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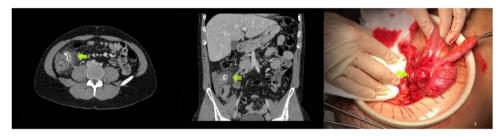
Perforated cecal diverticulum mimicking acute appendicitis☆



Divertículo cecal perforado que simula apendicitis aguda

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A 33-year-old man consulted for abdominal pain of 2 days' evolution radiating to the right iliac fossa with fever of 38.3 °C. Laboratory tests showed leukocytosis of 13,480 cells/mL and C-reactive protein of 56 mg/l. An abdominal CT scan was performed, showing a thickened tubular structure with calcifications in its interior depending on the cecum, with inflammatory changes suggestive of acute appendicitis (Fig. 1).

A laparotomy was performed where a normal calibre appendix was visualised and the presence of a perforated cecal diverticulum with enterolithiasis inside it, adjacent to the ileocaecal valve was observed (Fig. 1), so an ileocecectomy with mechanical lateral anastomosis was performed.

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