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- Radiation & Fluoroscopy
- Basics of CT, MRI, US, & VCUG
- Nuclear Medicine
- Renal Masses & Stones
- Prostate MRI
- Adrenal Imaging
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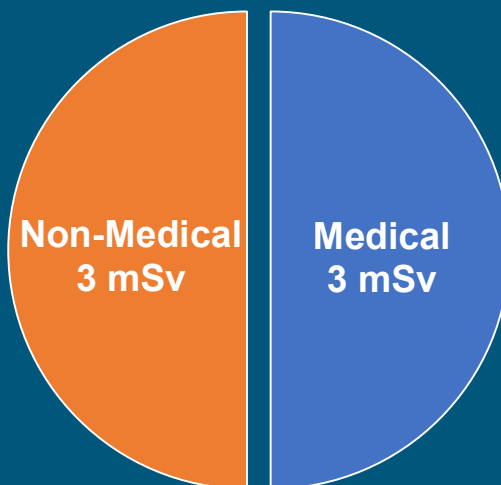
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Annual Radiation Exposure



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- Radon
- Terrestrial
- Internal
- Cosmic



- CT
- NM
- FL/XR



Radiation Dose Examples

Dose (mSv)	Exam
10	Abdominopelvic CT
9	PCNL
7	Enema
4	IVP
1	Ureteroscopy, SWL
0.7	KUB
0.1	Chest X-Ray
0.05	Flight from NY to LA

→ 10 mSv CT in 2000 pts → 2 CA, 1 fatal

Sodickson et al Radiology 2009

→ ~5% of future CA attributable to CT

Smith-Bindman et al JAMA 2025

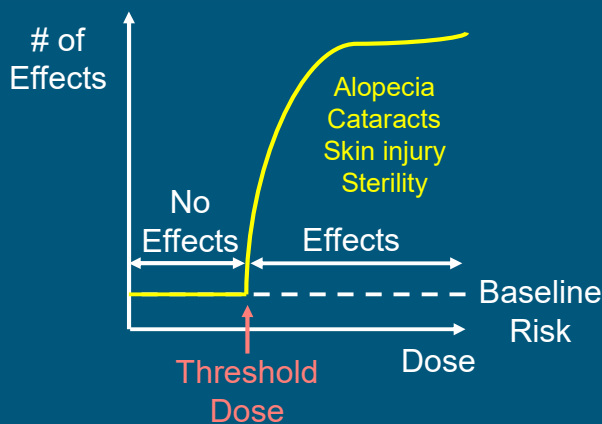
Limits

- 50 mSv: 1 year occupational dose limit (ICRP)
- 100 mSv: 5 year occupational dose limit
- No limit for patients

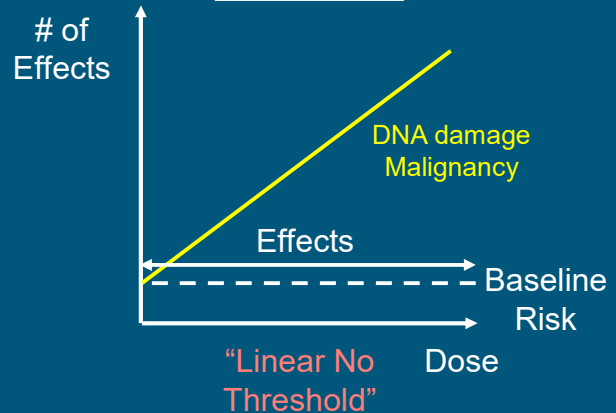


Radiation Effects

Deterministic



Stochastic



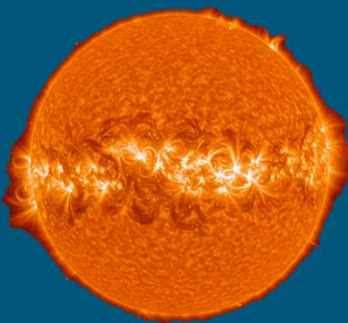
As Low as Reasonably Achievable (ALARA)



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Banana equivalent dose

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Banana equivalent dose (BED) is an informal [unit of measurement](#) of [ionizing radiation](#) exposure, intended as a general educational example to compare a dose of radioactivity to the dose one is exposed to by eating one average-sized [banana](#). Bananas contain naturally occurring [radioactive isotopes](#), particularly [potassium-40](#) (⁴⁰K), one of several naturally occurring [isotopes of potassium](#). One BED is often correlated to 10^{−7} [sievert](#) (0.1 μSv); however, in practice, this dose is not [cumulative](#), as the potassium in foods is excreted in urine to maintain [homeostasis](#).^[1] The BED is only meant as an educational exercise and is not a formally adopted dose measurement.

History

[\[edit \]](#)

The origins of the concept are uncertain, but one early mention can be found on the [RedSafe](#) nuclear safety mailing

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"There are no published studies **directly** linking CT scans (even multiple CT scans) to cancer. Americans should **not forgo necessary, life-saving medical imaging** and **continue to discuss the benefits and risks** of these exams with their healthcare providers."

"Medical imaging exams – including CT – are a primary factor in **declining cancer death** rates, and are directly linked to **decreased hospital mortality** rates and **greater life expectancy**. Scans **reduce invasive surgeries, unnecessary hospital admissions, and length of hospital stays**."

"Before undergoing any imaging study, particularly those that involve radiation exposure, patients should ask their physician or other medical provider the following questions:
-**How will having this exam improve my health care?**
-**Are there alternatives that do not use radiation** which are equally as good (e.g. MRI, ultrasound, etc.)?
-**Is this facility ACR accredited?"**



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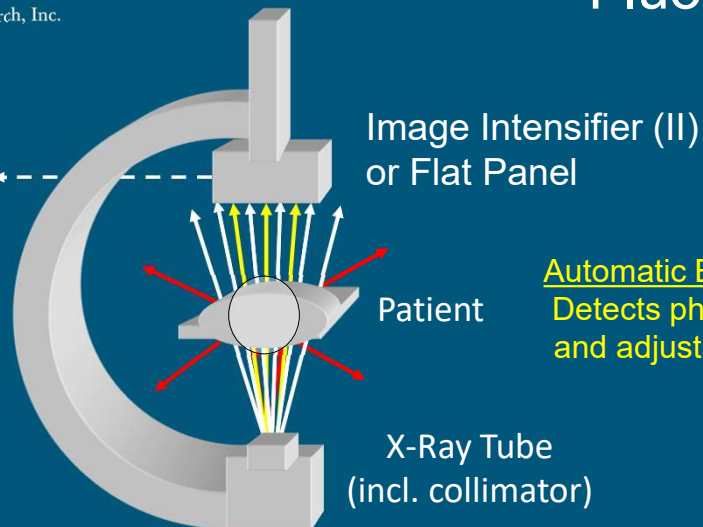


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Fluoroscopy



Automatic Exposure Control:
Detects photons reaching II
and adjusts XR tube output

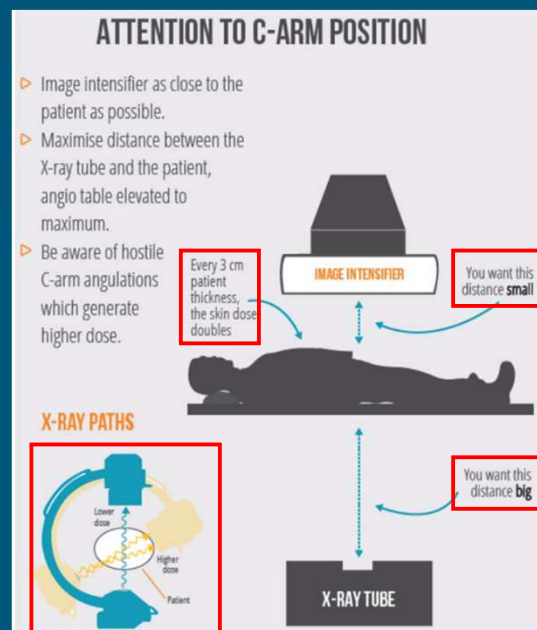
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Reducing Dose in Fluoroscopy

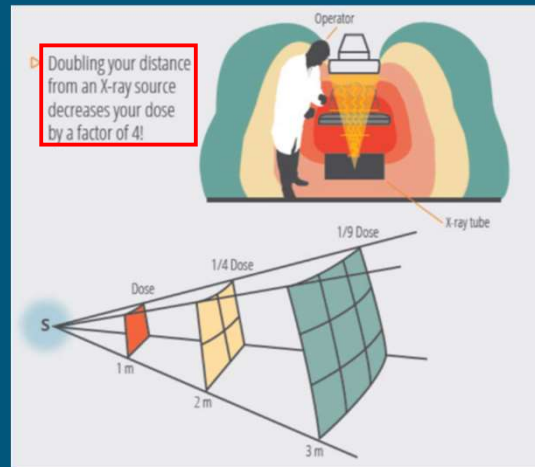
- **Fluoroscopy** (vs. full exposure)
- **Pulsed** fluoroscopy (vs. Continuous), lower frames/sec
- **Reduce magnification and digital subtraction** (requires more photons to maintain image quality)
- **Collimate** (reduces area exposed and scatter)
- **Last image hold**
- **Patient positioning**
 - In field: optimizes tube output and images
 - Thinnest patient distance
 - Close to receptor/image intensifier: decrease wasted XR



AUA Radiation Safety Awareness Manual



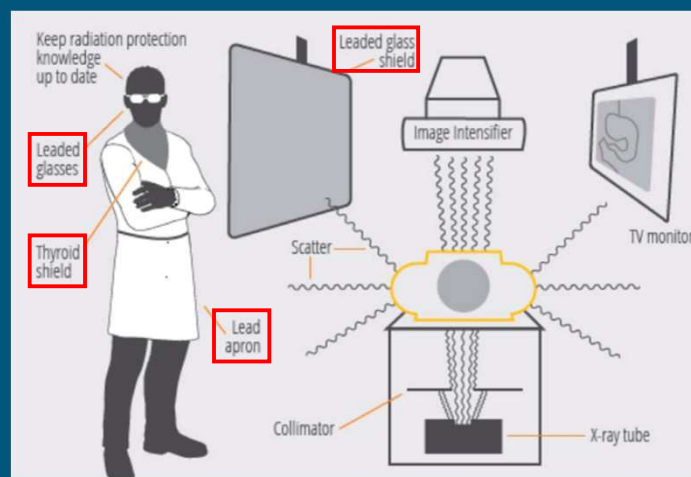
Inverse Square Law



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Personal Protection




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Patient's Name _____ MR# _____ Date of exam _____

image gently 

Step Lightly Checklist

Review steps below before starting the procedure.

Safety is a team effort: don't be afraid to ask the necessary questions to ensure you are working as a team to keep radiation dose to patients and staff as low as possible.

Reducing radiation dose must be balanced with safe, accurate and effective completion of the procedure. Not all the steps below may be possible in each case, depending on patient size, technical challenge and critical nature of the procedure. Overall patient safety is most important. The goal is to minimize the dose to the patient while providing important and necessary medical care.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ask patient or family about previous radiation (a medical imaging record card is available at www.imagegently.org)	<input type="checkbox"/> Use last image hold whenever possible instead of exposures
Answer questions about radiation safety (a brochure for parents is available at www.imagegently.org)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adjust acquisition parameters to achieve lowest dose necessary to accomplish procedure: use lowest dose protocol possible for patient size, lower frame rate, minimize magnification, reduce length of run
<input type="checkbox"/> Use ultrasound when possible	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan and communicate number and timing of acquisitions, contrast parameters, patient positioning and suspension of respiration with radiology and sedation team in advance to minimize improper or unneeded runs
<input type="checkbox"/> Position hanging table shields and overhead lead shields prior to procedure with reminders during the case as needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Move table away from X-ray tube in both planes. Move patient as close to detector in both planes
<input type="checkbox"/> Operators and personnel wear well fitted lead aprons, thyroid shield and leaded eye wear	<input type="checkbox"/> Use power injector or extension tubing if hand injecting
<input type="checkbox"/> Use pulse rather than continuous fluoroscopy when possible, and with as low a pulse as possible	<input type="checkbox"/> Move personnel away from table or behind protective shields during acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Position and collimate with fluoroscopy off, tapping on the pedal to check position	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimize overlap of fields on subsequent acquisitions
<input type="checkbox"/> Collimate tightly. Exclude eyes, thyroid, breast, gonads when possible	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient shielding is not routinely recommended as collimation is the best method of reducing extraneous dose and there is some thought that shielding may actually increase internal backscatter. However, the evidence is not clear and therefore if the family requests shielding, it may be used
<input type="checkbox"/> Operator and personnel hands out of beam	<input type="checkbox"/> After procedure: record and review dose
<input type="checkbox"/> Step lightly: tap on pedal and review anatomy on last image hold rather than with live fluoroscopy when possible; minimize live fluoroscopy time	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimize use of electronic magnification; use digital zoom whenever possible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge fluoroscopy timing alerts during procedure	

www.imagegently.org



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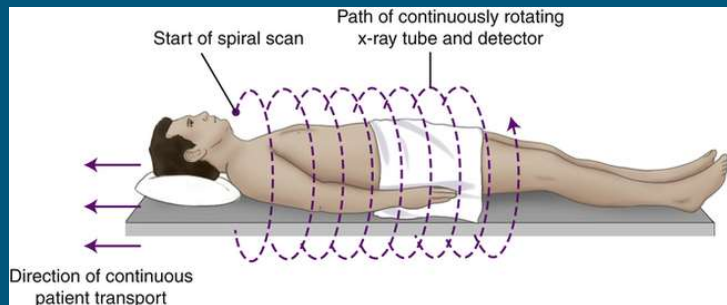
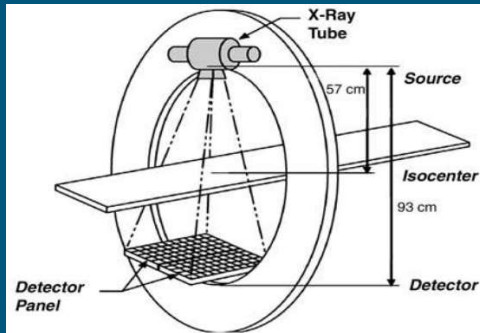
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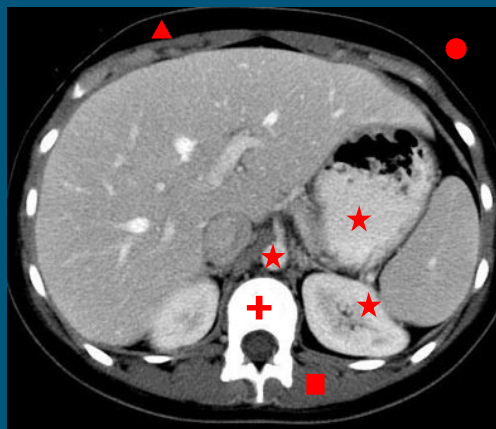
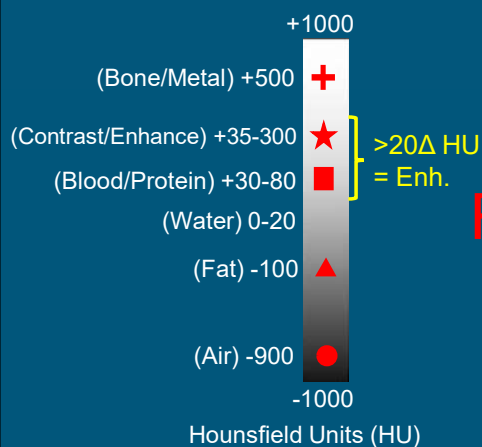
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Computed Tomography (CT)



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Interpreting CT

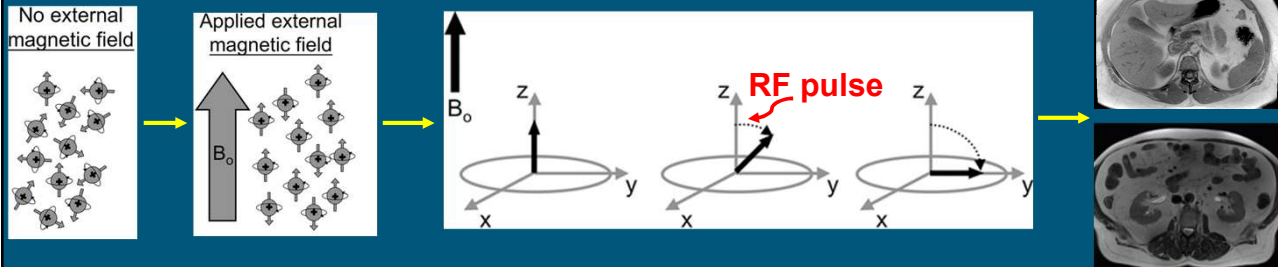


- Contrast? → Aorta (IV), Bowel (oral)
- Phase? → Kidney, Urothelium



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Magnetic Resonance (MRI)



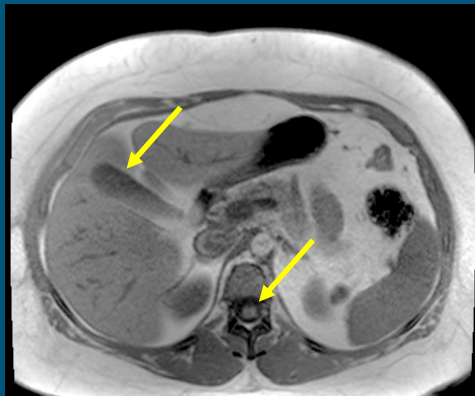
- Image weighting: T1 vs. T2
- Modifications:
 - T1/2: Fat-saturation (removal)
 - T1: Contrast (enhancement, $\Delta 15\%$), Chemical-shift (in/out of phase)
 - T2: Diffusion-weighting (cellularity)

Pooley, *Radiographics* 2005

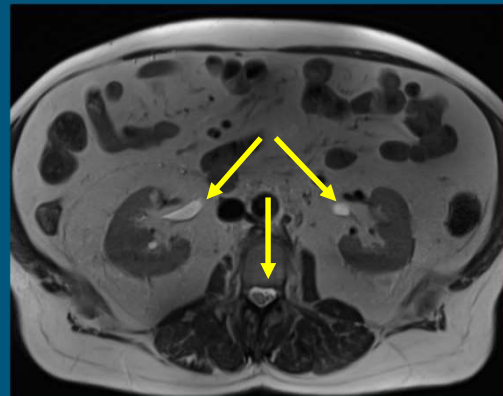


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Image Weighting?



T1 (dark)



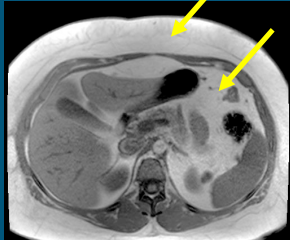
T2 (bright)

Find the fluid!



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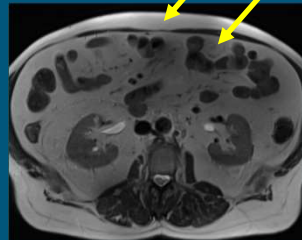
Fat Saturation (FS)?



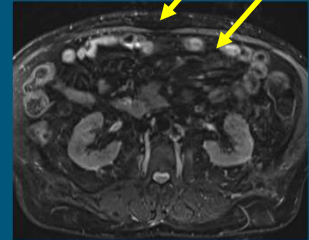
T1 without FS



T1 with FS



T2 without FS



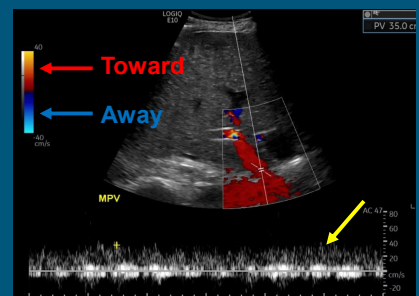
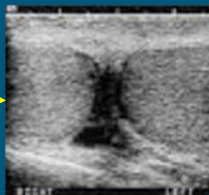
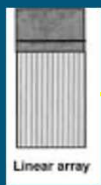
T2 with FS

Find the fat!
(subQ, RP, peritoneum)



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Ultrasound (US)



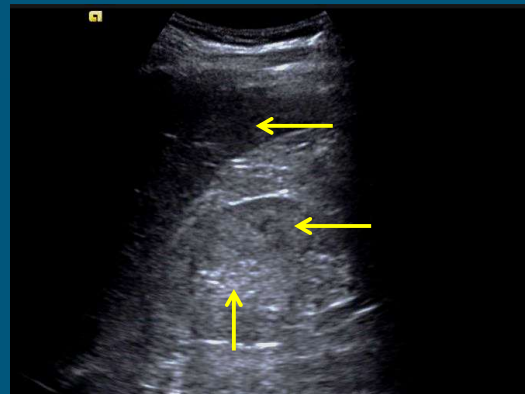
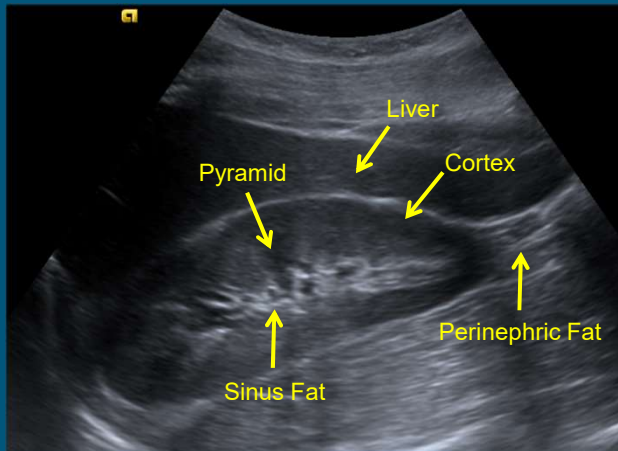
- **Transducer:** emits and receives sounds at a f range
 - **Higher** frequency (linear) – **higher** resolution, less penetration
 - **Lower** frequency (curved/sector) – **lower** resolution, deeper penetration
- **Echogenicity**
 - **Fluid:** max. penetration → **dark** (anechoic/hypoechoic, sonolucent), posterior enhancement
 - **Tissue/stones/bones:** min. penetration → **bright** (hyperechoic, sonodense), posterior shadowing
- **Doppler:** f change reflects speed of blood flow
 - **Color Doppler:** **red** and **blue** denote flow direction- not arterial/venous
 - **Spectral Doppler:** velocity



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Interpreting US



“Medical Renal Disease”

- Nonspecific
- Brighter than liver, Difficult to separate parenchyma from sinus fat



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Iodinated Contrast (CT)

- Excretion: 90% kidneys, 10% hepatobiliary (higher if AKI/CKD)
- Filtration: **Nephrons** do it, tumors do not (no nephrons)
- Osmolarity:
 - High osmolar (old): \$, higher reactions
 - Low osmolar (new/common): \$\$, lower reactions
 - Iso-osmolar (newest): \$\$\$, lowest reactions/nephropathy



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Iodinated Contrast (CT)

- **Contrast Reactions:**

- Mild: warmth, GI sx, few hives, itching
- Moderate: diffuse hives, erythema
- Severe:
 - **Anaphylaxis**: epinephrine (0.1-0.3 mL 1:1,000 SQ, 1-3 mL 1:10,000 IV)
 - **Vasovagal**: atropine (0.5-1 mg IV, up to 3 mg total)

- **Premedication** (prior severe reaction):

- Routine: 50 mg PO prednisone 13-7-1h before + 50 mg diphenhydramine @1h
- Urgent: IV steroids q4h before

- **Contrast-induced Nephropathy (CIN):**

- Definition: Contrast → AKI peaks @ 2d → resolves @ 2w
- Avoid Contrast: AKI or CKD 4/5 (eGFR <30)
- Prophylaxis: IV hydration before and after, mixed data on N-acetylcysteine
- Screening: if history of renal disease. DM = optional



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Gadolinium Contrast (MR)

- Same reactions and prep as iodinated contrast, but moderate and severe reactions are rare
- NO cross-reactivity with iodinated contrast, not nephrotoxic at clinical dose
- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF):
 - **Linear (Group 1/3)** agents contraindicated in pts with renal failure (eGFR <30) due to NSF risk
 - Newer **macrocylic (Group 2)** agents are safer and approved for advanced CKD (eGFR < 30) → No Cr required
- Gadolinium Deposition
 - ACR: "Although there are no known adverse clinical consequences associated with gadolinium deposition in the brain, additional research is warranted"



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Voiding Cystourethrogram (VCUG)

- Bladder catheterized → water soluble contrast
- Image during filling → void (x1-3)
- Indications
 - Febrile UTI with abnormal US
 - Abnormal prenatal US
 - Incontinence or voiding dysfunction
 - Spina bifida or neurogenic bladder
 - “Genitogram”



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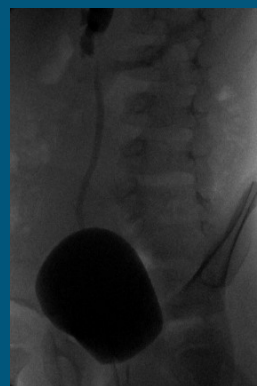
VCUG: Required Images



1. Early Filling



2. Obliques



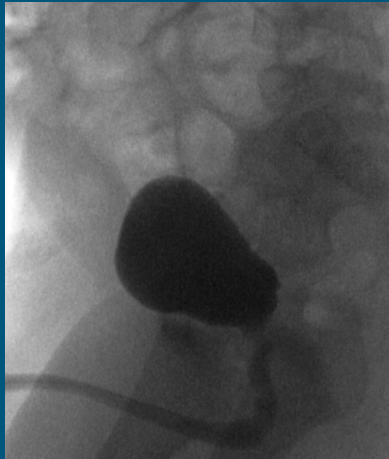
3. AP Renal Beds



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VCUG: Required Images



4. Voiding



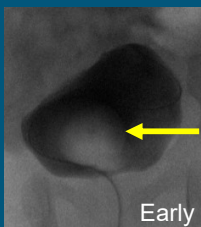
5. Postvoid Renal Beds



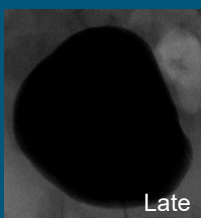
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Common Abnormalities

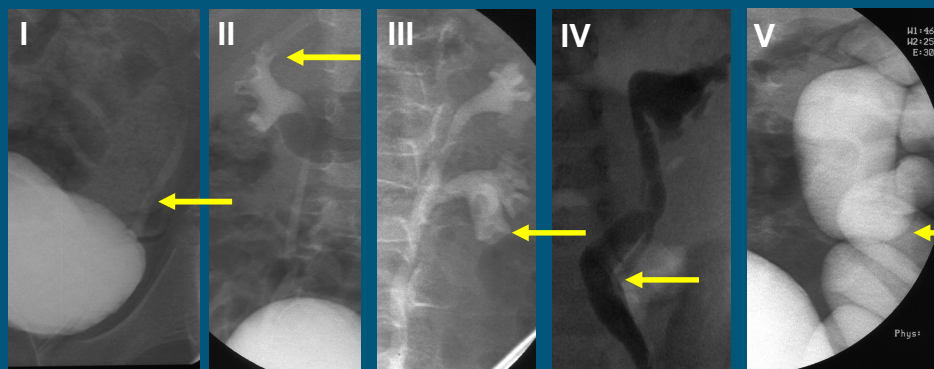


Early



Late

Ureterocele



Vesicoureteral Reflux (VUR)

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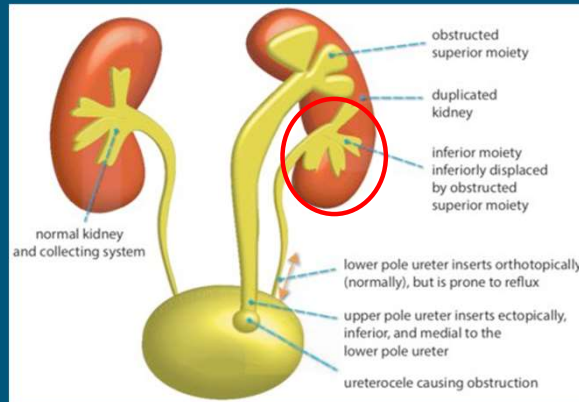
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Weigert-Meyer Rule

Duplicated
Upper
Medial
Inferior



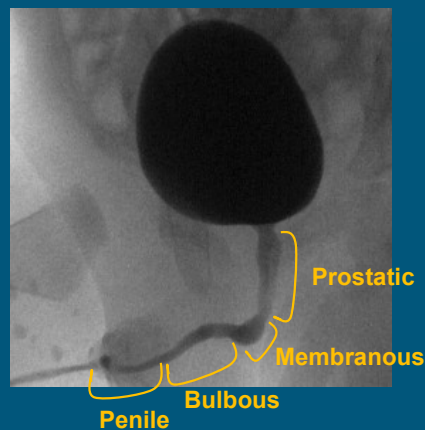
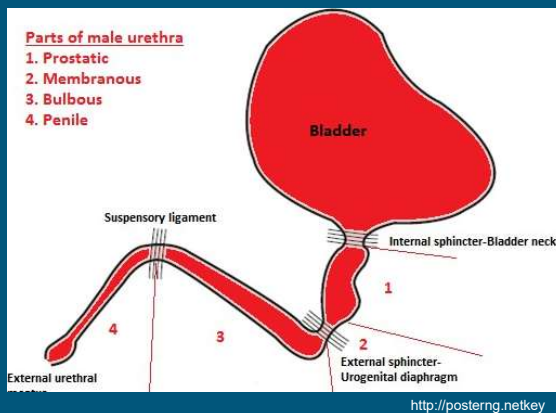
Upper
Ureterocele
Obstructs

Lower
Refluxes



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Normal Male Urethra



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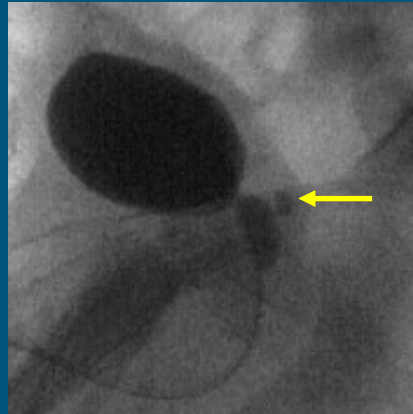


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Posterior Urethral Valves

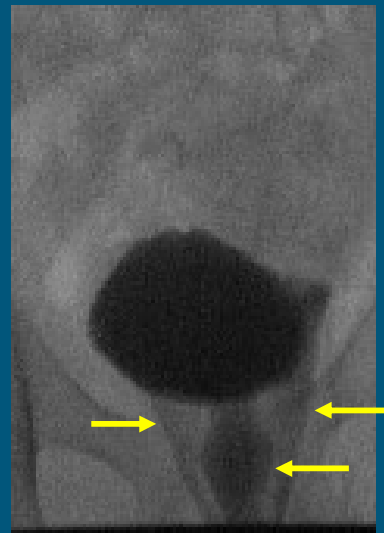
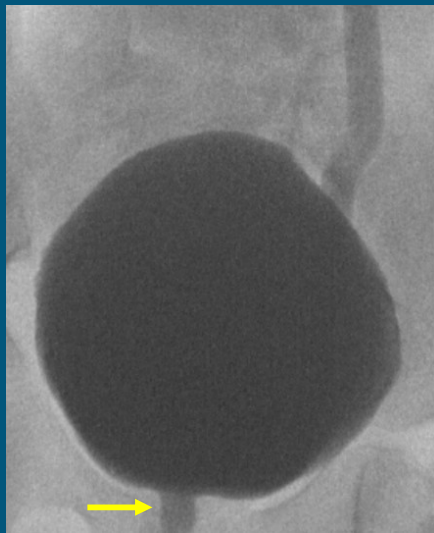


Prostatic Utricle



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Normal Female Urethra



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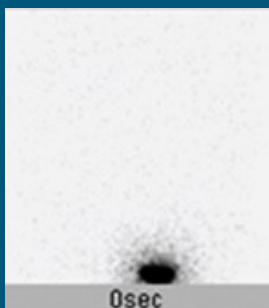


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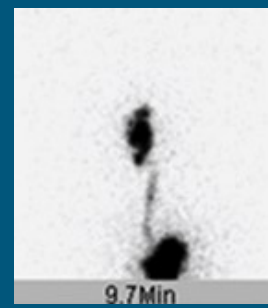
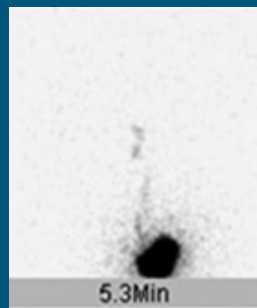
Nuclear Cystogram (RNC)

- Radiotracer via Foley → emission detected by camera
- Tracers: DTPA, pertechnetate, sulfur colloid
- Posterior view (~nephrostomy)

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Nuclear Cystogram (RNC)

- Grading
 - 1: Ureter only
 - 2: Pelvicalyceal
 - 3: Pelvicalyceal + dilation/tortuosity
- Advantages (vs. VCUG)
 - Higher sensitivity (longer & more frequent acquisition)
 - 50-200x lower radiation dose
- Disadvantages (vs. VCUG)
 - Lower spatial/anatomic resolution
 - Fewer grades (3 vs. 5)
 - ?Availability



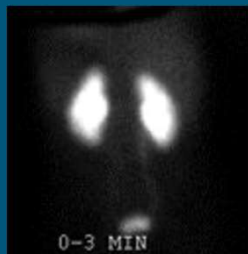
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Nuclear Renogram

- IV Radioactive tracer → emission detected by camera
- Tracers:
 - Filtered (function, drainage): **MAG-3**, DTPA
 - Excreted (tubular function): **MAG-3**, hippuran
 - Cortical (scar, mass vs. pseudotumor): DMSA, glucoheptonate
- Posterior view (~nephrostomy)

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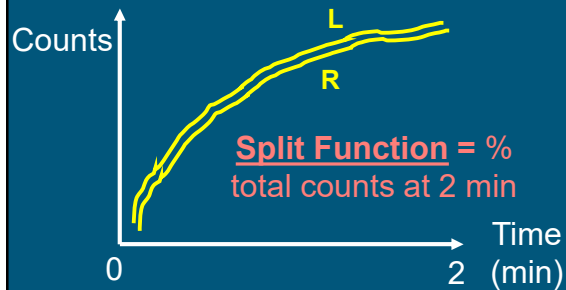
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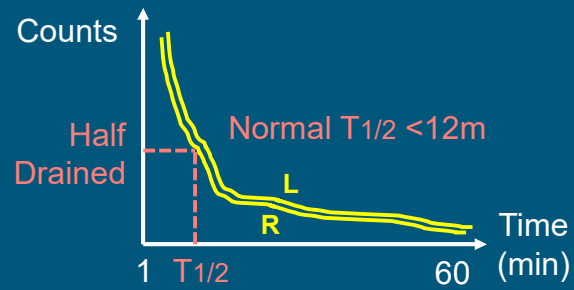
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Nuclear Renogram

Early (Flow/Perfusion)



Late (Function/Drainage)

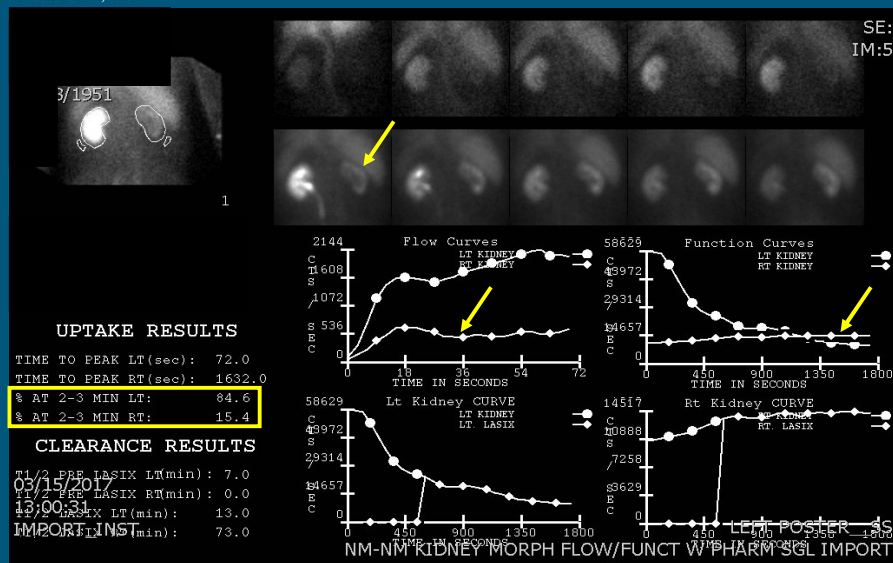


Lasix administered if obstruction suspected



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Asymmetric Function



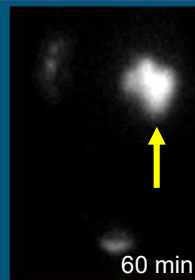
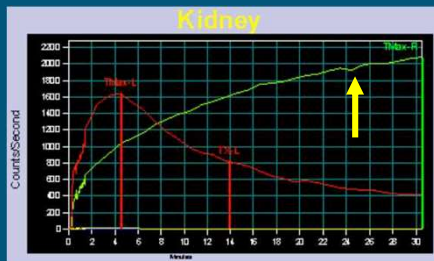


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UPJ Obstruction

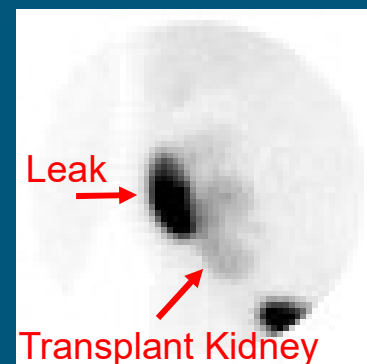
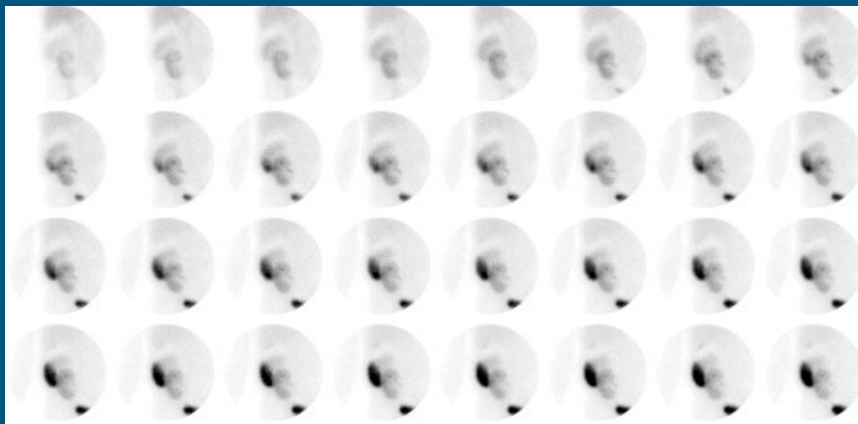


Parameters	Left	Right
Split Function (%)	65.2	34.8
Kidney Counts (cpm)	238462	127061
Kidney Depth (cm)	6.329	6.371
Renal Retention	0.355	
Time of Max (min)	4.501	30.5
Time of 1/2 Max (min)	13.8	



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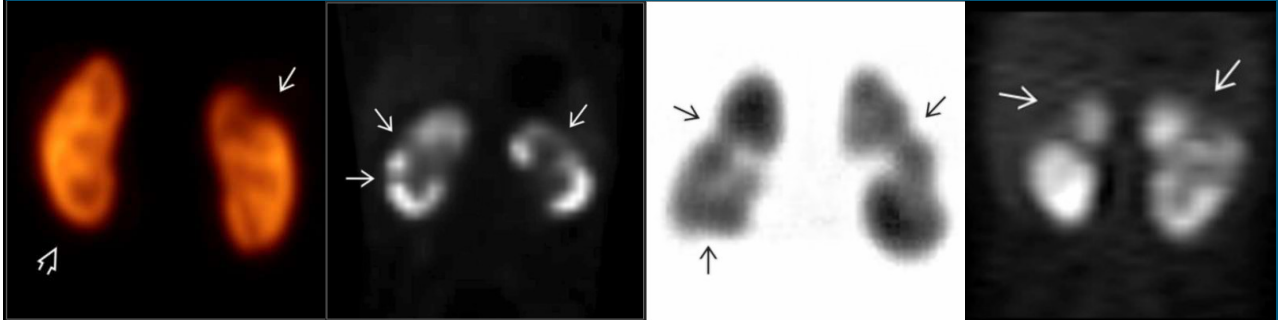
Urine Leak





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DMSA: Scar/Nephritis



Outline

- Radiation & Fluoroscopy
- Basics of CT, MRI, US, & VCUG
- Nuclear Medicine
- **Renal Masses & Stones**
- Prostate MRI
- Adrenal Imaging
- Scrotal Imaging
- Retroperitoneal Tumors



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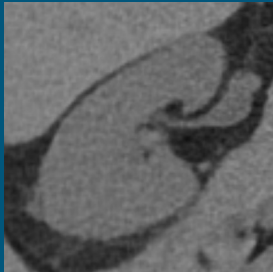
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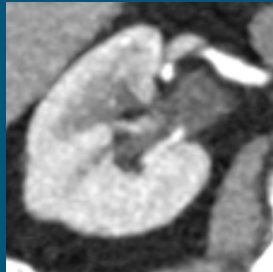
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CT/MR Contrast Phases



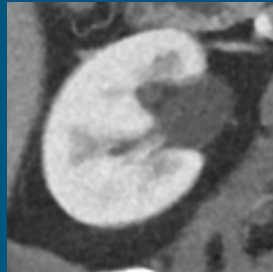
Noncontrast

- Baseline density (CT) or intensity (MR)
- Stones (CT)



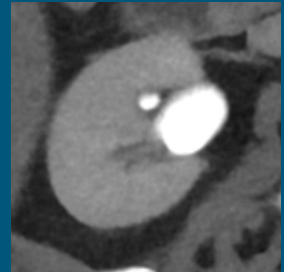
Corticomedullary (20-45s)

- Arterial pathology
- Masses
- Pyelonephritis/Infarct



Nephrogram (80-120s)

- Venous pathology
- Masses
- Pyelonephritis/Infarct



Urogram (5m+)

- Urothelial lesions
- Leaks



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RENAL MASSES

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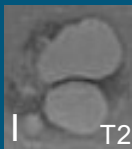
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CYSTIC RENAL MASSES

Cyst with <25% enhancing component



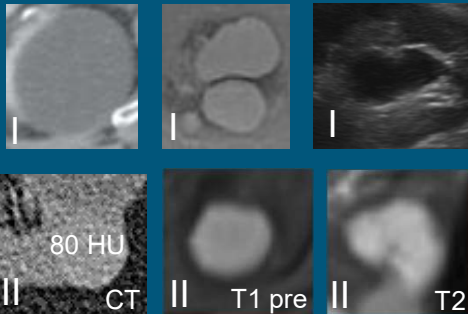
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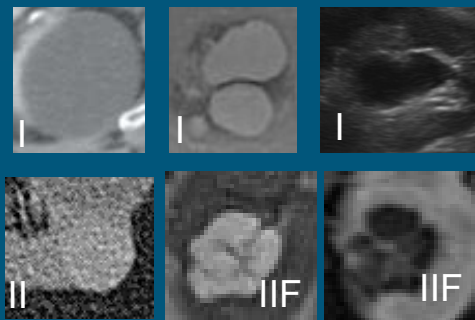
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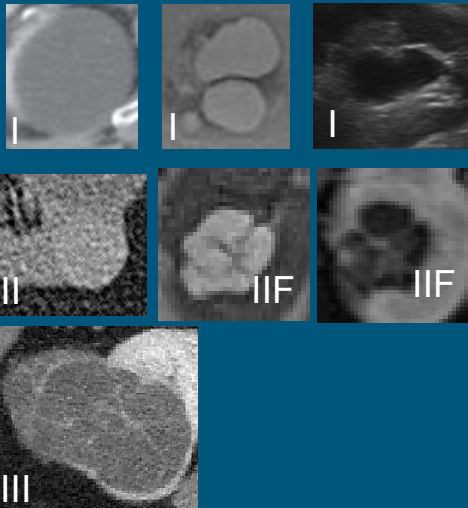
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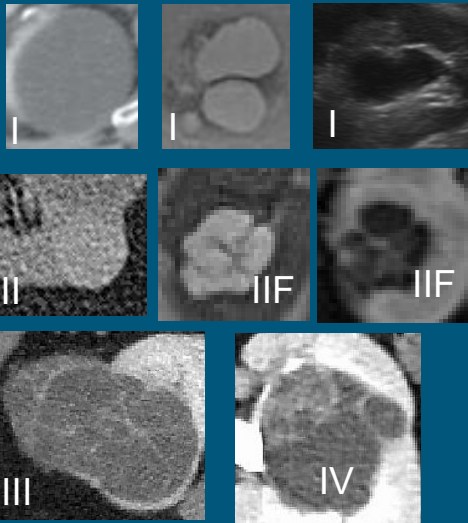
Cystic Nephroma (Bosniak 3)



- FKA Multilocular Cystic Nephroma
- **Benign**
- Boys < 2 years, adult women > 30 years (8F:1M)
- **Imaging:**
 - Well-defined, multicystic, enhancing thick septa, can prolapse into the collecting system



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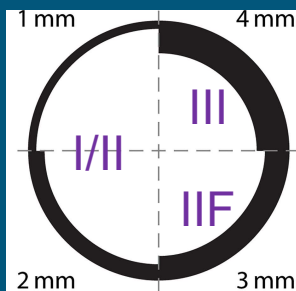


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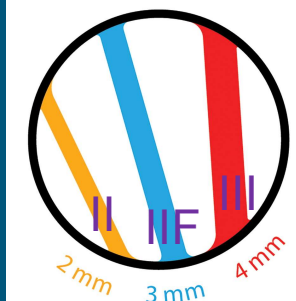


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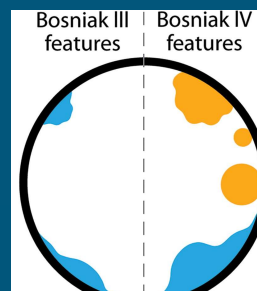
**Wall
Thickness**



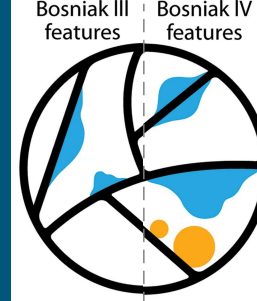
**Septal
Thickness**



**Mural
Nodularity**



**Septal
Irregularity**



Silverman et al, *Radiology* 2019

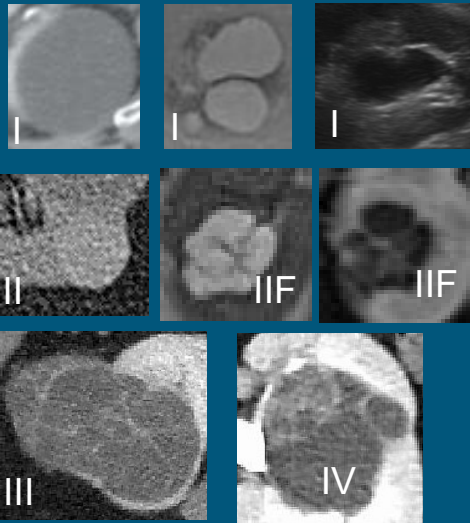
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<https://bosniak-calculator.herokuapp.com/>



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Cystic Diseases

Acquired Cystic Kidney Disease



- HD
- Bilateral **atrophy** + cysts
- ↑ risk CA

Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD)



- Hereditary → CKD
- Bilateral **enlargement** + cysts
- ↑ risk CA, berry aneurysms

Yu et al, Lancet Oncol 2016

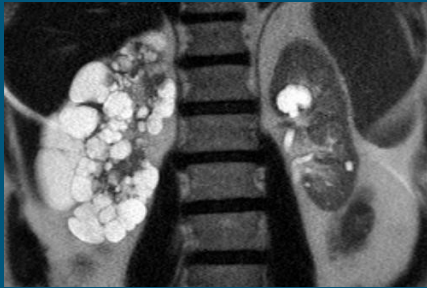


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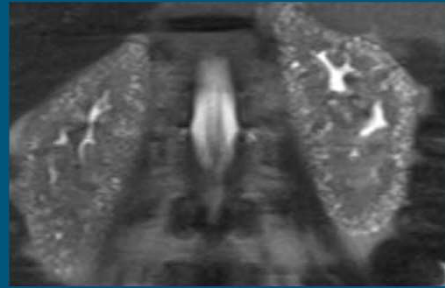
Cystic Diseases

Localized Cystic Renal Disease



- Incidental or hematuria, pain
- Unilateral, separated by normal parenchyma
- No ↑ CKD or CA

Lithium-Induced Renal Disease



- Tubule injury → CKD
- Bilateral, innumerable microcysts cortex/medulla
- No ↑ CA



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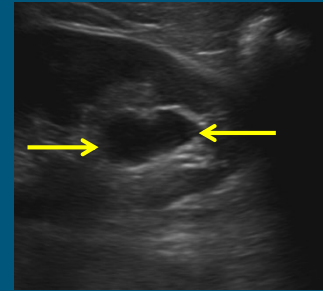
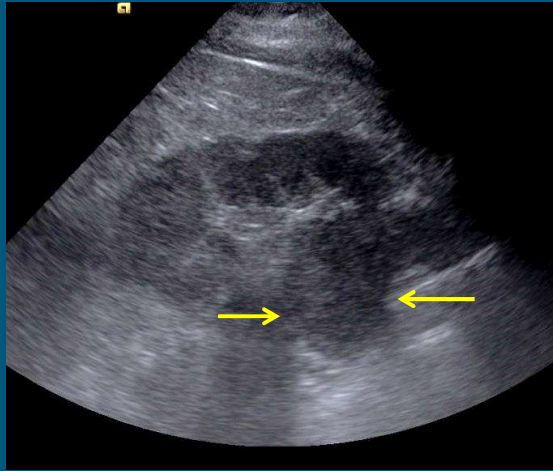
SOLID RENAL MASSES

25-100% enhancing component



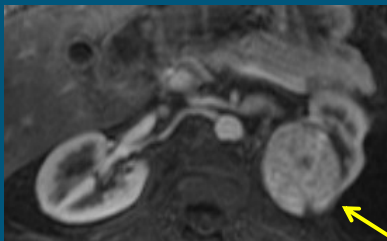
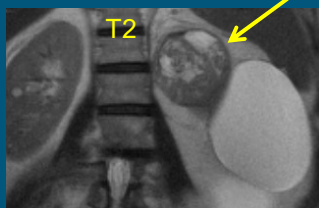
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Solid Mass on US



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RCC: Clear Cell

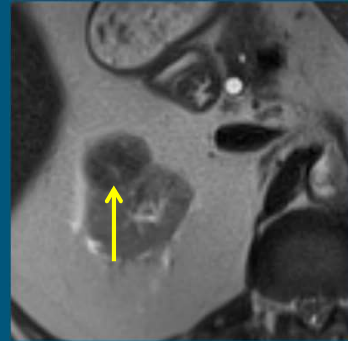
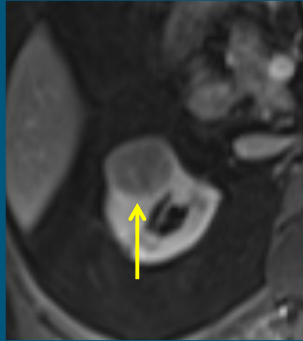
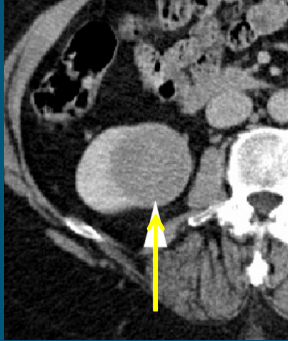


- Most common RCC subtype
- Imaging:
 - Heterogenous
 - Hypervascular (\geq cortex)
 - T2 bright ($>$ cortex)
 - Contains lipid ("clear" cell)



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RCC: Papillary

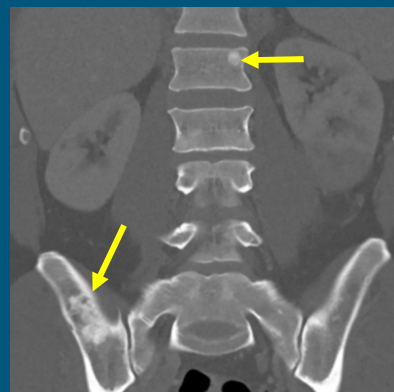


- 2nd most common, better prognosis, can be multifocal
- Imaging
 - Homogenous, hypovascular (< cortex)
 - T2 hypointense (< cortex)



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RCC: Medullary



- Often large and/or metastatic at presentation
- Sick cell **trait**



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IVC Tumor Thrombus



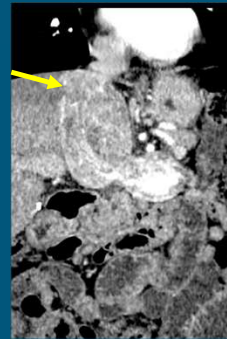
Level 0:
Renal vein
only



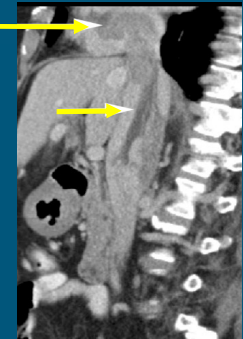
Level 1:
Up to 2 cm
in IVC



Level 2:
>2 cm in IVC, not
to hepatic veins



Level 3:
Hepatic veins,
not diaphragm



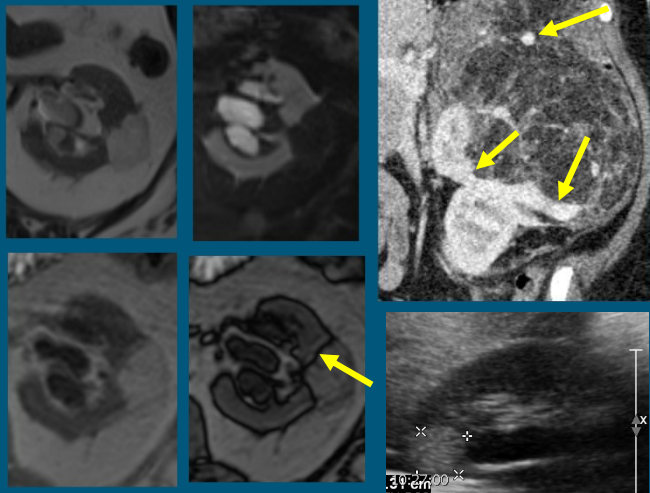
Level 4:
Above
diaphragm, RA



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Angiomyolipoma



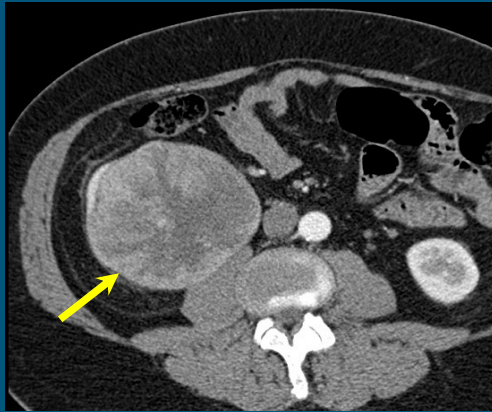
- Benign hamartoma of vessels, muscle, and fat. Female predominance, TS
- Imaging:
 - CT: Fat (<-10HU) + soft tissue
 - Cortical notch, draining vein, aneurysms, NO calcifications (RCC)
 - US: hyperechoic to sinus fat
 - MR: follows subQ fat on all sequences, india ink with kidney (fat/water interface)



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Oncocytoma & Fat-Poor AML

?spoke wheel
?central scar
?segmental
enhancement
inversion

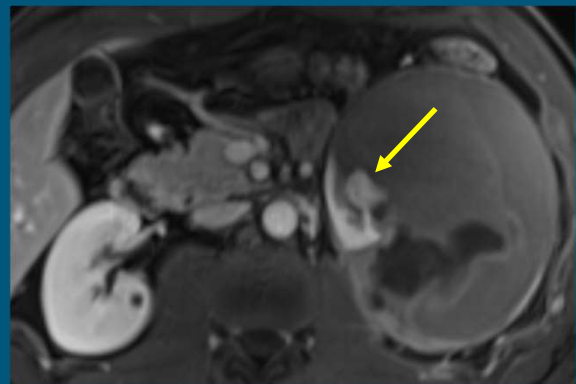
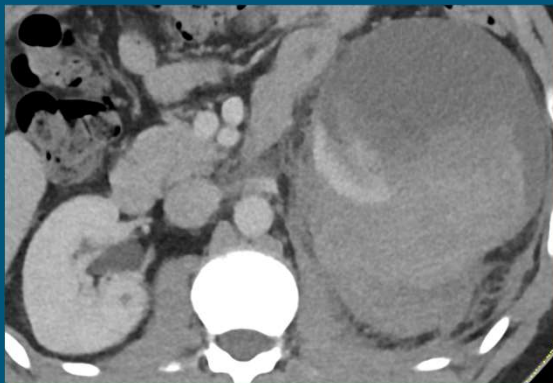


Cannot prospectively differentiate from RCC on imaging



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Renal/Perirenal Hemorrhage

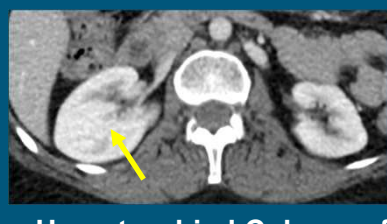
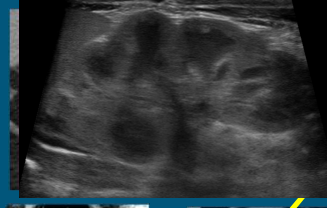
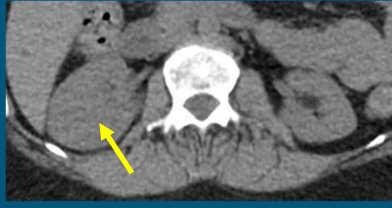




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Renal Pseudotumors



Dromedary Hump

- Left-sided, focal
- Splenic impression

Hypertrophied Column of Bertin

- Either side, focal
- Incomplete fusion of lobules

Persistent Fetal Lobulation

- Either side, diffuse
- Incomplete fusion of interlobular folds



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Renal Infarct

- Imaging: wedge-shaped defect(s) +/- cortical rim +/- dissection, occlusion
- Causes:
 - Vasculitis: medium, large
 - Emboli: infection, A-fib



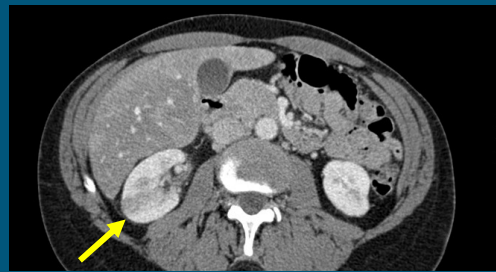
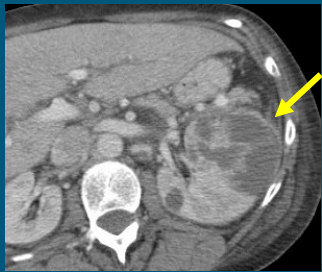


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Pyelonephritis

- Fever, flank pain & pyuria
- “Striated” nephrogram
- Mimics infiltrating tumor, infarct
- Consider follow-up imaging



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Xanthogranulomatous Pyelonephritis

- Etiology: staghorn calculus → chronic obstruction → nonfunctional replaced with granulomas
- Complications: infection, CA (UC, SCC)
- ?NM scan (assess function)





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STONE DISEASE



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Urolithiasis

Density ↑		<u>XR</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>Factoids</u>
	Calcium phosphate	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modality: CT > US/XR >>> MR• Follow-up (ALARA)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• XR if visible• US for hydro• “Low-dose” CT<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 mSv (10x less!)• 4 mm+ stones• Only if BMI <30
	Calcium oxalate	✓	✓	
	Cystine	?	✓	
	Struvite	?	✓	
	Uric acid	X	✓	
	Xanthine	X	✓	
	Indinavir	X	X	

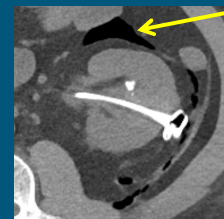
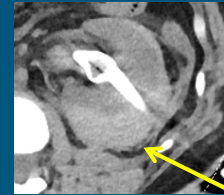
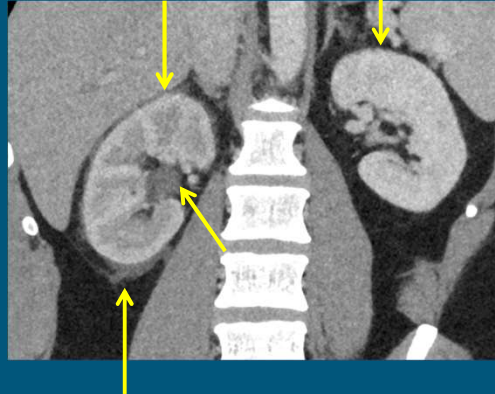
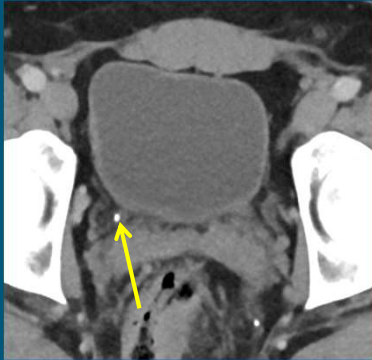
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Stone Disease on CT

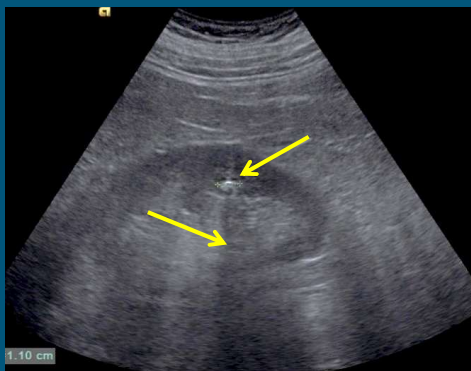


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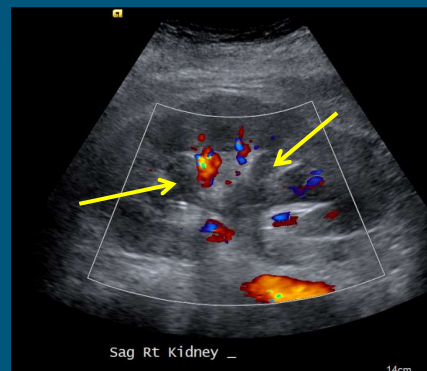


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Stone Disease on US



Shadowing renal stone



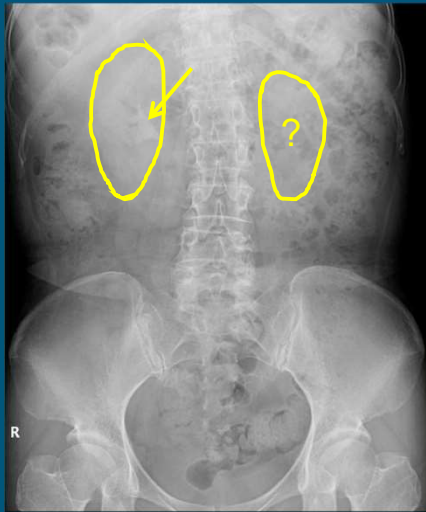
Hydronephrosis

Branching communicating hilar fluid



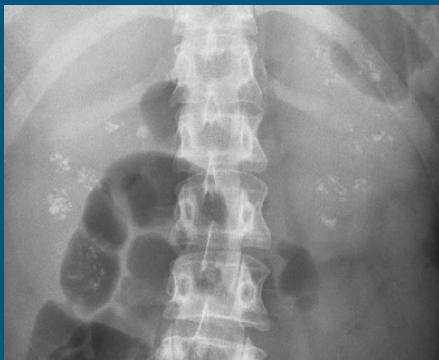
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Medullary Nephrocalcinosis



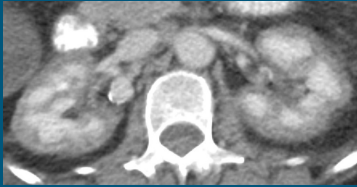
- Imaging: Medullary pyramid calcs +/- stones
- Causes: **HAM HOP** (**H**yperparathyroidism, [renal tubular] **A**cidosis Type 1, **M**edullary sponge kidney, **H**ypercalcemia/hypervitaminosis D, **O**xalosis, **P**apillary necrosis)



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Cortical Nephrocalcinosis

- **Imaging:** calcs outlining thinned kidneys
- **Causes:** severe cortical injury
 - Cortical necrosis



- Chronic glomerulonephritis
- Chronic pyelonephritis
- Transplant rejection



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Prostate MRI: Overview

- Indications
 - Suspicion: biopsy naïve/negative, guide TRUS biopsy
 - Follow-up: low-grade disease
 - Staging: seminal vesicles, neurovascular bundles, nodes, bladder, rectum
- Sequences (“multiparametric”)
 - Diffusion-weighted imaging (DWI): tumors bright (cellularity)
 - Apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC): tumors dark
 - T2-weighted: tumors dark
 - Dynamic contrast enhancement (DCE): PZ tumors enhance early
 - T1-weighted: hemorrhage bright (tumors not)- wait 6-8 weeks post-biopsy



Prostate MRI: Anatomy

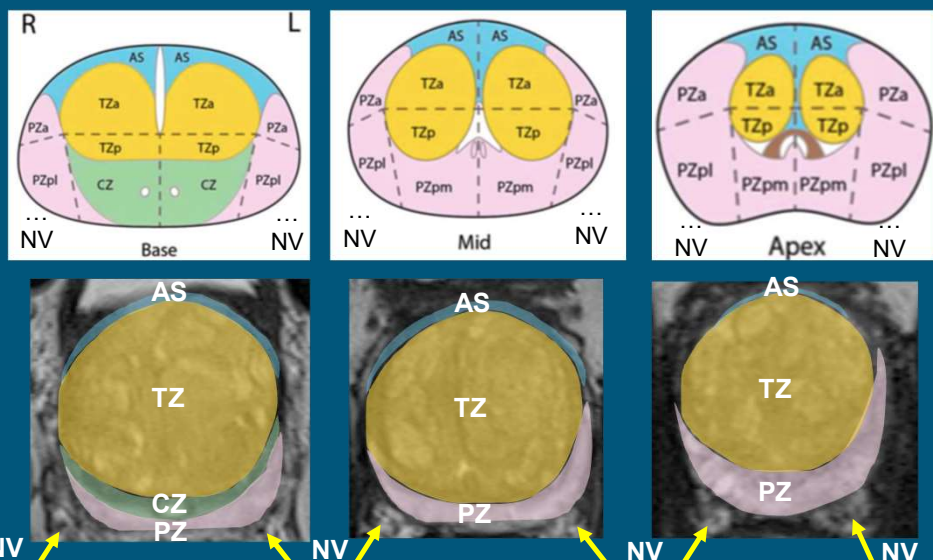
PZ = Peripheral Zone

CZ = Central Zone

TZ = Transition Zone

AS = Anterior
Fibromuscular
Stroma

NV = Neurovascular
Bundle





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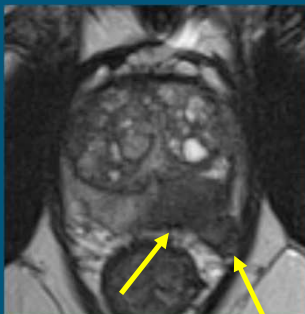
Prostate MRI: PI-RADS v2.1

- 5 scores for clinically significant prostate CA
 - PR1: highly unlikely
 - PR2: unlikely
 - PR3: equivocal
 - PR4: likely
 - PR5: highly likely
- PZ/CZ: **DWI/ADC**
 - If PR3, early DCE can bump to PR4
- TZ/AFMS: **T2**
 - If PR2 or 3, DWI/ADC can bump to PR3 or 4, respectively
- 1.5 cm suspicious lesion, or extra-prostatic extension → **PR5**

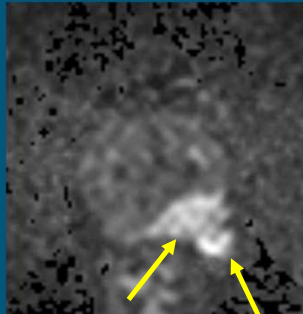


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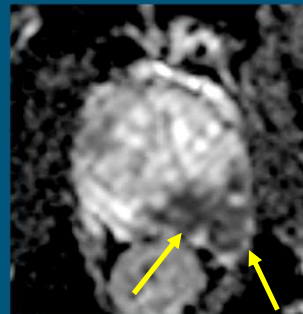
Peripheral/Central Zone Cancer



T2



DWI



ADC



DCE

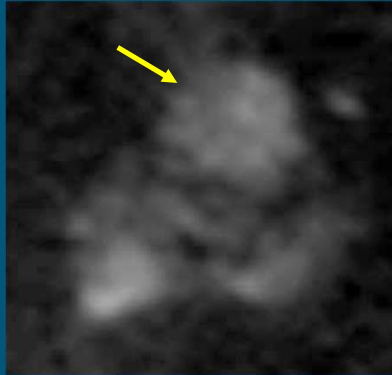


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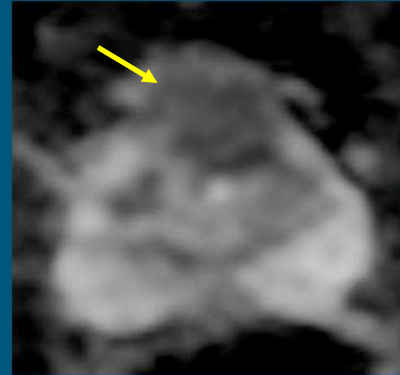
Transition Zone/AFMS Cancer



T2



DWI

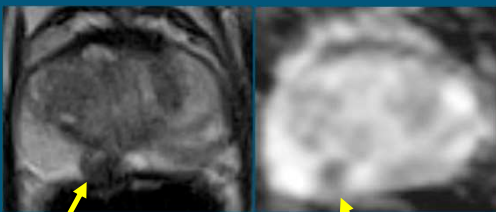


ADC

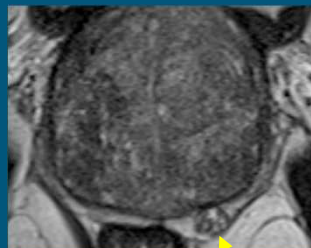


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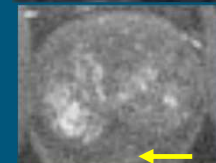
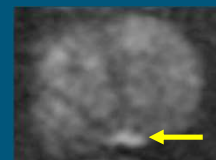
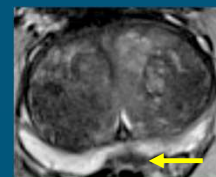
Prostate MRI: Pitfalls



**Granulomatous
prostatitis**



Extruded BPH



“Pseudolesion”

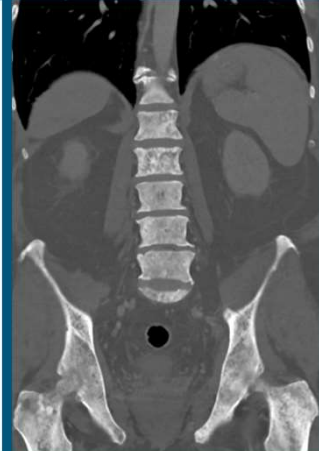
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Prostate Metastases



NM Bone Scan:
Technetium-99m MDP

“Superscan”

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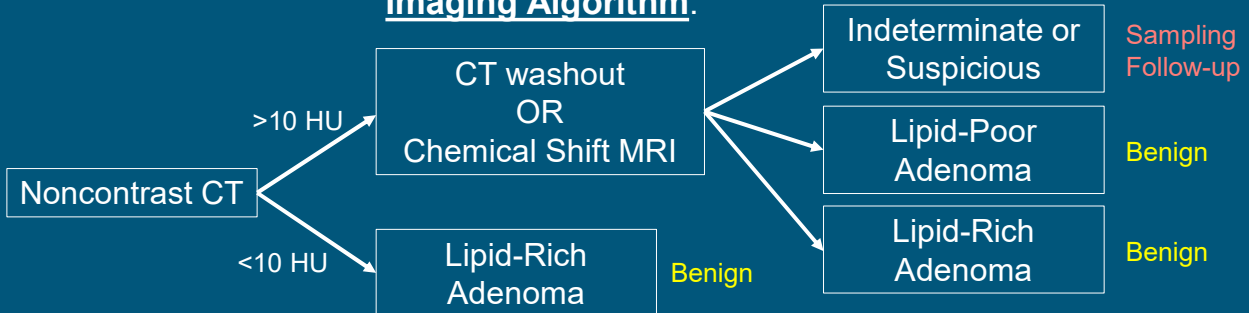
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Adrenal Nodules

- Most are adenomas (15% functional)
- Most adenomas (70%) have lipid due to precursor hormones
- Most enhance early and washout due to vascularity

Imaging Algorithm:



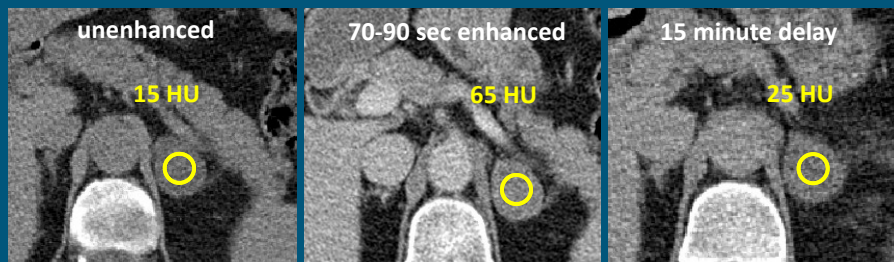
If >4 cm or growing >3 mm year, needs tissue regardless of imaging!



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Adrenal Washout

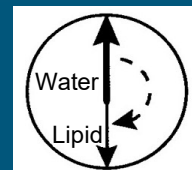
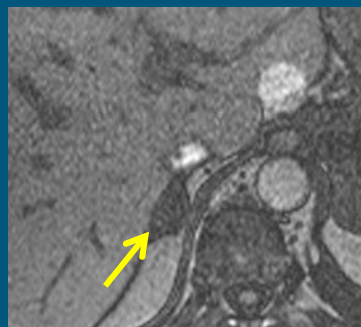


- Unenhanced CT: **15HU** – proceed with washout study
- **Absolute washout:** $(\text{enhanced} - \text{delay}) / (\text{enhanced} - \text{unenhanced}) * 100$
 $(65-25) / (65-15) = 80\%$ (**>60% = lipid-poor adenoma**)
- **Relative washout:** $(\text{enhanced} - \text{delay}) / \text{enhanced} * 100$
 $(65-25)/65 = 62\%$ (**>40% = lipid-poor adenoma**)
- ****Real life tip: go to the web - Search "adrenal washout calculator"!**
- **Caveats:** hypervascular mets or pheo (>120 HU)



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Chemical Shift MRI



In phase:

Signal from H atoms in
water and lipid **SUM**

Out of phase:

Signal from H atoms in
water and **SUBTRACT**

Dropout/loss of signal indicates lipid = lipid-rich adenoma
(no washout criteria on MRI)



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History of Lung Cancer



In phase



Out of phase

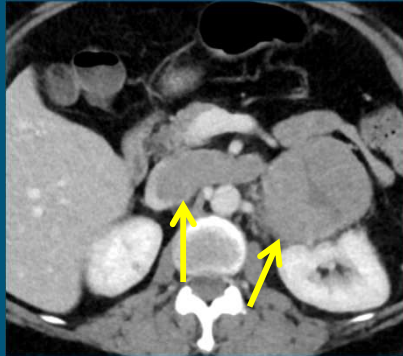
No loss of signal → suspicious for metastasis



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Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma



- Large (>4 cm), heterogenous +/- calcifications, hemorrhage, venous invasion, metastases

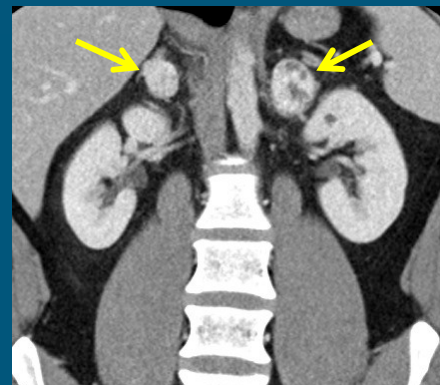
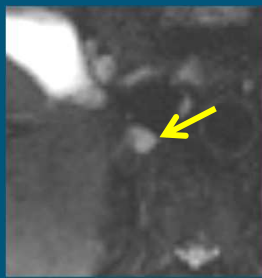


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Pheochromocytoma

- Can be extra-adrenal, bilateral, malignant, pediatric, familial
- Hypertension, elevated serum catecholamines, urinary metanephrines
- CT: >10 HU precontrast (unless cystic), >120 HU post-contrast
- MRI: T2 "light bulb" bright, avid enhancement
- Nuclear Medicine: MIBG, pentetretotide, octreotide, **DOTATATE**



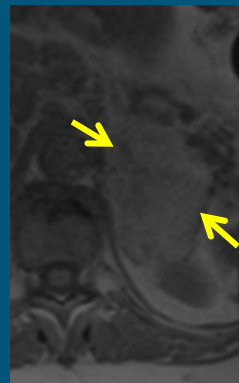
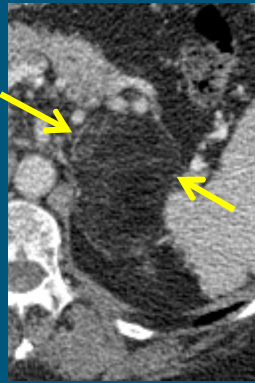


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Myelolipoma

- Contains marrow (**myelo-**) and lipid (**-lipoma**)
- Other sites: Liver, mediastinum, presacral
- CT: fat (≤ -10 HU) with variable soft tissue
- MR: T1/T2 bright, fat suppression, soft tissue
- Can hemorrhage (if large)



T1



T1 FS

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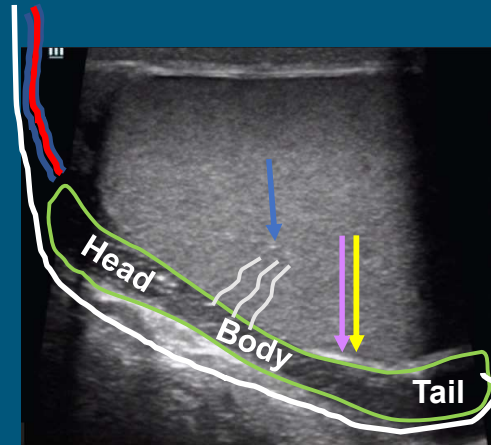
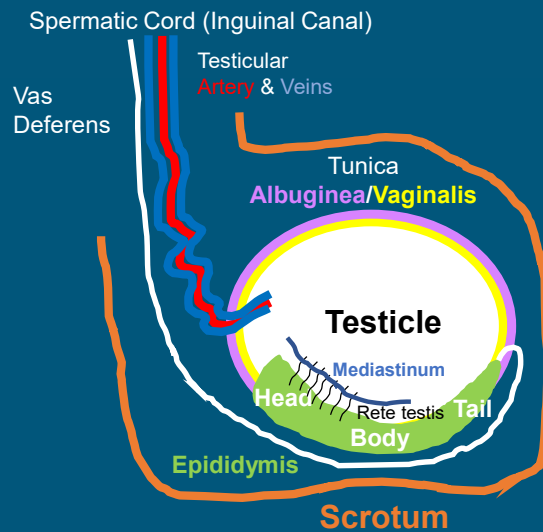
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Scrotal Anatomy



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Testicular Neoplasms

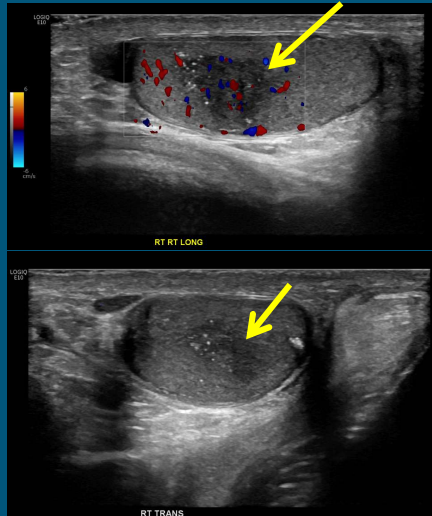
- Germ cell tumor (GCT)
 - Seminomatous GCT
 - Non-Seminoma GCT
- Sex-Cord Stromal
 - Leydig
 - Sertoli
- Lymphoma



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Seminomatous GCT

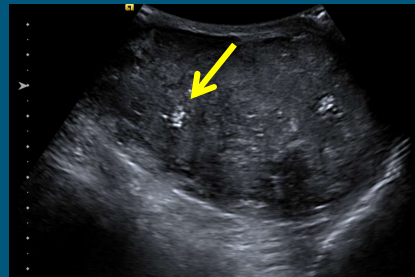
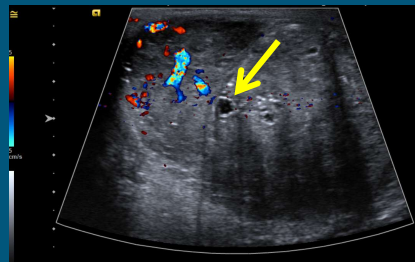
- Imaging:
 - Homogeneous hypoechoic mass + blood flow
 - Microcalcs (not shadowing)
 - Spread to RP>pelvic LN
- Risk factors: cryptorchidism, Klinefelter, injury
- Biomarker: LDH



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Non-Seminomatous GCT

- Same risk factors
- Imaging:
 - Heterogenous
 - Cystic change
 - MACROcalcs (shadowing)
- Types: Embryonal, Teratoma, Yolk Sac, Choriocarcinoma, Mixed
- Biomarkers: HCG, AFP

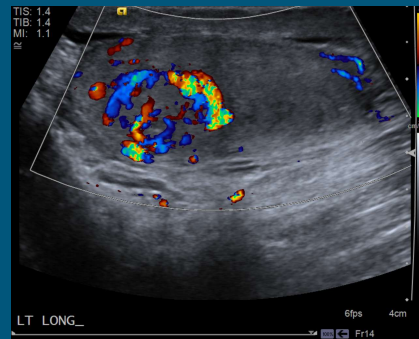




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Sertoli-Leydig Tumor



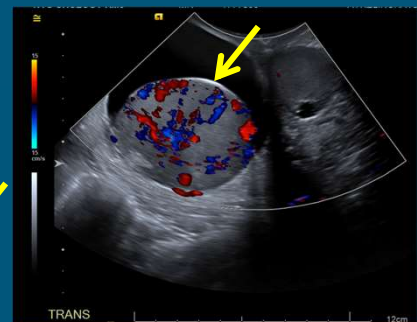
- Imaging: hypoechoic mass
- Usually benign but cannot differentiate from GCT
- Biomarker: androgen
- Can present with precocious puberty and gynecomastia



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Testicular Lymphoma



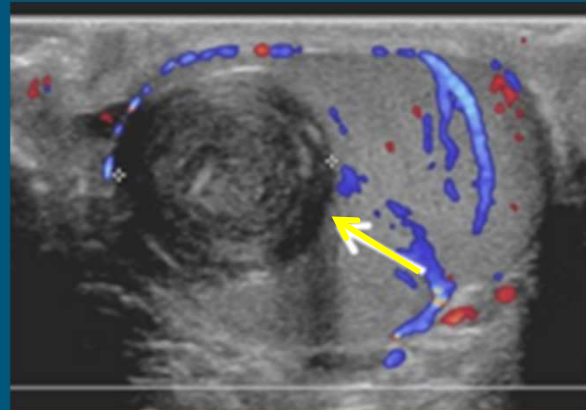
- Imaging: replacement of testicle by **homogenous** hypoechoic tissue
- Most common testicular malignancy in men >60 yo (they can still get seminoma)
- Usually Non-Hodgkin B-Cell
- Can be disease reservoir (blood-testis barrier)



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Epidermoid Cyst

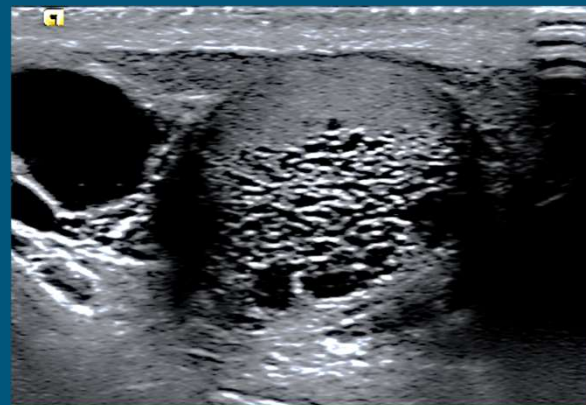
- Benign tumors, 1-2% of testis masses, ectodermal tissue
- Imaging:
 - **“Onion skin” or “whorled” appearance**
 - Non-vascular, well-defined
- Treatment - enucleation



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Tubular Ectasia

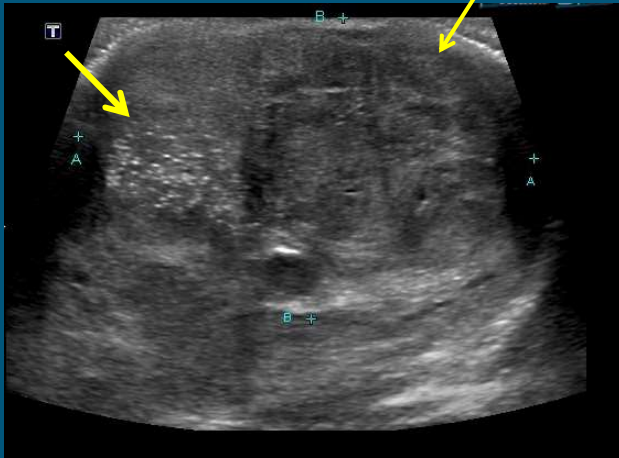
- Spermatozoa containing cysts
- Often bilateral and more common in >55yo
- Can also be in the epididymis
- Associated with spermatoceles





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Microlithiasis



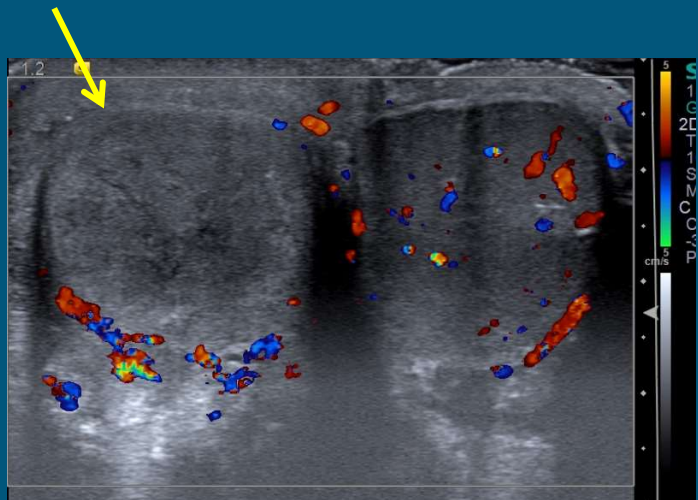
- Imaging: >5 punctate echogenic foci per field
- AUA: “Testicular microlithiasis **in the absence of solid mass and risk factors** for developing a GCT does not confer an increased risk of malignant neoplasm and does not require further evaluation. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)”



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Testicular Torsion

- Imaging: enlarged, hypoechoic, heterogenous testicle with reduced flow +/- twisting of pedicle
- Types: classified based on tunica vaginalis
 - Extravaginal (10%)- neonates
 - Intravaginal (90%)- older kids/adults



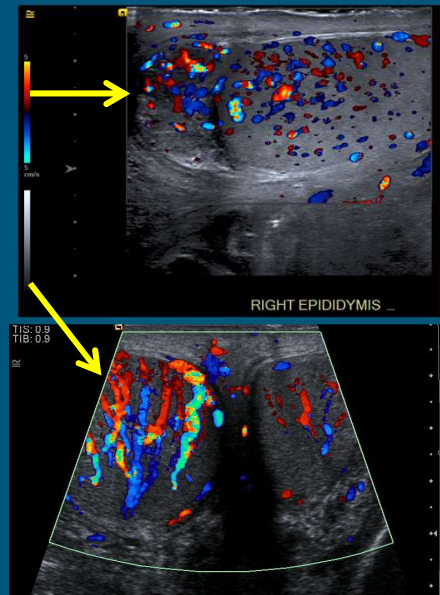


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Epididymoorchitis

- Imaging:
 - Epi thickened > 1 cm
 - Heterogenous
 - Increased color Doppler signal
- Etiology: UTI → epi tail → epi head → testis
- Causes:
 - Most common: GC
 - Older men: E. coli
 - Isolated orchitis: Mumps
 - Smoldering infxn: TB
- Complications: infarct, abscess

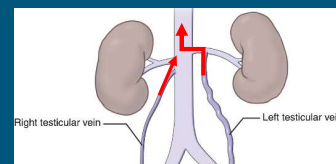
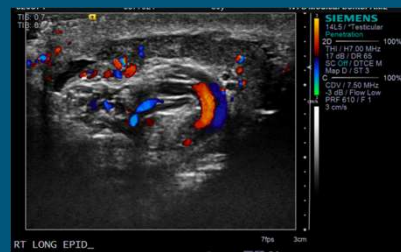
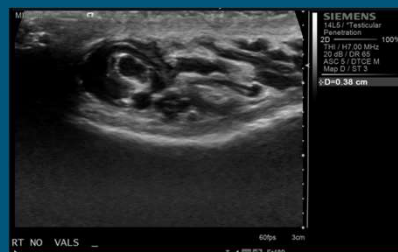


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Varicocele

- Dilated spermatic veins
- Presentation: Asymptomatic, infertility, “bag of worms”
- Imaging: ≥ 3 mm veins
- Left >>> Right (gonadal vein insertion)
 - Isolated right varicocele → CT

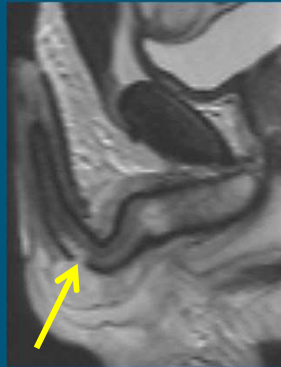




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Penile Fracture

- Most commonly secondary to sexual intercourse
- Clinical: audible crack, loss of erection
- Usually affects distal 2/3rds
- MRI: tunica (T1/T2 hypointense) disruption, can assess urethral integrity



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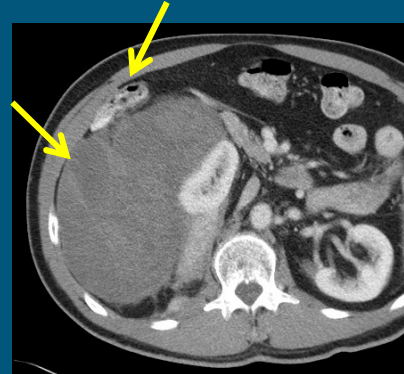
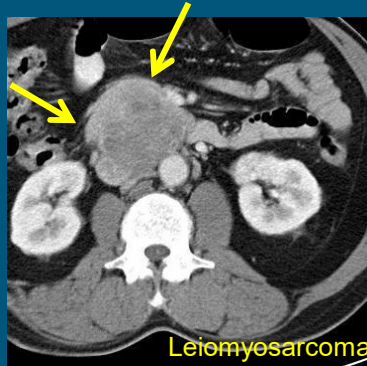
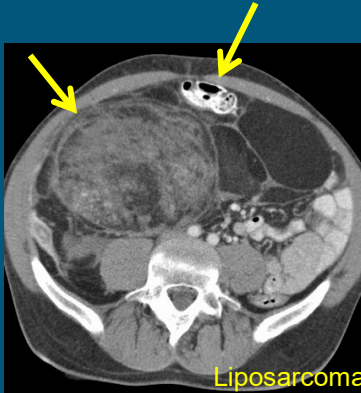


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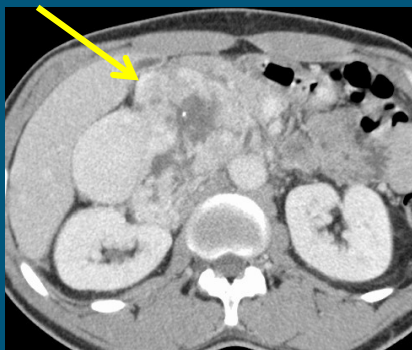


- Most common 1° RP malignancy
- Liposarcoma > Leiomyosarcoma > many others
- Imaging: Large, heterogenous +/- fat +/- vascular invasion



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Paraganglioma



- “Extra-adrenal pheochromocytoma”
- Hyperenhancing
- Anywhere from L2-S1

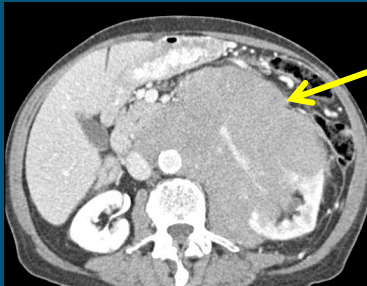
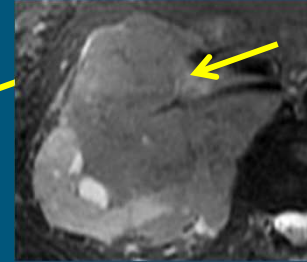


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Renal/Perirenal Lymphoma

- Secondary NHL > primary
- Renal prevalence: 10% (imaging), 30-60% (autopsy)
- Imaging
 - Renal: bilateral masses
 - Perirenal: encasing soft tissue, no hydro
 - MRI: T2 hypointense, diffusion restricting
 - Lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly

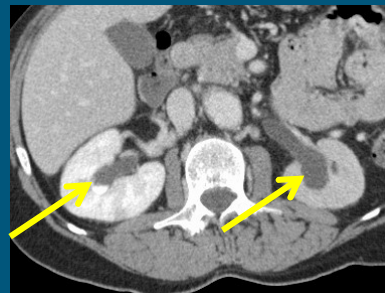


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Retroperitoneal Fibrosis

- Mimics lymphoma
- Soft tissue rind around aorta, IVC, ureters
- Usually spares perirenal/suprarenal spaces
- **Hydronephrosis, tethers ureters medially**



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Question #1

A fluoroscopy operator will increase administered radiation dose by:

- A. Collimating the image field of view
- B. Reducing patient distance from the detector
- C. Enabling image magnification
- D. Using last image hold
- E. Reducing fluoroscopy pulse rate



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Question #2

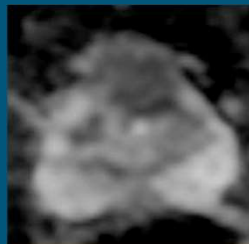
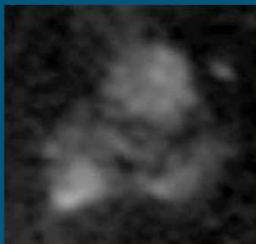
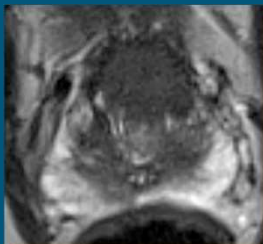
A relative contraindication to low-dose CT for urinary stone follow-up is:

- A. Cystine stone composition
- B. Stone size of 6 mm
- C. Hydronephrosis
- D. Morbid obesity
- E. Age under 18 years



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Question #3



According to the Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System (PI-RADS), the MRI feature most indicative of prostate cancer in the location shown on these images is:

- A. High signal on ADC
- B. Brisk contrast enhancement
- C. Circumscribed heterogenous nodule
- D. High signal on T1
- E. Low signal on T2

THANK YOU!

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