

A Case Report of Acute Lobar Nephronia

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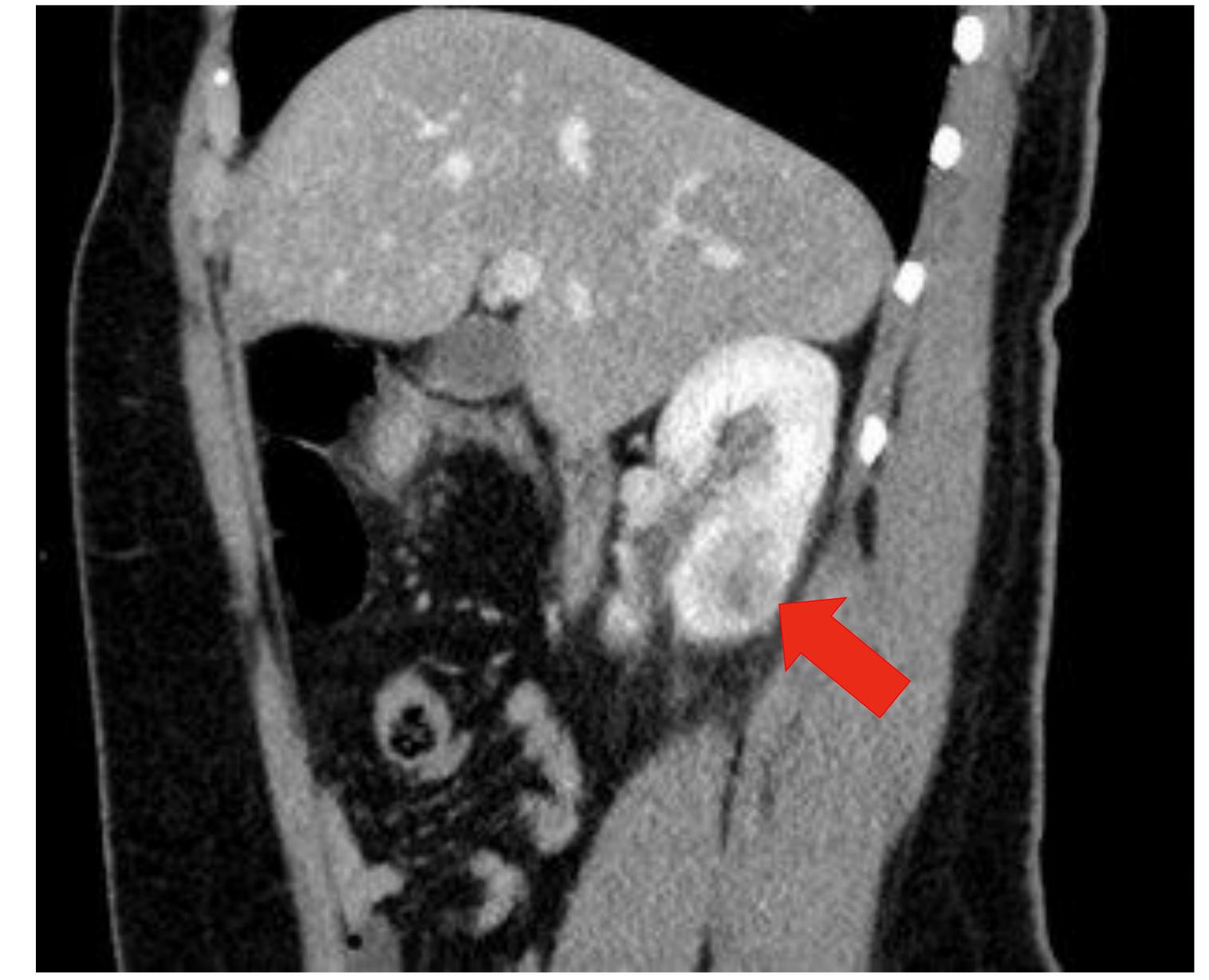
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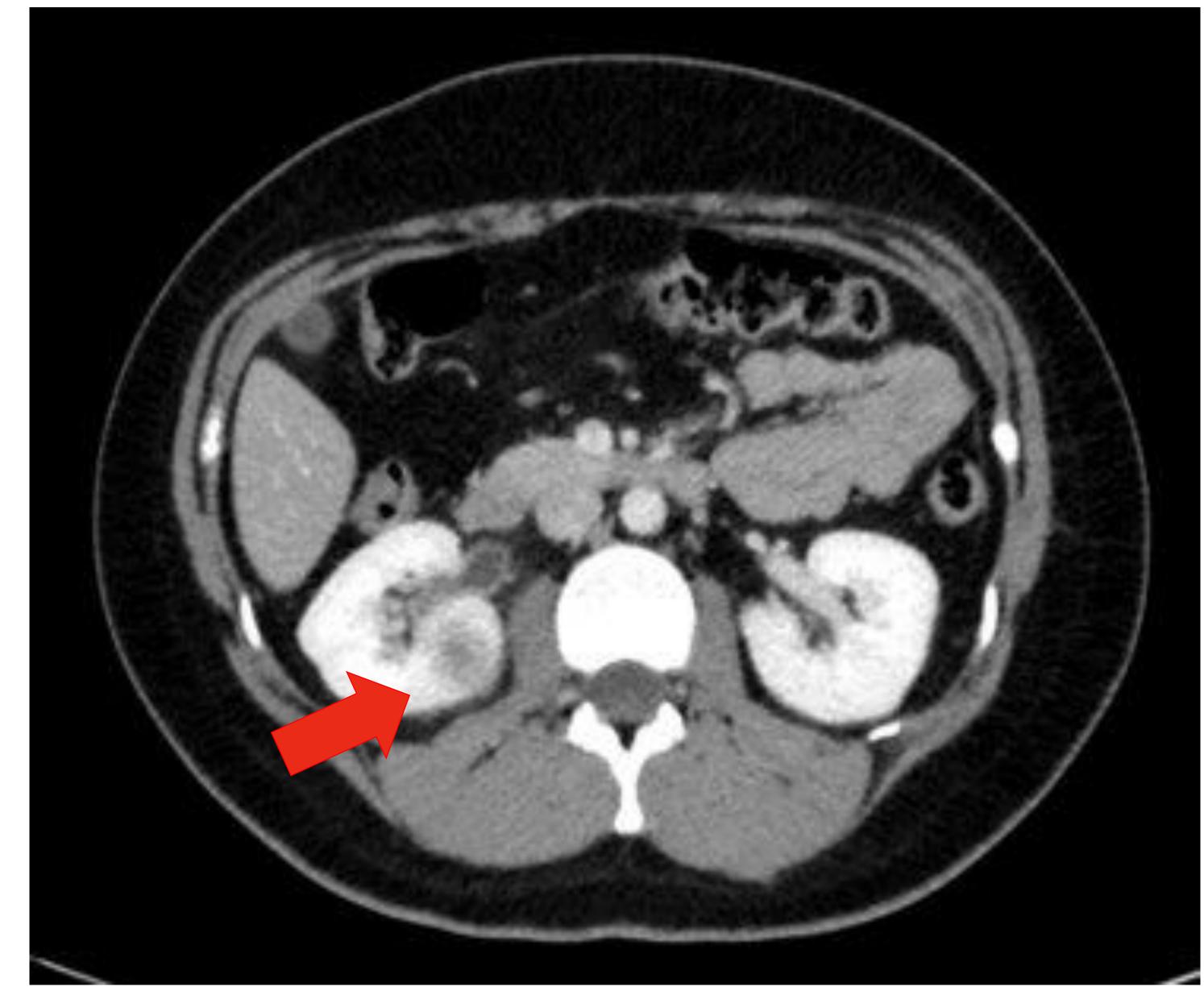
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Introduction

- Acute lobar nephronia (ALN) = nonsuppurative, focal acute kidney infection
- Stage between pyelonephritis and renal abscess
- Improved diagnosis with imaging advances
- A correct diagnosis of ALN prevents of complications such as renal scarring or renal dysfunction.





CT A/P: focus of hypoattenuation within the right kidney with ureteral enhancement

Case

- 23-year-old woman with RLQ abdominal pain, right flank pain, fever, chills and nausea for three days. Denies dysuria or urinary frequency.
- CT abd/pelvis with contrast
- Urine cx: Pan susceptible +E. coli
- Treatment:
- Initial IV ceftriaxone
- 14 total days of abx with Levofloxacin

	Pyelonephritis	Lobar Nephronia	Renal Abscess
Presentation	Fever, flank pain, nausea, vomiting, dysuria, costovertebral tenderness		
Imaging (CT with contrast)	 Imaging reserved for high-risk patients (severely ill, persistent sxs with abx, suspected urinary obstruction) Localized hypodensity 	Wedge shaped hypodensity with ill-defined borders	Intrarenal walled off cavities, a rim of hyperdensity
Treatment	• IV vs PO • 5-10 days abx	 Initial IV abx 2–3 weeks of abx 	 Initial IV abx 2-3 weeks of abx Drainage for abscess diameter >5cm