

Ultrasound Template for Appendicitis

Here is our template. The impression section is simply a pick list. An easy method of introducing it to the group is to make this the default that appears when the study is opened in your system. This would require the radiologist to either erase it or begin to adopt parts of it. Then you can work on those radiologists who are curious about it and spread the word internally about the ease and accuracy of the exam.

Findings

Appendix:

Size: Less than 7mm

Wall thickness: less than 1.7mm

Appendicolith: No

Perforation: None

Abscess: None

Fluid: there is no periappendiceal fluid

Fat: The periappendiceal fat is normal

Vascularity: Normal

Mesenteric Lymph Nodes: No enlarged lymph nodes greater than 7mm

Adjacent Bowel loops: normal peristalsis

Additional abnormalities: None

Impression

Normal appendix without secondary features of appendicitis

Appendix not depicted in its entirety without secondary features of appendicitis

Appendix not depicted in its entirety with secondary features of appendicitis

Appendicitis

Appendicitis with abscess