



# Fetal GU Anomalies

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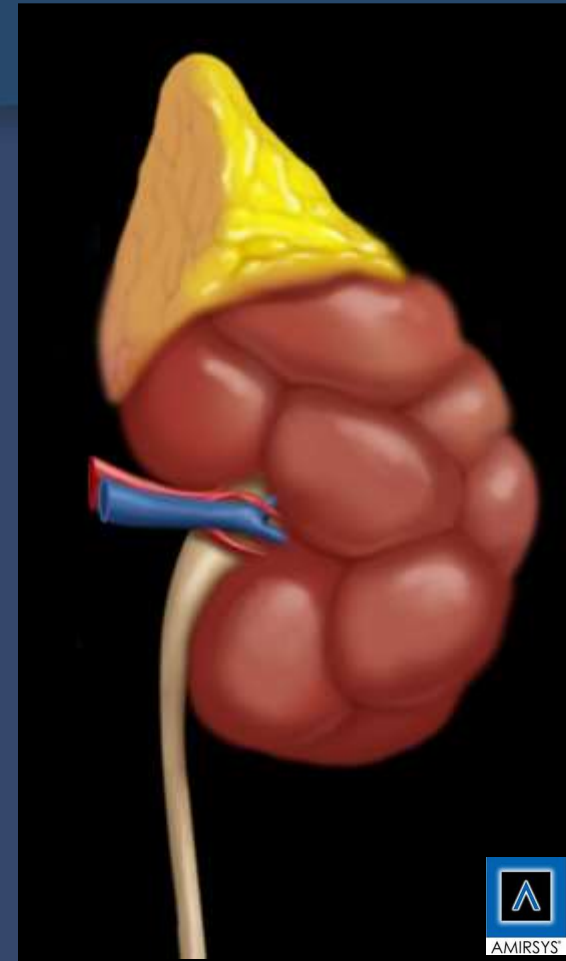
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# Outline

- Mild hydronephrosis
- Significant hydronephrosis
  - Case-based
- Renal cystic dysplasia
  - Differential diagnosis



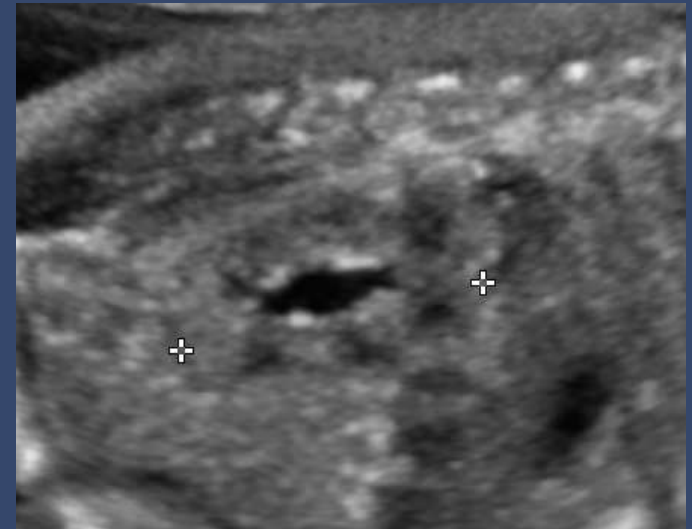
# Mild Hydronephrosis: causes



- Incidence: 1-5%
- Common benign causes:
  - Maternal progesterone influence on renal pelvis
  - Natural narrowing of UPJ (kinks and folds)
    - Occur early in development & resolve with growth
- Less common significant causes
  - Obstruction and reflux
  - Aneuploidy in 0.3 to 0.9% (most common T21)
    - Likelihood ratio of 1.5-1.9
      - (Society of Genetic Counselors, 2010 guidelines)
    - Amniocentesis?
      - Only in the setting of additional high risk factors/findings

# Pelviectasis: Diagnostic criteria

- Increased renal pelvis anterior-posterior diameter
  - Midrenal axial view
- By the numbers:
  - $\geq 3$  mm in first trimester
  - $\geq 4$  mm at 14-22 weeks
  - $\geq 5$  mm at 22-32 weeks
  - $\geq 7$  mm after 32 week
- Limitations of using AP diameter only
  - Only evaluating renal pelvis

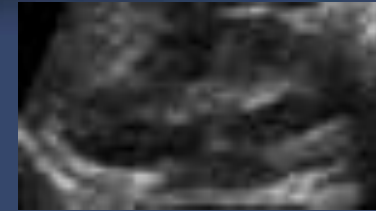


# Society For Fetal Urology (SFU) grading system

## use longitudinal views to assess calyces

|         | Descriptors                                                      |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grade 0 | No fluid in renal sinus fat                                      |
| Grade 1 | Fluid barely splits sinus fat                                    |
| Grade 2 | Urine fills intrarenal pelvis                                    |
|         | Urine fills extra renal pelvis + major calyces                   |
| Grade 3 | SFU 2 + minor calyces uniformly dilated and parenchyma preserved |
| Grade 4 | SFU 3 + thin or cystic parenchyma                                |

Grade 0



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



# Society for Fetal Urology (SFU) grading system

- In pediatric population:
  - Good inter-rater agreement
  - Predictive of outcome

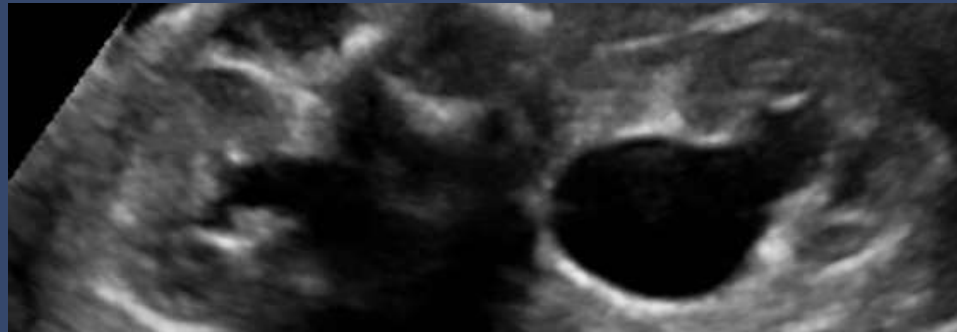
|         | SFU 1  | SFU 2     | SFU 3                    | SFU 4 |
|---------|--------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| Stable  | 100%   | 87% (144) | 30% (37)                 | 0%    |
| Surgery |        | 13%(21)   | 70% (85)                 | 100%  |
| Outcome | Benign | Benign    | Surveillance +/- surgery |       |

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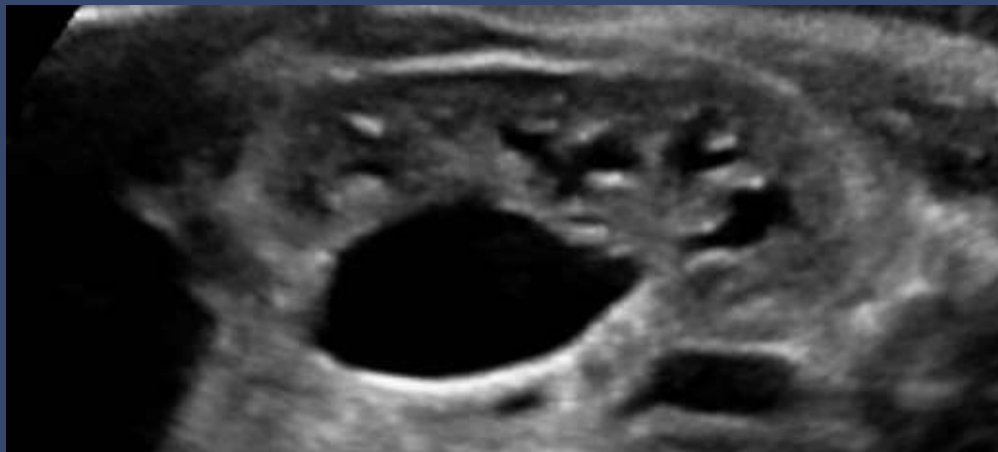
- Can we use this grading system for prenatal diagnosis?
  - We don't know yet: good inter-rater agreement
- We should at least use better descriptors



# Case example: mild to asymmetric severe

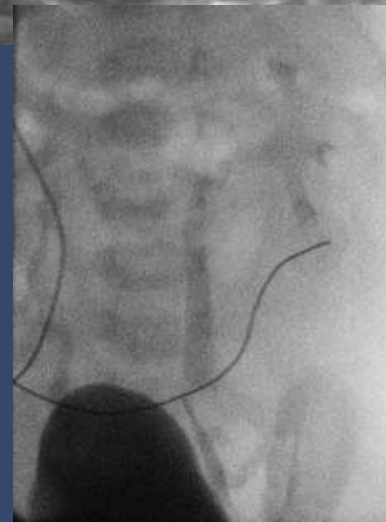
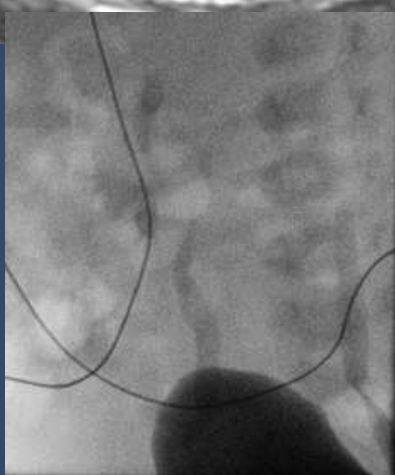
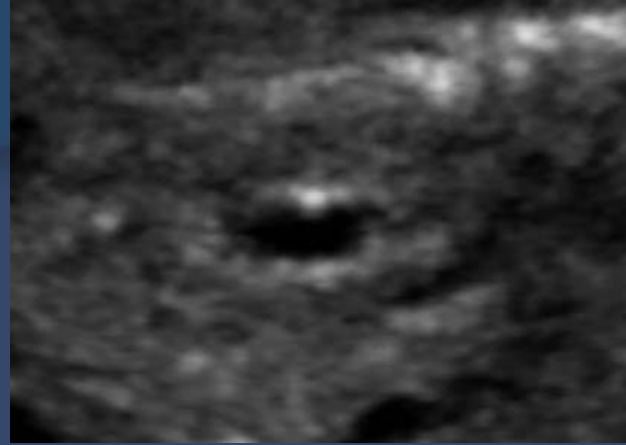


**Diagnosis:  
UPJ Obstruction**





# Case Example: Stable persistent mild



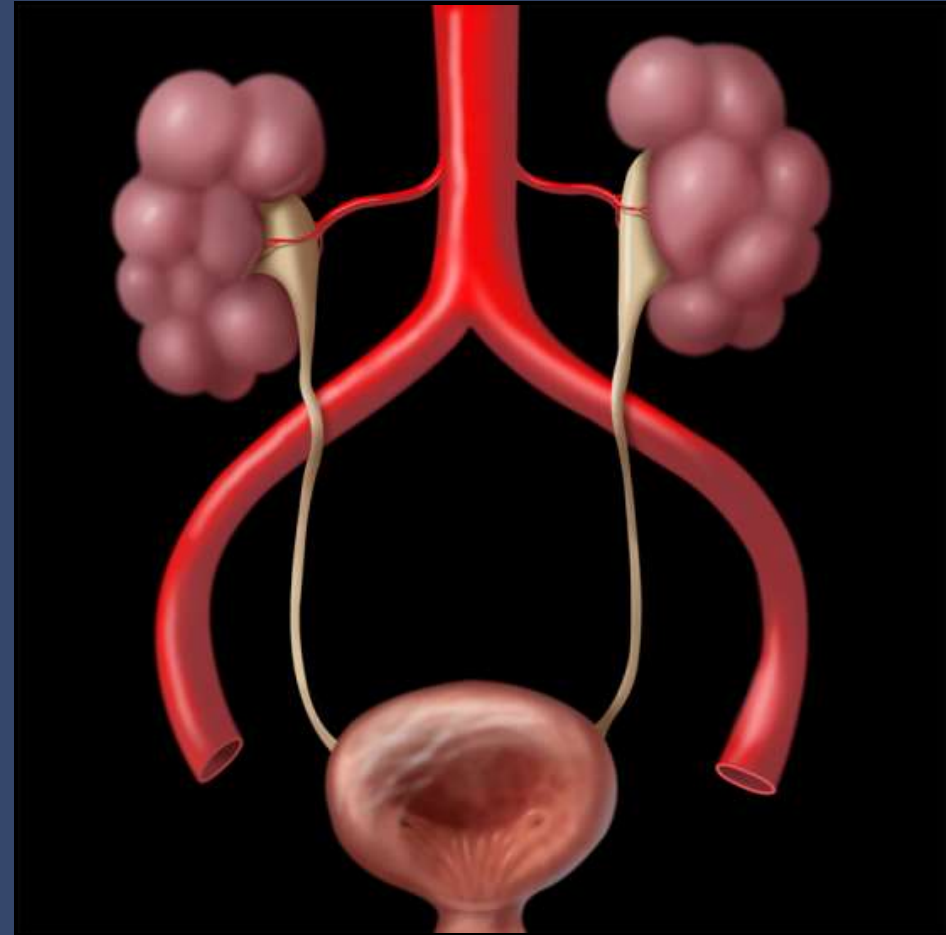
**Final Diagnosis:  
Bilateral reflux**

# Pelviectasis Summary

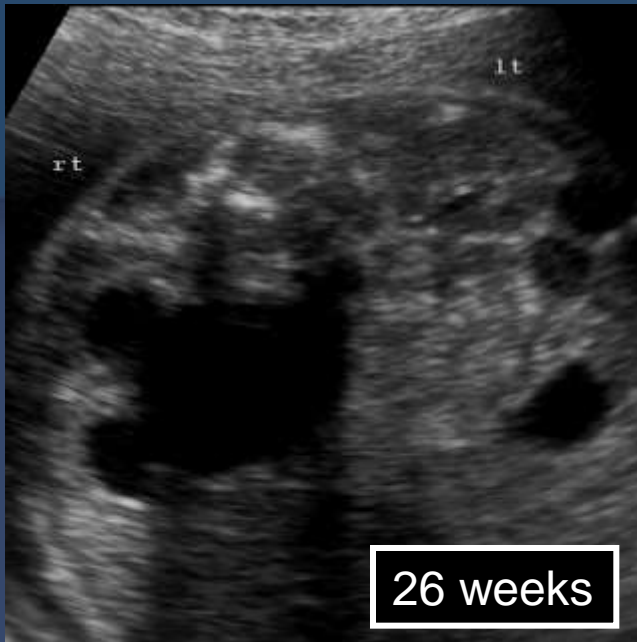
- AP diameter
  - $\geq 4$  mm before 22 wks
  - $\geq 7$  mm after 32 wks
- Note degree of calyceal dilatation and appearance of parenchyma
  - consider using SFU grading system
- Know your patient
  - Low risk or high risk for aneuploidy and/or obstructive uropathy
- Suggest post natal imaging
  - Ultrasound (preferably after 72 hours)
  - VCUG

# Significant Hydronephrosis: A Case based approach

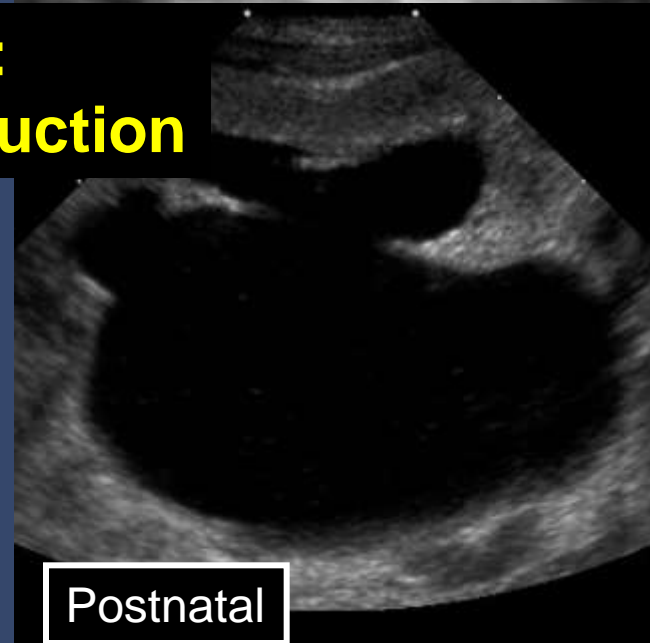
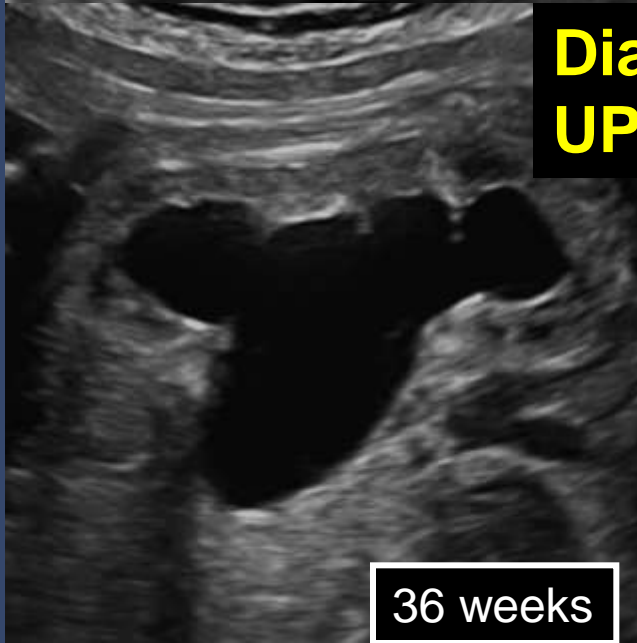
- Morphology of distention
  - Upper tract
  - Mid tract
  - Lower tract
- Affect on renal parenchyma
- Affect on amniotic fluid



# Case Example: severe unilateral hydronephrosis

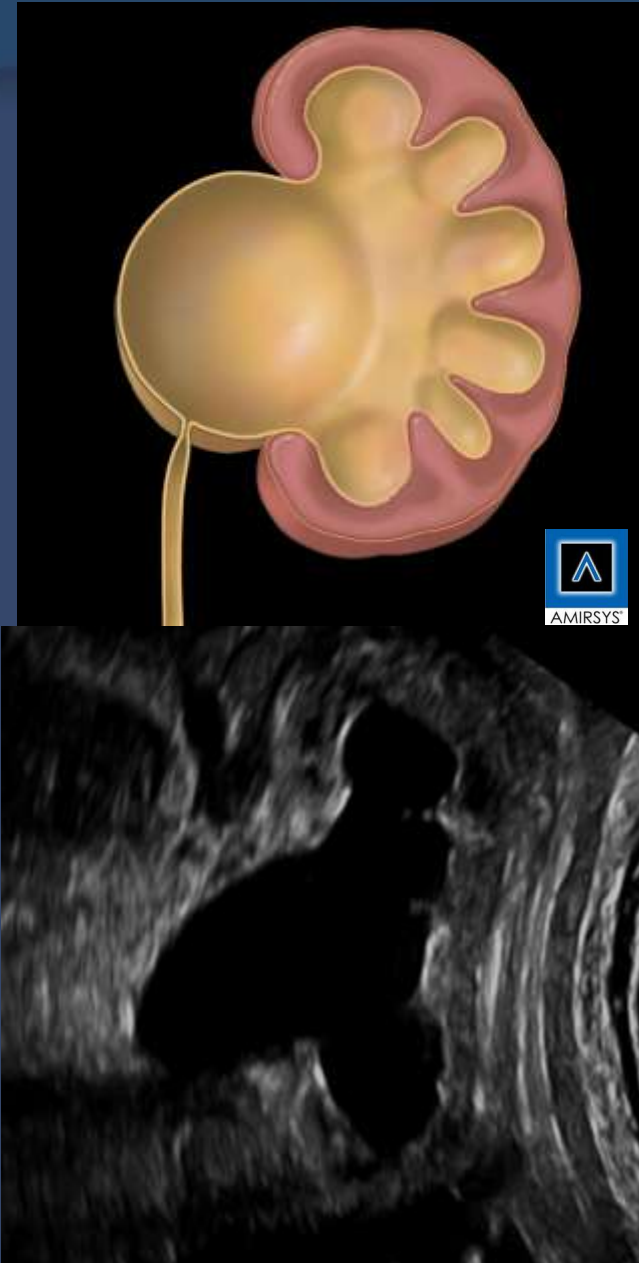


**Diagnosis:  
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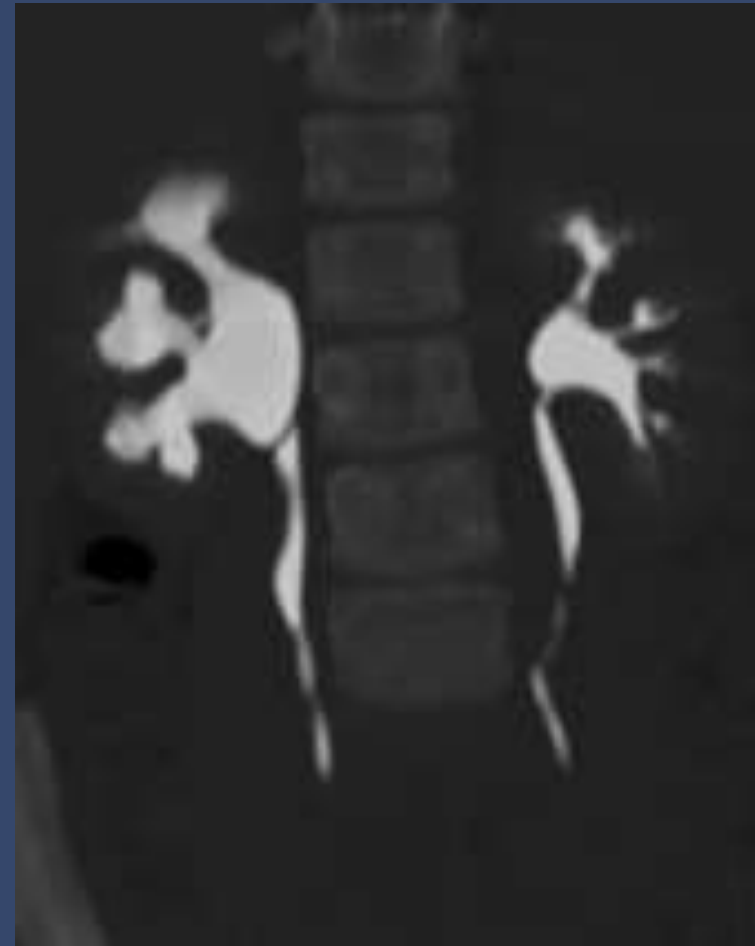
# Ureteropelvic junction (UPJ) obstruction

- Imaging Pearls
  - Pelvis + calyceal dilatation only
  - Pelvis ends abruptly “bullet shaped”
- Partial > complete obstruction
- 10% bilateral
- 25% with contra lateral anomaly
- Incidence
  - 1:2000
  - 20% all cases of hydronephrosis
  - Males > females
  - Not associated with aneuploidy or genetic syndromes



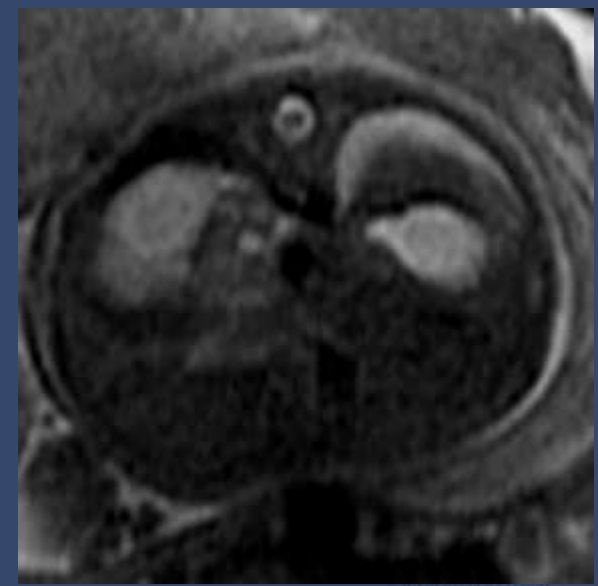
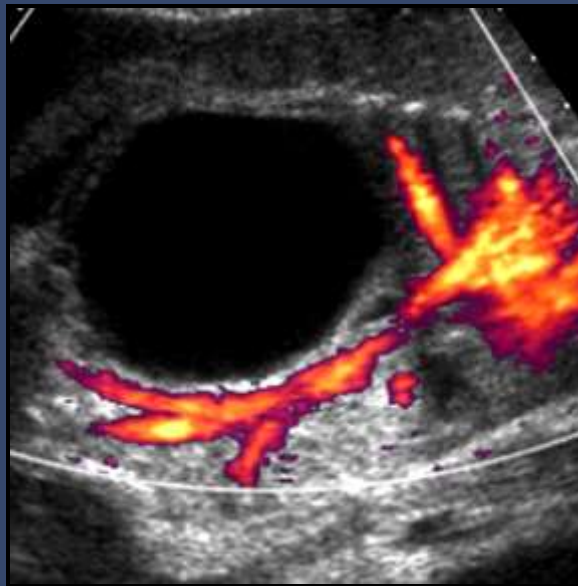
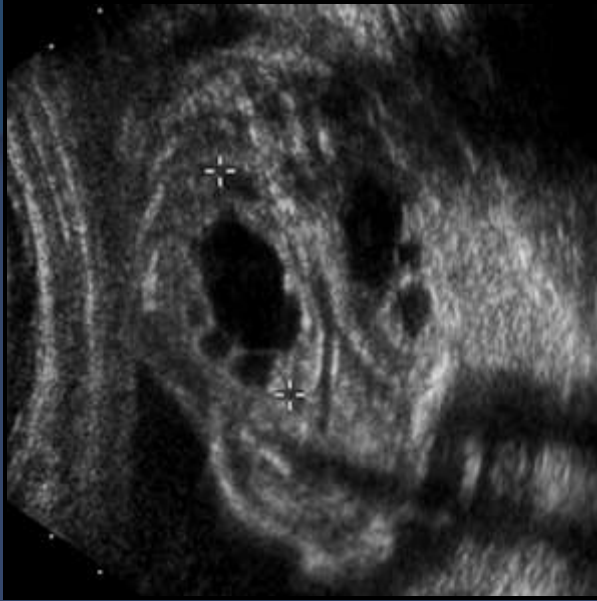
# Ureteropelvic junction (UPJ) obstruction

- Possible etiologies
  - Abnormal muscularis layer or neural innervation at UPJ
  - 1/3 may have accessory crossing vessel
- Complications:
  - Obstructive renal dysplasia
  - Urinoma





# UPJ: 2 cases with urinoma



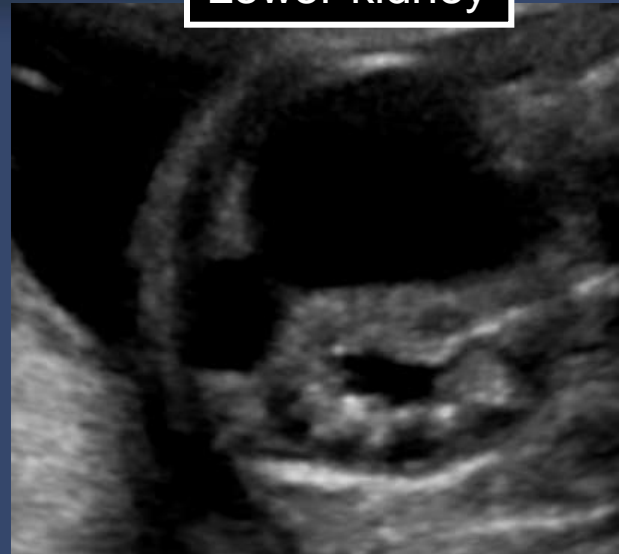


# New diagnosis: Case at 21 weeks

Upper kidney



Lower kidney



**Diagnosis: Renal duplication with ureterocele**

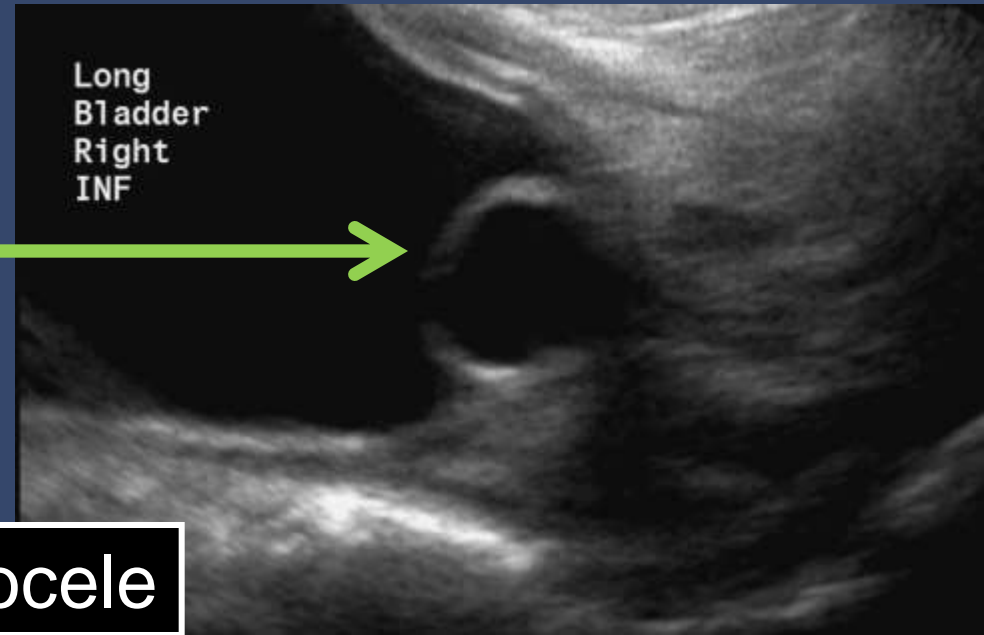
Bladder



# Postnatal Ultrasound



Duplicated kidney



Ureterocele

# VCUG– Ureterocele and Reflux



Drooping lily sign



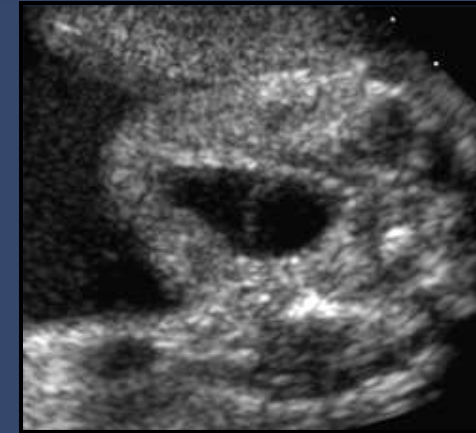
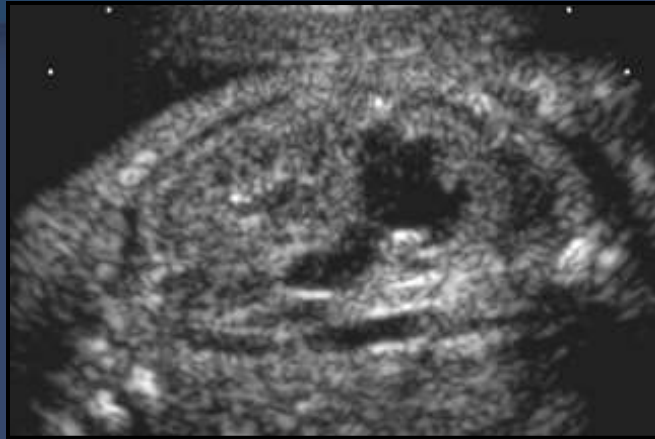
## Weigert Meyer Rule

- Upper pole with ectopic ureter
  - Inserts medial and inferior to trigone
- Lower pole with reflux



# Duplicated collecting system: imaging pearls

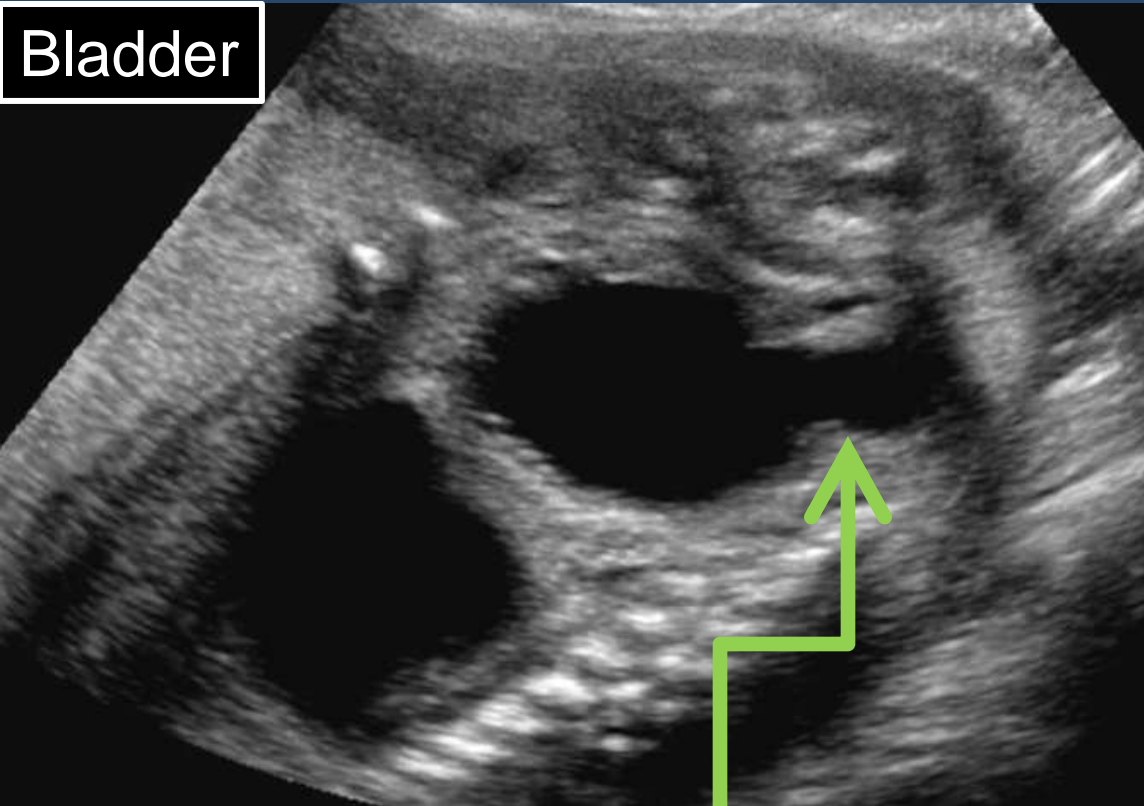
- Be suspicious when hydronephrosis is limited to upper pole
  - good longitudinal views
- Ureterocele in bladder is the key finding
  - May be large and can mimic bladder
  - May obstruct urethra or other ureter
- Bilateral hydronephrosis in 10-20%
- Twice as common in female fetuses



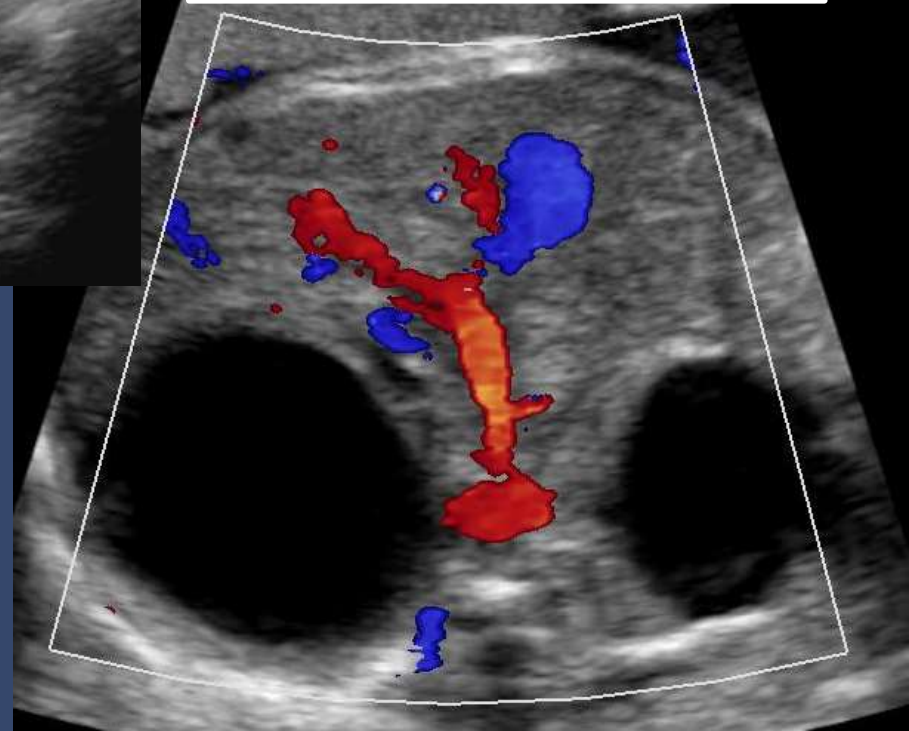


# New Diagnosis: Case 20 weeks fetus

Bladder



Axial view of kidneys



Keyhole appearance



Case f/u 3 wks



Kidneys

This is a longitudinal B-mode ultrasound image of a kidney. The renal cortex is visible as a darker, more homogeneous area, while the renal medulla and pelvis are lighter and more echogenic. Two small white crosshair markers are visible on the left side of the kidney.

**Diagnosis: Bladder outlet obstruction from  
Posterior Urethral valves**



Bladder

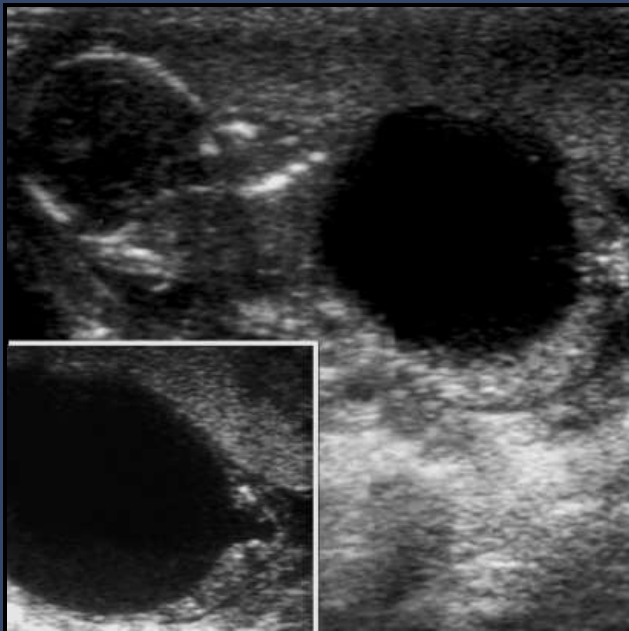
This is a longitudinal B-mode ultrasound image of a bladder. The bladder lumen is the large, dark, anechoic area on the left, and the bladder wall is the lighter, echogenic area on the right.



# Lower urinary tract obstruction (LUTO)

## Posterior urethral valves – Imaging pearls

- Variable hydronephrosis (may see echogenic kidneys) +/- ureter dilatation
- Dilated thick walled bladder
- Dilated posterior urethra: funnel, keyhole
- Decreased or absent Amniotic fluid

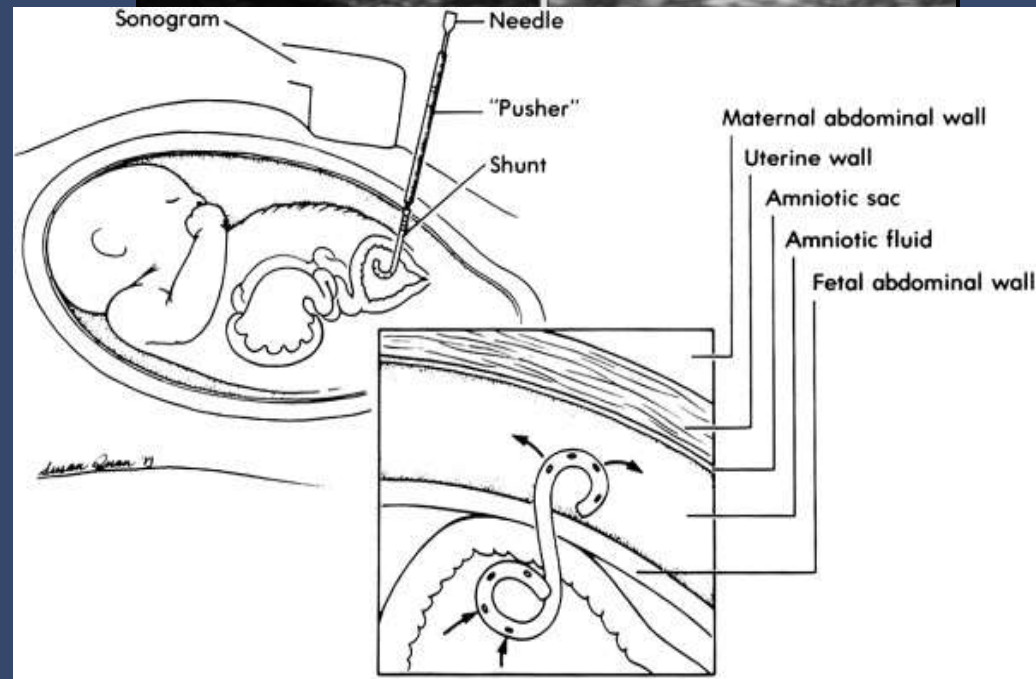
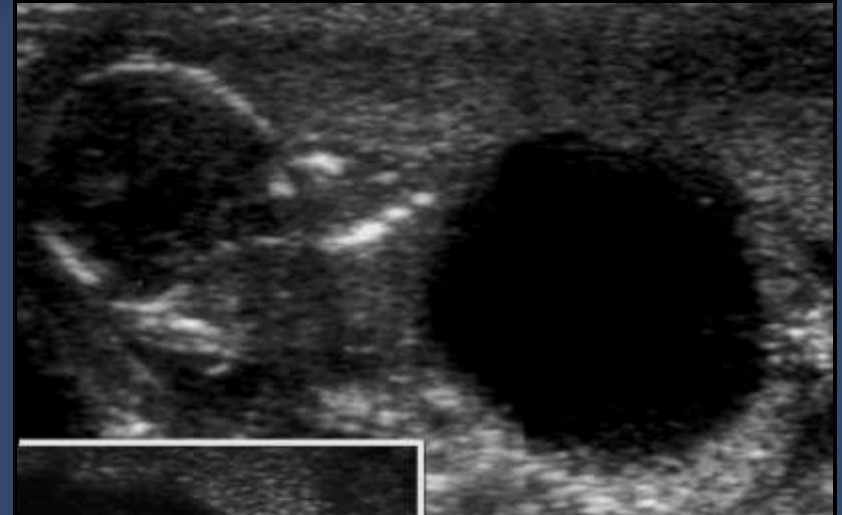


# LUTO – urethral obstruction:

## Antenatal counseling and management

Two main concerns:

- Renal injury
  - 25-30% survivors with ESRD
  - Early dialysis then transplant
- An/Oligohydramnios
  - Single most important prognostic feature
  - Pulmonary hypoplasia
  - 45-55% mortality
- Bypass the urethra?



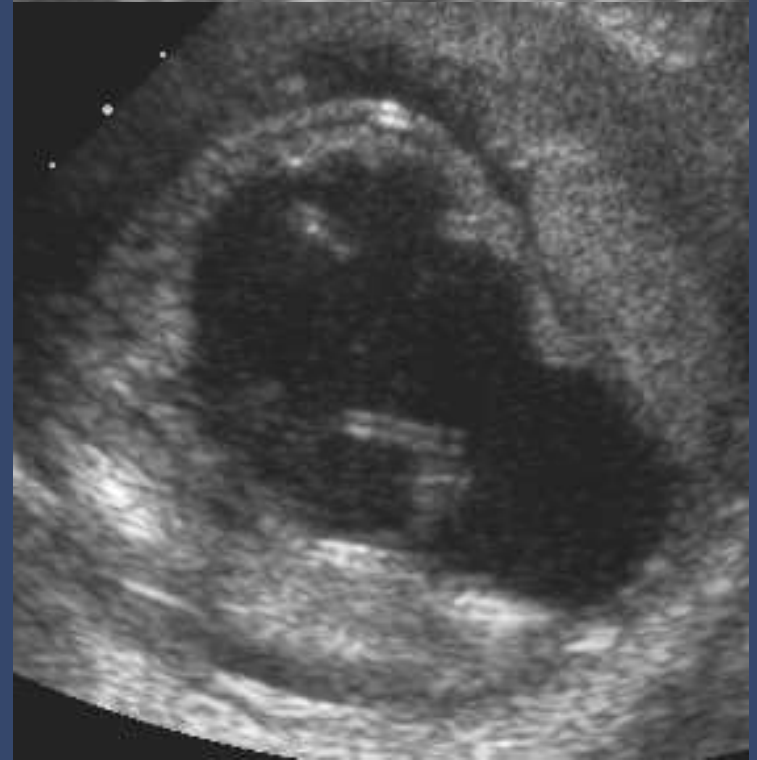
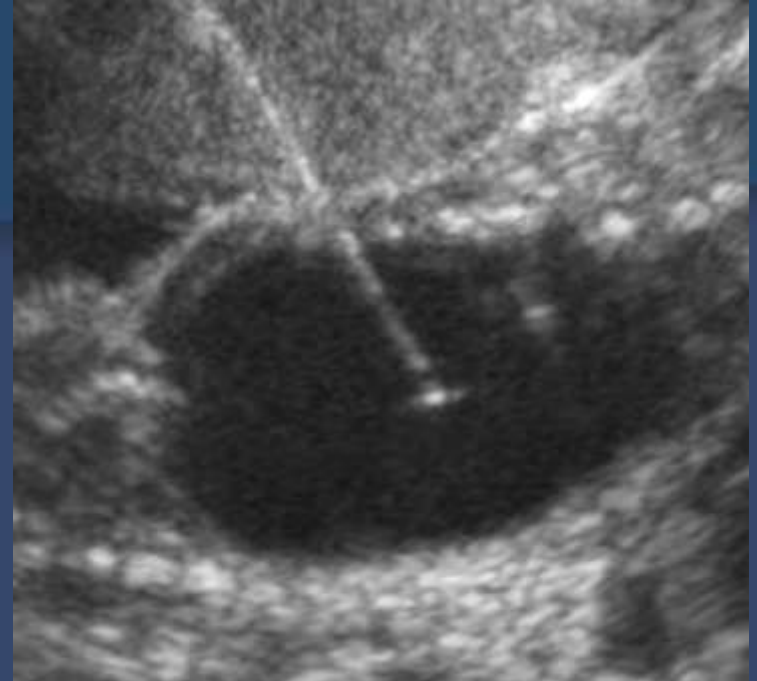
# Therapeutic option

- Vesicocentesis

Assess electrolytes looking for a favorable profile

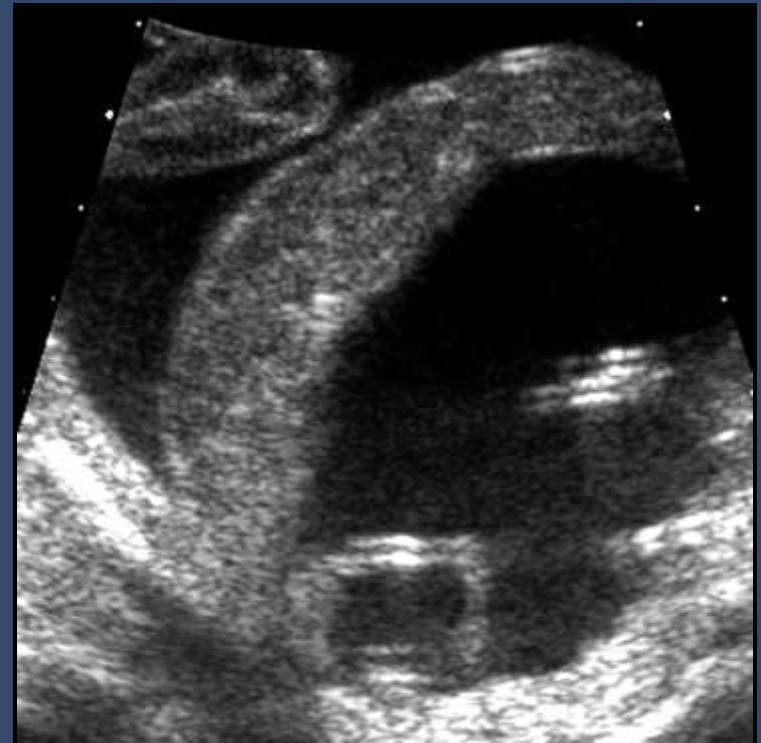
– Na <100, Cl <90, Osm <210 mEq/L, Ca, PO<sub>4</sub>, &  $\beta_2$  microglobulin all <2mmol/L.

- Vesicoamniotic shunt



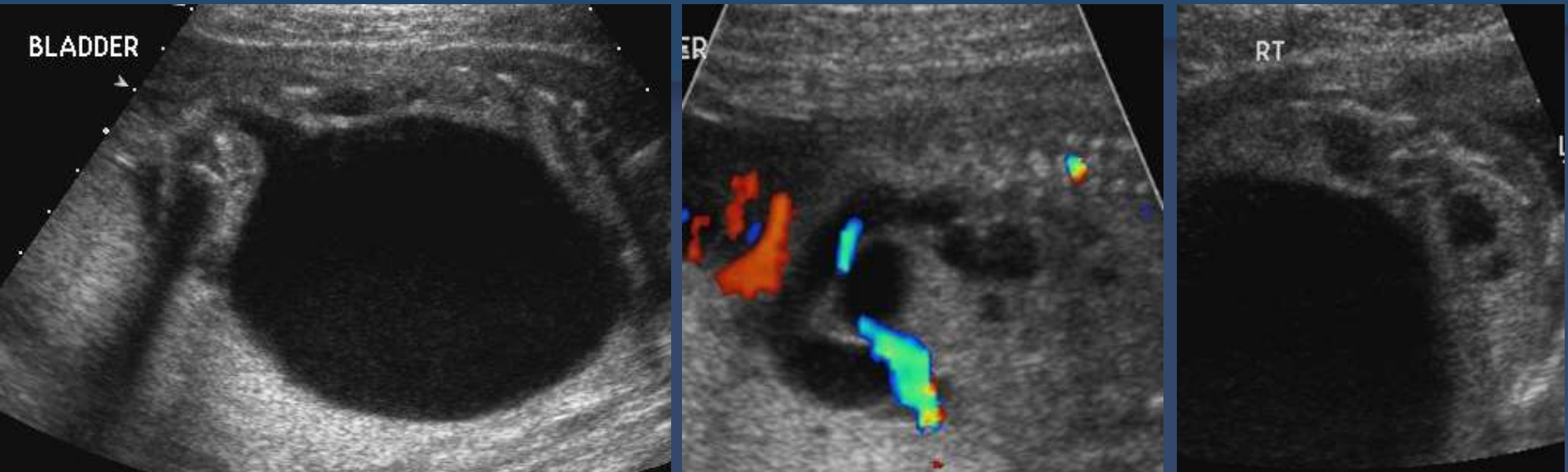
# Bladder Shunting

- Complications in 1/3  
shunt dysfunction, PPROM, infection/chorioamnionitis,
- Shunting improves survival – improves pulmonary function
- Residual renal dysfunction – still poor in most cases

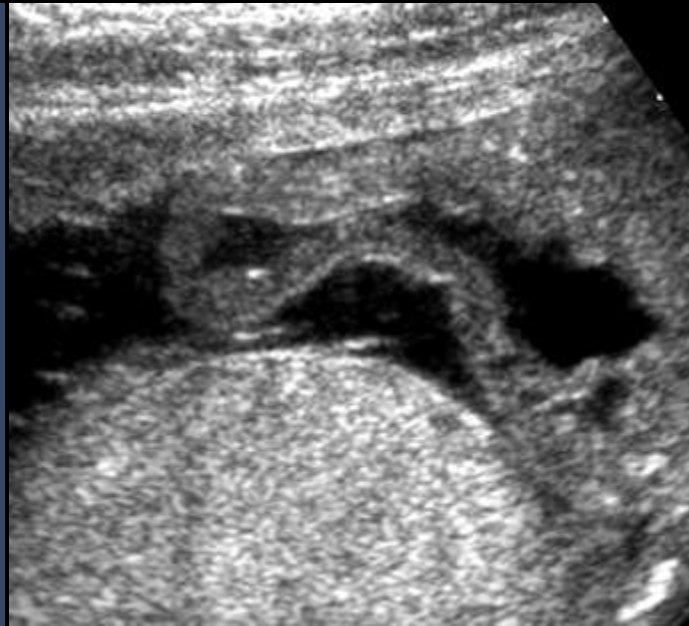




# Case: Not all dilated bladders are PUV:



**Diagnosis: Prune Belly Syndrome**



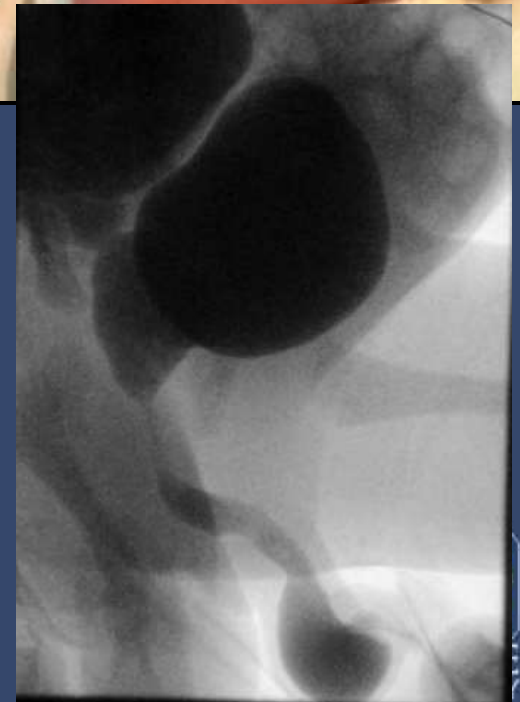
# Prune Belly Syndrome

- 3 components
  - Dramatic collecting system dilatation
  - Deficiency of abdominal musculature
  - Cryptorchidism
- Findings overlap w/ PUV
  - Less likely keyhole sign
  - Ureter more likely dilated
  - Entire urethra may be dilated
  - Oligohydramnios often not as severe
  - Small chest but often not as severe as with LUTO



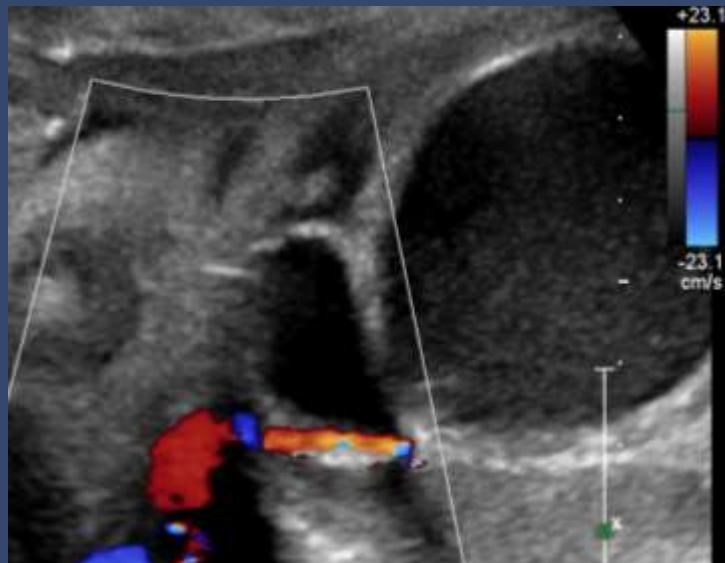
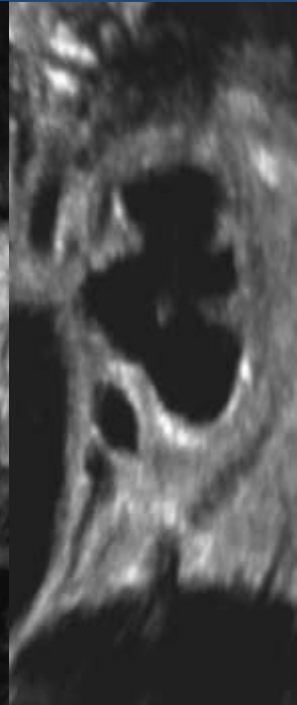
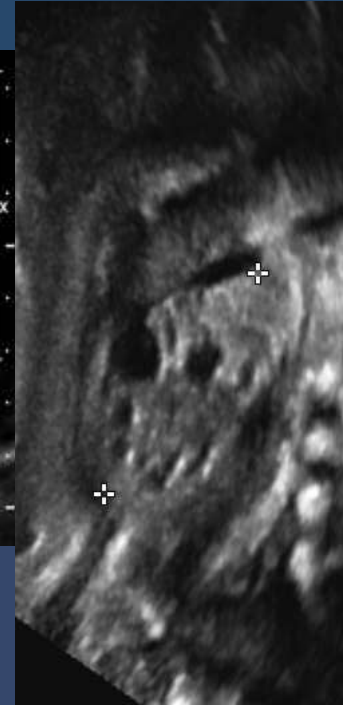
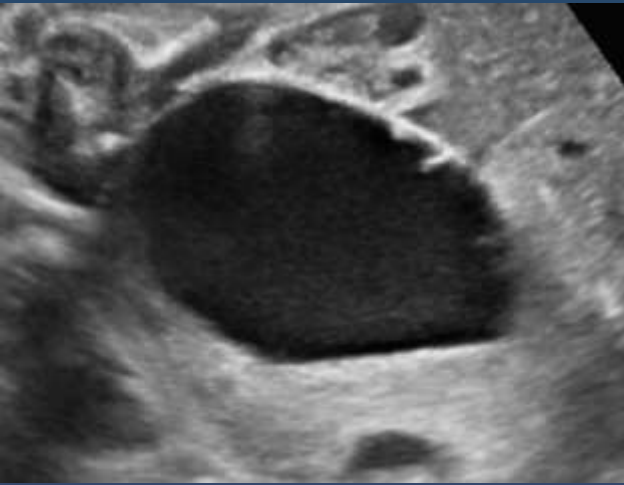
# Prune Belly: Counseling and management

- More rare than PUV
  - ~4/100,000 live births
- Males >> Females
- Inheritance/Etiology?
  - Associated with aneuploidy and other genetic defects
- Neonate issues/anomalies
  - Pulmonary hypoplasia
  - Renal dysfunction (50% ESRD)
  - GI malrotation and anorectal anomalies

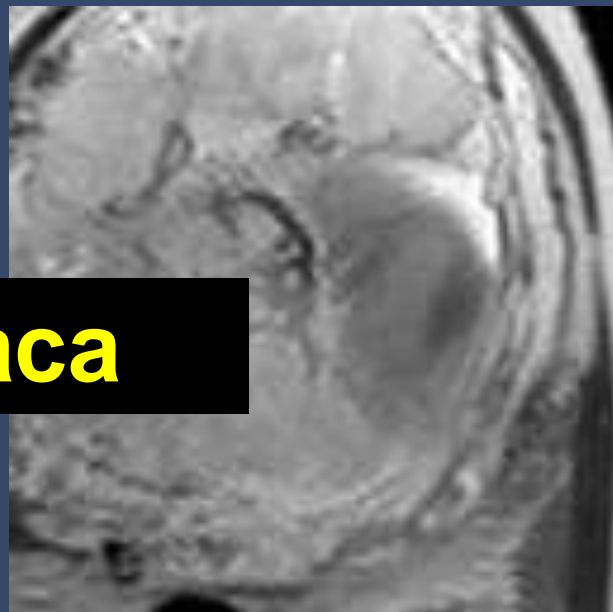
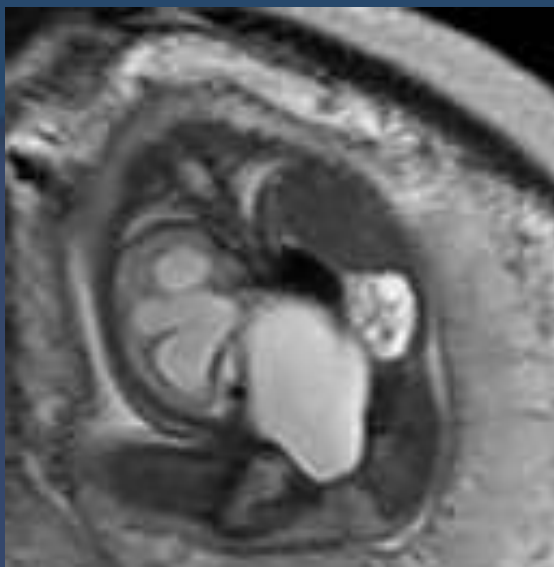
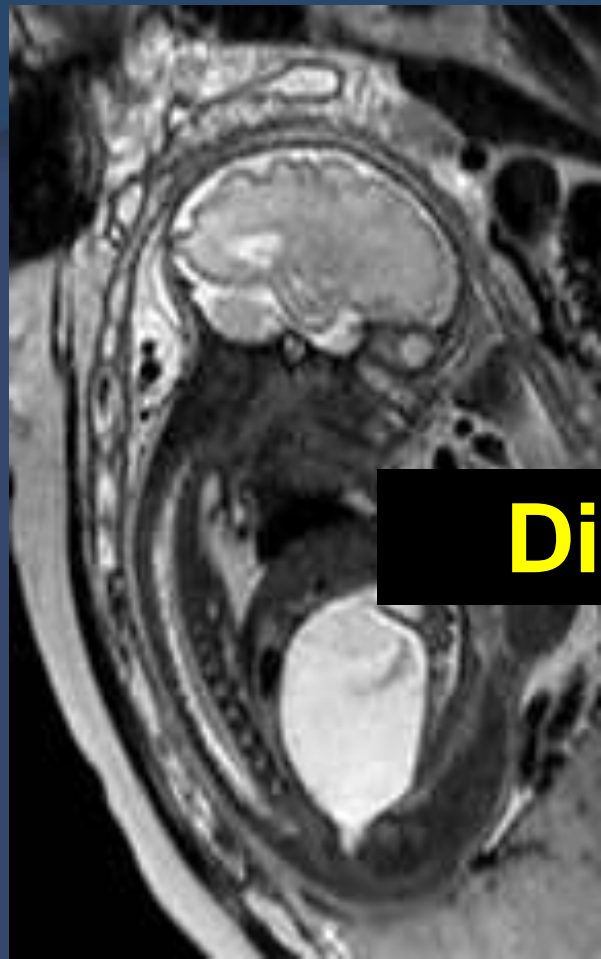




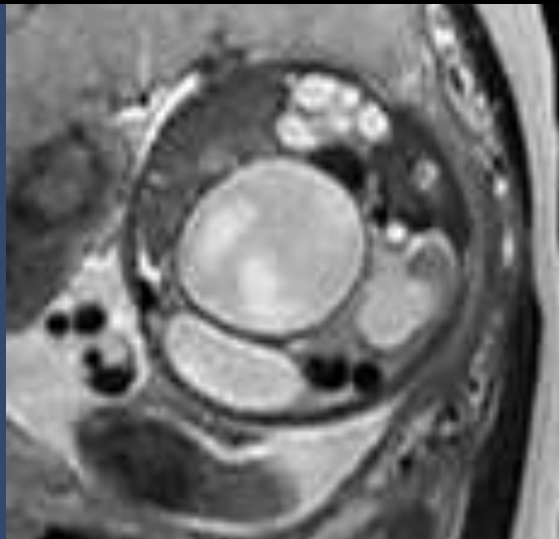
# Case: Not all distended pelvic structures are bladder



# Case: Fetal MR

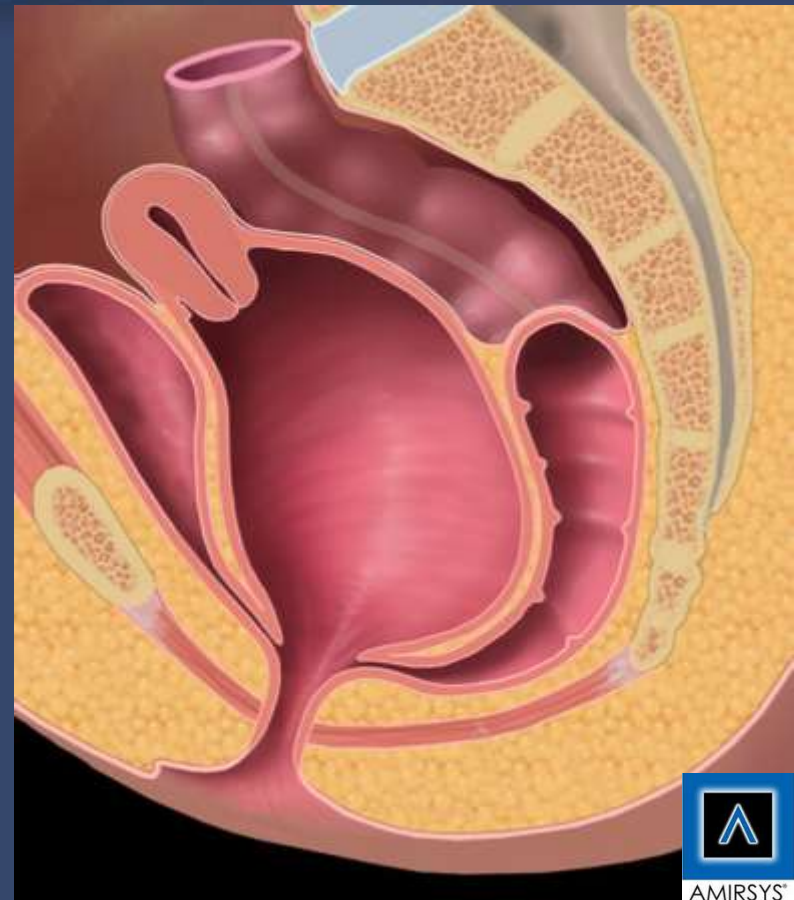


**Diagnosis: Cloaca**



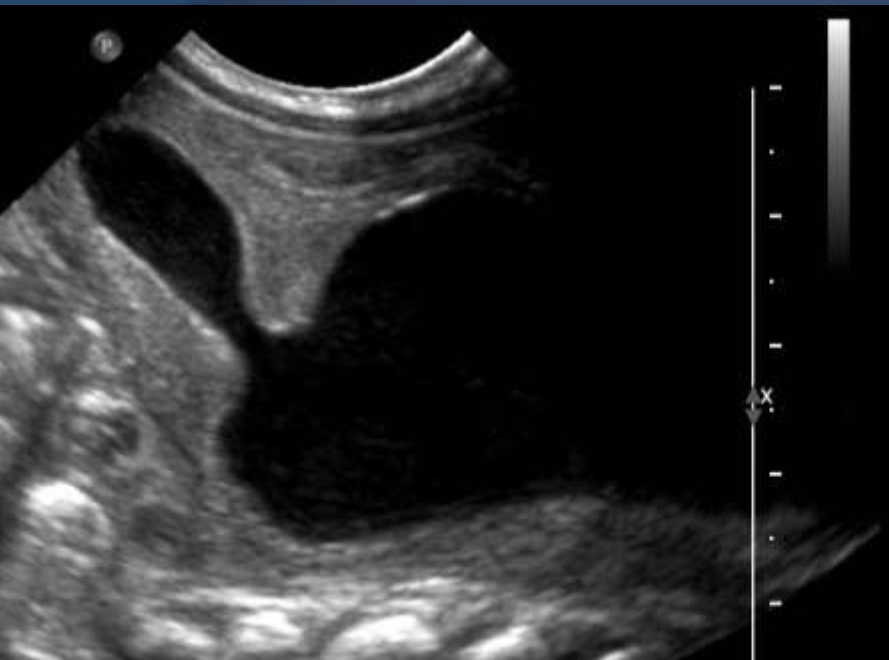
# Cloacal Malformation

- Failure of early cloaca division
- Spectrum of abnormal anatomy related to time of arrest
- Classic: coalescence of urethra, vagina, and hindgut with single draining perineal orifice
- DDX: hydrocolpus, Urogenital sinus: bladder + vaginal connections only



Postnatal

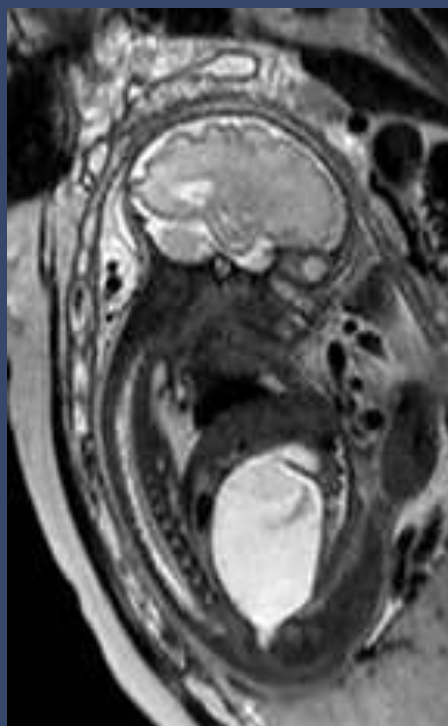
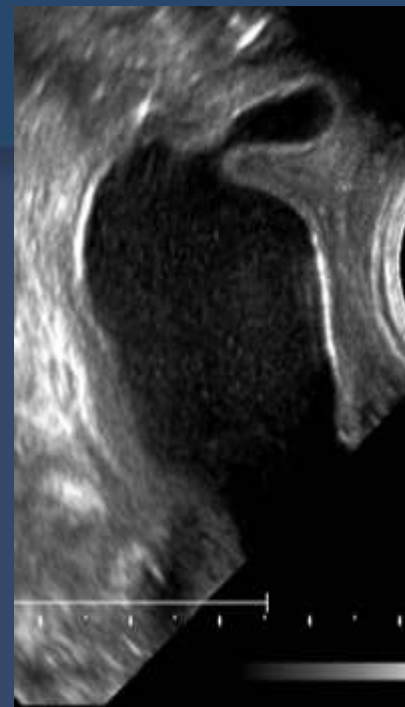
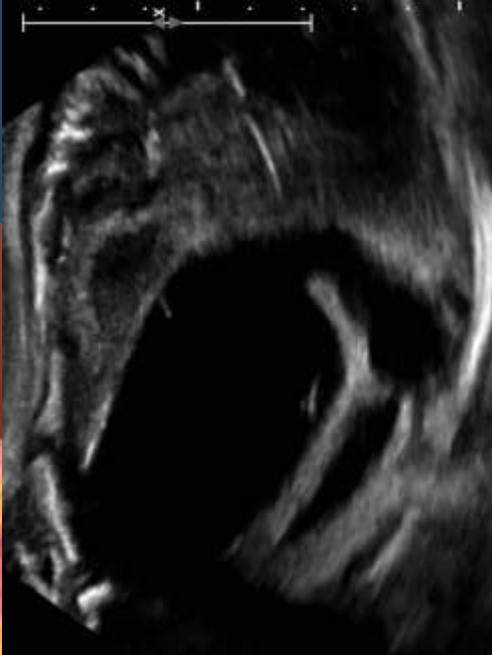
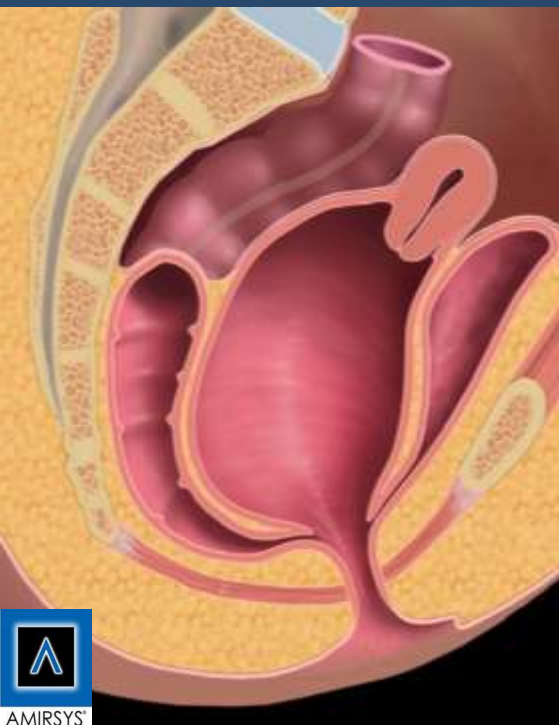
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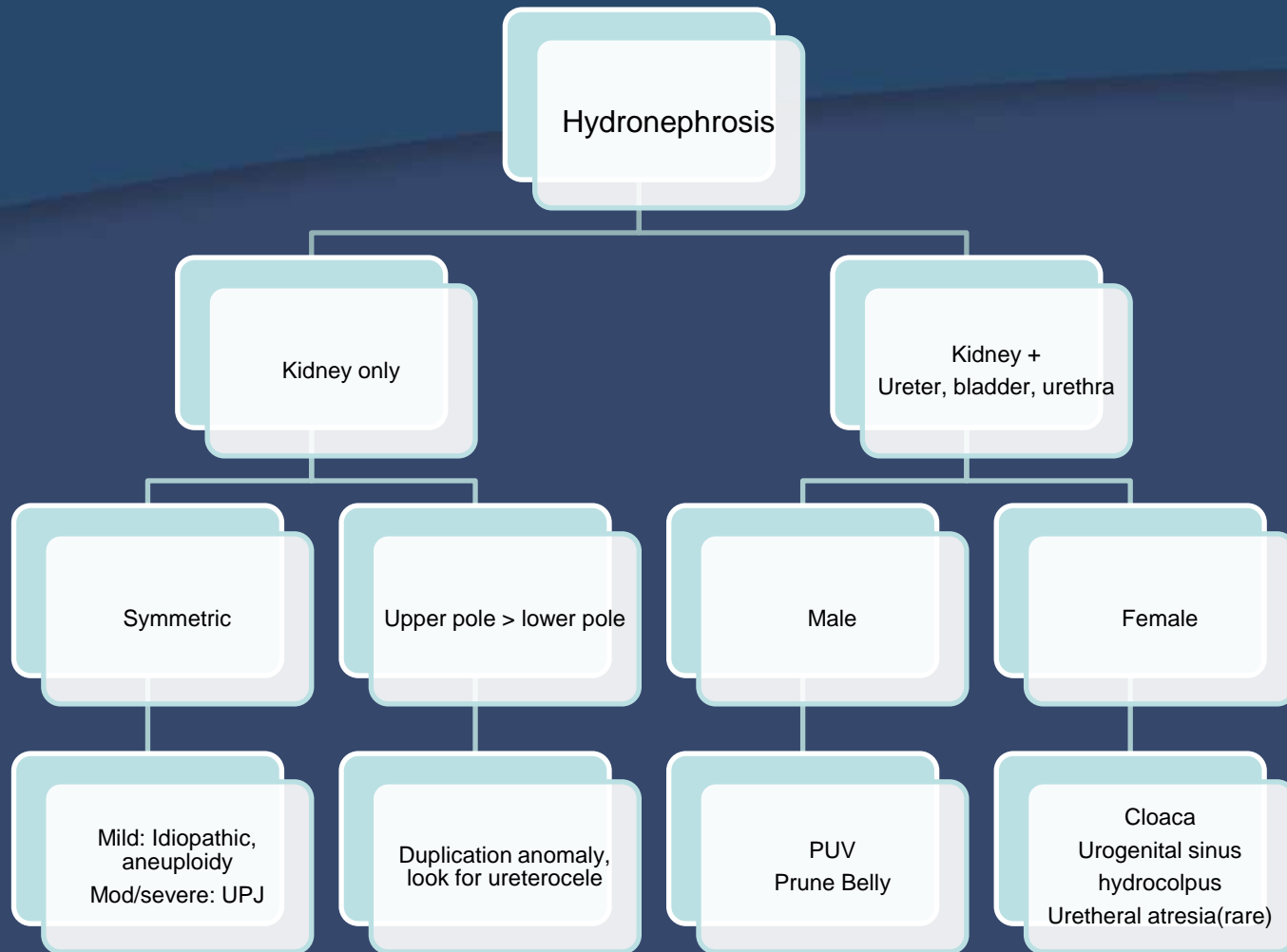


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# Renal Cystic Dysplasia

**OBSTRUCTIVE RENAL DYSPLASIA**

**MULTICYSTIC DYSPLASTIC KIDNEY (MCDK)**

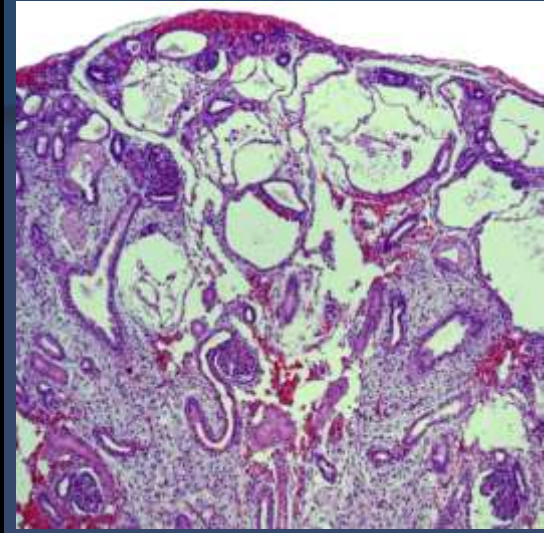
**AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE (ARPKD)**

**ANEUPLOIDY AND SYNDROMES**

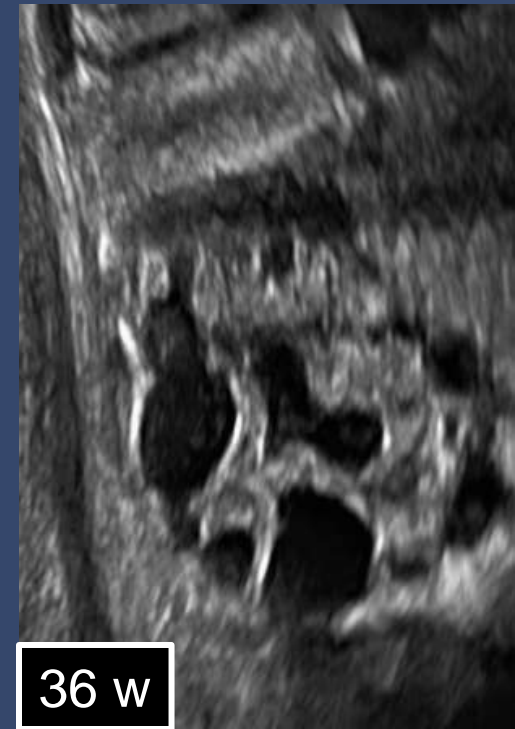


# Obstructive Renal Dysplasia

- Tubular destruction and cyst formation due to increased pressure in collecting system
- Most common cause is posterior urethral valves
  - UPJ, UVJ less common



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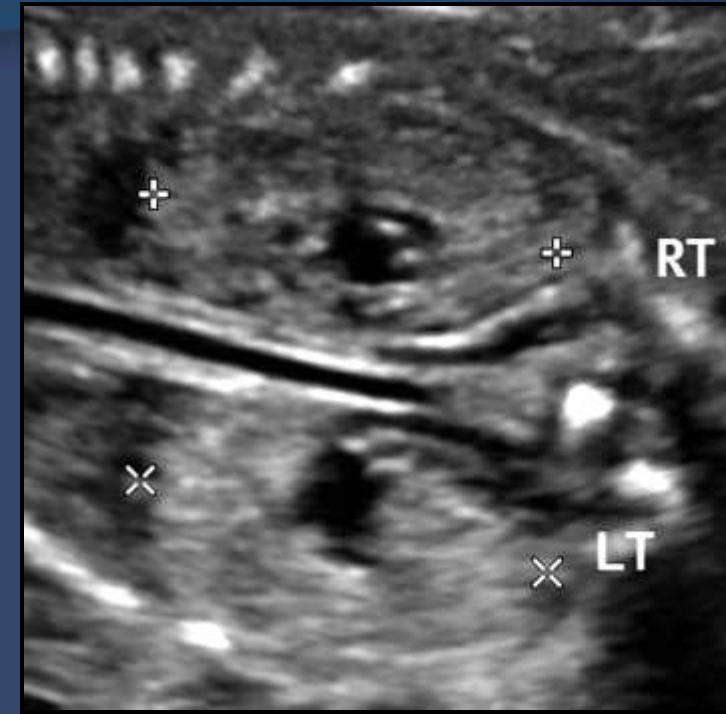


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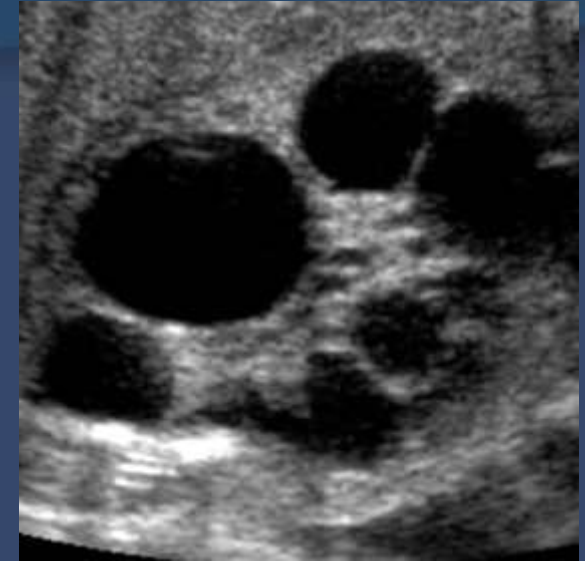
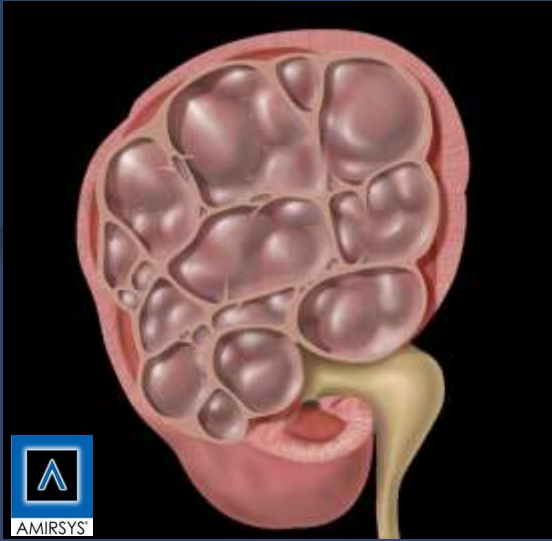
# Obstructive renal dysplasia

- Imaging Pearls
  - Variable hydronephrosis
  - Hyperechoic kidney
    - Early: Loss of corticomedullary distinction (lose hypoechoic pyramids)
  - Cysts (late)
- Renal size may be ↑, ↓, NI
  - ↓ size suggests late finding (poor prognostic sign)

Two fetuses with PUV



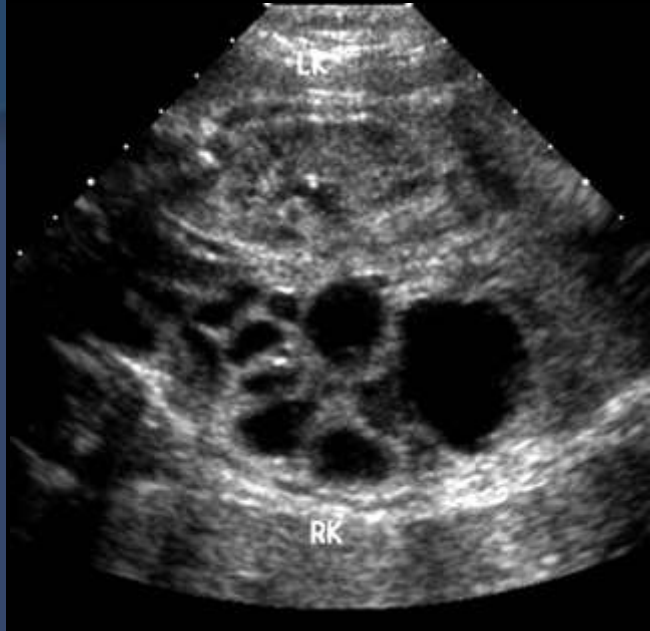
# Multicystic dysplastic kidney



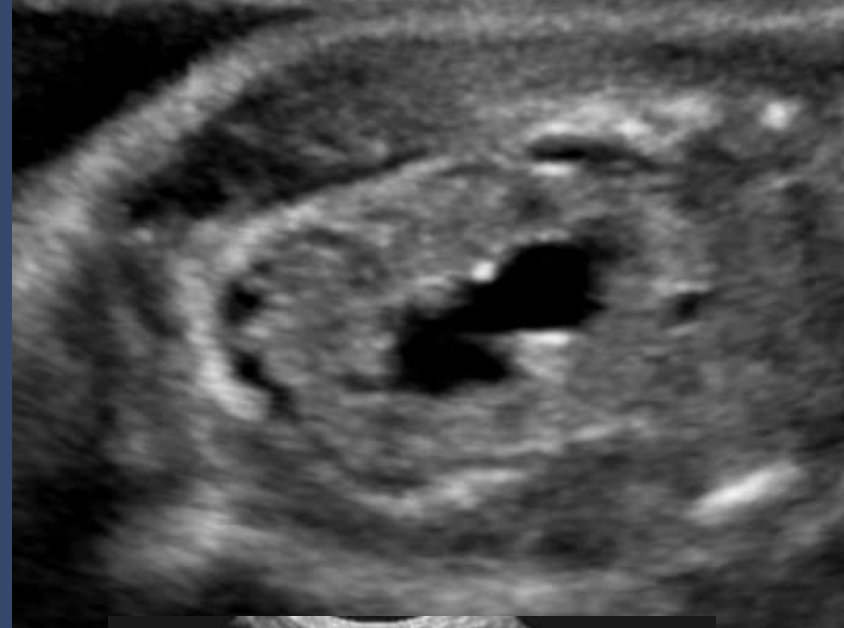
- Multiple noncommunicating cysts of variable size
- Reniform shape often lost (not always)
- Bilateral MCDK in 20%
- Contralateral other renal anomaly in 40% (UPJ, agenesis)
- Can enlarge dramatically in fetal life
- Tend to decrease in size in neonatal life
- Most of the time, the kidney affected does not work

# MCDK vs Post obstructive dysplasia ?

2 cases antenatal dx: MCDK



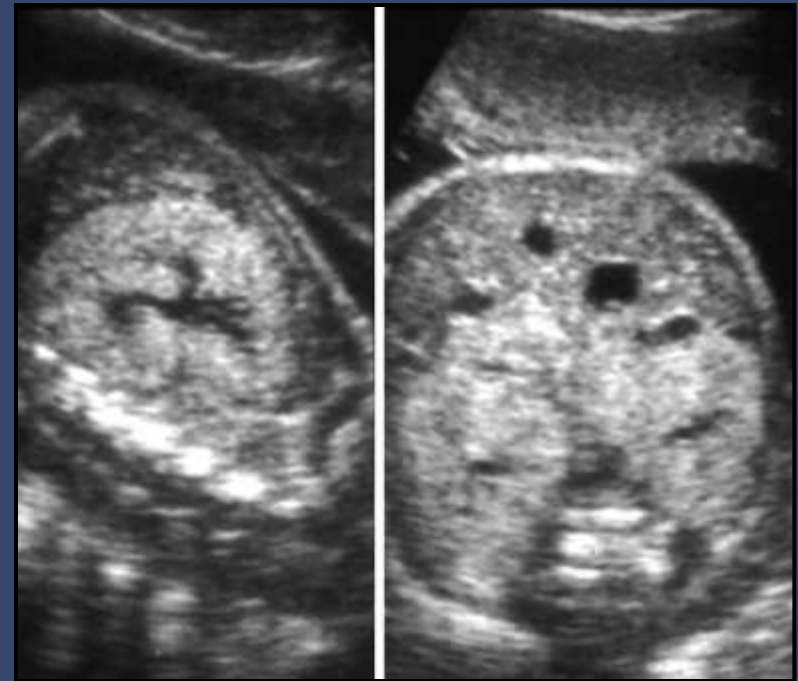
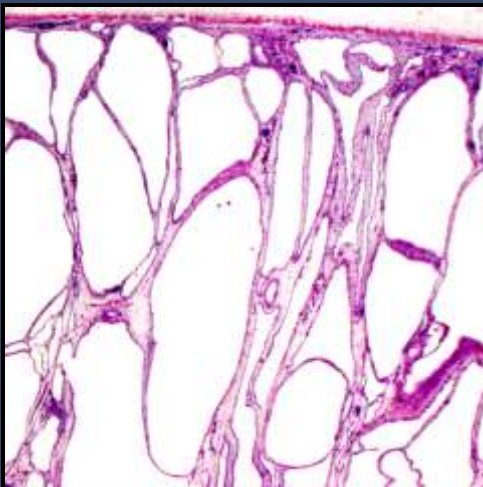
1 case prenatal dx: Post Obst CD  
Post natal: MCDK





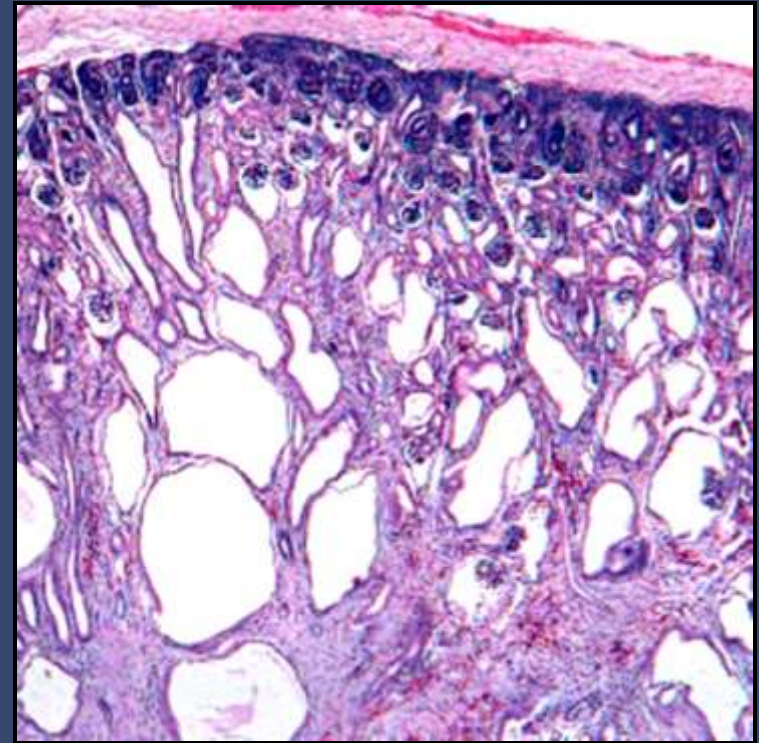
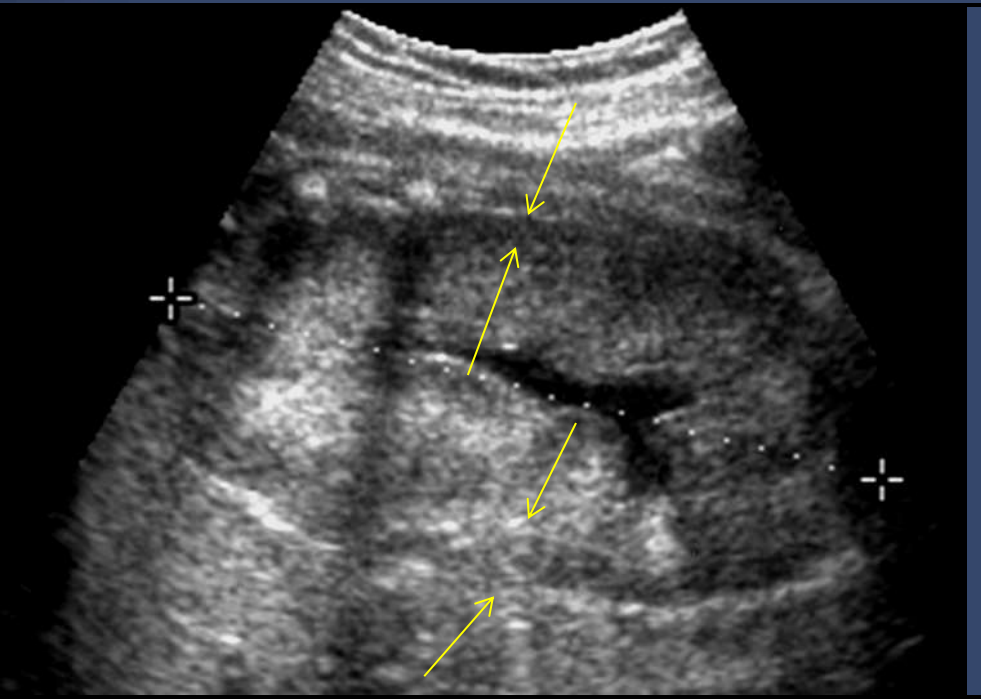
# Autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease (ARPKD)

- Ectasia of collecting ducts and distal tubules
- Imaging pearls:
  - Enlarged, hyperechoic kidneys +/- visible cysts
  - Hypoechoic cortex may be seen (affects tubules > cortex)
- Variable oligohydramnios





# ARPKD Imaging pearl: relatively “spared” hypoechoic cortex



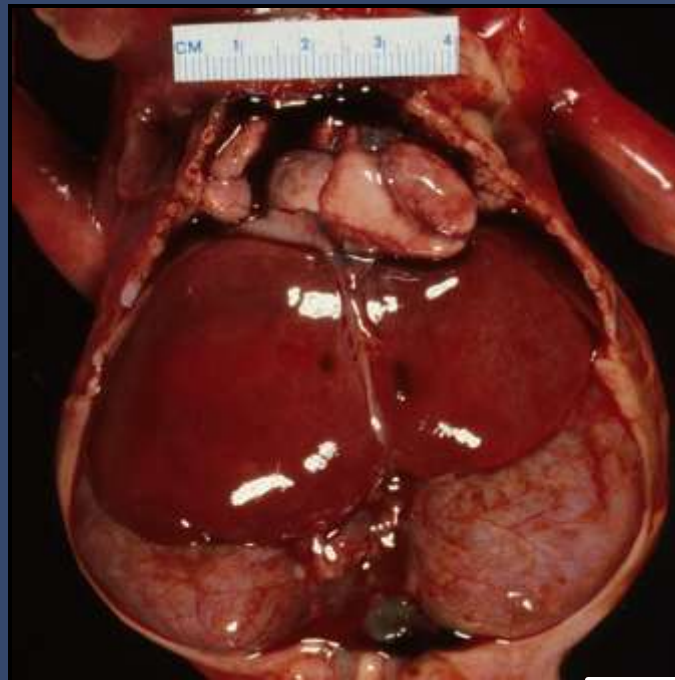
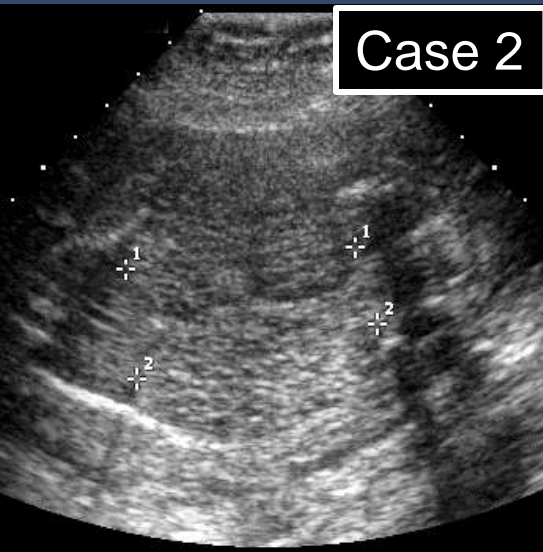
# ARPKD Imaging pearl:

## Variable fluid: prognosis depends on amount of pulmonary hypoplasia

Case 1



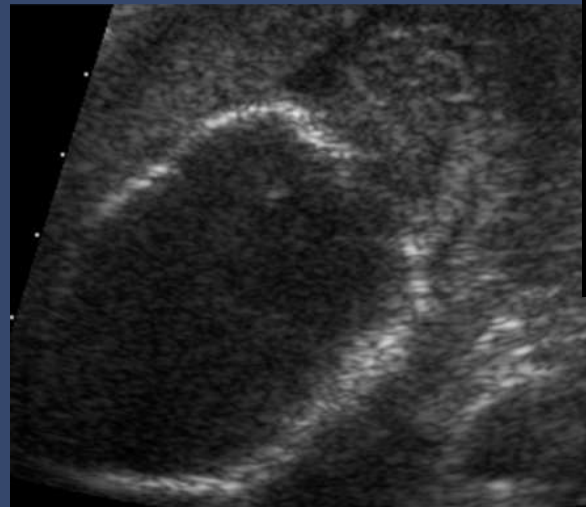
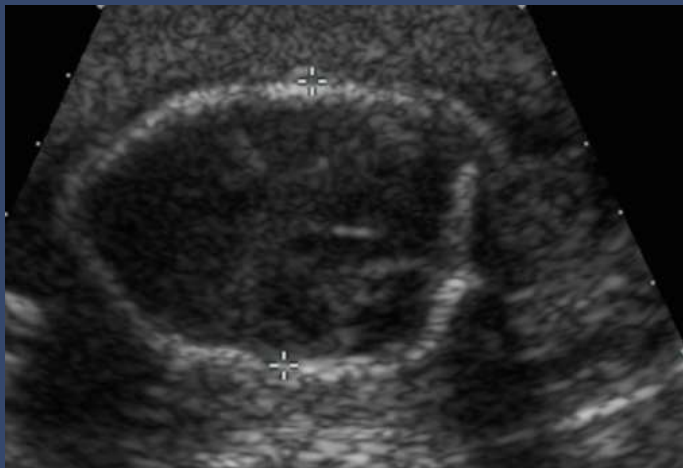
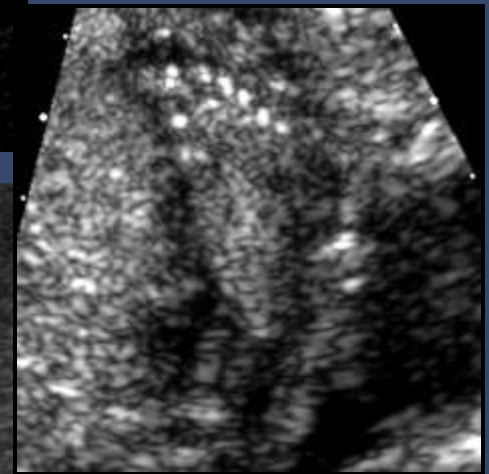
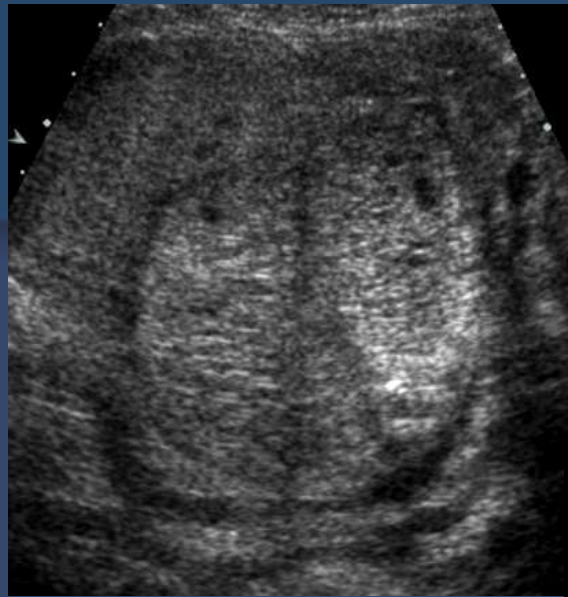
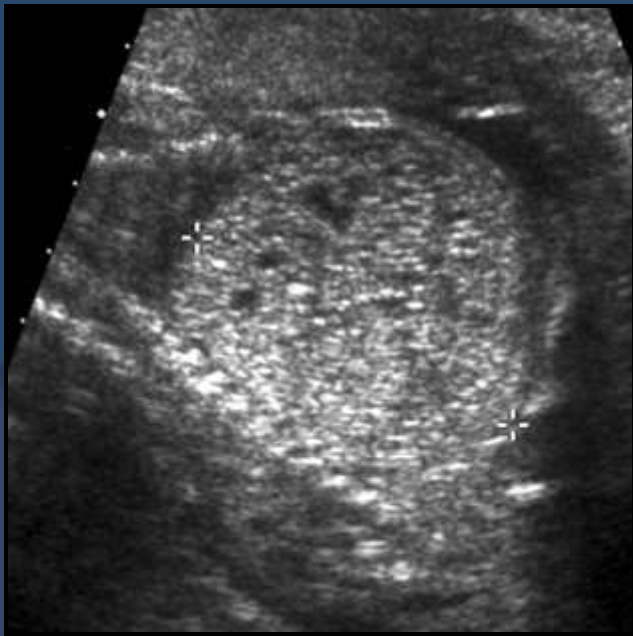
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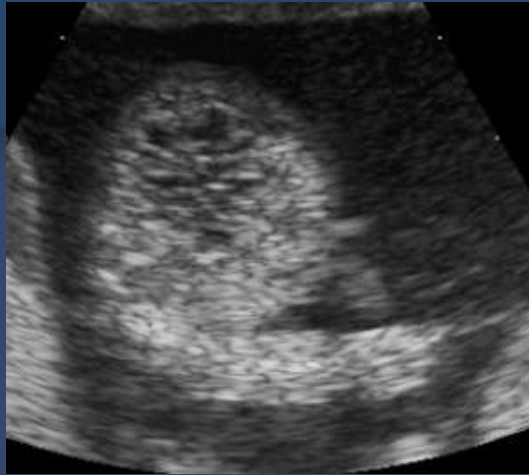
# OTHER CAUSES OF BILATERAL CYSTIC KIDNEYS





**Diagnosis: Meckel Gruber Syndrome**

Second pregnancy 2 years later



**Meckel Gruber: Autosomal Recessive**



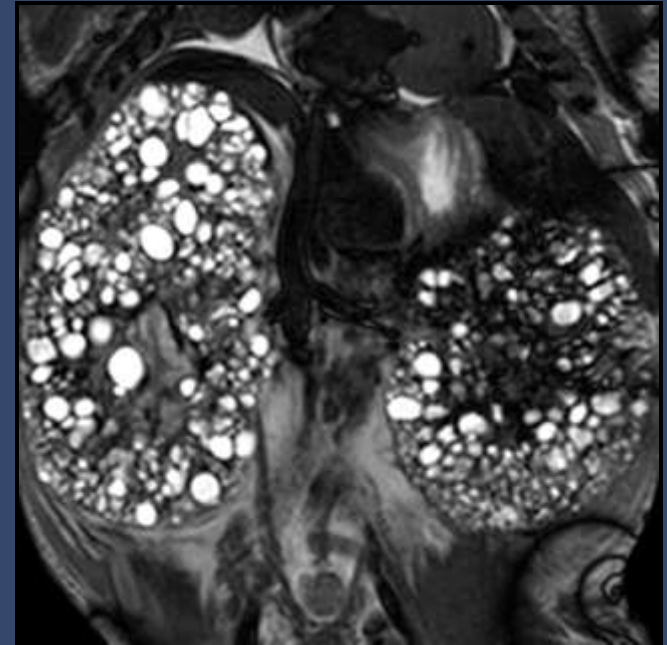
# Meckel-Gruber Features

Renal cystic dysplasia in 95-100%  
Cephalocele other CNS anomaly in 90%  
Postaxial polydactyly: 55-75%

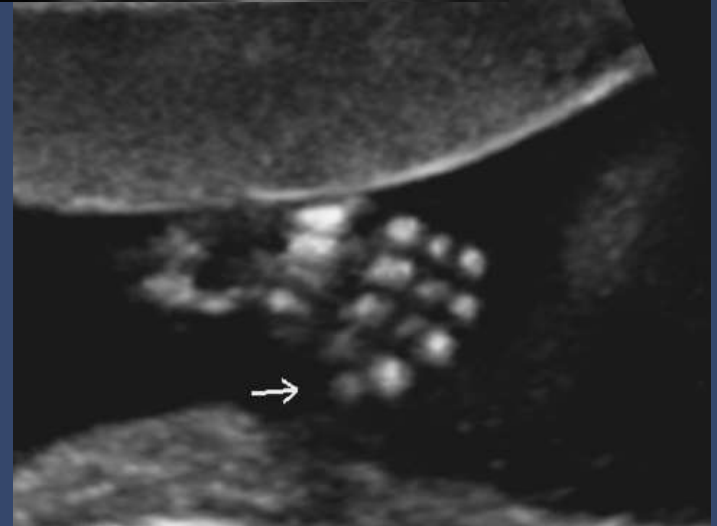
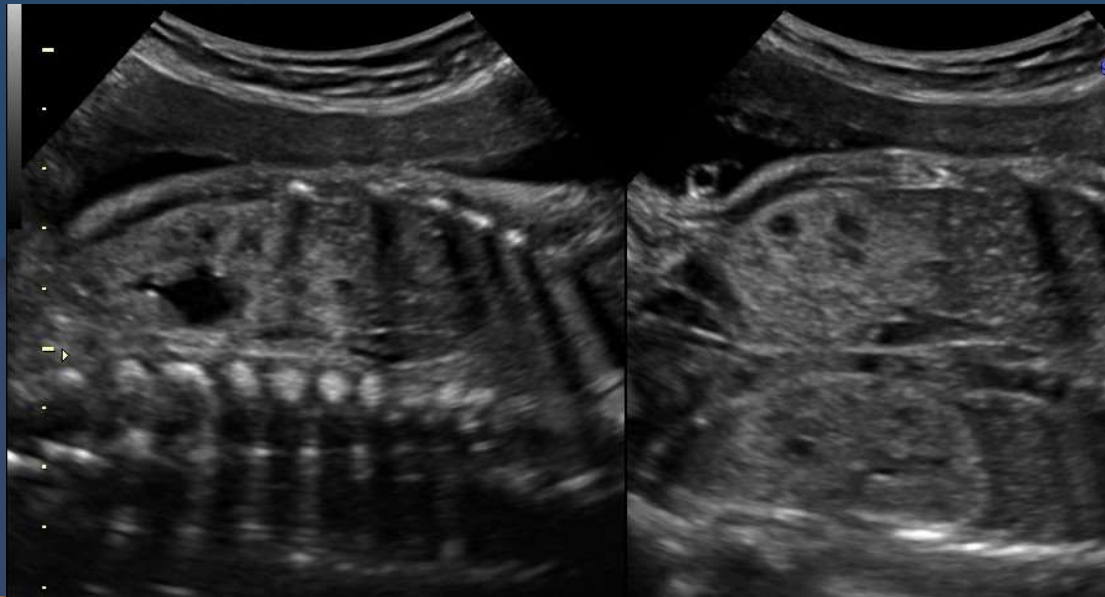
At least 2 of 3 classic features required  
for the clinical diagnosis

Autosomal recessive pattern

Genetic testing available  
(8 genes identified, 6 gene panel)



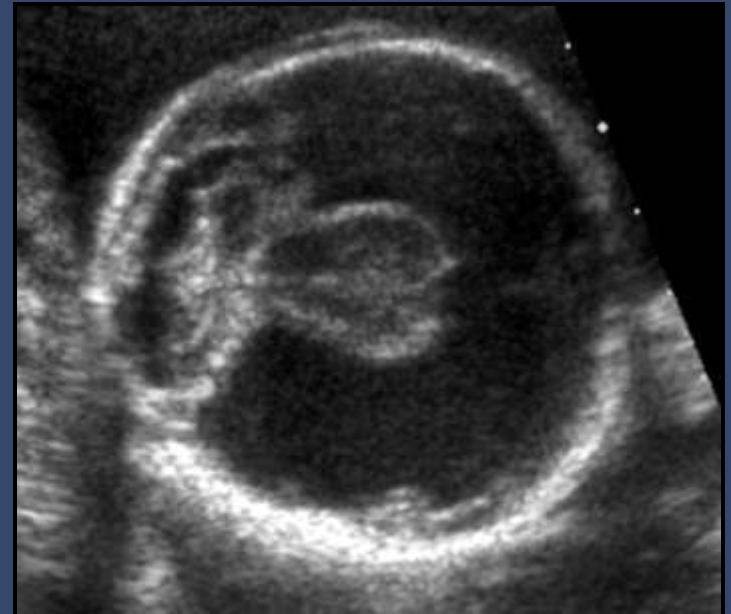
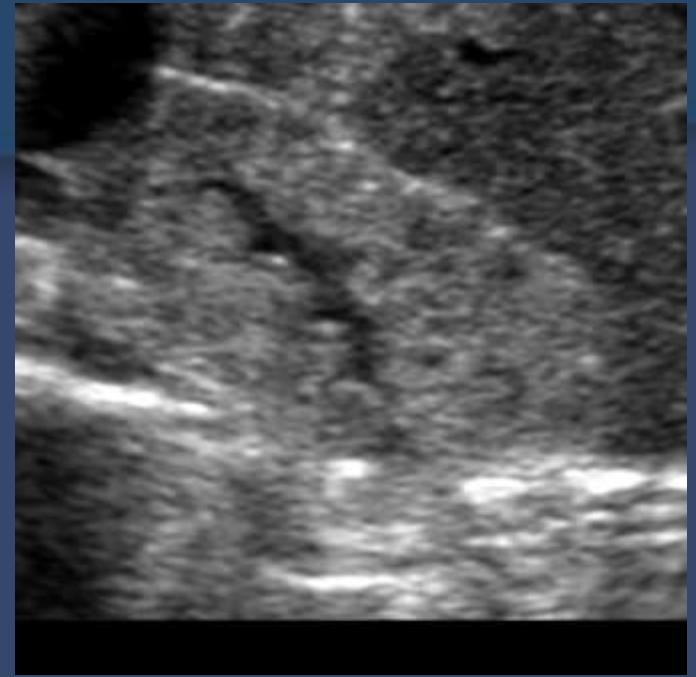
# New Case



## Trisomy 13

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- Renal anomalies in 50%
  - Cystic dysplasia
  - Hydronephrosis, duplications
- CNS anomalies in 70%
  - Holoprosencephaly
- Cardiac anomalies 80%
- Facial anomalies 50%
- Skeletal anomalies 50%



# Renal Cystic Dysplasia

| Diagnosis                         | Unilateral or Bilateral | Imaging Pearls                          | Kidney size     | Associations                                     | Prognosis                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Post obstructive cystic dysplasia | Bilateral or unilateral | Cortical cysts<br>Partial if duplicated | Normal or small | PUV > UPJ, ureterocele                           | Excellent if unilateral      |
| MCDK                              | L>R, 20% Bi             | Scattered cysts of variable size        | Increased       | 40% contralateral renal anomaly                  | Excellent if unilateral      |
| ARPKD                             | Bilateral               | Echogenic kidney with cortical sparing  | Increased       | Hepatic disease in pediatric pop                 | Poor if pulmonary hypoplasia |
| Meckel Gruber                     | Bilateral               | Echogenic kidneys +/- cysts             | Increased       | Encephalocele<br>polydactyly                     | Poor/fatal                   |
| Trisomy 13                        | Bilateral               | Echogenic kidneys +/- cysts             | Increased       | Holoprosencephaly<br>Polydactyly<br>Heart defect | Poor/Fatal                   |

**THE END.....MY BRAIN IS FULL!!**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION**



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