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Rarely, the gallbladder is absent; failure to visualise it should not be mistaken for pathology. H Joachim Burhenne, 1925–1996, radiologist, Vancouver, Canada, described this technique in 1973. (a) (b) (c) (d) -

## 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 Figure 71.20 The main variations in gallbladder and cystic duct anat

omy. (a) Double gallbladder. (b) Septum of the gallbladder: (1) is the most common ('Phrygian cap'). (c) Diverticulum of the gallbladder. (d) Variations in cystic duct insertion.

The Phrygian cap ( Figure 71.20 ) is present in 5% of gallbladders and may be mistaken for a pathological deformity .

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