

Table 1. Differential diagnosis of a “thyroid” nodule

A Thyroidal neoplastic lesions	B Thyroidal non-neoplastic lesions
I Benign 1 Dominant portion of multinodular goiter 2 Adenoma • Colloid • Follicular • Fetal • Embryonal • Hürthle cell • Teratoma • Lipoma • Haemangioma II Malignant 1 Papillary carcinoma 2 Follicular carcinoma 3 Hürthle cell carcinoma 4 Medullary carcinoma 5 Anaplastic carcinoma 6 Thyroid lymphoma 7 Fibrosarcoma 8 Haemangioendothelioma 9 Histiocytoma 10 Teratoma 11 Metastatic carcinoma	1 Cysts • Thyroid • Thyroglossal 2 Agenesis of a thyroid lobe 3 Focal thyroiditis • Hashimoto • De Quervain • Acute 4 Postsurgical remnant hyperplasia 5 Postradioiodine remnant hyperplasia 6 Granulomatosis • Sarcoidosis • Tuberculosis • Histiocytosis X C Nonthyroidal lesions 1 Parathyroid cyst or adenoma 2 Inflammatory or neoplastic node 3 Aneurysm 4 Cele of bronchus 5 Laryngoccele