REPRODUCTIVE ULTRASONOGRAPHY

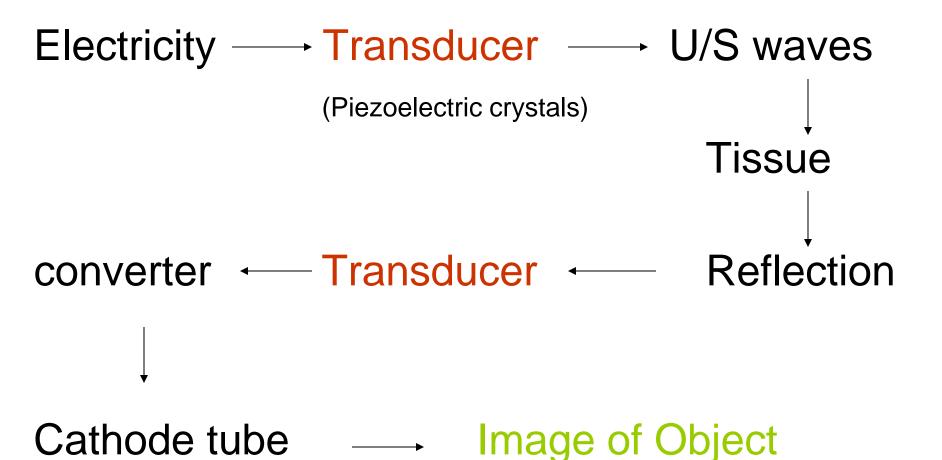
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What is Ultrasound?

- High frequency, inaudible sound waves
 - of 1-10 MHz
 - Audible frequency is 20-20,000 Hz

- Sound waves passage
 - unable to pass through vacuum
 - transmission in air is poor

Principle of Ultrasound



How is interpretation done?

Anechoic Black (Follicle)

Hypoechoic Grey (CL)

Hyperechoic White (Bones)

Image quality

- Frequency and wavelength inversely proportional
- Higher the frequency
 - better the details (better differentiation)
 - poor penetration (depth)
- Lower the frequency
 - poorer the details
 - better penetration

Parts of a Machine

- Video Monitor
- Transducers
 - Transrectal
 - Transcutaneous



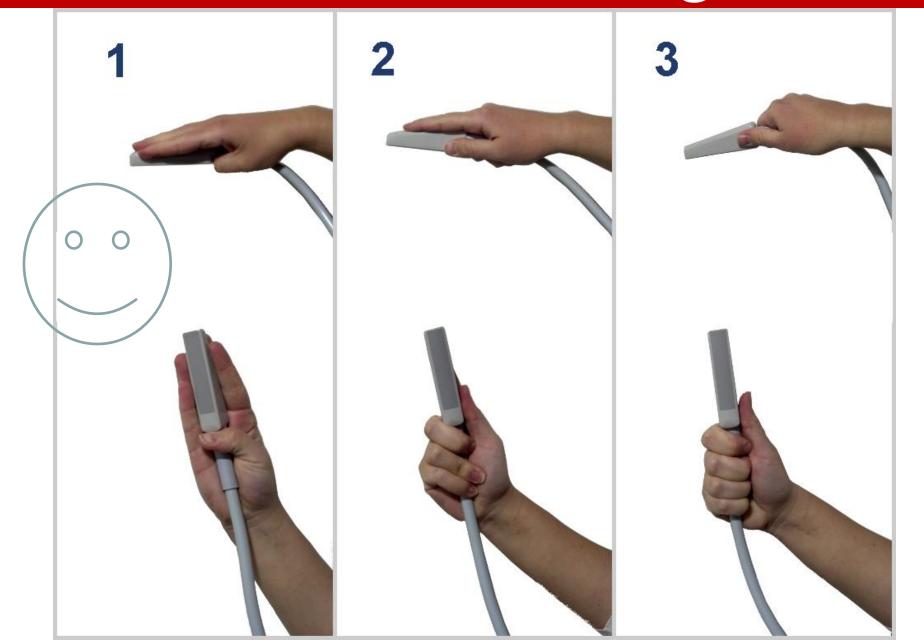
Bovine Reproductive U/S

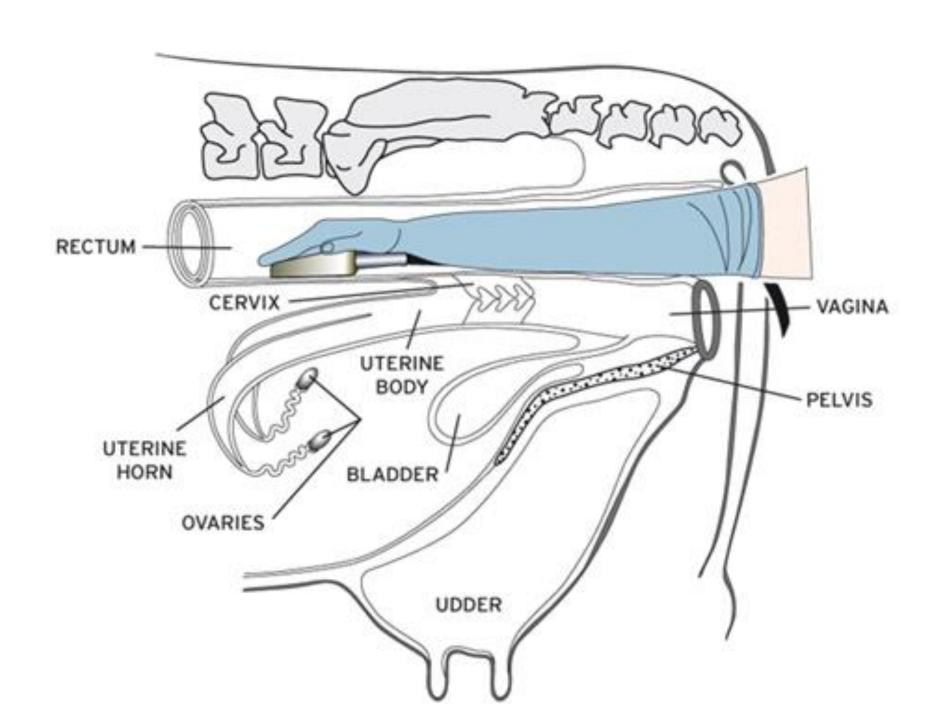
Ultrasound is solution to problems in reproduction

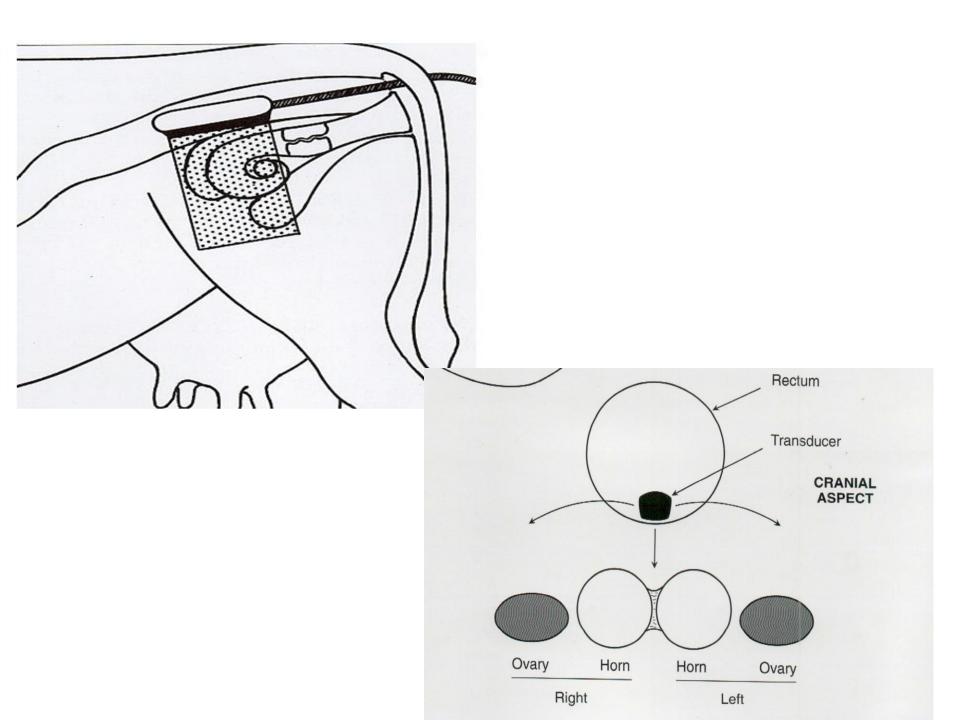
One should have Equipment and technique knowledge

Artifacts knowledge

Probe Handling







Use of Ultrasonography

- Pregnancy status
- Fetal sex
- Ovarian function
- Ovarian Pathology
- Uterine Pathology

Transrectal Transducer

- 7.5 MHz----- Early pregnancy diagnosis
- 5 MHz ------ Pregnancy diagnosis after 40 days
- 3.5 MHz-----Late pregnancy diagnosis

Pregnancy Diagnosis



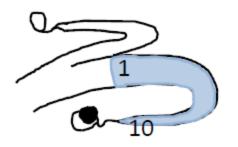
Uterine Horn

- Scan both cross and longitudinal section
- Outlined by dark ring which is a vascular coat
- Changes due to physiological states
- Cruncles on the endometrial size

Uterine Body

 Longitudinal axis view; rotate the probe in clockwise and anti clock wise direction to see the bifurcation

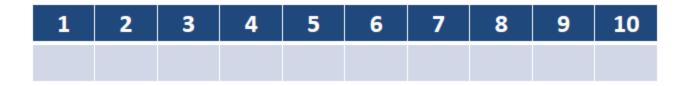
Where a fetus located?





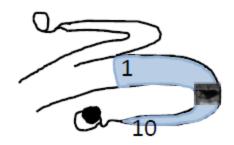
Located in which number?

Pregnancy side

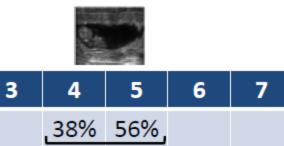


(Kitahara 2015, J Clinic Vet Med, 33:18-23, In Jpn)

Where a fetus located?



Uterus horn of pregnancy side



94%

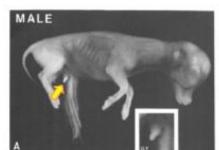
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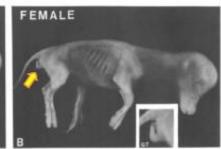
Characteristics of fetal growth

	Diameter or size (mm)				
Days after insemination	Amniotic cavity	Crown rump length	Uterine with/without fetus	Minutely heat beat	
25	10	5-7		140-150	
30	18-20	8-12	32 / 31	160-180	≥26 day
35	20-25	13-17		170-190	O O
40	30-35	17-24	38 / 35	170-190	S
45		23-26		170-190	
50		35-45	47 / 38	180-200	
55		45-60		180-200	
60		60-70	53 / 37		
90		140-150			

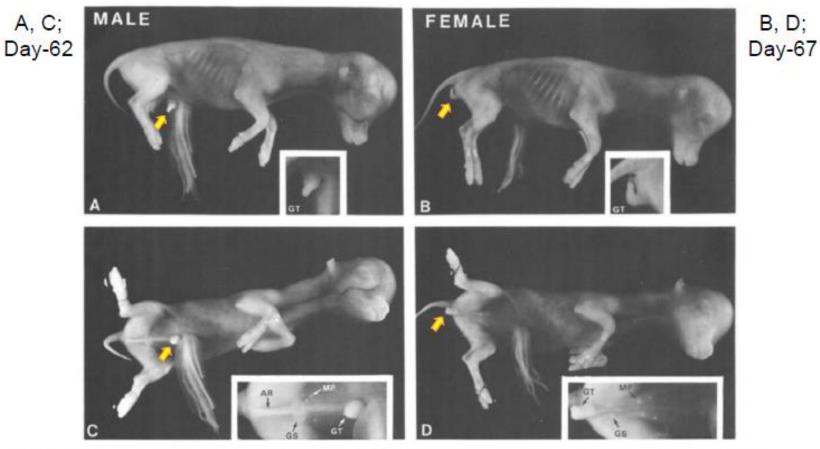
Sex determination

- Genital tubercal
- Future Penis or Clitoris
- High ecogenic (white)
- No difference between male and female
- Location is key feature of diagnosis
 - Genital tubercle which located in the umblical cord on day 40, has initiated to move to the definite position.





Determining sex by Genital tubercle

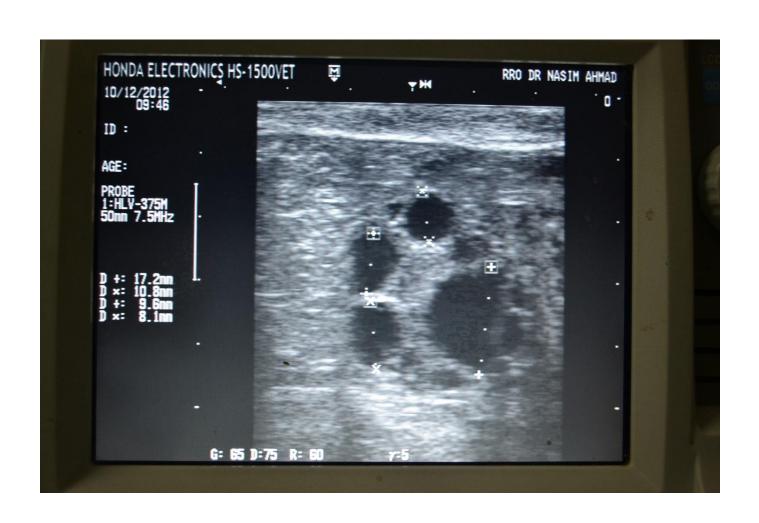


AR, anogenital raphe; GS, genital swelling (forerunner of scrotum); GT, genital tubercle (forerunner of penis in male and clitoris in female); MP, mammary papillae.

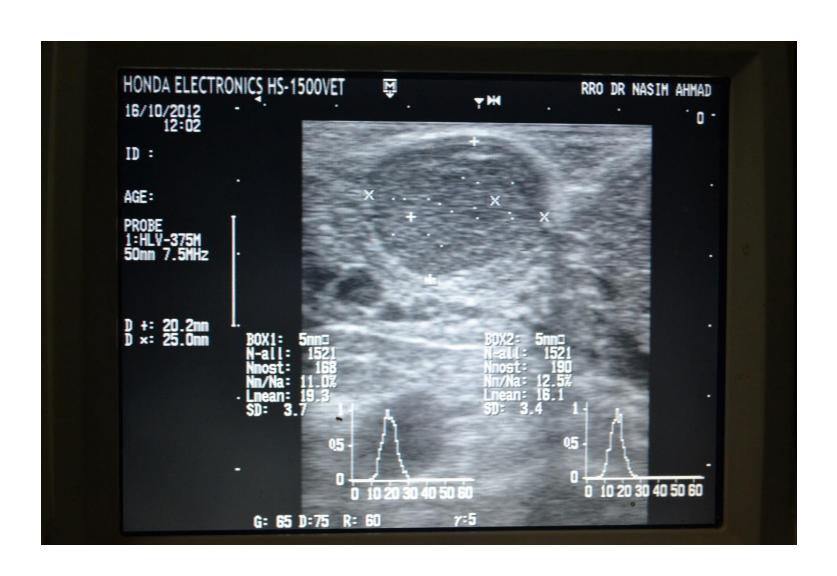
Ovarian scanning

- Ovary
 - Mix of hyper and hypo echoic signals
- Follicles
 - Anechoic round/oval structures with clear borders
- CL
 - Different from ovarian stroma
 - Hypo echoic relative to the ovarian stroma
 - CL with cavity in pregnancy
 - Undefined borders

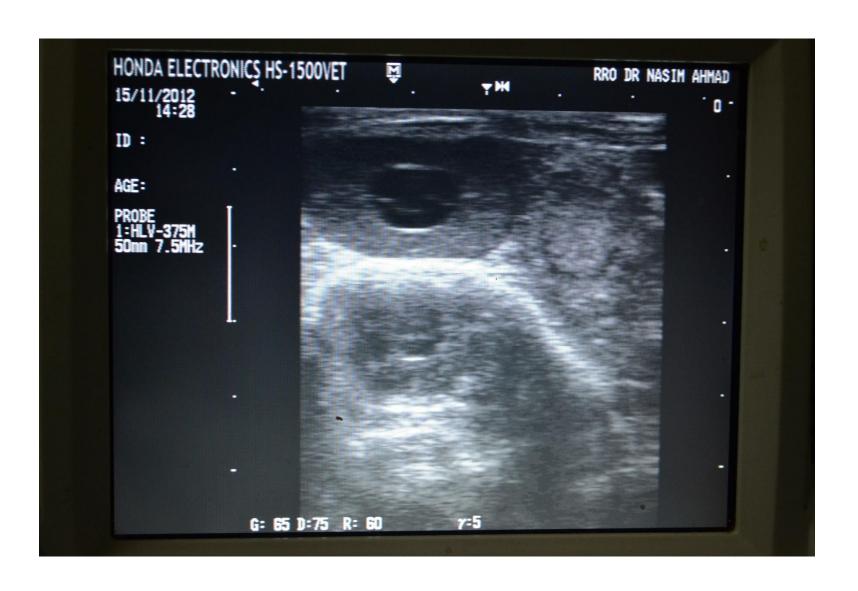
FOLLICLE



Corpus Luteum



CL with Cavity



Possible applications

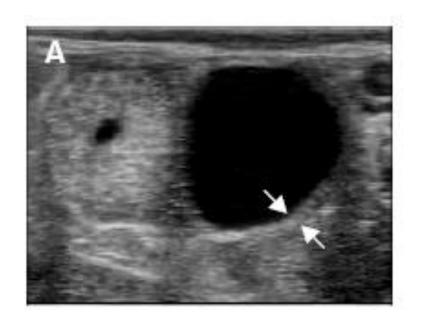
Synchronization protocols

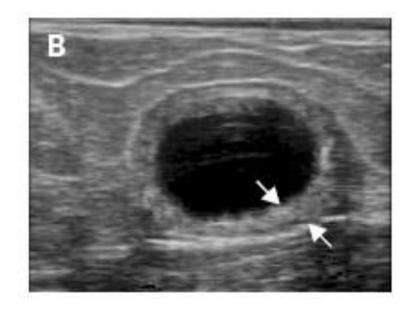
Follicular wave pattern

Ovulation

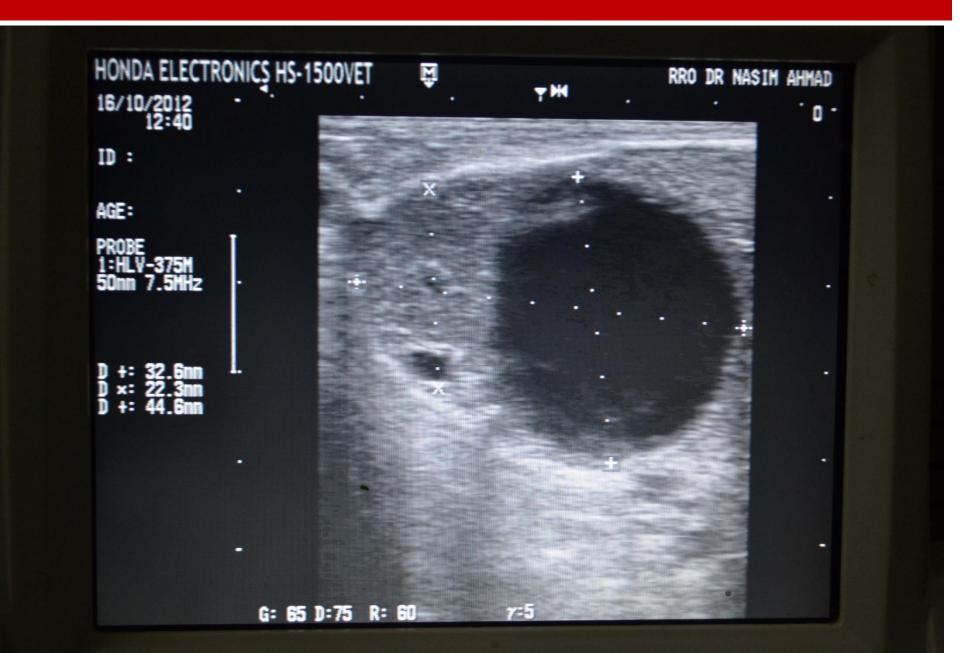
Embryo transfer

Pathological conditions in female





FOLLICULAR CYST



LUTEAL CYST



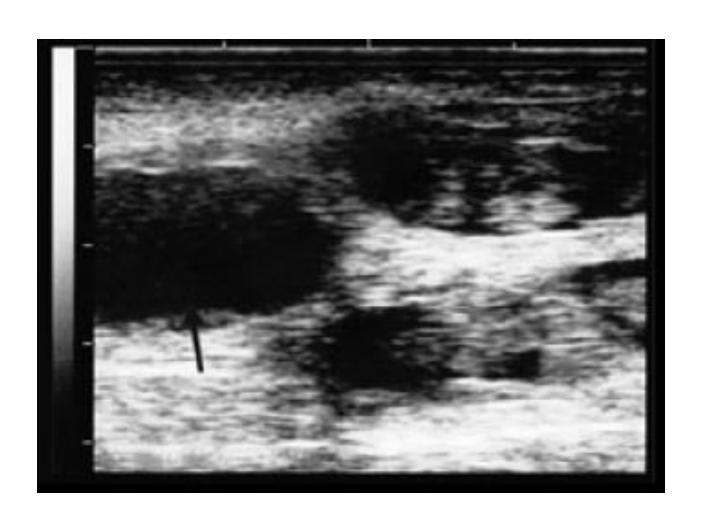
Luteal cyst

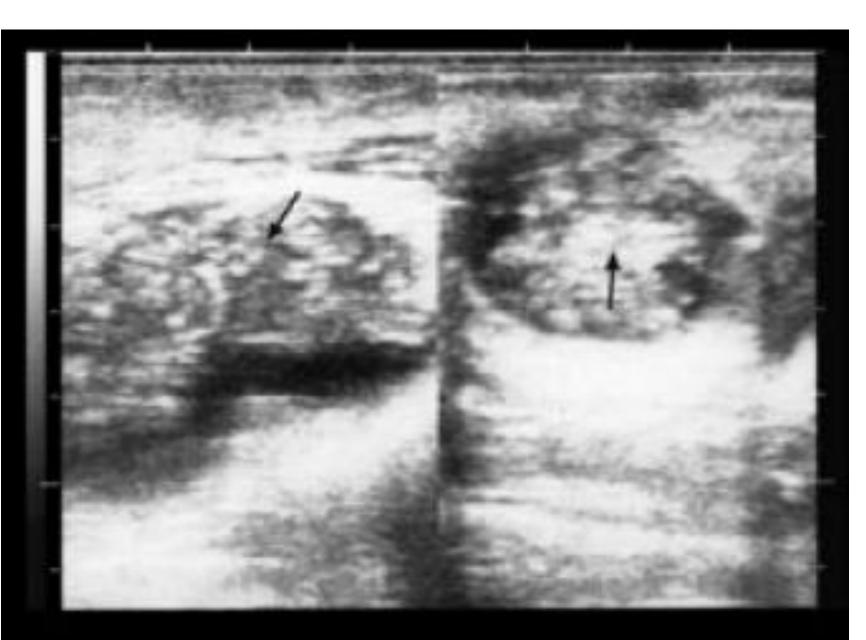


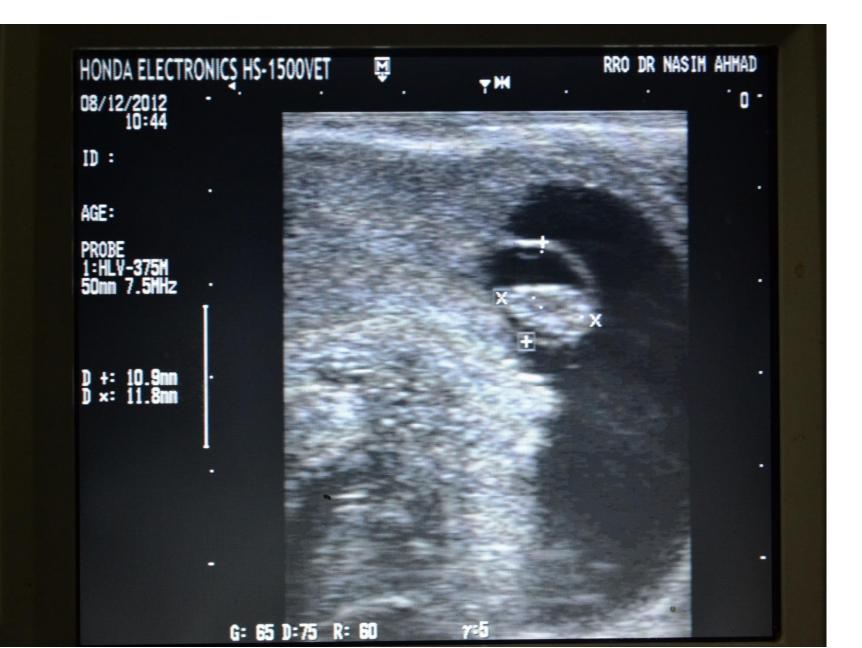
Early metritis



Pyometra







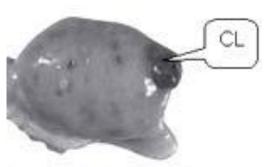
Normal Ultrasound Anatomy

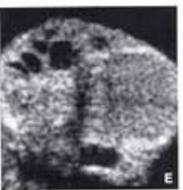
Ovary

- Mix of hyper and hypo echoic signals
- Difference can be made between small inactive and large active ovaries.

C.L

- Different from ovarian stroma
- Hypo echoic relative to the ovarian stroma
- Undefined border
- Vary according to the stage of pregnancy and development
- C.L of pregnancy usually have the cavity in it, appears anechoic







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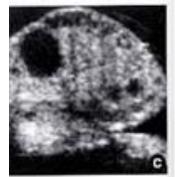
Follicles

- Waves of follicles can be followed for their development and regression.
- 2mm follicles are considered to be smallest one; anechoic structures as they grow
- Shape: can be Oval, asymmetrical, round.

Ovulation

- Appearance of large follicle and then disappearance
- Timing of the ovulation can be determined as size increases
- Ovulation seen as pear shaped structure with pointing
- 4 min period for evacuation of fluid from follicle







Normal Ultrasound Anatomy

Cervix

- Hyper echoic image
- External os can be seen

Vagina

- Hyper echoic
- Urinary bladder
 - Anechoic
 - Confusion with pregnancy

Early Pregnancy Diagnosis

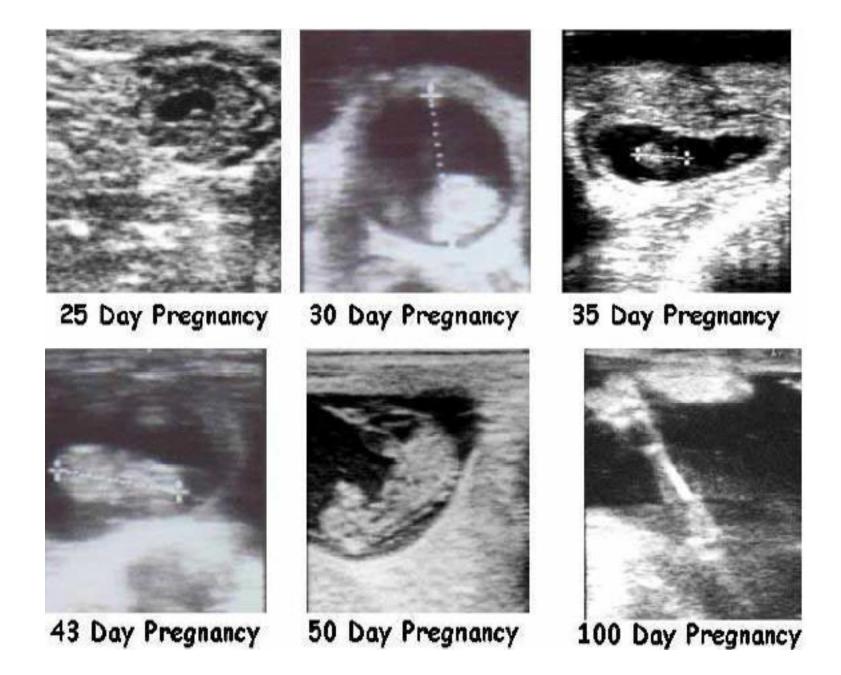
Days	Structures Seen
17-19	C.L and Little anechoic lumen in ipsilateral horn
22-24	>Anechoic lumen increases
	≻ <mark>Heart beat</mark>

Early Pregnancy

Days	Structures Seen
30	More pronounced changes present
	> Membranes
35	> Uterine caruncles
	> CRL

Late Pregnancy

 Difficult and confusing, due to increase fetal size



Artifacts

- Refraction
- Reverberations
- Shadowing

Thanks