents the best diagnostic test Does not consider [disease prevalence](#) in the population

PPV (%)



NPV (%)



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KAPPA (K)

measures concordance between test results and gold standard ϕ Analogous to Pearson correlation coefficient (r) for continuous data!

GOLD STANDARD

T		$M_2M'_2$	$M_3M'_3$	$M_4M'_4$	M_1
E	$M_2M'_1$		$M_2M'_3$	$M_2M'_4$	M_2
S	$M_3M'_1$	$M_3M'_2$		$M_3M'_4$	M_3
T	$M_4M'_1$	$M_4M'_2$	$M_4M'_3$		M_4
	M'_1	M'_2	M'_3	M'_4	N

$$P_o = \frac{\sum_1^4 A}{N} \quad P_c = \frac{\sum_1^4 MM'}{N^2}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{P_o - P_c}{1 - P_c}$$

GOLD STANDARD

T	18	3	0	0	21
E	2	20	5	2	29
S	1	4	20	3	28
T	0	0	5	17	22
	21	27	30	22	100

Example: $\kappa = 0.743$ GOLD STANDARD T1830021 E2205229 S1420328 T0051722 21273022100 Predictive value of K: 0.00 - 0.20 little or none 0.20 - 0.40 slight 0.40 - 0.60 group 0.60 - 0.80 some individual 0.80 - 1.0 individual

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CONFIDENCE LIMIT

=degree of certainty that the proportion calculated from a sample of a particular size lies within a specific range (binomial theorem)¹ Analogous to the mean \pm 2 SD

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CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

=application of epidemiologic principles + methods to problems encountered in clinical medicine with the purpose to develop + apply methods of clinical observation that will lead to valid clinical conclusions
Epidemiology = branch of medical science dealing with incidence, distribution, determinants in control of disease within a defined population

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Screening Techniques *Principle question:* can early detection influence the natural history of the disease in a positive manner? *Outcome measure:* early detection + effective therapy should reduce morbidity + mortality, ie, increase survival rates (observational study)! *Biases:* **Lead time** = interval between disease detection at screening + the usual time of clinical manifestation; early diagnosis always appears to improve survival by at least this interval, even when treatment is ineffective **Length time** = differences in growth rates of tumors: (a) slow-growing tumors exist for a long time before manifestation thus enhancing the opportunity for detection (b) fast-growing tumors exist for a short time before manifestation thus providing less opportunity for detection at screening "interval cancers" = clinically detected between scheduled screening exams are likely fast-growing tumors; patients with tumors detected by means of screening tests will have a better prognosis than those with interval cancers

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Self-selection

= decision to participate in screening program; usually made by patients better educated + more knowledgeable + more health-conscious; mortality rates from noncancerous causes can be expected to be lower than in general population

Overdiagnosis = detection of lesions of questionable malignancy, eg, in-situ cancers, which might never have been diagnosed without screening + have an excellent prognosis

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Randomized Trials *Design*: two arms consisting of (a) study group (b) control group with patients assigned to each arm on randomized basis *Endpoint*: difference in mortality rates of both groups *Power*: study must be of sufficient size + duration to detect a difference, if one exists; analogous to [sensitivity](#) of a diagnostic test *Impact on effective size of groups*: **Compliance** = proportion of women allocated to screening arm of trial who undergo screening **Contamination** = proportion of women allocated to control group of trial who do undergo screening

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Case-control Studies Retrospective inquiry which is less expensive, takes less time, is easier to perform: (a)determine the number of women who died from [breast cancer](#)(b)chose same number of women of comparable age who have not died from [breast cancer](#)(c)ascertain the number of women who were screened + who were not screened in both arms

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	cases of deaths from breast cancer	controls not died from breast cancer
screened	a	b
not screened	c	d

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WATER-SOLUBLE CONTRAST MEDIA

Ionic=dissociation in water Nonionic=soluble in water (hydrophilic); no dissociation in solution Iodine-to-particle ratio =quotient of iodine atoms (attenuation of x rays) and number of particles (osmotoxic effect) ratio 1.5 agents=high-osmolar contrast media (HOCM) ratio 3.0 agents=low-osmolar contrast media (LOCM) ratio 6.0 agents=isotonic contrast media (IOCM)

Physicochemical Properties of Commonly Used Radiographic Contrast Media				
Contrast Media	Compound	mOsm/kg H ₂ O	Viscosity (cP) at 37°C	Iodine mg/mL
Ionic monomers				
Renografin®-60 (Squibb)	Na-meglumine diatrizoate	1420	4	282
Hypaque®-60 (Sanofi Winthrop)	Na-meglumine diatrizoate	1415	4	282
Conray®-60 (Mallinckrodt)	Meglumine-iothalamate	1500	4	282
Ionic dimers				
Hexabrix® (Mallinckrodt)	Na-meglumine ioxaglate	600	7.5	320
Nonionic monomers				
Omnipaque®800 (Sanofi Winthrop)	iohexol	672	6.3	300
Isovue®800 (Squibb)	iopamidol	618	4.7	300
Optiray®320 (Mallinckrodt)	ioversol	702	5.8	320
Nonionic dimers				
Iotrol®300 (Schering AG)	iotrolan	~310	9.1	300

Δ Osmolality of human serum is 290 mOsm/kg!
 Δ The higher the number of hydroxyl groups, the larger the size + the higher the viscosity + the higher the hydrophilicity!
 This decreases protein- and tissue-binding properties making the compound biologically more inert!

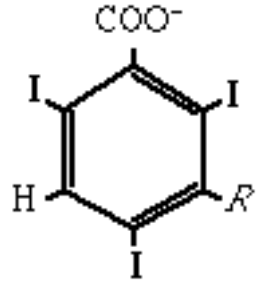
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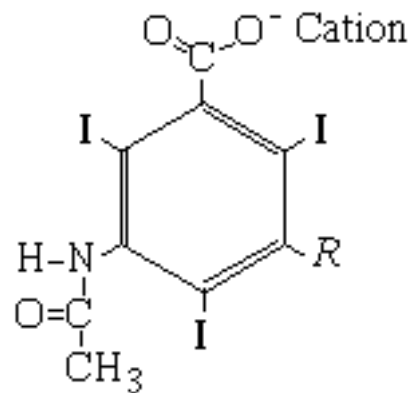
IONIC MONOMERS

=monoacidic salts composed of benzoic acid derivatives, with 3 hydrogen atoms replaced by iodine atoms + 3 hydrogen atoms replaced by simple amide chains in solution: strong organic acid completely dissociated (ionized) into negatively charged ions / anions Conjugated cations: (1)sodium(2)methylglucamine (meglumine)(3)combination of aboveIodine concentration: up to 400 mg/mL Iodine-to-particle ratio: 3:2 or 1.5:1 Osmolality: 1400-2100 mOsm/kg = HO CM



Acetrizate

The parent triiodinated contrast medium in first clinical use; the benzene ring is attached to a carboxyl (COO-) group at the 1-carbon position and conjugated with sodium / meglumine



Diatrizate

The unsubstituted hydrogen of acetrizate has been exchanged for another acetamido unit leading to higher biologic tolerance through higher degree of protein binding

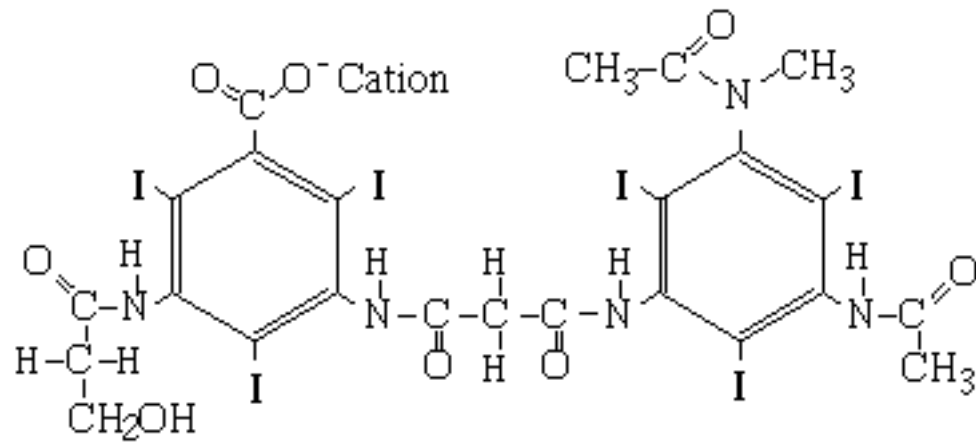
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IONIC DIMERS

Construction: 2 iodinated benzene rings containing 6 iodine atoms, one of which contains an ionizing carboxyl group; benzene rings are connected by a common amide side chain
Conjugation with: sodium + meglumine
Compound: ioxaglate (the only available)
Iodine concentration: 320 mg/mL
Iodine-to-particle ratio: 6:2 or 3:1
Osmolality: 600 mOsm/kg = LOCM



ioxaglate (Hexabrix®)

Sodium + meglumine are conjugated with the carboxyl group.

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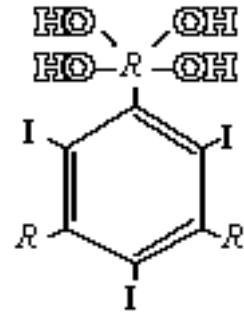
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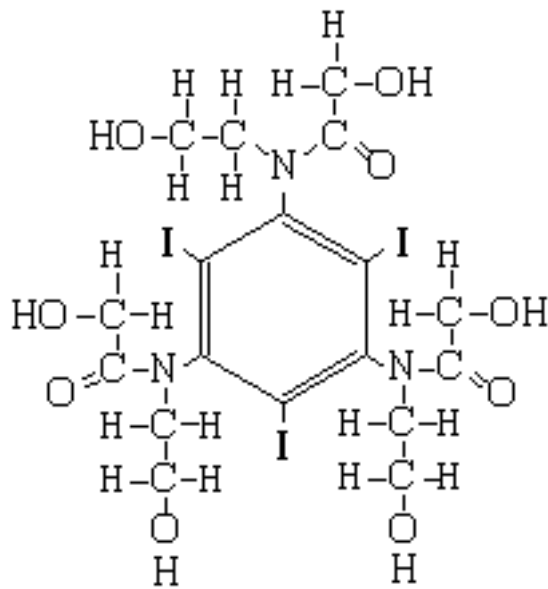
NONIONIC MONOMERS

Construction: benzoic acid carboxyl group replaced by amide; side chains have been modified by adding 4-6 hydroxyl (OH) groups which allows solubility in water
Iodine concentration: up to 350 mg/mL Iodine-to-particle ratio: 3:1
Compounds: iohexol, iopamidol, ioversol, iopental, iopromide (Ultravist®), iobitridol (Xenetix®), ioxilan



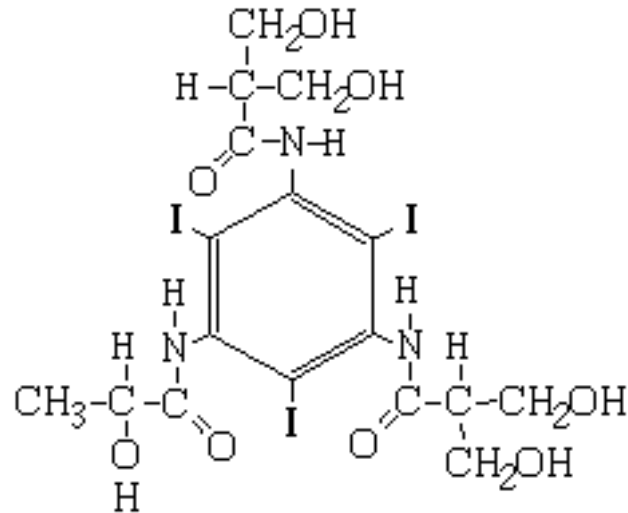
(Oxilan®) Osmolality: 616-796 mOsm/kg
glucosamide moiety.

Metrizamide The first compound with 4 hydroxyl groups positioned at one end of the molecule on the



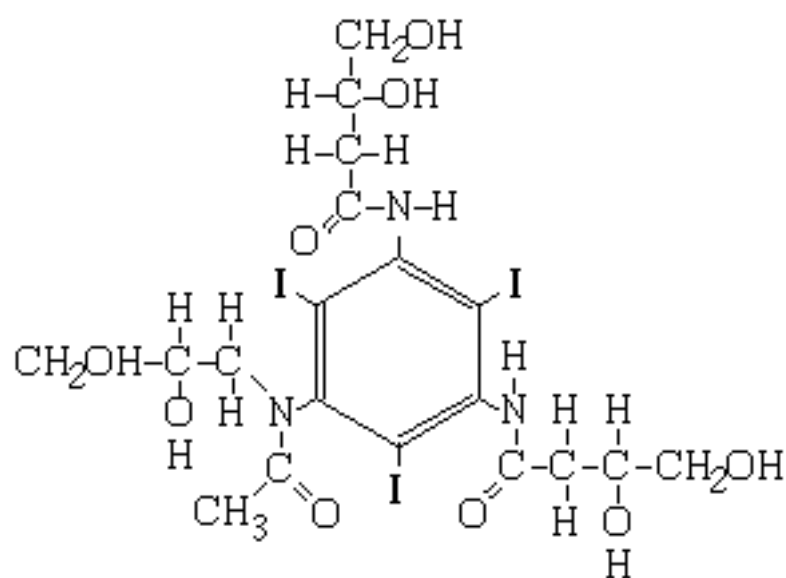
iohexol (Omnipaque®)

contains 6 hydroxyl (OH) groups more evenly distributed around the molecule improving subarachnoid toxicity.



lopamidol (Isovue®)

This nonionic monomer contains 5 hydroxyl (OH) groups.



loversol (Optiray®)

This nonionic monomer contains 6 hydroxyl (OH) groups.

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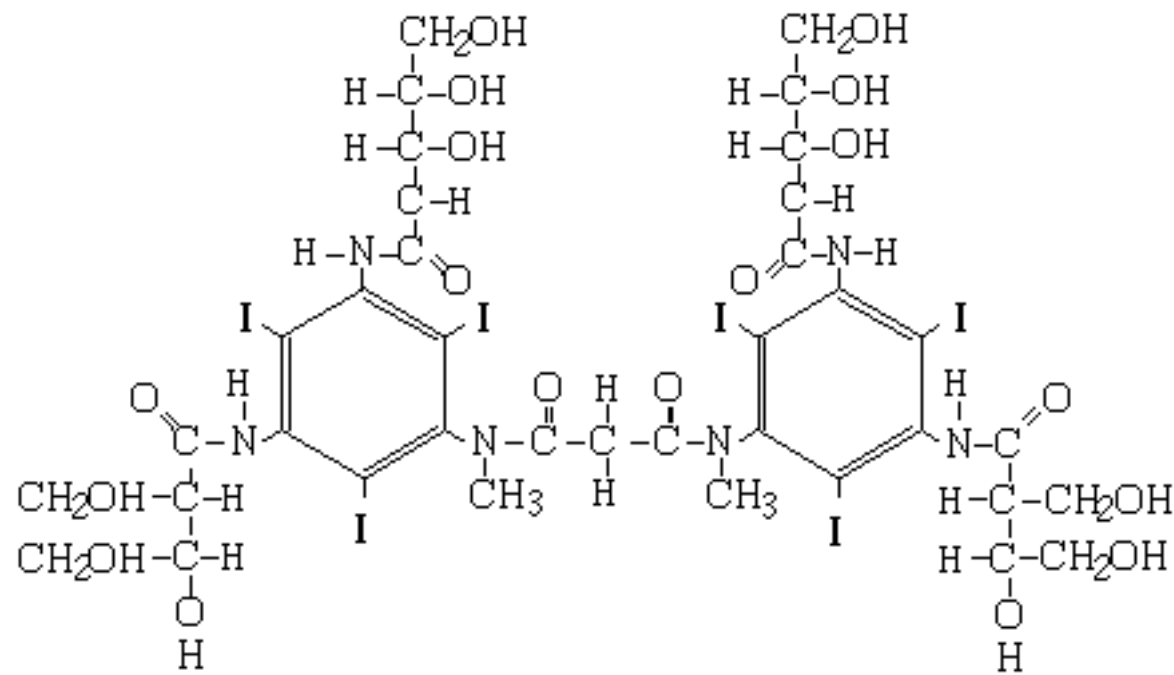
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NONIONIC DIMERS

Construction: contain up to 12 hydroxyl groups to eliminate ionicity, increase hydrophilicity, lower osmotoxicity, and increase iodine atoms per molecule
Compounds: iodecol, iotrolan (Isovist®), iodixanol (Visipaque®) Iodine-to-particle ratio: 6:1 Osmolality: hypo- / isoosmolar



Iotrolan (Iotrol®)

This nonionic dimer contains 12 hydroxyl (OH) groups.

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ADVERSE CONTRAST REACTIONS

A.Nonidiosyncratic (= dose-related) reactions *Cause*:direct chemotoxic / hyperosmolar effect ■ nausea, vomiting ■ cardiac arrhythmia ■ [renal failure](#) ■ [pulmonary edema](#) ■ cardiovascular collapse B.Idiosyncratic (= anaphylactoid) reactions *Cause*:unknown ■ hives, itching ■ facial / laryngeal edema ■ bronchospasm, respiratory collapse ■ circulatory collapse C.Delayed reactions ■ erythematous rashes, pruritus ■ fever, chills, flulike symptoms ■ joint pain ■ loss of appetite, taste disturbance ■ headache, fatigue, depression ■ abdominal pain, constipation, diarrhea **Risk Factors and Incidence of Adverse Reactions for High- and Low-Osmolality Contrast Media**

Type of Reaction HOCM LOCM (%) (%) Overall incidence Australia (Palmer et al.) 3.8 0.1 20 United States (Wolf et al.) 4.2 0.7 70 Japan (Katayama et al.) 12.7 0.3 10 Severe adverse reactions 0.2 20.0 4 Severe allergies to drugs, foods, etc. 23.4 0.6 90 [Asthma](#) 19.7 0.7 80 Repeat reaction to contrast media 16-44 4.1-11.2 Significant underlying medical conditions (a)renal disease (b)cardiac disease (c)blood dyscrasias (d)[pheochromocytoma](#) † Approximately 20-40% of population are at increased risk for adverse reaction to contrast media ‡ Mortality rates from contrast reactions are too small for both HOCM + LOCM to be statistically significant!

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USEFUL MEDICATIONS:

1. Alpha- and b-adrenergic agent Action: vasoconstriction, increased cardiac output □ 1 mL glass vials of epinephrine 1:1000 □ prepackaged 10-mL syringes of epinephrine 1:10,000 Cx: arrhythmia, [myocardial ischemia](#), nausea, vomiting, tremulousness, headache
2. Atropine Cx: angina, [myocardial infarction](#)
3. Metered-dose inhalers of b-adrenergic bronchodilators □ metaproterenol □ terbutaline
4. H₂ antagonists = antihistamines □ diphenhydramine □ hydroxyzine
5. Aminophylline □ 250 mg in 10 mL of 5% dextrose
6. Sedatives □ Demerol Cx: respiratory depression
7. Volume expander □ crystalloid solution as 0.9% saline □ hydroxyethyl starch (high-molecular-weight colloid)
8. Dopamine
9. Oxygen (administered by nasal prongs / mask)

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DERMAL CONTRAST REACTION

• hives = urticaria • itching = pruritus • flushing • facial angioedema (= nonpruritic SQ edema of eyelid / peroral)
A. MILD None (scattered hives do not require treatment!) B. IRRITATING □ 50 mg diphenhydramine PO / IM or □ 25 mg hydroxyzine PO / IM C. SEVERE URTICARIA □ diphenhydramine / hydroxyzine □ 0.3 mL epinephrine (1:1000) SQ □ IV line started + kept open (with normal saline / Ringers lactate)

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VASOVAGAL REACTION

• sinus bradycardia (pulse <60) + hypotension (systolic blood pressure <80 mmHg) • dizziness, diaphoresis • loss of consciousness □ deflate balloon + remove tip (if during BE) □ Trendelenburg position + [leg](#) elevation □ rapid IV infusion of 0.9% saline / volume expander if symptoms persist, add: □ 0.5-0.7 mg atropine IV every 5 min up to 2-3 mg

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TREATMENT OF PREMEDITATED PATIENTS

A. Patient on β -blocker if response to epinephrine inadequate □ 1-5 mg [glucagon](#) IV + subsequent slow drip of 5 mg [glucagon](#) over 60 min B. Patient on [calcium](#) channel blocker (eg, nifedipine, nicardipine) □ [calcium](#) IVC. Excessive vasoconstriction on epinephrine IV □ 3 mg/kg/min of reconstituted sodium nitroprusside (50 mg in 500-1000 mL of 5% dextrose wrapped in metal foil during use to protect solution from light)

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STEROID PREMEDICATION PROTOCOL

□ 32 mg methylprednisolone PO 12 and 2 hours prior to IV contrast administration *Indication:* previous respiratory adverse contrast reaction, history of significant allergies / severe [asthma](#) Caution in patients with: active [tuberculosis](#), [diabetes mellitus](#), peptic ulcer disease

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Nonoliguric Transient Renal Dysfunction =transient decline of renal function • serum creatinine level peaks on days 3-5 • serum creatinine returns to baseline values within 14-21 days • fractional [excretion](#) of sodium <0.01 (DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTIC compared with other causes)

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Acute Renal Failure = sudden + rapid deterioration of renal function = increase in serum creatinine of >25% or to >2 mg/dL within 2 days of receiving contrast material *Frequency*: 1-30%; 3rd most common cause of in-hospital [renal failure](#) after hypotension and surgery *Risk factors*: 1. Preexisting renal insufficiency (serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dL) 2. [Diabetes mellitus](#) (possibly related to dehydration / hyperuricemia) 3. Dehydration 4. Cardiovascular disease 5. Use of diuretics 6. Advanced age >70 years 7. [Multiple myeloma](#) (in dehydrated patients) 8. Hypertension 9. Hyperuricemia / uricosuria *Highest risk*: diabetics with renal insufficiency (ratio 3 nonionic LOCM appear to be 50% less nephrotoxic than ratio 1.5 ionic HOEM) CAVE: ⚠ Small decreases in renal function may greatly exacerbate the mortality caused by the underlying condition! ⚠ Metformin (Glucophage®) should be discontinued for 48 hours after contrast medium administration (accumulation of metformin may result in lactic acidosis which is fatal in 50%)! *Proposed mechanisms*: 1. Vasoconstriction (a) increase in intrarenal pressure induced by hypertonicity (b) intrarenal smooth muscle contraction in response to hypertonic substances 2. RBC aggregation in medullary circulation 3. Direct tubular cell injury *Potential antidotes*: Hydration (0.45% saline at 100 mL/h) 12 hours before + 12 hours after [angiography](#) ⚠ immediate dense nephrogram persisting for up to 24 hours (in 75%) ⚠ gradually increasing dense nephrogram resembling bilateral acute ureteral obstruction (in 25%) ⚠ bilaterally enlarged smooth kidneys ⚠ poor opacification of urine-conducting structures ⚠ effacement of collecting system (interstitial edema) Cx: 34% mortality (0.4% of all patients) Rx: 0.1% require renal replacement therapy

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