

Radiology-Pathology Correlation Case

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Clinical History

- Patient is a 70-year-old female with past medical history of primary peritoneal carcinoma
- Recent imaging revealed a new cystic mass of increasing size in the pelvis, concerning for recurrence of disease
- She was also noted to have a right-sided hepatic lesion
- She was referred from Gyn-Onc for imaging-guided sampling of the pelvic mass
- If this is unsuccessful, they would consider sampling the liver mass

Pre-procedure Imaging



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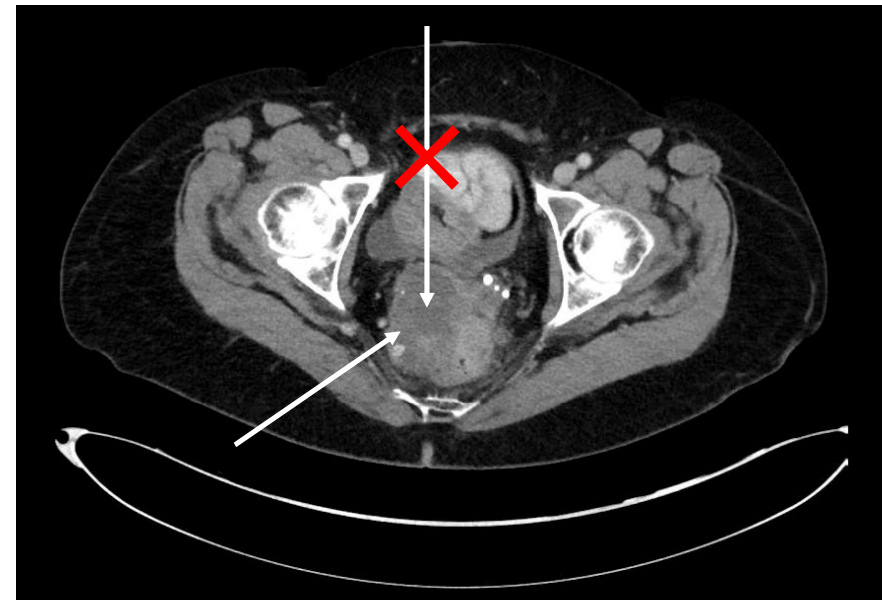
Procedure Planning

- Indication:
 - New lesion in patient with history of cancer
 - Information (i.e. is this recurrence or a new primary) will guide treatment planning
 - Biopsy samples also required for participation in clinical trial
- Imaging Modality:

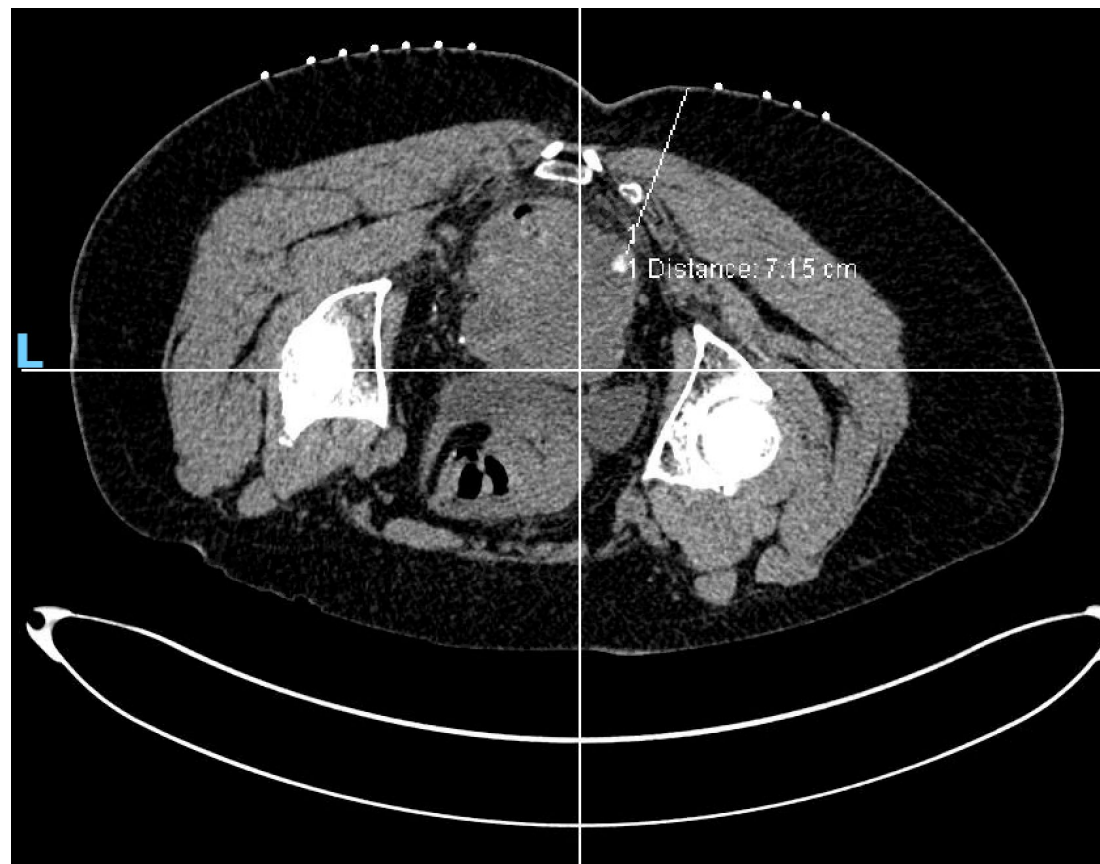
Favor CT	Favor US
Depth of lesion	No radiation exposure
Proximity to bowel	Soft tissue mass
Bony structures in path	Real-time visualization of biopsy

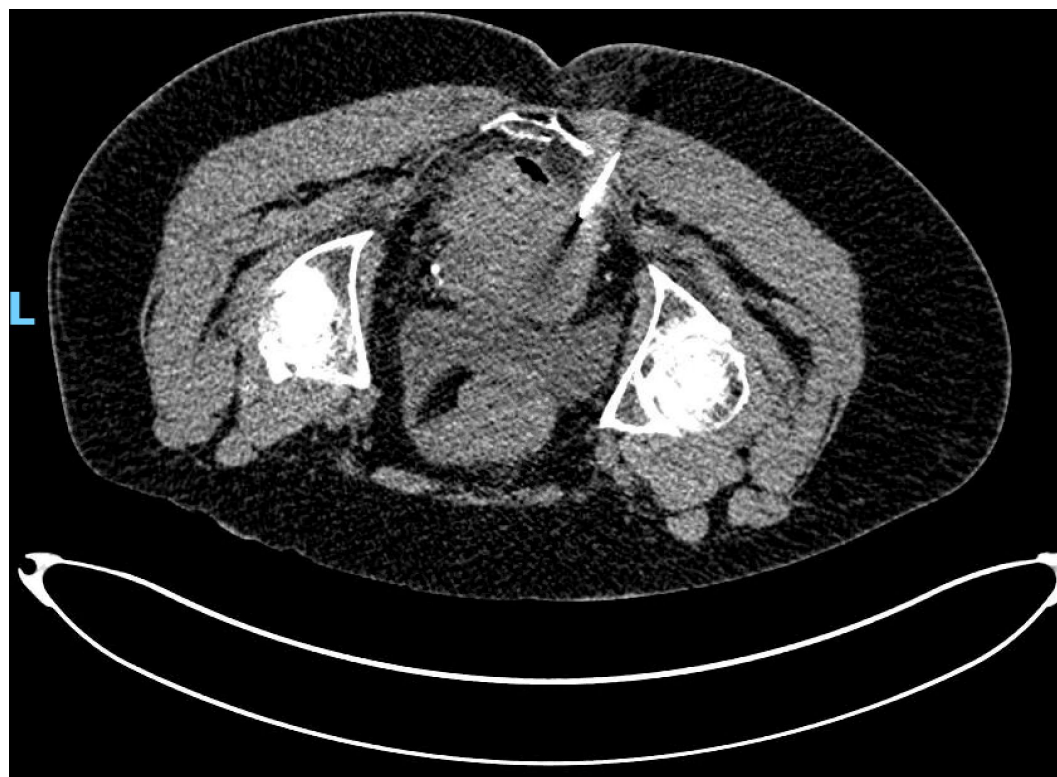
Procedure Planning

- Positioning – prone, right-sided approach
 - Anterior approach blocked by bowel
 - Lesion abuts musculature on the right side
 - No bony structures in the path
- Sedation – conscious with procedural sedation
 - Adult patient
 - Deep biopsy
 - No drains or tubes being placed
 - 100 mcg Fentanyl + 2 mg Versed



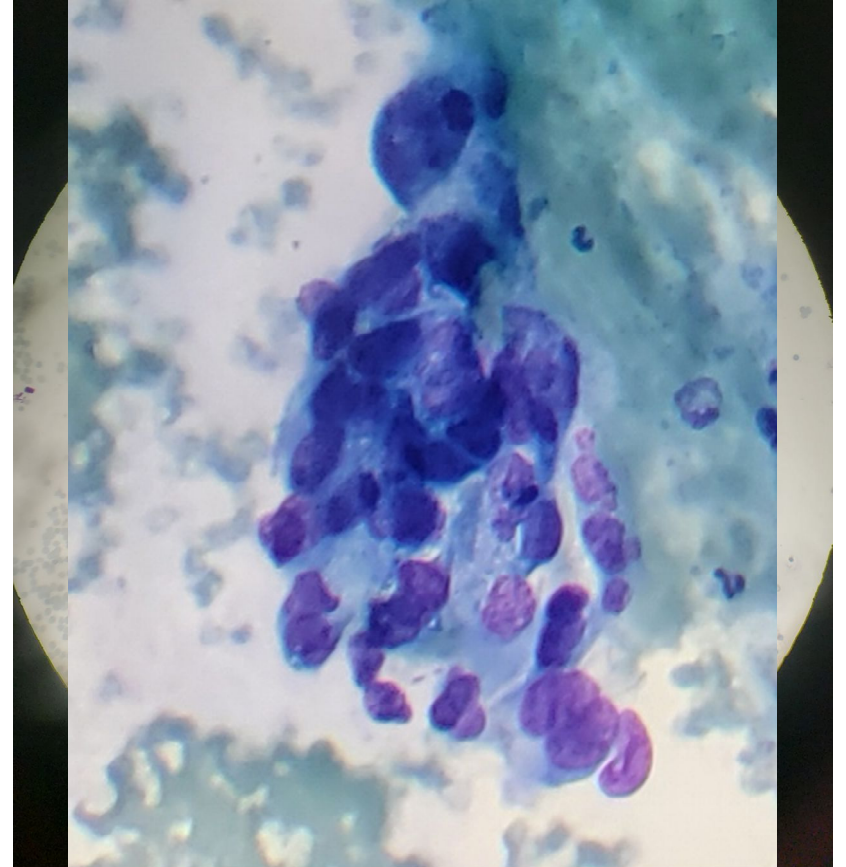
Intra-procedure Imaging





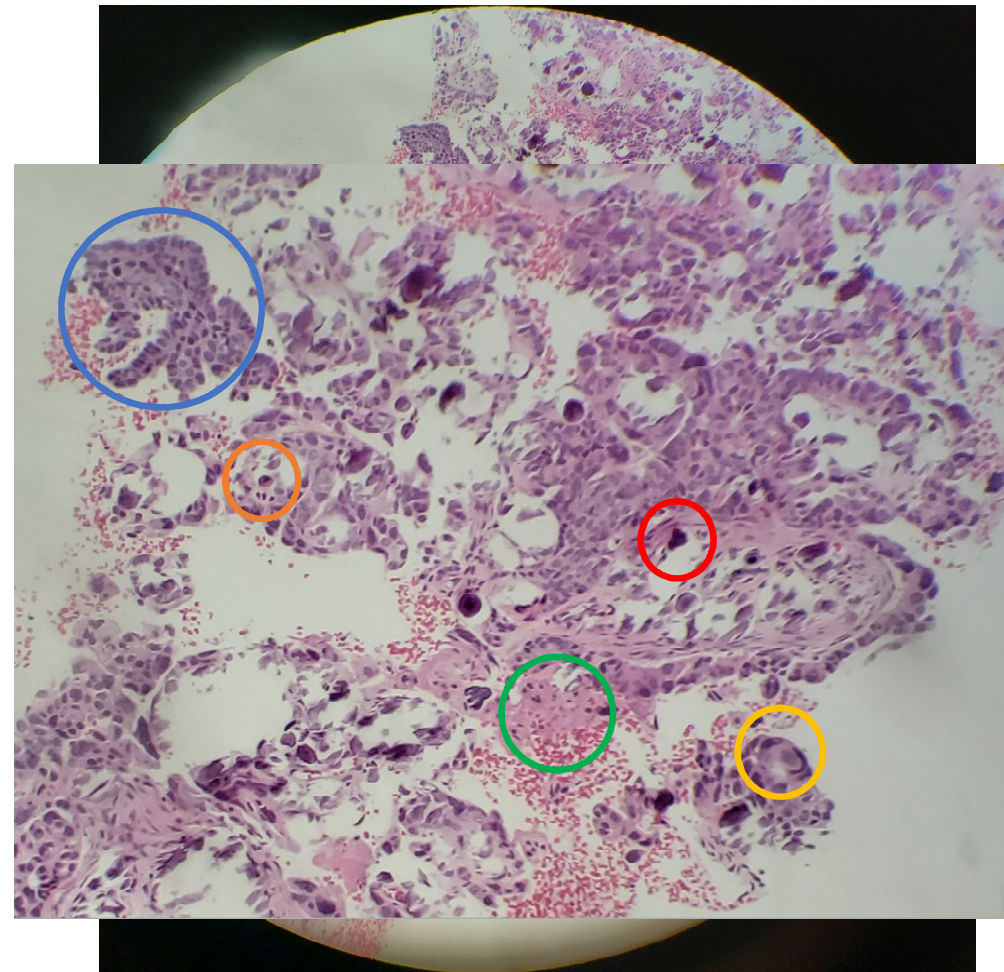
Fine Needle Aspirate

- Cellular features suggestive of malignancy:
 - High cellularity
 - Cytologic atypia
 - Dysplastic growth
- Nuclear features:
 - Irregular margins
 - Binucleate cells
 - Prominent nucleoli



Core Biopsy

- Papillary growth pattern
- Psammoma bodies
- Areas of necrosis
- Multinucleated giant cells
- Mitotic figures
- Diagnosis:
 - High-grade serous carcinoma



Ancillary Testing

- Diagnostic challenge is differentiating high-grade from low-grade serous carcinoma

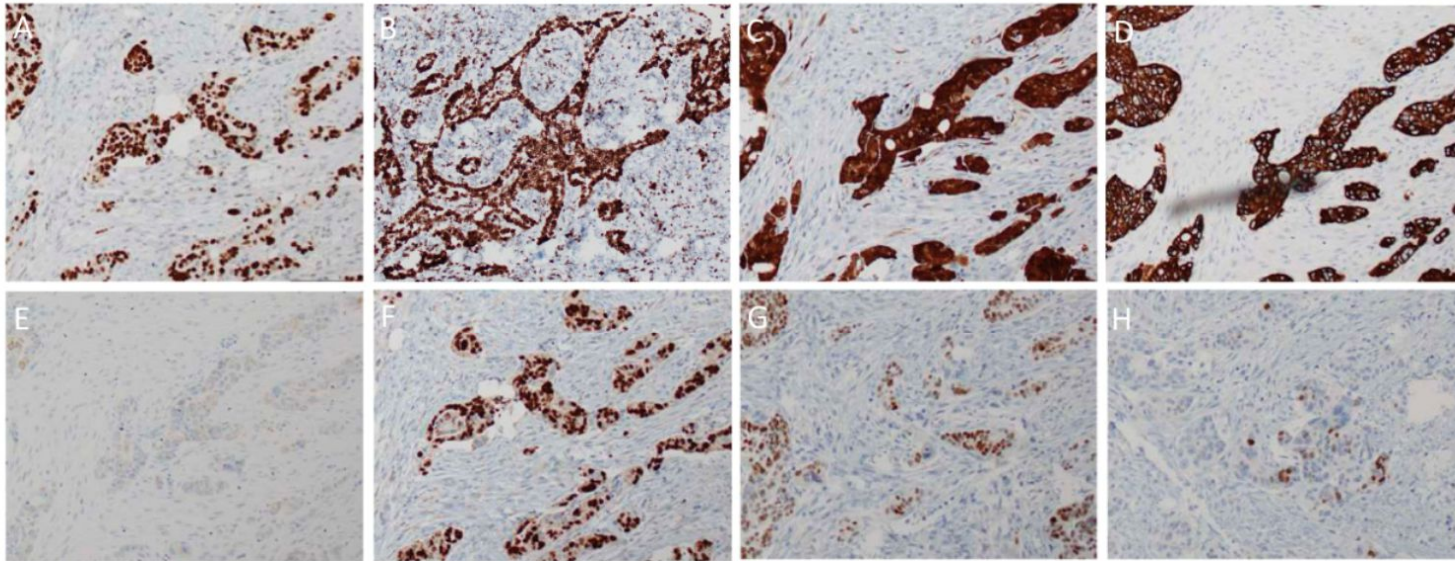


Figure 3. Immunological markers typically seen in high-grade serous ovarian cancer. (A): p53; (B): WT-1; (C): p16; (D): CK7; (E): CK20; (F): PAX8; (G): ER; (H): PR. All original magnifications $\times 10$.

Follow-Up

- Patient was discharged in stable condition from Radiology
- Big question: is this recurrence, or a new primary?

“Primary peritoneal” high-grade serous carcinoma is very likely metastatic from serous tubal intraepithelial carcinoma: Assessing the new paradigm of ovarian and pelvic serous carcinogenesis and its implications for screening for ovarian cancer

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- Implies her previous diagnosis and current diagnosis may be related
- Patient is beginning a new chemotherapy regimen, focused on improving quality of life

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