

# HINTS IN THYROID US

*Post Seminar Notes*



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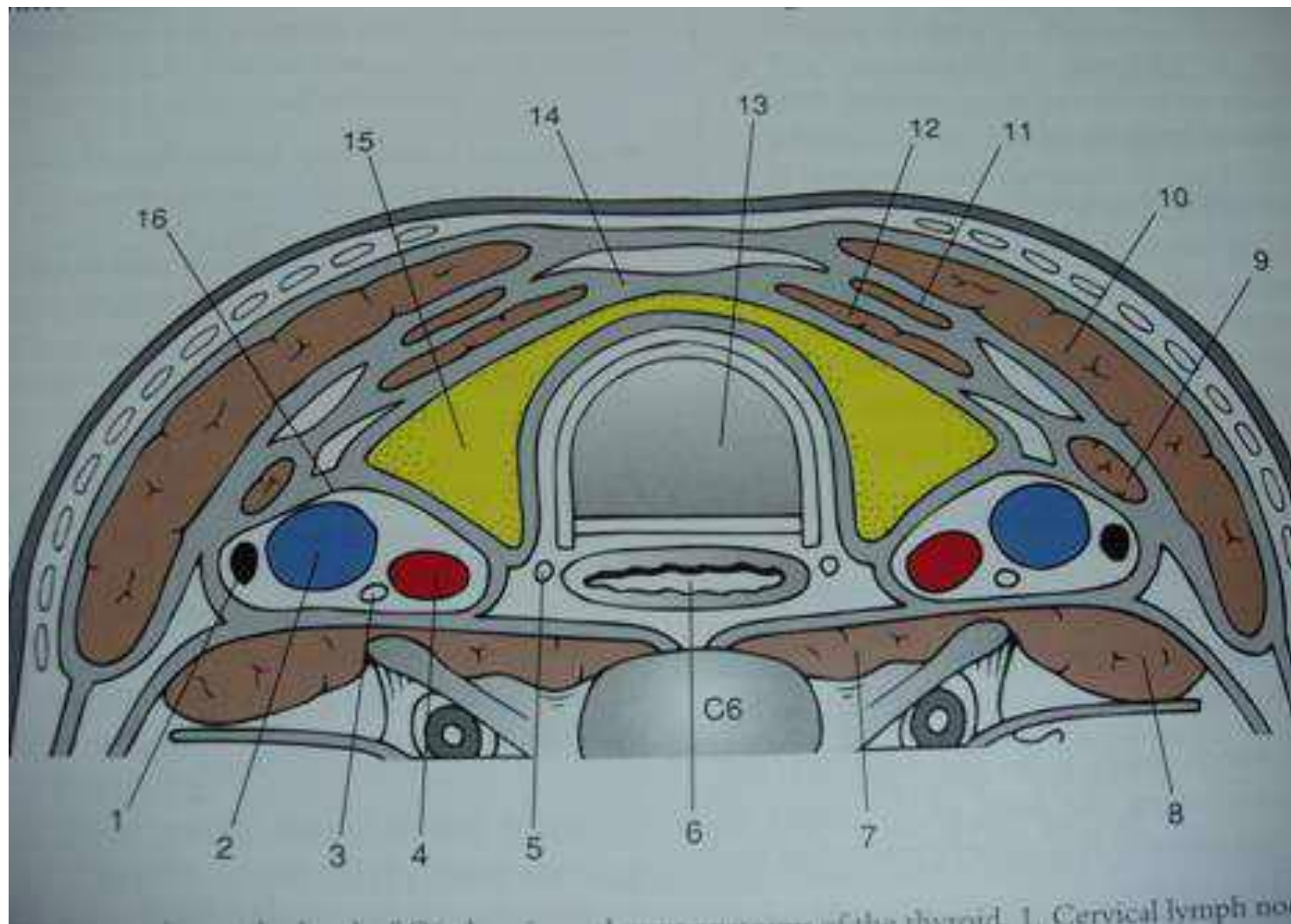


Diagram of the neck showing the thyroid gland and surrounding structures. 1. Cervical lymph node



# SIZE

- If one diameter is dependable in Size → A-P Diameter.
- Not  $> 2$  cm





GE

THYROID  
RT  
SAG  
MID



1+

2+

+

+

1

2

3

4

B  
Frq 14.0 MHz  
Gn 32  
E/A 2/3  
Map E/0  
D 4.0 cm  
DR 72  
FR 8 Hz  
AO 100 %

1 L 4.36 cm  
2 L 2.32 cm

# Thyroid diseases

## Diffuse

- Grave's disease
- Hashimoto thyroiditis
- De Quervain's

Thyroiditis

## Focal

- Solitary
- Multinodular



# ***SOLITARY THYROID NODULE***

Benign

*Vs*

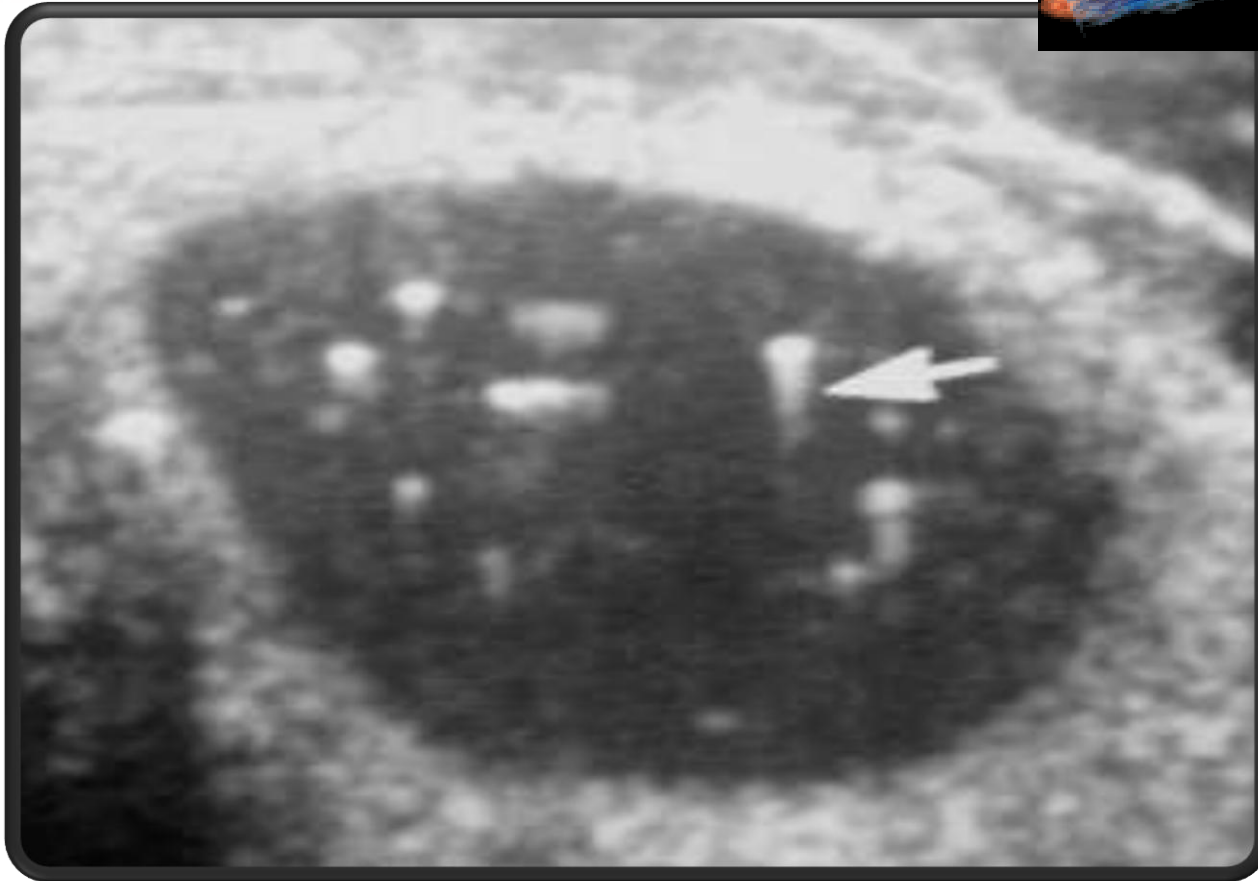
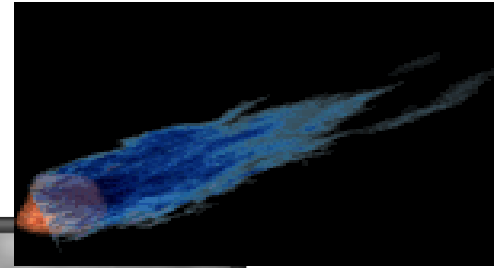
Malignant

# Items to Be assessed

- Margins
- Nature
- Echogenicity
- Calcification
- Vascularity

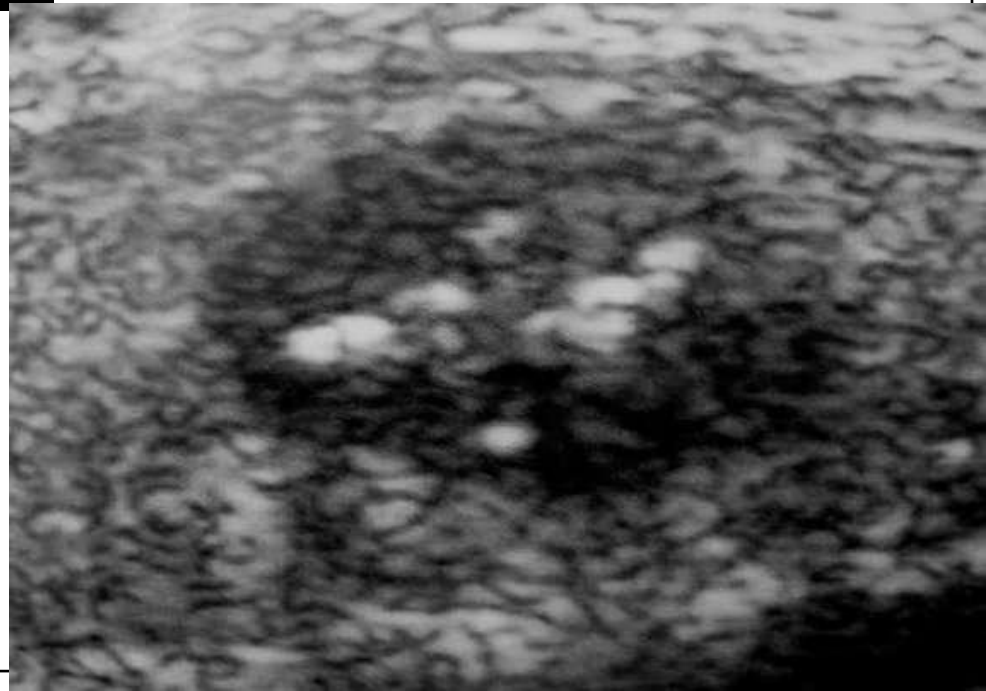
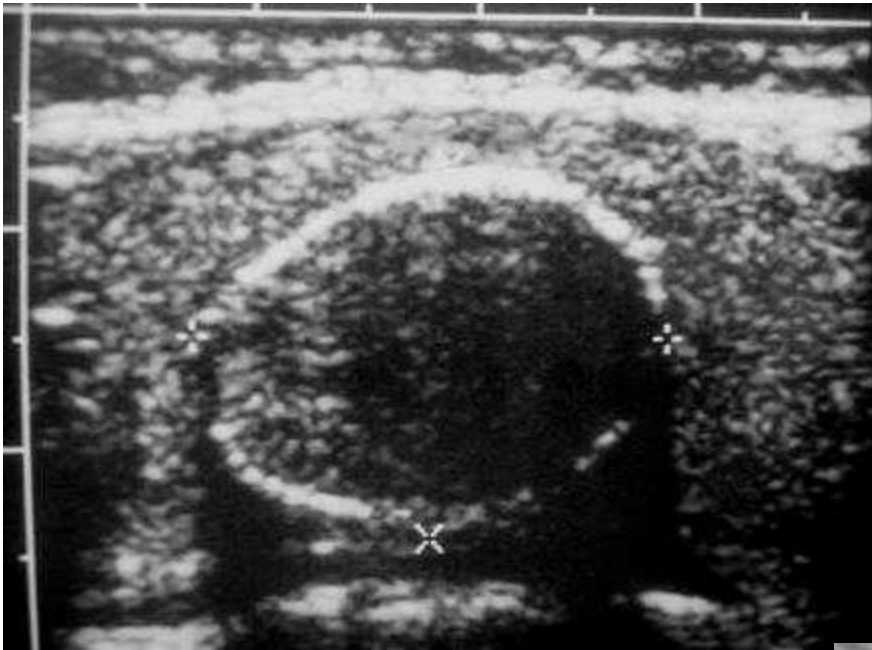
<b>Nodule Criteria</b>	<b>Benign</b>	<b>Malignant</b>
<i>Margin</i>	<b>Well Defined</b> <i>“complete hallow = 12 time benign”</i>	<b>•Ill Defined</b>
<i>Echogenicity</i>	<b>Hyperechoic</b> <i>”malignant in 5 %”</i>	<b>•Hypoechoic</b> <i>“malignant in 65 %”</i>
<i>calcefication</i>	<div>*comet tail “<u>100 % Benign</u>”</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Peripheral Rim</b></li> <li>•<b>Large Areas</b></li> <li>•<b>“More e benign”</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Fine punctuate</b></li> </ul> <b>“More e Malignant”</b>
<i>Vascularity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Absent</b></li> <li>•<b>Peri nodular</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Vascular</b></li> </ul>
<i>Nature</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>CYSTIC</b></li> </ul> <i>usually benign</i> <i>“but 20:30% papillary carc. Cystic”</i>	<i>More to be</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>SOLID</b></li> </ul>

# COMET TAIL SIGN

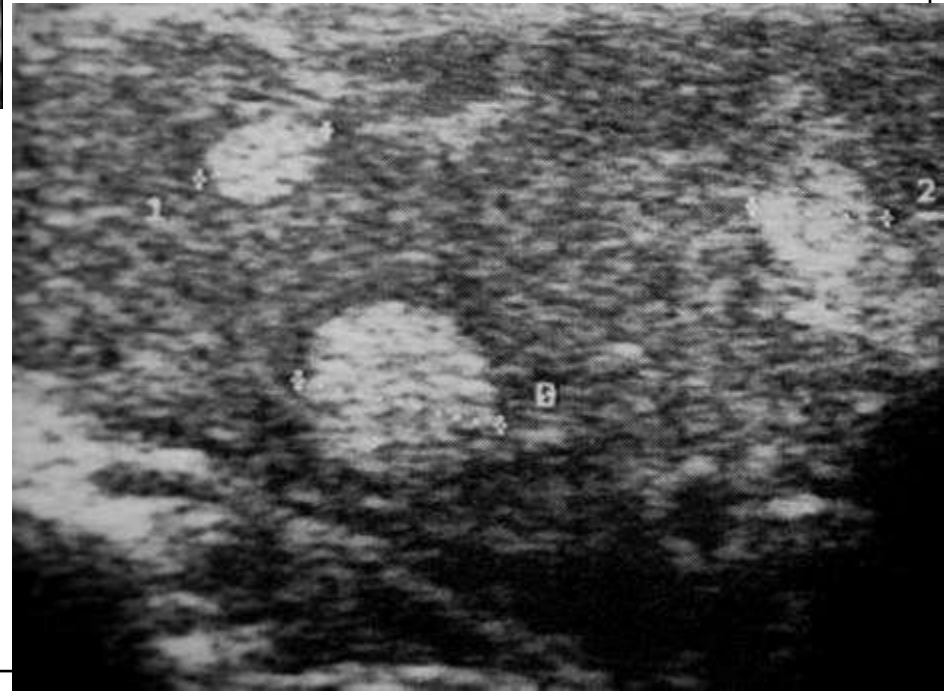
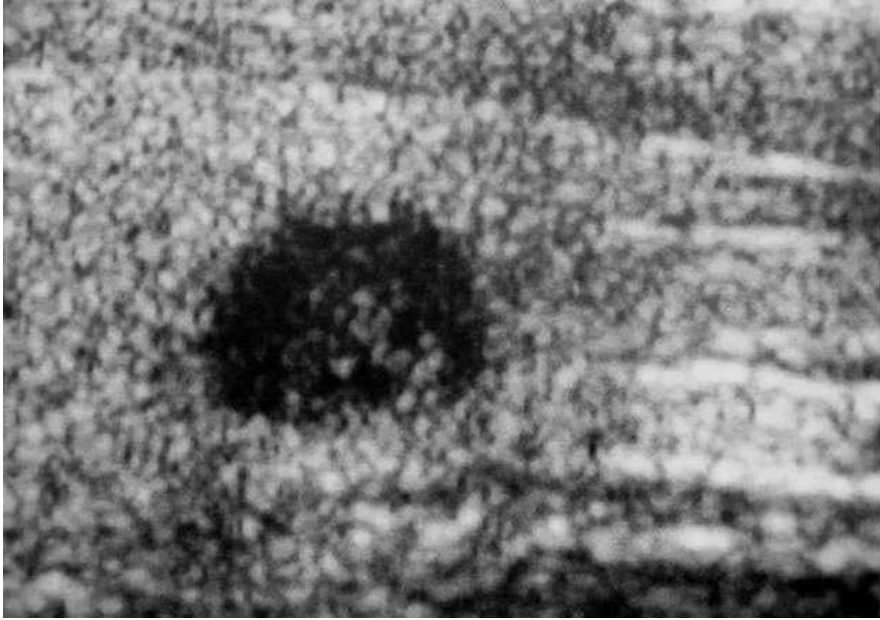


*Benign  
colloid  
nodule*

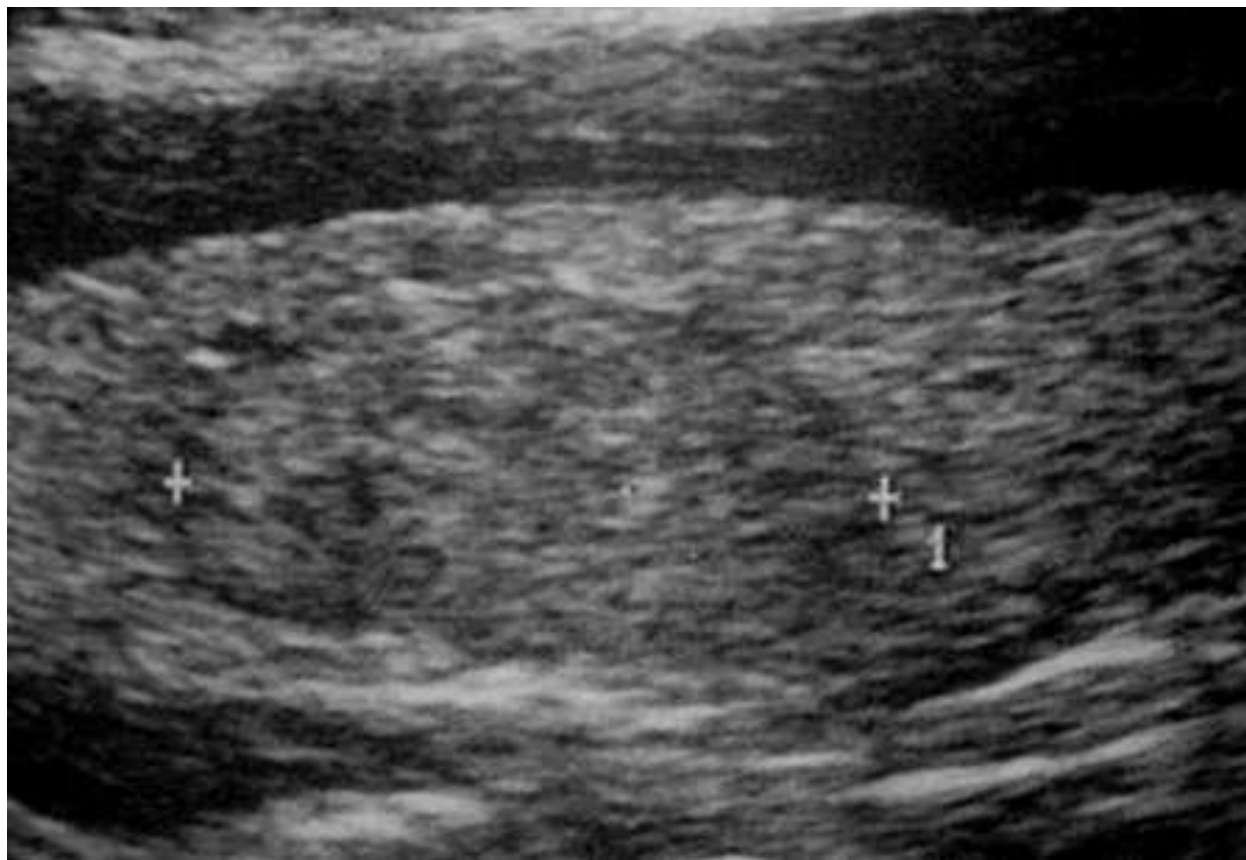
COMET SIGN OF BENIGN LESION



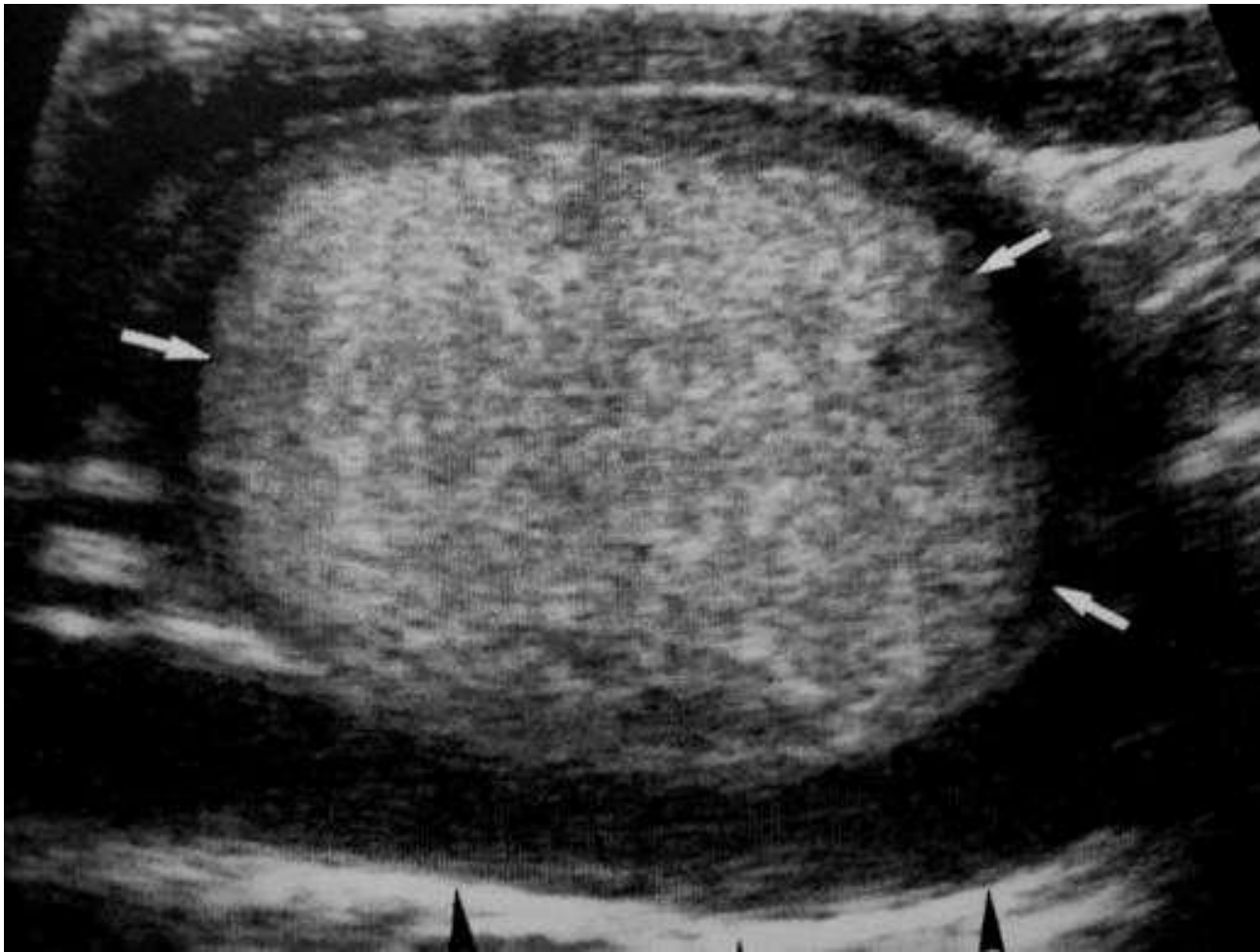
# *Hyper Vs Hypoechoic*





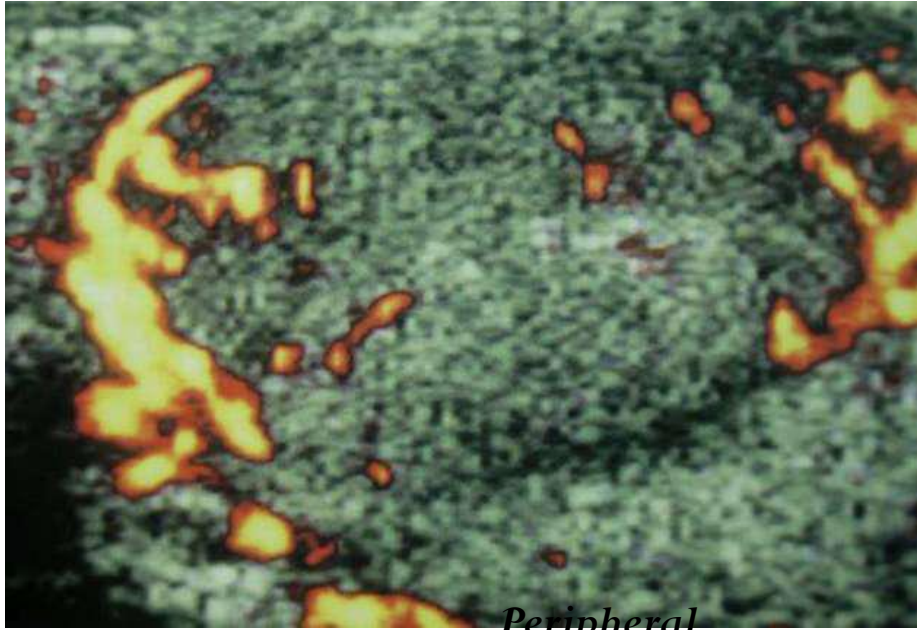


Iso = 25 % Malignant



Complete peripheral halo = 12 time benign

# VASCULARITY



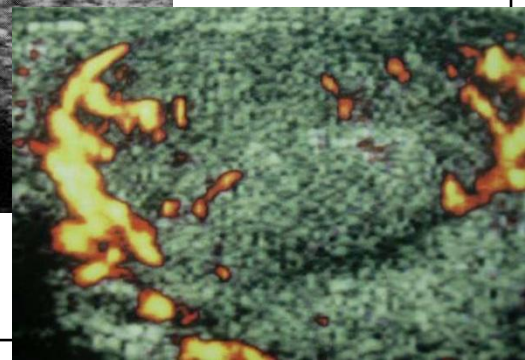
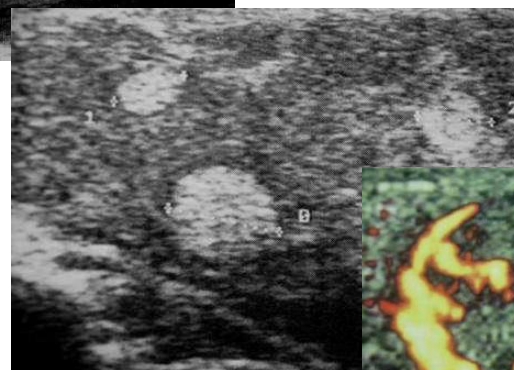
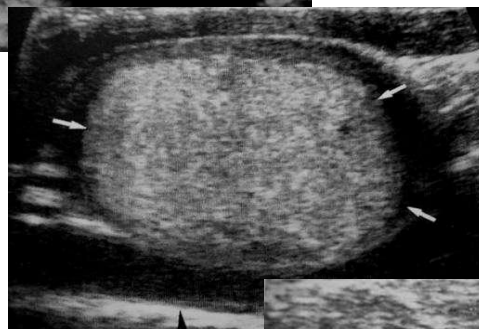
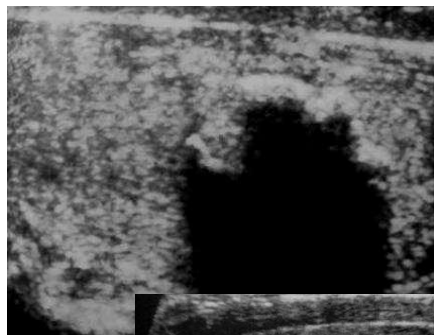
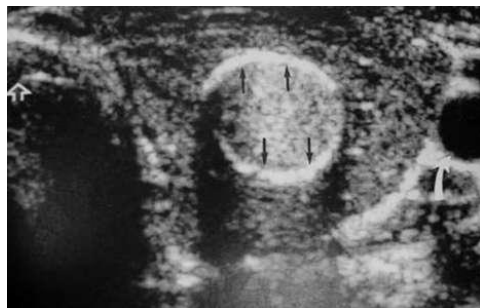
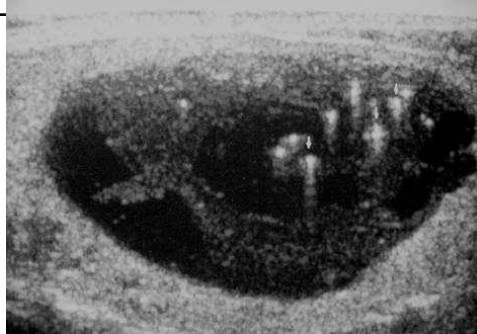
*Peripheral*



*Hyper vascular*

# FEATURES OF BENIGN THYROID NODULE

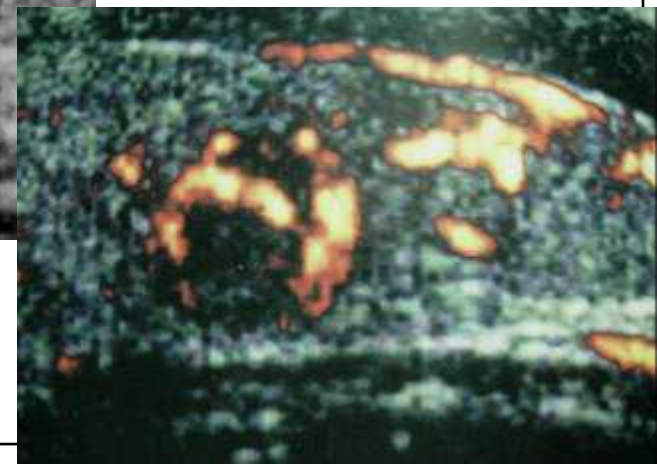
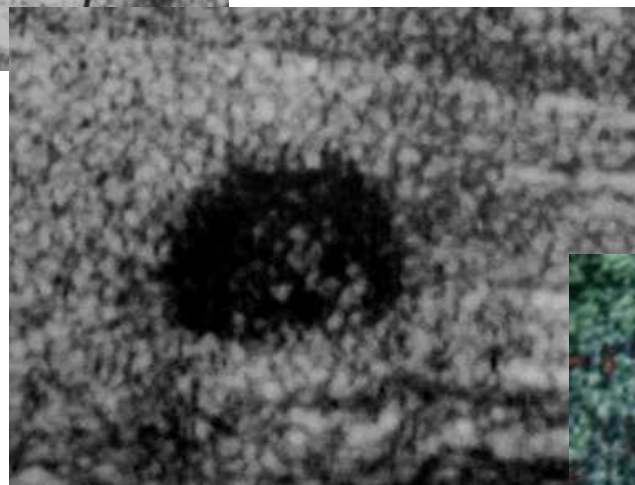
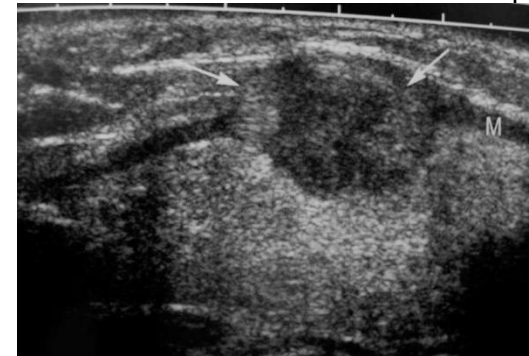
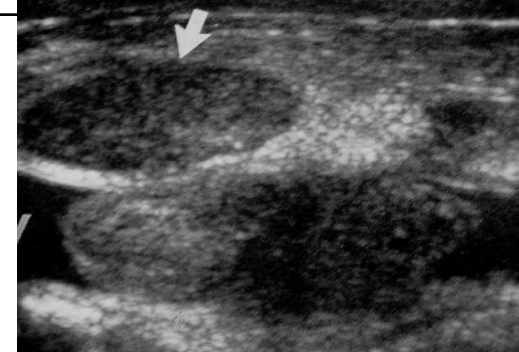
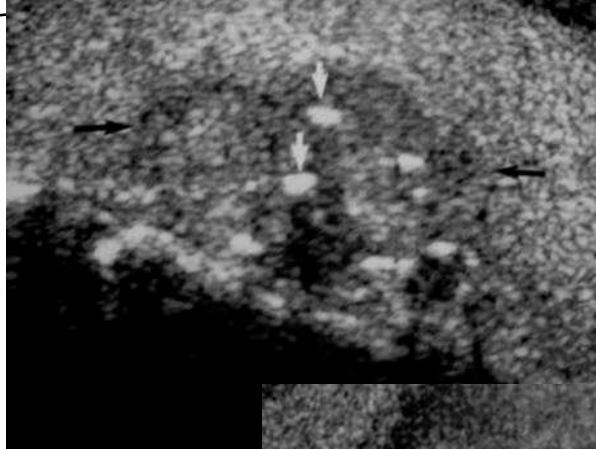
- 1- **C**omet tail \*\*\*
- 2- **C**ystic, Total or Near Total
- 3- **C**alcifications : Rim or Large coarse
- 4- **C**omplete halo
- 5- **D**efined Well
- 6- **E**chogenic or Isoechoic to normal tissue
- 7- A **V**ascular or Hypo



# FEATURES OF **MALIGNANT** NODULE

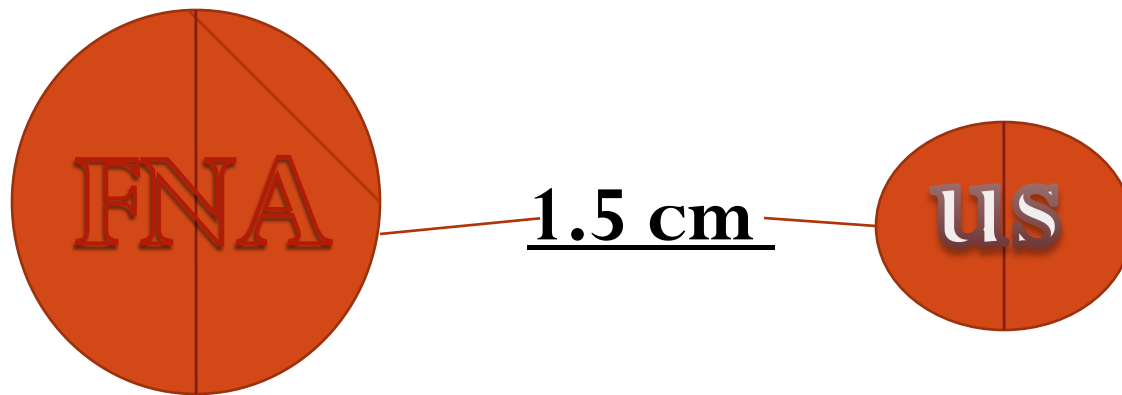
- 1- **M**icro calcifications
- 2- **M**argin Irregular
- 3- **M**arked hypoechogenecity
- 4- **M**arked vascularity
- 5- Adjacent Vessel Thrombosis
- 6- Adjacent Structures spread
- 7- Adjasent Lymphadenopathy





## Evaluation of nodules incidentally detected by U/S

- $< 1.5$  cm  $\rightarrow$  follow up by us
- $> 1.5$  cm  $\rightarrow$  further e 1.5 cm valuated by FNA



# Solitary *Vs* Multinodular

- Malignancy is common in a solitary nodule .
- *Multinodularity* is usually *Benign* .

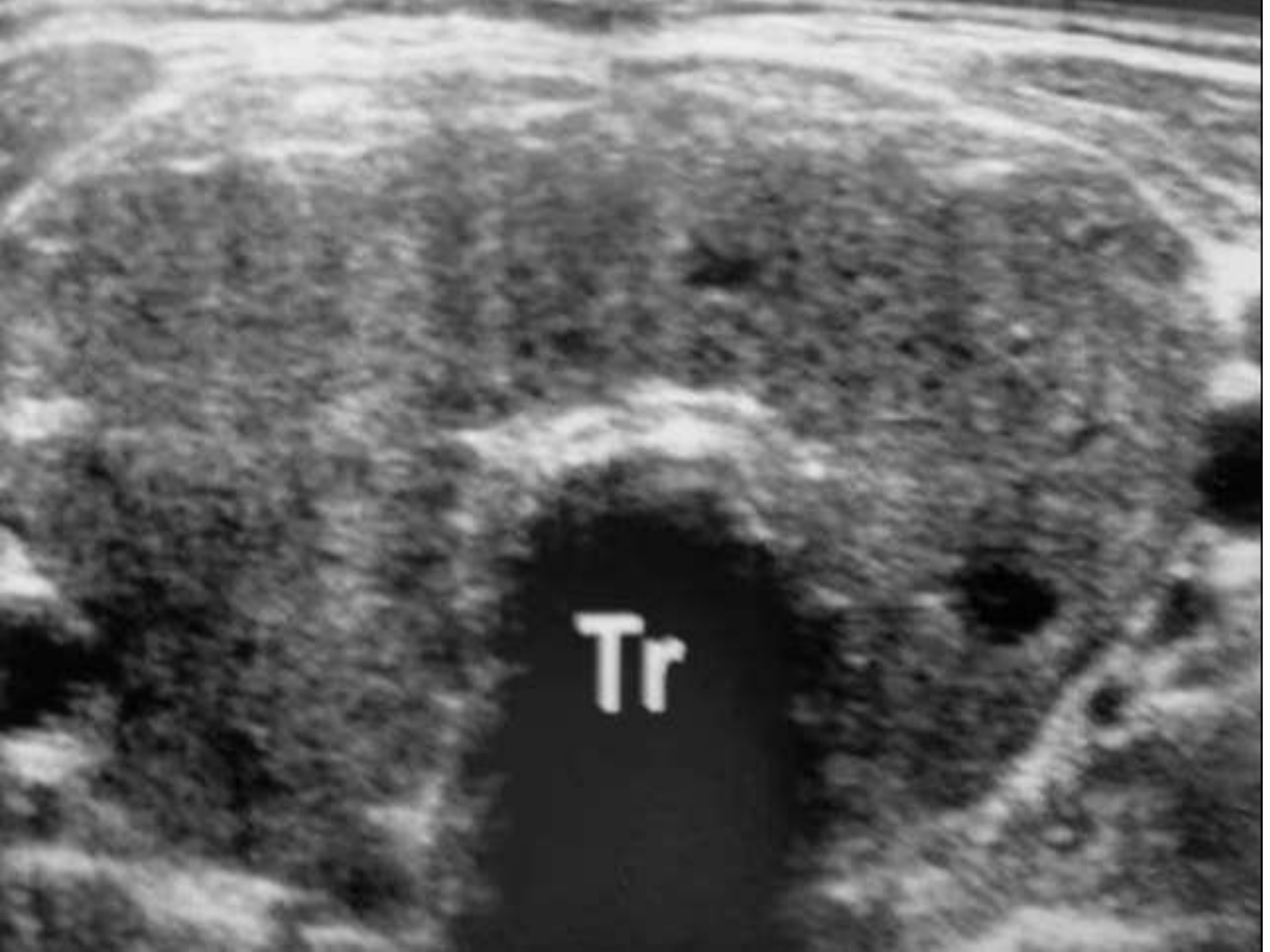
**HOWEVER**

*10 – 20 % of*  
*papillary carcinoma may be Multicentric*

# GRAVE'S DISEASE

- Diffuse enlarged gland
- Color Doppler → pathognomonic for the disease  
, → **hypervascularity**
- = **“Thyroid inferno”**.
- peak systolic velocity is **> 100 cm/sec**  
“normal up to 25 cm / sec”





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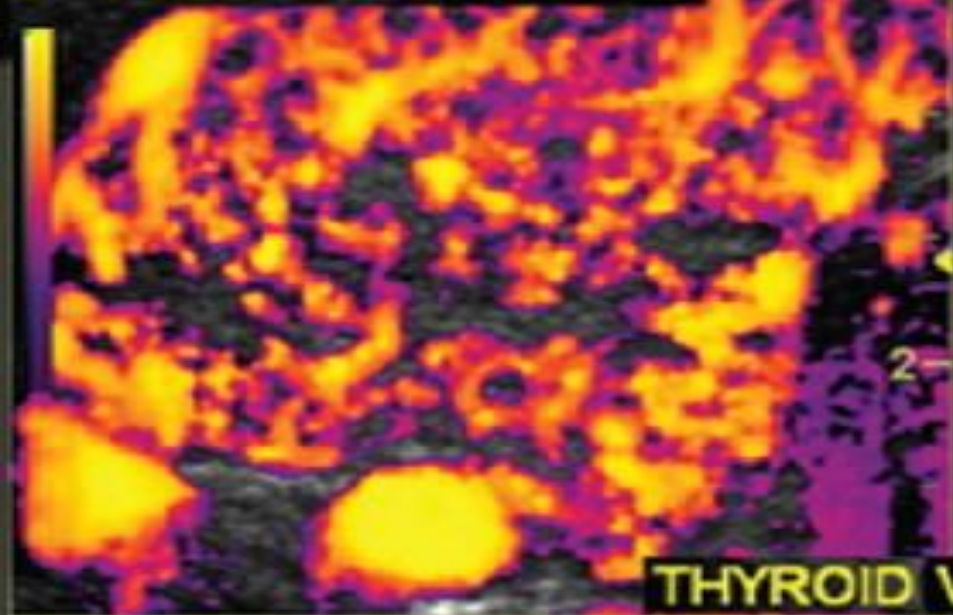
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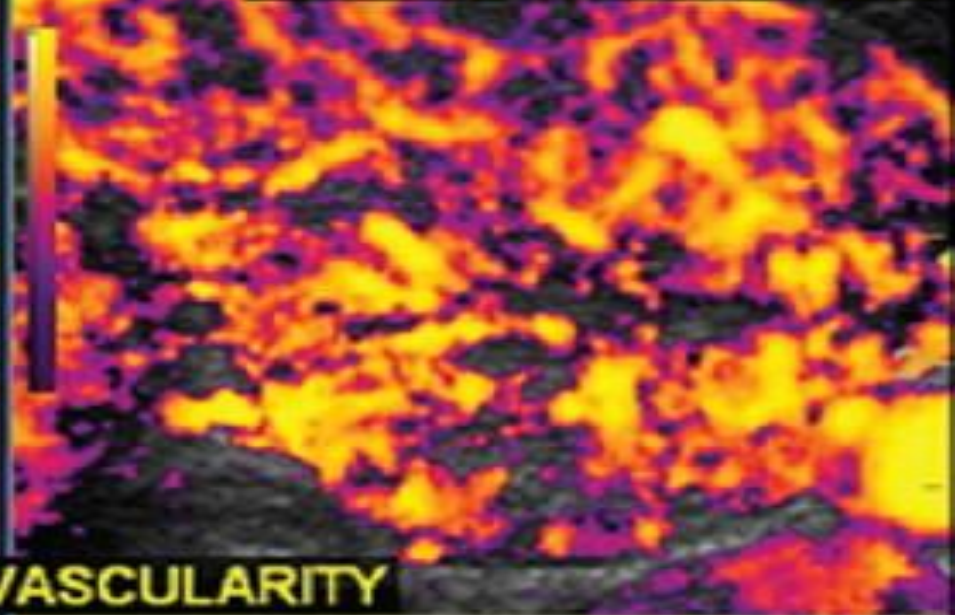


THYROID TRANS

LT LOBE THYROID SAG



RT LOBE THYROID SAG



THYROID VASCULARITY

NOPE

30

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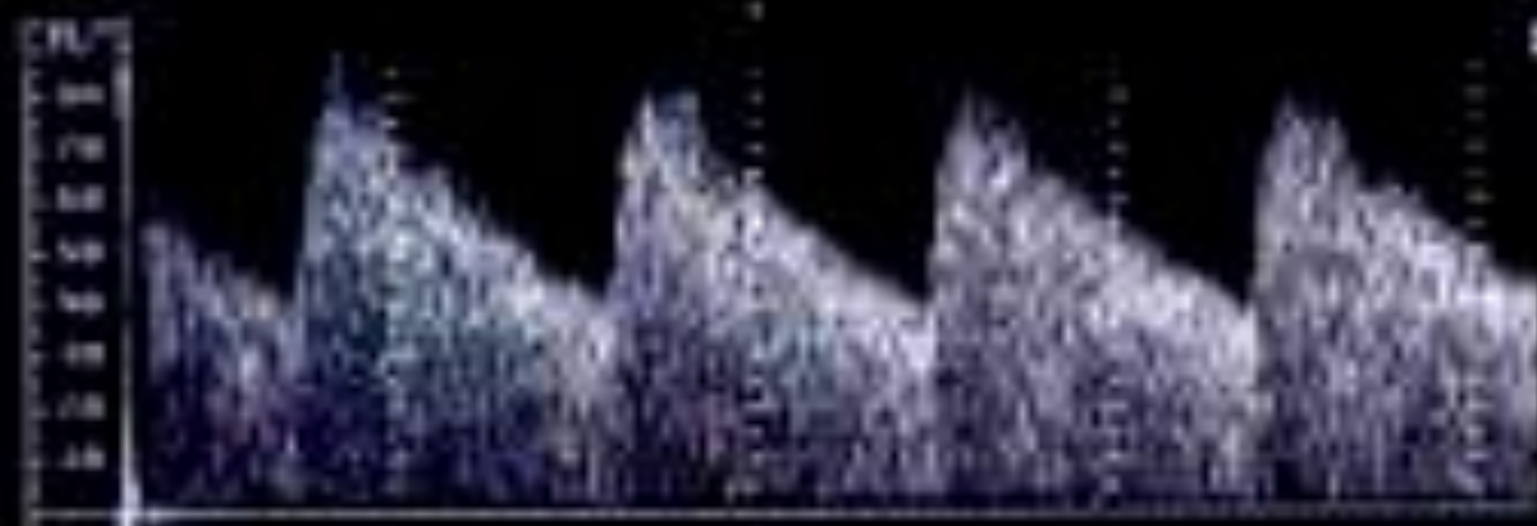
Time



SPECTRALE 4



COM 100 30  
PRF 6 1000  
FILTER 150  
LINEAR BASE  
NOISE 10  
LOC 1 300  
DEVIATION



PAC 1 300

# HASHIMOTO THYROIDITIS

- Three stages:

- Acute:

Enlarged in size / increased vascularity.

- Chronic:

Enlarged gland

Multiple linear bright echoes throughout the hypoechoic  
parenchyma

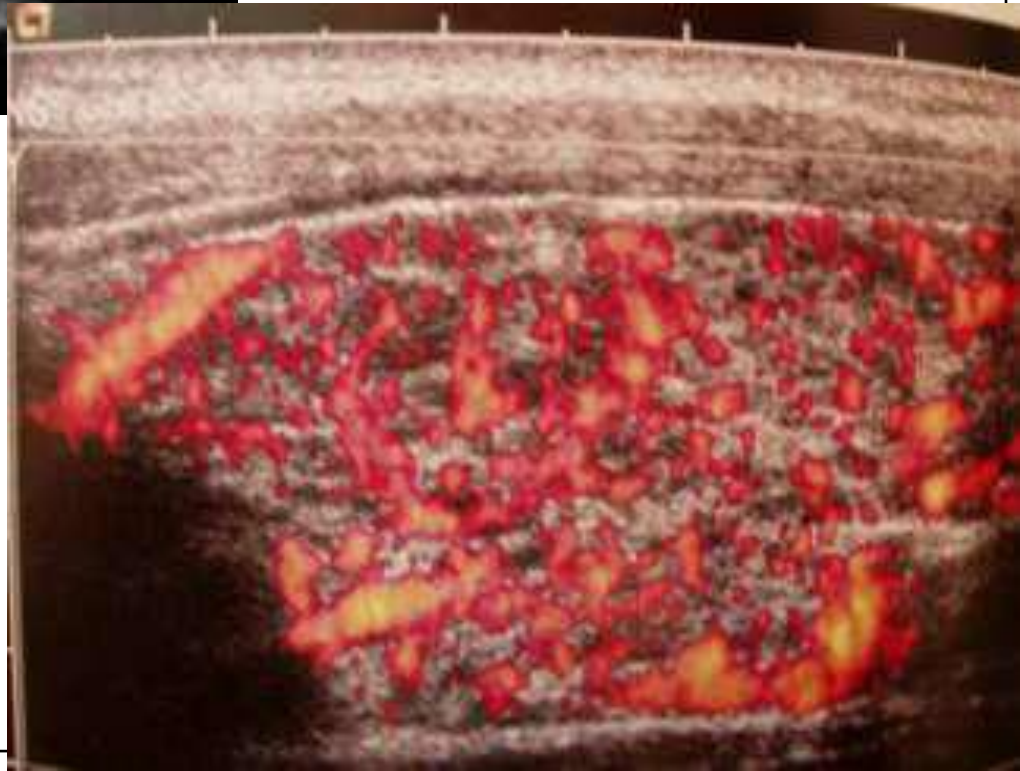
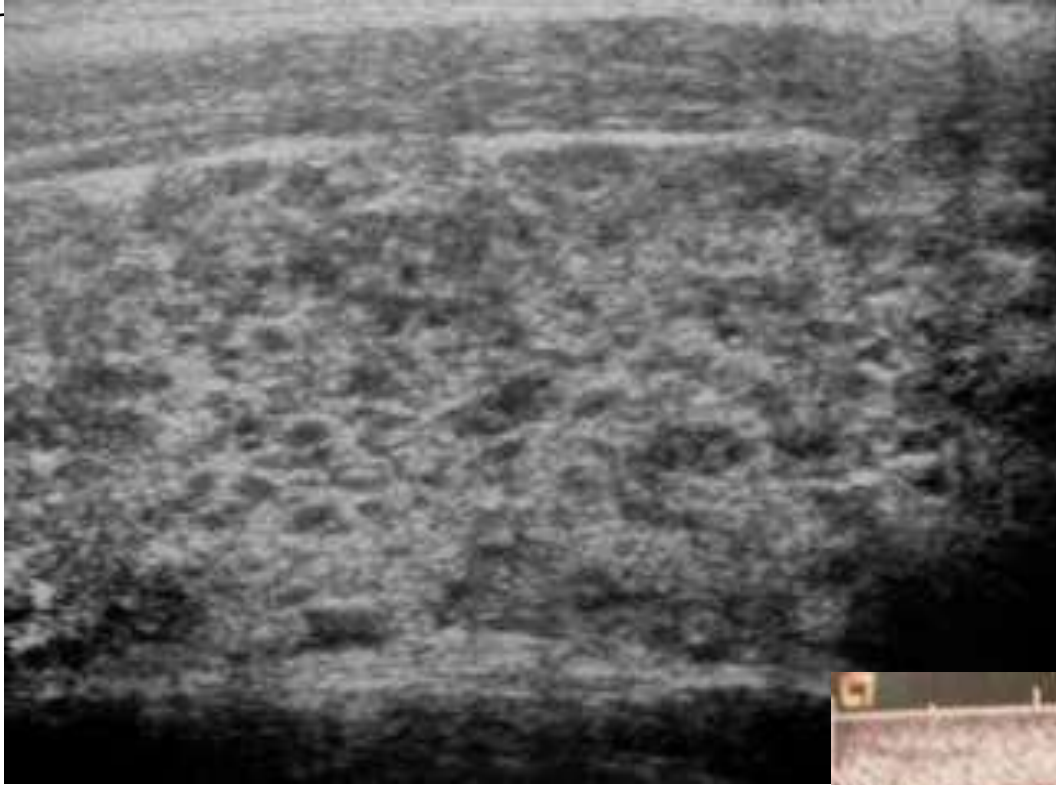
Multiple small hypoechoic nodules.

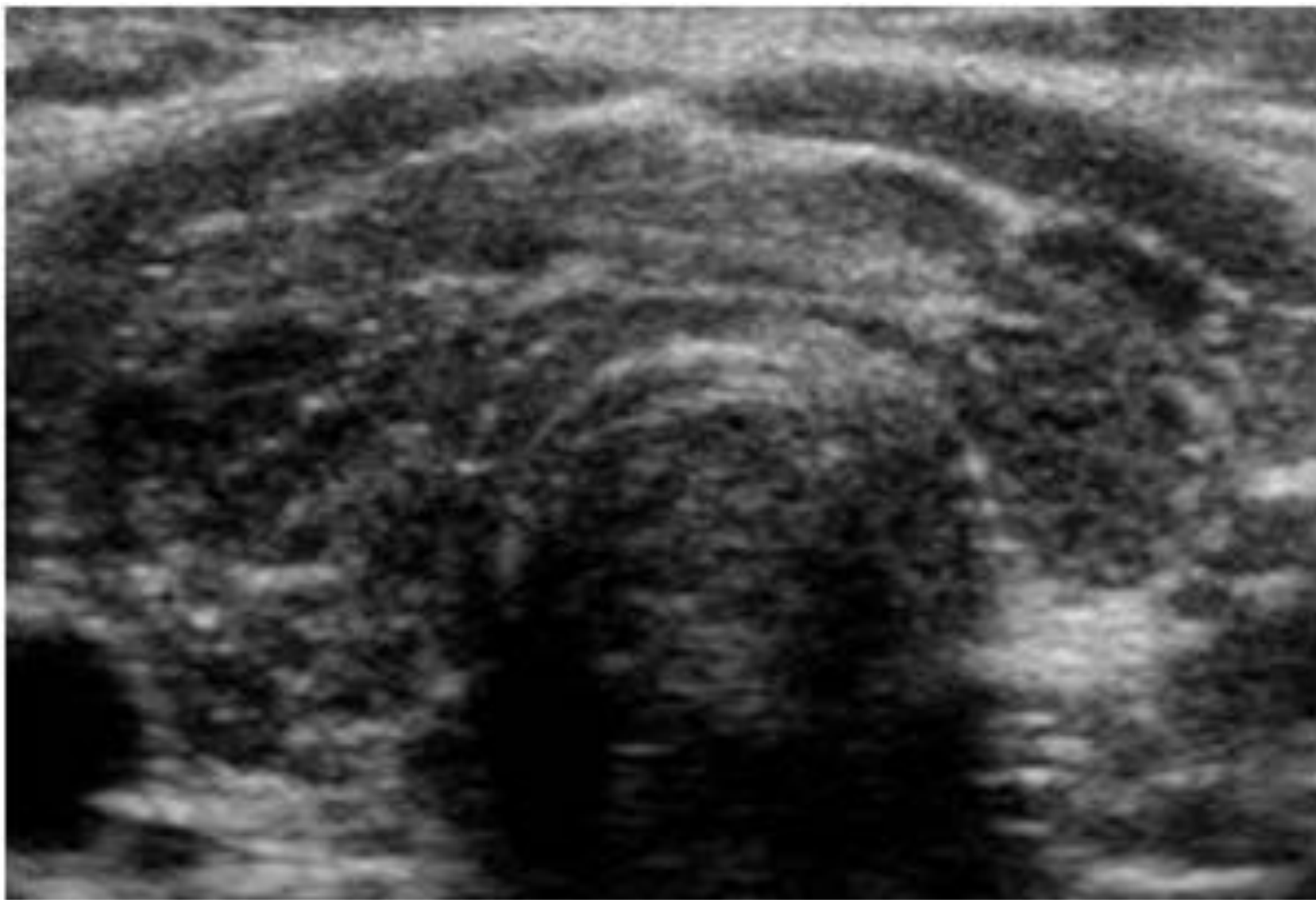
- Atrophic; end stage :

Small atrophic gland.

Avascular with **Heterogenous** echoes.







# DE QUARVAN'S THYROIDITIS

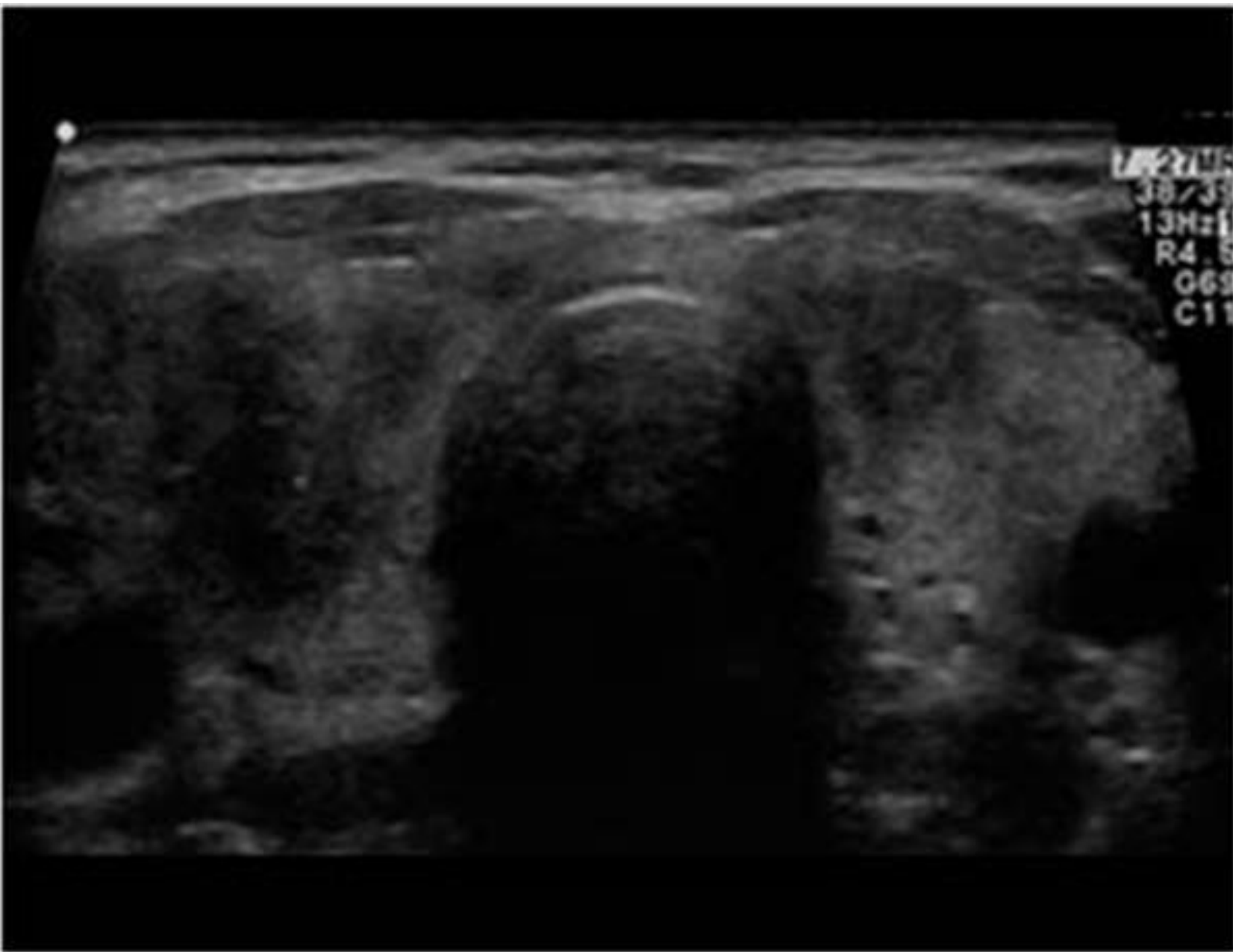
- Inflammation not involve entire gland

*But*

infiltrates the gland in a non homogenous pattern.

- **US**: disordered pattern of hypoechoic and hypervascular areas





# THANK YOU

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