

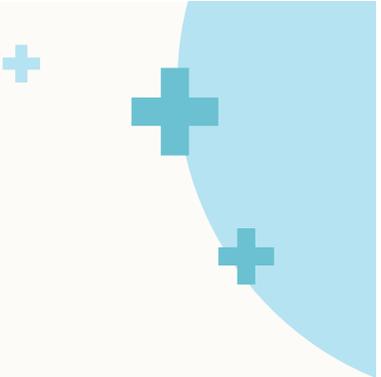


# Remenans et obstructio

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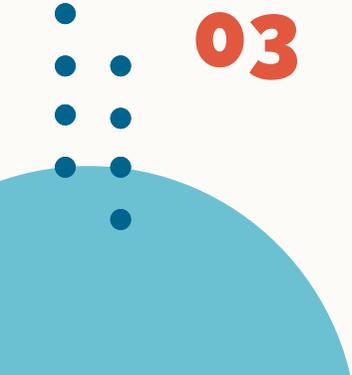
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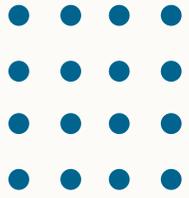
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# Pregnancy

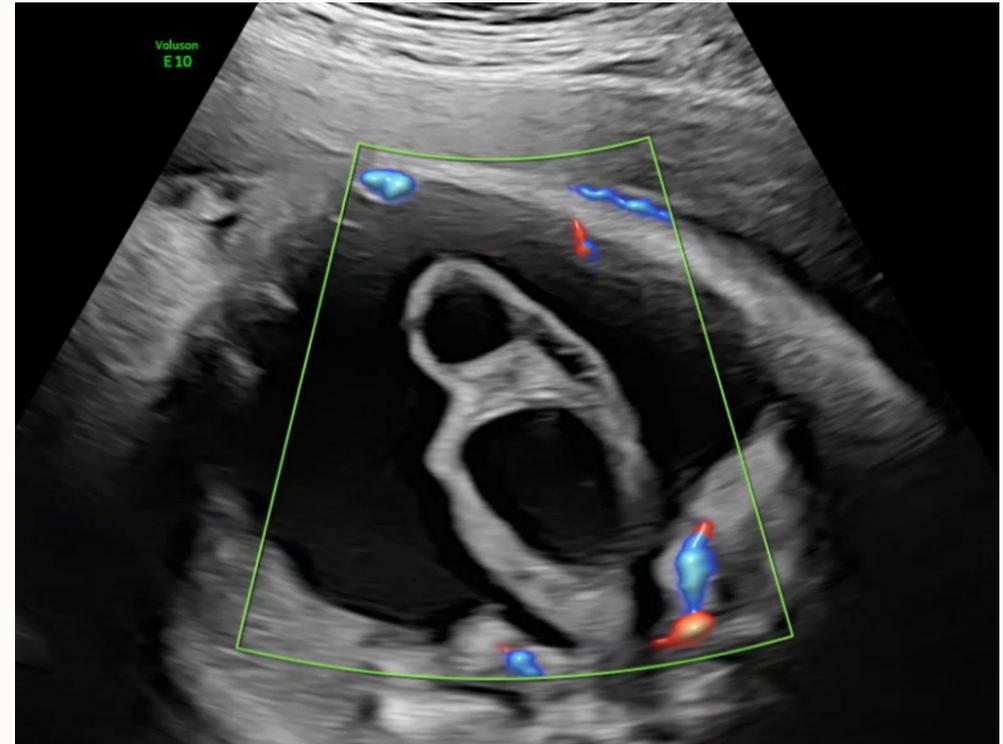


# Prenatal

Unproblematic pregnancy of a boy

PML 35w: referral to UZ Gent: intra-abdominal cyst

- + Diagnosis of ascites
- + No pleural effusion, no pericardial effusion, normal heart structure
- + Impression of thickened bladder wall
- + No hydronephrosis





# Differential diagnosis prenatal intra-abdominal cyst?



- + Urachal cyst
- + Kidney cyst
- + Hydronephrosis



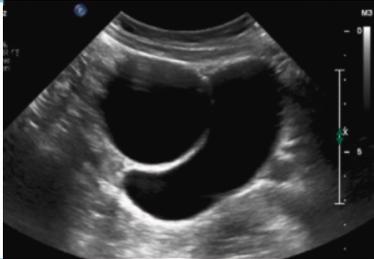
- + Mesenteric cyst
- + Choledochal cyst
- + Meconium pseudocyst
- + Remnant omphalomesenteric duct
- + Duplication cyst
- + Spleen/liver cyst



- + ~~Ovarian cyst~~



# Prenatal intra-abdominal cyst

Urachal cyst		Meconium pseudocyst	
Hydronephrosis		Choledochal cyst	
Ovarian cyst		Duplication cyst	
Mesenteric cyst			



# + Differential diagnosis prenatal ascites?



- + Urinary tract obstruction
- + Bladder rupture



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- + Perforation
- + Bile duct obstruction



- + Congenital heart disease
- + Foetal arrhythmia  
-> heart failure
- + Cardiomyopathy



- + Severe anaemia (e.g., parvovirus, alpha thalassemia major, Rhesus immunization)



- + TORCHES
- + Parvovirus



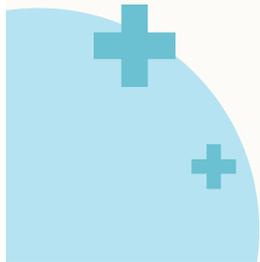
- + Chromosomal abnormalities (Trisomy 21, 18, 13. Monosomy X)
- + Inborn errors of metabolism





# Prenatal

- + TORCHES: negative
- + Structurally normal heart, no arrhythmia
- + No hydrops fetalis
- + NIPT normal male
- + No elevated peak systolic velocity



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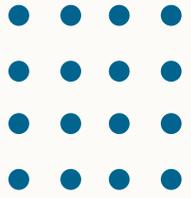


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**02**

**Birth**



# Birth

## Caesarean section PML 36w4d

No clear origin of cyst  
Significant increase in ascites  
After lung maturation treatment

## Surprisingly good start

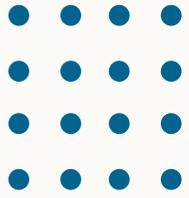
Spontaneous crying  
APGAR 9/10/10  
Urinate on delivery table  
Large abdomen

## Placement of ascites drain

And placement of  
bladder catheter

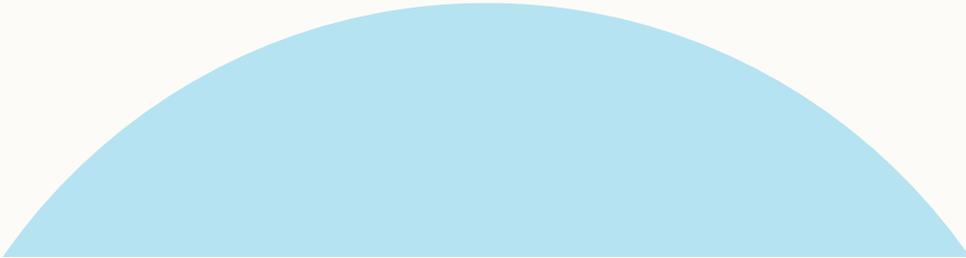
## Further diagnostics





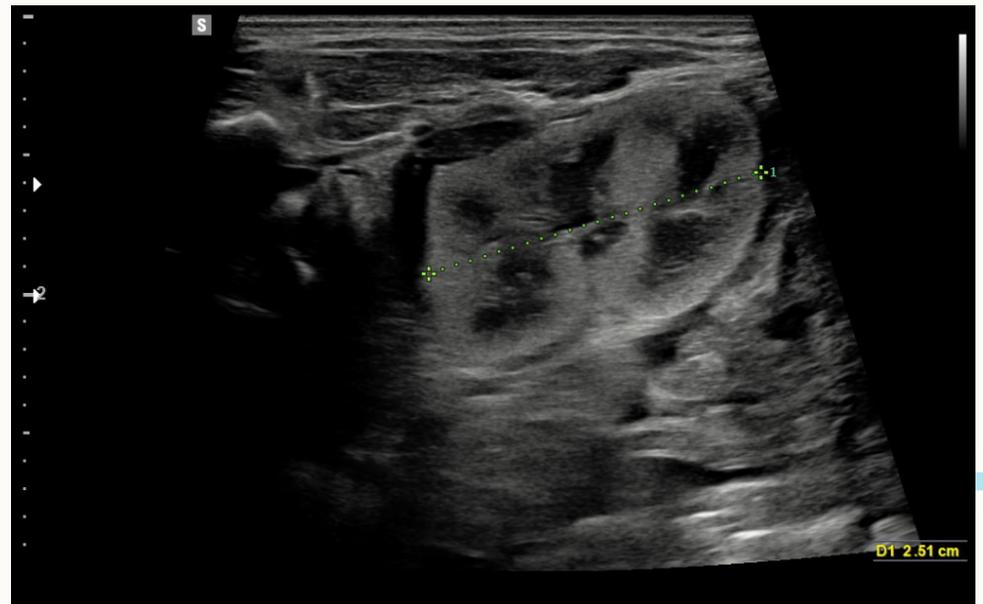
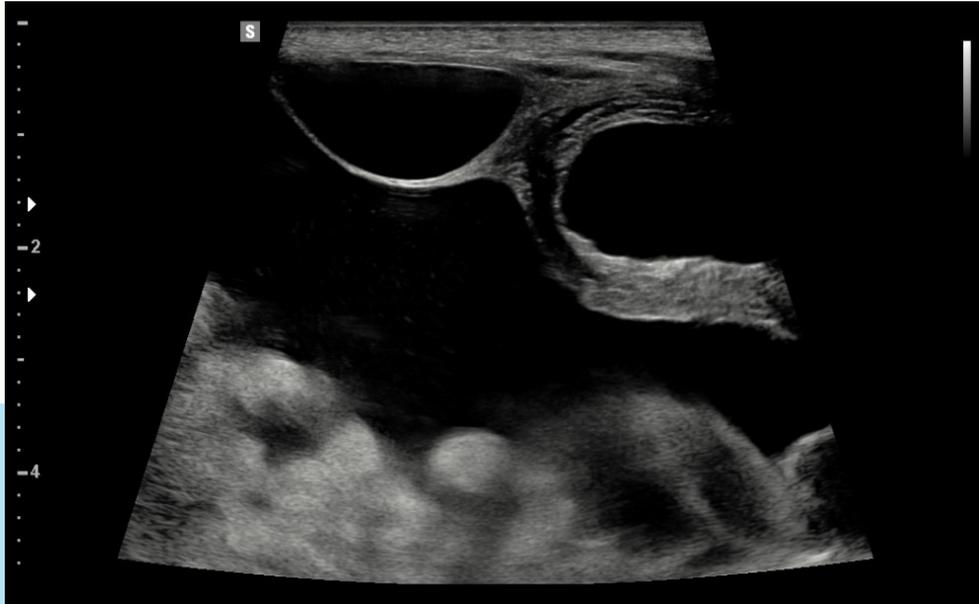
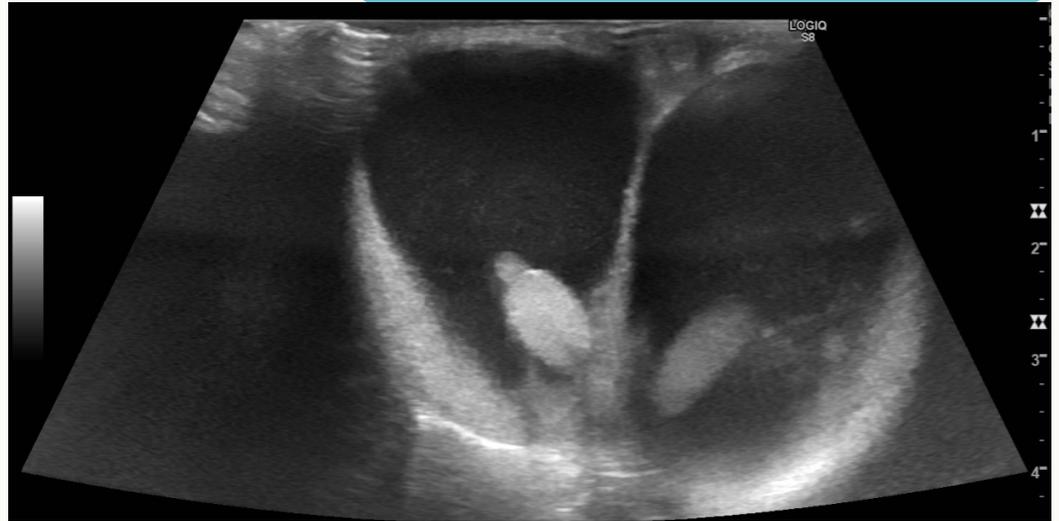
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# Diagnostics



# Investigations

Abdominal ultrasound D1:



# Investigations

## Chest X-ray D1:

## Echocardiogram D1:

- + Structurally normal heart
- + No pleural effusion, no pericardial effusion
- + Signs of hypovolemia



# Investigations

## Blood analysis D1:

	Value	Unit	Normal value
<b>Hb</b>	20,8	g/dL	10 - 13.5
<b>Platelets</b>	351	10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	150 - 450
<b>WBC</b>	18.78	10 <sup>3</sup> /μL	7 - 15
<b>CRP</b>	< 0,6	mg/L	< 5
<b>Na</b>	136	mmol/l	136 - 145
<b>K</b>	4,8	mmol/L	3,6 - 4,8
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<b>Creatinine</b>	0,91	mg/dL	0,17 - 0,42

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<b>Total protein</b>	53	g/L	60 - 76
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# Investigations

## RX cystography D1

- + Good filling of the bladder
- + No signs of perforation/leakage or filling of a urachal anomaly

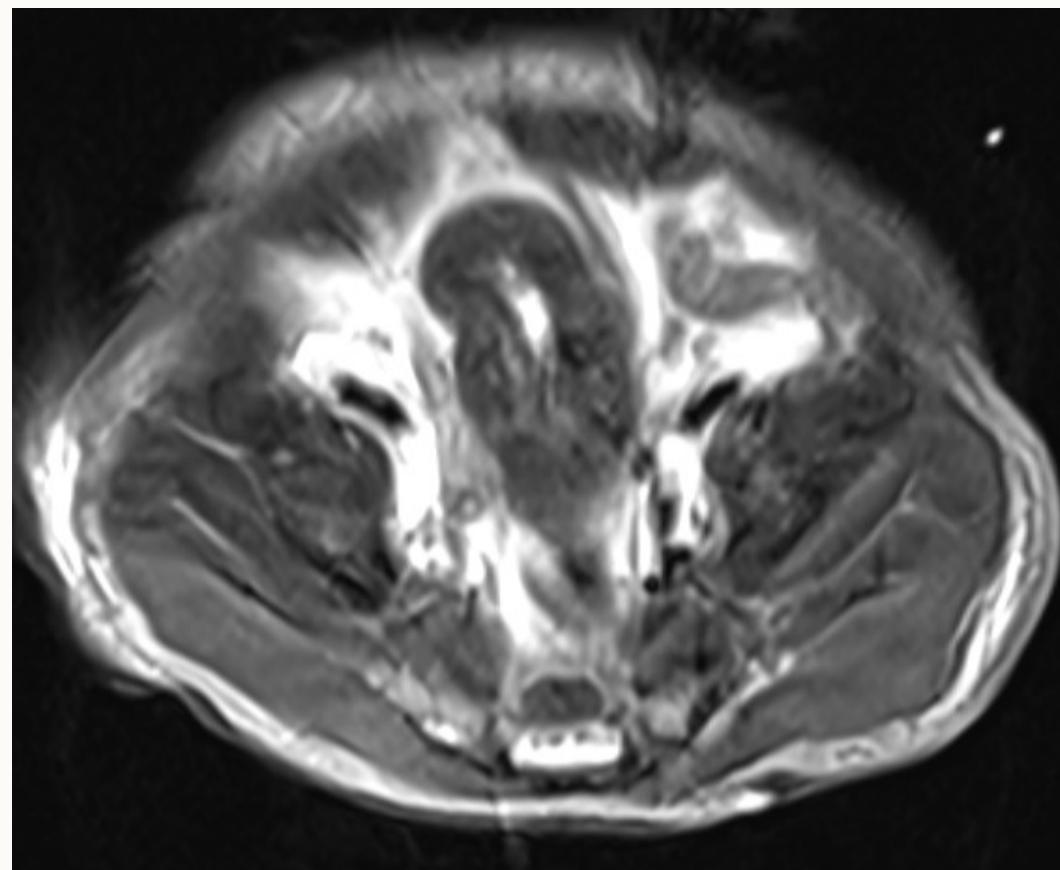
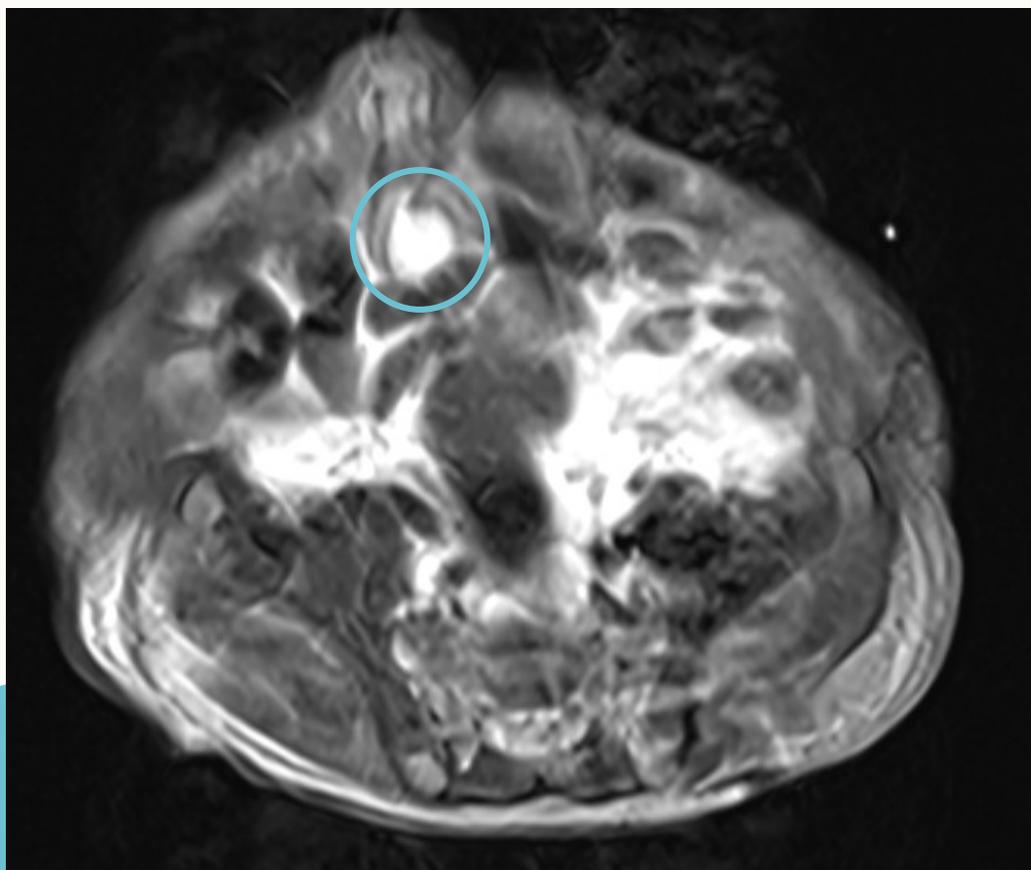


# Investigations



MRI D5

= Urachal cyst





# Investigations

## RX cystography D7

- + Active reflux grade 1
- + Bladder trabeculation
- + Permeictional narrowing at the posterior urethra, suggestive of posterior urethral valves





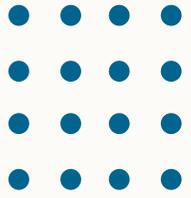
**+** **Diagnosis**

**Urachal cyst**



**Posterior urethral valves**





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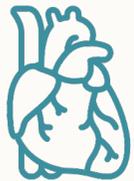
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# Course



Extubation D3, HFNB D3



Vascular depletion requiring fluid bolus and compensation for ascites  
Control echocardiogram D12: normal

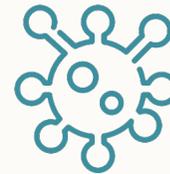


Ascites drain D1-3, clamped D3-7  
Abdominal circumference stable – no increase in ascites fluid

Start of enteral feeding D4  
Fully enteral D8



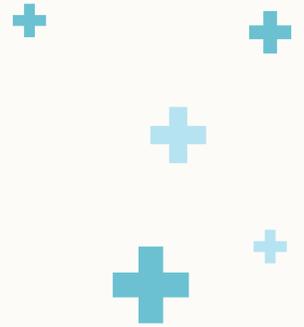
Coagulopathy D1 requiring 1x plasma



Subfebrile and CRP 35 mg/L on D3:  
Vanco-Amika D3-10. Cultures negative  
Afterwards: uroprophylaxis with trimethoprim

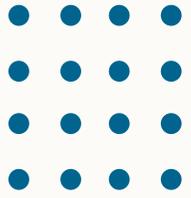


Cystoscopy: confirmation of posterior urethral valves.  
Valve resection not possible; meatus too narrow



# Course

- + Discharge home with transurethral bladder catheter in situ
- + New cystoscopy for valve resection -> successful
- + No resection of urachal cyst to date



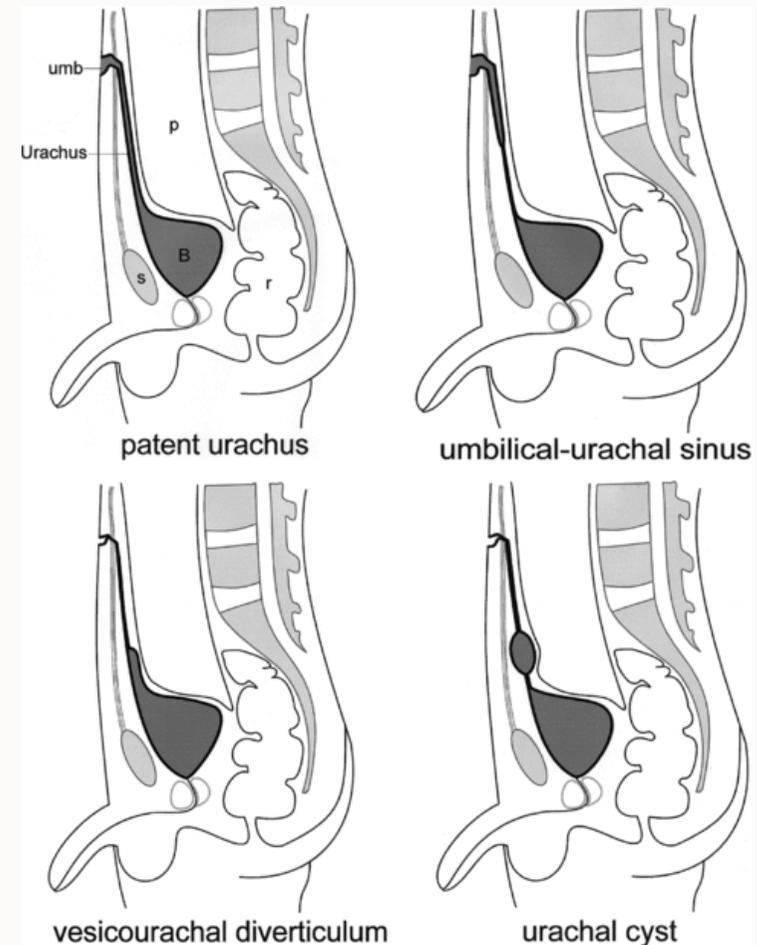
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# Discussion



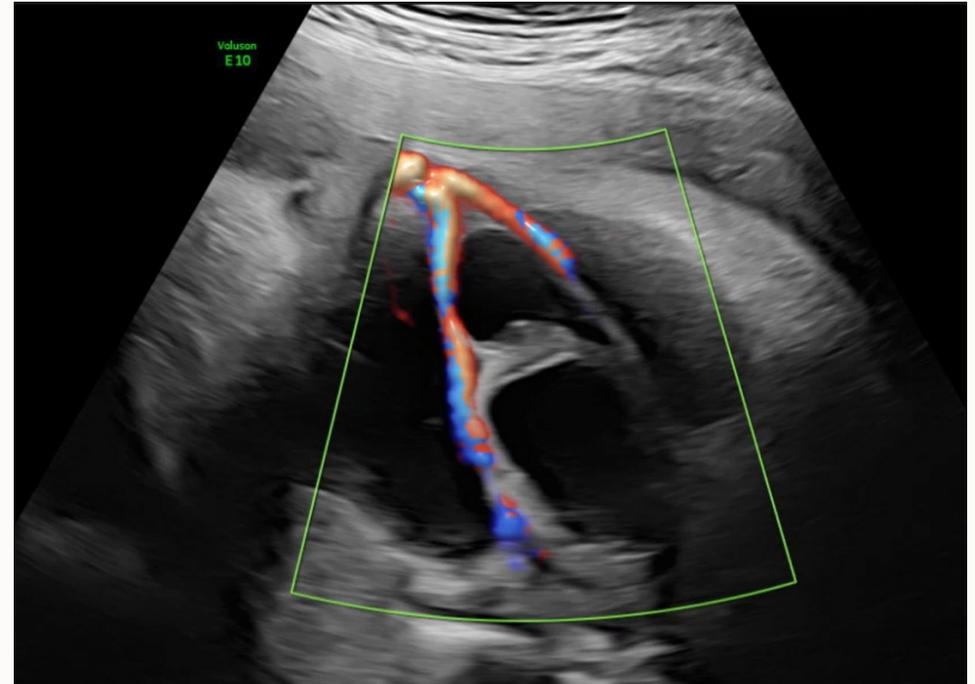
# Urachal cyst/anomaly

- + Embryonic canal connecting the navel to the bladder, that does not close completely
- + True incidence = unknown
- + Often incidental finding
- + Clinical findings
  - Umbilical drainage
  - Lower abdominal pain
  - Abnormal appearance of umbilicus
  - Infection
- + May rupture or abcedatie
  - > Rare in neonates



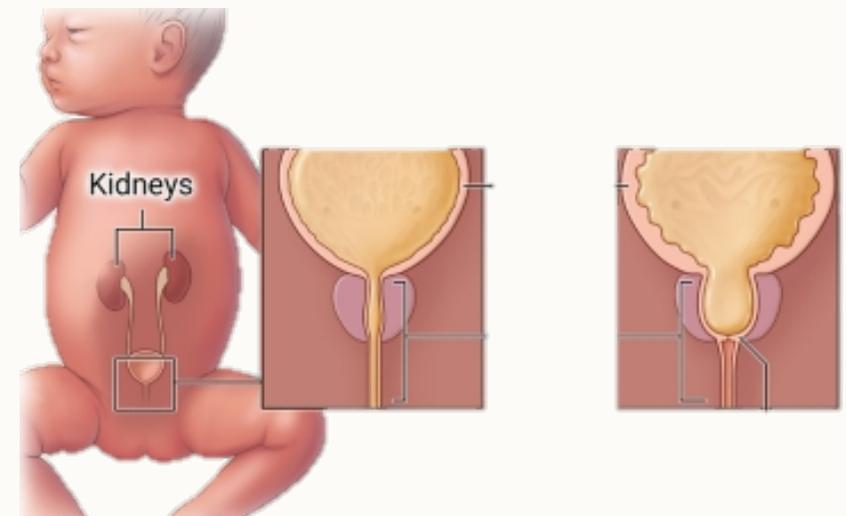
# Urachal cyst/anomaly

- + Diagnostics
  - Ultrasound
  - RX cystography
- + Conservative treatment and follow-up or surgical excision



# Posterior urethral valves

- + Obstructing membranous folds within the lumen of the posterior urethra
- + Often leads to bladder trabeculation, vesicoureteral reflux, and hydronephrosis
- + Clinical findings
  - Urinary tract symptoms: poor urinary stream, pyelonephritis, urosepsis
  - Abdominal distension (overdistended bladder or ascites)
  - Respiratory distress (due to lung hypoplasia in oligohydramnios)



# Posterior urethral valves

- + Diagnostics
  - Ultrasound: hydronephrosis, dilated and thickened bladder, dilated posterior urethra (keyhole sign)
  - RX cystography
- + Treatment: valve resection



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Presumably, pressure caused by posterior urethral valves could “escape” through the urachal cyst, rather than rising to the kidneys

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### 3) Composition urine – ascites

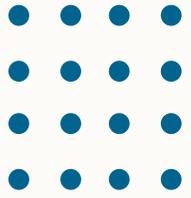
If fluid in the abdomen is urine, the composition should match and thus contain a high creatinine and urea.

Presumably, different composition due to partial resorption of ascites by the peritoneum

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**Questions?**  
**Thank you for your attention**





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# Aetiology ascites

- **Urinary tract obstruction:** Rupture fornix/calix kidney or transudation
- **Bladder rupture:** leakage of urine
- **Volvulus:** mostly chylous → blockage and damage to lymphatic vessels
- **Bowel perforation:** leak of intestinal contents and inflammatory response
- **Bile duct obstruction:** indirectly through liver damage (portal hypertension), directly due to leakage
- **Congenital heart disease/arrhythmia/cardiomyopathy:** right sided heart failure
- **Severe anaemia:** cardiac failure
- **Infection:** not always clear pathogenesis. Parvovirus: attacks red blood cell progenitors, hepatocytes, and myocardial cells causing transient aplastic crisis, hepatitis, and myocarditis
- **Aneuploidy:** obstruction or incomplete formation of the lymphatic system, cardiac failure
- **Inborn errors of metabolism:** congestion of abdominal viscera from accumulation of these metabolites