BMUS Study Day: The good, The bad and The Ugly of Gynaecology Reporting to Primary Care

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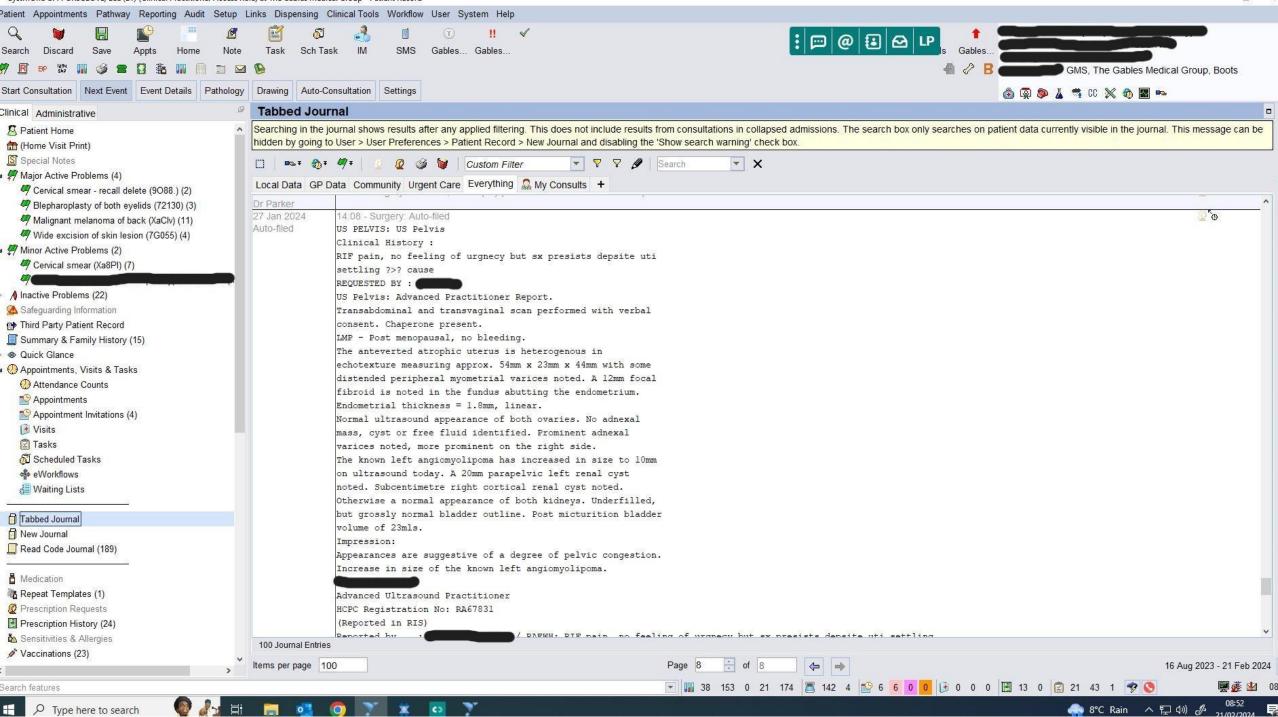
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Aims

- 1. Review Gynaecology reporting in primary care based on my personal experience.
- 2. Highlight good practice.
- 3. Highlight how this could be fine tuned.

Disclaimer

- Consent has been given from my patients to use their scan reports for training purposes. All patient identifiable information is redacted.
- I am a GP who uses ultrasonography during my working week. My understanding of ultrasound nomenclature and reporting is greater that most GPs.
- Also means I am more aware of the limitations of each scan.
- Most GPs will probably just read the impression.
- Most patients now have the ability to access their records and reports.



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Analysis – Example 1

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POCUS Mandate

Any ultrasound scan that answers a <u>YES</u> or <u>NO</u> question or gives a definitive answer within 5 minutes.

Analysis – Example 2

US Pelvis: Advanced Practitioner Report. Transabdominal and transvaginal scan performed with verbal consent. Chaperone present. LMP - 1-2 weeks ago. Sub-optimal scan on a poor sonar subject. The anteverted uterus is bulky, coarse and heterogenous in echotexture with a globular shape measuring approx. 110mm x 65mm x 61mm. The myometrium contains some small cystic areas throughout. Appearances of the uterus overall could be suggestive of possible adenomyosis. No focal fibroid identified. Endometrial thickness = 10.6mm, grossly regular. No obvious polyp identified within. The left ovary contains a 29mm thin walled cyst filled with echogenic debris suggestive of a haemorrhagic cyst. Otherwise a grossly normal ultrasound appearance of both ovaries. No adnexal mass or free fluid identified. Bladder underfilled and cannot be assessed. Impression: Appearances of the uterus overall may be suggestive of adenomyosis. Clinical correlation advised. Small haemorrhagic cyst in the left ovary.

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Analysis – Example 3

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Key Learning Points

- 1. Gynaecology reporting in my area I would consider to be excellent.
- 2. Generally speaking, good clinical information with a question leads to a much more informative report.
- 3. GPs will struggle with terms and sizes used to describe ultrasound images.
- 4. Most GPs will only read the impression.
- 5. Patients read your reports.
- 6. Be confident in your impression.
- 7. Often GPs will not be aware of the significance of some ultrasound findings i.e Nabothian cysts, pelvic varices. If you work closely with gynaecology and are confident you know what happens with these patients make a comment.
- 8. Consider direct referral to SDEC if clear pathology that needs addressing urgently.