

Patient with the foreign body and distal ileum perforation denying surgical treatment

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INTRODUCTION 80 years old patient from Zagreb was seeking help in the Emergency due to abdominal pain. MSCT showed thickened wall of ileum with a sharp foreign object inside and some free fluid in the right lower quadrant. He had clinical picture of acute abdomen and was suggested to go for surgery, which he refused. He was admitted and treated medically for three days. He felt better after treatment.

CASE A day after discharge home the patient seeks help at the emergency department in our ER due to increasing abdominal pain like he had before he was treated at the first hospital. He had regular stools. His abdomen was soft, with mild pain on palpation in LRQ, without peritoneal discomfort, peristalsis was heard. X-ray, ultrasound and CT were done and confirmed foreign object. Patient was treated only medically again due to refusal of surgical treatment and despite presented risks left the hospital. Next day he comes back to the emergency. He does not have improvement of the symptoms. He agrees with the surgery but refuses any transfusion because he is member of the Jehovah Witnesses. During the surgery many perforations of the distal ileum were found together with the wooden object size of 3x0,1cm. Distal ileum wall was thickened and edematous. Resection of 20cm of injured ileum together with bipolar ileostoma was made in the RLQ.

CONCLUSION Postoperative treatment was without complications. Patient still has ileostoma and is coming for a regular checkups to the outpatient clinic.