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Deep postanal abscess. Emergency diagnostic-therapeutic strategy[☆]



Absceso postanal profundo. Estrategia diagnóstico-terapéutica de urgencia

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The deep postanal space is located posterior to the anal canal. In the sagittal plane, it is delimited on the anterior side by the external sphincter complex, the posterior-inferior side by the coccyx and anococcygeal ligament, and above by the superior levator ani muscle. An abscess located in this space is known as a deep postanal abscess (DPA) and can cause posterior horseshoe abscesses. Clinical suspicion, diagnosis and emergency treatment are a challenge for general surgeons. We present a real case using an illustrative video that shows how to identify a DPA on computed tomography and how to perform correct surgical drainage.

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