

EFSUMB Recommendations and Guidelines for Gastrointestinal Ultrasound Part 5: EFSUMB Gastrointestinal Ultrasound (GIUS) Task Force Group: Celiac sprue and other rare gastrointestinal diseases ultrasound features

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EFSUMB guideline describes transabdominal gastrointestinal ultrasound features for miscellaneous disorders including celiac disease, cystic fibrosis, omental infarction, endometriosis, intestinal neoplasia, and vasculitis among others.

KEY POINTS

- This is the fifth guideline from the EFSUMB GIUS Task Force Group, established in 2014 with international experts from 9 European countries to standardize and promote clinical use of gastrointestinal ultrasound.
- Previous guidelines covered examination techniques and normal findings, inflammatory bowel disease, acute appendicitis and diverticulitis, and transrectal and perineal ultrasound.
- Transabdominal gastrointestinal ultrasound can examine the bowel non-invasively in its physiological condition, including extra-intestinal features such as splanchnic vessels, mesentery, omentum and lymph nodes, even at the bedside.
- Bowel ultrasound can be indicated to investigate intestinal symptoms in these miscellaneous conditions, or alterations may be incidental findings that prompt further examinations to discover unknown pathological conditions.
- Gastroenterologists and sonographers working with patients who have diverse intestinal disorders beyond inflammatory bowel disease and acute appendicitis would benefit from this guideline.

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