



# 8/29/24 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



"One life, so many dreams" Case Presenter: Hans Jesper Del Mundo () Case Discussants: Rabih (@rabihmgeha) and Sohil (@sohilpatel23)

**CC:** abdominal pain

**HPI:** 71yo M presents to the ED with sudden onset, dull abd pain

He reports 2 weeks of diarrhea.

On the day of presentation, developed sudden 6-7/10 abdominal pain, no triggers. Generalized. Dull. Last BM and flatus day prior. No N/V, no fevers, chills, no hematochezia, no chest pain, no dyspnea

**PMH:**  
DM2  
HTN  
Paroxysmal AF  
BPH  
h/o nephrolithiasis  
s/p lithotripsy

**Meds:**  
metformin  
Metop succ  
Tamsulosin  
Warfarin

**Fam Hx:**  
DM2  
Heart disease

**Soc Hx:**  
From Philippines, moved to Hawaii in the last 6 months  
Recent travel to Philippines

**Health-Related Behaviors:**  
Never smoker  
Occasional alcohol  
No other substances

**Allergies:**  
hydrocodone

**Vitals:** T: 37.1 HR: 76 BP: 142/78 RR: 25

**Exam:**

**Gen:** in bed, NAD **HEENT:** wnl **CV:** wnl **Pulm:** wnl

**Abd:** soft, distended abdomen, mild TTP in all quadrants, no rebound, no guarding, no masses. DRE w/ nml sphincter tone, prostate enlarged but no masses

**Neuro:** wnl **Extremities/skin:** wnl

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**

**Hematology:**

WBC: 10.2 Hgb: 11.7 Plt: 205

**Chemistry:**

Na: wnl K: Cl: HCO3: wnl BUN: wnl Cr: 0.9 glucose: 144 Ca: wnl

AST:26 ALT: 27 Alk-P: 67. T bili wnl

Lipase: wnl. Amylase: wnl

INR > 9

UA trace protein 0-5 RBCs, 0-5 WBCs, neg leuk esterase, neg nitrites

Fecal OBT: positive

**Imaging:**

EKG: NSR

CXR: no acute findings with borderline cardiomegaly, mild atherosclerotic, tortuous aorta

KUB: mild bowel distension up to 3-4 cm

CTA AP: small non-obstructing L kidney stone, mild colonic diverticulosis. Circumferential rectal wall thickening, w/ fat stranding. Mild intestinal dilation with proximal small bowel thickening, suggesting partial SBO. Unremarkable arterial system. No thrombus/occlusion in mesenteric arteries.

Exploratory lap findings: small bowel resection with an intramural hematoma.

Path: normal small bowel architecture with hemorrhage, no malignancy

Dx: SBO 2/2 intramural hematoma 2/2 supratherapeutic warfarin

**Problem Representation:**

71yo M w/ pAF on warfarin, DM, HTN p/w 2 wks of diarrhea, sudden onset, generalized abd pain fth supratherapeutic warfarin, partial SBO, and rectal wall thickening s/p ex lap w/ an intramural hematoma

**Teaching Points(Julia):**

Localisation: (sudden onset, diarrhea and diffuse poorly localised pain) -> **acute intestinal syndrome**

With sudden onset think about blockage / rupture

→ **VIPO** (obstruction(pseudodiarrhea in overflow incontinence)>>vascular, infection, perforation)

Approach: evaluate threshold for a CT: EKG, urinary retention, labs; are any alarm signs present => CT, unless pw/high Lipase and C2 abusus => *pancreatitis*

Acute mesenteric ischemia subtle changes -> mention your concern to your radiologist-friend (+check lactate)

Elevated INR + low Hb → intra-abdominal hemorrhage (intra-/extraintestinal or intramural hematoma(minimal bleeding))

**iFOBt:** microscopic bleed in the GI tract (CAVE: can distract you (e.g. 2/2 warfarin); do not miss a macroscopic bleed (intra-/retroperitoneal-> paralytic ileus)

**Warfarin** can cause both hypercoagulable state (low protein c + s) state => ischemia & hypocoagulable state (low Faktor VII) => increased bleeding risk

**bowel wall thickening:** (1) inflammation (IBD) (2) Infectious (diverticulitis) (3) ischemia (4) angioedema (check for ACE Inhibitor) (5) intramural hematoma (6) malignancy