GIT Radiological investigations and anatomy

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Objectives:

- To know various radiological investigations used for GIT.
- To understand step wise approach in requesting GIT radiology investigations.
- To be familiar with radiological appearance (anatomy) seen in various imaging modalities.
- To interpret plan x-ray radiograph of abdomen with common pathologies.

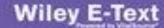
Reference:

- Diagnostic imaging:
- Chapter 5 and 6

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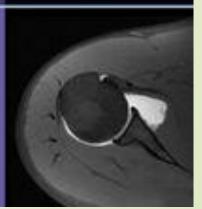






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What are radiological investigations that you know?

IMAGING MODALITIES:

- **X-RAY**.
- FLUOROSCOPY (CONTRAST STUDY).
- **ULTRASOUND**.
- **C**T.
- MRI.
- NUCLEAR MEDICINE.
- ANGIOGRAPHY.

What is peculiar about GIT?

GIT characteristics:

- Hallow viscus (not solid).
- Usually filled with gas.
- Motility.

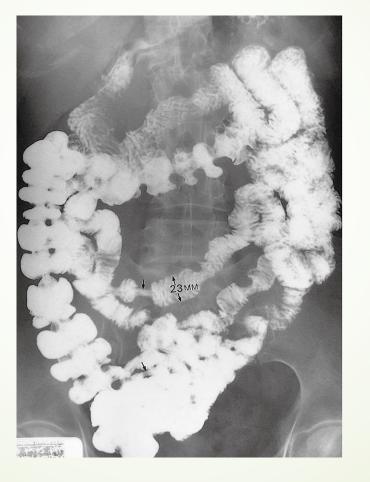
X-ray (plain radiography)

- Often used as first imaging modality.
- Cheap.
- Fast.
- Can be done bedside (portable)
- Useful for free gas or bowel obstruction.



Fluoroscopy (contrast study)

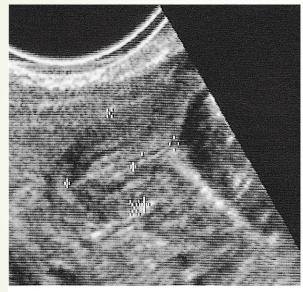
- Can be used as first imaging modality.
- Cheap.
- Use of contrast.
- Recently replaced by CT and MRI
- Useful for intraluminal pathology.
- Can give clue about the motility (function)





Ultrasound

- Relatively cheap.
- No radiation.
- Limited uses (gas filled structures).
- Used in pediatrics and pregnant lactes



Thickened pyloric muscle Elongated pyloric

Antrum

canal

Fig. 6.29 Pyloric stenosis. Ultrasound scan in a neonate showing a thickened, elongated pyloric canal.



CT (computer tomography)

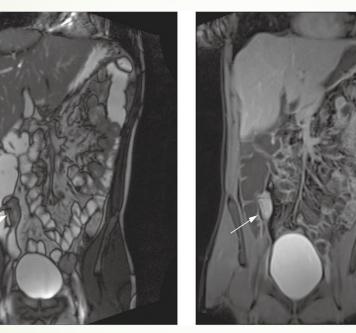
- Expensive.
- More radiation.
- Fast.
- Contrast (iv, oral &rectal) usually used,
- Used in emergency department.





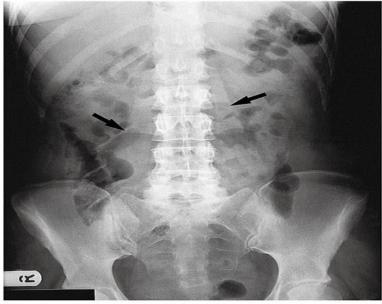
MRI (Magnetic resonance imaging)

- More expensive than CT.
- No radiation.
- Slow and affected by artifacts.
- Excellent for soft tissue.

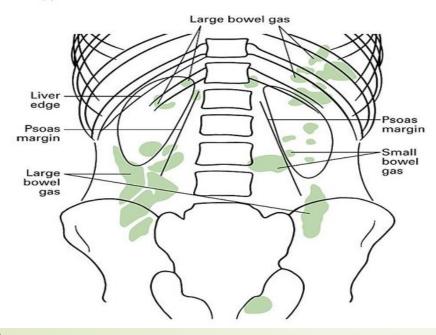




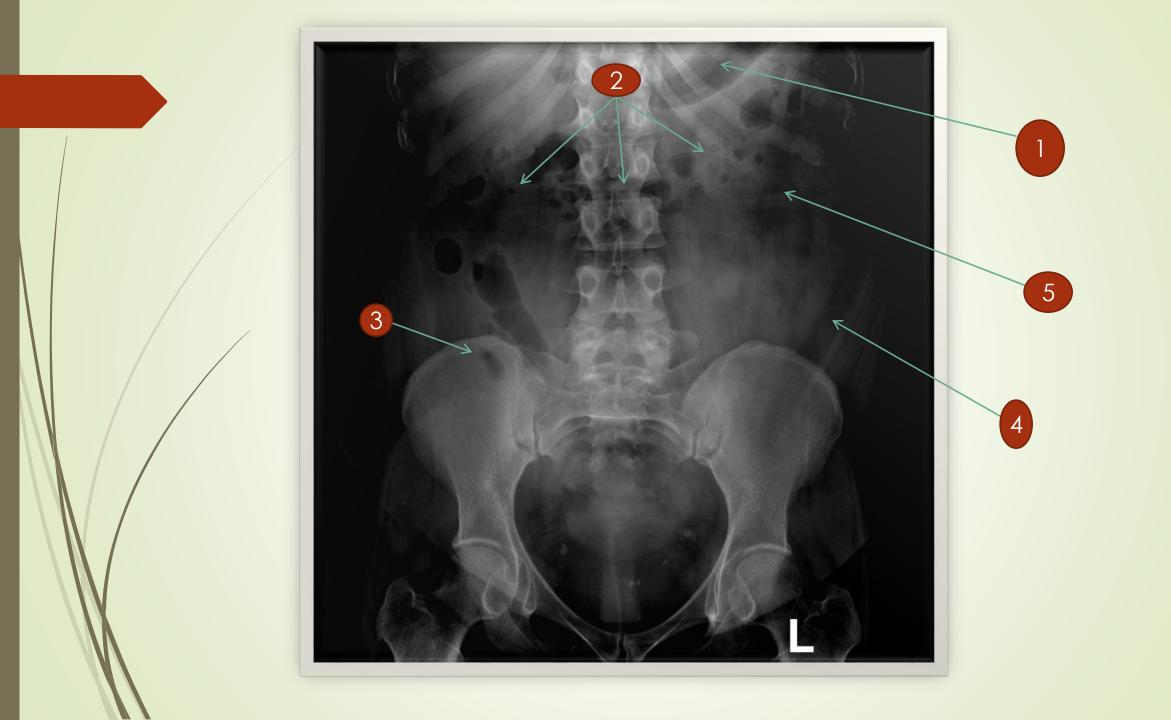
Radiological appearance of GIT

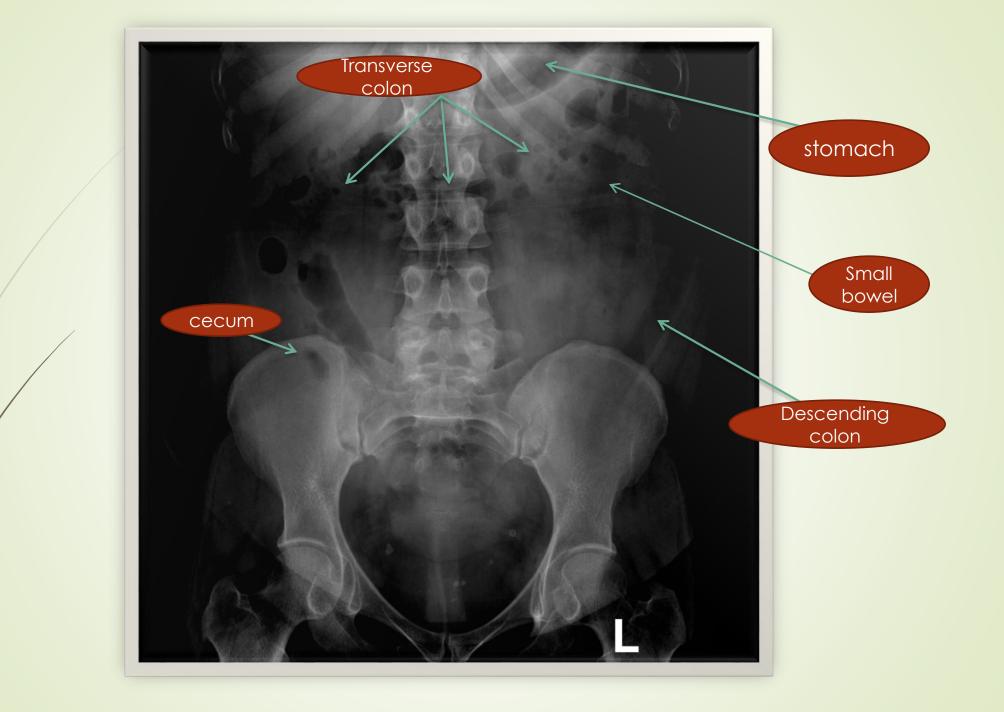


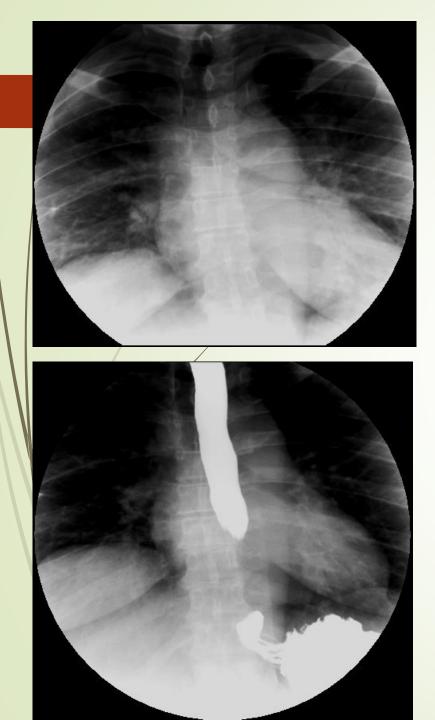
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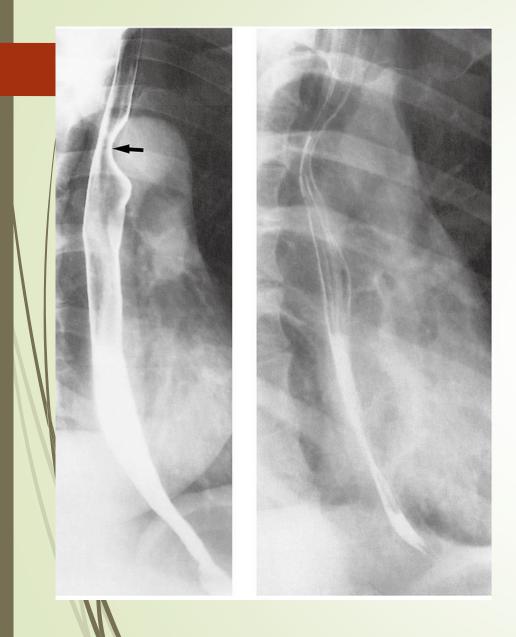










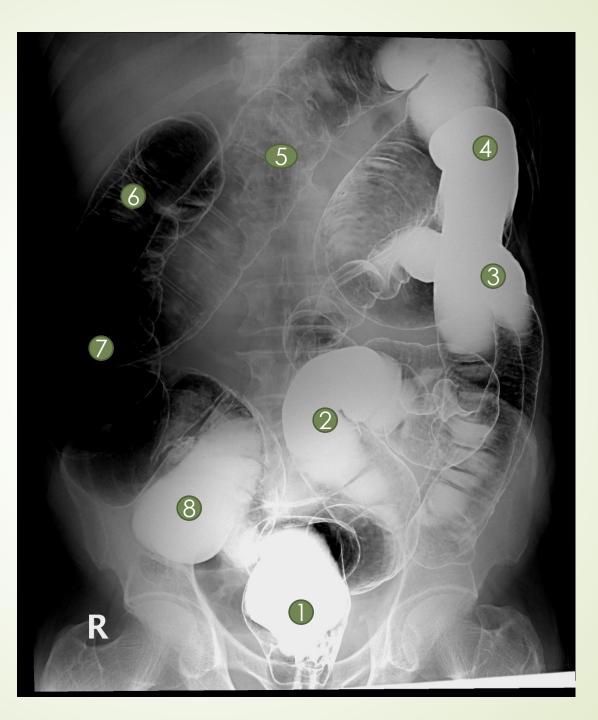




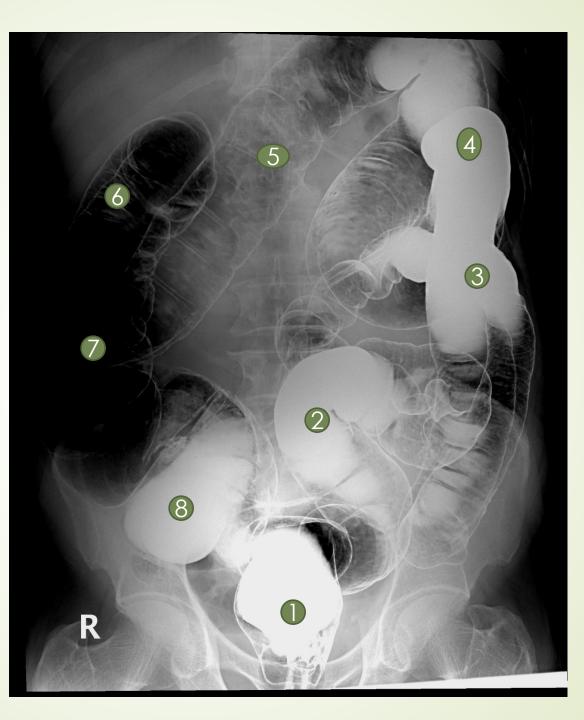


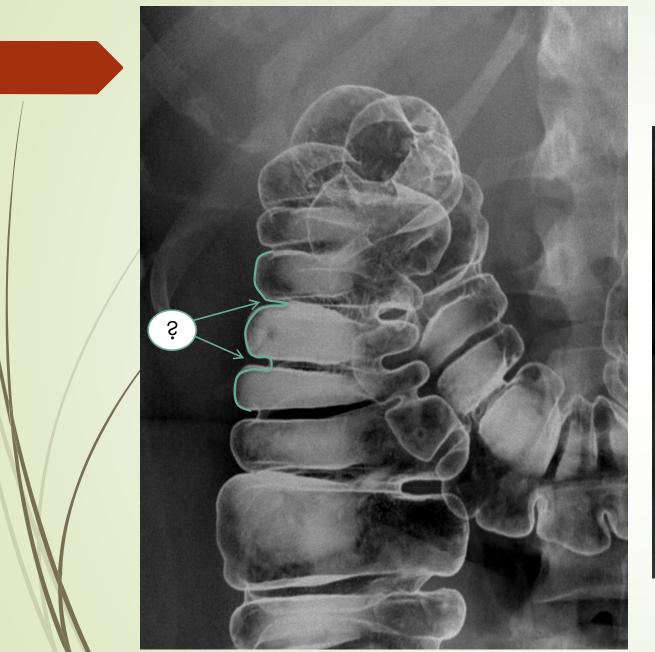




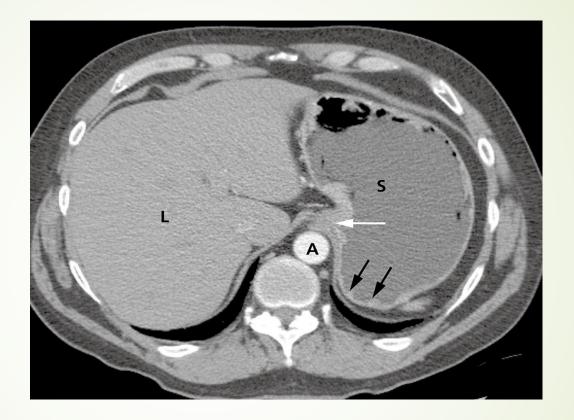


Rectum
Sigmoid colon
Descending colon
Splenic flexure
Transverse colon
Hepatic flexure
Ascending colon
cecum



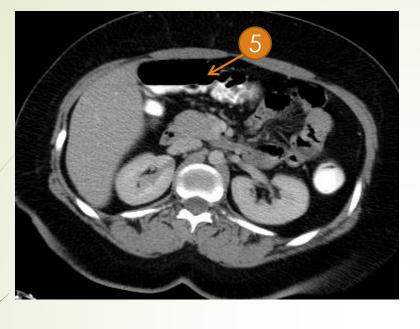


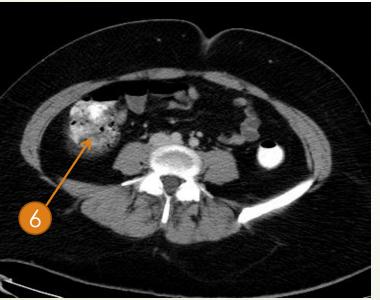




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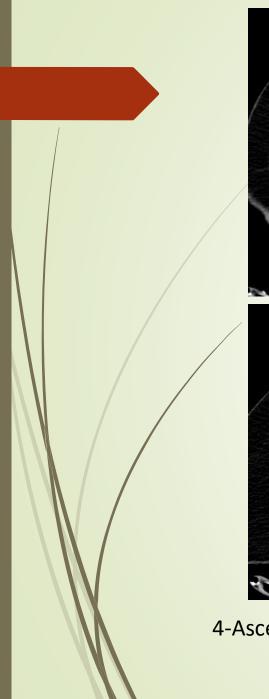










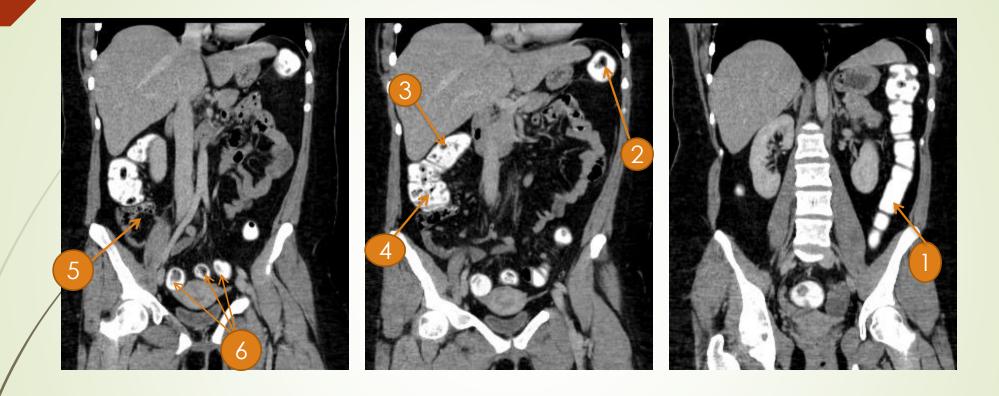


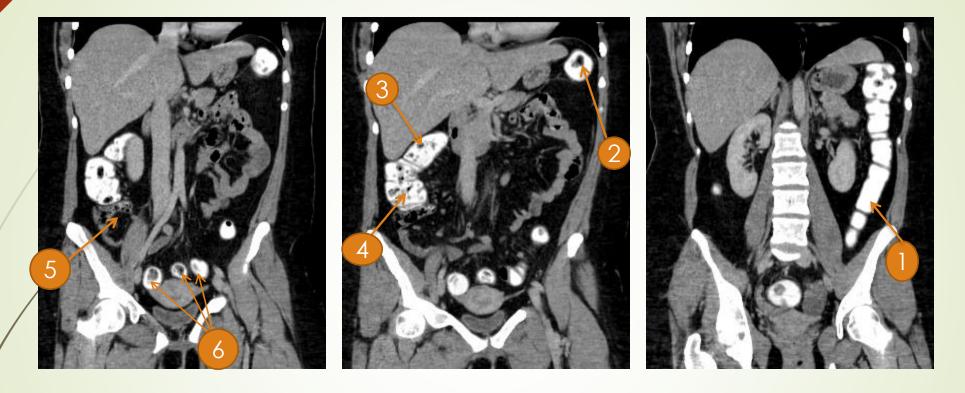


4-Ascending colon

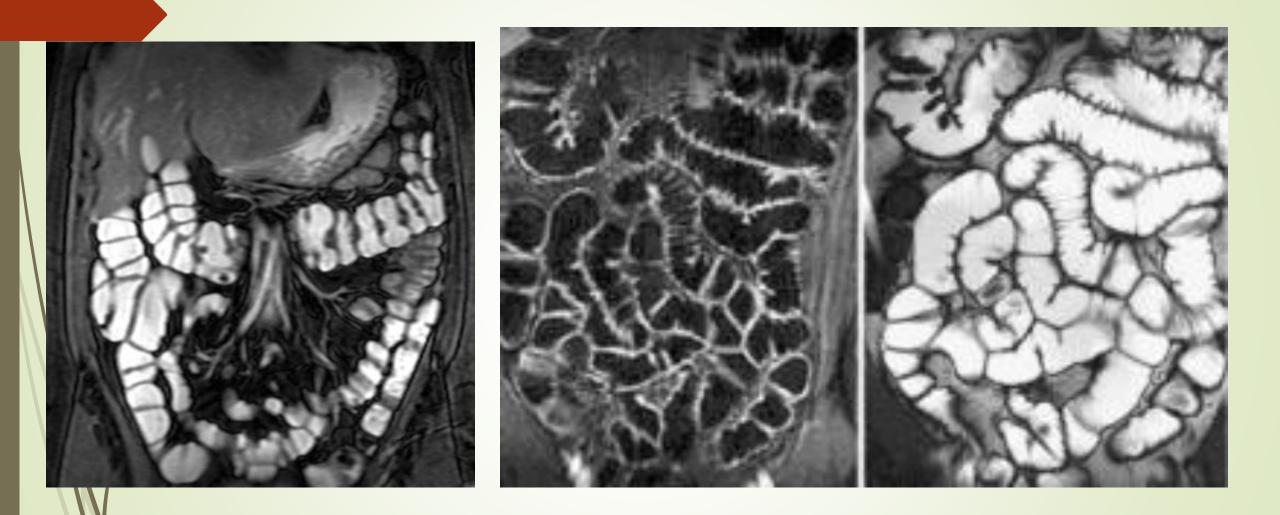
3-Descending colon 6-Cecum

2-Sigmoid colon 1- Rectum 5-Transverse colon



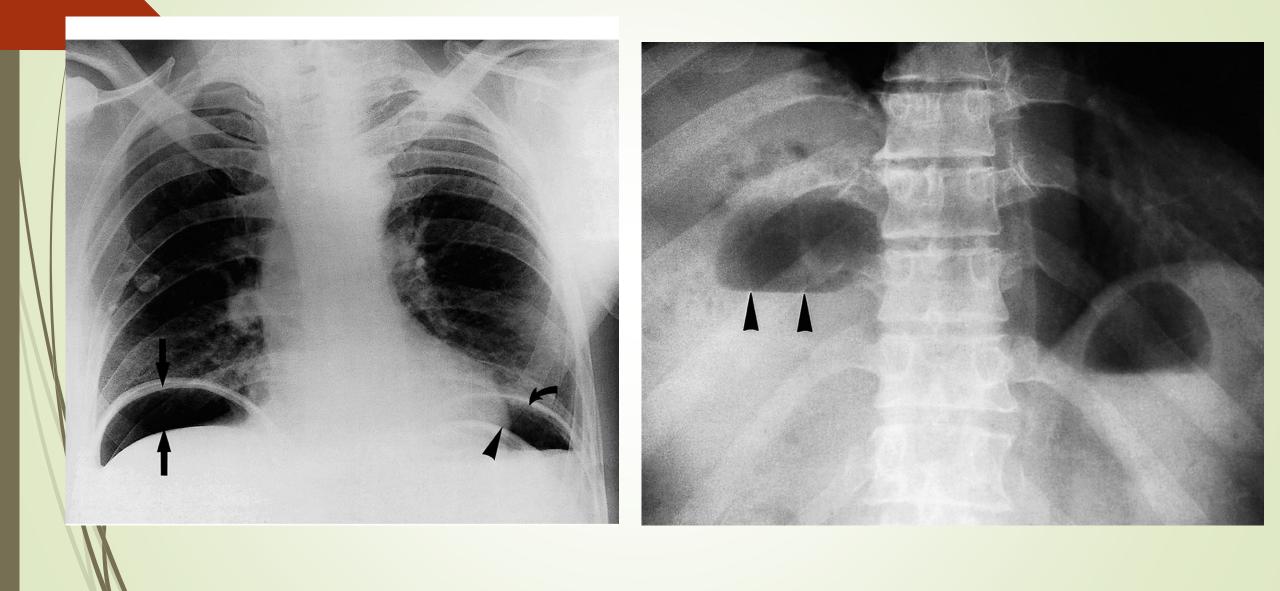


- 1. Descending colon
- 2. Splenic flexure
- 3. Hepatic flexure
- 4. Ascending colon
- 5. cecum
- 6. Sigmoid colon



MRI enterography

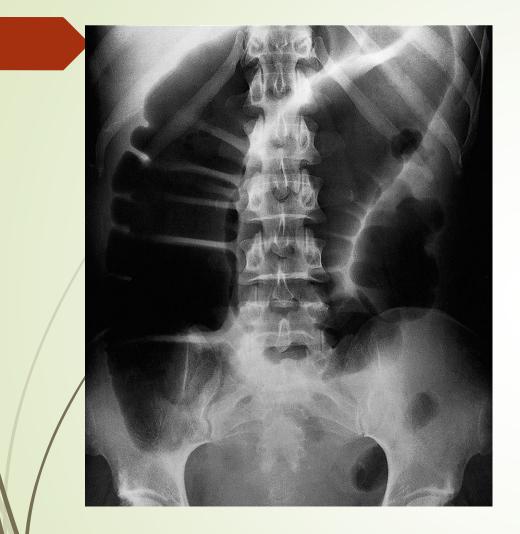
Common plain x-ray abdomen radiograph findings



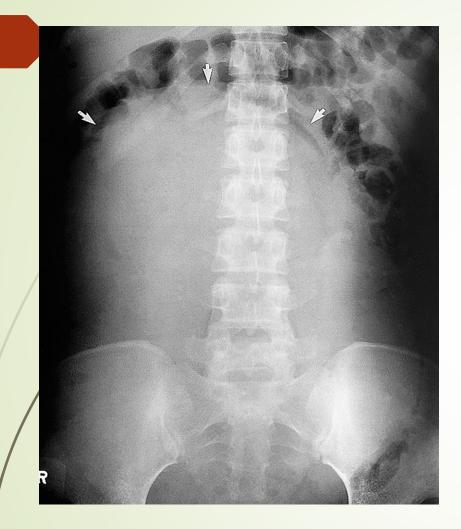






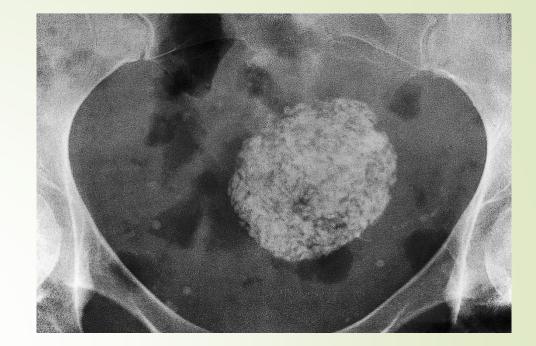


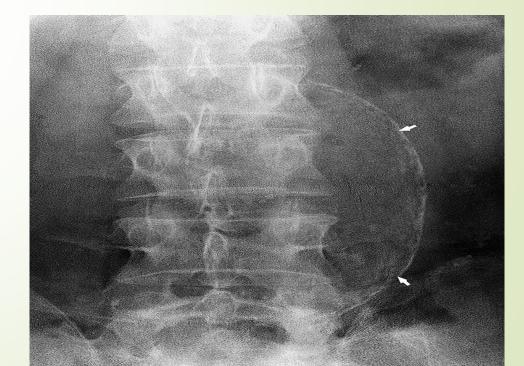












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