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Ultrasound of the Gallbladder and biliary tract

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Ultrasound and the Biliary Tract

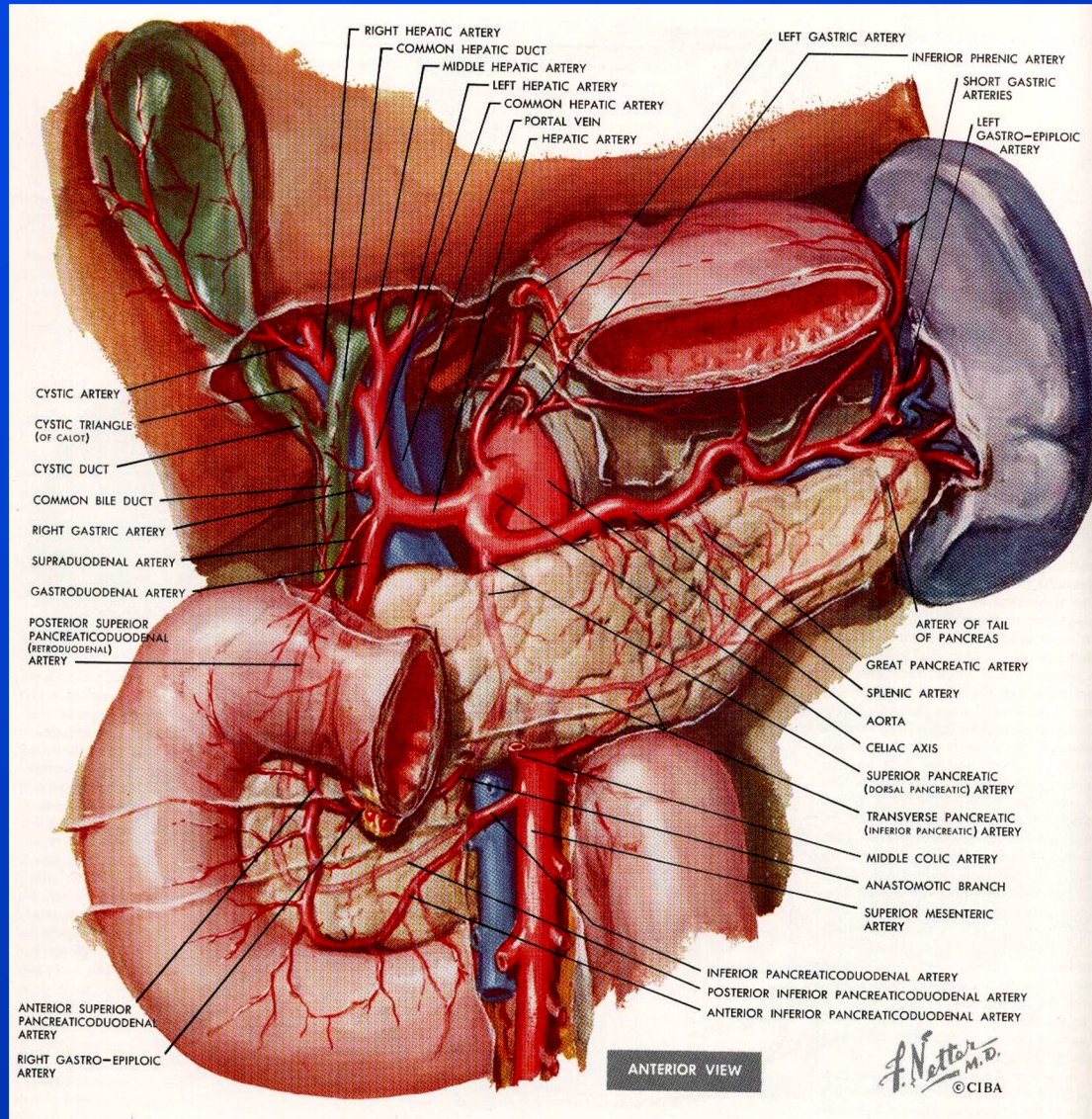
- Gallbladder:
 - Stones
 - Polyps
 - Cholecystitis
 - Tumours
- Biliary Ducts:
 - Intrahepatic dilatation
 - Ekstrahepatic dilatation
 - Cholangitis
 - Cysts (Carolis syndrom)
 - Cholangiocarcinoma

Ultrasound is the
method of choice



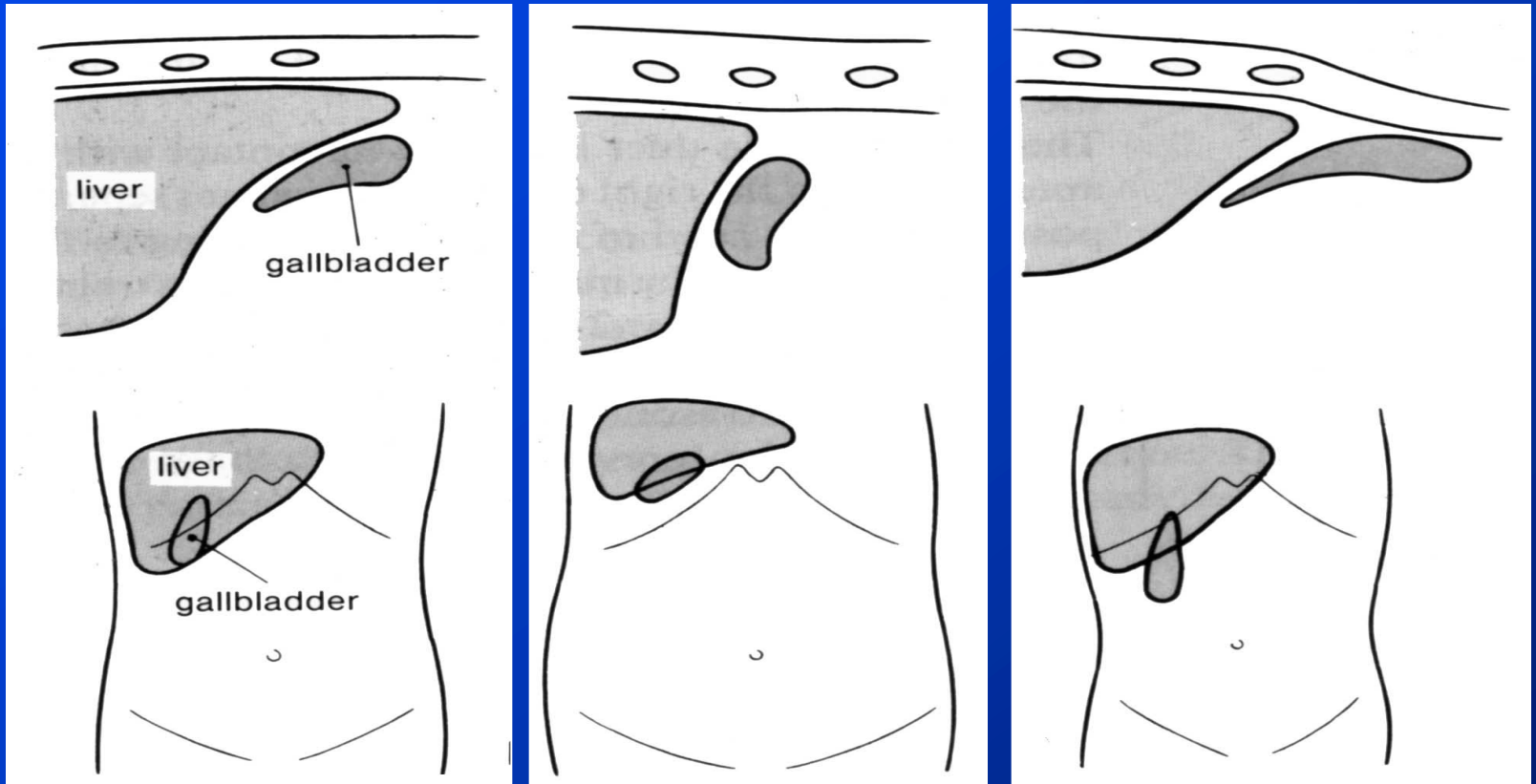


NORMAL ANATOMY



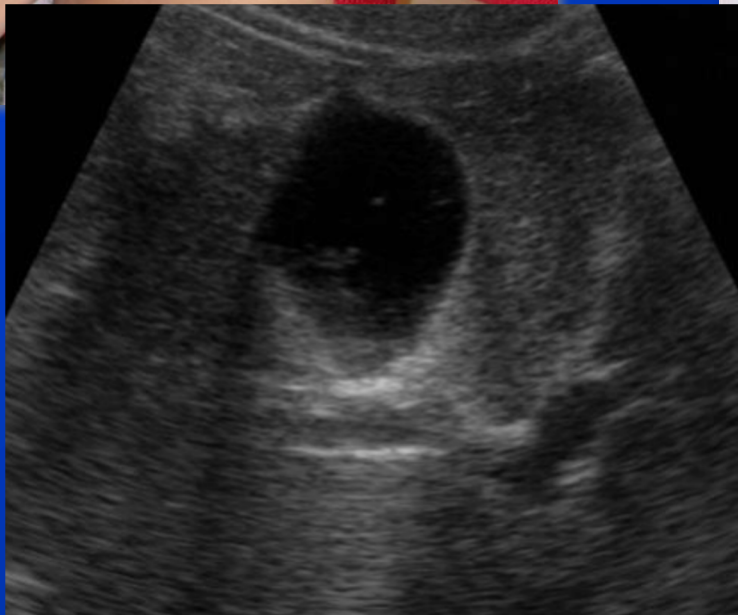


Gallbladder - Variable Position



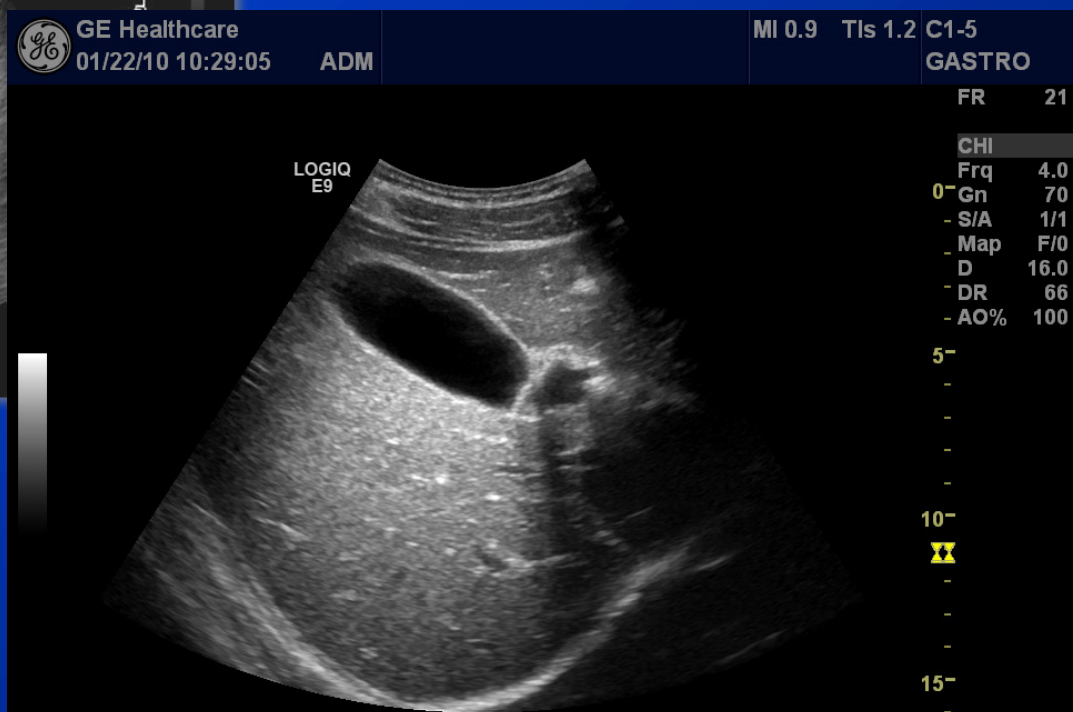


Examination Technique



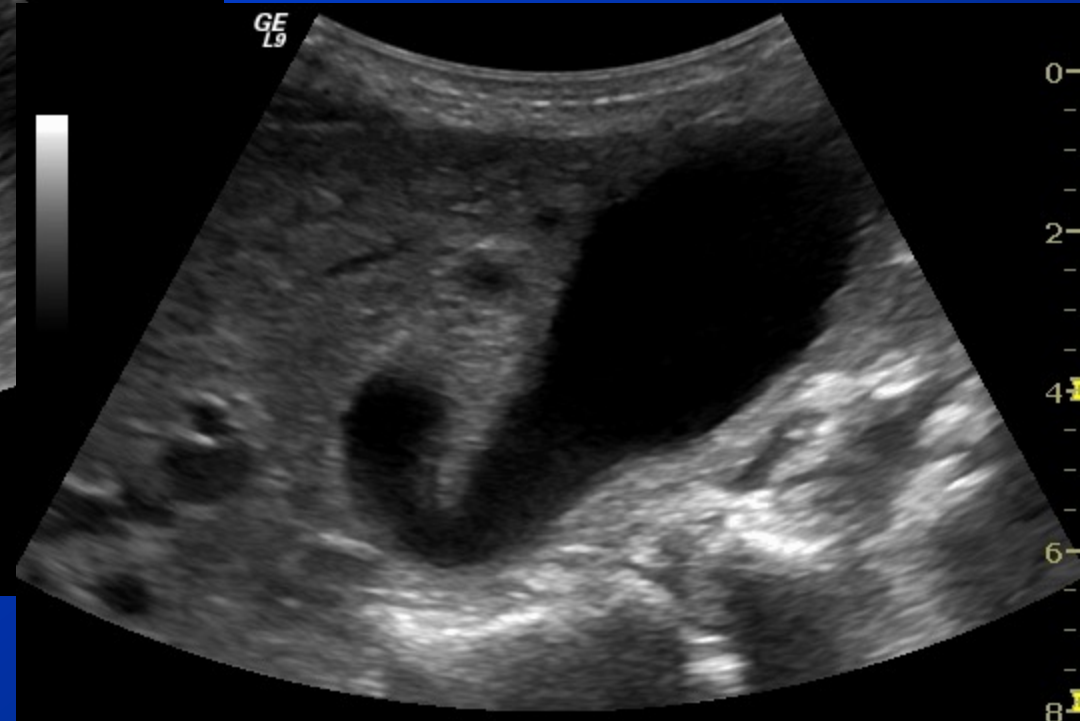
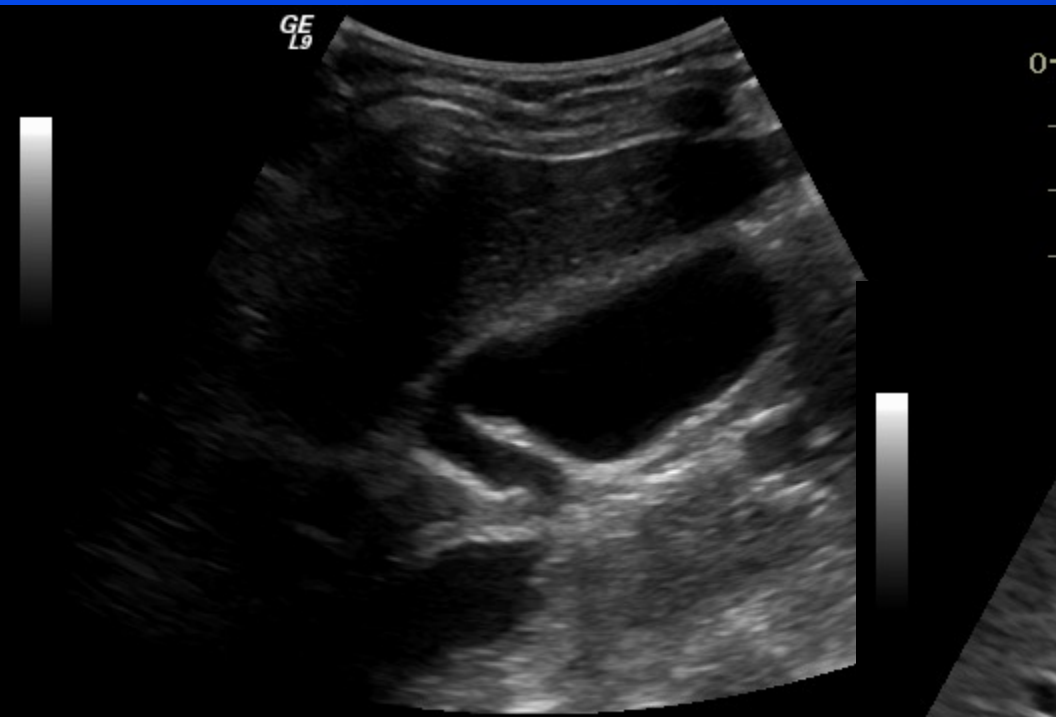


Normal Wall Thickness



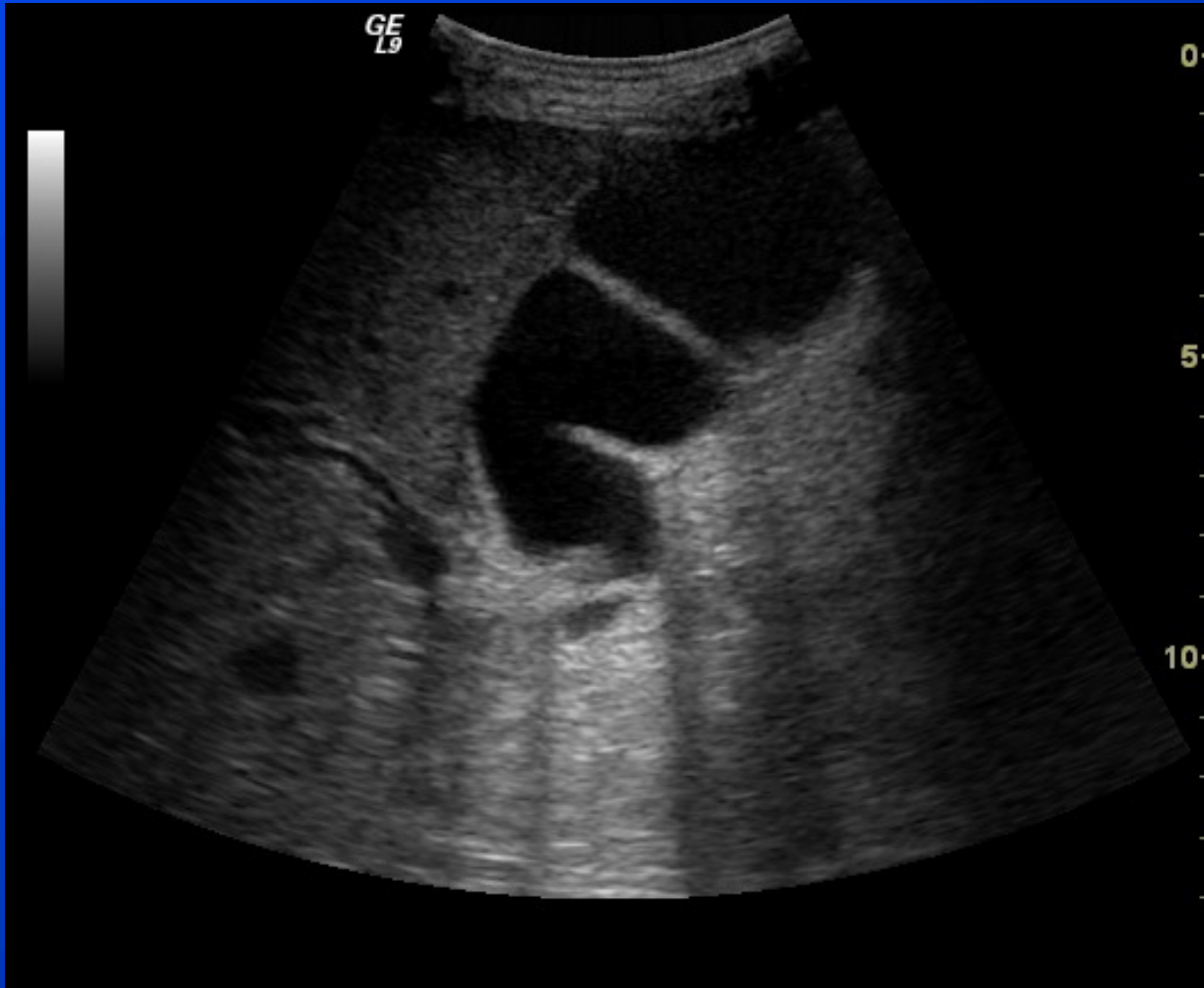


The Gallbladder neck



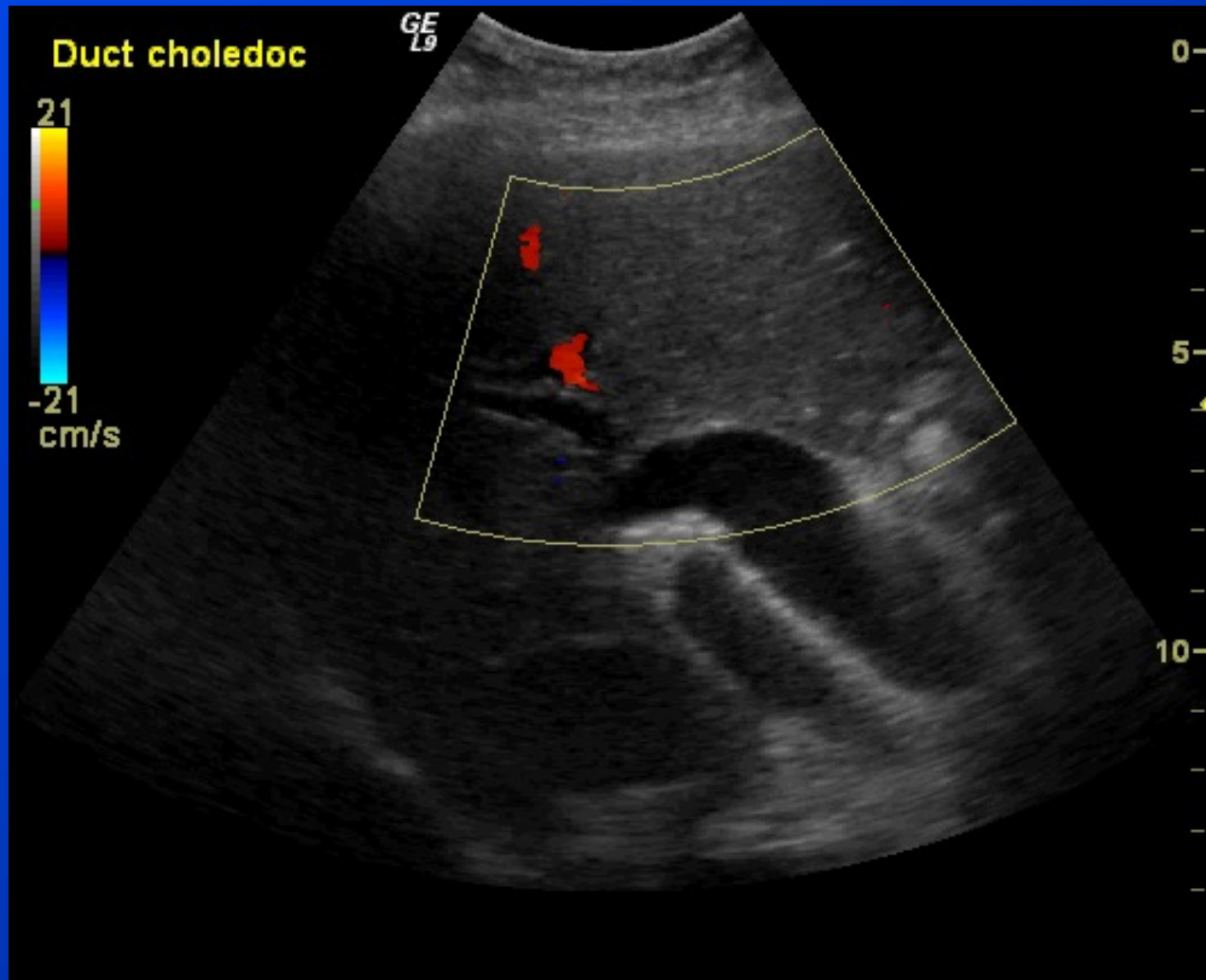


Folded Gallbladder



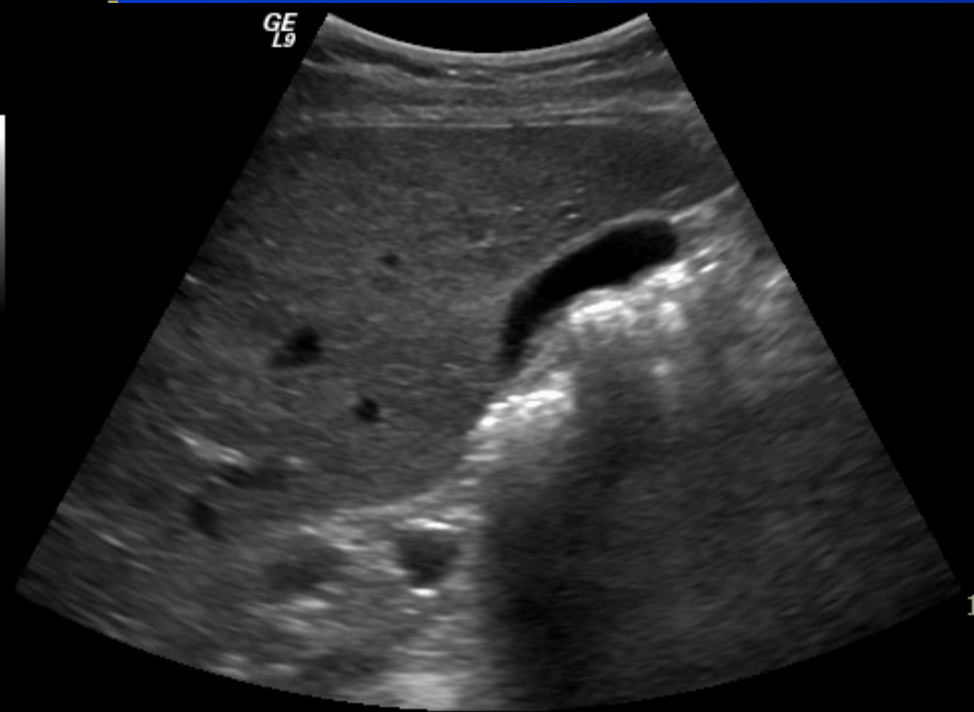
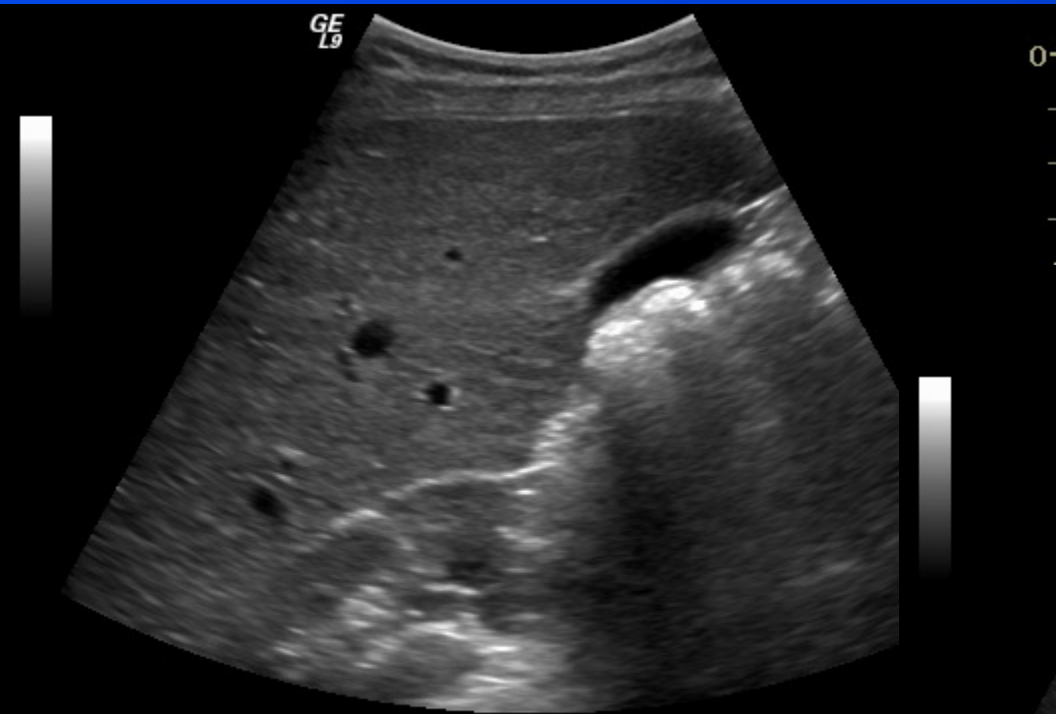


Biliary Tract – Use color Doppler!





Air in the Duodenum, not stone



Comet tail artifact



Normal Measures for the Gallbladder

- Wall thickness 2-3 mm
 - Cut-off pathology: 4 mm
- (Length 8-10 cm)
- Diameter 4 cm

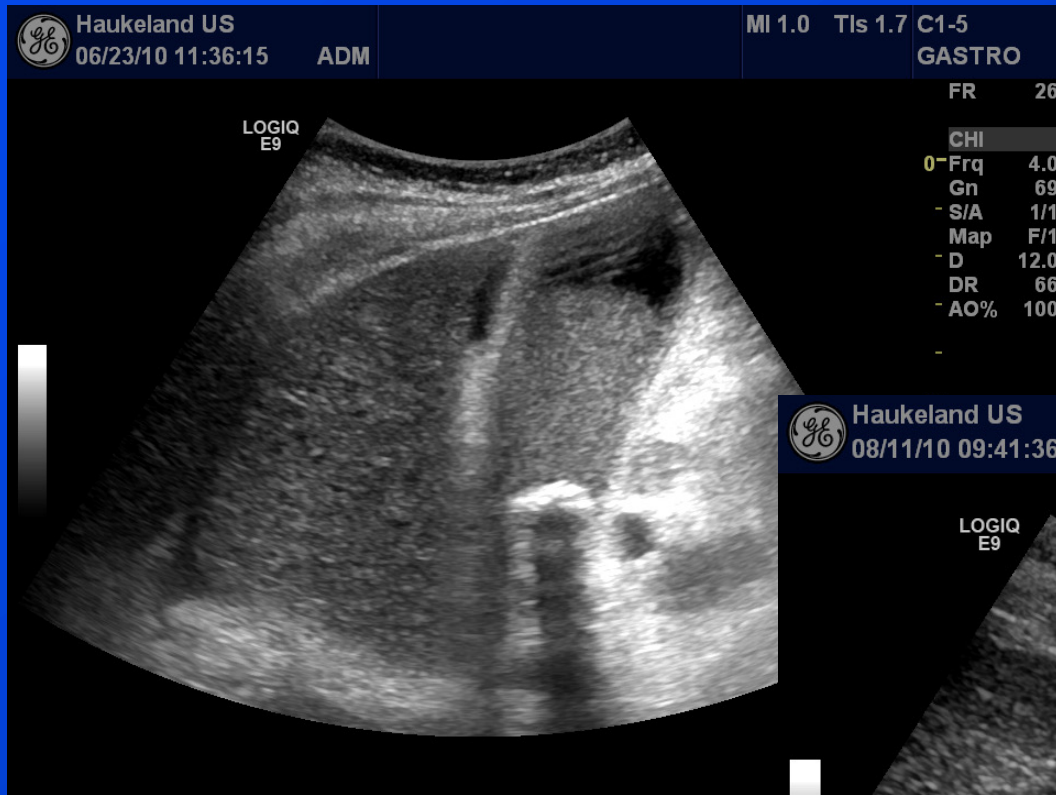
Wall thickening is an unspecific sign



Sludge



Gallbladder stone



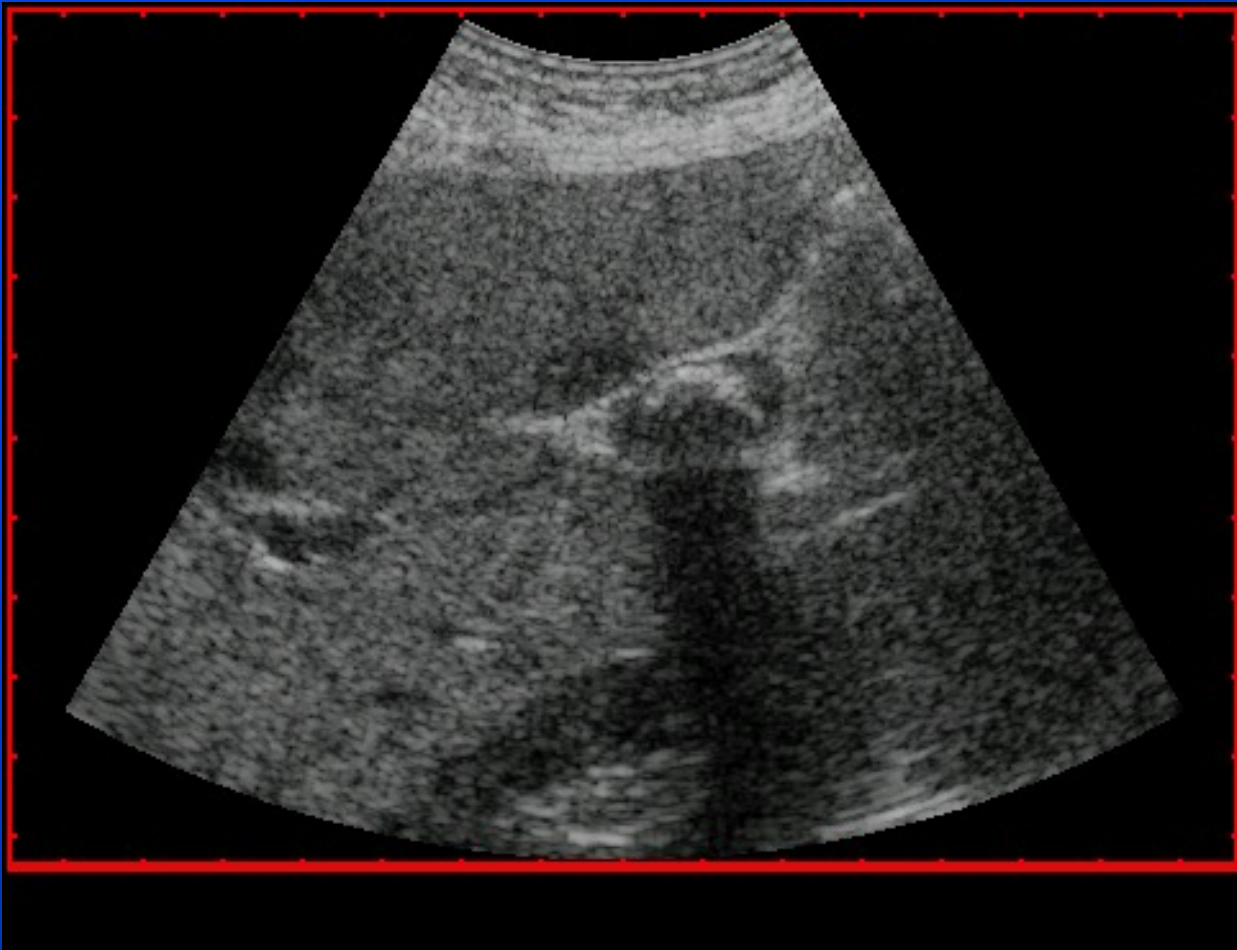


Gallbladder stone,- where?



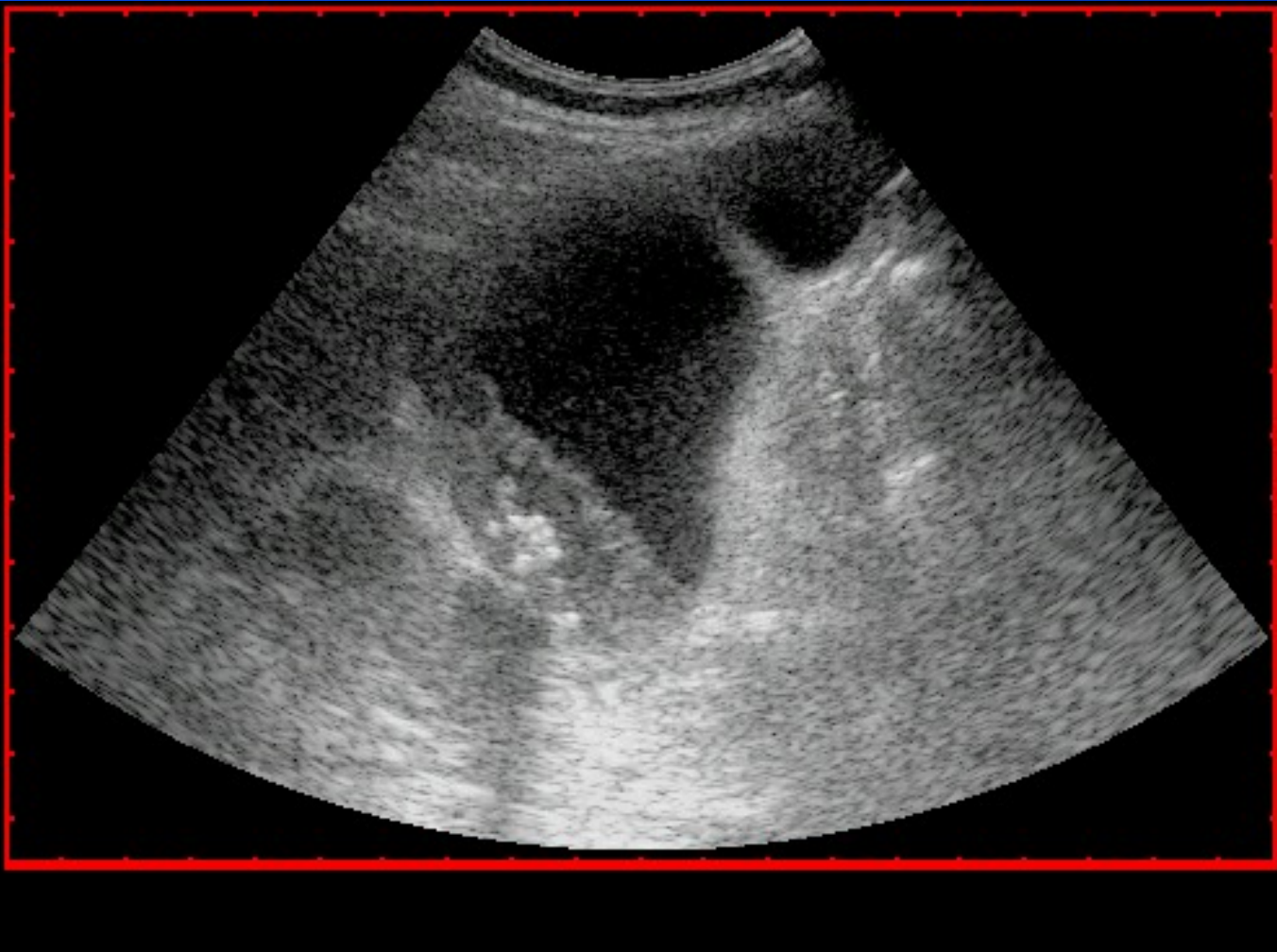


Small Gallbladder – big stone



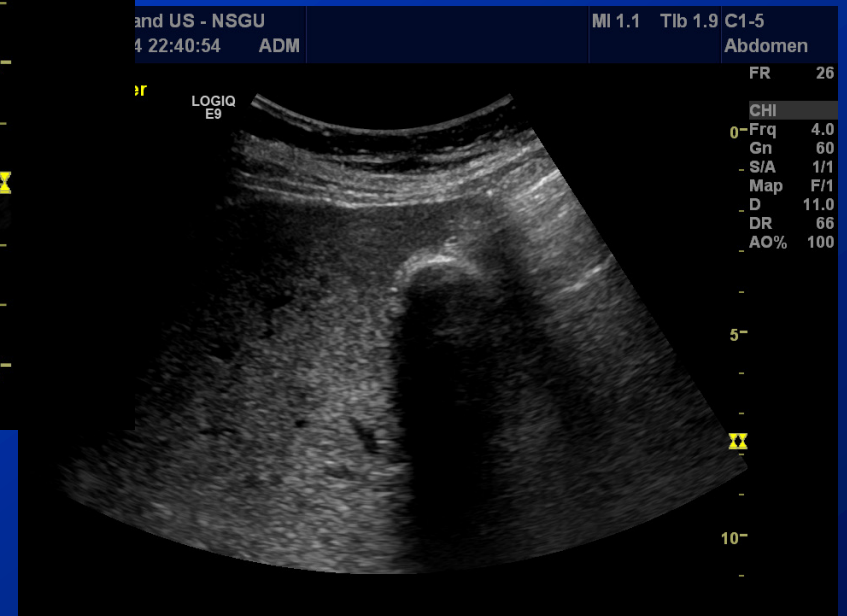
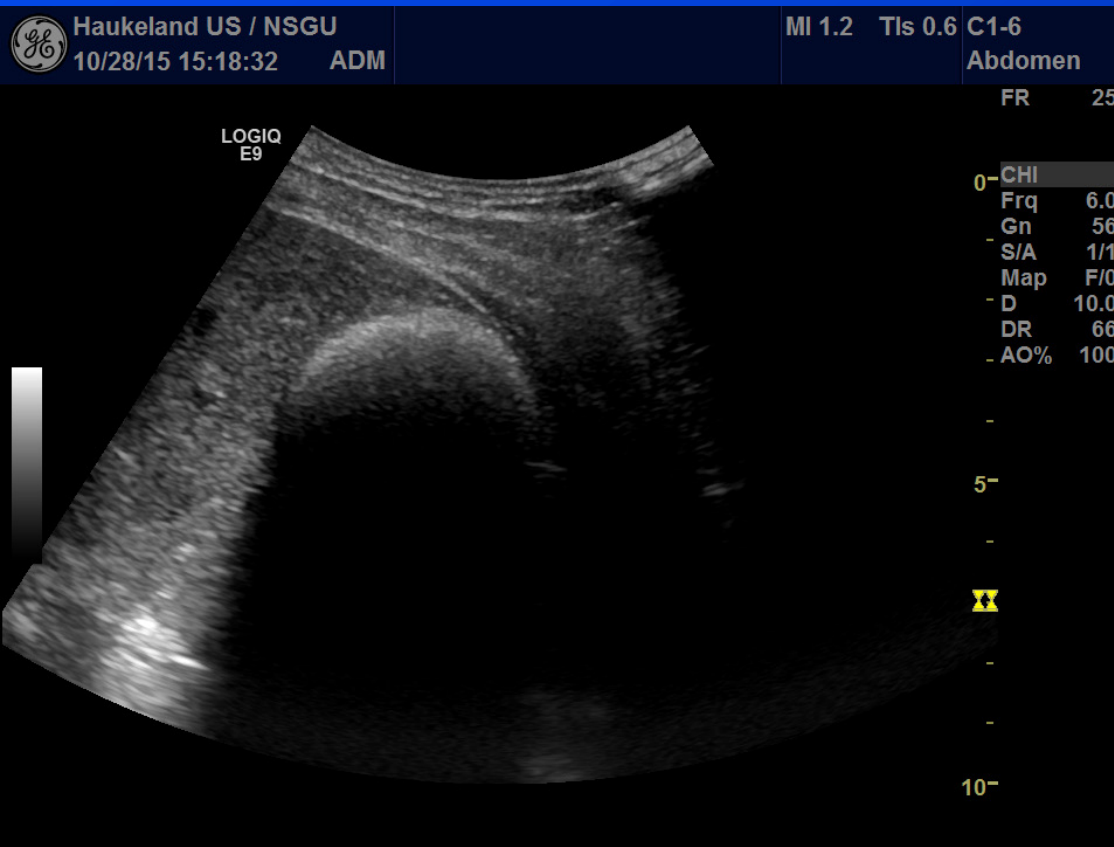


Galleblæresteiner og Grus



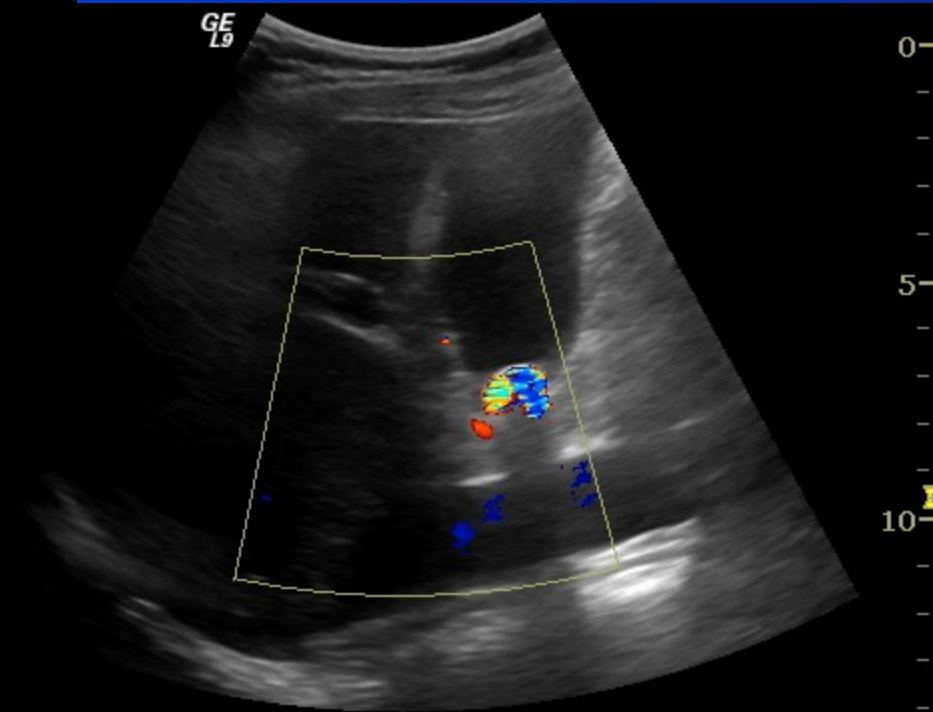
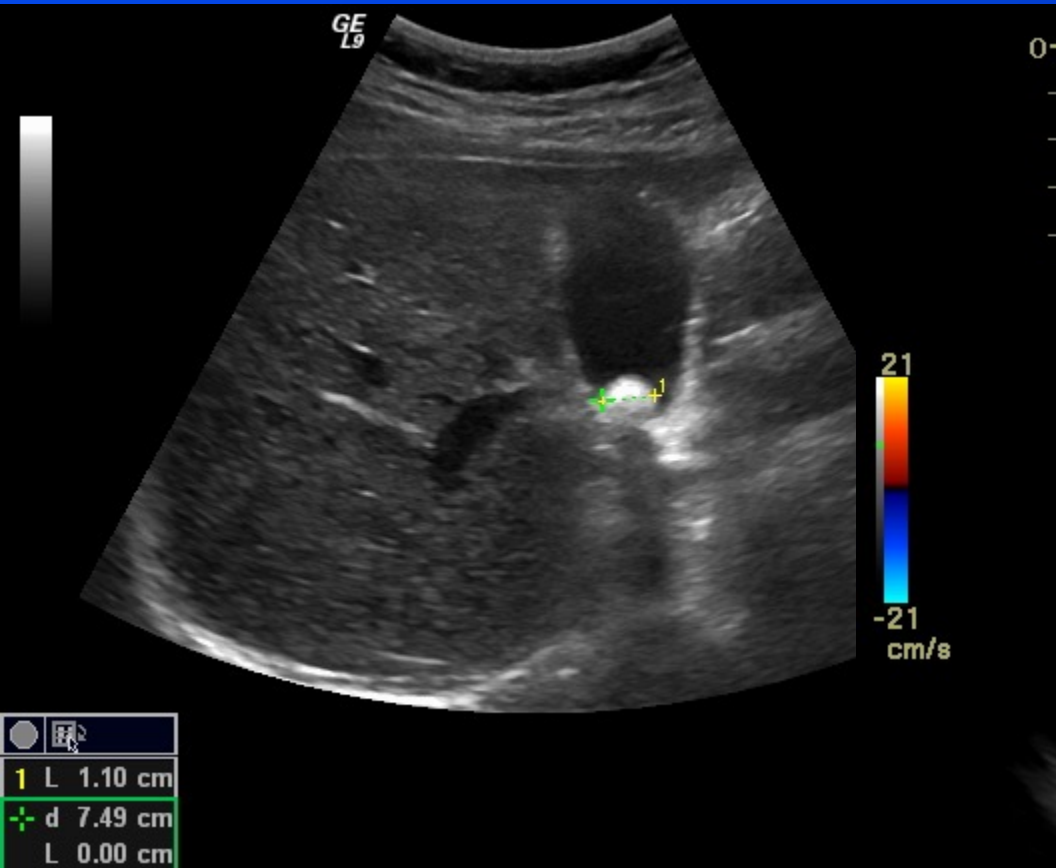


Porcelain Gallbladder





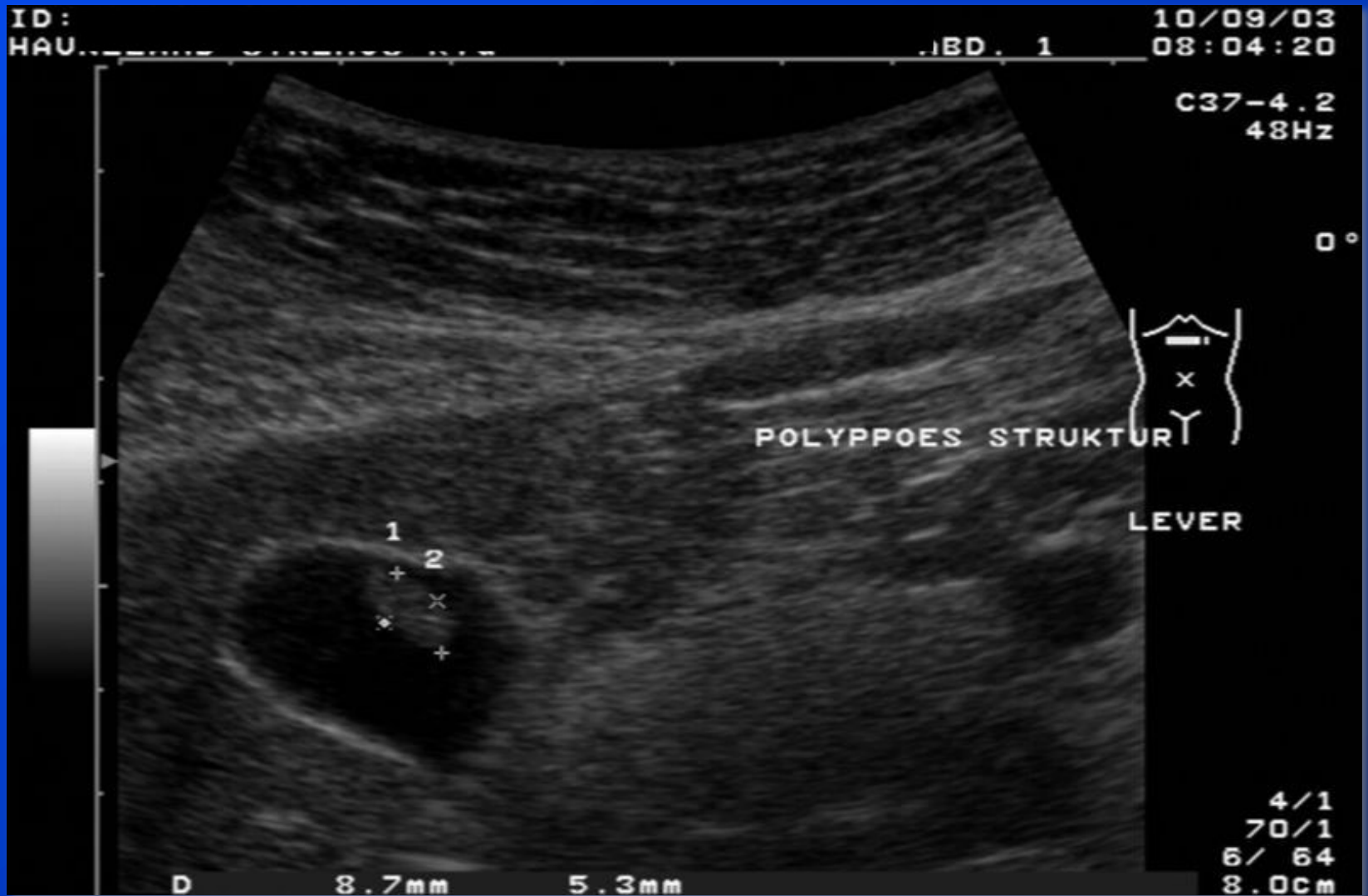
Twinkling Artifact





POLYPS

- Small, echogenic lesion adherent to the gallbladder wall
- Can be pedunculated, but most often not
- No shadow
- Sometimes only pseudopolyps
- Follow-up necessary if $> 6\text{mm}$
- Surgery if $> 10\text{mm}$





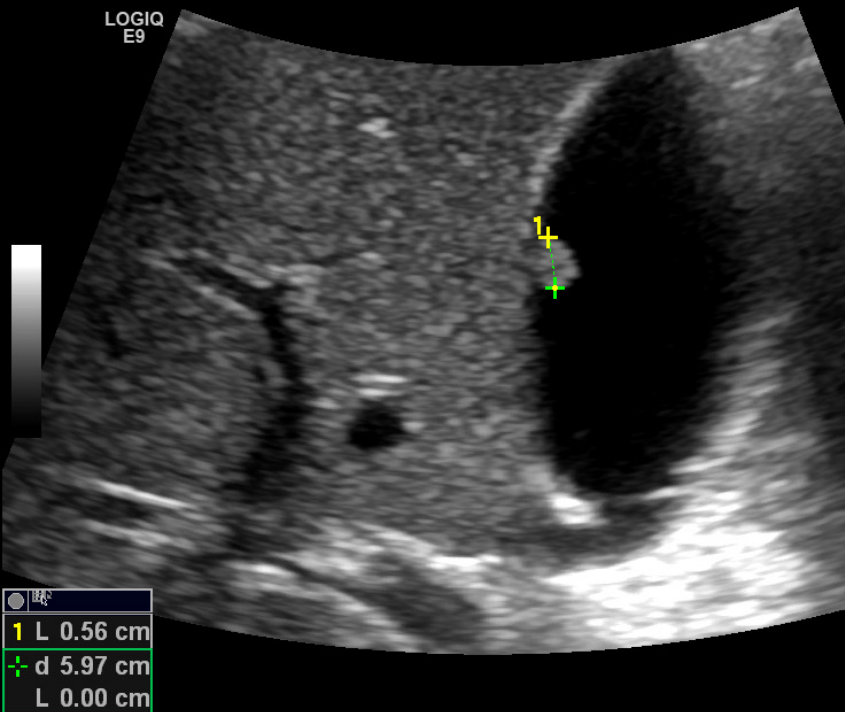
Galbladder Polyps

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FR 26

CHI

Frq 4.0



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Frq 4.0

Gn 64

4-D 10.0

AO% 100

CF

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Gn 20.0

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6-PRF 1.9

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S/P 5/12

AO% 100

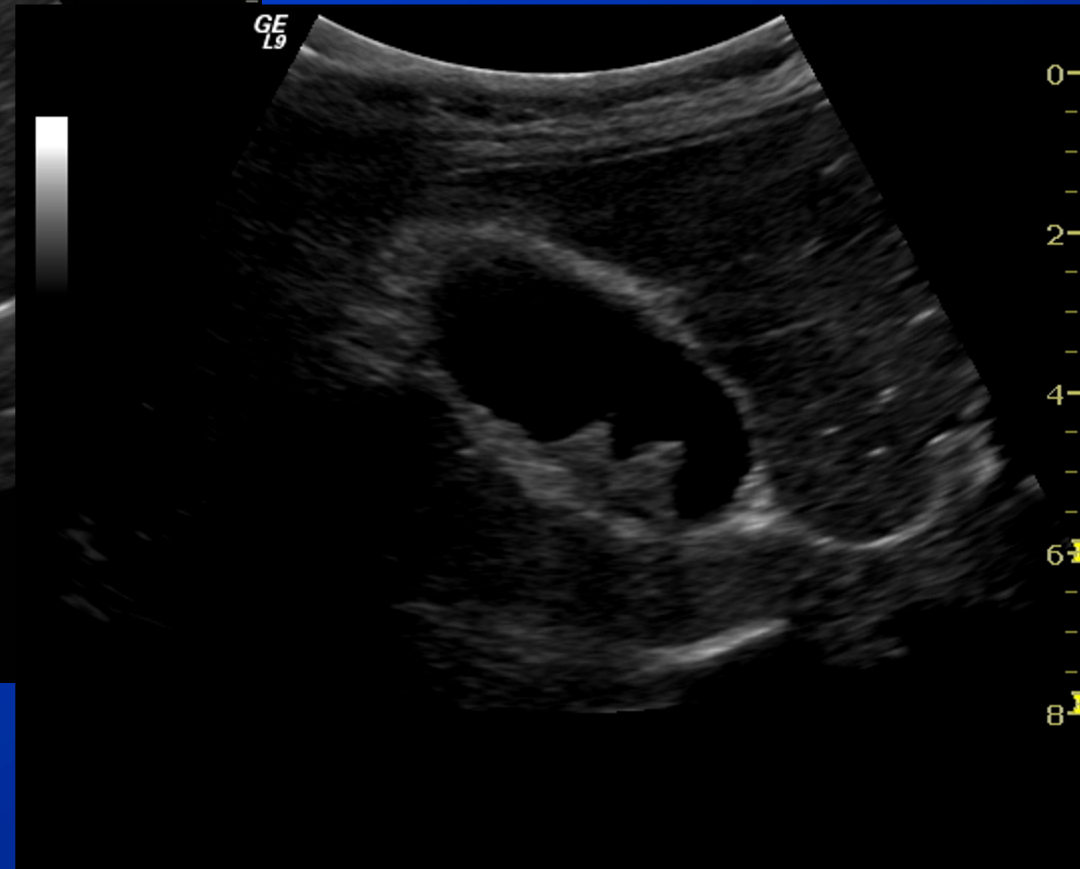
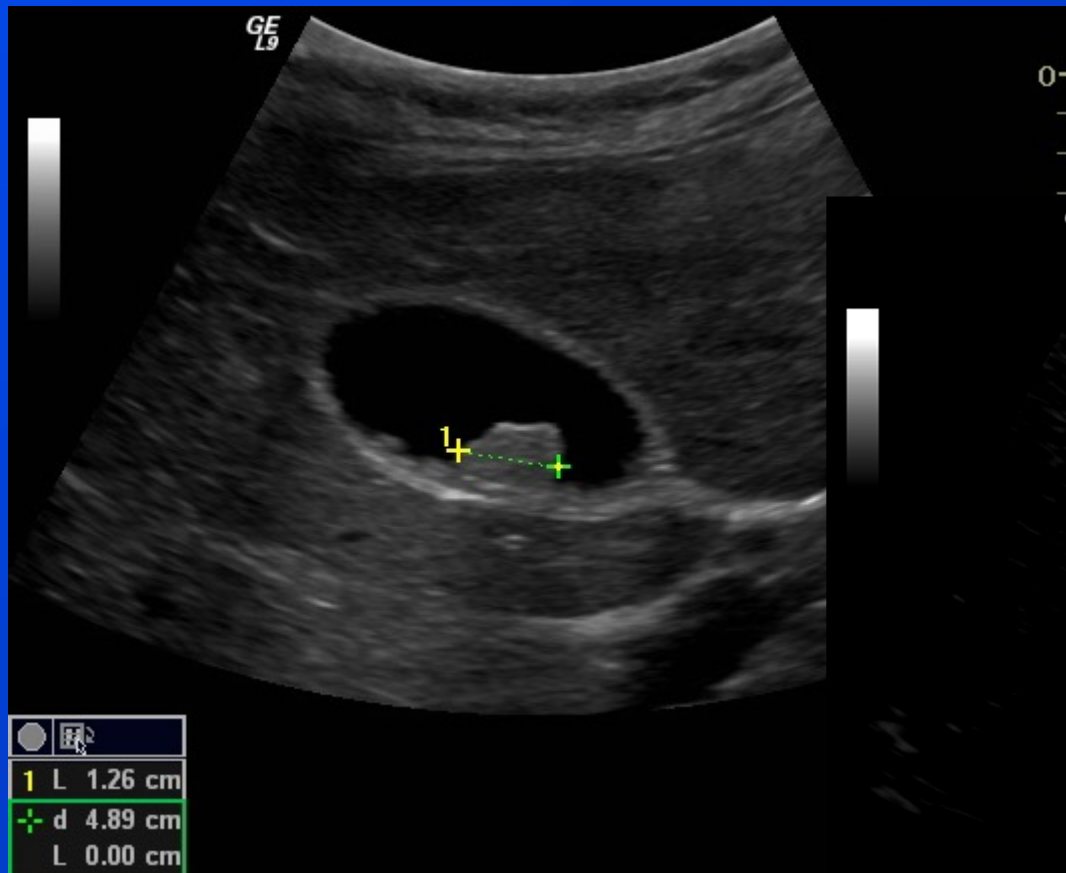


Small Polyp



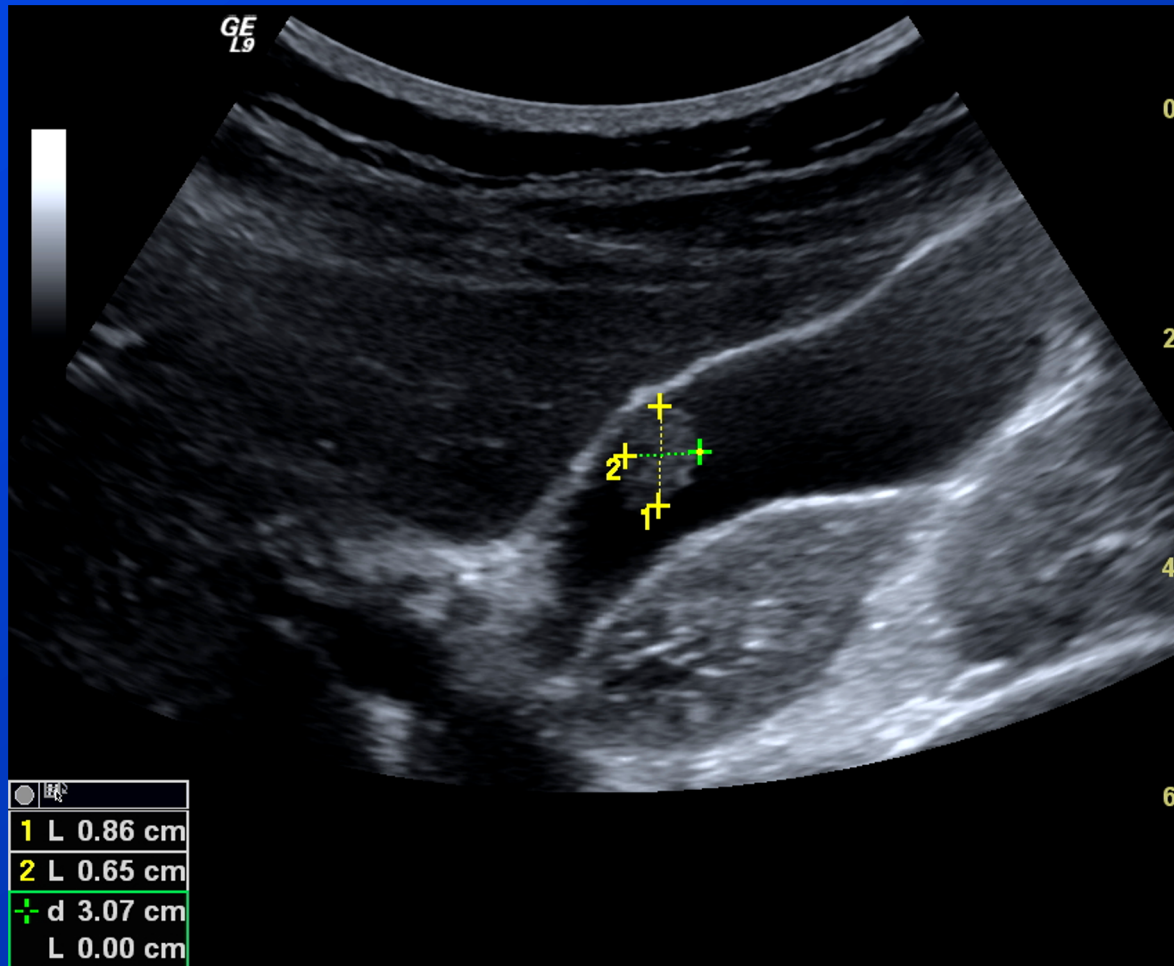


Gallbladder tumor





Gallbladder tumor





Tumor of the gallbladder wall



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C1-6
AbdDetail

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LOGIQ



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AO%	100

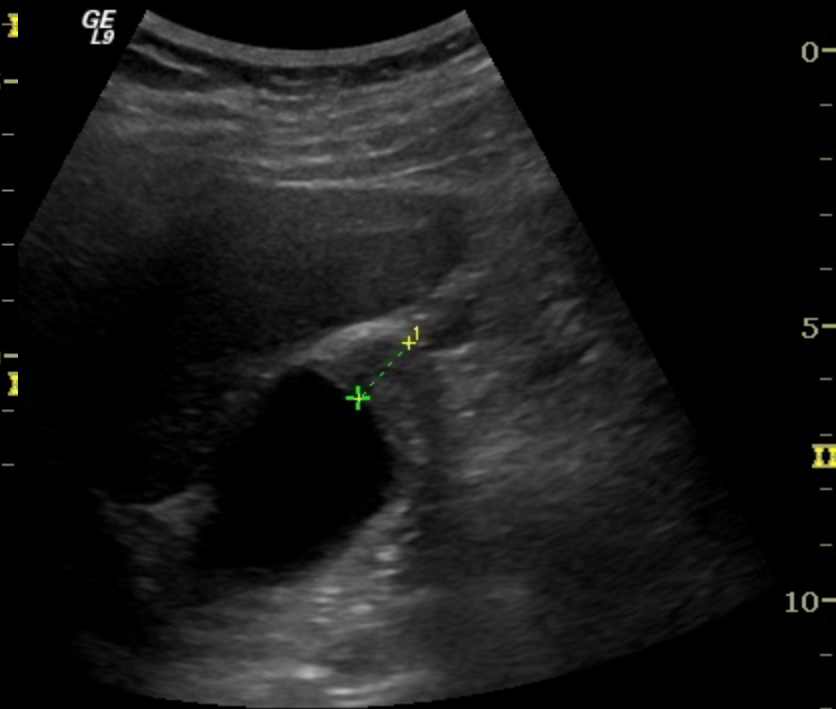
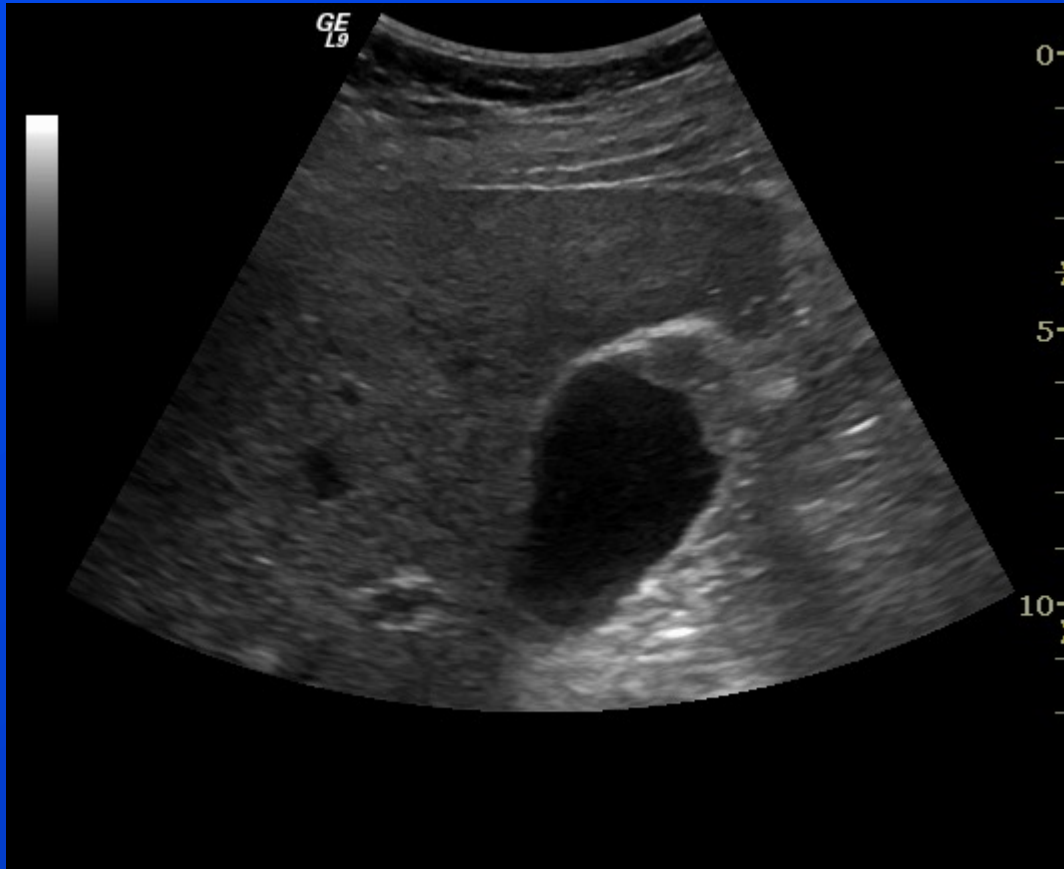
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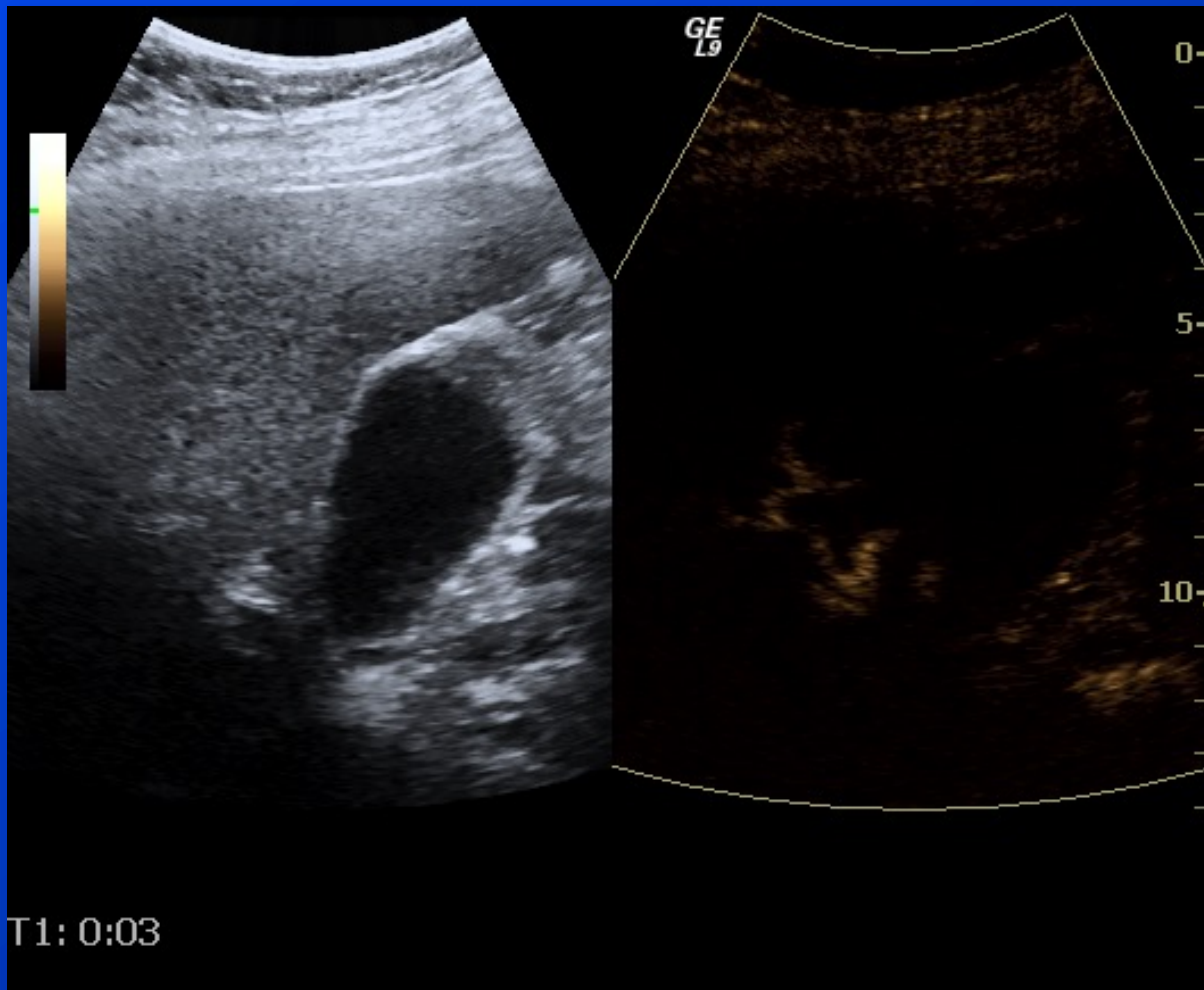
Tumor of the Gallbladder



●	■	□
1	L	1.36 cm
+	d	6.38 cm
	L	0.00 cm

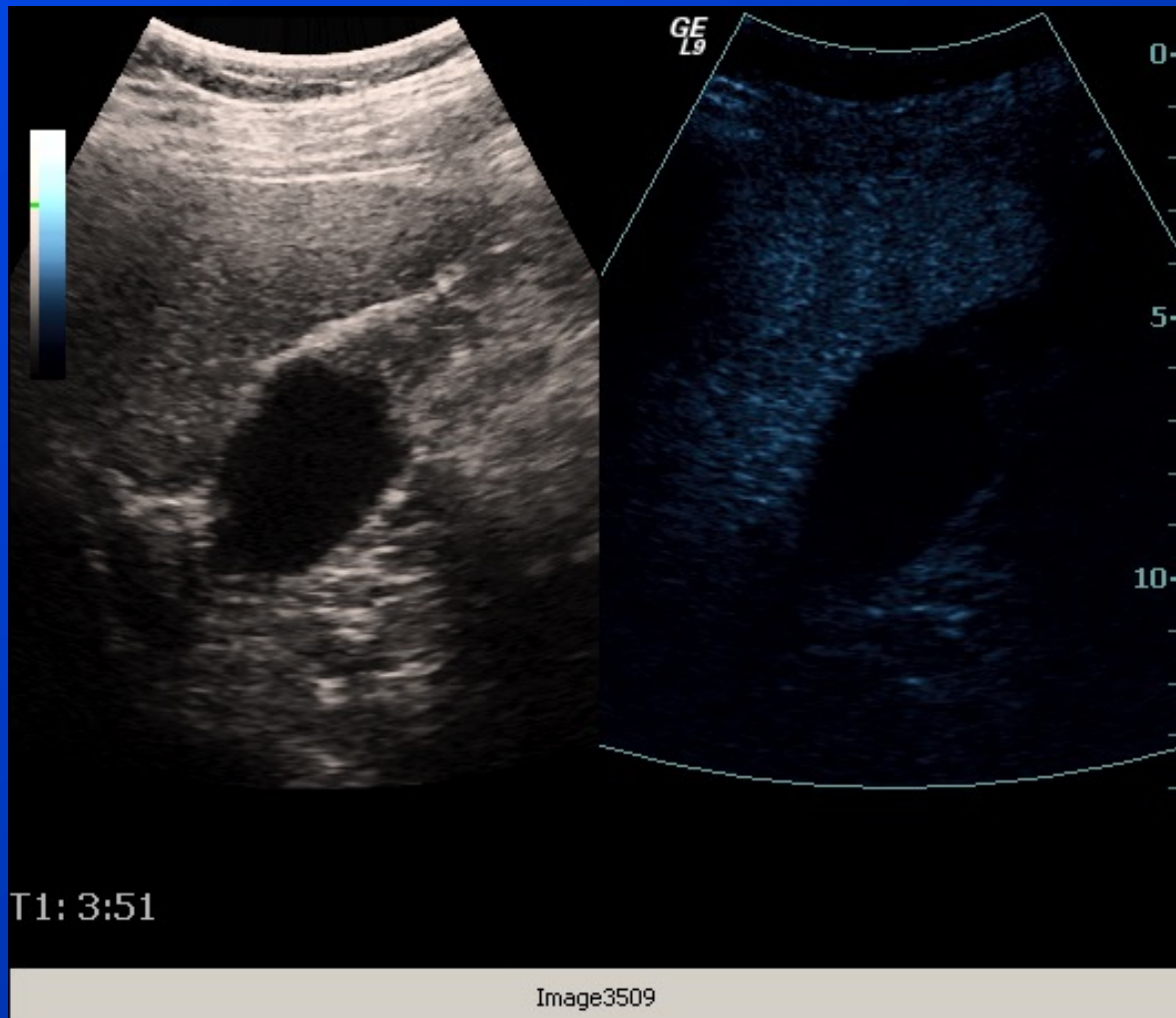


CEUS of Gallbladder Tumor



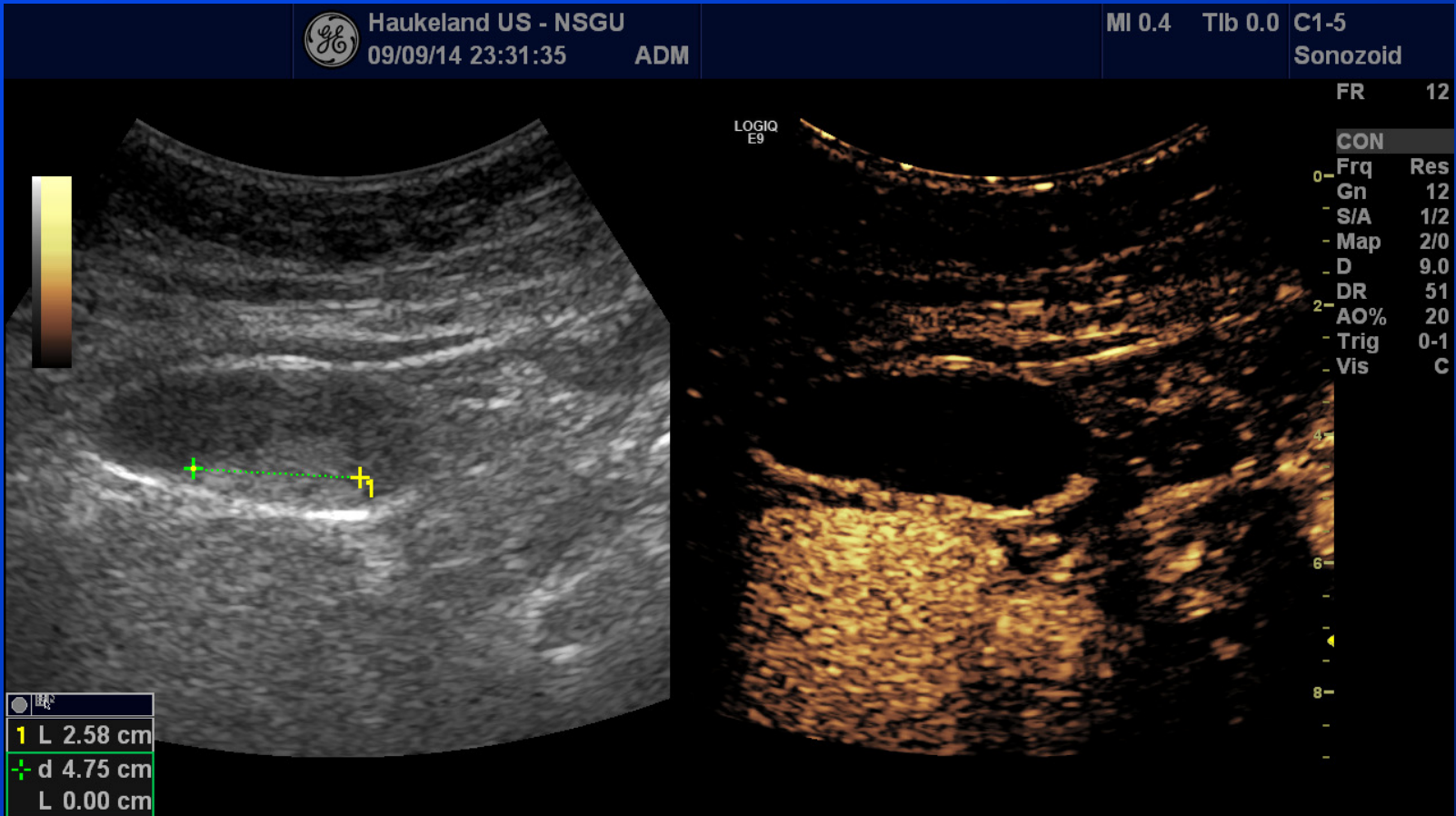


Venous phase





Gallbladder – Sludge or tumor?

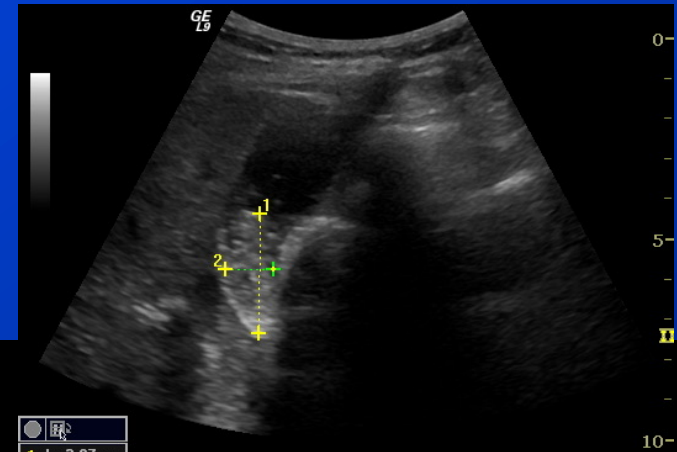




Gallbladder Adenomyomatosis

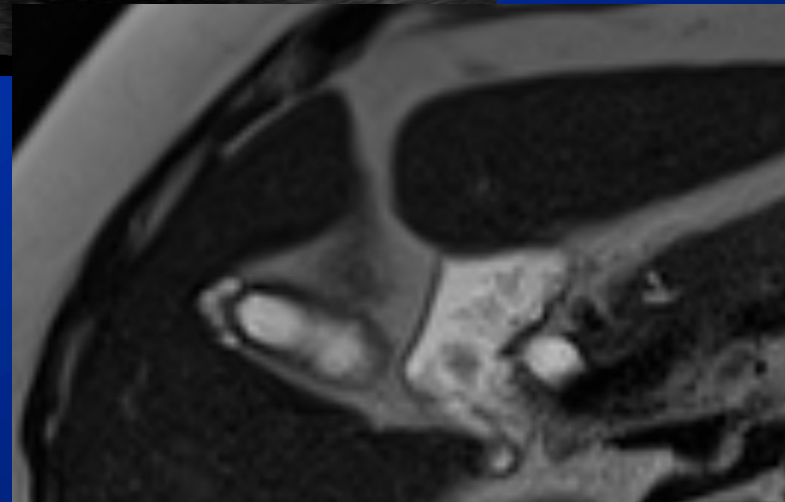
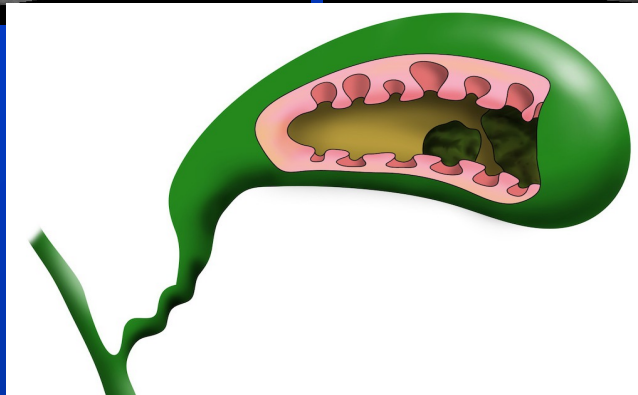
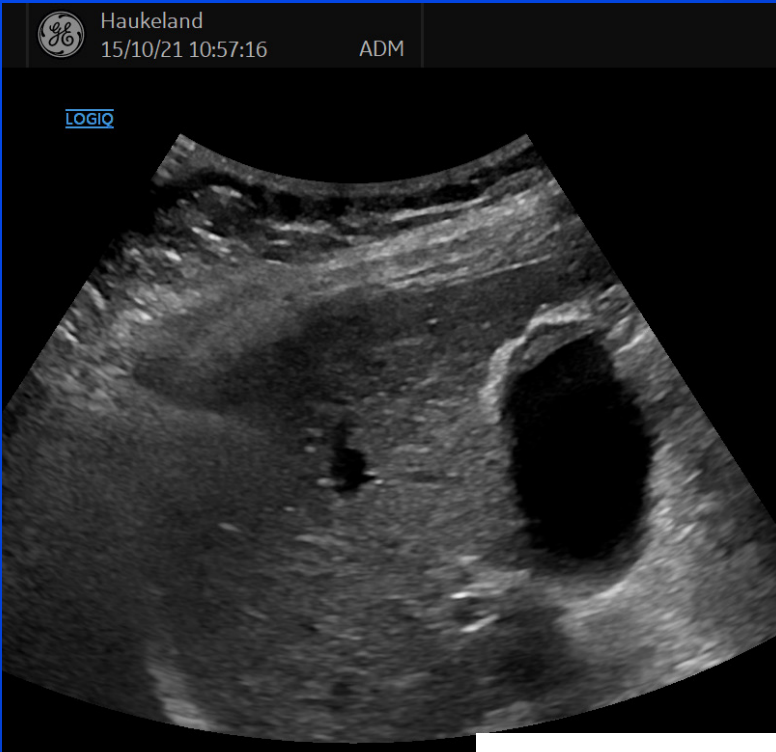
- 5 - 9% in cholecystectomy specimens
- No malignant transformation
- No treatment necessary

- Focal or diffuse thickening
- Rokitansky-Aschoff sinuses
 - Epithelial-lined intramural diverticles
 - Filled with mucin and cholesterol precipitate



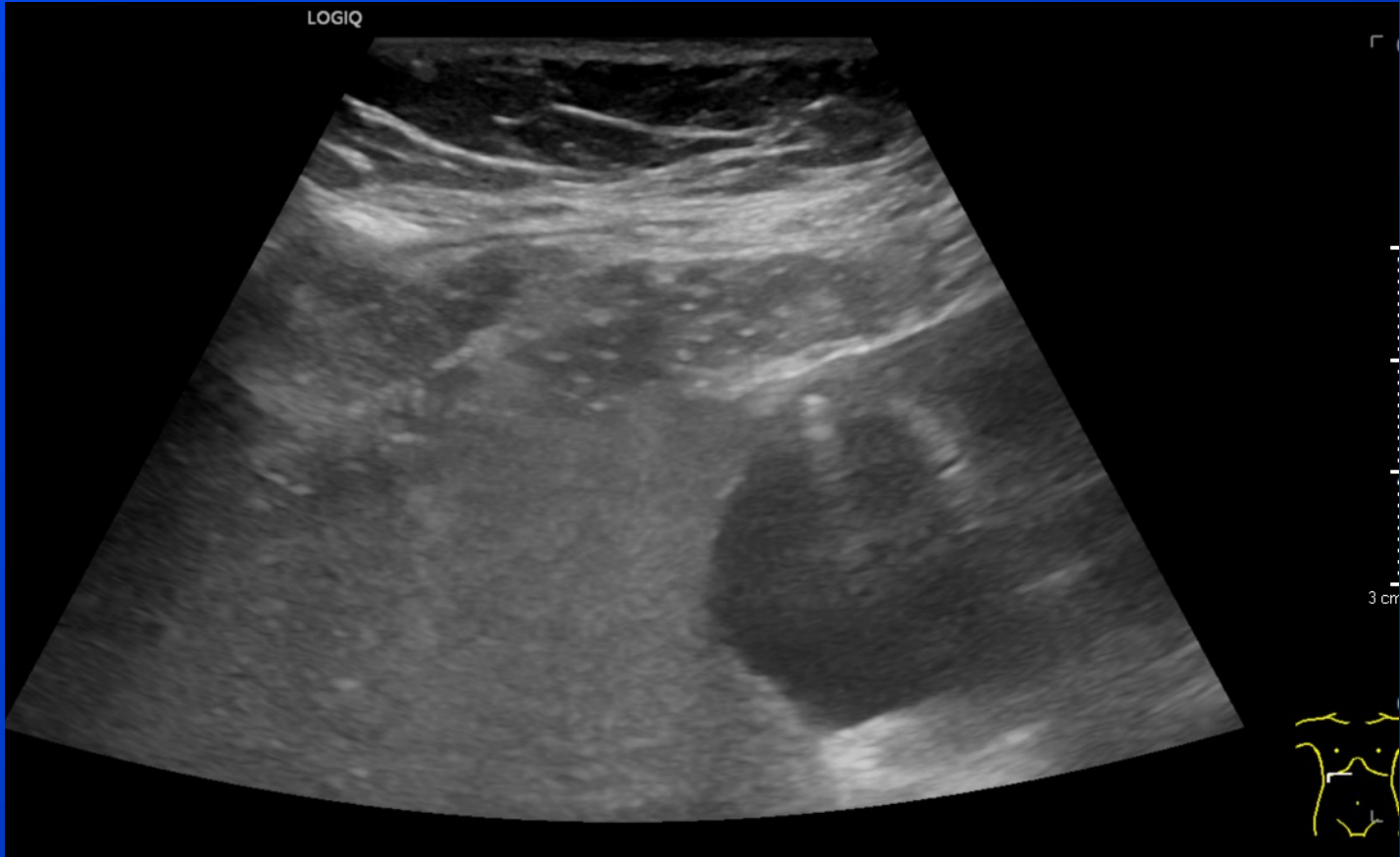


Adenomyomatosis of the Gallbladder





Adenomyomatosis



● **Komethale artefakt**

● **Cholesterolprecipitater i Rokitansky-Aschoff sinus**

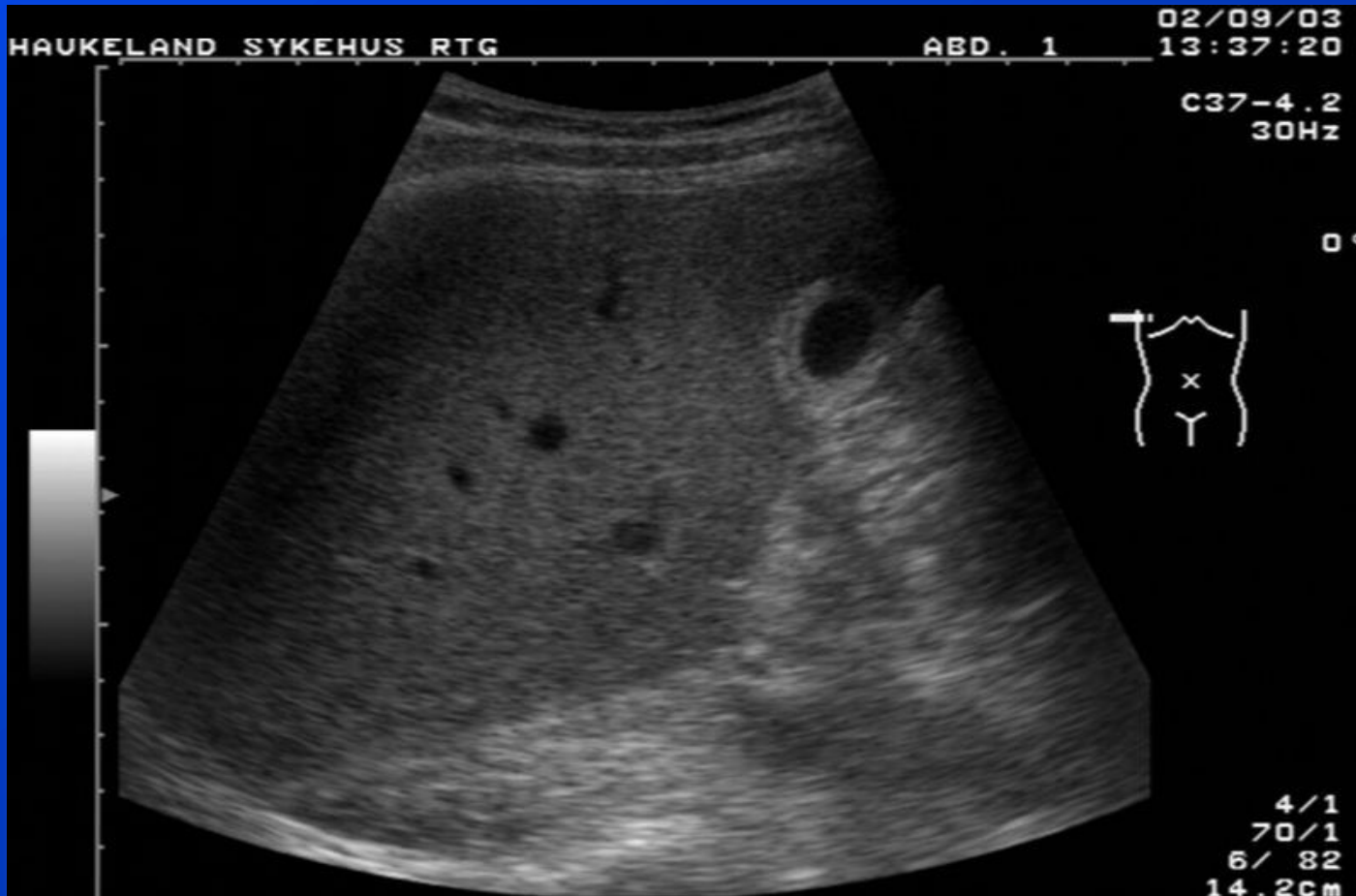


Wall Thickening of Biliary System

- Gallbladder:
 - Postprandial contraction
 - Ascites
 - Cirrhosis / Portal hypertension
 - Heart failure / Kidney failure
 - Hypoalbuminemia
 - Hepatitis
 - Cholecystitis
 - Focal thickening in Polyps / neoplasia
- Biliary Ducts:
 - Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis
 - Cholangiocarcinoma

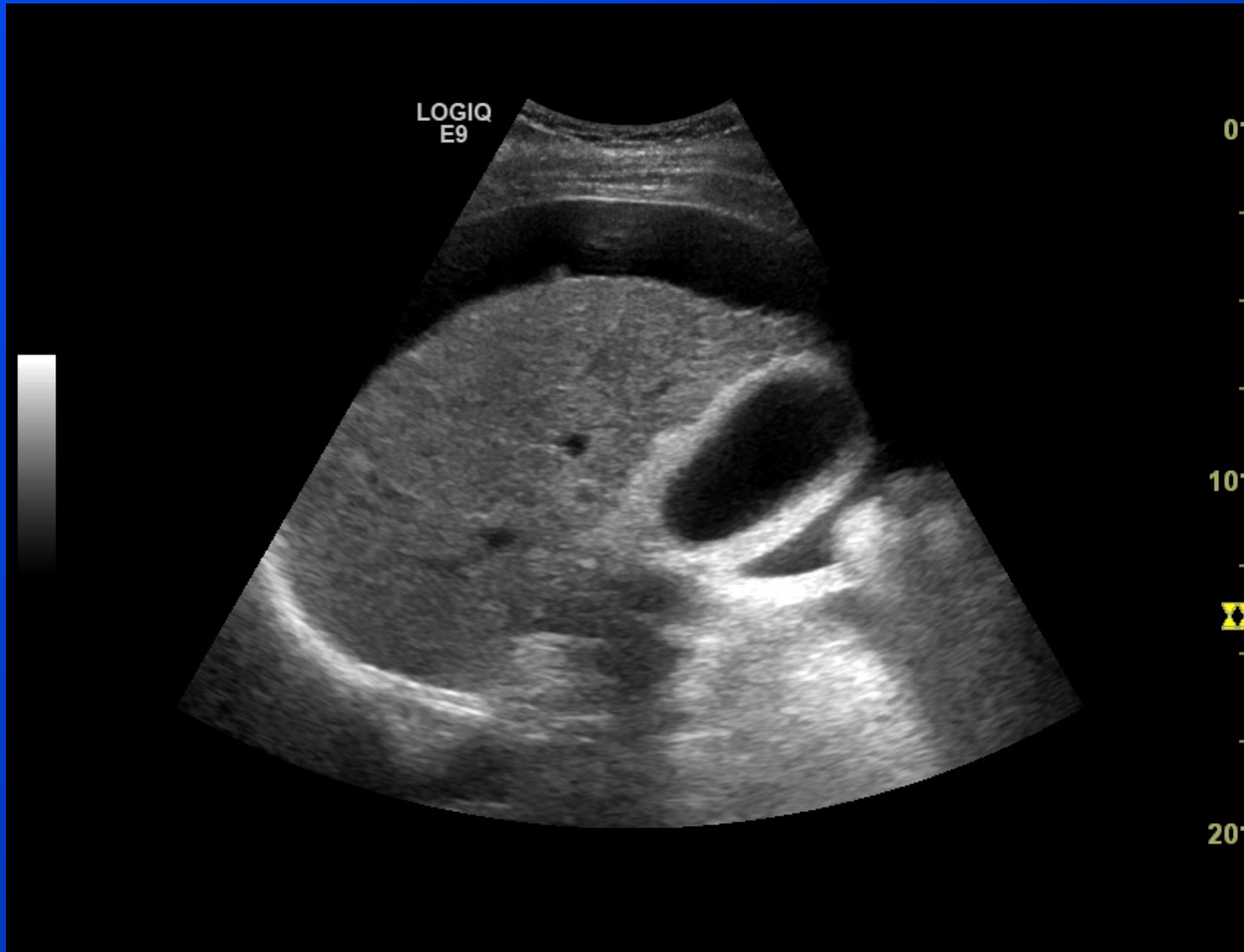


Fasting Gallbladder



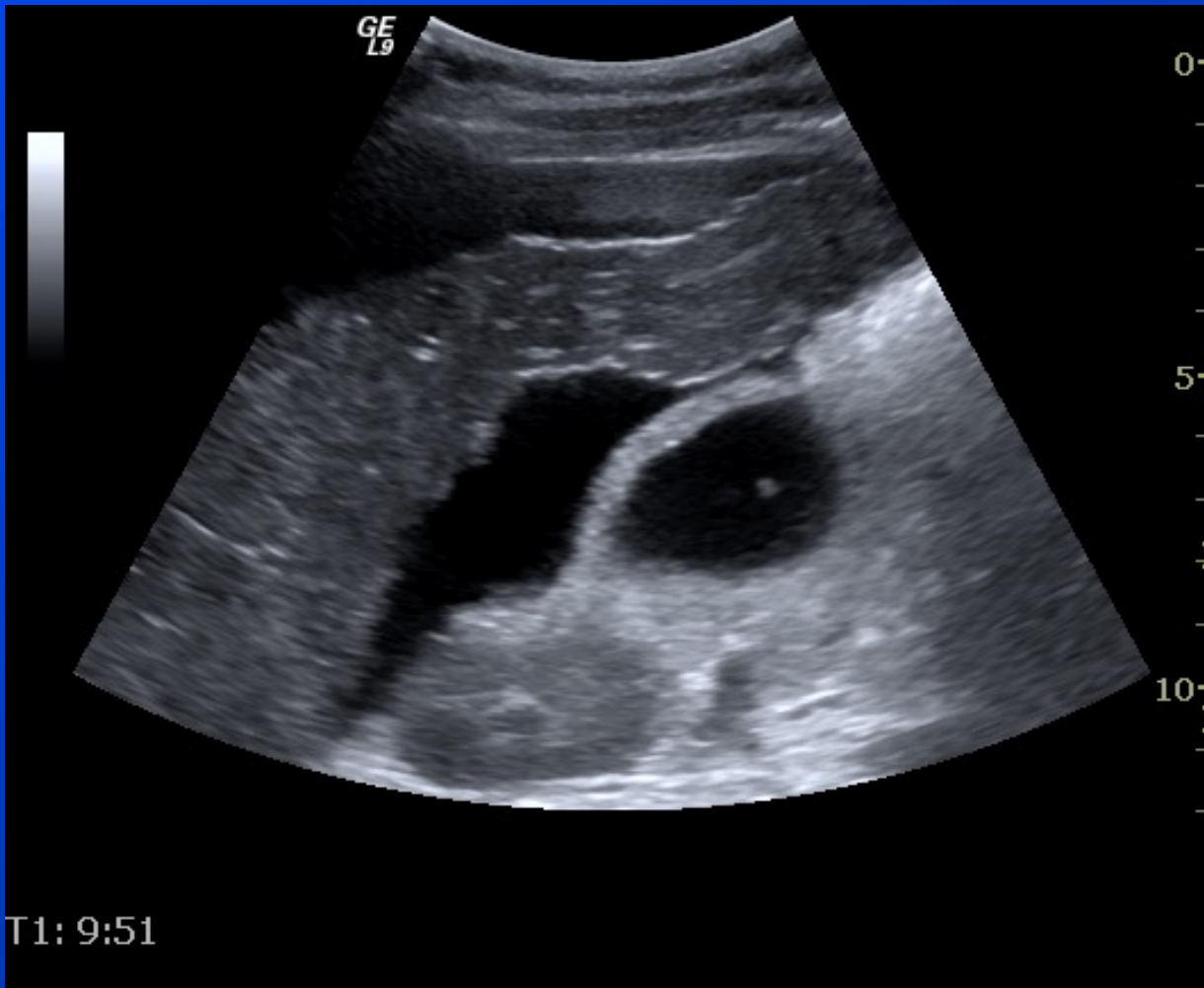


Thickened wall in ascites



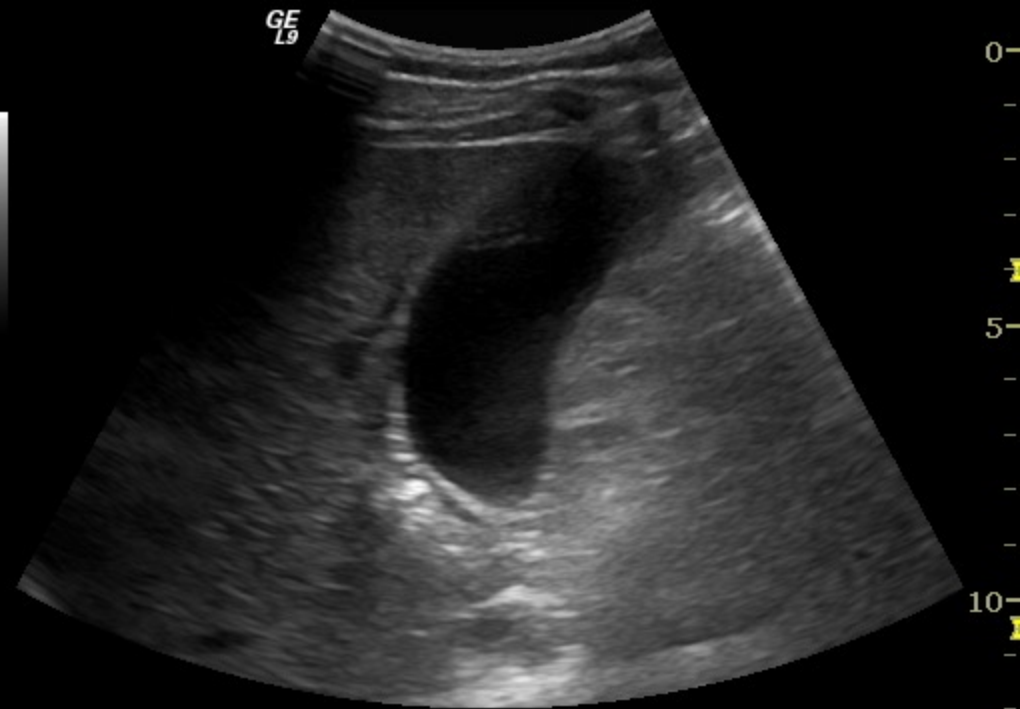
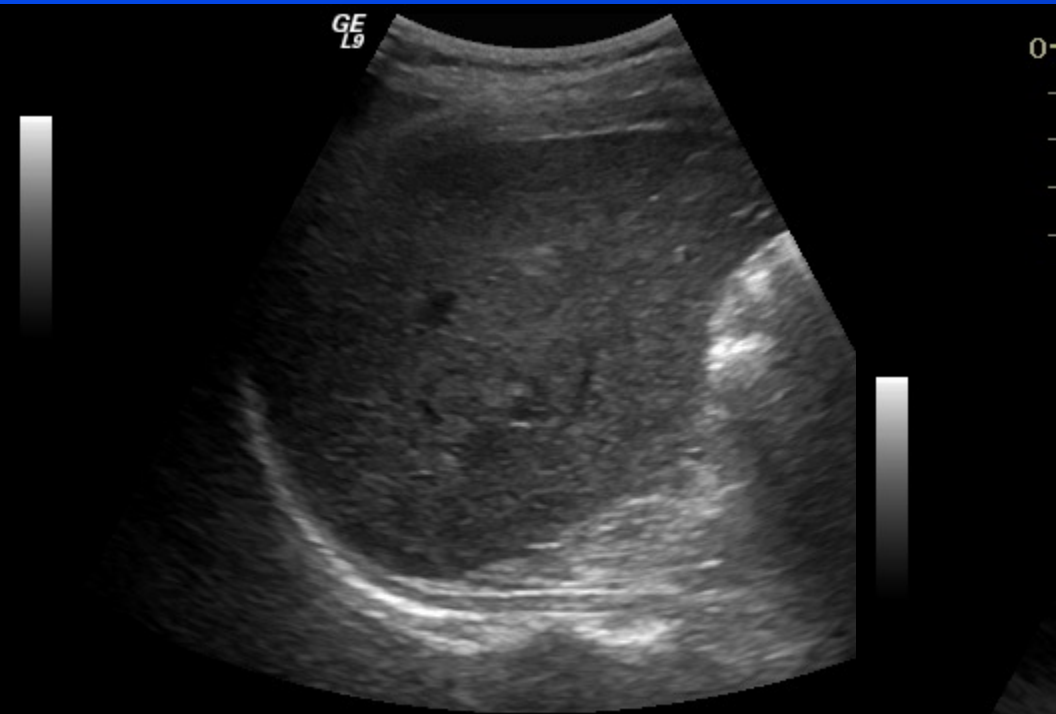


Cirrhosis



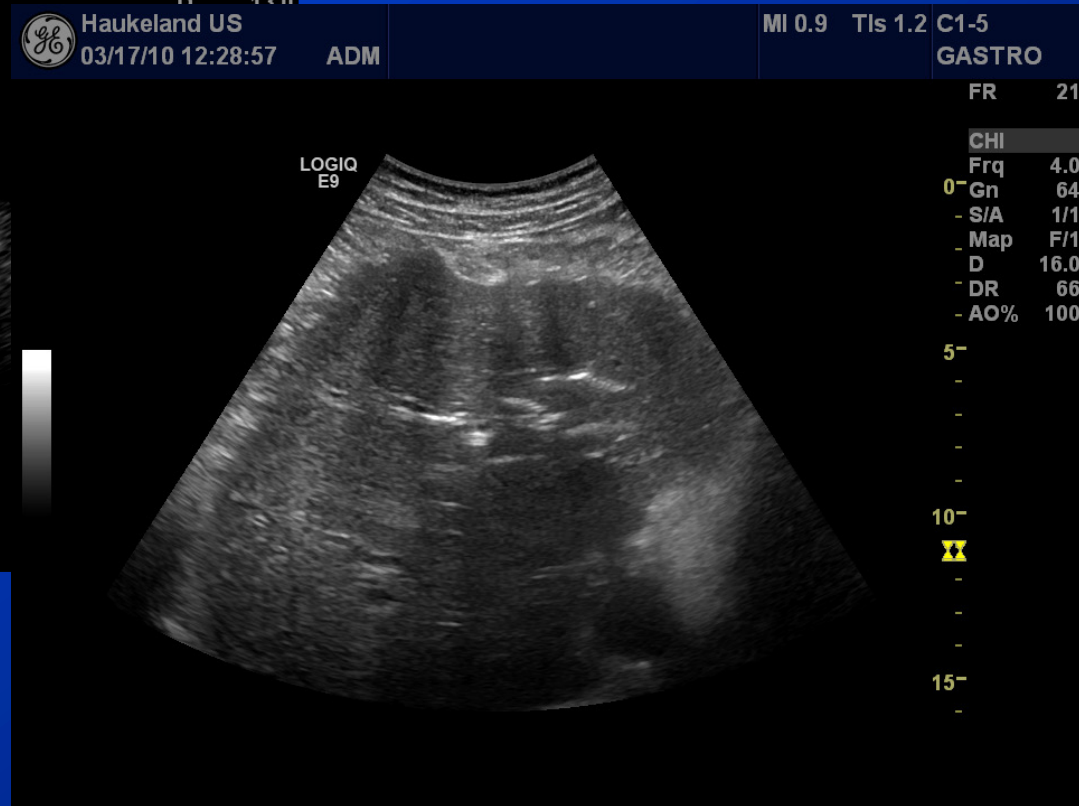
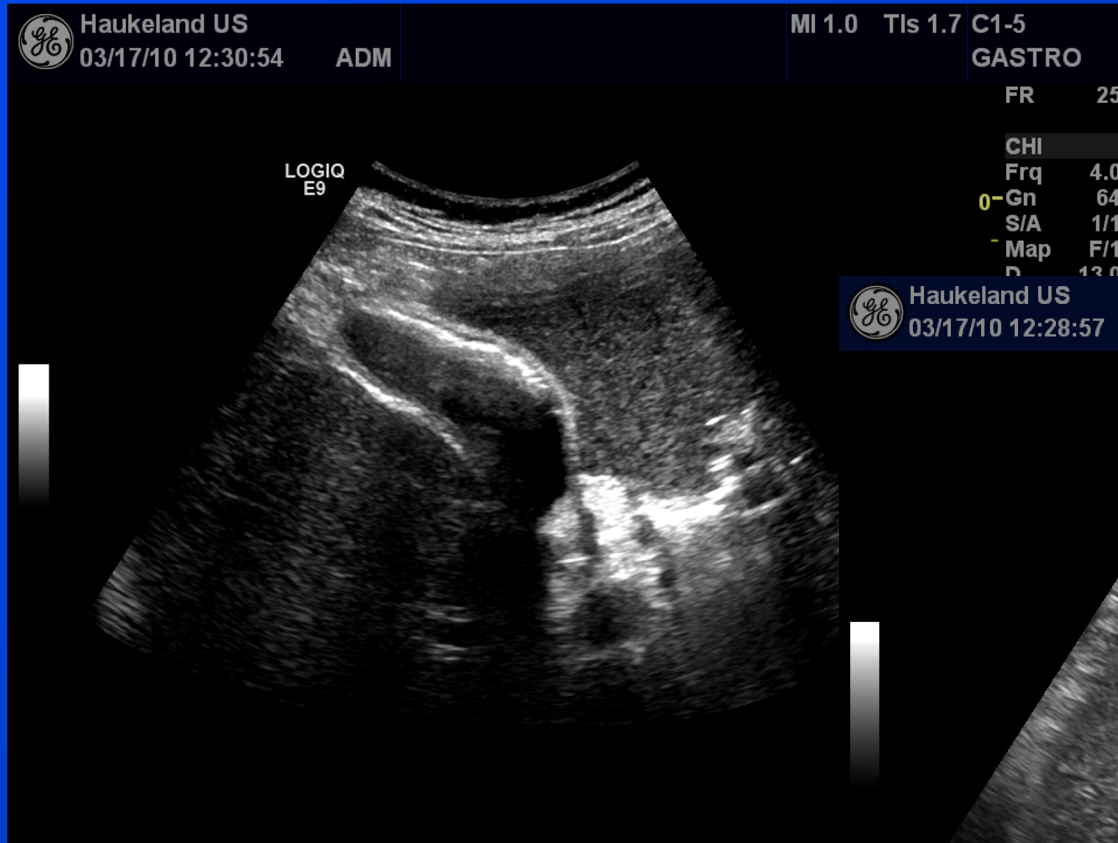


Gallbladder in Hepatitis





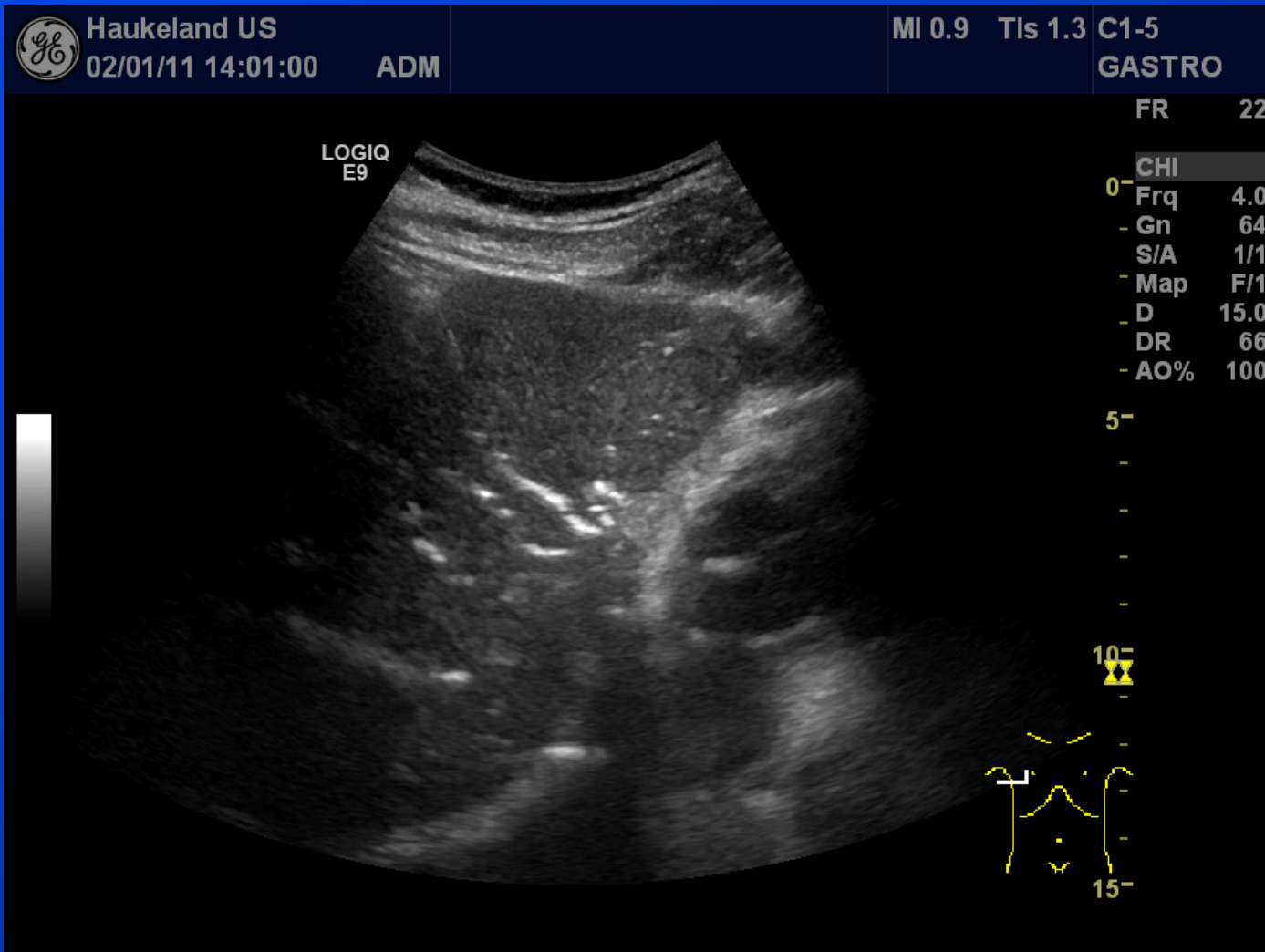
What is inside the Gallbladder?



Aerobilia



Aerobili



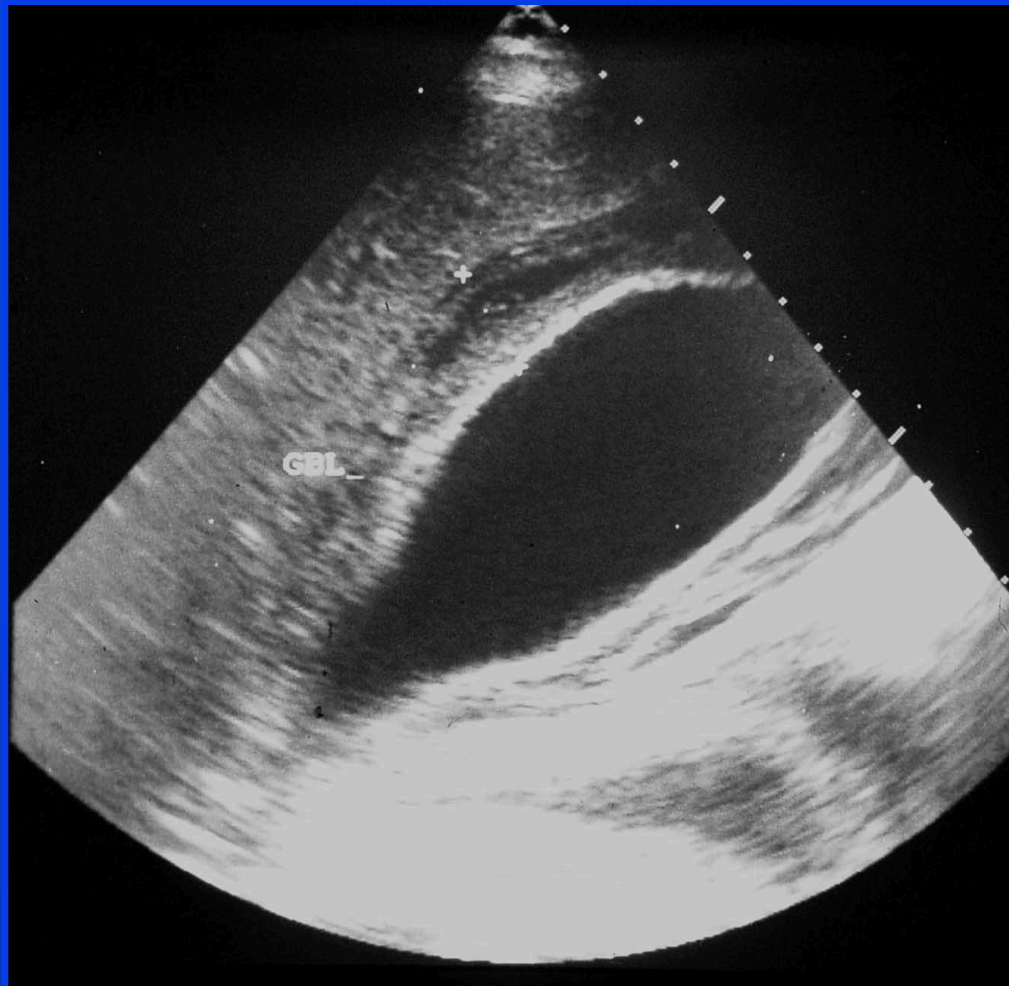


CHOLECYSTITIS

- Pain at "transducer-palpation"
- Wall thickness: 4 mm or more
- Cholecystolithiasis
- Dilated gallebladder: Diameter 4 cm or more
- Echopoor layer in the wall



Cholecystitt



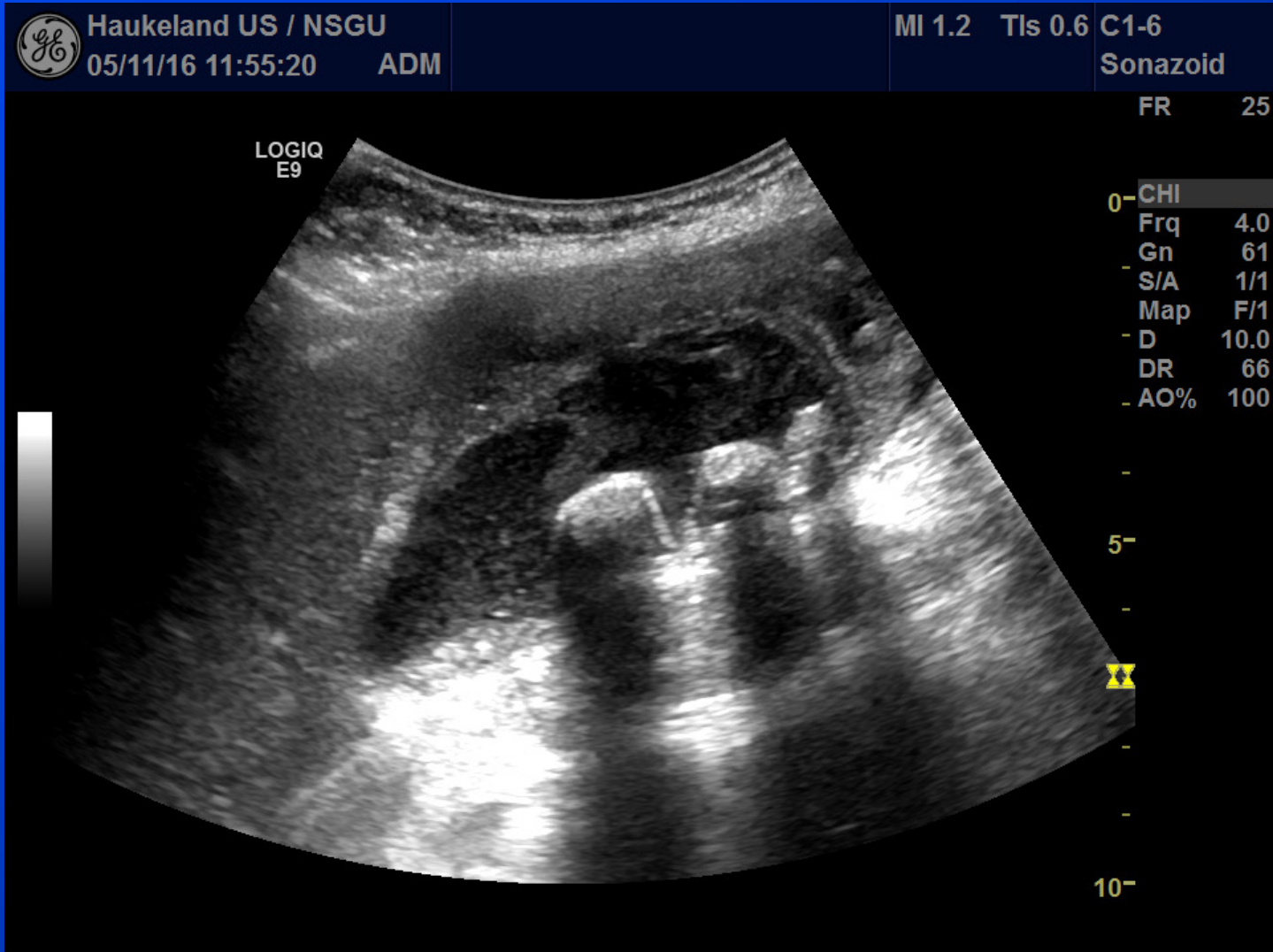
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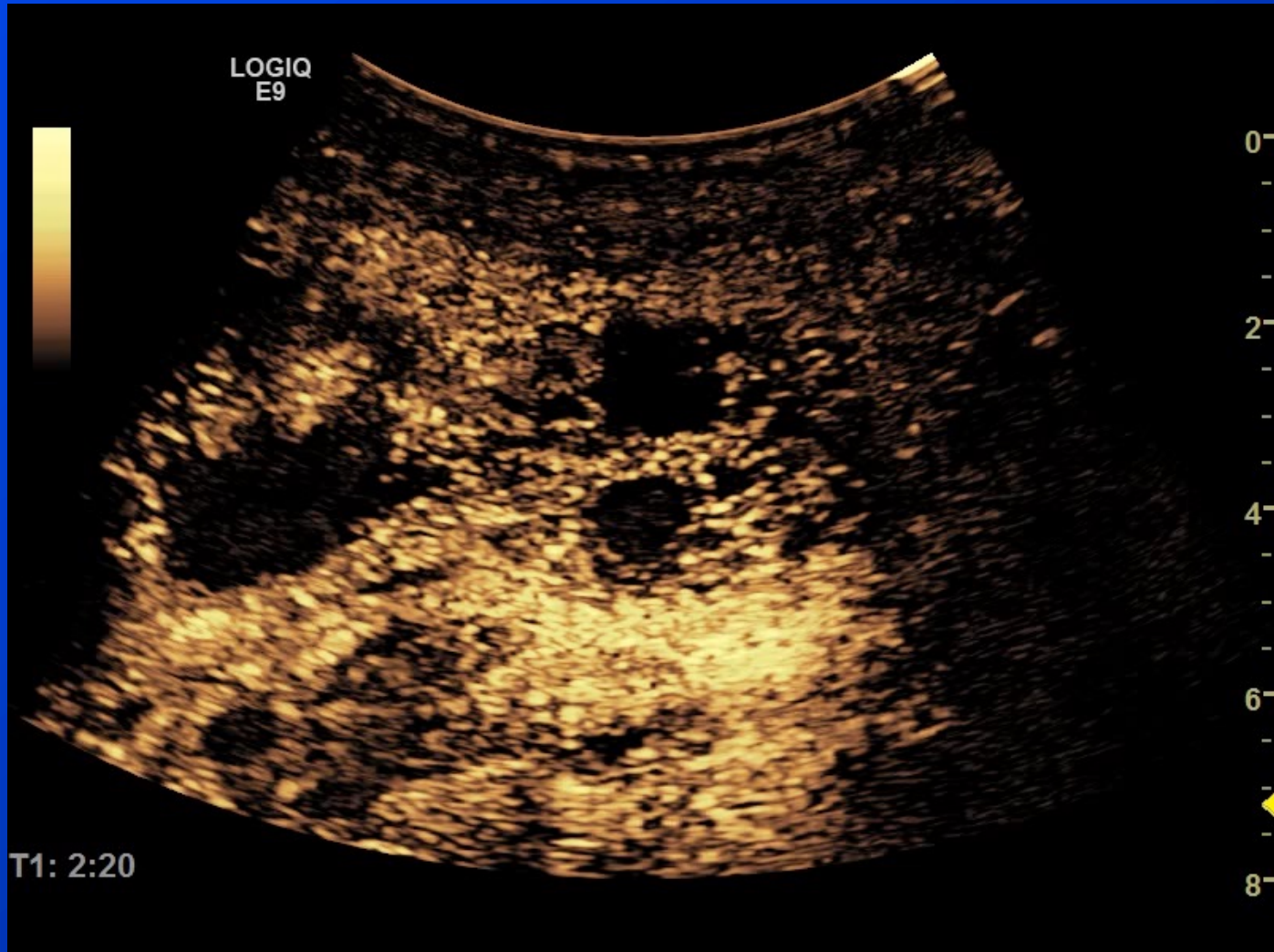
Complicated Cholecystitis





CEUS of gallbladder

Venous phase





Chronic Cholecystitis



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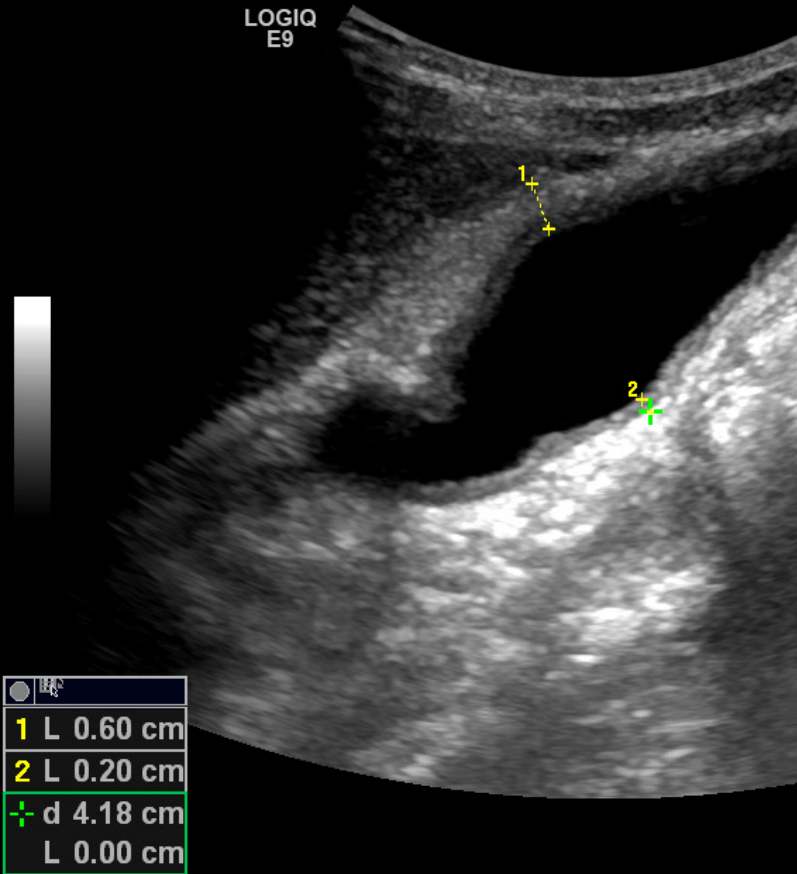
C1-5
GASTRO

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- Gn 64
- S/A 1/1
- Map F/1
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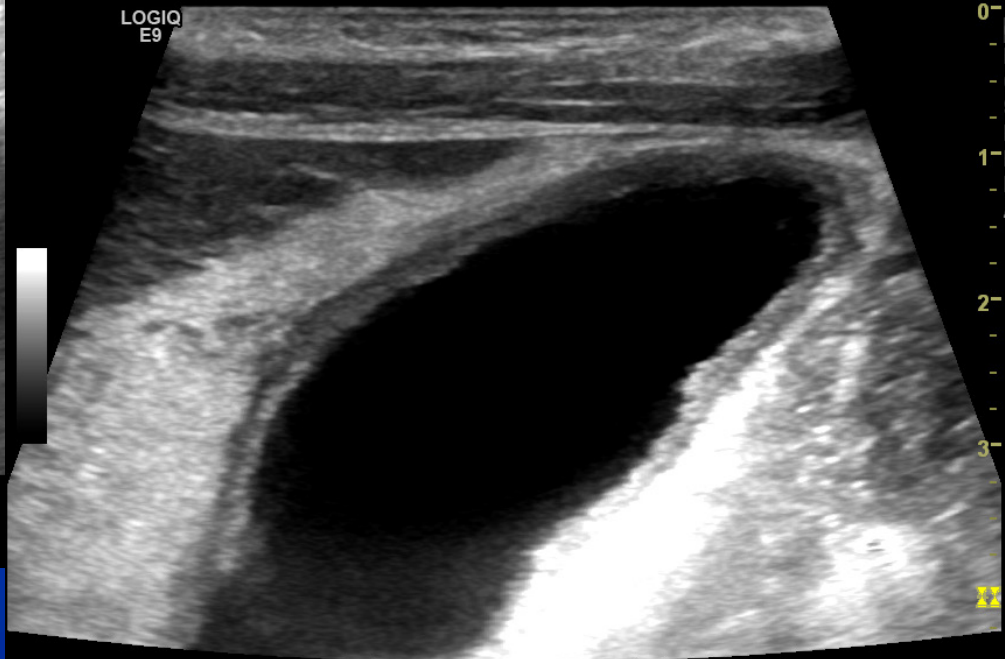
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- Gn 53
- S/A 3/1
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Chronic cholecystitis



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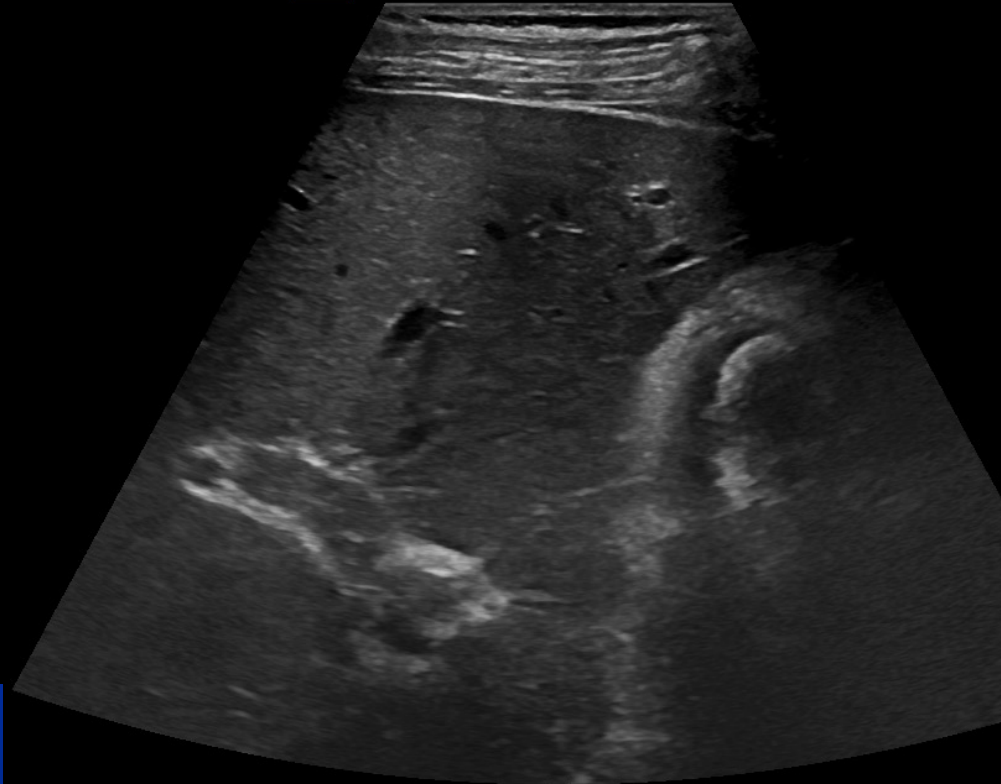
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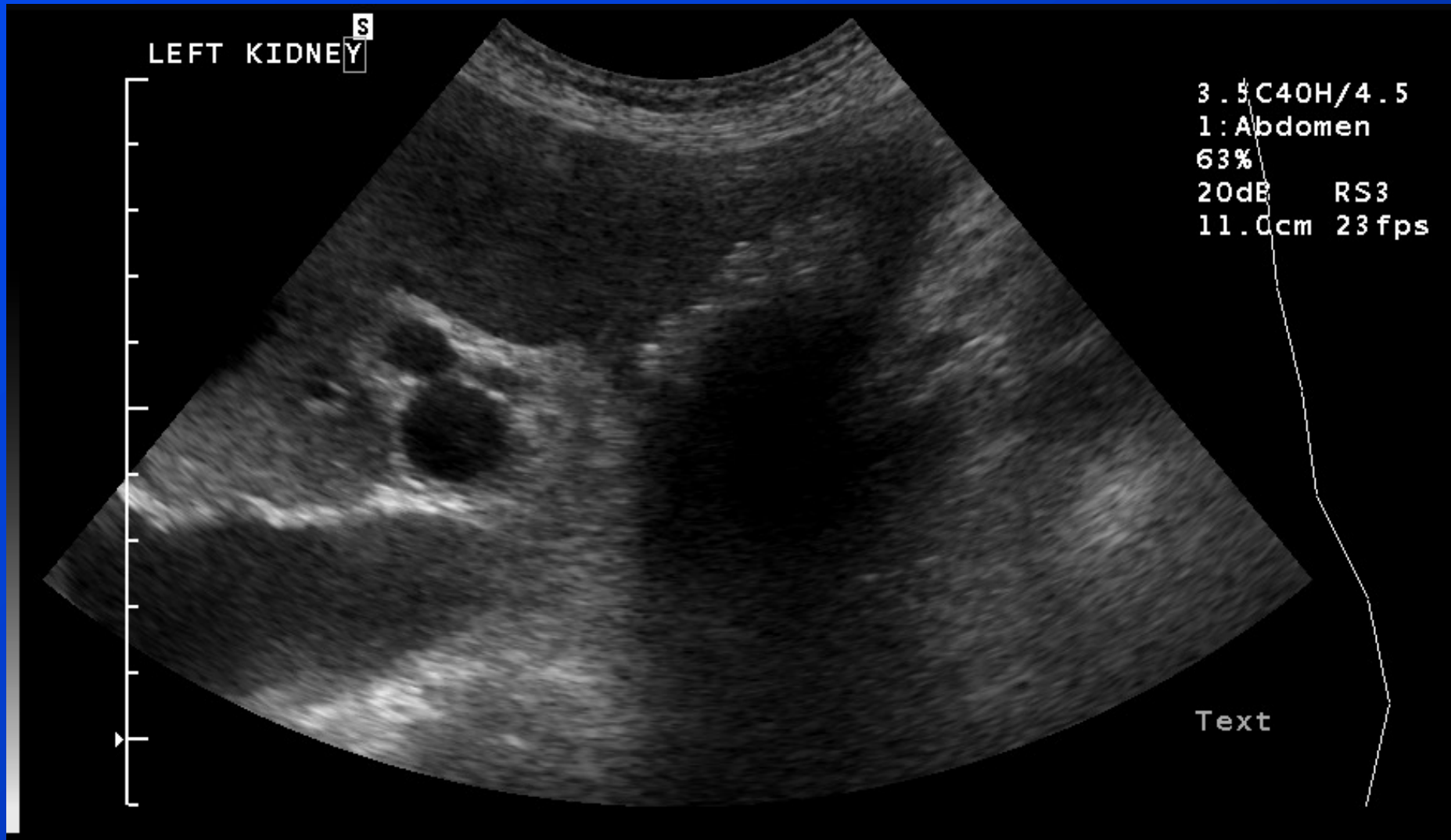
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Chronic Cholecystitis





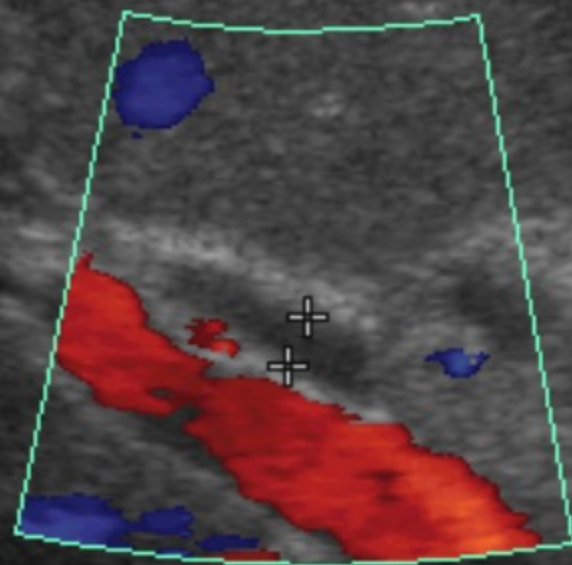
Bile duct caliper

- Intrahepatic bile ducts < 1-2 mm
- Ductus hepatis communis and ductus choledocus < 6 mm
- > 6 mm indicates obstruktion
- Increasing diameter with increasing age
- Increasing diameter after:
 - Postcholecystectomy
 - Post-ERCP with papillotomy

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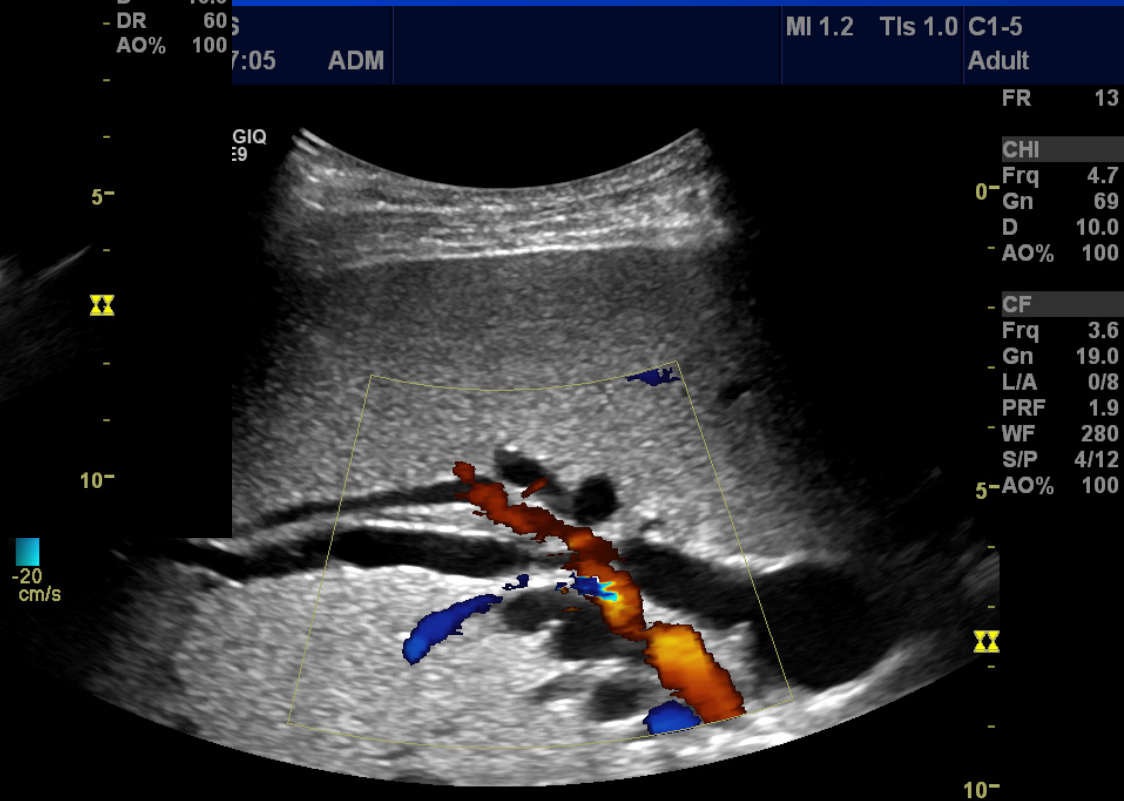


Causes of dilatation

- Stone
- Neoplasm
 - hepatocellular carcinoma
 - cholangiocarcinoma
 - metastasis
- Lymphadenopathy in the liver hilum
- Sclerosing cholangitis

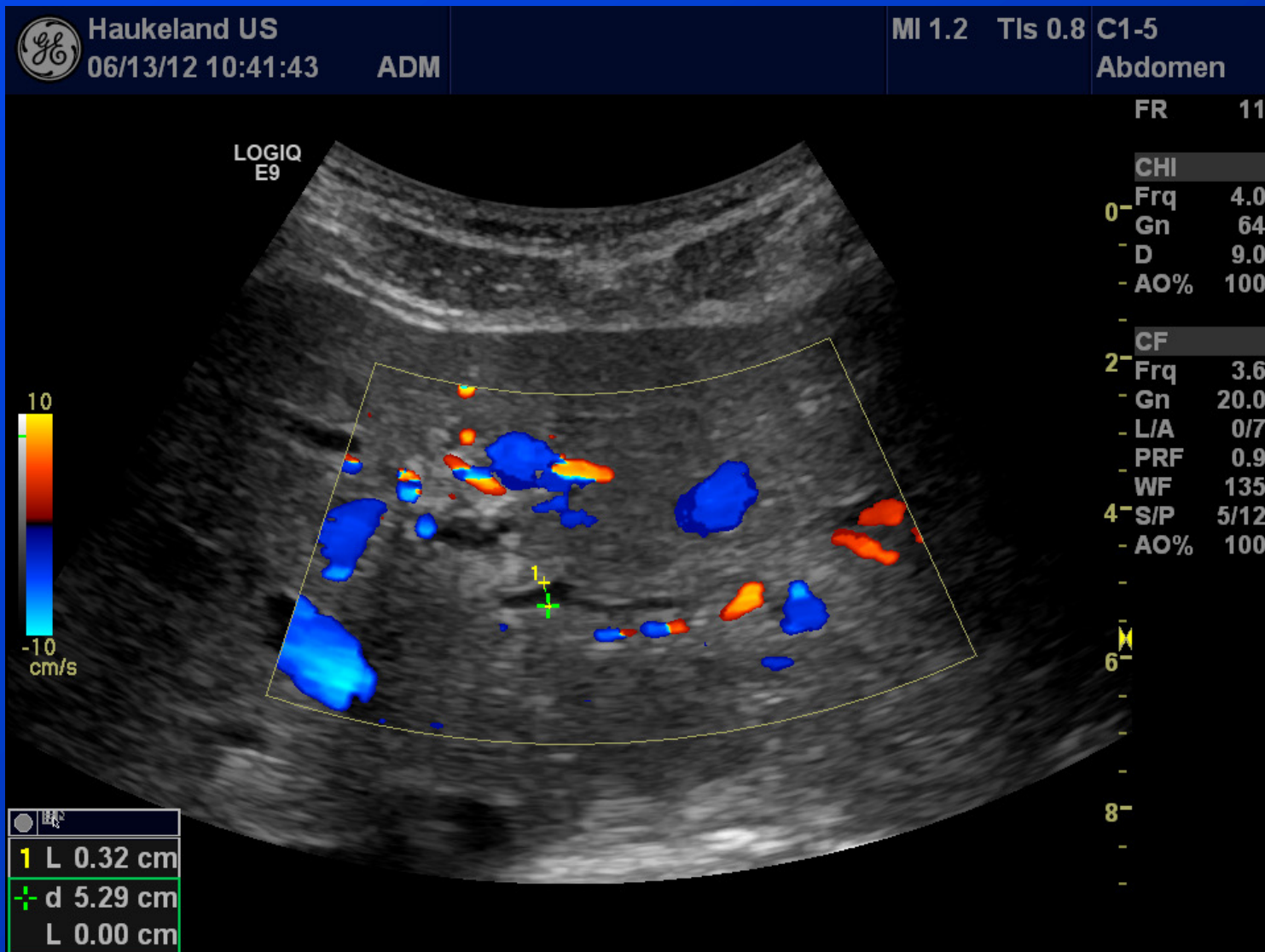


Intrahepatic Bile Duct Dilatation



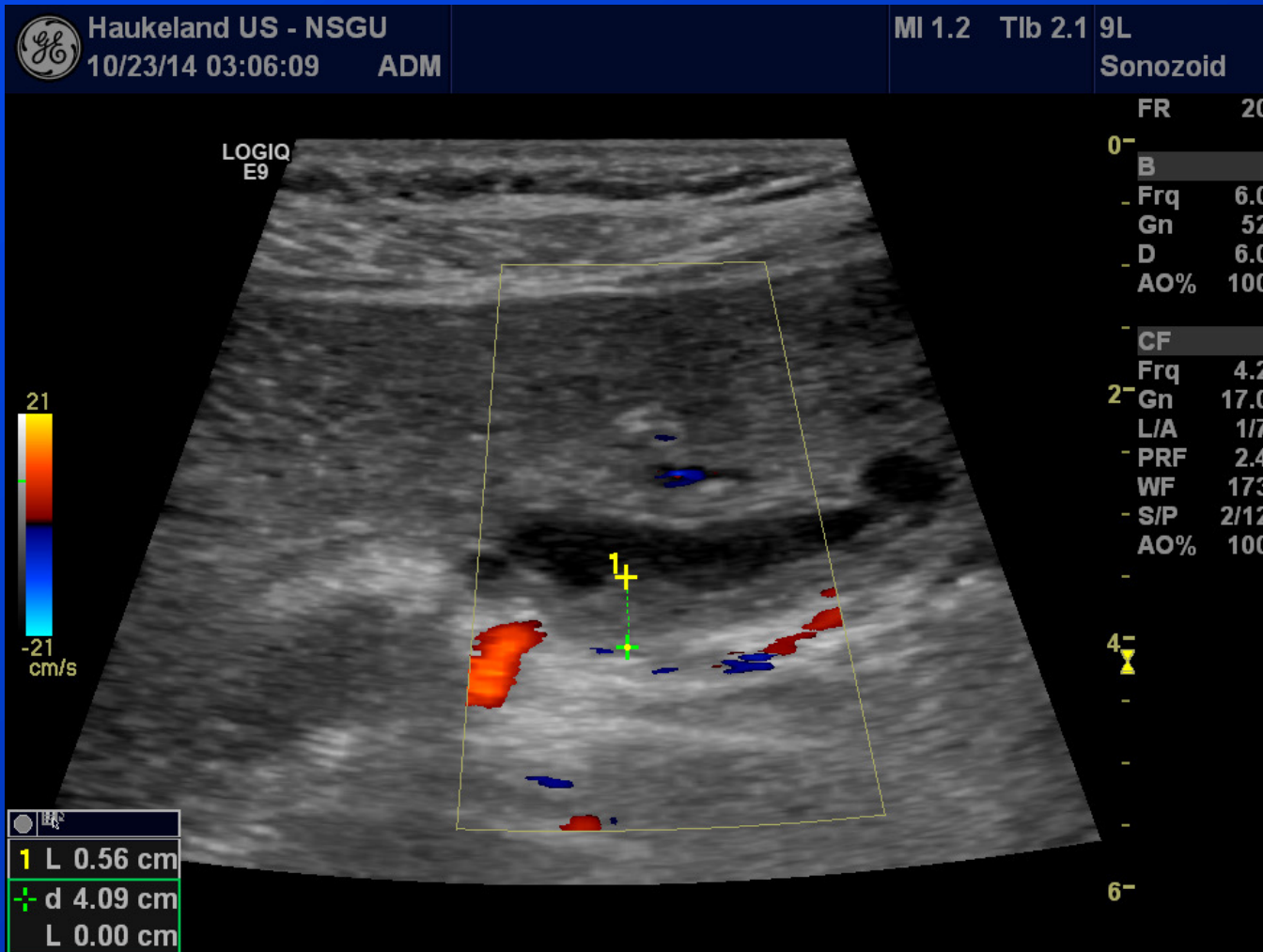


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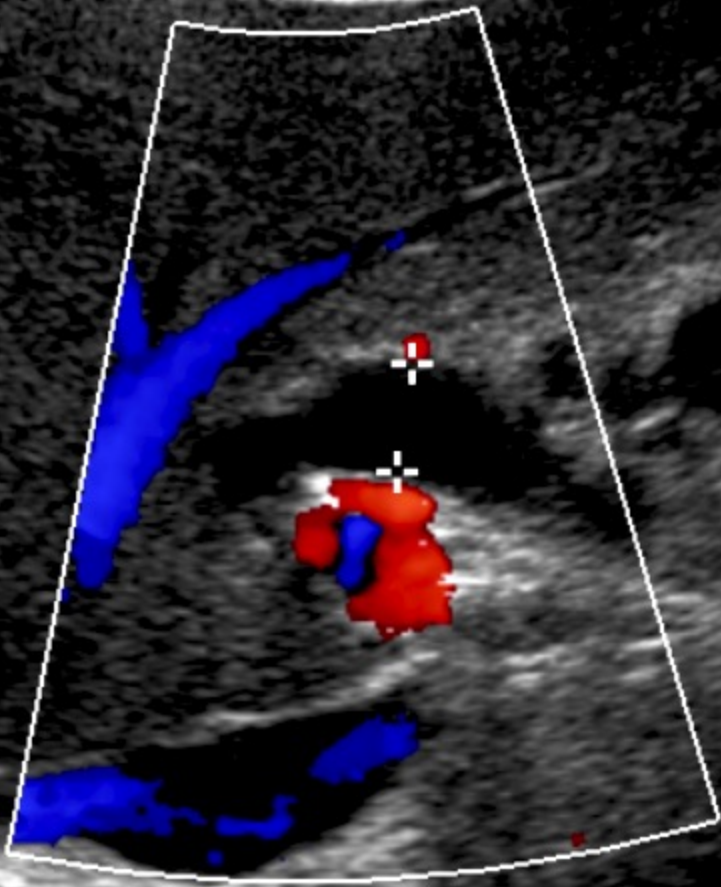




Intraductal growth: Inflammation or neoplasia ?

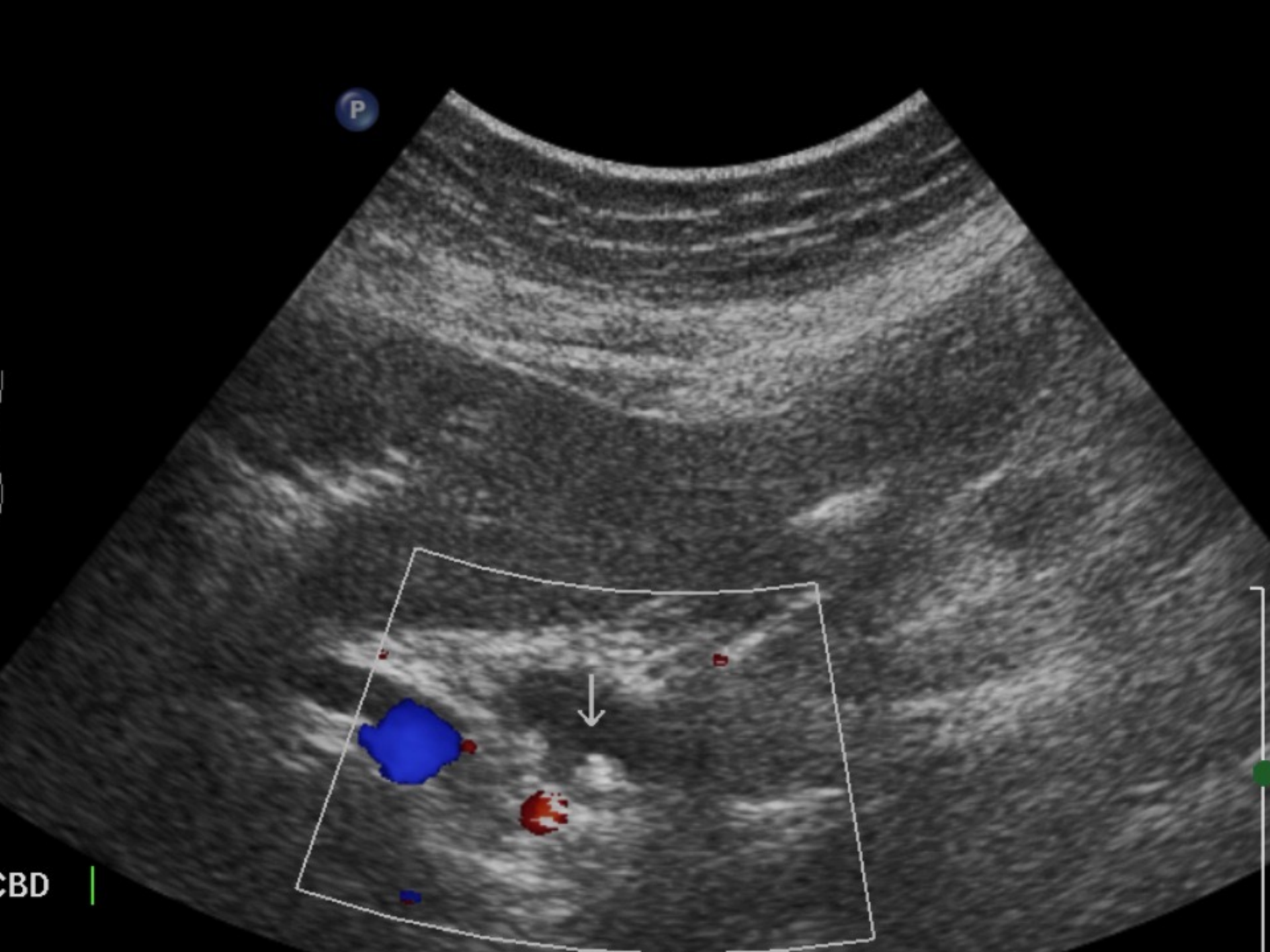


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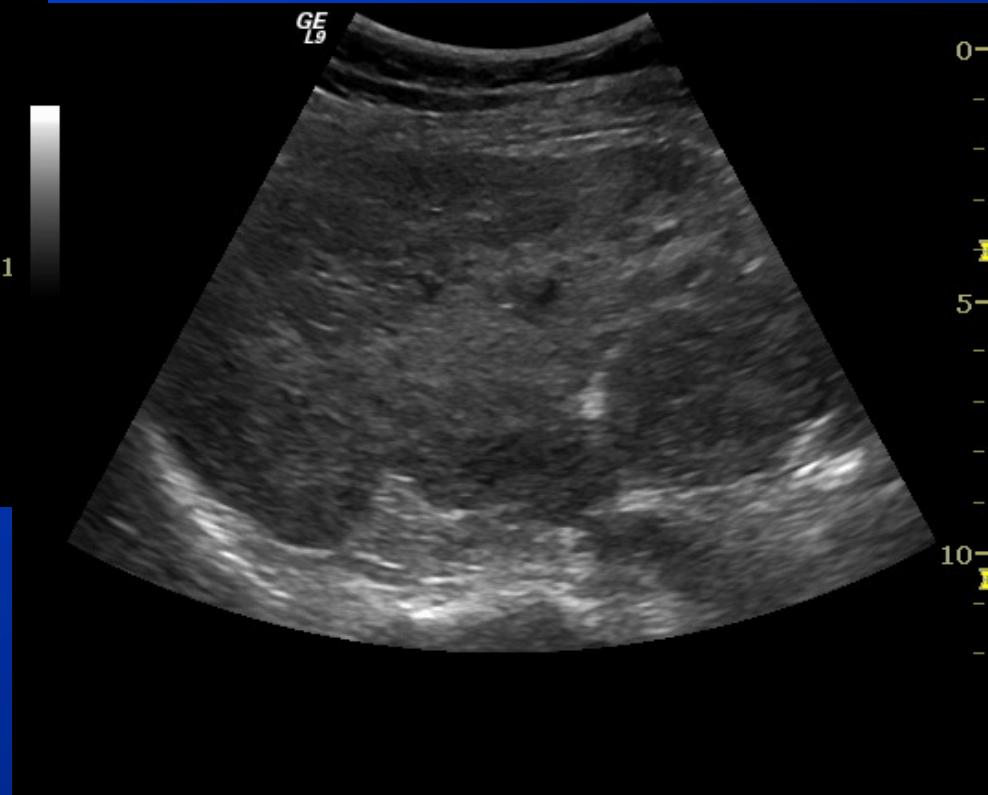
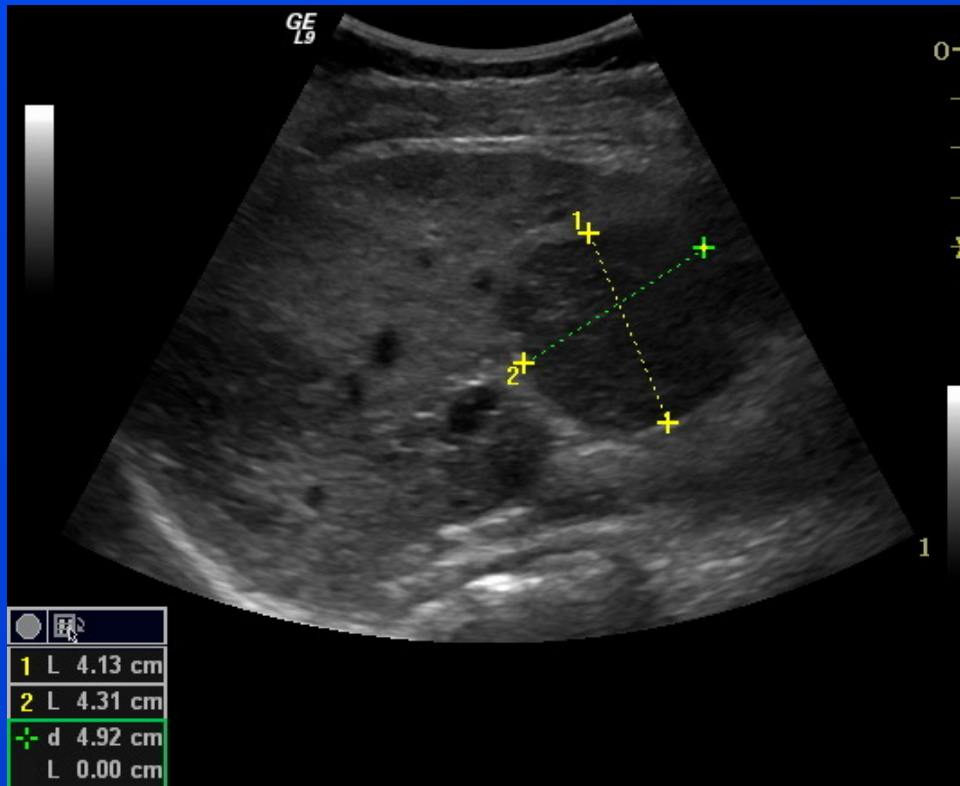
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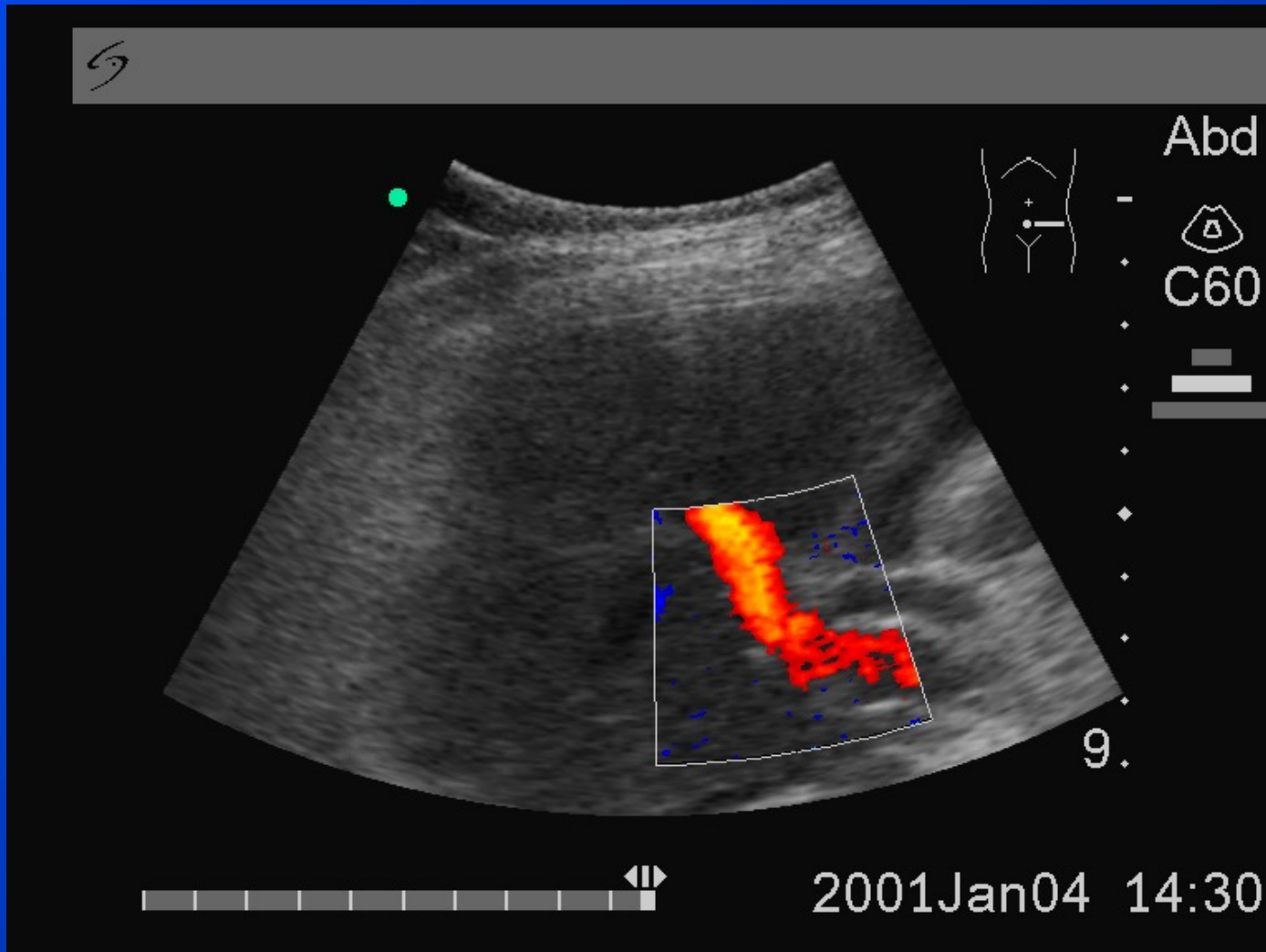


Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma





Female, 67 yrs. Silent jaundice





2.40cm



Abd

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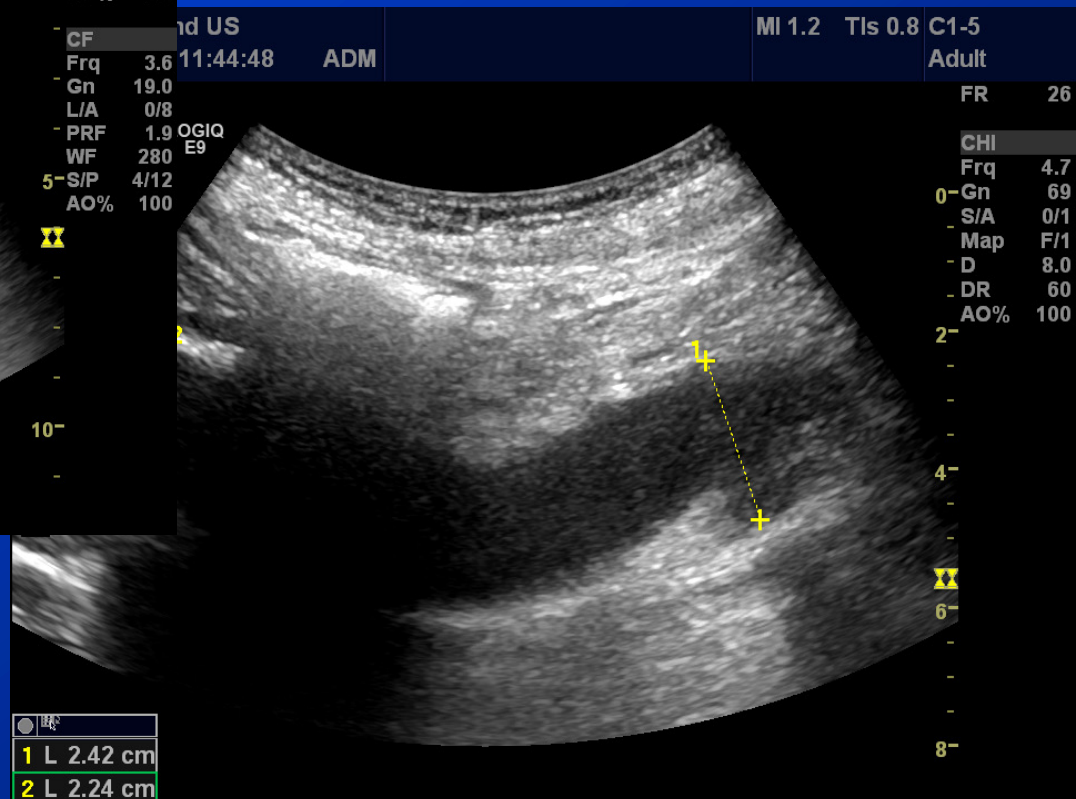
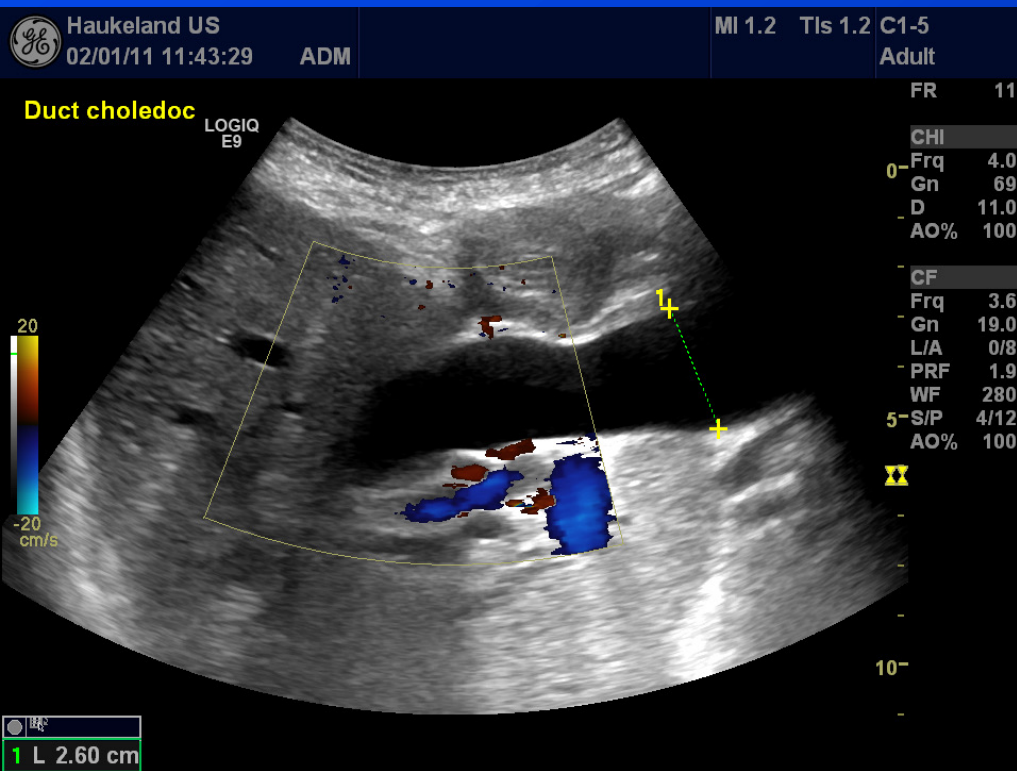


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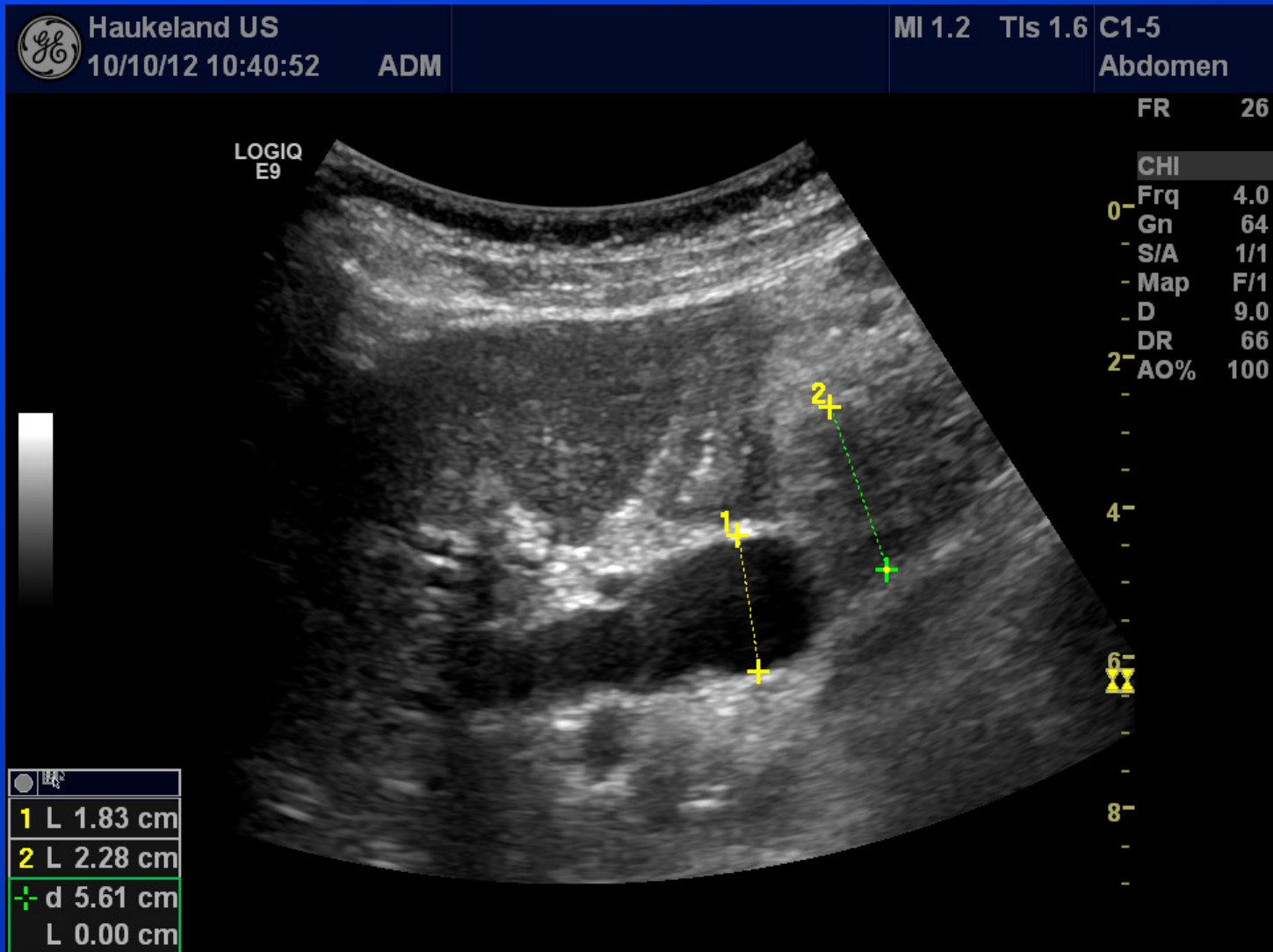


Dilated Common Bile Duct





Extrahepatisk Bile Duct Dilatation





Conclusion

- Ultrasound is the method of choice to study diseases of the gallbladder
- Ultrasound can be used as a clinical tool
 - As a prolongation of the palpating hand
- Ultrasound can also be used to image biliary ducts, but MRCP and ERCP are the gold standards
- Malignancies of the gallbladder and biliary tract can be characterized by ultrasound



"Yes, we scan"





US first...



It's not FAKE news!



Biden ?





«Green Deal»



Ultrasound is “green”:

- No radiation
- Safe to repeat
- Low cost
- Widely available
- Short travel