

# 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 : Ballottement test & Renal angle tenderness .

### Percussion (Percuss all over 9 regions)

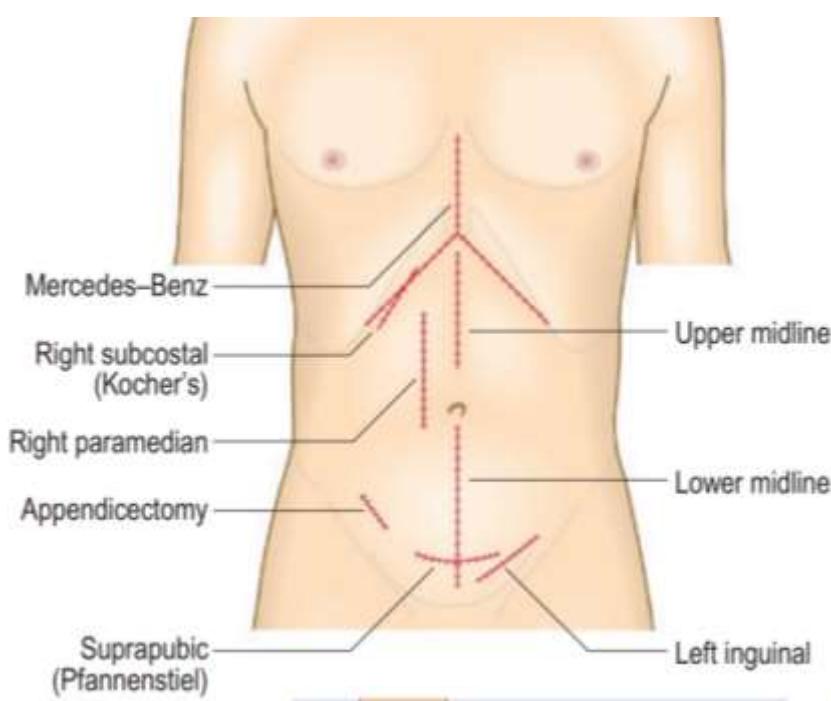
- Normally it should be tympanic
- Over mass or fluid (dull)
- Percuss for Ascites (Shifting dullness "mild to moderate" & Transmitted Thrills).

### Auscultation:

- Auscultate for bowel sounds " at iliocecal 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.

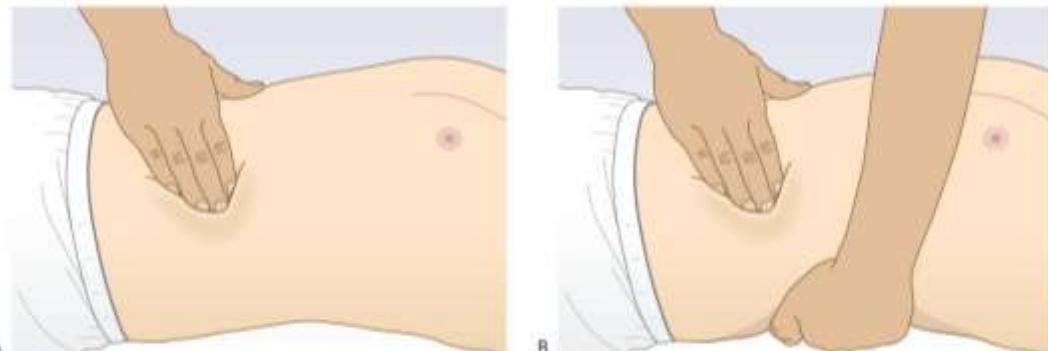
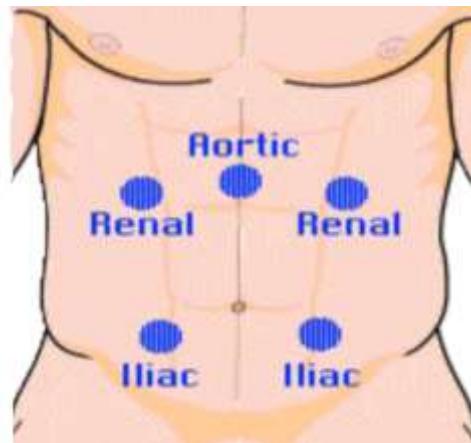


Fig. 6.16 Palpation of the spleen. **A** Initial palpation for the splenic edge moving diagonally from the umbilicus to the left hypochondrium. **B** If the spleen is impalpable by the method shown in A, use your left hand to pull the ribcage forward and elevate the spleen, making it more likely to be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



**Palpating Lower Extremity Pulses**



2 cm posterior, 2 cm inferior  
The medial malleolus



**lateral to the extensor  
hallucis longus tendon**

# 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



**Classification of Ulcer Edges:**

- Sloping → Venous Ulcer
- Punched Out → Arterial Ulcer
- Undermined → Neuropathic Ulcer
- Syphilitic Ulcers
- Due To Debridement
- Tuberculosis
- Rolled → Basal Cell Carcinoma ( Rodent Ulcers)
- Everted → Squamous Cell Carcinoma

FIG 1.15. The varieties of ulcer 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 ?)

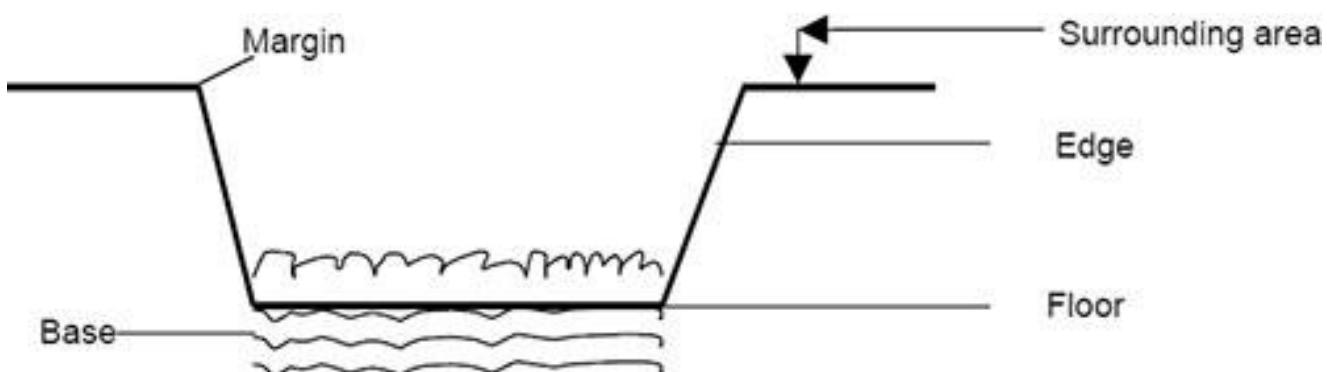
1- Temperature & Tenderness of Surrounding Skin

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

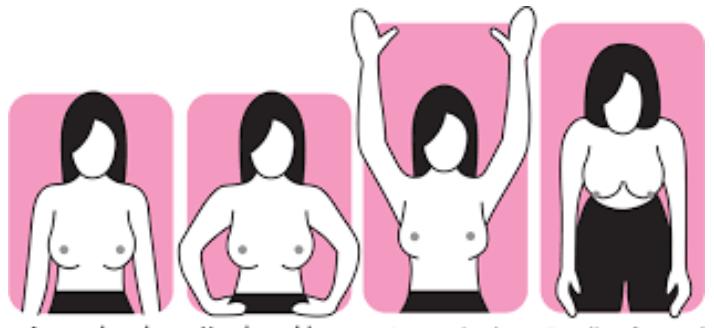
**Exposure & Position : The Patient Should Be Fully Undressed To The Waist And Lying Down On The Examination Couch With The Upper Body Raised 45° To The Legs.**

– Positions For The Hands

→ Beside The Patient  
→ Above The Head  
→ On The Hip Bone

– Inspection

– Palpation



Arms relaxed at the sides

Hands on hips

Arms raised above the head

Bending forward

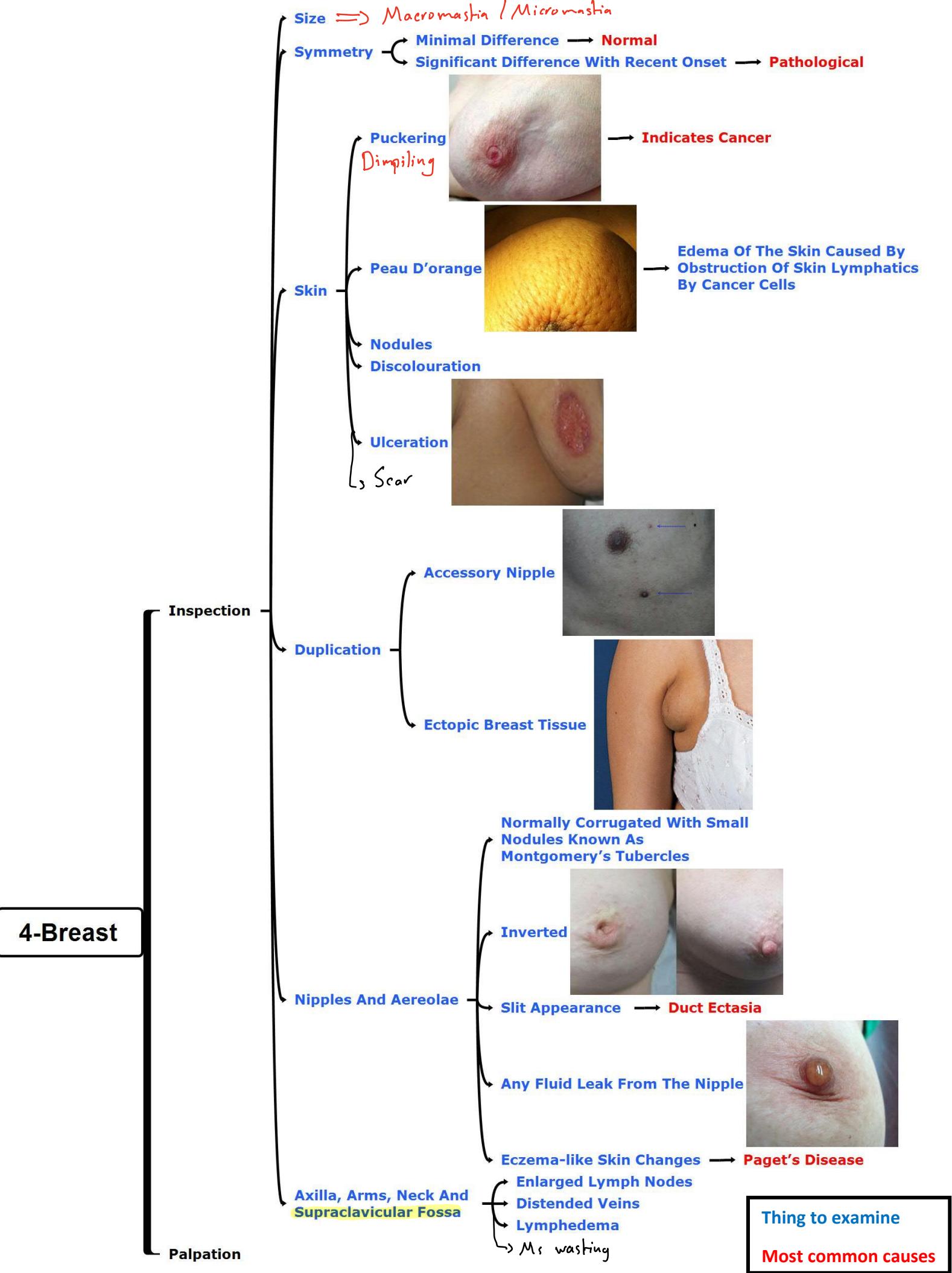
↓  
Contraction of  
Pectoralis  
(Puckering, swelling)

– asymmetry  
– puckering  
– undersurface  
of breast

Breast

Nipple

Ayilla



## 4-Breast

