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Variants and Pitfalls in Body Imaging: Review Article

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Abstract:

CT and MR imaging are often the primary examination considered in the evaluation of patients with a variety of abdominal and pelvic conditions. These exams can be encountered with either incidental irrelevant findings or normal anatomic variants both of which can mimic pathology. In addition, the quality of imaging studies has a direct impact on their proper interpretation and depends on numerous factors. Therefore, optimal protocol and the familiarity of the radiologist with the normal variants and pseudo tumors are essential in the interpretation of such studies. In addition, lack of clinical information such as prior abdominal surgery can be major contributors to misdiagnoses, which can lead to an erroneous management. For CT, these subjects are discussed in the following three categories.

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