

# THYROID EXAMINATION

**H:** Hello “Introduce yourself , take permission & Confirm patient identity”

**E:** Explain What are going to do & Exposure “ (NIPPLES & Above)”

**L:** Light

**P:** Privacy “ ask for chaperone” & **Position** “ Sitting ”

## **GENERAL examination**

**Hands:** thyroid acropachy , Sweaty hand , fine Tremor , palmar erythema and pulse .

**Eyes:** exophthalmos , lid retraction, lid lag and Ophthalmoplegia (eye movement).

**Face:** dry coarse hair, periorbital puffiness or loss of lateral 1/3 of eyebrows .

**Lower limb:** pretibial myxedema.

## **Neck Examination**

### **Inspection**

From the **front** with the patient slightly extending his neck.

- 1- Symmetry
- 2- Swelling
- 3- Scars
- 4- Ask the patient to **swallow** and to **protrude his tongue**

### **Palpation (Is There Any Pain ?)**

#### **Palpation from Front**

- Tracheal deviation
- Tenderness
- Any masses

#### **Palpation from behind**

- Palpate the 2 lobes of the thyroid
- Ask the patient to swallow while palpation
- Cervical and supraclavicular LNs

**Percussion** (Percuss over the sternum if dull → Retrosternal goiter)

### **Auscultation**

Over the neck for thyroid bruit

Thank the patient and clean your hands

# ABDOMINAL EXAMINATION

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**E:** Explain What are going to do & **Exposure** “ xiphisternum to the symphysis pubis,”

**L:** Light

**P:** **Privacy** “ ask for chaperone” & **Position** “ SUPINE (lying flat) ”

## GENERAL examination

**Hands:** Clubbing, Koilonychia (spoon-shaped nails) and signs of chronic liver disease, including leuconychia (white nails), Flapping Tremor , Dupuytren’s Contracture and palmar erythema .

**Eyes:** Conjunctival pallor , Scleral Jaundice and Red eye .

**Face:** Mouth for IDA (angular cheilitis , atrophic glossitis) ,B12 Def. (beefy raw tongue) and Aphthous ulcer , Parotid enlargement .

**Neck:** for lymph nodes (Scalene LNs).

**Chest :** Gynecomastia , Hair Distribution & Spider Naevi.

## Abdominal Examination

### Inspection(from 2 Sites)

From the **foot** of the bed & from **Right** Side of the patient

- 1- Symmetry of the Abdomen
- 2- Umbilicus (central & inverted)
- 3- Abdominal Respiration
- 4- Attached devices & drains

- 1- Visible Scars
- 2- Superficial masses or swelling
- 3- Visible Dilated veins
- 4- Skin bruising

### Palpation (Is There Any Pain ? If so; leave that area to the last.)

- 1- **Superficial Palpation :** a.Gain patient’s confidence. b.Superficial Masses & Superficial Tenderness.
- 2- **Deep Palpation :** a.Deep Masses. b.Deep Tenderness.
- 3- **Palpation For Organomegaly:** - Liver, Spleen & Kidneys.
  - A. hepatomegaly: start from RIF move your hand **vertically** with each inspiration.  
**Liver SPAN** by Percussion starting from Right 5<sup>th</sup> intercostal space till **dullness appears**.
  - B. Splenomegaly: start from RIF move your hand **obliquely** with each inspiration.
  - C. Kidney : Ballotement test & Renal angle tenderness .

### Percussion (Percuss all over 9 regions)

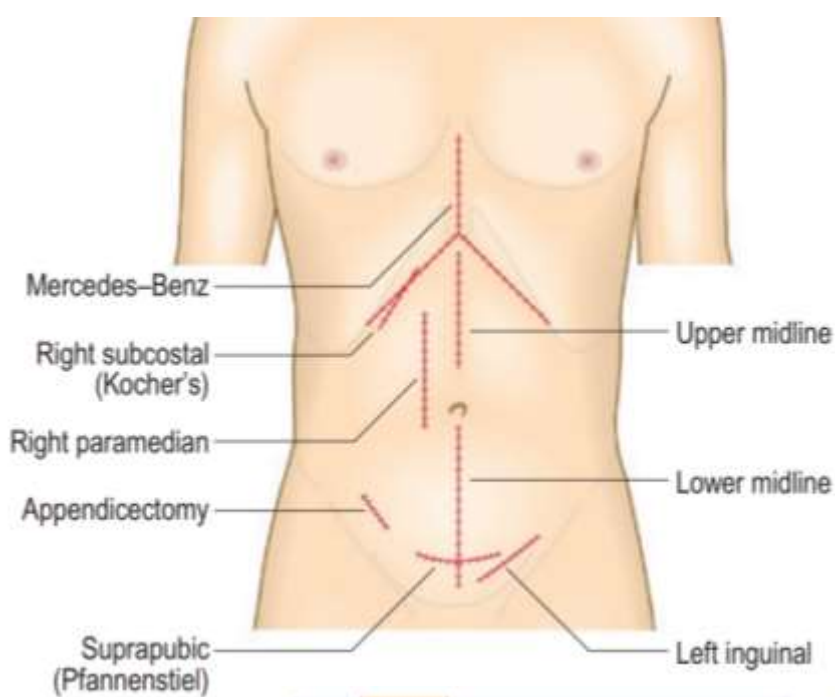
- Normally it should be **tympanic**
- Over mass or fluid (**dull**)
- Percuss for Ascites (**Shifting dullness** “mild to moderate” & **Transmitted Thrills**).

### Auscultation:

- Auscultate for bowel sounds “ at ileocecal valve” & for bruit over renal & iliac arteries.

Mention that you have to do DRE & hernial orifices exam.

Thank the patient and Clean your hands



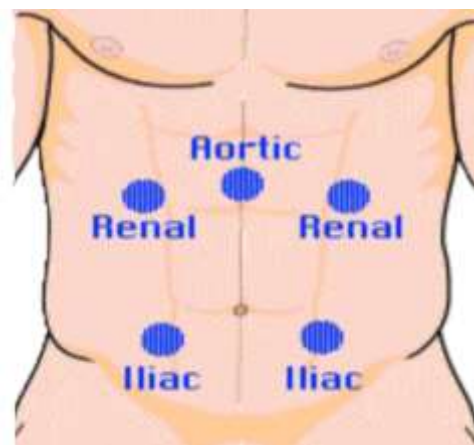
Palpation of the liver.



**Fig. 6.16 Palpation of the spleen.** **A** Initial palpation for the splenic edge moving diagonally from the umbilicus to the left hypochondrium. **B** If the spleen is impalpable by the method shown in A, use your left hand to pull the ribcage forward and elevate the spleen, making it more likely to be palpable by your right hand.



**Fig. 6.17 Percussing for ascites.** **A** and **B** Percuss towards the flank from resonant to dull. **C** Then ask the patient to roll on to their other side. In ascites the note then becomes resonant.



# LOWER LIMB EXAMINATION

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**E:** Explain What are going to do & **Exposure** (from the groin and below but mid-thigh is accepted)

**L:** Light

**P:** Privacy “ ask for chaperone” & **Position** “ Supine , Lying flat ”

## **Inspection** all From the foot

- 1- Attached devices & drains
- 2- Symmetry or Swelling
- 3- Deformities & **Amputation**

- 1- Hair & Nails
- 2- Redness (change in color).
- 3- Skin lesions (**ULCERS**, scars).
- 4- Dilated or Guttering of veins.
- 5- Muscle wasting

- **Elevate** the leg looking for pressure ulcers or hidden abnormality.
- Examine **between toes**.

## **Palpation (Is There Any Pain ?)**

- 1- **Tenderness, Temperature.**
- 2- **Capillary Refill .**
- 3- **Pulses:** (Dorsalis pedis, Posterior tibial, Popliteal, Femoral arteries & **R-F Delay** )
- 4- **Pitting edema**
- 5- **Inguinal LN Palpation “JUST Mention”**

## **Leg Circumference (both legs)**

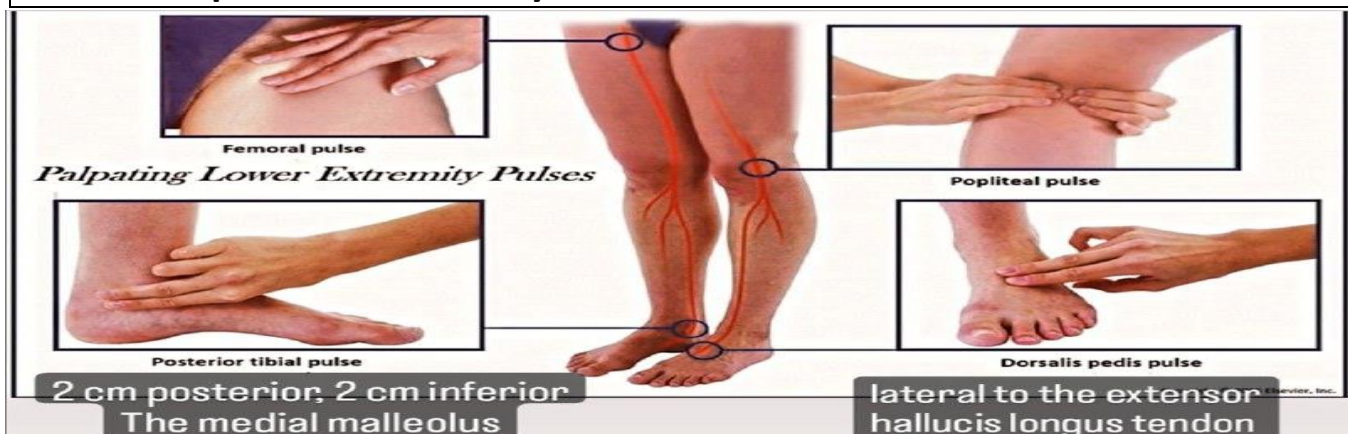
- Identify **anatomical landmarks** (Tibial tuberosity & medial malleolus)
- Attempt actual measurement .

**Mention that you should do **Burger test** & **ABPI** .**

## **Auscultation**

Using the bell over the major arteries

Thank the patient and clean your hands



# ULCER EXAMINATION

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## **Inspection** all From the **foot**

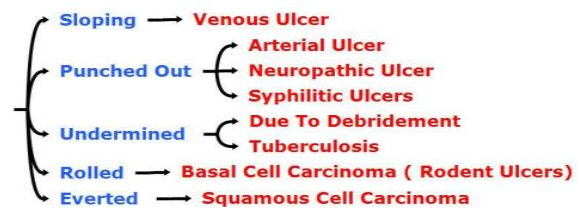
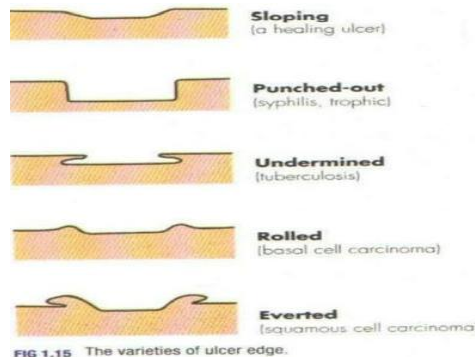
1- Site :

**Medial** aspect → venous , **Lateral** → Arterial , **At pressure site** → Neuropathic ulcer

2- Size

3- Shape

4- Edge



5- Floor “ **what you can see** ” :

→ Necrotic “Gray , Black ”

→ Pink , Granulation .

6- Discharge

7- Surrounding Skin → a. Swelling & Dilated veins b. loss of hair

## **Palpation (Is There Any Pain ?)**

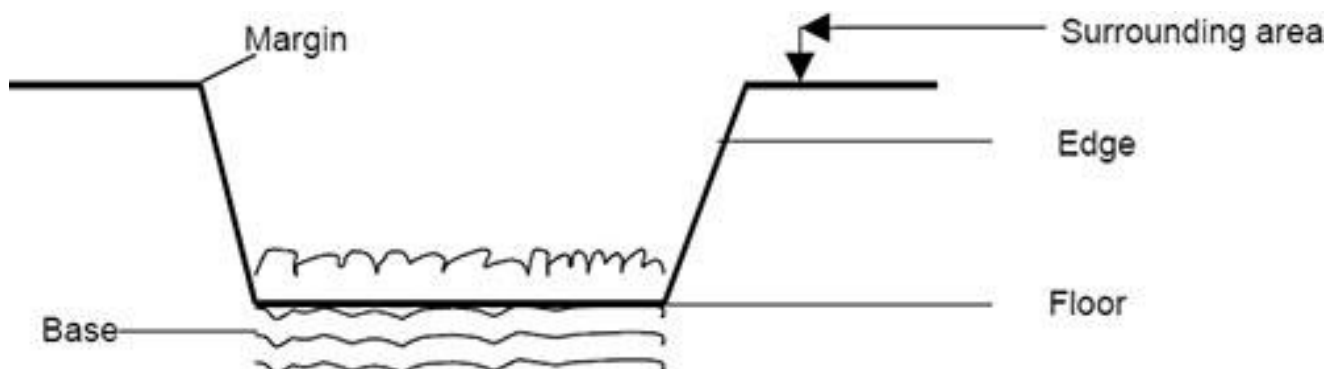
1- **Temperature** & **Tenderness** of Surrounding Skin

2- Palpate over the edge of ulcer

**Soft** → Healing Ulcer , **Firm** → Non-Healing Ulcer , **Hard** → Malignant

3- Feel the **base** “ **What you can feel when you palpate the floor** ”

Thank the patient and clean your hands





## 4-Breast

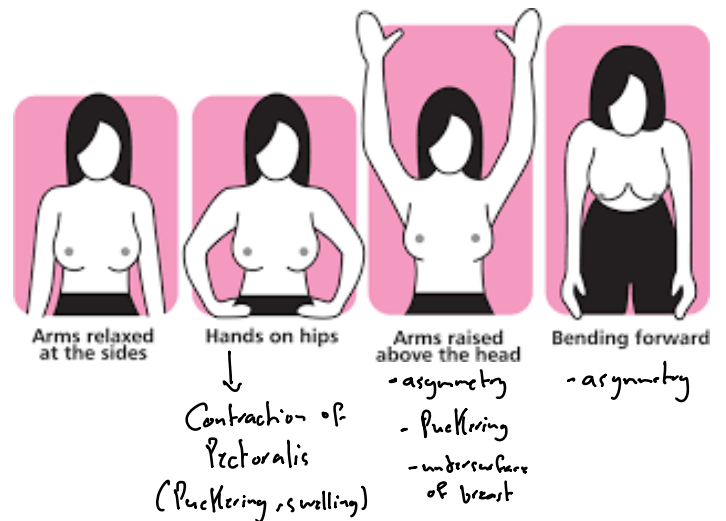
**Exposure & Position : The Patient Should Be Fully Undressed To The Waist And Lying Down On The Examination Couch With The Upper Body Raised 45° To The Legs.**

**Positions For The Hands**

Beside The Patient  
Above The Head  
On The Hip Bone

**Inspection**

**Palpation**



Breast

Nipple

Axilla

# 4-Breast

## Inspection

Size  $\Rightarrow$  *Macromastia / Micromastia*

Symmetry  $\begin{cases} \text{Minimal Difference} \rightarrow \text{Normal} \\ \text{Significant Difference With Recent Onset} \rightarrow \text{Pathological} \end{cases}$

## Skin

Puckering  
*Dimpling*



$\rightarrow$  Indicates Cancer

Peau D'orange



Edema Of The Skin Caused By Obstruction Of Skin Lymphatics By Cancer Cells

Nodules  
Discolouration

Ulceration

$\hookrightarrow$  Scar



Accessory Nipple



## Duplication

Ectopic Breast Tissue



## Nipples And Aereolae

Normally Corrugated With Small Nodules Known As Montgomery's Tubercles

Inverted



Slit Appearance  $\rightarrow$  Duct Ectasia

Any Fluid Leak From The Nipple



Eczema-like Skin Changes  $\rightarrow$  Paget's Disease

Axilla, Arms, Neck And Supraclavicular Fossa

Enlarged Lymph Nodes  
Distended Veins  
Lymphedema

$\hookrightarrow$  Mrs washing

Thing to examine

Most common causes

## Palpation

# 4-Breast

Inspection

Medial  $\Rightarrow$  Arm under head  
2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
sternal edge - mid axillary line

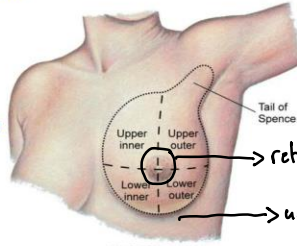
Palpate With The Flat Of Your Fingers



Begin Always With The Normal Side (Pain)

How

Examine The 4 Breast Quadrants



$\rightarrow$  btw finger and thumb

$\rightarrow$  retroareolar area

$\rightarrow$  under the breast

Do Not Forget The Axillary Tail (tail Of Spence)

Size

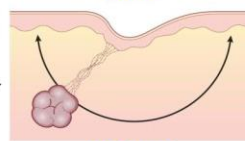
Position  $\rightarrow$  in which quadrant

Fixed  $\leftarrow$  with Maneuver  $\rightarrow$  Pectoral fascia  
W/O  $\rightarrow$  Chest wall



If A Mass Cannot Be Moved Without Moving The Skin

Fixed



If A Mass Is Connected To The Skin By A String Like Structure, So It Can Be Moved To A Certain Degree Without Skin Indentation

Tethered

If you find a Mass (SPACES PIT)

Consistency

hard  
firm  
rubbery  
soft

Edge

well or ill demarcated  
regular or irregular  
sharp or rounded

Surface and shape

smooth  
irregular

Pulsation, thrills and bruits

Inflammation

redness  
tenderness  
warmth

Transillumination

Site Size shape skin surface

T<sup>u</sup>, Tenderness, Transillumination

Light

Sethoscope

Palpation

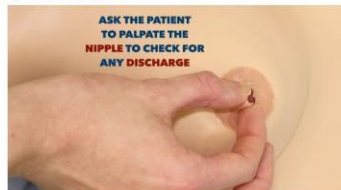
Superficial  
T<sup>u</sup>, T

deep  
(Mass)

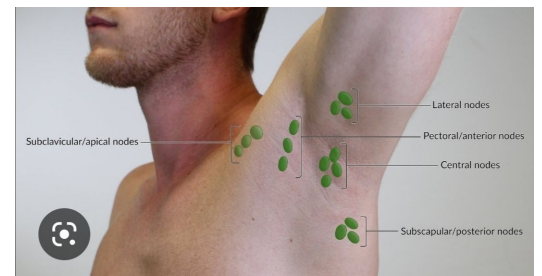
Nipple

Inverted  $\rightarrow$  Try To Evert It

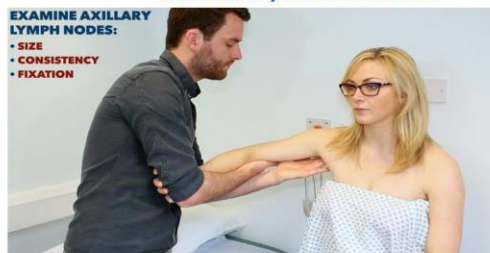
Discharge



Gently Press The Areola Around The Base Of The Nipple And Observe Whether Any Fluid Comes Out



EXAMINE AXILLARY LYMPH NODES:  
• SIZE  
• CONSISTENCY  
• FIXATION



To Palpate The Right Axilla

- 1- Stand On The Patient's Right Side
- 2- Take Hold Of Her Right Elbow With Your Right Hand And Let Her Forearm Rest On Your Right Forearm
- 3- Place Your Left Hand Flat Against The Chest Wall And Sweep The Tips Of Your Fingers From The Top Of The Axilla And From Side To Side To Feel The Nodes Against The Chest Wall.

Axilla



To Palpate The Left Axilla

- 1- Lean Across The Patient Or Stand On The Patient's Left Side
- 2- Hold Her Left Elbow With Your Left Hand And Use Your Right Hand To Feel The Axilla

Thing to examine

Most common causes

Mets: LLBB