

Video transcript: Know your enemy Cysts

Here I have a museum specimen, a kidney. What we see in this are a multitude of these empty ball-like sacs. A cyst is an enclosed sac-like growth in the body, generally containing fluid and at times, other materials. They can form either from a blocked tube or duct, such as in this lung from a patient with cystic fibrosis, or sometimes there are genetic changes that lead to the development of cysts.