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Clinical Aspects of Gynecologic Diseases

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Learning Objectives

- For diseases of the vulva, vagina, cervix, uterus, and ovaries understand and describe:
 1. The presentation of disease
 2. The evaluation of disease
 3. The basic treatment of disease

Overlying Themes

- Age of patient
- ? Pregnant
- History and symptoms
- Physical exam and pertinent findings
- Diagnostic testing
- Medical versus Surgical management
- Future fertility concerns

Patient Scenarios

- Young woman with vaginal itching and discharge
- Middle aged woman with pelvic pain and heavy periods
- Post-menopausal woman with vague history of bloating and vaginal spotting
- Peri-menopausal woman with chronic yeast infection
- College-aged student with painful periods and pain with intercourse
- Young woman with pelvic pain and irregular periods

Diseases of the Vulva

- **Presentation:** Irritation/pruritis/burning, lesions
- **Evaluation:** History, inspection, palpation, culture, biopsy
- **Differential Diagnoses:**
 - Infection
 - Dermatologic condition
 - Neoplasia

Vulvar Infections

- Candida
- Condyloma acuminatum
- Herpes simplex
- Bartholin's gland abscess
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Pthirus pubis (crab louse)
- Sarcoptes scabiei (itch mite)



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Genital Herpes Simplex Virus

- Double-stranded DNA virus
- Primary outbreak
 - fever, malaise, lesions, urinary symptoms
- Recurrent outbreak
 - less severe, prodrome, lesions
- Acyclovir: inhibit viral thymidine kinase
- HSV and pregnancy

HSV of vulva



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Ulcerative lesions
Erythematous base
Bilateral

Dermatologic Conditions of Vulva

- Chemical irritation/contact dermatitis
- Squamous cell hyperplasia
- Lichen sclerosis
- Psoriasis
- Nevi
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Fibroma/Lipoma

Lichen sclerosis

LS of vulva



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Vulva appears thin
“Tissue paper”

On biopsy:

Loss of rete pegs

Inflammatory cells

VIN/Vulvar carcinoma

- Women aged 60-70, now more bimodal
- Pruritis, mass, pain, ulceration
- Increased RR: coffee, occupation, h/o vulvitis, HPV
- Melanoma
- Local invasion via lymphatics
- Treatment involves wide local excision
- Good prognosis

Biopsy lesions for diagnosis!

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VIN



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Vulvar Cancer



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Diseases of the Vagina

- Abnormal vaginal discharge
- What's normal?
 - Acidic lactobacilli
 - Variations with menstrual cycle/hormones

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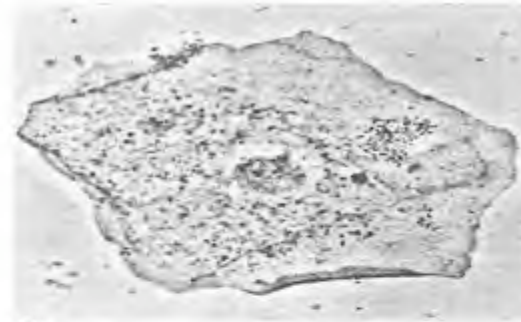
- Infections
- Vaginal Carcinoma

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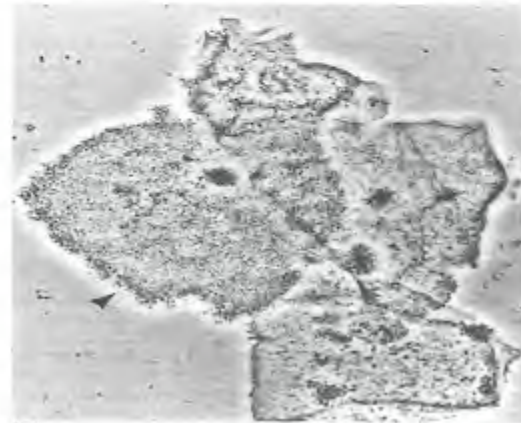
- Wet prep
- Culture
- Biopsy

Bacterial Vaginosis

- Grey, homogenous, non-inflammatory discharge
- pH of 5.0-5.5
- Clue cells
- Amine odor with addition of 10% KOH
- Polymicrobial
- Lack of lactobacilli
- Role in pre-term labor
- Treatment with metronidazole or clindamycin



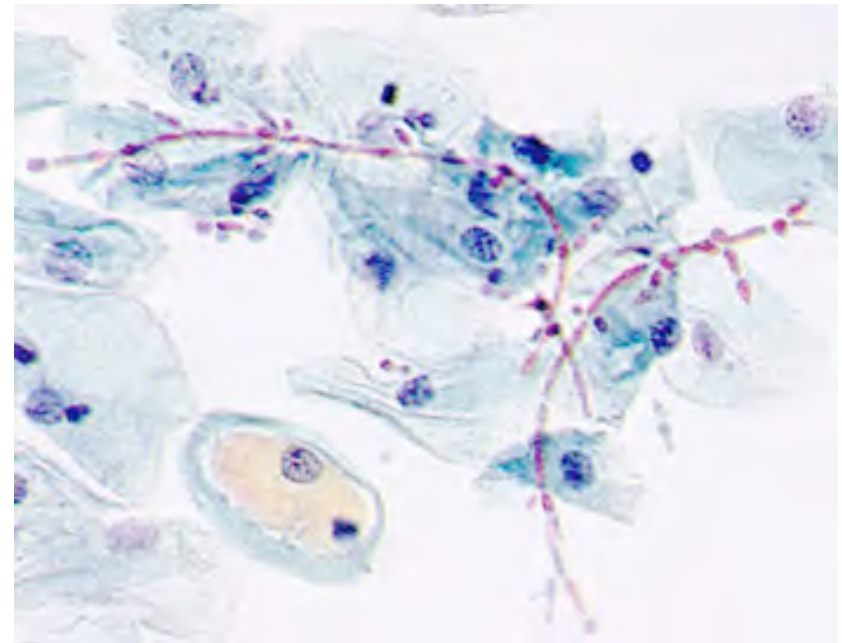
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Candida

- Vulvovaginal yeast
- DM, Pregnancy, Antibiotics, Obesity
- Itching, irritation, dyspareunia
- Thickened white d/c adherent to side walls
- Pseudohyphae on KOH wet prep, pH <4
- Antifungal treatment



Trichomoniasis

- Protozoan *T. vaginalis*, sexually transmitted
- Diffuse, malodorous, yellow-green d/c, itch
- Flagellated, mobile protozoa on wet prep
- +WBC's on wet prep
- Metronidazole
 - 2 grams orally
 - 500 mg po BID for 7 days

T. vaginalis



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Atrophic vaginitis

- Due to low estrogen levels
 - Menopause
 - Breast feeding
- Itching, irritation, burning
- Immature squamous epithelial cells on wet prep, rounded basal cells
- Systemic or intravaginal estrogen



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Vaginal Carcinoma

- Rare, mean age 60-65
- Presents with vaginal bleeding, foul discharge
- SCCA as metastatic spread
- Clear cell carcinoma and DiEthylStilbesterol (DES)
- Sarcoma botryoides: < 5 yo, red-tan grape clusters

- BIOPSY

- Treatment—radiation, surgical excision

Diseases of the Cervix

- Variety of presentations: discharge, pain, post-coital bleeding, incidental
- Differential
 - Cervicitis: GC/chlam/HSV/trich
 - Cervical polyps
 - Cervical dysplasia: HPV
 - Cervical cancer: SCCA, adenoCA

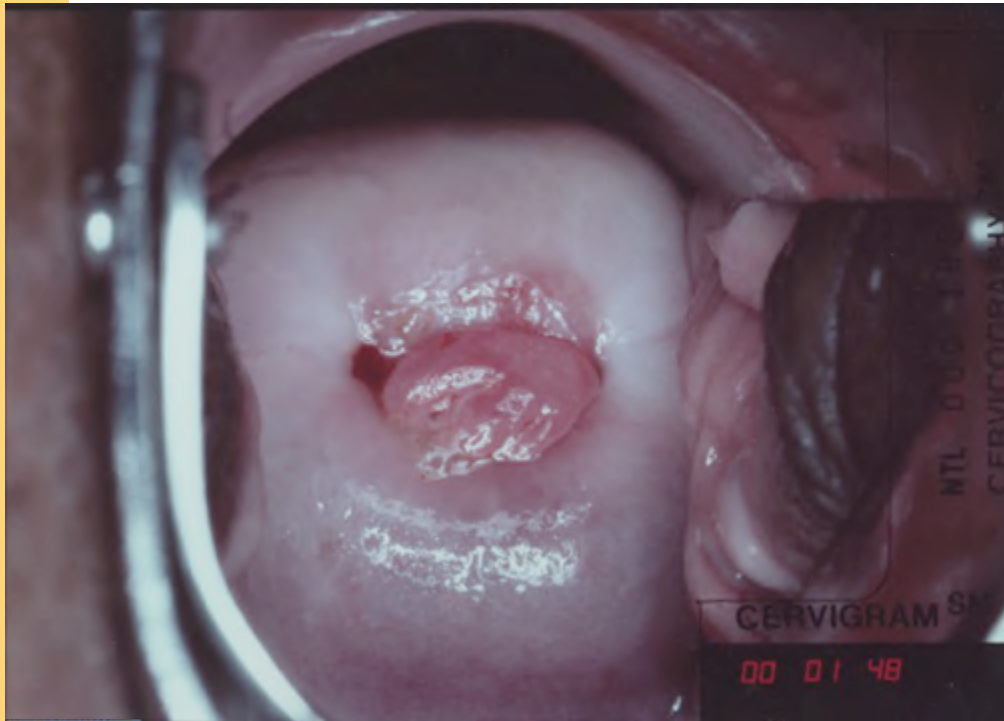
Chlamydia trachomatis

- Most common, often present with GC
- Obligatory intracellular bacterium
- Cervicitis, salpingitis, urethritis
- Infertility
- Ectopic pregnancy
- Neonatal conjunctivitis, blindness, pneumonitis
- Azithromycin, EES, Doxycycline, Ofloxacin

Neisseria gonorrhoea

- Humans as only host
- Urogenital tract
- Disseminated gonococcal infection
 - bacteremia
 - vesicular, centrally necrotic skin lesions
 - arthritis
- Ceftriaxone 125 mg IM etc. + Doxy

Cervical polyps



Common
Benign
Irregular spotting
Post-coital bleeding
Polypectomy

Cervical dysplasia

- Risk factors
 - Early coitarche
 - Multiple/Serial partners
 - Tobacco use
 - HPV 16,18,31,33,35,39
 - Immunosuppression/HIV
 - Other STDs

Cervical Cytology



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- Papanicolau smear, ThinPrep
- Exfoliative cytology
- HPV typing
- Screening tool
- Must biopsy for diagnosis



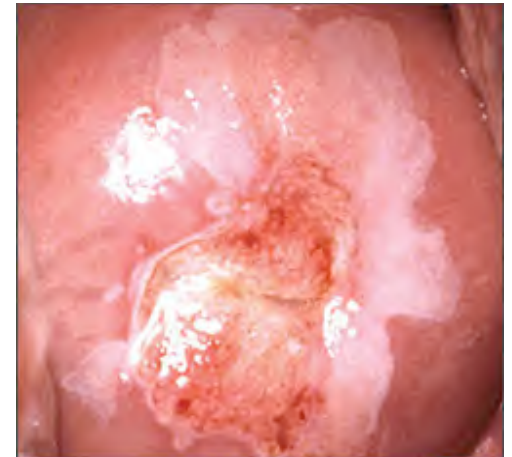
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Colposcopy



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- Visualization of cervix under magnification
- Must see entire transformation zone
- Acetic acid
- Assess for vascular changes
- Biopsy
- Endocervical curettage



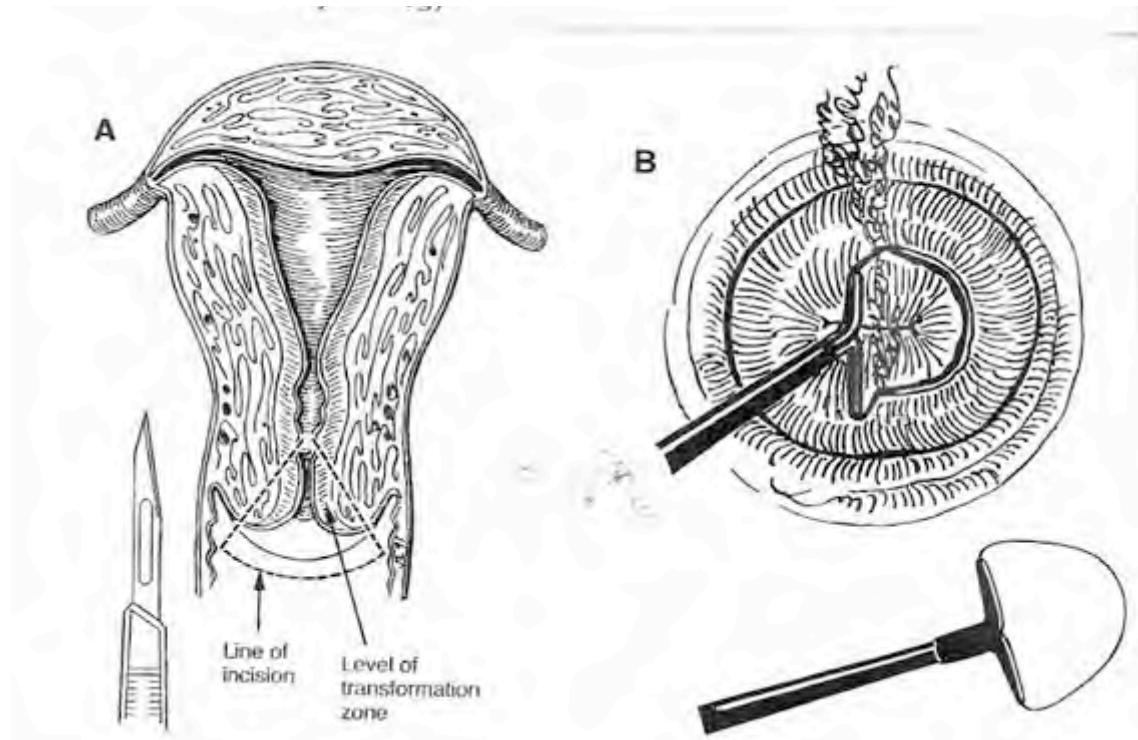
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Management of abnormal pap

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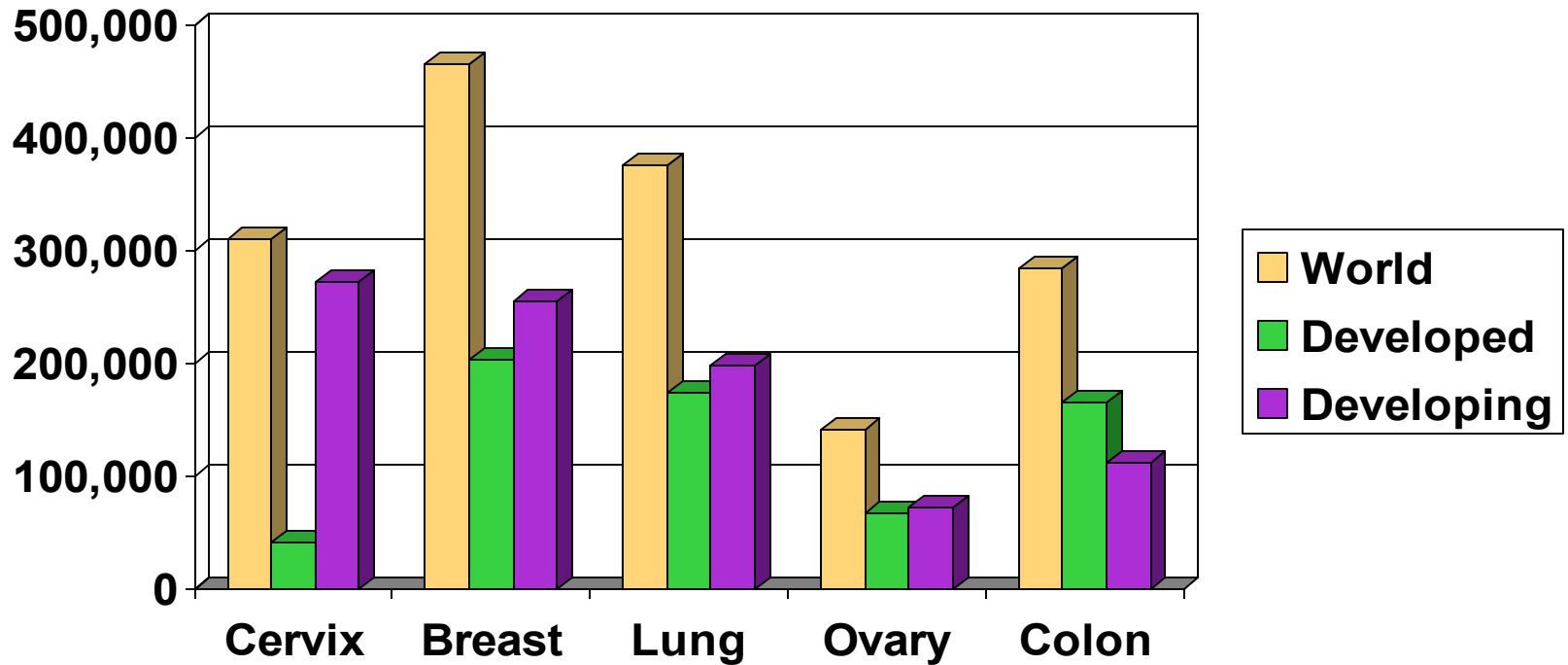
- Majority of CIN I regresses in one year
 - Ok to follow with serial pap smears q 3-4 months
- Smoking cessation
- High grade abnormalities likely to progress therefore treat
- AGUS
- Cone biopsy, Loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP)

Cone biopsy, LEEP



Female Cancer Deaths, 2007

estimates from www.cancer.org



Cervical Cancer

- Majority is squamous cell
- HPV related
- Present with AUB, PCB, often painless
- Late symptoms: back pain, wt. loss, foul d/c
- Invasion via local spread/extension
- Early stages treated with radical hysterectomy
- Later stages treated with radiation

Endometriosis

- 1-2% of general population
- 30-50% women with infertility
- 20% patients with chronic pelvic pain
- Pathogenesis
 - Retrograde menstruation, vascular/lymphatic dissemination, coelomic metaplasia, iatrogenic, hereditary?
- Location of lesions
 - Dependent portions of pelvis
 - Distant sites

How do patients with endometriosis present?

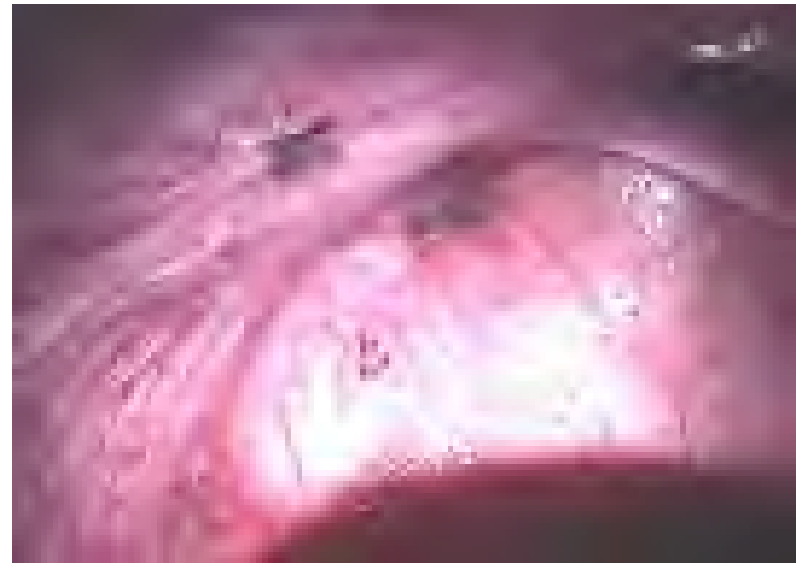
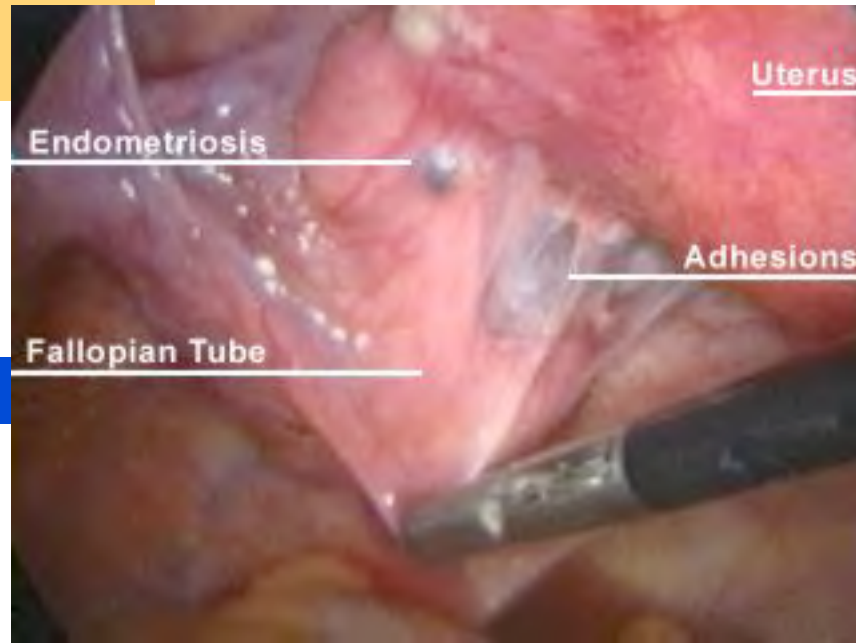
- Pelvic pain
- Infertility
- Dysmenorrhea
- Dyspareunia
- GI symptoms/dyschezia
- Some with AUB
- Severity of disease does NOT correlate with symptoms



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Management of endometriosis

- On exam: fixed retroverted uterus, uterosacral nodularity, tender ovaries
- Diagnostic tests??
 - laparoscopy
- Treatment based on:
 - Symptoms
 - Severity
 - Location of disease
 - Future fertility



Management of endometriosis

- Surgical
- Medical
 - Goal is amenorrhea, decrease pain
 - OCPs
 - Progestins
 - Danazol
 - Lupron/GnRH agonist

Adenomyosis

- Endometrial glands/stroma in the myometrium
- Incidental finding on hysterectomy specimen
- Dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia
- Enlarged, soft uterus, globular, tender
- ?pathogenesis
- Temporize with NSAIDs, hormonal suppression
- Hysterectomy

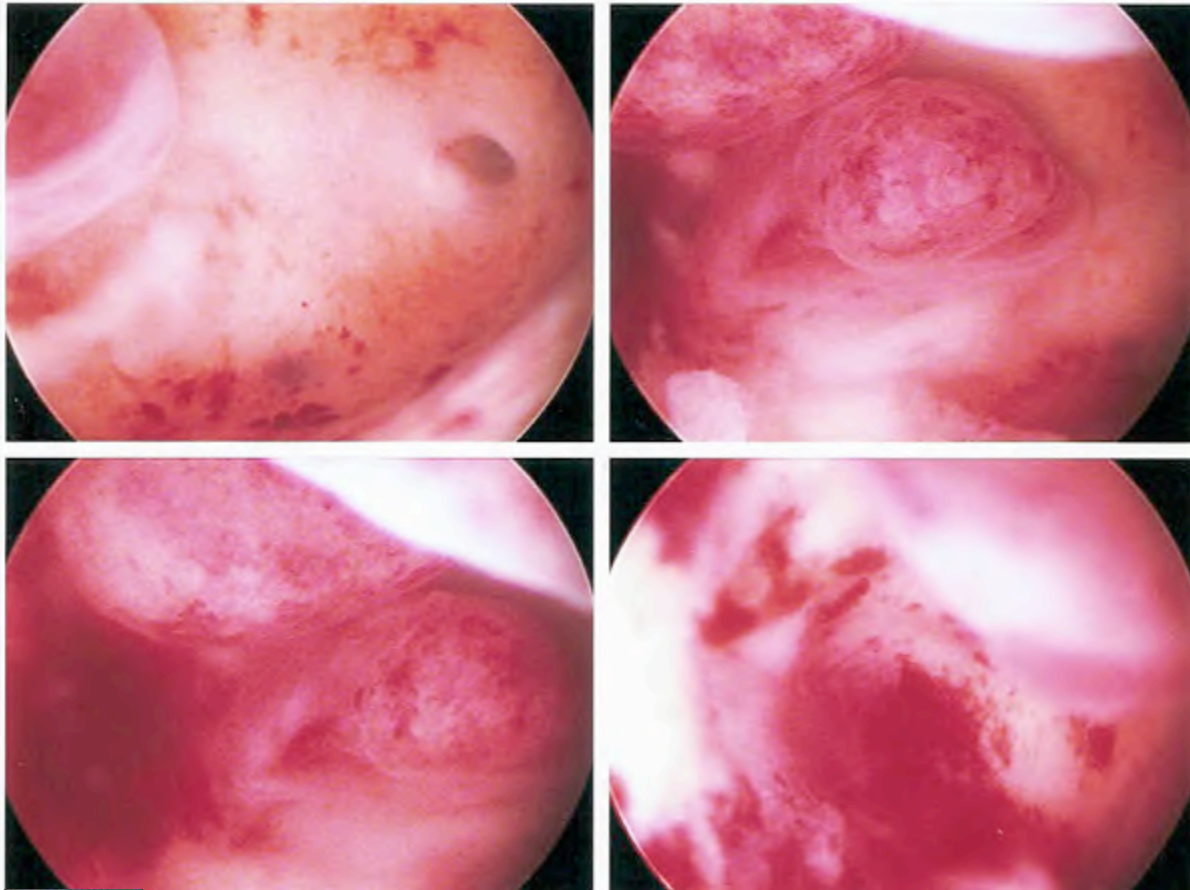
Diseases of the Uterus

- Presentation: AUB, dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia, pain, pressure, infertility
- Differential
 - Endometrial polyps
 - Leiomyomata
 - Endometrial hyperplasia
 - Endometrial carcinoma

Endometrial polyps

- Overgrowth of endometrial glands/stroma
- Peak incidence age 40-49
- ?etiology
- Irregular/abnormal bleeding
- Ultrasound with hysterosonogram
- +/- endometrial biopsy
- Hysteroscopy, D&C

Endometrial polyps



Leiomyomata

- Monoclonal smooth muscle cell tumor
- Most frequent pelvic tumor
- Location within uterus affects presentation, symptoms
 - Intramural
 - Subserosal
 - Submucosal
 - Cervical



Fibroids

- What types of symptoms????
- Dependent on location
 - AUB
 - Dysmenorrhea
 - Menorrhagia
 - Pain
 - Pressure
 - Infertility
 - Urinary symptoms

Diagnosis of Leiomyomata

- Pelvic exam
 - How big is the uterus?
- Ultrasound
- CT/MRI
- CBC to assess for anemia

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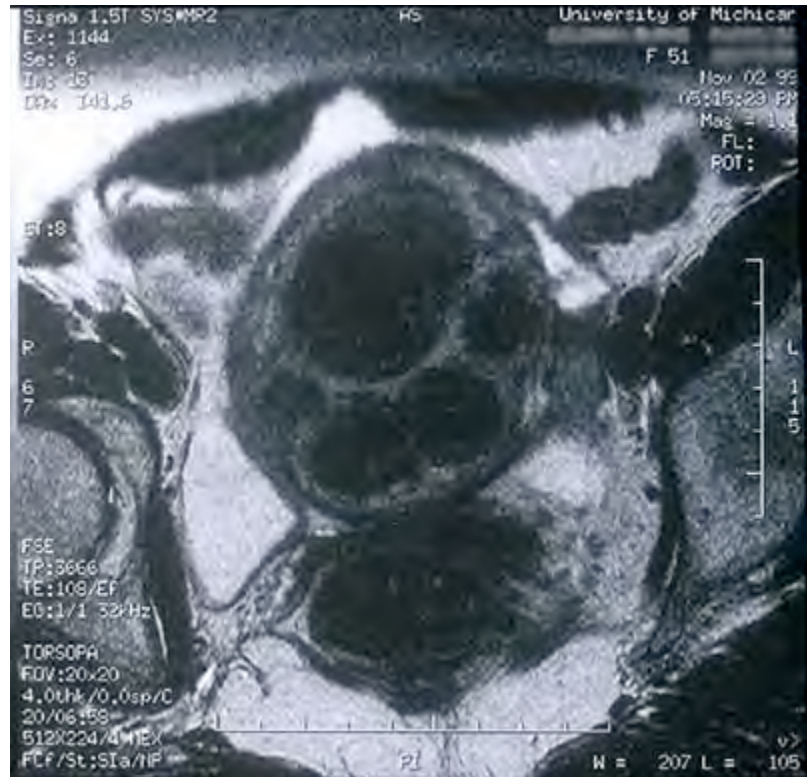
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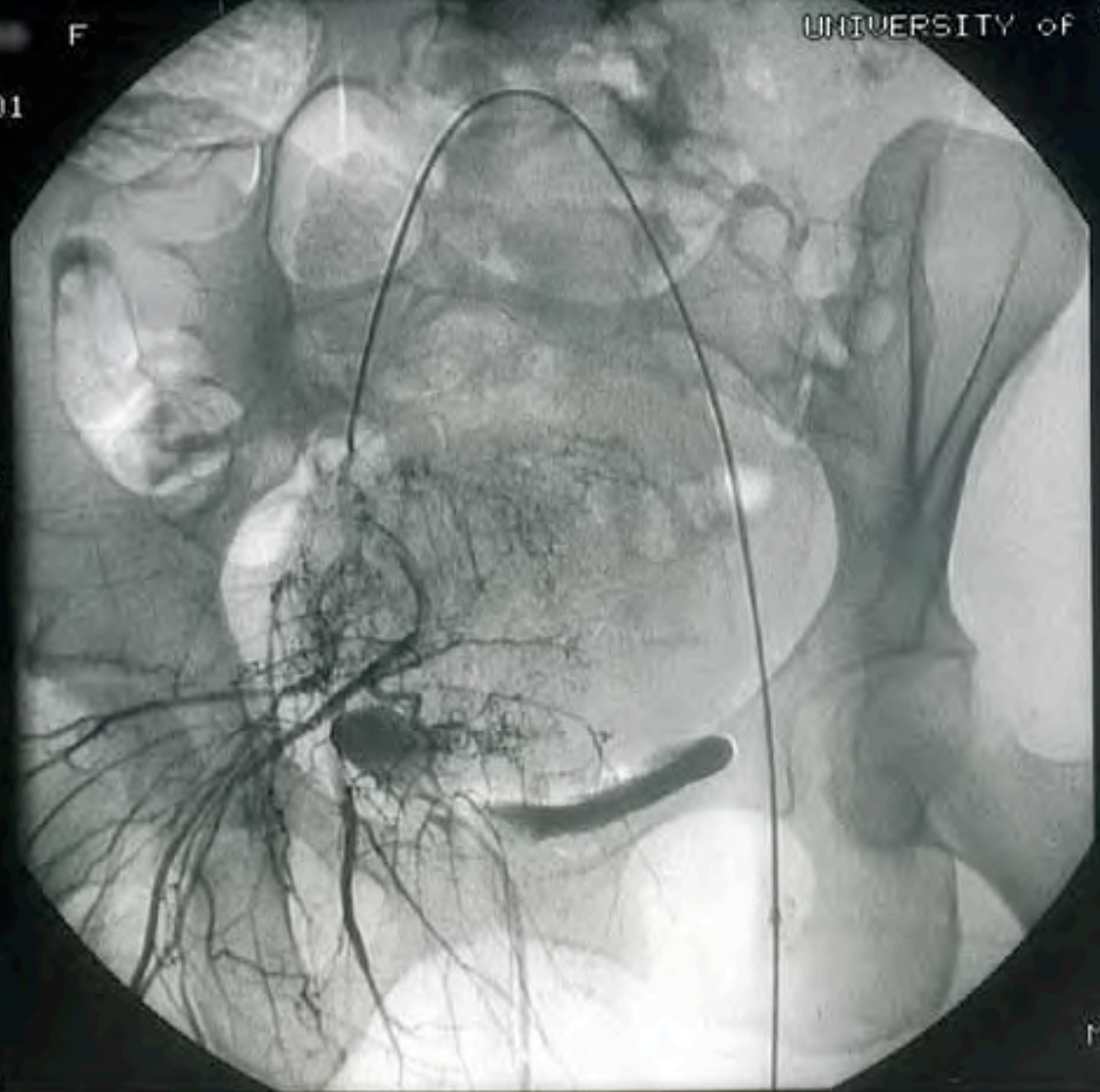
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Treatment of Fibroids

- Hormonal
- Surgical
 - Myomectomy
 - Hysterectomy
- Uterine artery embolization

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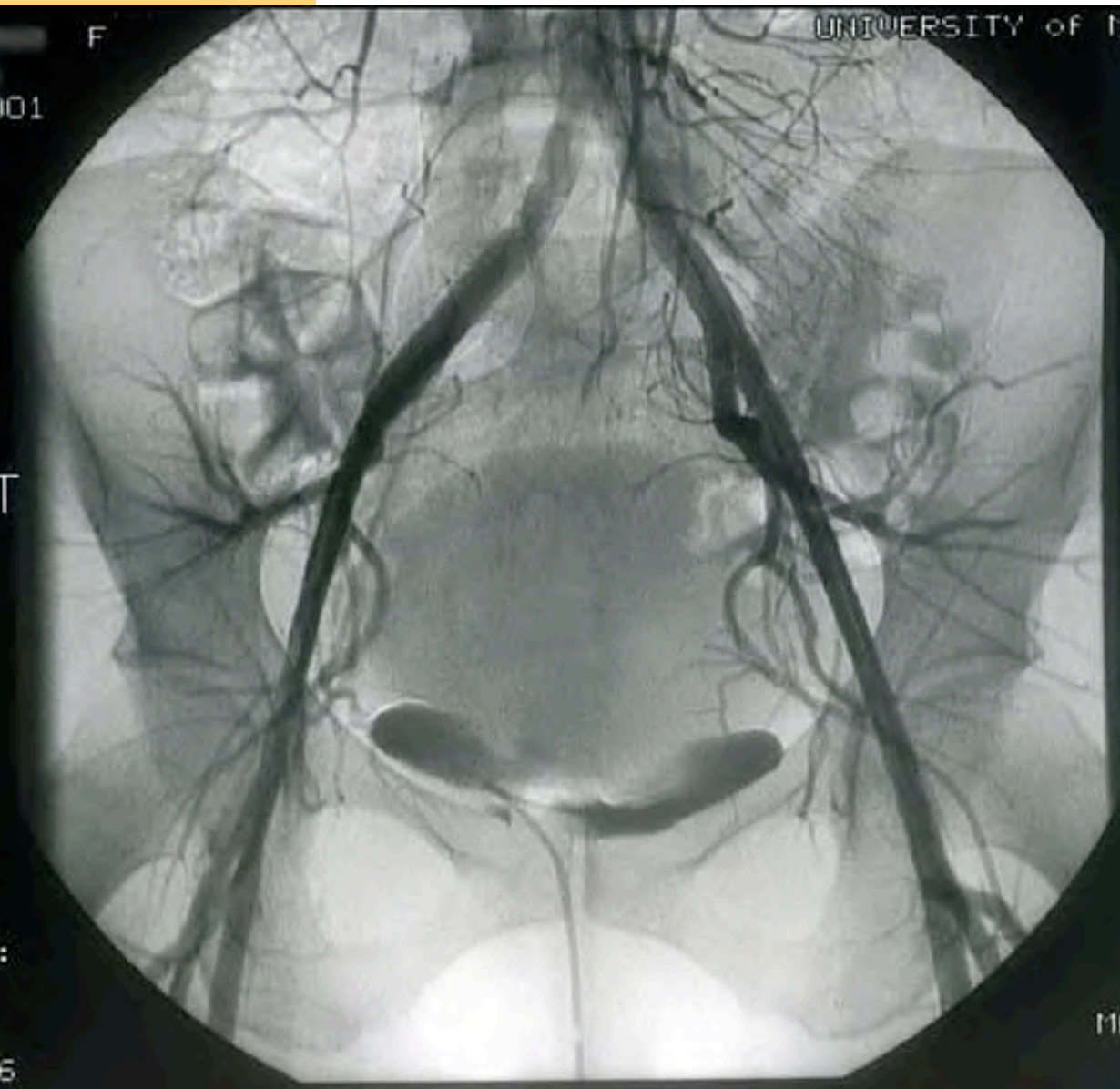
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Endometrial hyperplasia/carcinoma

- Most common gyn malignancy
 - AUB, post-menopausal bleeding
 - Must sample the endometrium
- Adenocarcinoma
- Peri/post-menopausal women
- Unopposed estrogen
 - Obesity, HTN, DM, anovulation, nulligravid, Tamoxifen
- Peripheral conversion of androgens to estrone
- Progesterone is protective

Endometrial carcinoma

- Progression from hyperplasia to carcinoma
- Presents as post-menopausal bleeding, AUB
- Surgical staging
- Prognostic factors
 - Tumor grade, depth of invasion, spread
- Lymphatic spread
- Role of radiation, progesterone

Diseases of Ovaries/Fallopian Tubes

- Variable presentation
 - Asymptomatic
 - Pain
 - Irregular menses
 - Mass on exam
 - Bloating
 - Constipation
 - Vague abdominal discomfort

Evaluation of adnexal masses

- Ovaries palpable about 50% of the time
 - Except in adolescents and post-menopausal women
- Evaluate size, shape, consistency, mobility
- Imaging modalities
 - USN is preferred for adnexal structures
- Ca-125, tumor markers

Other actors

- Urinary tract infections
- Renal calculus
- Appendicitis
- Pregnancy complications
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Exophytic myoma
- Ovarian mass/torsion

Functional ovarian cysts

- Anatomic variations due to normal function
- May be as large as 5-8cm, most regress
- Follicular cysts
- Corpus luteum
- Hemorrhagic corpus luteum

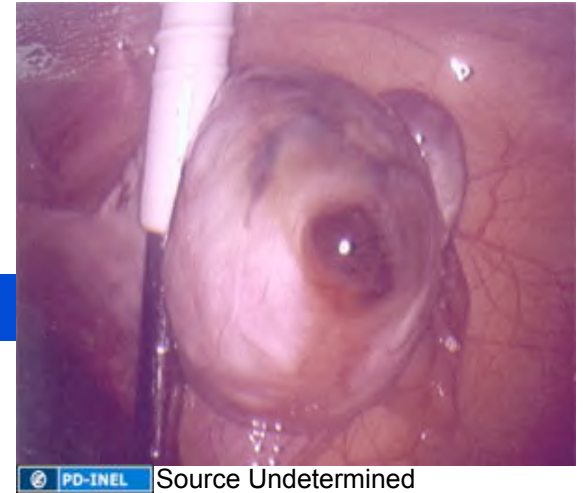
Follicular cyst

- Ovulation does not occur
- Symptoms:
 - Unilateral pain, irreg. menses
- Exam: unilateral mass, tenderness
- USN: simple cyst
- Treatment: reassurance, pain management, OCPs, re-eval in 6-8 weeks
- Rupture can cause acute pain, peritoneal signs



Corpus luteum cyst

- Prolonged luteal phase
- Symptoms:
 - Delayed menses, dull LQ pain, adnexal mass
- Evaluation:
 - Exam, pregnancy test, USN with echogenic material within cyst
- Treatment: reassurance, pain management



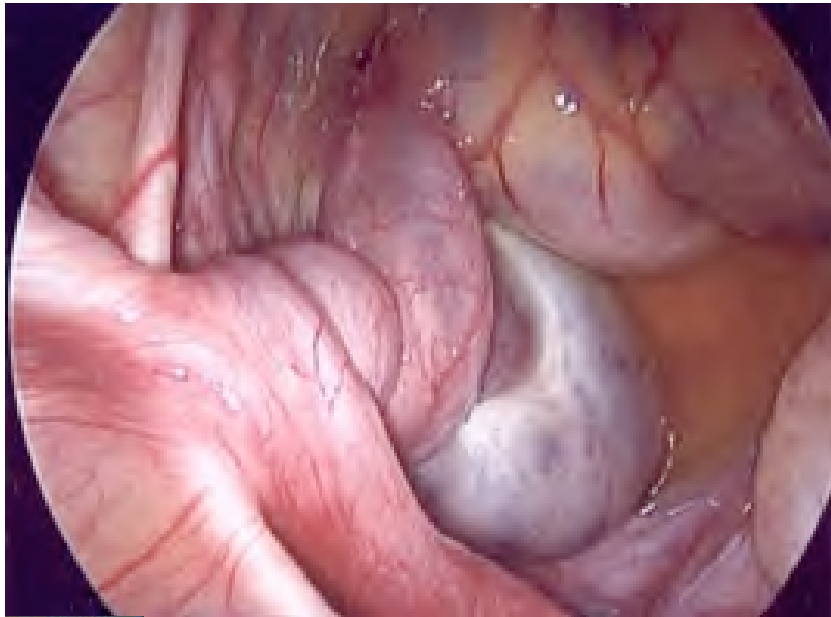
Hemorrhagic corpus luteum

- Rapidly enlarging CL cyst with hemorrhage
- Ruptures late in luteal phase
- Acute onset of pain, hemoperitoneum
- ? reminds you of....
- Check CBC, pregnancy test, serial exams, analgesics, possible laparoscopy

Ovarian torsion

- Twisting of ovary, obstructing blood flow
- Acute onset of pain, nausea, vomiting, peritoneal signs
- Mass on exam
- USN reveals mass, compromised blood flow on doppler eval
- Laparoscopy, can sometimes save ovary by untwisting

Ovarian torsion



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Ovarian neoplasms

- Ovarian mass which does not regress
- Benign neoplasms are more common
- Risk of malignancy increases with age
- Appearance, size on USN often helpful in decision process
- Tumor frequencies
- Surgical management

Ovarian tumor types

- Epithelial
 - Serous cystadenoma
 - Mucinous cystadenoma
 - Endometrioma
- Germ Cell
 - Benign cystic teratoma (dermoid)
- Stromal Cell
- Dr. Lieberman's Lecture.....

Ovarian carcinoma

- 1 in 70 lifetime risk
- Late diagnosis leads to poor prognosis
- Risk factors
 - Family hx, personal hx of breast CA, nulliparity, talc, obesity
- Incessant ovulation
- Oral contraception use reduces RR by 50%
- ? Role of ovulation induction medications

Genetics and ovarian cancer

- 5-10% of all epithelial ovarian CA
 - Lower age of onset
- Autosomal dominant with variable penetrance
 - 1 first degree relative: 5% risk, 2 first degree relatives: 50% risk
- Breast/Ovarian CA syndrome
 - BRCA 1, Chrm 17q
- HNPCC (Lynch II), autosomal dominant
 - Colon, endometrial, breast, ovary

Management of Ovarian Cancer

- Tumor spreads by direct extension to peritoneal surfaces
- Surgical staging:
 - tumor debulking/cytoreduction
- Adjuvant chemotherapy
 - Combination chemotherapy
 - Intraperitoneal chemotherapy

Fallopian Tubes

- Ectopic pregnancy
- Salpingitis
- Hydrosalpinx
- Tubo-ovarian abscess
- Paratubal cysts/paraovarian cysts
- Fallopian tube CA is rare
 - Watery vaginal discharge, pain, pelvic mass

Tubo-ovarian abscess

- Severe complication of pelvic inflamm. disease
- Tender inflammatory adnexal mass
- Mixed bacterial infection
- Consequences of rupture? Short v. Long-term
- Broad spectrum IV antibiotics
- Consider laparoscopy to differentiate b/w other source of pelvic abscess such as ??????

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