

MSK Soft Tissue

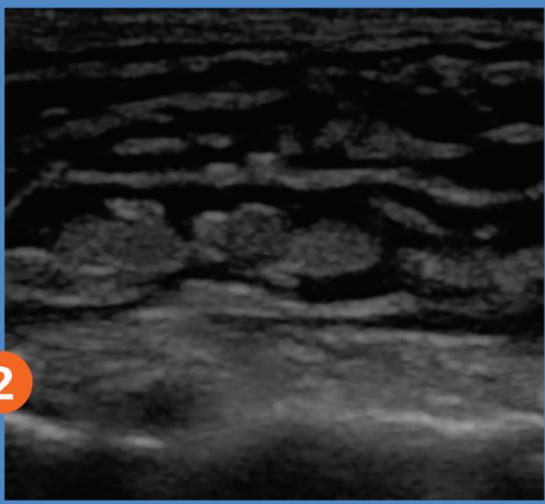
The soft tissue exam is used to differentiate local inflammation into 1 of 4 categories:

Cellulitis * Abscess * Lymph Node * Necrotizing Fasciitis.



Cellulitis has a distinct cobblestone appearance

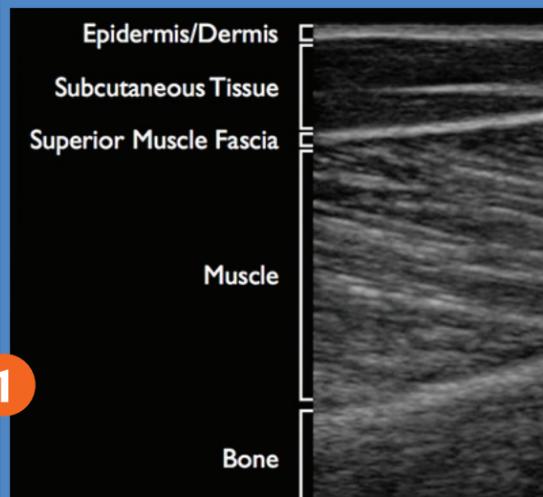
Cellulitis



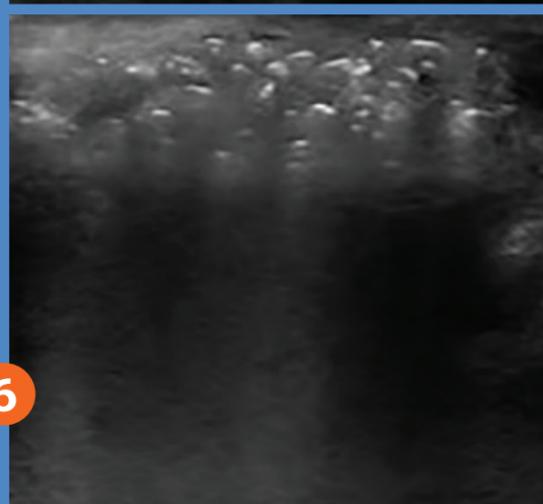
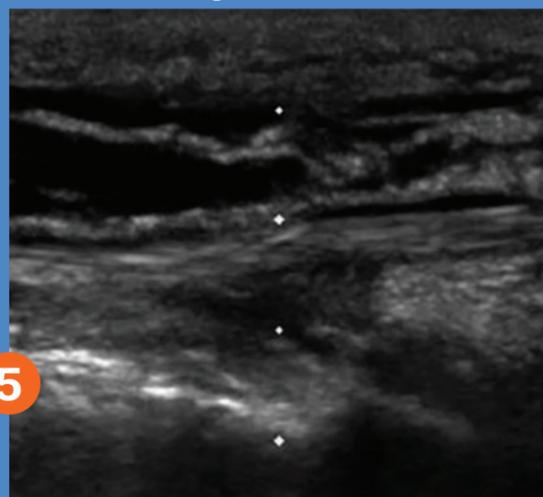
Subcutaneous
Thickening
Air
Fascial **F**luid

Necrotizing Fasciitis is a surgical emergency. Symptom onset is typically within hours and patients experience much more powerful symptoms than typical cellulitis.

Normal



Necrotizing Fasciitis: Exam



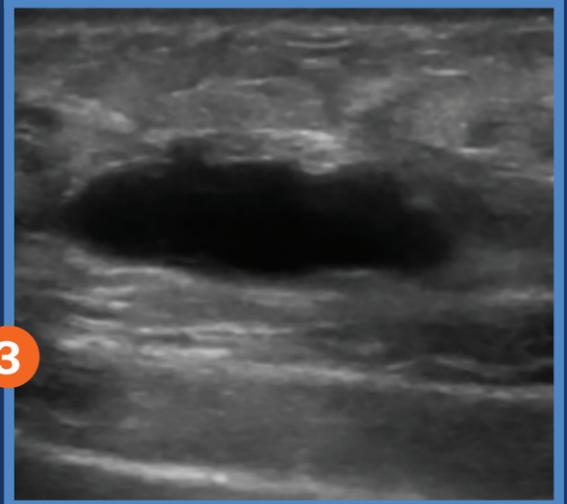
It is rare to see all 3 S.T.A.F.F. findings in one picture.

Air is present in only 25% of cases but is nearly 100% specific when found.



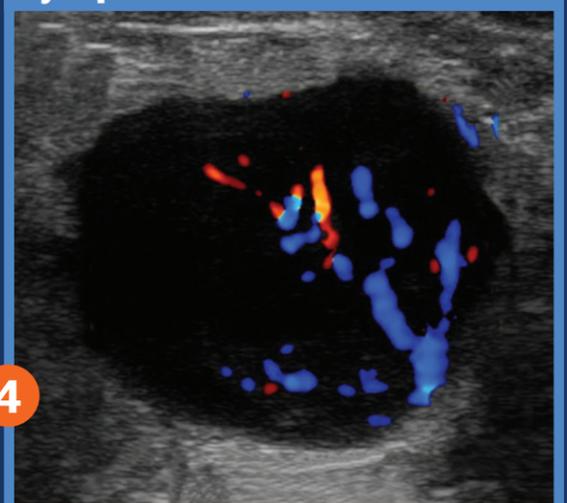
Abscess have a dirty appearance and a bright shadowy appearance

Abscess



Differentiate abscess from lymph node.

Lymph Node



Abscesses lack color flow while lymph nodes have a good vascular supply.



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