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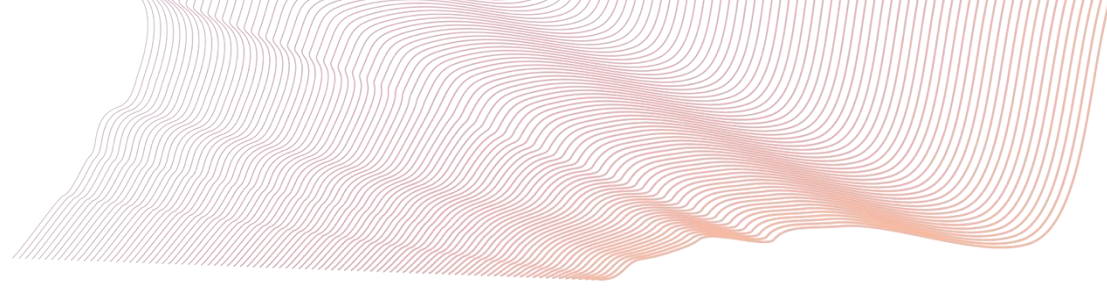
Perianal ultrasound

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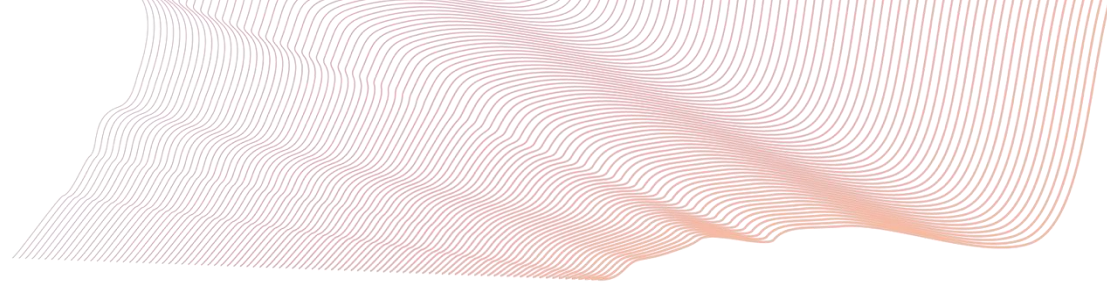
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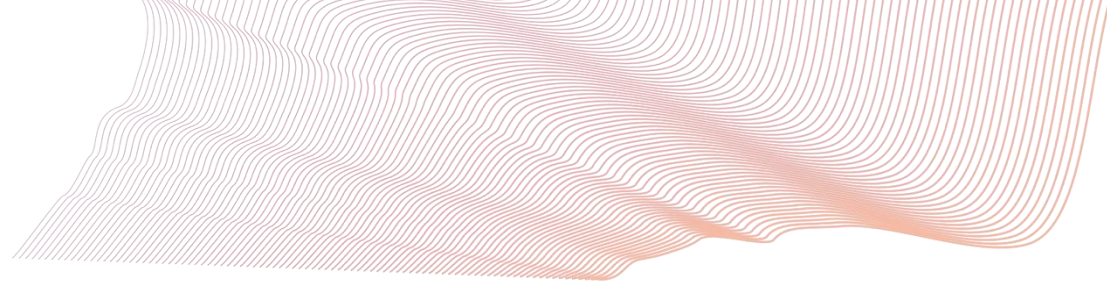
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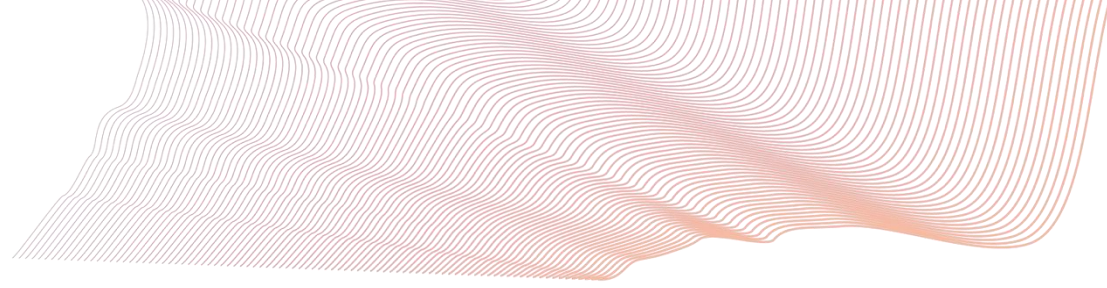


Agenda

- Transperineal ultrasound
- Transrectal ultrasound

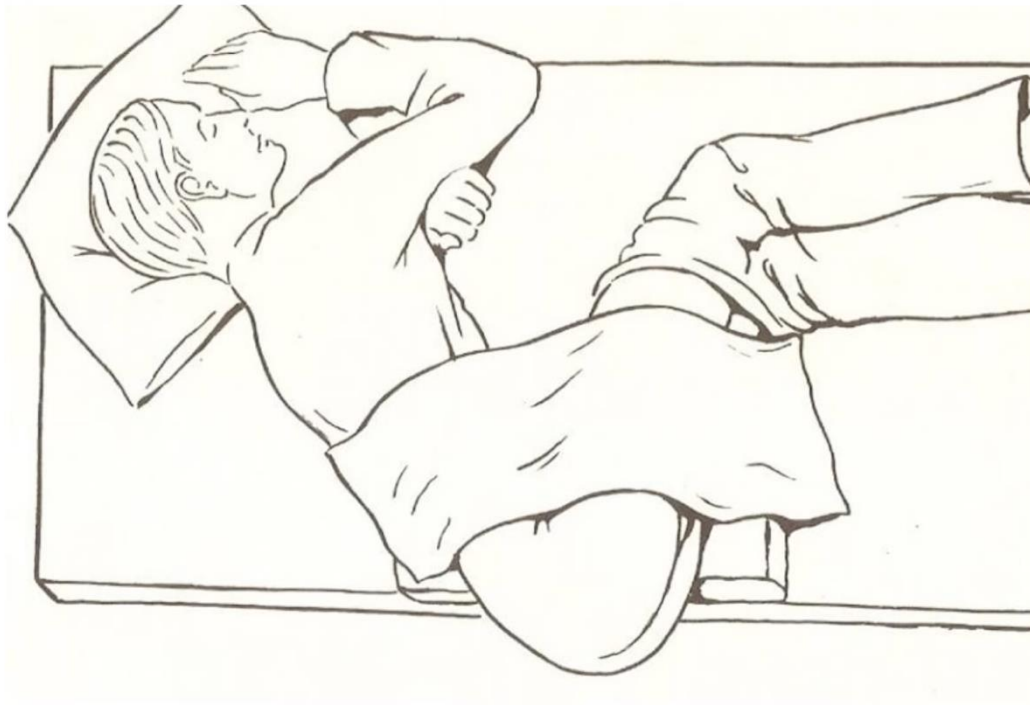


Transperineal Ultrasound



How???

Left lateral position



Probes

- (Micro-) Convex 3,5-6 MHz
- Linear 5-7,5 MHz
- Trans-vaginal 5-7,5 MHz

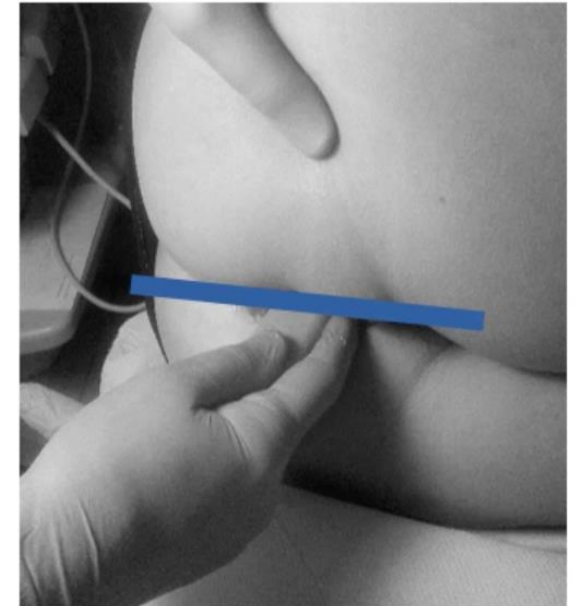
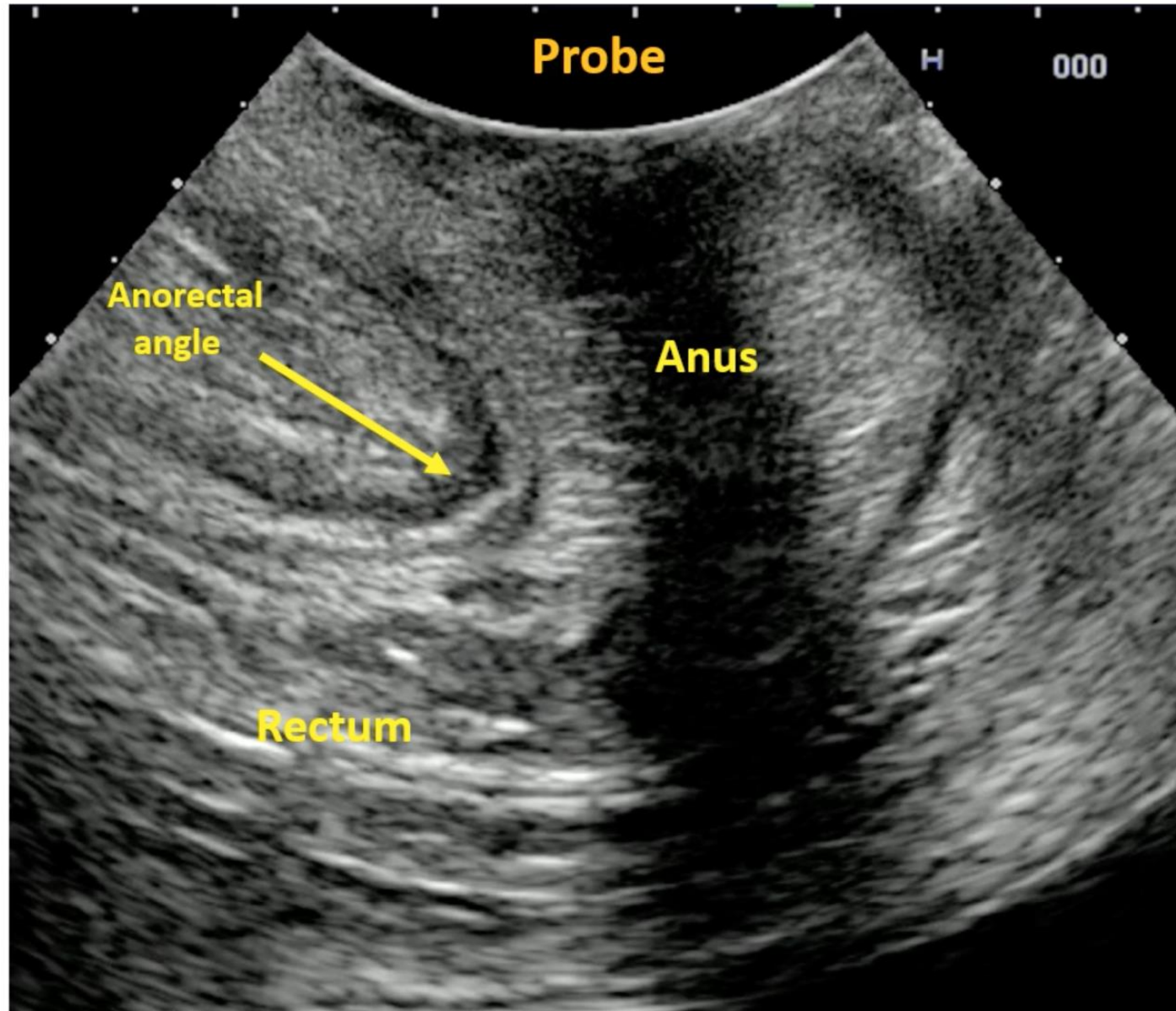


Technique

Start examination

- Anus
- Perianal body
- Vagina/scrotus

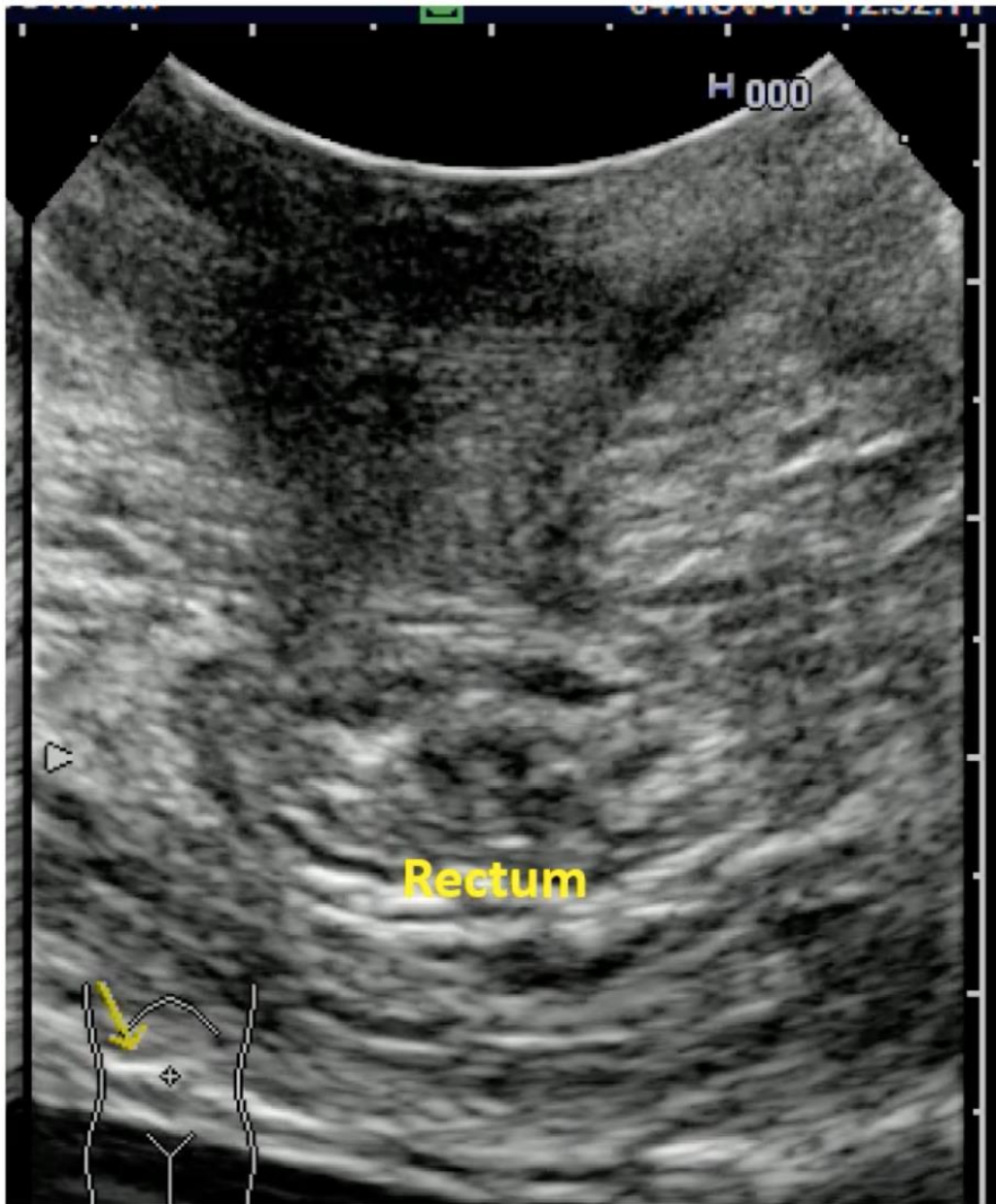




Probe on the anus



Sagittal scan

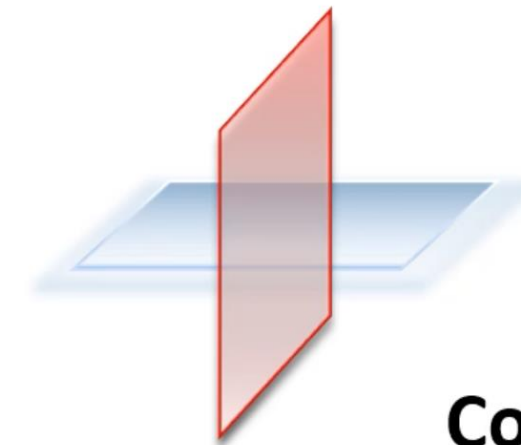
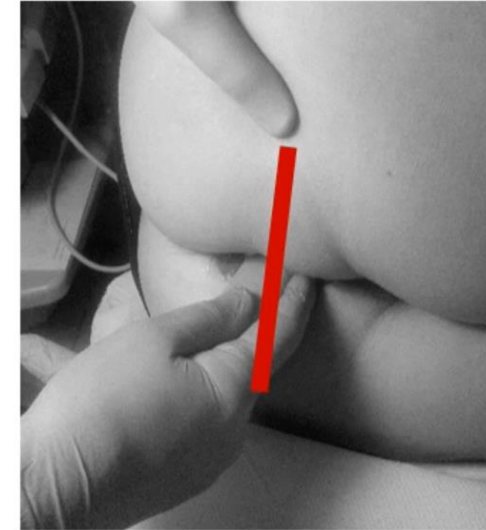
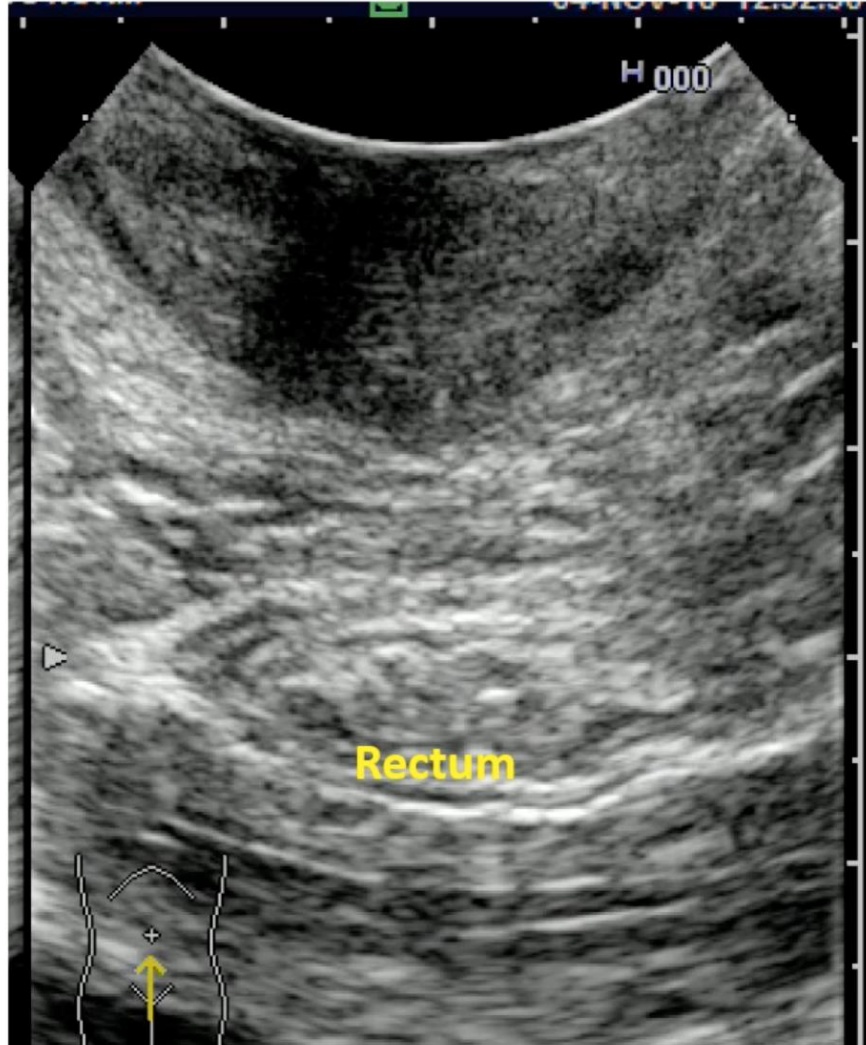
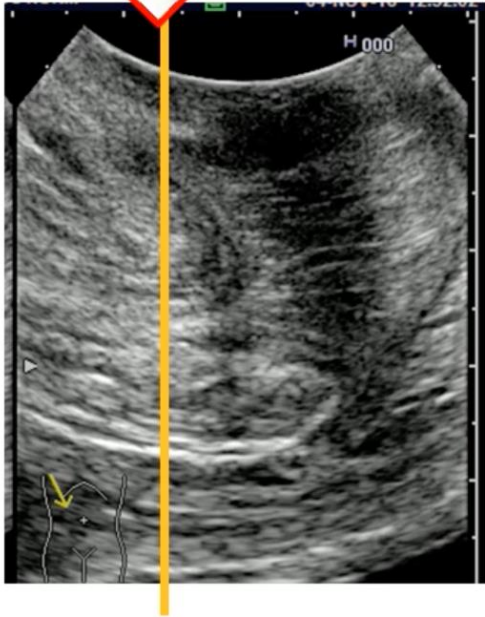
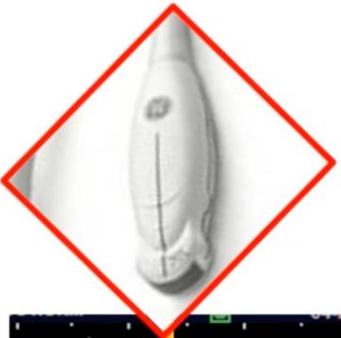


Probe on the perianal body



Coronal scan

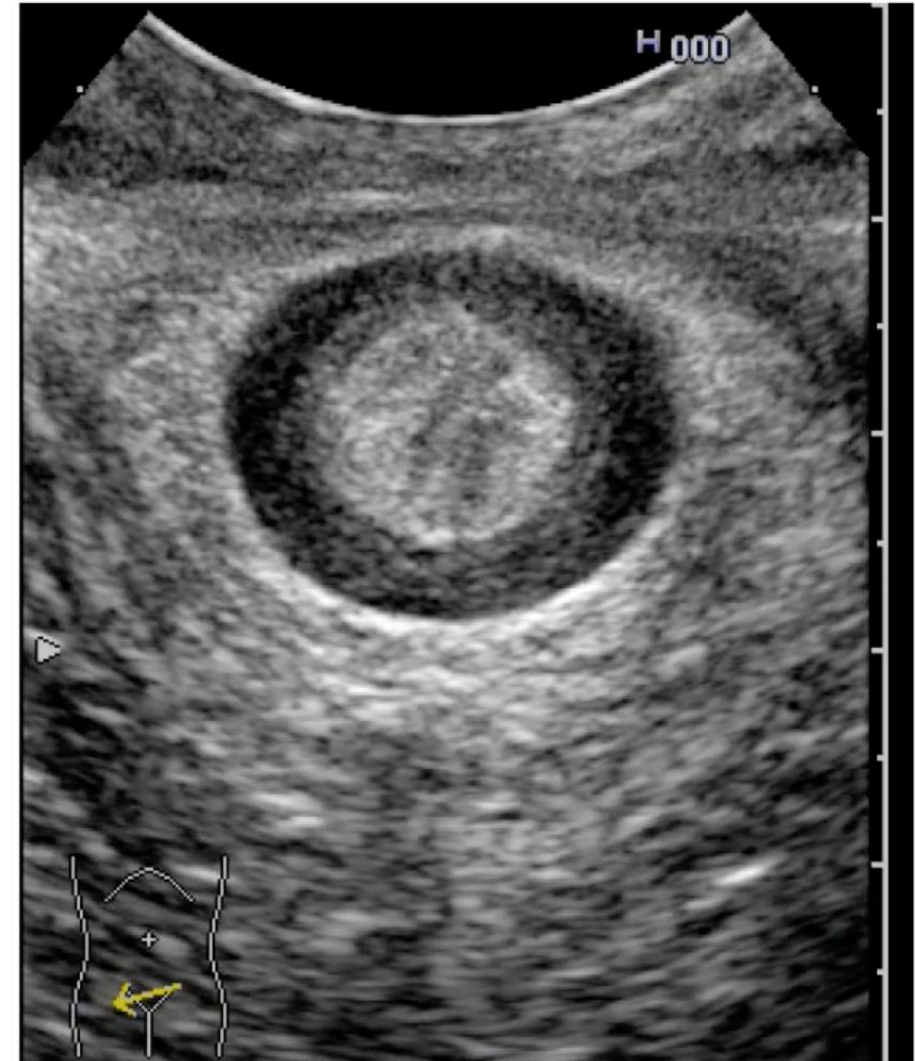
Probe on the perianale body



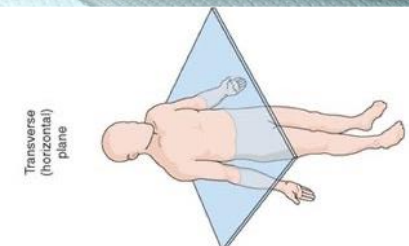
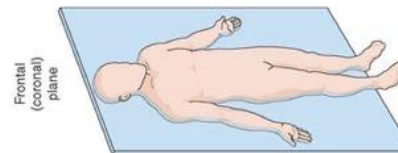
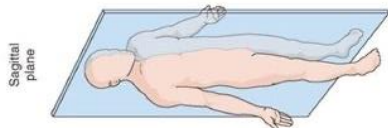
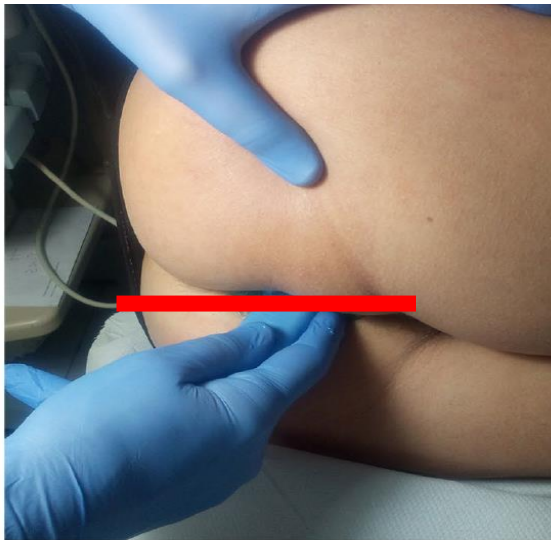
Coronal scan

Trasversal scan

Probe on the base of vagina/scrotus



TPUS for the assessment of the perianal disease

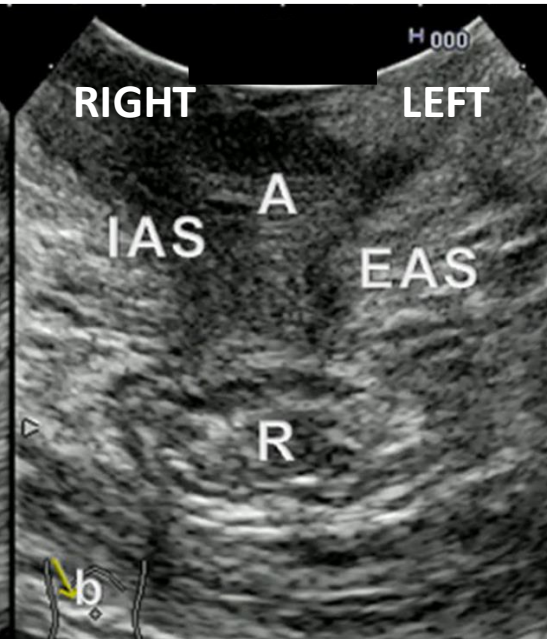


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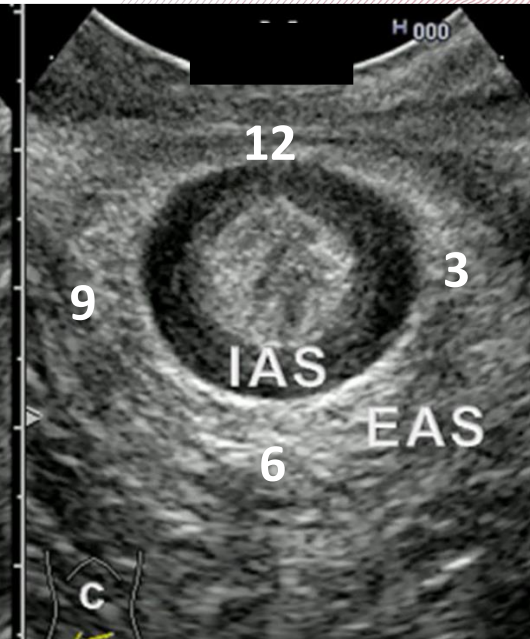
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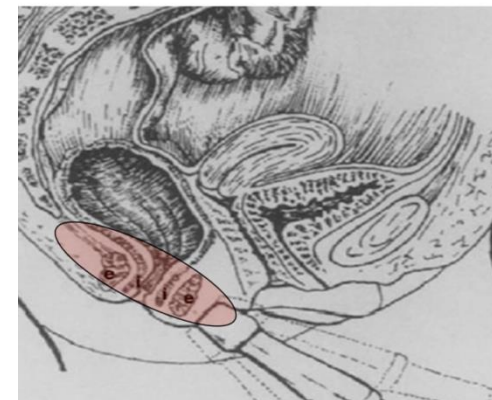
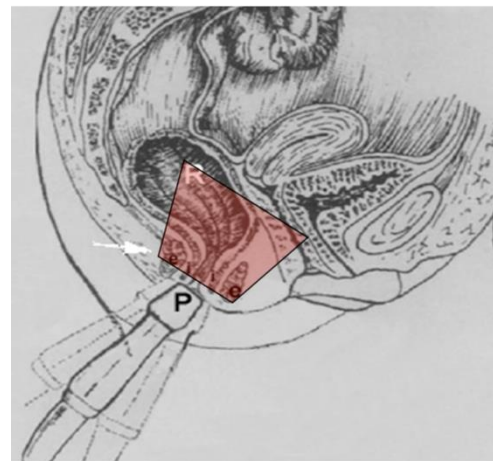
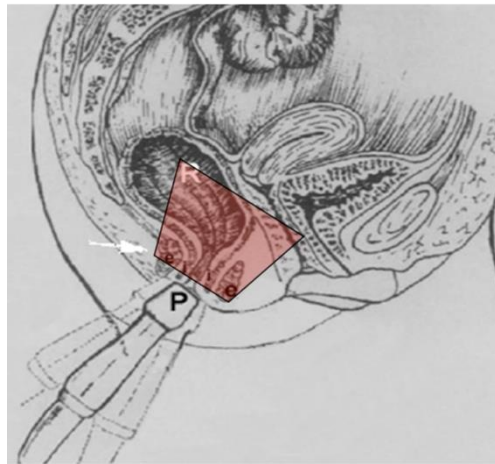
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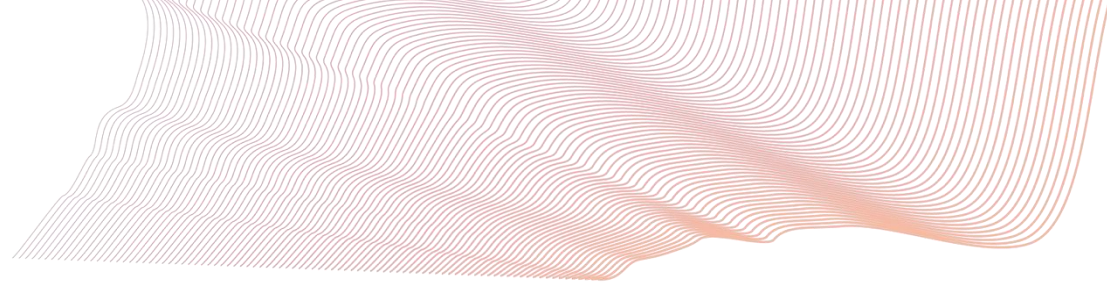


Trasversal scan



In the transverse scan
Fistulas of the anal canal
are described using a
clock face

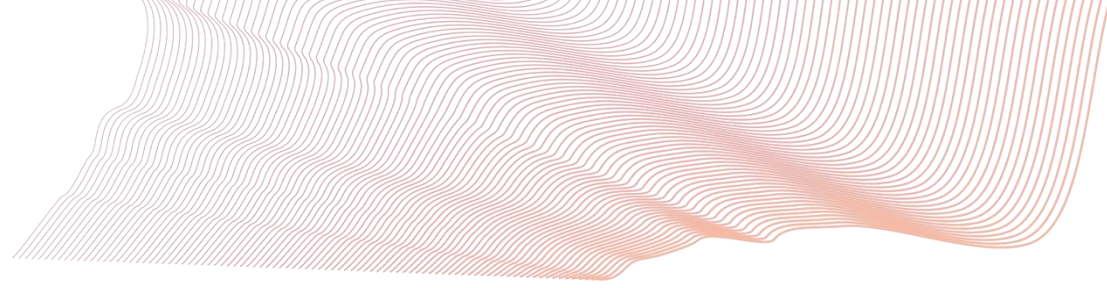




When???

Use of Perianal Intestinal Ultrasound

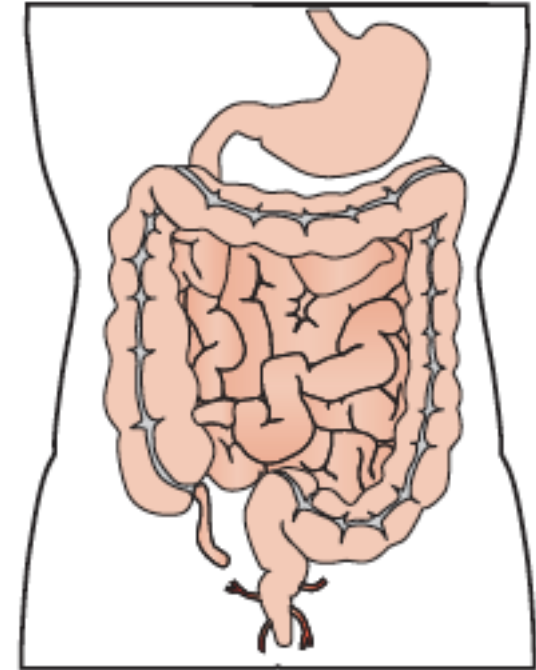
- TPUS in CD
- TPUS in UC
- TPUS in pouch



Crohn's disease

Perianal disease

- Perianal fistulas constitute the majority of fistulizing Crohn's disease
- Cumulative incidence of at least one perianal fistula > 25%
- Recurrent episodes of perianal fistulization occur in approx. 30%



B3p
Perianally penetrating

Accuracy of TPUS & TRUS

Table 3. Accuracy of Transrectal Sonography, Transperineal Sonography, and MRI in Perianal Crohn Disease

Modality	Sensitivity, %	Specificity, %	PPV, %	NPV, %
Fistula				
Transrectal sonography	84.6	81.80	20.0	20.0
Transperineal sonography	100	100	100	100
MRI	84.6	100	100	20.0
Abscess				
Transrectal sonography	92.8	76.4	71.4	100
Transperineal sonography	100	86.6	83.3	100
MRI	58.8	92.8	90.9	65.0
Rectal involvement				
Transrectal sonography	86.3	0	100	25.0
Transperineal sonography	95.4	100	95.4	0
MRI	95.4	0	100	50.0

NPV indicates negative predictive value; and PPV, positive predictive value.

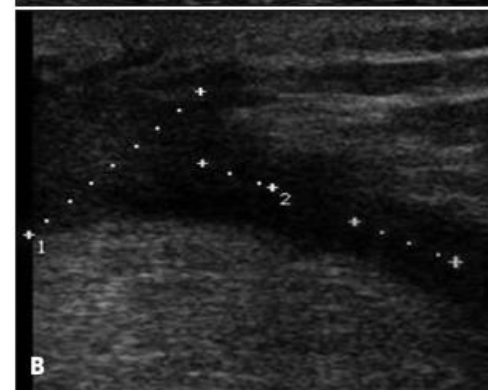
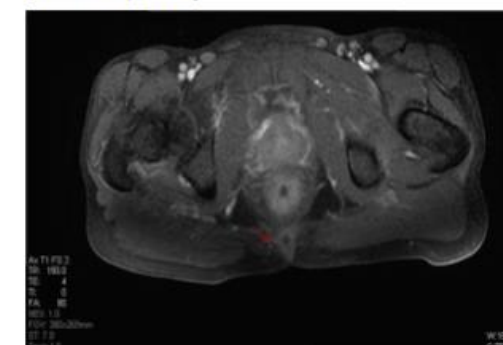
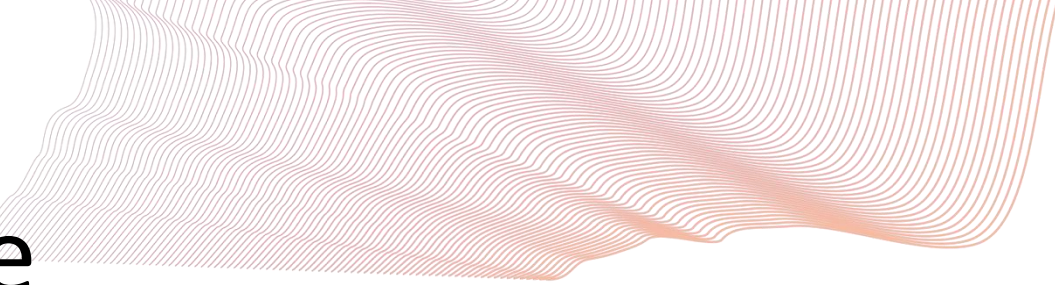


Figure 2. Axial T1-weighted MRI showing rectal wall thickening with a fistula located posteriorly.



Definition in perianal disease

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Complex fistula	High fistula or with one or more of the following characteristics: extensions, multiple external openings, complicated by an abscess, urogenital involvement or anorectal stricture ²
Sinus	Blind-ending tract without either an external or an internal opening ¹³¹
Abscess [or collection]	US: hypo-anechoic structures [≥ 10 mm], containing echoic fluid and sometimes gas bubbles, with posterior echo enhancement and internal echoes ¹²⁷
Internal opening	Defect in the internal anal sphincter and the subepithelial space ^{134,135}
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Distinction Between Simple and Complex Fistula (AGA Classification)

	Low (involves superficial tissue; subcutaneous, low intersphincteric or low intrasphincteric origin of the fistula tract that remains below the dentate line) ¹⁶	High (involves >2/3 of the external sphincter; high intersphincteric or high transsphincteric or suprasphincteric or extrasphincteric origin of the fistula tract) ¹⁶
1. Anatomical Position	 Simple	 Complex
2. External Opening	One	Multiple
3. Pain/fluctuation	Never	May be present (suggests perianal abscess)
4. Rectovaginal fistula	Never	May be present
5. Anorectal stricture	Never	May be present

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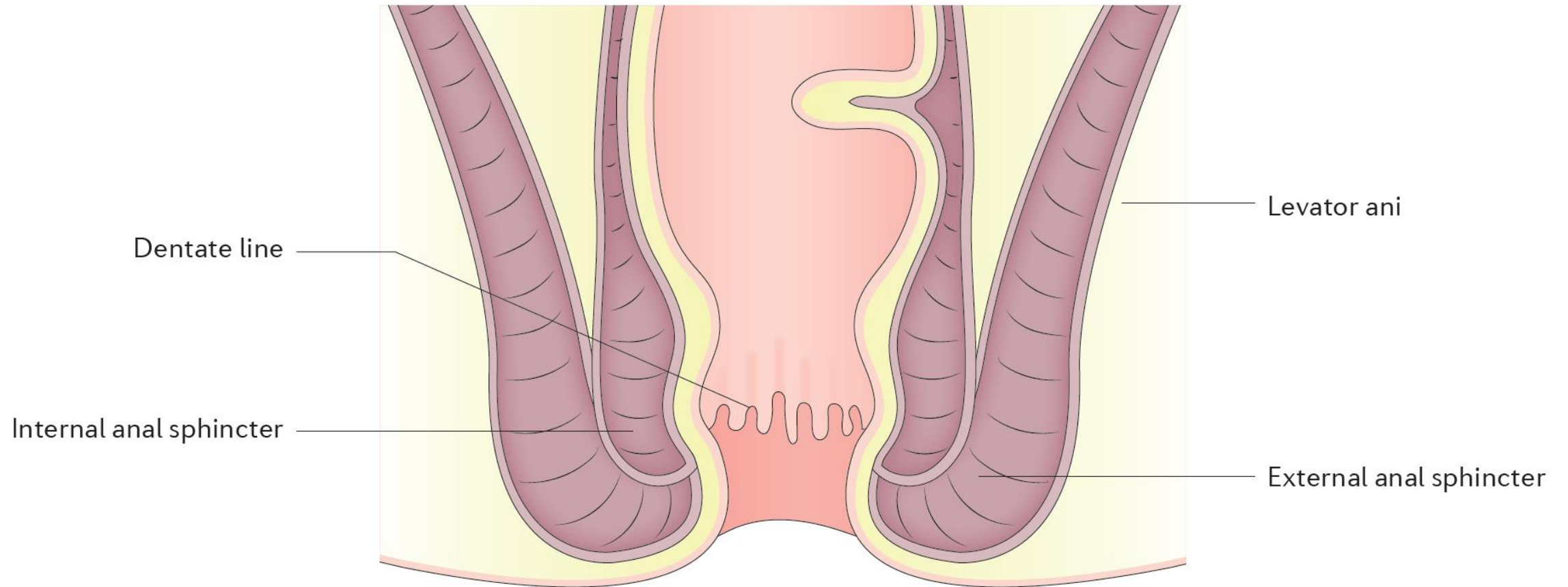
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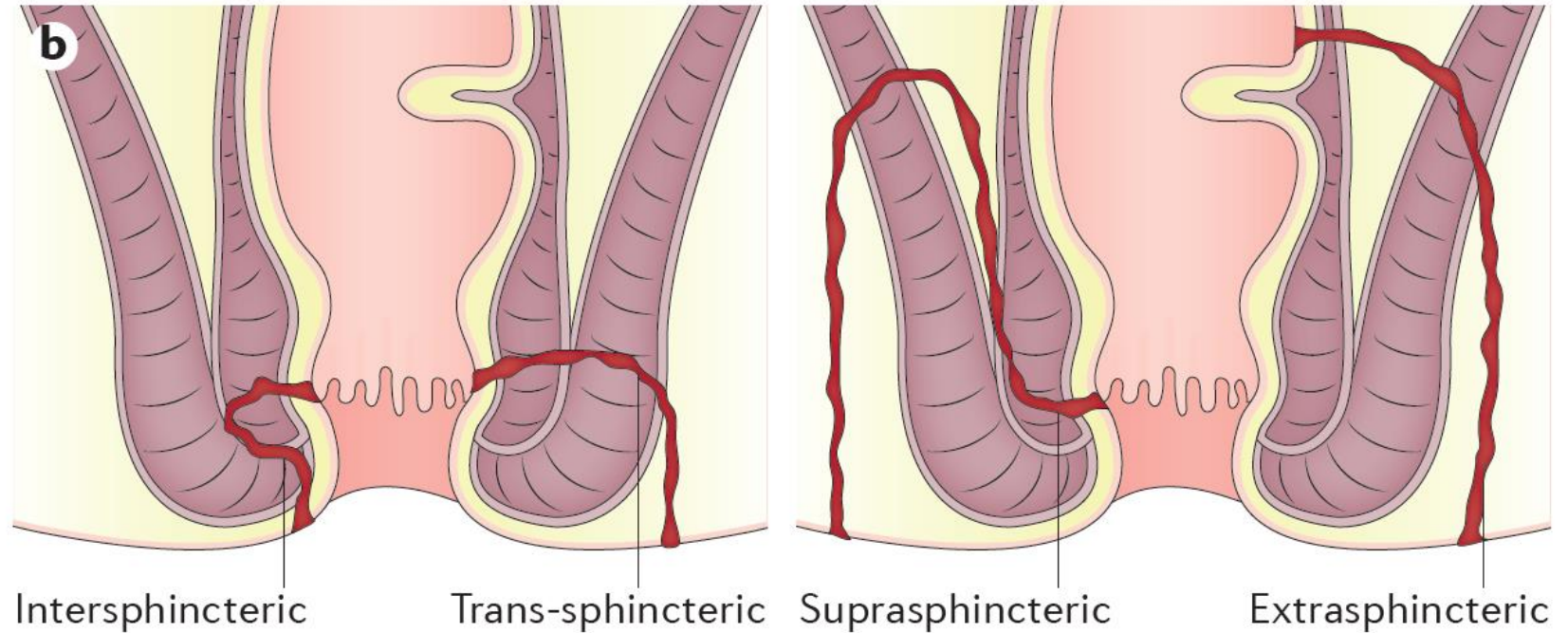
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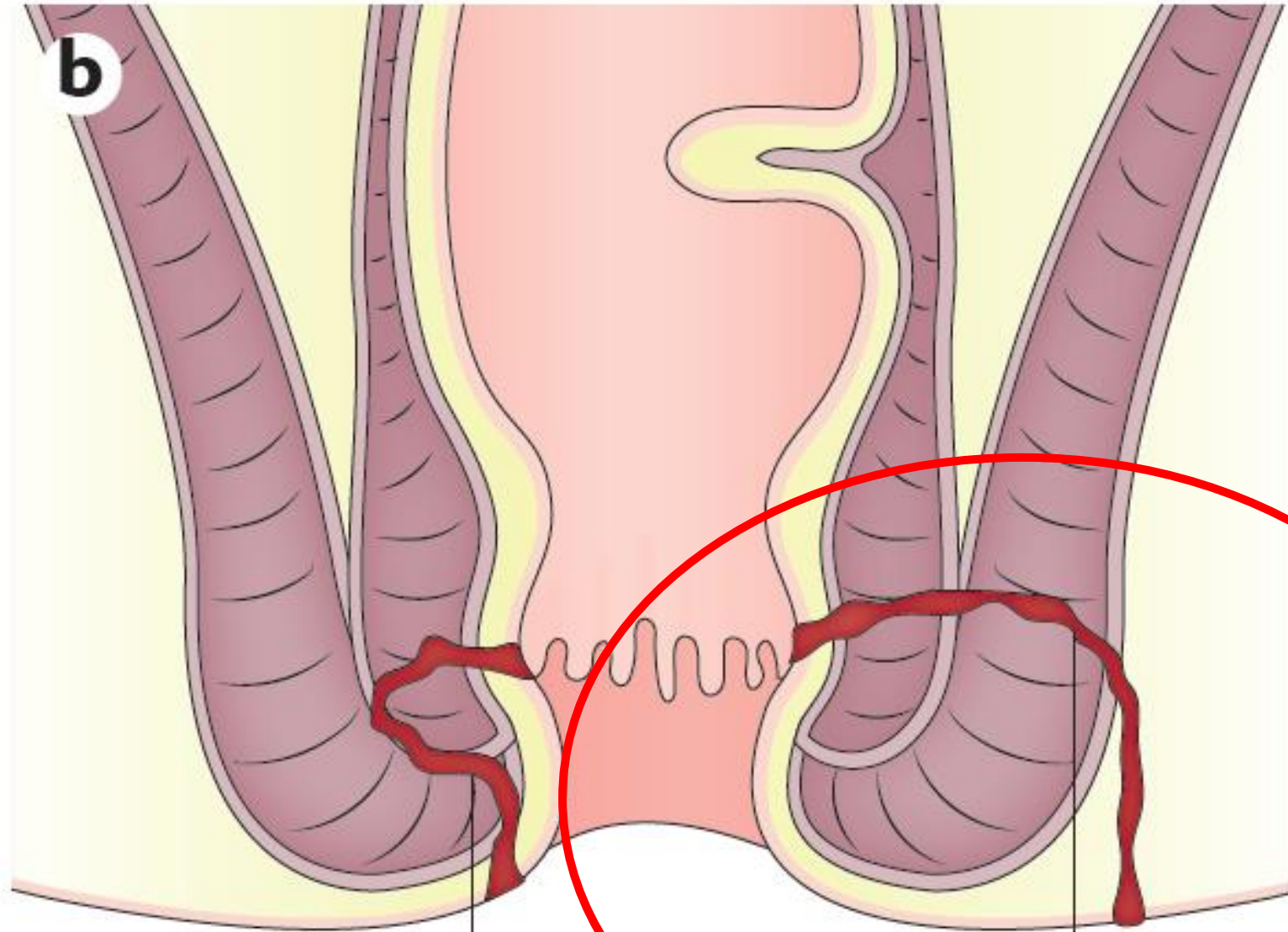


Classification of perianal fistulas: Parks' classification

Parks classification

Superficial	Superficial fistula without crossing any sphincter or muscular structure
Intersphincteric	Fistula tract between the internal anal sphincter and external anal sphincter, in the intersphincteric space
Trans-sphincteric	Fistula tract crosses the external anal sphincter
Suprasphincteric	Fistula tract penetrates the intersphincteric space and continues over the top of the puborectalis and penetrates the levator muscle before reaching the skin
Extrasphincteric	Fistula tract outside the external anal sphincter and penetrating the levator muscle





Intersphincteric

Trans-sphincteric

Fistula crossing the
internal and external
sphinter



inter
ULTRA

Probe

MI 0.85 TIS<0.4 AP:100%

43 FPS

Transverse scan

R

Right

Left

posterior

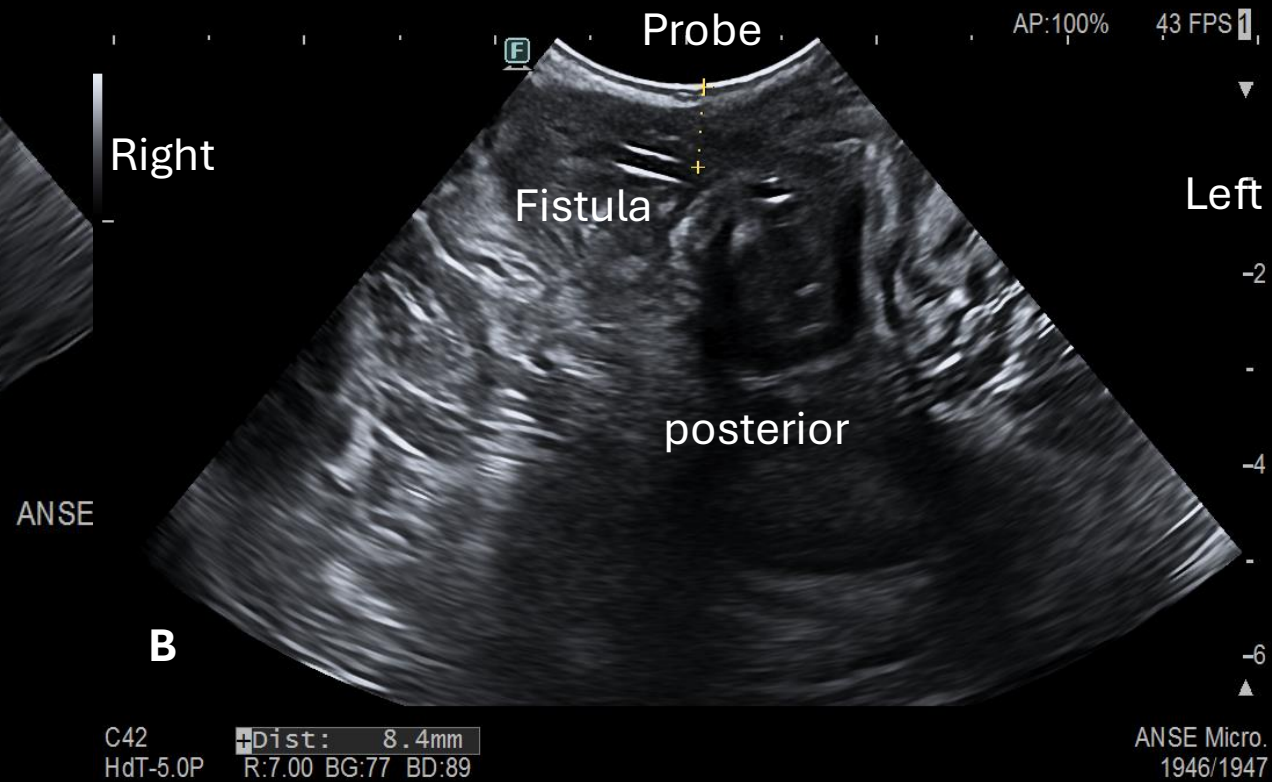
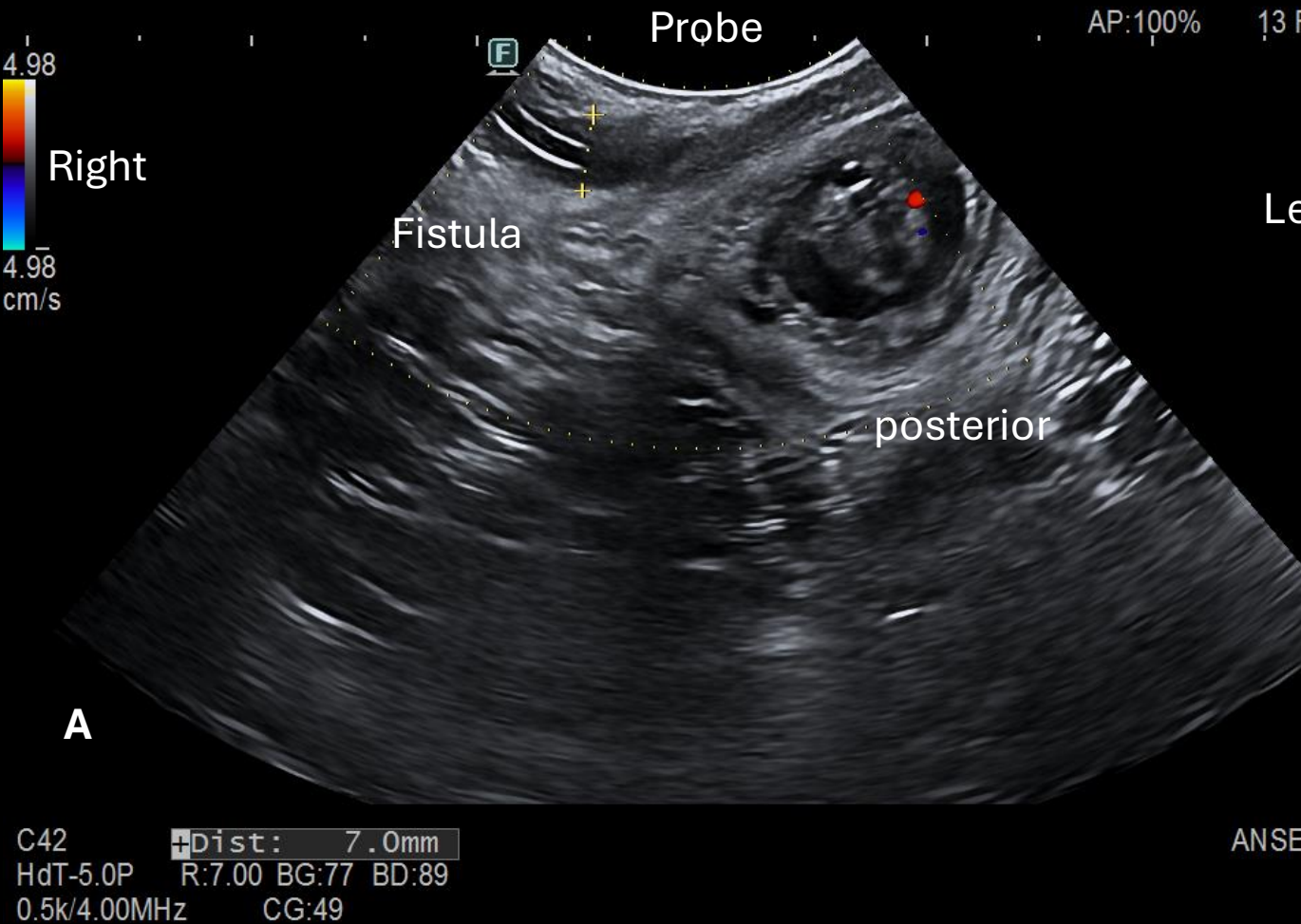
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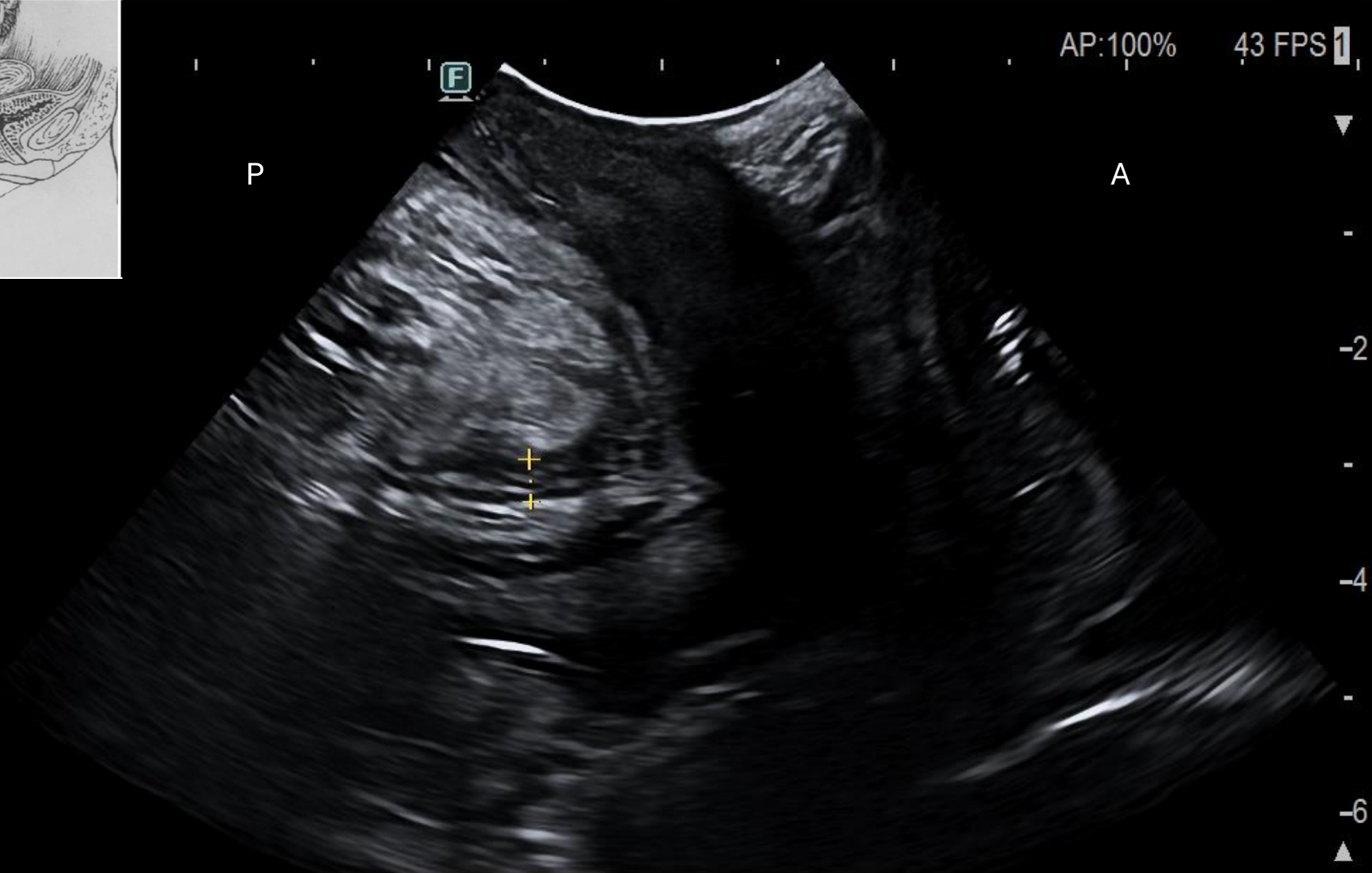
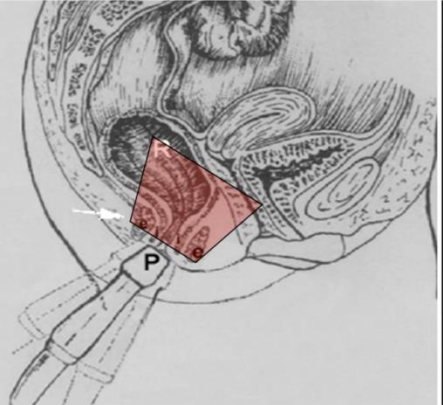
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Transphincteric fistula

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Transsphincteric fistula





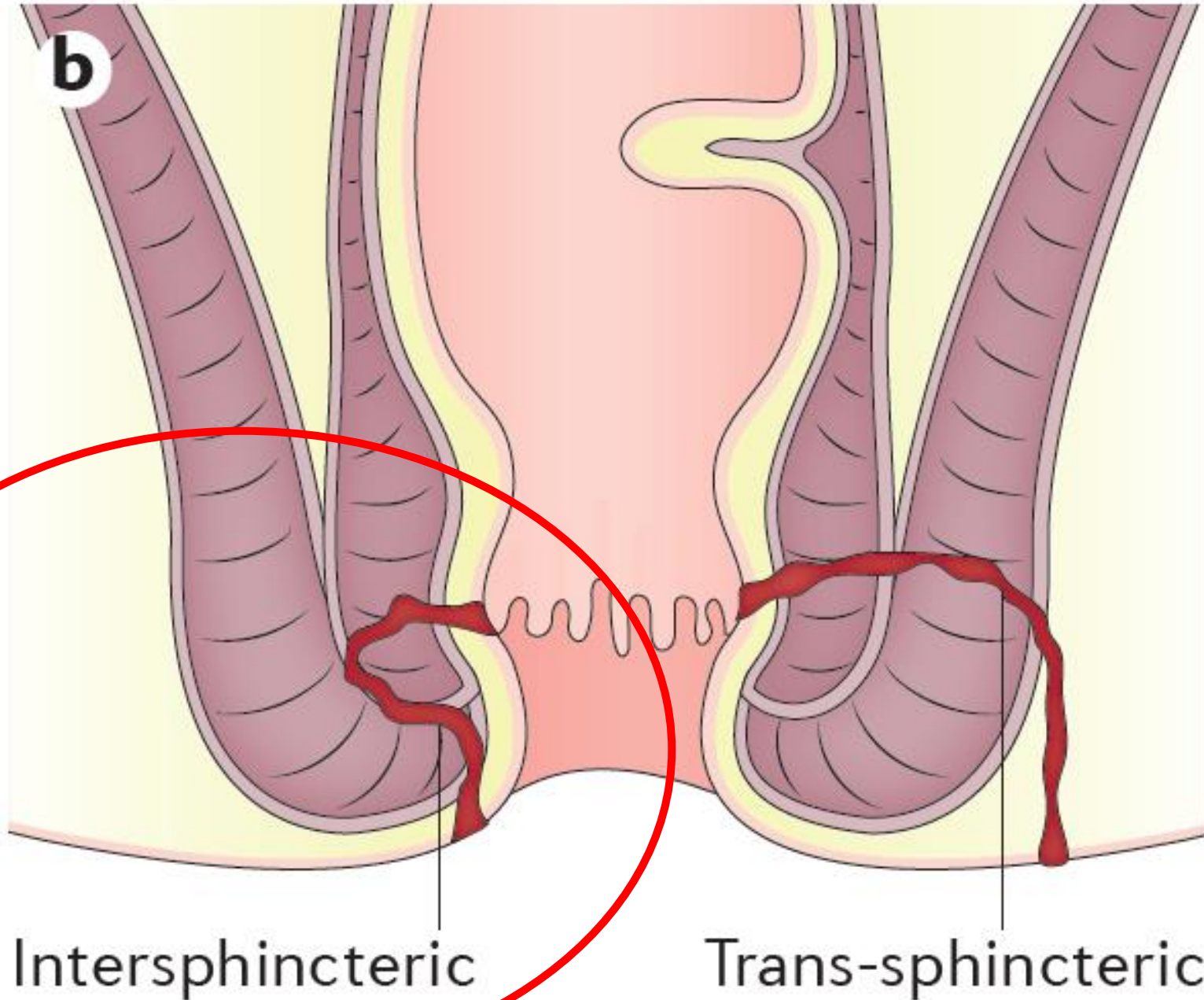
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Dist: 3.6mm
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Fistula between
the anal sphincter
muscle





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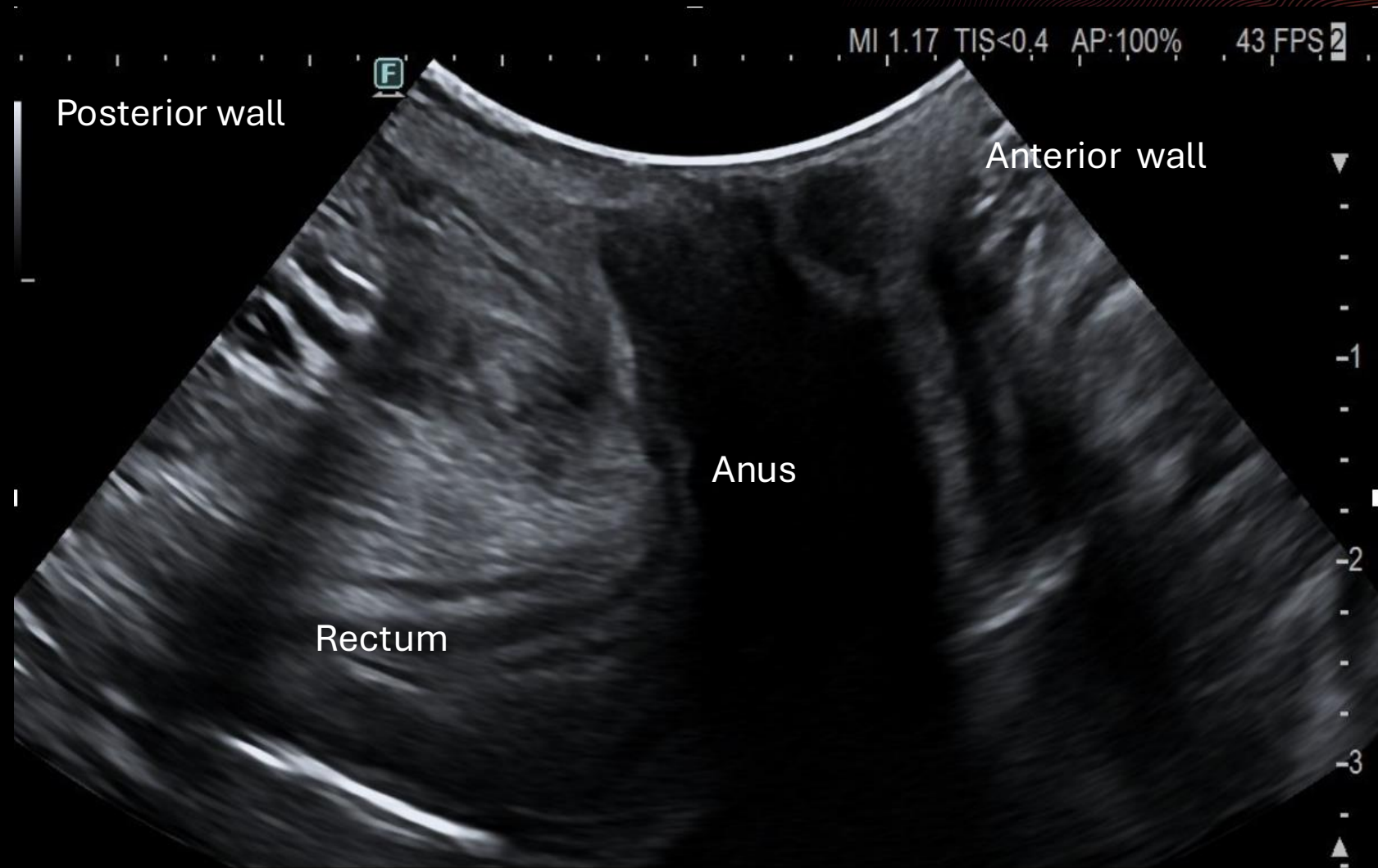
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Intersphincteric fistula

Intersphincteric fistula

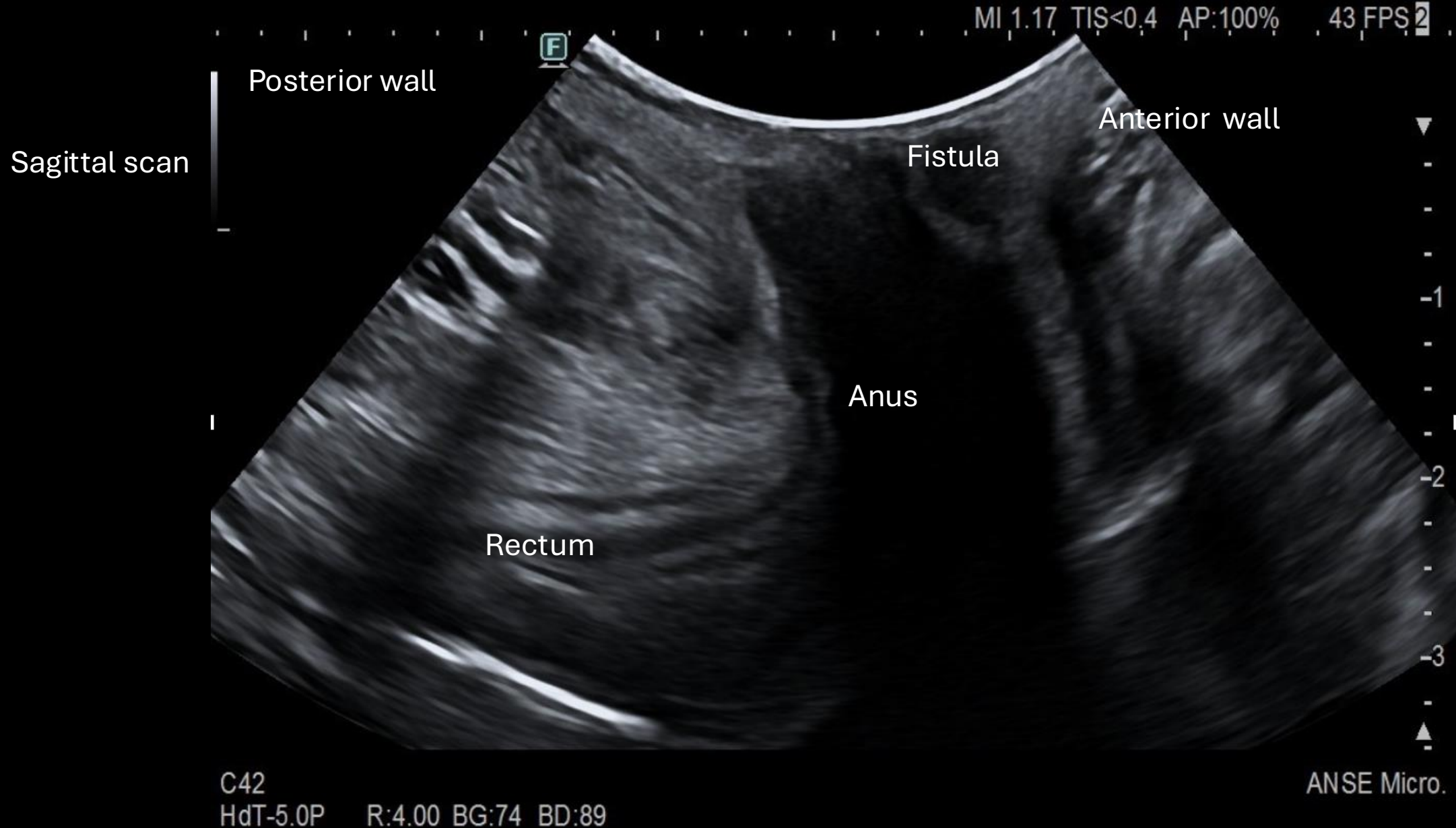
Sagittal scan



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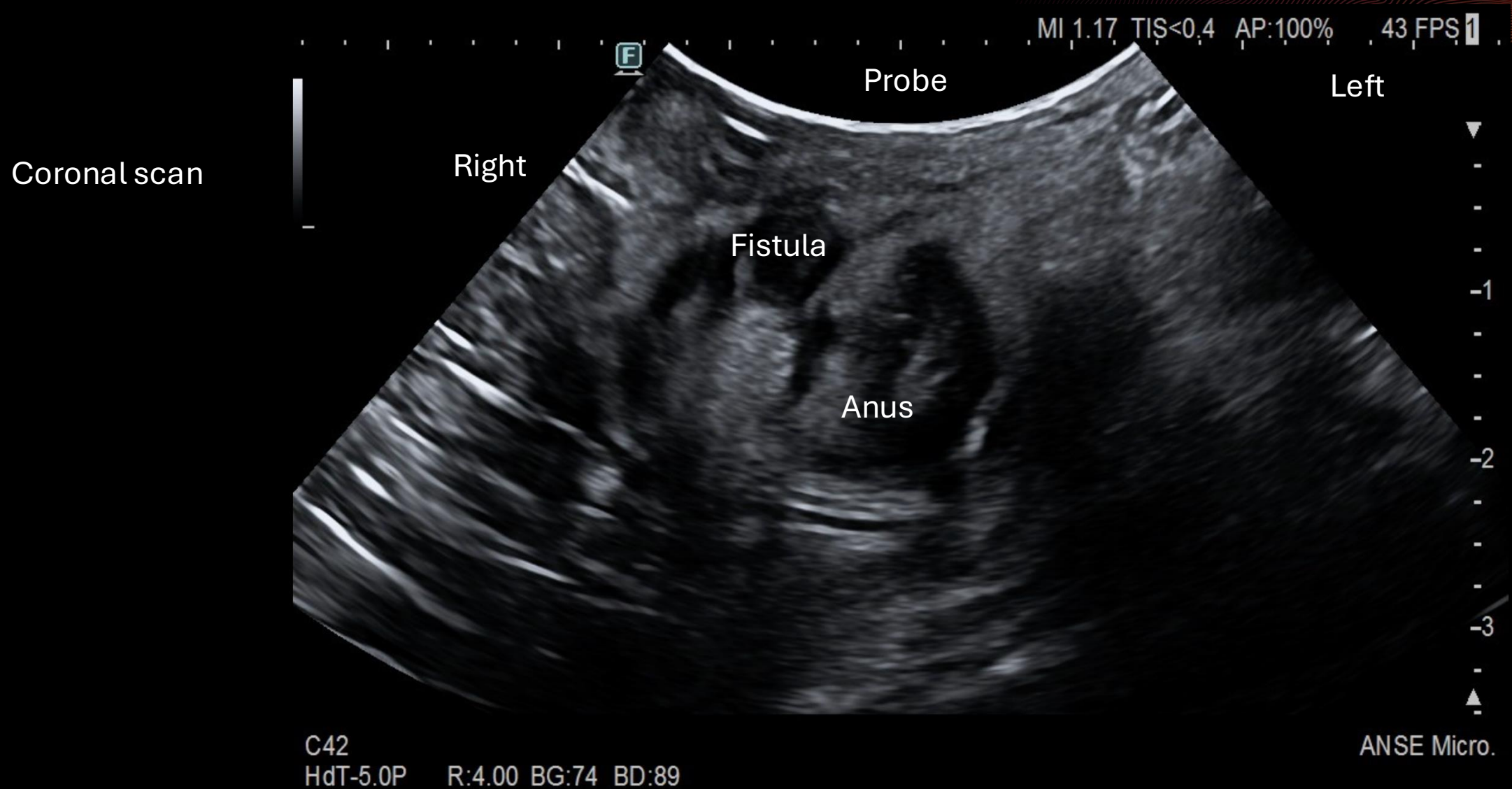
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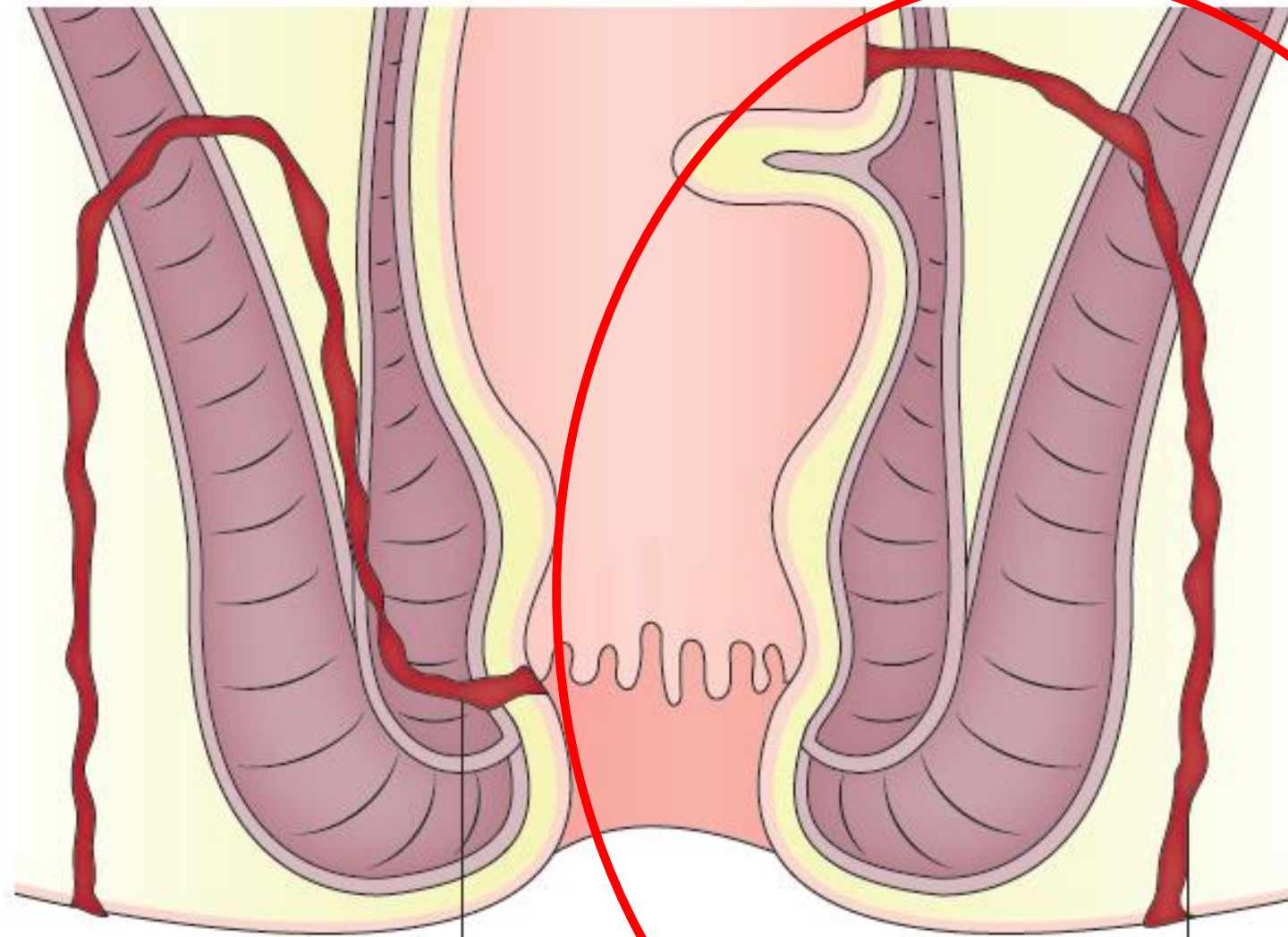


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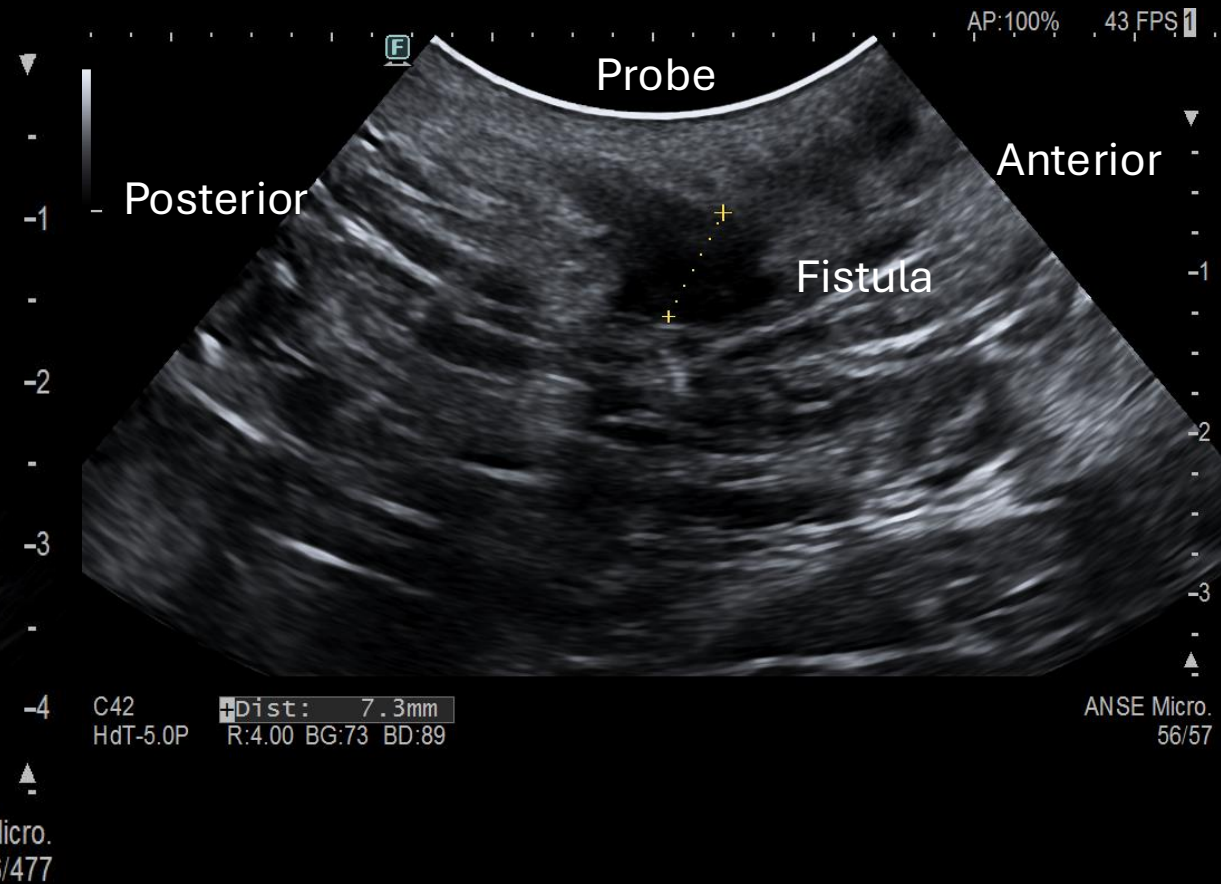
Suprasphincteric

Extrasphincteric

Extrasphincteric fistula



Trasversal scan



Sagittal scan



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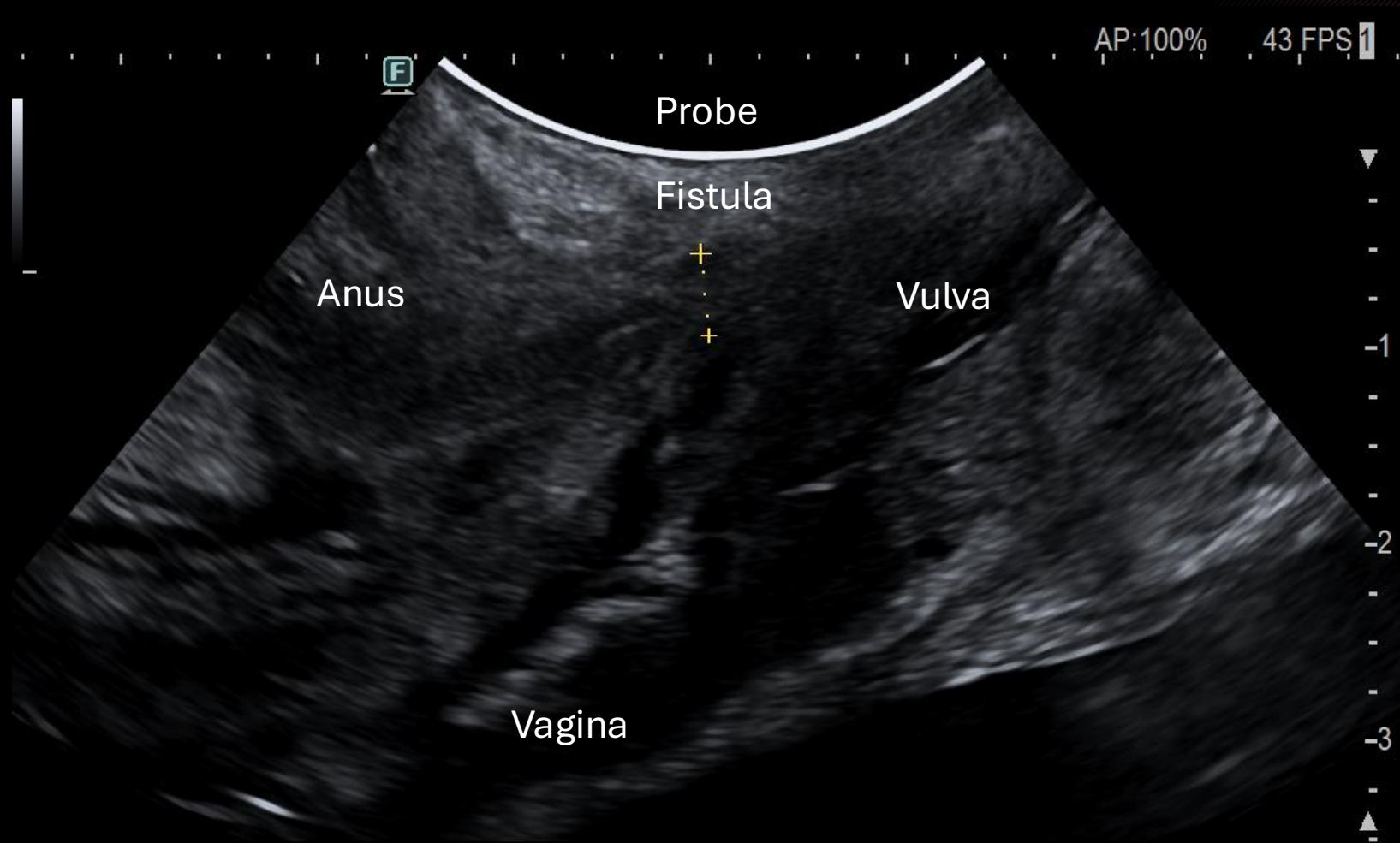
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Ano-vulvar
fistula

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Sagittal scan

Ano-vulvar
fistula

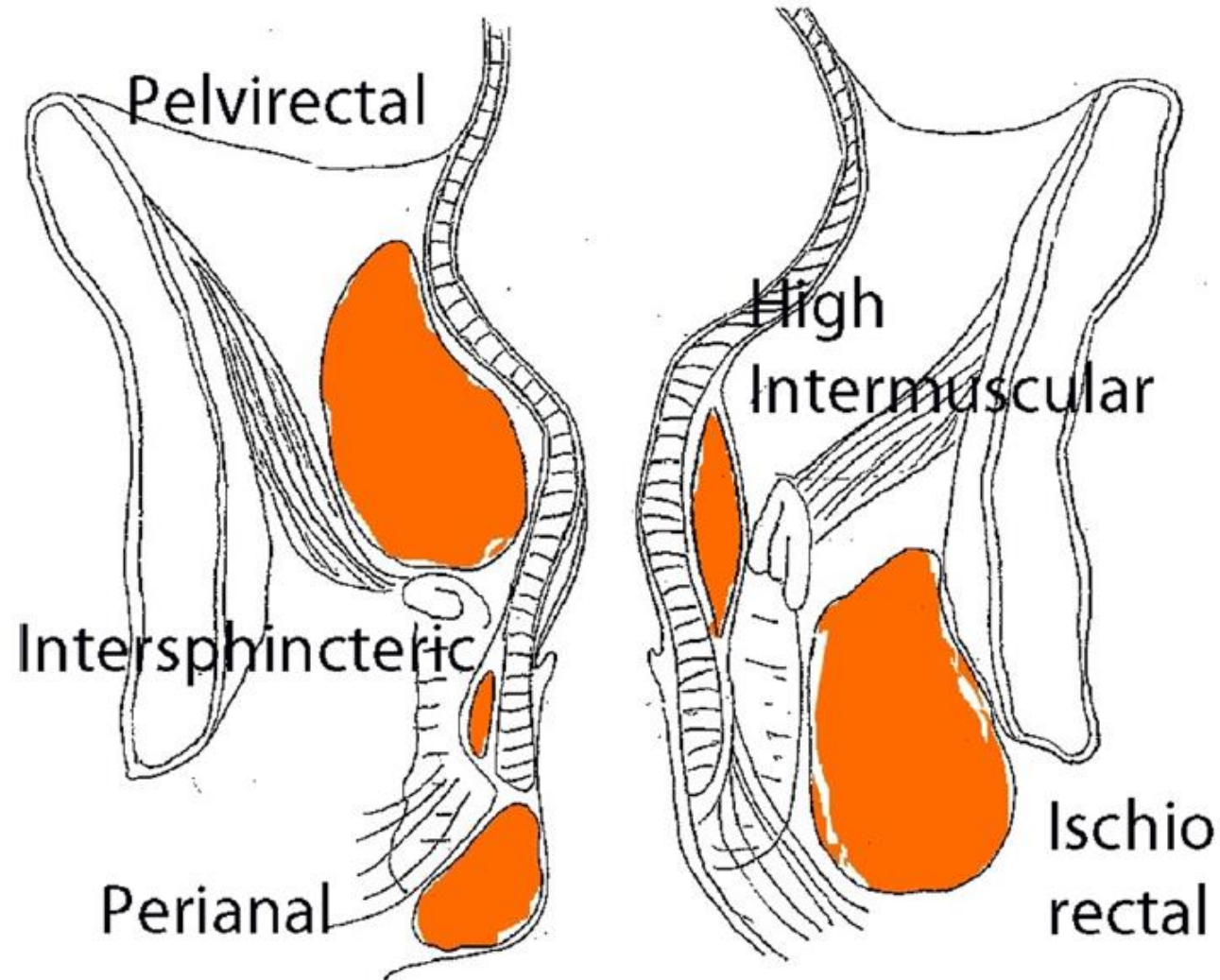
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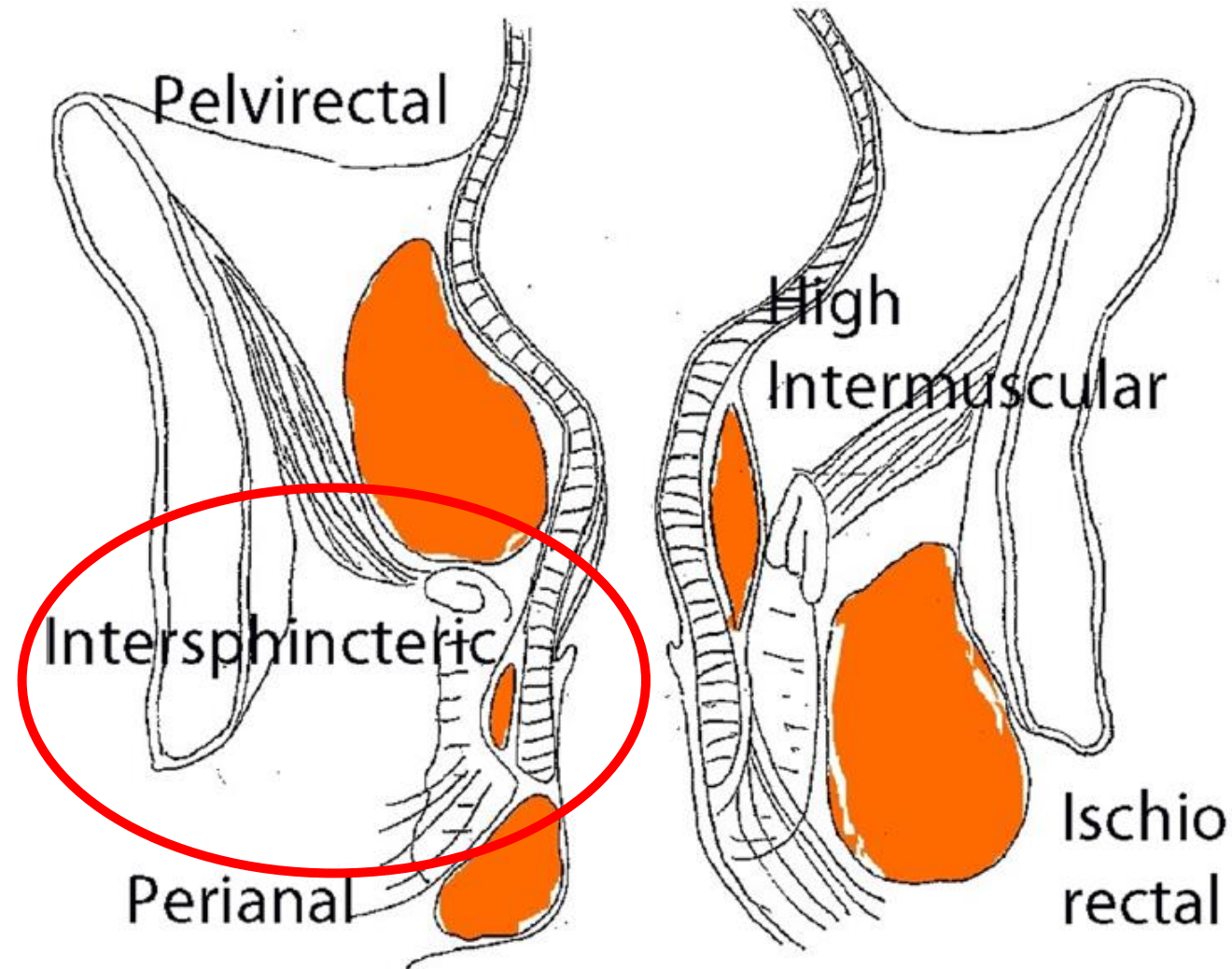
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Classification of perianal abscesses



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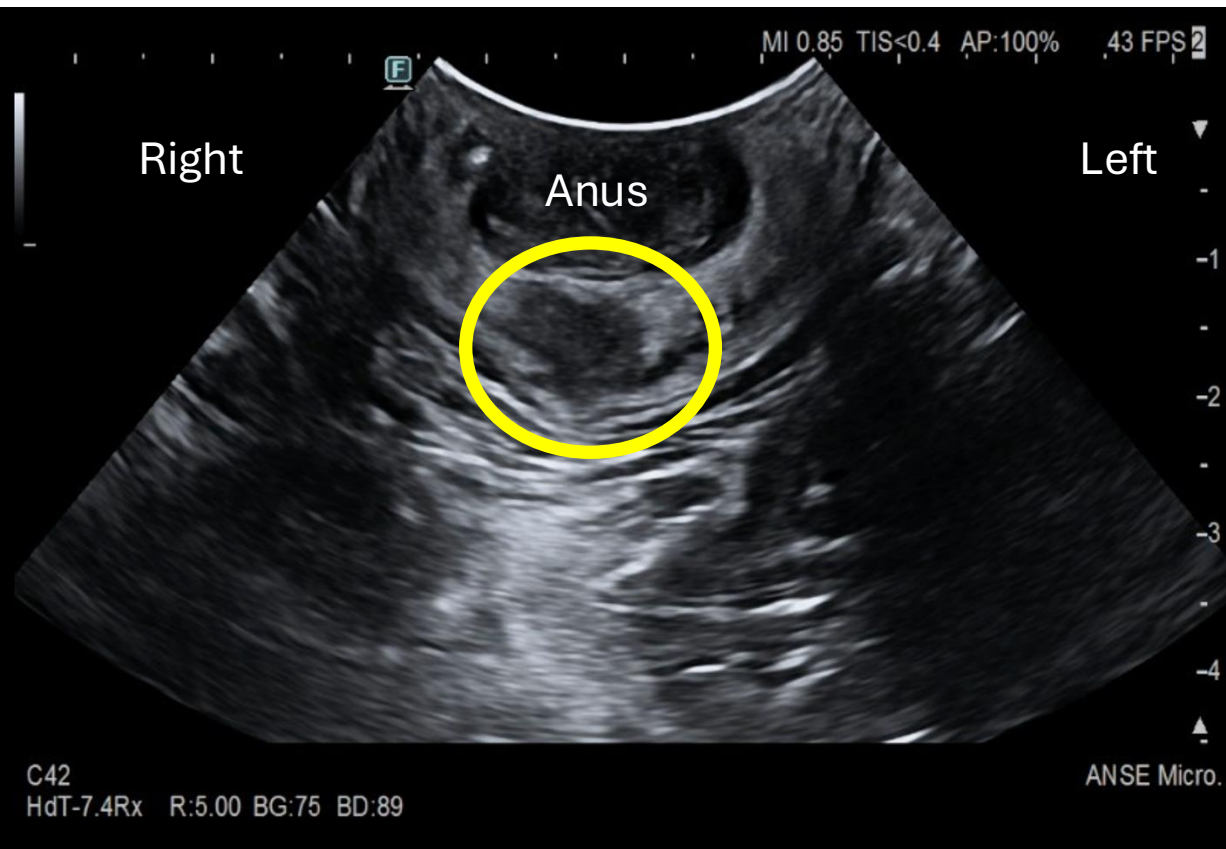


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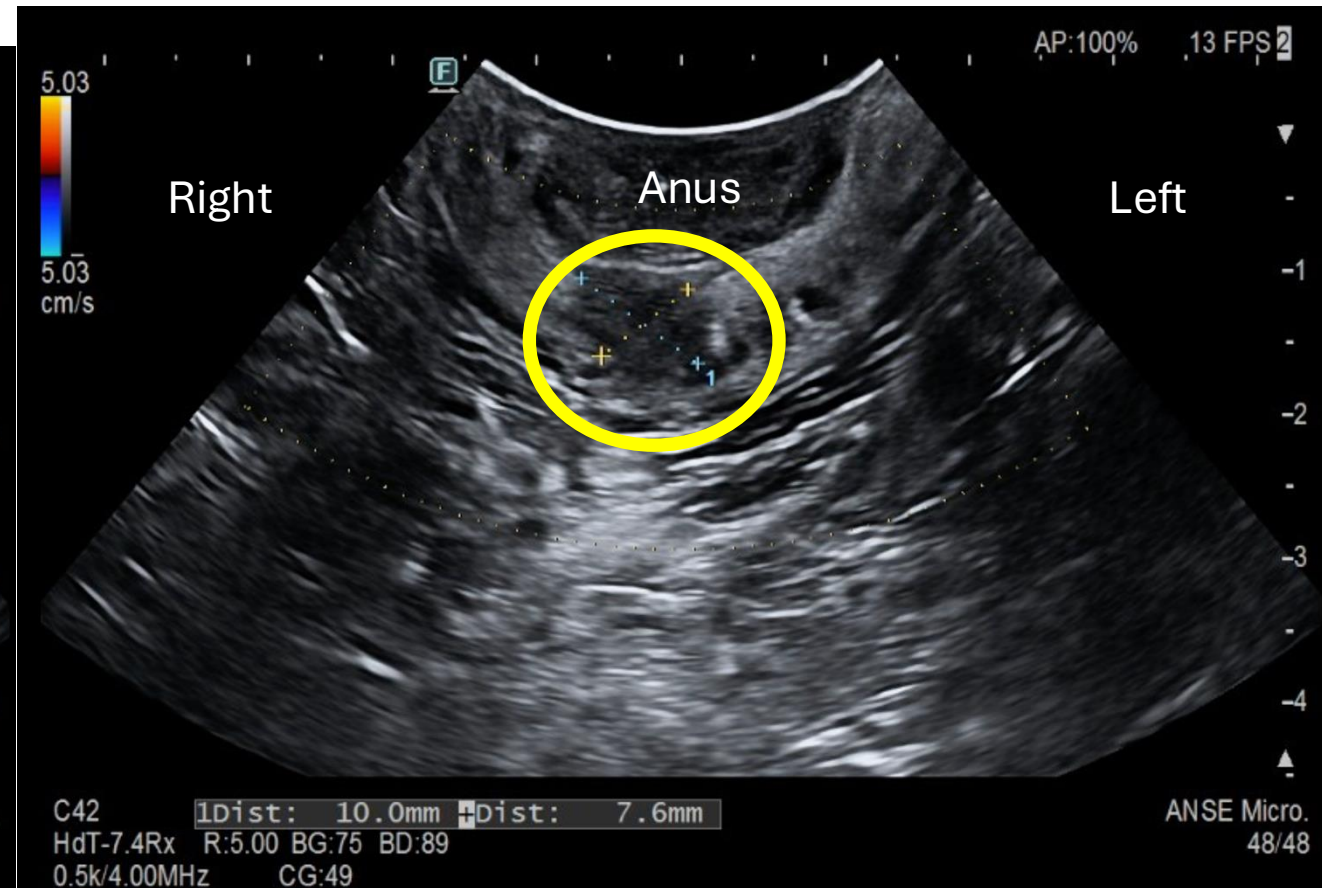
Transverse scan

posterior intersphincteric hypoechoic lesion at 6 o'clock, with no vascularization on color Doppler.

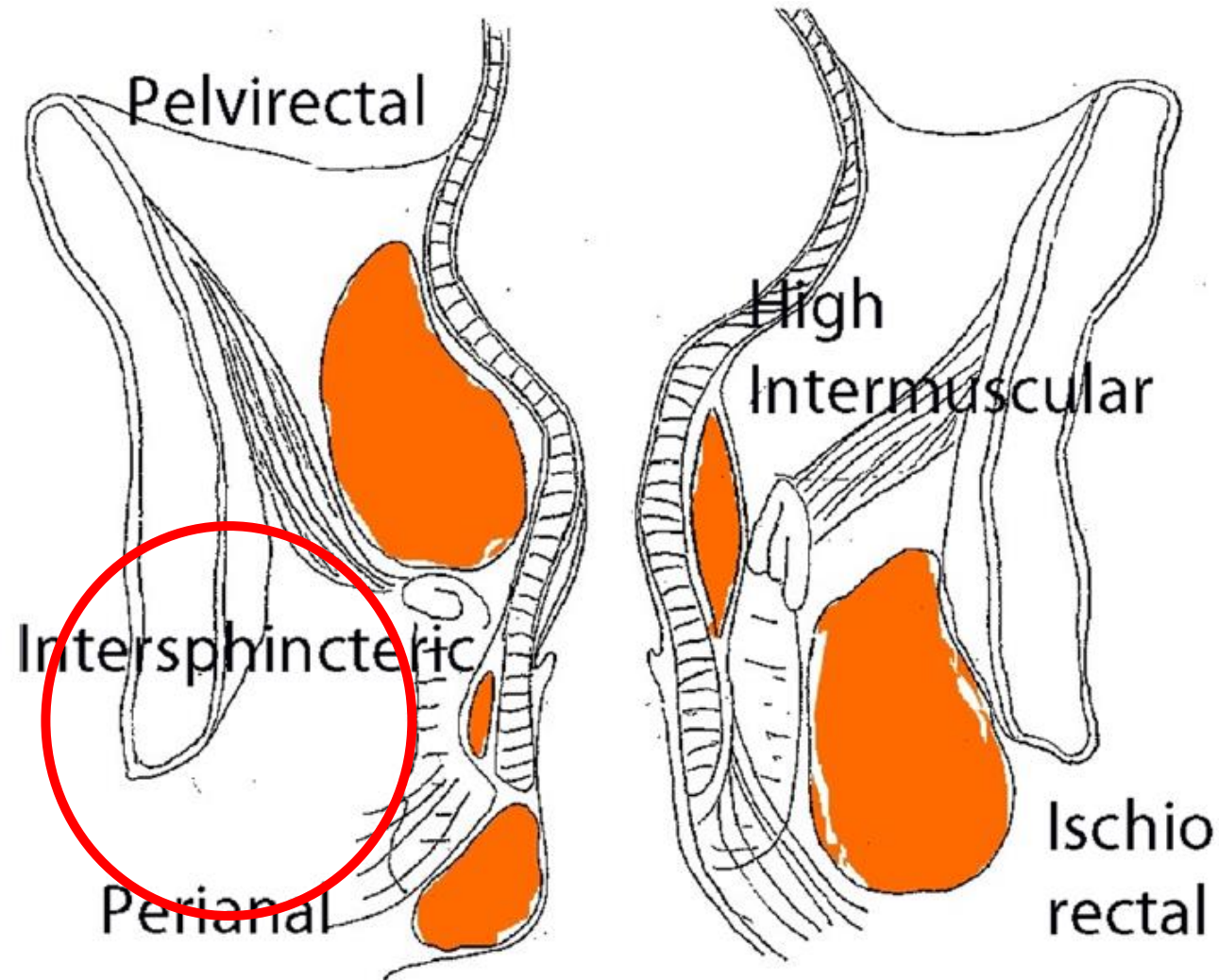
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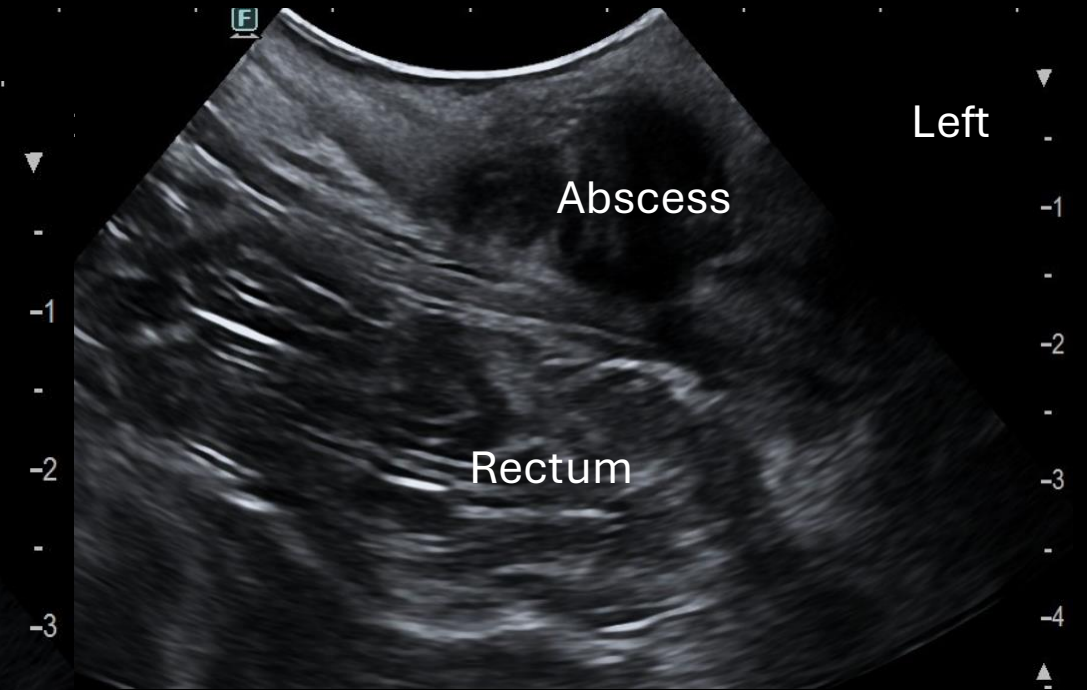
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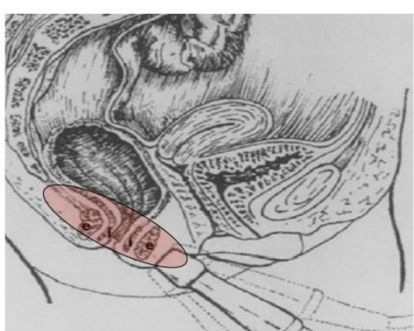
Perianal abscess



Sagittal section



Coronal section

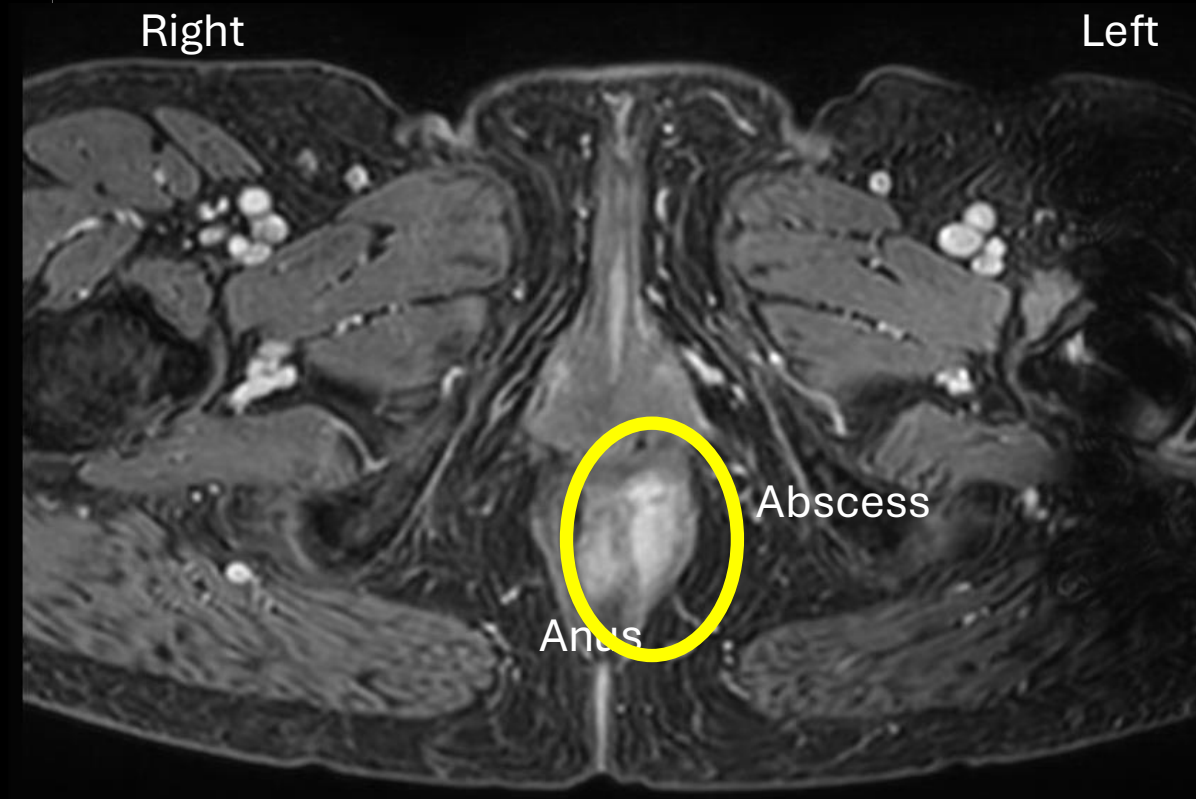
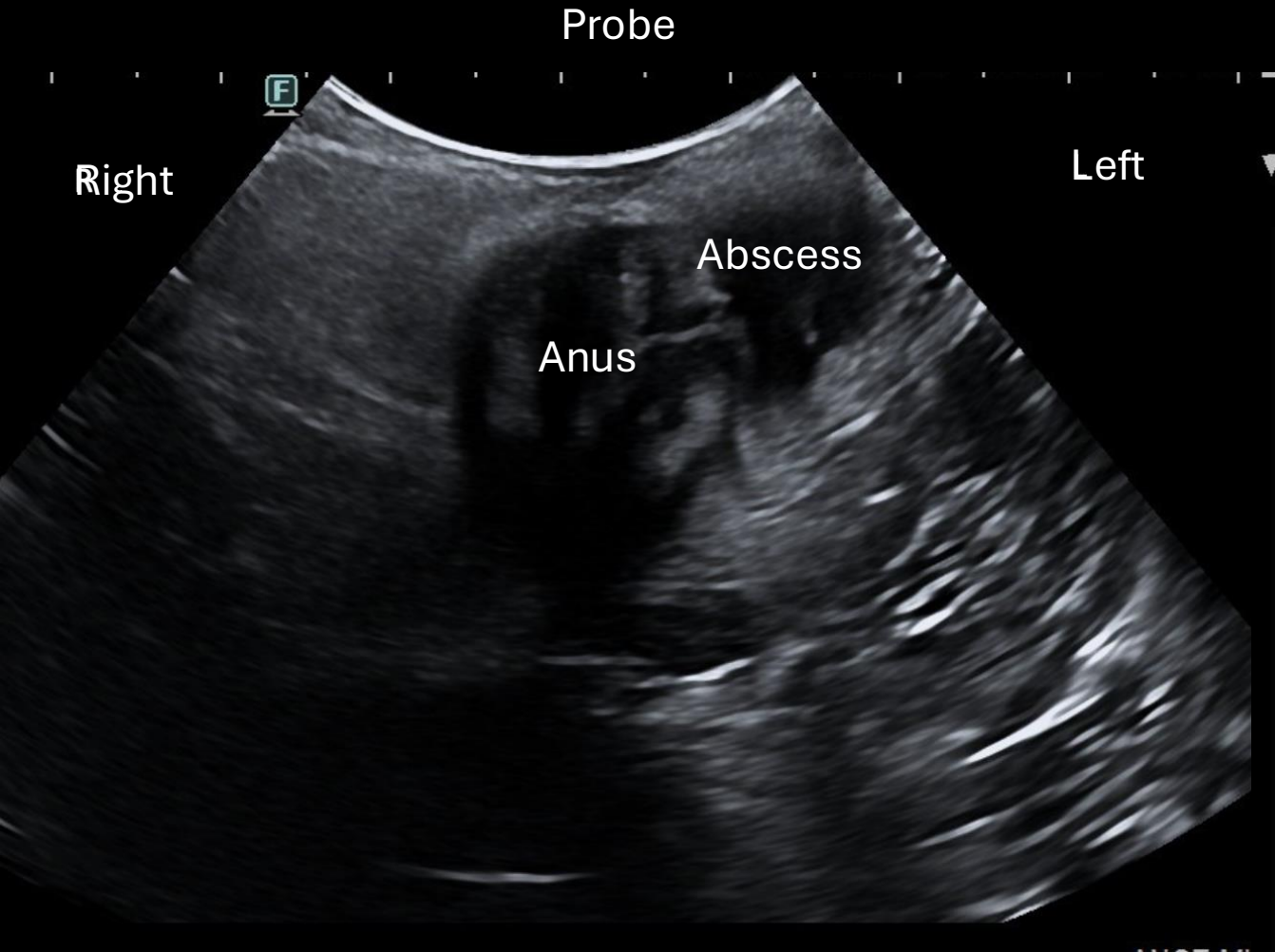


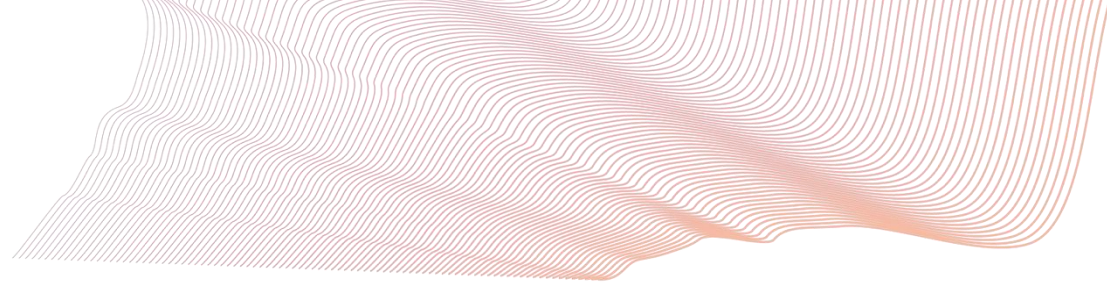
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Perianal abscess





TPUS in UC

Why????

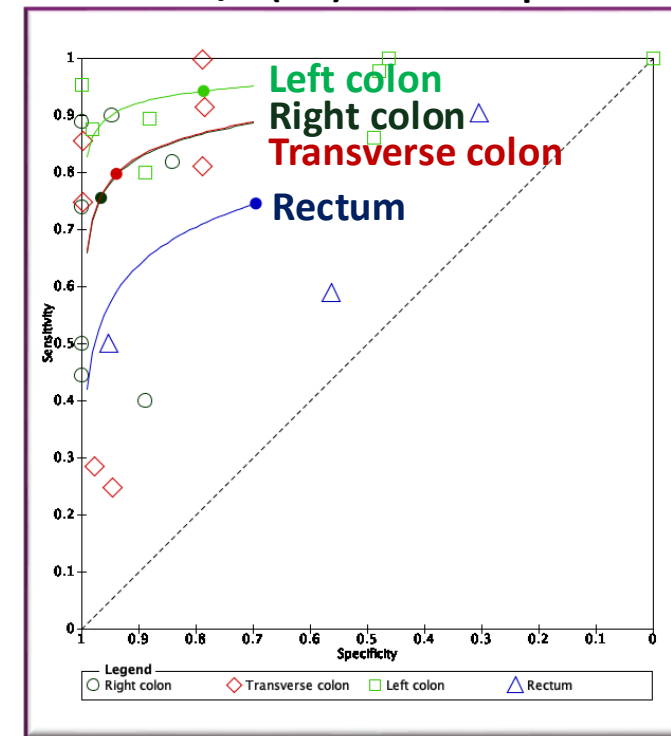
Diagnostic performance of BWT for inflammation in IBD

Systematic review and meta-analysis



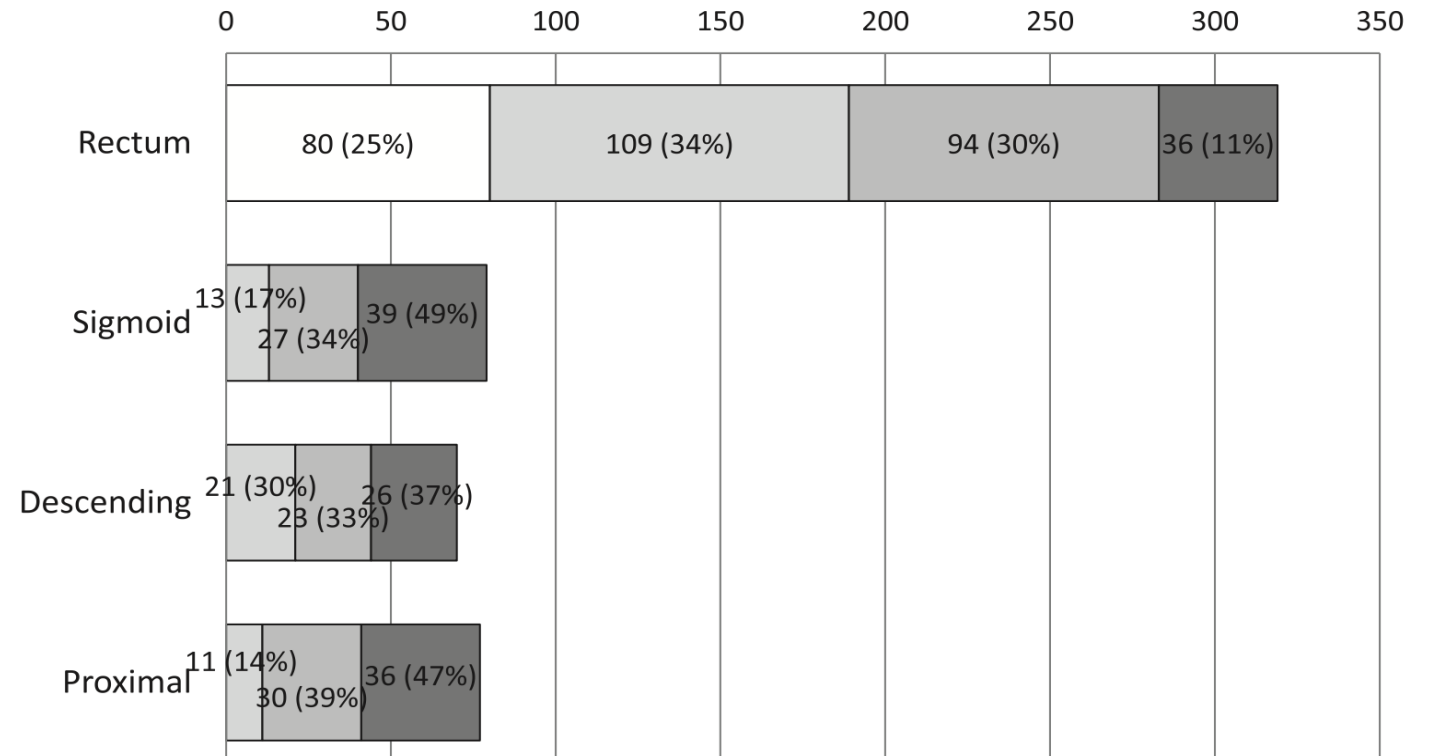
Ultrasonography has higher diagnostic accuracy for detecting inflammation in colon than rectum

MES 2/3 (UC)、SES-CD presence of ulcer (CD)



Why is rectal assessment important in UC?

Distribution of locations with maximum endoscopic activity.



Maximum activity (N=545 UC patients)

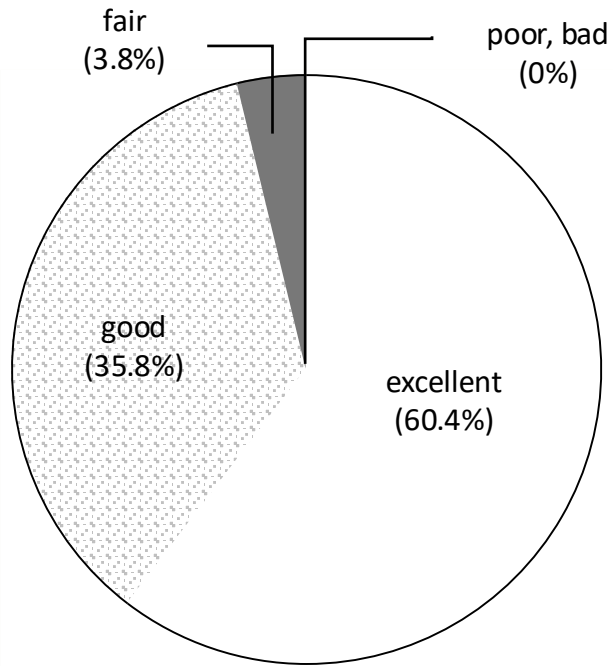
- Rectum: 319 (59%)
- Sigmoid colon: 79 (14%)
- Descending colon: 70 (13%)
- Proximal: 77 (14%)

60% have the most severe lesions in the rectum.

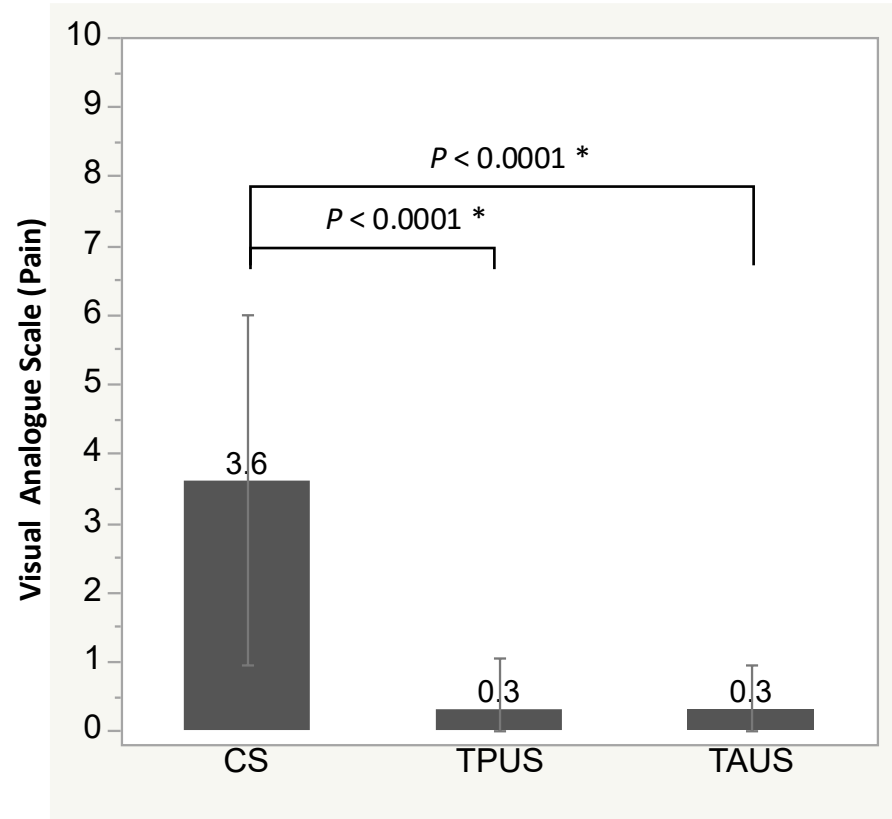
Proctitis: About **1/3** of UC cases involve the rectum only

Acceptability of ultrasound comparing to colonoscopy

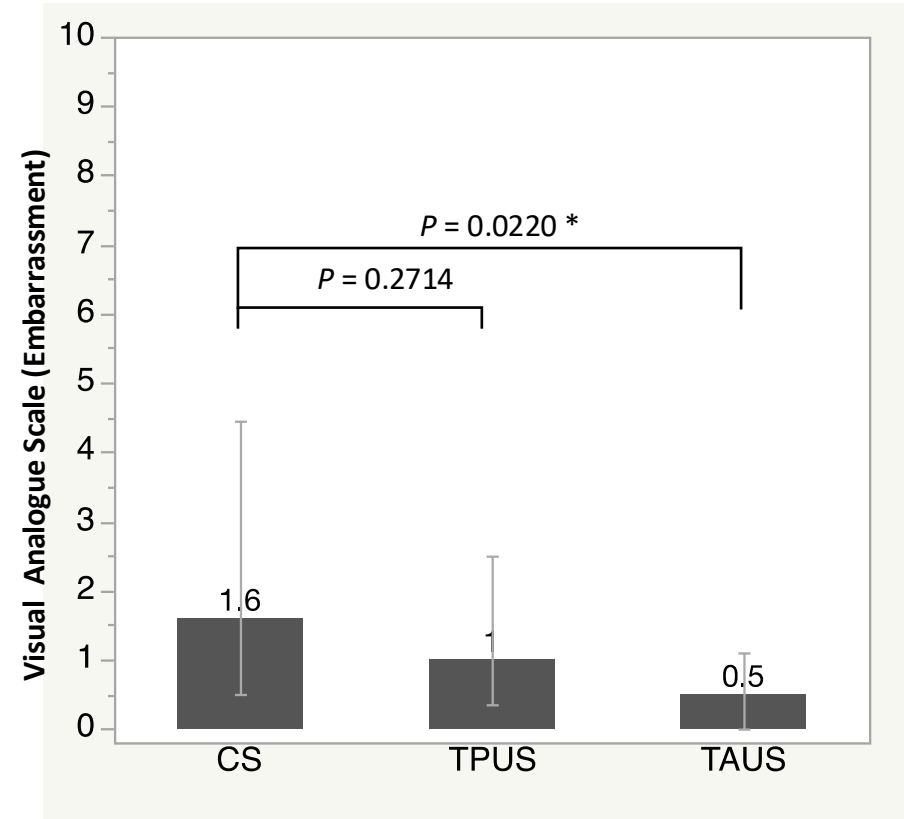
How was TPUS compared to colonoscopy?



Painful?



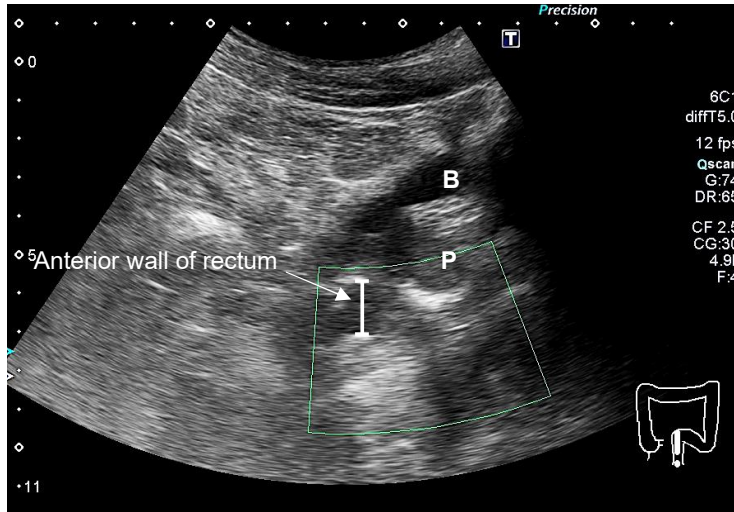
Embarrassing?



*Dunnett's test

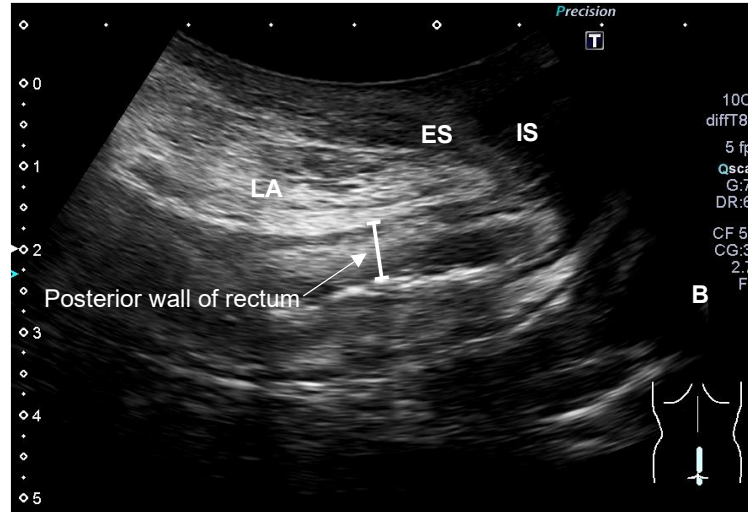
Acceptability of TPUS was rated as excellent or good compared to colonoscopy by 96.2%.

The comparison between TAUS and TPUS



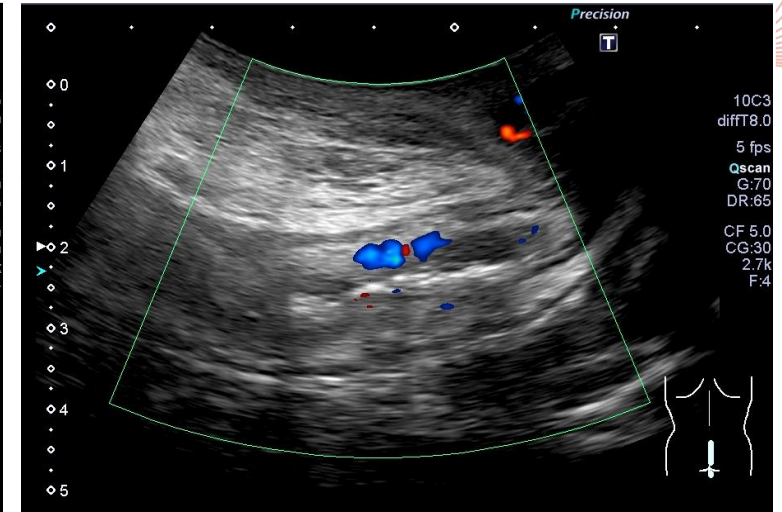
TAUS (BWT)

$r_s = 0.2989$, $p = 0.0314$



TAUS (Limberg)

$r_s = 0.0649$, $p = 0.6442$

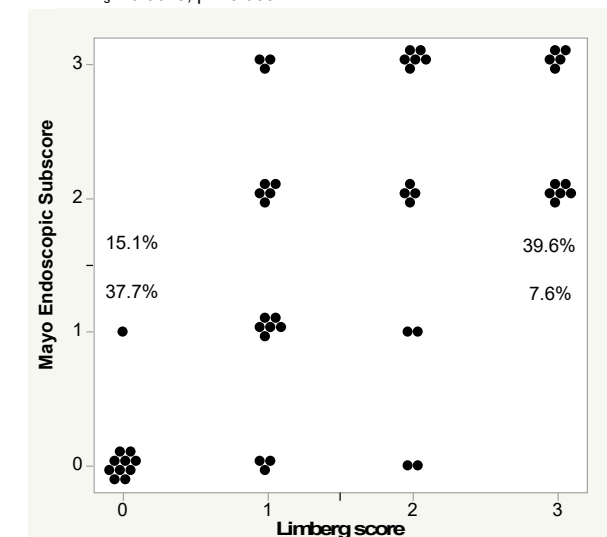
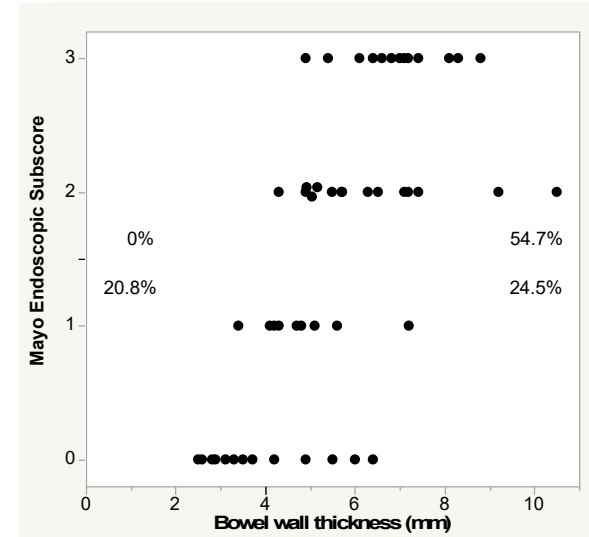
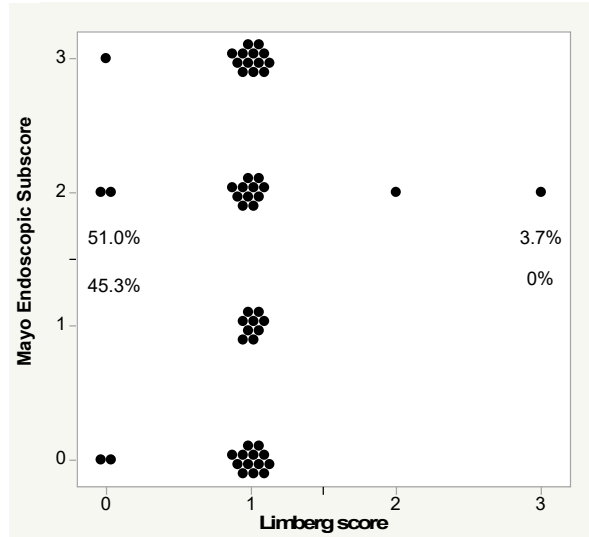
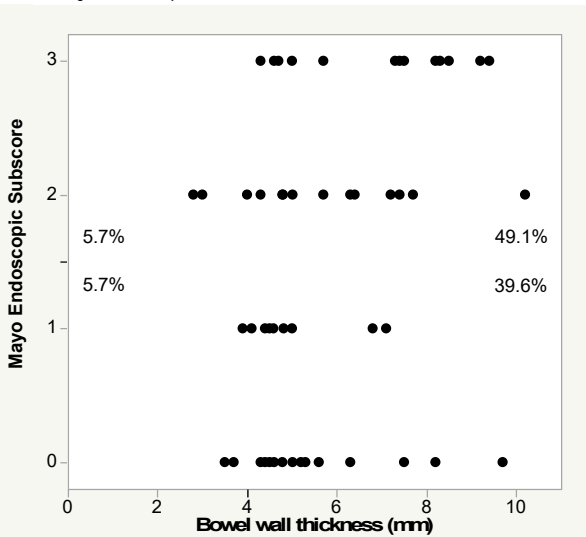


TPUS (BWT)

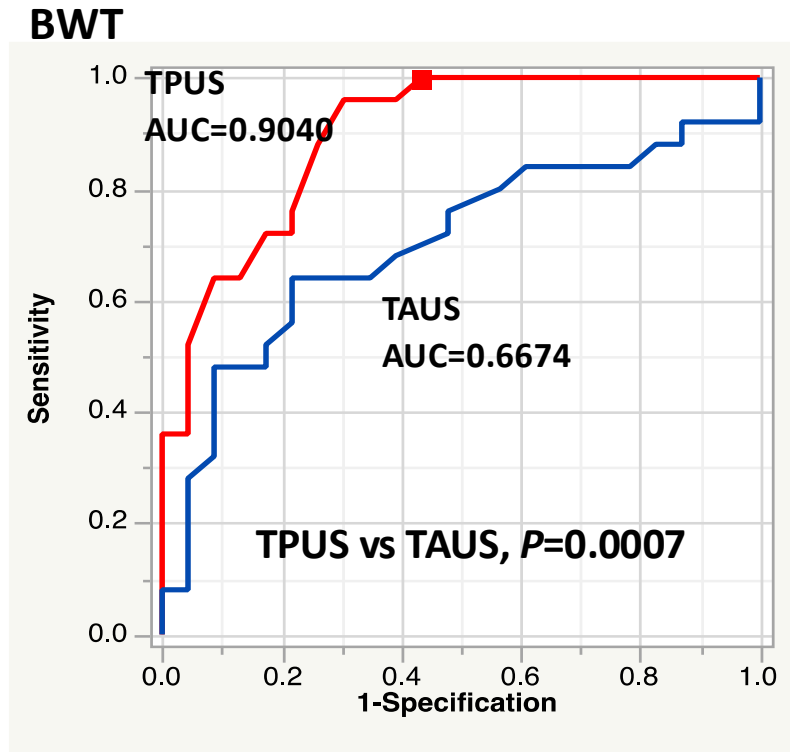
$r_s = 0.7204$, $p < 0.0001$

TPUS (Limberg)

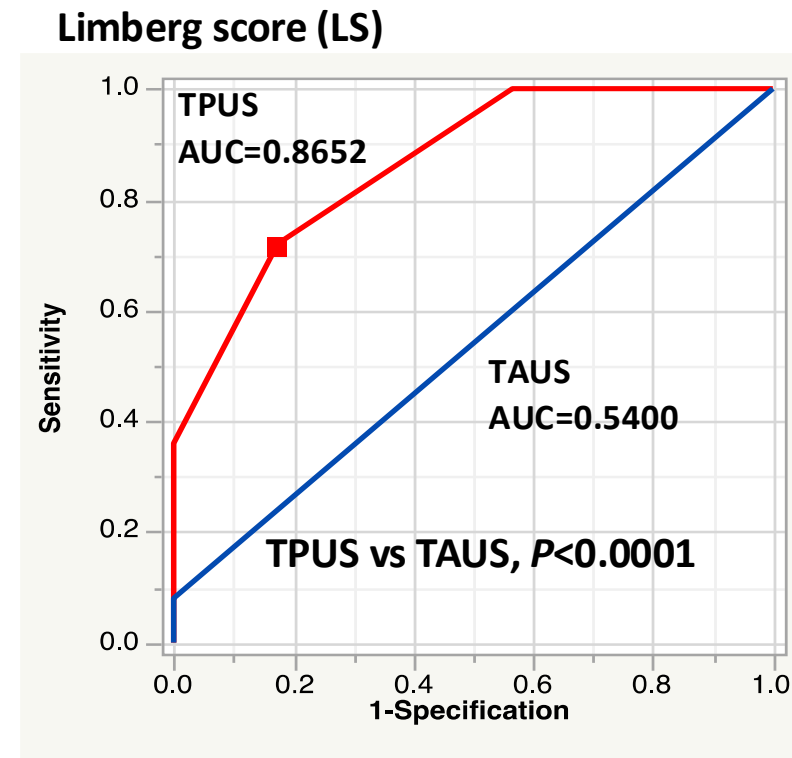
$r_s = 0.6619$, $p < 0.0001$



ROC curve analysis TPUS vs TAUS to predict MES 0 or 1



BWT (TPUS) $\geq 4\text{mm}$: Sensitivity 100%, Specificity 45.8%

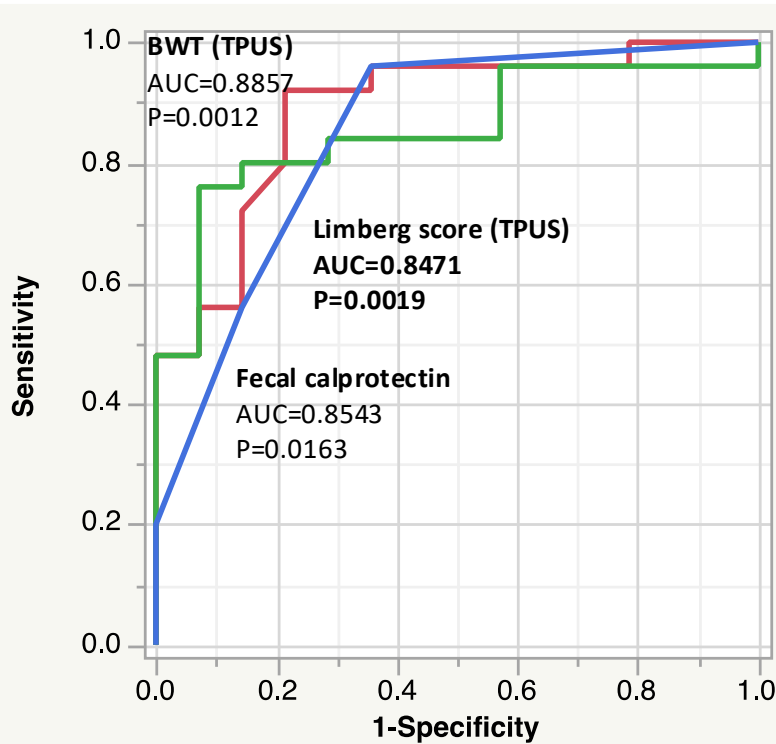


LS (TPUS) ≥ 2 : Sensitivity 66.7%、Specificity 81.8%

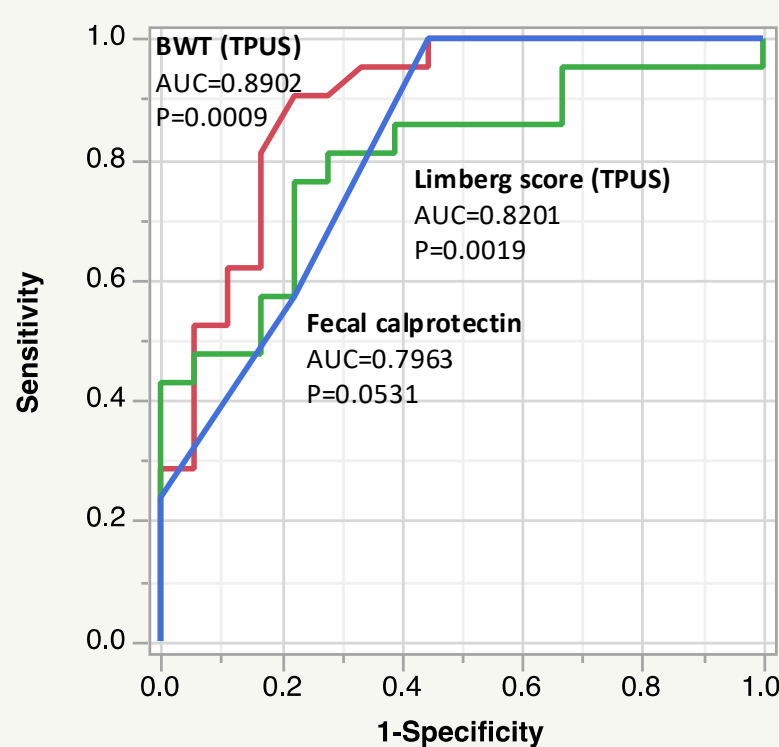
(N=53)

ROC curve analysis for active lesion (histological index)

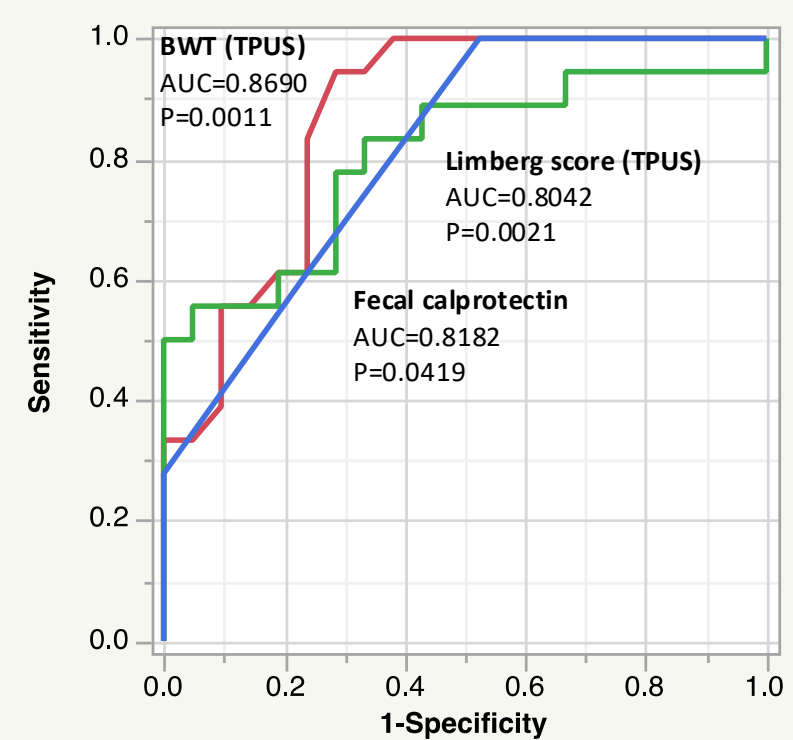
Geboes score ≥ 2.1



Robarts histopathological index > 6



Nancy histological index > 1



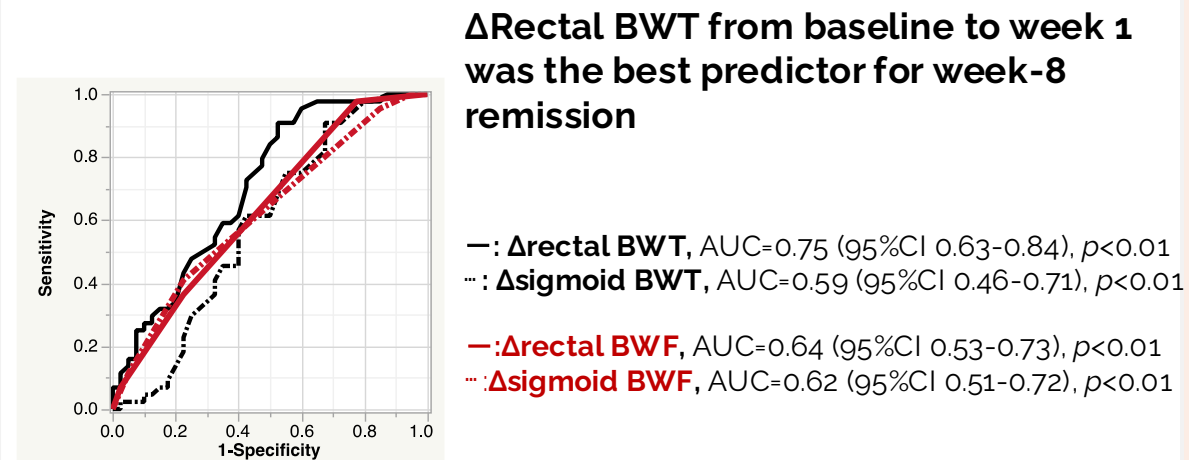
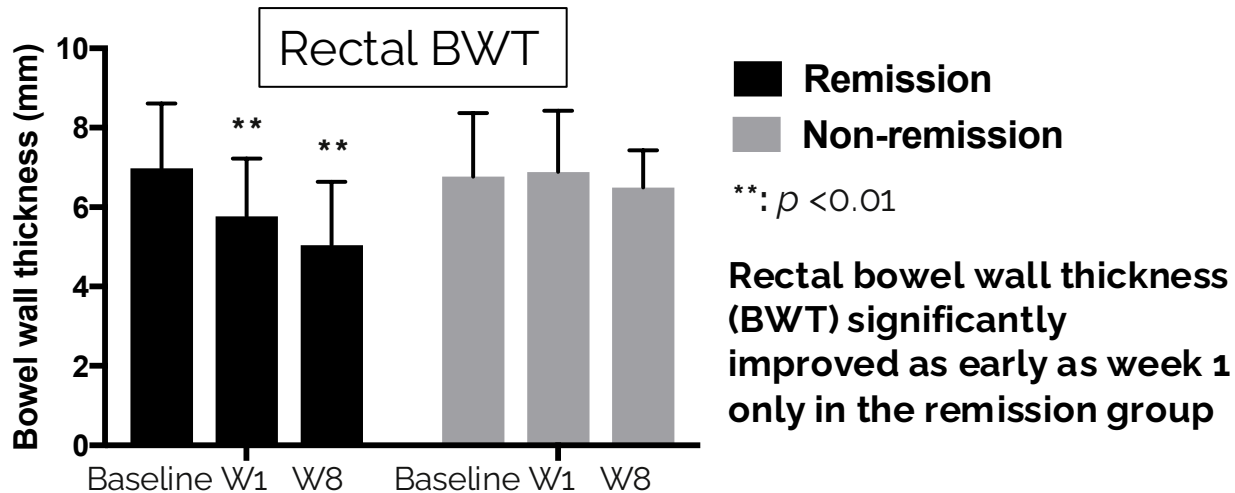
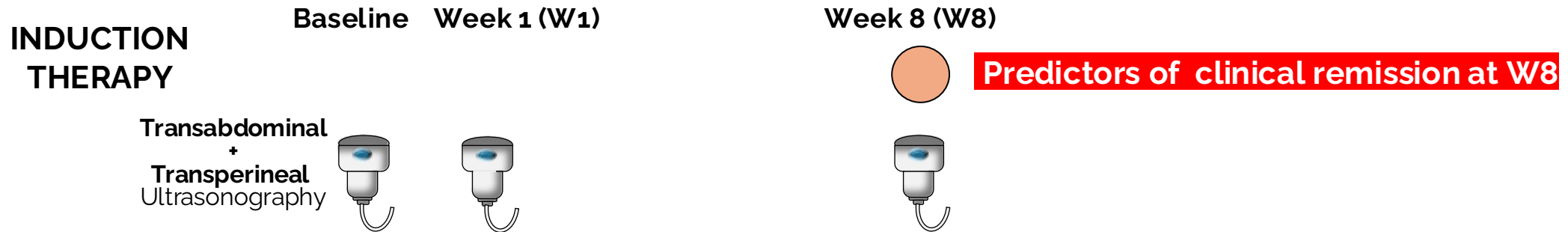
BWT (TPUS) $\geq 4\text{mm}$: Sensitivity 93-96%, Specificity 41-64%, 6mm, Sensitivity 51-54%, Specificity 85-92%,

LS (TPUS) ≥ 2 : Sensitivity 55-59%, Specificity 76-86%

FC $\geq 100 \mu\text{g/g}$: Sensitivity 84-89%, Specificity 52-64%

(N=43)

Early improvement in bowel wall thickness on transperineal ultrasonography predicts treatment success in active ulcerative colitis



Reproducibility of TPUS in Pediatric UC

STUDY POPULATION

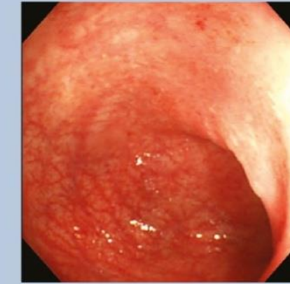
- Pediatric (<19 years of age)
- Ulcerative colitis (UC) cases diagnosed by colonoscopy (CS) and histology from Jan 2019 to Jun 2021.

Objective: to compare the accuracy of transperineal ultrasonography (TPUS) to that of CS.

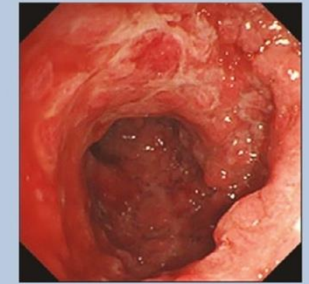
Grouped based on CS findings

- 30 patients: UC MES 0–1
- 57 patients: UC MES 2–3

MES = Mayo endoscopic sub-score



UC (MES 1)



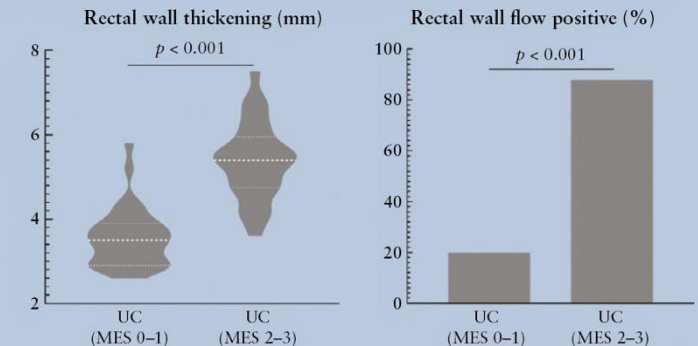
UC (MES 3)

Rectal wall thickness (RWT) and rectal wall flow (RWF) determined by TPUS were independent predictors of UC endoscopic activity.

<RWT $\geq$ 4.5 mm + RWF positive>

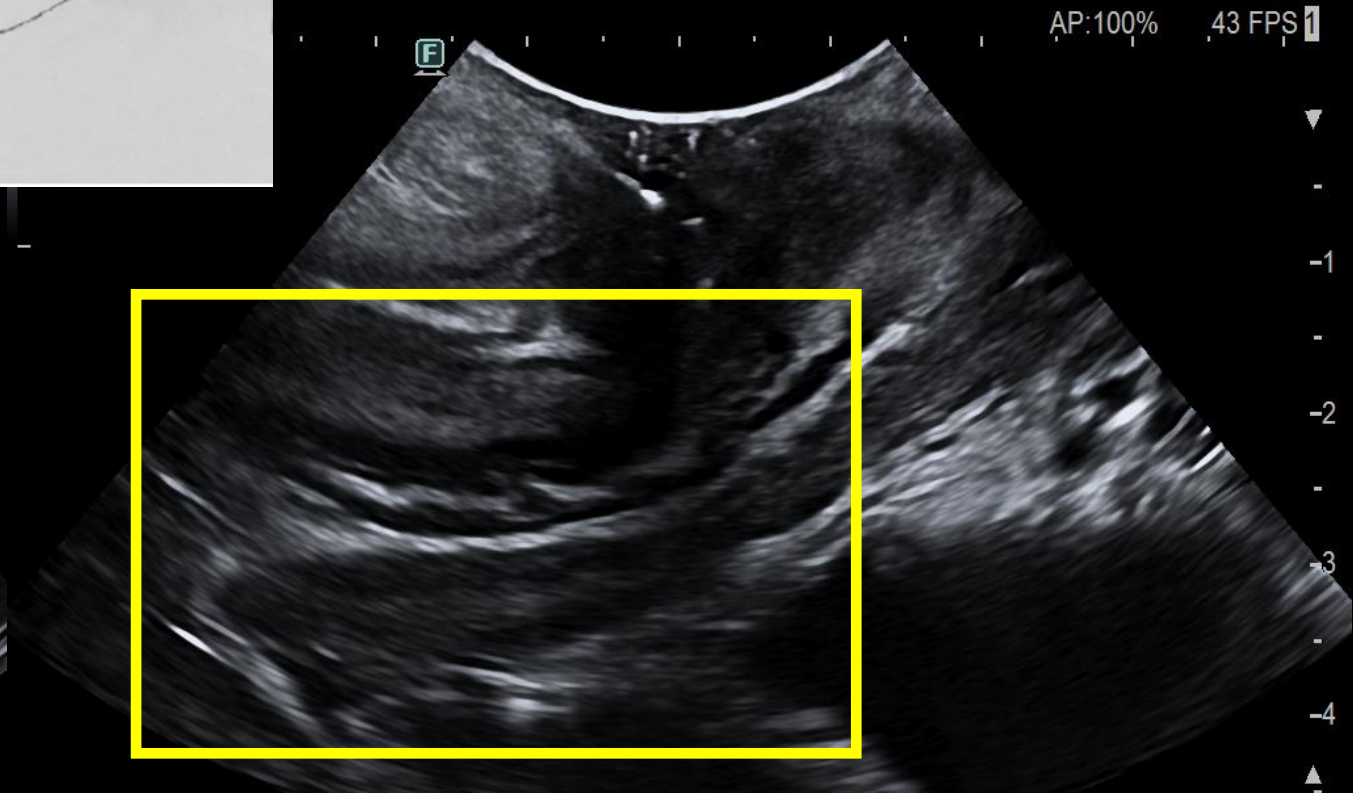
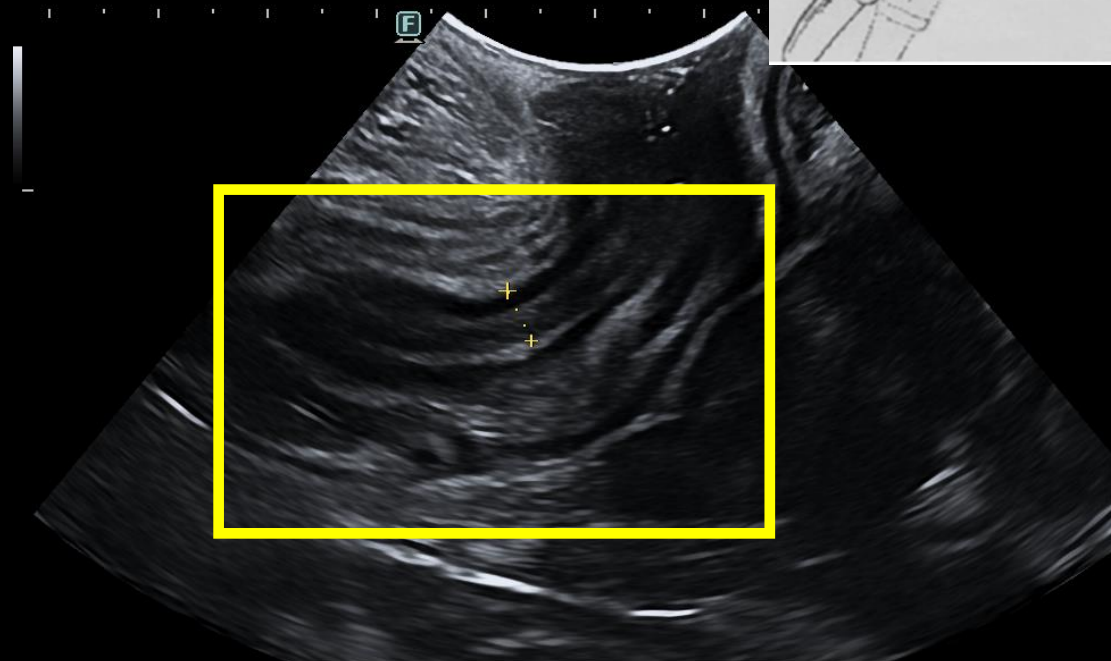
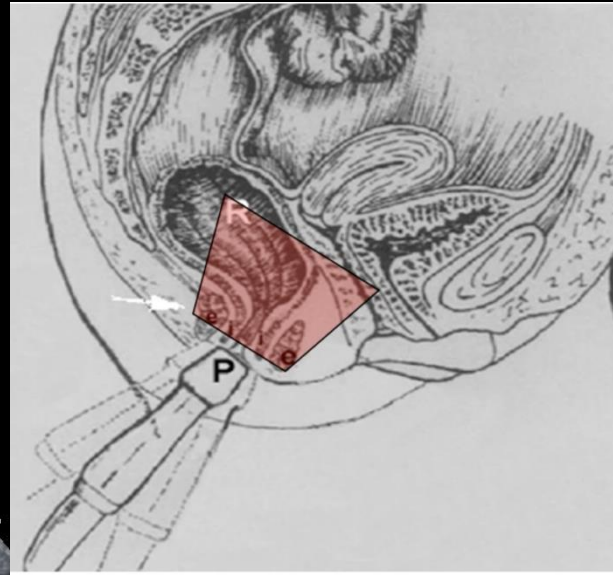
Sensitivity 95.8%

Specificity 100%



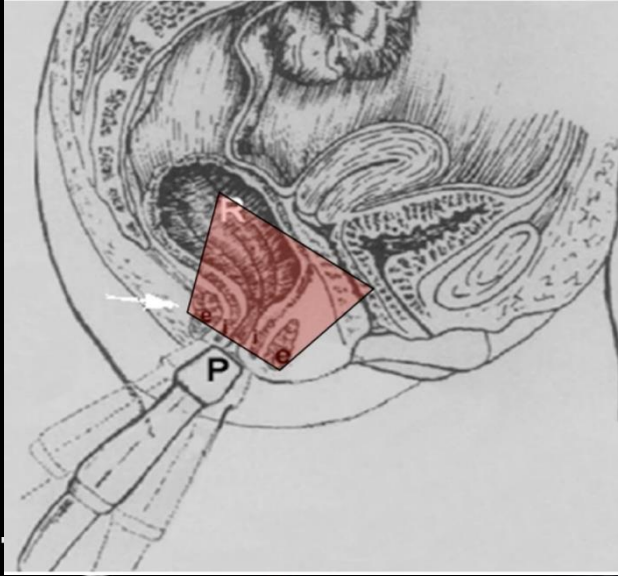
Sagittal scan

Probe on the anus
parallel to the bed

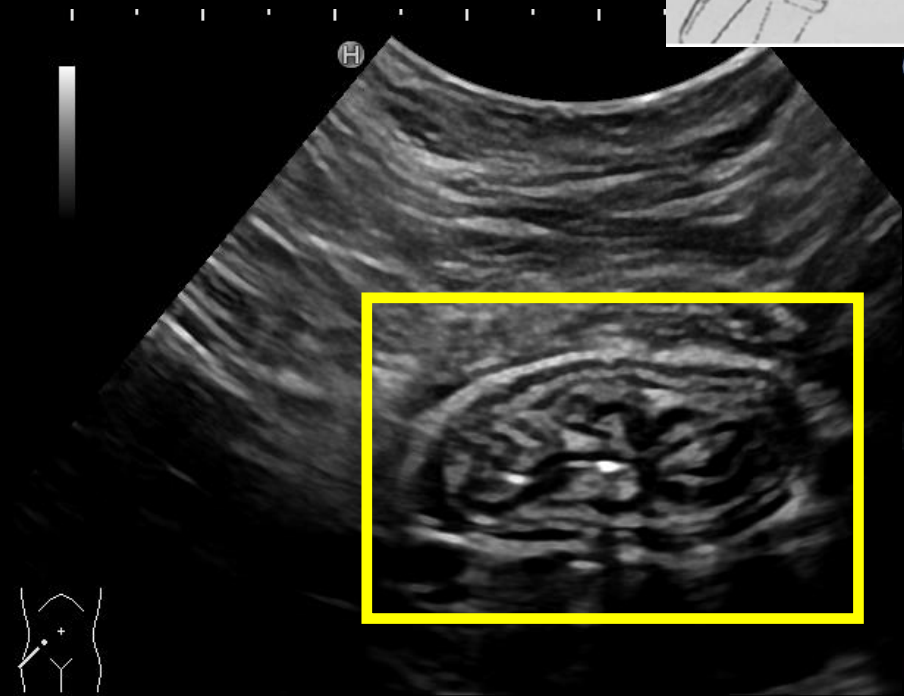




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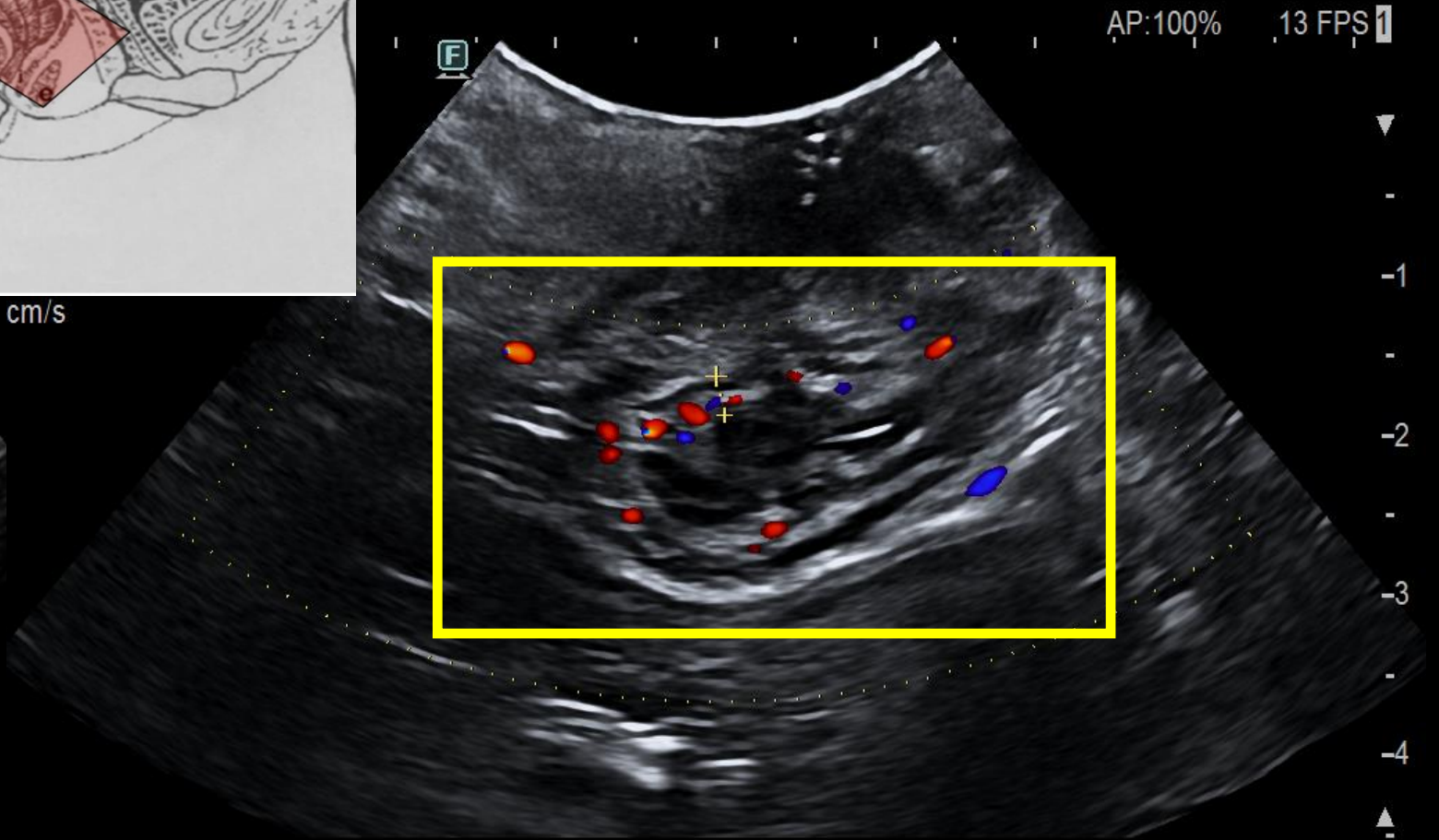


Probe on the anus
perpendicular to the bed



cm/s

C42 +Dist: 2.5mm
HdT-7.4Rx R:5.00 BG:73 BD:89
0.5k/4.00MHz CG:49



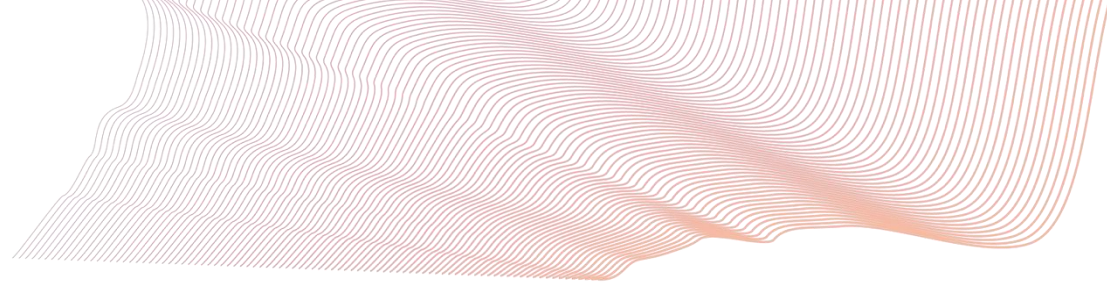
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Coronal
scan



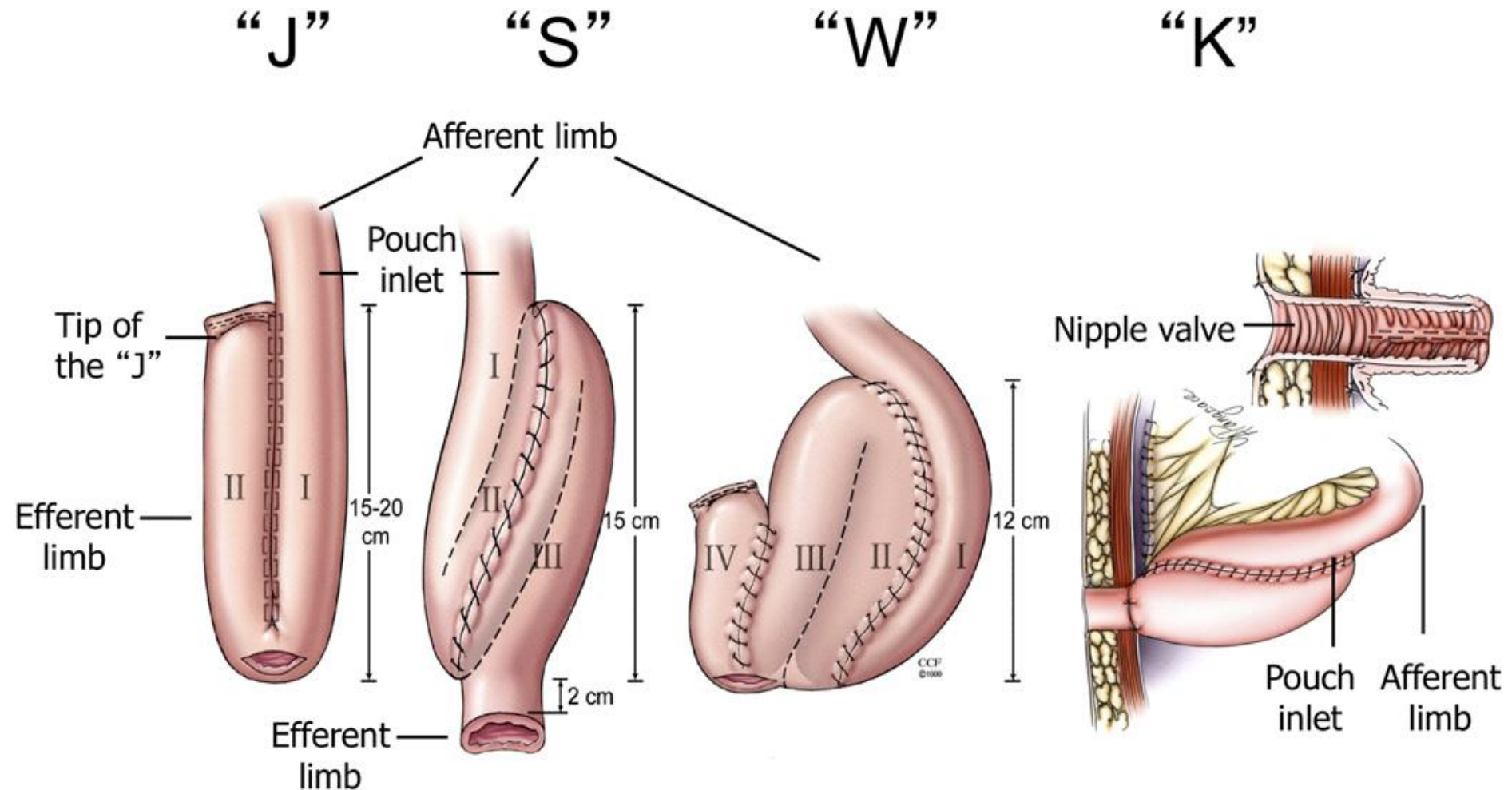
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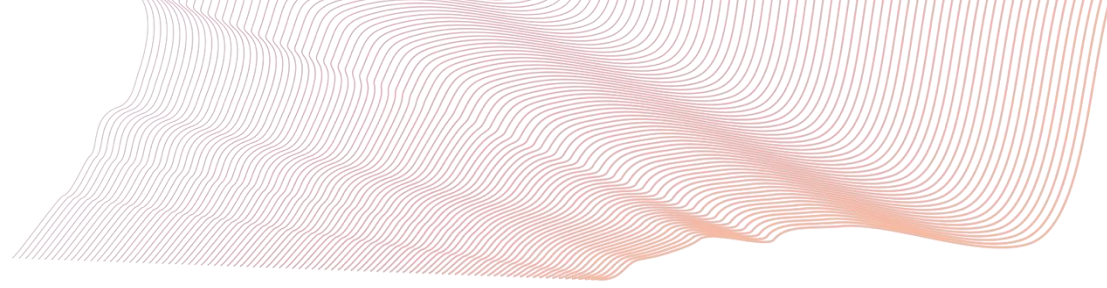
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TPUS in pouch

The ileo-anal Pouch



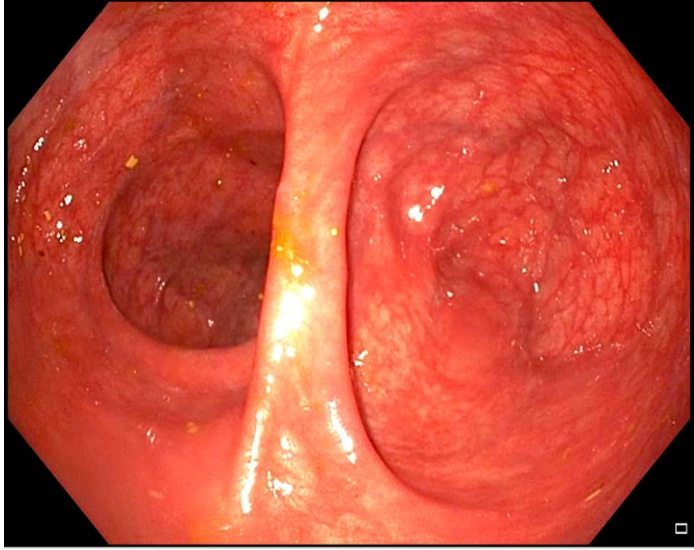


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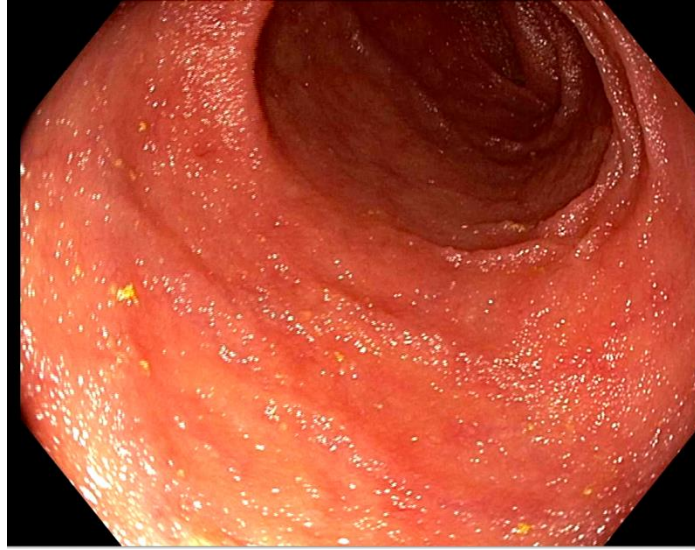
Pouch Symptoms are Commons and not Specific

- ✓ Inflammatory : idiopathic pouchitis, cuffitis, pre-pouch ileitis, Crohn's-like disease
- ✓ Non inflammatory: Irritable pouch syndrome- in nearly a third

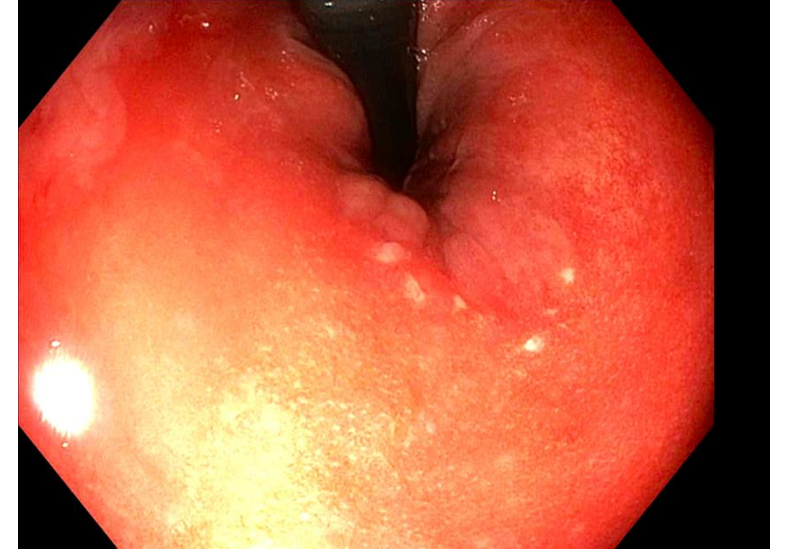
Pouchoscopy has limitations



Pouch body



Pre-pouch ileum

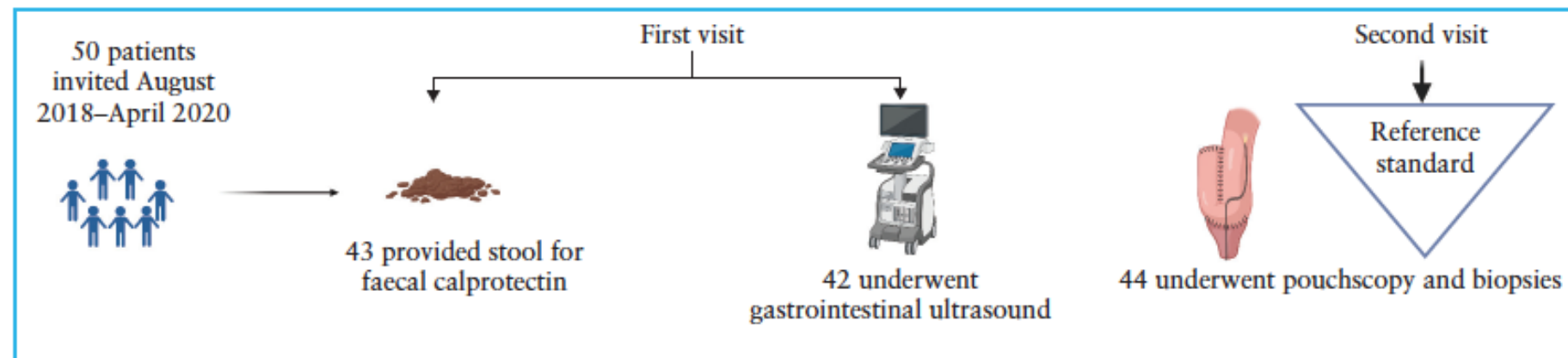


Cuff

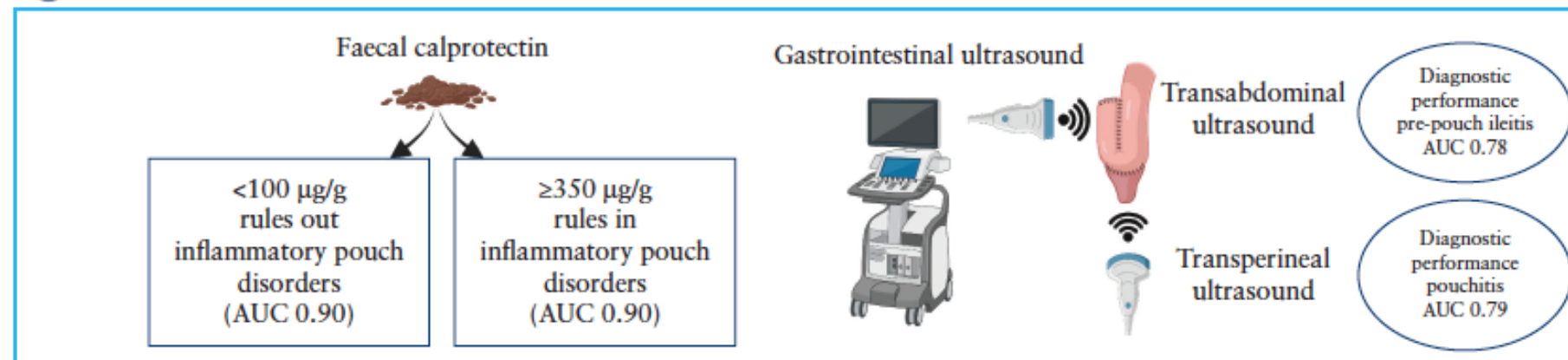
1. Invasive and not practical for assessing every symptomatic episode
2. Imperfect gold standard with ongoing debate regarding the validity of individual endoscopic and histologic components
3. Efforts are underway to refine and improve its diagnostic accuracy

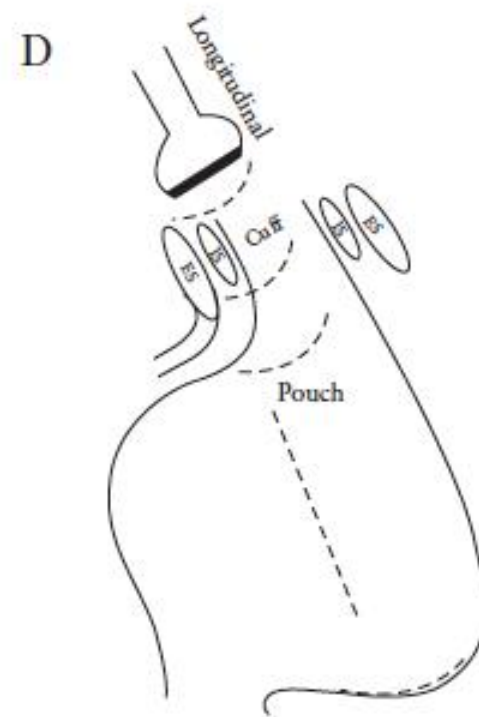
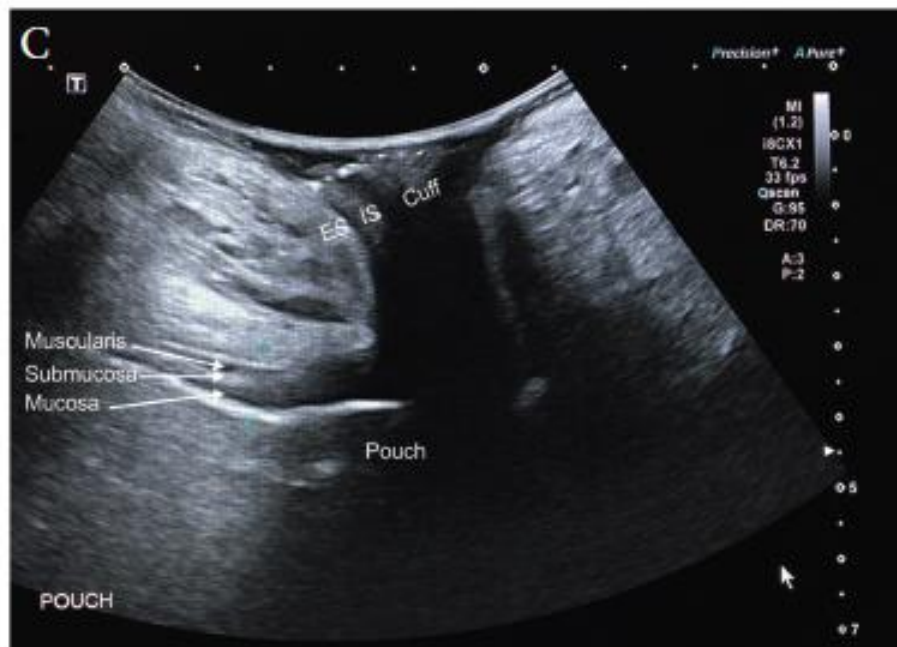
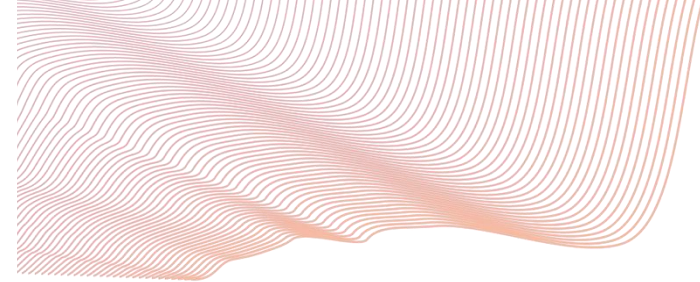
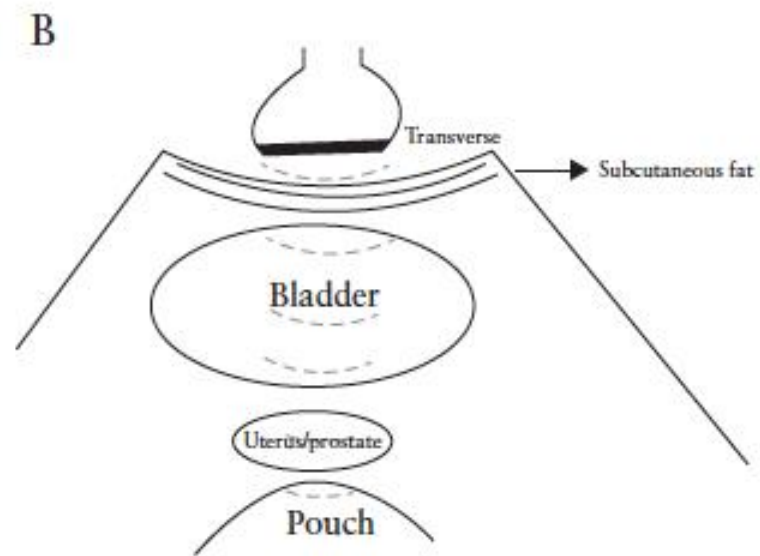
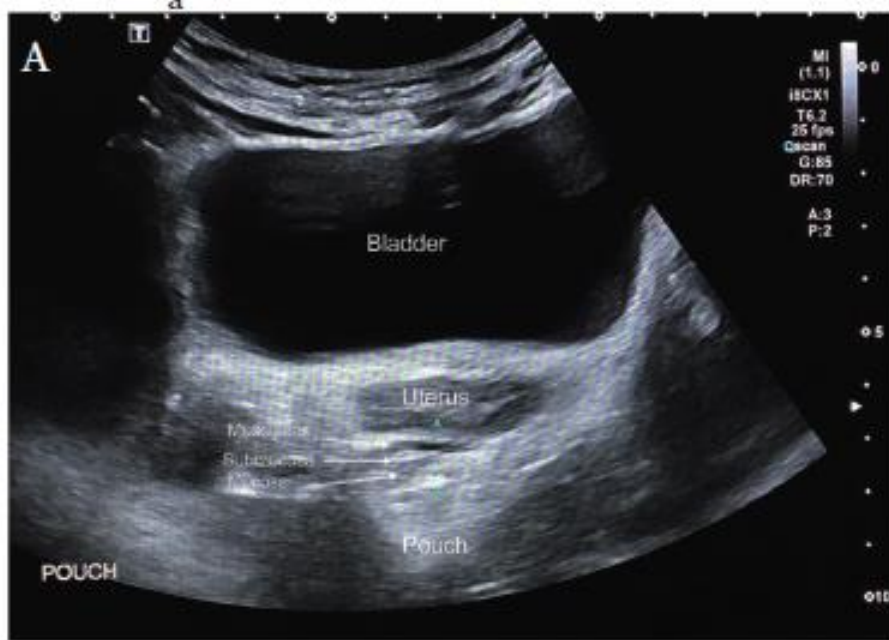
Accuracy of Gastrointestinal Ultrasound and Calprotectin in the Assessment of Inflammation and its Location in Patients with an Ileoanal Pouch

① Two-visit cross-sectional study consecutively enrolled patients with ileoanal pouches in Australia

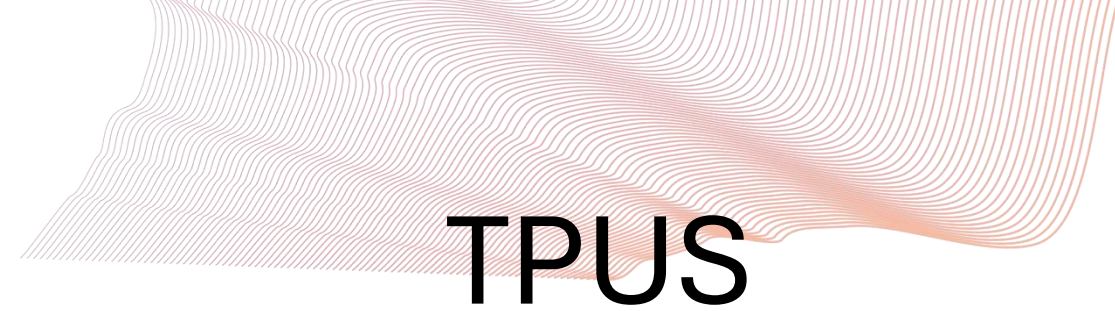


② Faecal calprotectin and gastrointestinal ultrasound are accurate non-invasive tests for assessing ileoanal pouches





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Good views of the pouch body 78%, but only 25% of the cuff

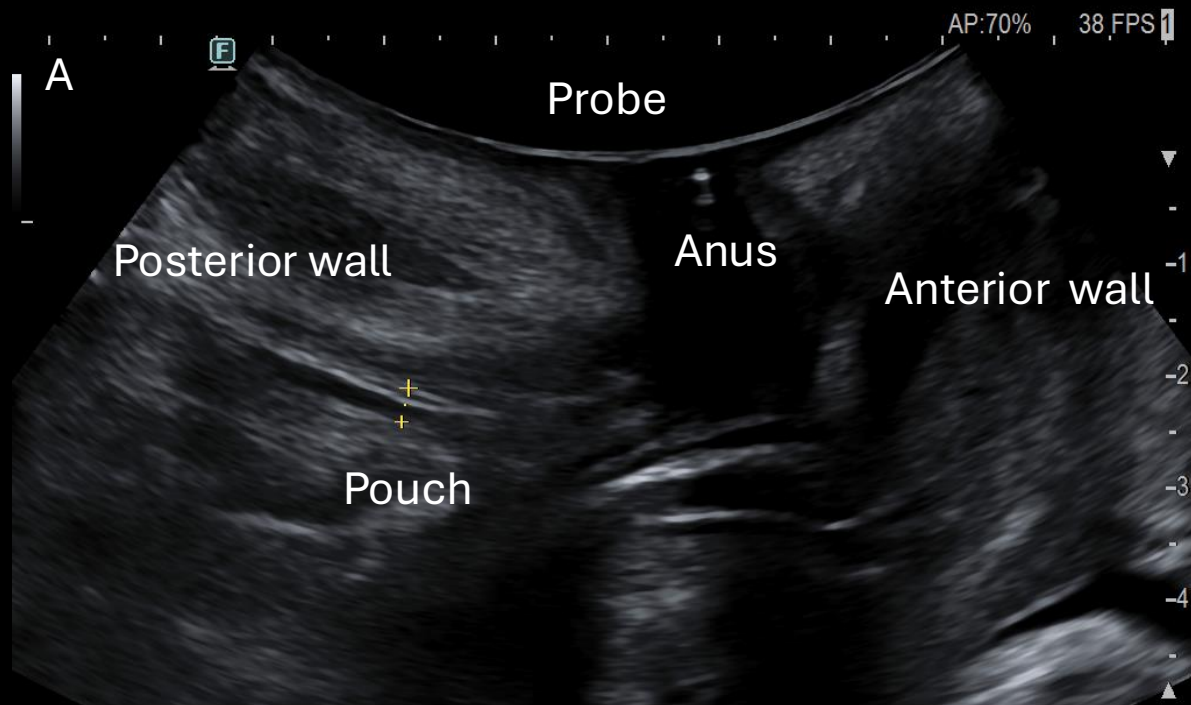
Healthy BMI tended to be associated with better views (90% vs 63%; $p=0.06$)

Pouch wall thickness 4.2 (3.2-5.7) mm vs 2.8 (2.4-3.8) mm ($p=0.001$)

ROC

BWT for dx pouchitis AUC of 0.79 [0.66-0.93]; $p<0.0001$)

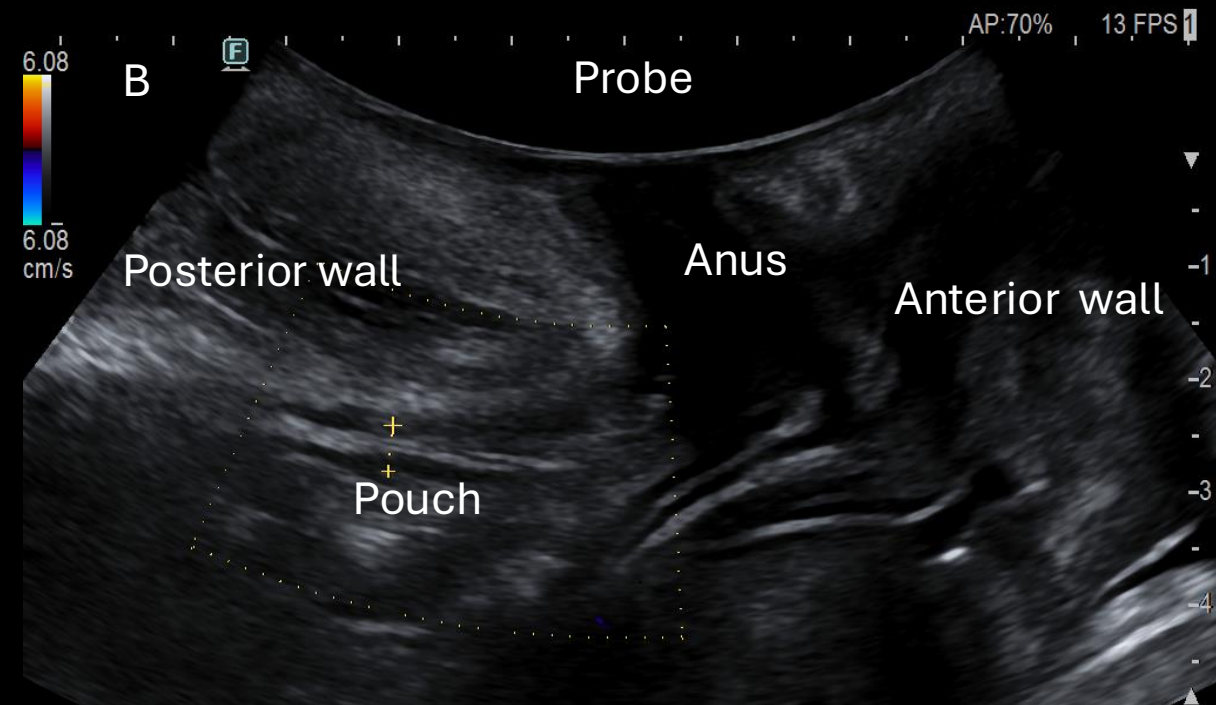
Pouch Sagittal scan



C252
HdT-5.0H

Dist: 3.1mm
R:6.00 BG:72 BD:85

ANSE Convex
1577/1578

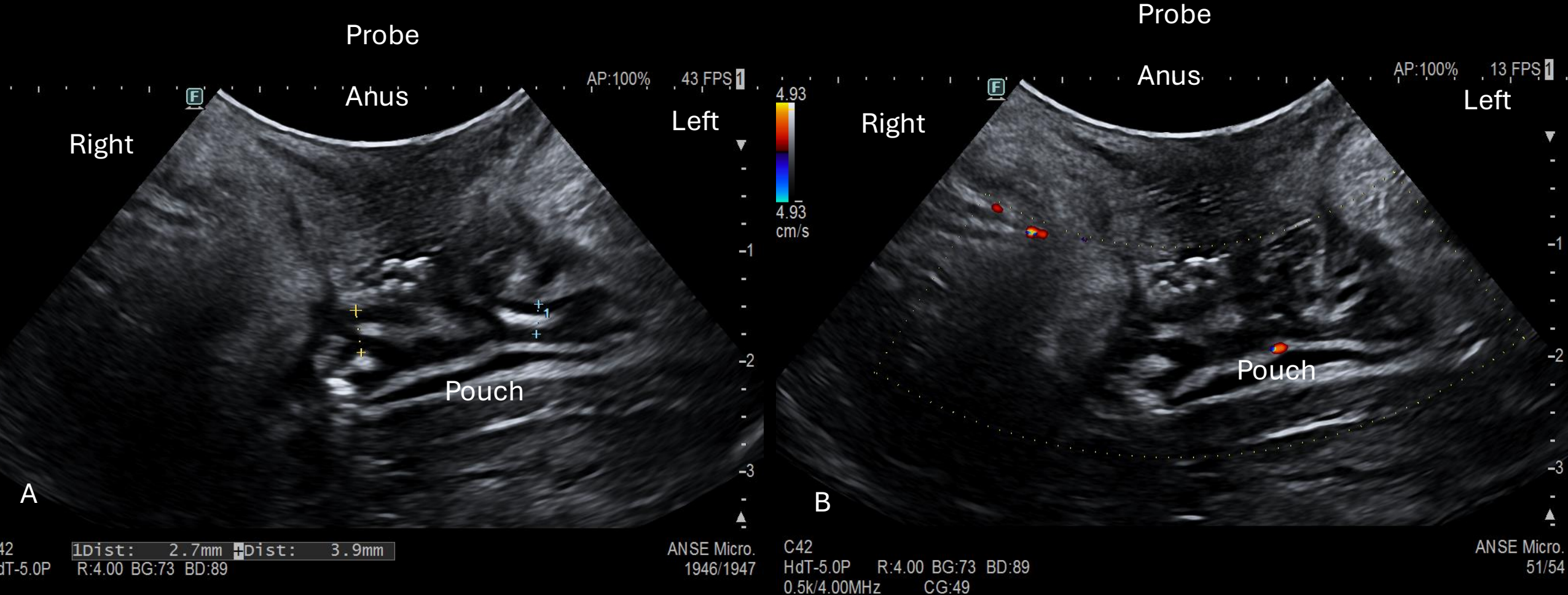


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0.5k/3.16MHz

Dist: 4.1mm
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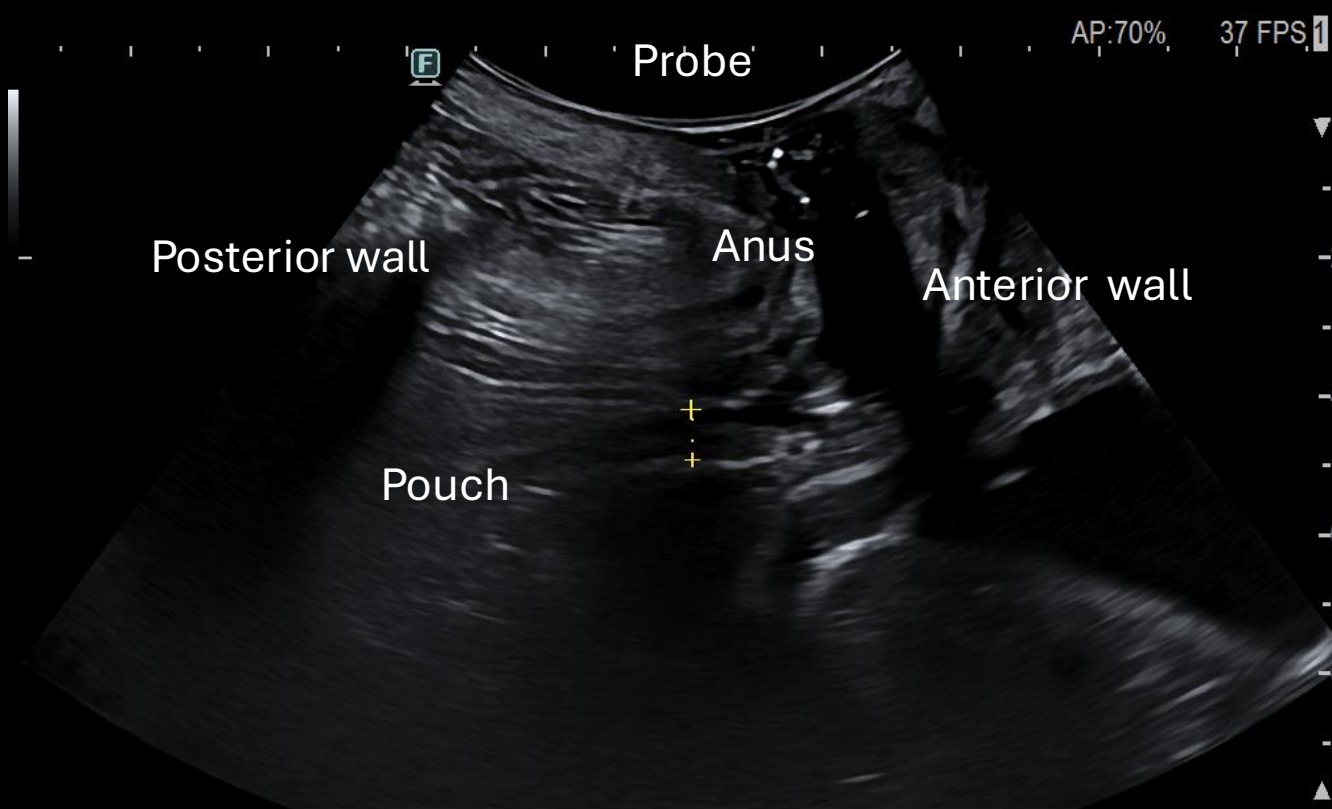
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Pouch Coronal scan



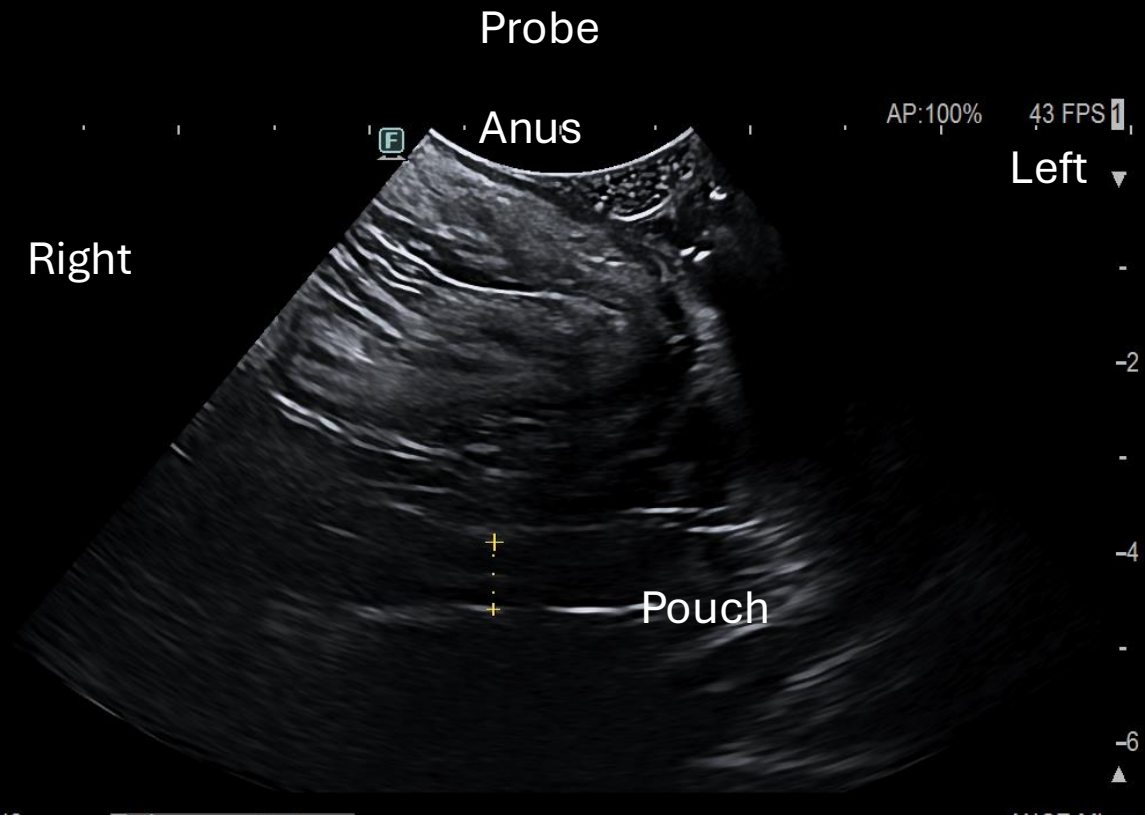
Pouchitis

Sagittal and coronal scan



C252
HdT-5.0H

Dist: 7.3mm
R:11.0 BG:72 BD:85



C42
ANSE Conve: HdT-5.0P
218/21

Dist: 7.0mm
R:7.00 BG:73 BD:89

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MI 0.85 TIS<0.4 AP:100% .43 FPS 1

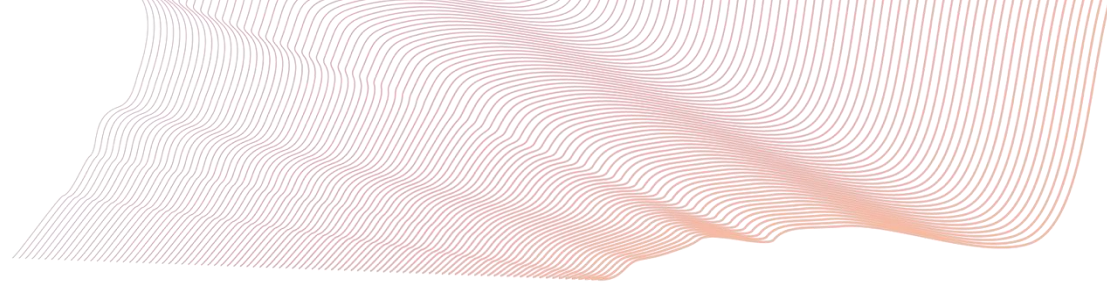


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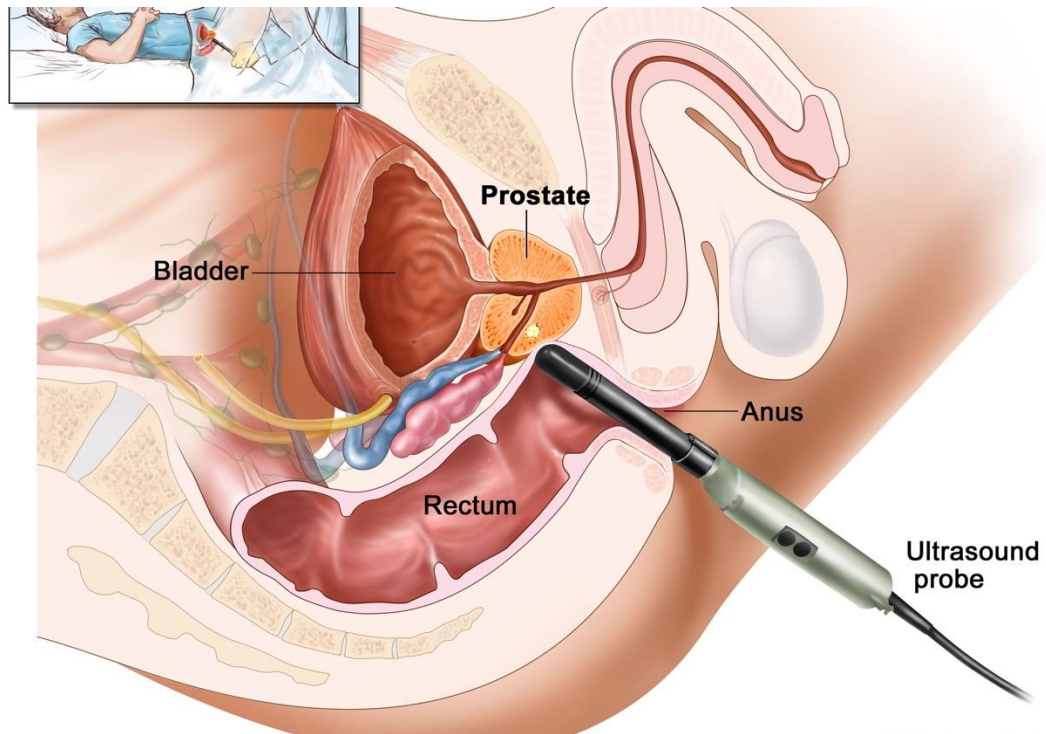


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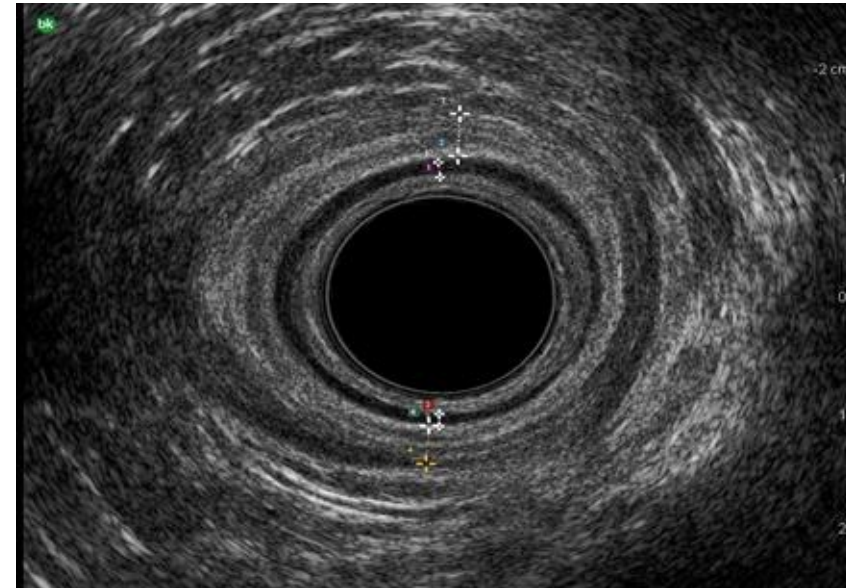
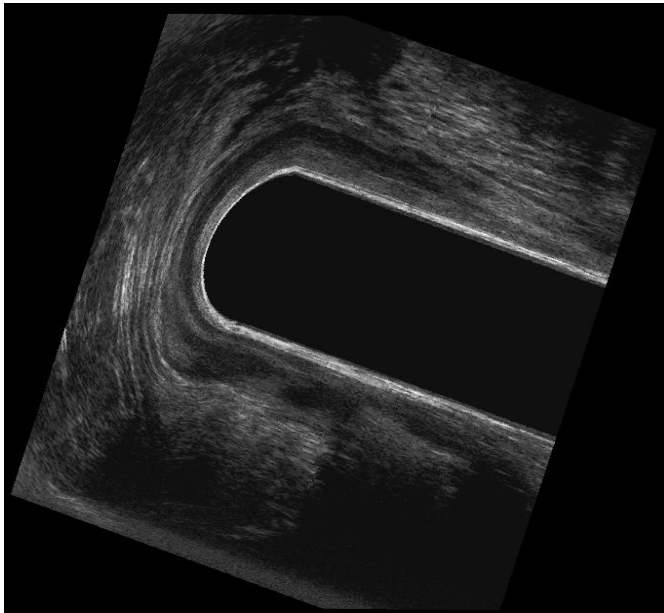
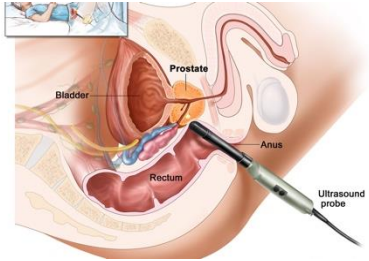


Transrectal Ultrasound

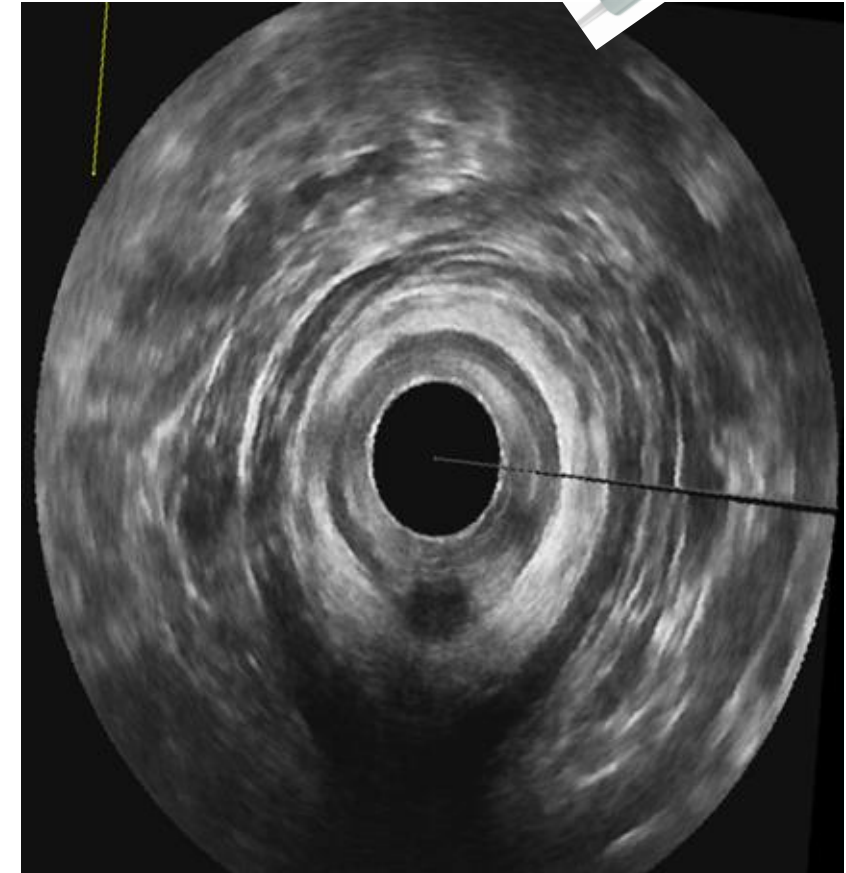
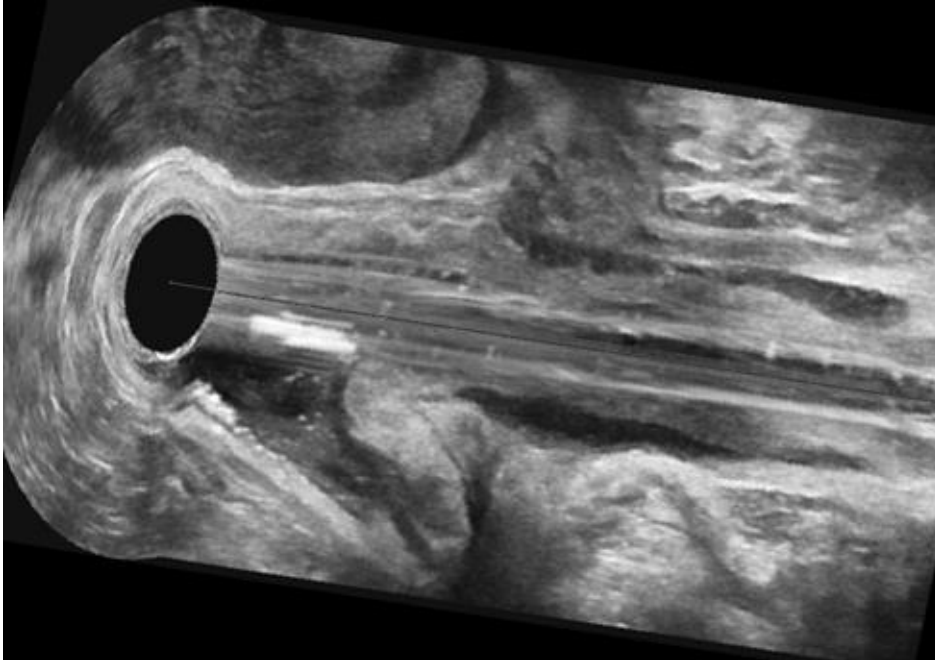
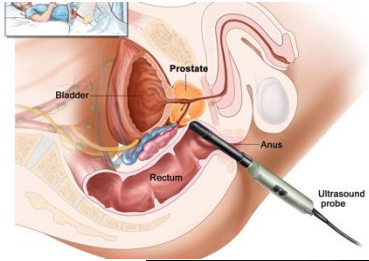
Transrectal ultrasound-360°



Transrectal ultrasound-360°

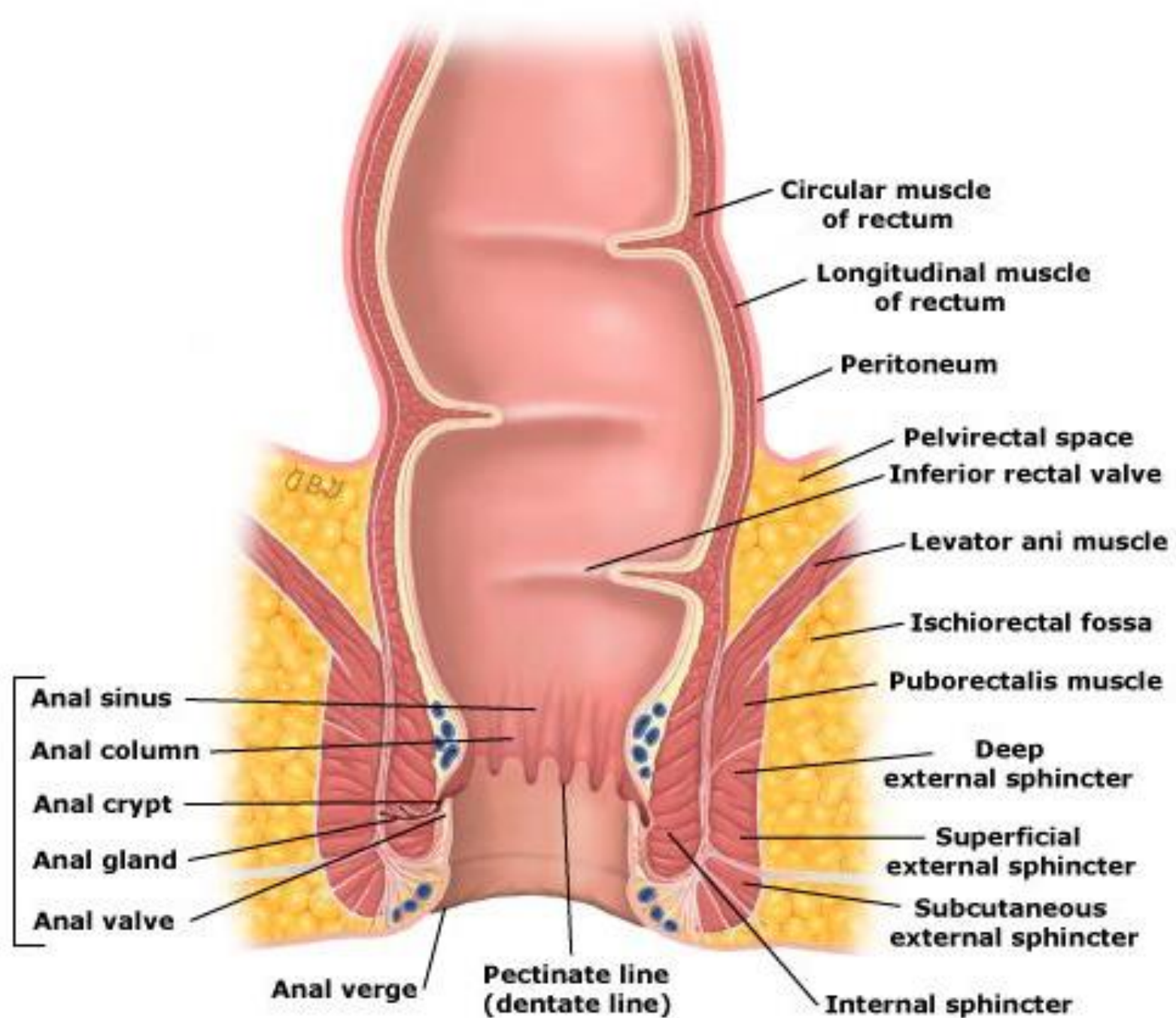


Transrectal ultrasound-High Resolution Color and 3D Imaging

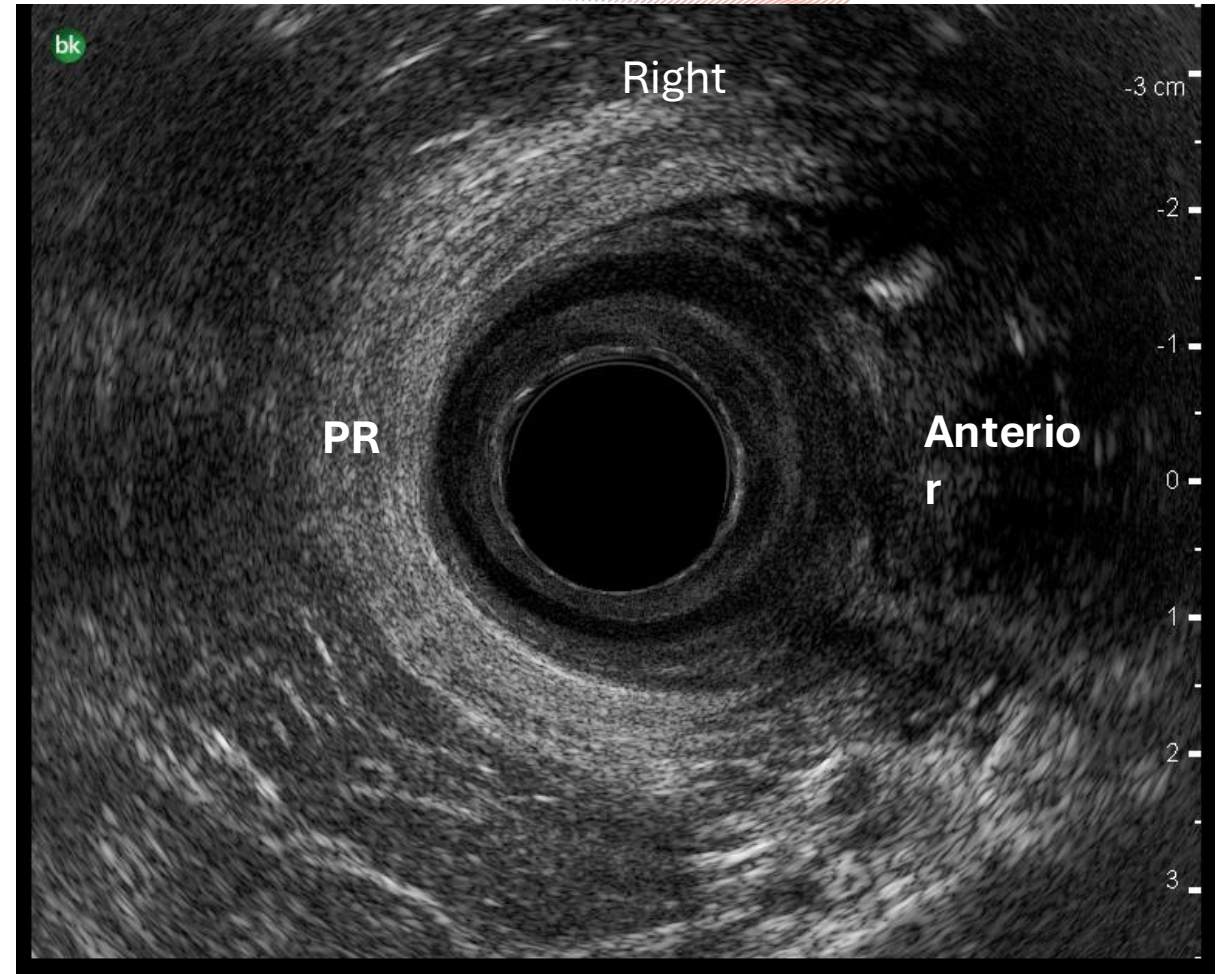
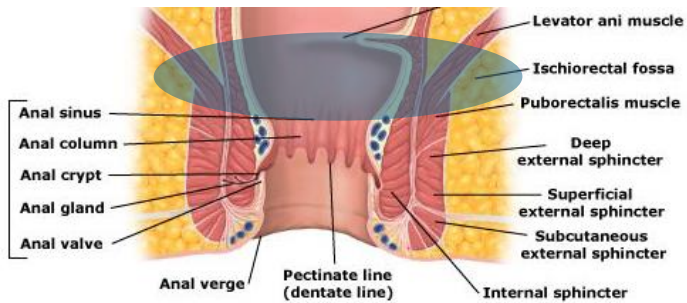




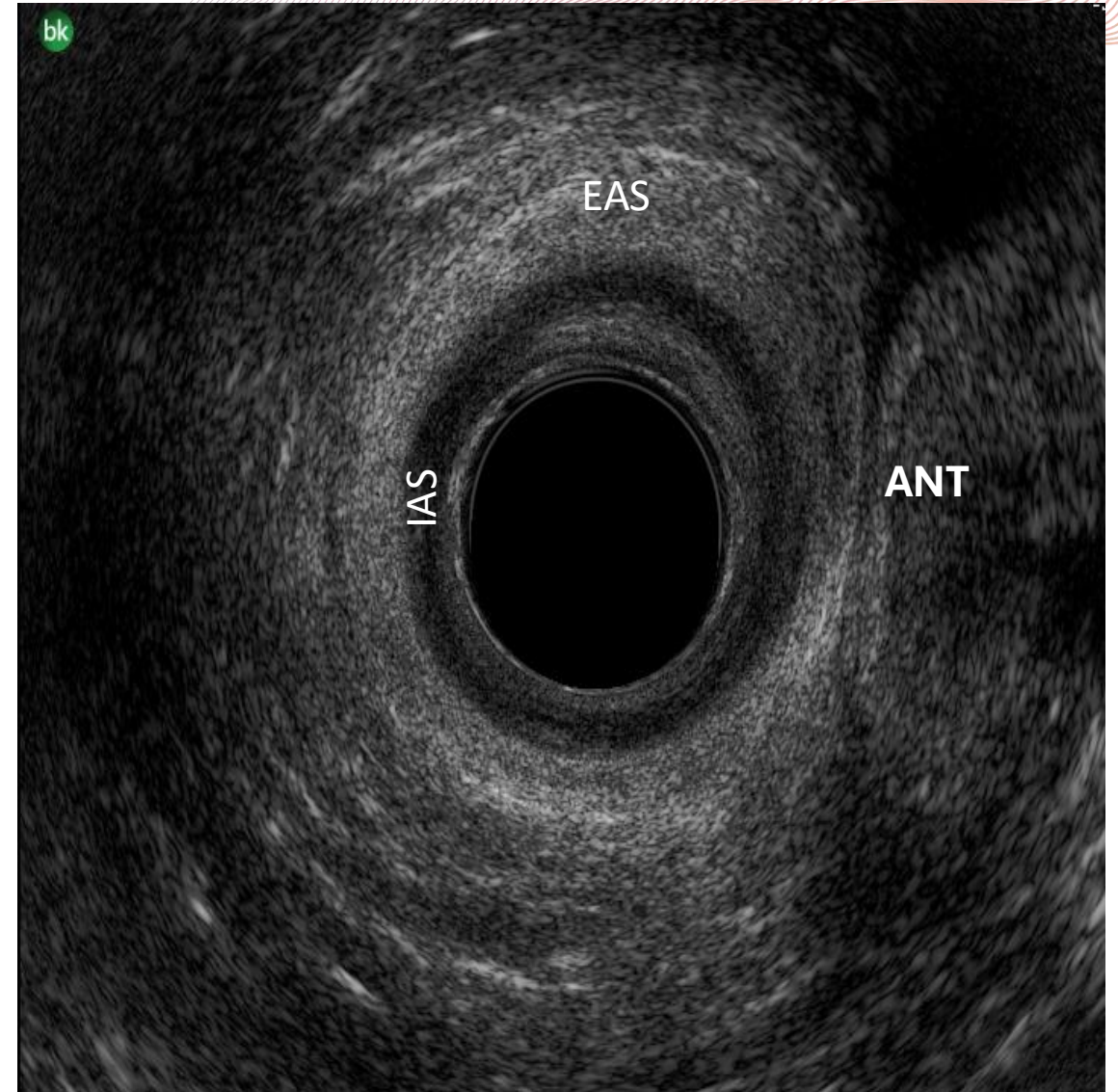
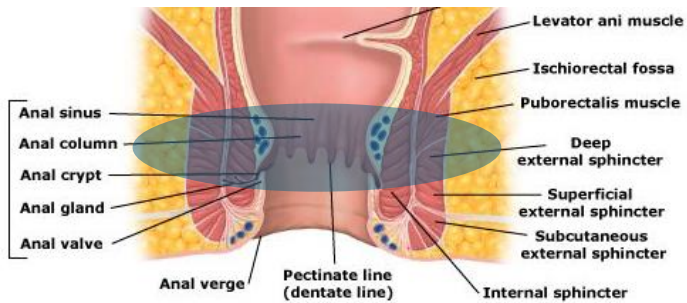
Anal Canal and Rectum- Anatomy



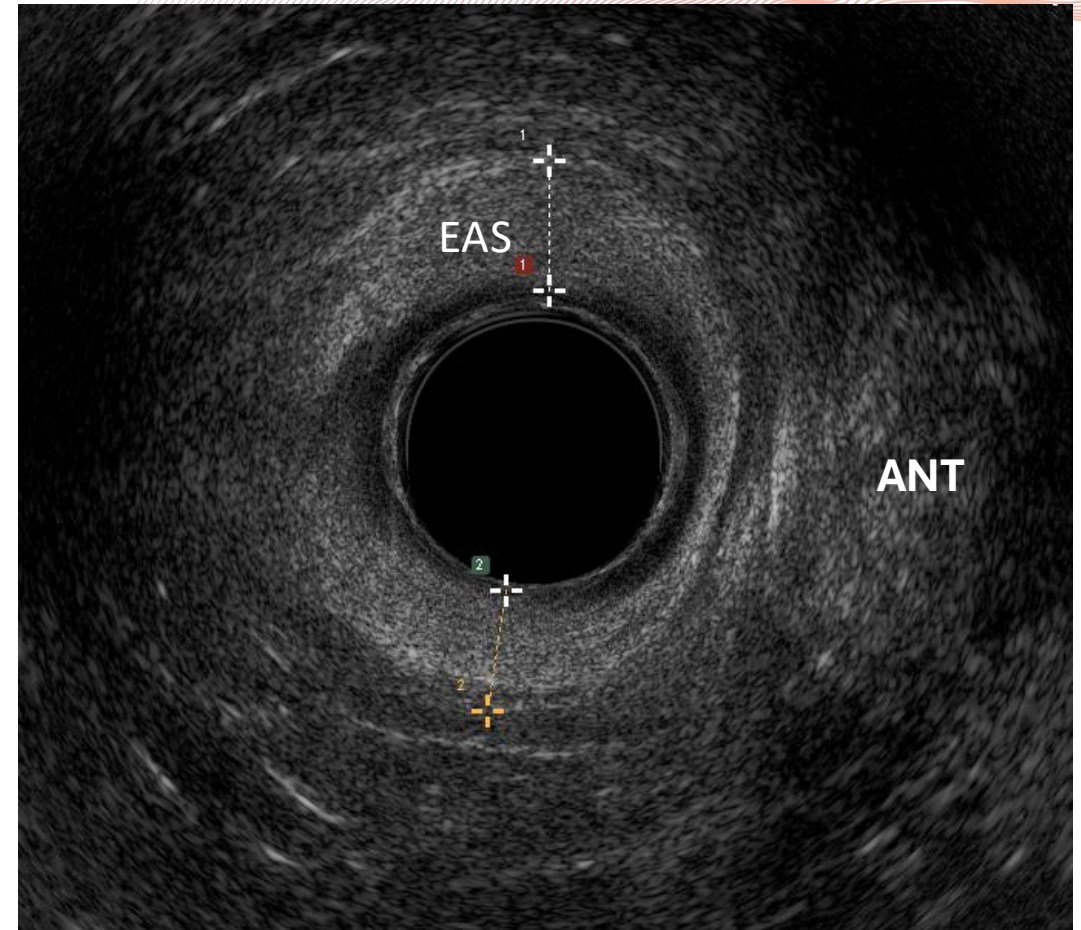
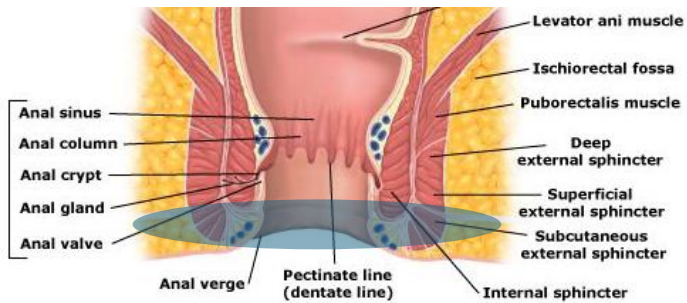
Upper anal canal



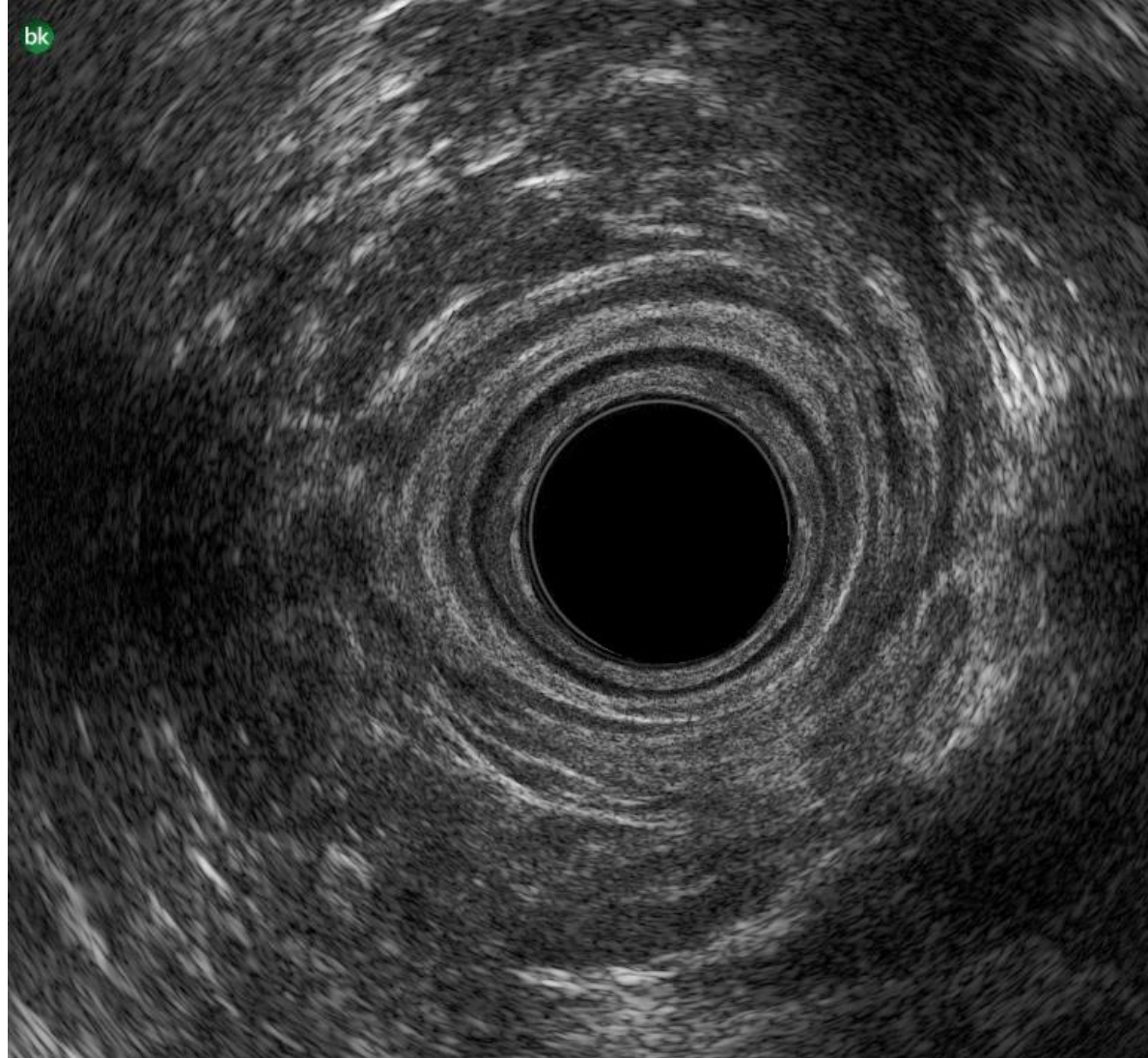
Mid anal canal



Distal anal canal

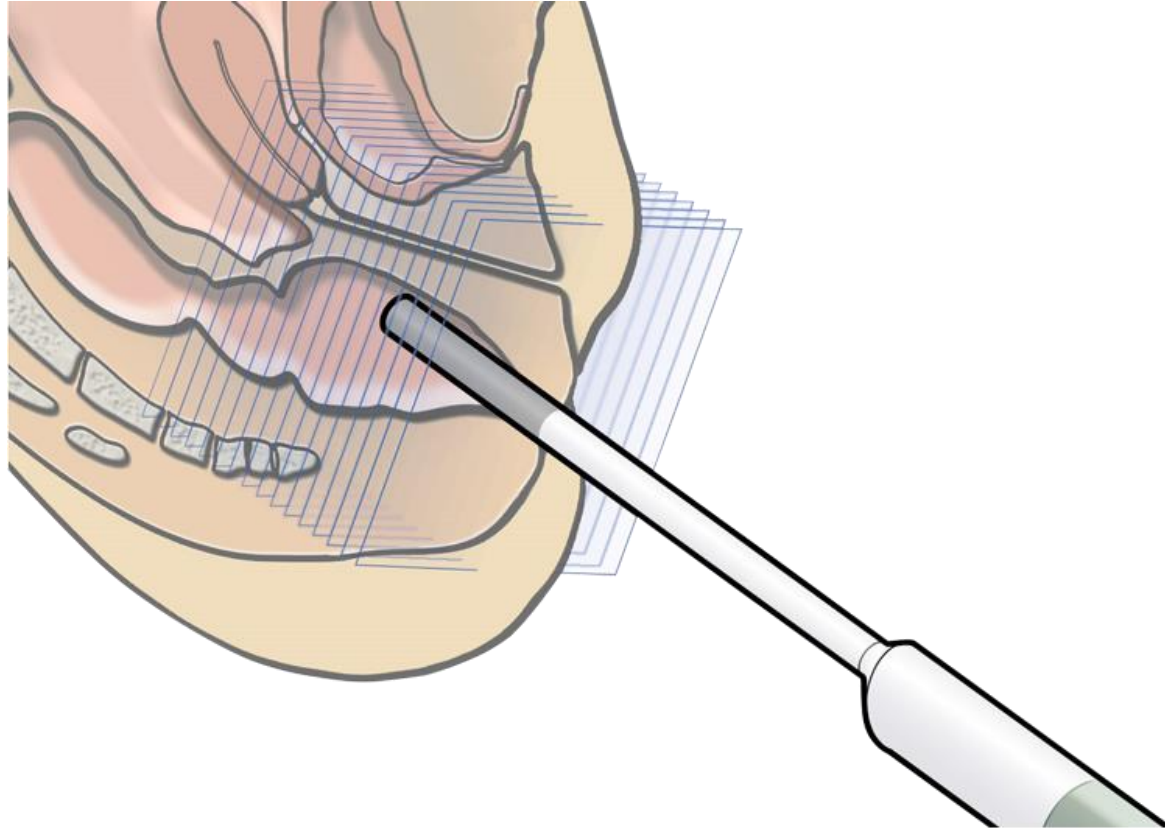


Anal Canal



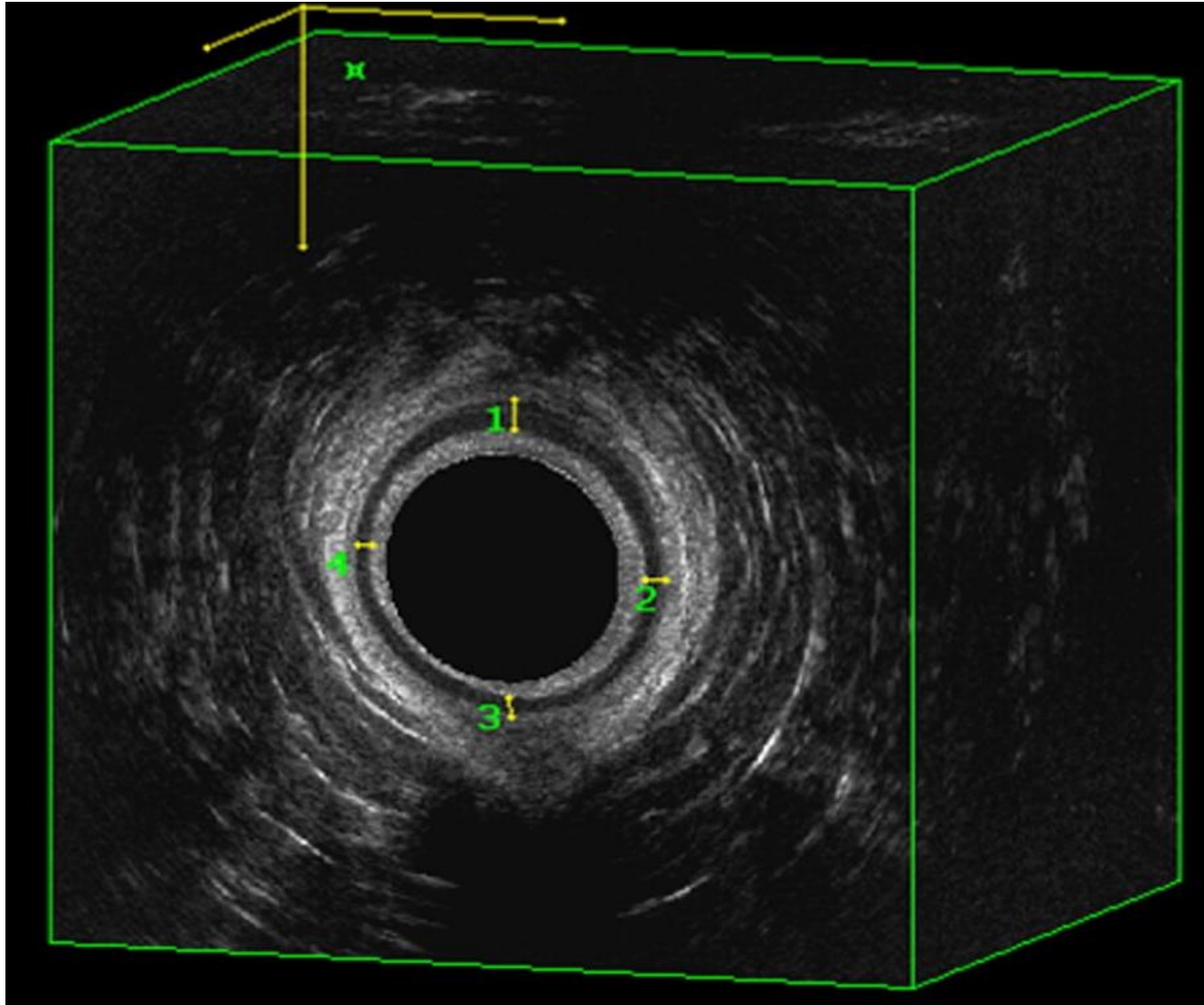
From upper
canal to distal
canal

3-D Image Reconstruction

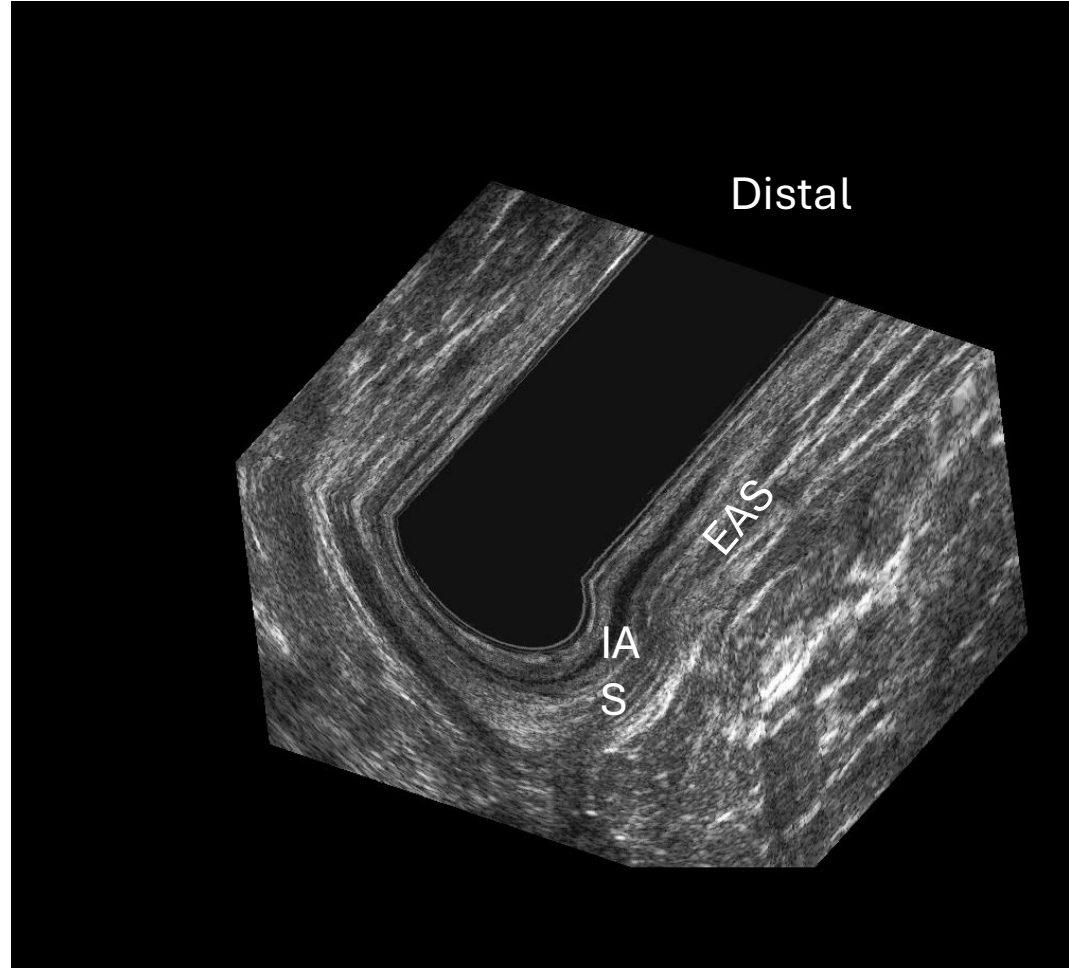


Endoanal: Posterior compartment (rectum and anal canal)

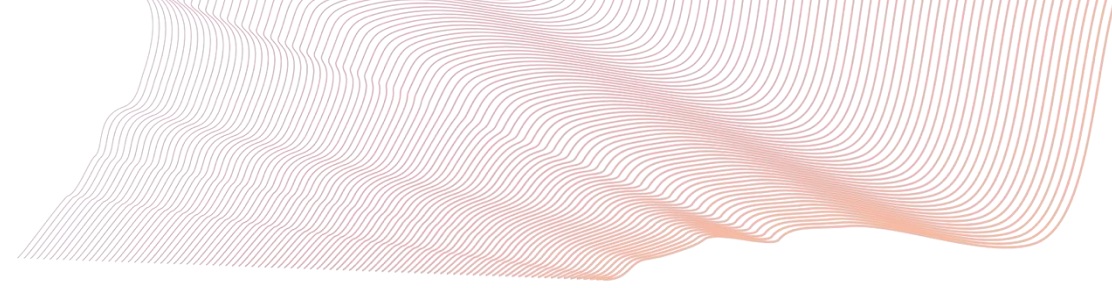
3-D Image Reconstruction



3-D reconstruction of the anal canal

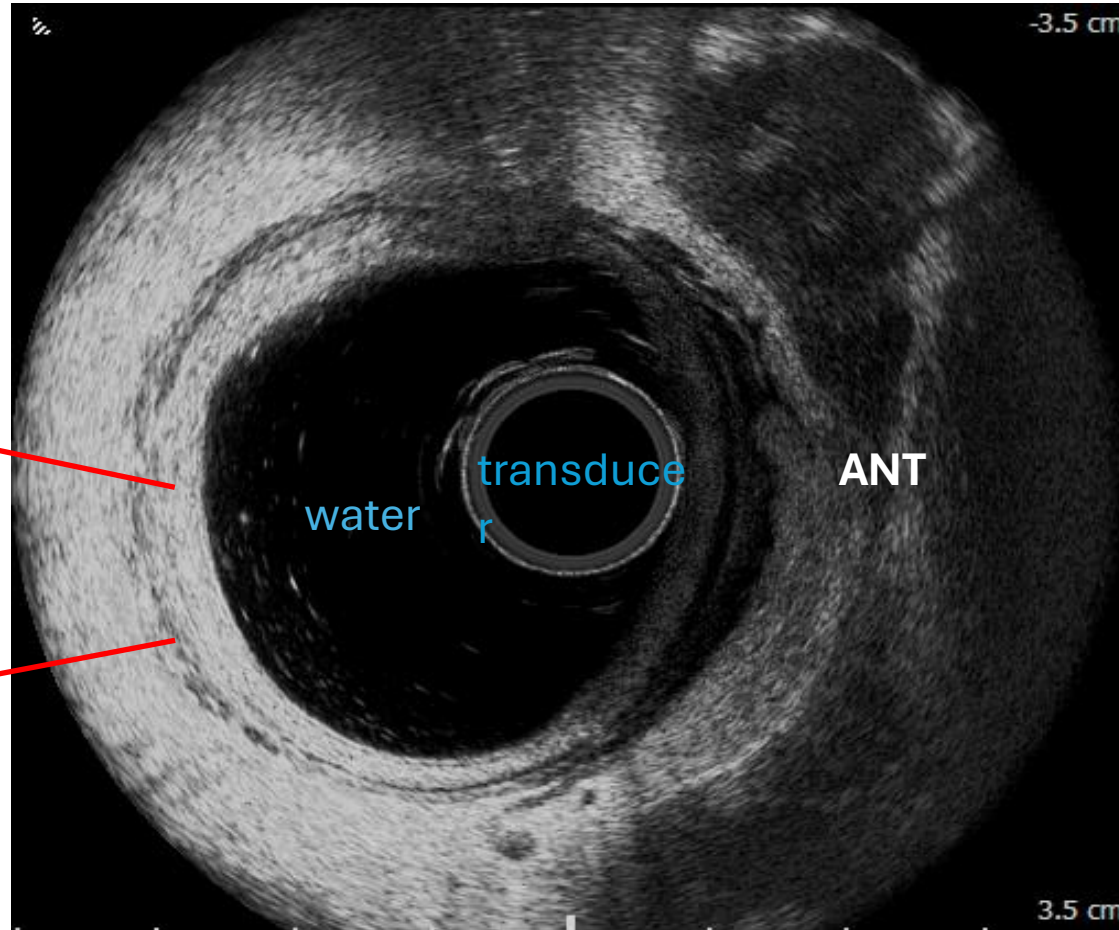


The Rectum



Submucosa

Muscularis



Thank you!

Grazie!



Multumesc!

There are two kinds of fools.

One says, "This is old, therefore it is good"; the other says, "This is new therefore it is better."