



Lung ultrasound : SEMEIOTICS and TECHNIQUE

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Air is foe to ultrasound



18th edition, 2011

«Because ultrasound energy is rapidly dissipated in air, ultrasound imaging is not useful for evaluation of the pulmonary parenchyma.»

The Comet-tail Artifact

An Ultrasound Sign of Alveolar-Interstitial Syndrome

DANIEL LICHTENSTEIN, GILBERT MÉZIÈRE, PHILIPPE BIDERMAN, AGNÈS GEPNER, and OLIVIER BARRÉ



Normal subject

Acute pulmonary edema

1997

CURRENT CONCEPTS

Point-of-Care Ultrasonography

Recently, lung ultrasound has emerged as a new sonographic technique to evaluate many pulmonary conditions.



Moore CL, Copel JA. Point-of-care ultrasonography. N Engl J Med. 2011;364:749-57.

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HOW I DO IT ARTICLE

How I do it: Lung ultrasound

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Abstract

In the last 15 years, a new imaging application of sonography has emerged in the clinical arena: lung ultrasound (LUS). From its traditional assessment of pleural effusions and masses, LUS has moved towards the revolutionary approach of imaging the pulmonary parenchyma, mainly as a point-of-care technique. Although limited by the



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Semeiotics

Lung sliding

- Lung point
- A-lines
- B-lines
- Consolidations
- Pleural effusion

Lung sliding

It is the depiction of a regular rhythmic movement synchronized with respiration,

that occurs between the parietal and visceral pleura.



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International evidence-based recommendations for point-of-care lung ultrasound



International Liaison Committee on Lung Ultrasound (ILC-LUS) for the International Consensus Conference on Lung Ultrasound (ICC-LUS)

Intensive Care Medicine 2012

Lung sliding: M-mode

The seashore sign



Abolished lung sliding



Abolished lung sliding



Abolished lung sliding

The barcode sign



Lung sliding abolished: causes

- Pneumothorax
- Mainstem intubation
- High-frequency ventilation
- Massive atelectasis
- Pleural adherences
- Severe fibrosis
- Cardiopulmonary arrest

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Lung point

The physical location where abolished lung sliding transitions into an area of sliding, which represents the physical limit of pneumothorax as mapped on the chest wall



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Pneumotorace









Pneumothorax



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A-lines

- Horizontal reverberation of the pleural line
- Normal finding



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B-lines: definition

Discrete laser-like vertical hyperechoic reverberation artifacts, that arise from the pleural line.



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B-lines: definition

B-lines are the sonographic sign of the interstitial syndrome



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B-lines: a non-specific sign of interstitial syndrome

Cardiogenic pulmonary oedema

Non-cardiogenic pulmonary oedema

> Interstitial pneumonia

Pulmonary fibrosis



B-lines: clinical applications

- Heart failure
 - Diagnosis
 - Monitoring and therapy titration
 - Prognosis
- Dialysis
- ALI/ARDS



- Interstitial lung disease
- Eclampsia, other

















Z-lines and B-lines



How to quantify B-lines?











How to quantify **B-lines**?



About 100% = 10 B-lines

About 50% = 5 B-lines

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Which probe?

Convex, microconvex



Universal probes

Linear probe



Pneumothorax, pleural and sub-pleural alterations, small consolidations

Cardiac probe



Interstitial syndrome, pleural effusion, large consolidations

Where to put the probe?

Heart failure



Dependent zones

Pleural effusion



Costophrenic angles

Pneumothorax

Consolidation

Anti-dependent zones

Painful zone

How to put the probe?





A Flemish bat sign



Methods



Volpicelli G. Am J Emerg Med 2006

Methods

ANTERO-LATERAL CHEST



Methods

POSTERIOR CHEST



left side

