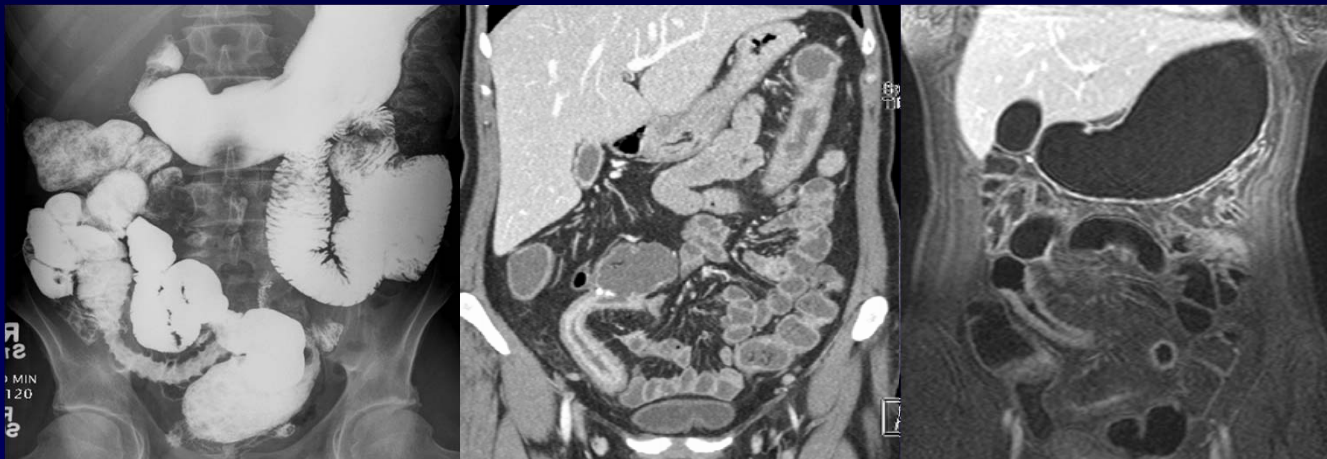


# Crohn's Disease on CT/MR Enterography: SAR/AGA/ASCRS/SSAT Consensus Statement on Nomenclature for Reporting Sept 20, 2016, 8:30-8:45 AM

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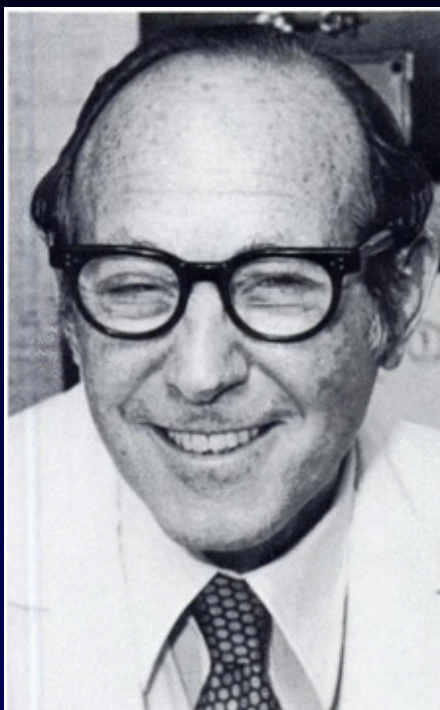
# **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:**

**BRACCO:  
Informal Consultations**

**SIEMENS HEALTHCARE:  
Research Agreement  
Radiation Dose Assessment & Reduction in MDCT  
including Iterative Reconstruction  
(Salary Support, Hardware & Software)  
(Not Applicable to the Presentation)**



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- Stuart Taylor

# Objectives

- Purpose of a Common/Standardized Nomenclature
- CTE/MRE Impressions of Crohn's
  - Image Based Morphologic Phenotypes
    - Terms to Use in Dictation
    - Meaning of Terms
    - Examples
- CTE/MRE Findings of & Report Template for Crohn's Disease
  - Insufficient Time for Presentation
  - CT enterography for Crohn's disease: optimal technique & imaging issues.  
Baker ME, Hara AK, Platt JF, Maglinte DDT, Fletcher JG
    - Abdominal Imaging 2015; 40: 938-952.

# Purpose of Standardized Nomenclature

- Imaging is Increasingly Used to “Stage” Degree of Inflammation & Intestinal Damage
  - Lémann Score
- Outcome Measures
  - If We are to Determine Whether CTE/MRE Findings Appropriately Direct &/or Alter Rx & Predict Outcomes, the Nomenclature Must be Standardized

# Vienna/Montreal Classification/Phenotypes

- Nonstricturing/Nonpenetrating (B1)
  - Active Inflammatory
- Stricturing (B2)
  - Fibrostenotic
- Penetrating (B3)
  - Sinus Tracts
  - Fistulae
  - Abscess
- Perianal (p)

# Active Inflammation & “Fibro”-Stenosis

- Compelling Evidence that Active Inflammation & “Fibro”Stenosis Commonly Coexist
  - Rieder F, Zimmerman EM, Remzi FH, Sandborn WJ. Crohn’s disease complicated by strictures: a systematic review. Gut 2013; 62(7):1072-1084
- Crohn’s Disease is a Dynamic, Often Progressive Process, Which Waxes & Wanes
  - Imaging Identifies This Dynamic Process



# Relationship Between Fistulae & Strictures

Vircows Arch 2000; 437: 293

- 42 Patients
  - Strictures in 38
  - Fistulae in 27
    - **Stricture Present 96%**
    - Fistulae Within (41%) or at Proximal End (56%) of Stricture

J Clin Gastro 1989; 11: 193

- 236 Specimens
  - Fistulae in 60
    - **Strictures Present in 93%**
    - Fistulae in Proximal End of Stricture- 62%
    - Fistulae Within Stricture- 31%
  - No Stricture in 7%

**Ian Lavery- “Penetrating Disease without Strictures is Rare”**

**Reed Rice Rule- “No Stricture-No Fistula”**

# Montreal/Vienna vs. Clinical, Pathologic & Imaging Findings

- Montreal/Vienna Phenotypes Cannot Be Reconciled with:
  - Clinical Findings
  - Pathologic Findings
  - Imaging Findings
- Does Not Account for Dynamic Disease Process

# Nomenclature

## Findings

- Wall
  - Wall Thickness & Enhancement
  - Mural Edema (T2-MRI)
    - Mural Fat (Fat Sat T2 & T1)
  - Restricted Diffusion
  - Luminal Diameter (Disease Site & Upstream)
- Mesenteric
  - Engorged Vasa Recta, Fibrofatty Proliferation, Perienteric Edema, Adenopathy, Inflammatory Mass & Abscess, Mesenteric Vein Thr/Occlus
  - Ulcer, Sinus Tract & Fistulae
- Ancillary
  - Perianal Fistulae, PSC, Stones, Venous Thrombi, Sacroiliitis, Hip AVN

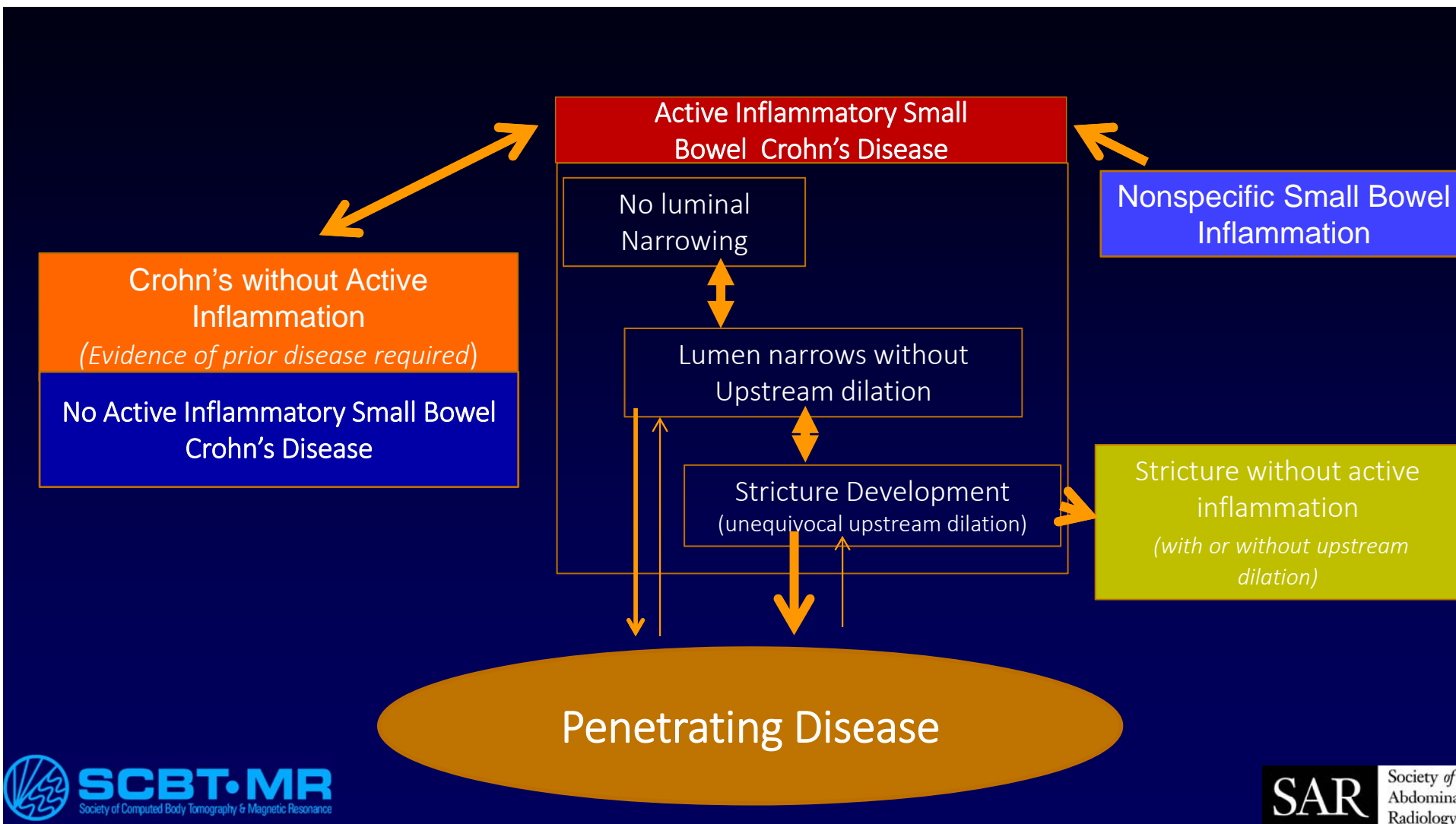
## Impressions

### (Morphologic Phenotypes)

- Active Inflammatory CD without Luminal Narrowing
- Active Inflammatory CD with Luminal Narrowing
- CD without Active Inflammation
- Stricture with Active Inflammation
- Penetrating (Added to Above)
- Stricture without Active Inflammation
- No Active Inflammatory Crohn's
- Non-Specific Inflammation

# Imaging Based Morphologic Phenotypes

## To Reflect What We Identify with Imaging, Pathology & Clinically

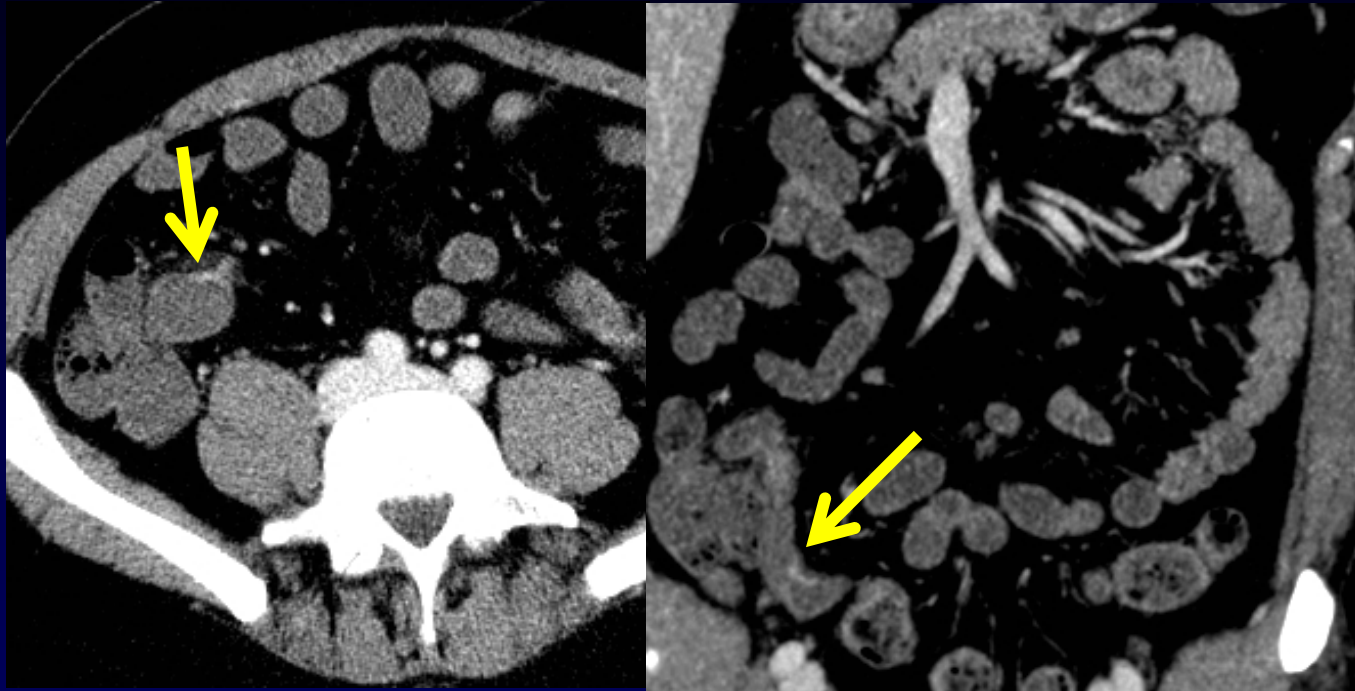


Active Inflammatory Small  
Bowel Crohn's Disease

No luminal  
Narrowing

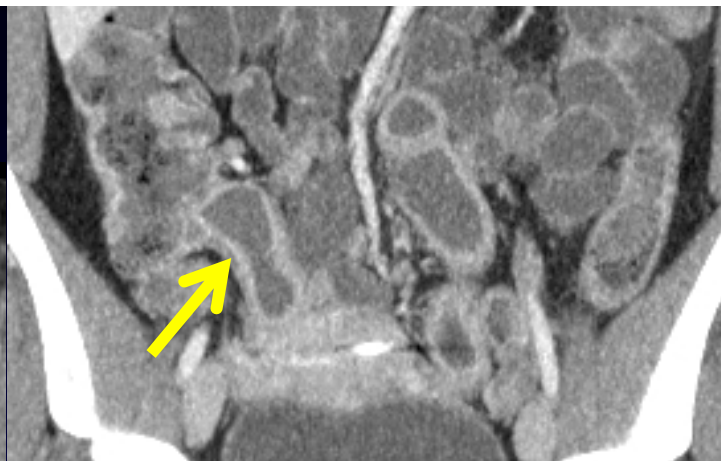
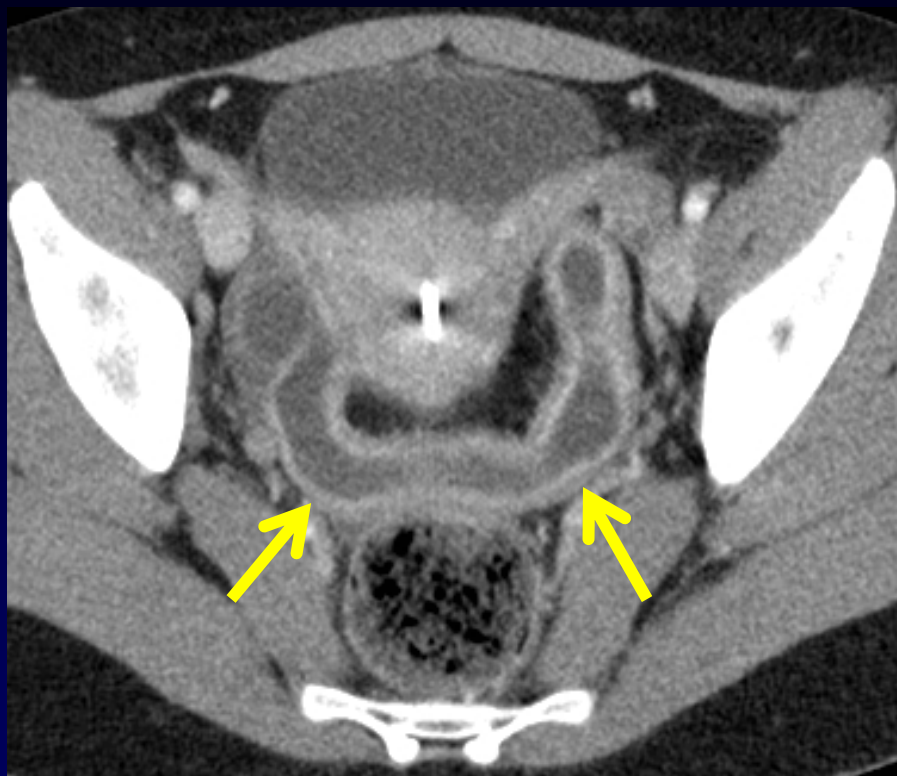
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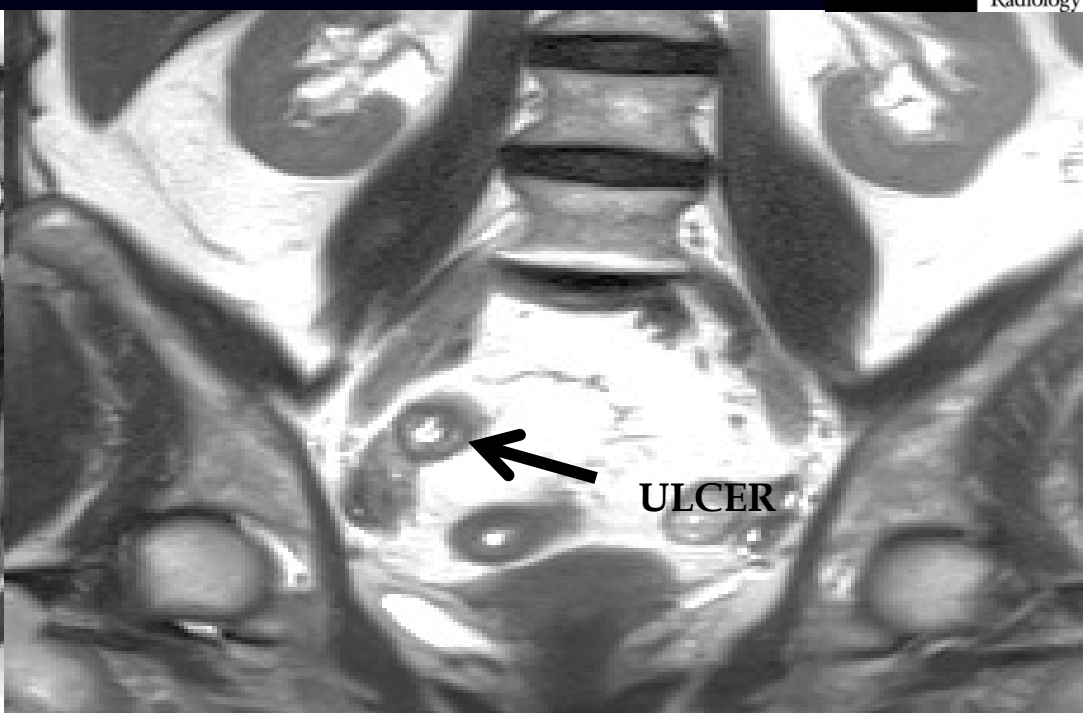
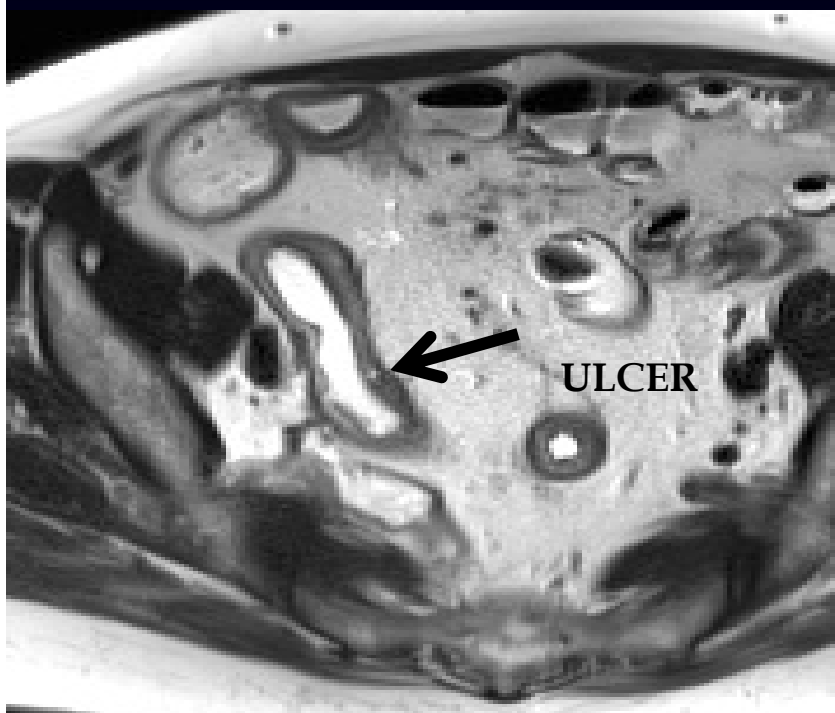
- Active Inflammatory Small Bowel C.D.
  - No Luminal Narrowing
  - No Upstream Dilation
  - Wall Hyperenhancement
    - Generally Stratified **(NOT NECESSARILY MUCOSAL!)**
  - T2 Bright/Restricted Diffusion on MRE
  - Wall Thickening
  - Mesenteric Changes Variably Present
- Active
  - Not Acute or Chronic



**ACTIVE INFLAMMATORY  
SMALL BOWEL CROHN'S DISEASE  
WITHOUT LUMINAL NARROWING**







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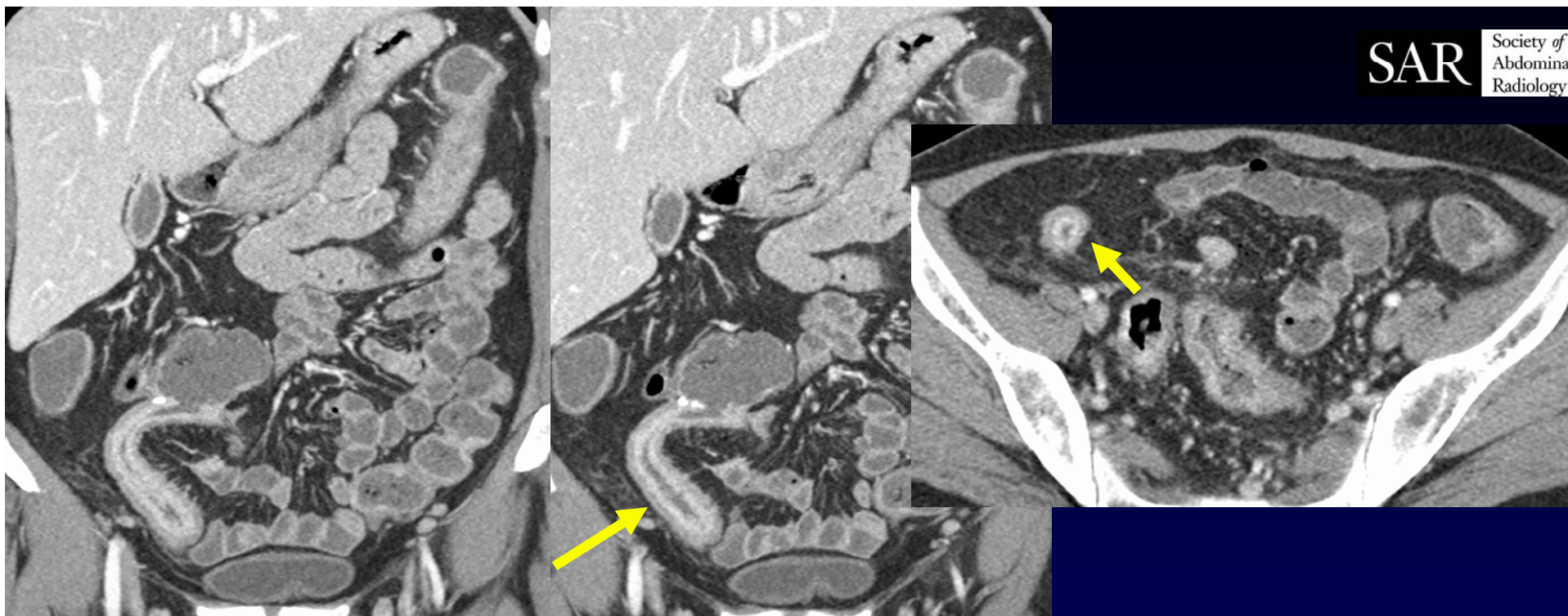
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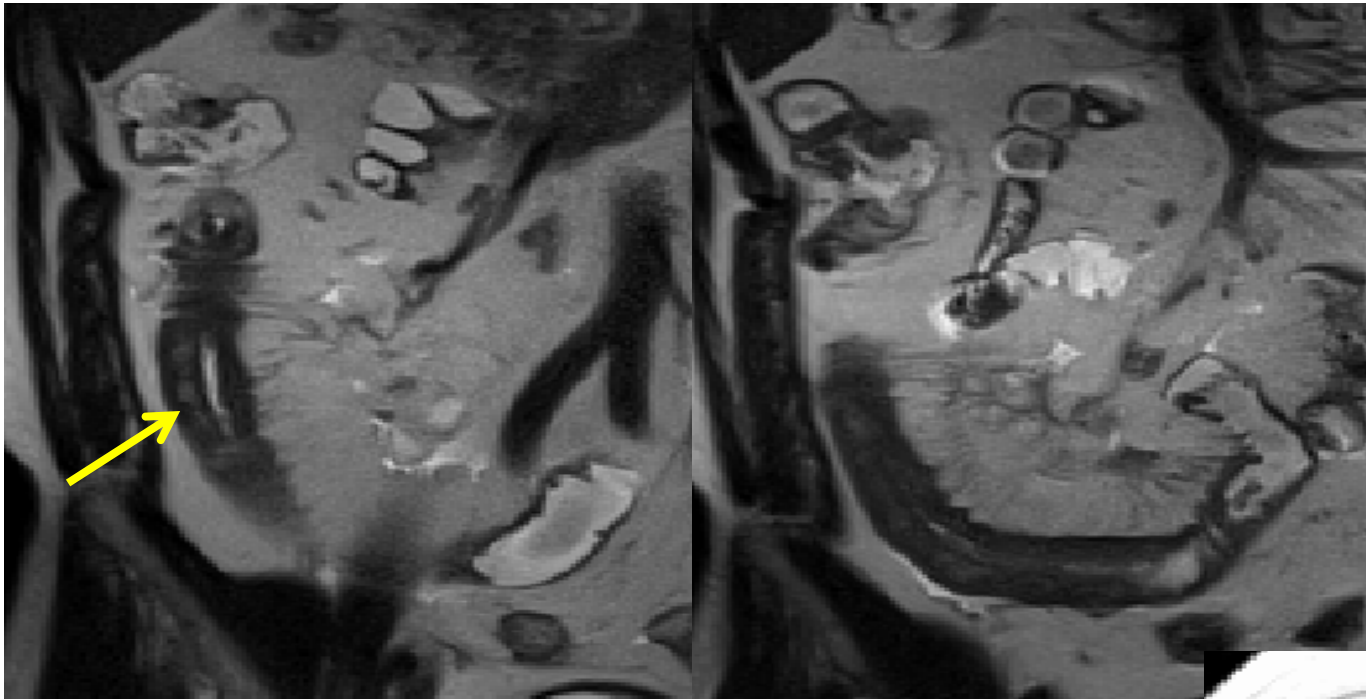
Lumen narrows without  
Upstream dilation

# Impressions

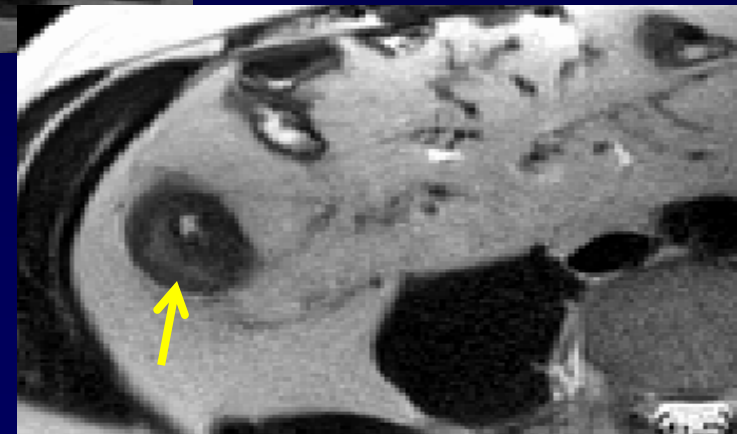
- Active Inflammatory Crohn's Disease
  - **With Luminal Narrowing**
  - **Without Upstream Dilation**
  - Wall Hyperenhancement
  - T2 Bright/Restricted Diffusion on MRE
  - Wall Thickening
  - Mesenteric Changes Present

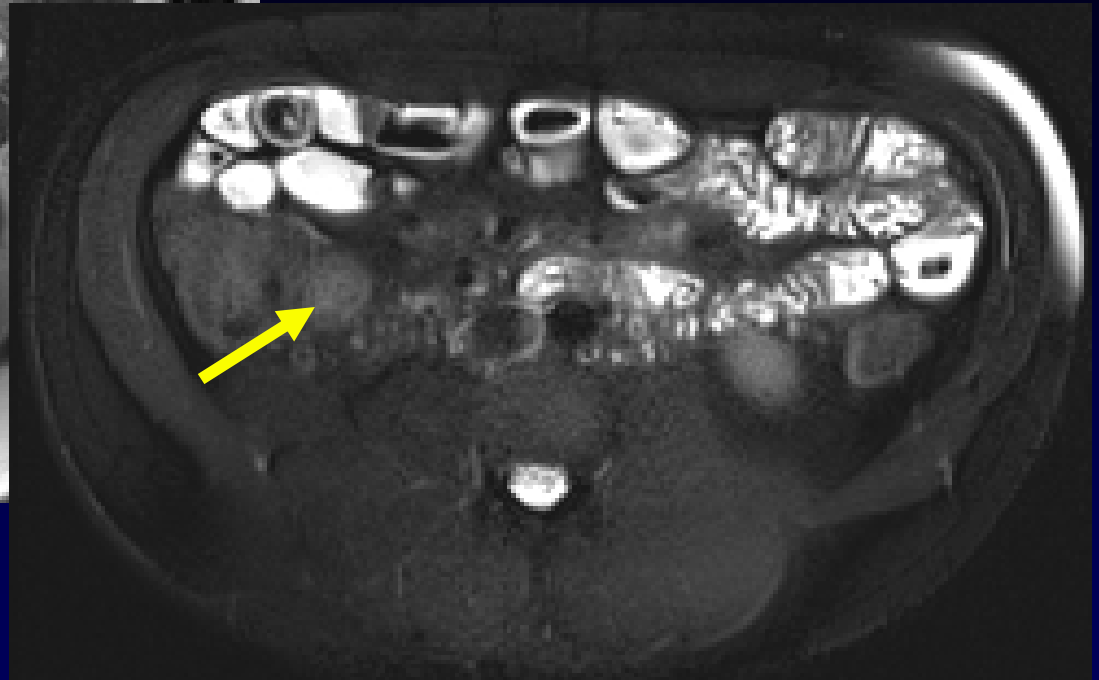
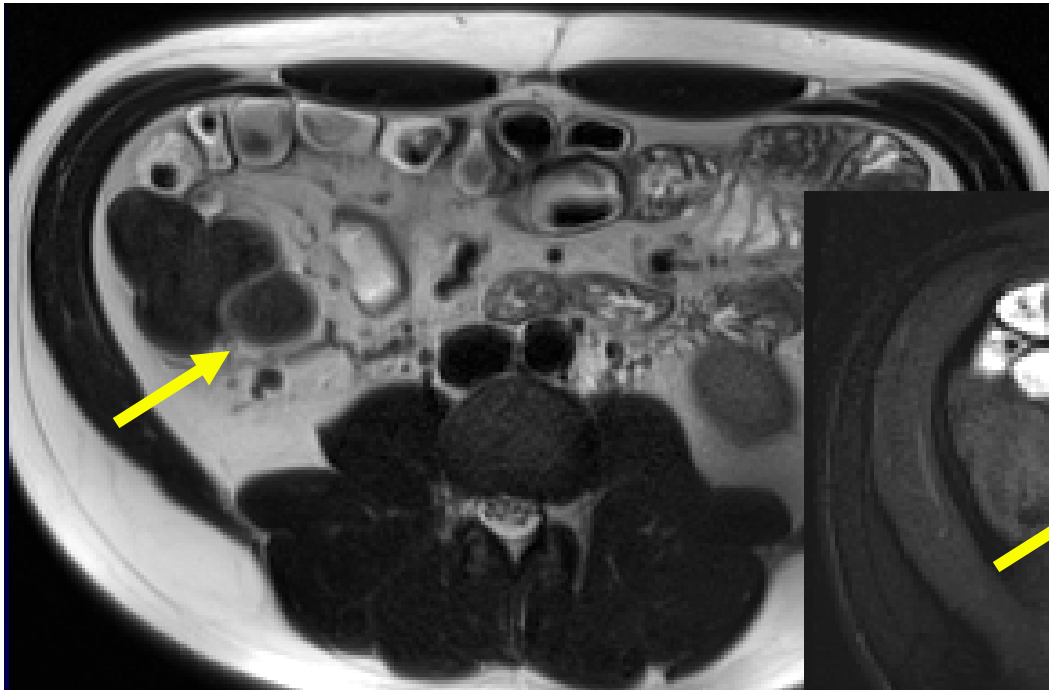


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WITH LUMINAL NARROWING  
WITHOUT UPSTREAM DILATION  
NEO-TI**



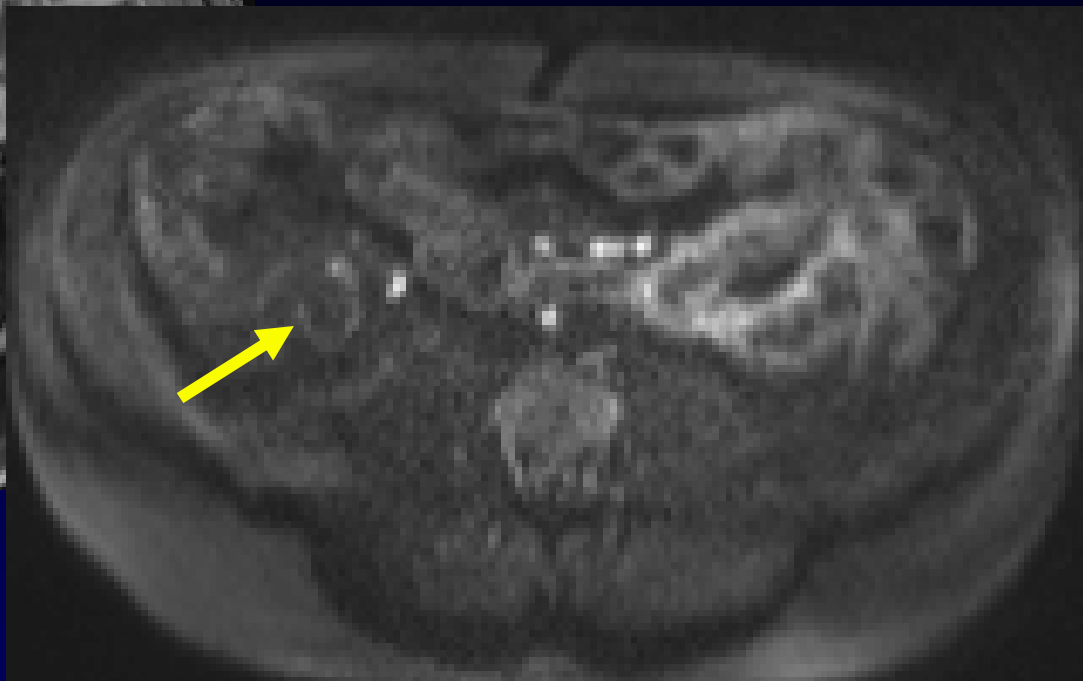
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**ACTIVE INFLAMMATORY  
SMALL BOWEL CROHN'S DISEASE  
SUBTLE T2 BRIGHT, RESTRICTED DIFFUSION  
HYPERENHANCING**





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Crohn's without Active  
Inflammation

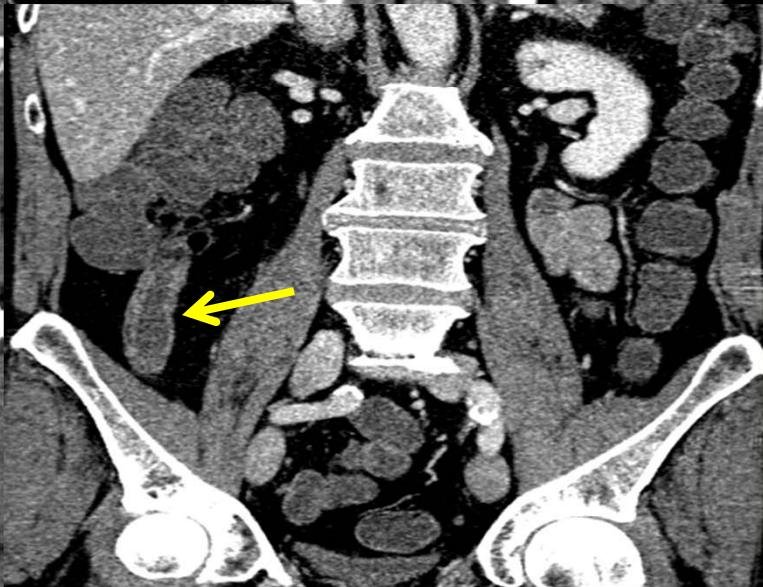
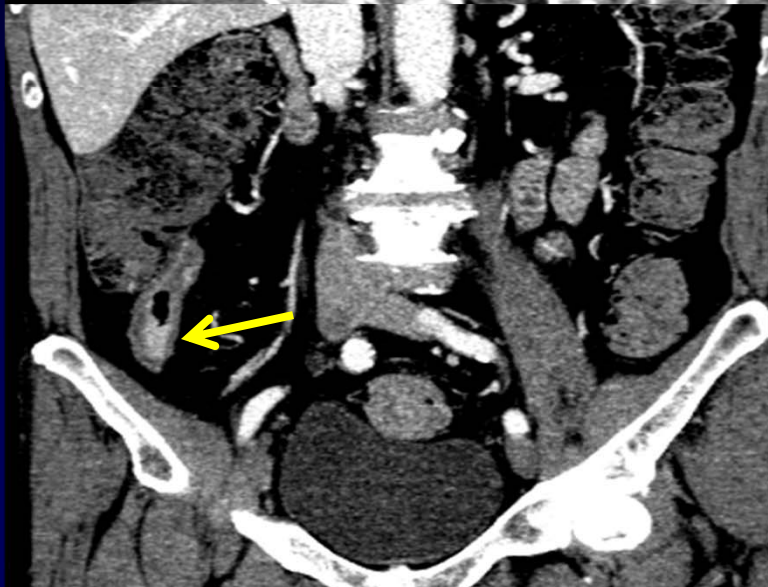
*(Evidence of prior disease required)*

Active Inflammatory Small  
Bowel Crohn's Disease

No luminal  
Narrowing

# Impressions

- Small Bowel C.D. without Active Inflammation
  - No Active Inflammation
    - Requires Prior Findings of Active Disease
  - No or Minimal Wall Enhancement
  - Not T2 Bright/No Restricted Diffusion on MRE
  - Wall Thickening Variably Present
  - Normal Lumen
  - No Mesenteric Changes Except Fatty Proliferation



2/12  
6-MP  
Started

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Neg

## Active Inflammatory Small Bowel Crohn's Disease

No luminal  
Narrowing



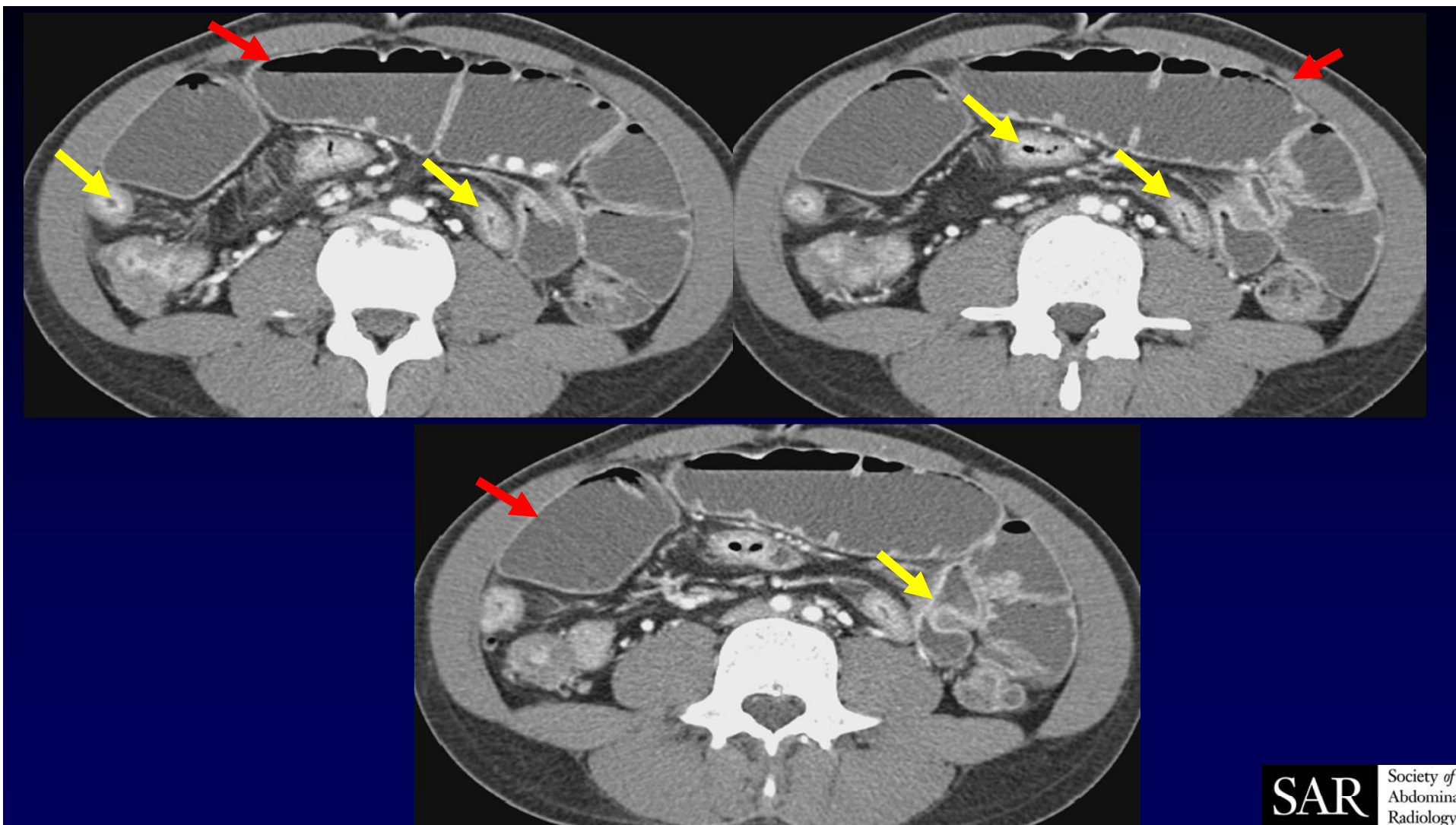
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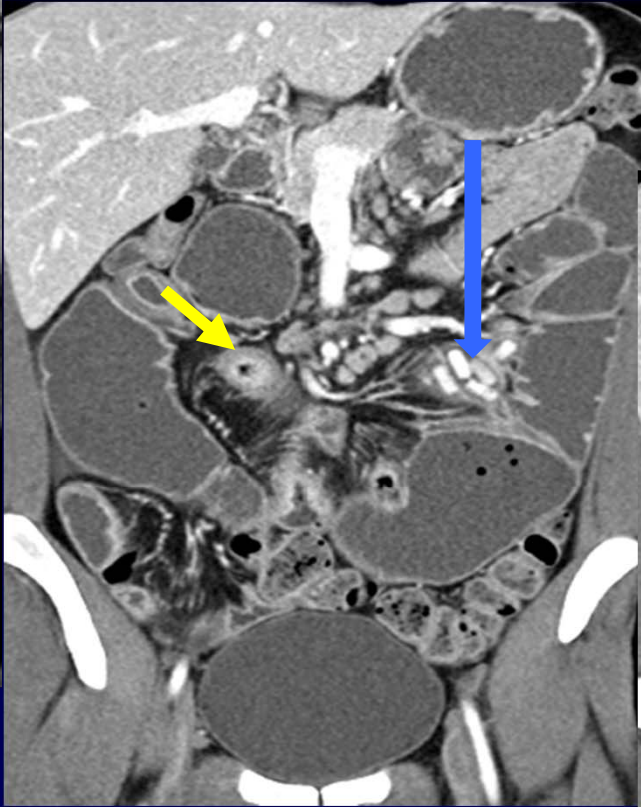
Stricture Development  
(unequivocal upstream dilation)

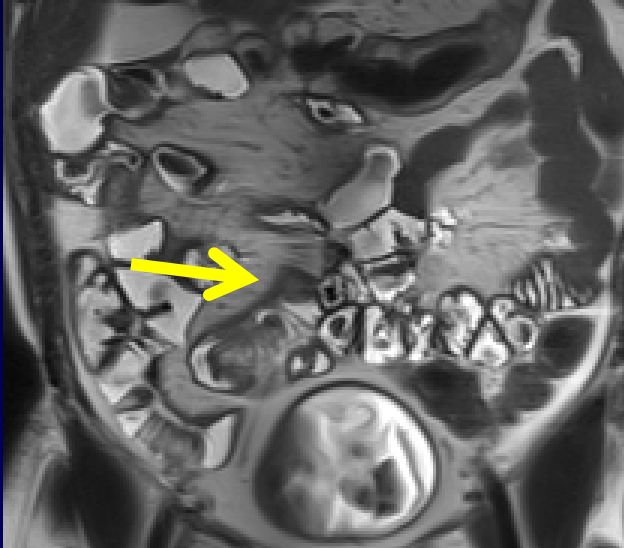
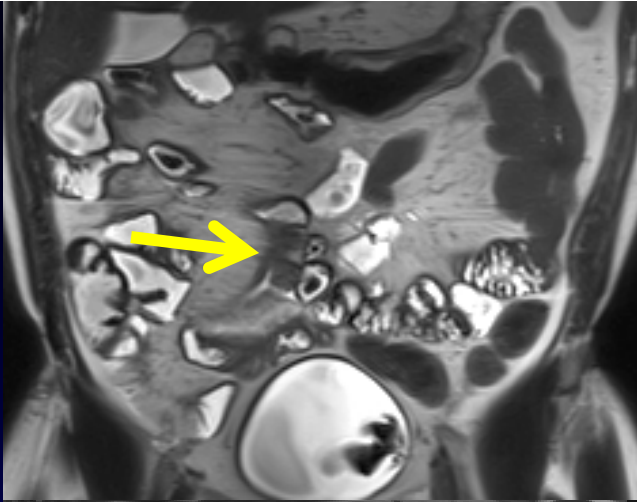
# Impressions

- Stricture Development; Crohn's Disease with Stricture and Active Inflammation
  - Luminal Narrowing
  - Upstream Dilation (> 3 cm)
    - Stricture Formation
  - Wall Thickening
  - Wall Hyperenhancement
  - T2 Bright/Restricted Diffusion on MRE
  - Mesenteric Changes Present
- Mixed Fibrostenotic Changed to Stenotic



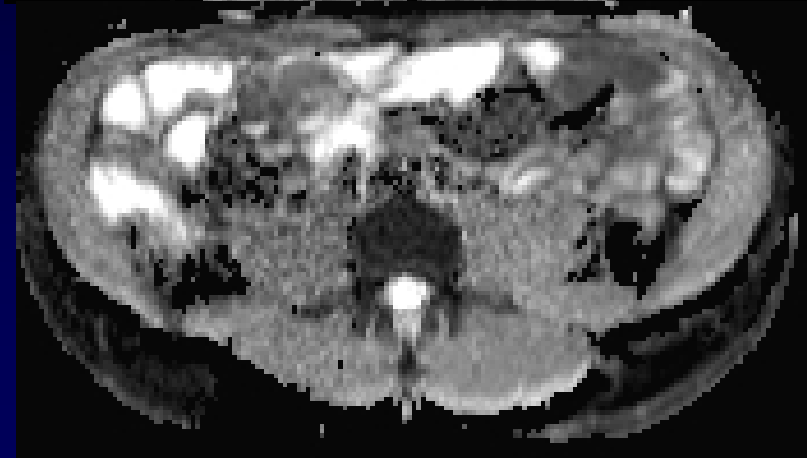
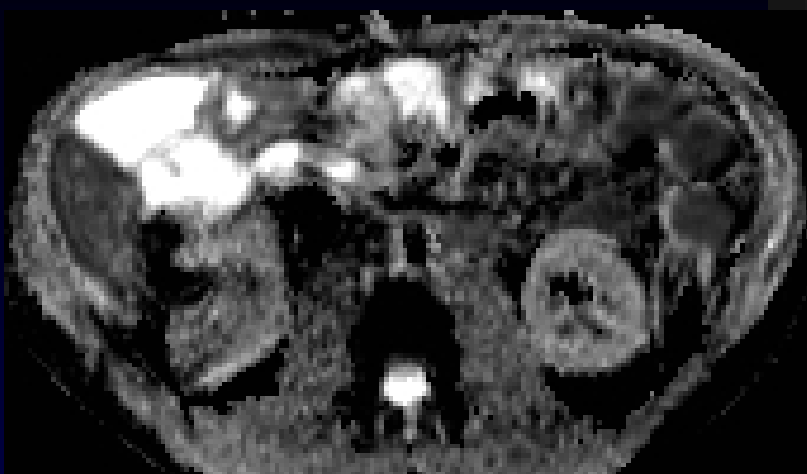


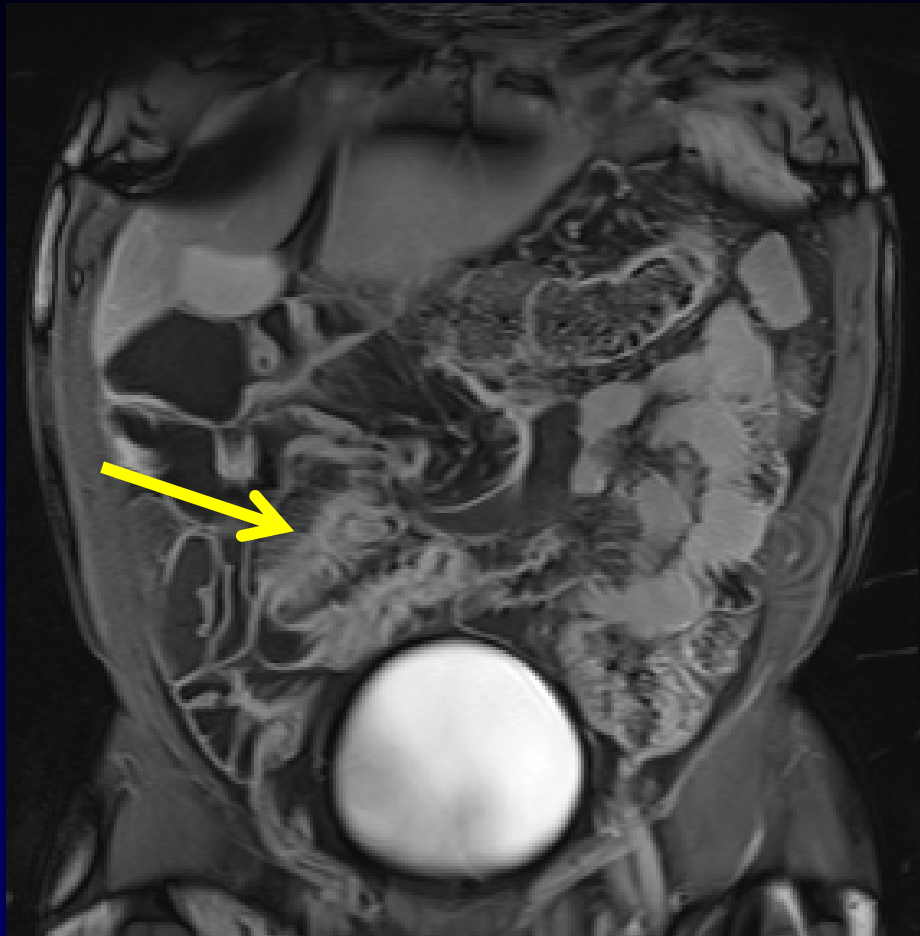


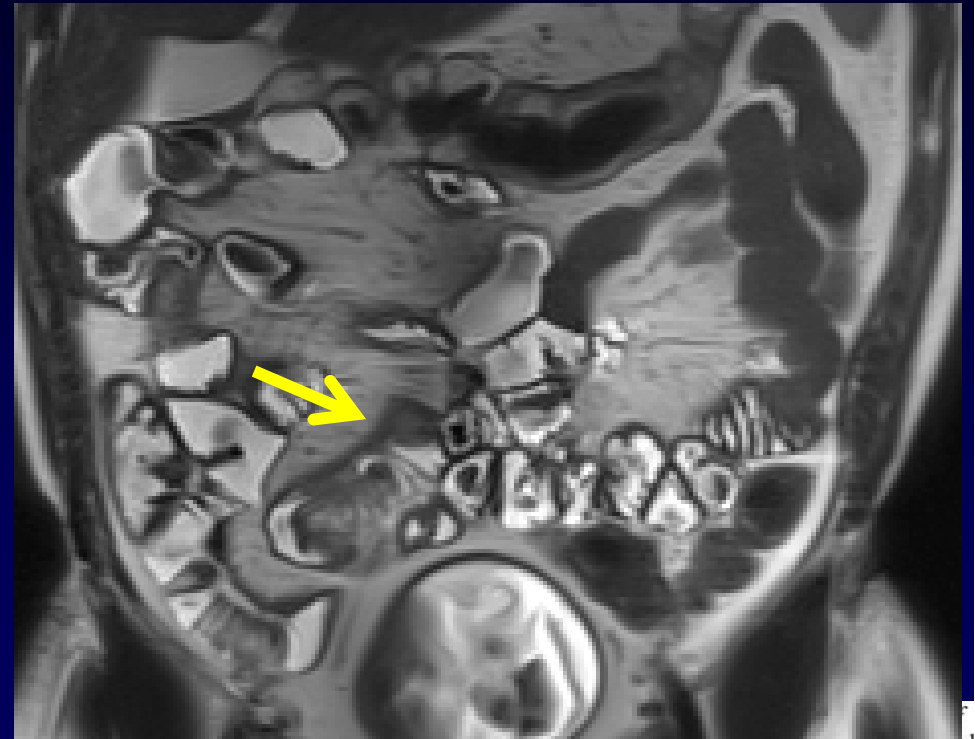
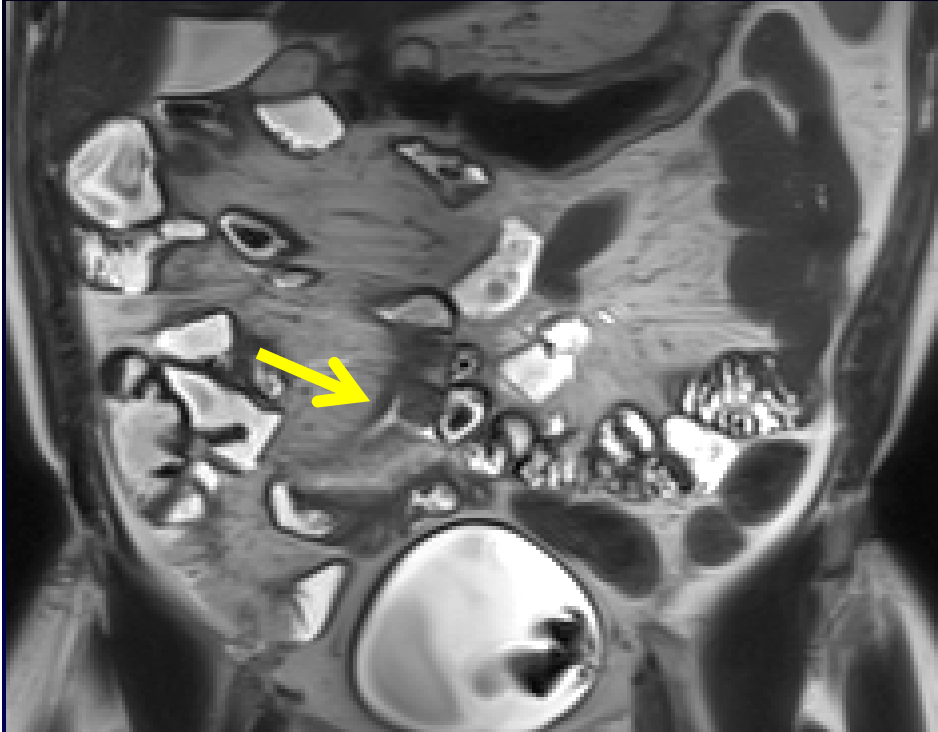












Active Inflammatory Small  
Bowel Crohn's Disease

No luminal  
Narrowing



Lumen narrows without  
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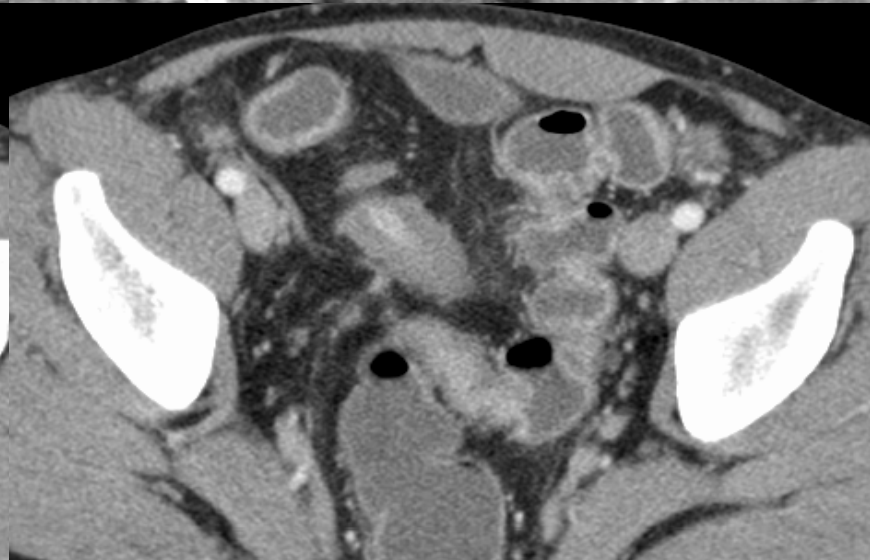
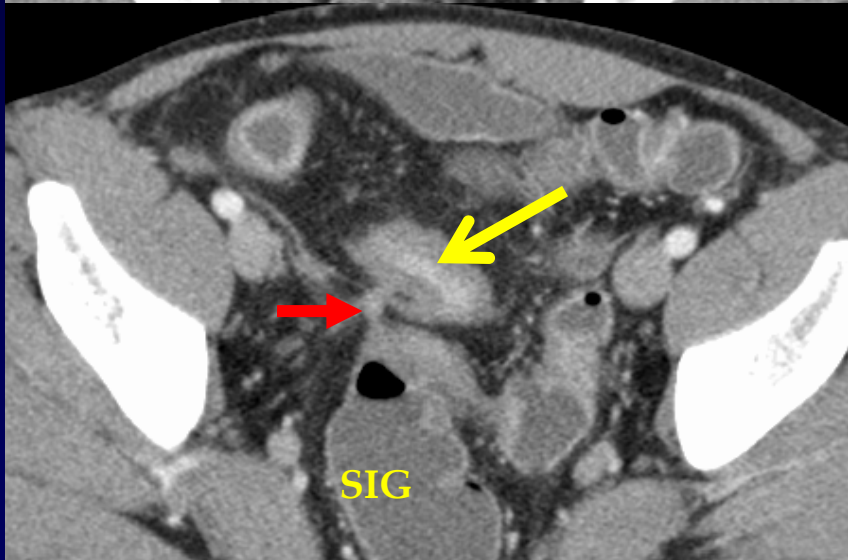
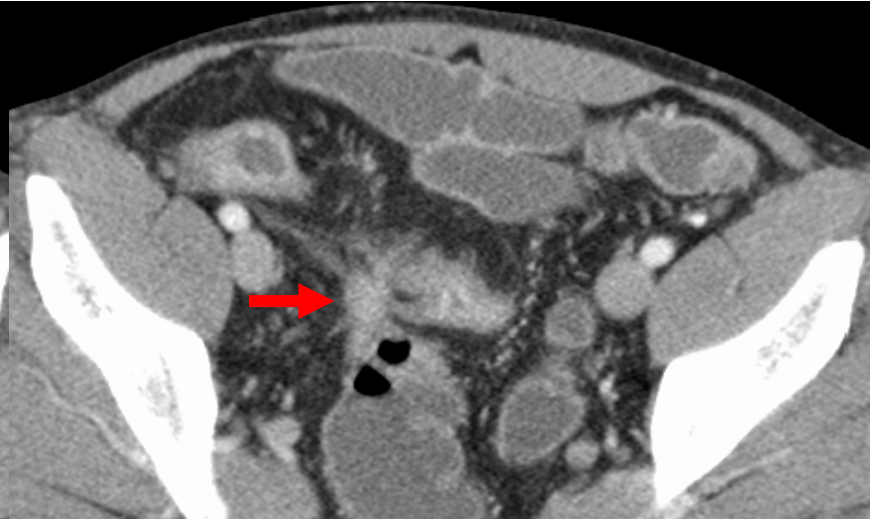
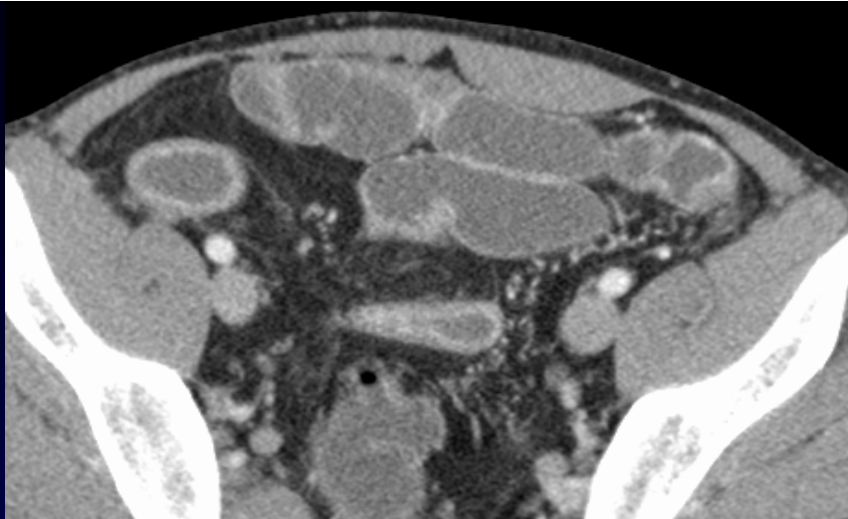
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Penetrating Disease

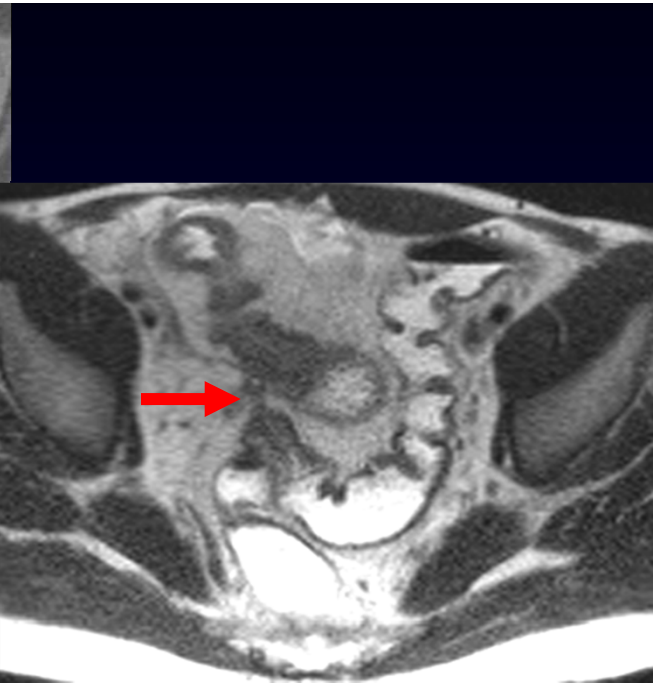
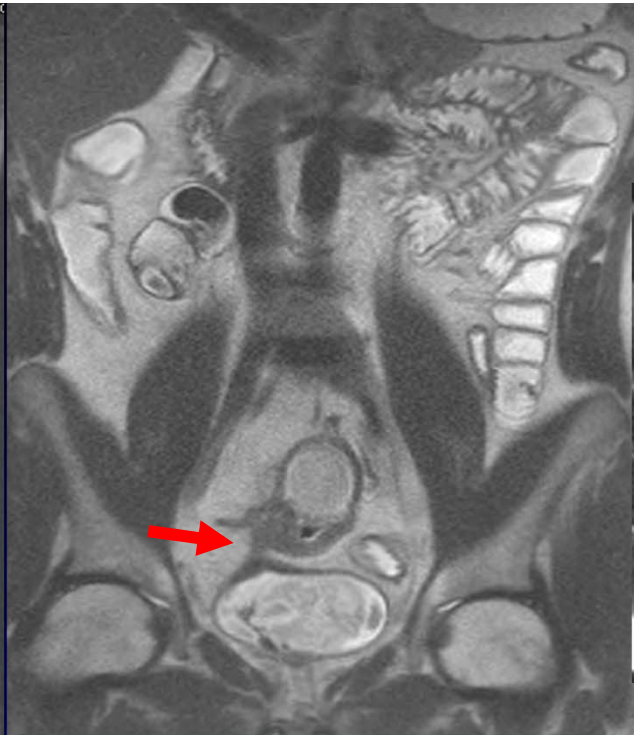
# Impressions

- Penetrating Crohn's Disease
  - Can Be Added to Active or Mixed CD
    - Mixed Disease Overwhelmingly the Most Likely Phenotype
    - ? As to Whether Penetrating Disease Exists with Fibrostenotic Disease When There is No Active Inflammatory Disease
      - I Have Never Seen This
  - Sinus Tract &/or Fistulae
  - Inflammatory Mass
  - Abscess
  - Free Perforation

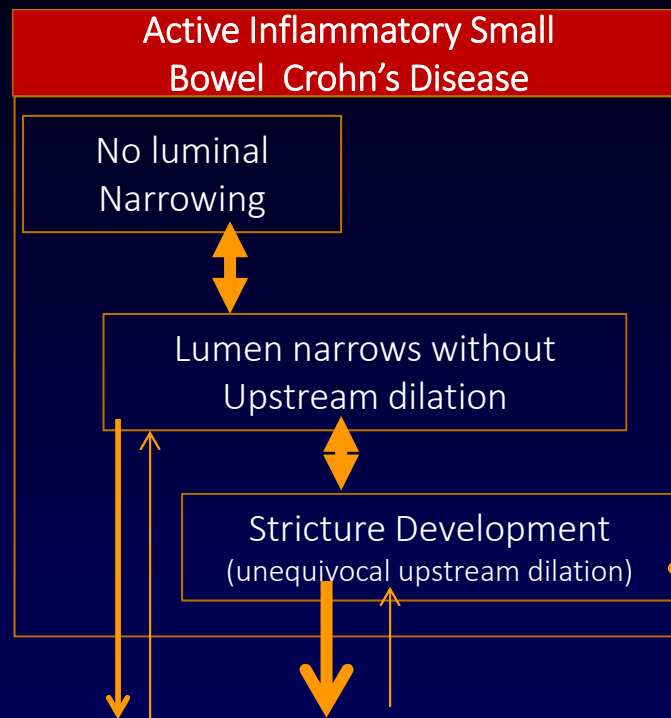








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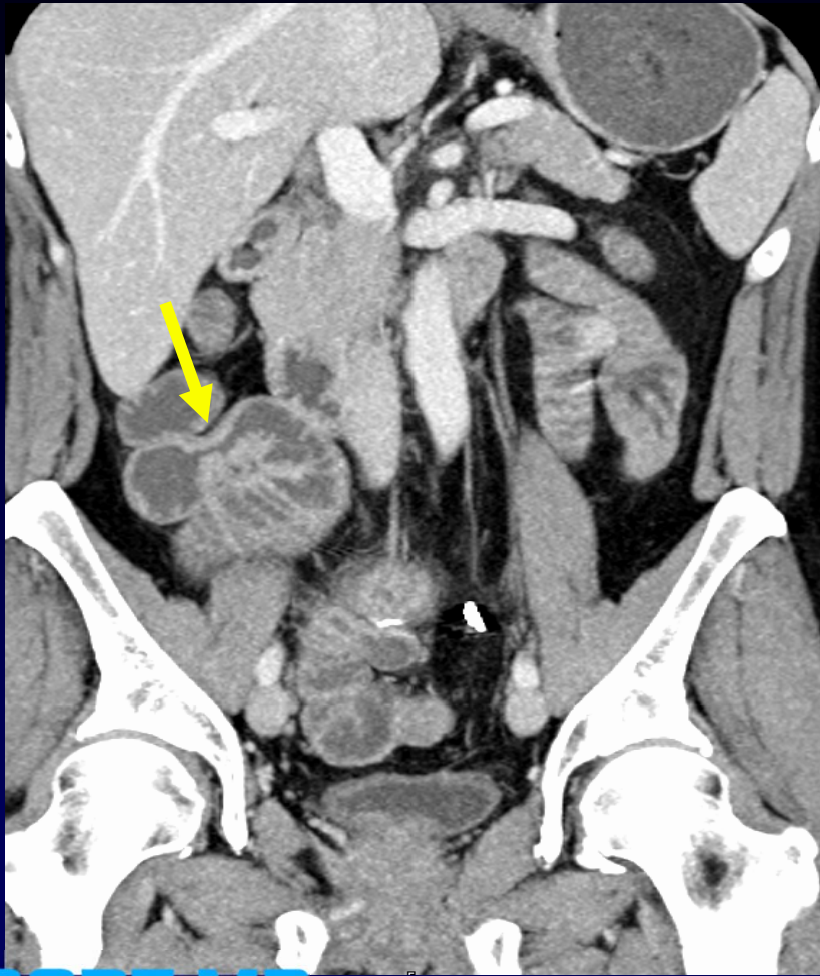
Stricture without active inflammation  
(with or without upstream dilation)

# Impressions

- **Stricture Development without Active Inflammation**
  - “Burned Out Crohn’s”
  - No Wall Thickening
  - Luminal Narrowing
  - Without or With Upstream Dilation
  - No or Minimal Wall Hyperenhancement
  - Not T2 Bright/Restricted Diffusion on MRE
  - No Mesenteric Changes
  - May Need to Eliminate “Fibro” & Just Call It Stenotic
    - “F” Word Anathema to Gastroenterologists



STRICTURED, D3 CHRON'S



Active Inflammatory Small  
Bowel Crohn's Disease

Nonspecific Small Bowel  
Inflammation

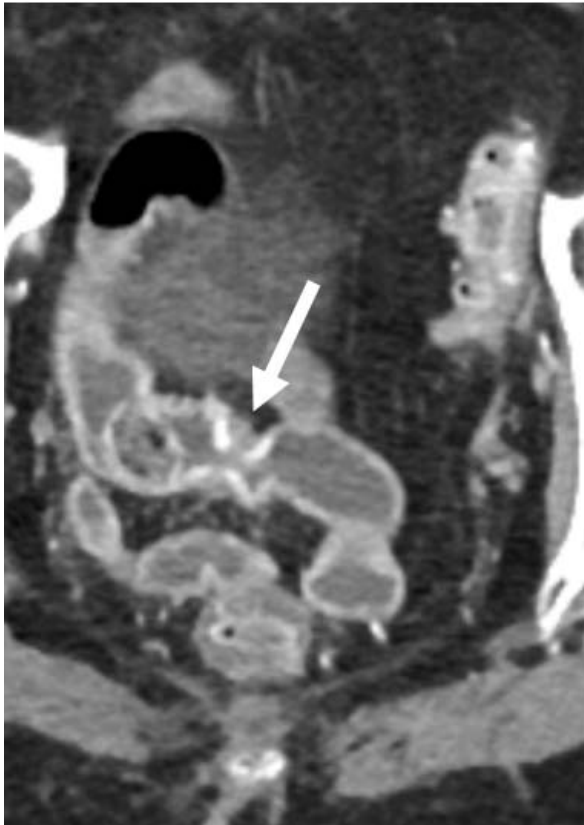


No Active Inflammatory Small Bowel  
Crohn's Disease



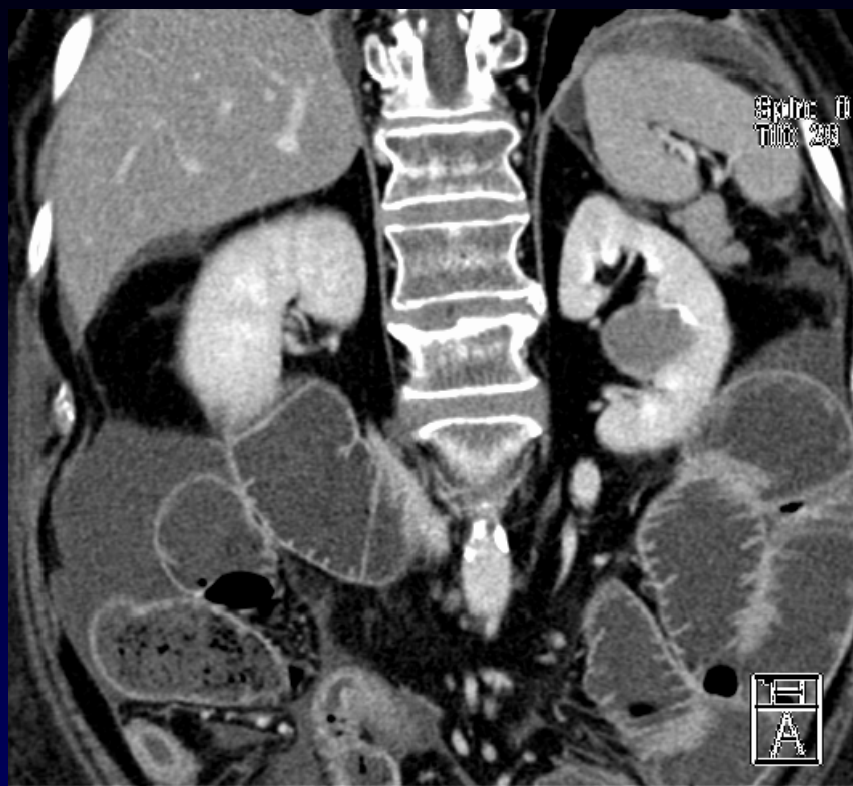
# Impressions

- **No Active Inflammatory Small Bowel CD**
  - No Mural Findings of Active Inflammation
  - Normal Study overall
  - Often Used for Patients with a Colitis
- **Nonspecific Inflammation**

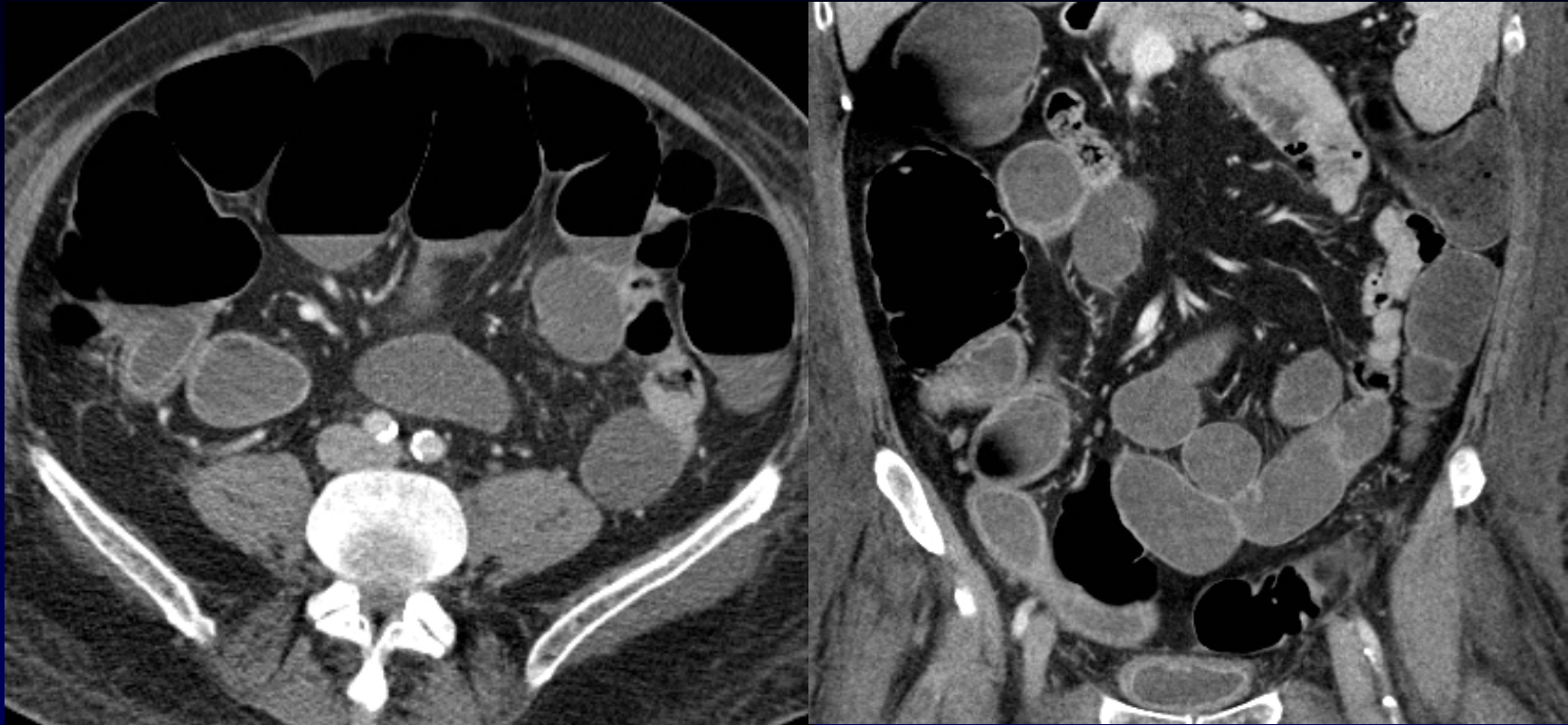


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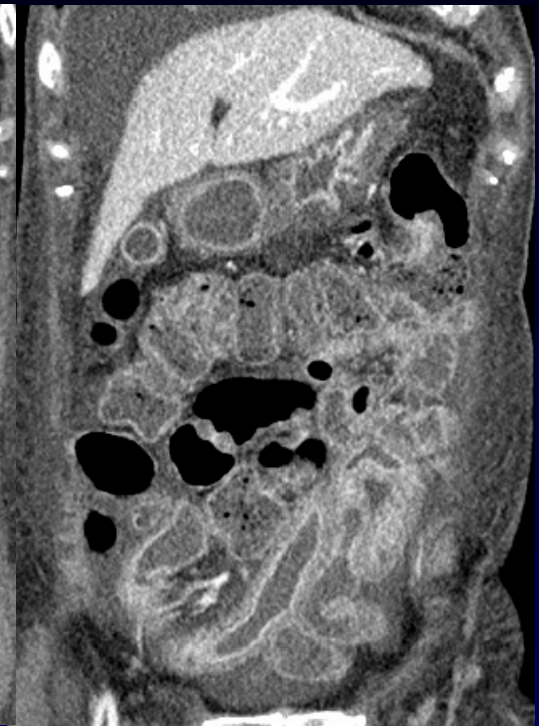
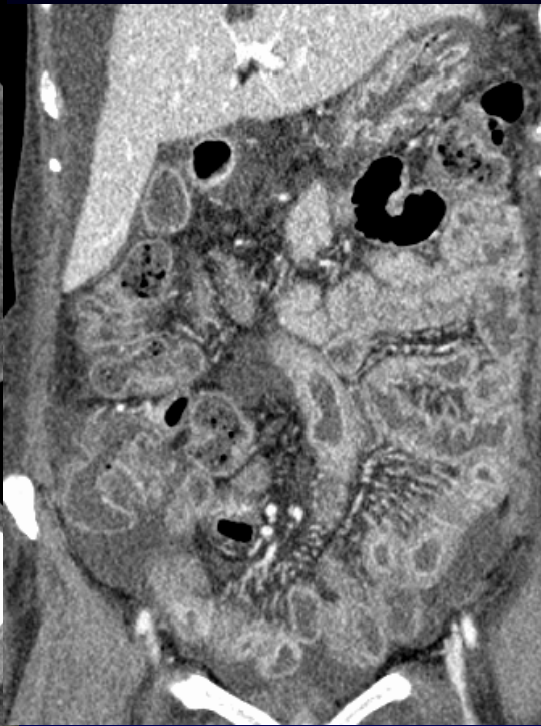
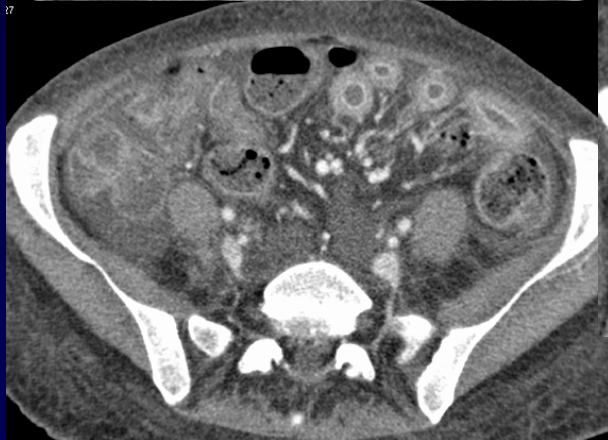
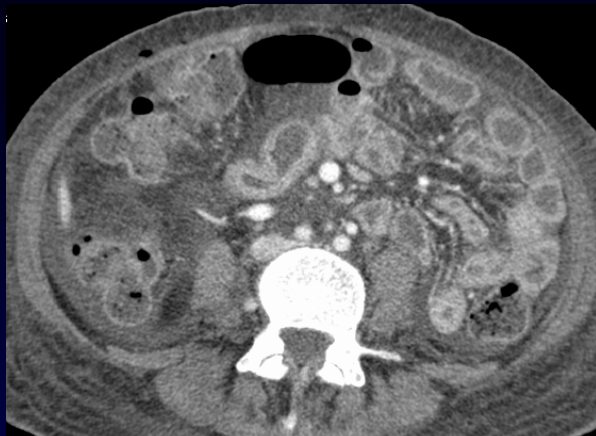




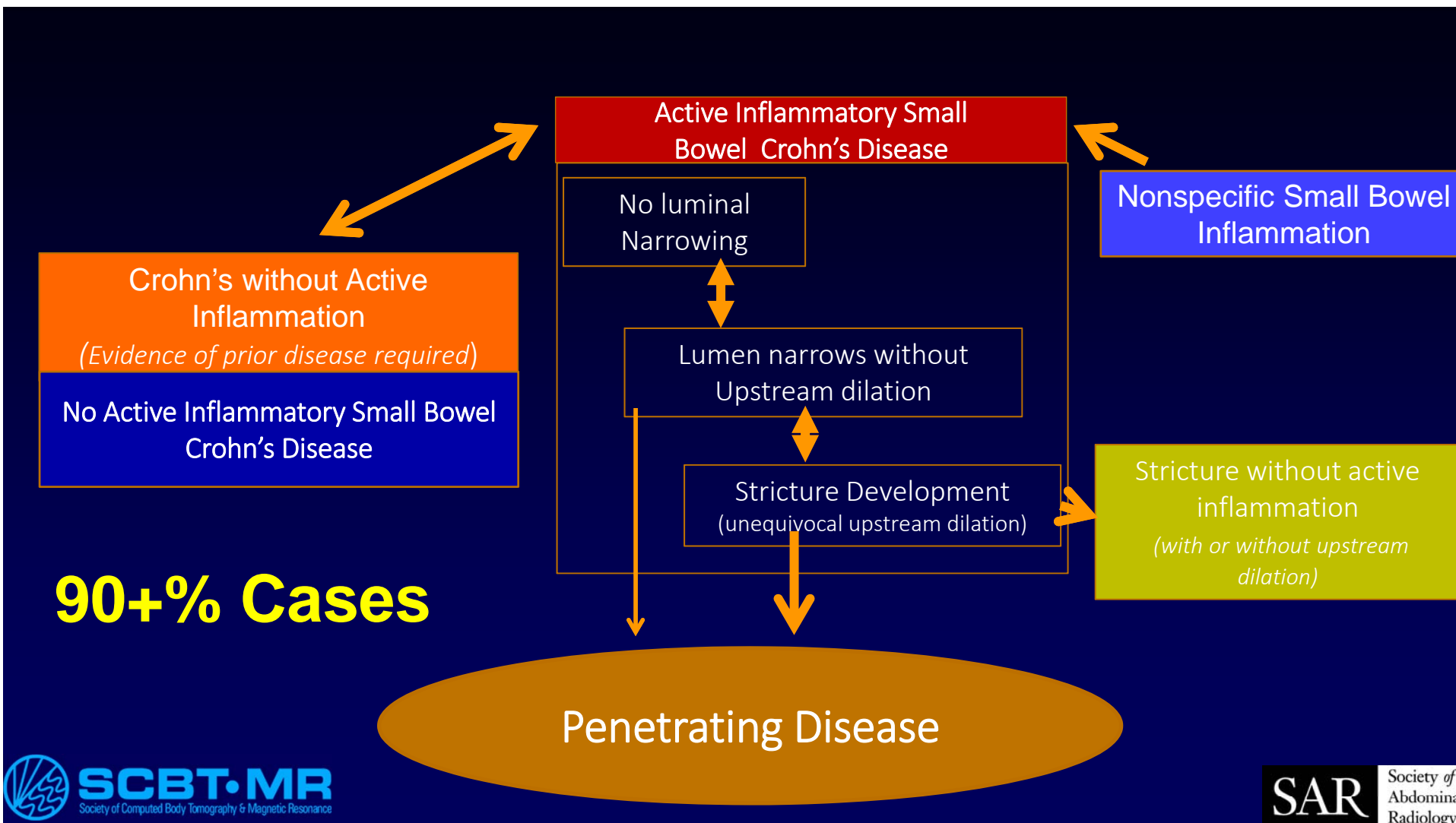
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## CELIAC DISEASE ULCERATIVE JEJUNOLIEITIS





# Imaging Approach to Small Bowel Findings

- Montreal/Vienna Phenotype Classification
  - Current Gastroenterology/Colorectal Surgery Morphologic Construct
- SAR/AGA/ASCRS/SSAT Image Based Morphologic Phenotypes
  - CTE & MRE Imaging Findings & Impressions
    - Based on Imaging Morphology
    - **Easily Applied to Lémann Score**

# Proposed Imaging Based Morphologic Phenotypes & Lémann Score

| SAR Impressions                                        | Lehmann Stricturing Lesion Grade | Penetrating Lesion Grade |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Crohn's without Active Inflammation                    | 0                                |                          |
| Active Inflammatory without Luminal Narrowing          | 1                                |                          |
| Active Inflammatory with Luminal Narrowing             | 2                                |                          |
| Stricture with Active Inflammation (Upstream Dilation) | 3                                |                          |
| Penetrating                                            |                                  | 3                        |

# SAR Nomenclature

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  - Joint Publication





