



Image of the month

Thigh Necrotizing Fasciitis Secondary to Perforated Sigmoid Diverticulitis ☆



Fascitis necrosante del muslo secundaria a diverticulitis sigmoidea perforada

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A 92-year-old woman was brought to the emergency room due to confusion over the previous 4 days. The examination revealed diffuse abdominal pain, without peritonism, together with subcutaneous emphysema on the left thigh. The blood panel demonstrated marked leukocytosis ($46 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$) together with acute kidney failure and hyperkalemia. Computed tomography showed acute diverticulitis with a pelvic abscess (Fig. 1A arrowhead), fistulized to the left thigh, causing necrotizing fasciitis in that area (Fig. 1B). The patient died in the hours following her admission as a result of septic shock.



Figure 1

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