

Extraperitoneal Endometrioma: A Rare Cause of Abdominal Pain

- The patient is a 28 y/o female with a past surgical history of Cesarean section and obesity (BMI 31)
 - 3 years of abdominal pain, most severe in RLQ
 - Pain is sharp and intensity, “waxes and wanes” depending on menstrual cycle
 - Patient had been seen by numerous doctors with numerous “negative ultrasounds”
- During her office visit she was found to have a palpable abdominal mass several centimeters above her C-section scar
 - CT scan confirmed a mass in her abdominal wall with some minor inflammatory changes
 - She underwent mass excision which was removed in toto
 - Pathology confirmed endometrioma
- Learning Points
 - History taking and a good physical exam is essential to patient care as well as proficiency in reading ultrasounds and radiographic imaging
 - High clinical suspicion for an endometrioma is needed because failure to remove all tissue (or spillage of cells from biopsy or cutting into the specimen) can result in recurrence

