



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

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Pre-dental bloodwork on 1/25/22 showed elevated ALT (366), elevated Calcium (12.1), normal ALP (129). Patient doing well at home, no concerns. Canceled dental, started Denamarin, and rechecked bloodwork on 2/24/22: ALT further elevated (563), ALP slight elevation (219), and Calcium normal (10.8). Patient has a history of a sensitive stomach with new food/treats, but otherwise has been very healthy and not on any medications besides the Denamarin as mentioned above.

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Canine

BREED ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Bichon Frise

Urinary System

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Spayed Female

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The pelvic urethra was imaged 1.0 cm beyond the cystourethral junction. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

AGE

6 years

The **kidneys** were relatively normal in size and contour with mildly increased cortical echogenicity with degenerative changes. The left kidney measured 3.72 cm. The right kidney measured 4.97 cm.

WEIGHT

15.5 lbs

Adrenal Glands

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Both **adrenal glands** were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The left adrenal gland measured 0.6 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 0.5 cm.

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Spleen

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The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes was noted.

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Liver

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Gastrointestinal

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The **liver** revealed slight coarse architecture with mildly increased portal markings. Minor, irregular swelling was noted. The gallbladder and common bile duct were unremarkable.

The **stomach** revealed minor retention of ingesta in the gastric fundus. The small intestines and colon were unremarkable.



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Pancreas

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The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

BREED

Bichon Frise

Subjectively benign hepatopathy with minor remodeling. Non-specific inflammatory hepatopathy.

Minor degenerative renal changes.

Otherwise, unremarkable abdomen.

SEX

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

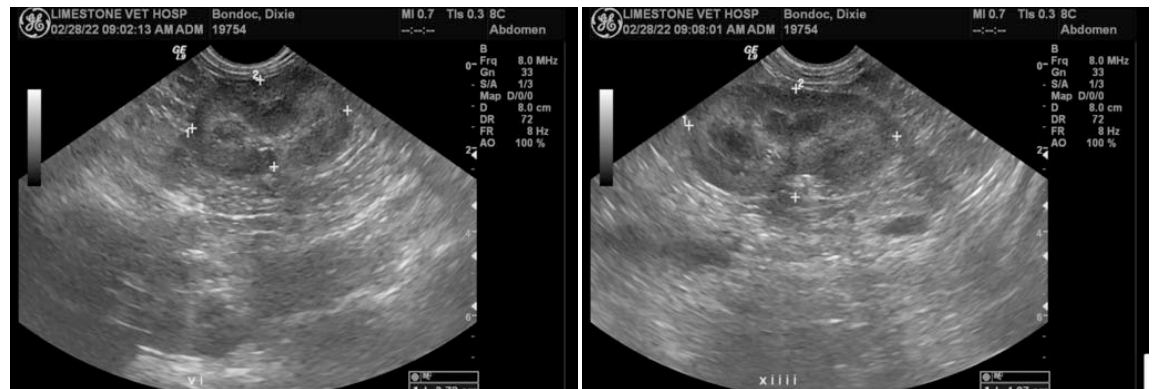
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The cause of hypercalcemia is not evident. FNA of the liver is warranted for further definition of inflammatory cell type.

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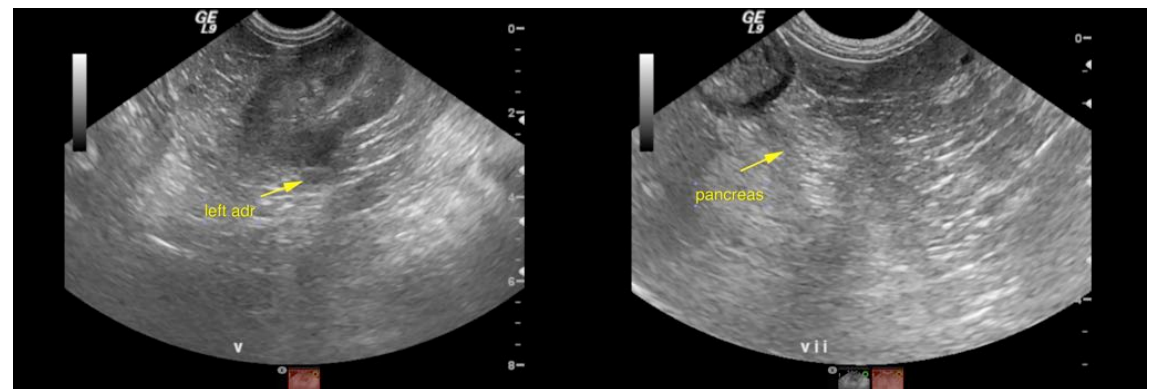
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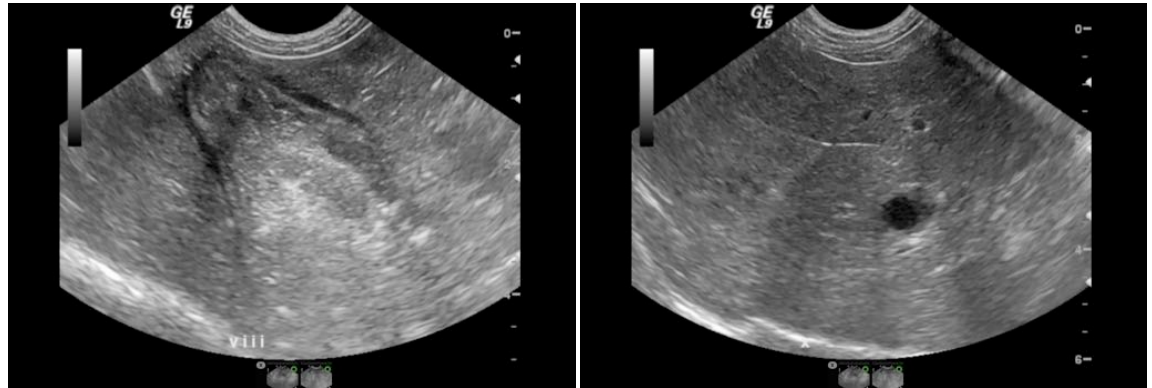
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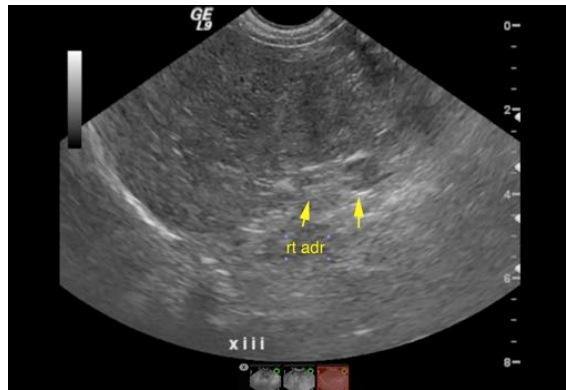
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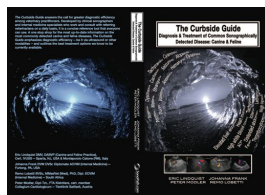
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Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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The following is an applicable excerpt from the *Curbside Guide to Diagnosis & Treatment of Sonographic Disease* offered by SonoPath.com Lindquist, Frank, Lobetti, and Modler.

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An essential quick guide for every general practitioner and sonographer.

<https://sonopath.com/products/curbside-guide-editing-due-release-12012015>

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CANINE HYPERCALCEMIA

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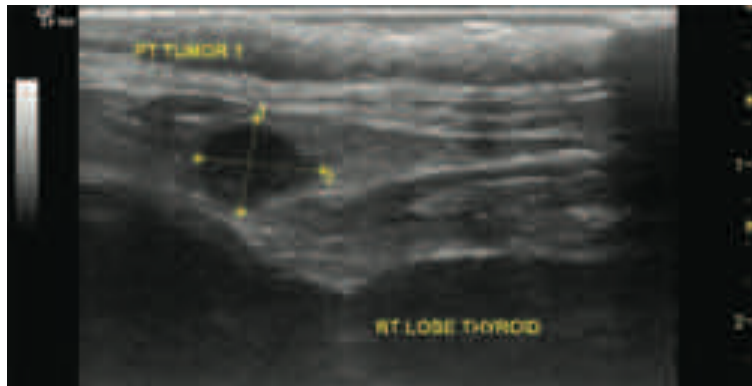
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Long axis of the right thyroid lobe in a dog with a parathyroid adenoma. The right internal parathyroid gland (between calipers) shows severe uniform enlargement of more than 7mm.

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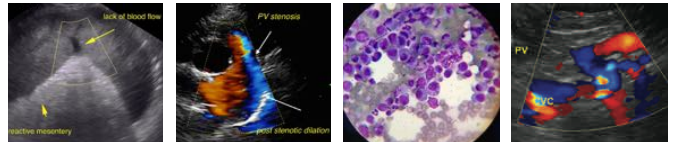
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Description: Hypercalcemia is defined as either a persistently elevated total calcium serum (> 12 mg/dl) or ionized calcium (> 1.45 mmol/l) concentration. Clinical signs are often absent with mild hypercalcemia (< 13 mg/dl). In fact, hypercalcemia is often only discovered when serum biochemistry is done for unrelated reasons. Clinical signs are usually mild when the serum calcium concentration is less than 14 mg/dl; however, signs become more readily apparent when the concentration exceeds 15 mg/dl. Life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias can develop when the serum calcium exceeds 18 mg/dl.

Common etiologies of hypercalcemia include humoral hypercalcemia of malignancy (HHM), hypoadrenocorticism, chronic kidney disease (CKD), hypervitaminosis D, and primary hyperparathyroidism. Less common etiologies include bone neoplasia, osteomyelitis, hypertrophic osteodystrophy, granulomatous disease, calcium supplementation, and oral phosphate binders.

Clinical Signs: Common clinical signs include polyuria, polydipsia, lethargy, inappetence, and weakness. With chronic hypercalcemia, calcium oxalate and calcium phosphate uroliths can form, resulting in clinical signs suggestive of lower urinary tract disease. Systemic signs of illness are suggestive of HHM.

Diagnostics: One important etiology of hypercalcemia is laboratory error; therefore, hypercalcemia should always be confirmed before embarking on any further diagnostic evaluation. Results of a CBC, serum biochemistry panel, and urinalysis, in conjunction with a patient history and findings from a physical examination, can often provide enough information to arrive at a diagnosis. The appendicular skeleton, peripheral lymph nodes, abdominal cavity, and rectum should all be carefully palpated for masses, lymphadenopathy, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, and/or pain in the long bones. The following diagnostic tests are helpful for identifying an underlying malignancy: thoracic and abdominal radiographs; abdominal ultrasound; cytological evaluation of aspirates of the liver, spleen, lymph nodes, and bone marrow; determination of serum ionized calcium, parathyroid hormone (PTH), and parathyroid hormone-related protein concentration (PTHrP); and ultrasound of the neck. Ascertaining the concentrations of serum ionized calcium, PTH, and PTHrP helps differentiate primary hyperparathyroidism from HHM. The finding of one or more enlarged parathyroid glands upon conducting an ultrasound of the neck supports a diagnosis of primary hyperparathyroidism.



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Hypoadrenocorticism-induced hypercalcemia usually occurs in conjunction with hyponatremia, hyperkalemia, and prerenal azotemia. With HHM and primary hyperparathyroidism, serum phosphorus concentration is often in the low to low-normal reference range. If the serum phosphorus concentration is high but kidney function is normal, hypervitaminosis D or osteolysis should be suspected.

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It can be difficult to determine whether kidney failure is primary or secondary to hypercalcemia when hyperphosphatemia and hypercalcemia coexist with azotemia. Serum ionized calcium concentrations are typically normal or decreased in cases of renal failure and increased in cases of hypercalcemia caused by other disorders.

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Sternal and hilar lymphadenopathy is common with lymphoma-induced hypercalcemia and can be readily identified on thoracic radiographs. In cases of multiple myeloma, discrete lytic lesions in the vertebrae or long bones, hyperproteinemia, proteinuria, and plasma cell infiltration in the bone marrow may be present. Cytological evaluation of the peripheral lymph nodes, bone marrow, and spleen can be helpful in identifying lymphoma.

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Increased serum ionized calcium concentrations, detectable serum PTHrP concentrations, and non-detectable serum PTH concentrations are all diagnostic for HHM. Lymphoma is the most common etiology of HHM, but other tumors, such as apocrine gland adenocarcinoma and various carcinomas (e.g. mammary gland, squamous cell, bronchogenic), can all give rise to hypercalcemia. Increased serum ionized calcium, normal to increased serum PTH, and non-detectable PTHrP concentrations are diagnostic of primary hyperparathyroidism.

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Differentials for Hypercalcemia: "HARD IONS"

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Hyperparathyroid

Addison's

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D-toxicity

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Osteolytic

Neoplastic

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PTH tumor: Elevated total and ionized Ca, low PTHrP, and normal/high PTH. Keeshonds, German Shepherds, and Golden Retrievers are all predisposed.

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Addison's disease: Elevated total and normal ionized Ca, elevated BUN, hypoalbuminemia and hyperkalemia.



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Renal failure: Elevated to normal total Ca, low ionized Ca, low PTHrP, elevated PTH, azotemia, and low urine specific gravity.

Vitamin D toxicity: Elevated total and ionized Ca, low PTHrP, and normal/low PTH.

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Canine

Hypercalcemia of malignancy (HHM): Elevated total and ionized Ca, high PTHrP, and low PTH.

Granulomatous disease: Elevated total and ionized Ca, low PTHrP, and low PTH.

BREED

Bichon Frise

Renal failure: Elevated to normal total Ca, low ionized Ca, low PTHrP, elevated PTH, azotemia, and low urine specific gravity.

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Treatment: Therapies for hypercalcemia are aimed at correcting the underlying etiology; however, because prolonged hypercalcemia can result in kidney damage, the use of fluid therapy, furosemide, and possibly prednisone is indicated in all cases to reduce serum calcium levels. Suggested dosages include saline (0.9% 120-180 ml/kg day IV), furosemide (1-4 mg/kg PO TID), and prednisone (0.25 mg/kg PO Q24hr).

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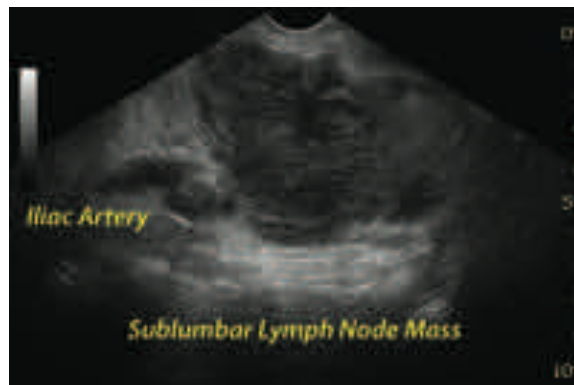
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Long axis of the left hypogastric lymph node in a hypercalcemic dog with lymphoma and hypercalcemia of malignancy. The lymph node is severely enlarged and rounded with a short-to-long-axis ratio > 0.5 indicating malignant infiltration. The regular echoarchitecture is lost, the hilus is not recognized, lymph node parenchyma is hypoechoic and heterogenous. Also note the mass effect on the external iliac artery. In light of hypercalcemia, lymphadenopathy in this region could also be owing to anal gland adenocarcinoma which can also be imaged sonographically.

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