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Inferior epigastric artery pseudoaneurysm: Complication of surgical drain insertion[☆]



Seudoaneurisma de la arteria epigástrica como complicación por la utilización de drenajes

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Fig. 1

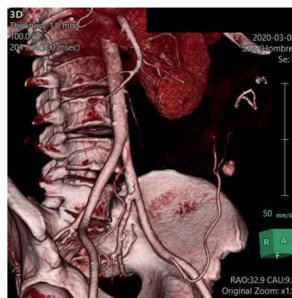


Fig. 2

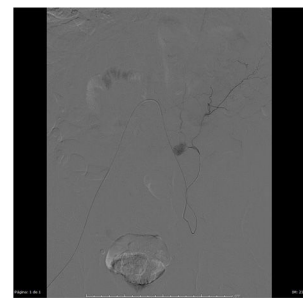


Fig. 3

The formation of pseudoaneurysms in the epigastric artery as a complication due to the use of intra-abdominal drains is unusual. Our patient is a 61-year-old man who underwent reconstruction of the intestinal tract and right nephrectomy due to a renal tumor and incisional hernia repair. We placed two number 19 Blake intra-abdominal drains (Fig. 1) and two subcutaneous Redon drains.

One month after surgery, the patient came to the emergency room with pain in the left upper quadrant. The computed tomography scan revealed a pseudoaneurysm of a branch of the left epigastric artery in the area where the drain was inserted (Fig. 2). Arteriography and embolization were performed (Fig. 3).

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