Development and teratology of digestive system.

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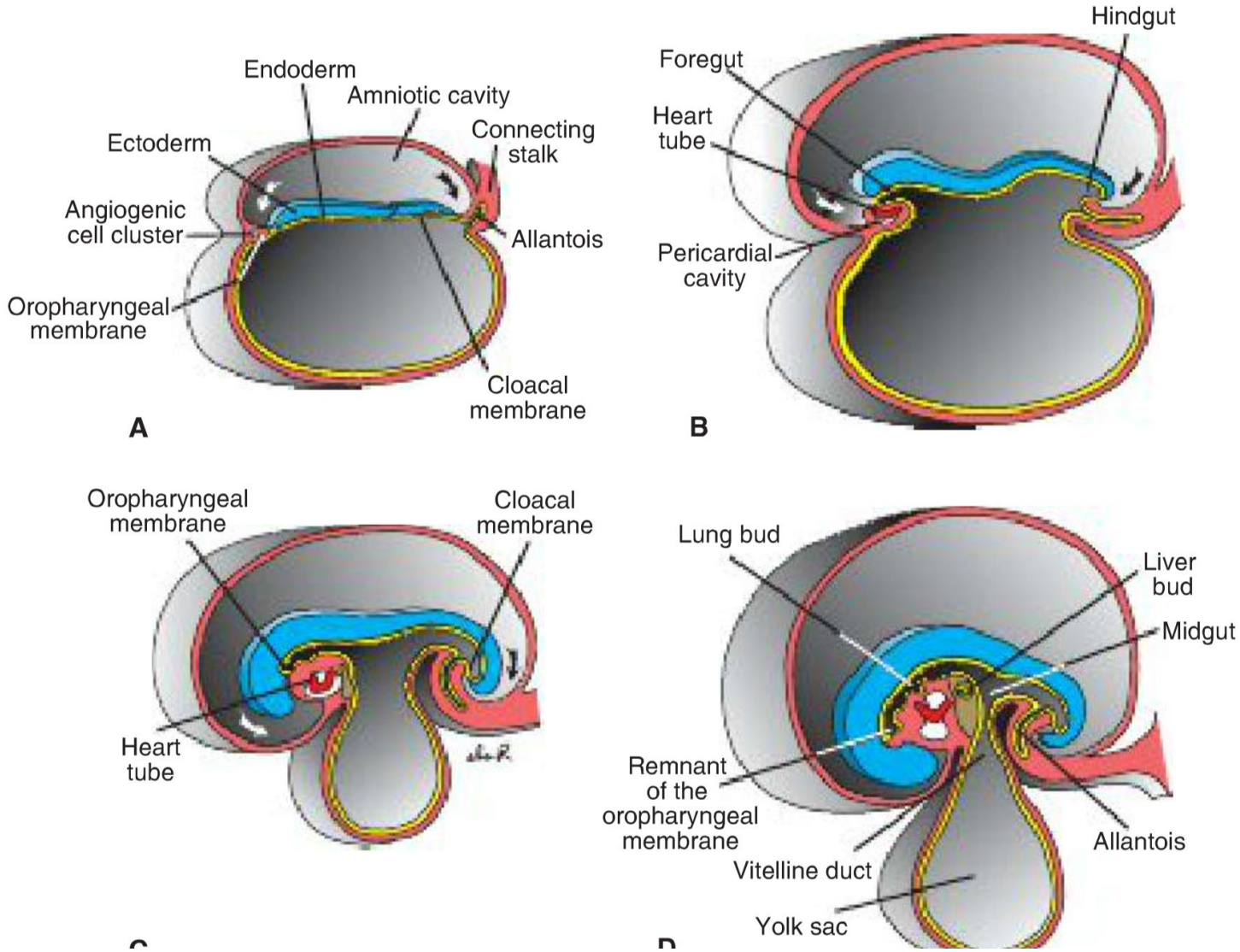
- Primitive gut formation results from the lateral folding of the embryo
- Foregut, midgut and hindgut
- (Yolk sac, allantois)



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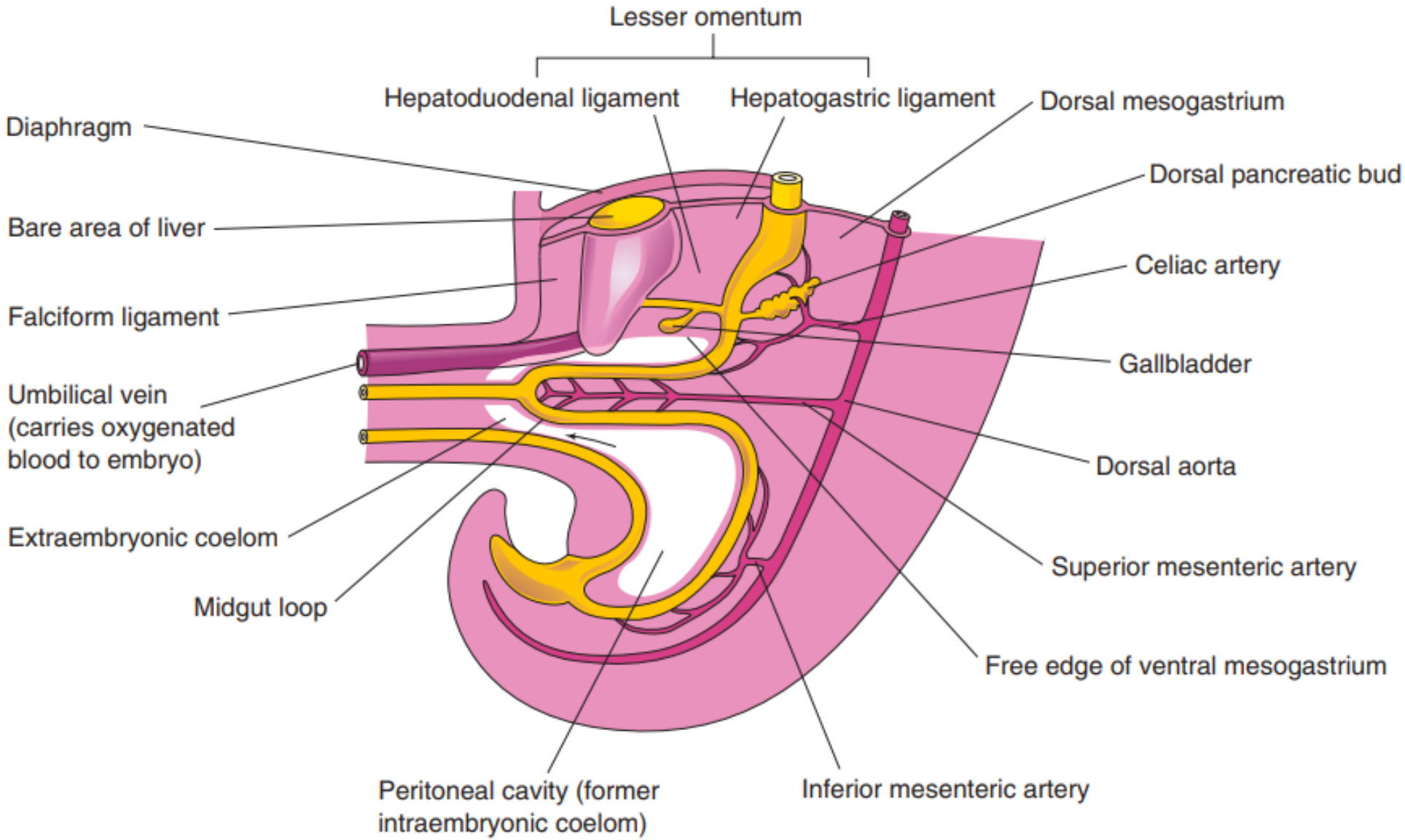

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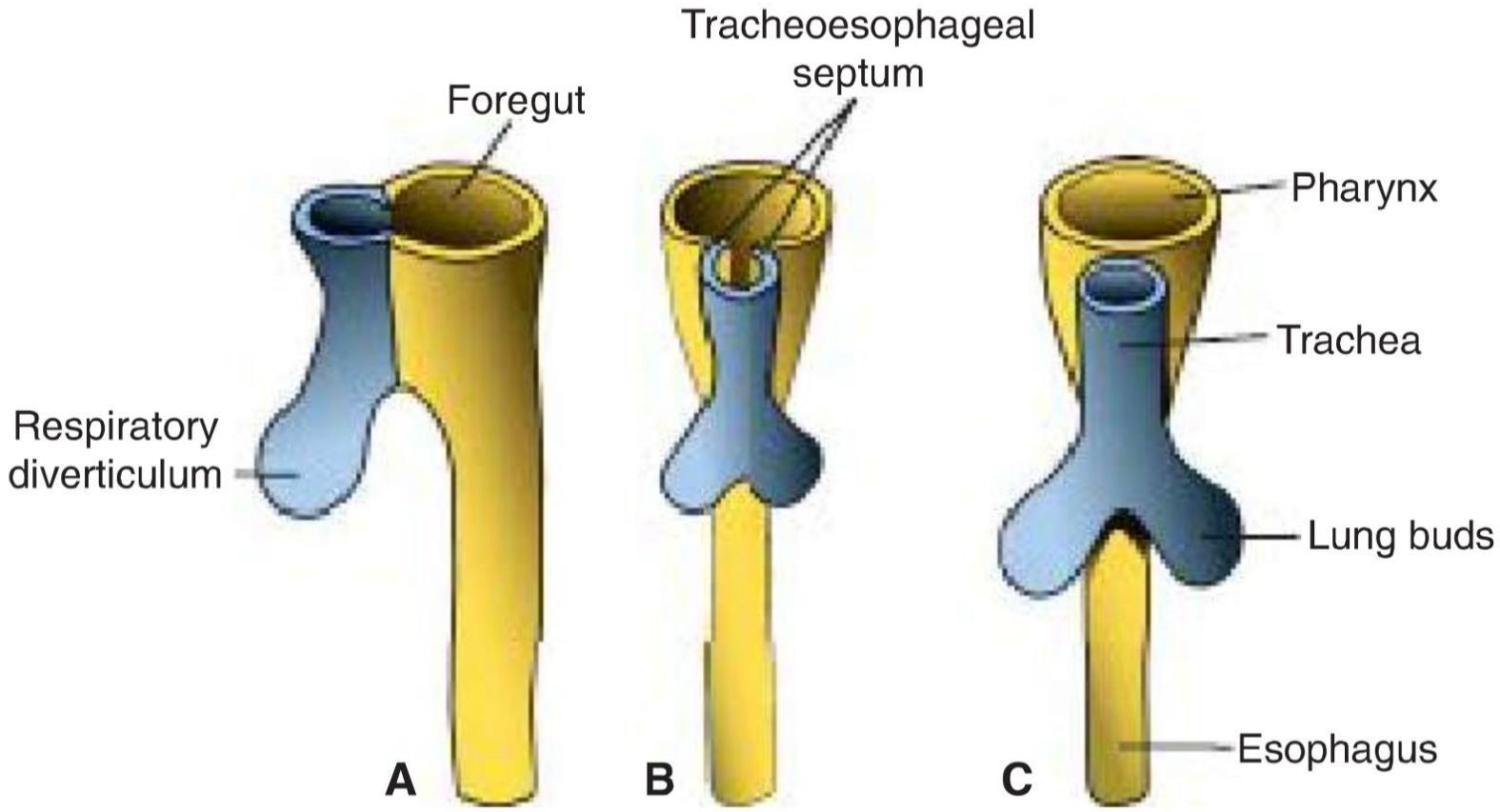
Esophagus

4th week



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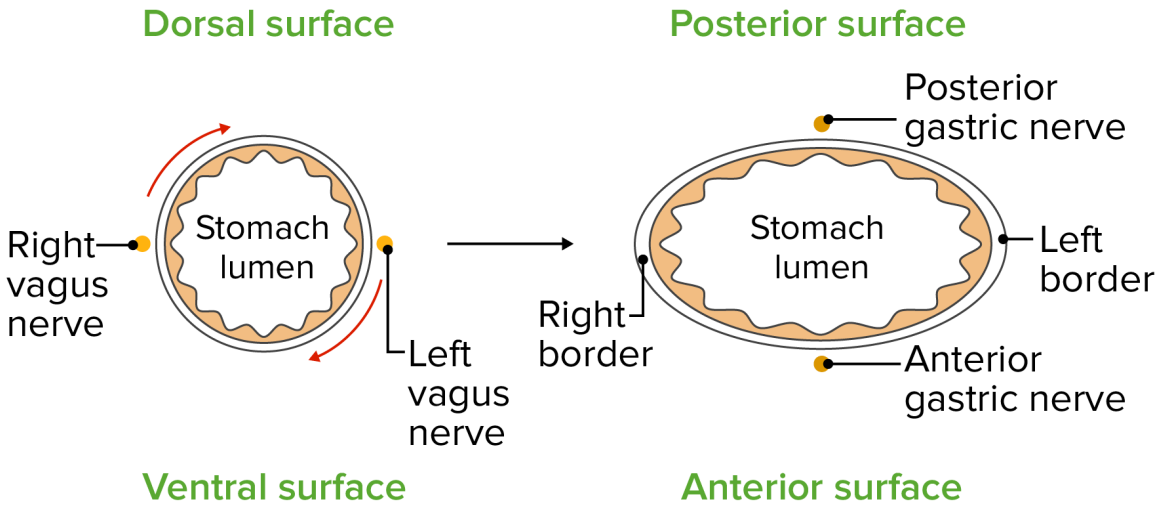
Stomach

Two rounds of rotation:

1. 90° clockwise along the longitudinal axis



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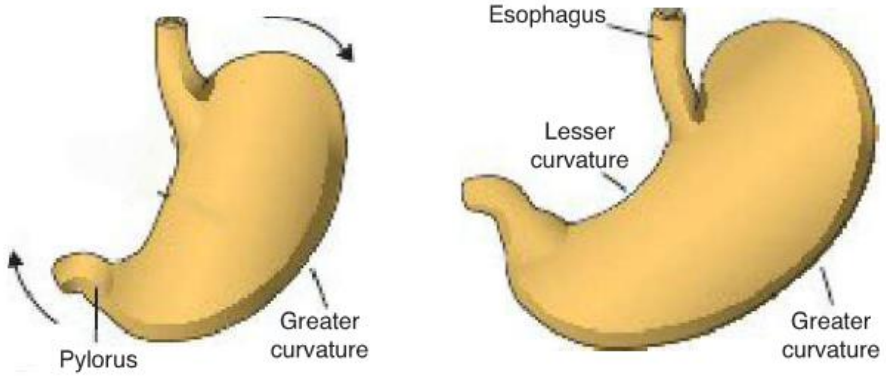
2. anteroposterior axis



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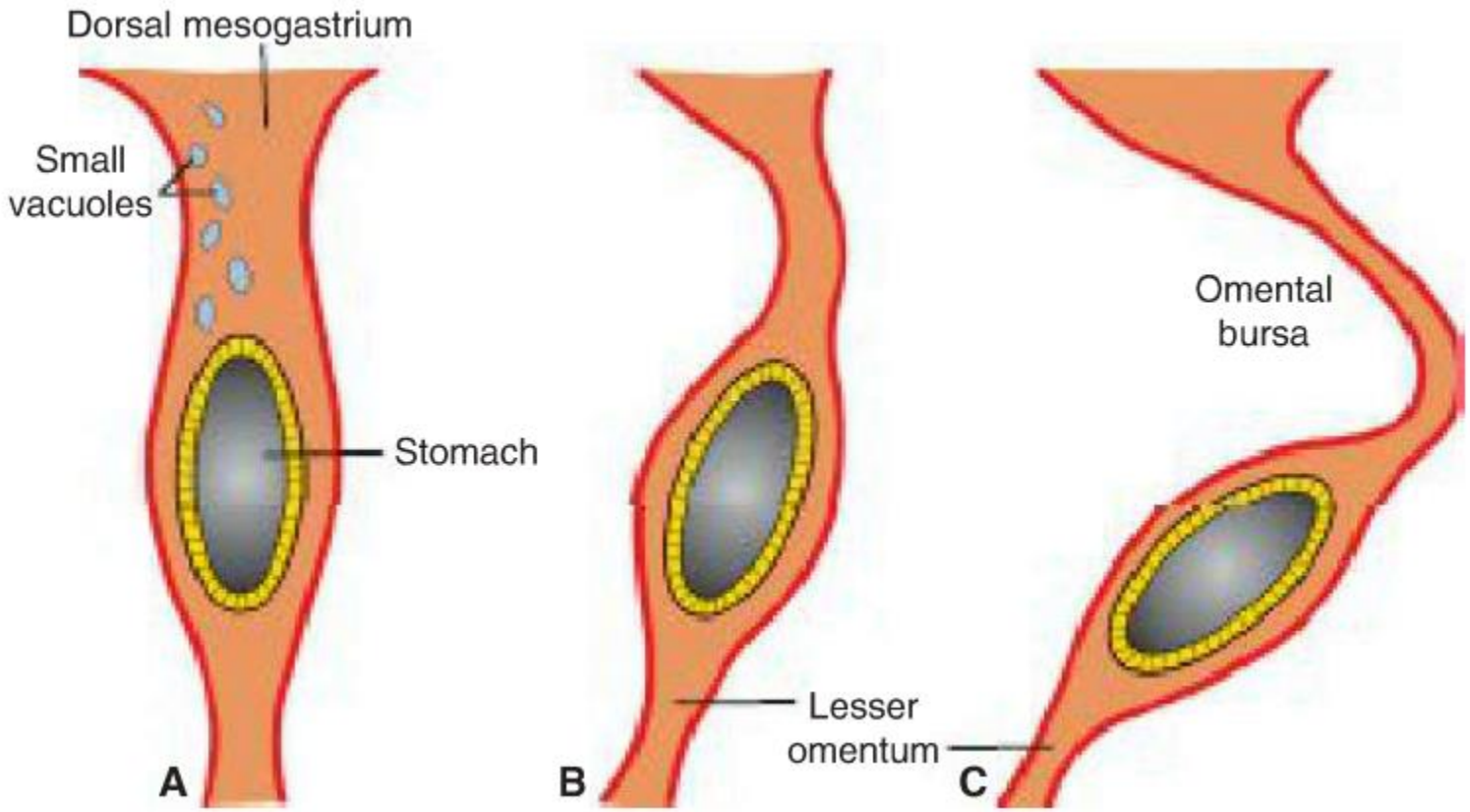

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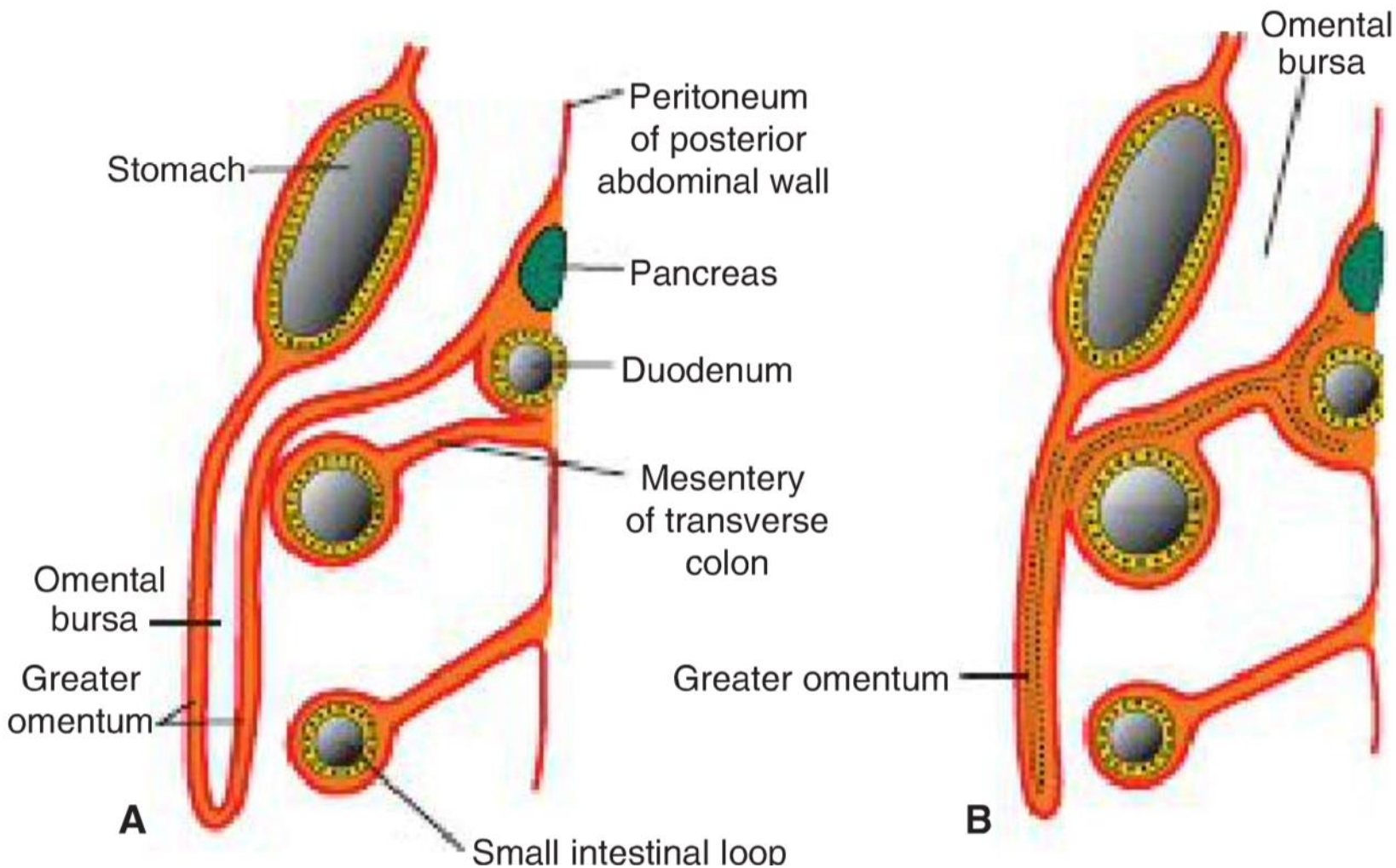

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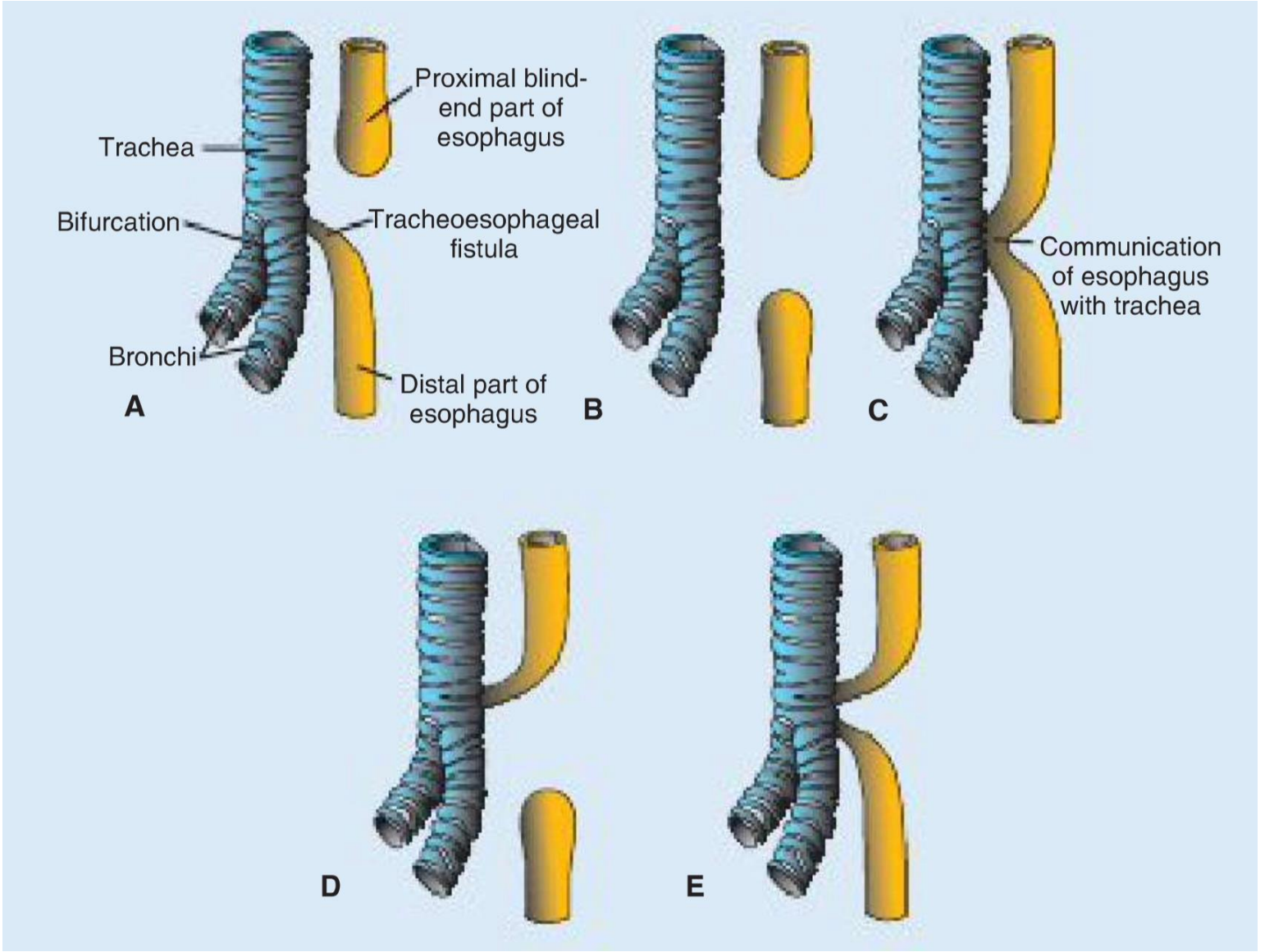
Esophagus:

- esophageal atresia and/or tracheoesophageal fistula - *polyhydramnios*
- esophageal stenosis
- congenital hiatal hernia

Stomach:

- pyloric stenosis (1 in 150 males, 1 in 750 females) – develops during fetal life, however, can develop as a result of postnatal exposure (e.g. erythromycin)



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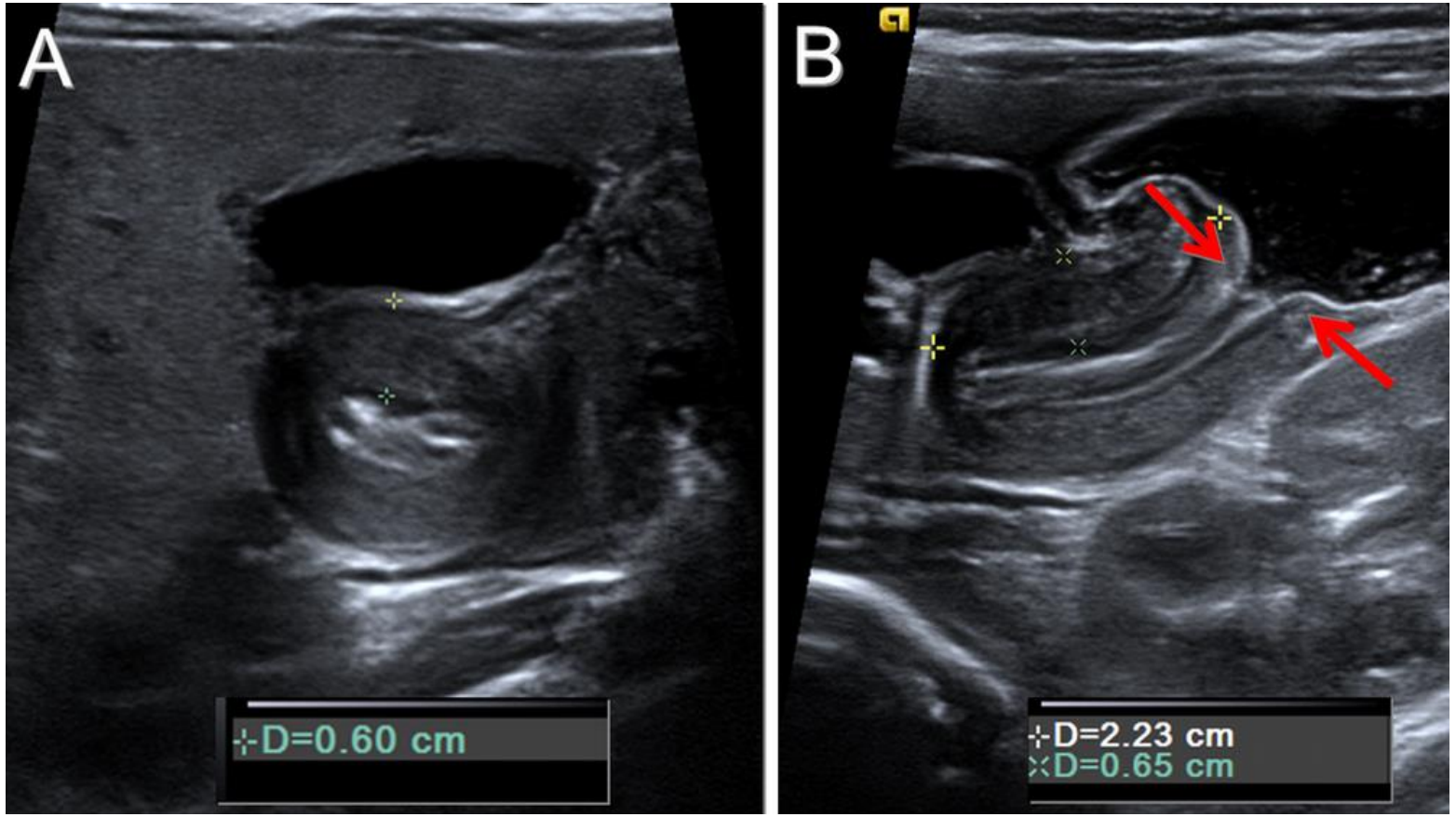

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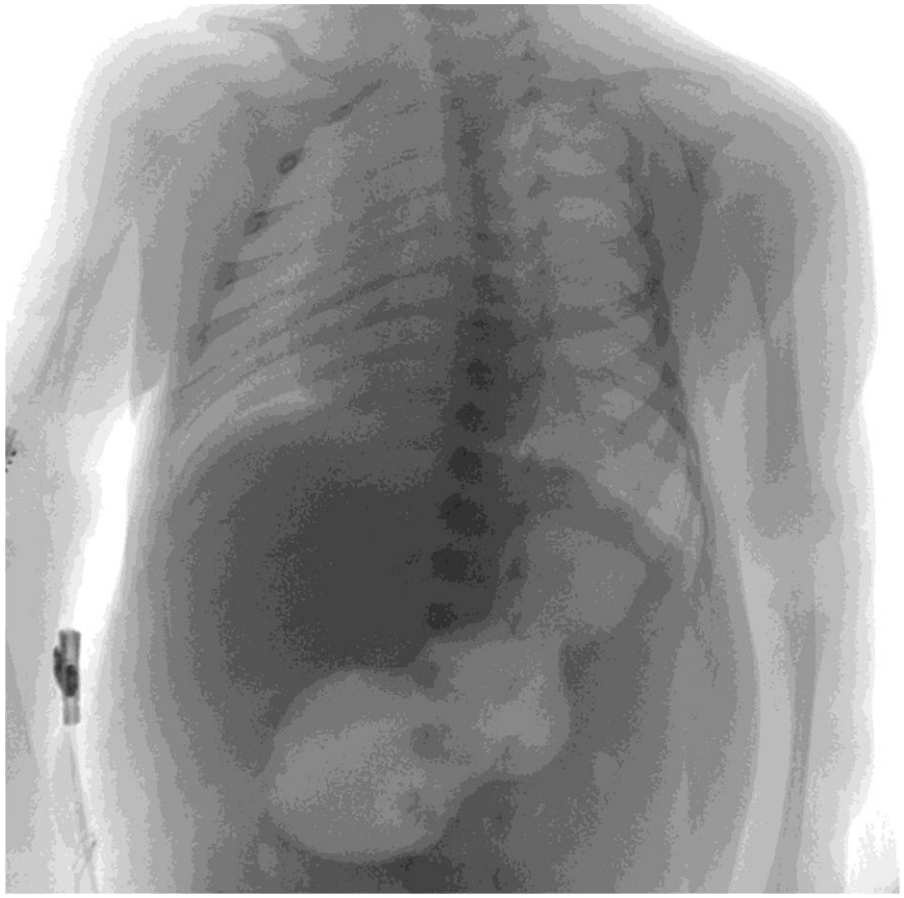
Caterpillar sign



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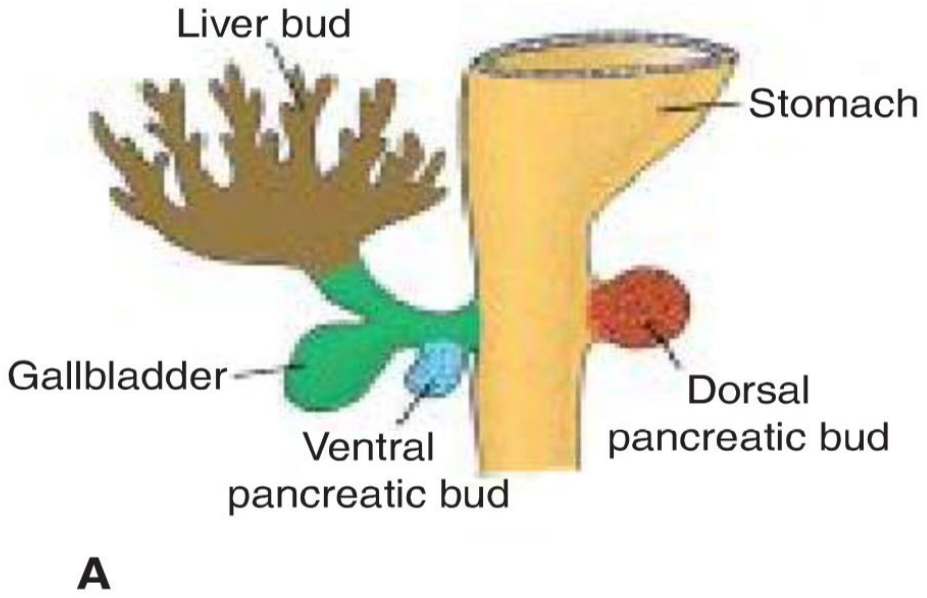
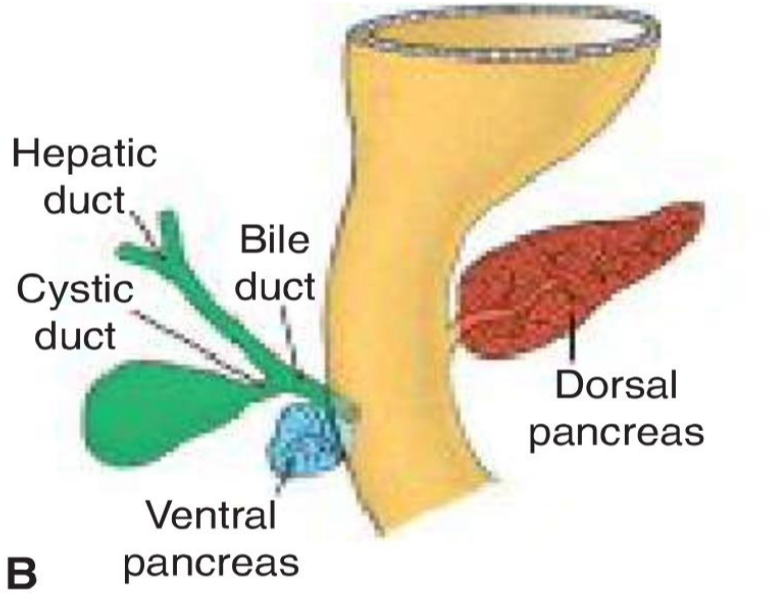
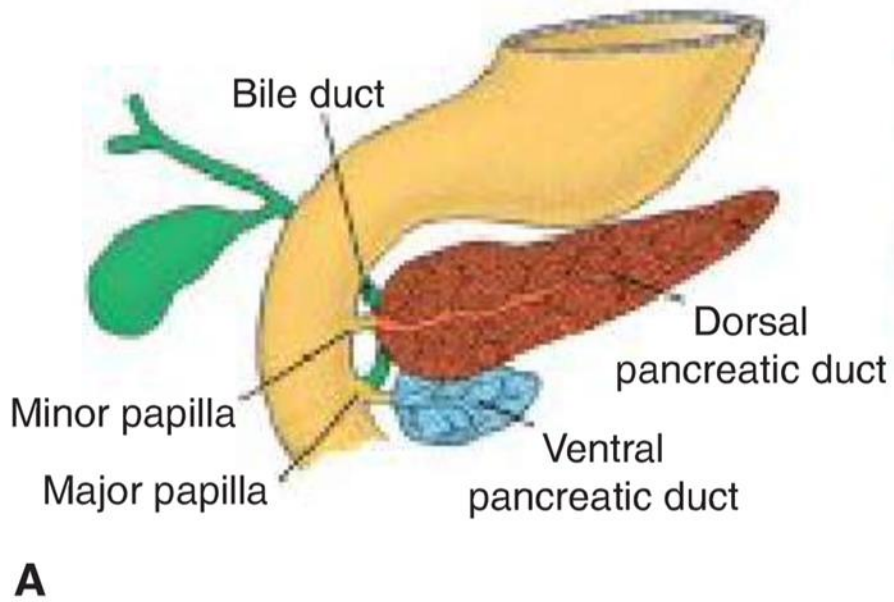
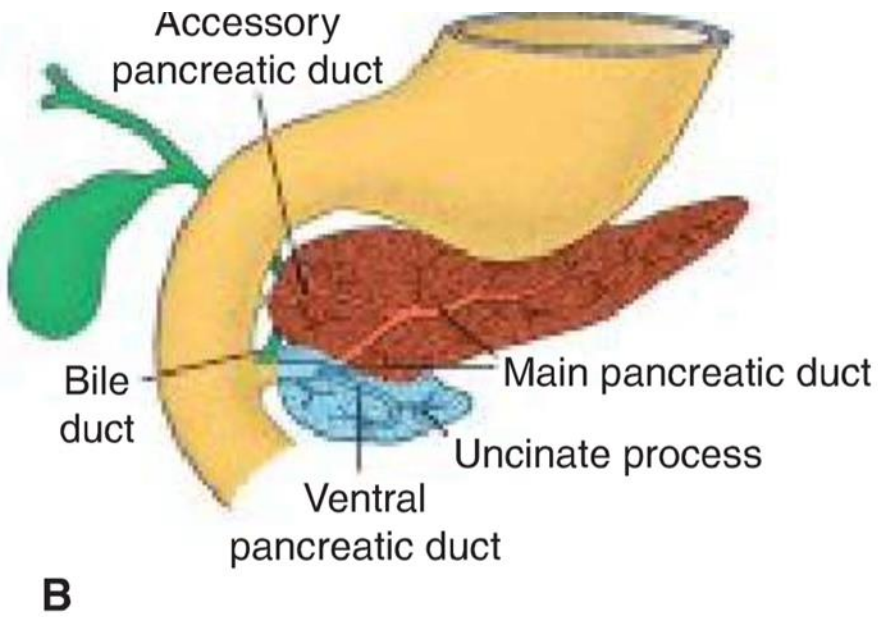
Development of the liver and pancreas









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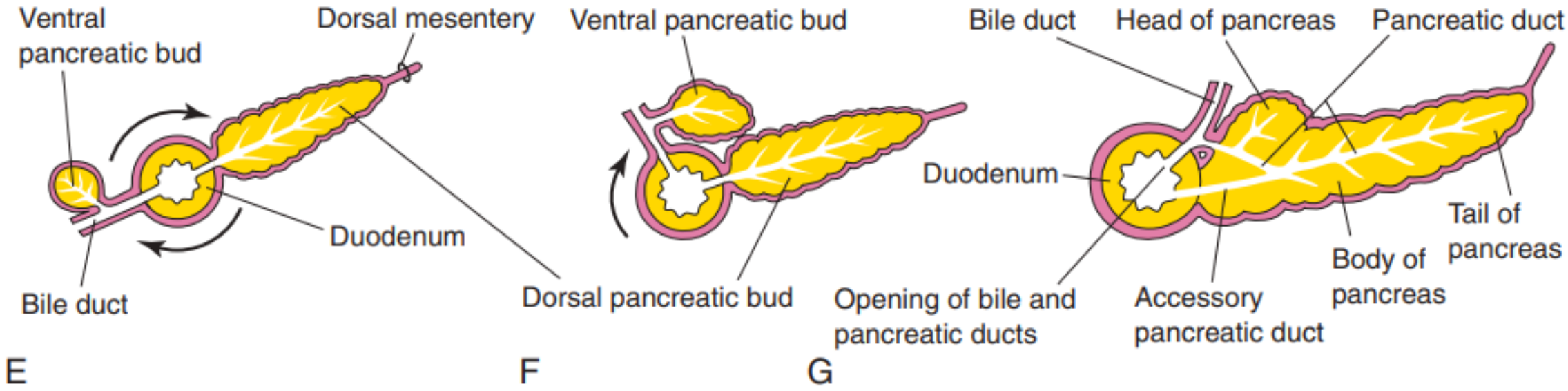
Development of the pancreas



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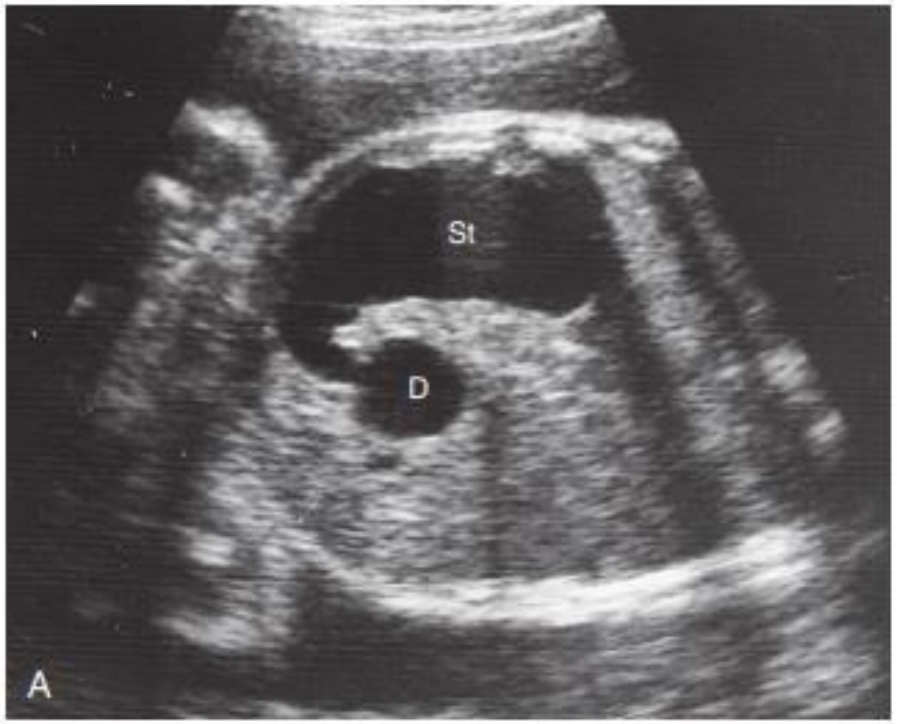

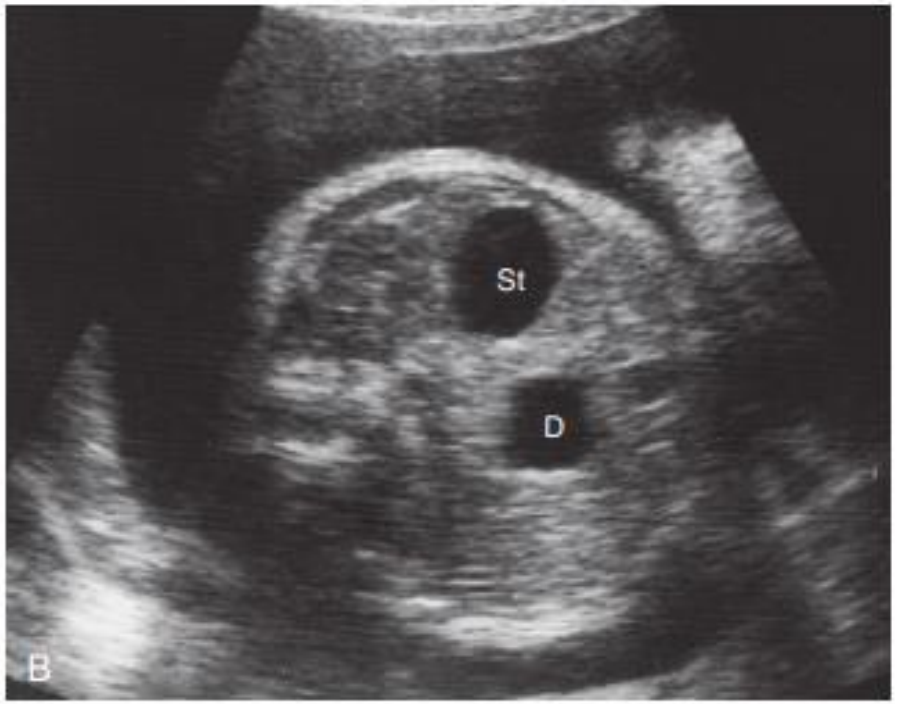

Duodenum:

- duodenal stenosis/atresia – results from incomplete recanalization; affects 20-30% of patients with Down syndrome, 20% of premature neonates

polyhydramnios

„Doble-Bubble“ = stomach and proximal duodenum

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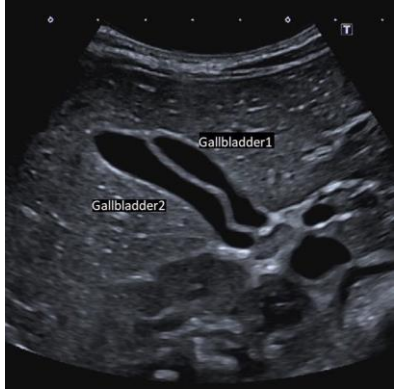
Liver - birth deffects are rare:



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Accessory hepatic ducts – usually asymptomatic, in 5% of population

Gallbladder duplication - usually asymptomatic

Extrahepatic biliary atresia (1/15000 in US, however, higher rates in East Asia) –

15-20% has a potent proximal duct and fixable defect, the rest requires the liver transplant; *symptoms:* neonatal jaundice;

Kasai procedure (hepatoportoenterostomy) → liver transplant!!!

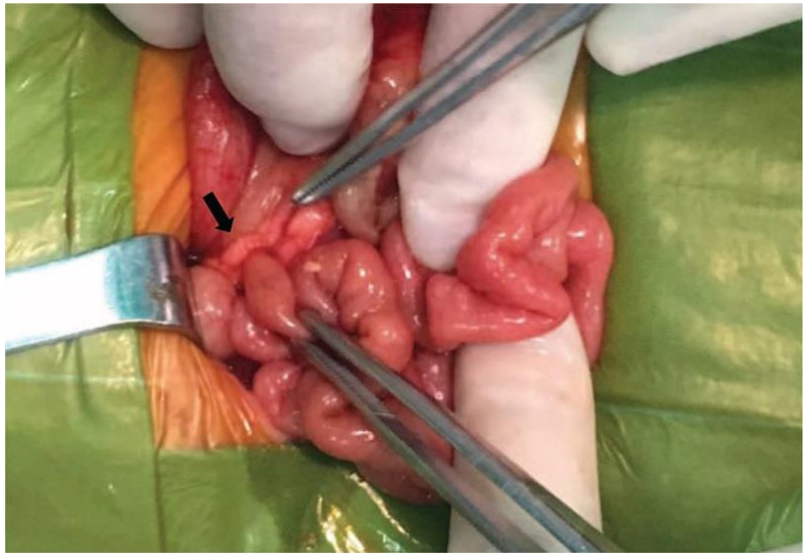
Intrahepatic biliary duct atresia/hypoplasia (1/100000)

Pancreas:

Annular pancreas

Accessory pancreatic tissue

Accessory spleens – in 10 % of population



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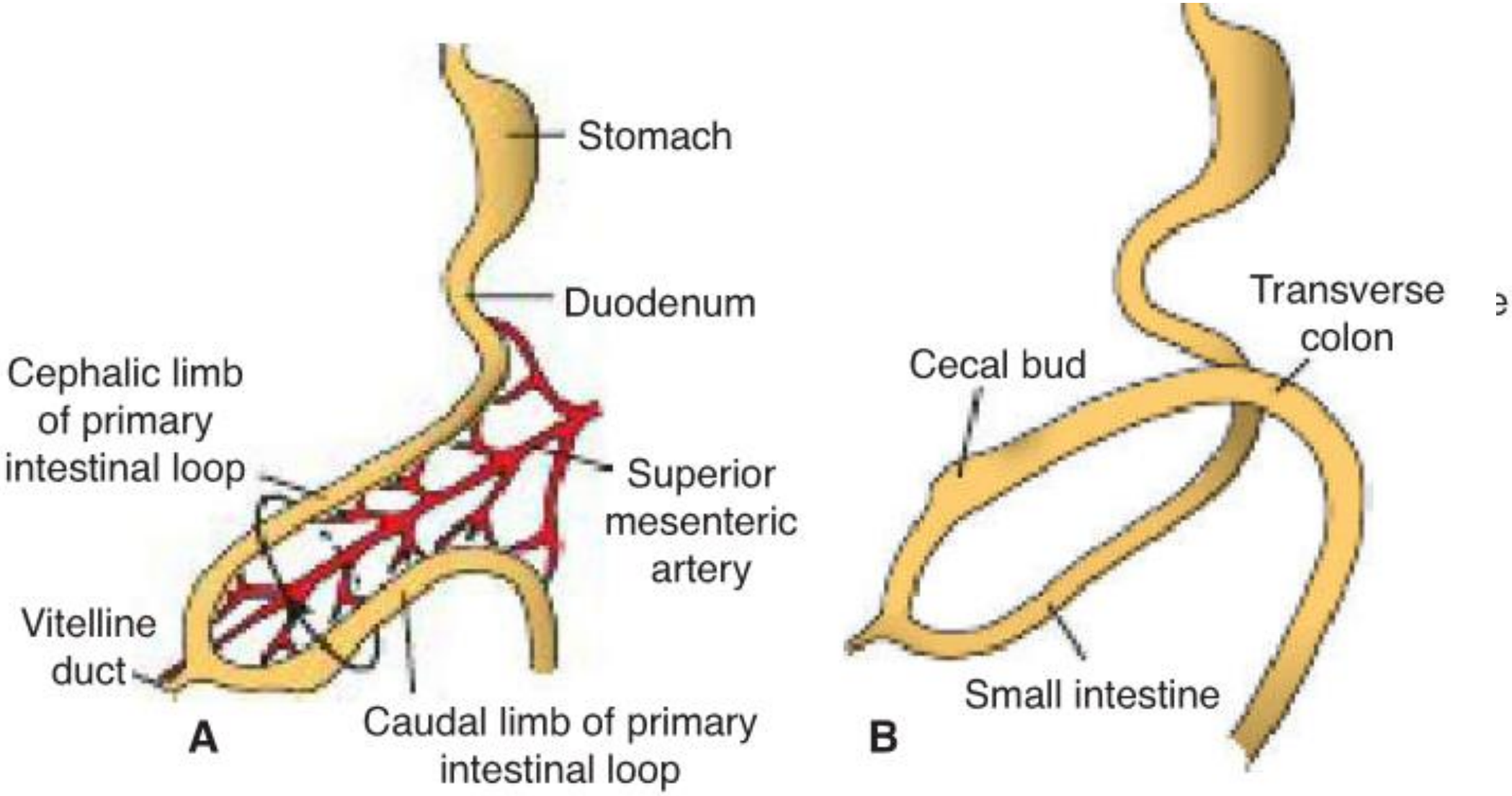
Development of the midgut



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6th – 10th week

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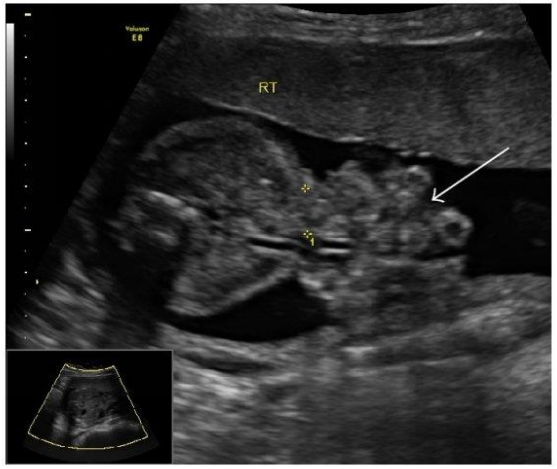
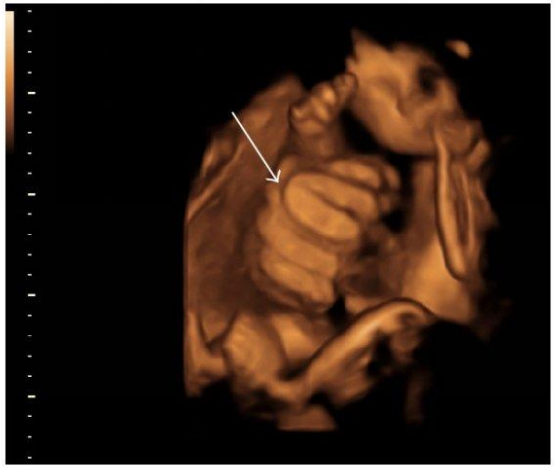
Body wall defects

Gastroschisis (3,5/10000) – most common in infants from thin women under 20; usually not associated with chromosomal abnormalities and other severe defects, thus the mortality rate is low (unless associated with volvulus)





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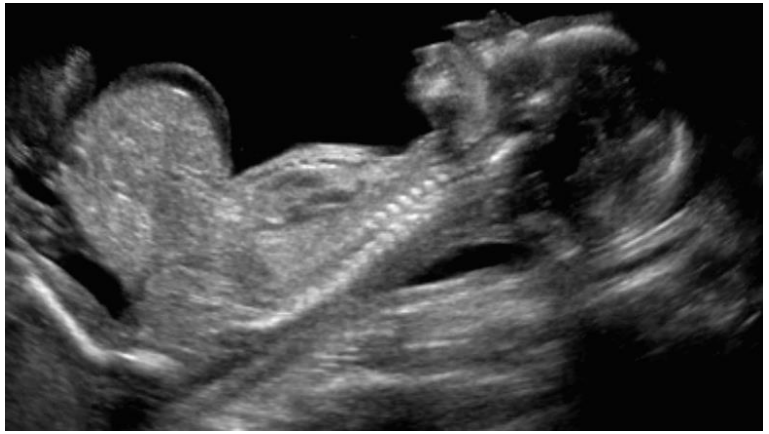
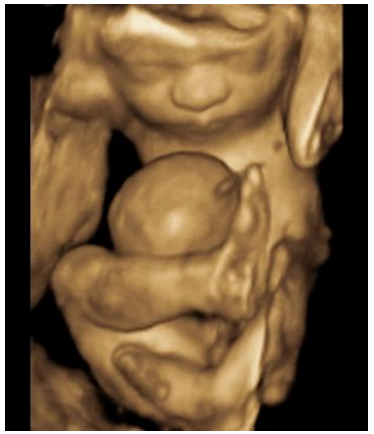
Omphalocele (2,5/10000) –

up to 25 % mortality rate





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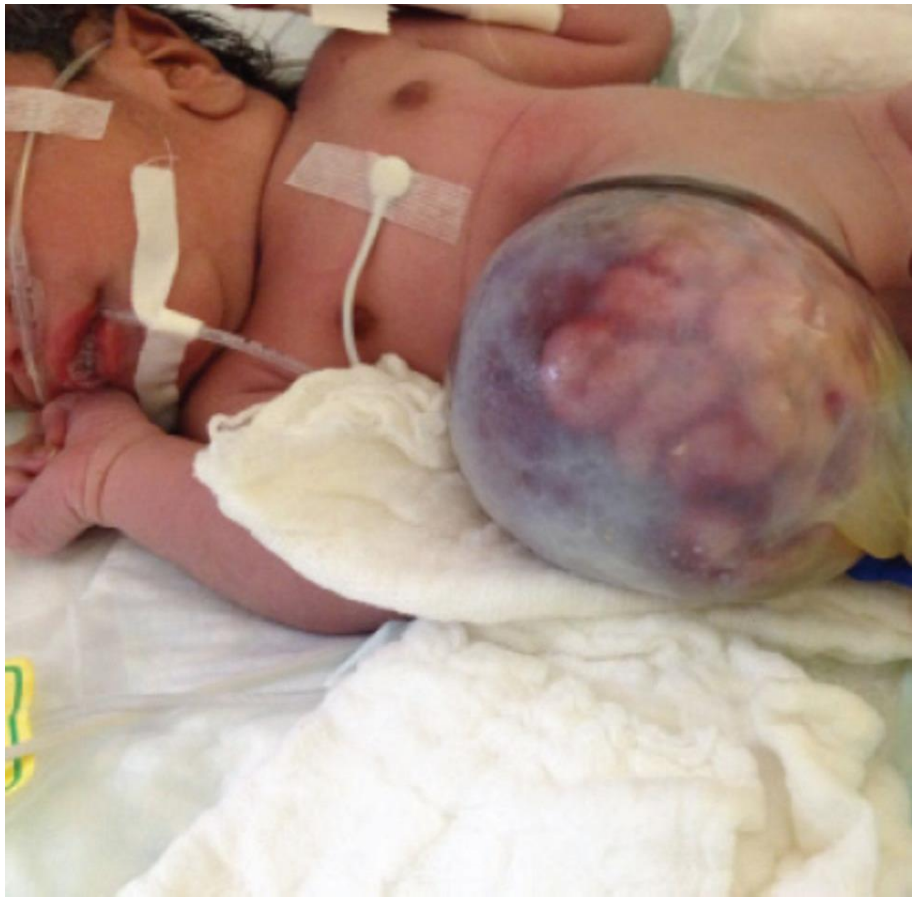
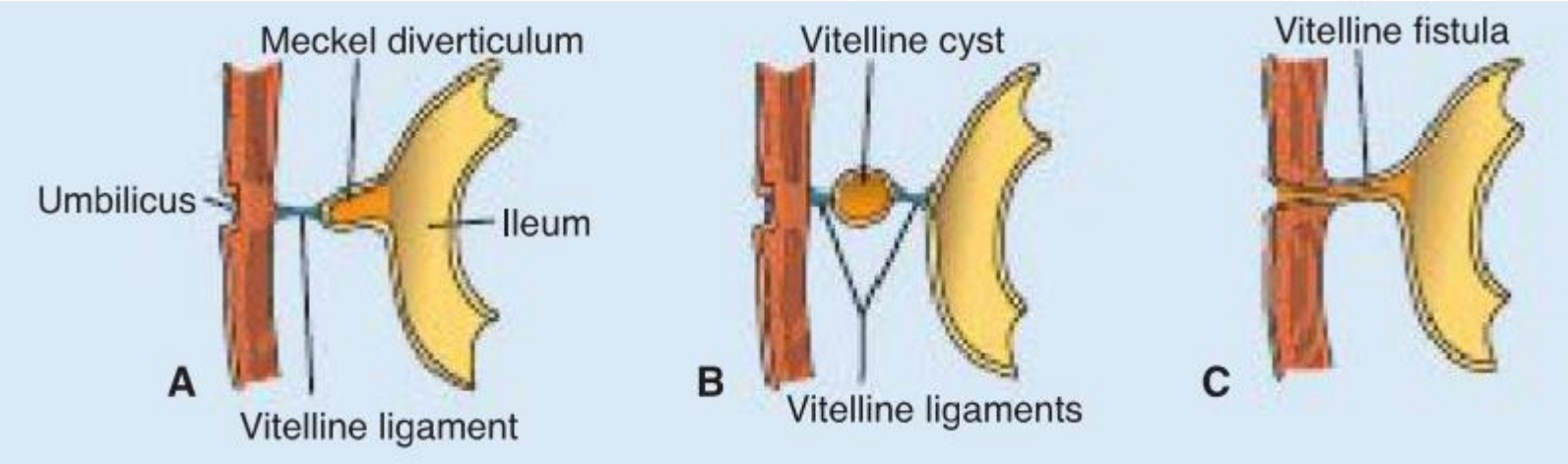


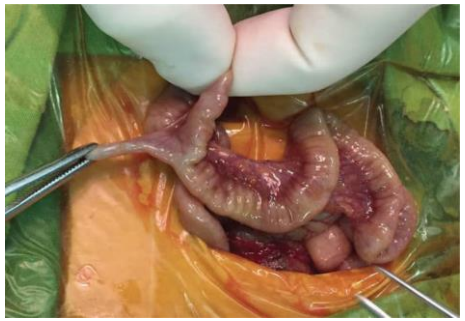
Vitelline duct abnormalities

Meckel or ileal diverticulum – in 2 to 4 % of people, 3-5 times more prevalent in males (inflammation symptoms mimic those of appendicitis)

Enterocystoma or vitelline cyst

Umbilical or vitelline fistula





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Gut rotation defects

Left-sided colon – colon and cecum are the first to return from the umbilical cord cavity as the result of only 90° rotation

Reversed rotation of the intestinal loop

Duplications of intestinal loops and cysts

Gut atresias and stenoses

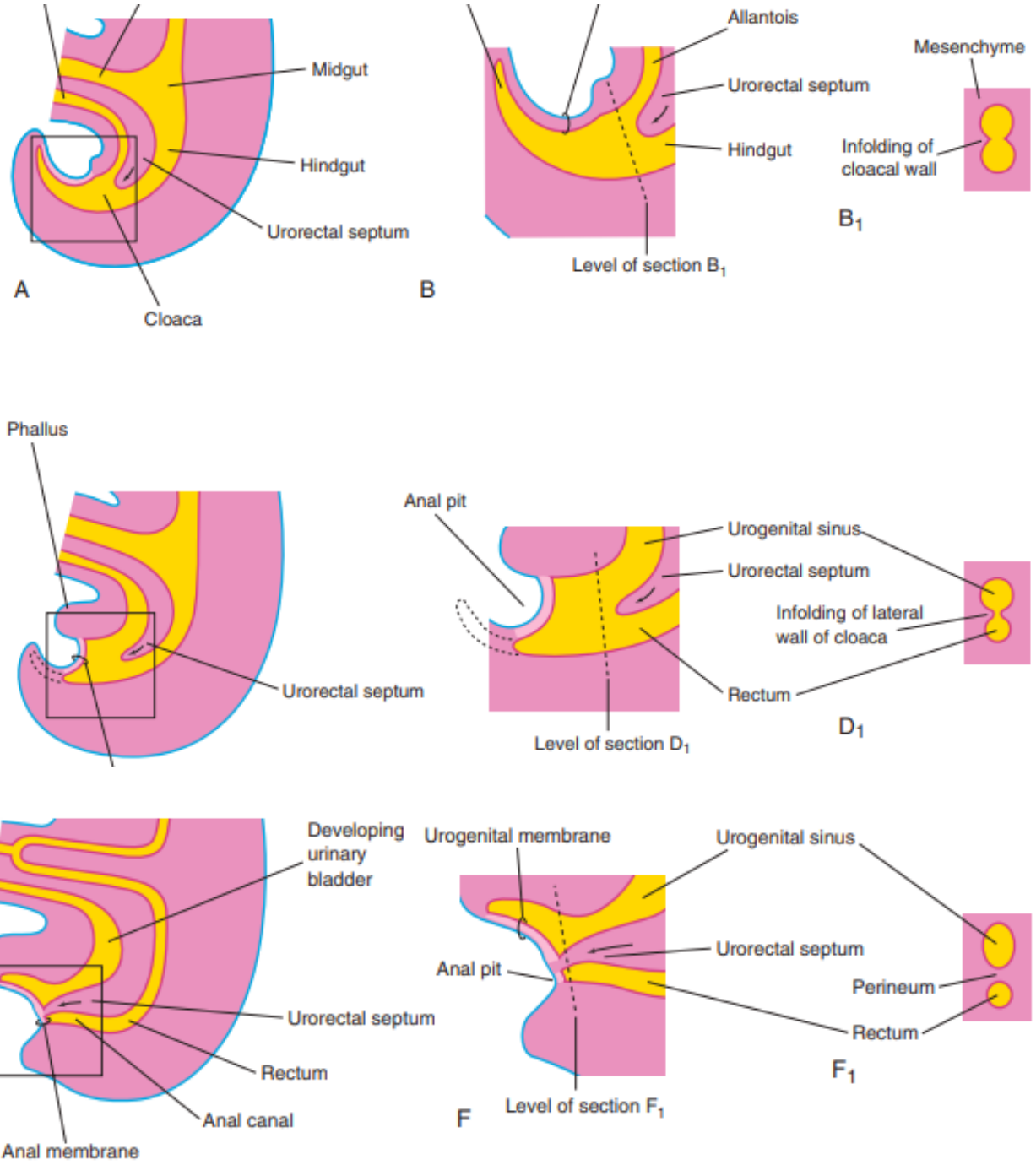
- Most occur in duodenum, fewest in the colon, equal number in jejunum and ileum; in 50 % of cases a region of bowel is missing completely, in 20 % cases the fibrous cord is present; stenoses represent only 5 % of cases

Apple peel atresia - 10 % of atresias: in the proximal jejunum, intestine is short, portion distal to the lesion coiled around remanent of mesenteries

Hindgut

Hindgut derivatives:

- Left third of the transverse colon, descending colon, sigmoid colon, rectum, superior part of the anal canal
- The epithelium of the urinary bladder and most of the urethra!!!



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Congenital megacolon

(Hirschsprung disease) – 1/5000, males are affected 4 times more often than females

Imperforate anus - 1/5000 more common in males than females

Anorectal birth defects

- High vs. Low (rectum ends superior or inferior to the *puborectalis* muscle respectively)

Low: anal agenesis, with or without fistula

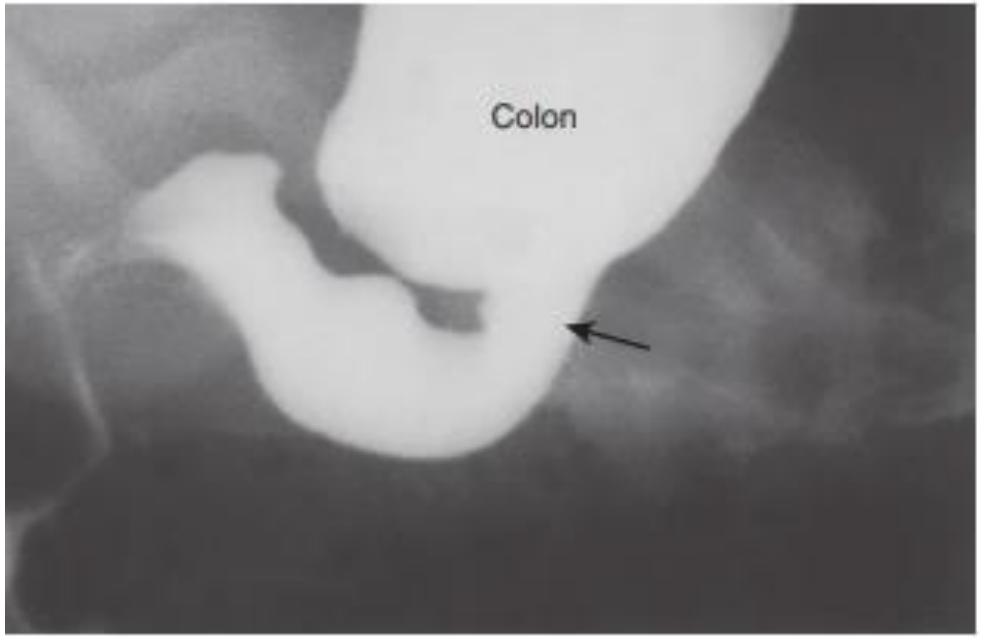
anal stenosis

membranous atresia of anus

High: anorectal agenesis, with or without

fistula (2/3 of anorectal defects)

rectal atresia



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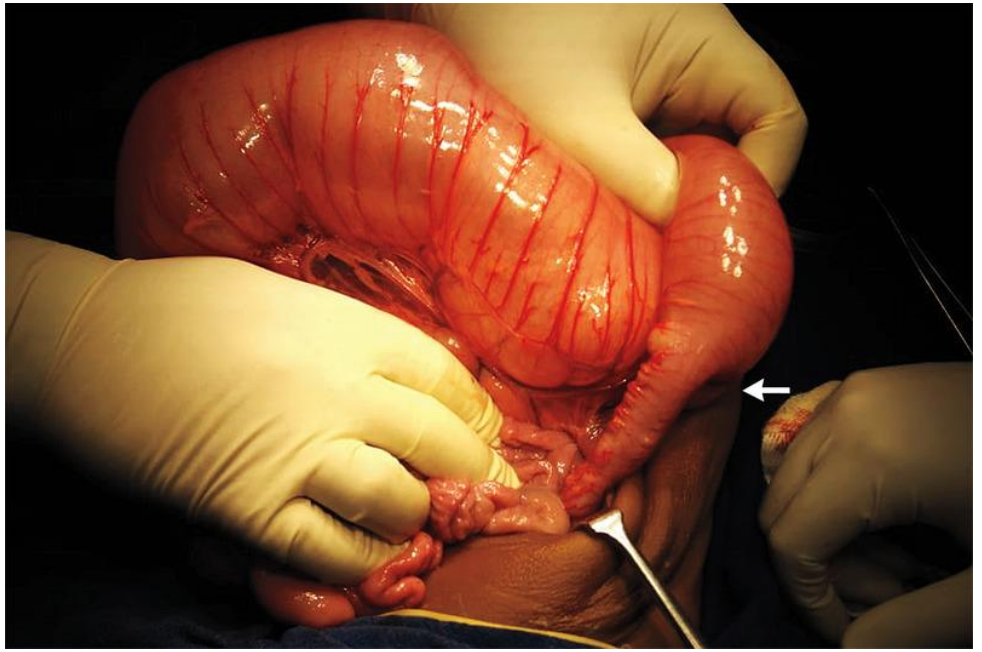

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