

## Image of the Month

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**A** 52-YEAR-OLD MAN CAME TO THE CLINIC WITH occasional dysuria, urinary frequency, and nonspecific abdominal pain lasting 5 months. His medical history included alcohol abuse/dependence and hypertension. On physical examination, his abdomen was soft, nontender, and nondistended, with no palpable masses. An abdominal ultrasound identified a cystic mass in his pelvis. Magnetic resonance imaging of the abdomen and pelvis revealed a large cystic mass measuring  $7.5 \times 5.7 \times 6.0$  cm in the right lower quadrant of the abdomen (**Figure 1**). At elective exploratory laparotomy, a mass at the tip of the appendix was identified (**Figure 2**). The patient's postoperative course was uncomplicated, and he was discharged home on postoperative day 5.

### What Is the Diagnosis?

- A. Mucinous cystadenocarcinoma
- B. Mesenteric cyst
- C. Low-grade appendiceal mucinous neoplasm
- D. Carcinoid

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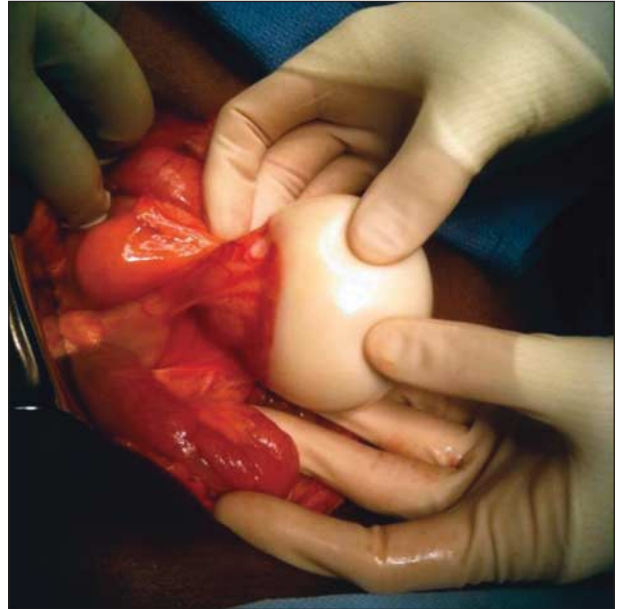


Figure 2. The operative specimen.

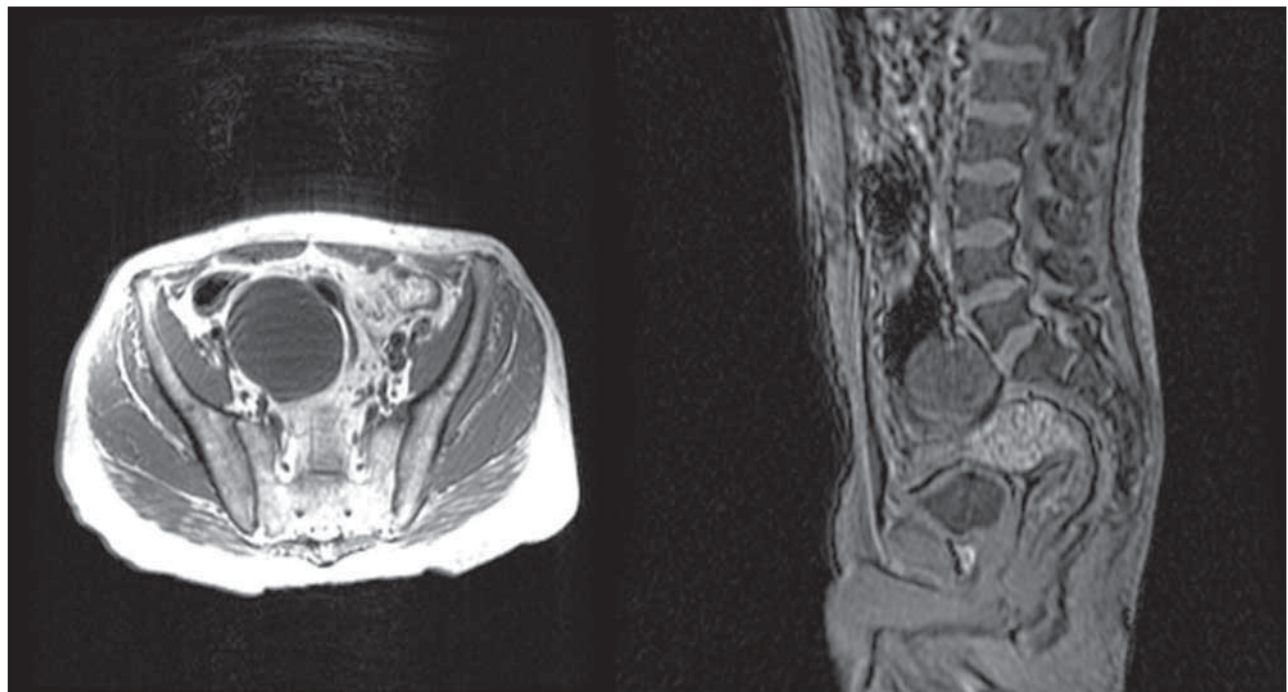


Figure 1. Magnetic resonance image of the abdomen showing cystic mass superior to the bladder.