

# **Physical Exam Session 3 – Examination of the Abdomen**

**Nov 11-17, 2011; Learning Center Room 673**

*(see master schedule for the exact date and time of your session)*

## **Learning objectives:**

At the end of this one-hour session, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the proper techniques used for the abdominal exam (inspection, auscultation, palpation, and percussion).
2. Recognize the relationship between landmarks on the abdominal wall to the underlying organs.
3. Demonstrate the proper technique for palpation of the liver and spleen.
4. Understand the approach to examination of the patient with abdominal pain.
5. Demonstrate the proper technique to elicit some specific pathologic findings such as the presence of rebound tenderness, ascites, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and renal artery bruits.

## **Reading:**

Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking

9<sup>th</sup> Edition Pages 359-395

10<sup>th</sup> Edition Pages 415-455

## **Videos:**

[The Abdominal Exam](#)

## **Equipment:**

Stethoscope

**BRING YOUR COMPETENCY BOOK TO THIS SESSION**

## **Dress:**

Men – tee shirt

Women – jog bra or bathing suit top and t-shirt

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