

Surgery Collaborative and Long-term Practical Experience Learning

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Case report



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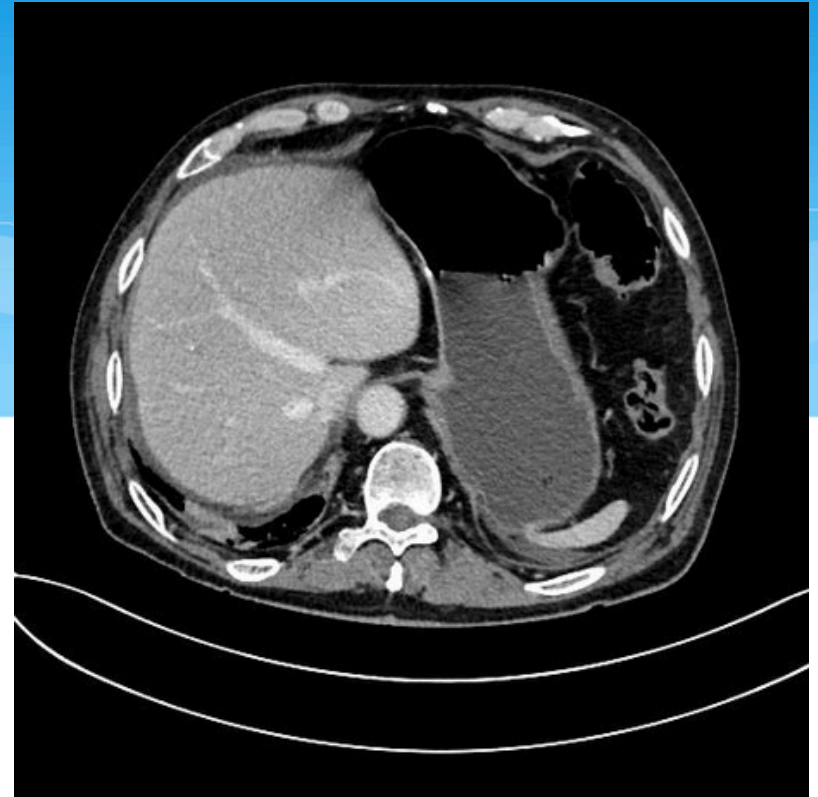
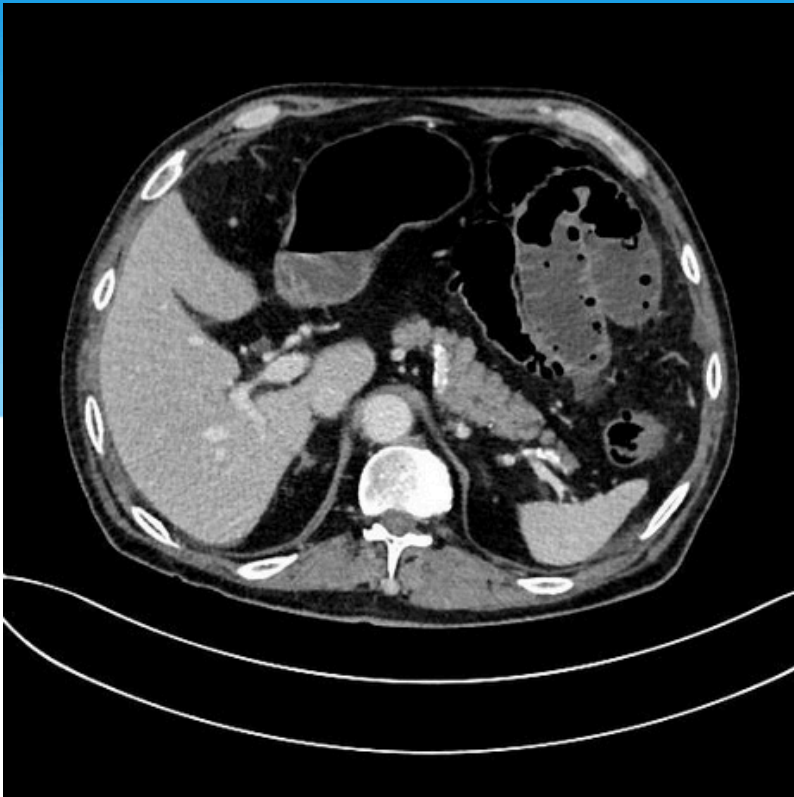
Introduction

- Male, 70 years old
- Intermittent sharp pain in the upper abdomen
- Kidney transplant in 1994.
- Radical prostatectomy (prostate cancer) in 2017.
- Adjuvant radiotherapy
- Th: **everolimus**, **azathioprin**, **prednison**, ramipril, nifedipin, simvastatin, furosemid, valganciklovir
- Lost 6 kg in last 40 days

Diagnostics

- LAB: Lkc-9, CRP -28.7
- RTG: air-fluid levels, no distension, no pneumoperitoneum
- US: normal findings
- Next morning: Lkc: 8.6, CRP: 173
- What next?






MSCT: dilated proximal small bowel (3,4 cm), obstruction, pneumoperitoneum, free liquid


What is next?

- ★ Conservative treatment?
- ★ Surgery?

Surgery

- ★ Findings: proximal small bowel perforation (30 cm from ligament of Treitz), peritonitis, adhesions
- ★ Microbiology swabs, biopsy of perforation site, sutures (PDS), lavage and drainage
- ★ Admitted to ICU postoperatively

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- ★ Returned to ward the next day
 - ★ Postoperative course going well, no complications, nephrologist consulted before release
 - ★ Released on 8th postop. day

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- ★ Returned to emergency department 3 days after release
 - ★ Intense pain in the abdomen since yesterday, worsening
 - ★ No fever, vomiting or nausea
 - ★ Tender abdomen
 - ★ LAB: Lkc – 18.1, CRP – 189.2

- RTG: air-fluid levels, small bowell distension (29 mm), no pneumoperitoneum
- Diagnostics?
- Antibiotics?
- Surgery?



MSCT

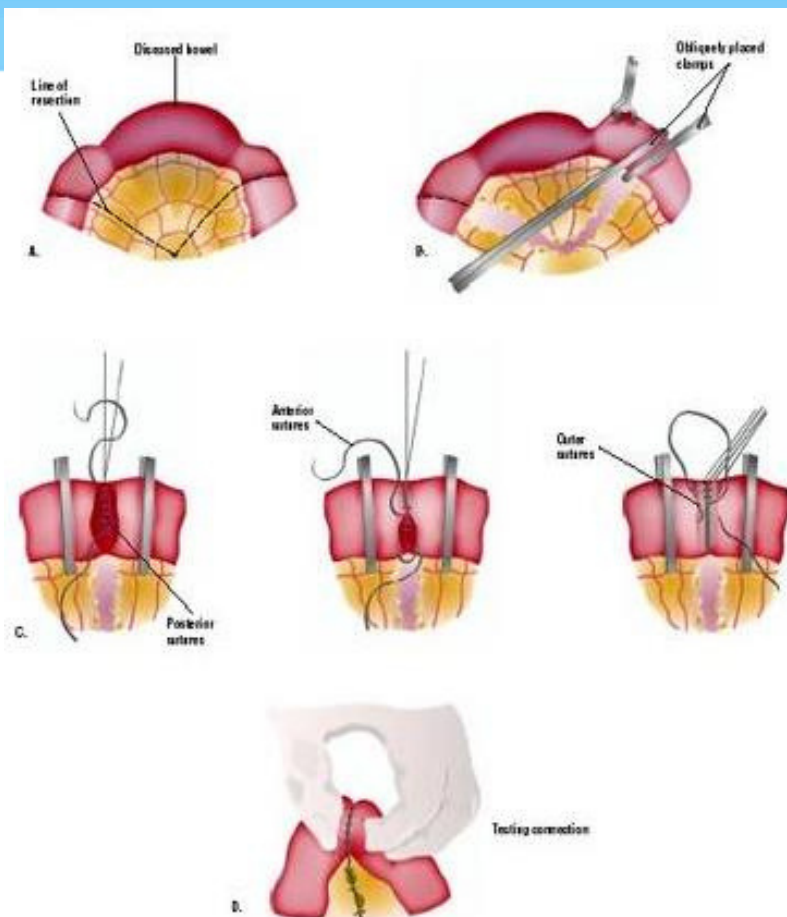
- ★ Dilated small bowel (44 mm), air-fluid levels, fatstranding
- ★ No pneumoperitoneum
- ★ site of opstruction – unclear

- Conservative treatment or surgery?



Second surgery

- ★ Findings: small bowel perforation 3 cm distal from the previous one, local peritonitis, no adhesions
- ★ Site of perforation is 40 cm from ligament of Treitz
- ★ Sutures?
- ★ Resection and anastomosis?
- ★ Jejunostomy?



- Senior surgeon was consulted –resection (20 cm including both perforation sites) and end to end anastomosis
- Lavage and drainage
- PHD: necrosis with acute peritonitis, ischaemic changes on one of the edges

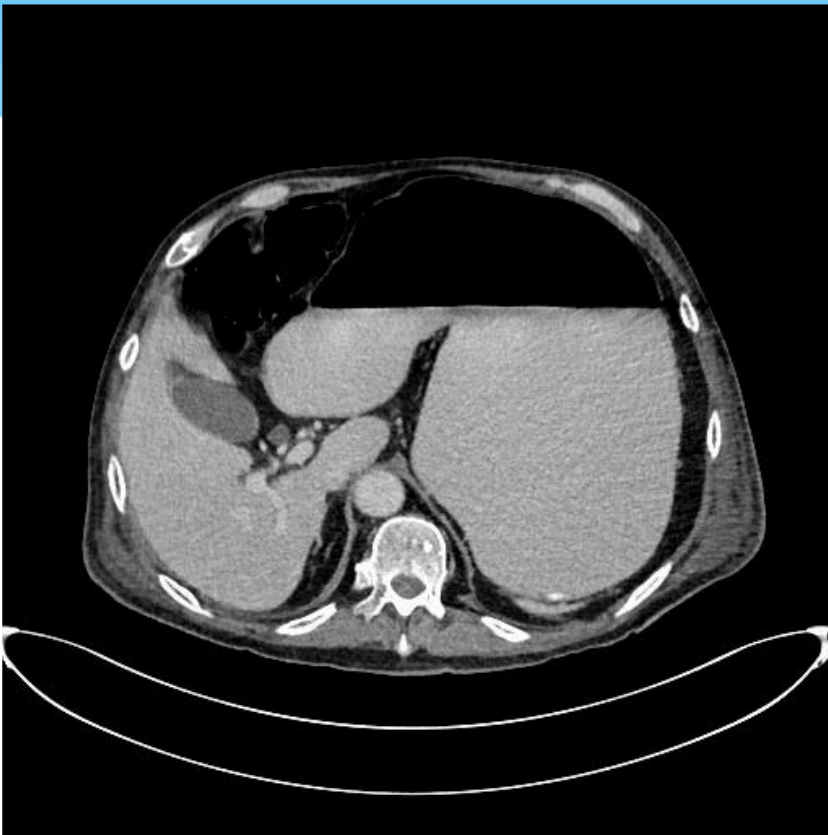
Postoperatively

- ★ Returned to ward, cefazolin (3x1 g) and metronidazole (3x500 mg) i.v.
- ★ Consulted nephrologist (everolimus continued but in lower doses, azathioprine stopped, prednisone continued in normal dose (10 mg))
- ★ LAB: decrease in Lkc (18.1 –10.5) and increase in CRP (274.3 – 189.2), Hb: 124 -115
- ★ Good general condition, no fever


Two days later


- ★ Abdominal pain
- ★ LAB: Hb – 104, Lkc – 10.3, CRP– **602.5**
- ★ **Change antibiotics?**
- ★ **RTG?**
- ★ **CT?**
- ★ **Surgery?**

MSCT with oral contrast



- ★ Distended stomach, diffusely distended small bowel with air-fluid levels
- ★ No site of obstruction
- ★ Fat stranding
- ★ No extralumination of contrast

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- ★ Continued conservative treatment
 - ★ Cefazoline replaced with Meropenem, Metronidazole continued
 - ★ LAB: Lkc (10.3 –7.9 –7.0), CRP (602.5 –516 –302.2), Hb (104 –102 -103)
 - ★ Everolimus dose reduced by nephrologist, good renal function

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- ★ After 3 days – worse general condition, eneteral content in abdominal drains


What now??


- ★ MSCT?
- ★ Surgery?
- ★ NG tube and NPO?

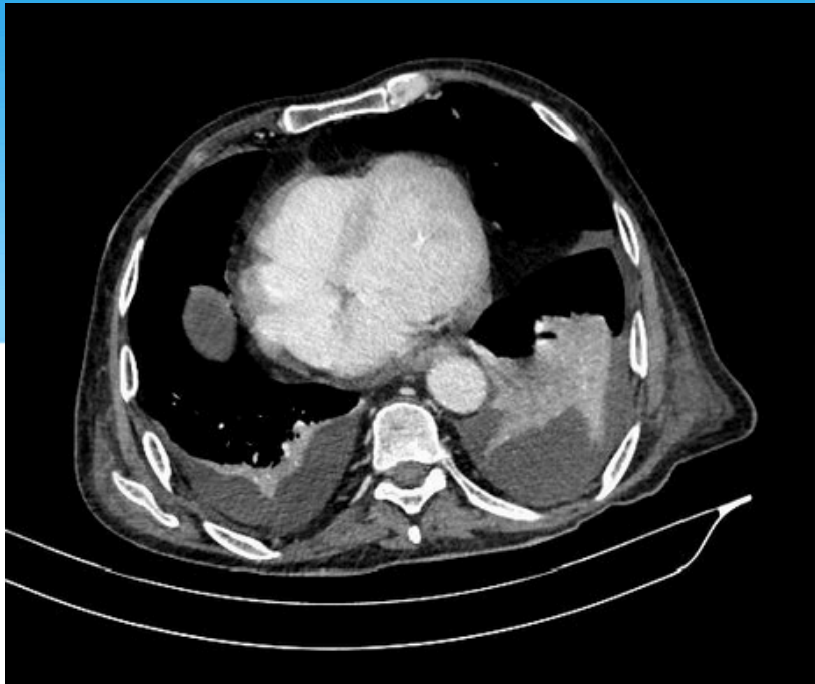
Third surgery

- ★ Findings: diffuse peritonitis with enteral content filling the abdomen
- ★ Ischaemia of the large part of small bowel distally from anastomosis with perforation on 3 sites

What to do?

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- ★ Resection of small bowel (proximal end 15 cm from Treitz and distal on ileum 60 cm from ileocecal valve) with hand sewn end to end anastomosis in one layer
 - ★ Lavage and 2 drains
 - ★ Returned to ward postoperatively
 - ★ Antibiotics (Meropenem and Metronidazole)
continued, parenteral nutrition, NPO

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- ★ On ward –slow recovery
 - ★ LAB (3rd and 5th postoperative day):
 - Lkc (15.9 – 12.3), CRP (359.4 – 256.6), Hb (101-101)
 - ★ Good renal function
 - ★ Because of slow recovery and high leukocytes and CRP levels, on 5th postoperative day another MSCT with oral contrast was done



- ★ Progression of bilateral pleural effusion (27 and 38 mm)
- ★ Extralumination of contrast
- ★ Diffuse dense fluid, mesenteric fat stranding

Fourth surgery

- ★ Findings: diffuse peritonitis with pus
- ★ Enteral content in the upper abdomen
- ★ Perforation of enteral anastomosis (few mm in diameter)
- ★ Ischaemia of right colon up to distal third of transversal colon with 2 mm perforation on cecum

Fourth surgery

★ ***What to do now?***

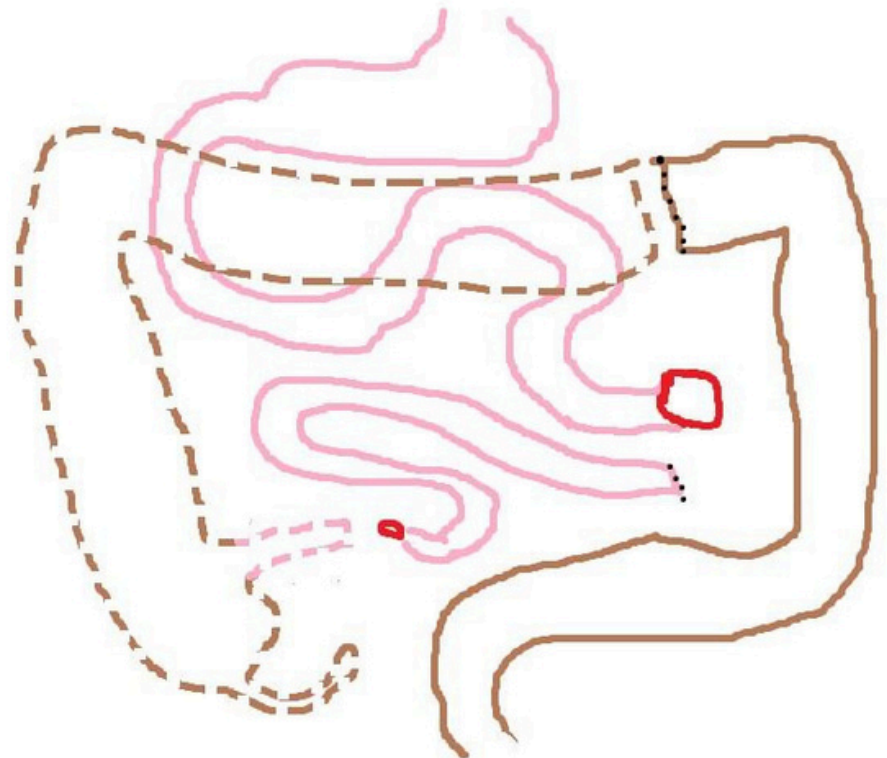
Sutures?


Jejunostomy?

Resection with anastomosis?

Right hemicolectomy?

- ★ Unipolar jejunostomy on proximal end of anastomosis
- ★ Mucous fistula on terminal ileum
- ★ Right hemicolectomy
- ★ Microbiology swabs
- ★ ICU postop.




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- ★ Th: Meropenem (9thday), Metronidazole (13thday), Mycamine (started after fourth surgery)
 - ★ 2nd postop. day: conscious, spontaneous breathing, hypotensive, good diuresis, afebrile
Lkc: 4,6, CRP: 218,9
everolimus discontinued, solumedrol 20 mg i.v.

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- ★ 3rd postop day: hemodynamically unstable, intubated, worsening renal function

Microbiology results: *Candida albicans*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* OXA-48, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Staphylococcus aureus* MRSA, *Enterococcus faecalis*

Meropenem replaced by Teicoplanin, Unasyn (Ampicillin and Sulbactam), and Colystin

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- ★ 4th postop. day: critical, hemodynamically unstable with high vasoactive support, mechanically ventilated, anuric

LAB: Lkc -10.4, CRP -386,8, PCT -71

- ★ Died

Haemoculture: K. pneumoniae OXA-48