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Ultrasound diagnosis of adnexal masses

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Transvaginal ultrasound is commonly used as a part of routine gynecological examination, resulting in diagnosis of adnexal masses, the majority of which are functional or benign lesions. Due to the possible complications involving benign adnexal cysts (i.e., adnexal torsion, pelvic pain or rupture cyst) and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of ovarian cancer, the correct ultrasound diagnosis of adnexal masses is essential in clinical practice. This lecture will describe the typical ultrasound appearance of common physiologic, benign, and malignant adnexal masses with the aim of aiding the clinician to reach the correct diagnosis.

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