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The typical form of digestive tuberculosis

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Abstract

We report the case of a 23-year-old girl, who consulted for chronic abdominal pain associated with weight loss of 10 kg, anorexia and night sweats evolving in a context of deterioration in general condition.

Clinical and paraclinical investigations were unable to resolve the diagnosis (cancer Vs peritoneal disease).

The RCP decided to do a mini peri-umbilical laparotomy for biopsies (laparoscopy was impossible given the adhesions).

Pathology came back in favor of peritoneal tuberculosis.

Keywords: Tuberculosis, peritoneum, cancer

Introduction

Peritoneal tuberculosis represents a public health problem in endemic regions such as Morocco. Peritoneal involvement ranks fourth among extrapulmonary tuberculosis cases, particularly in African settings. Given the clinical and biological polymorphism, radiological examinations cannot distinguish between peritoneal carcinomatosis and peritoneal tuberculosis, leading to surgical exploration in the majority of cases. Despite this, differentiating between these two pathologies remains a challenge for surgeons. For this reason, we offer typical images of peritoneal tuberculosis to remove ambiguity from this disease.



Fig 1: Peritoneal damage

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Fig 2: Intestinal damage



Fig 3 : Mesenteric damage

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Conflict of Interests

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