

PATIENT

Oreo Munns 147340

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Shih Tzu

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

8 years

WEIGHT

6.3 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recently diagnosed with DM. Hyporexia since diagnosis ~1 month ago and then fell into DKA. Labs have improved in hospital, but patient refusing food. Transferred to tertiary clinic for AUS to investigate any cause for appetite issues.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. A small amount of suspended, echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (0.71 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

The left kidney is normal size (4.78 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

The right kidney is normal size (4.93 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.55 cm at cranial pole) (0.59 cm at caudal pole); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.48 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 cm at caudal pole); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

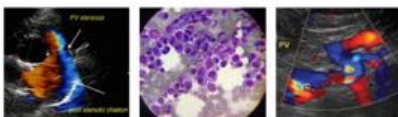
Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.92 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

Liver

The liver is subjectively enlarged with slightly swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hyperechoic relative to the spleen and diffusely homogeneous in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small amount of aggregated, echogenic, partially dependent debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall is normal to borderline thickened (up to 0.40 cm) with retention of the normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract is patent. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. The colonic lumen contains shadowing fecal material. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

Pancreas

The base and right limb are enlarged with irregular peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and subtly mottled in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. The pancreatic duct is not overtly dilated. The mesentery effacing the serosal surface is hyperechoic.

Free Abdomen

Trace free fluid is observed. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**Primary Findings**

- Pancreatic changes consistent with moderate to severe, acute pancreatitis with adjacent peritonitis

Secondary Findings

- Liver parenchymal changes most consistent with a diabetic hepatopathy. Inflammatory disease and infiltrative neoplasia are also possible. Correlation with the patient's liver values is recommended
- Gall bladder debris -incidental
- The gastric wall changes may be a normal variant for this patient or may represent a mild inflammatory process (i.e., secondary to pancreatitis).

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Supportive care for pancreatitis/diabetic ketoacidosis is recommended including IV fluid therapy, regular insulin, gastric protectants, antiemetics, pain medication as needed, +/- fresh frozen plasma. Consider initiation of trickle feeding, as soon as the patient will tolerate it, as it will help to maintain enterocyte health. If available, hyperbaric oxygen therapy may be beneficial in reducing pancreatic inflammation.
- Serial sonographic monitoring (i.e., daily) of the pancreas is recommended to assess for the development of abscesses, which can occur in severe cases of pancreatitis.
- Thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status, as pancreatitis can have pulmonary effects on the patient.
- Baseline lab work should be monitored to assess for changes in metabolic function.



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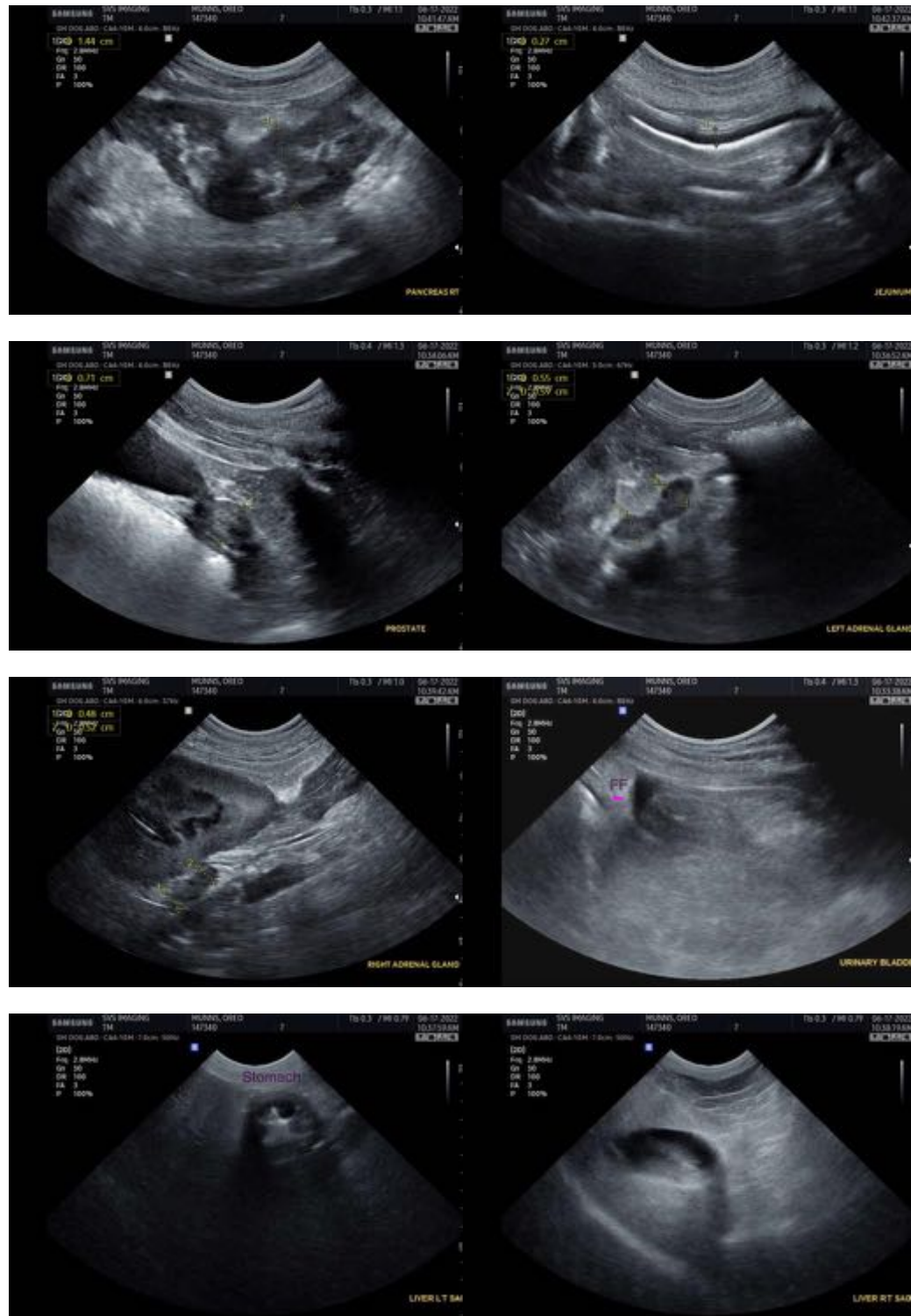
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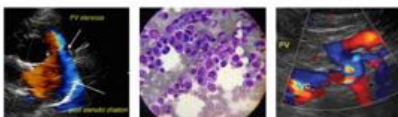


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