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IUS in the post-operative scenario: when and what should I see?

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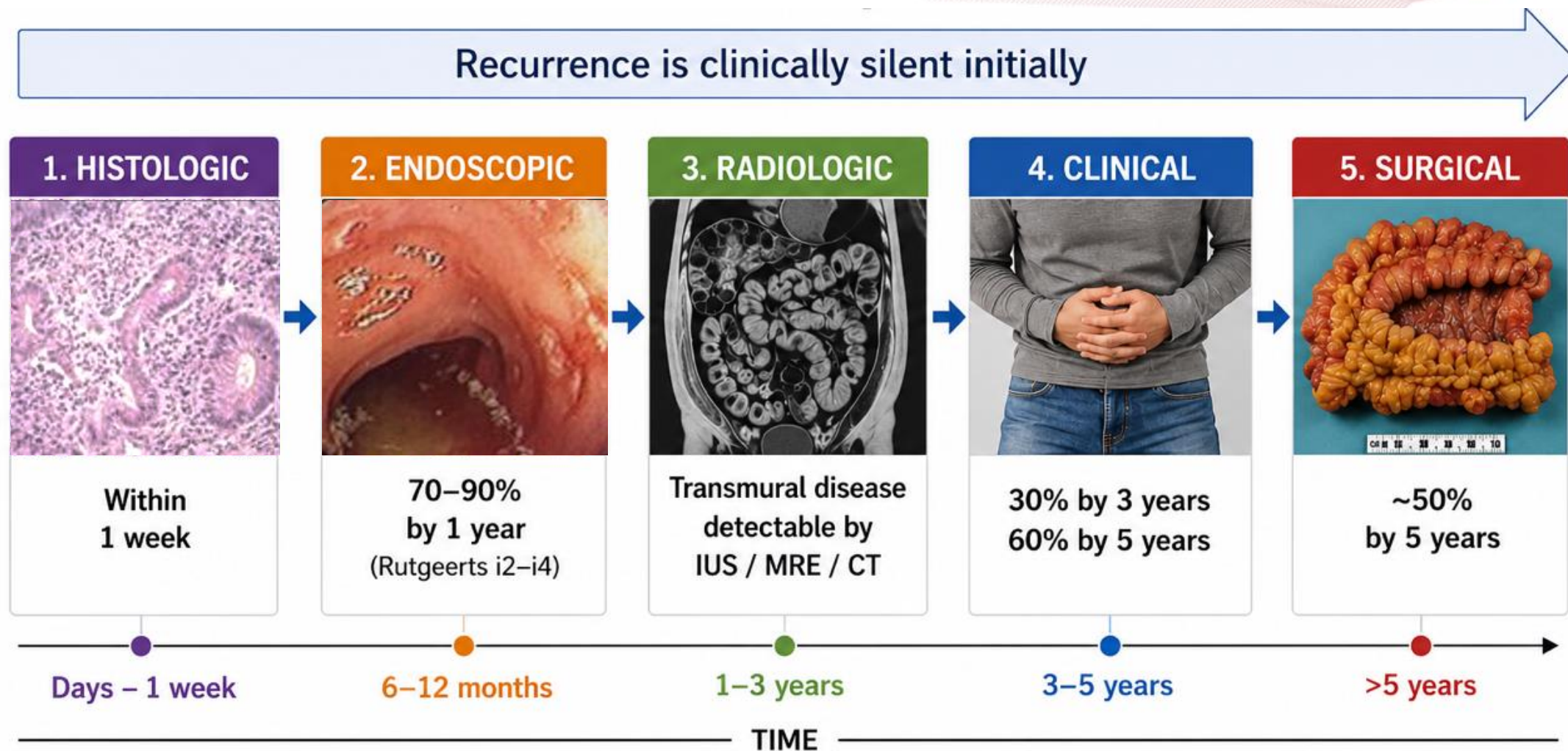
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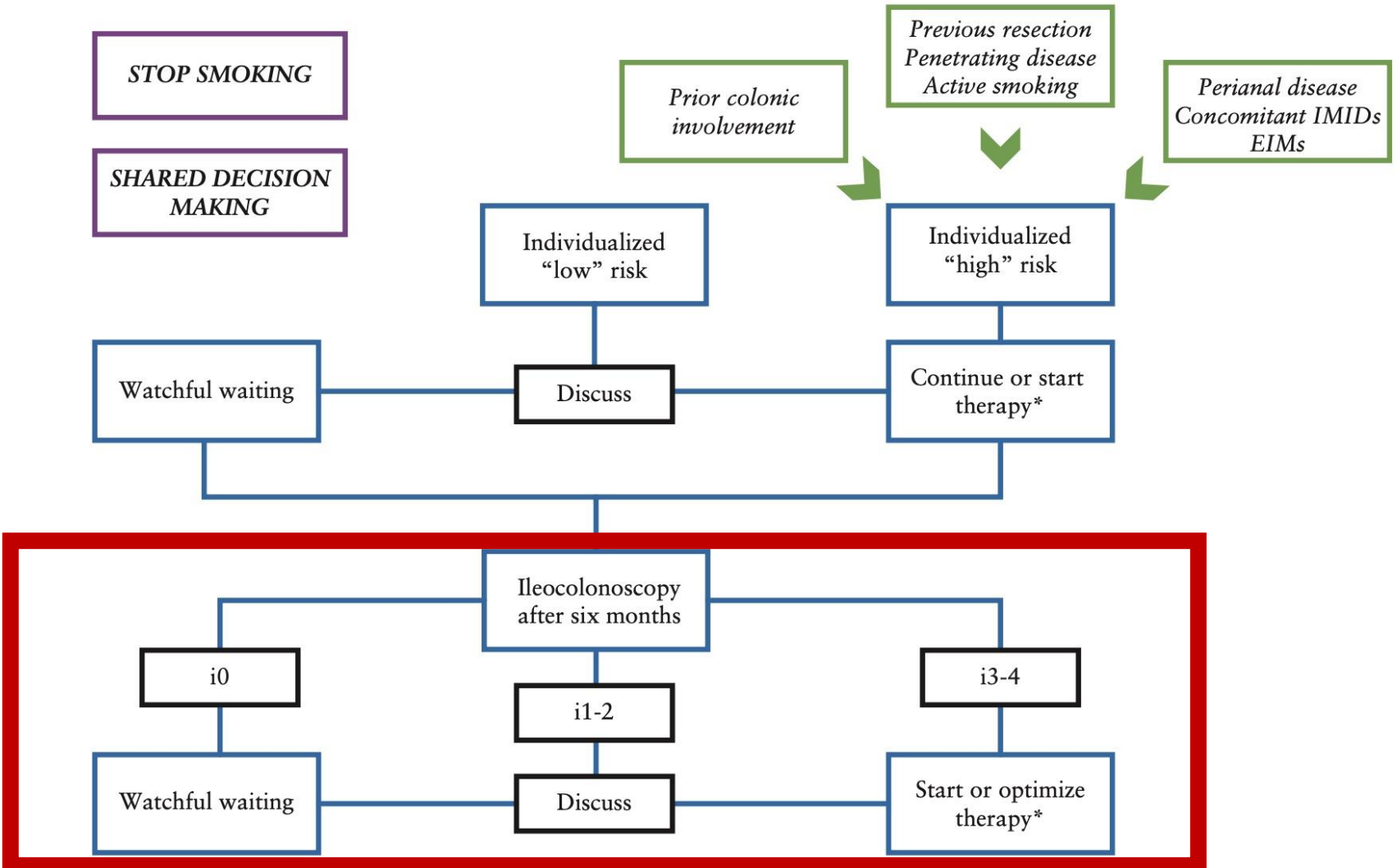


The natural course of postoperative Crohns is recurrence



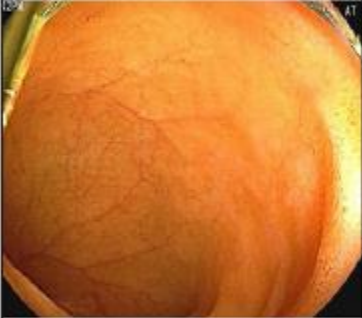
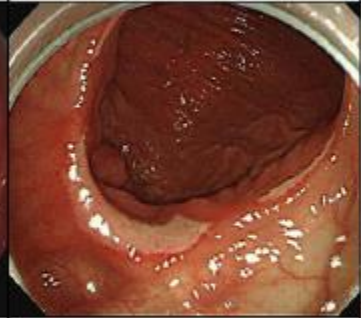
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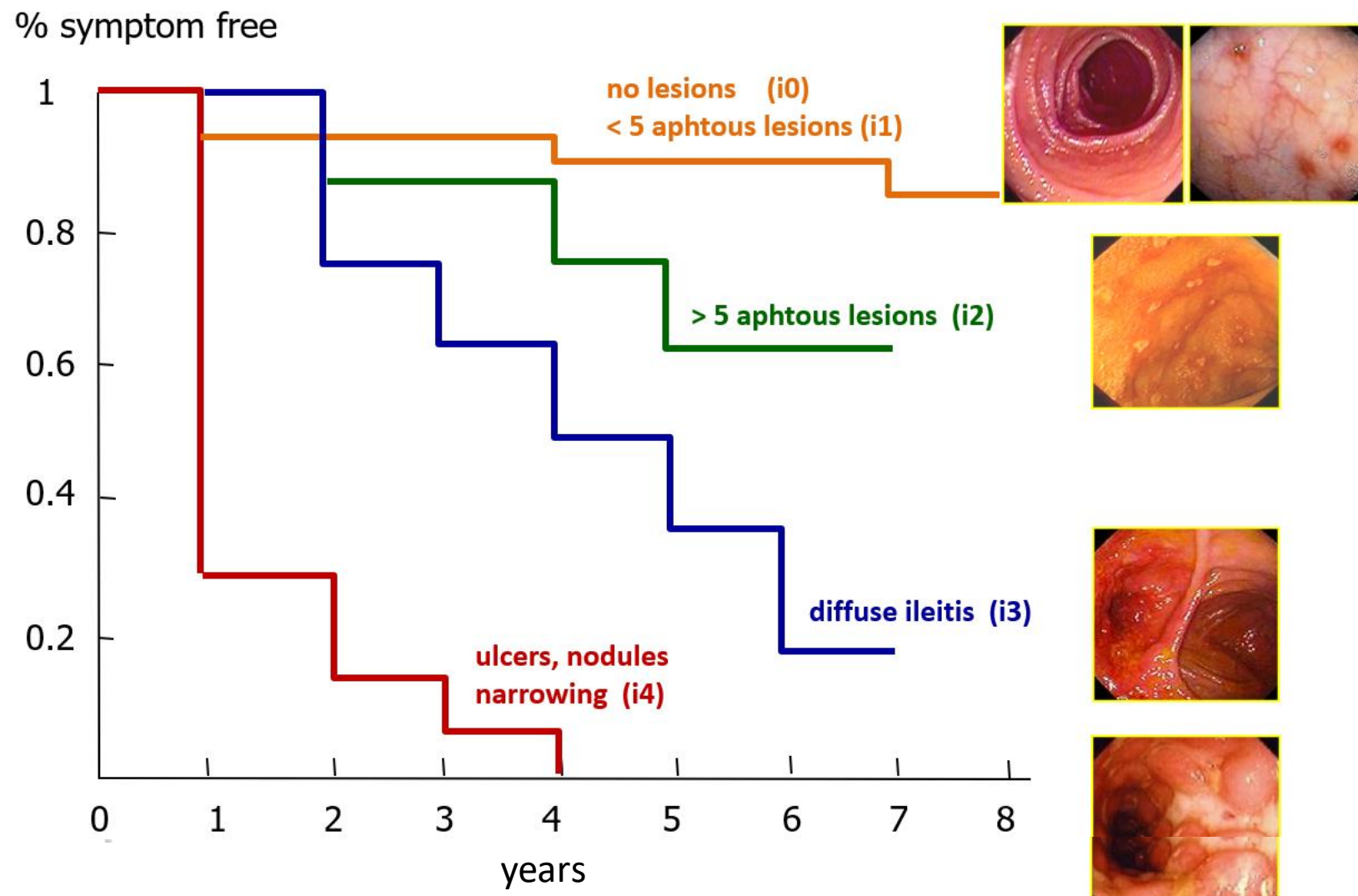


Modified Rutgeert's score

i0	i1	i2		i3	i4
		i2a	i2b		
					
No lesion in distal ileum	≤5 Aphthous lesions	Lesions confined to ileocolonic anastomosis	>5 Aphthous lesions with normal mucosa between the lesions	Diffuse aphthous ileitis with diffusely inflamed mucosa	Diffuse inflammation with already large ulcers and/or narrowing

Ileal and anastomotic lesions graded separately

Symptomatic recurrence according to the severity of endoscopic recurrence at 1-year colonoscopy



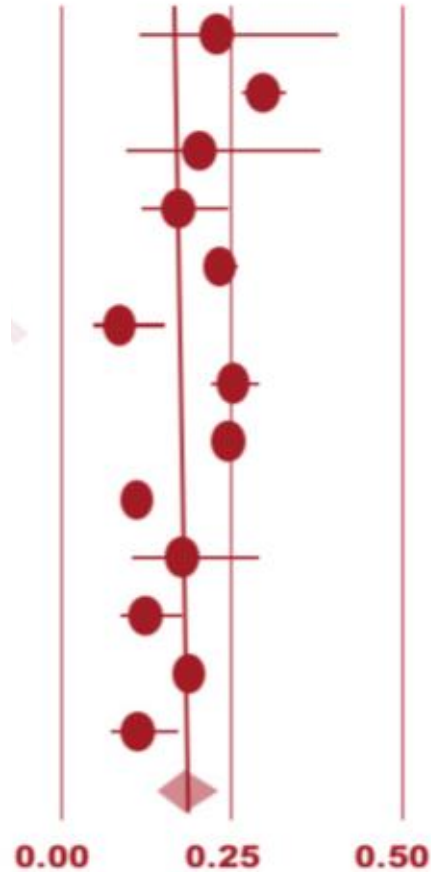


Risk of re-resection after a prior surgery

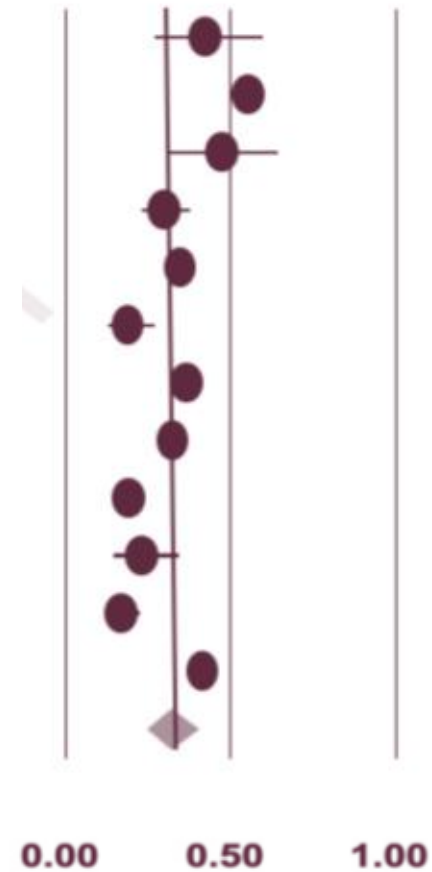
5 years

10 years

O'Keefe 1970-1979
Shinagawa 1982-2002
Burr 1990-1995
Boualit 1988-2004
Nguyen 1988-2008
Burr 1996-2001
Benchimol 1994-2007
Nguyen 1996-2007
Beelen 1991-2015
Vester-Andersen 2003-2004
Burr 2002-2007
Shinagawa 2002-2016
Burr 2008-2013



17.7% (13.5-22.9)



31.3% (24.1-39.6)



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Role of IUS.....

Moderate IOA for IUS, but also for Rutgeerts...



IUS – INTESTINAL ULTRASOUND



Calabrese et al. 2018

Interobserver agreement for individual ultrasound parameters in postoperative Crohn's disease.

Parameter	Kappa (κ)	Interpretation
 Bowel wall thickness (BWT)	0.48	Moderate
 Bowel wall stratification	0.41	Moderate
 Vascularity	0.52	Moderate
 Lymph nodes	0.61	Good

Interpretation (Landis & Koch)

< 0.20

Poor

0.21 – 0.40

Fair

0.41 – 0.60

Moderate

0.61 – 0.80

Good

0.81 – 1.00

Excellent



Novak et al. 2021

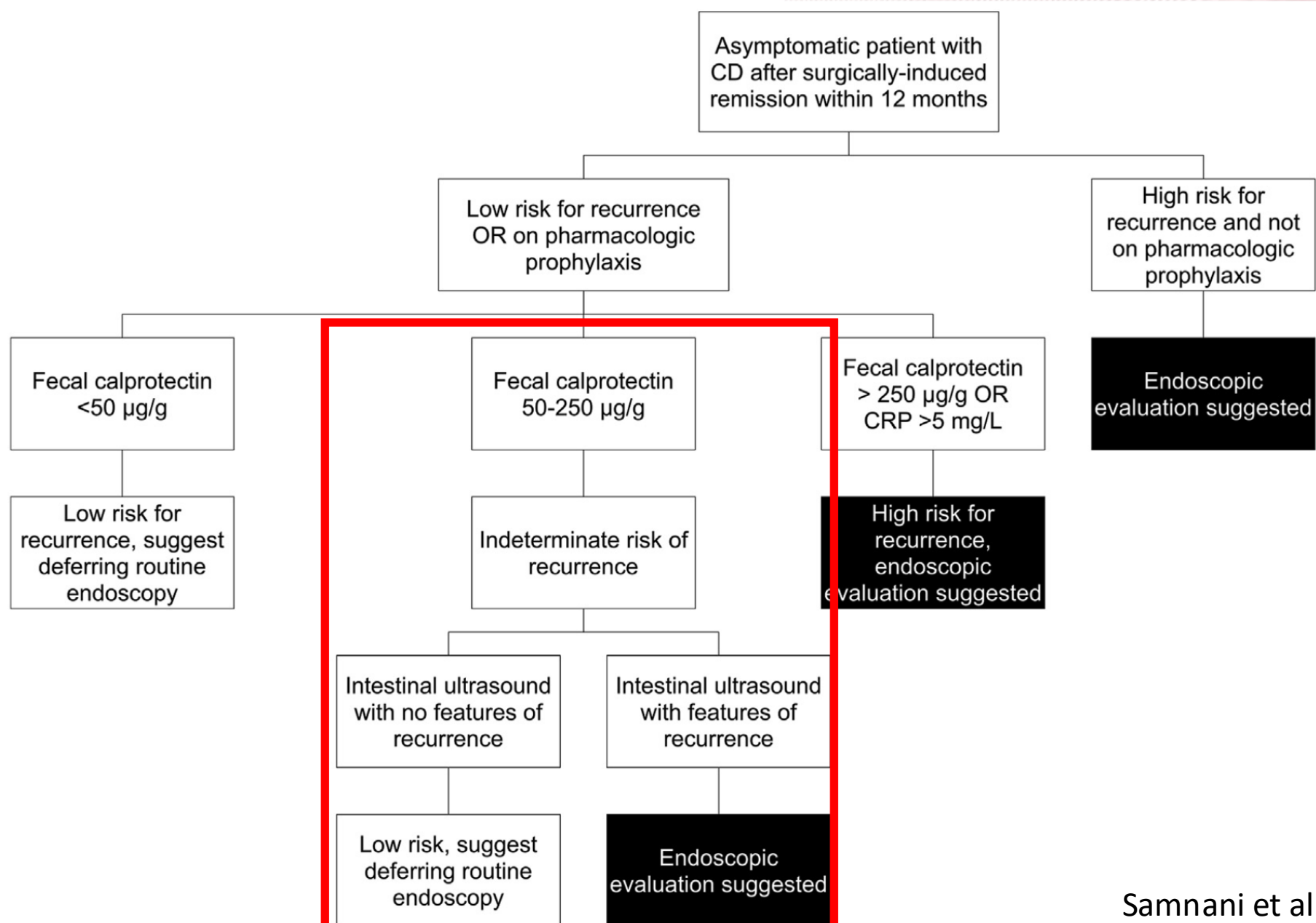
Expert consensus on interobserver reliability for the first and second assessment of IUS parameters.

Parameter	1st round κ	2nd round κ	p-value
 Bowel wall thickness (BWT)	0.96	0.96	n.a.
 Bowel wall stratification (BWS)	0.50	0.39	0.120
 Doppler signal	0.62	0.60	0.776
 Confidence	0.92	0.96	0.005
 Activity	0.92	0.96	0.005
 Severity	0.97	0.93	0.980



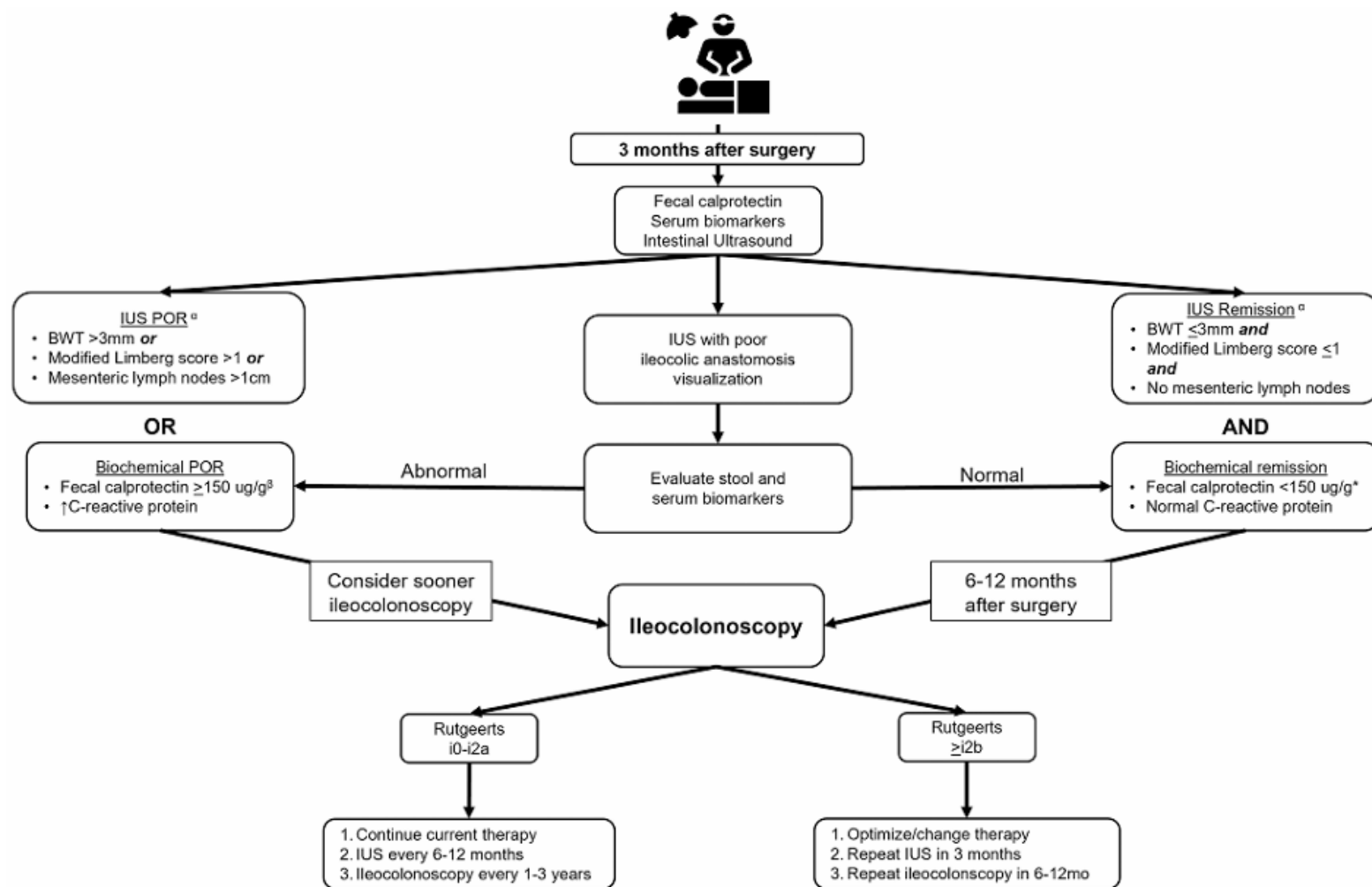
Kappa = weighted Fleiss' kappa, except * intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) based on a two-way mixed-effects model.

RUTGEERTS – ENDOSCOPY		
Bak et al. Interobserver agreement of postoperative endoscopic recurrence scores and anatomical locations.		
Scores	Weighted κ	95% CI
Modified Rutgeerts Score	0.67	0.59–0.74
REMIND Score	0.46	0.35–0.58
Anastomosis	0.46	0.35–0.58
Neoterminal ileum	0.73	0.65–0.80
Updated Rutgeerts Score	0.69	0.62–0.77
Specific anatomical locations	Weighted κ	95% CI
Ileal blind limb – Body	0.61	0.49–0.73
Ileal blind limb – Inlet	0.63	0.54–0.72
Neoterminal ileum	0.61	0.49–0.74
Colonic blind limb – loop	0.83	0.62–1.04
Ileal blind limb – loop	0.68	0.47–0.89
CI = Confidence interval		





State-of the art practice is to evaluate early and use non invasive tools



IUS, intestinal ultrasound; BWT, bowel wall thickness; CDS, color doppler signal

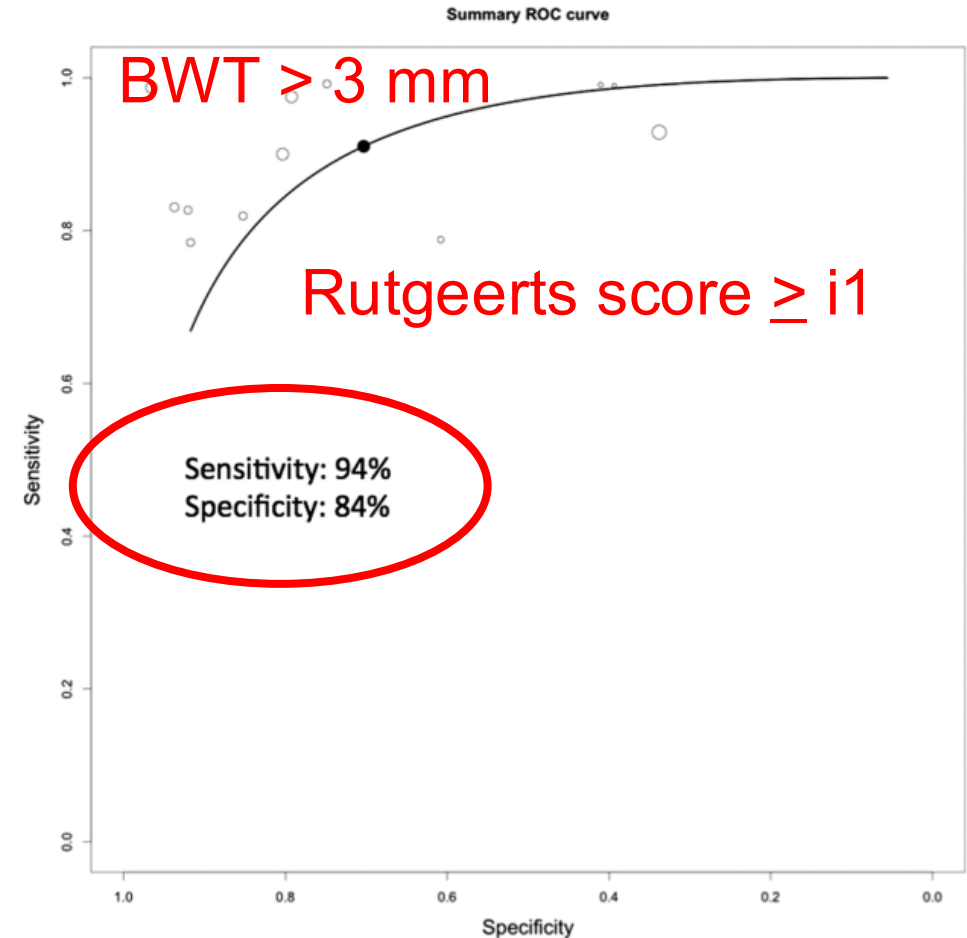
^aBowel wall measurements taken at the ileocolic anastomosis and neo-terminal ileum, which is measured ≥1cm proximal to ileocolic anastomosis)

³Thams, et al. Therap Adv Gastroenterol. 2018

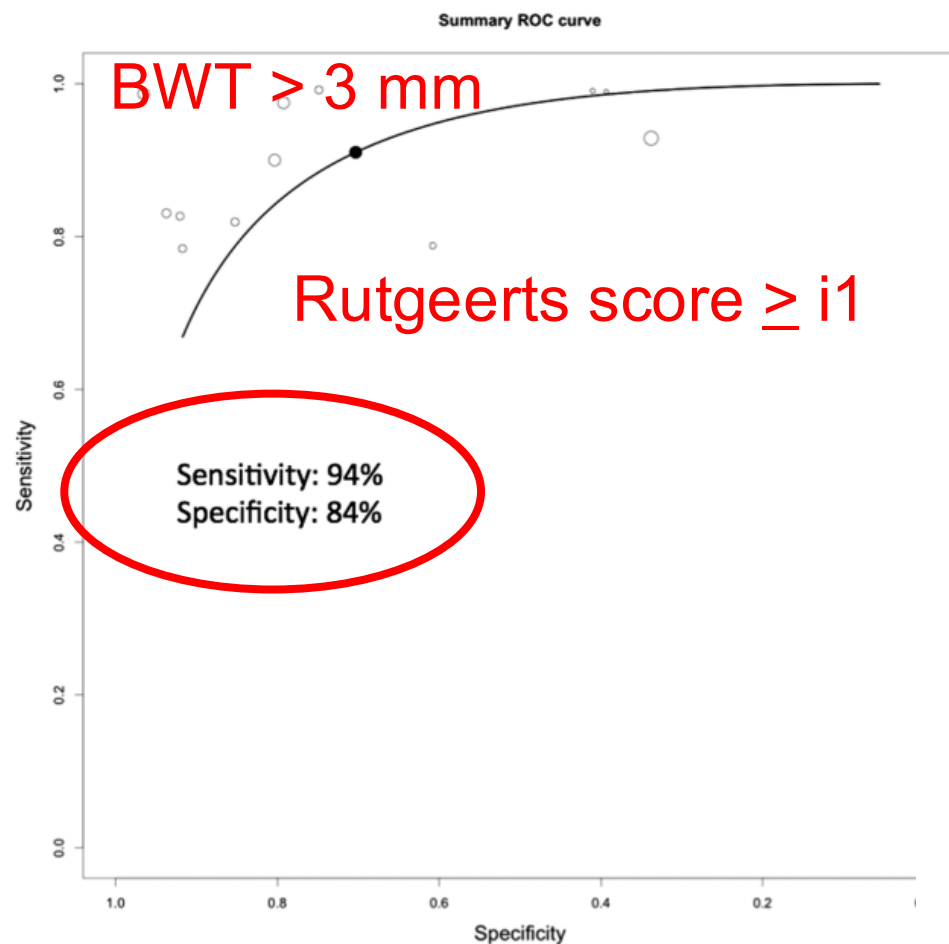
Figure 5. Algorithm for monitoring postoperative Crohn's disease incorporating intestinal ultrasound (IUS). BWT, bowel wall thickness; POR, postoperative recurrence



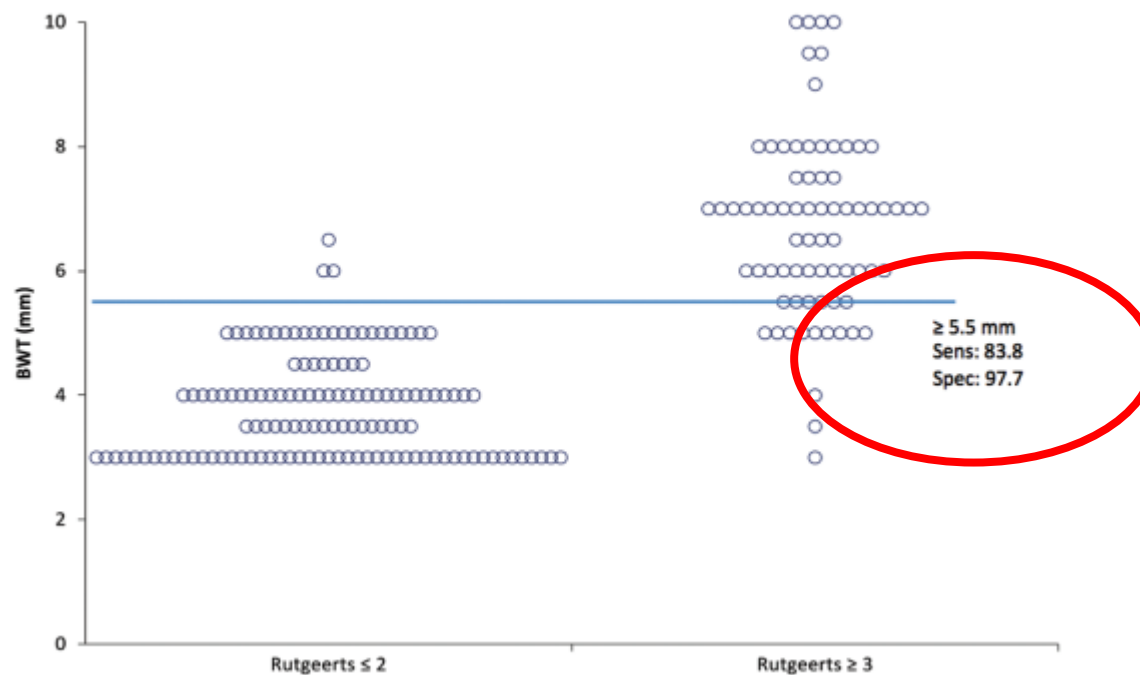
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90% in detecting POR: results
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BWT $\geq$ 5.5 mm is the best cut-off to predict Rutgeerts score i3-i4



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Combination of IUS + FC vs ileocolonoscopy
91 patients; Post op recurrence in 66%

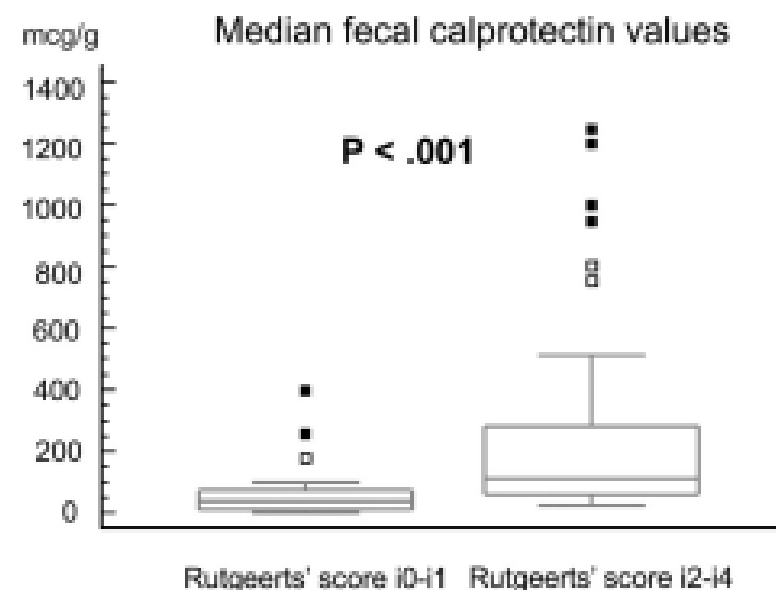
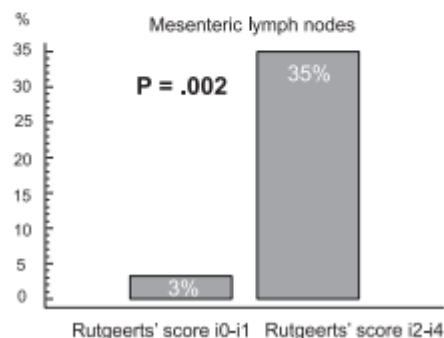
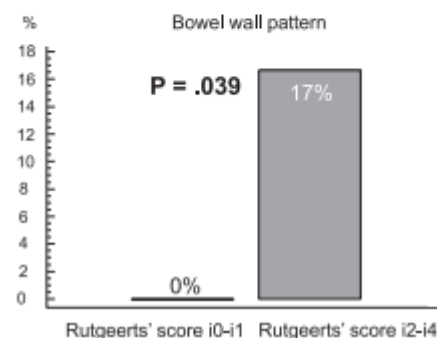
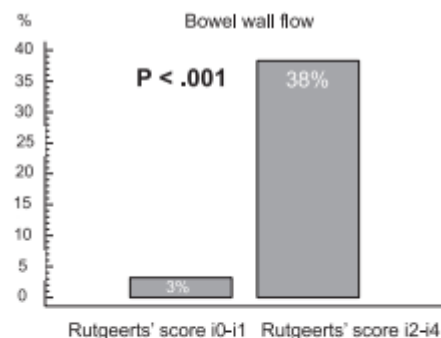
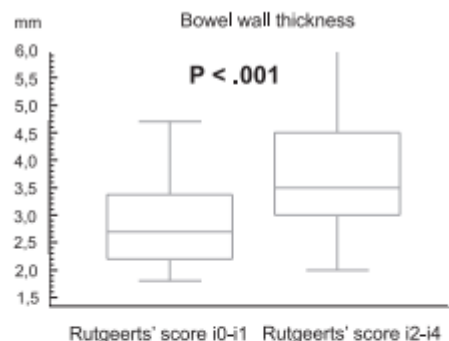
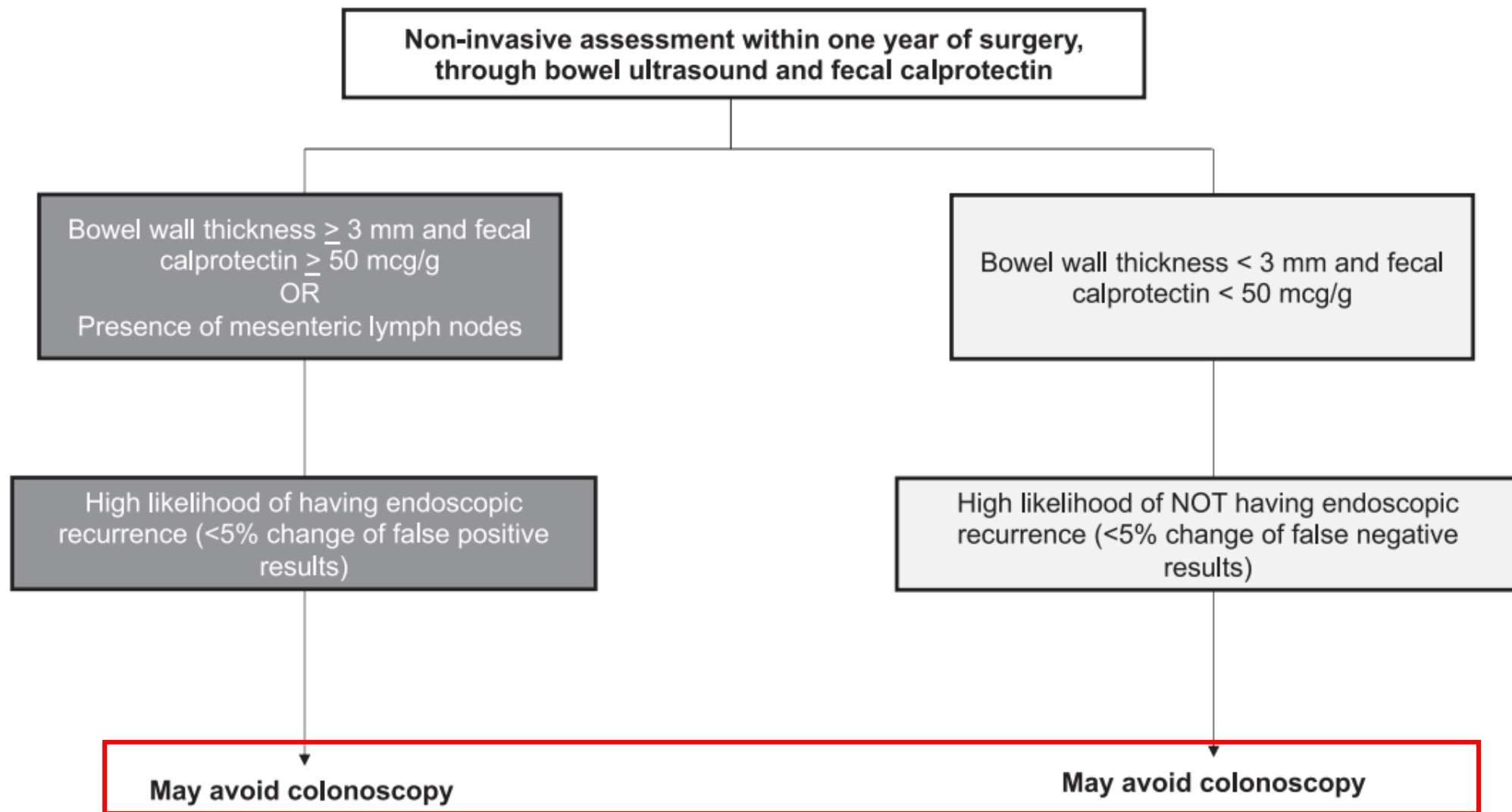




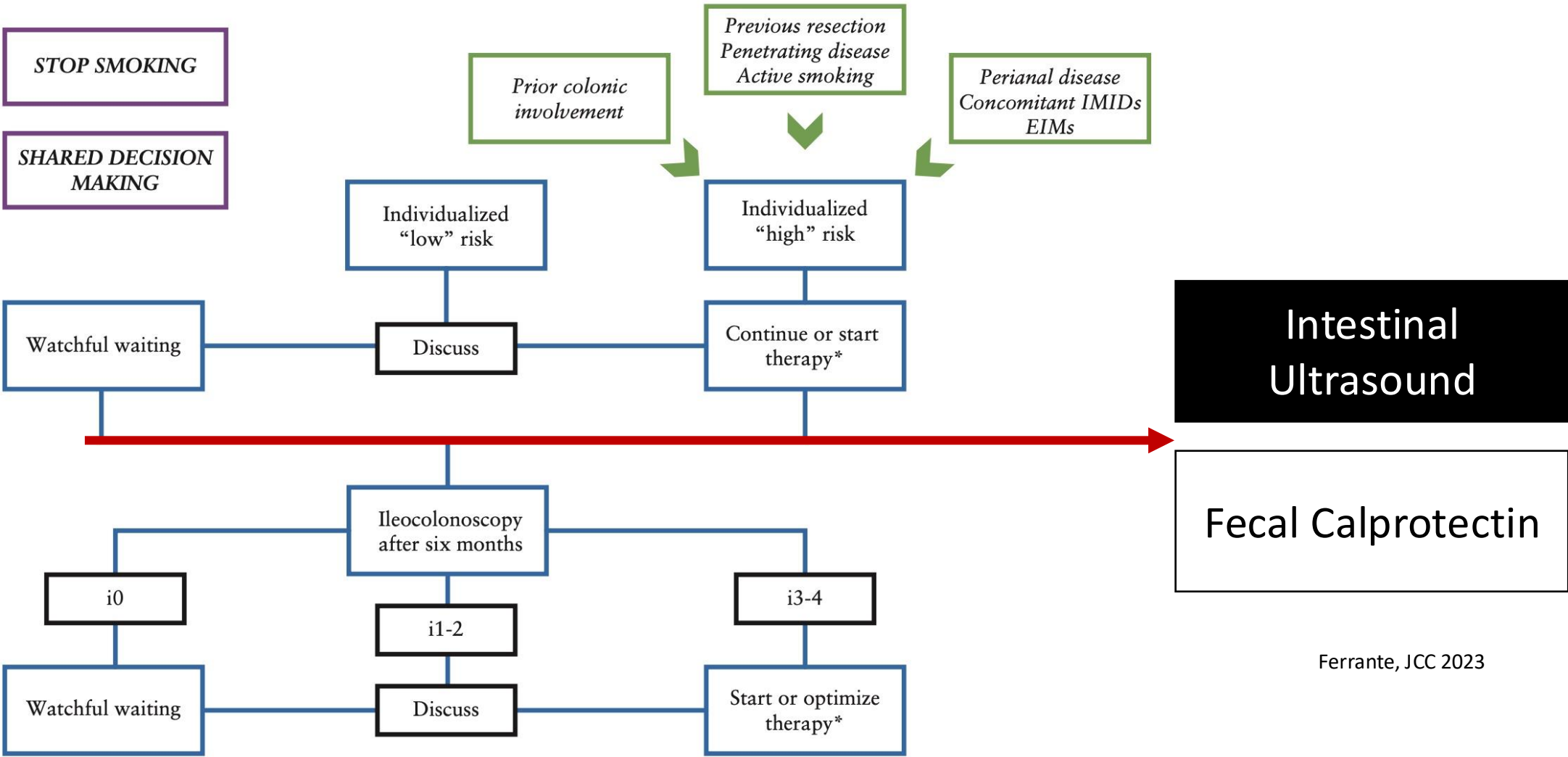
Table 2. Relationship Between Noninvasive Parameters and Endoscopic Recurrence

Parameters	Univariable analysis		Multivariable analysis	
	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
BWT (per 1-mm increase)	2.66 (1.49–4.72)	< .001	2.43 (1.21–4.89)	.012
BWF	18.64 (2.37–146.20)	.005	–	–
BWP (hypoechoogenic/lost)	6.00 (0.73–49.23)	.095	–	–
Mesenteric lymph nodes	16.15 (2.05–126.97)	.008	15.63 (1.48–164.54)	.022
Mesenteric hypertrophy	7.50 (0.92–60.66)	.058	–	–
HBI > 4	3.42 (0.90–12.99)	.069	–	–
CRP ≥ 5 mg/L	3.50 (1.07–11.37)	.037	–	–
FC (per 1 mcg/g increase)	1.00 (1.00–1.01)	.007	–	–
FC ≥ 50 mcg/g	8.60 (2.99–24.70)	< .001	8.58 (2.45–29.99)	< .001



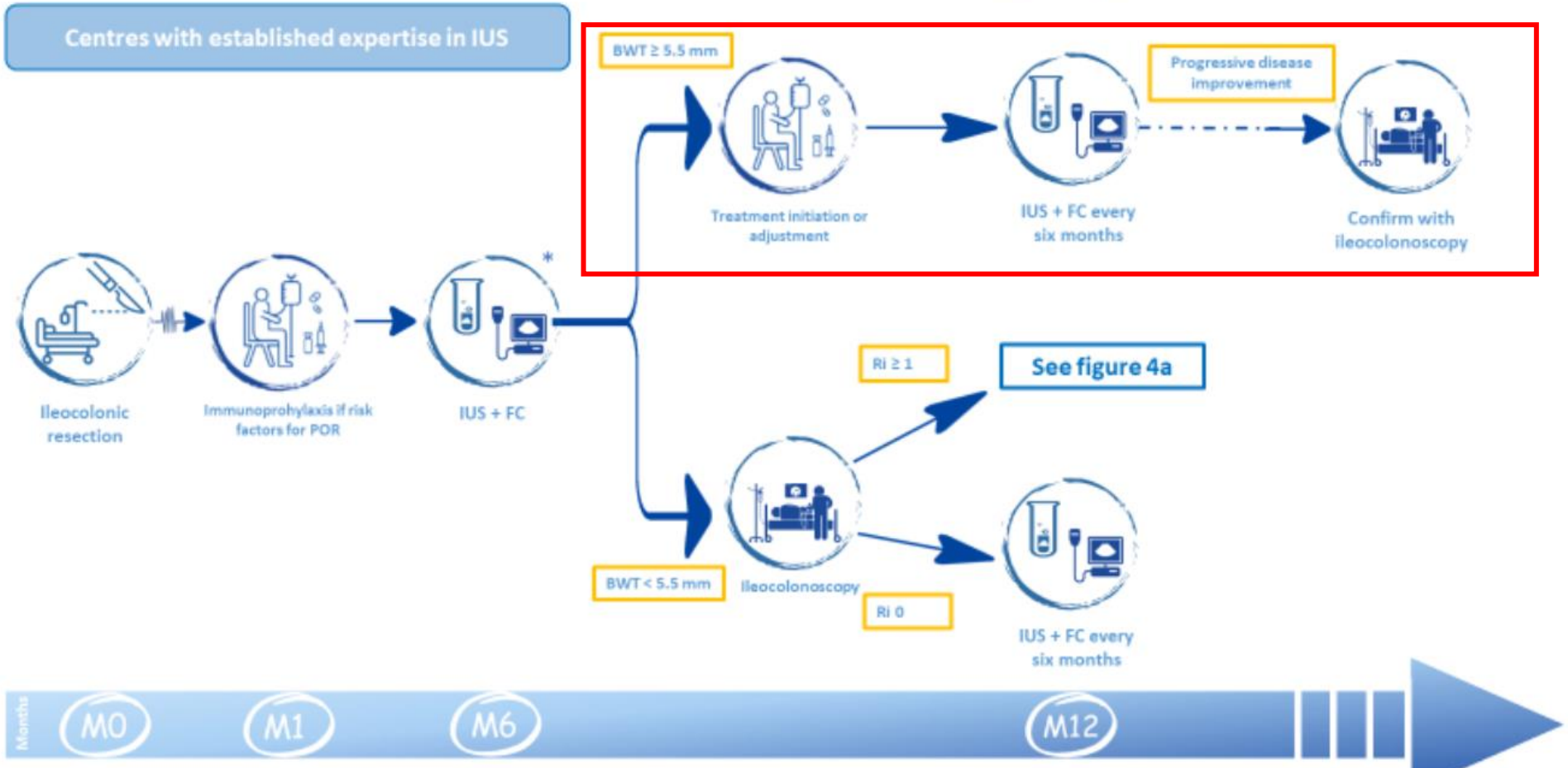
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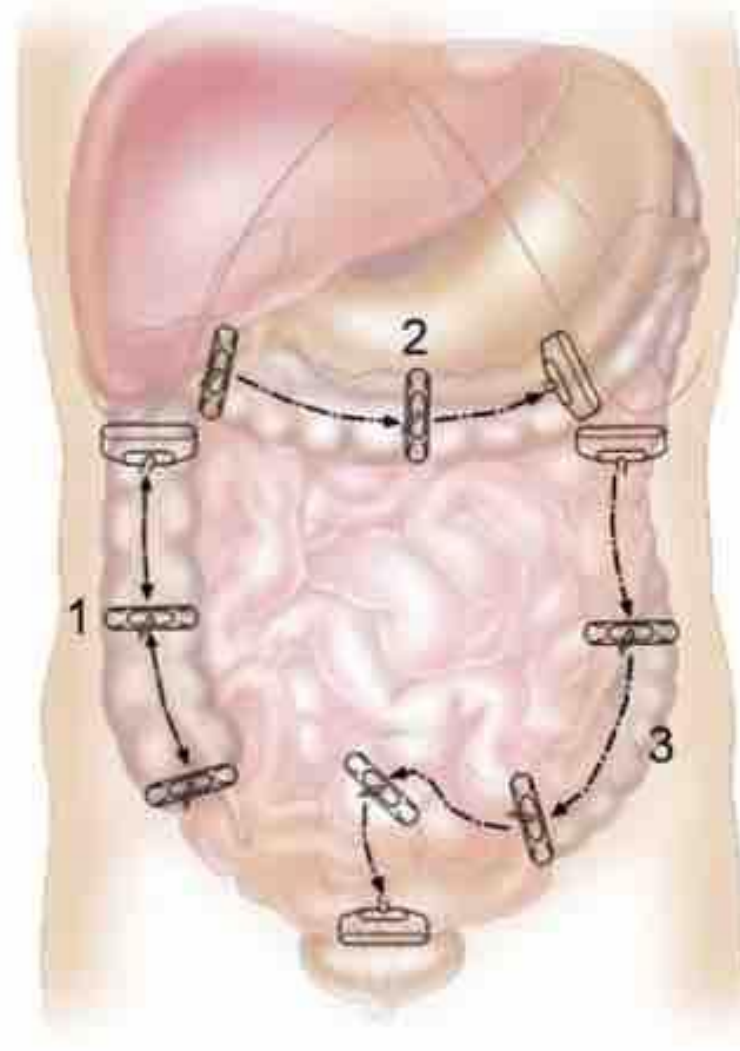
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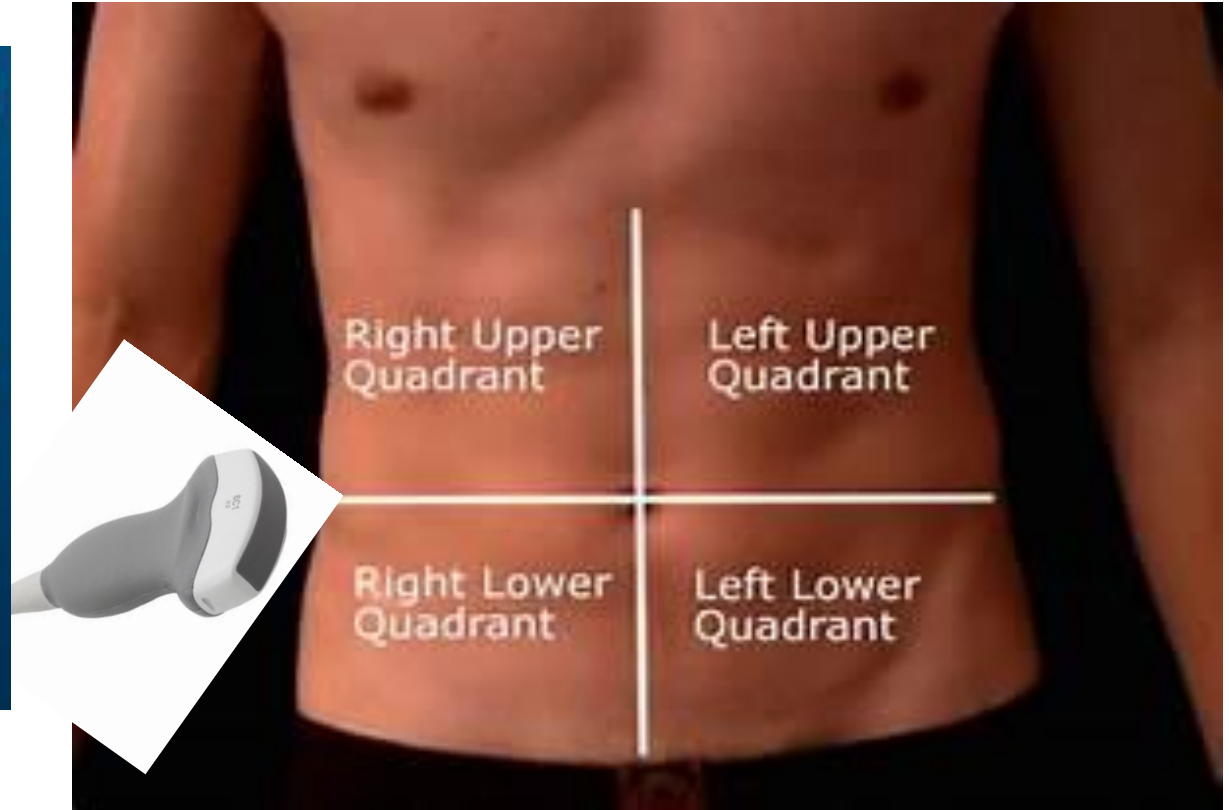
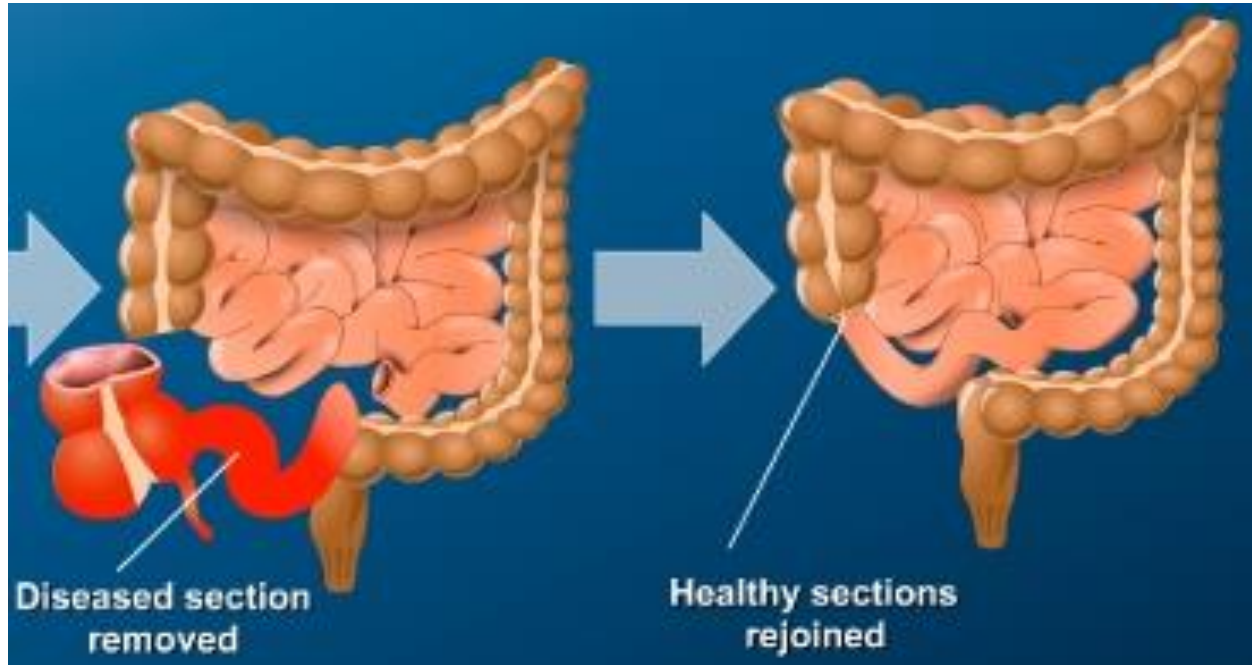


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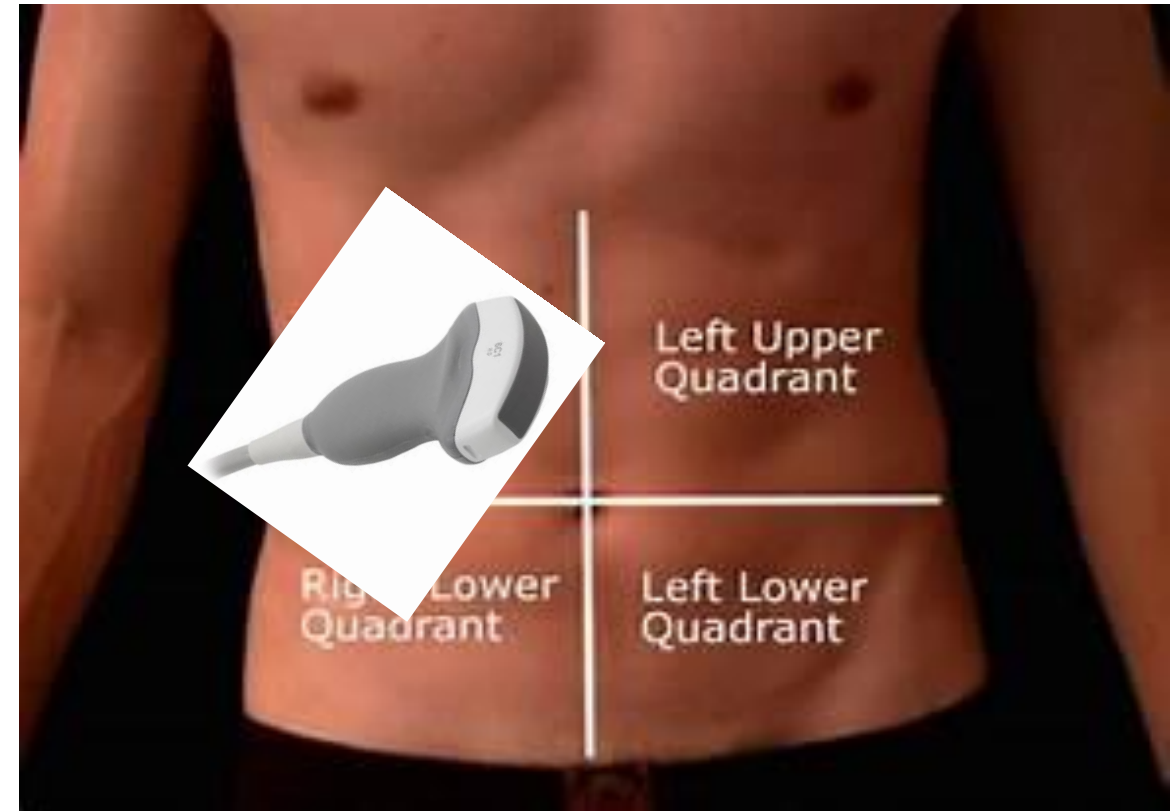
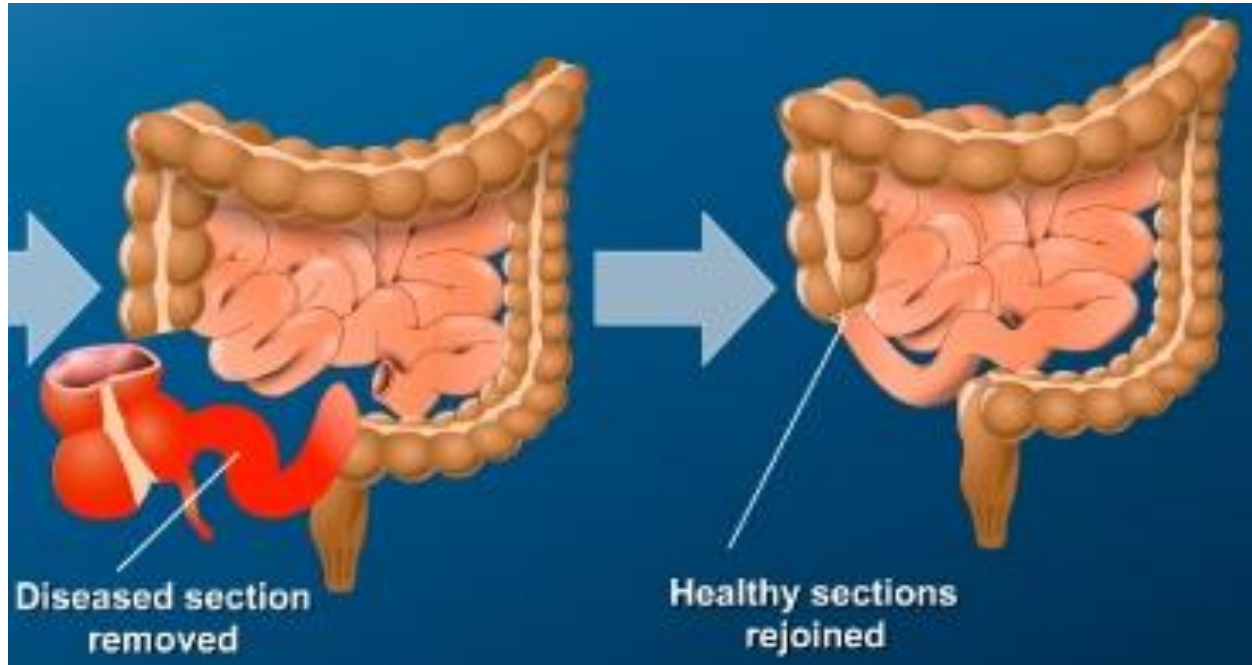
• Anatomy Post-Surgery





- **Anatomy – Post Surgery**

Ileo-cecal resection

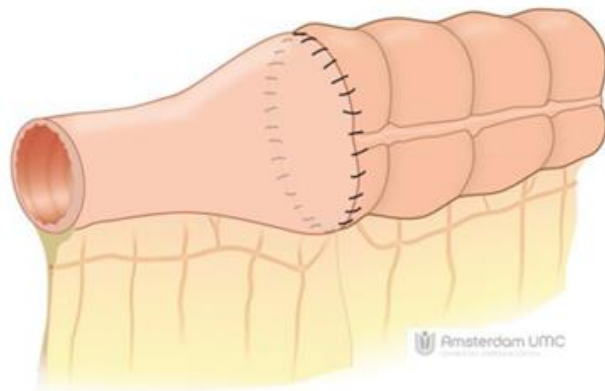




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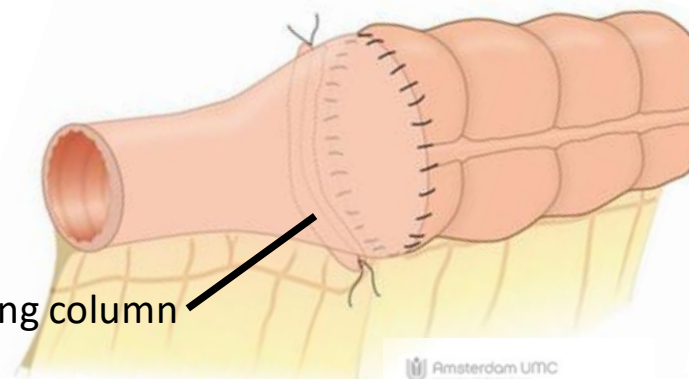
Ileocolic anastomosis

**End to end
(hand sewn)**

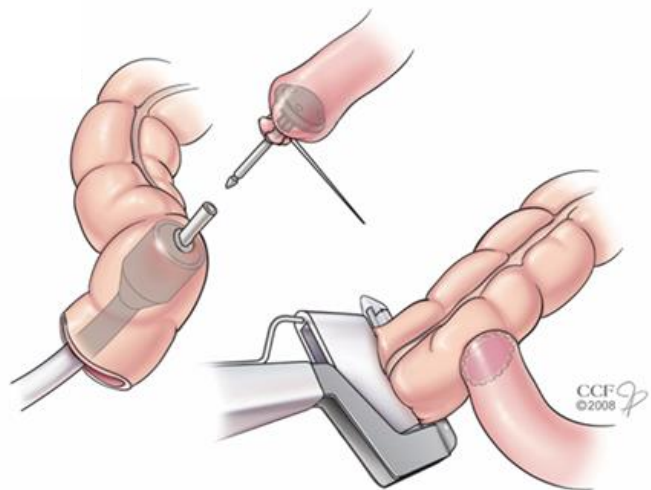


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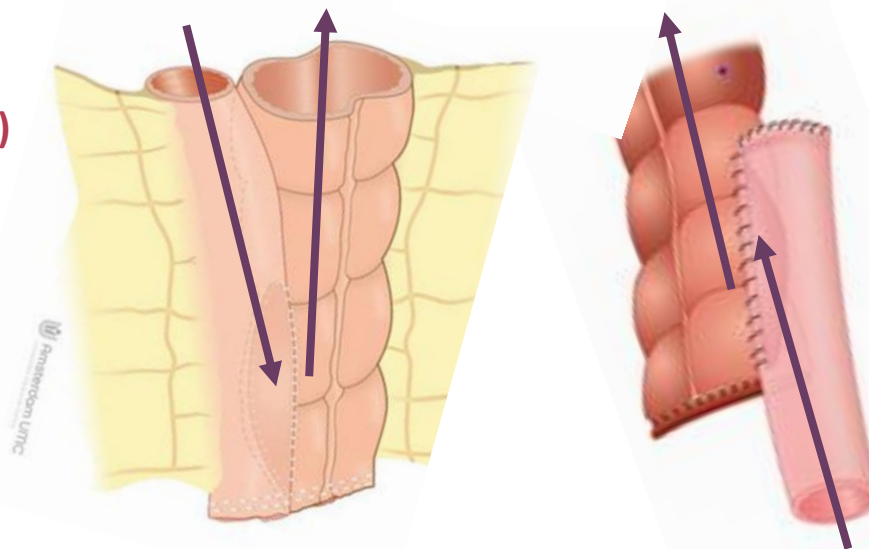
Supporting column



**End to side
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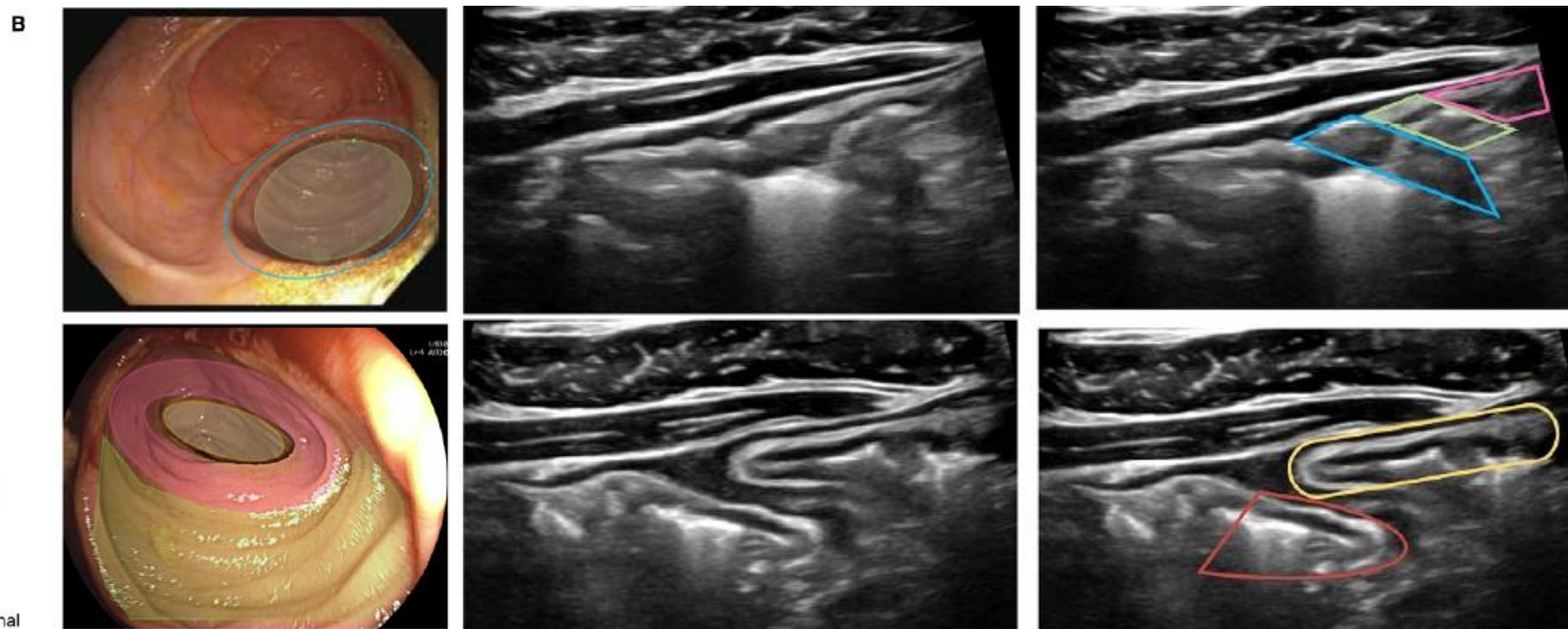
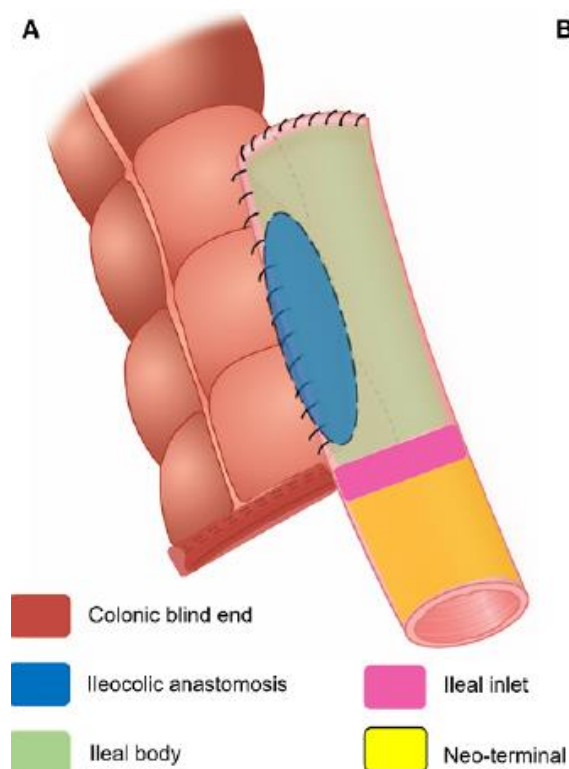
**Side to side
(non axial vs. axial)**





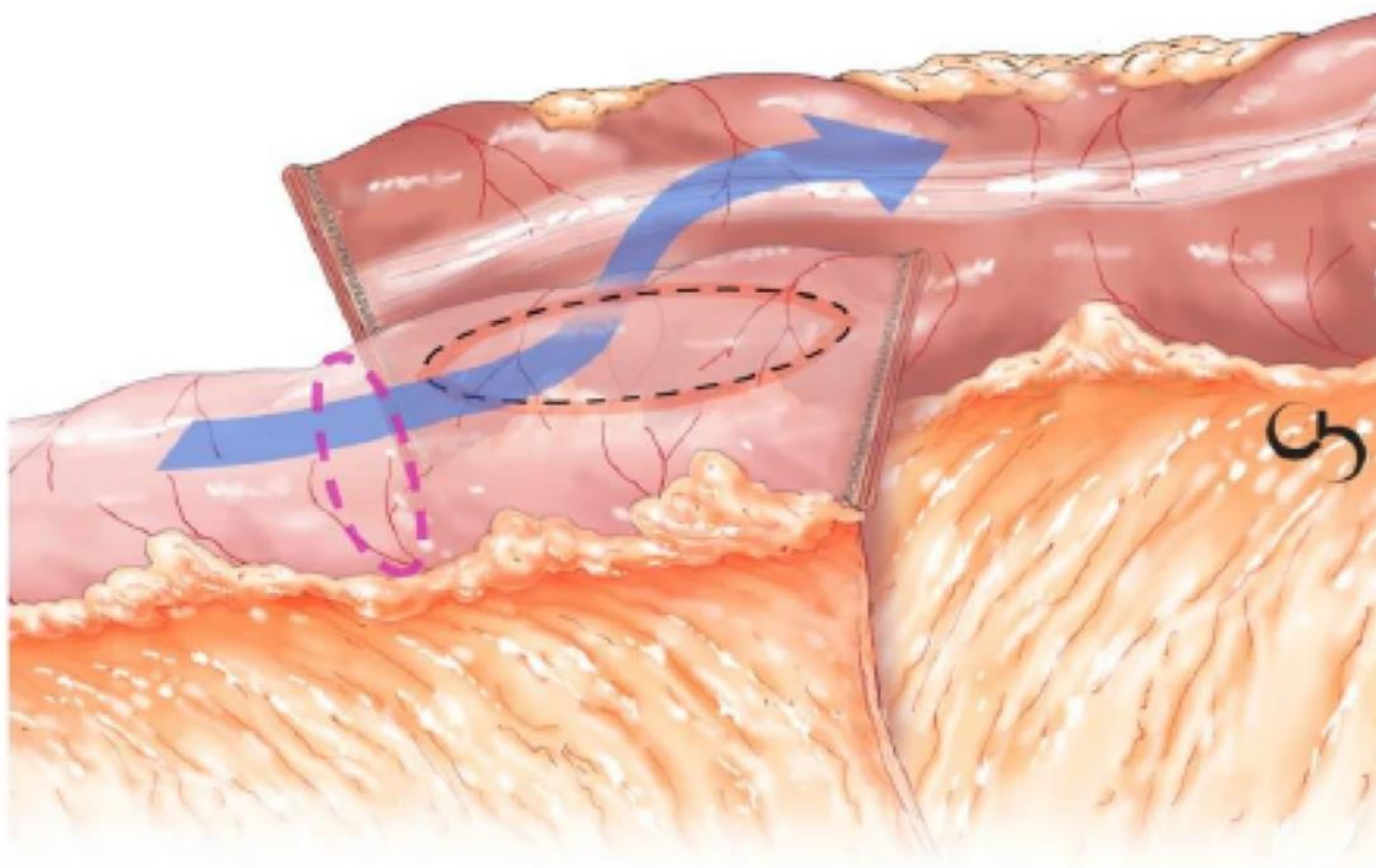
Ileocolic Anastomosis

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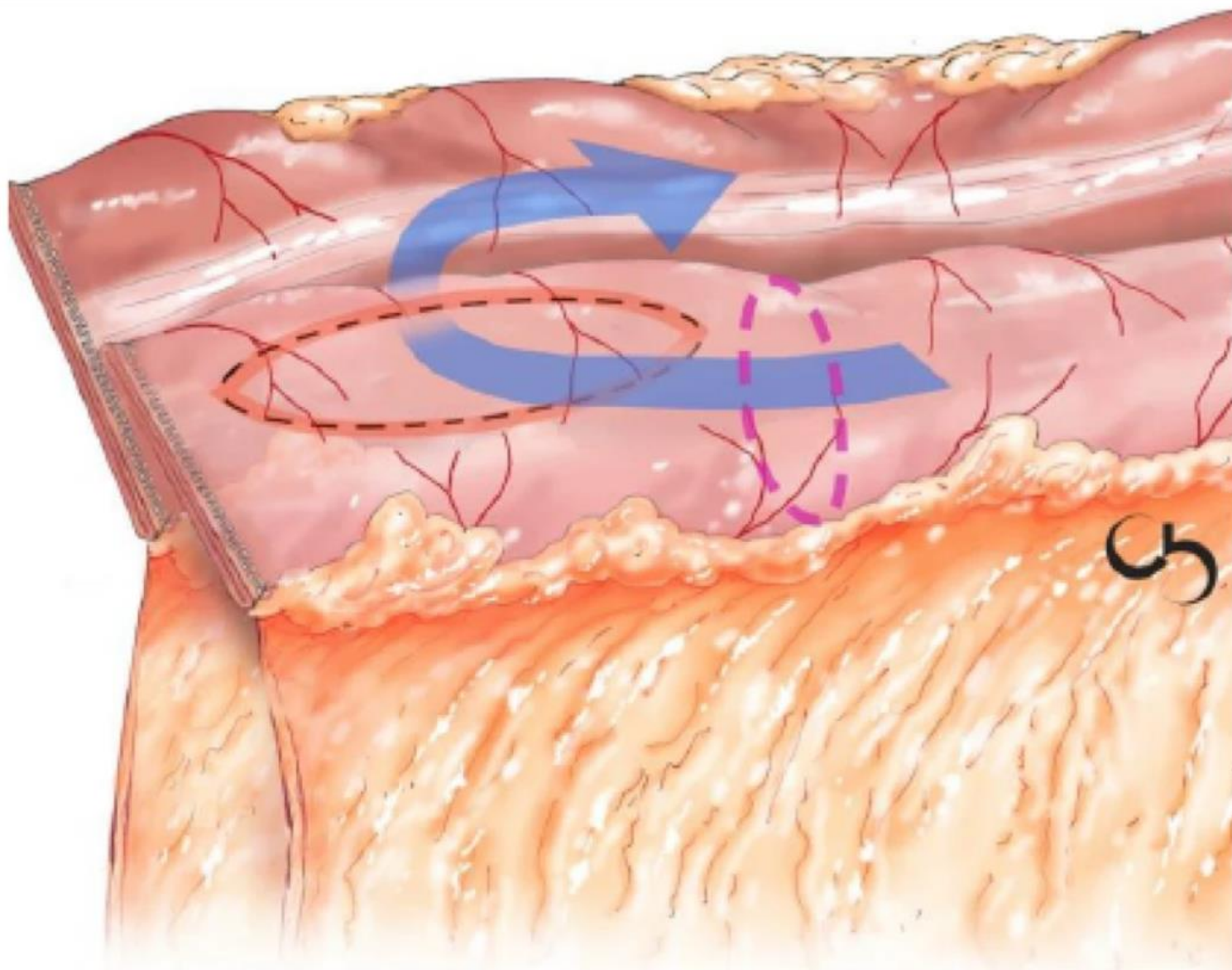


Measurements: 1. Anastomosis 2. neoterminal ileum, $\geq 1\text{cm}$ from anastomosis

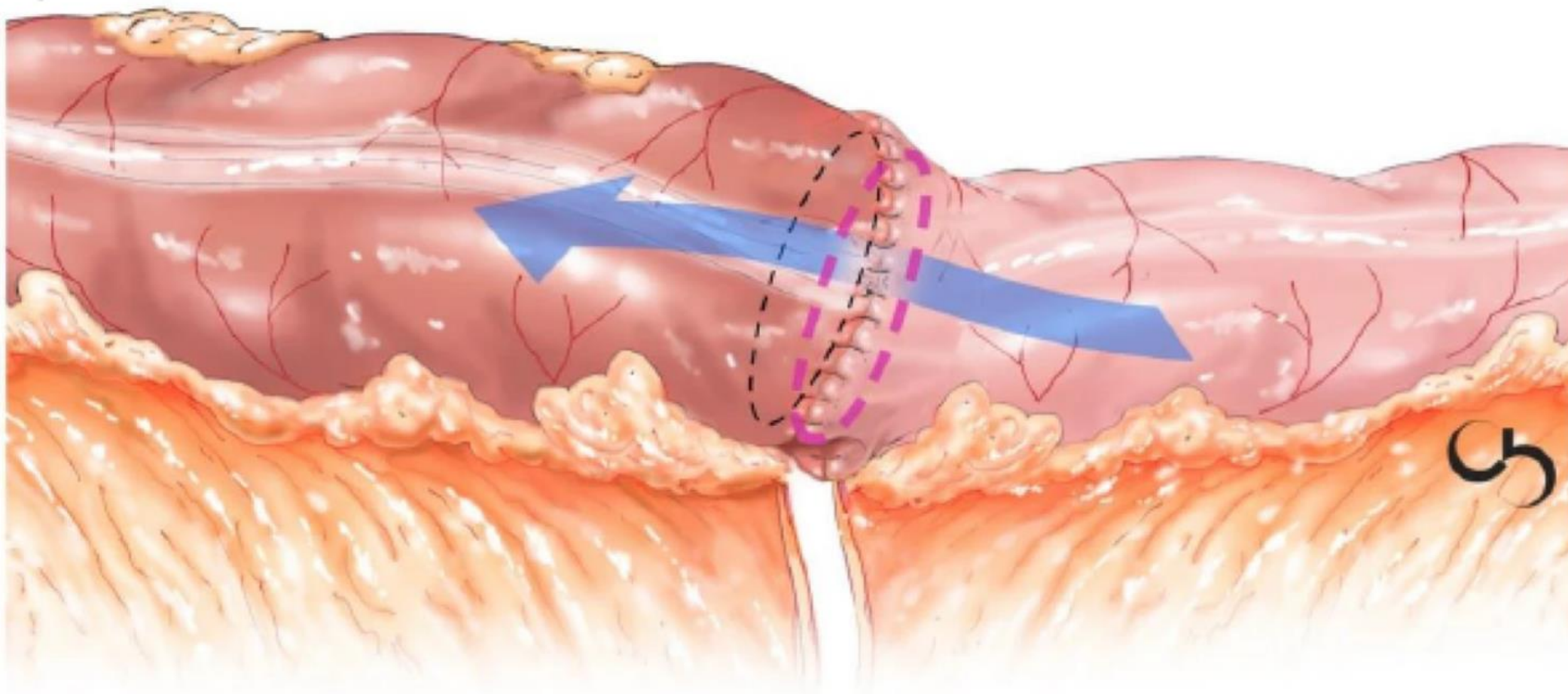
Parameters: BWT $> 3\text{mm}$, lymph nodes $> 1\text{cm}$, CDI positive, FC > 150



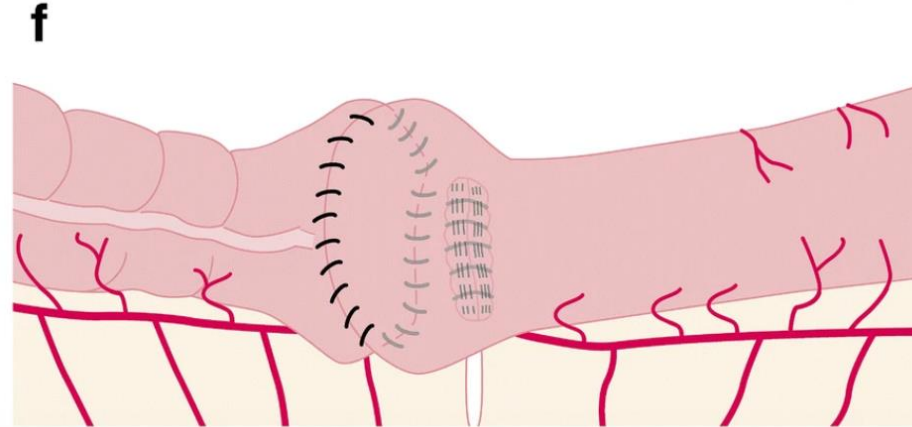
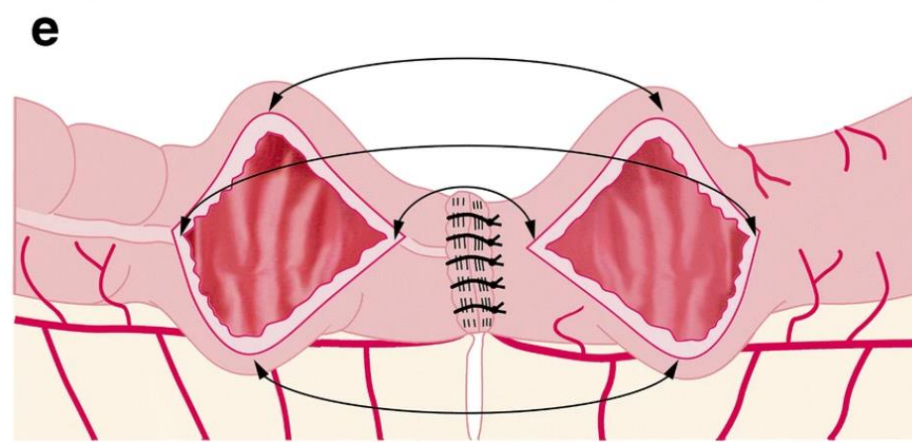
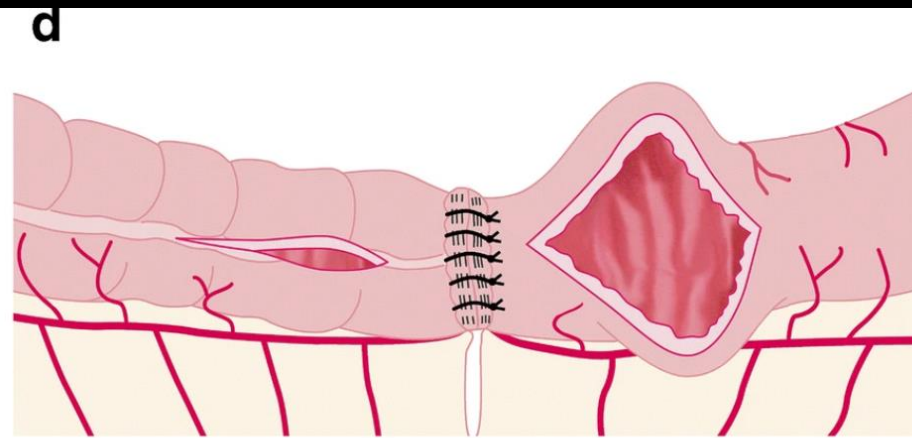
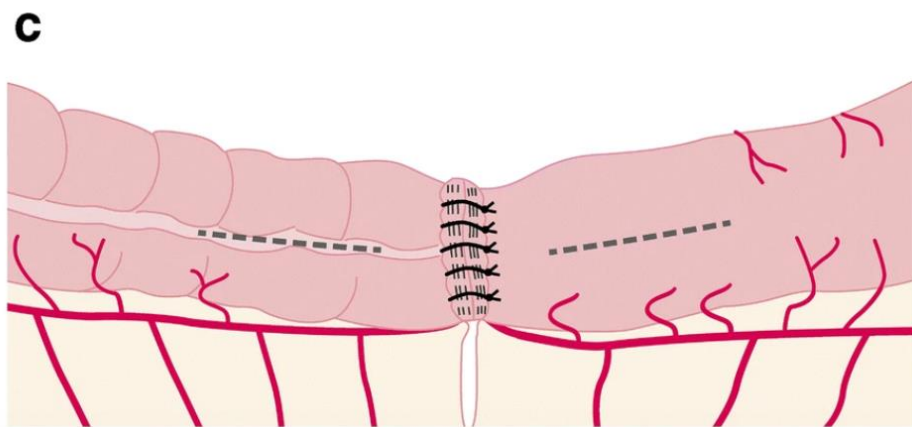
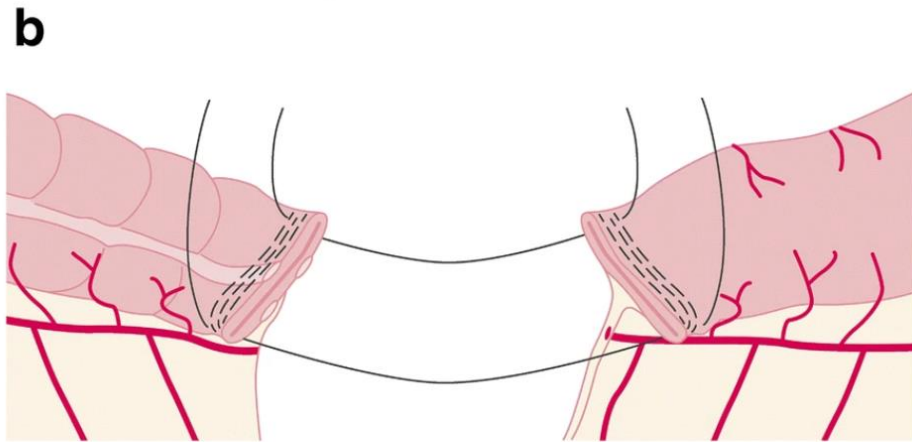
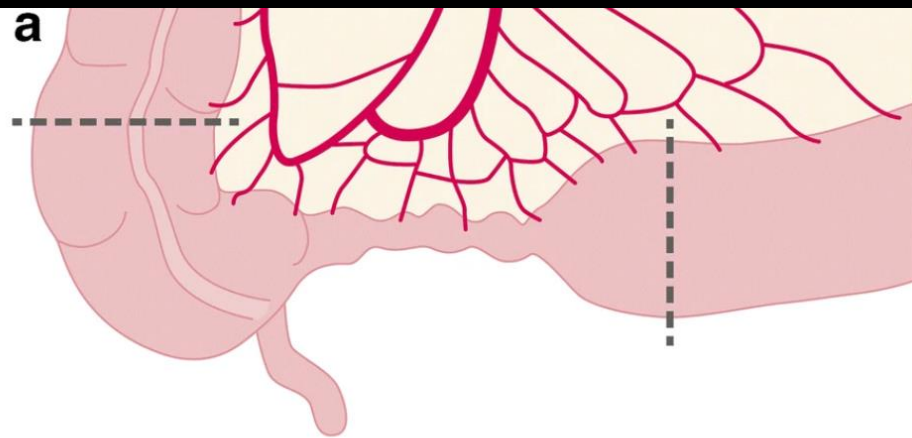
A. Side-to-side Isoperistaltic ileocolic anastomosis



B. Side-to-side antiperistaltic ileocolic anastomosis



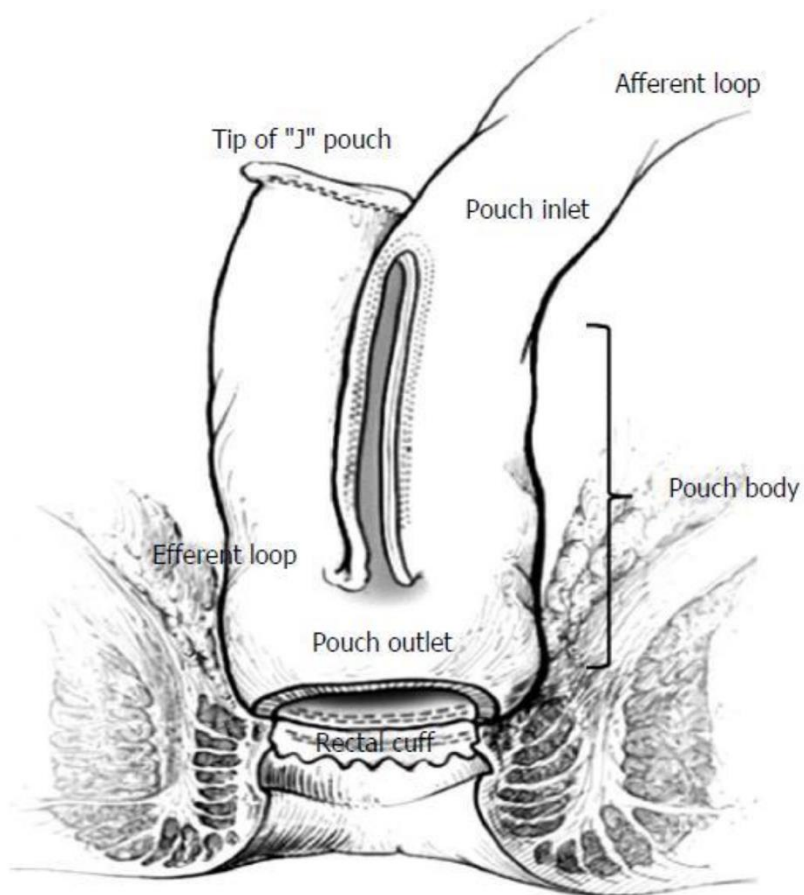
C. End-to-end ileocolic anastomosis



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Colectomys



Postoperative Colitis

Type of operation:

1. Proctocolectomy with ileoanal pouch (IPAA)
2. Subtotal colectomy with terminal ileostomy
3. Proctocolectomy with terminal ileostomy

Ultrasound:

1. transabdominal
2. perineal
3. transvaginal/rectal

Key Sonographic Findings:

Normal Pouch

BWT <3–4 mm

Preserved wall layers

Minimal vascularity

Pouch diameter <3 cm

Normal prepouch ileum

Inflammation / Pouchitis

BWT >3 mm

Increased Doppler signal

Peri-pouch inflammation

Increased CEUS enhancement

Usually pouch-confined

Crohn's Disease of the Pouch

Marked BWT, hyperemia

Inflammatory fat

Lymphadenopathy

Fistulas, sinus tracts, strictures

Prepouch ileal involvement



Clinical case 1

- 32 yo Male
- Ileal Crohn's disease diagnosis after surgery because of obstructive symptoms

No treatment



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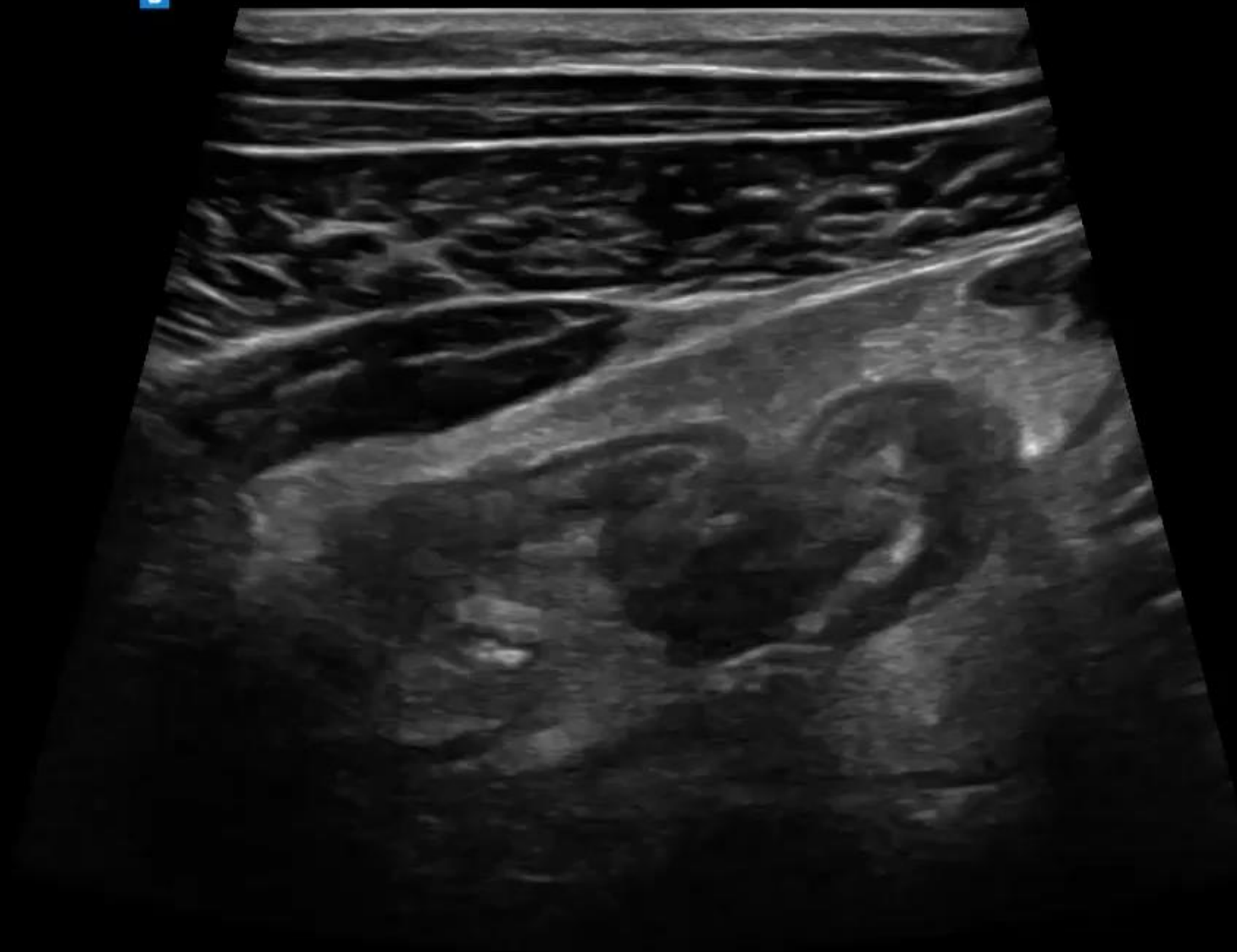
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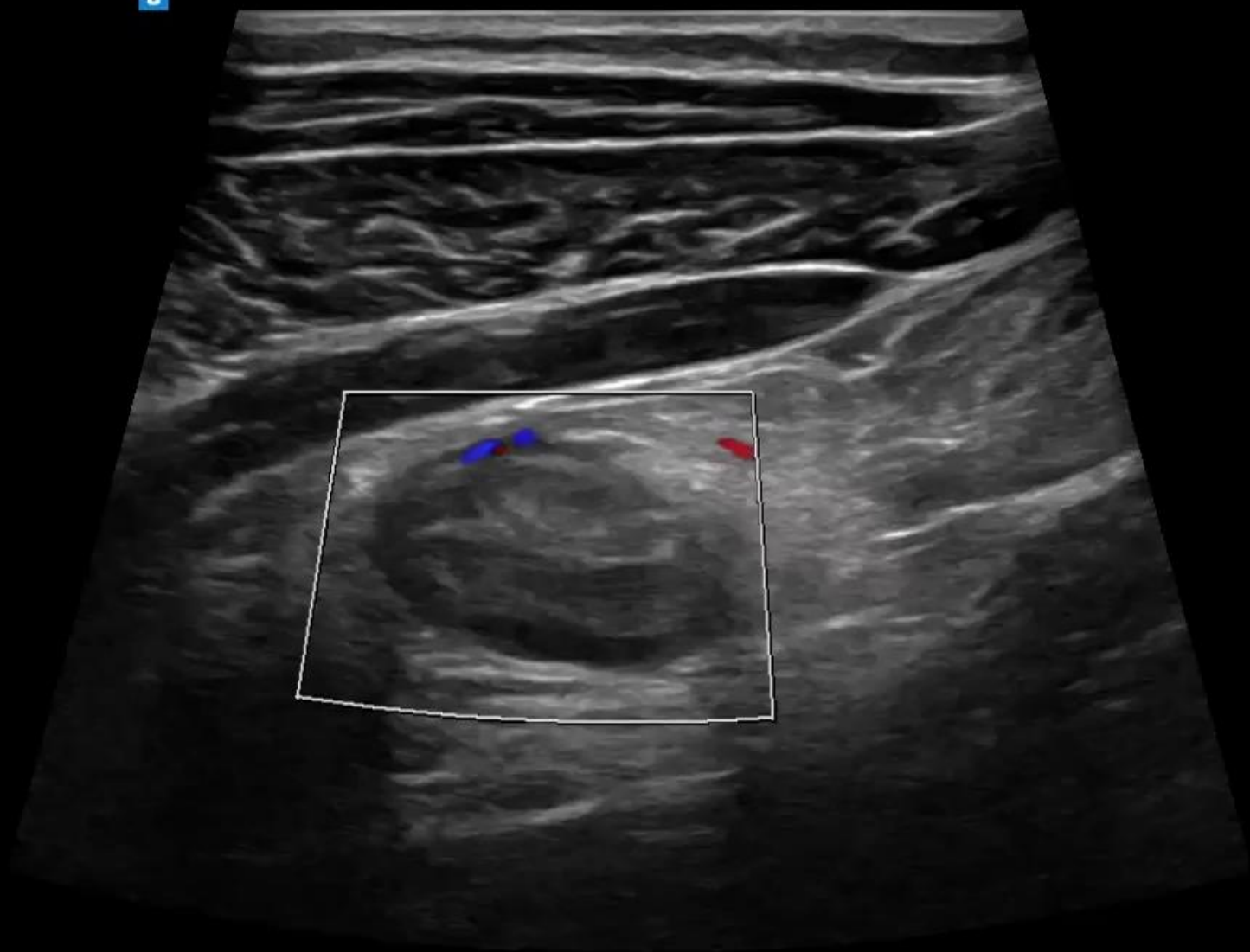
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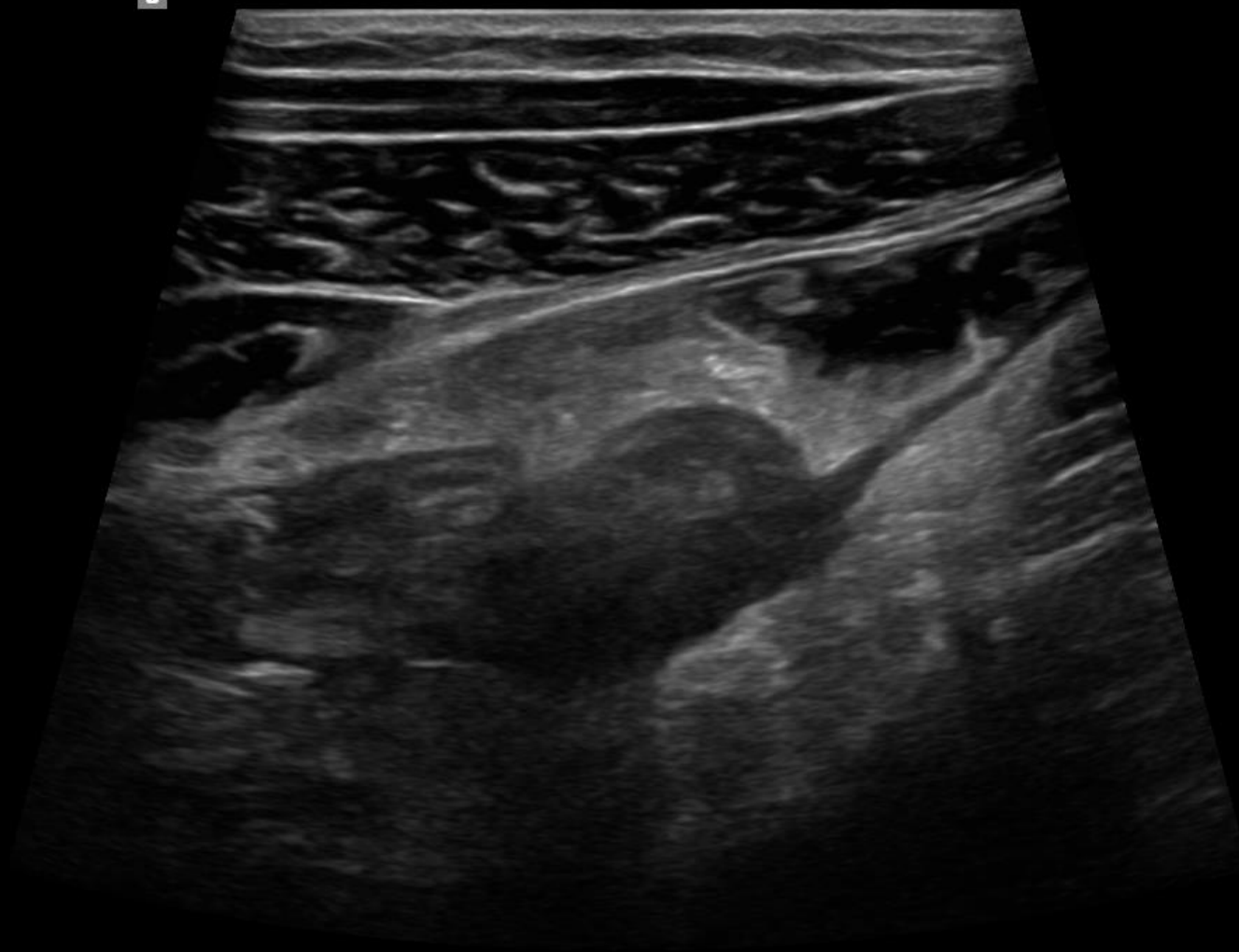
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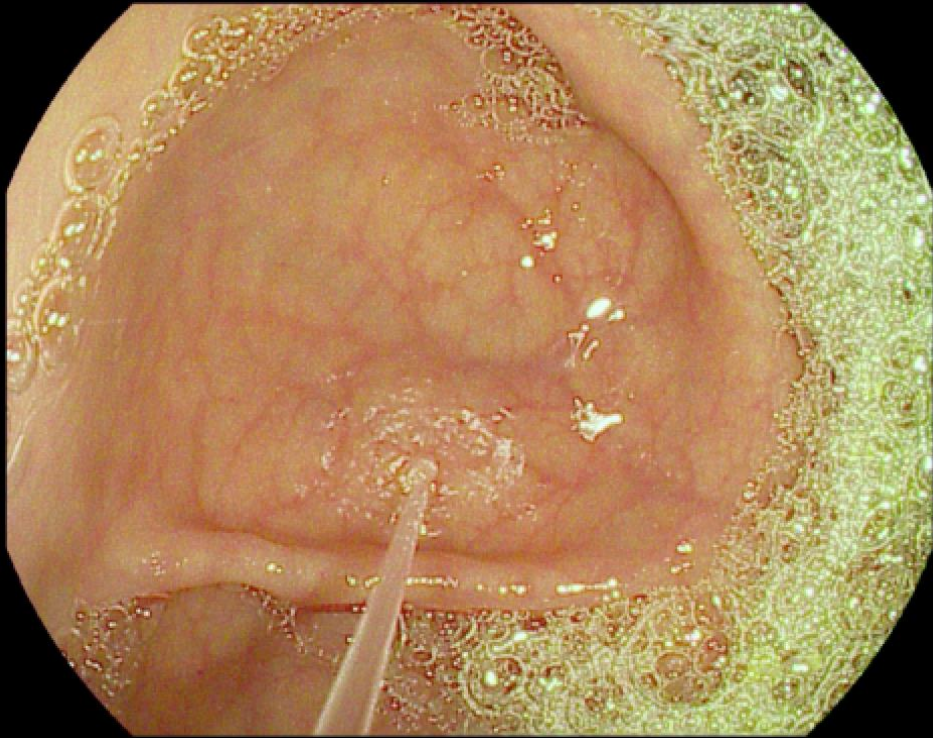
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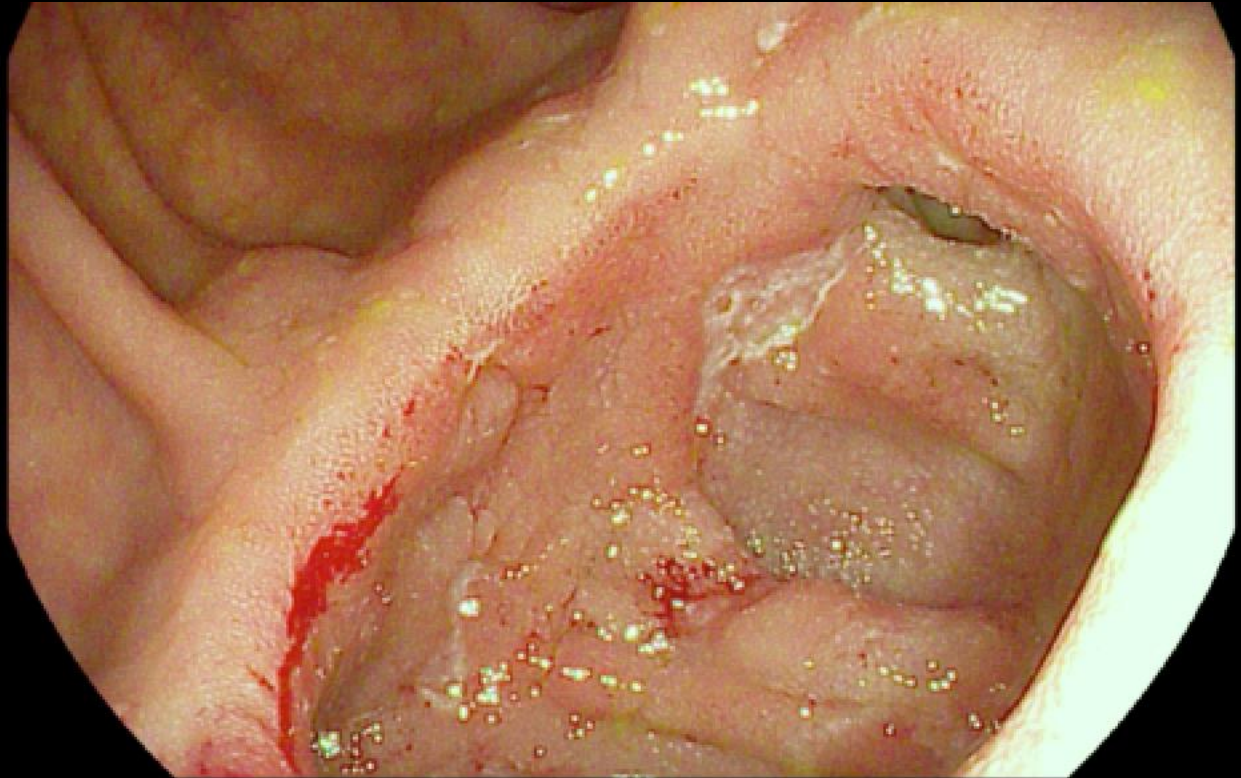
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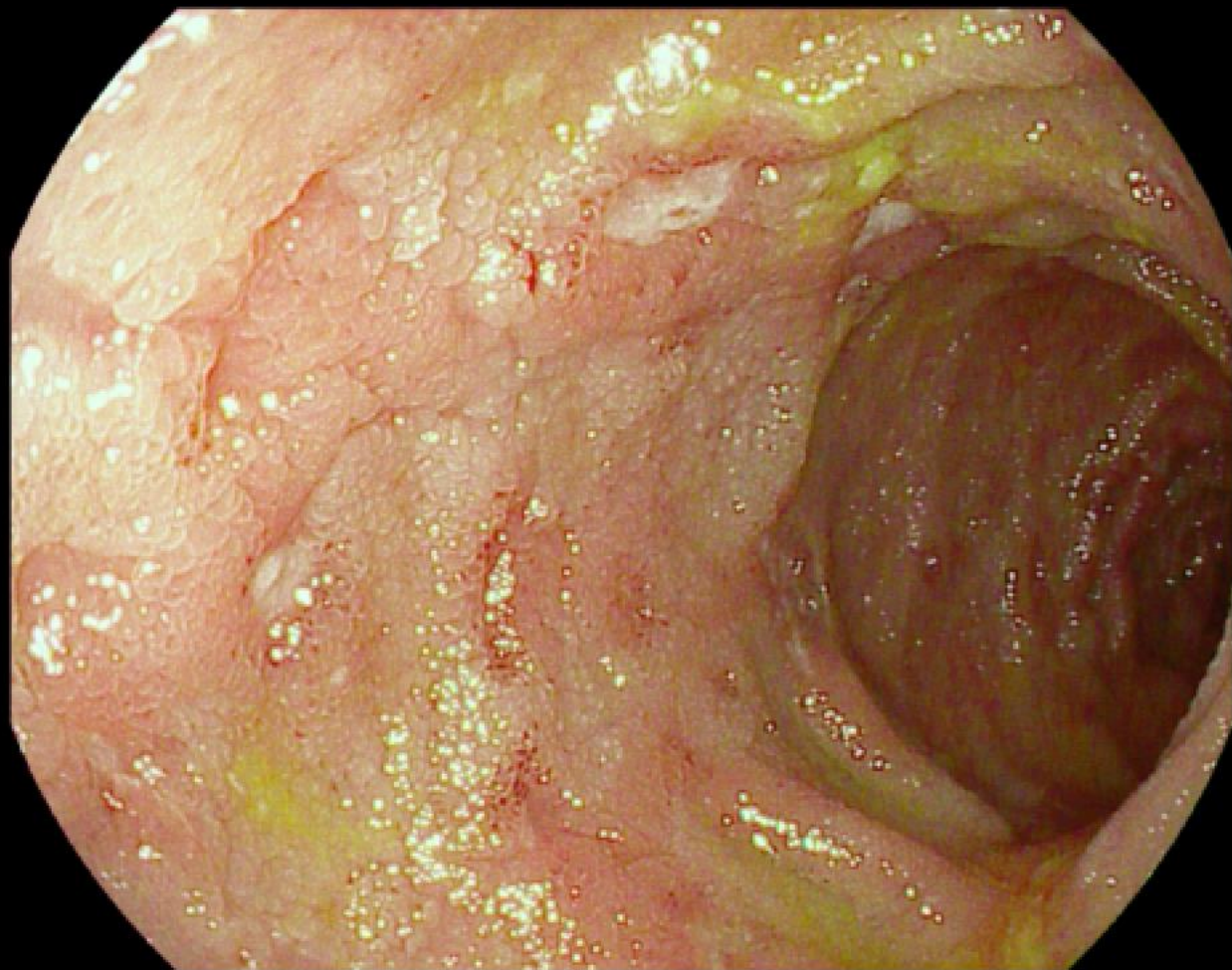




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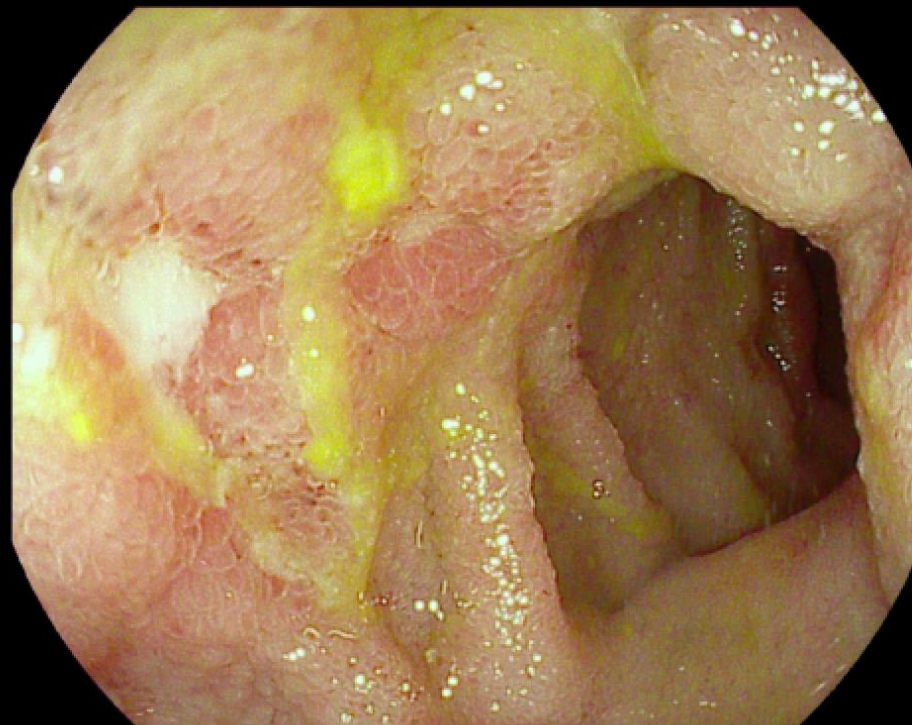
Anastomotic Ring, NTI outlet





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Clinical case 2

- 58 yo woman, non-smoker with stricturing Ileal CD
- ileo-cecal resection in 2019
- Severe inflammatory arthropathy, post op IFX combo AZA.
- Recent cessation of combo, intolerance
- MRI negative
- Presented to hospital with obstructive symptoms



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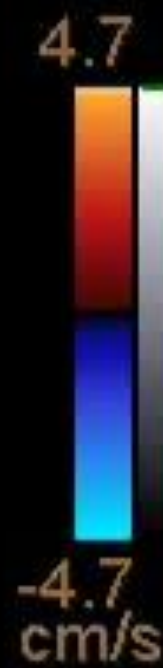


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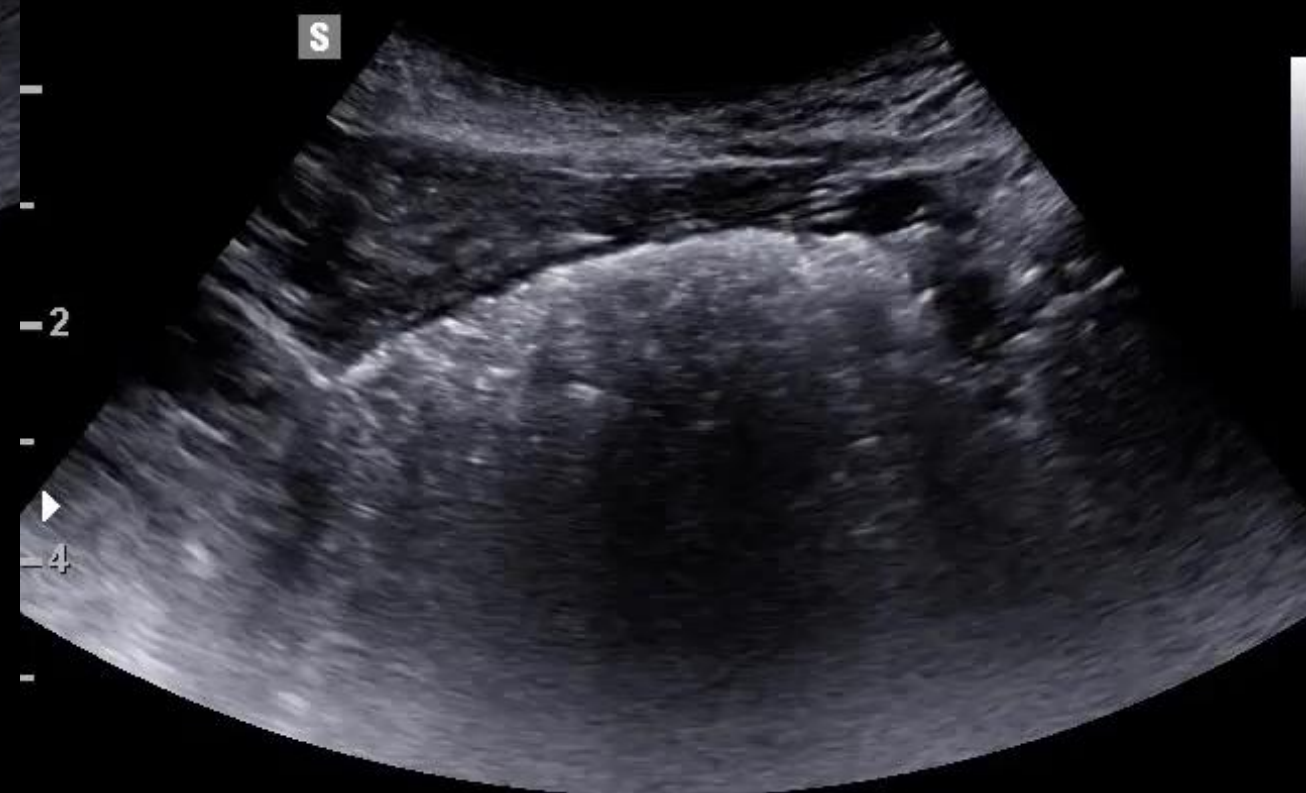
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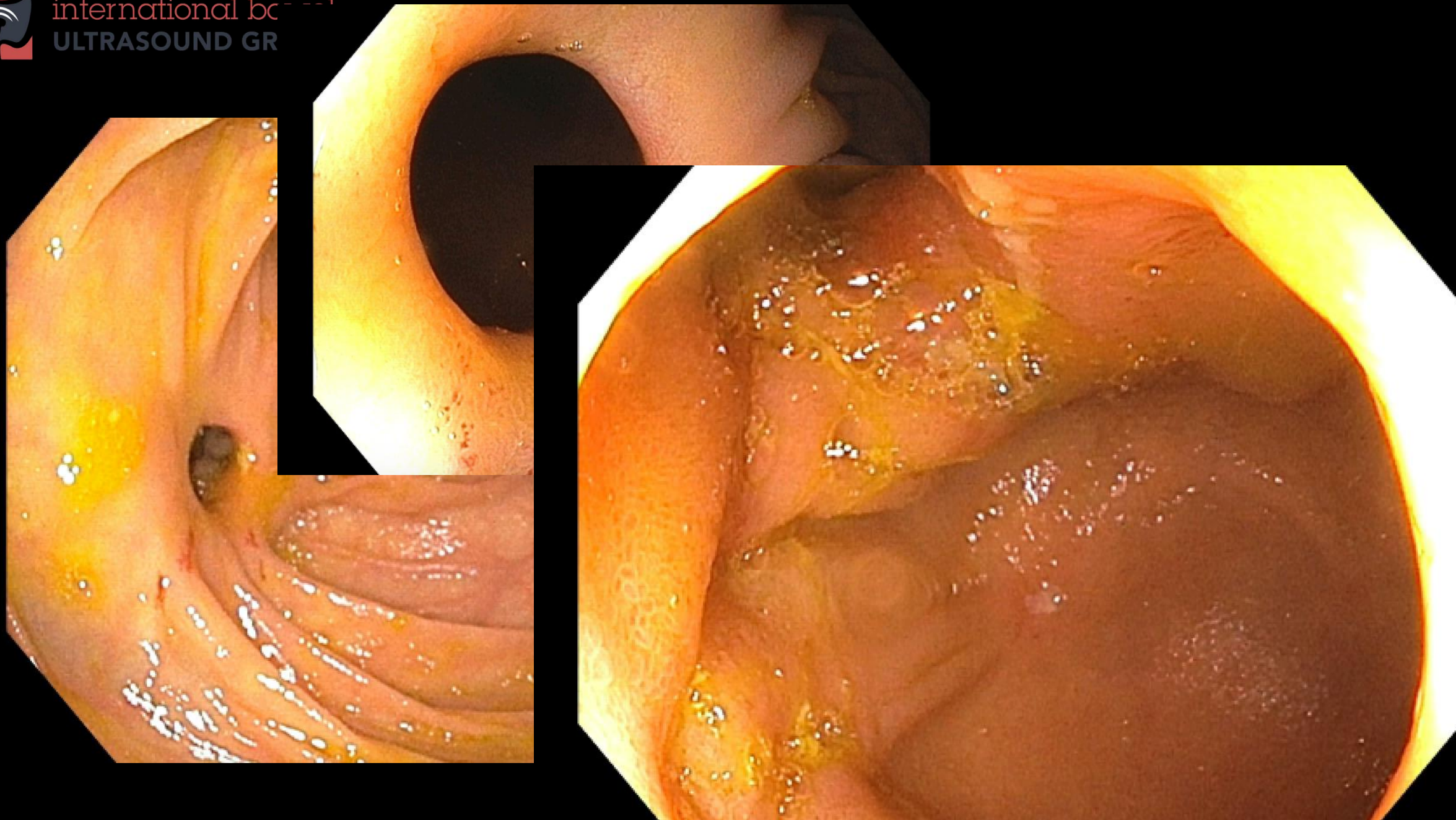
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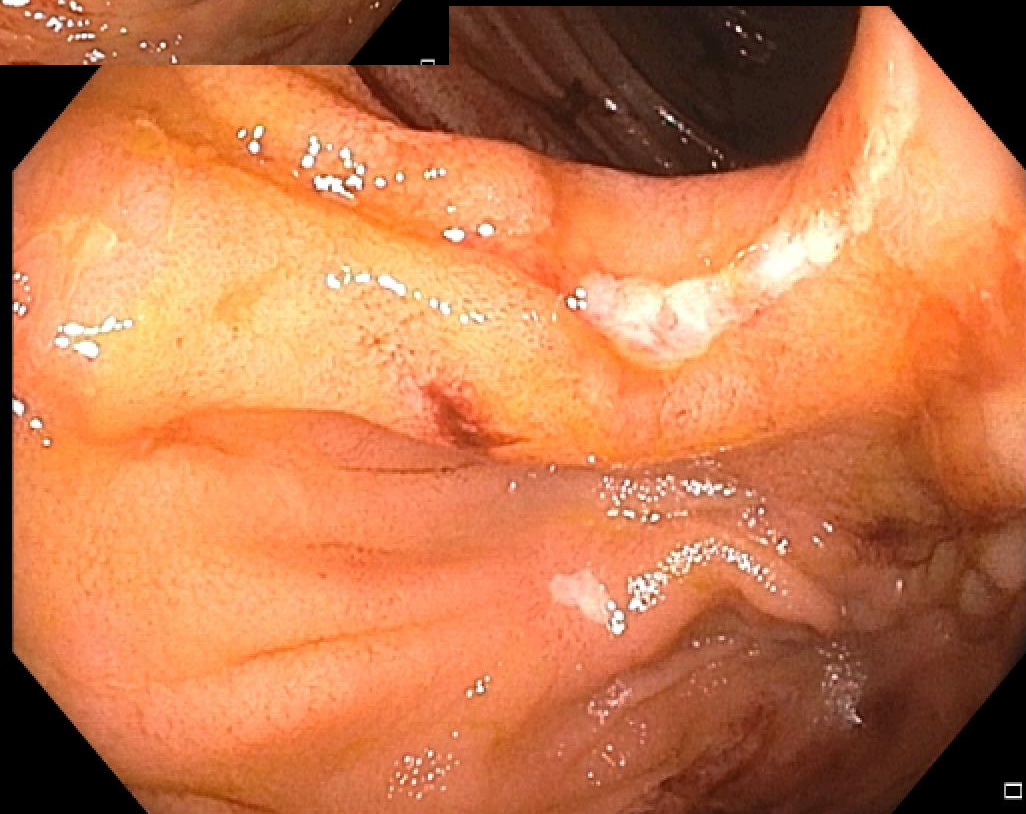
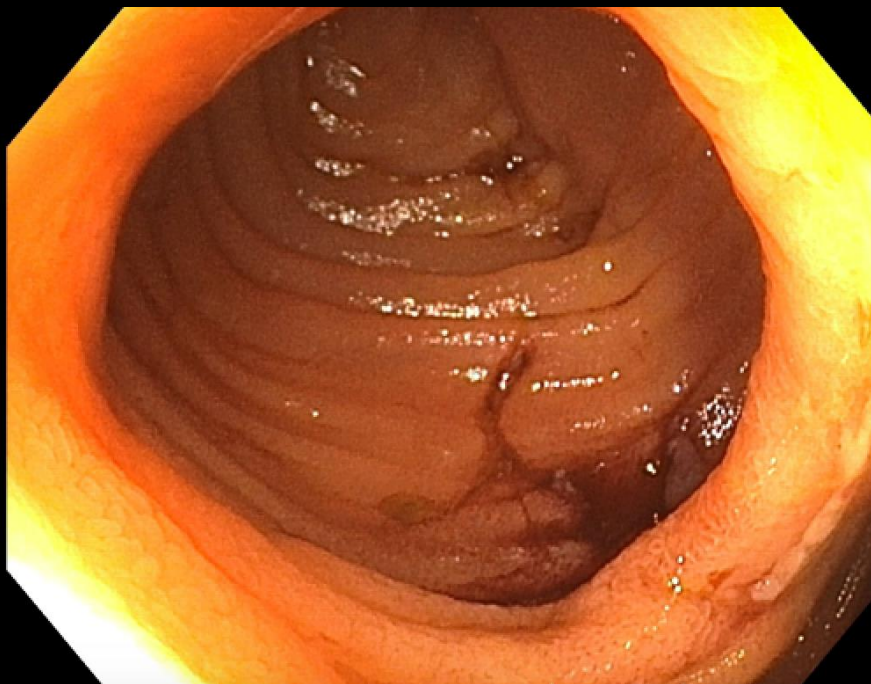
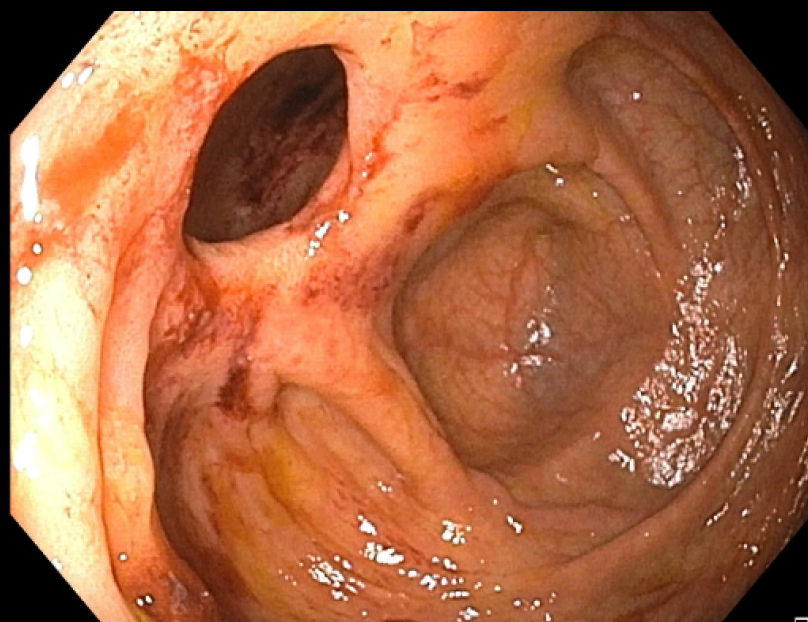
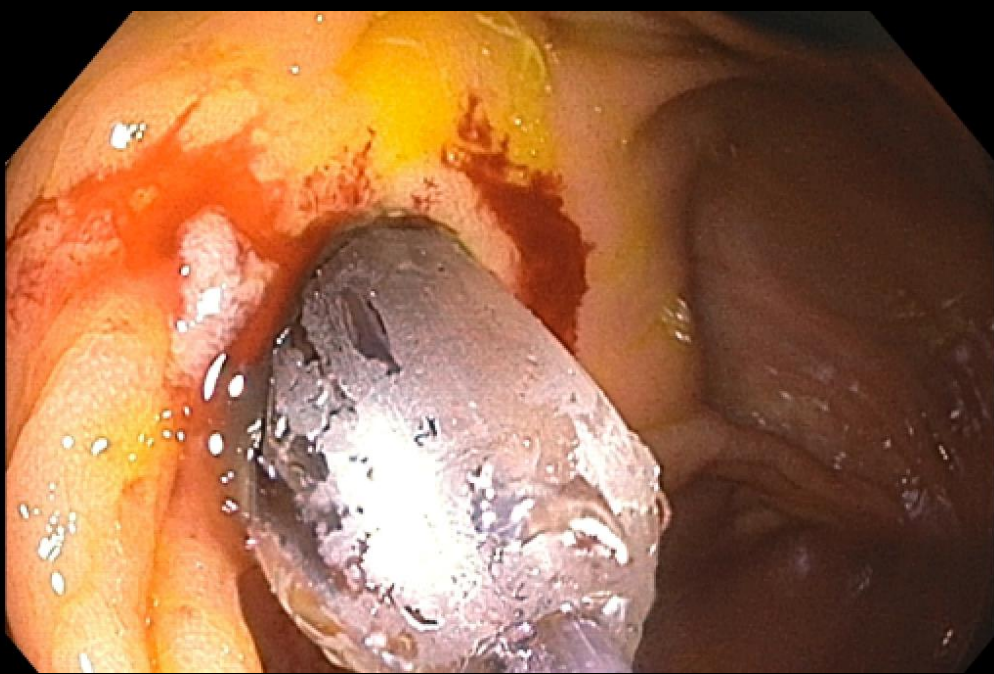
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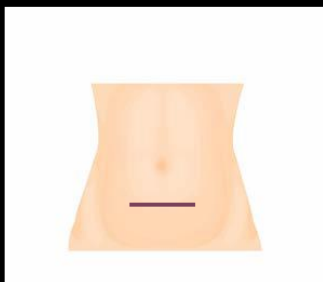


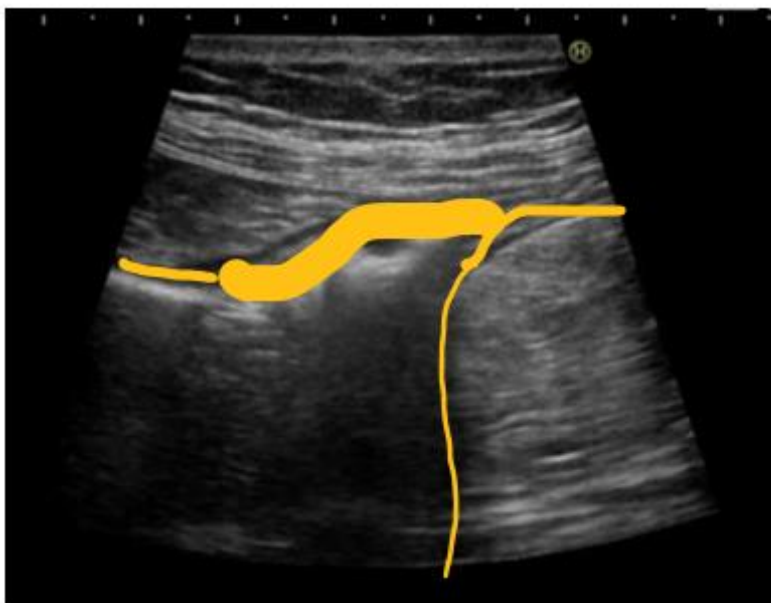
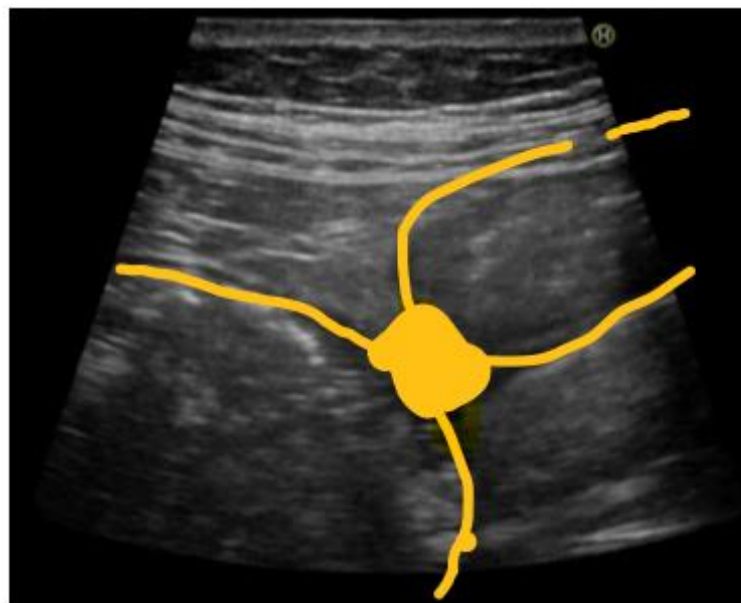
Clinical case 3

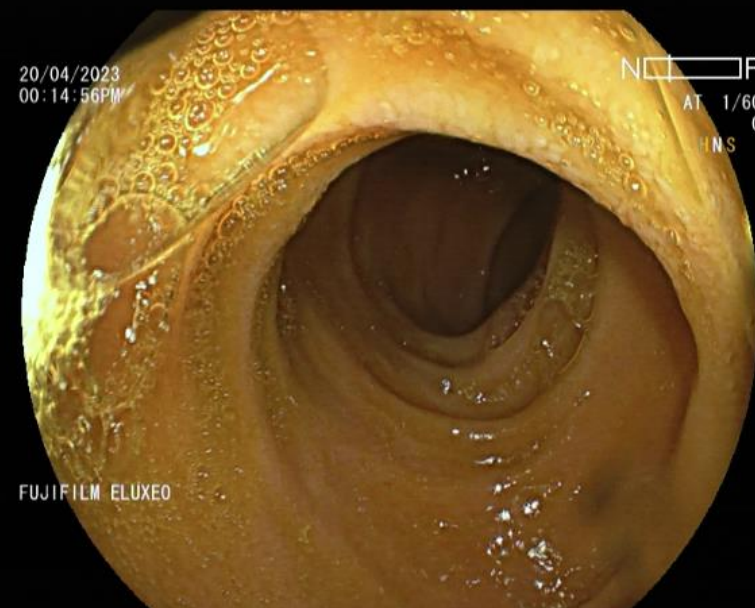
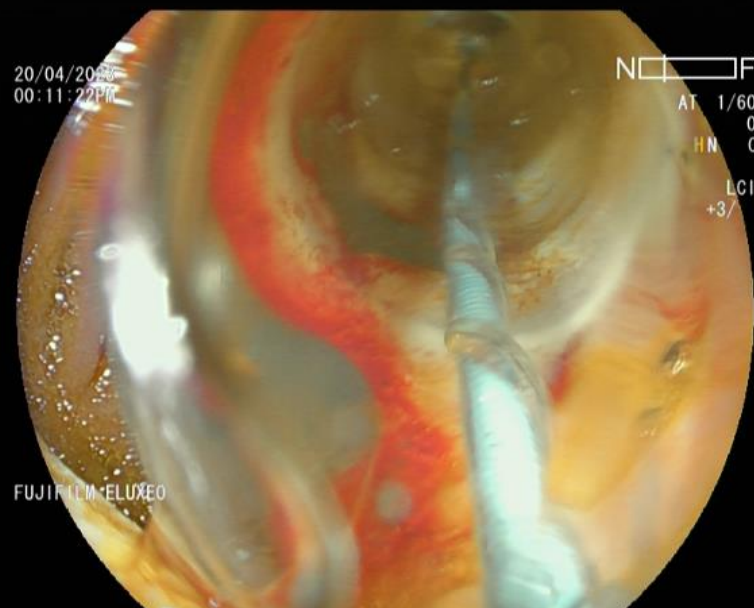
- 28 years-old gentleman
- Crohn's disease; A2L3B2p
- ileo-cecal resection 2 years ago
- On Infliximab since surgery
- Clinical and endoscopic remission documented about a year ago
- Last 6 weeks: 2 episodes of partial bowel obstruction – resolved with conservative management



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Clinical case 4

- 42 years-old female
- ileo-colonic Crohn's disease since 2004 (Montreal Classification A2L3B2)
- ileo-cecal resection in 2011
- previous therapies: steroids, AZA, 6MP, started ADA in 2019, every week since 8/2023

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

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ANSE Micro.
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M 33yr old

- 2007 diagnosis of Crohn's disease (Montreal Classification A2L1B2-3p)
- Smoker
- 2010 ileo-cecal resection with end-to-end anastomosis for stricturing and penetrating Crohn's disease, two ileosigmoid fistulae
- Azathioprine 2 mg/kg/die after surgery
- October 2020,: first visit in our IBD Center
- No symptoms, HBI 1
- Hb 14.3 mg/dL, CRP 25.3 mg/L, calprotectin 1848

MI 0.8 TIS < 0.4 AP: 100% 19 FPS 1



This endoscopic image shows a large, polypoid lesion in the colon. The lesion is reddish, lobulated, and protrudes from the mucosal surface. It is surrounded by normal-appearing colonic mucosa with visible haustra. The image is framed by a circular endoscopic view.





Clinical case 6

- M 69yr old
- Ileal Crohn's disease since 2008
- Montreal classification A2L1B2
- EIM: ankylosing spondylitis, nodosum erythema, uveitis
- 09/2021: ileo-cecal resection with side-to-side anastomosis



MI 0.6 TIS<0.4 AP:100% 19 FPS 1



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MI 0.6 TIS<0.4 AP:100% 19 FPS 1



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M 44yr old

- leocolic Crohn's disease since 2000, with perianal disease
- Montreal classification A2L3B3p
- Comorbidities: psoriasis, enteropathic oligoarthritis
- Smoker
- Multiple fistulectomies with seton placement (2010, 2014, 2021)
- Previously treated with anti-TNF and ustekinumab
- 05/2021: ileo-cecal resection with end-to-end anastomosis

MI 0.8 TIS < 0.4 AP: 100% 19 FPS 1





MI 0.8 TIS < 0.4 AP: 100% 19 FPS 1



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Rutgeerts' score is 2





Clinical case 8

F 45yr old

- 48 years-old lady,
- Crohn's disease – 4 years
- Small bowel resection and anastomosis – 4 years ago
- On Adalimumab for 8 months
- Presentation: Abdominal pain ~ 2 weeks / Fever ~ 3 days



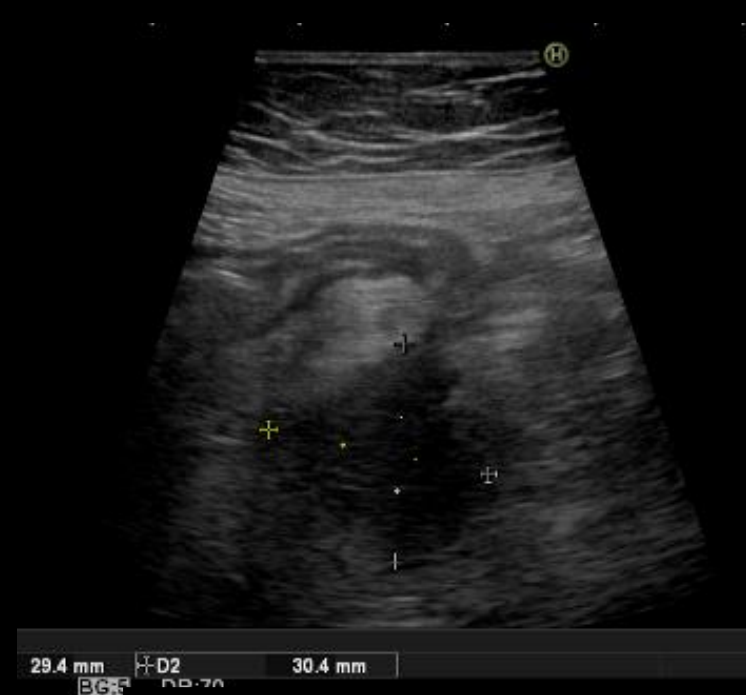


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HdTHI-P

Pre-stenotic dilatation



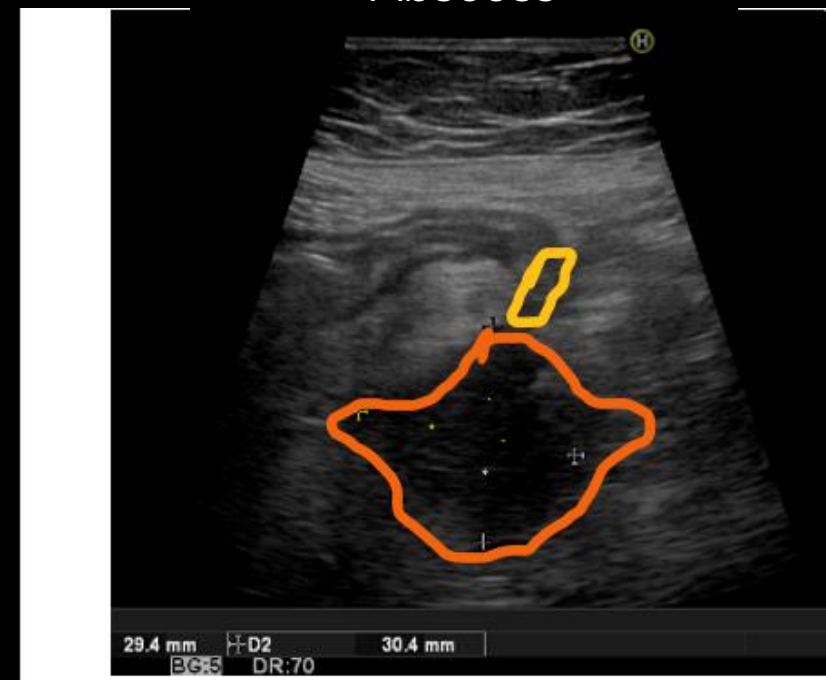
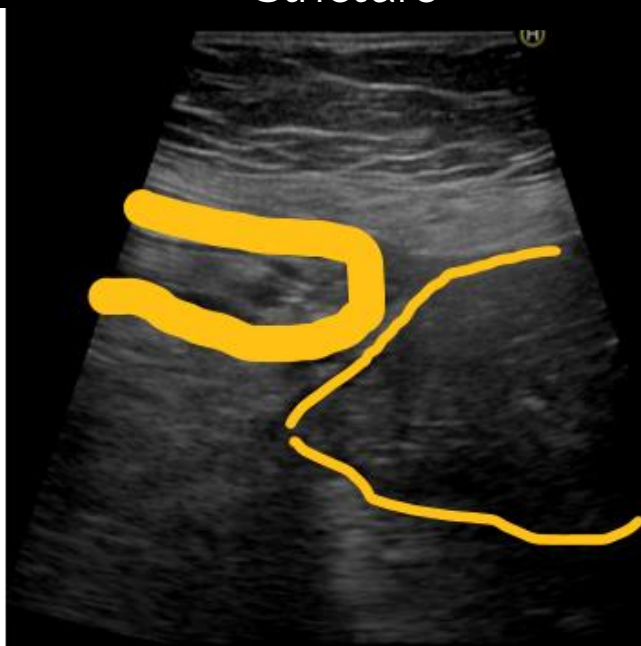
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Abscess



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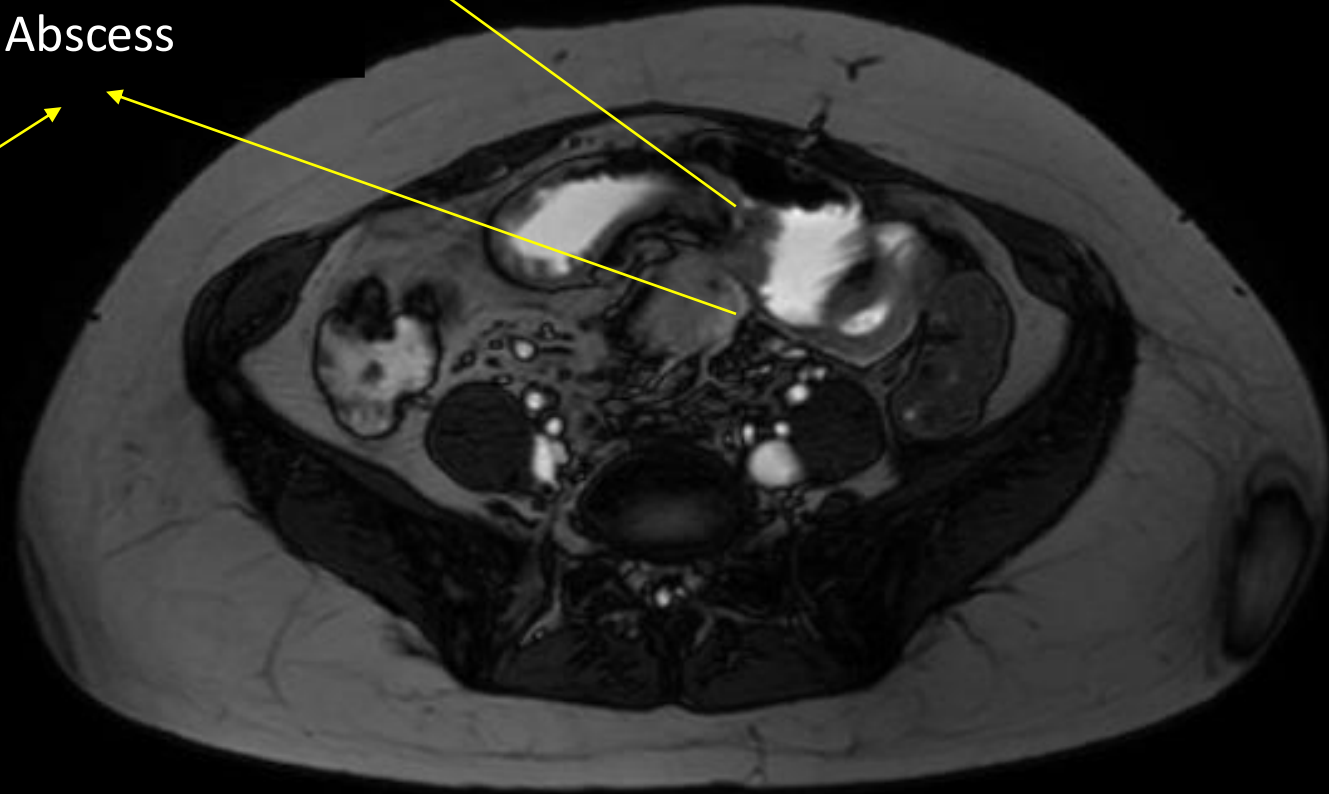
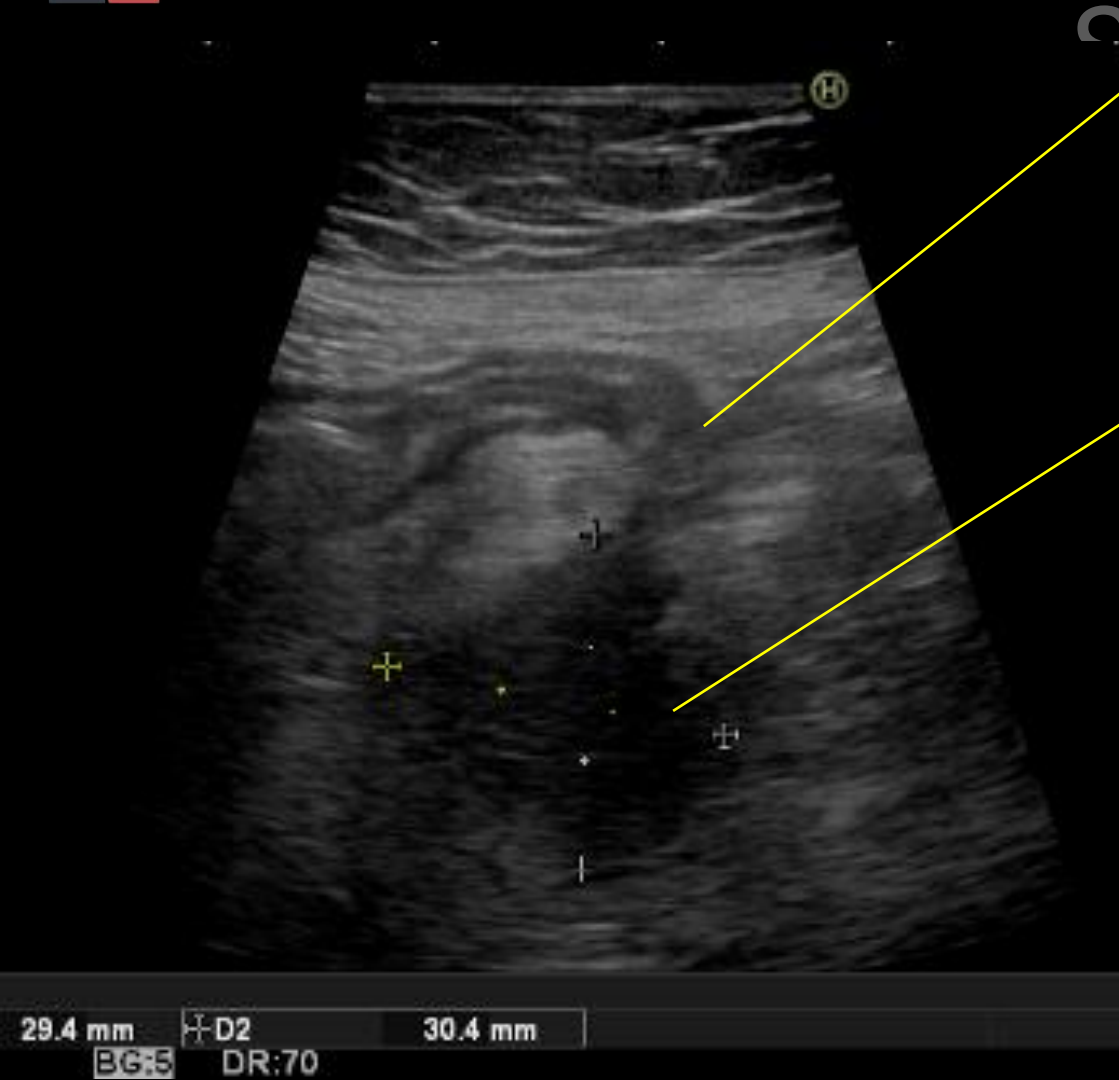


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BG:5 DR:70



Anastomotic site

Abscess



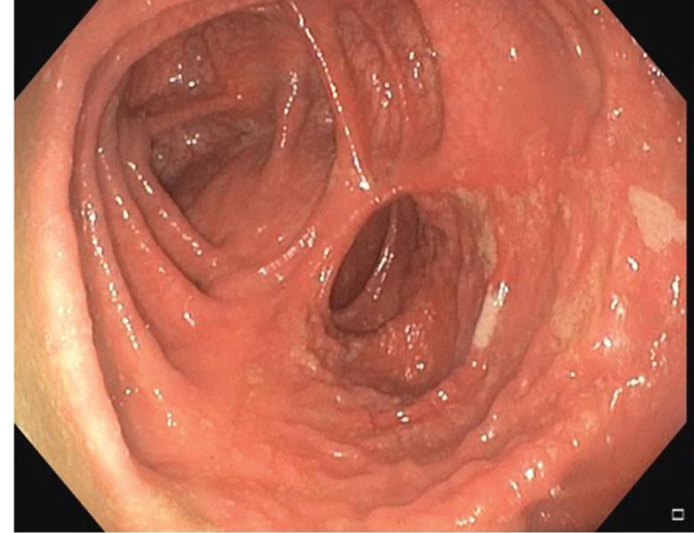


Clinical case 9

- 45 yo female
- ileal CD
- ileo-cecal resection
- high risk factors: smoker, penetrating disease, perianal disease

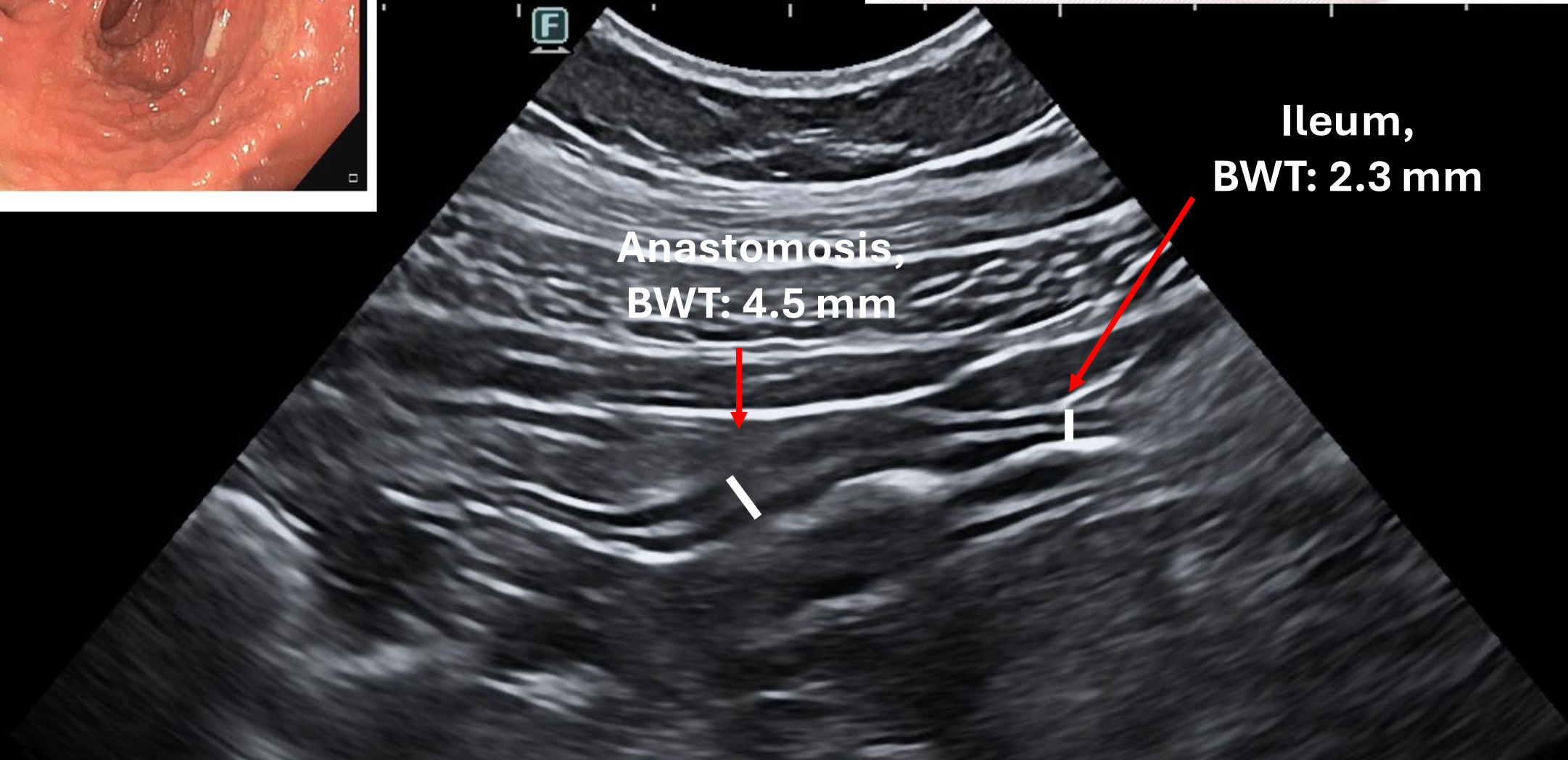


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BWT: 2.3 mm

Anastomosis,
BWT: 4.5 mm



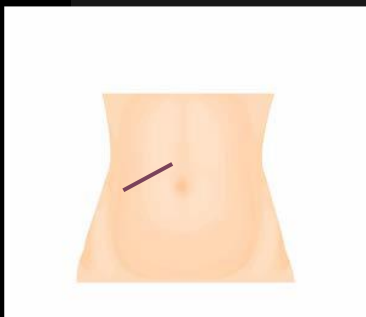
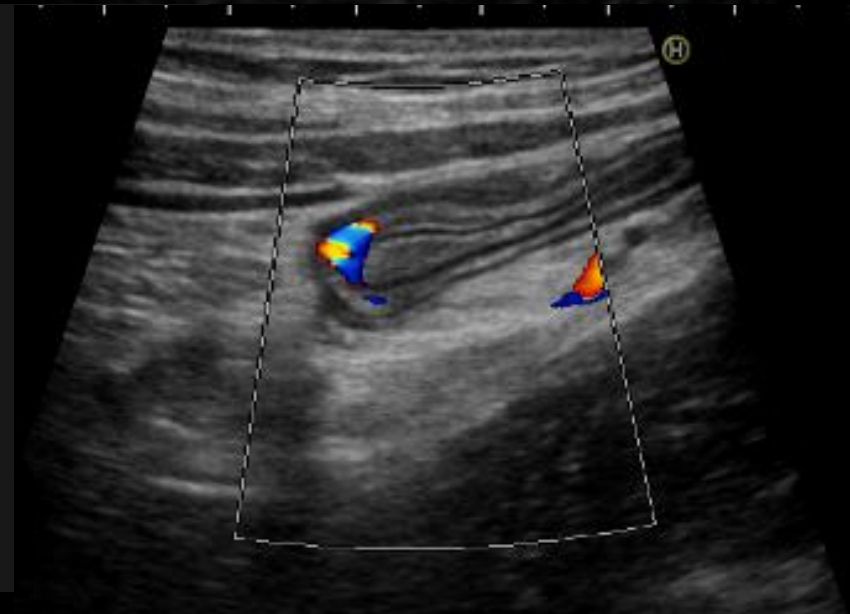
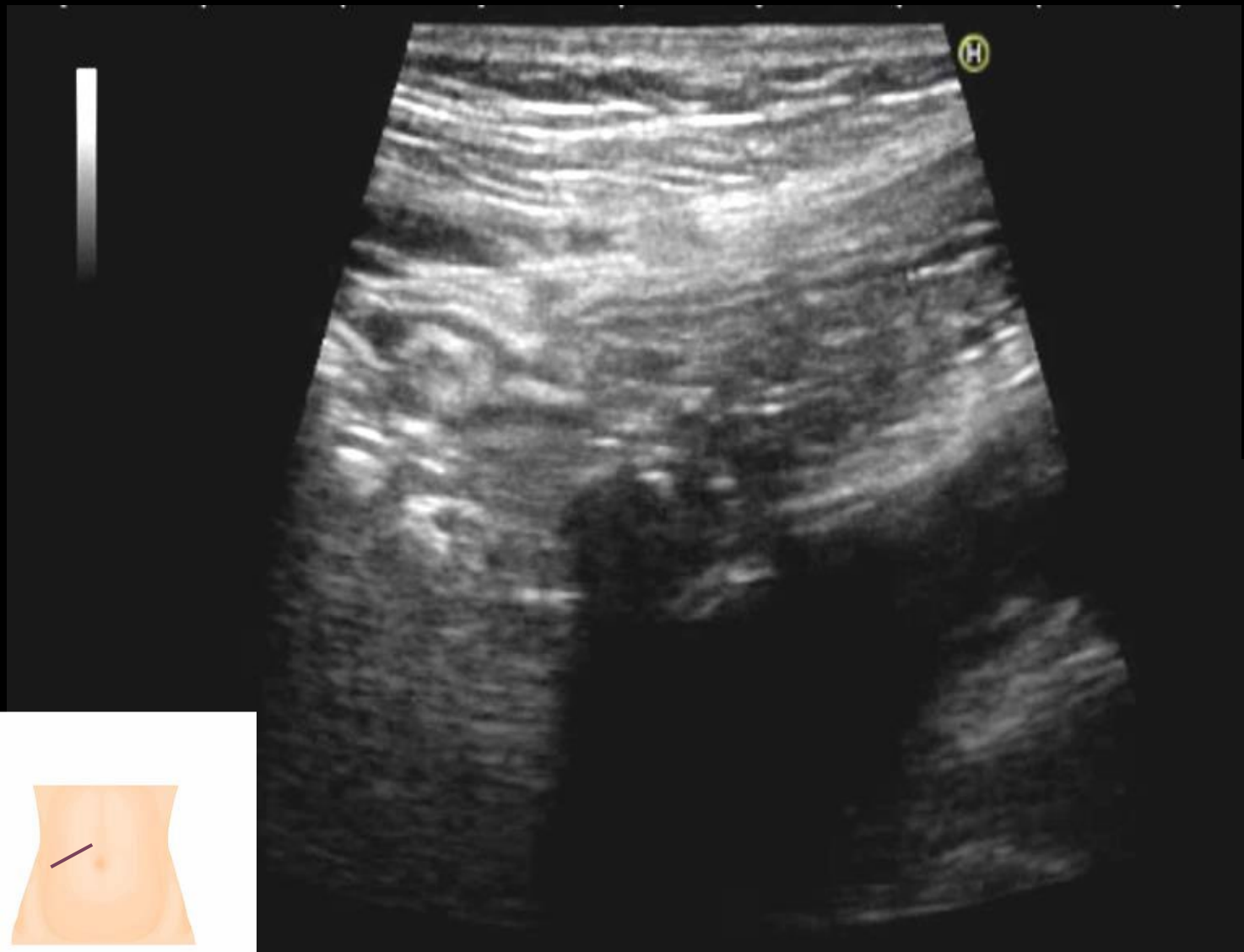
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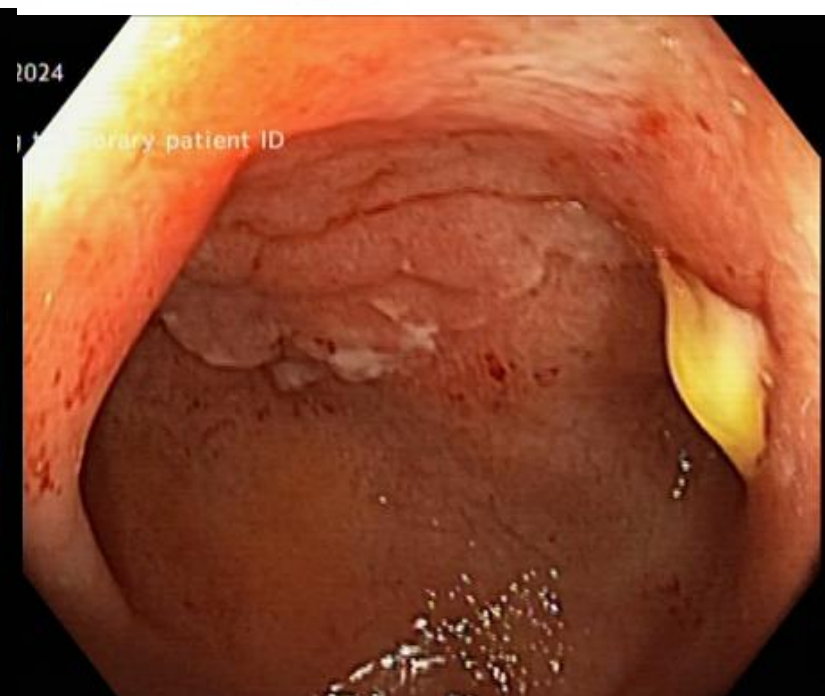
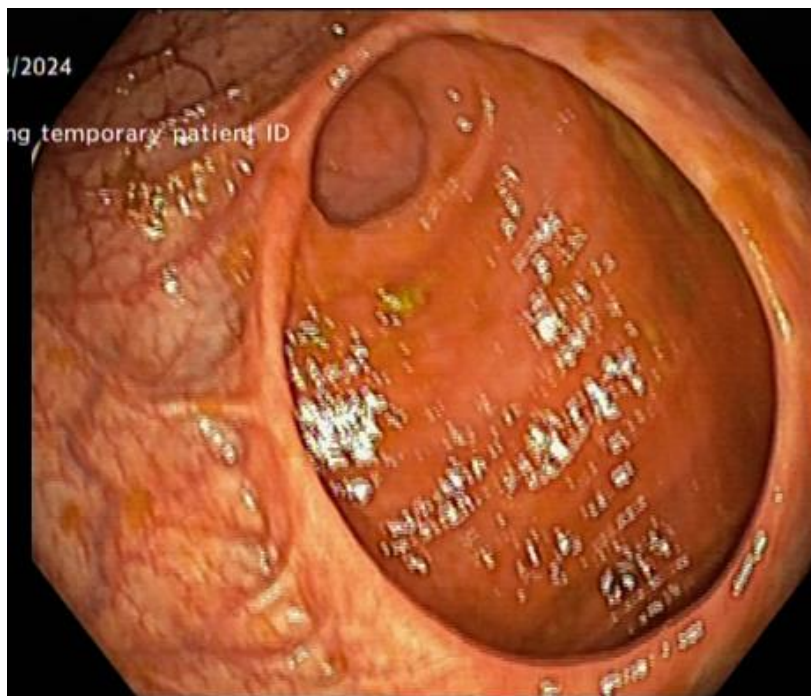
Patient: Female, 26 years

Diagnosis: Crohns (Ileocolonic disease: Short segment, inflammatory)

Therapy: Ileocolic resection 1 year before; started on Azathioprine due to low risk of recurrence

Symptoms: recurrent pain





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Take-home messages

- ✓ Non-invasive monitoring (IUS+FC) may avoid colonoscopy
- ✓ Anatomy, anatomy, anatomy
- ✓ Reviewing prior imaging will help you FIND the anastomosis
- ✓ Break the anastomosis down into components where possible:
 - Colonic side (if there is one)
 - Ileal side/ blind side
 - Outlet
 - NTI (proximal small bowel)



Thank you

