



Image of the month

Subcutaneous Abscess. Atypical Presentation of Acute Cholecystitis[☆]



Absceso subcutáneo. Presentación atípica de colecistitis aguda

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

A 66-year-old woman presented with a subcutaneous abscess in the right hypochondrium (Fig. 1). CT scan showed a pericholecystic collection that reached the hepatorenal fossa (Fig. 2) and connected with another in the subcutaneous tissue, through the abdominal wall (Fig. 3).

Spontaneous cholecystic-cutaneous fistula with the formation of a subcutaneous abscess is a severe, uncommon complication of acute cholecystitis. It is confirmed by CT scan and/or fistulography, thus ruling out an erroneous diagnosis of a local cutaneous infectious process, pyogenic granuloma or metastasis.

Diagnosis: Perforated acute cholecystitis that fistulized through the abdominal wall, forming a subcutaneous abscess.

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