

# Vesicourachal diverticulum with urachal adenocarcinoma

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# Case History

- 62-year-old male with a history of nephrolithiasis presented to his PCP complaining of right flank, suprapubic, and inguinal pain with duration of a few weeks
- Additionally, he noted mucus in his urine with intermittent episodes of hematuria over the past 2 years
- ROS – negative except for hematuria and pelvic pain

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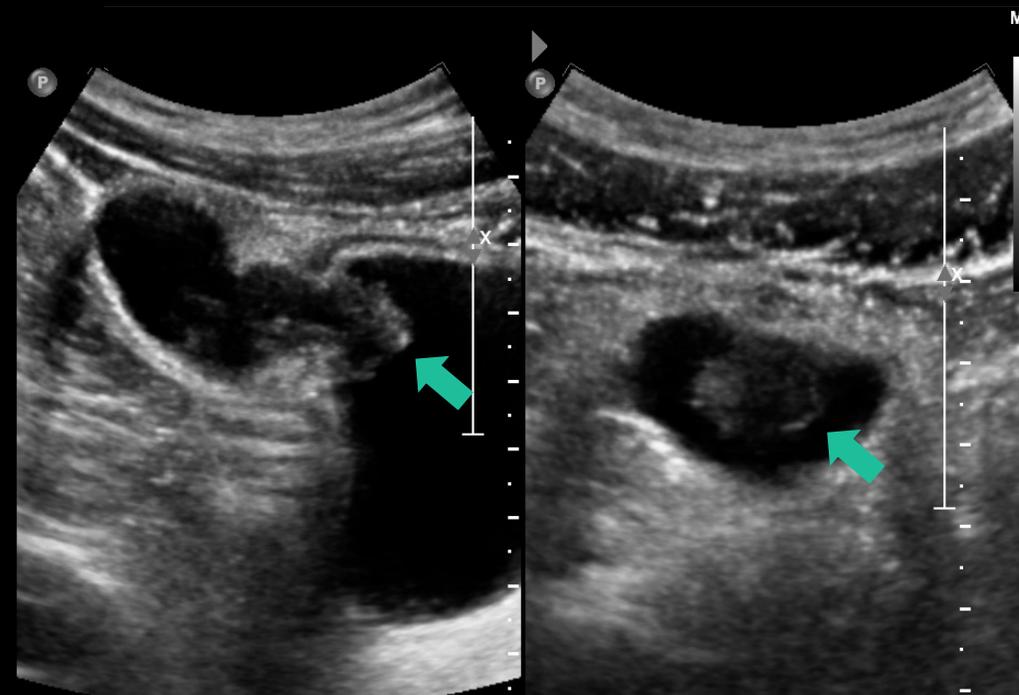


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# Images



**Sagittal non-contrast CT** demonstrating an exophytic diverticulum at the bladder dome with peripheral calcification and intrinsic **soft tissue density tumor**



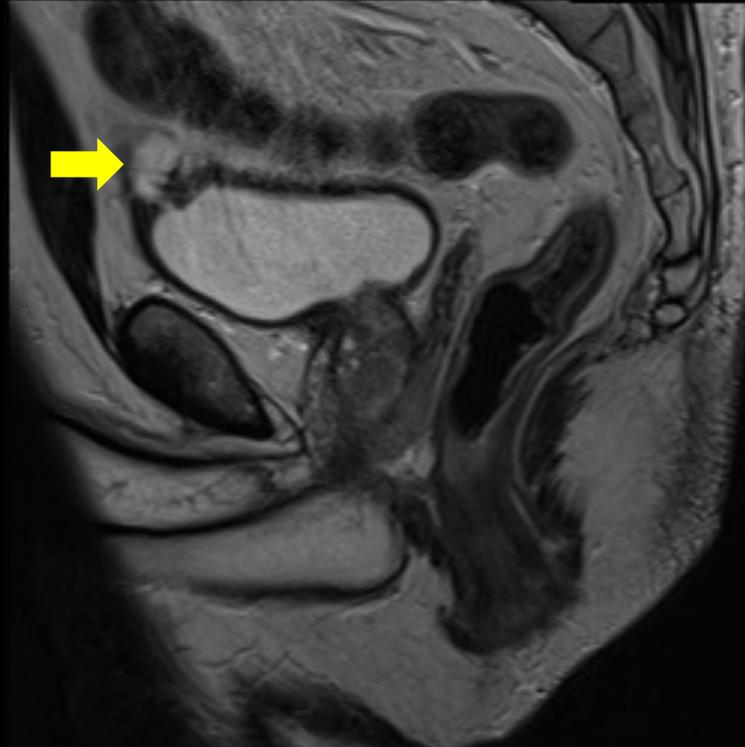
**Bladder US images** (left = sagittal, right = transverse) demonstrating a bladder diverticulum within the anterosuperior part of the bladder dome with **heterogenous hypoechoic polypoidal lesion** that appears to be protruding within the bladder cavity

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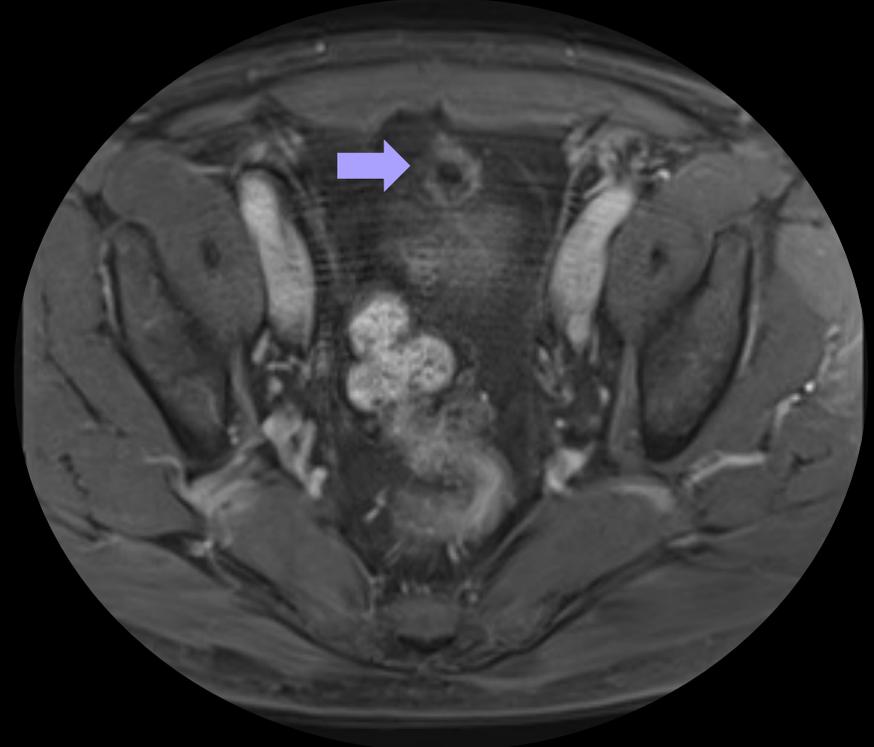


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# Images



**Sagittal T2 MRI demonstrating a bladder diverticulum in the expected location of urachus and associated hyperintense mass**



**Axial post-contrast T1 FS image demonstrating contrast enhancement within the soft tissue located in the diverticulum**

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# Multiple Choice Question

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- C. Intestinal epithelium
- D. Fibroblasts

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**RATIONALE:** Although urachal remnants themselves are lined by transitional epithelium, the majority (>90%) of urachal *neoplasms* are **adenocarcinomas**. Prior to malignant transformation, urachal transitional epithelium undergoes metaplastic changes causing it to resemble the glandular, mucin-producing columnar intestinal epithelium.<sup>[1-2]</sup>

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