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Clinical History: A 4-year-old, female chicken presented for clinical exam with hyperemic comb and legs. The bird was obtunded and with incoordination. The bird died and was submitted for postmortem examination.

Necropsy Findings: The coelomic cavity was distended by approximately 100 ml of yellow opaque fluid containing free-floating soft yellow material. The serosal surfaces of the proventriculus, ventriculus, intestines, spleen, left liver lobe, and ovary as well of the mesentery, coelomic wall, and air sacs were covered by miliary 0.1-0.5 cm diameter, white to tan, firm nodules (Figures 1+2).

Gross Images:

Figure 1
Follow-up Questions: Morphologic diagnosis(es)? Differential diagnosis(es)?

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