

## SPECIALIZED ULTRASOUND IN GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS

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# **ADVANCED GYNECOLOGY ULTRASOUND (ENDOMETRIOSIS SONOGRAPHER-LED):**

Our patient consented to a full pelvic ultrasound examination using real-time transabdominal scan and transvaginal scan technique. Due to the **indication of endometriosis on the requisition**, advanced dynamic techniques, including limited abdominal ultrasound, were performed.

**INDICATION:** Dysmenorrhea and menorrhagia. 6 months of AUB - likely secondary to Movisse, however, would like to r/o endometrial cause.

#### **FINDINGS:**

### **UTERUS:**

The uterus was well visualized, anteverted in orientation and size measuring 75 x 65 x 53 mm. Volume 134 ml. The cervix measures 36 mm in length.

Myometrium: The myometrium appeared abnormal.

- Adenomyosis: Evaluation for adenomyosis revealed:
  Present. The following MUSA (Morphologic Uterine Sonographic Assessment) group features are identified:
- 1. Asymmetrical thickening
- 2. Echogenic sub-endometrial lines and buds
- 3. Fan-shaped shadowing
- 4. Irregular junctional zone
- **Fibroids**: Evaluation for fibroids revealed: Nil.
- Congenital anomaly: Nil.

**Endometrium**: Endometrial thickness measured: 5.5 mm. Endometrial cavity pathology: None.

### **OVARIES/ADNEXA:**

**Right Ovary:** the right ovary appeared normal in appearance and echogenicity, measuring 21 x 25 x 16 mm. Volume 4.3 ml.

**Right Ovary Mobility:** Mobility is difficult to assess due to the high position of the ovary in the pelvis. Some mobility with transducer pressure is noted.

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**Left Ovary:** the left ovary appeared **abnormal** in appearance and echogenicity, measuring  $70 \times 70 \times 65$  mm. Volume 166 ml. There is a cystic lesion measuring  $66 \times 62 \times 58$  mm with anechoic contents, cystwithin-a-cyst appearance (i.e multilocular two locules), smooth and thin walls, no solid components, and no abnormal Doppler vascularity. This is benign as per IOTA Simple Rules.

**Left Ovary Mobility:** Mobile

Adnexa: Normal bilaterally.

### **ANTERIOR COMPARTMENT:**

**Bladder:** Normal with no evidence of deep endometriosis or other gross pathology.

**Ureters:** Normal bilaterally with no evidence of hydroureter.

**Kidneys:** No hydronephrosis bilaterally.

#### **POSTERIOR COMPARTMENT:**

**Posterior vaginal fornix:** Normal with no evidence of deep endometriosis or other gross pathology. **Rectovaginal septum:** Normal with no evidence of deep endometriosis or other gross pathology. **Left uterosacral ligament:** \*\*Abnormal with evidence of deep endometriosis measuring 14.4 x 3.2 x 16.2 mm.

**Right uterosacral ligament:** \*\*Abnormal with evidence of deep endometriosis measuring  $10.0 \times 4.0 \times 8.8$  mm. Possible adherence of the rectum to this region. The patient experienced tenderness with transducer pressure.

Torus uterinus: Normal with no evidence of deep endometriosis or other gross pathology.

**Bowel:** Normal with no evidence of deep endometriosis or other gross pathology.

**Rectouterine pouch (cul de sac):** Sliding sign: Positive, representing a non-obliterated (i.e. normal) rectouterine pouch. Some resistance to sliding is noted at the level of the cervix - ? due to presence of large left ovary in the rectouterine space?

**Superficial endometriosis**: Evaluation for superficial endometriosis today was *somewhat* aided by the presence of peritoneal fluid. We did not identify superficial endometriosis. It is important to note that the absence of superficial endometriosis does not rule out superficial endometriosis.

#### **IMPRESSION:**

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**Abnormal** limited abdominal and full pelvic ultrasound today.

## Findings include:

- Features of adenomyosis.
- Deep endometriosis of the uterosacral ligaments.
- Left ovarian cyst, benign. Repeat scan in 3 months recommended as this will likely reoslve likely follicular.

Today's ultrasound was a **sonographer-led endometriosis ultrasound**. Whilst endometriosis was identified, we are still at the infancy of sonographer-led endometriosis ultrasound. If surgery is going to be considered for this patient, I would recommend a **sonologist-led endometriosis ultrasound** to ensure optimal accuracy, enhancing surgical outcomes, particularly for the domains of bowel/bladder/ureter endometriosis and severe endometriosis-associated adhesions.

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