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Abdominal Exams

Patient Information

Field	Information
Full Name:	John Marie Claire
Date of Birth:	04/20/1972
Gender:	Male
Date of Examination:	06/15/2023

Inspection

Observations	Findings	Interpretation
General Appearance	Alert, not in distress	Normal
Abdominal Contour	Flat	Normal
Abdominal Movement	Symmetrical with respiration	Normal
Skin Appearance	No rashes or lesions	Normal
Presence of Scars	No visible scars	Normal

Auscultation

Observations	Findings	Interpretation
Bowel Sounds	Normoactive bowel sounds in all quadrants	Normal
Vascular Sounds	No bruits	Normal

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ARDMS AB-Abdomen Exam Syllabus Topics:

Topic	Details
Topic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abdominal Physics: This section of the exam measures the knowledge of ultrasound technicians in applying imaging physics principles to abdominal sonography. It includes understanding how to optimize ultrasound equipment settings for the best image quality and how to identify and correct imaging artifacts that can distort interpretation. Candidates should demonstrate technical proficiency in handling transducers, adjusting frequency, and managing depth and gain to obtain clear, diagnostic-quality images while minimizing errors caused by acoustic artifacts.

Topic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy, Perfusion, and Function: This section of the exam measures the skills of abdominal sonographers and focuses on evaluating the physical characteristics, blood flow, and overall function of abdominal structures. Candidates must understand how to assess organs such as the liver, kidneys, pancreas, and spleen for size, shape, and movement. It also involves analyzing perfusion to determine how effectively blood circulates through these organs. The goal is to ensure accurate interpretation of both normal and abnormal functions within the abdominal cavity using sonographic imaging.
Topic 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathology, Vascular Abnormalities, Trauma, and Postoperative Anatomy: This section of the exam evaluates the abilities of diagnostic medical sonographers and covers the detection and analysis of diseases, vascular issues, trauma-related damage, and surgical alterations in abdominal anatomy. Candidates are expected to identify abnormal growths, inflammations, obstructions, or vascular irregularities that may affect abdominal organs. They must also recognize post-surgical changes and assess healing or complications through imaging. The emphasis is on correlating pathological findings with clinical data to produce precise diagnostic reports that guide further medical management.
Topic 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Care, Practice, and Quality Assurance: This section of the exam tests the competencies of clinical ultrasound specialists and focuses on integrating patient care standards, clinical data, and procedural accuracy in abdominal imaging. It assesses the candidate ability to follow established medical guidelines, ensure correct measurements, and provide assistance during interventional or diagnostic procedures. Additionally, this domain emphasizes maintaining high-quality imaging practices and ensuring patient safety. Effective communication, adherence to protocols, and continuous quality improvement are key aspects of this section.

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ARDMS Abdomen Sonography Examination Sample Questions (Q36-Q41):

NEW QUESTION # 36

Which diagnosis is most accurate based on the findings in this image from an adult patient?

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- **A. Renal cell carcinoma**
- B. Nephroblastoma
- C. Transitional cell carcinoma
- D. Clear cell carcinoma

Answer: A

Explanation:

The ultrasound images (sagittal and transverse views of the left kidney) demonstrate a large, well-defined, heterogeneous mass within the renal parenchyma. This is highly characteristic of renal cell carcinoma (RCC), the most common primary renal malignancy in adults.

Renal cell carcinoma accounts for approximately 85% of all malignant renal tumors in adults. RCC often appears as:

- * A solid, heterogeneous, hypoechoic to isoechoic mass within the kidney
- * May contain areas of necrosis or hemorrhage (seen as mixed echogenicity)
- * Distortion of the normal renal contour
- * May have internal vascularity on Doppler imaging

Clear cell carcinoma (choice B) is the most common histological subtype of RCC but is not a separate diagnosis from RCC in imaging terms. Therefore, the most accurate answer is choice C: Renal cell carcinoma.

Differentiation from other options:

- * A. Nephroblastoma (Wilms tumor): A pediatric renal tumor, typically seen in children under 5 years of age-not applicable in adults.
- * B. Clear cell carcinoma: Histological subtype of RCC, not a distinct radiologic diagnosis.
- * D. Transitional cell carcinoma: Arises from the renal pelvis or ureter, typically appears as a central or collecting system mass rather than a cortical/parenchymal one.

References:

Rumack CM, Wilson SR, Charboneau JW, Levine D. Diagnostic Ultrasound. 5th Edition. Elsevier, 2018.

Chapter: Kidneys, pp. 215-222.

Radiopaedia.org. Renal cell carcinoma: <https://radiopaedia.org/articles/renal-cell-carcinoma> American College of Radiology (ACR)

Appropriateness Criteria - Hematuria, 2022.

NEW QUESTION # 37

Where in the neck are most thyroid cancer recurrences found?

- A. Ipsilateral
- B. Bilateral
- C. Contralateral
- D. Subauricular

Answer: A

Explanation:

Most thyroid cancer recurrences are found in the ipsilateral neck-particularly in the central (level VI) or lateral (levels II-V) compartments on the same side as the original malignancy.

According to AIUM Practice Parameters:

"Post-thyroidectomy recurrence most frequently occurs ipsilateral to the original tumor, commonly involving regional lymph nodes."

Reference:

AIUM Practice Parameter for Thyroid and Neck Ultrasound, 2020.

American Thyroid Association (ATA) Guidelines for Thyroid Cancer Management, 2015.

NEW QUESTION # 38

Which diagnosis is most consistent with this image from a patient with acute scrotal pain?

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- A. Scrotal abscess
- B. Testicular torsion
- C. Testicular rupture
- D. Epididymitis

Answer: B

Explanation:

The grayscale ultrasound image demonstrates a uniformly enlarged, hypoechoic (dark), and heterogeneous testis without signs of surrounding scrotal wall thickening or a discrete fluid collection. This pattern is highly suggestive of testicular torsion in the setting of acute scrotal pain.

Sonographic features of testicular torsion on grayscale imaging:

* Enlarged testis

* Diffusely hypoechoic parenchyma

* Loss of normal homogeneity

* Absence of internal vascular flow on Doppler imaging (not shown here but critical in confirming diagnosis) Testicular torsion occurs due to twisting of the spermatic cord, leading to vascular compromise and eventual infarction if not promptly corrected. It is a surgical emergency and typically presents in adolescent males with sudden-onset, severe unilateral testicular pain.

Comparison of answer choices:

* A. Scrotal abscess appears as a complex fluid collection with irregular margins and posterior enhancement.

* B. Testicular rupture would show discontinuity of the tunica albuginea, heterogeneous texture, and often a hematocele.

* C. Testicular torsion - Correct. The enlarged, hypoechoic, heterogeneous testis is characteristic, particularly in the acute phase.

* D. Epididymitis typically shows an enlarged, hypervascular epididymis and may extend to the testis (epididymo-orchitis), but vascularity is usually increased rather than absent.

References:

Dogra VS, Gottlieb RH, Oka M, Rubens DJ. Sonography of the scrotum. Radiology. 2003;227(1):18-36.

Rumack CM, Wilson SR, Charboneau JW, Levine D. Diagnostic Ultrasound, 5th ed. Elsevier; 2017.
AIUM Practice Parameter for the Performance of a Scrotal Ultrasound Examination (2021).

NEW QUESTION # 39

Which artifact is seen within the gallbladder in this image?

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- A. Attenuation
- **B. Reverberation**
- C. Banding
- D. Shadowing

Answer: B

Explanation:

The ultrasound image demonstrates multiple parallel echogenic lines within the gallbladder lumen, extending distally and diminishing in intensity. These equidistant lines are classic for a reverberation artifact.

Reverberation occurs when the ultrasound beam reflects multiple times between two strong reflectors (such as the anterior gallbladder wall and the transducer), creating repeating echoes that appear as equally spaced lines.

This is frequently seen in:

- * The gallbladder (especially when collapsed or near the wall)
- * Near air-filled structures
- * With metallic objects or surgical clips

Reverberation does not represent a true anatomical structure and should be distinguished from real pathology.

Comparison of answer choices:

- * A. Banding refers to speed displacement or slice-thickness artifacts and typically does not appear as repetitive lines.
- * B. Shadowing is a dark band posterior to highly attenuating structures like gallstones or bone, not present here.
- * C. Attenuation is a general term for the reduction in sound energy as it travels-posterior acoustic shadowing is one type.
- * D. Reverberation - Correct. The characteristic bright, parallel lines within the gallbladder lumen confirm this artifact.

References:

Krenkau FW. Sonography Principles and Instruments, 9th ed. Elsevier; 2015.

Rumack CM, Wilson SR, Charboneau JW, Levine D. Diagnostic Ultrasound, 5th ed. Elsevier; 2017.

Hagen-Ansert SL. Textbook of Diagnostic Sonography, 8th ed. Elsevier; 2017.

NEW QUESTION # 40

Which technique is used to demonstrate the finding in this video?

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- **A. Compression**
- B. Valsalva
- C. Exhalation
- D. Deep inspiration

Answer: A

Explanation:

The technique shown in the video is compression. In ultrasound imaging-especially of soft tissue masses, the bowel, or venous structures-compression is used to evaluate the compressibility of structures. The image demonstrates a classic grayscale ultrasound view of a lesion or structure being compressed with the probe.

Compression sonography is particularly important in:

- * Evaluating venous patency (e.g., for deep vein thrombosis)
- * Differentiating cystic from solid structures
- * Evaluating bowel wall abnormalities or intussusception
- * Assessing lymph nodes and soft tissue masses (as shown here)

When a structure compresses easily under probe pressure, it suggests that the lesion is fluid-filled or soft. In contrast, incompressibility may indicate a solid mass or thrombus.

Differentiation from other options:

- * B. Valsalva: Involves forced expiration against a closed airway, used primarily to assess venous reflux or inguinal hernias-not what is demonstrated here.
- * C. Exhalation: A respiratory maneuver that passively alters thoracoabdominal pressure, not actively performed by the operator or

* D. Deep inspiration: Used to improve visualization of the liver, diaphragm, or gallbladder-not to evaluate the compressibility of soft tissue.

AIUM Practice Parameter for the Performance of a Diagnostic Ultrasound Examination, 2020.

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