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Intraoperative US of the Liver: Techniques and Clinical Application

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Role of Intraoperative US

IntraOperative UltraSound (IOUS) of the liver provides the operating surgeon with useful real-time diagnostic and staging information

- Intraoperative stadiation of parenchimal disease
 - Mapping of tumor nodules
 - Localization of impalpable lesion deep in the liver
- Definition of intrahepatic pedicle anatomy and relationship between tumor and main intrahepatic vascular structures
 - Tumor infiltration of vascular structures
 - Tumor infiltration of biliary tracts
- Resection guidance
 - → Definition of type of liver resection
 - Ensure radical resection



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- Liver biopsy guidance
- Radio-frequency ablation of neoplasm deep in liver parenchyma



IOUS - Diagnosis

The impact of IOUS on the operative decisionmaking, when compared with pre-operative strategy, is reported to be around 18-29% of cases

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Technical aspects

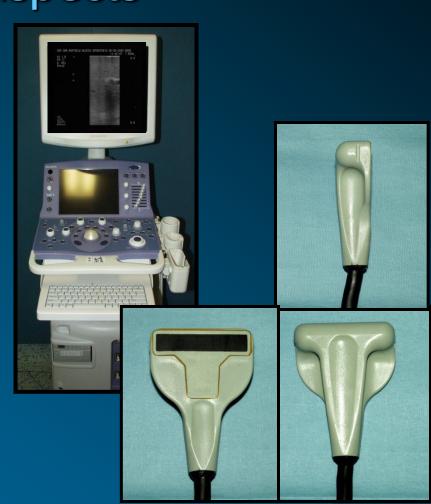
- → Equipment
 - → Ultrasound system
 - ✓ Mobile, small dimentions
 - √ 19" High resolution monitor
 - ✓ Printer
 - ✓ B-mode, Color Doppler flow



Technical aspects

→ Equipment

- → Laparotomic probe
 - Low-temperature hydrogen peroxid gas plasma sterilization (Sterrad)
 - T-shaped transducer (fit comfortably against the palm of the hand and between fingers)
 - ✓ Scanning range: 5 7.5 MHz
 - Linear scanning



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Technical aspects

Linear scanning



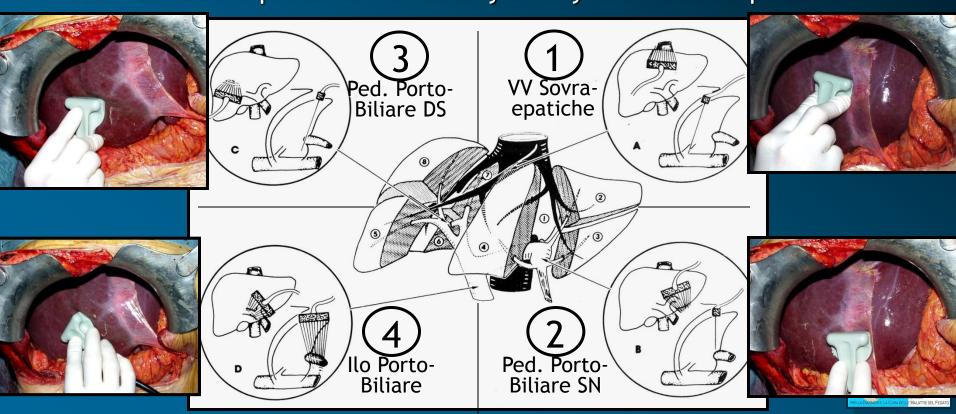
Convex scanning



IOUS – Liver anatomy

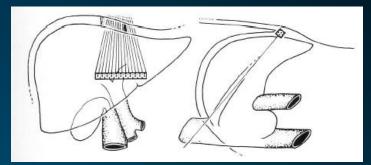
Examination technique

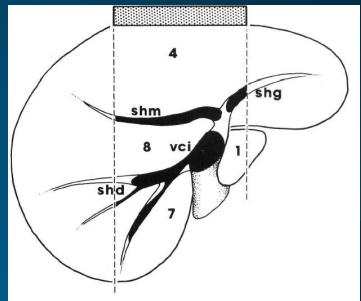
- Incomplete mobilization of the liver
- Probe in contact with liver surface
- Standardized exploration to identify biliary and vascular pedicles



Caval confluence and anatomy of hepatic veins

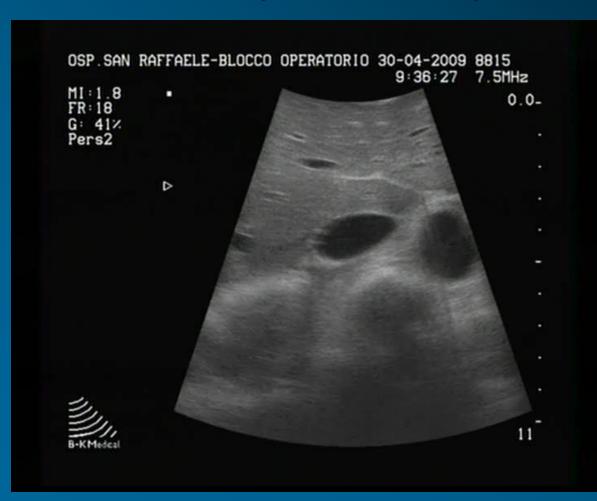


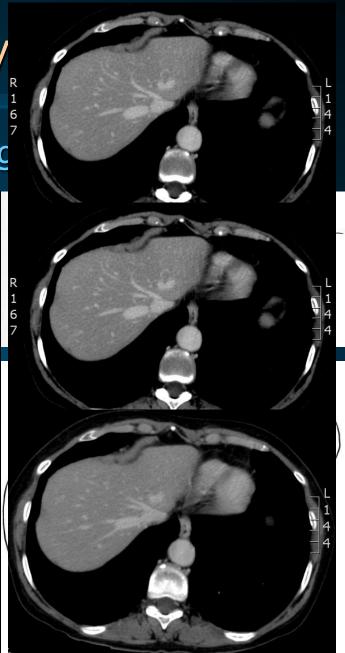




Caval confluence and anatomy

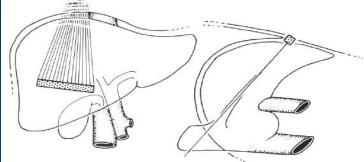
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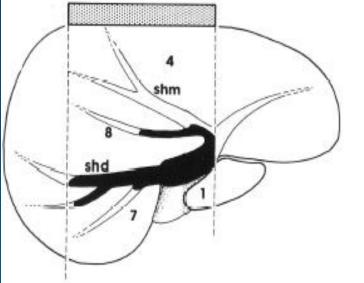




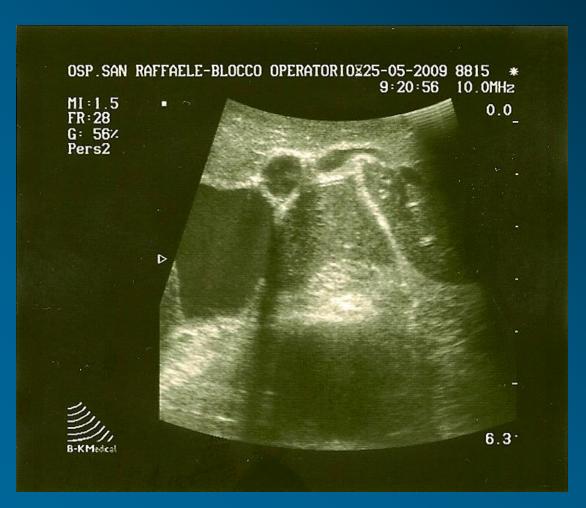
Anatomy of hepatic veins

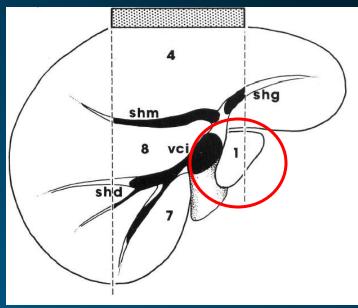






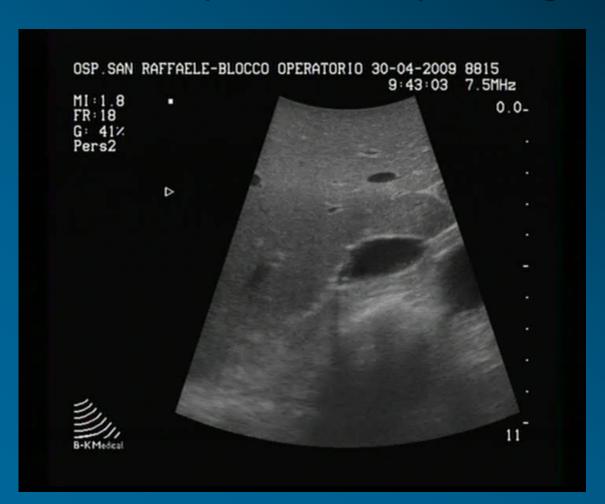
Spigelian lobe and Arantius' ligament

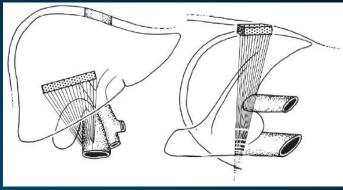


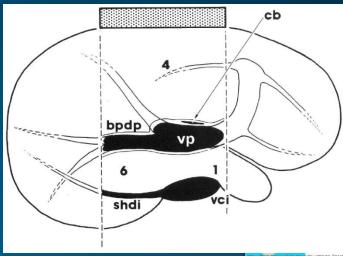




Portal bifurcation

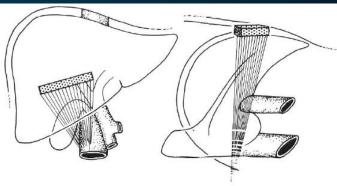


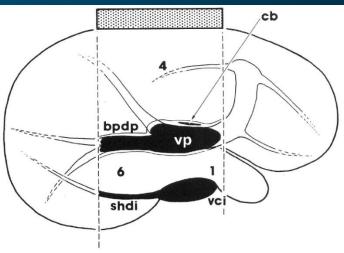




Portal bifurcation and Right Portal Branch

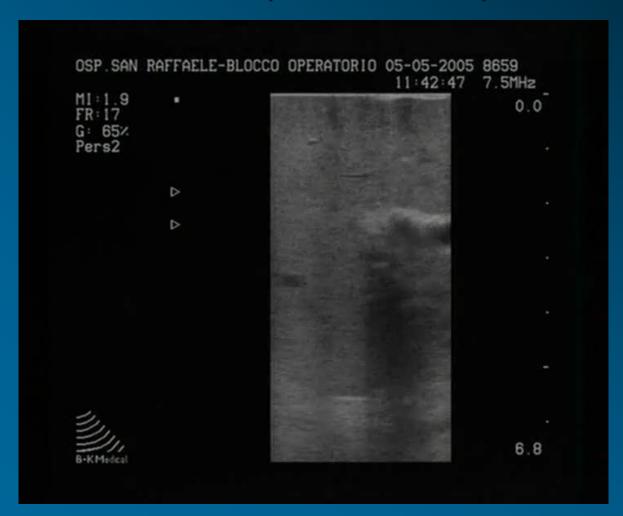


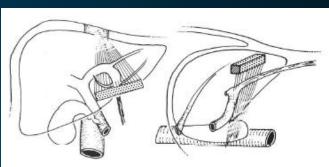


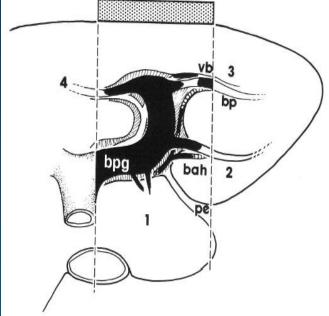


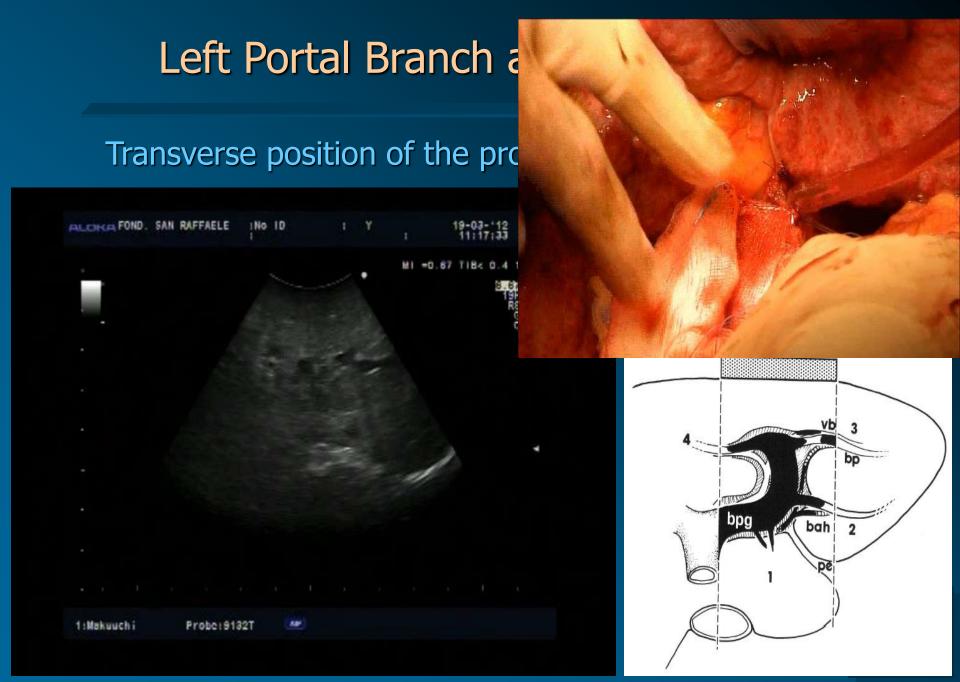
Left Portal Branch and Rex Recess

Transverse position of the probe over round ligament

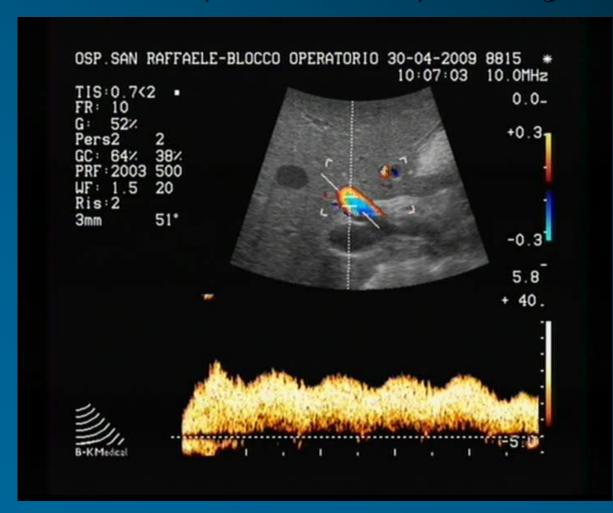


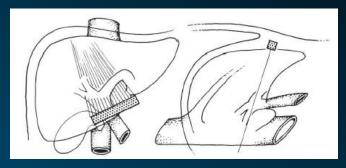


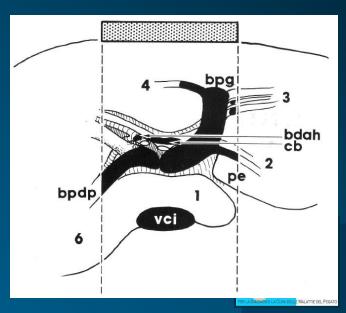




Porta Hepatis – Flow analyses

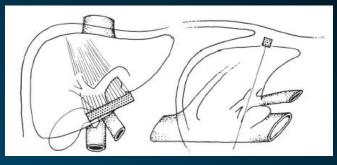


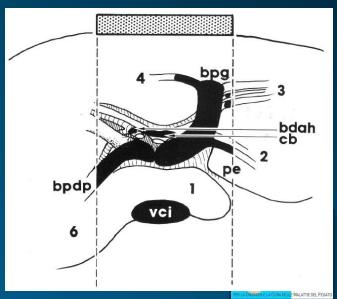




Porta Hepatis – Inflow analyses



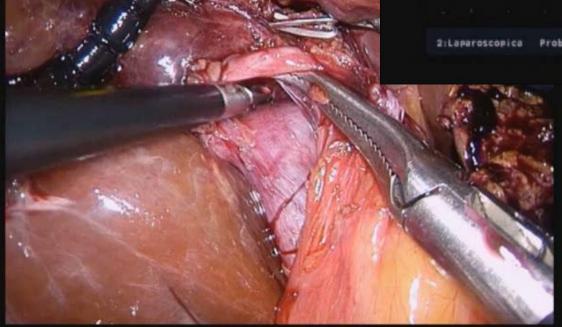




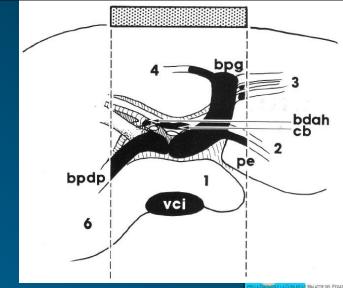
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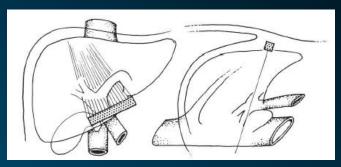


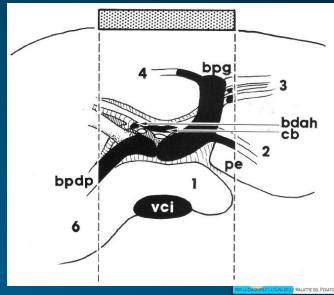
Portal vein ligation



Porta Hepatis – Biliary confluence anatomy

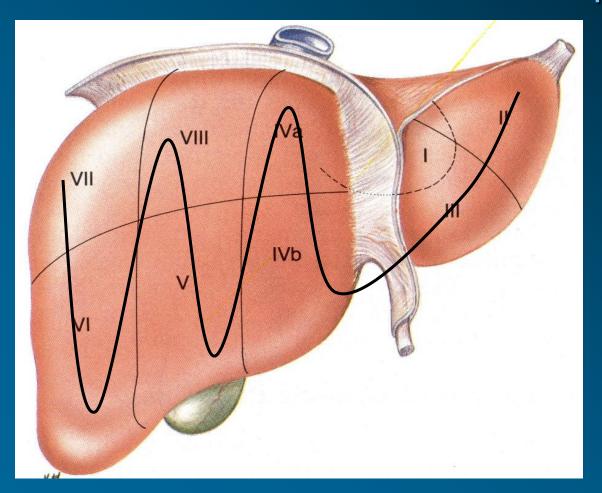






IOUS – Resection guidance

Examination technique



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Technical aspects

- → Equipment
 - Laparoscopic probe
 - Low-temperature hydrogen peroxid gas plasma sterilization (Sterrad)
 - Flexible probe in one or two axes
 - ✓ Scanning range: 7.5 13 MHz
 - Convex scanning



IOUS – Resection guidance

Intraoperative stadiation of disease



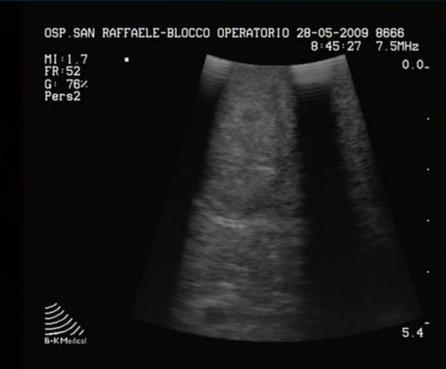




IOUS – Resection guidance

Radical laparoscopic resection







IOUS – Radio-frequency ablation

