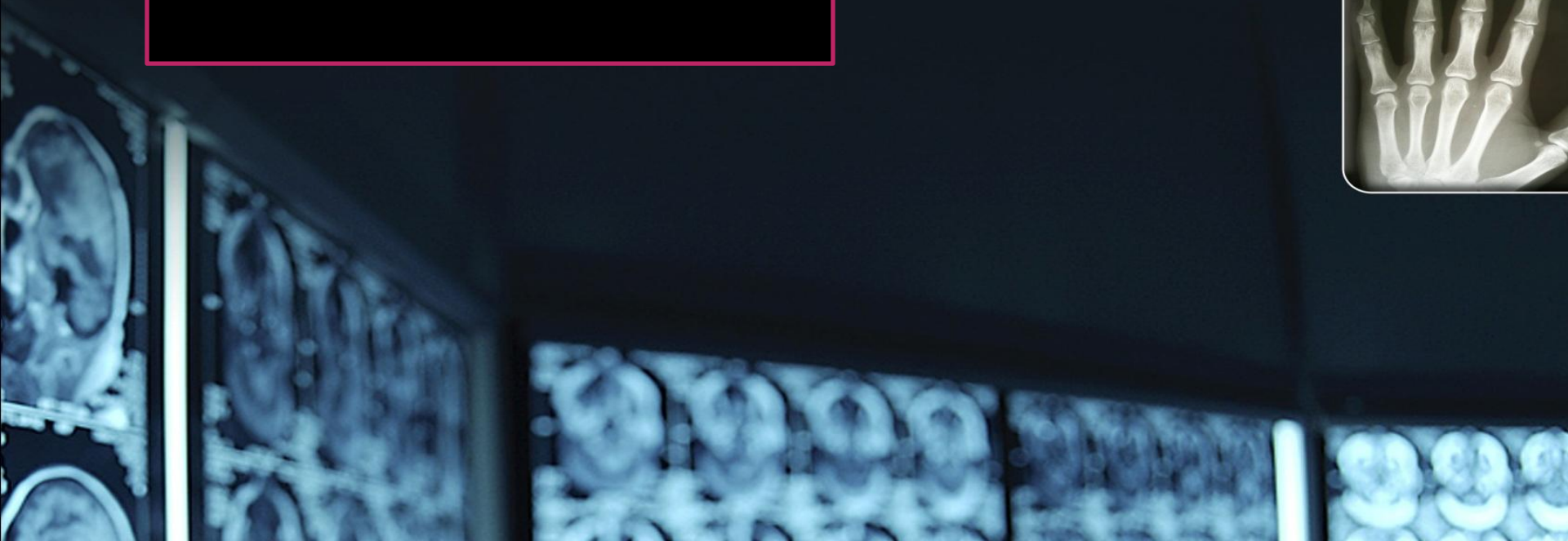


Radiology Team 429

Imaging
investigation of
the GI tract



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Sorry we don't hold responsibility for any
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We tried our best to present this lecture
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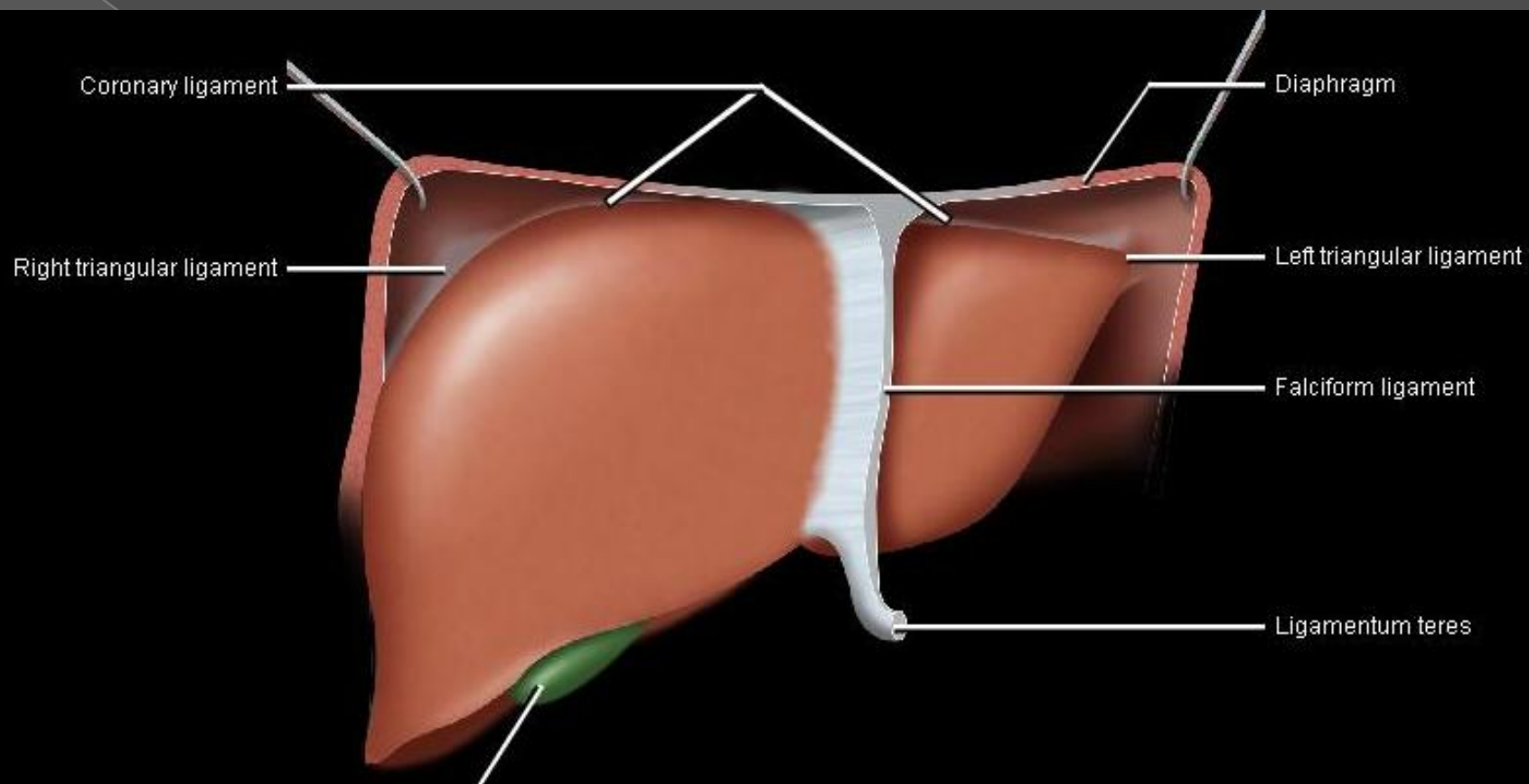
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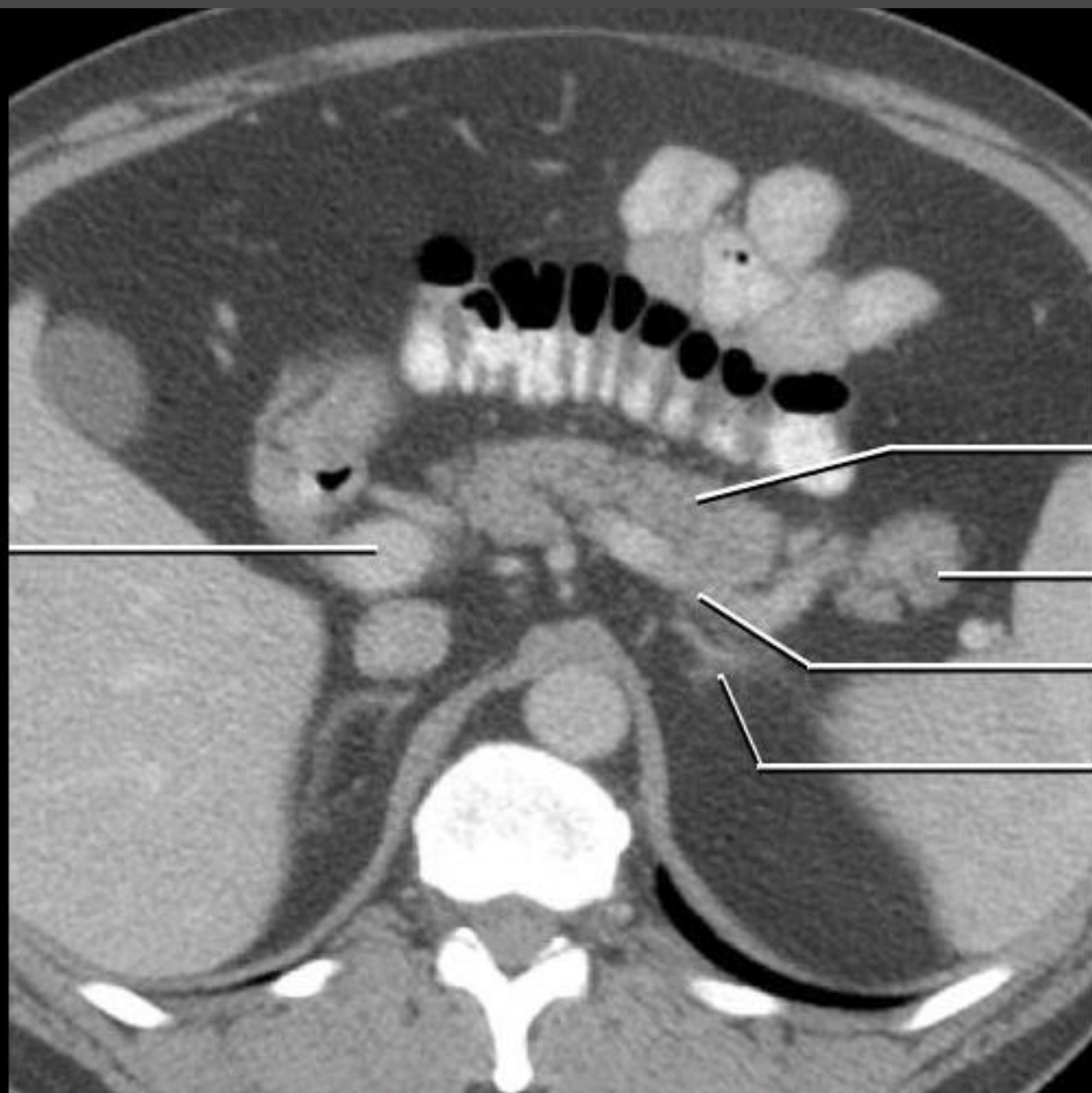
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Best Wishes :)

◉ You will find the note **AFTER** the
pic :)



- Liver is composed of right and left lobes and held together by ligamentum teres .. And the liver is held by the coronary ligament which is attached to the diaphragm



Portal vein

Pancreatic body

Pancreatic tail

Splenic vein

Left adrenal

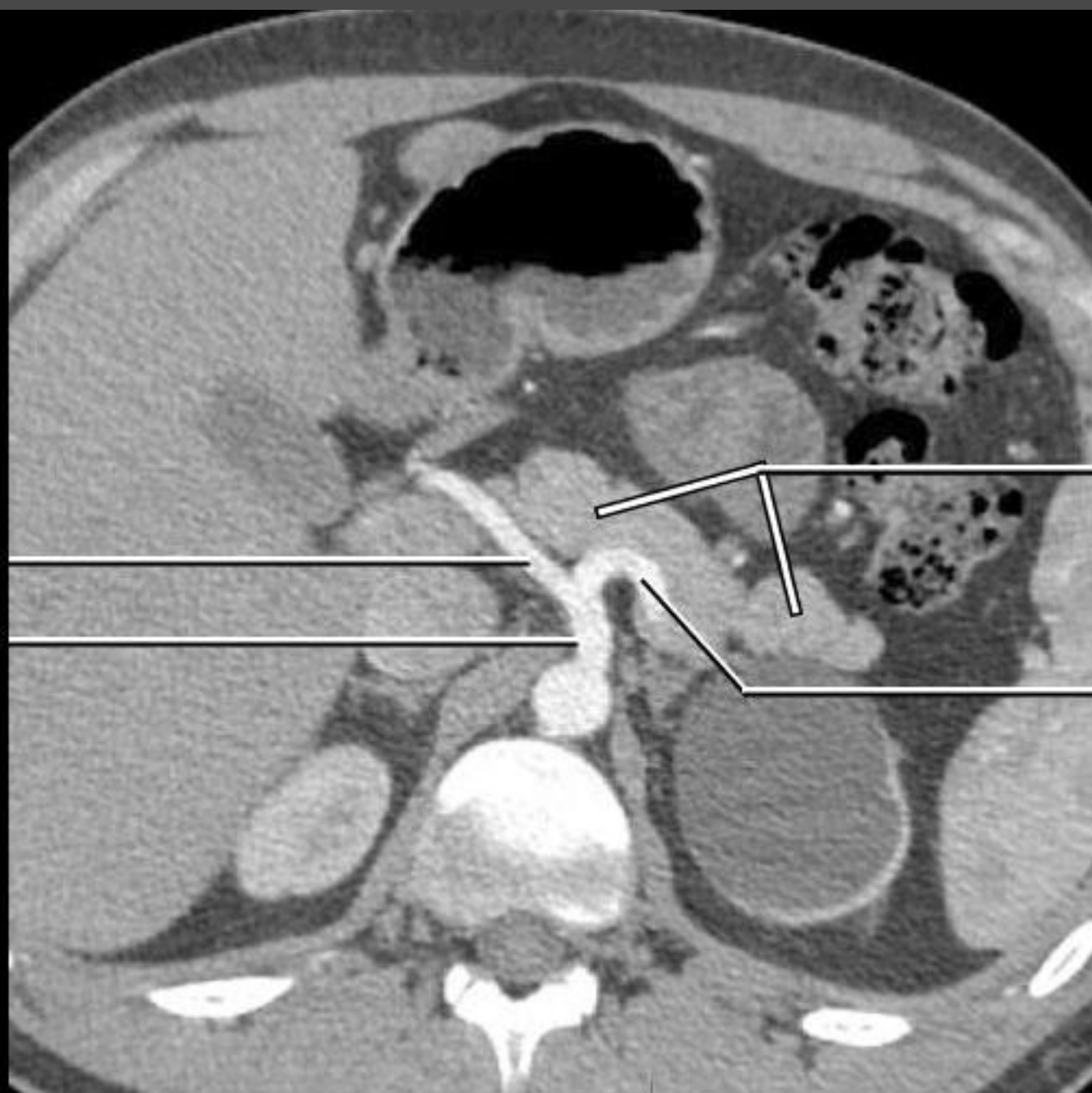
- Sectional CT scan .. Note: to differentiate between a CT scan and a MRI → look at the bone. “ in CT it is usually white, and in MRI it is usually darker”

Common hepatic artery

Celiac artery

Pancreas

Splenic artery



- ◉ Contrast enhanced scan

- ◉ Aorta → celiac artery → common hepatic artery & Splenic artery

- ◉ On top of the splenic vein lies the pancreas

Portal vein

Stomach

Colon

Pancreas (tail)

Spleen

Splenic vein

Left adrenal



- The black thing in the stomach is air “
Black on CT also “.



Neck of pancreas

Duodenum

Superior mesenteric vein

Splenic vein

Inferior mesenteric vein

● Coronal view of the liver and pancreas

Portal vein



Pancreas

Splenic vein

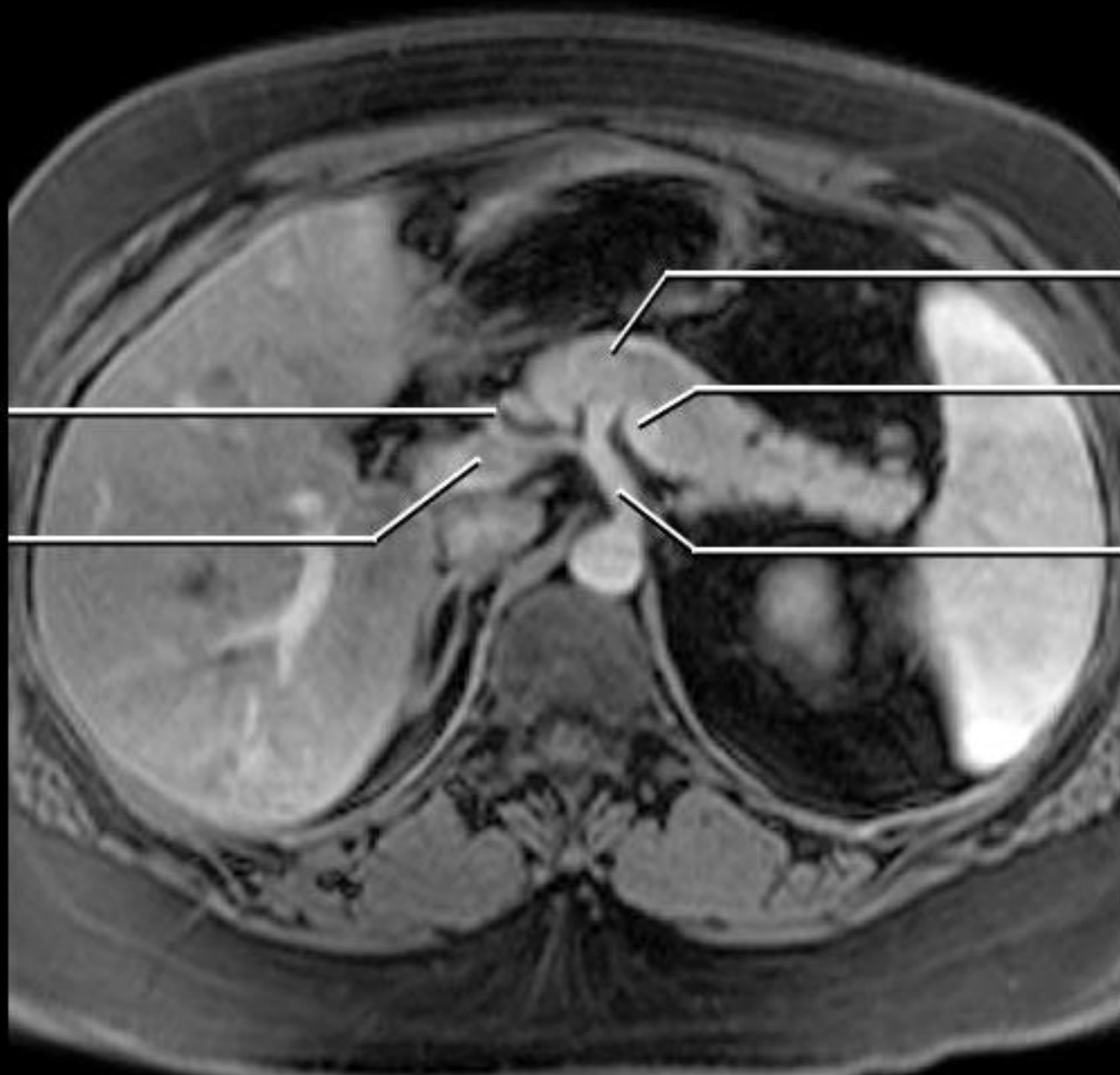
Hepatic artery

Portal vein

Neck of the pancreas

Splenic artery

Celiac artery



- ◉ Splenic artery is coming off from the celiac artery
- ◉ Spleen and liver is noted

pancreatic duct

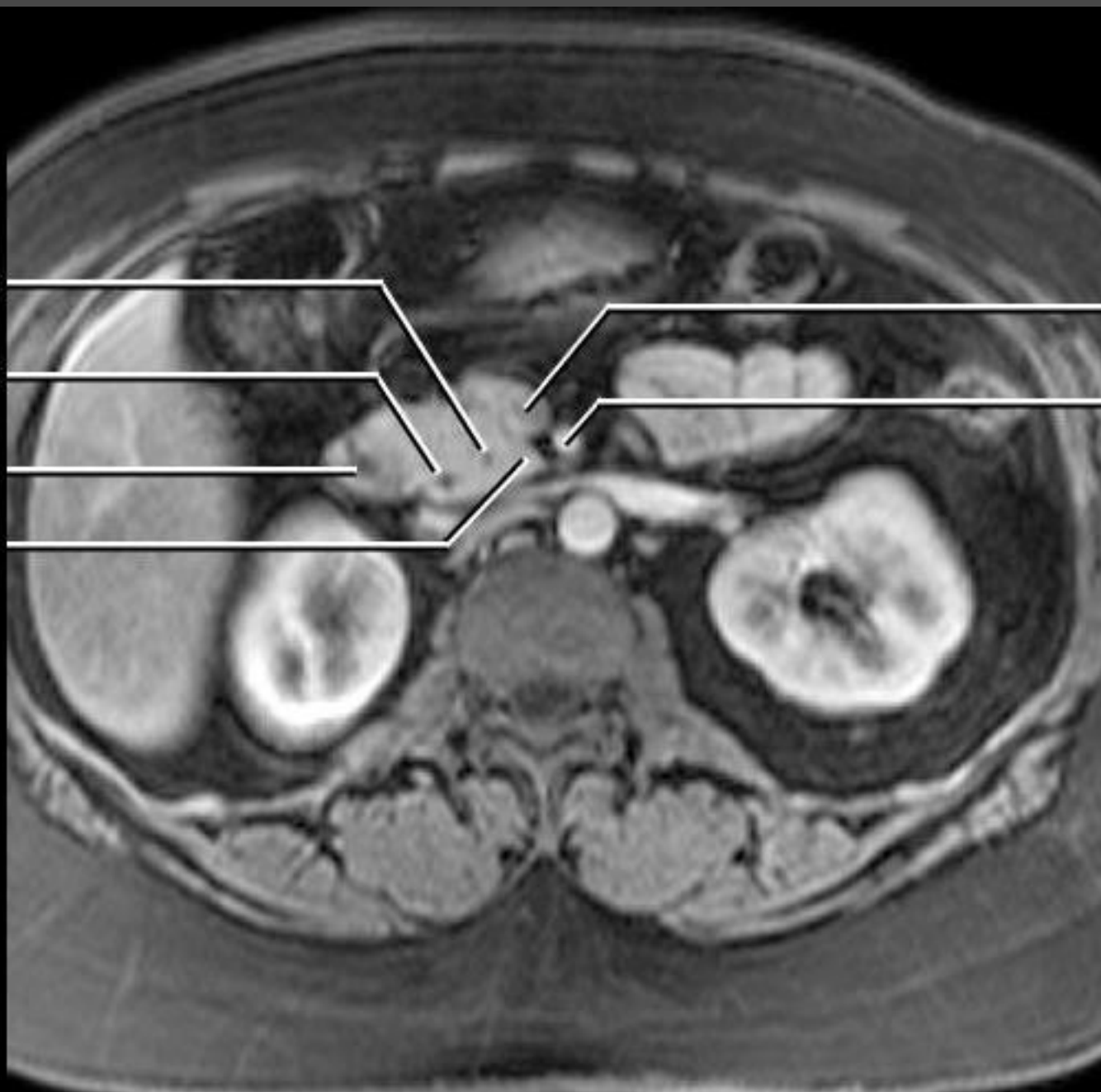
common bile duct

Duodenum

omental process

Superior mesenteric vein

Superior mesenteric artery



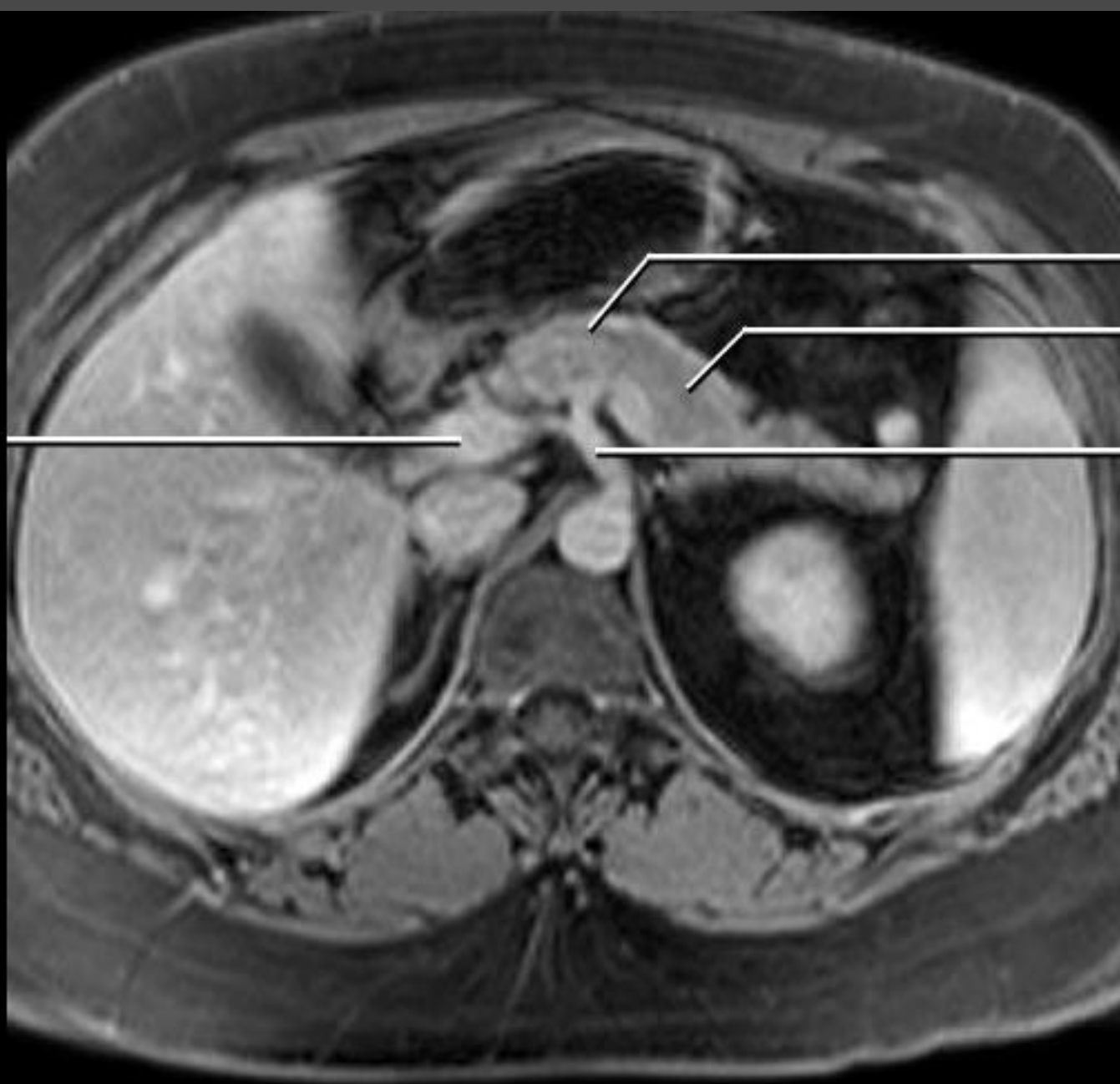
- The pancreatic duct comes in close contact with the common bile duct to form the ampulla of vater “ opening in the 2nd part of duodenum”

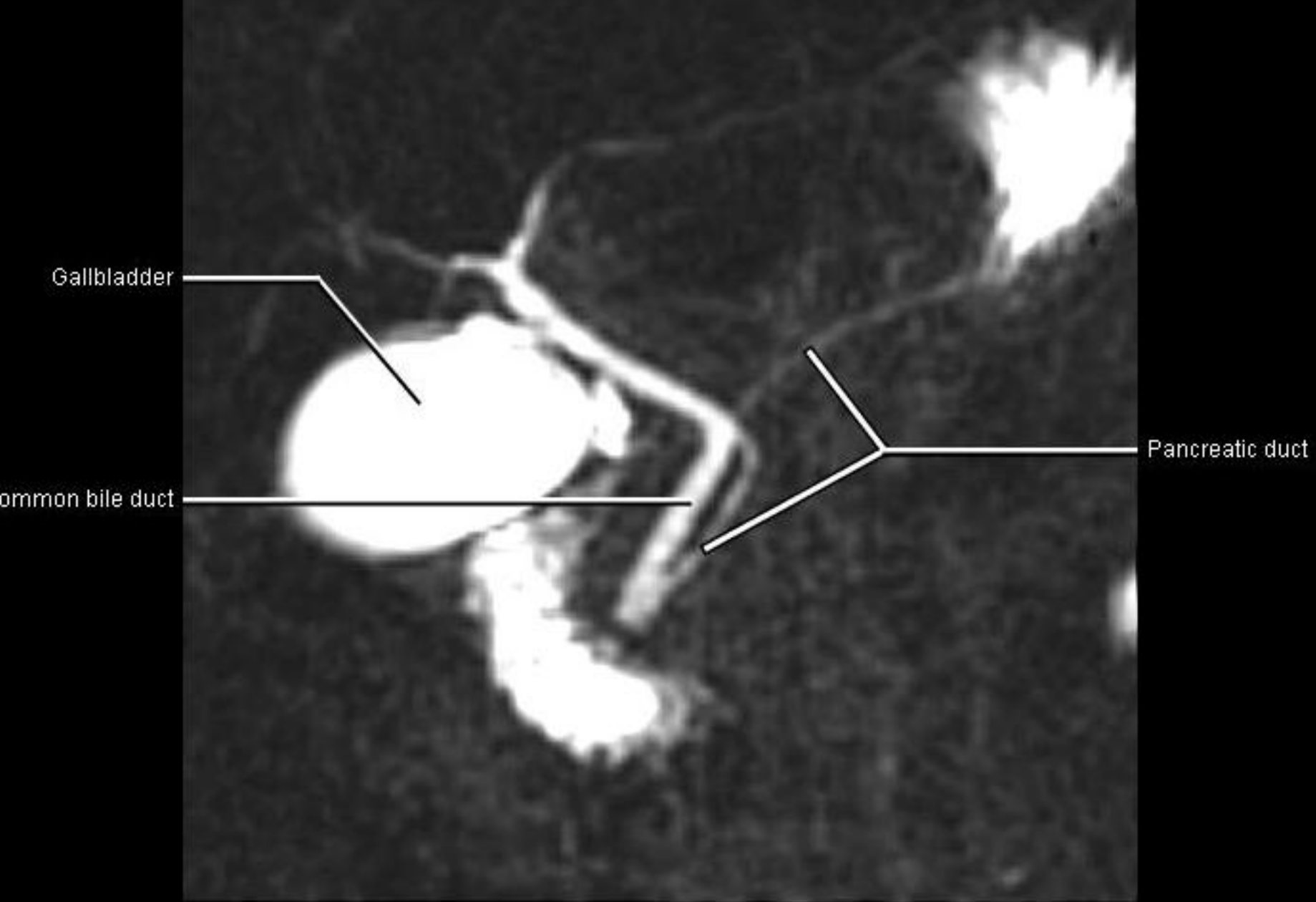
Portal vein

Neck of pancreas

Body of pancreas

Celiac artery



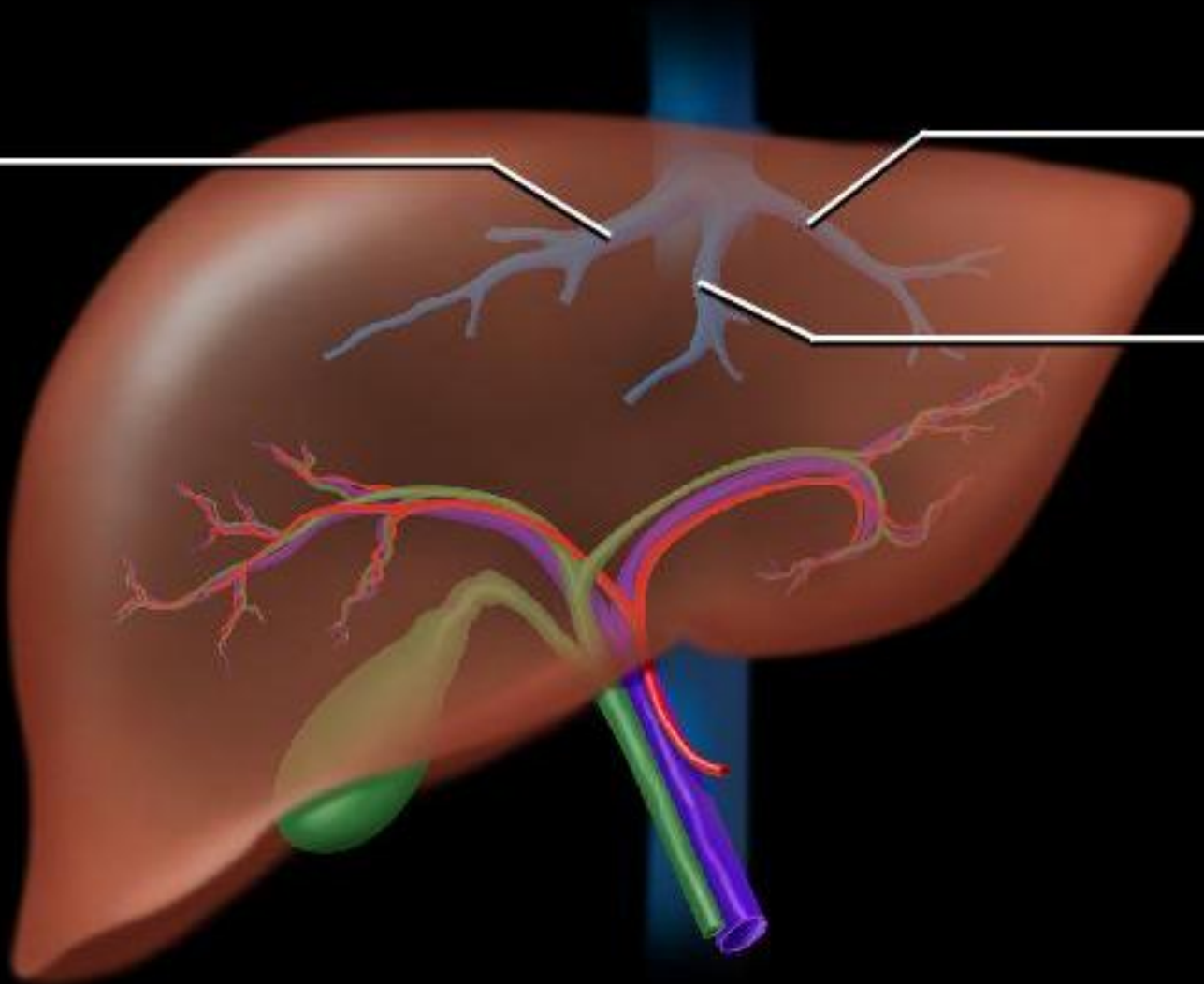


- ◉ Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) study
- ◉ Gall bladder is seen and coming out of it is the cystic duct it unites with the hepatic duct to form the common bile duct.
- ◉ And the pancreatic duct is also seen which will join together to open in the ampulla of vater.

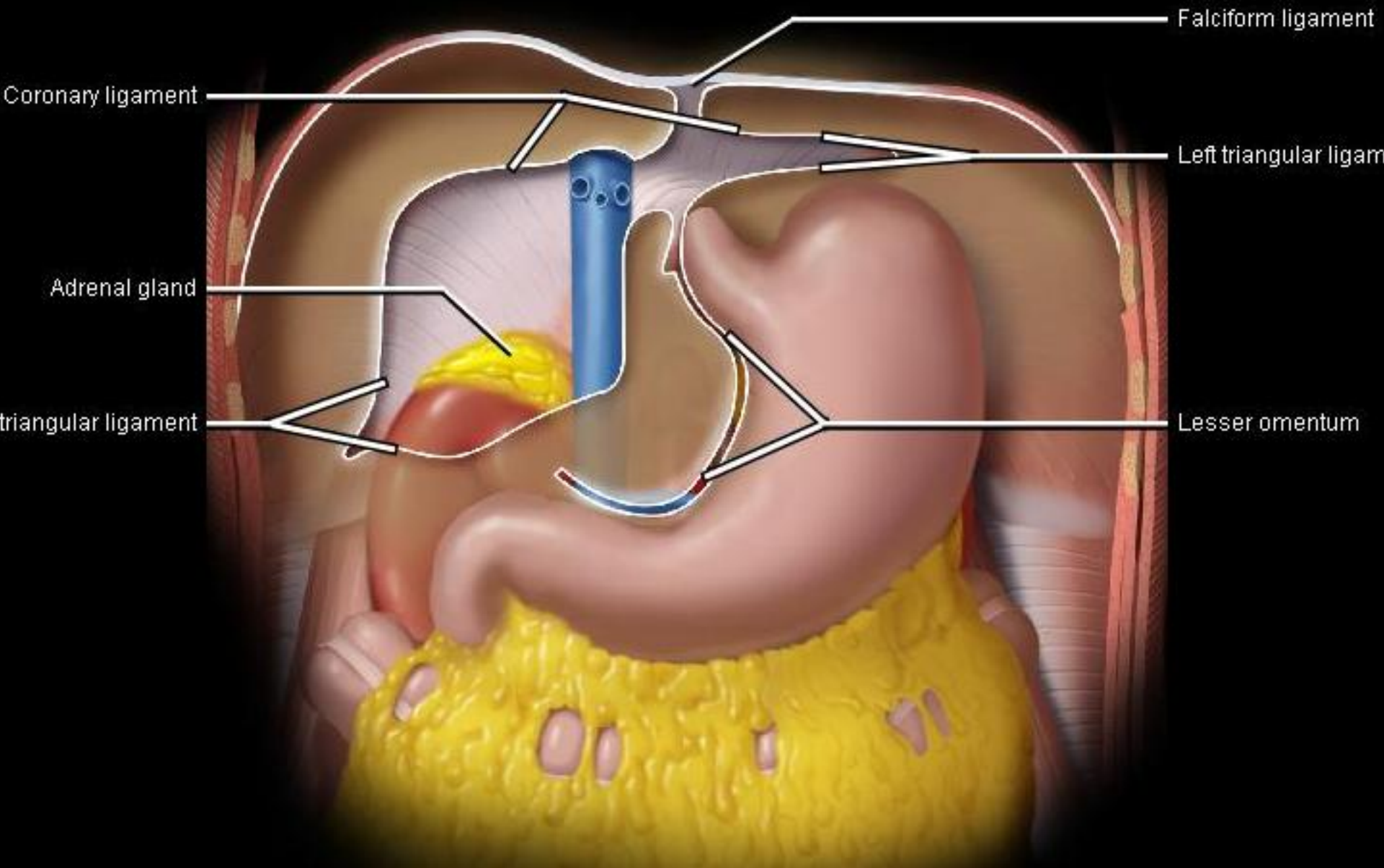
Right hepatic vein

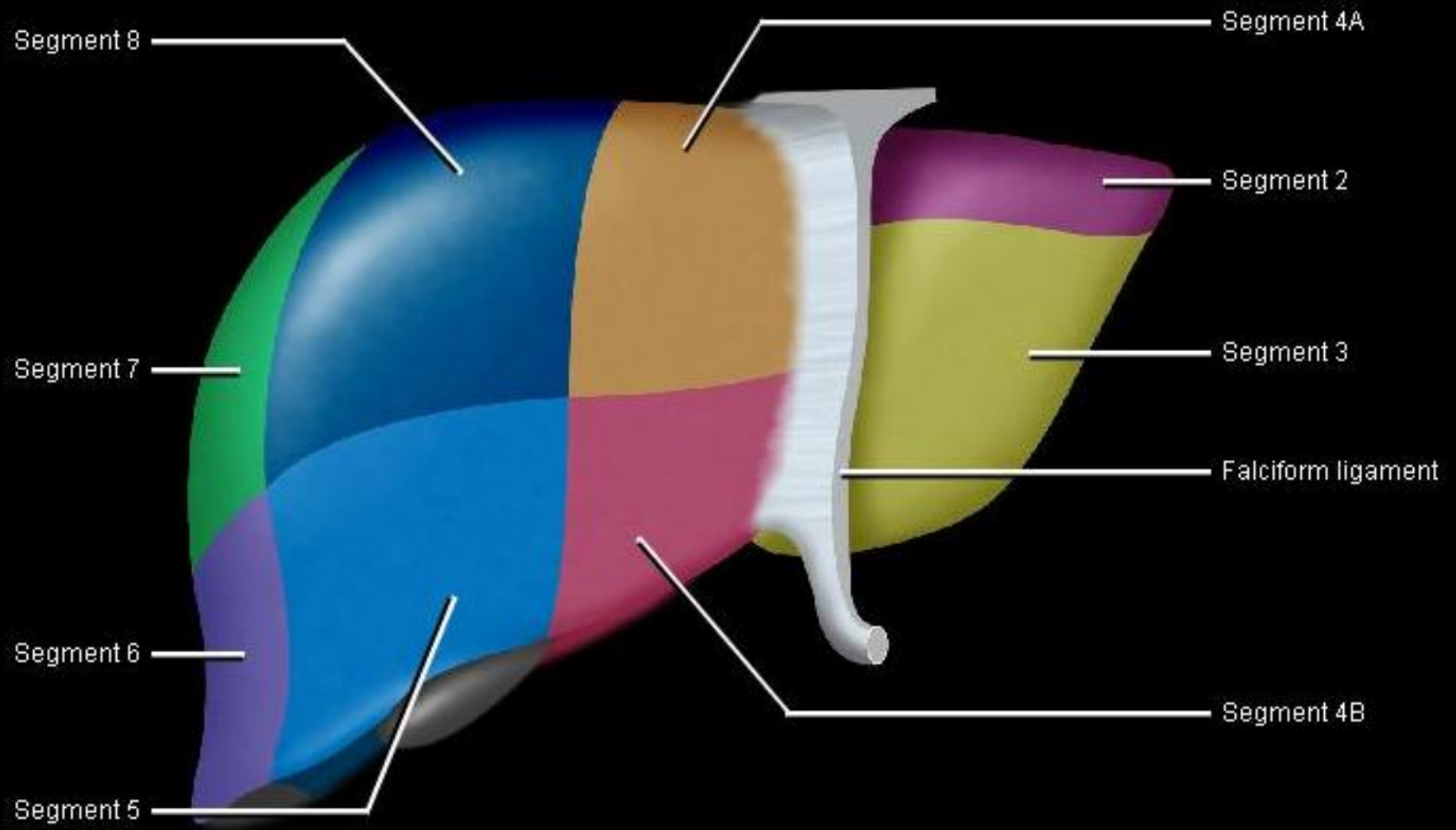
Left hepatic vein

Middle hepatic vein

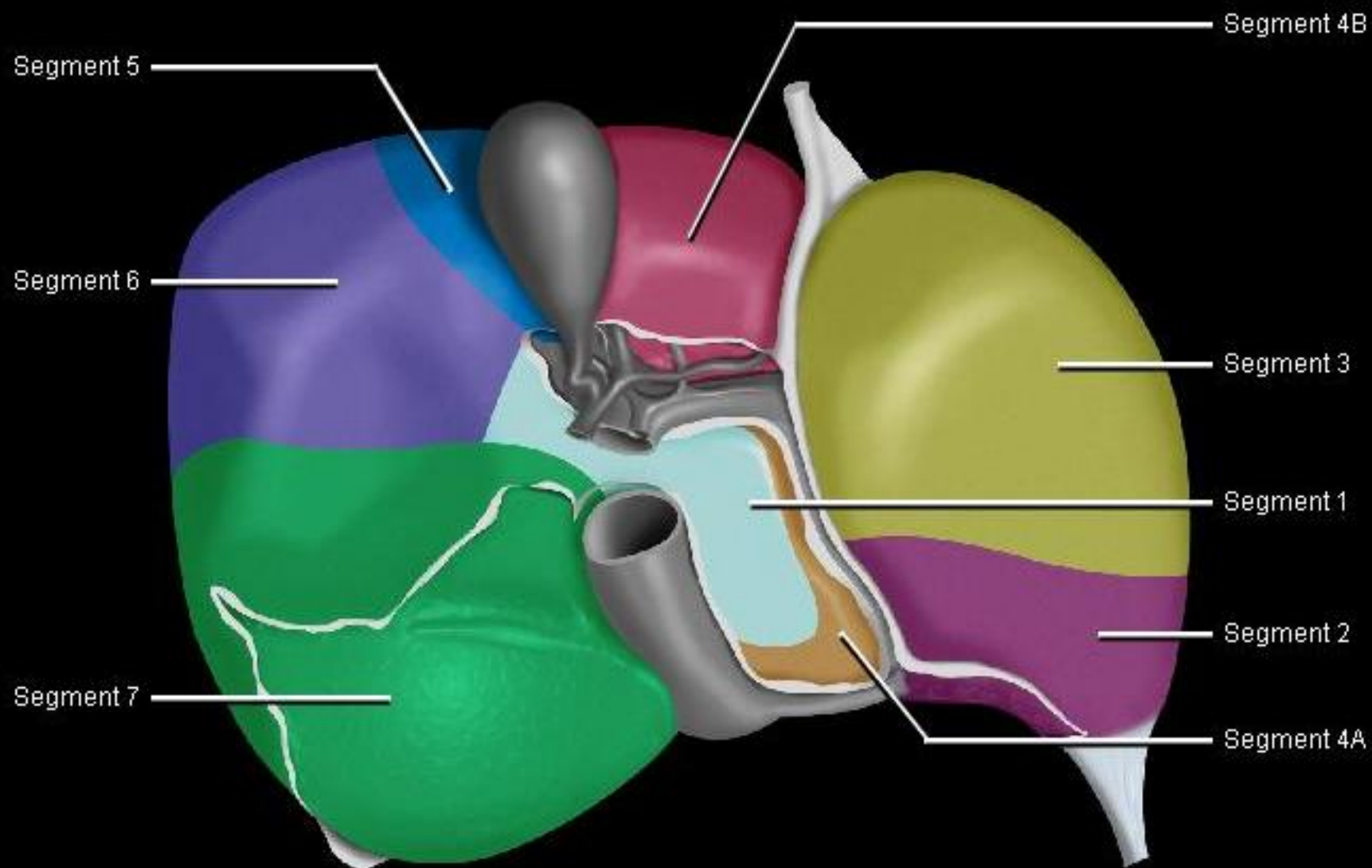


- ◉ You have to know that the common hepatic artery (red)
- ◉ Portal vein (blue)
- ◉ Common bile duct (green)
- ◉ Always moves together inside the liver.

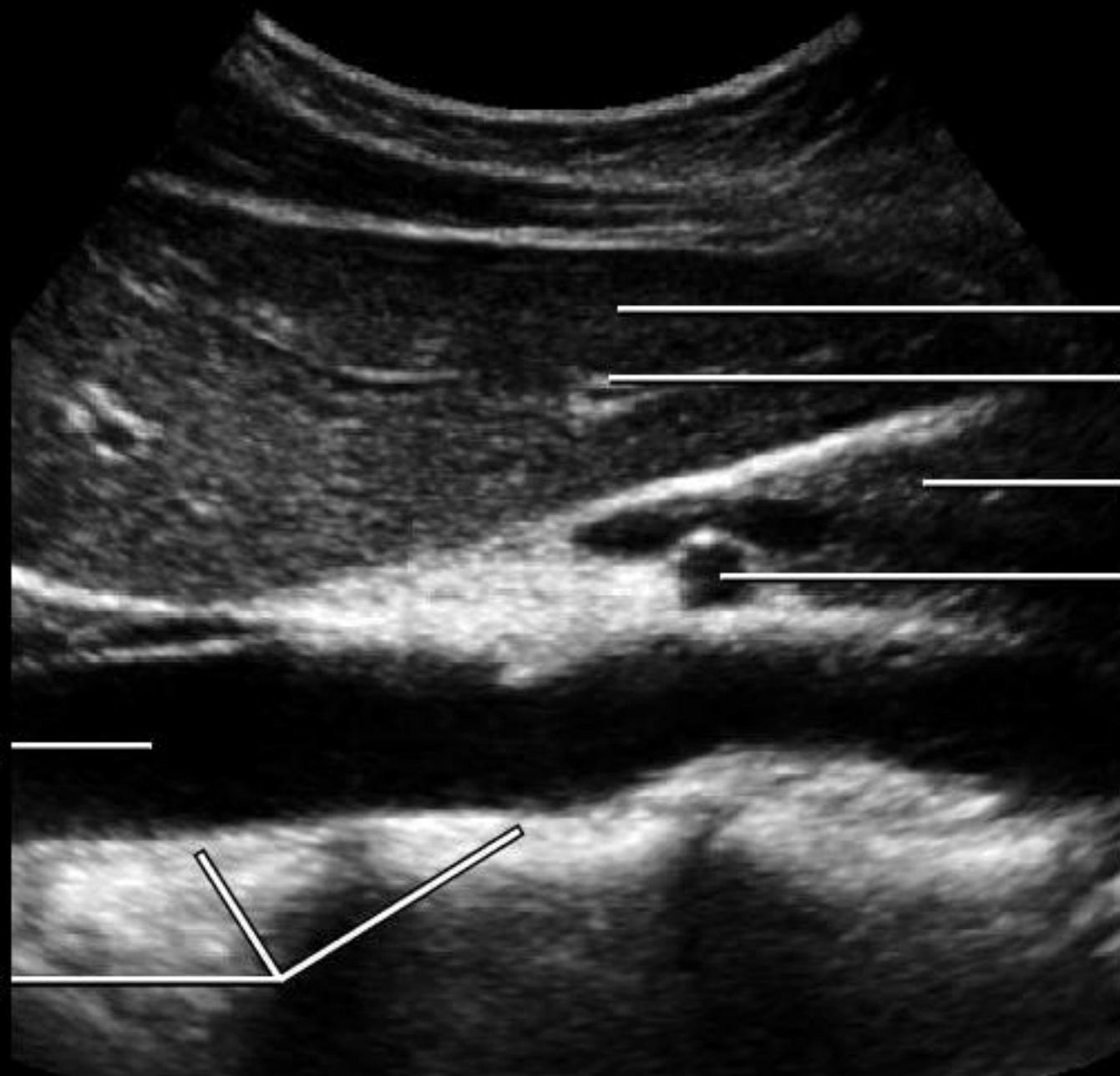




- For purposes of better management and description of lesions in the liver they divided the liver into 8 segments
- 1: Caudate lobe of liver
- 2-3: left lobe
- 4A-4B , 5,6,7,8 : Right lobe.
- It is divided by imaging that the portal vein comes in the middle of the liver and divides the upper pole of liver from the lower one.
- And the hepatic vein divide it into middle, left & right lobes of liver
- So what's on top is : 2 , 4A , 8 & 7
- And what's below the portal vein : 3 , 4B , 5 & 6
- Other way around this " a way to make it easier to remember " :
- Upper pole : 2 x 4 = 8 .. And 8 – 1 = 7**
- Lower pole: 3,4,5,6 (in sequence)**



- Sgements from below
- 4B & 5 are adjacent to the gall bladder.



Left lobe of liver

Left portal vein

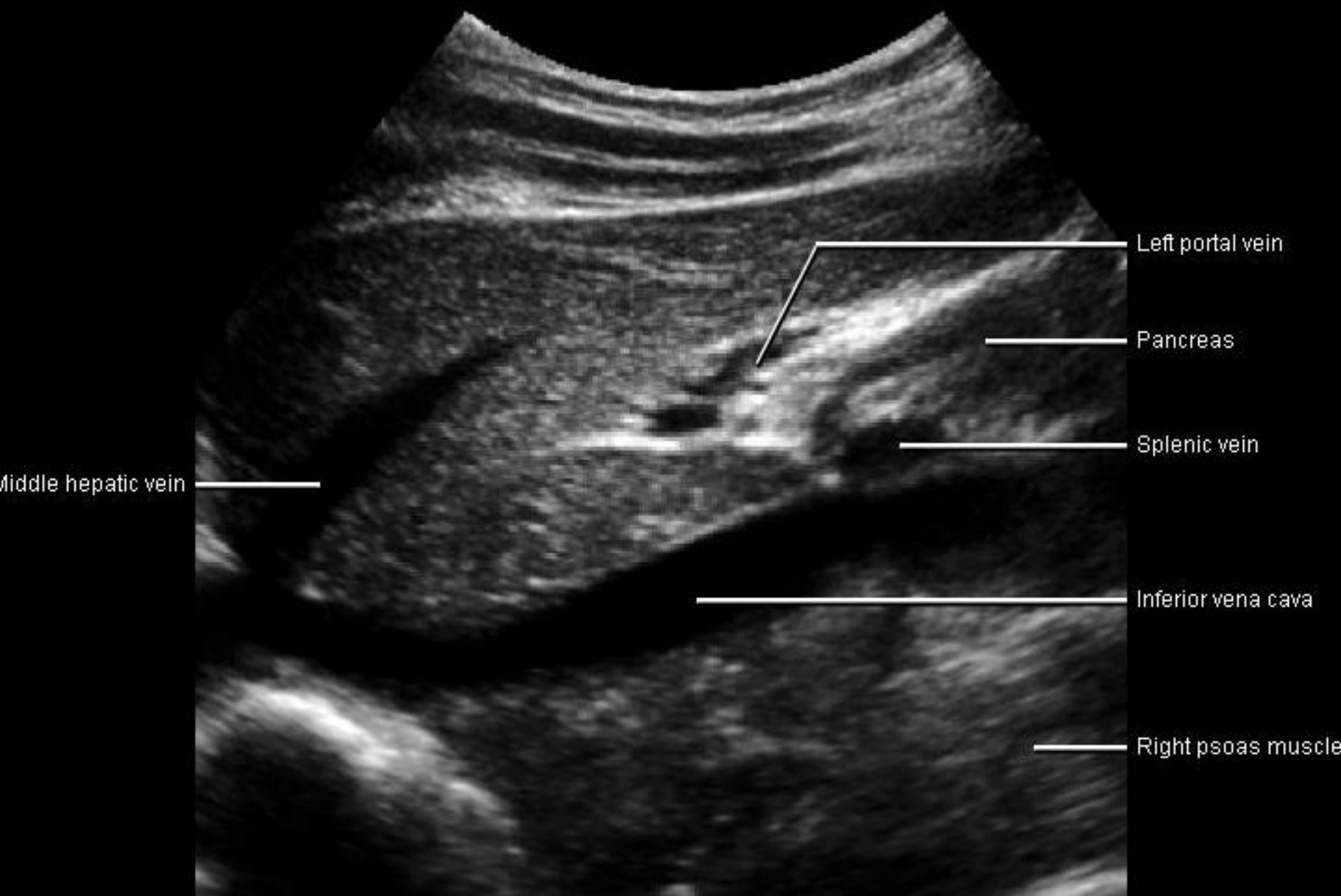
Pancreas

Splenic vein

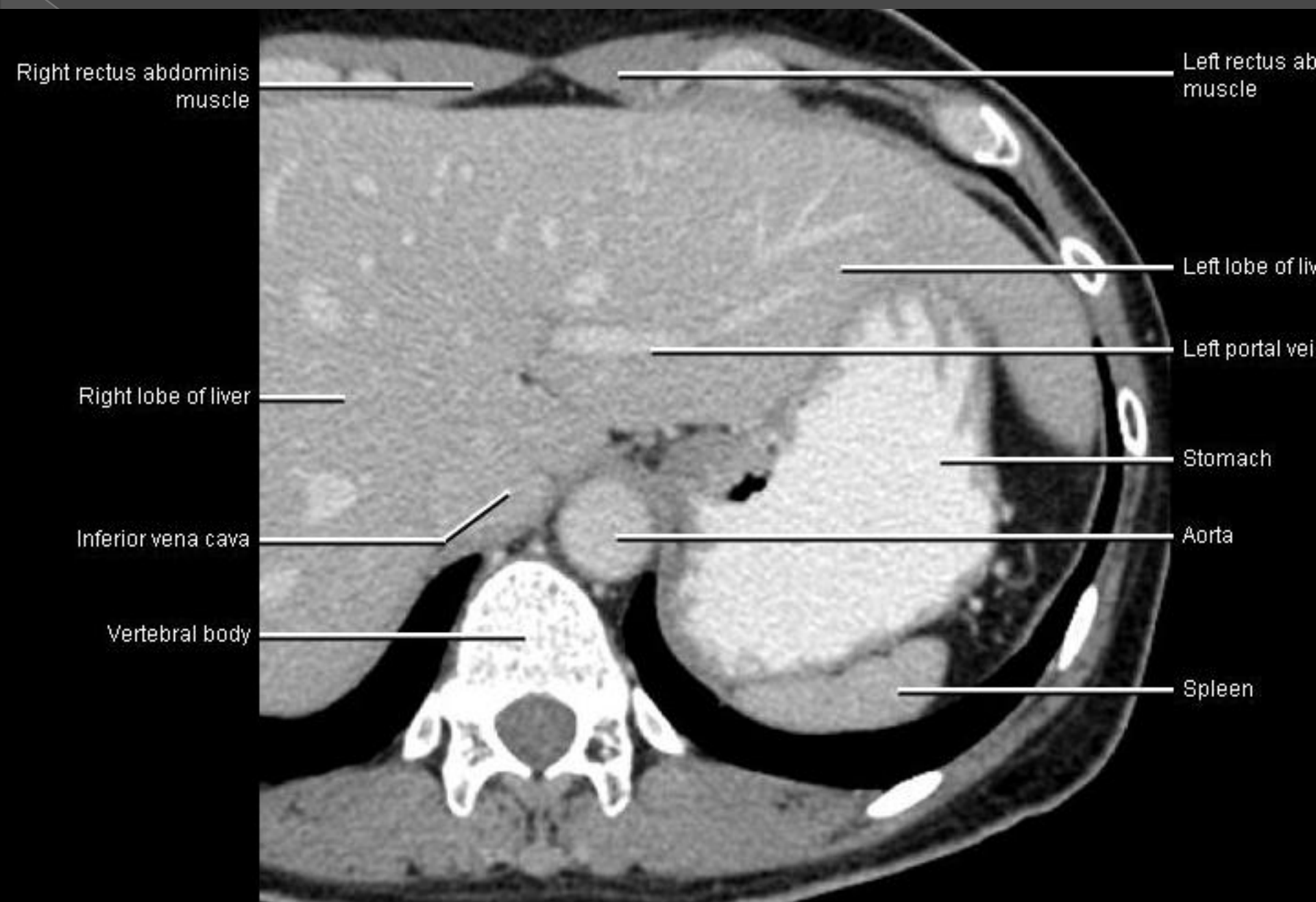
Aorta

Vertebral bodies

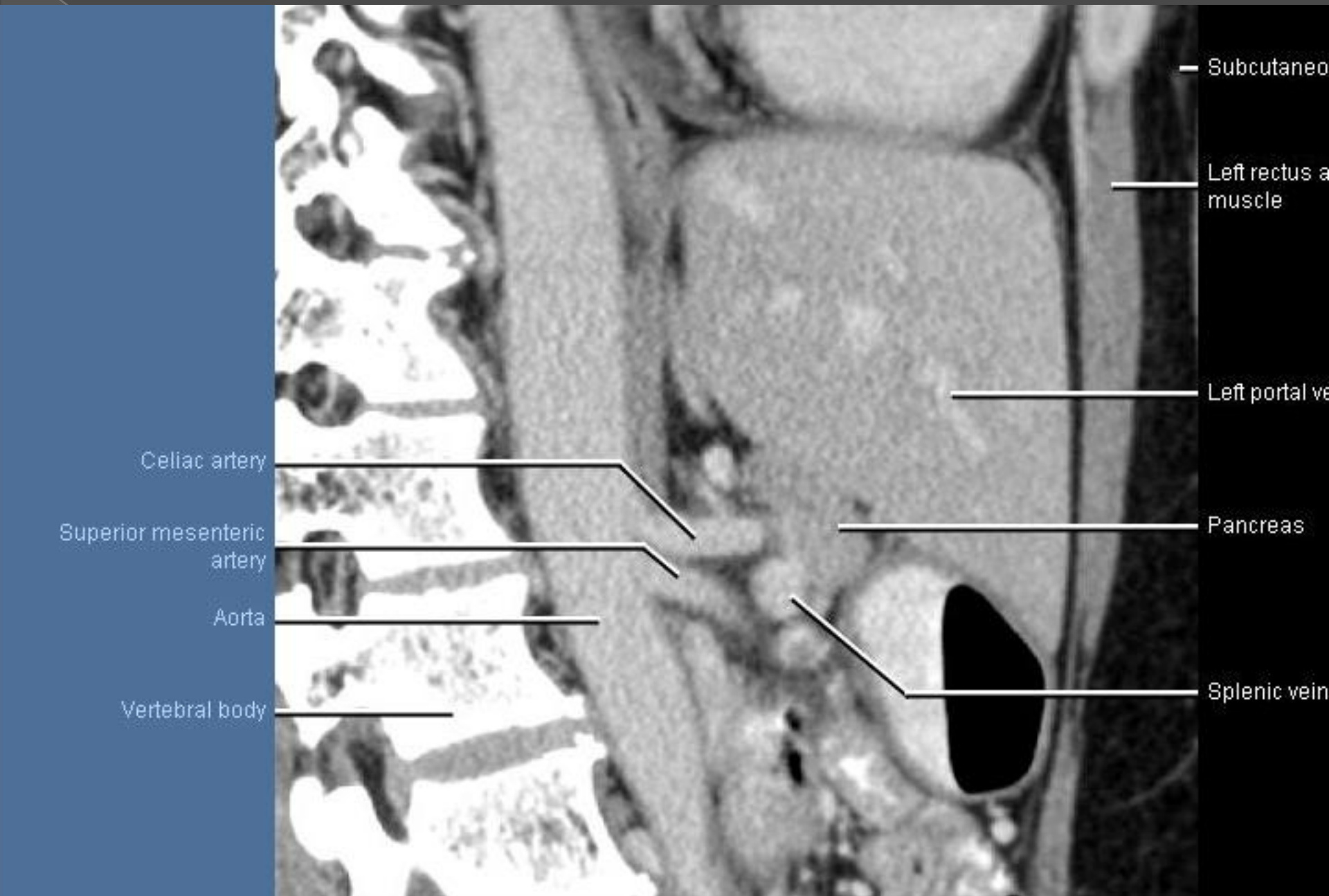
- Ultrasound (Sagittal view) because the aorta is longitudinal here **“important”**



- ◉ Ultrasound (sagittal view)
- ◉ Inferior venacava and beside it is the splenic vein which drain into the portal vein also superior mesenteric vein
- ◉ Middle hepatic vein is branched from IVC



● CT with contrast (axial)



- CT scan (Sagittal view because you can see the vertebrae)
- Aorta is seen and celiac artery is the first branch from it.

Middle hepatic vein

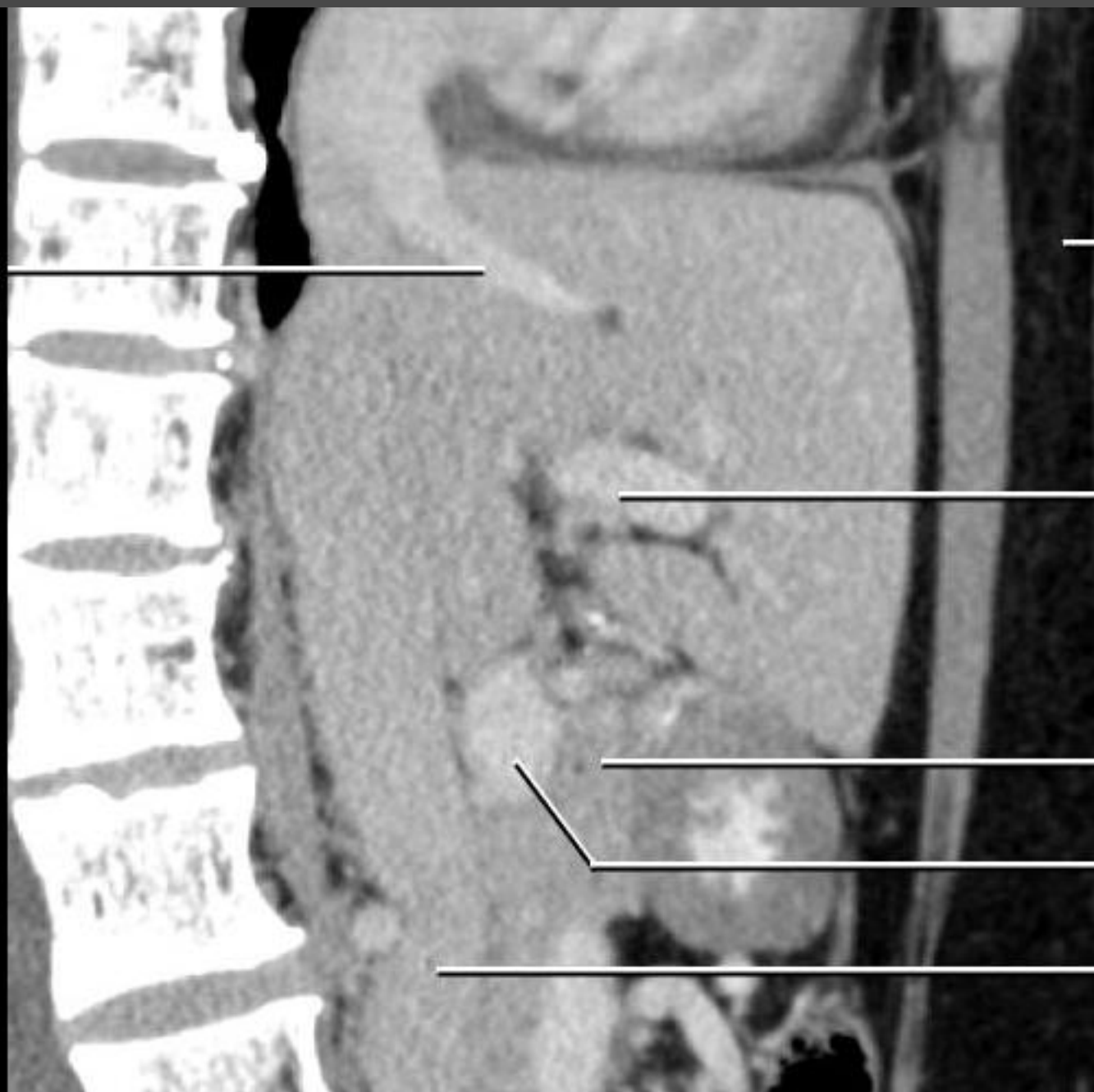
Subcutaneous fat

Left portal vein

Pancreas

Splenic vein

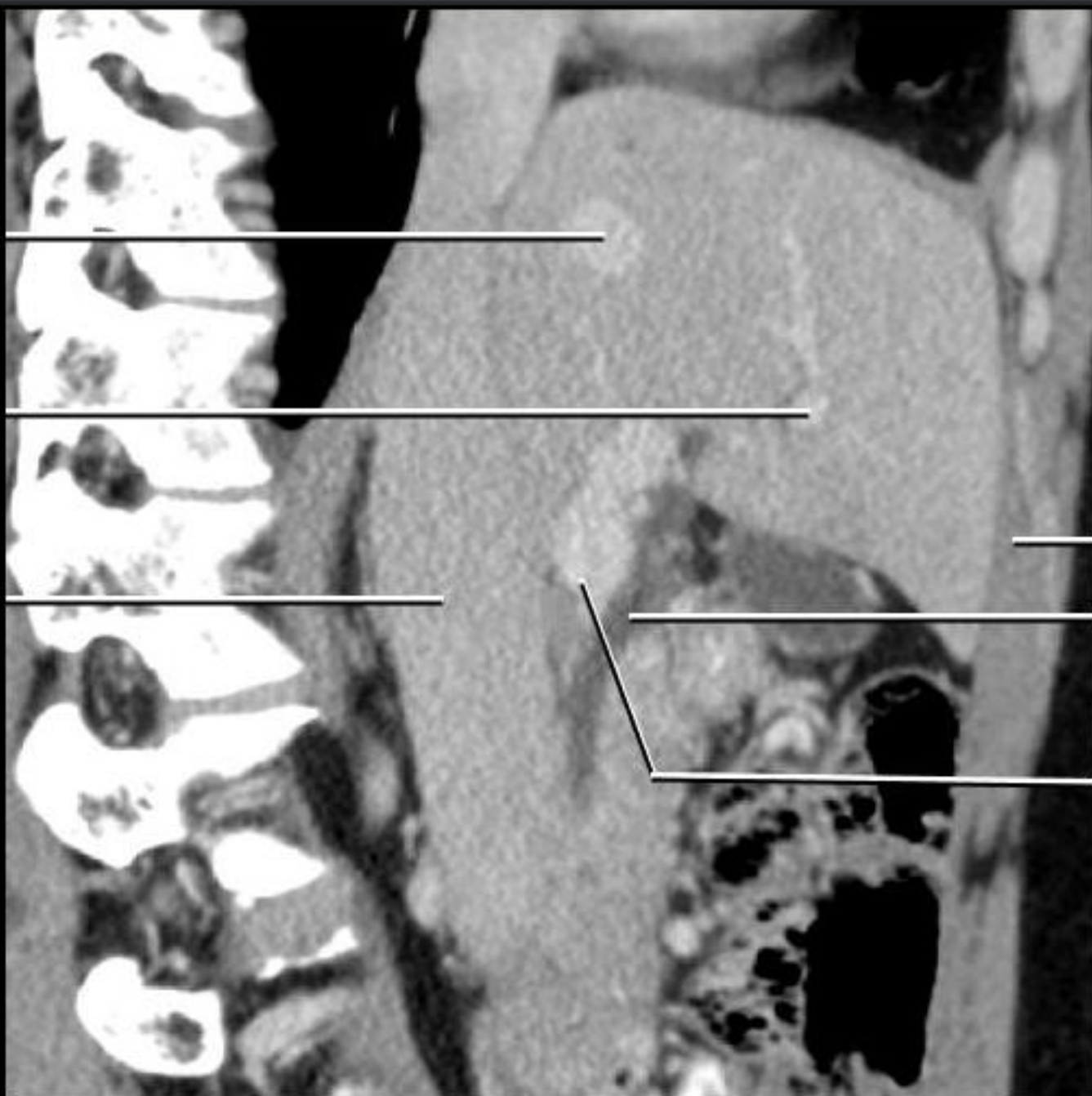
Inferior vena cava



- ◉ CT (sagittal)

- ◉ Middle hepatic vein coming of the IVC

Middle hepatic vein



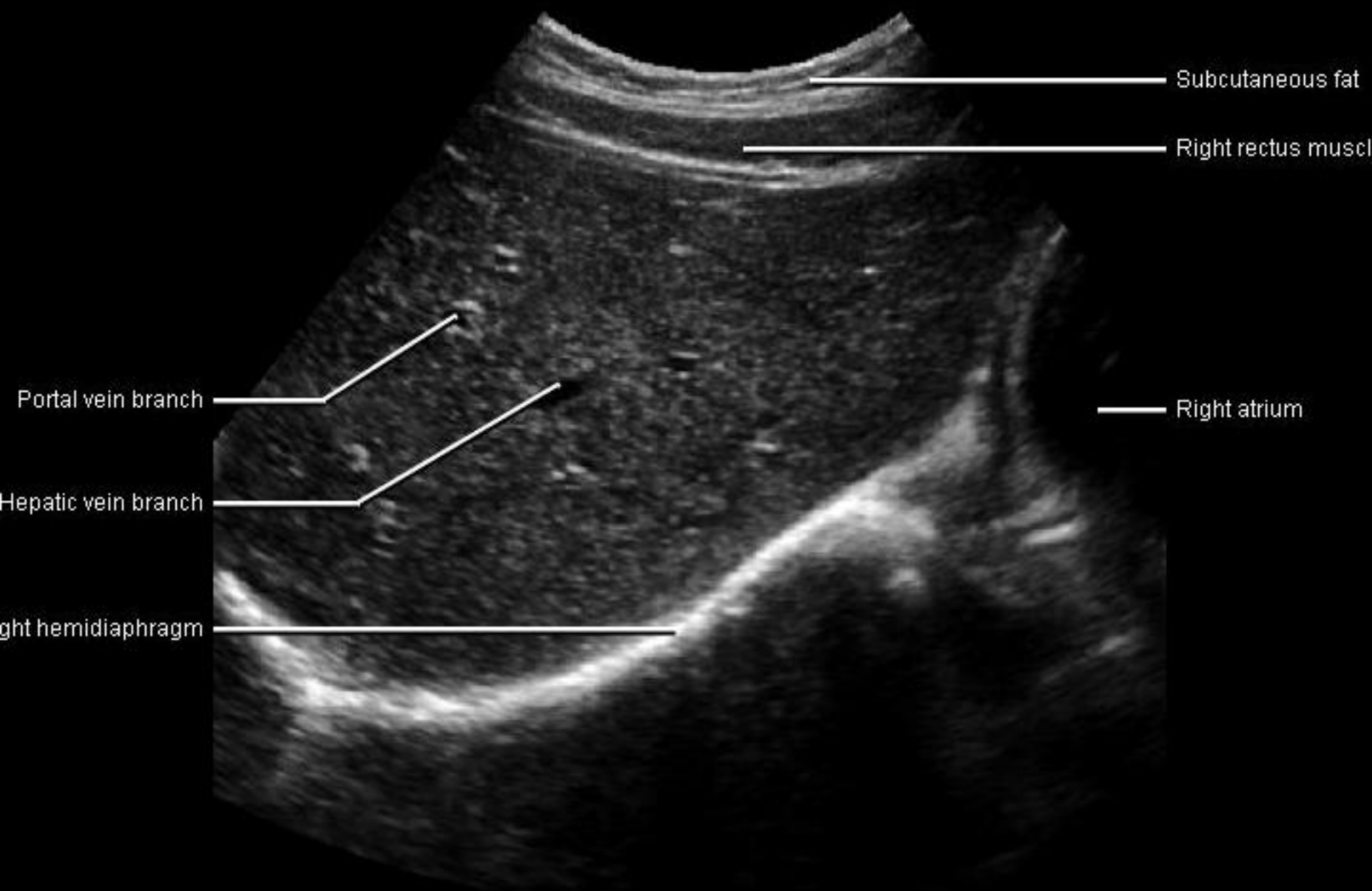
Left portal vein

Inferior vena cava

Right rectus abdomi
muscle

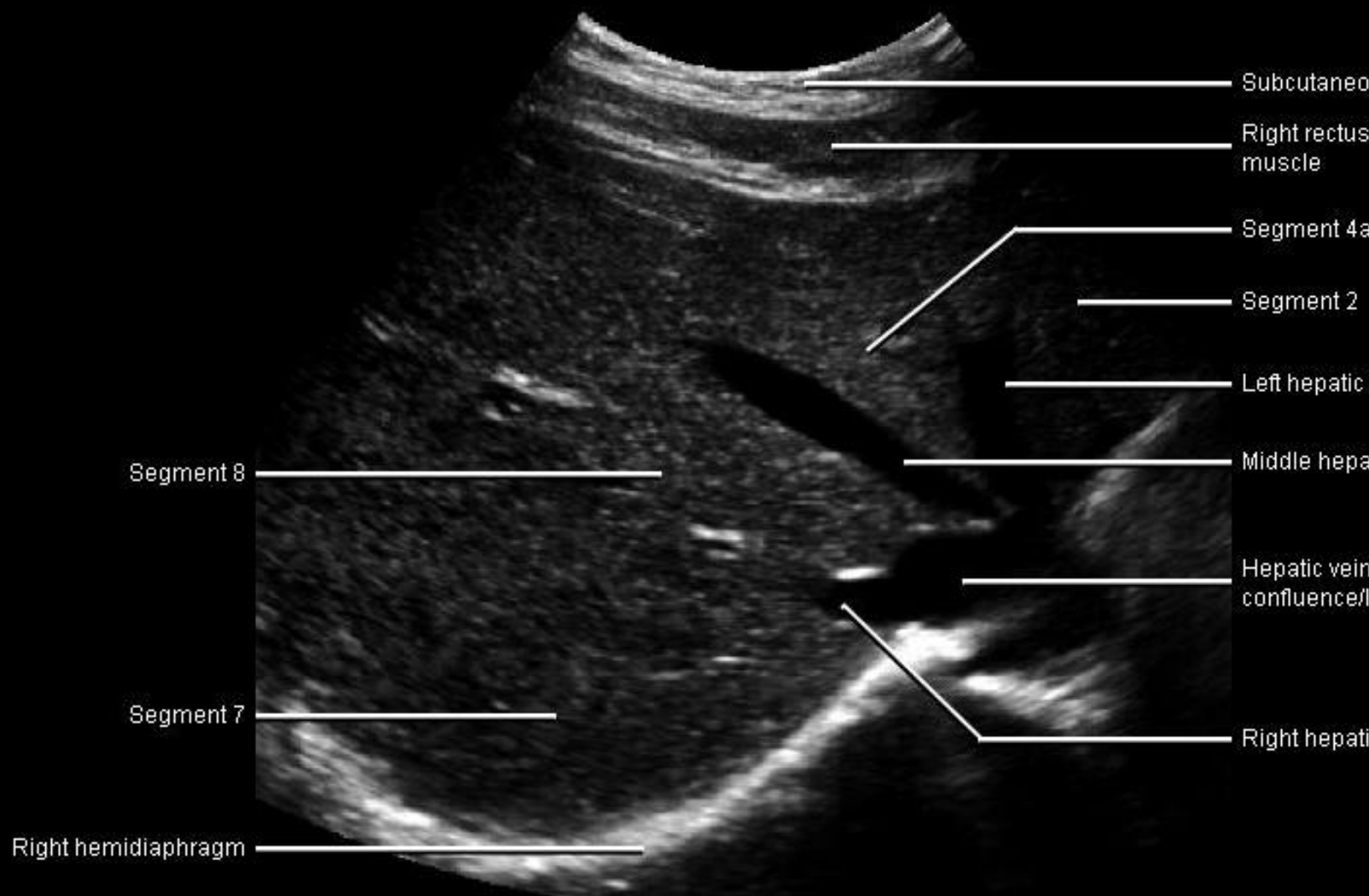
Common bile duct

Portal vein



- Ultrasound

- - Left lobe of the liver is seen “ because the right atrium is in the image “



◉ ultrasound

- Right lobe of liver
- Largest segment is (8)
- Underneath it is (7)
- And on the left is (4A) & (2) segments



Subcutaneous fat

Right rectus abdominis muscle

Right hepatic vein

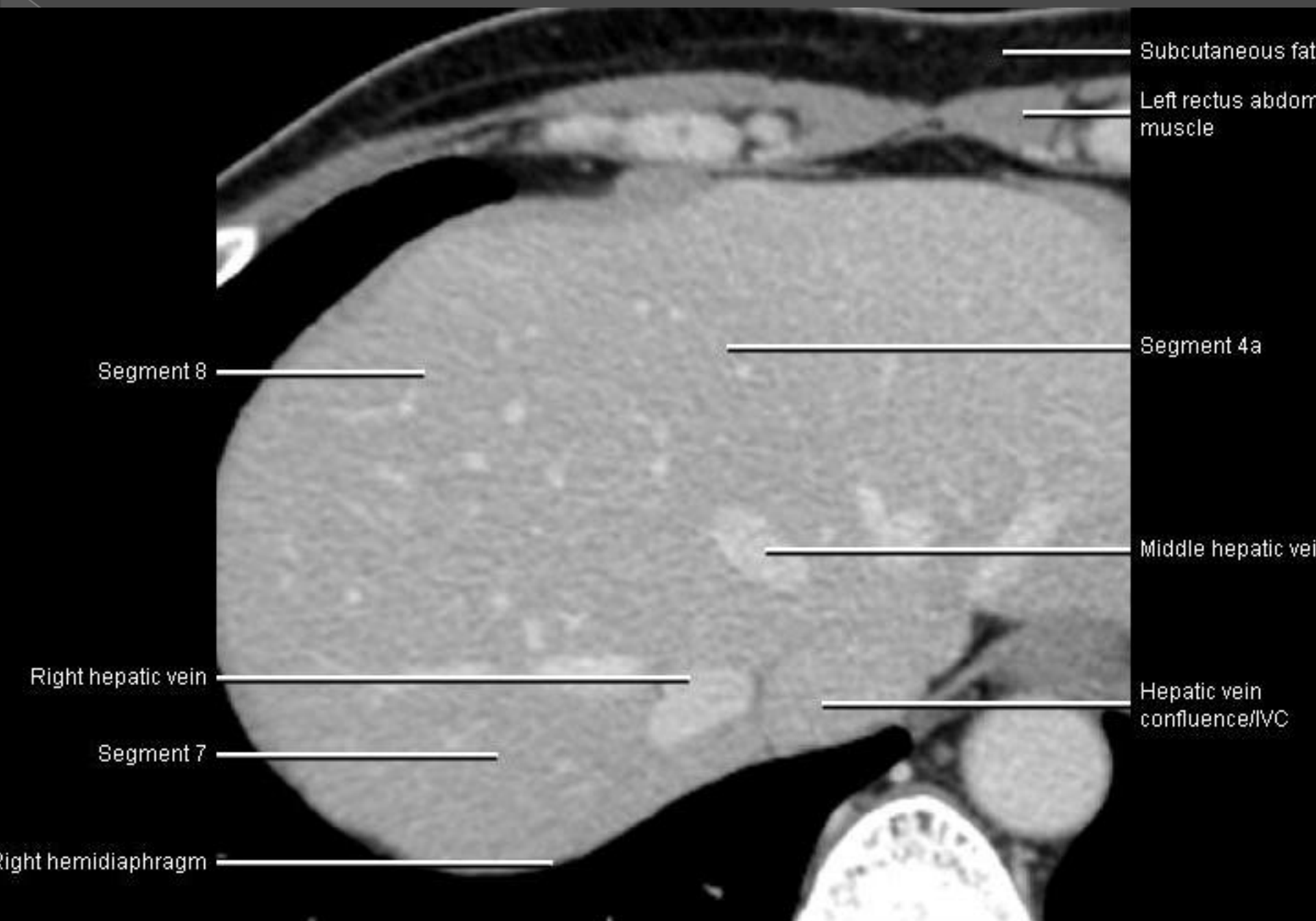
Left hepatic vein

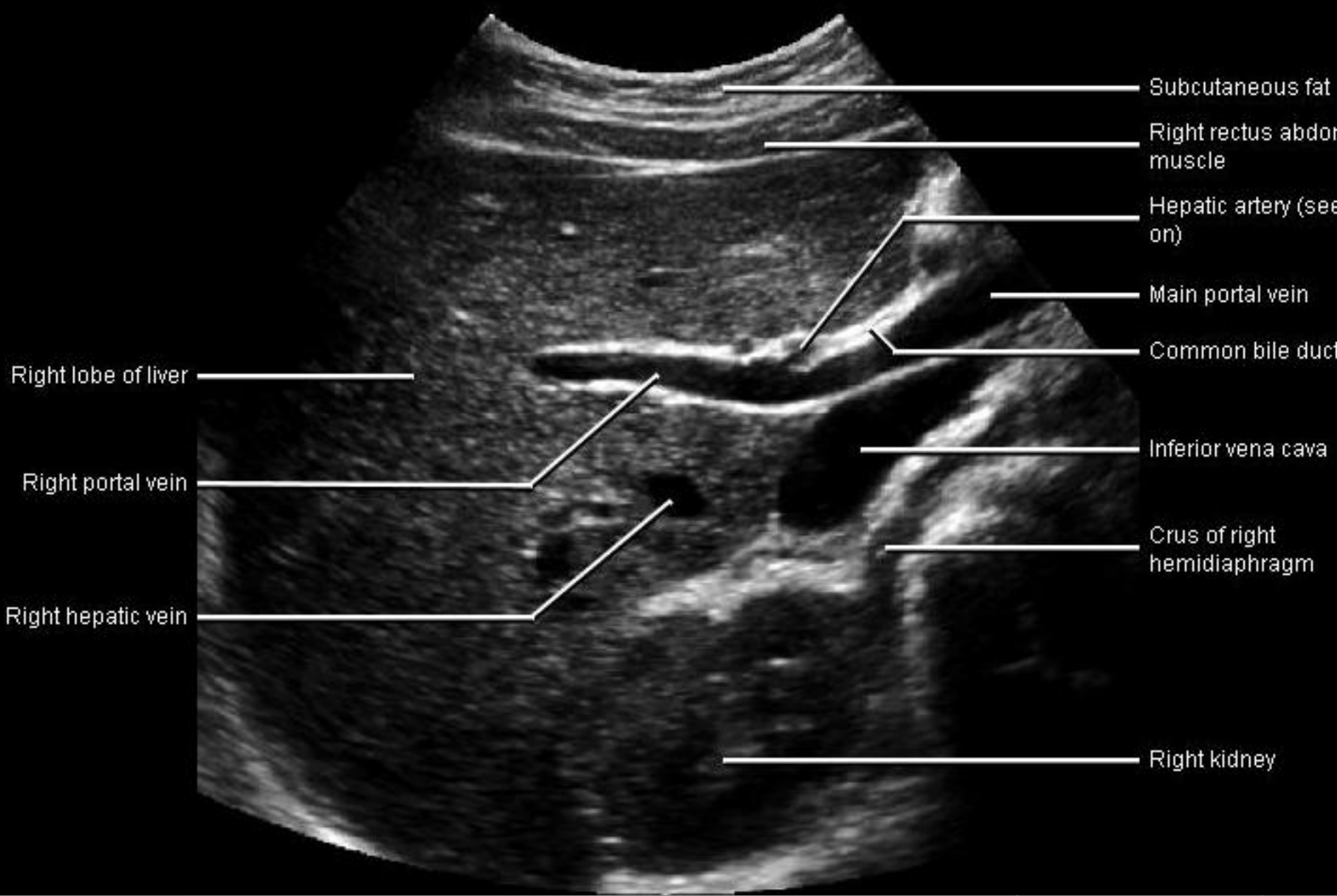
Middle hepatic vein

Left hemidiaphragm

Hepatic vein confluence/IVC

- The appearance of a **deers head** ? “ **not sure** “
- Composed by the hepatic veins which also divide the liver into lobes “ as mentioned earlier “





Subcutaneous fat

Right rectus abdominis muscle

Hepatic artery (seen on)

Main portal vein

Common bile duct

Inferior vena cava

Crus of right hemidiaphragm

Right kidney

Right lobe of liver

Right portal vein

Right hepatic vein

⦿ Ultrasound (transverse)

⦿ - As you can see the portal vein, hepatic artery & common bile duct are always together



- ◉ As you can see the portal vein, hepatic artery & common bile duct are always together





Subcutaneous

Right rectus abdominis muscle

Gallbladder

Right lobe of liver

Inferior vena cava

Vertebral body

Right kidney

Right erector spinae muscle

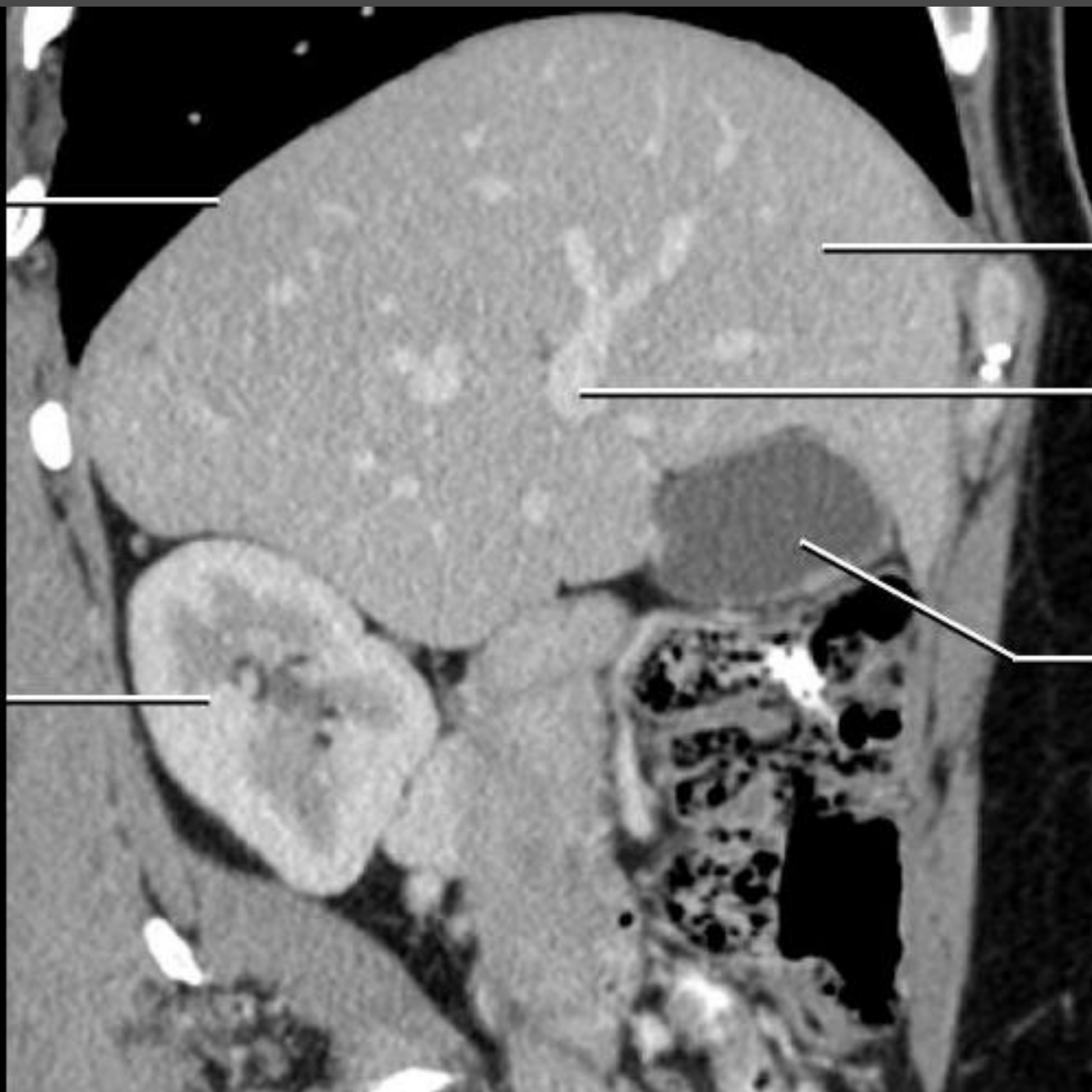
hemidiaphragm

Right lobe of liver

Main portal vein and right
portal vein branches

Right kidney

Gallbladder



(deer's head appearance)

Middle hepatic vein

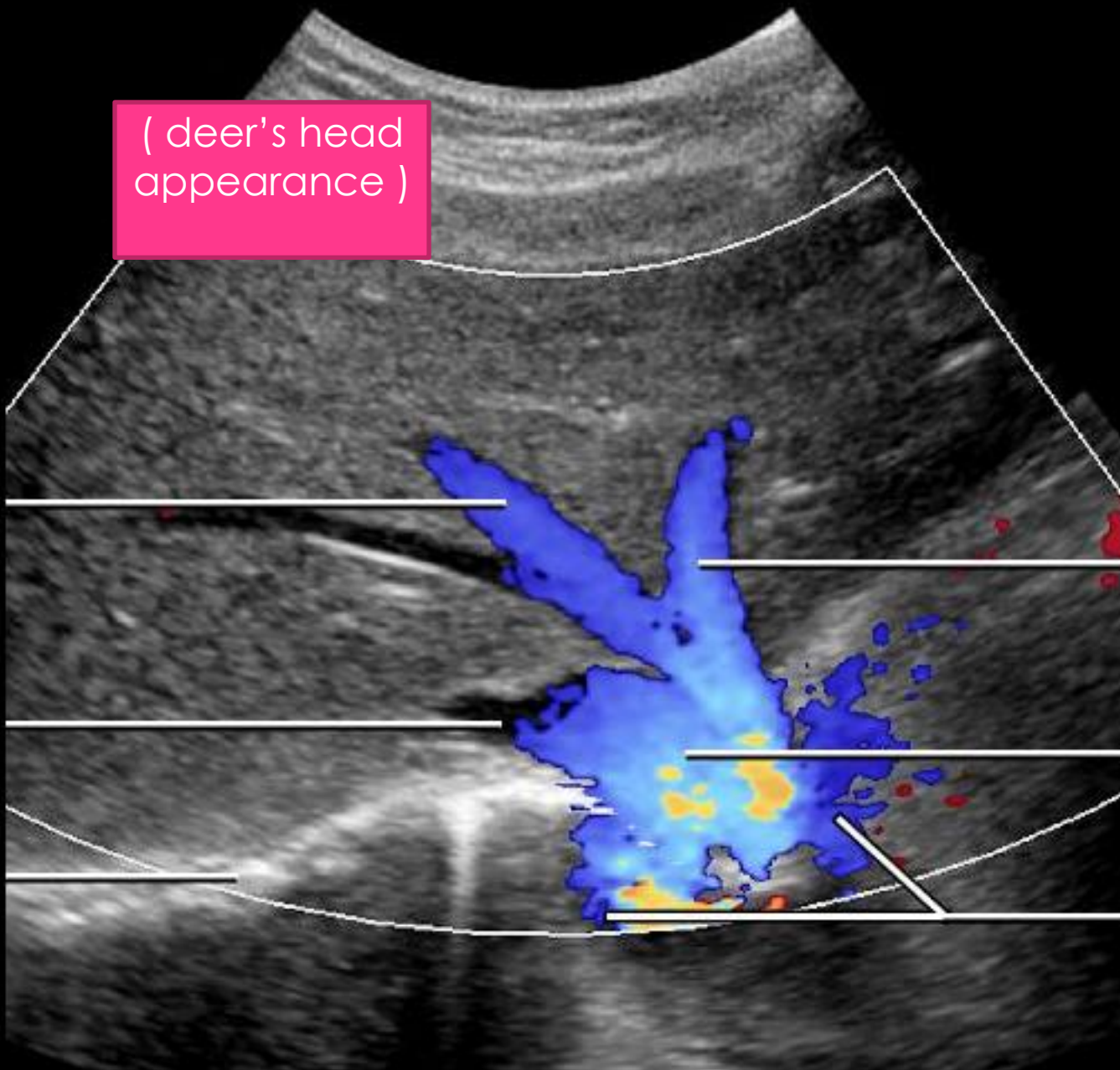
Left hepatic vein

Right hepatic vein

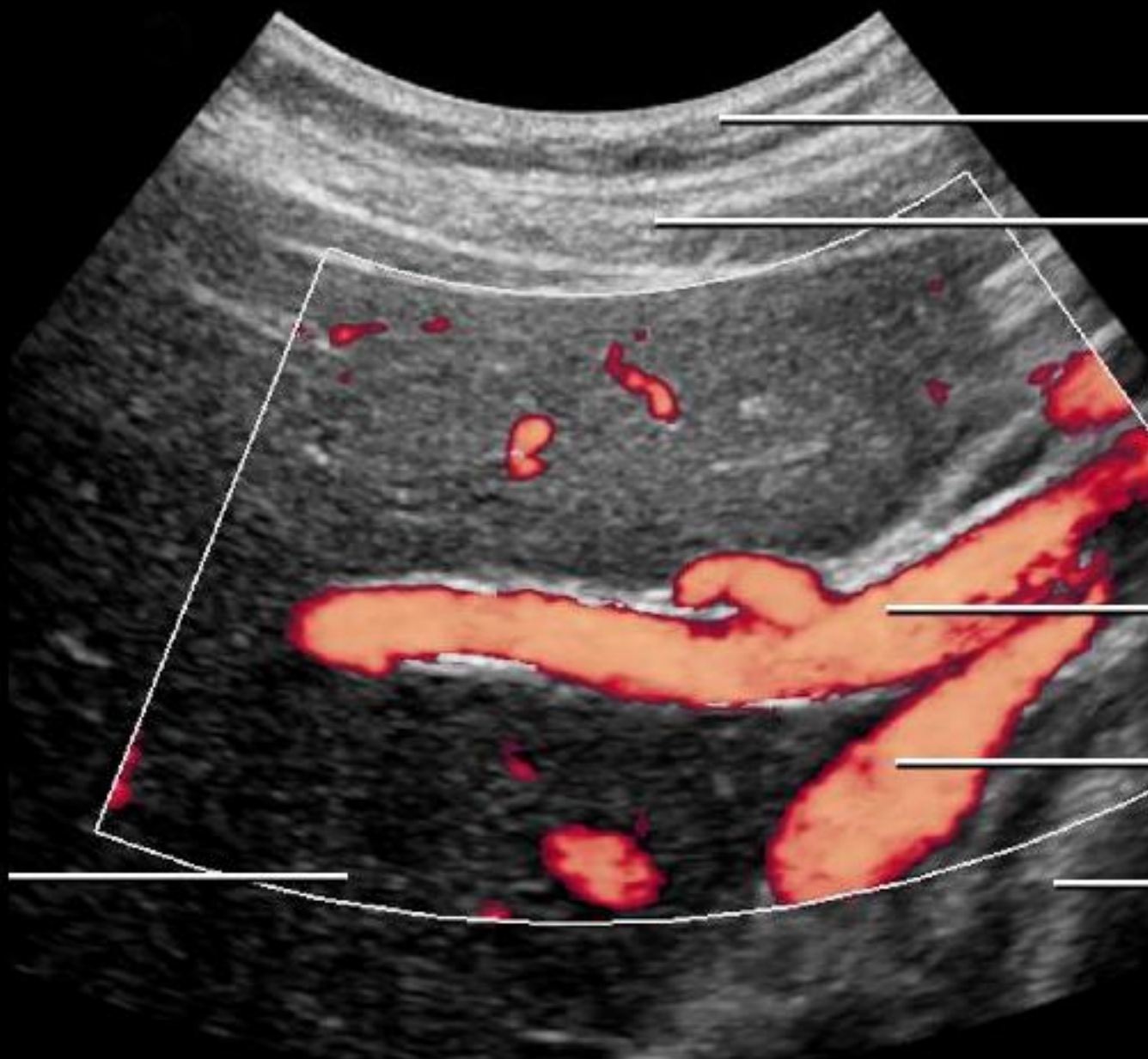
Hepatic vein confluence/IVC

Right hemidiaphragm

Artifact from cardiac motion and pulsatile flow



Right lobe of liver



Subcutaneous

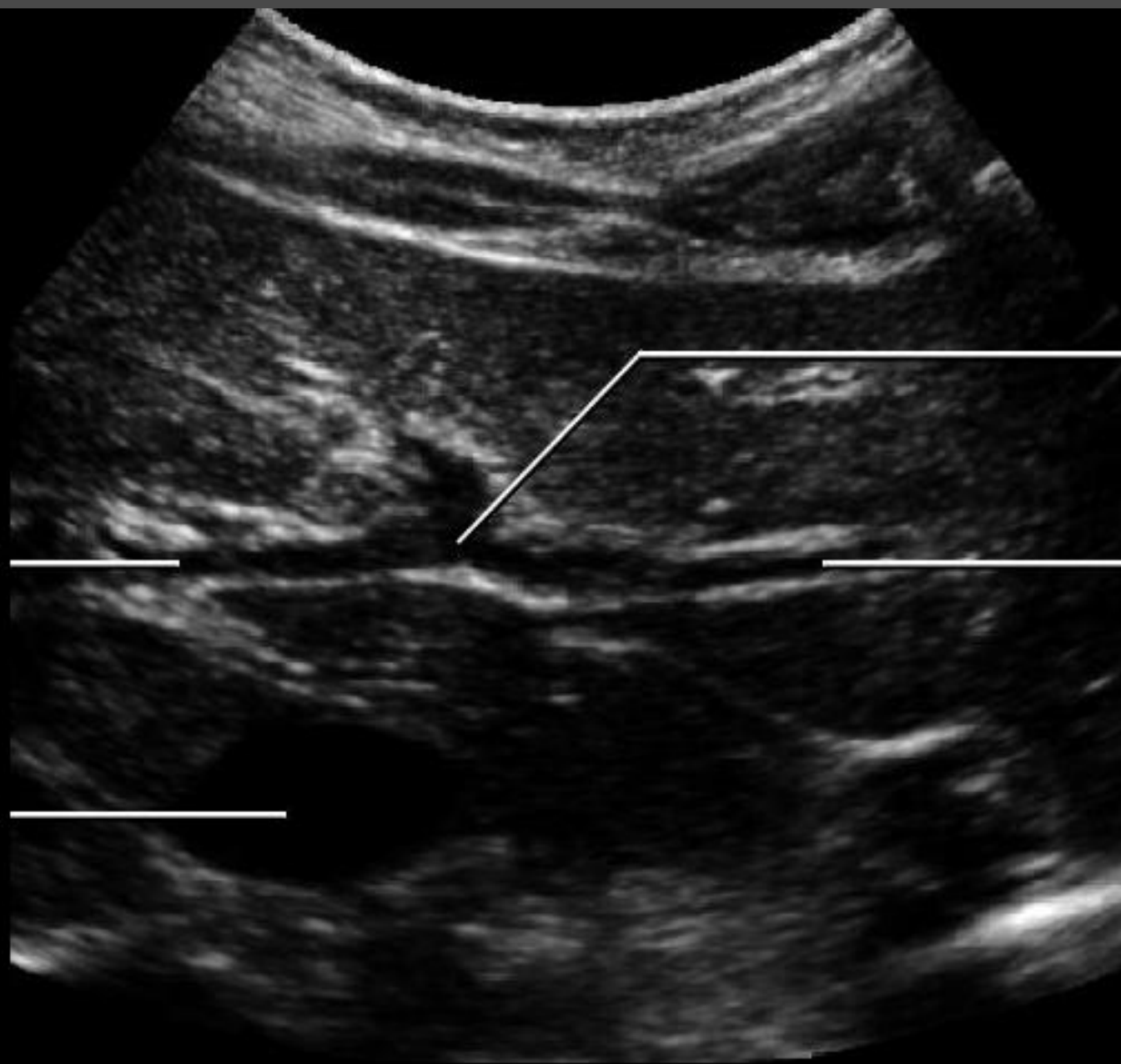
Right rectus a
muscle

Main portal ve

Inferior vena c

Vertebral body



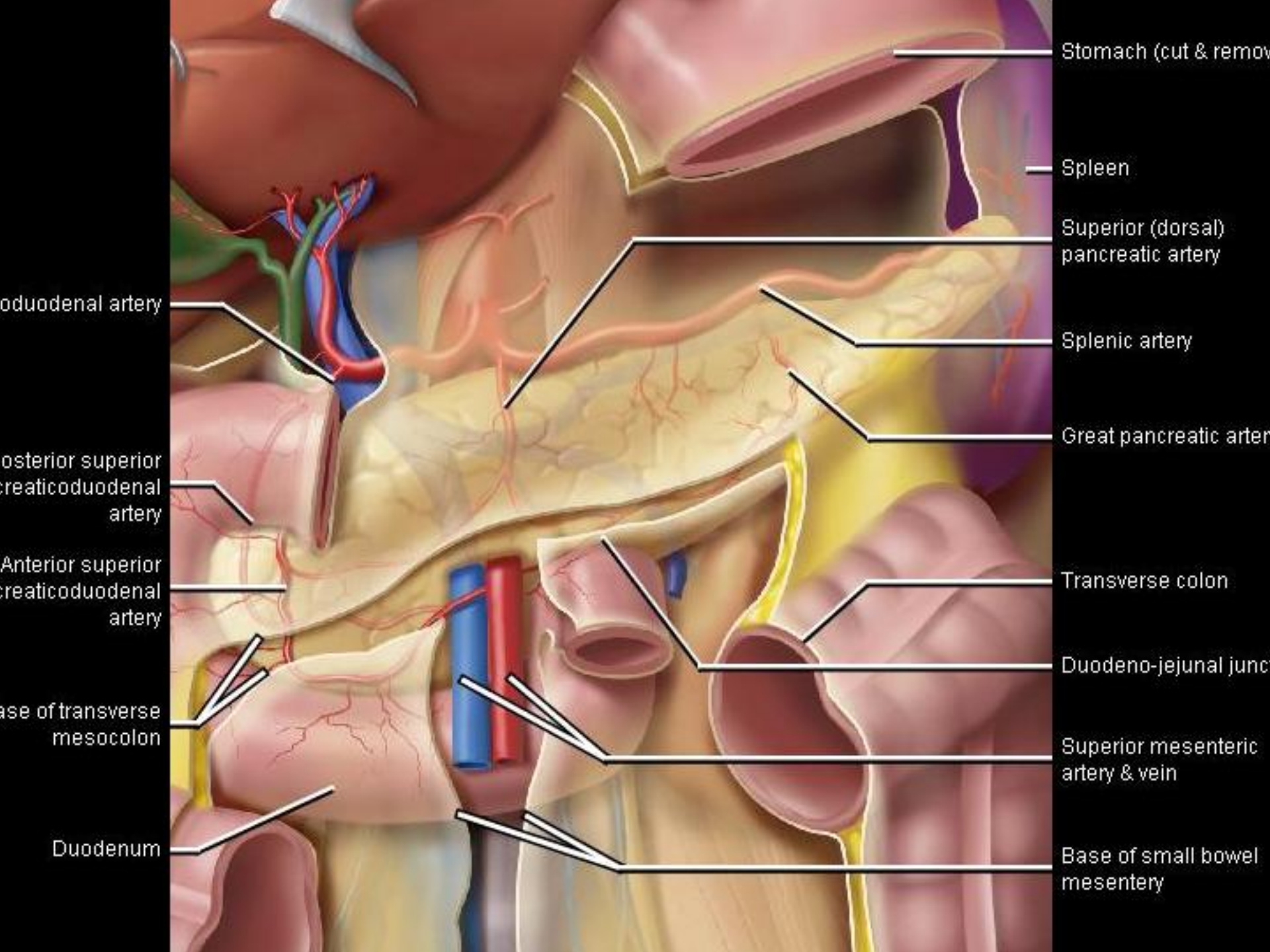


Right portal vein

Portal vein bifurcation

Left portal vein

Inferior vena cava



Stomach (cut & removed)

Spleen

Superior (dorsal)
pancreatic artery

Splenic artery

Great pancreatic artery

Superior (dorsal)
pancreatic artery

Posterior superior
creaticoduodenal
artery

Anterior superior
creaticoduodenal
artery

Base of transverse
mesocolon

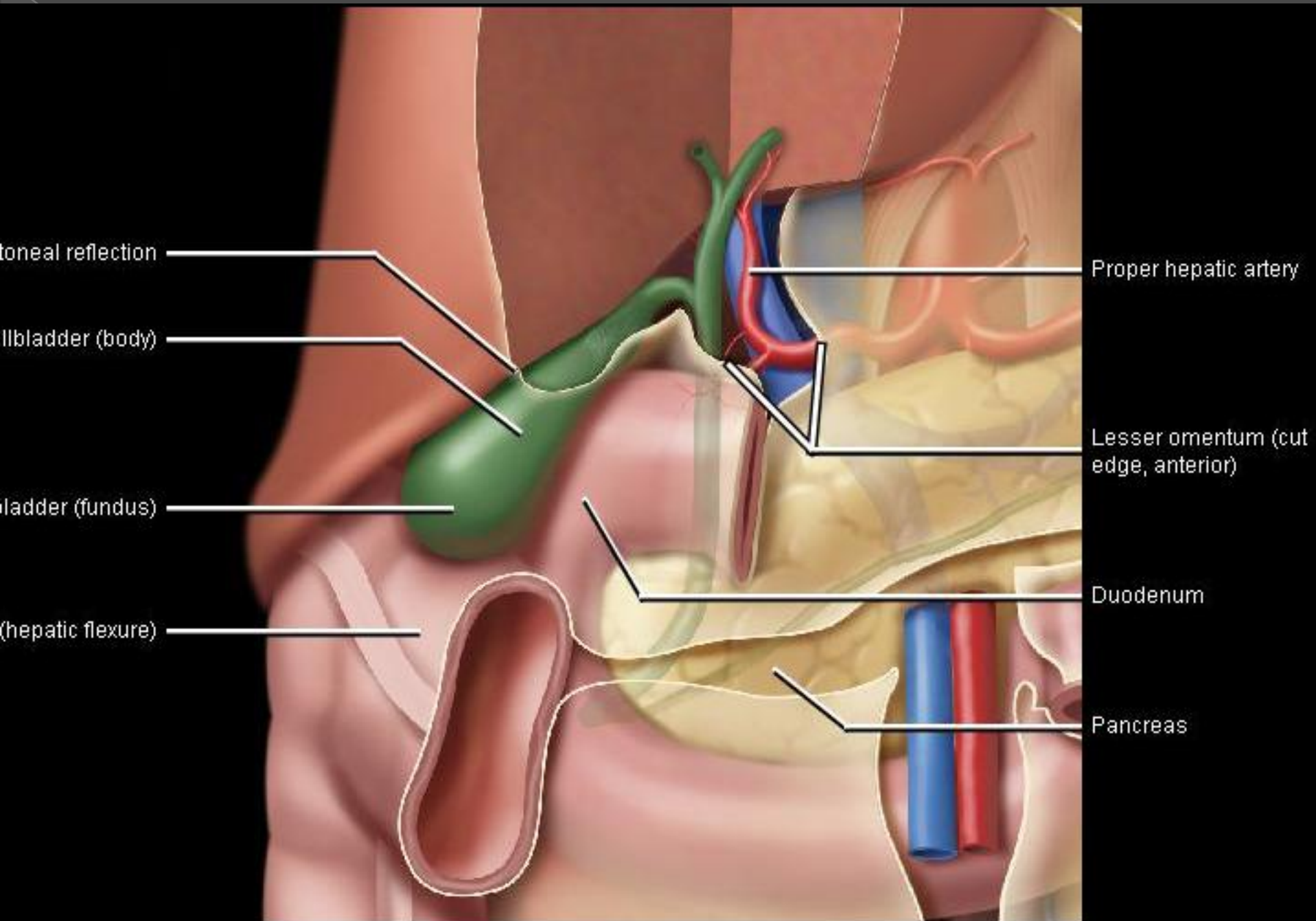
Duodenum

Transverse colon

Duodeno-jejunal junction

Superior mesenteric
artery & vein

Base of small bowel
mesentery



Cystic duct

Neck

Body

Fundus

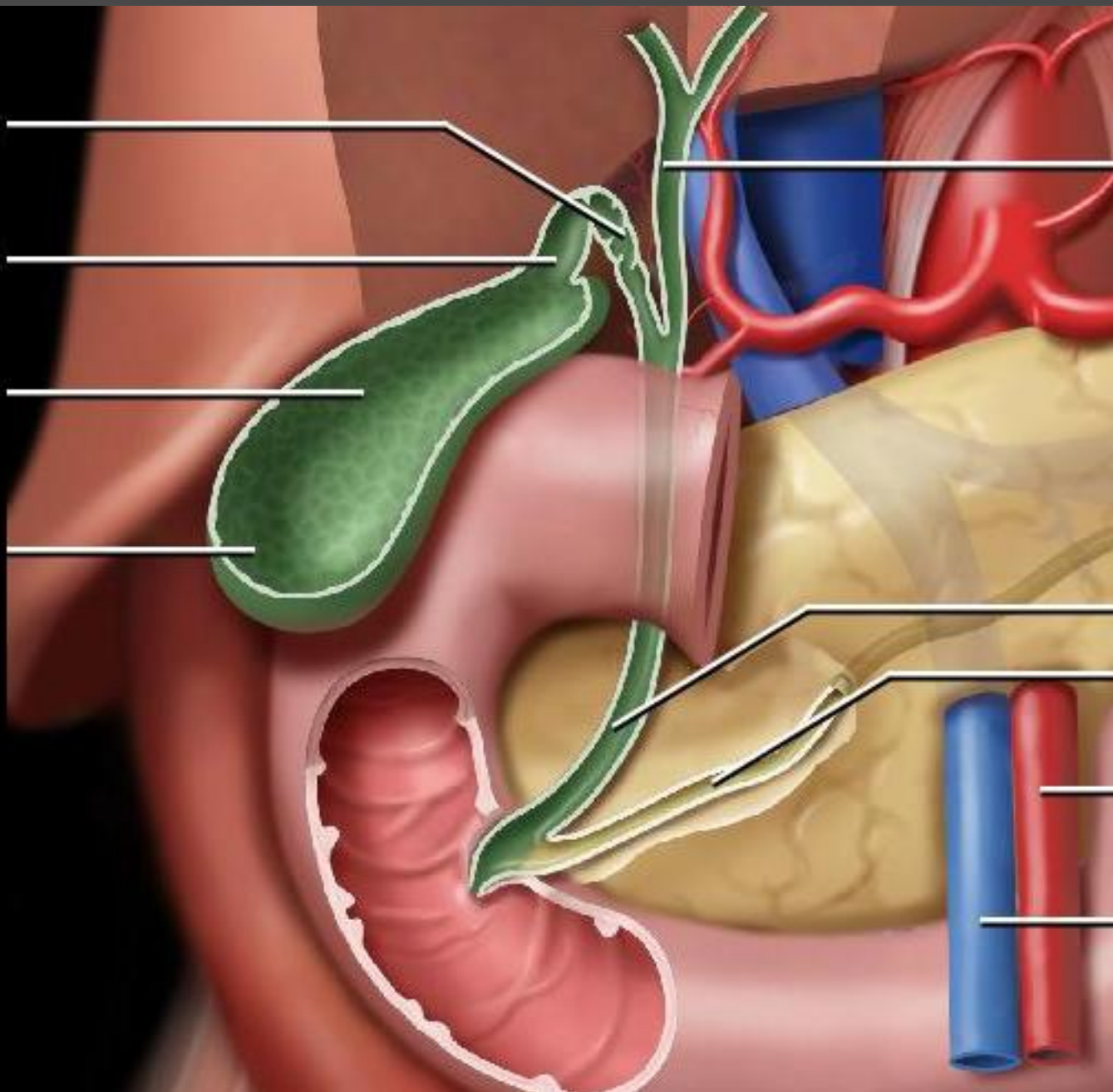
Common hepatic duct

Common bile duct

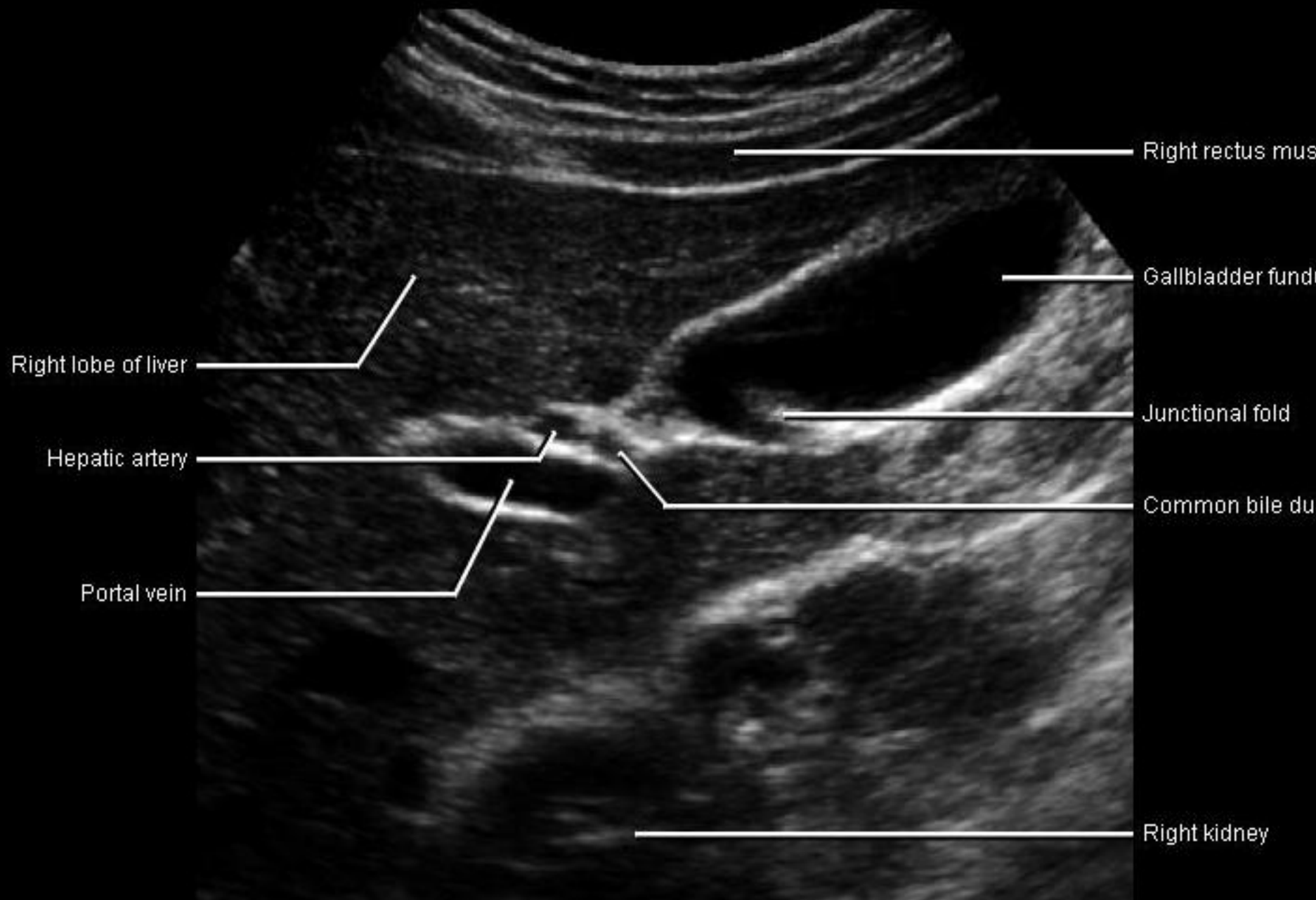
Pancreatic duct

Superior mesenteric artery

Superior mesenteric vein



- Superior mesenteric vein DOESN'T drain in IVC .. It drains in portal vein.



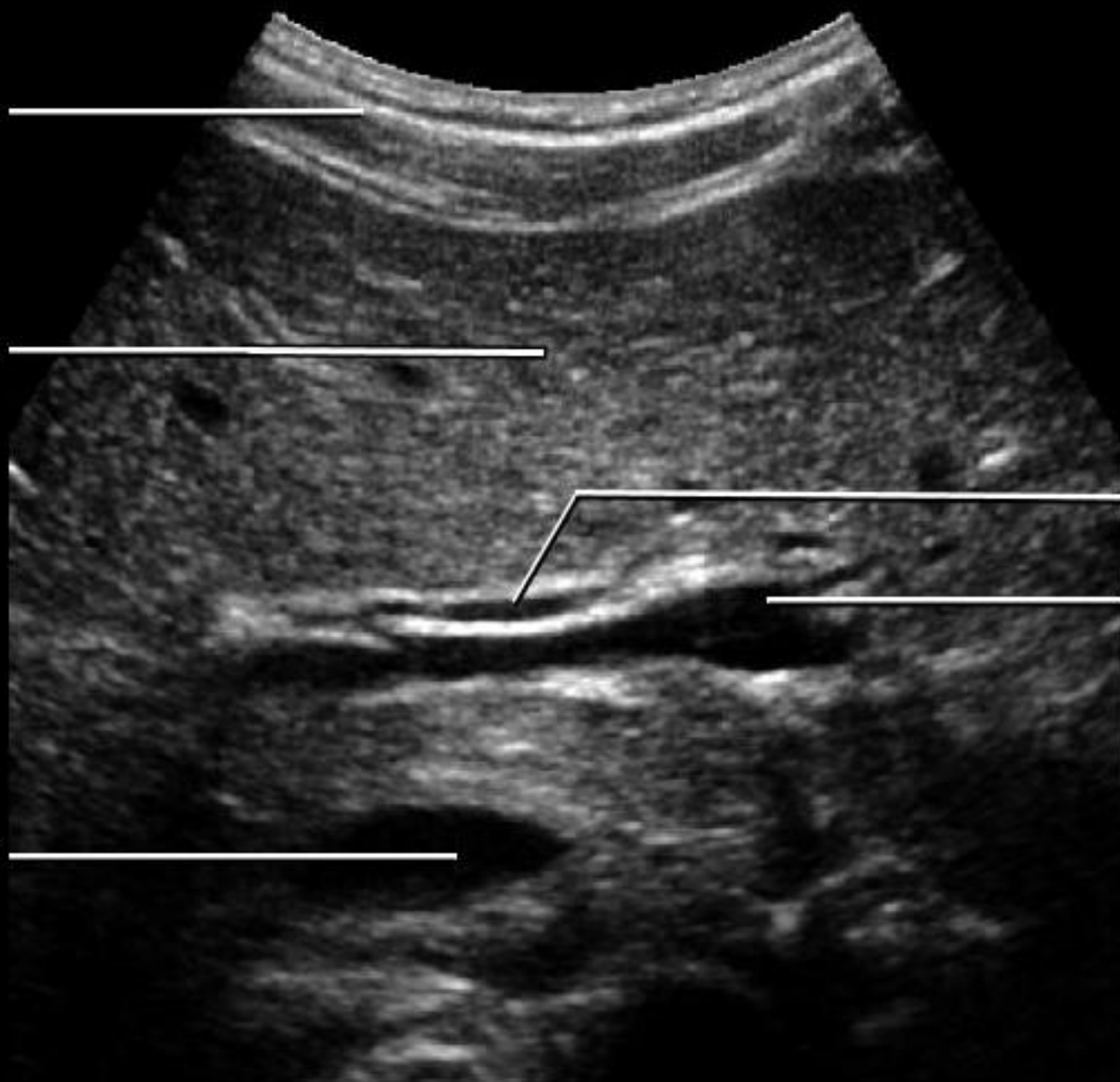
Right rectus muscle

Liver

Ductal confluence

Portal vein

Inferior vena cava

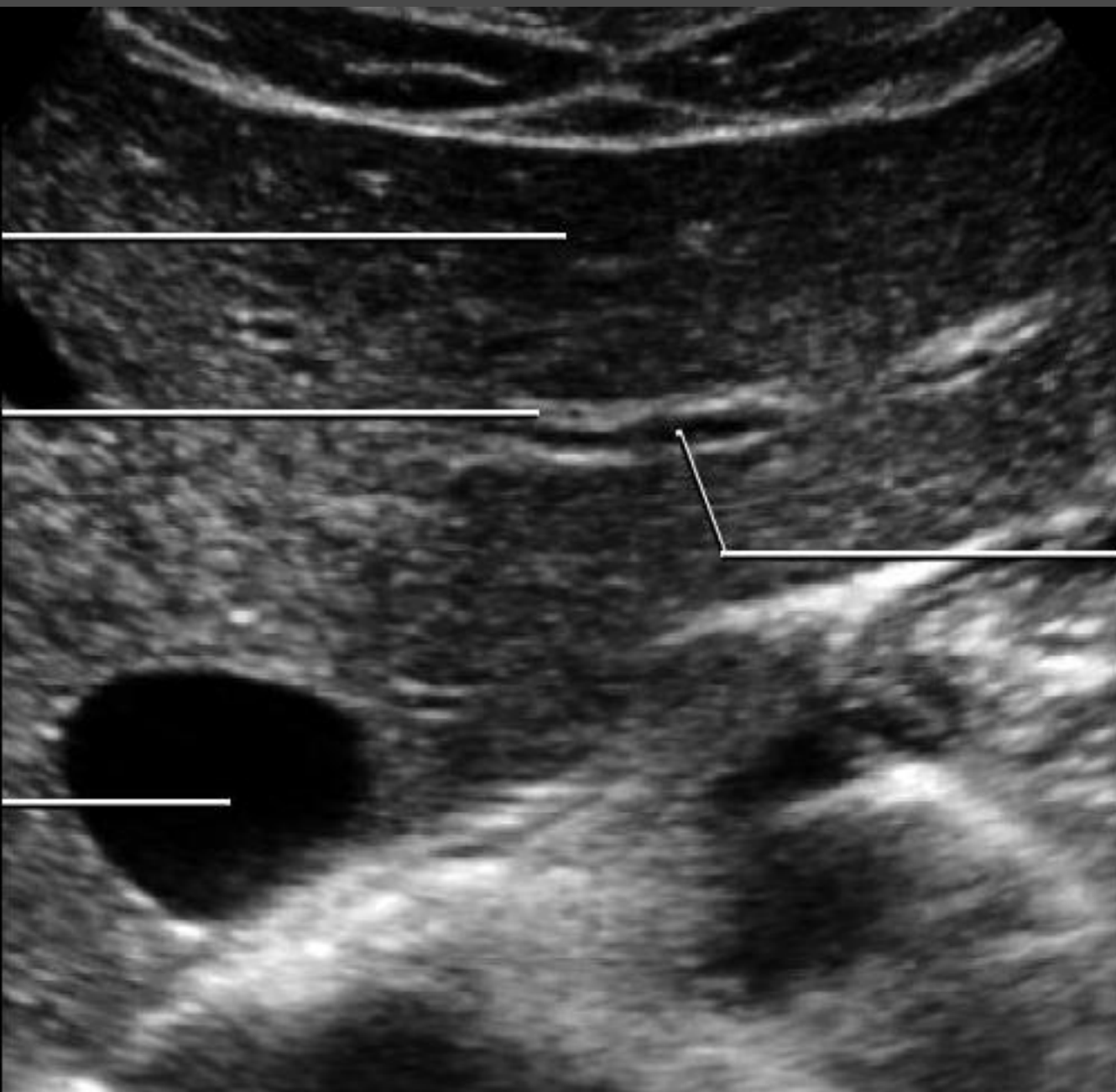


Left lobe of liver

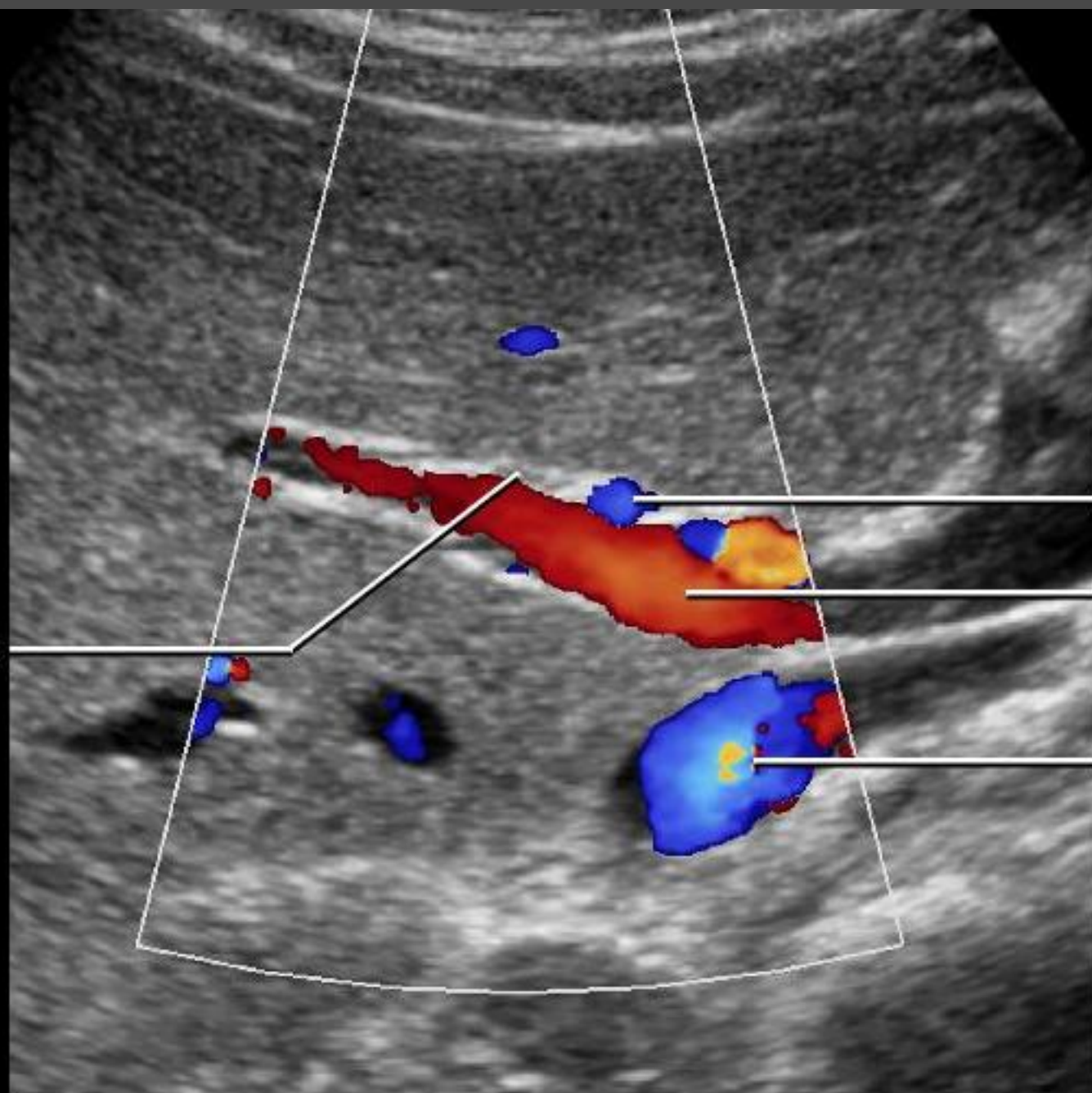
Left hepatic duct

Inferior vena cava

Left portal vein



Right hepatic duct



Hepatic artery

Right portal vein

Inferior vena cava

Common duct
is dilated
(7.2mm) due
to obstruction
"distally"

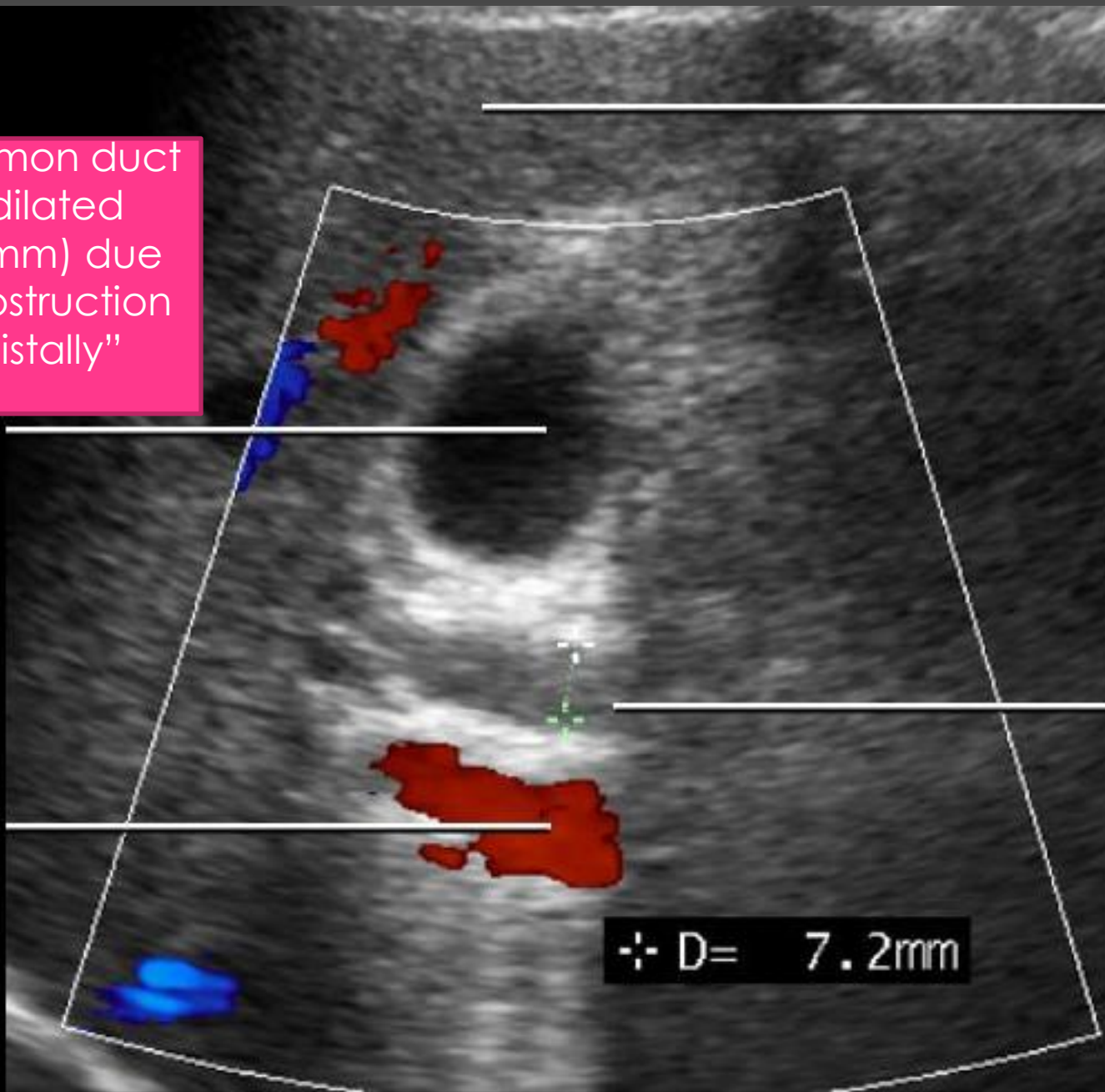
Gallbladder

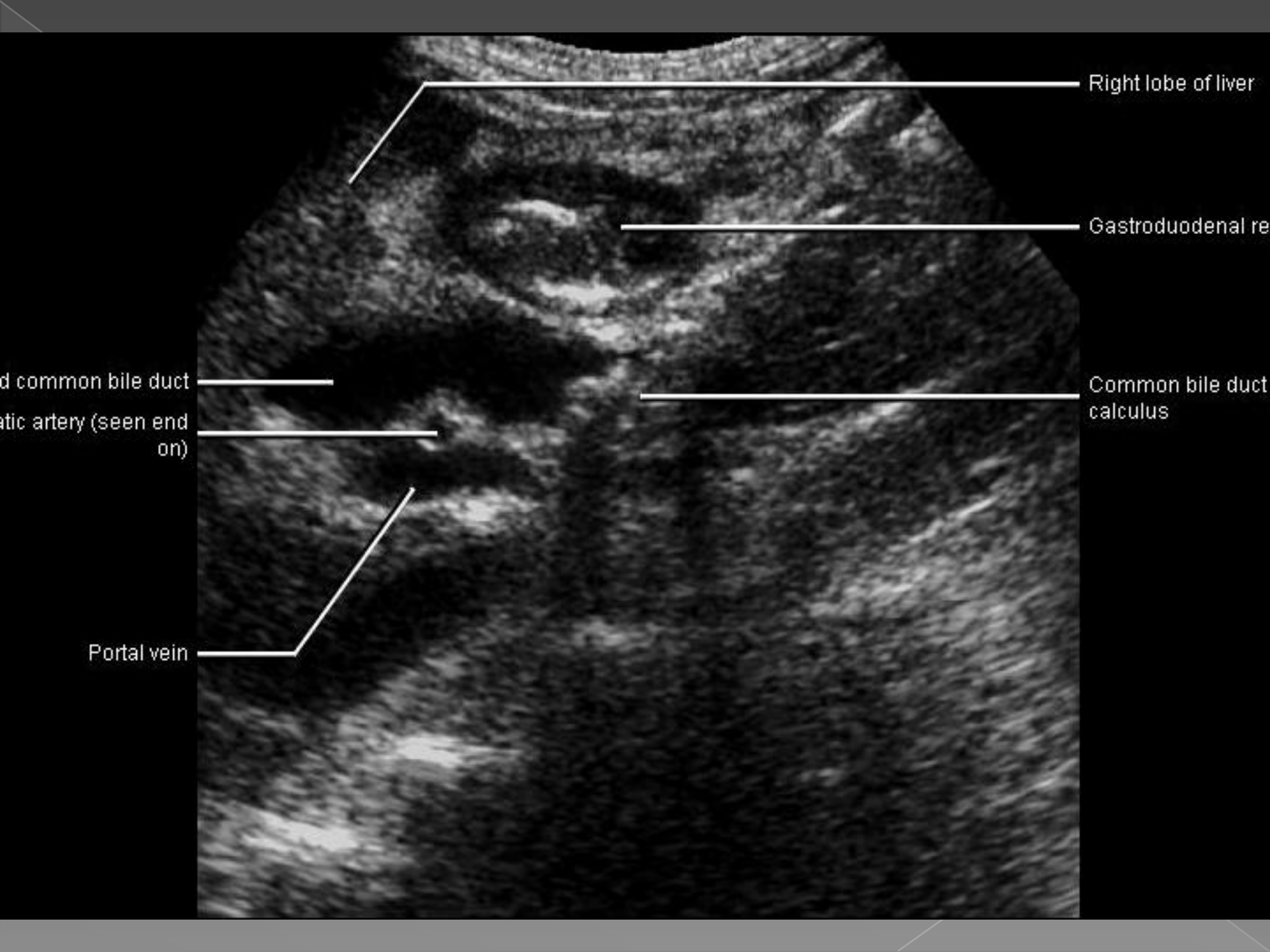
Right lobe of liver

Common duct

Portal vein

✚ D= 7.2mm





Right lobe of liver

Gastroduodenal re

d common bile duct

atic artery (seen end
on)

Common bile duct
calculus

Portal vein

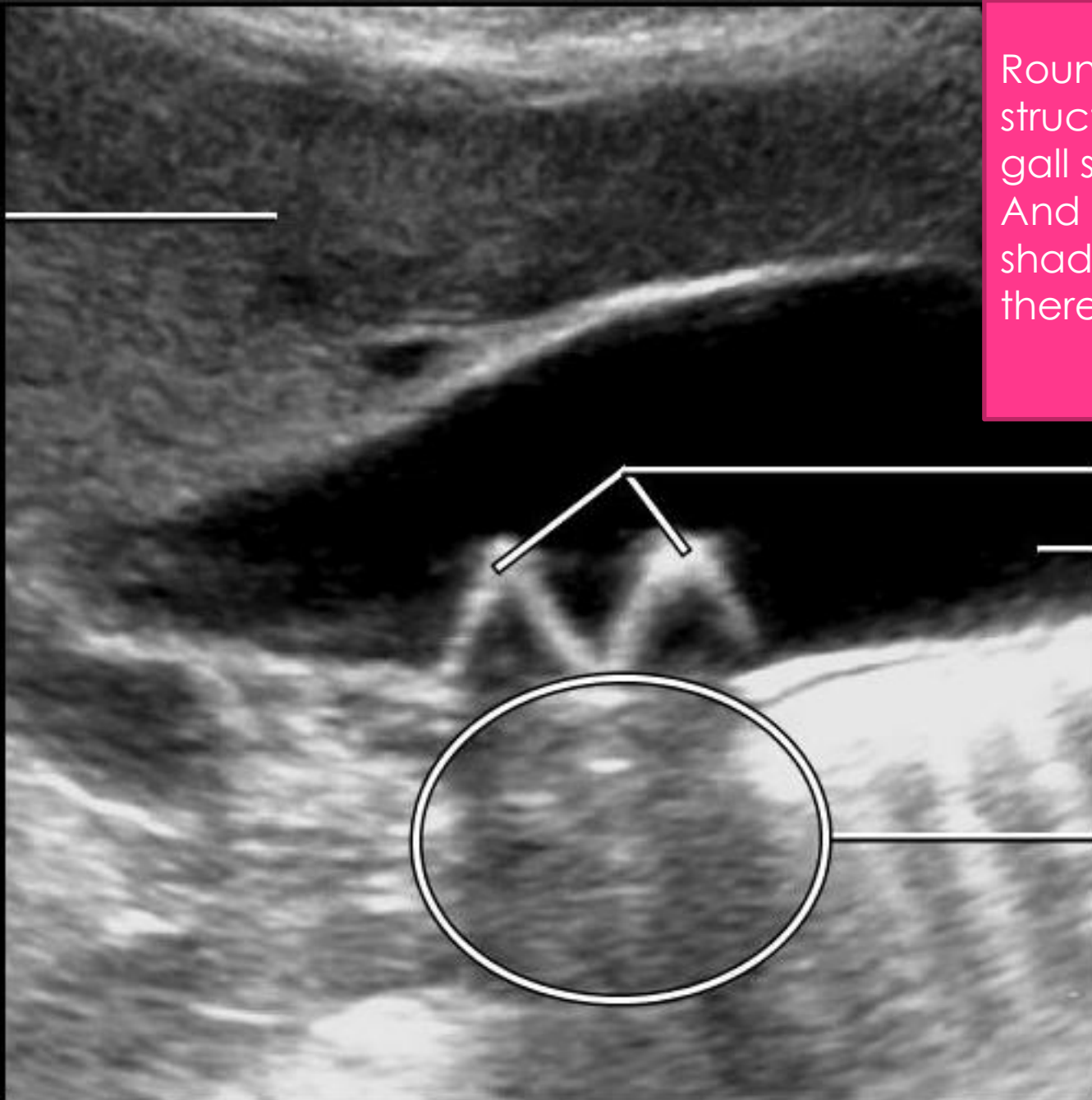
Right lobe of liver

Round
structures (
gall stones)
And the
shadow is
there.

Gallstones

Gallbladder

Posterior shadowing



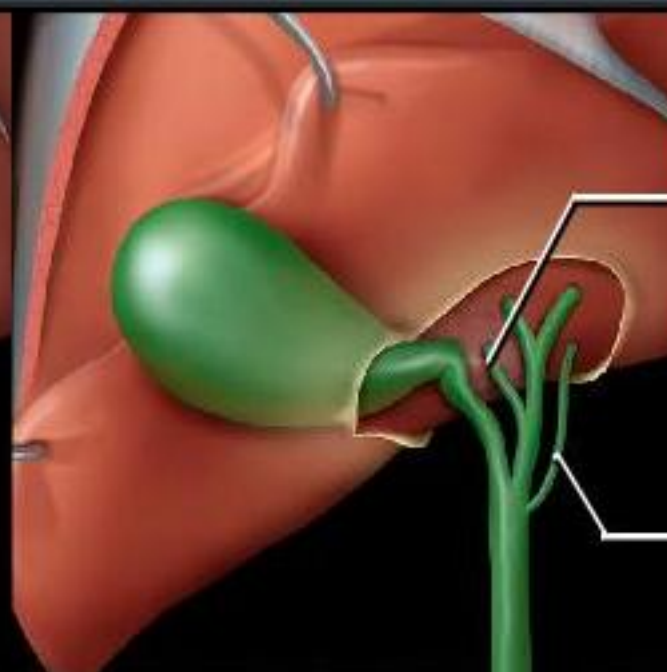
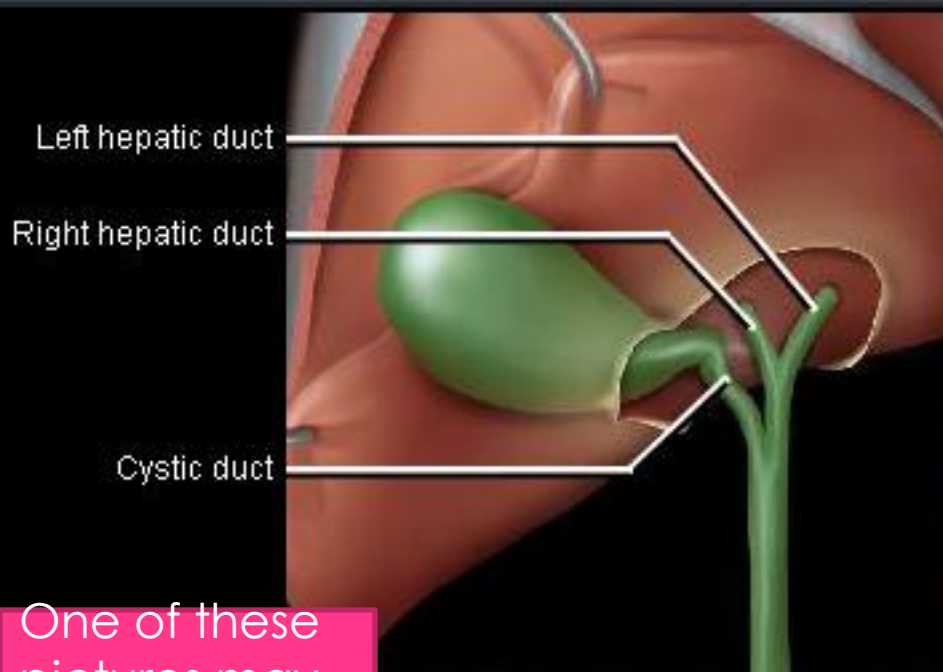
Right lobe of liver

Gallbladder

Gallbladder sludge

Common bile duct

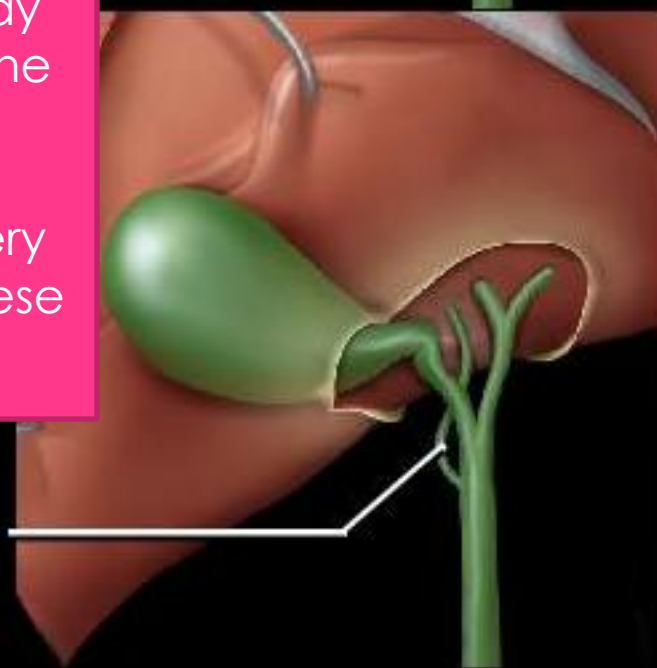




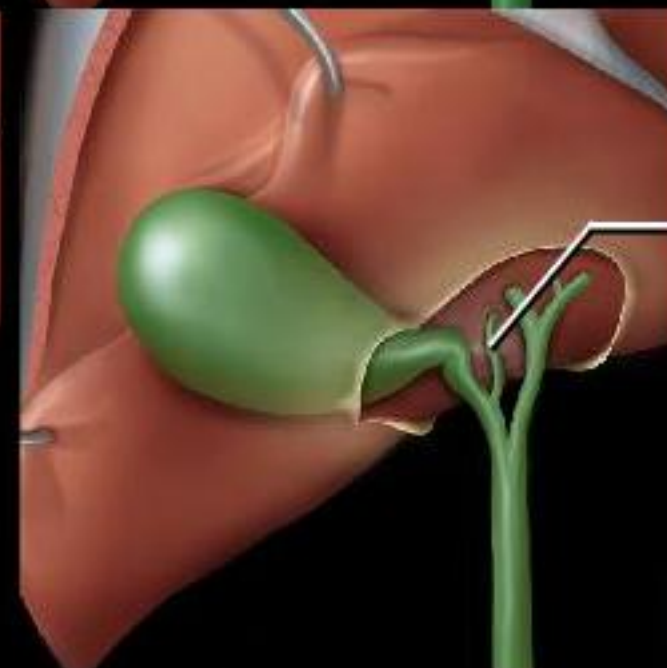
Accessory right hepatic duct (joining common hepatic duct)

Accessory left hepatic duct (joining common bile duct)

One of these pictures may end up in the exam "3la klamh"
 * Know every detail in these 4 pictures *



Accessory right hepatic duct (joining common bile duct)



Accessory right hepatic duct (joining cystic duct)

part of the extrahepatic bile ducts, but variations are common (30% of population) and may lead to inadvertent ligation or injury during surgery



CAT SCAN



ULTRASOUND:

- Rarely used
- What is Ultrasound? In ultrasound, the following events happen: The ultrasound machine transmits high-frequency (1 to 5 megahertz) sound pulses into your body using a probe. The sound waves travel into your body and hit a boundary between tissues (e.g. between fluid and soft tissue, soft tissue and bone). Some of the sound waves get reflected back to the probe, while some travel on further until they reach another boundary and get reflected. The reflected waves are picked up by the probe and relayed to the machine. The machine calculates the distance from the probe to the tissue or organ (boundaries) using the speed of sound in tissue (5,005 ft/s or 1,540 m/s) and the time of the each echo's return (usually on the order of millionths of a second). The machine displays the distances and intensities of the echoes on the screen, forming a two dimensional image like the one shown below. In a typical ultrasound, millions of pulses and echoes are sent and received each second. The probe can be moved along the surface of the body and angled to obtain various views. Advantages:
 - > inexpensive
 - > allows comparison with the opposite side, normal side
 - > uses no ionizing radiation,
 - > performed at bed side or in the operating room.
 - > It is a non invasive modality





COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY:

COMPONENTS:

- X ray source
- Detectors
- Computer data processing system

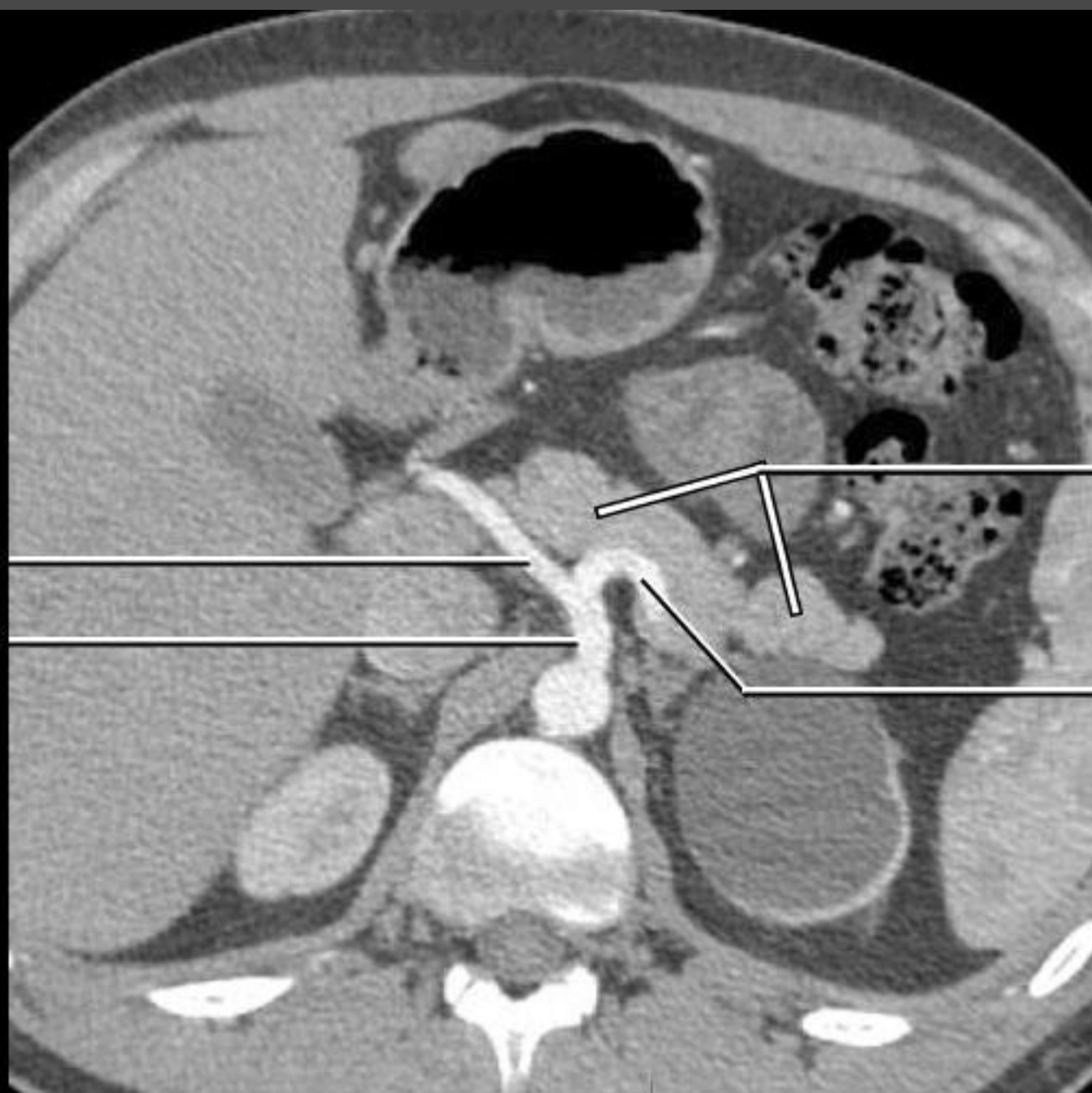


Common hepatic artery

Celiac artery

Pancreas

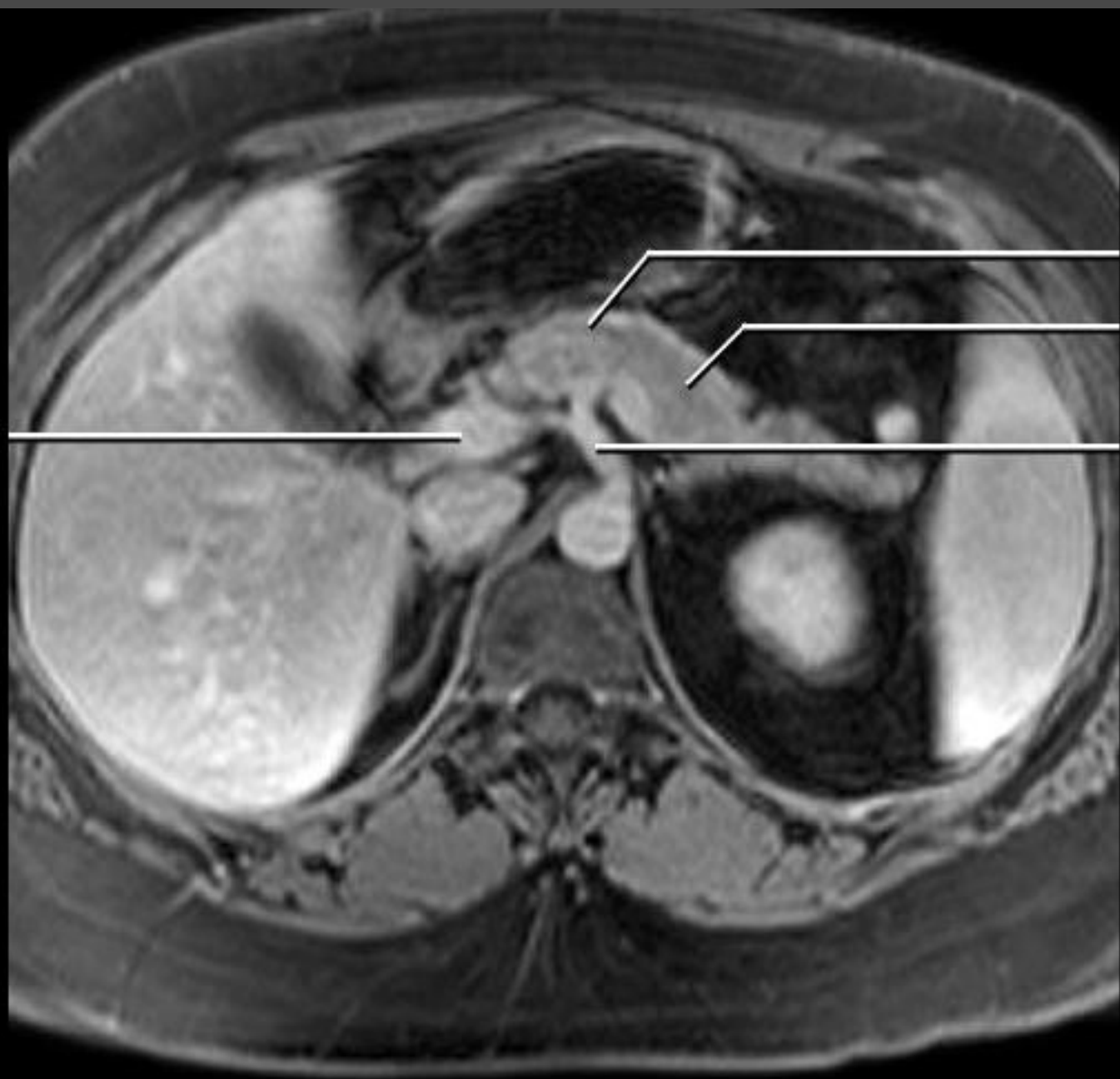
Splenic artery



MRI

- ◉ Magnet
- ◉ RF coils
- ◉ Computer





Neck of pancreas

Body of pancreas

Portal vein

Celiac artery

What is

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- CT scanning—sometimes called CAT scanning—is a noninvasive, painless medical test that helps physicians diagnose and treat medical conditions.
- CT imaging uses special x-ray equipment to produce multiple images or pictures of the inside of the body and a computer to join them together in cross-sectional views of the area being studied. The images can then be examined on a computer monitor or printed.
- CT scans of internal organs, bone, soft tissue and blood vessels provide greater clarity than conventional x-ray exams.

What are some common uses of the procedure Abdomen and pelvis?

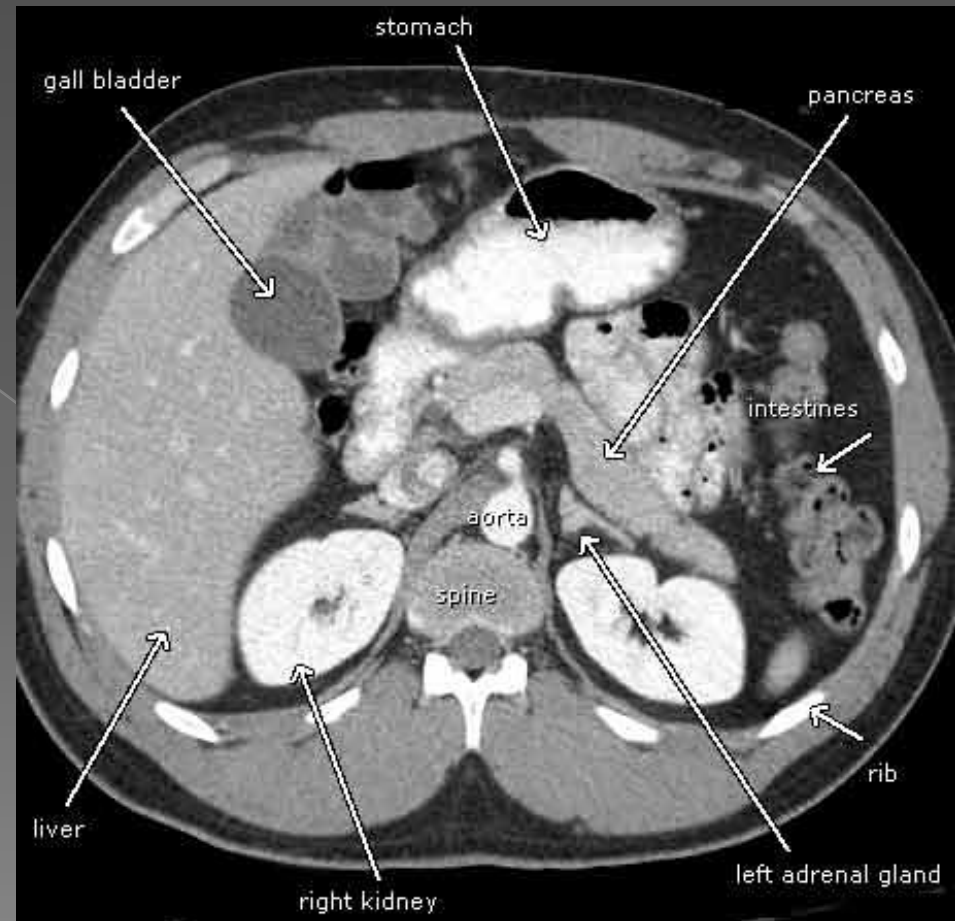
- This procedure is typically used to help diagnose the cause of abdominal pain and diseases of the bowel and colon, such as:
- abscesses in the abdomen
- inflamed colon
- cancers of the colon, liver, pancreas and kidneys
- pancreatitis
- lymphoma
- staging for cancer
- diverticulitis
- appendicitis

CT scanning of the abdomen/pelvis is also performed to:

- ◉ visualize the liver, spleen, pancreas and kidneys
- ◉ plan and properly administer radiation treatments for tumors
- ◉ guide biopsies and other minimally invasive procedures
- ◉ CT imaging can also play a significant role in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of vascular disorders that can lead to stroke, gangrene or kidney failure.

How does the procedure work?

- ◉ In many ways CT scanning works very much like other x-ray examinations. X-rays are a form of radiation—like light or radio waves—that can be directed at the body. Different body parts absorb the x-rays in varying degrees.
- ◉ In a conventional x-ray exam, a small burst of radiation is aimed at and passes through the body, recording an image on photographic film or a special image recording plate. Bones appear white on the x-ray; soft tissue shows up in shades of gray and air appears black.
- ◉ With CT scanning, numerous x-ray beams and a set of electronic x-ray detectors rotate around you, measuring the amount of radiation being absorbed throughout your body. At the same time, the examination table is moving through the scanner, so that the x-ray beam follows a spiral path. A special computer program processes this series of pictures, or slices of your body, to create two-dimensional cross-sectional images, which are then displayed on a monitor.



- CT imaging is sometimes compared to looking into a loaf of bread by cutting the loaf into thin slices. When the image slices are reassembled by computer software, the result is a very detailed multidimensional view of the body's interior.
- Refinements in detector technology allow new CT scanners to obtain multiple slices in a single rotation. These scanners, called "multislice CT" or "multidetector CT," allow thinner slices to be obtained in a shorter period of time, resulting in more detail and additional view capability.



- Modern CT scanners are so fast that they can scan through large sections of the body in just a few seconds. Such speed is beneficial for all patients but especially children, the elderly and critically ill.
- For some CT exams, a contrast material is used to enhance visibility in the area of the body being studied



Is CT a good idea for abdominal pain assessment?

- Conflicting results of trials examining impact of CT on negative appendectomy rates or perforation rates
- But these are historical studies, not randomized controlled trials

- ◉ When is contrast needed?
- ◉ Discuss the
- ◉ indications for oral, rectal, and IV contrast.
- ◉ Is it true, as recent studies have
- ◉ suggested, that we don't need contrast?

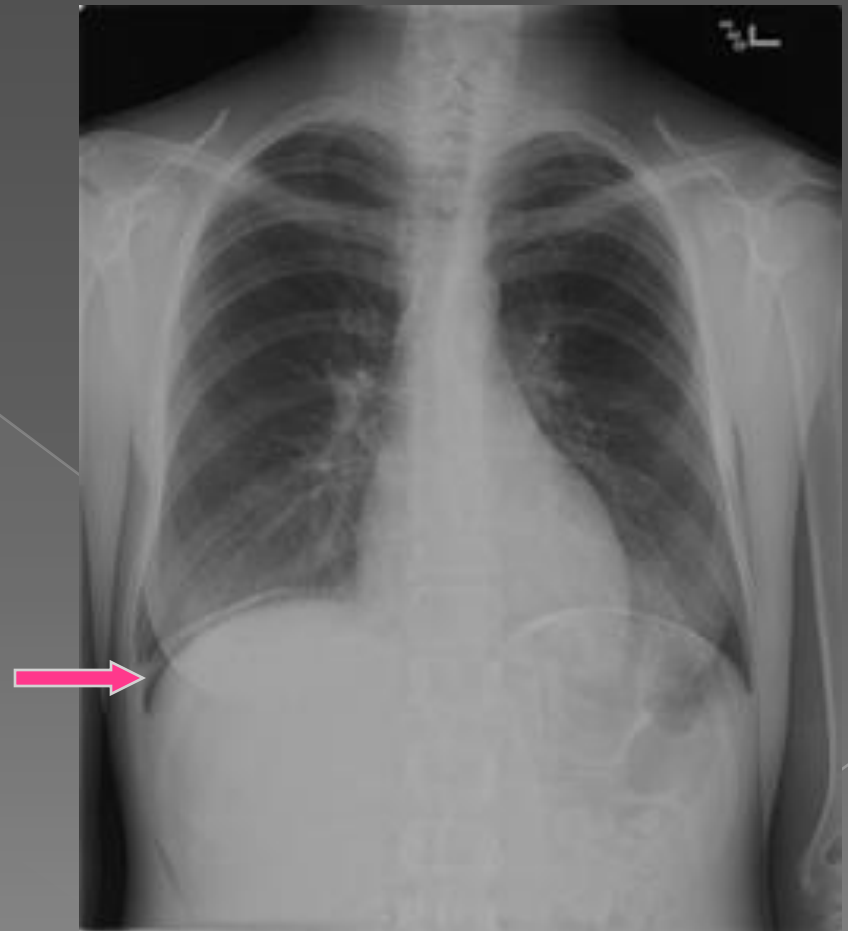
Enhancement

- Increased
- attenuation after
- administration of
- contrast
- ☐ Vascular lesions
- ☐ Inflammation
- ☐ Infection
- ☐ Neoplasms



Free air: Visible on NONCONTRAST CT

- CXR vs CT
- □ Patients s/p DPL
- □ CXR 38% sensitive
- □ Only 33% sensitive for collections less than 13mm
- □ CT 100% sensitive
- □ CT found pockets as small as 1mm
- □ Stapakis JC, Thickman D. Diagnosis of pneumoperitoneum: abdominal CT vs. upright chest film. J Comput Assist Tomogr. 1992 Sep-Oct;16(5):713-6.



- CXR vs CT
- ☐ CXR
- ☐ subdiaphragmatic
- ☐ perihepatic
- ☐ CT
- ☐ subdiaphragmatic
- ☐ perihepatic
- ☐ anterior midline
- ☐ Earls JP, Dachman AH, Colon E, Garrett MG, Molloy M.
- Prevalence and duration of postoperative
- pneumoperitoneum: sensitivity of CT vs left lateral decubitus radiography. AJR Am J Roentgenol. 1993 Oct;161(4):781-5.
- ☐ Stapakis JC, Thickman D.
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- On plain film
- ☐ Air-fluid levels
- ☐ Dilated loops
- ☐ On CT
- ☐ Dilated loops
- ☐ Air-fluid levels
- ☐ Enhancement
- ☐ Free fluid
- ☐ Transition point
- ☐ NO ORAL CONTRAST
NEEDED
- ☐ Nicolaou S, Kai B, Ho S, Su J,
Ahamed K . Imaging of acute
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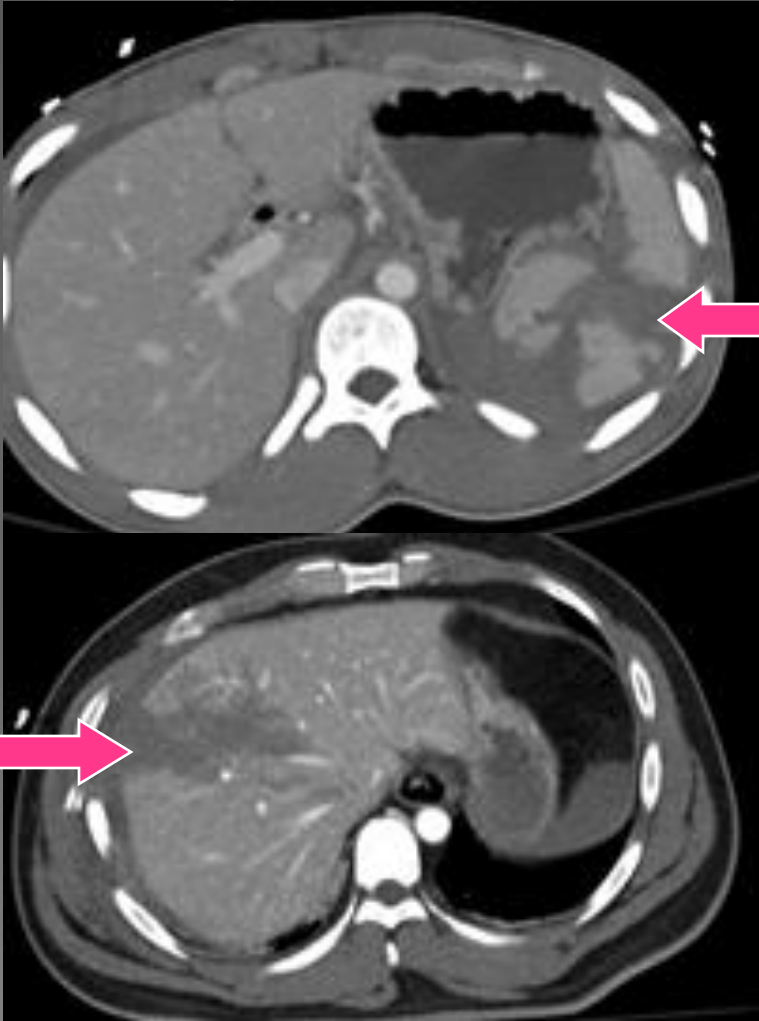
- Plain film
- □ 49% sensitive for SBO
- □ CT
- □ 75-84% sensitive

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

- What percentage of AAAs will die within 2 hours of ED arrival?
- ☐ 12.5%
- ☐ Lloyd GM, Bown MJ, Norwood MG, Deb R, Fishwick G, Bell PR, Sayers RD. Feasibility of preoperative computer tomography in patients with ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm: a time-to-death study in patients without operation. J Vasc Surg. 2004 Apr;39(4):788-91.

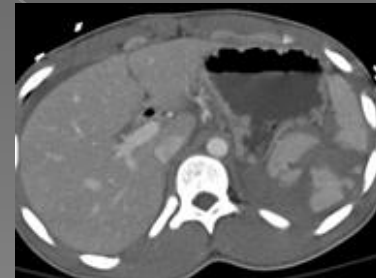


Blunt trauma



- Free fluid
- ☐ Spleen injury
- ☐ Liver injury
- ☐ Bowel injury
- ☐ Renal injuries
- ☐ IV contrast
- ☐ assists with diagnosis of active bleeding
- ☐ PO contrast
- ☐ rarely helpful
- ☐ bowel injuries can be detected without PO contrast
- ☐ Clancy TV, Ragozzino MW, Ramshaw D, Churchill MP, Covington DL, Maxwell JG. Oral contrast is not necessary in the evaluation of blunt abdominal trauma by computed tomography. Am J Surg. 1993 Dec;166(6):680-4; discussion 684-5.

Spleen injuries



Liver injuries



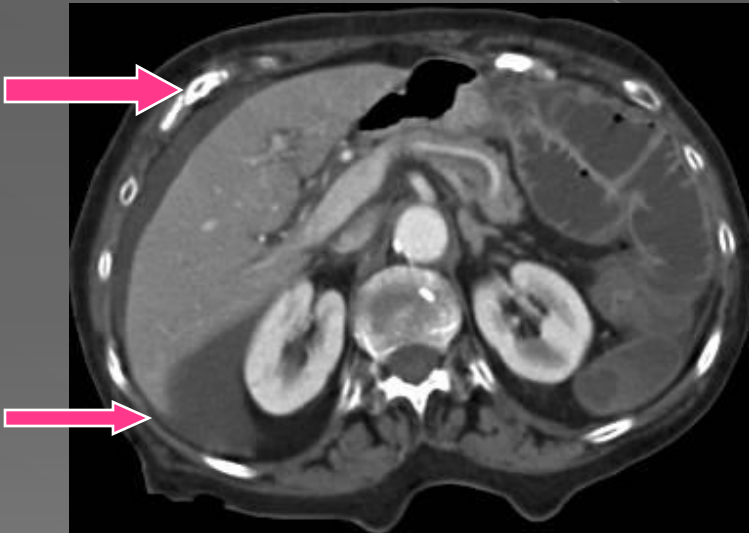
Active hemorrhage

- Hypoattenuation = injury
- □ Hyperattenuation = active bleeding
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Free fluid

- ◉ ☐ Free fluid without
- ◉ solid organ injury
- ◉ ☐ Bowel injury
- ◉ ☐ Mesenteric injury
- ◉ ☐ Nontrauma?
- ◉ ☐ ascites



Cholelithiasis

- Stones alone do not indicate cholecystitis
- ☐ Pericholecystic fluid
- ☐ Thickened wall
- ☐ Sensitivity for stone?
- ☐ Approximately 70%
- ☐ Specificity
- ☐ Approximately 97%
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"We've given you a brain scan and
we can't find anything."

CT risks

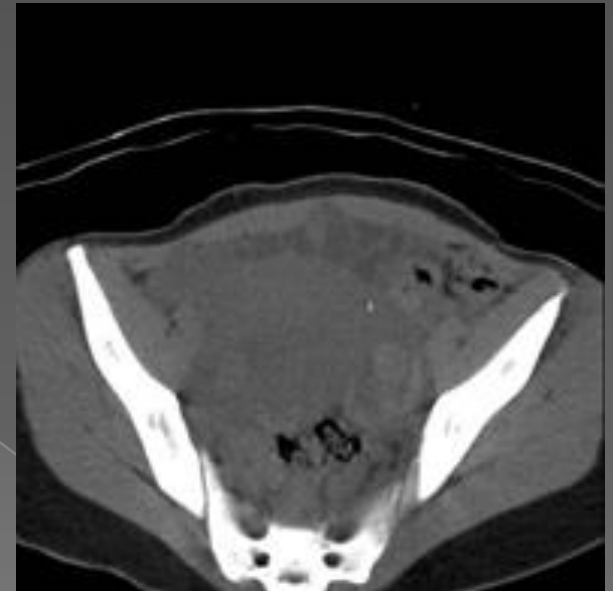
- What is the radiation risk
- associated with exposure to
- multiple CTs?
- ☐ Cancer?
- ☐ Teratogenicity?
- ☐ What is the risk from one CT?
- ☐ How does this change with
- age?
- ☐ Is the risk additive?
- ☐ Is there a safe threshold?



CT risks

- CT risks
- □ Q: For radiation dose, how many CXR = 1 CT?
- □ A: 1 CT abdomen = roughly 250-500 CXRs!
- □ International Commission on Radiological
- Protection (ICRP)

- Q: Does radiation cause
- fetal or oocyte mutations?
- □ A: low doses (less than
- 10 rad) from most
- medical procedures
- pose
- insignificant mutation risk
- □ Health Physics Society
- □ <http://hps.org>



- ◉ Q: Does radiation
- ◉ cause fetal or oocyte
- ◉ mutations?
- ◉ □ A: But some evidence
- ◉ suggests increased
- ◉ childhood leukemias
- ◉ and other cancers
- ◉ from low level
- ◉ exposures

What are the limitations of CT Scanning

- A person who is very obese may not fit into the opening of a conventional CT unit.
- CT Scanning of the abdomen may not be as sensitive in identifying gallstones as ultrasound of the abdomen.
- For some conditions, including but not limited to some liver, adrenal and pancreatic abnormalities, the evaluation and diagnosis with MRI may be preferable over CT scanning.

Summary

- ◉ ☐ Review recent literature supporting the use of CT to assess abdominal
- ◉ pain in the ED
- ◉ ☐ We are moving from proving the ability to detect disease with CT to the more
- ◉ difficult stage of proving clinical benefit to patients
- ◉ ☐ Discuss the indications for oral, rectal, and IV contrast
- ◉ ☐ For many indications, noncontrast CT may be able to detect disease
- ◉ ☐ But a more sophisticated understanding of the role of contrast can help you
- ◉ pick patients for whom contrast may be helpful
- ◉ ☐ Discuss the etiologies that abdominal CT will miss
- ◉ ☐ CT is limited in detection of bowel pathology, diaphragm injuries, and
- ◉ gallstones....
- ◉ ☐ Discuss the safety of discharging patients with a normal abdominal CT

- ◉ ☐ Because CT is very good at detecting the most common injuries, the safety of discharge is very good for blunt trauma
- ◉ ☐ But rarer injuries can be missed
- ◉ ☐ Little known about the safety of nontraumatic abdominal pain with negative CT
- ◉ ☐ Review the risk of exposing patients to multiple abdominal CTs
- ◉ ☐ No safe threshold
- ◉ ☐ Risk is cumulative and age-related
- ◉ ☐ Cancer risk is small but measurable, on order of 1 in 1000
- ◉ ☐ Consider the risk and benefits when ordering