



**PATIENT**

Mr. Meow Cicchella

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Patient presents for FUO, tested positive for FIV. Current meds: Amoxi 150mgs, Enrofloxacin 22.7 mgs.

**SPECIES**

Feline

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with incidental suspended lipid in a cat, possibly combined with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface. The amount of debris is significant, and likely not just suspended fat.

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The right kidney is normal in size (4.69 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

**AGE**

12 Years

The left kidney is normal in size (4.6 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

**WEIGHT**

14.8 Pounds

**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.51 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.16 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size with a normal smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is appropriately finely textured and homogenous with normal echogenicity relative to surrounding tissue (hyperechoic to liver). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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The gallbladder is non-distended in size. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.

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**Gastrointestinal**

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The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The lumen of the stomach is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

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The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering (canine duodenum < 0.5 cm and feline duodenum < 0.4 cm; other < 0.3 cm). Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.



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The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

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***Pancreas***

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Pancreas is prominent in size with swollen irregular contour. Parenchyma is heterogenous characterized by hyperechoic tissue remodeling intermixed with ill-defined hypoechoic nodules. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is mild enhanced hyperreactive fat surrounding the entire pancreas.

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***Free Abdomen***

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There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

Cranial to the left kidney, medial to the caudal aspect of the spleen, there is a 1.2 cm round, anechoic structure surrounded by hyperechoic enhanced fat. This could be a cyst/abscess on the pancreas. However, a cystic lymph node is considered more likely.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- Moderate to marked amount of urinary bladder debris
- Pancreatic nodular hyperplasia with some evidence of possible mild peripancreatic inflammation, consistent with mild acute pancreatitis or acute on chronic smoldering pancreatitis. Infiltrative neoplasia cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.
- Anechoic lesion medial to the spleen – appears more consistent with a cystic hypoechoic lymph node. However, a larger, more discrete cyst or abscess associated with the pancreas can't be ruled out.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- Urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture are recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ratio is recommended.
- A fine needle aspirate of the lesion/node/larger cystic structure medial to the spleen is recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate. Given this patient's immunosuppressed status with reported positive FIV status, samples for both cytology as well as culture should be considered.
- A quantitative PLI is recommended if not already evaluated.
- In the meantime, pending results and further workup, supportive medical management of suspect mild pancreatitis/fever, etc. with broad-spectrum antibiotics, antiemetics, gastroprotectants, appetite stimulants and/or other nutritional support, if indicated, and fluid support, if indicated, is recommended with monitoring of the fever as well as the pancreatic lesions for improvement versus progression.

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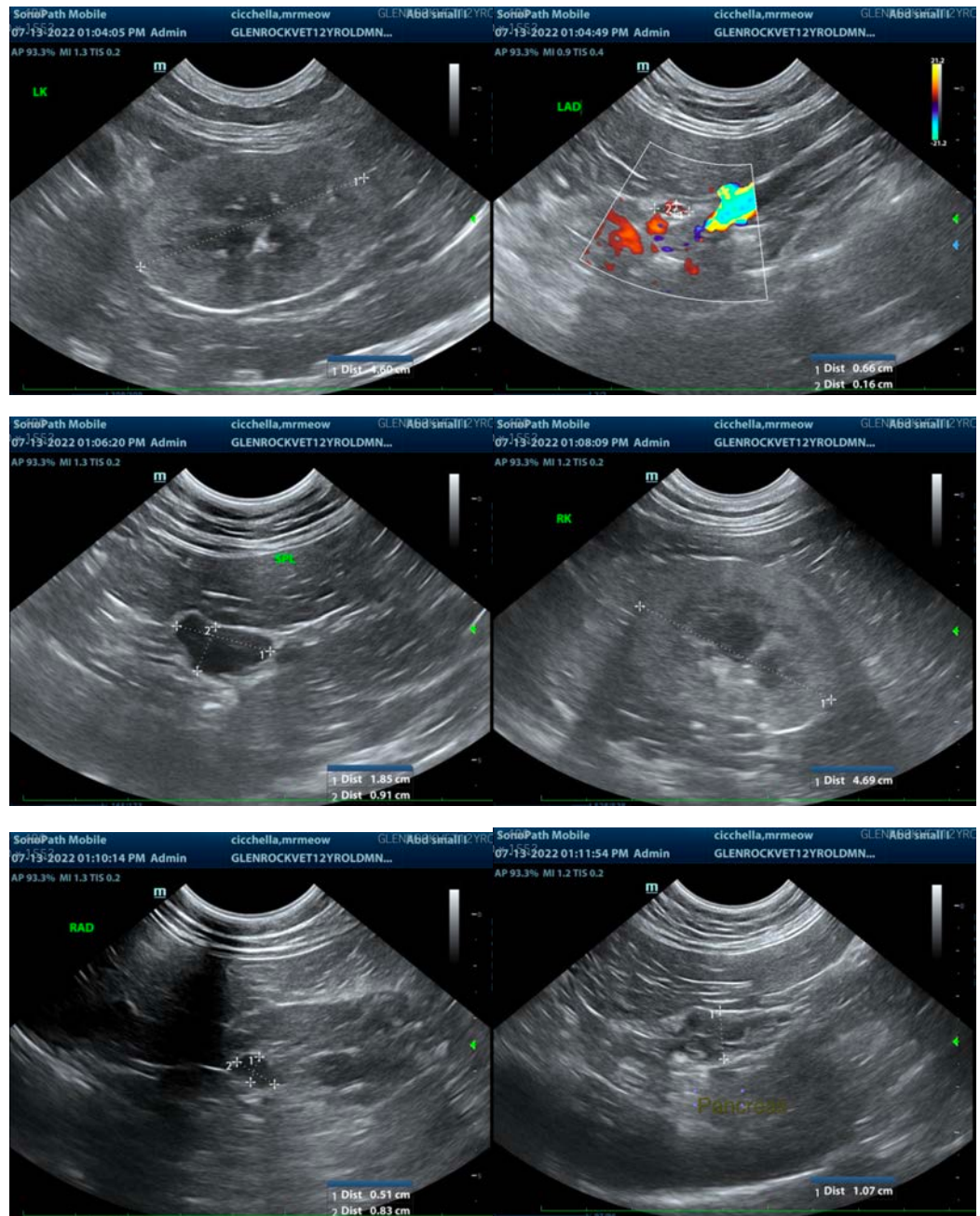
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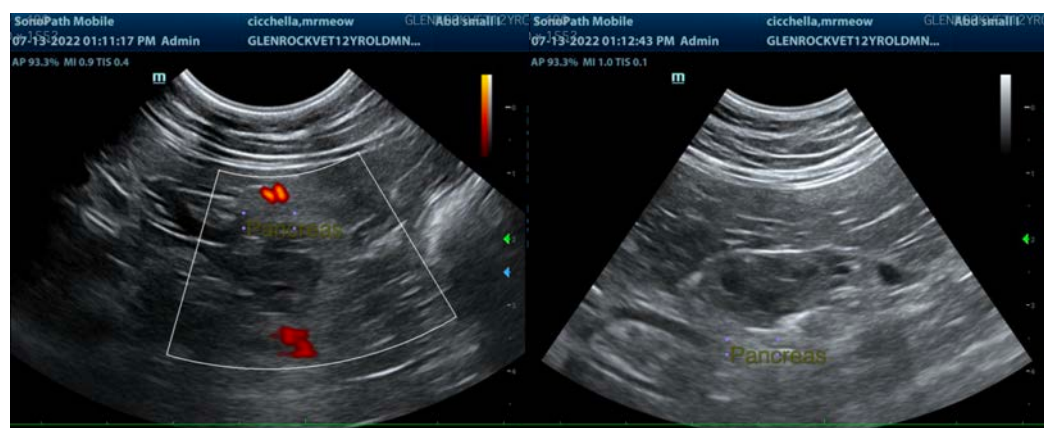
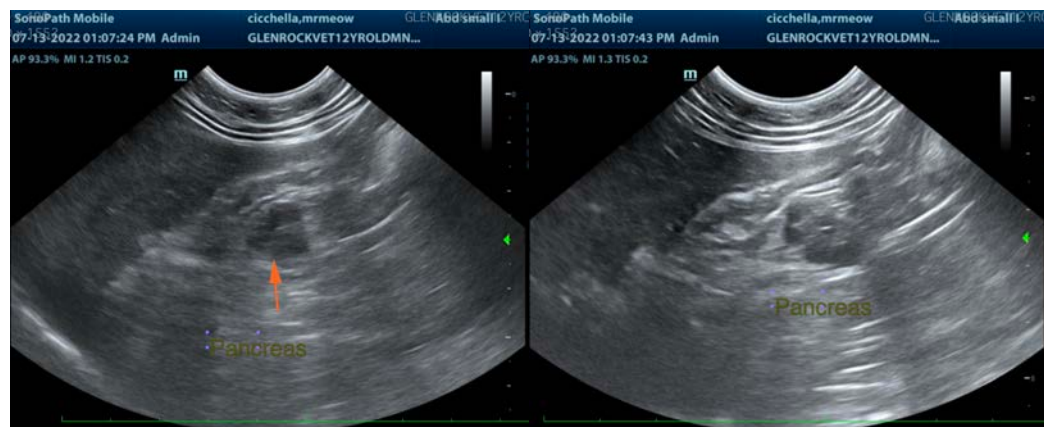
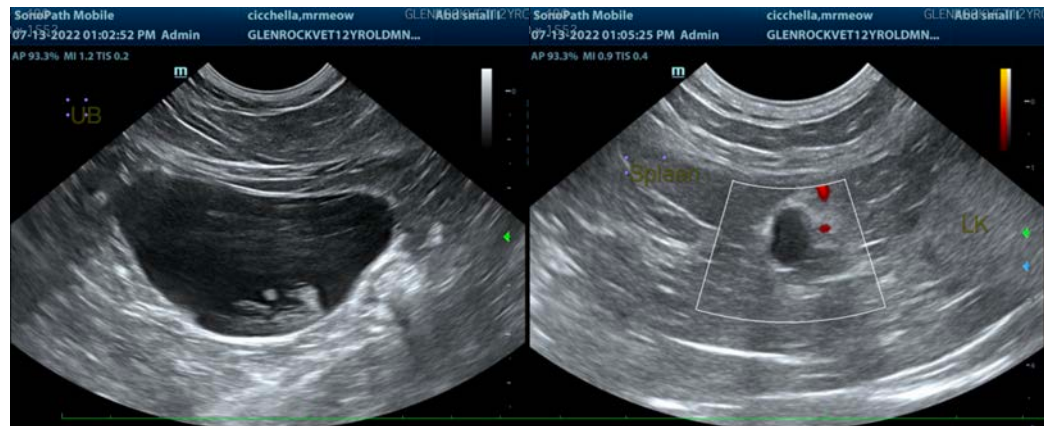
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