



Image of the Month

Abdominal Pain in an Elderly Man Secondary to Giant Sigmoid Diverticula[☆]



Dolor abdominal en el anciano secundario a divertículo sigmoideo gigante

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The patient is a 93-year-old man with symptoms of diffuse abdominal pain, liquid diarrhea and vomiting over the previous 2 weeks. On examination, the patient presented a soft abdomen, with mild discomfort in the hypogastrium. Blood work revealed leukocyte levels of 15 000/ μ l and PCR 6 mg/dl. CT scan showed a large sigmoid diverticulum measuring 9.5 $\times$ 5.6 cm in the lower pelvis, with an air-fluid level, fecaloid content and inflammatory involvement of the adjacent fat, suggestive of acute diverticulitis (Figs. 1 and 2). The patient was hospitalized for medical treatment with intravenous antibiotics, with a favorable progress, so the patient was discharged seven days later.

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