



12/12/25 Morning Report with @CPSolvers

"One life, so many dreams" Case Presenter: (Eyron Cato) Case Discussants: RabiH@Rabihmgeha) & Alec@ABRezMed)
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Scribing (Glen)

CC: 10y old male with abdominal pain
HPI: 1 day prior noted Gen abdo pain, worse in periumbilical area, initially dull, non-radiating, worse with movement and rated 6/10. Associated with low grade fevers, decreased appetite and multiple episodes of NBNB vomiting. Patient consulted at a local clinic and was given unrecalled medications which did not provide relief.

Pain progressed to 10/10 in severity, worse in the lower quadrants, R>L. Due to persistence of symptoms, patient went to seek consult at various hospitals, however, no beds were available until patient presented to our institution for workup.

ROS: Last BM 2 days ago due to low appetite

PMH:
Right inguinal hernia repair (2018)
Meds: none

Fam Hx:
unremarkable

Social Hx:
unremarkable

Health-Related Behaviors: none

Allergies: none

Vitals: T: 38.1 HR: 135 BP: 116/80 RR: 24 Sat: 99%RA BMI:
Exam: Gen: Awake secondary to pain
HEENT: Dry lips and oral mucosa
CV: pulses(tachycardic, regular rhythm) **Pulm:** Good air entry Bilaterally
Abd: non-distended, generalized +rebound tenderness, + guarding, +rovsing sign
Neuro: no neurological deficits
Extremities/skin: no lesions

Notable Labs & Imaging:

Hematology:

WBC: 37k N66 L28 Hgb: 12.1 Plt: 495k

Chemistry:

Na: 129 K: 4.29 Cl: 98 HCO3: Cr: 0.71

Glucose: nl iCa: 1.11 iMg: 0.61

PT:nl INR: nl PTT:nl

Imaging:

CXR: minimal subsegmental atelectasis, left lower lobe

UA: Dark yellow, Ketones 2+, Blood 1+, WBC 6, RBC 1

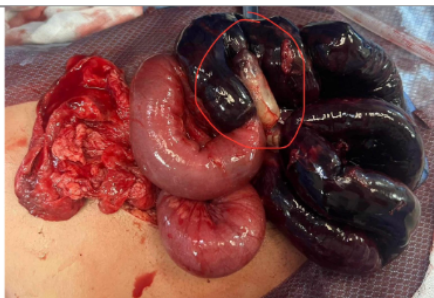
ABDO X-RAY: no definite air-fluid levels, mild fecal stasis with focal ileus

CT A/P: Bowel wall thickening anteriorly, moderate amount of fluid perihepatic, perisplenic, paracolic, pelvic regions free fluid, no pneumoperitoneum, no LAD, minimal to moderate ascites.

EXP LAP: 300ML peritoneal fluid. Ischemic segment of distal ileum. Diverticulum from necrotic segment that strangulated the mesentery.

COURSE IN WARDS: WBC downtrending, fever persisted with hypotension. Patient expired on the 6th day.

Dx: PERITONITIS SECONDARY TO ISCHEMIC BOWEL SECONDARY TO MECKEL'S DIVERTICULUM



Problem Representation: 10/M with 1 day history of Gen abdo pain worse with movement. Later worse in RLL. Had fever, tachycardia, with positive guarding and rovsing sign on exam. Labs showed neutrophilic pred leukocytosis and CT A/P showed leaking fluid in abdomen. Ex lap and biopsy confirmed meckel's diverticulum.

Teaching Points (Krithika)

- **Timeline is important in abdominal pain-Acute, Subacute, Chronic**
- **Positional pain localised to surface- reassuring but needs caution- could be involvement of "inside of outside"-could be sinister.**
- **Primary peritonitis vs Secondary peritonitis(secondary to a focal lesion with micro/macro perforation or to a large vessel thrombosis causing mesenteric ischemia)**
- **Other Ddx- complication secondary to previous surgery(fibrosis, strangulation), infectious process causing intussusception**
- **Fluid in abdomen- could be due to portal hypertension, due to peritoneal inflammation, rare- Genitourinary cause with urine leak, angioedema secondary to ACE-use, etc**
- **Primary peritonitis- most likely to have some underlying autoimmune etiology with significant similar history in the past**