

Cause	Clinical Features	Imaging Findings
Complications of pregnancy		
Miscarriage	Pelvic pain and vaginal bleeding	Lack of live intra-uterine fetus
Ectopic pregnancy	In vitro fertilization or fertility drugs; abdominal pain; vaginal bleeding	Lack of live intra-uterine fetus
Molar pregnancy	Abdominal pain; hyperemesis; disproportionate elevation of betaHCG	Lack of normal intra-uterine fetus; endometrial multicystic mass
Placental abruption	Pelvic pain and vaginal bleeding; uterine contractions	Separation of the placenta from the uterus
Intra-amniotic infection	Fever; abdominal pain; leukocytosis; tachycardia; uterine contractions	???
Uterine rupture	History of prior cesarean delivery or uterine pregnancy, peritoneal irritation, vaginal bleeding	Free fluid in the peritoneal cavity; discontinuity of the uterus
Severe Pre-eclampsia and the HELLP syndrome	Abdominal pain; hypertension; hemolysis; elevated AST and LDH; low platelets	As pre-eclampsia; peritoneal fluid from hemorrhage
Diseases complicating pregnancy		
Ovarian torsion	Pelvic pain on the side of the torsion; elevated WBC count	Cysts, swelling, or diminished flow (on color Doppler) of the ovary
Acute appendicitis	Right lower quadrant pain; anorexia; elevated WBC count	Swollen appendix; peri-appendiceal fat stranding
Gallbladder disease	Intermittent right upper quadrant pain; fever and leukocytosis	Gallstones; gallbladder wall thickening; pericholecystic fluid
Bowel obstruction	Prior abdominal surgery; abdominal pain; new onset nausea and vomiting after the first trimester	Distension proximal to, and collapse distal to, the obstruction; abnormality at the transition point (e.g., hernia)
Inflammatory bowel disease	Abdominal pain; altered bowel movements; fever; weight loss	Bowel wall thickening; fat stranding
Pancreatitis	Upper abdominal pain; elevated amylase and lipase; elevated WBC count	Pancreas swelling and peripancreatic fat stranding; focal fluid collections in or adjacent to the pancreas
Diverticulitis	Abdominal pain and fever; elevated WBC count	Diverticulae; pericolic fat stranding; free air or free fluid in the peritoneal cavity
Pyelonephritis	Flank pain; fever; pyuria	Hyperemia of the kidney; hydronephrosis with debris
Nephrolithiasis	Flank pain; hematuria	Renal stone in the collecting system
Pneumonia	Abdominal or chest pain; fever; cough; dyspnea	Lung consolidation; pleural effusion
Pulmonary embolism	Acute chest pain; dyspnea; decreased oxygen saturation	Filling defect in the pulmonary artery; abnormal lung perfusion
No imaging findings: cystitis, gastroenteritis		

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