

Without Jumping to Conclusions

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Your team is set up to perform a HALO jump tonight. You observe that one of your teammates appears very fatigued, and he is grimacing each time he attempts to swallow. You ask him what is wrong and he reports having a severe sore throat for the past few days. On exam you note extensive tonsillar exudates, even necrotic appearing, and cervical lymphadenopathy, with the following vital signs: heart rate, 99 beats/min; blood pressure, 125/80mmHg; respirations, 18/min, SpO₂, 99% on room air; temperature, 37.8°C (100°F).

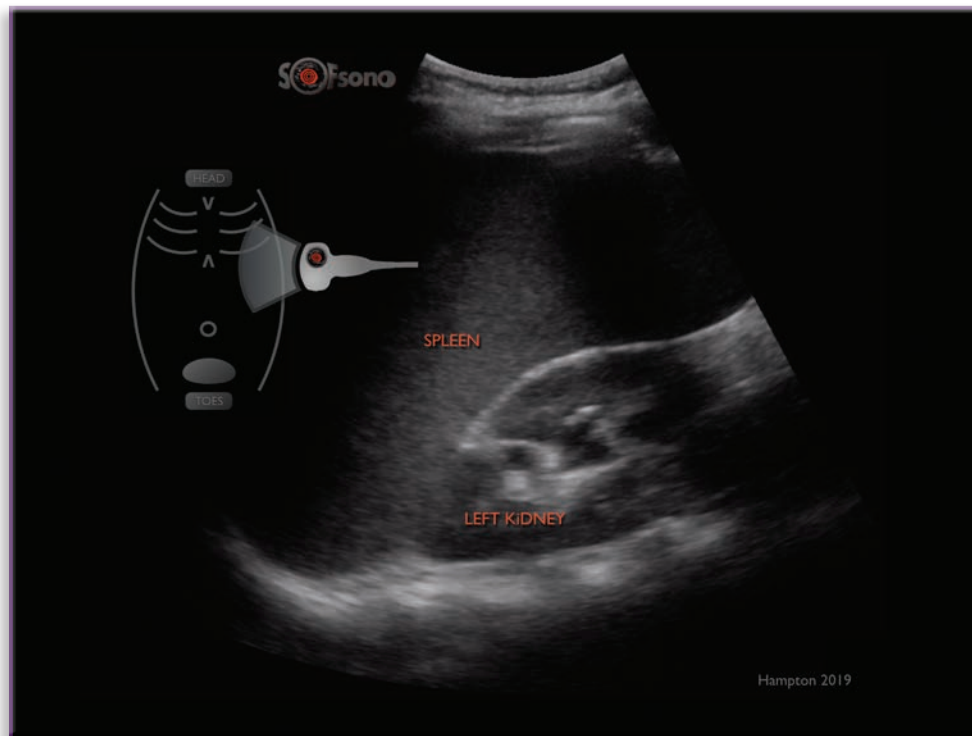
You are not able to perform confirmatory lab testing. However, you suspect a certain condition that would disqualify

your teammate from jumping tonight. Without jumping to conclusions, you decide to obtain a left upper quadrant ultrasound, which could increase your diagnostic accuracy.

1. What findings are very clearly present in Figure 1?
2. What feared complication of the condition in question disqualifies your patient from airborne jumps and contact sports in the coming weeks?

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FIGURE 1 Left upper quadrant view of the abdomen.



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