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Foreign Body of the Rectum[☆]



Cuerpo extraño rectal

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Fig. 2

The patient is a 68-year-old male with a history of a villous adenoma that had been removed using colonoscopy, who came to the emergency room due to the introduction of a screwdriver in the anus. During abdominal examination, he presented pain in the hypogastrium upon palpation, with no defense or peritonism. During digital rectal examination, the end of a metallic object could be felt with the tip of a finger, although it could not be extracted. Abdominal radiograph (Fig. 1) demonstrated the foreign body within the pelvis. Abdominal computed tomography (Fig. 2) confirmed its presence and location, while also ruling out bowel perforation. Under spinal blockage, the object was extracted transanally, followed by rectoscopy, which showed no injury to the rectal mucosa. The patient was discharged 24 h later, with no complications.

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