INTERESTING CLINICAL IMAGE:
Chicken Noodle Soup - Comfort Food?

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A 52-year-old patient was brought to the Emergency Department with 24-hour history of worsening abdominal pain. He denied fevers, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or constipation. His past medical and surgical history was significant for diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and a previous laparotomy approximately twenty years ago. Physical examination was concerning for diffuse abdominal tenderness with guarding. Laboratory analysis revealed normal electrolytes, liver function tests, and pancreatic enzymes, but also a white blood cell count of 16,300/mm\textsuperscript{3}. Computed tomographic scan was performed by the Emergency Department was significant for mid-jejunal perforation by a 7-centimeter calcified foreign body (Figure 1 and 2, arrows). Although the patient denied ingestion of any foreign substance, further questioning revealed a history of homemade chicken noodle soup ingestion one day prior to admission. He was brought expediently to the operating room where an exploratory laparotomy and lysis of adhesions exposed the mid-jejunal perforation found with the chicken bone perforating through the jejunal wall (Figure 3). The chicken bone was removed (Figure 4), the short segment of jejunum was resected, and side-to-side, functional end-to-end stapled anastomosis was performed. The patient recovered uneventfully.

REFERENCES

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