Ultrasound Techniques for Evaluation of Urinary Bladder Function and Diagnosis of Breast Abnormalities

Abstract: This talk presents 2 modalities where ultrasound is used in different ways for diagnostic purposes. The first modality is for evaluation of functional aspect of urinary bladder in patients with neurogenic bladders. In current clinical practice, bladder compliance is assessed through an invasive procedure called urodynamic studies by which the internal bladder pressure is measured at different filling volumes. This procedure requires substantial hospital resources and is not well tolerated by patients. The new ultrasound technique can provide similar information noninvasively while requiring only minimal resources. The second modality is a technique for differentiation of suspicious breast masses. This technique is based on the slow deformation rate of tissue to quantitatively measure the viscoelastic response of tissue at very low frequencies and captures tissue characteristics that are missed in conventional elastography. This modality has been tested on a group of patients and the results show high accuracy in differentiation of such masses.

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