SOFT-TISSUE CASE 29. PRESENTATION

A 46-year-old woman presented with an acute onset of severe right upper quadrant abdominal pain for 1 day, associated with anorexia and vomiting. On examination there was local tenderness over the right upper quadrant of the abdomen, but no mass was palpable. Initial hematologic study showed mild neutrophilia $(14.9 \times 10^{\circ}/L)$; the





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results of tests for serum amylase and liver function were within normal limits. Abdominal ultrasonography was performed (Figs. 1 and 2). From these figures can you make the diagnosis? What other investigations would help to confirm the diagnosis?

For the answer see page 344.



