Systematic approach to sonographic evaluation of the pelvis in women with suspected endometriosis, including terms, definitions and measurements.

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**ANTERIOR COMPARTMENT**

1. **BLADDER BASE**
   - Spherical lesion at base

2. **BLADDER DOME**
   - Linear lesion at base

**POSTERIOR COMPARTMENT**

1. **RECTOVAGINAL SEPTUM**
   - Rectal wall lesion

2. **POSTERIOR VAGINAL FORNIX**
   - Forniceal lesion

3. **“DIABOLO-LIKE” NODULE**
   - Forniceal and recto-sigmoid lesions

4. **UTEROSACRAL LIGAMENT**
   - Uterosacral lesion

5. **RECTUM & RECTOSIGMOID**
   - Intestinal nodule with progressive narrowing

**FIRST STEP**
- Routine evaluation of uterus and adnexa (+ sonographic signs of adenomyosis/presence or absence of endometrioma)

**SECOND STEP**
- Evaluation of transvaginal sonographic “soft markers” (i.e. site-specific tenderness and ovarian mobility)

**THIRD STEP**
- Assessment of status of POD using real-time ultrasound-based “sliding sign”

**FOURTH STEP**
- Assessment for DIE nodules in anterior and posterior compartments