

Learning Objectives for Abdomen

After studying your lecture notes and **Chapter 3 (only portions pertinent to Abdominal Examination) and all of Chapter 17** in the textbook, and completing the exercises in class, you should be able to:

1. Conduct a history related to abdominal complaints.
2. Discuss examination techniques for the abdomen.
3. Identify normal age and condition variations of the abdomen.
4. Recognize findings that deviate from expected findings.
5. Relate symptoms or clinical findings to common pathological conditions.

Key terms and concepts to know for the quiz, practical examination, and test:

1. Proper patient preparation
2. General inspection
3. Techniques and interpretation of palpation
4. Techniques and interpretation of percussion
5. Techniques and interpretation of auscultation
6. Anatomy, physiology, and function of esophagus, stomach, intestines, liver, gallbladder, spleen, urinary bladder, kidneys, ureters, pancreas
7. Vasculature of abdominal structures
8. Risk factors for hepatitis
9. Causes of abdominal distention
10. Four quadrants and nine regions
11. Cutaneous hypersensitivity and common causes
12. Abdominal reflexes
13. Pain assessment
14. Causes of abdominal pain and characteristics
15. Causes of peritonitis
16. Causes of pain perceived in anatomic regions
17. Exam findings in children and in pregnant patients
18. Common abnormalities and pathologies
19. Comparison of Crohn disease and ulcerative colitis