

# POCUS I ABDOMEN

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REVIEW

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# Diagnostic point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) for gastrointestinal pathology: state of the art from basics to advanced

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## Abstract

The use of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) is different from the routine ultrasound that is Unique, and Safe. This review covers various pathologies so as to encourage residents and young colleagues to learn and master this important tool. It will cover the basic physics, technical aspects, and simple applications including detection of free fluid, free intraperitoneal air, and bowel obstruction. A more advanced and detailed review on specific intestinal pathologies will include appendicitis, epiploic appendagitis, acute diverticulitis, pseudomembranous colitis, intestinal tuberculosis, Crohn's disease, and colonic tumours.

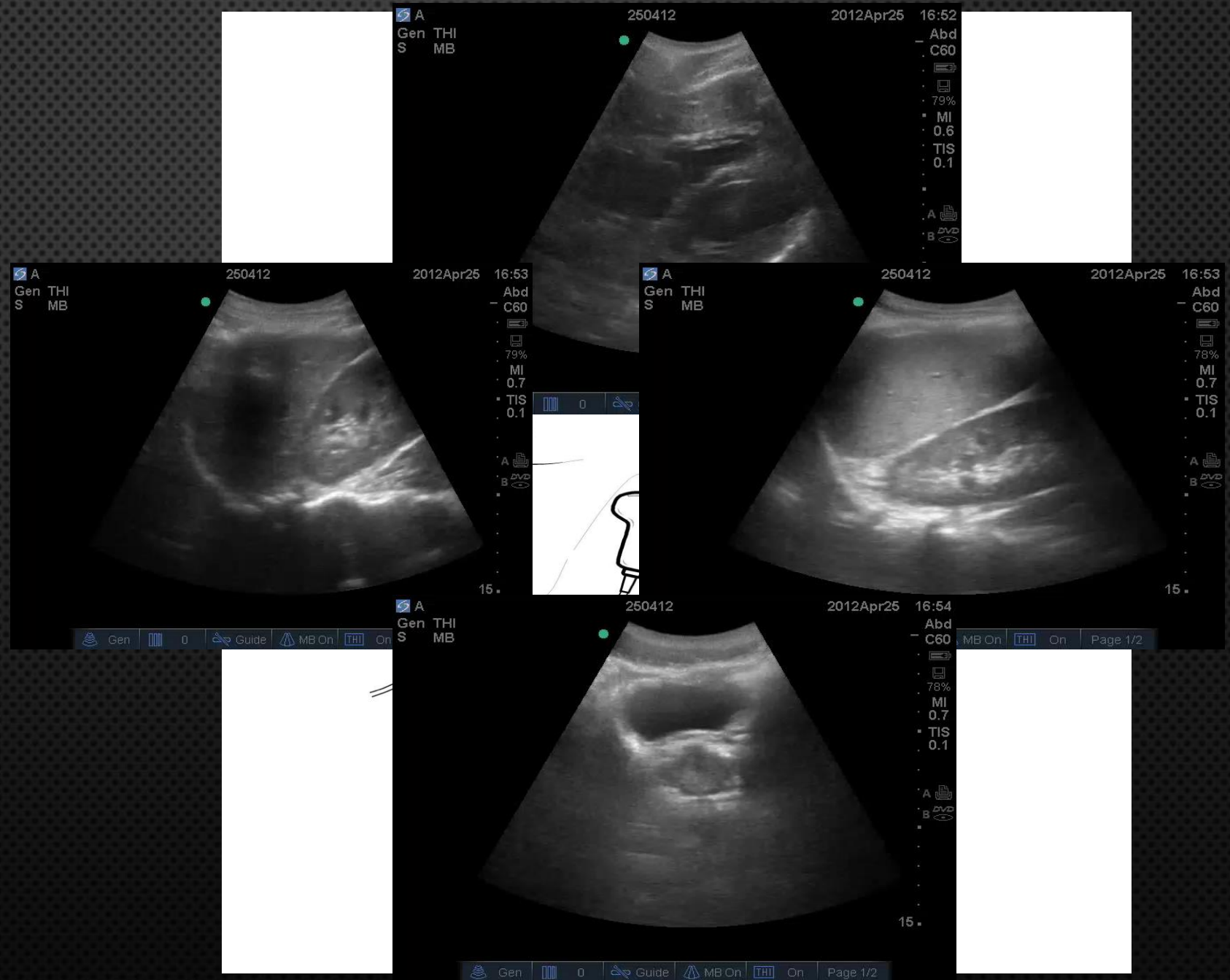
These significant advantages make POCUS valuable in many clinical settings including emergency departments, intensive care units, and operation theatres. With increased interest, training, and experience, POCUS will have a more pronounced role in diagnosing gastrointestinal pathology. This review aims to lay the basic principles of using POCUS in diagnosing intestinal pathologies so as to encourage residents and young colleagues to learn and master this important tool. It will cover the basic physics, technical aspects, and simple applications including detection of free fluid, free intraperitoneal air, and bowel obstruction. A more advanced and detailed review on specific intestinal pathologies will include appendicitis, epiploic appendagitis, acute diverticulitis, pseudomembranous colitis, intestinal tuberculosis, Crohn's disease, and colonic tumours.

# FAST

FOCUSSED ASSESSMENT WITH SONOGRAPHY FOR  
TRAUMA



- Pericardial
- Perisplenic
- Perihepatic
- Pelvis



# e-FAST

- Pericardial
  - Perisplenic (LUQ)
  - Perihepatic (RUQ)
  - Pelvis
- + 2 Pleural scans

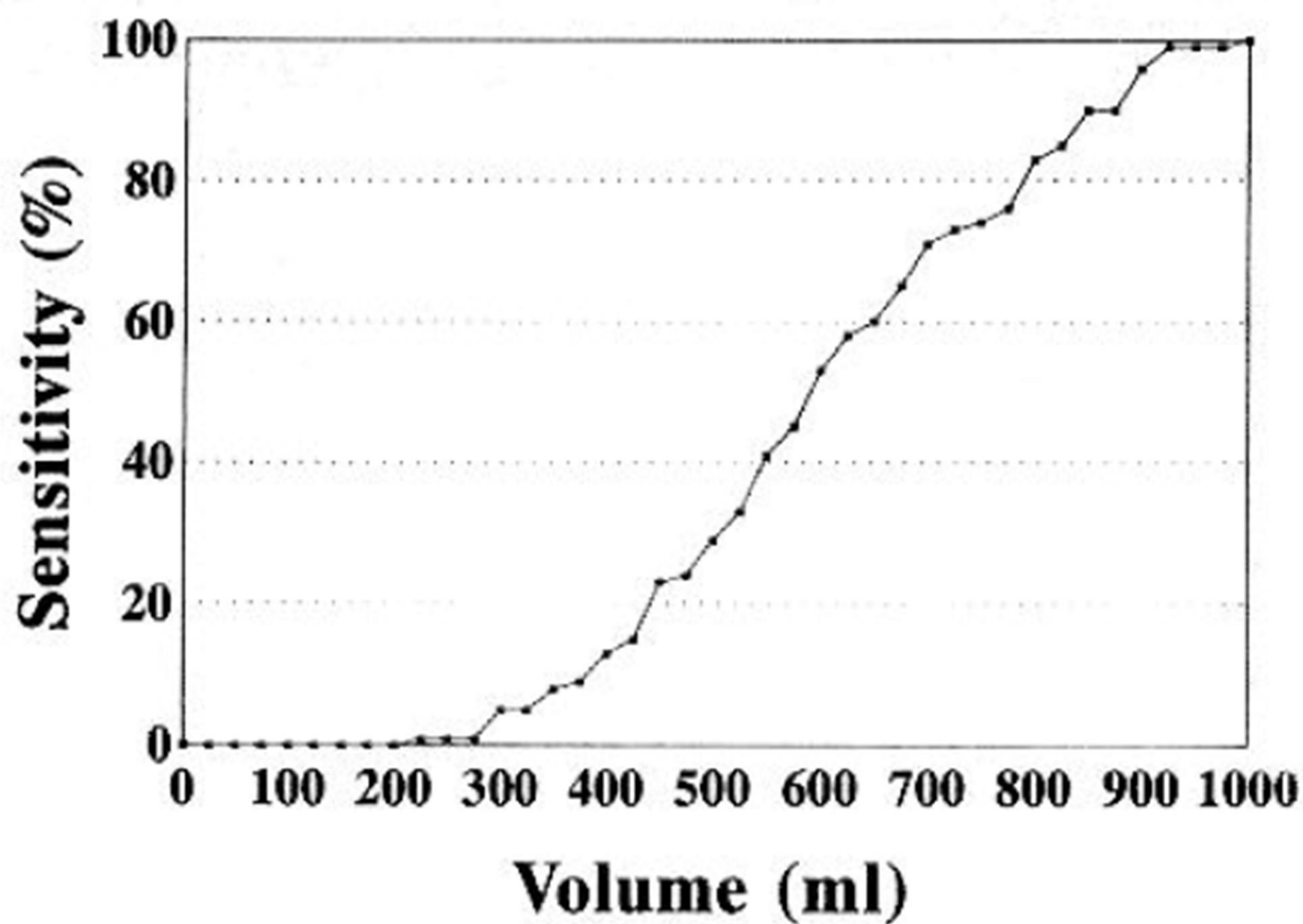


Statistics in whole study population.

	Pneumothorax (n = 21/204)	TP/FP/FN	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	DA
Clinical examination	17	13/4/8	62	98	76	95	94
CXR	16	15/1/4	79	99	94	98	97
EFAST	21	20/1/1	95	99	95	99	99

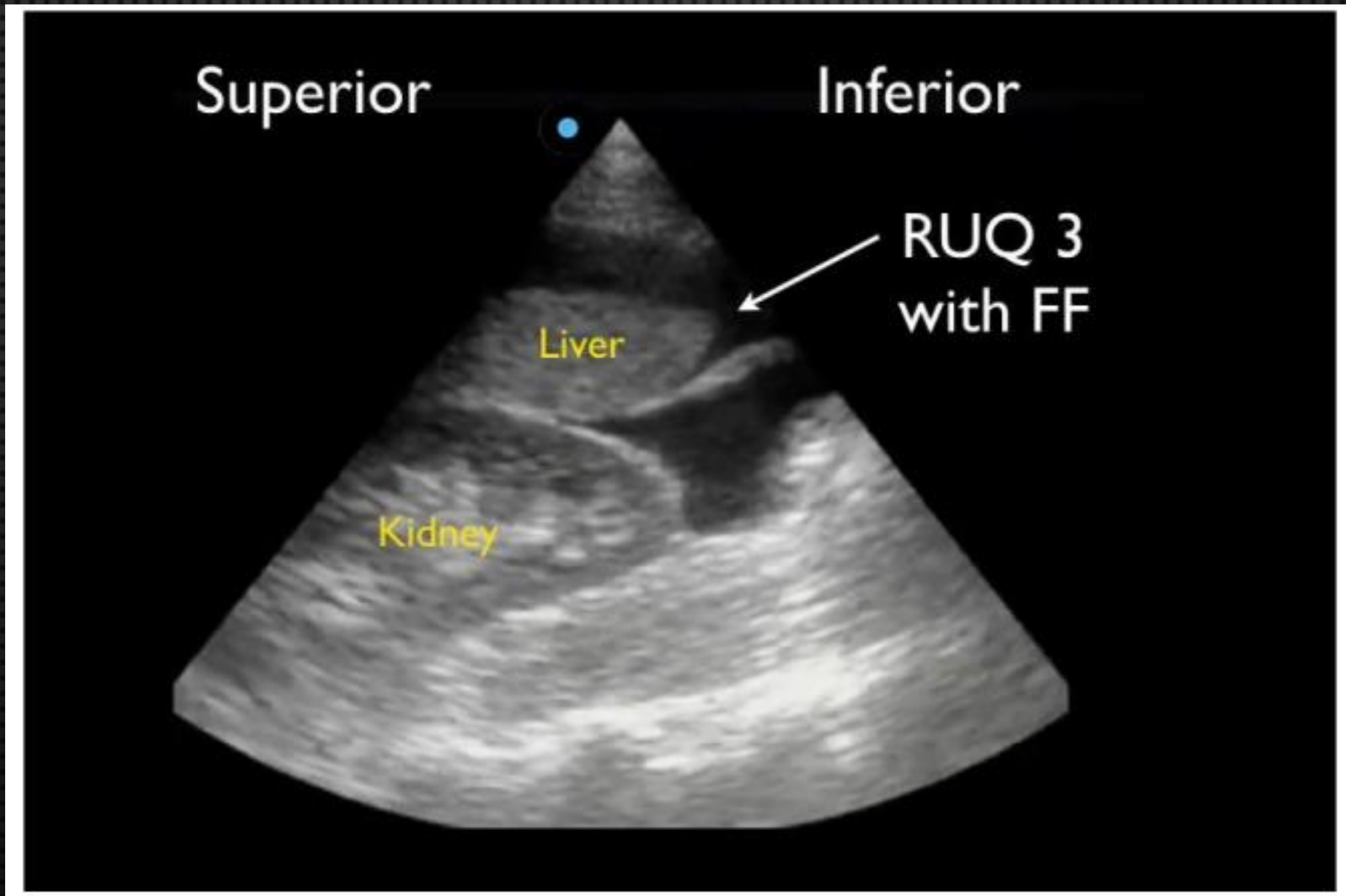
CXR – chest X-ray, EFAST – extended focused abdominal sonogram for trauma, TP – true positive, FP – false positive, FN – false negative, PPV – positive predictive value, NPV – negative predictive value and DA – diagnostic accuracy.

\* Nandipati et al. Extended focused assessment with sonography for trauma (EFAST) in the diagnosis of pneumothorax: Experience at a community based level I trauma center; Injury, Int. J. Care Injured 42 (2011) 511–514.

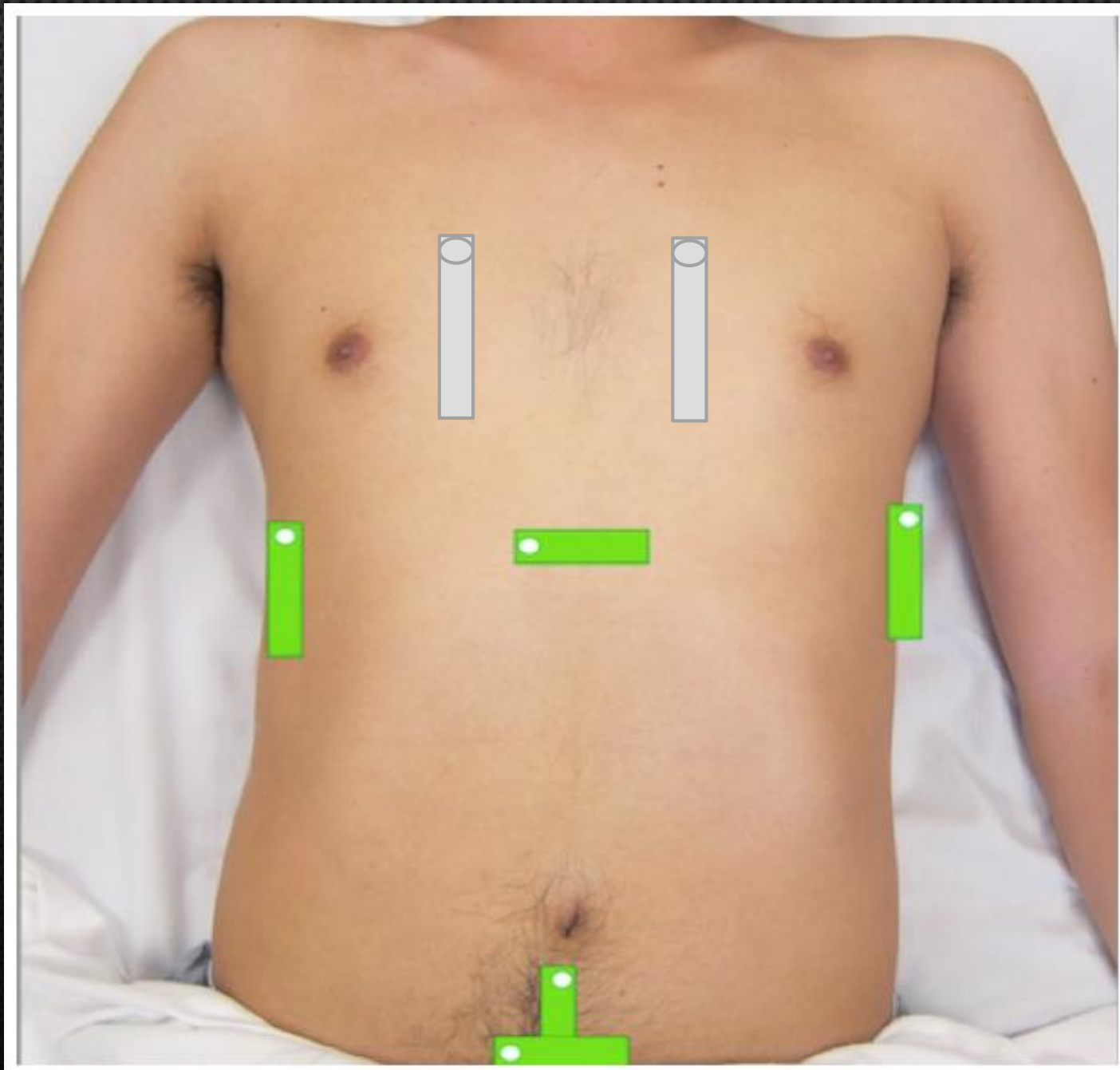


**Figure 3.** Sensitivity curve based on radiologist-confirmed images of fluid in Morison's pouch.

*From:* Branney: J Trauma, Volume 39(2).August 1995.375-380



\*Lobo et al. Caudal Edge of the Liver in the Right Upper Quadrant (RUQ) View Is the Most Sensitive Area for Free Fluid on the FAST Exam; *West J Emerg Med.* 2017; 18(2): 270-280.





# PERIOHEPATIC/ RUQ



LOGIQ  
E9





Normal lung signs in sinus



LOGIQ  
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FR 19

LOGIQ  
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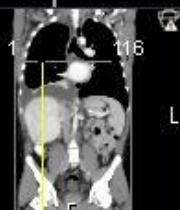
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- S/A 2/1  
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- D 17.0  
- DR 66  
5-AO% 100



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LOGIQ  
E9



# PERISPLENIC / LUQ







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E9



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LOGIQ  
E9



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# PERICARDIAL





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MI  
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TIS  
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Frame Rate  
20 Hz

Gain  
50

Depth  
18.0 cm

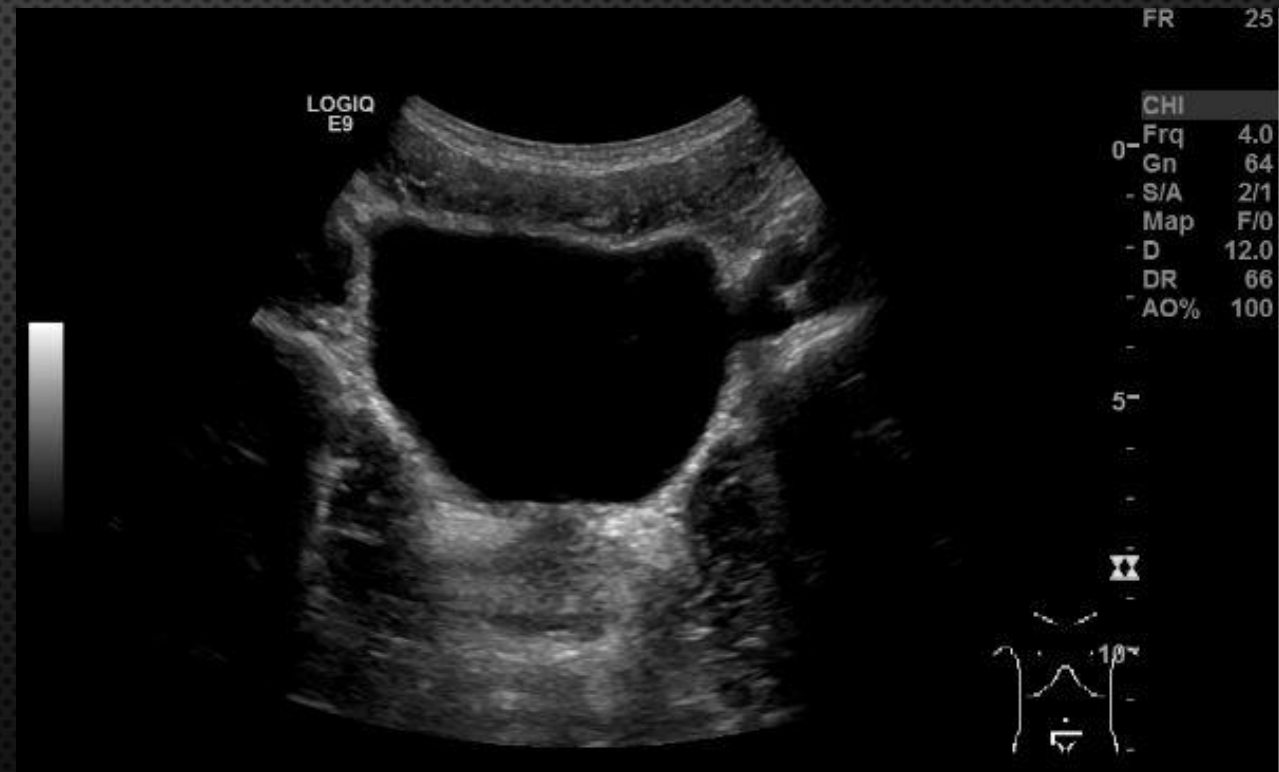
Transducer  
C5-2

Preset  
Abdomen

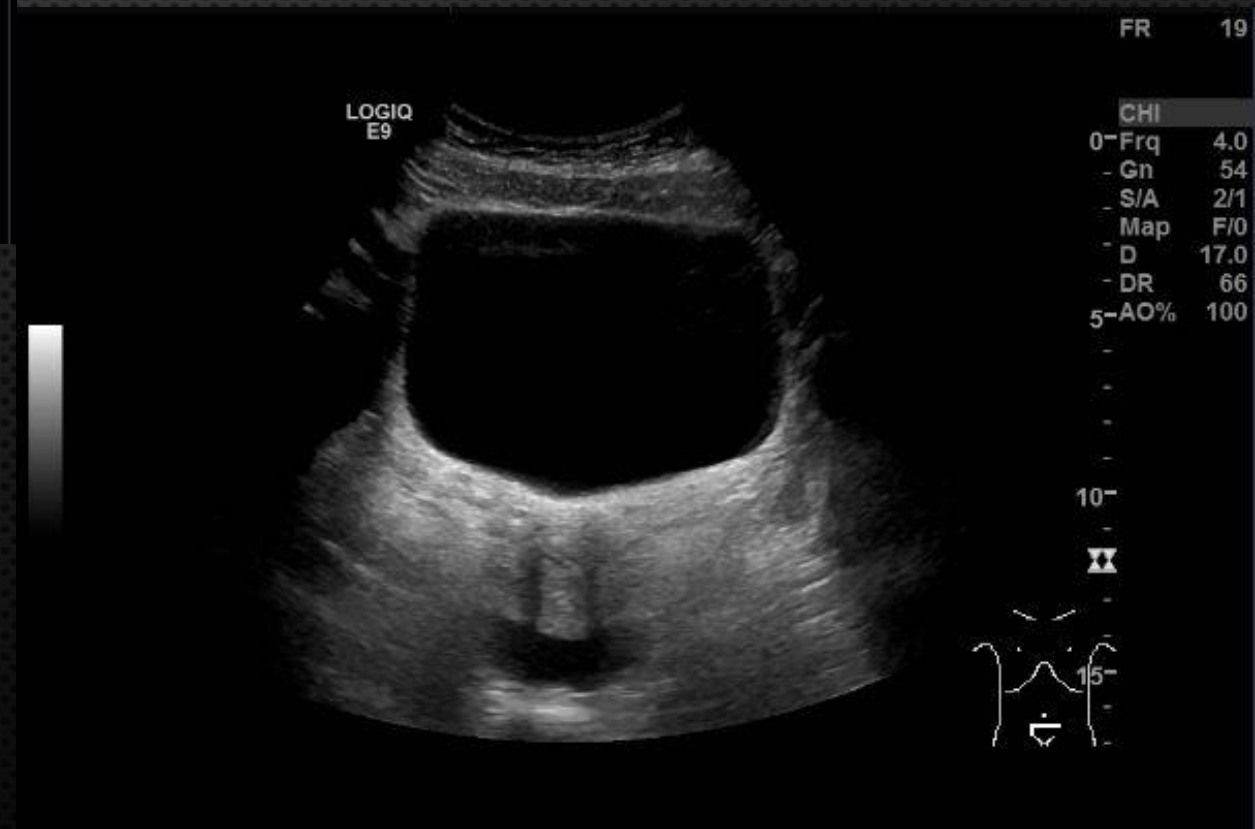
Power  
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# PELVIS







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E9

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- D 15.0  
DR 66  
- AO% 100



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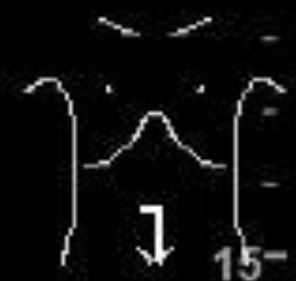
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LOGIQ  
E9



PHILIPS

MI 0.6

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Abdomen.  
C6-2  
28Hz  
16.0cm

Suprapubic

2D  
HPen  
Gn 57  
65  
2/3/3



G  
P R  
2.0 4.0

16.0cm

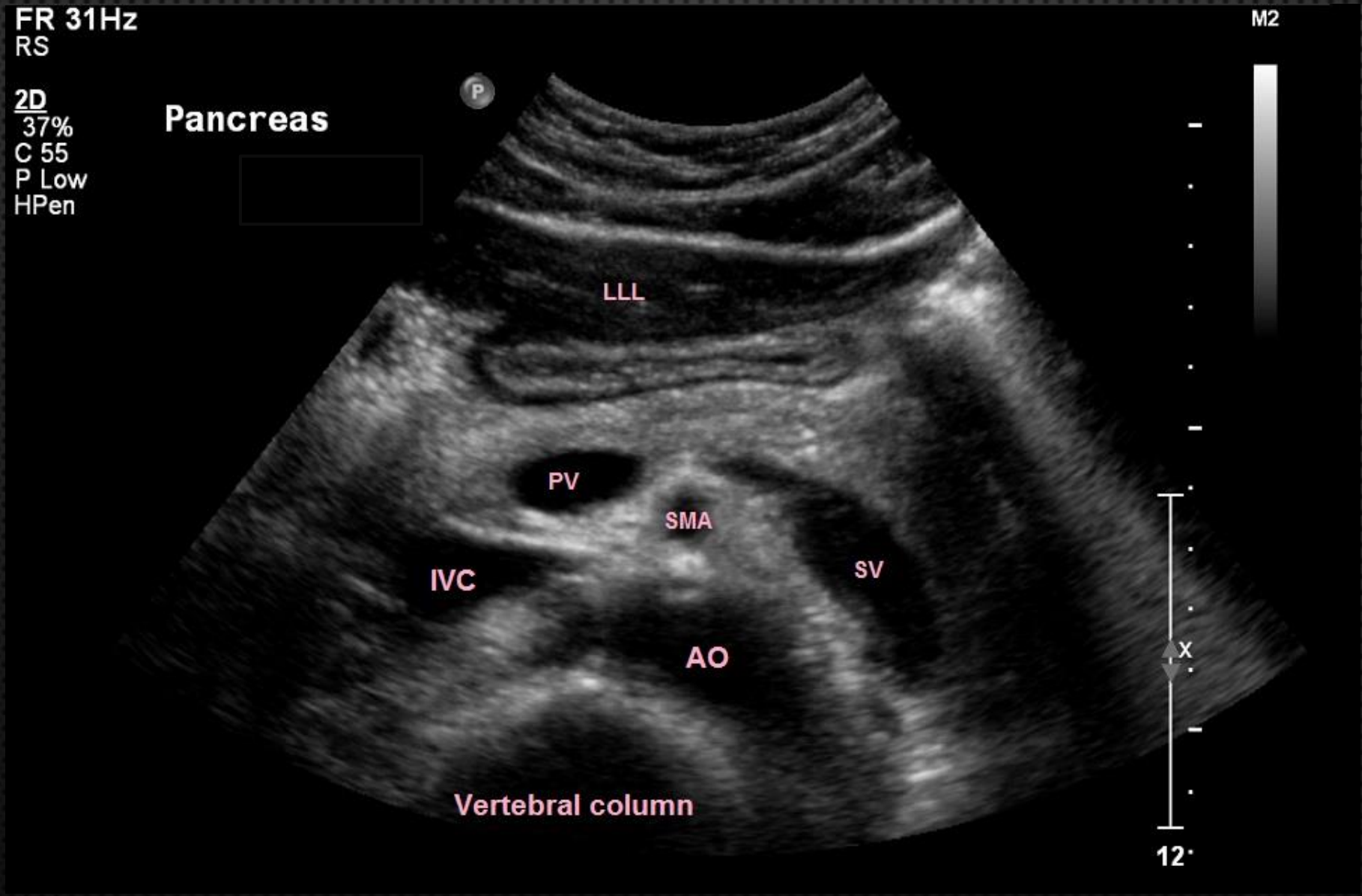
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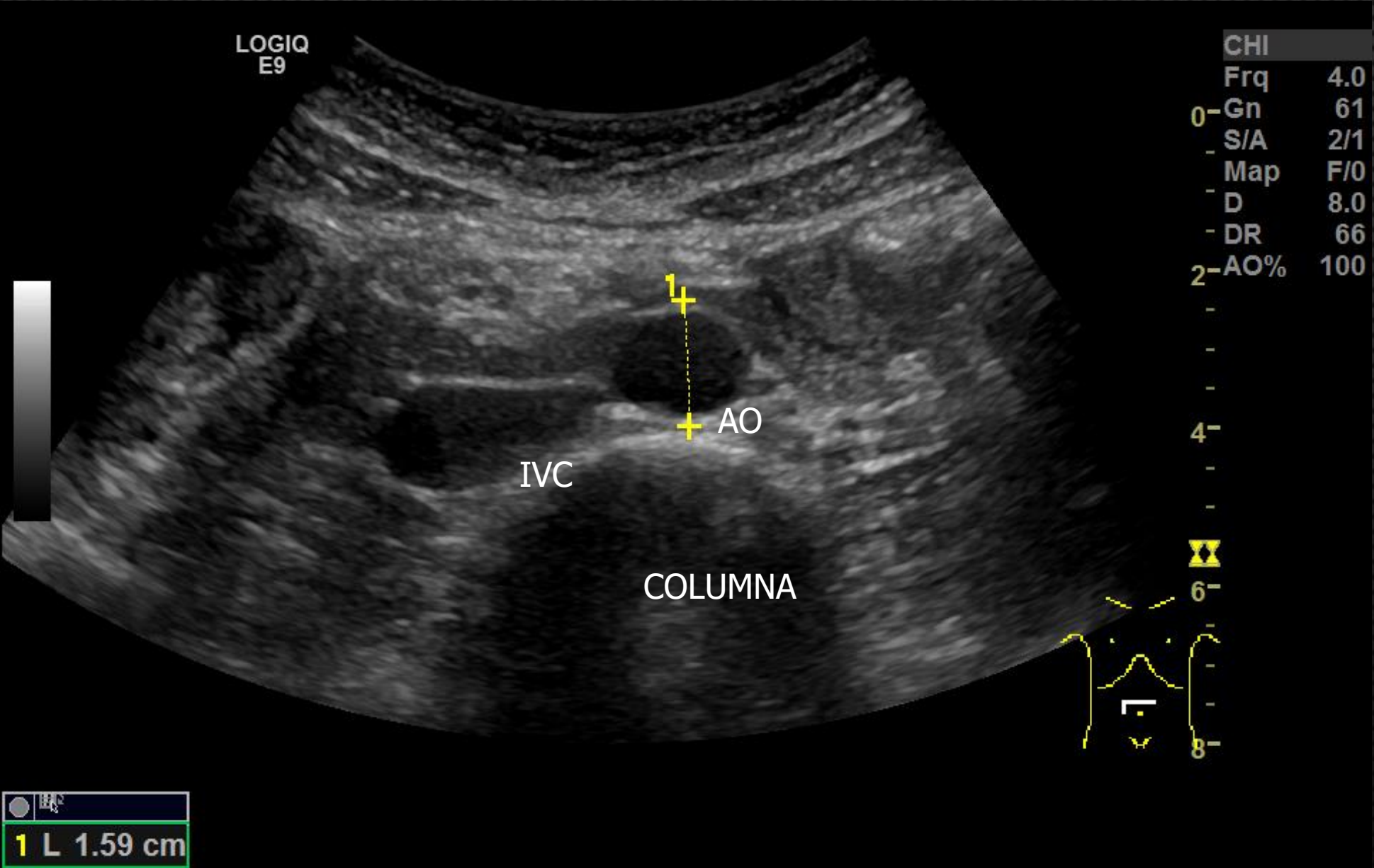
- ▶ PASIENTEN I RYGGLEIE
- ▶ ABDOMINAL PROBE (LAV Hz)
- ▶ ABDOMINAL / AORTA PRE-SET
- ▶ TVERRSNITT – PROBEN PERPENDIKULÆR MED HUDEN
- ▶ «SLIDE» PROBEN FRA PROXIMALE DEL TIL BIFURKATUR



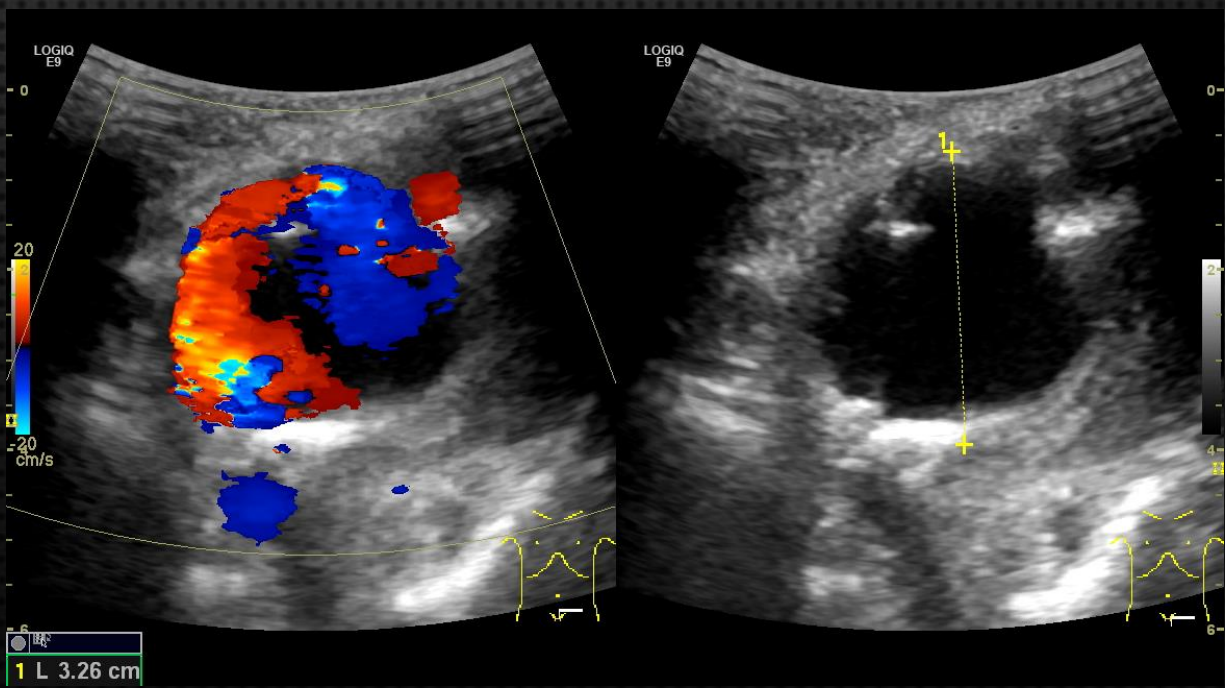
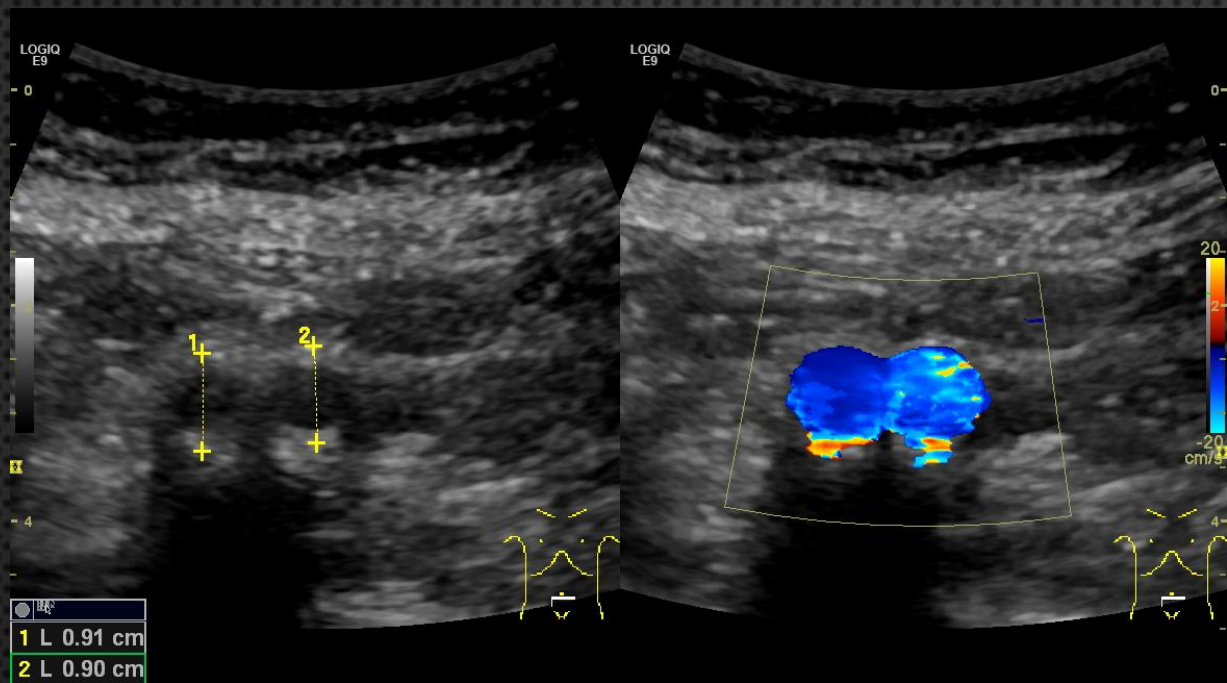
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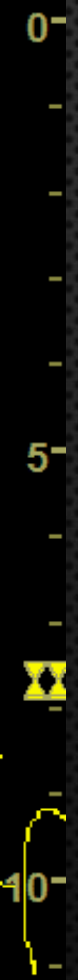
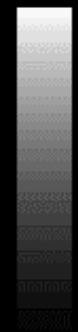
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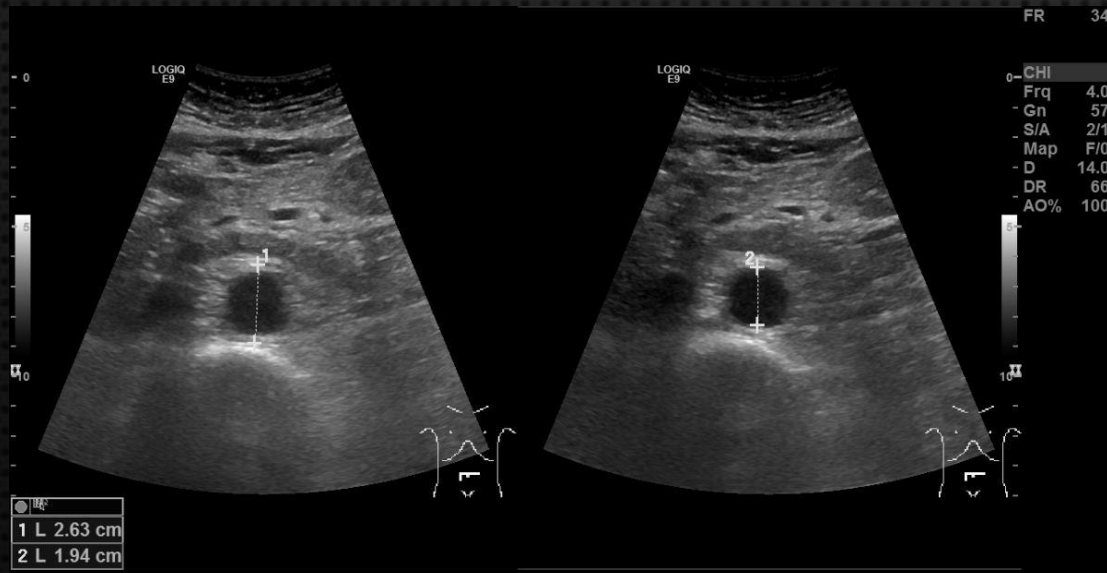
LOGIQ  
E9



# HVORDAN MÅLER MAN?

- ▶ PROBEN I TVERRSNITT – PERPENDIKULÆRT MED HUDEN
- ▶ I SYSTOLE
- ▶ YTRE VEGG TIL YTRE VEGG
- ▶ ATERIOR TIL POSTERIOR

AORTA < 3 CM  
ILIACA < 1,5 CM



# HVORDAN SER ET ABDOMINALT ANEURISME UT PÅ UL?

**AP diameter**

**Lengde**

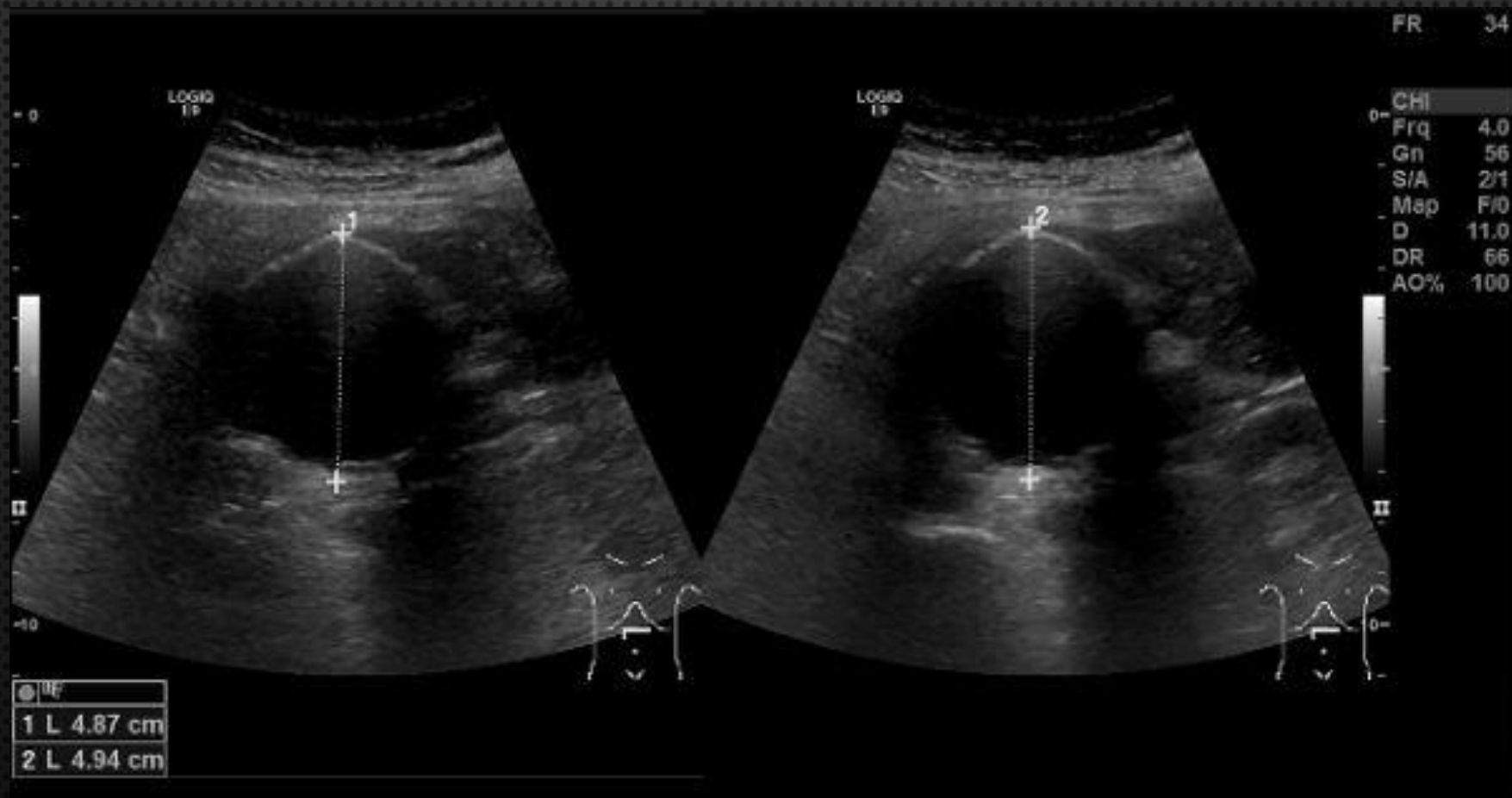
**Plakk**



**Infra/suprarenalt**

**Fusiformt/sakkulært**

**AIC involvert**





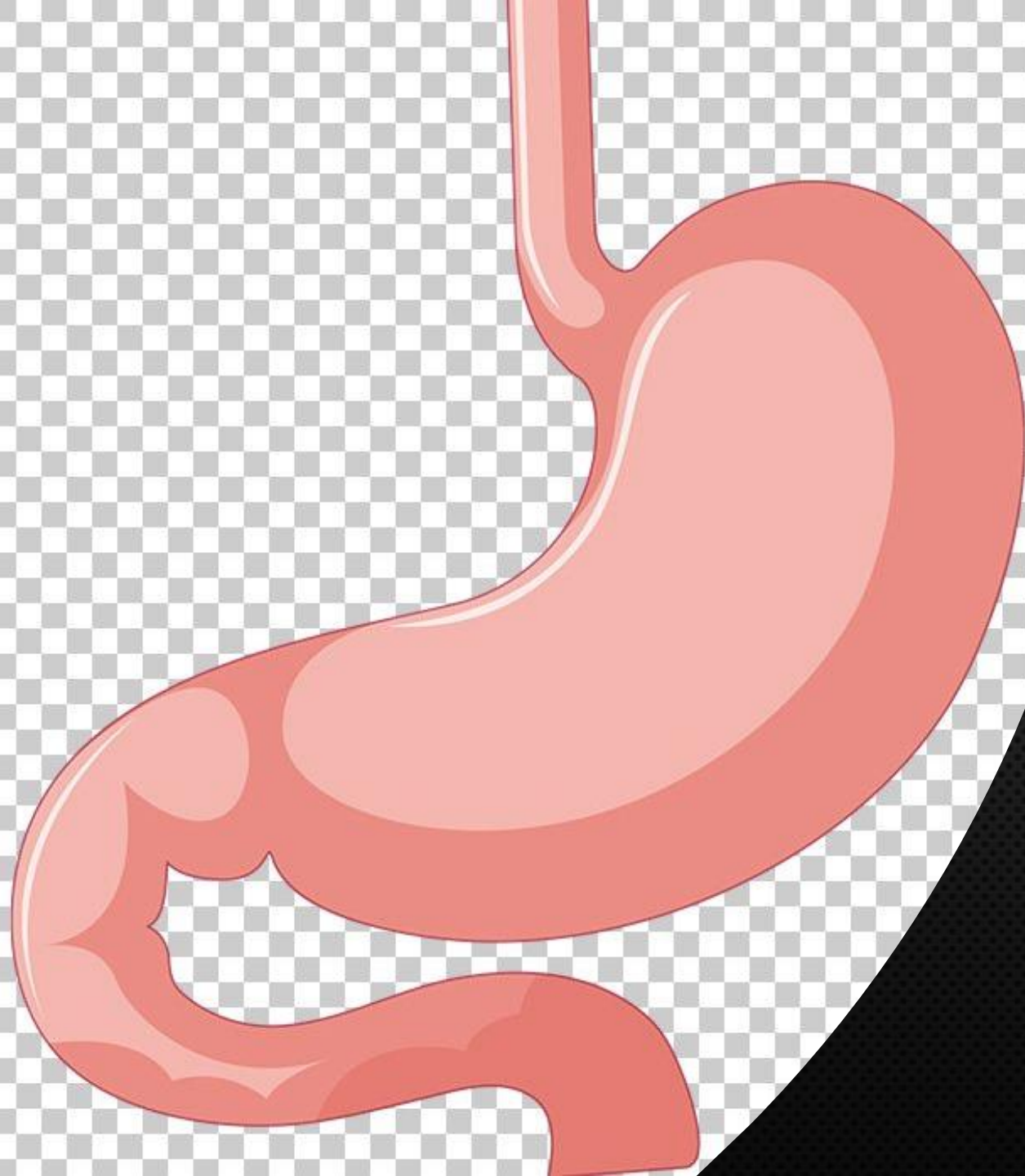


# Utfordringer



Luft..  
Luft..  
Luft..





FASTESTATUS

## REVIEW ARTICLES



# Ultrasound assessment of gastric content and volume

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### Editor's key points

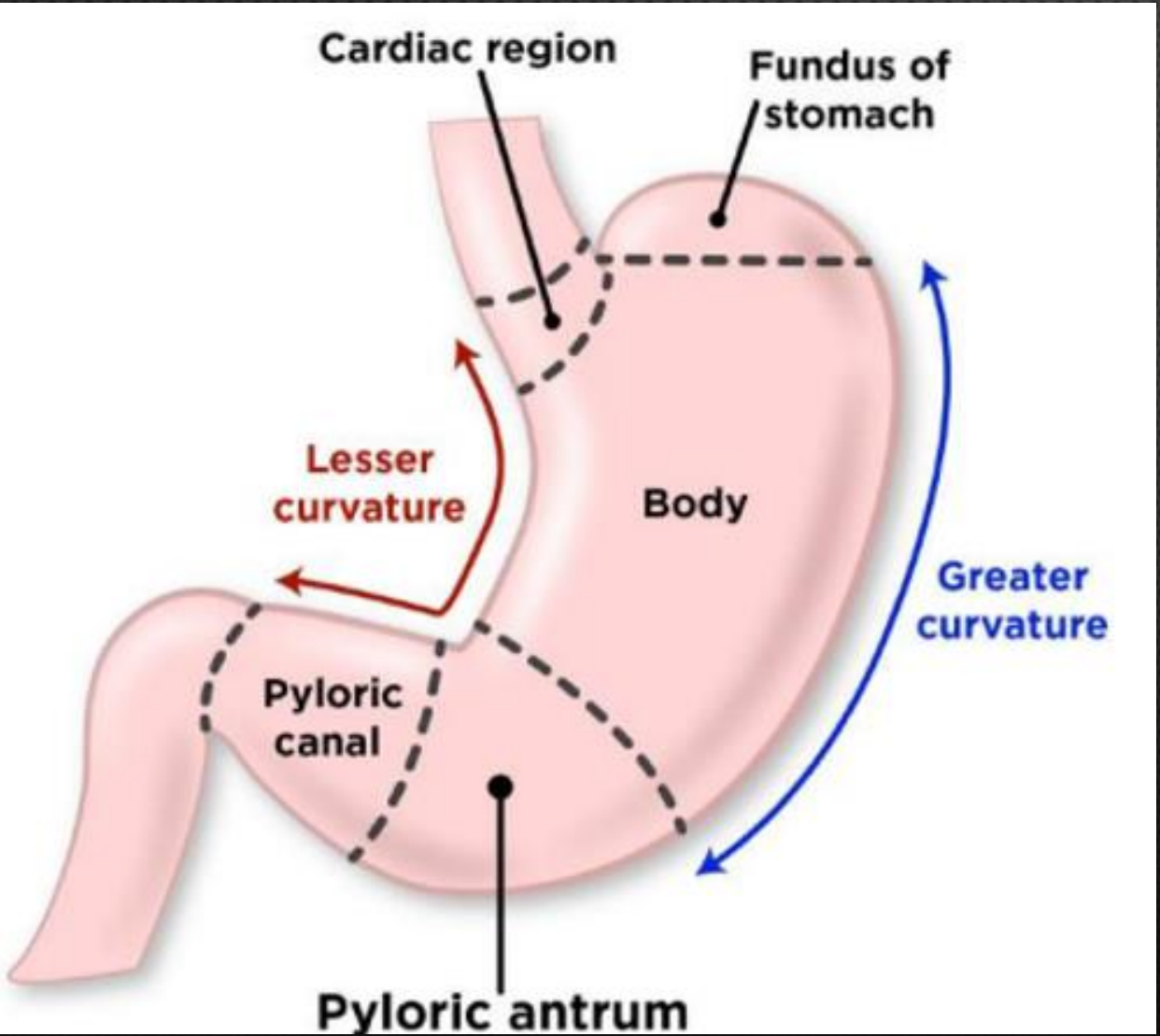
- The authors review the literature regarding the use of ultrasound to estimate gastric volume and, thus, aspiration risk.
- Suggestions for clinical usage are provided.

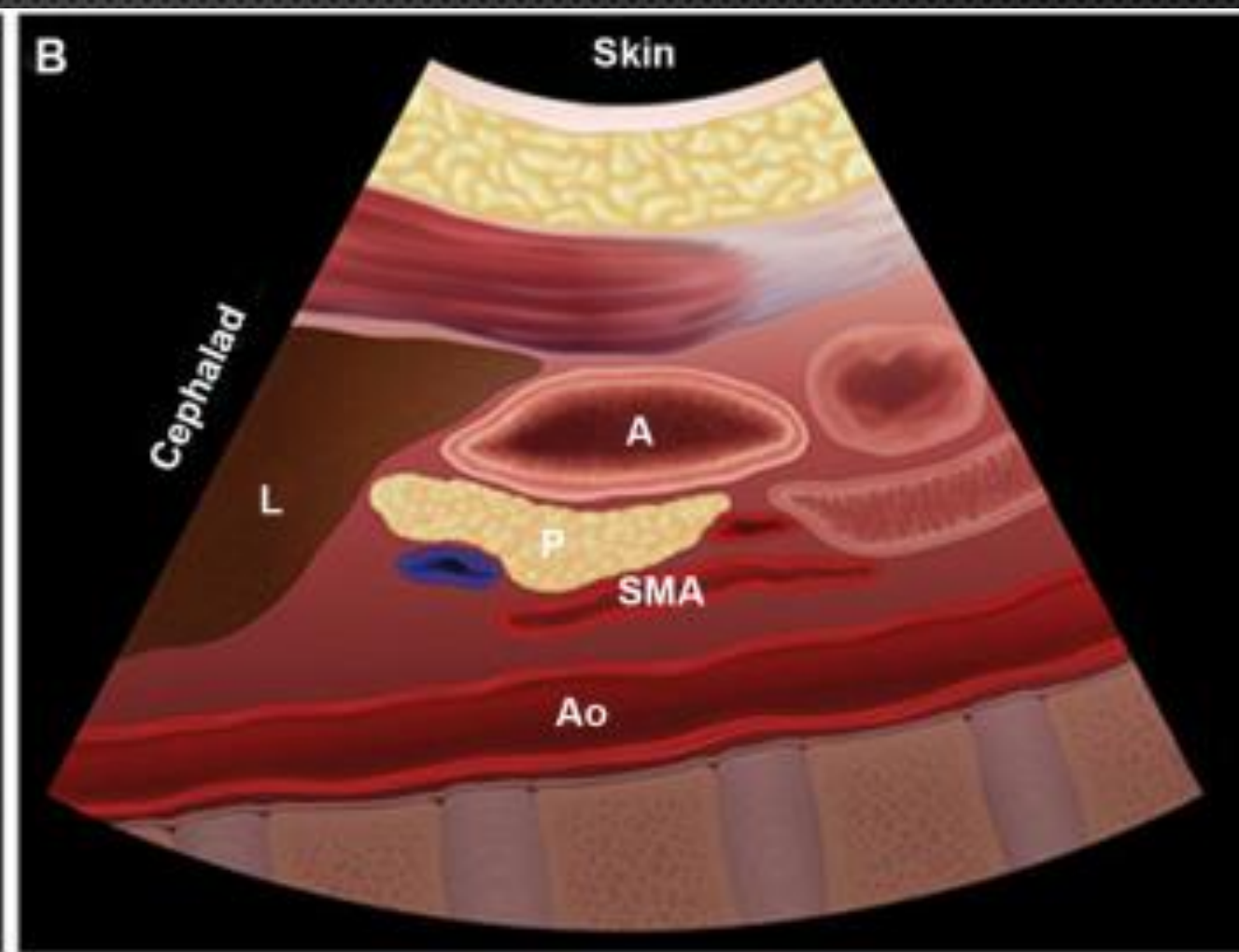
Pulmonary aspiration of gastric content is a serious anaesthetic complication that can lead to significant morbidity and mortality. Aspiration risk assessment is usually based on fasting times. However, fasting guidelines do not apply to urgent or emergent situations and to patients with certain co-morbidities. **Gastric content and volume assessment is a new point-of-care ultrasound application that can help determine aspiration risk.** This systematic review summarizes the current literature on bedside ultrasound assessment of gastric content and volume relevant to anaesthesia practice. Seventeen articles were identified using predetermined criteria. Studies were classified into those describing the sonographic characteristics of different types of gastric content (empty, clear fluid, solid), and those describing methods for quantitative assessment of gastric volume. A possible algorithm for the clinical application of this new tool is proposed, and areas that require further research are highlighted.

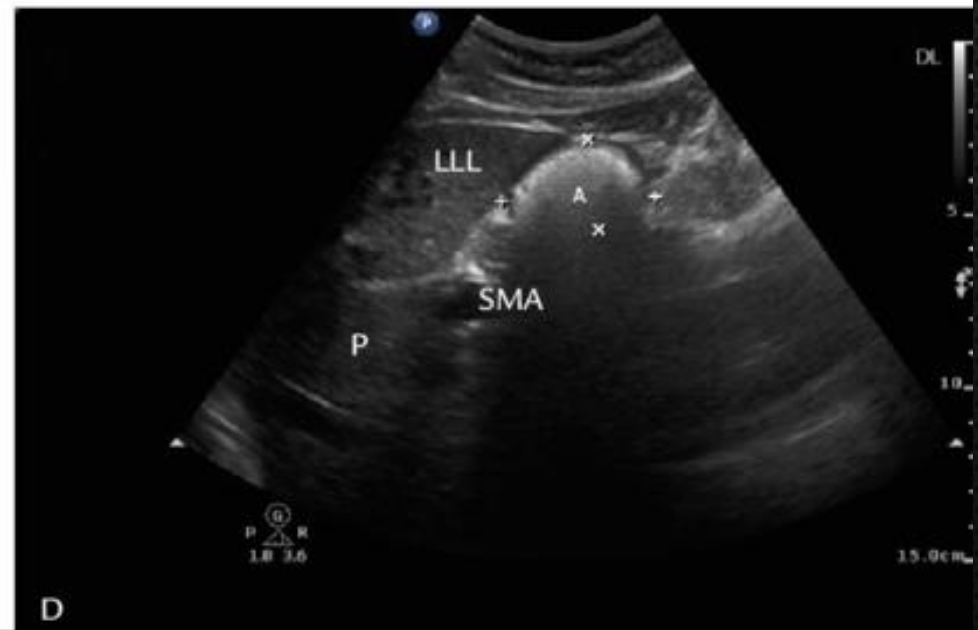
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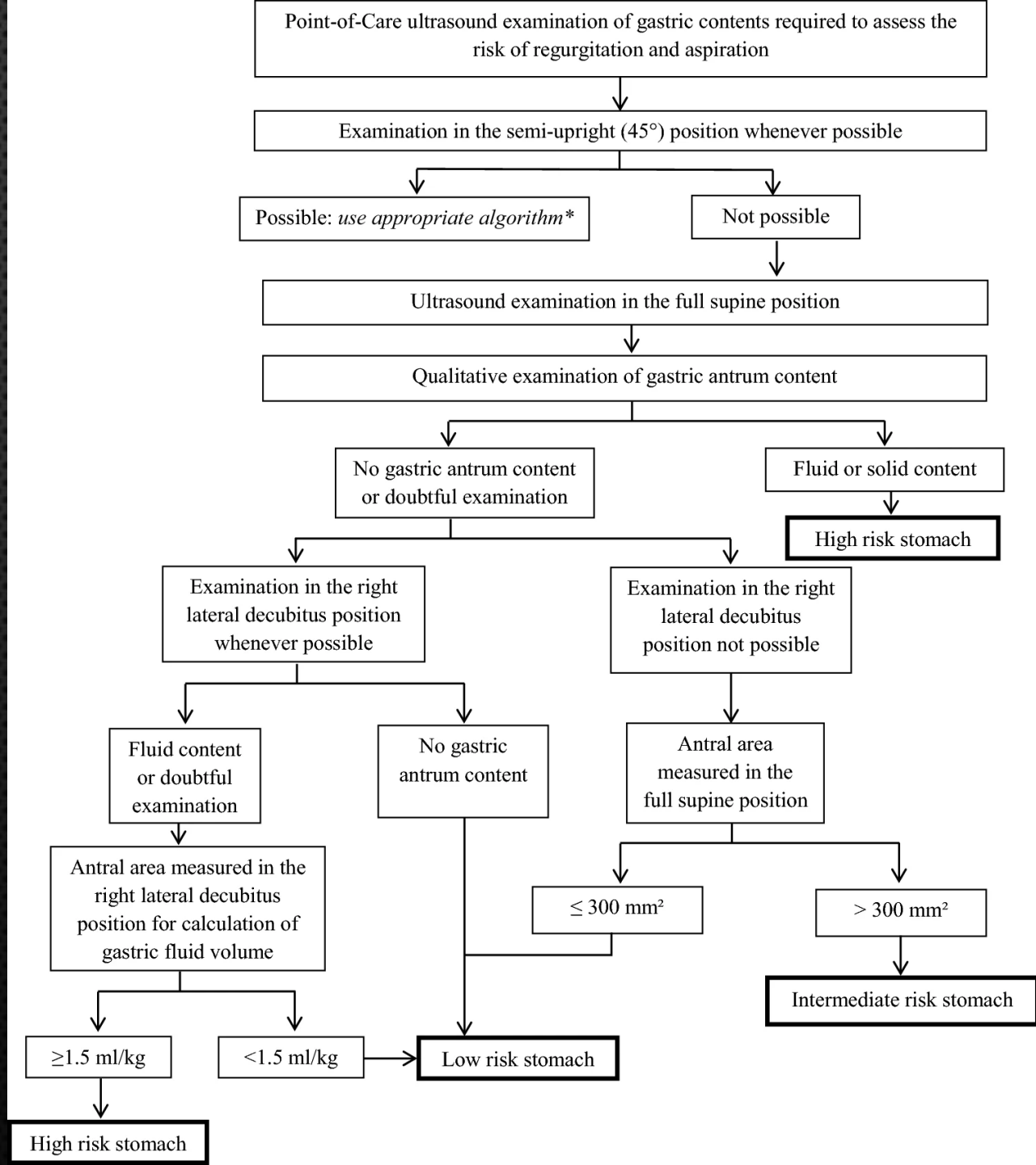
Perioperative aspiration of gastric contents is a rare but serious complication of anaesthesia. The overall incidence in a mixed

bedside ultrasound to evaluate gastric content and volume as they relate to aspiration risk assessment from the perspec-









Grade	Antral Presentation	Volume Implications	Aspiration Risk
0	Empty on BOTH supine and RLD	Minimal	Low
1	Empty on supine BUT clear visible fluid on RLD	< 1.5ml/kg. Baseline secretions seen	Low
2	Clear visible fluid on supine AND on RLD	>1.5ml/kg. MORE than baseline secretions	High





FASTET 2 T  
H DECUB

LOGIQ



FR 37

CHI X

Frg 6.0

Gn 43

S/A 472

Mgp 0.0

D 8.0

Zm 0

DR 66

AD% 100



FASTET 4 T  
SUPINE



FR 38  
CHI X  
Frg 6.0  
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Zm 0  
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AO% 100

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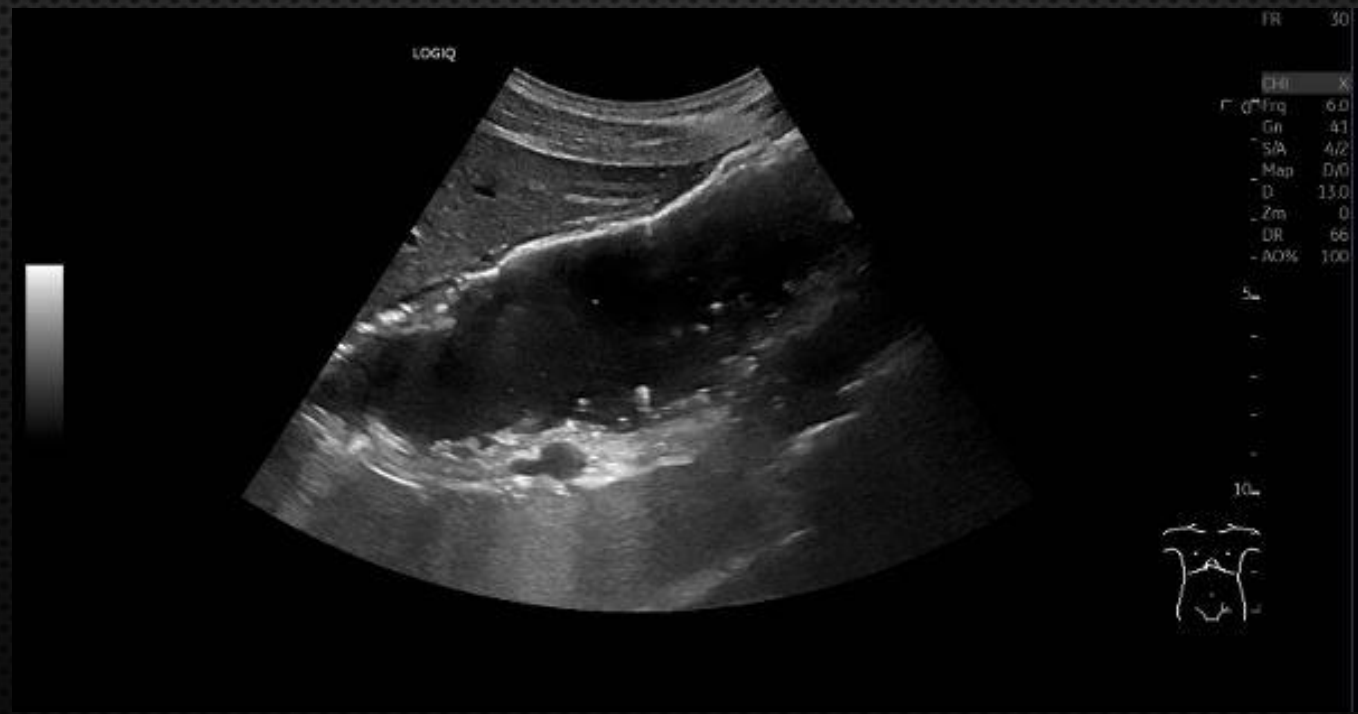


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