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Epididymal Cyst

An epididymal cyst is a sac of fluid found in the epididymis.

The epididymis is a coiled tube situated behind the testis. It conveys sperm from the testis to the vas deferens.

*Know ye not that a little leaven
leaveneth the whole lump?*

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Incidence

These are very common.

Age

They occur at any age in adults.

Sex

It is only found in males.

Types

There are two types. Epididymal cysts contain clear fluid. Spermatoceles contain spermatozoa.



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Presentation

They often present as painless lumps separate from the testis. They transilluminates (glow when a bright light is shone through it).

Differential Diagnosis

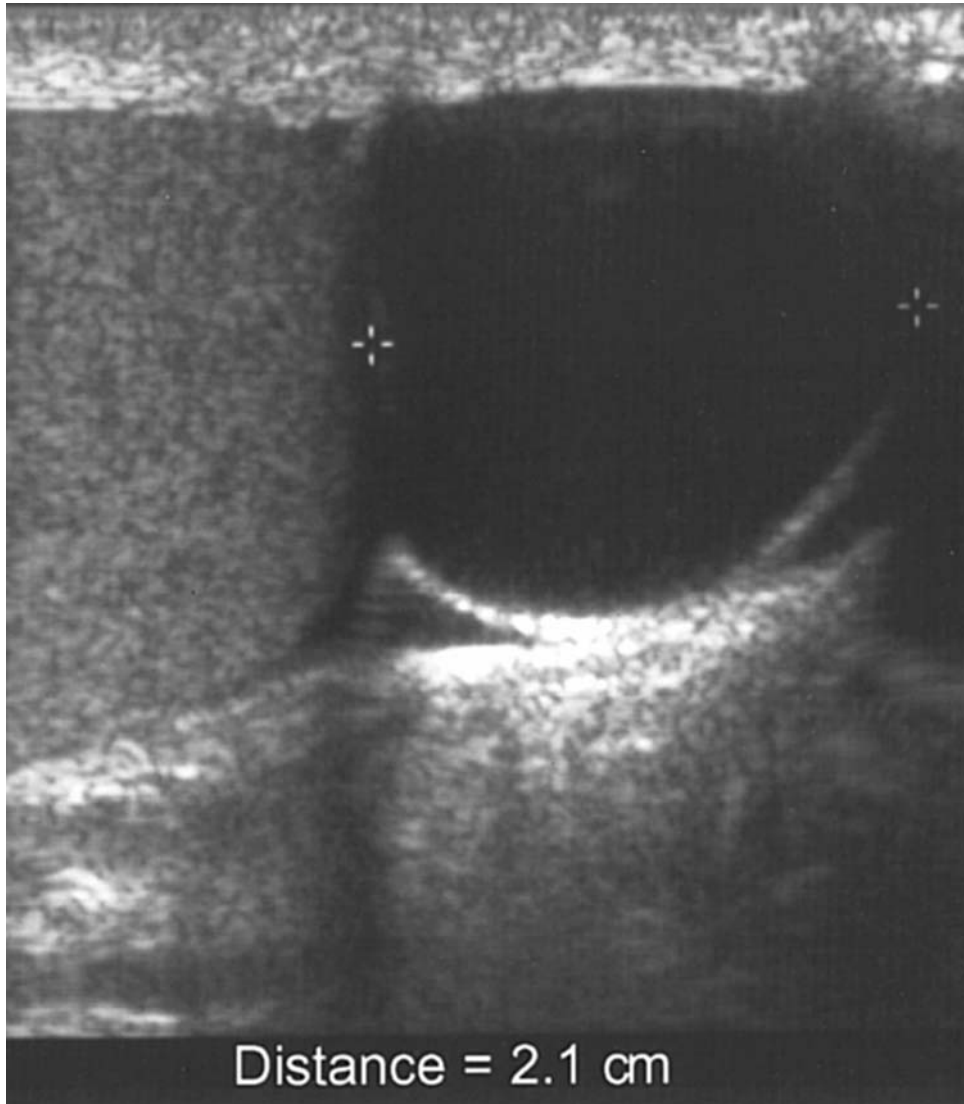
The differential diagnosis is testicular tumours, hydroceles, epididymitis, sperm granulomas and varicoceles

Investigations

Most cysts are diagnosed by physical examination. They can be confirmed by ultrasound.



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Ultrasound scan of epididymal cyst

Treatment

Most cysts require no treatment as they are asymptomatic. Surgical excision is also performed especially if they are symptomatic.

Complications

Complications include wound infections and bruising.