



006IC - Disasters in Endourology and How to

Avoid Them

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PART 2

DISASTERS IN ENDOUROLOGY & HOW TO AVOID THEM

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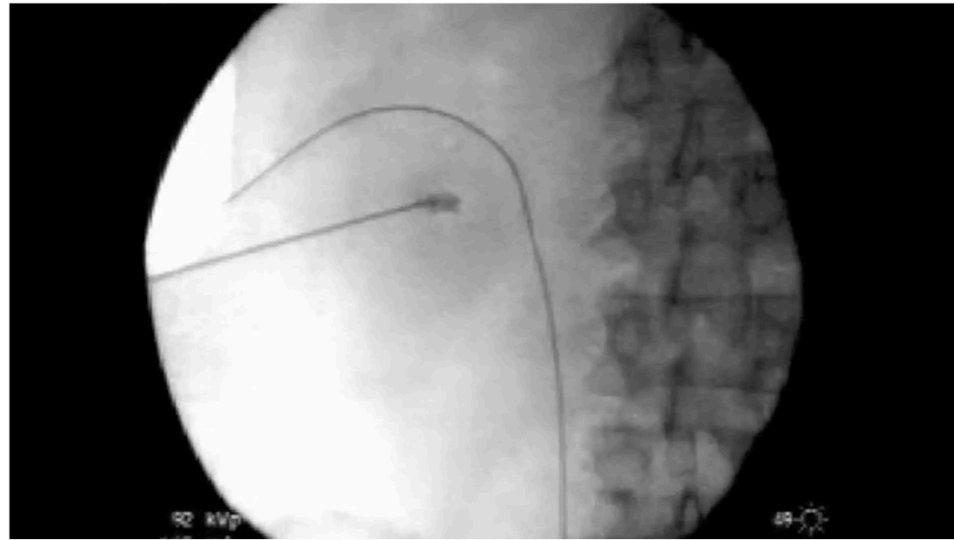
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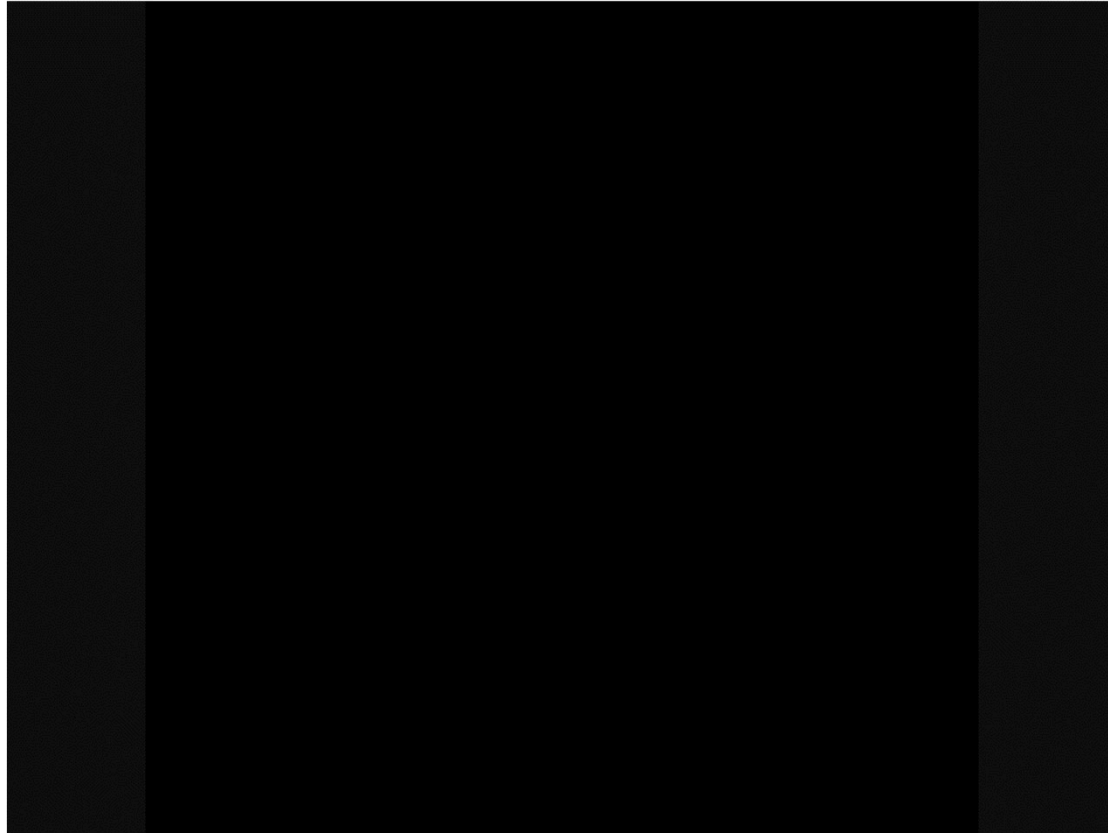
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ACCESS
PROBLEMS

Early extravasation



Caval entry



Dilation is short

Red out

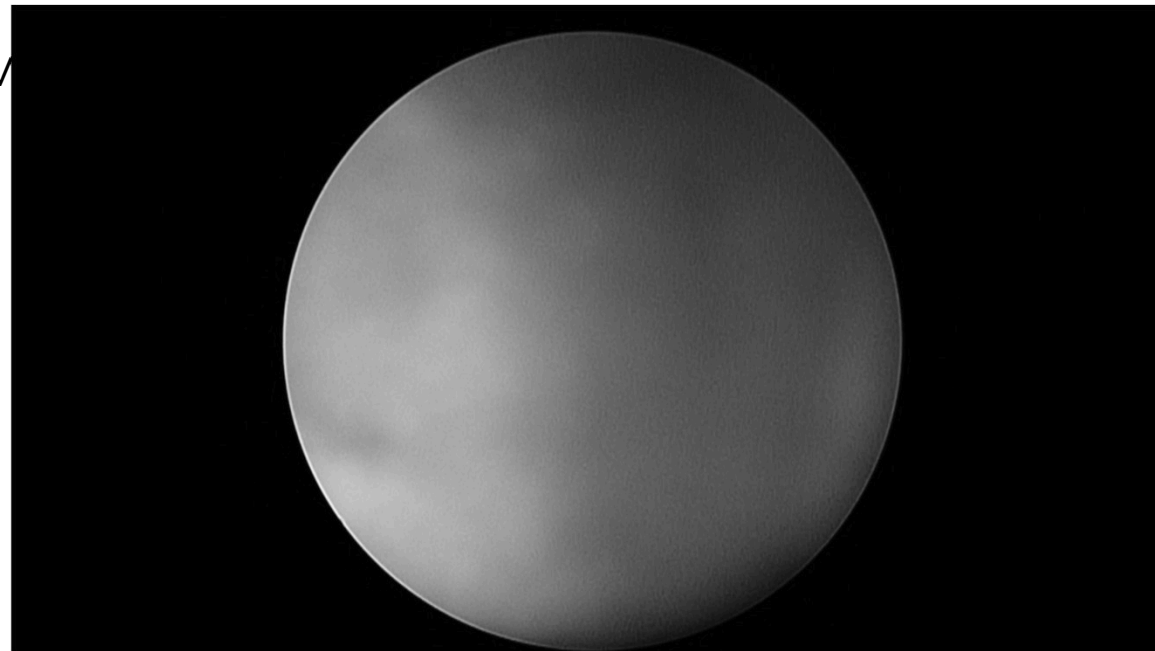
RED- OUT

- IRRIGATE WITH WATER CHANNEL
OPEN

LOST IN
RETROPERITONEUM

(miniPCNL,
megaHeadache)

Lost wire
Sheath retracted



CYST IN YOUR WAY

- 70-year old female with history of kidney stones causing urosepsis in 2019, failed URSL due to number of stones and “difficult anatomy” who presents with recurrent UTIs. She is on antibiotic prophylaxis, methenamine, and vitamin C.



CT SCANS

How would you do your access?

Prone or Supine?

US or Fluoro?



Do you try to evade the cyst?

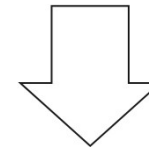
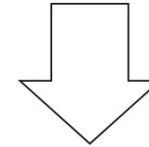
- Evading cyst will allow removal of stones—less risk
- Will not permit treatment of cyst
- May make it difficult to remove all stones

Do you aspirate cyst?

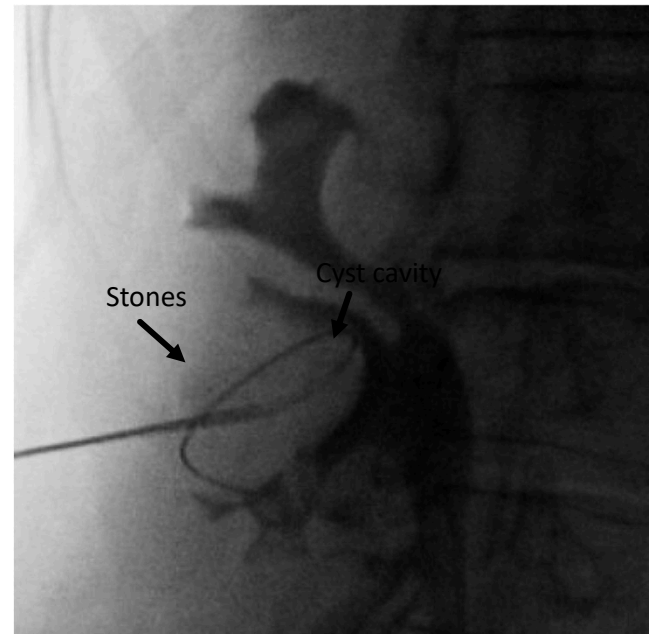
- Aspirating will allow easier navigation around collecting system
- Will not prevent cyst recurrence; obstruction and infections and new stone formation may persist

Do you enter cyst?

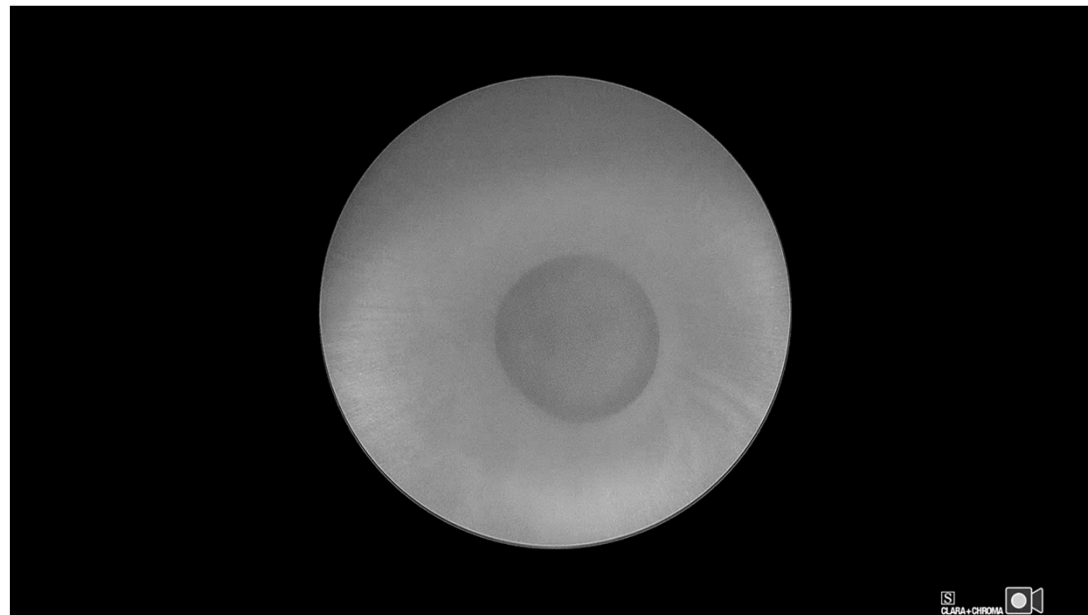
- Directly with separate entry into collecting system
- Through collecting system



US ACCESS DONE THROUGH COLLECTING SYSTEM INTO CYST



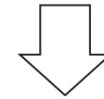
ENTRY INTO THE CYST



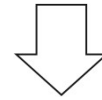


NEXT STEPS

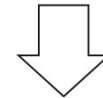
Where do you think the connection
is to the collecting system?



What would you do next?

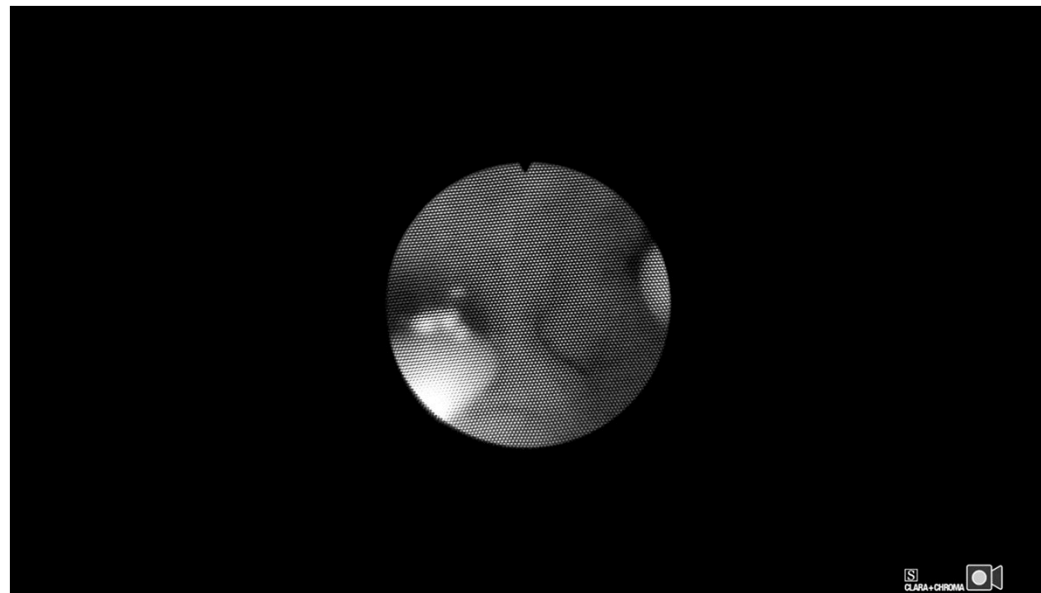


What instruments would you use?

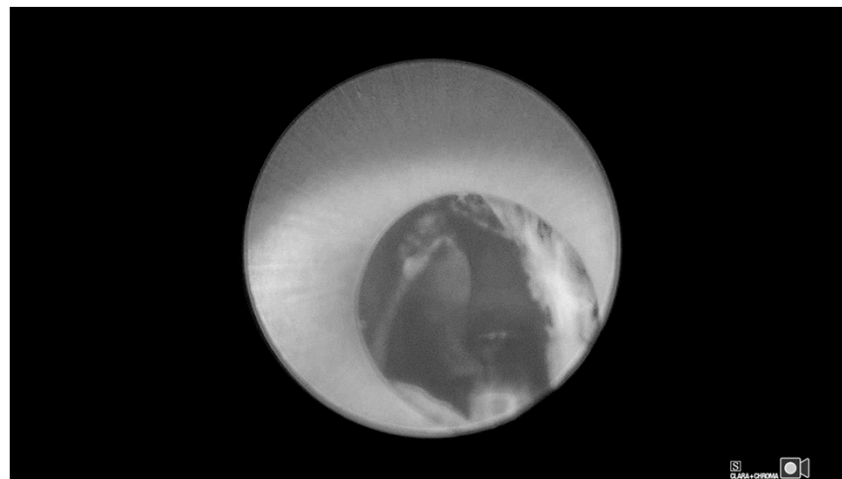


Would you consider a ureteroscope?

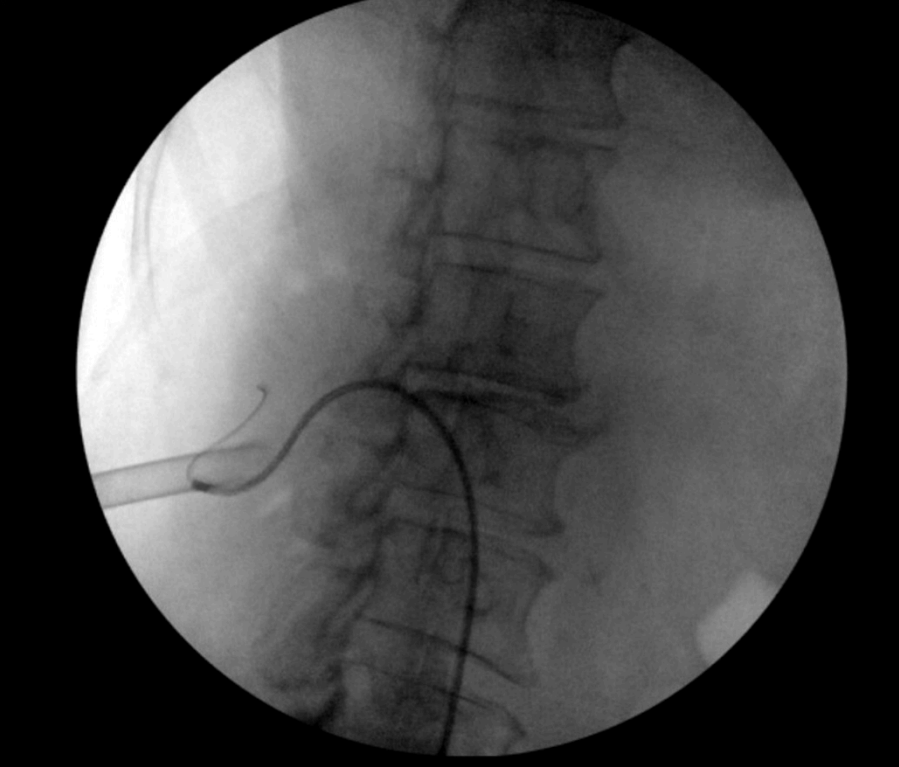
WIRE THROUGH URETEROSCOPE



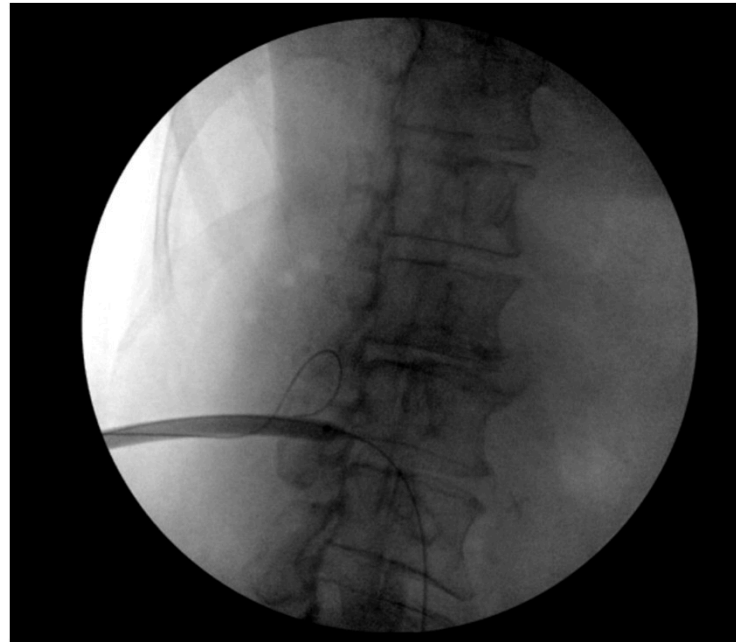
WIRE THROUGH AND THROUGH



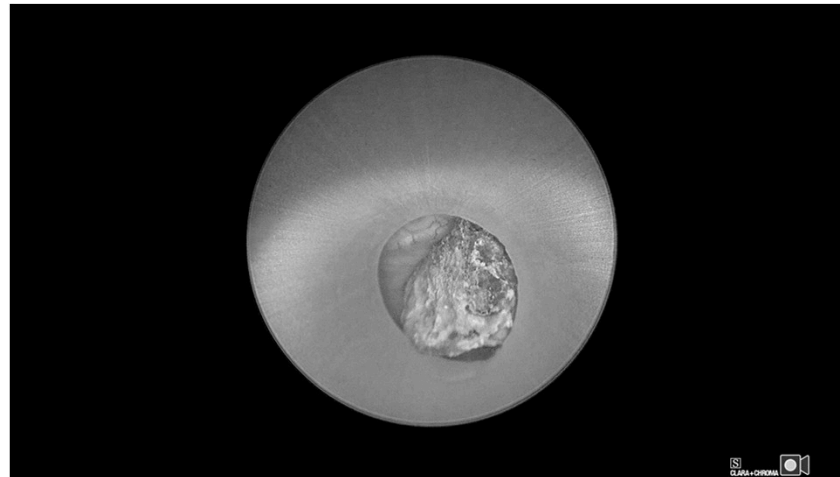
FLURO COMBINED ACCESS



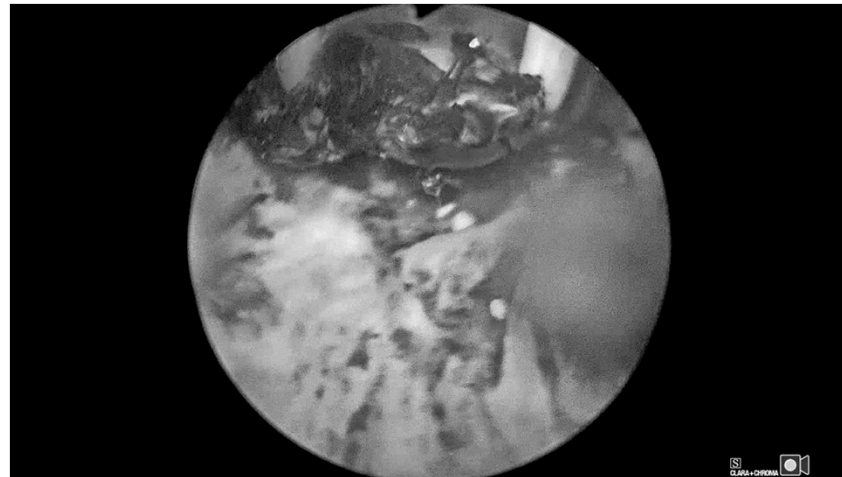
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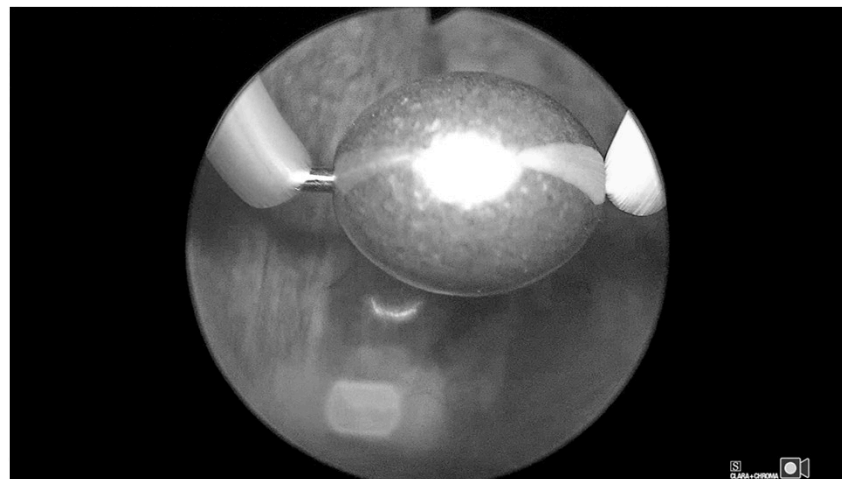
TRILOGY IN COLLECTING SYSTEM



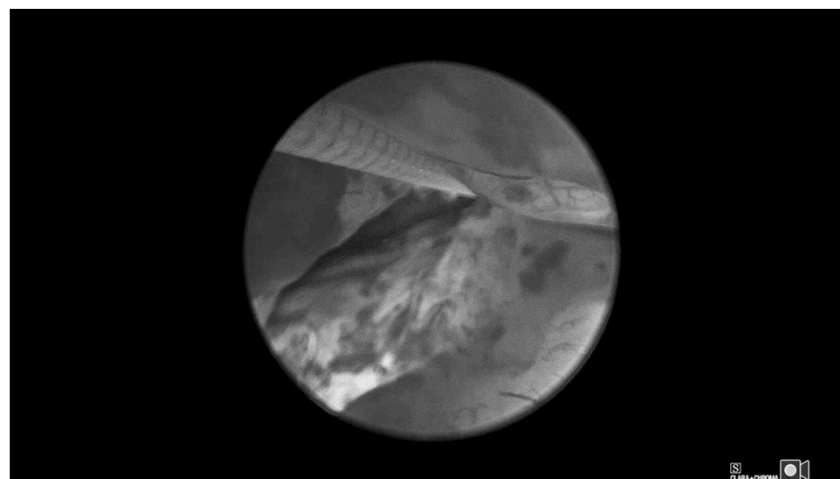
SURGICAL VIDEO 7- CONNECTION OF THE TWO SYSTEMS



CYST FULGURATION



STENT PLACEMENT





Post op office visit:

Ultrasonography:

No stones

No cyst cavity

No hydronephrosis

KUB: No stones

Clinical: On chlorthalidone

No UTI

No symptoms

Stone Risk Factors / Cystine Screening: Negative (07/15/2021)

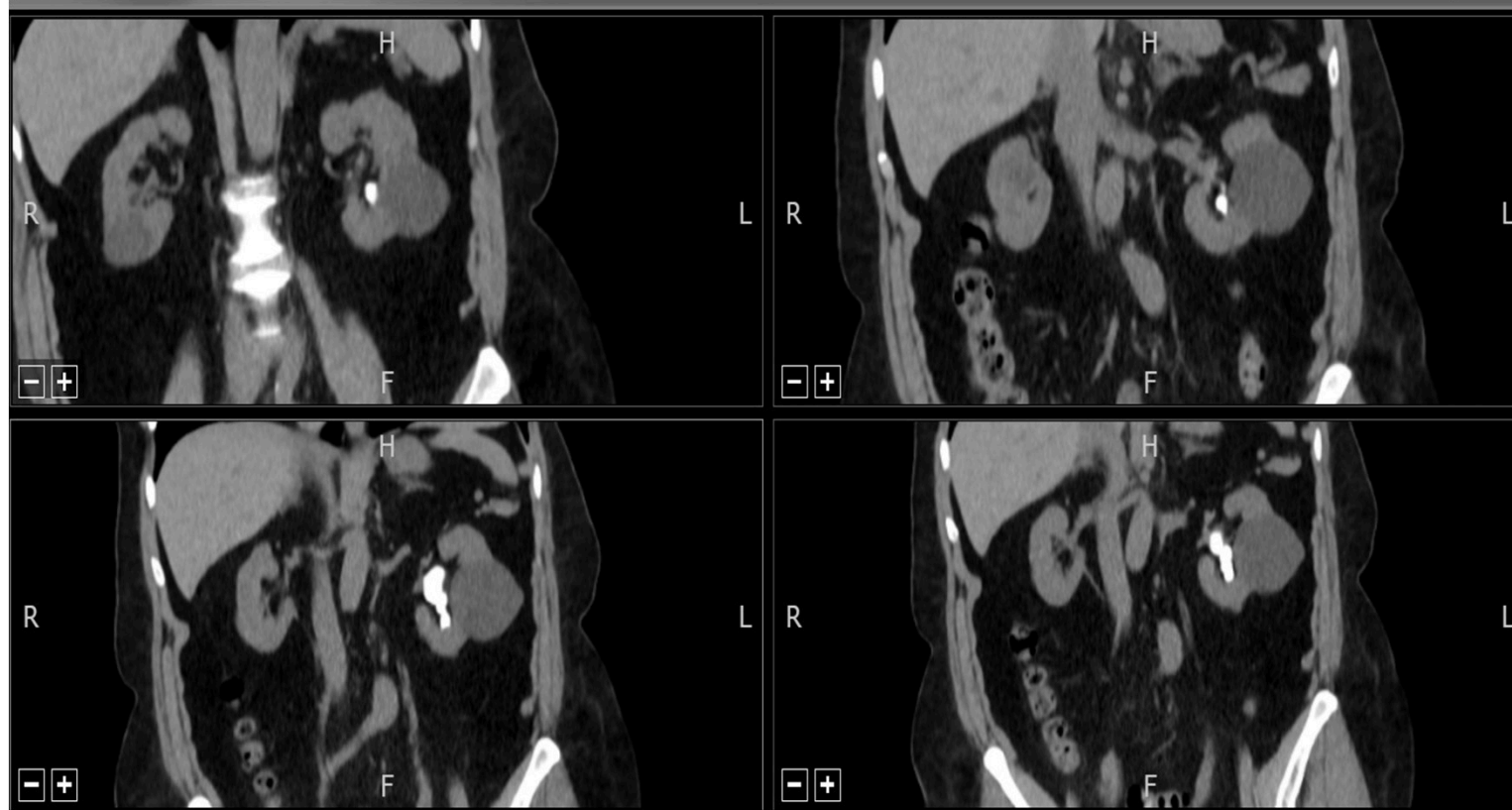
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07/13/21	S26628382	1.66	6.79	271	21	591	0.53	5.897	1.32	0.899
REFERENCE RANGE		0.5-4L	6-10	male <250 female <200	20-40	male >850 female >950	0.5-2	5.8-6.2	0-1	male <0.800 female <0.750

Dietary Factors

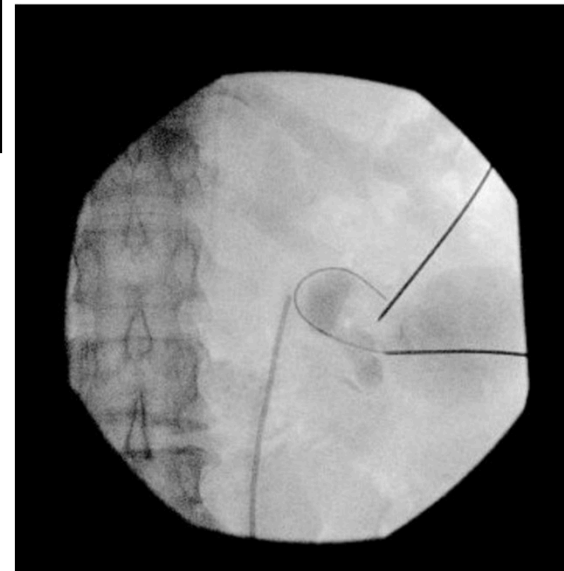
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07/13/21	S26628382	157	36	40	0.351	35	162	35	8.82	0.9
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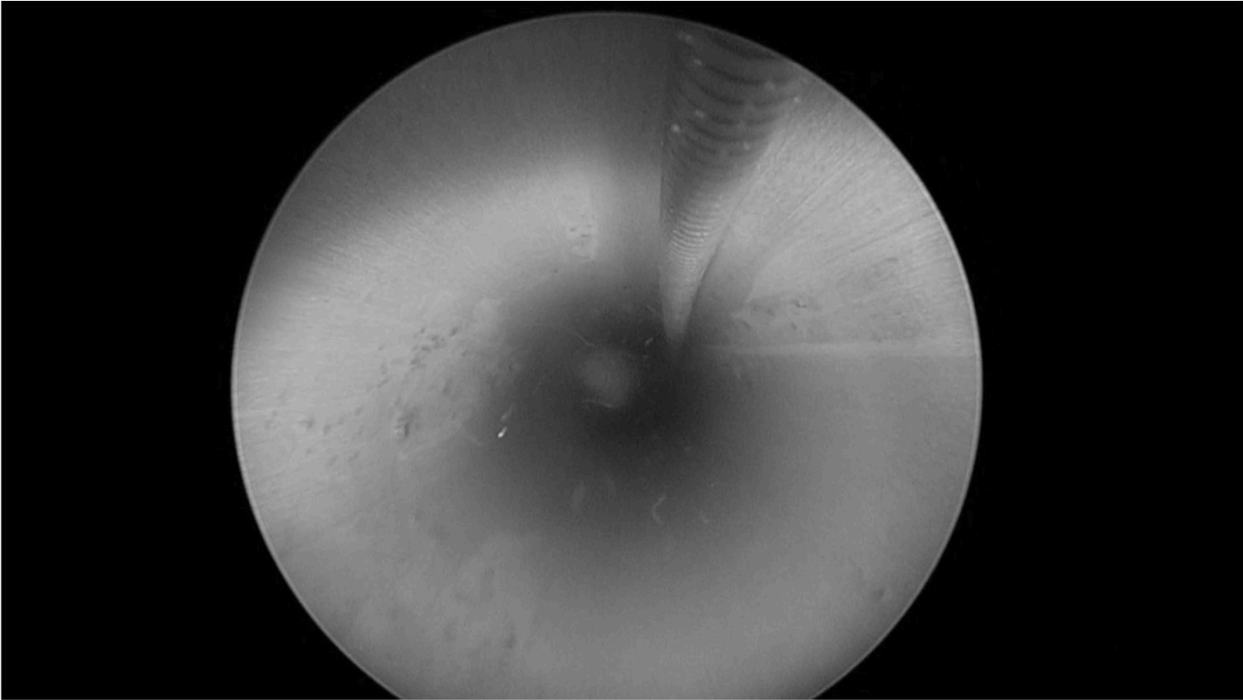
Lost in Cyst



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Lost in Cyst



- To Fulgurate or not?
- Stent duration or no stent?
- Separate cyst drain?

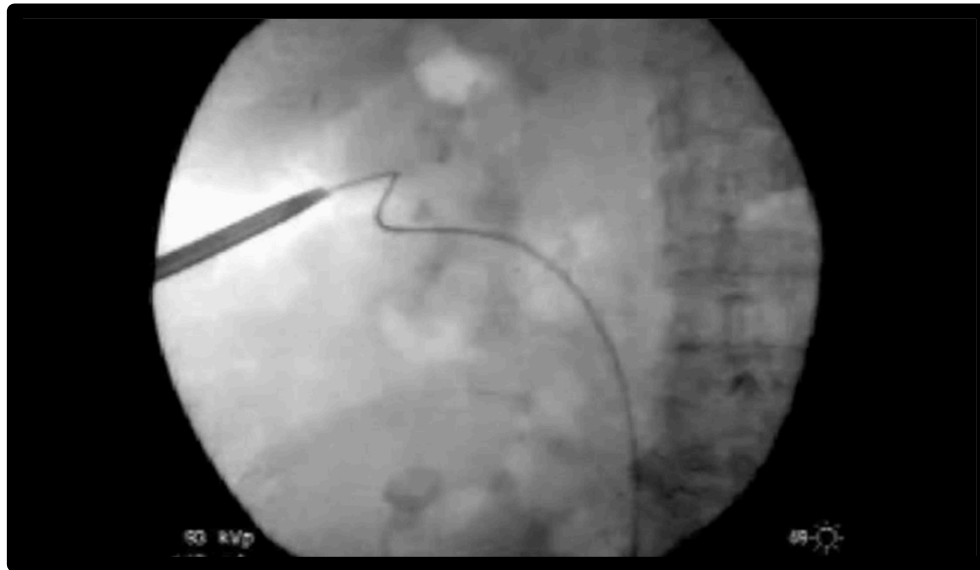
KINKING OF GUIDE WIRE DURING DILATION

Kinking of the Wire



Solution (1)

Pull back guide-wire



BLEEDING

Anti-coagulation

- **Best defined by type**
 - **Anti-platelets:**
 - Aspirin (ASA) inhibits production of thromboxane by inhibiting cyclooxygenase
 - Clopidogrel (Plavix) is an ADP-receptor antagonist
 - eptifibatide (Integrilin) GP IIb/IIIa receptor antagonist
 - tirofiban (Aggrastat) GP IIb/IIIa receptor antagonist
 - **Thrombin inhibitors:**
 - Heparins, lepirudin
 - **Inhibitors of clotting factor synthesis**
 - Warfarin (coumadin)
 - **NOACs:**
 - Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
 - Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)
 - Apixaban (Eliquis)
 - Edoxaban (Savaysa)

Anti-platelets

- Significant concern exists for cessation of therapy (peak at 5-10 days post last dose):
 - Odds ratio- CVA (3.4), cardiac (3.1), cardiac in patients with coronary stent (90)
- Must be stopped for ESWL
 - Risks of significant hematomas
- May be safely continued for majority of URS
- PCNL- Smith Insitute preliminary experience
 - 14 patients with imperative indications for continuous ASA, 16 separate PCNL procedures

Smith Institute
PCNL on
Continuous ASA

- 12 on aspirin 81 mg, 2 on aspirin 325 mg
- 14 (100%) with significant CAD
- 12 (86%) with CAS (coronary stent)
- 3 (31%) with prior CVA
- 9 (64%) simultaneously rx'ed with clopidogrel
 - (held for mean 6 days, range 3-10, prior to PCNL)
- 15 pts w/ single tract, 1 pt with 3 tracts
- Results:
 - mean OR time 66 min,
 - mean EBL 161 ml
 - 3 pts (19%) transfused (includes pts with sig preop anemia)
 - No angioembolizations

Table 1. Guidelines in management of patients on anti-platelet agents requiring elective surgery according to risk level

Patient risk level	Surgical hemorrhagic risk	Suggestion
I) Low CVD risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months after MI, PCI, BMS, CABG, stroke• 12 months if with complications	A) Low (superficial such as circumcision)	Proceed with elective surgery on ASA
	B) Intermediate (such as transurethral cases)	Proceed with elective surgery on ASA
	C) High (possible bleeding in a closed space such as SWL)	Proceed with elective surgery on statin; Withdraw ASA (maximum 7 days)
II) Intermediate CVD risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 months after DES• low ejection fraction• diabetes mellitus• high-risk stents (long, proximal, multiple, overlapping, small vessels, bifurcation)	A) Low (superficial such as circumcision)	Proceed with elective surgery on ASA Maintain clopidogrel (if prescribed)
	B) Intermediate (such as transurethral cases)	Postpone elective surgery If surgery absolutely required: Maintain ASA and clopidogrel (if prescribed)
	C) High (possible bleeding in a closed space such as SWL)	Postpone elective surgery If surgery absolutely required: Maintain ASA and stop clopidogrel
III) High CVD risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 weeks after MI, PCI, BMS, CABG• 6 months after same if complications• 12 months after high-risk DES• 2 weeks after stroke	A) Low (superficial such as circumcision)	Postpone elective surgery If surgery absolutely required: Maintain ASA and clopidogrel
	B) Intermediate (such as transurethral cases)	Postpone elective surgery If surgery absolutely required: Maintain ASA and clopidogrel
	C) High (possible bleeding in a closed space such as SWL)	Postpone elective surgery If surgery absolutely required: maintain aspirin; bridge with tirofiban/epitifibatide and heparin

MI: myocardial infarction; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention; BMS: bare-metal stent; CABG: coronary artery bypass graft; ASA: acetylsalicylic acid; CVD: cardiovascular disease; DES: drug-eluting stent; SWL: shock wave lithotripsy.

Adapted from Di Minno et al., 2009.²⁴

Heparin/ Warfarin

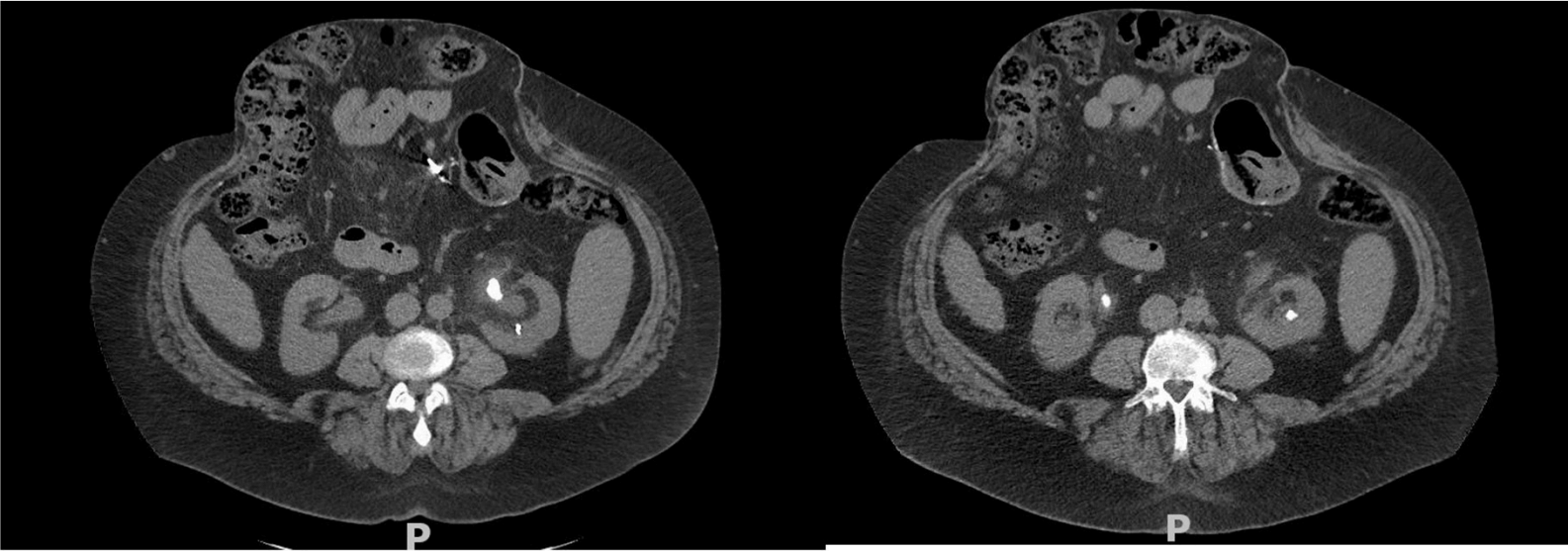
- Warfarin should be held 3 to 5 days
 - Bridging therapy with LMW heparin for moderate- to high-risk patients
- Timing of restart of AC post PCNL of issue:
 - Anecdotal experience- increased bleed and embolization rates with early resumption of heparin, and with bolus heparin vs. no-bolus
 - Optimal timing appears after 48 hours post-op
- **Imperative to balance of risk of bleeding or angioembolization vs. 'permanent' and 'severe' risks of CVA or Cardiac event**

- Indication: Nephrolithiasis
- Procedure: Left supine PCNL
- Complication: Postoperative hematoma
- Outcome: Home

- Clavien II

Course of Events

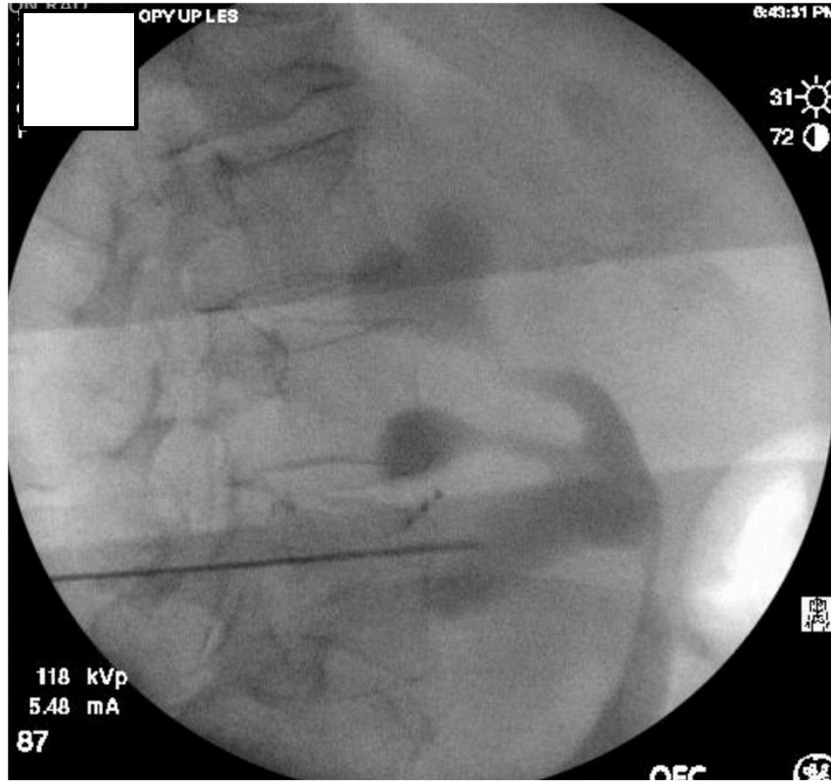
- 62 y/o F h/o nephrolithiasis s/p PCNL in 2012 and 2014, one of which complicated by delayed bleed requiring angioembolization, p/w gross hematuria and found to have B/L stones
- PMHx: chronic pain on fentanyl patch and medical marijuana, large ventral hernia, DM, Factor XI deficiency, Sweet syndrome on prednisone and dapsone

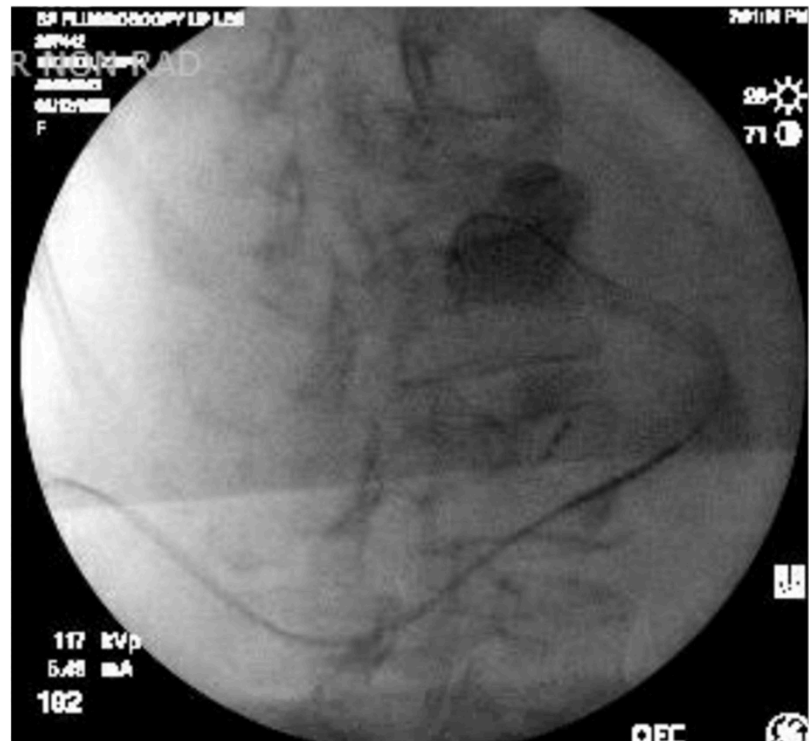


Course of Events

- Intraop
 - Given 2 units FFP preop and intraop
 - Multiple sticks as kidney was hypermobile, 1 dilation, EBL 100
- POD #0-1
 - Noted to have large degree of ecchymosis on L flank on postop check, placed on sandbag for compression
 - Hematology consulted -> give more FFP and transfuse as needed, also requested addn labs b/c coags were not consistent with Factor XI deficiency
 - CT shows large subcutaneous hematoma





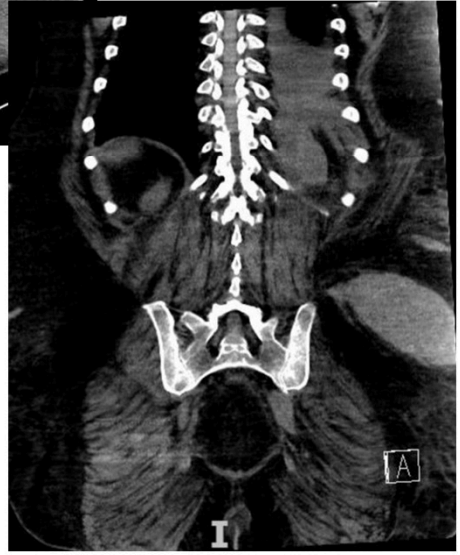
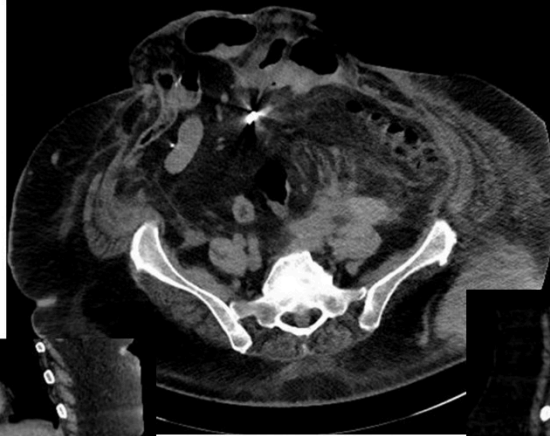
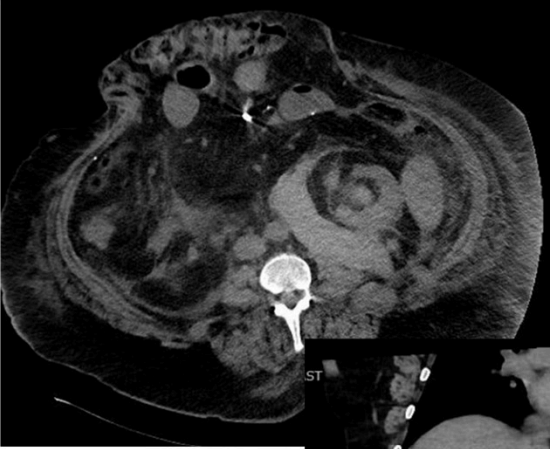


Course of Events

- POD#2 – 5
 - Continued to trend H/H q12 per heme recs, transfused pRBC as needed and 2 FFP daily
 - 4units FFP given before NT removal on POD# 4 when Hct stable at 23
 - She developed ongoing bleeding from her flank, repeat Hct showed Hct to 20.3 -> transfused but failed to respond appropriately
 - SICU consulted on POD#5 for monitoring and rapid transfusion

Course of Events

- POD#6 – 11
 - SICU for POD#6 -7, repeat CT showed now RP hematoma and subcutaneous hematoma, H/H stabilized w/ transfusion, transferred back to floor on POD#8
 - Heme recommended hepatology eval b/c of cirrhotic appearing liver on CT
 - Extensive labs by heme and hepatology ultimately concluded anemia was from blood loss w/o clear cut coagulopathy, may may have been dysfibrinogemia
 - H/H remained stable for several days, D/C home w/ home PT





Course of Events

- POD#11 – 17
 - Returned POD# 13 with gross hematuria requiring cbi and developed acute blood loss anemia requiring blood transfusions.
 - Heme recommended daily Vit K.
 - POD# 15 underwent successful embolization of renal pseudoaneurysm.
 - POD#16 - Fever
 - POD#17 - home with course of intravenous antibiotics.
 - H/H remained stable for several days, D/C home POD# 17.

Action Item

- Consider staged ureteroscopy
- Pathology: 80% calcium oxalate monohydrate, 20% calcium oxalate dihydrate

Hypermobile kidney



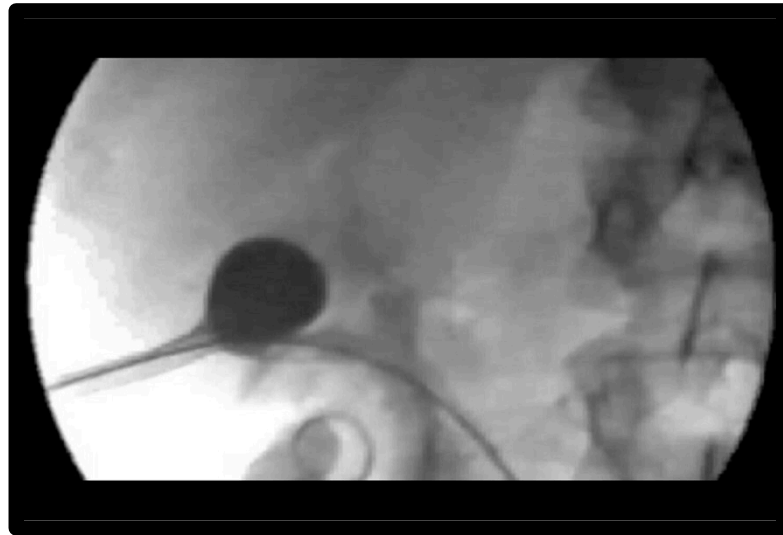
Dilation

- **Hypermobile kidney**
 - Direct puncture to middle calyx
 - Insert Council tip nephrostomy catheter
 - Fix kidney with balloon

Then...

- Access desired calyx
- Use shortest possible tract

Hypermobile Kidney



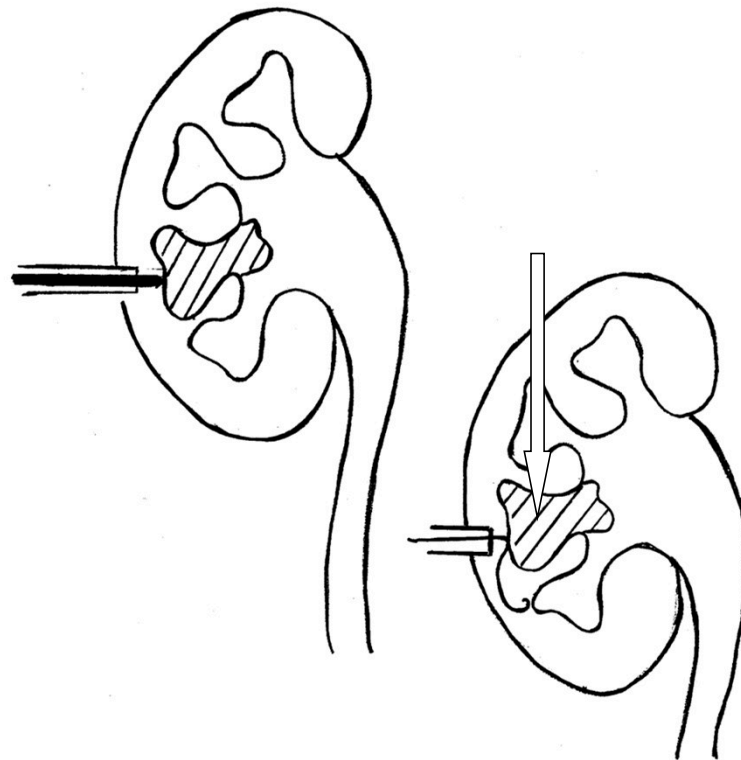
Hypermobile Kidney



Full Staghorn Calculus—

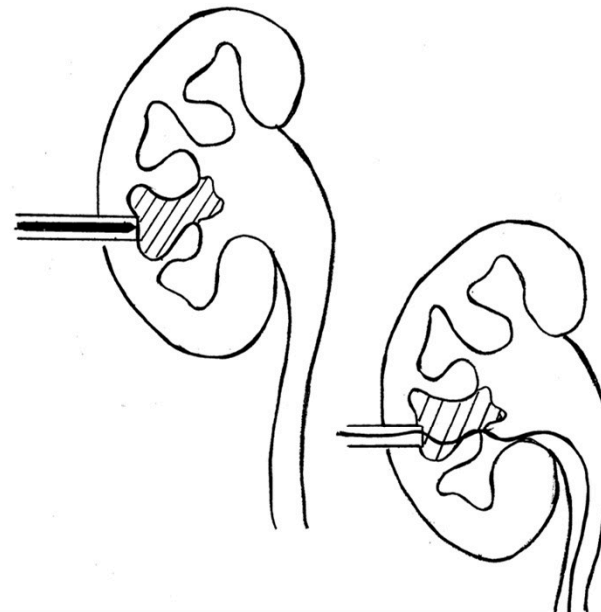
CANNOT INSERT GUIDE-WIRE INTO
COLLECTING SYSTEM

Stone May Impede Antegrade Guide wire Advancement



Secret is to advance trocar before withdrawing needle stylet

- Use Tip of Access Needle to rock stone
- Wire will pass antegrade down ureter or into the collecting system

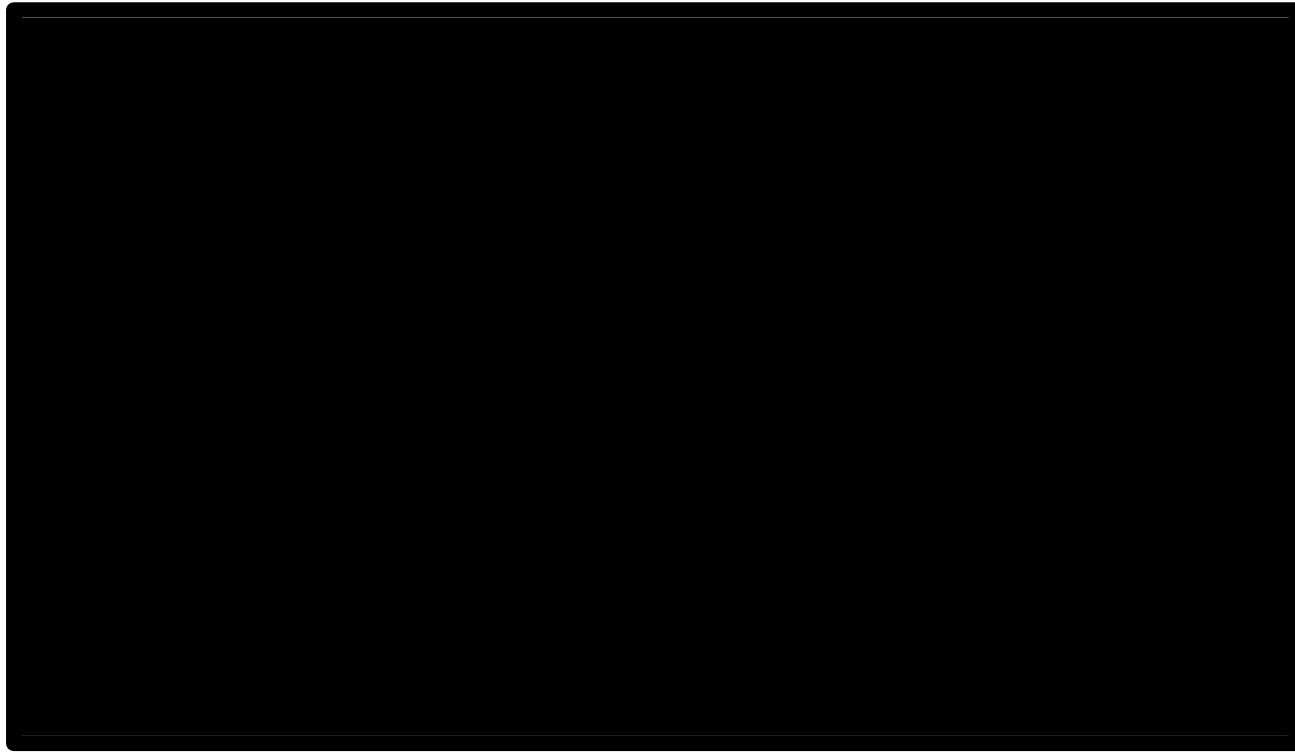


Maintaining Access in Obese Patients

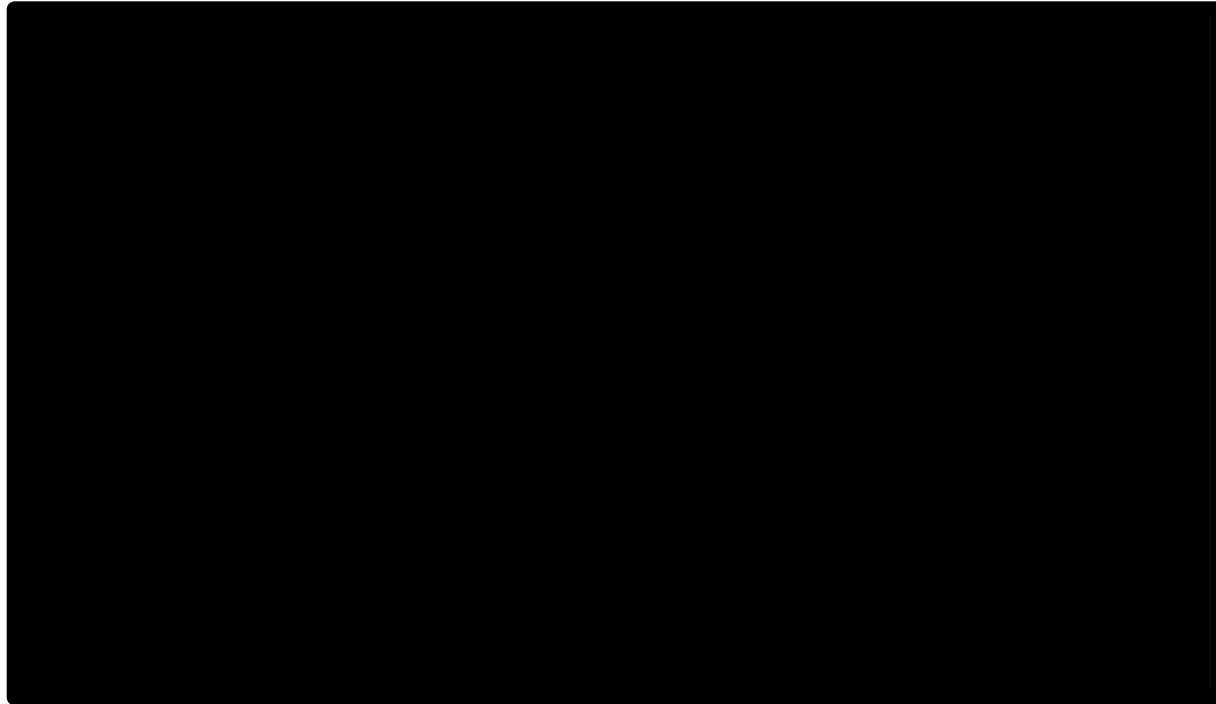


Access sheath lost in subcutaneous tissue

Securing Sheath with Sutures as Draw Strings



Forceps to Retract Sheath



“Landlocked”

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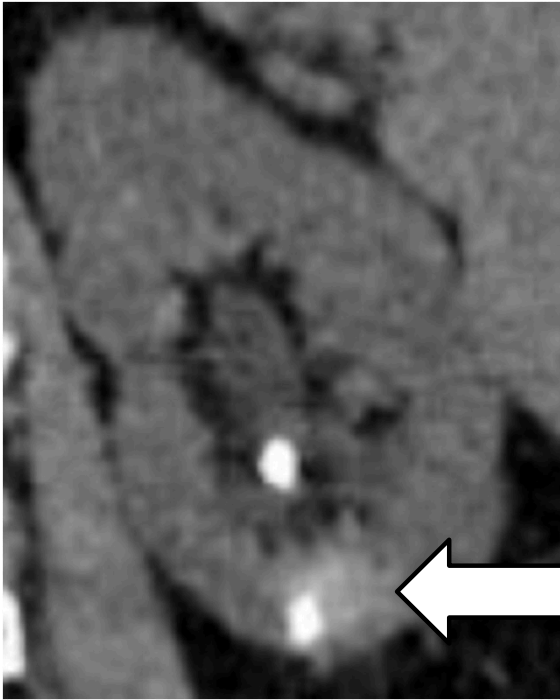
Presentation:

- 65 year old woman with a functionally solitary left kidney with bilateral nephrolithiasis. Now with recurrent UTI.

Urine culture: sterile

- CT scan: Left kidney: lower pole infundibular stone: 9 x 7 x 9 mm; a second lower pole bilobed stone: 23 x 20 x 19 mm with noted thinning of the overlying parenchyma; Hounsfield units = 1100.
Right kidney: atrophic with multiple stones.
- Renal scan: 94% left / 6% right





?? ACCESS

Upper calyx.....?

Middle calyx.....?

Lower calyx.....?

Surgical Procedure: PCNL

- A 14F ureteral access sheath placed.
- Supracostal 12th rib access obtained with a single stick into superior posterior calyx under direct ureteroscopic vision; through-and-through guidewire placed.
- 24F balloon dilation and 24F Amplatz sheath placed.
- Two stones were identified in lower pole with rigid and flexible nephroscopy and removed.
- The larger stone was fragmented medially and then led to a more lateral calyx, serviced by a narrow infundibulum which would just admit the tip of the flexible nephroscope revealing the stone within a blown-out calyx.

Surgical course

- During basketing of stone fragments in the lower pole blown out calyx, the patient suddenly developed severe hypotension which responded poorly to pressors.

What is the problem?

- Sepsis
- Hemorrhage
- Pleural effusion
- Abdominal compartment syndrome

Gram-negative sepsis

- 15-30% have post-op fever
- 1-2% will have sepsis
- Preoperative urine culture and pre-op antibiotics
- For positive urine culture and all staghorn stones
- Maintain low-pressure system;
- Amplatz sheath or continuous-flow sheath

WHAT ELSE ???

Supportive therapy; antibiotics

*If purulent material aspirated upon puncture, safest option is to abort procedure and insert nephrostomy

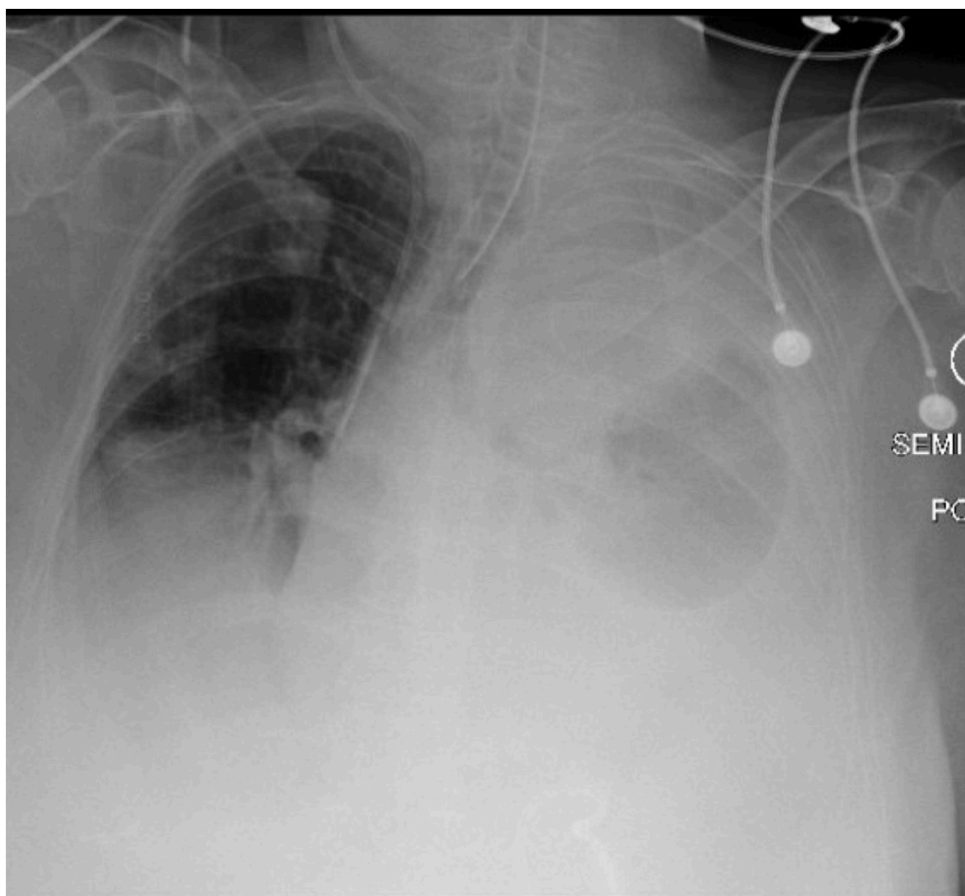
How do you check for blood
loss ??

What was done:

10F Cope loop nephrostomy tube placed.

Case terminated.

In the ICU, patient with poor oxygenation parameters.



N.B.: During the case, there was no difficulty ventilating the patient or problems with oxygenation.

CONCLUSIONS

What else could have been done:

- a. Fluoroscopy of the diaphragm or ultrasound of the chest.
- b. Chest tube placed in the operating room

Avoiding pleural effusion:

- a. Puncture with patient in full exhalation
- b. Infracostal puncture when possible.

**Perforation
of
renal pelvis
by
Nephrostomy
tube**



THERE'S A HOLE“ IN THE BUCKET!”

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Presentation

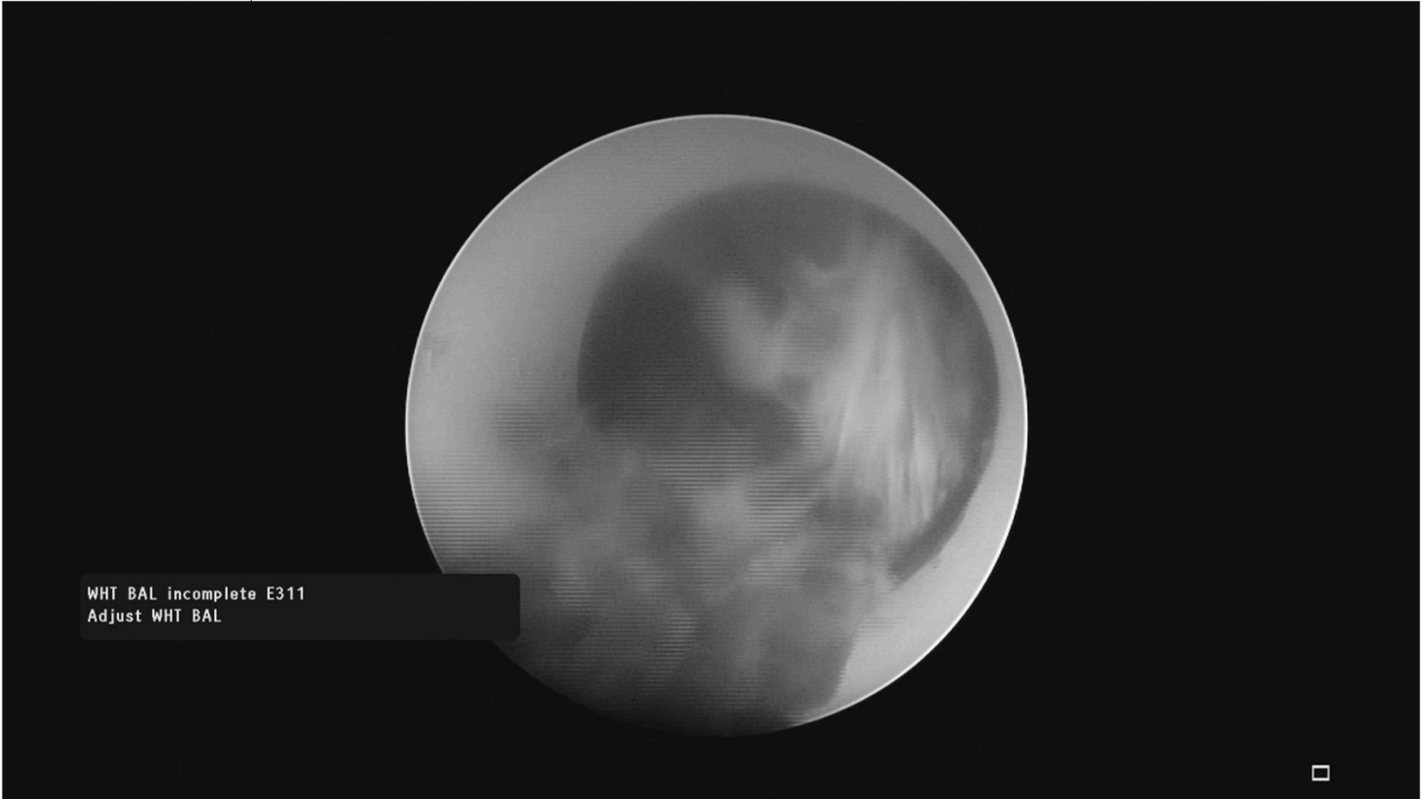
- 61 year old woman complained of chronic right flank pain..
- Urine culture: Proteus.
- CT scan: right lower pole branched calculus; HU: 95-1100
Size: 3.7x 1.3 x 1.5 cm.



Treatment

PCNL details:

- A 16F ureteral access sheath was placed and a flexible ureteroscope was passed to an upper pole posterior calyx.
- Percutaneous access under ureteroscopic control via upper pole posterior calyx.
- Tract dilated with 10mm balloon dilator and 30F Amplatz sheath advanced.
- Problem: 30F sheath advanced beyond balloon with perforation noted in the renal pelvis.



WHT BAL incomplete E311
Adjust WHT BAL



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What was done:

- Proceeded with stone removal given excellent drainage via the 16F ureteral access sheath and the 30F Amplatz nephrostomy sheath.
- Holmium laser lithotripsy was initially uneventful.
- Approximately 45 minutes into the procedure, peak airway pressures rose to 40mm Hg with precipitous drop in blood pressure.

What is the problem?

- Sepsis
- Hemorrhage
- Pleural effusion
- Abdominal compartment syndrome

What was done:

- Procedure immediately terminated.
- A 7.1F pigtail nephroureteral stent advanced to the bladder, through a 22F Council nephrostomy tube.
- Lasix and mannitol given to mobilize fluid.
- When patient turned supine, abdominal pressures rose to 42mm Hg; tense abdomen and hypotensive.

What to do?

What was done:

- Abdominal ultrasound done in the operating room – large pocket of fluid in **left** lower quadrant.
- Under ultrasound guidance, nephrostomy needle passed into collection followed by a guidewire and a 10F Cope loop
- 1L clear irrigation fluid drained with resolution of hypotension and return of abdominal pressure to normal limits. Cope loop removed.

Postoperative course

- Patient was kept intubated and transferred to SICU.
- Patient was discharged on POD4 with nephrostomy tube and ureteral stent in place.
- Second look PCNL three weeks later to clear the kidney.

Yes, it can be worse

67 y/o man

Massive prostate enlargement

Unable to access distal ureteral stones
retrograde

Antegrade ureteroscopy

ureteral access sheath placed

Converted to 18 French neph peel away sheath

- **Collecting System
Perforations and
tears**

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⚠ E848 White balance incomplete

Adjust white balance

Stent placed

Council tip neph tube with ureteral catheter
extension placed

Foley placed

Council tip and ureteral catheter removed after 3
days

Stent x 4 weeks

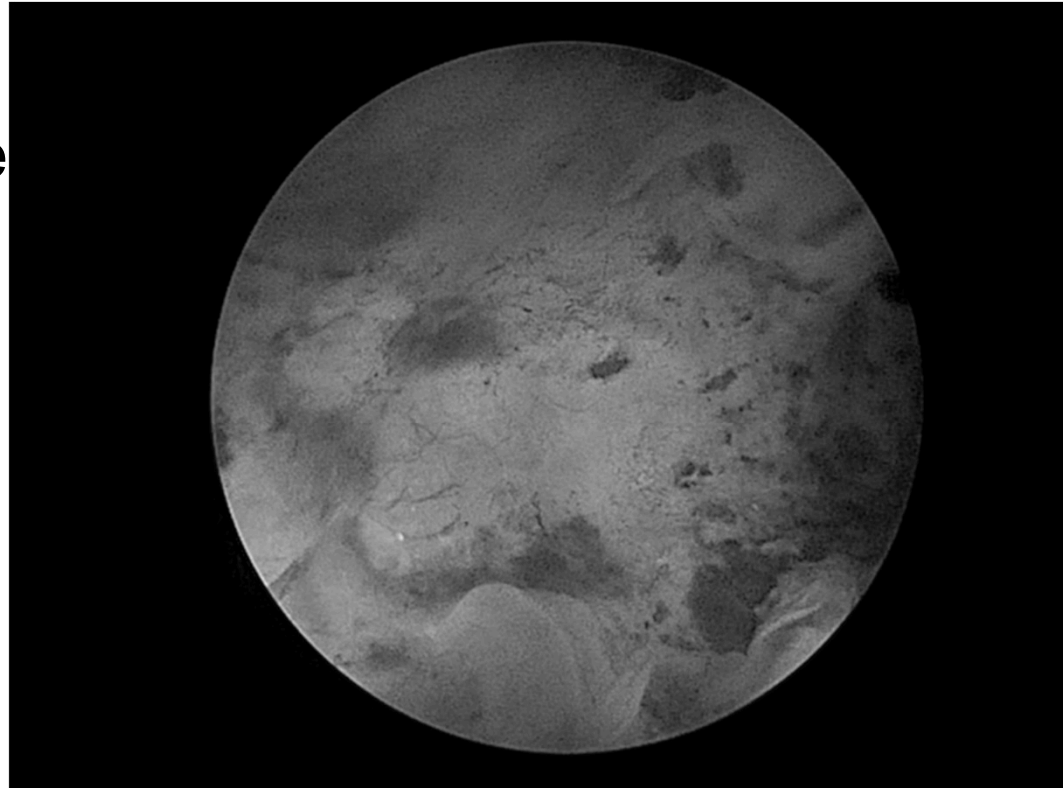
Retrospectroscope: What to do Next Time?

Renal pelvis perforation:

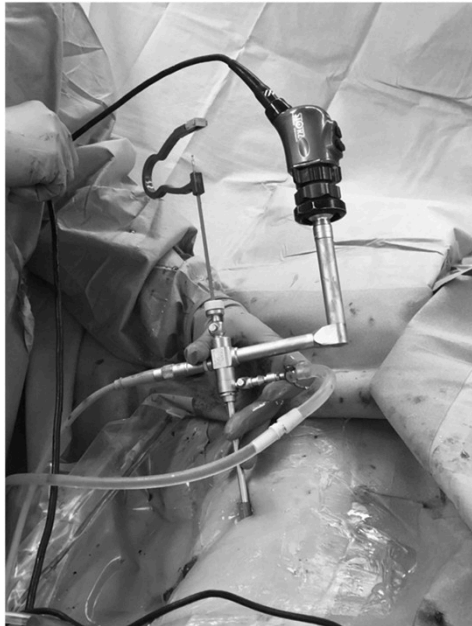
In the face of a significant renal pelvis perforation (especially in a patient with a prior abdominoplasty), place the nephrostomy tube and come back in 2-3 weeks when the “fenestration” has healed and the nephrostomy tract is mature.

- TRAPPED OR
BROKEN
INSTRUMENTS

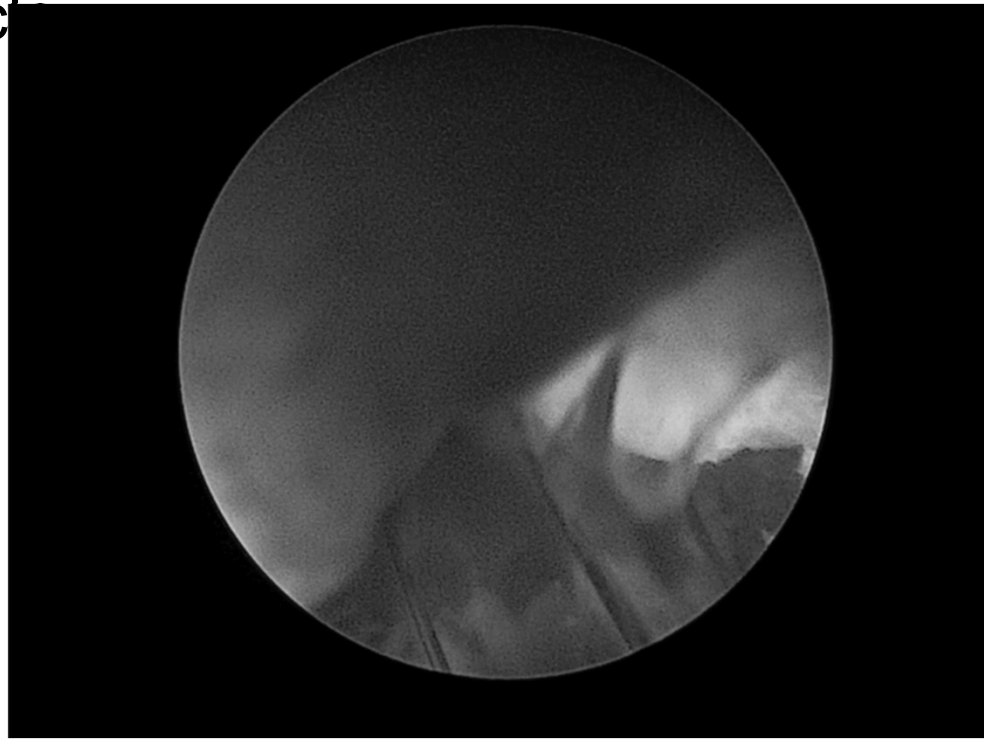
Trapped
Perc N-Circle



Disassembling Perc N-Circle



Fragmenting Stone Inside Trapped Perc N- Circle



Discussion

- If you could not reach the stone with the Shockpulse , what other options could be employed?

PART 3

DISASTERS IN ENDOUROLOGY & HOW TO AVOID THEM

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POSTOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS

: “MAYHEM AND MANAGEMENT”

Retroperitoneal Hematoma

Dec

- 66y/o man
- Large Left lower pole stone
- Left stent placed, then
- **LEFT SWL on aspirin**

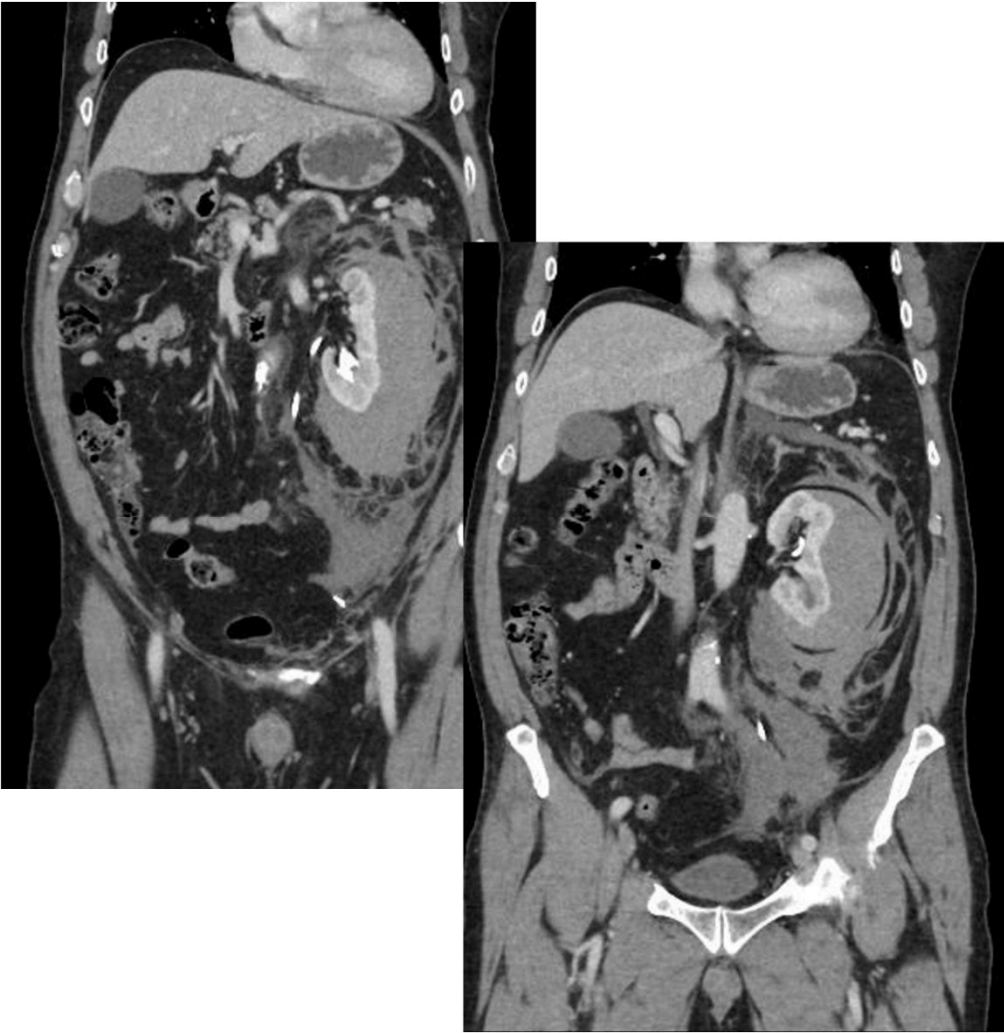


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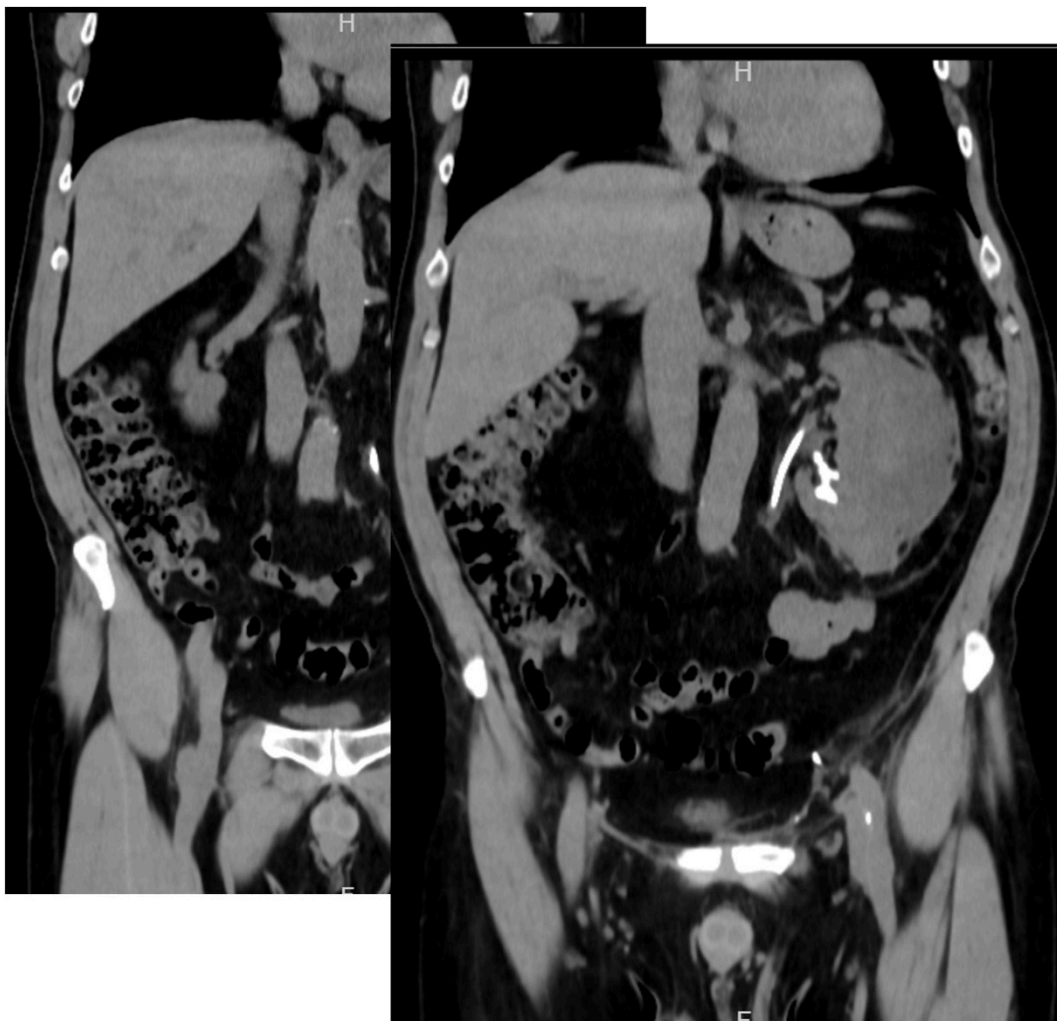
- Severe flank pain post op
- Diaphoretic
- Hg/HCT drop

- What next.....

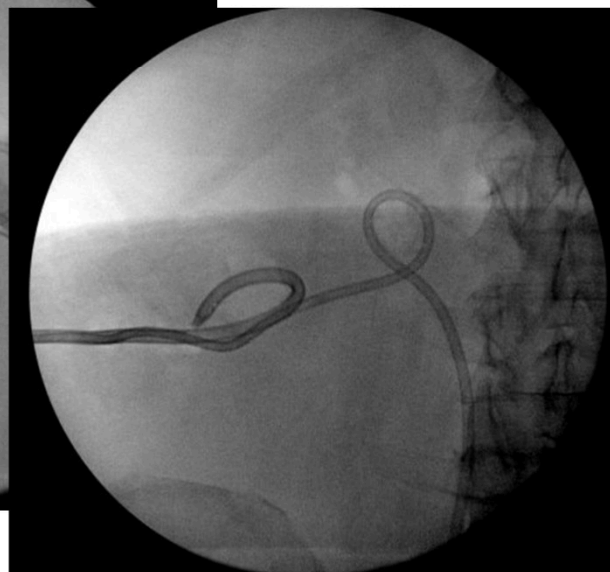
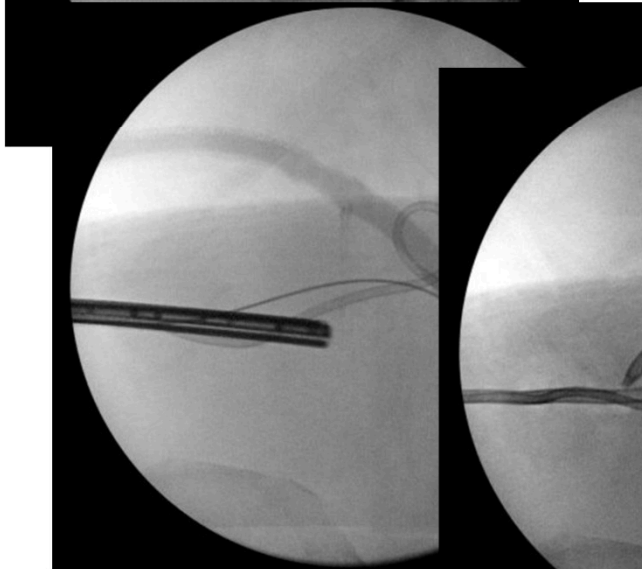
RPH
December



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January



RPH
March



RPH

May



BOWEL INJURY

34 year female presenting with staghorn calculus of the right kidney, hydro- and pyonephrosis. During access to the pelvicalyceal system → injury to the duodenum



Case 1

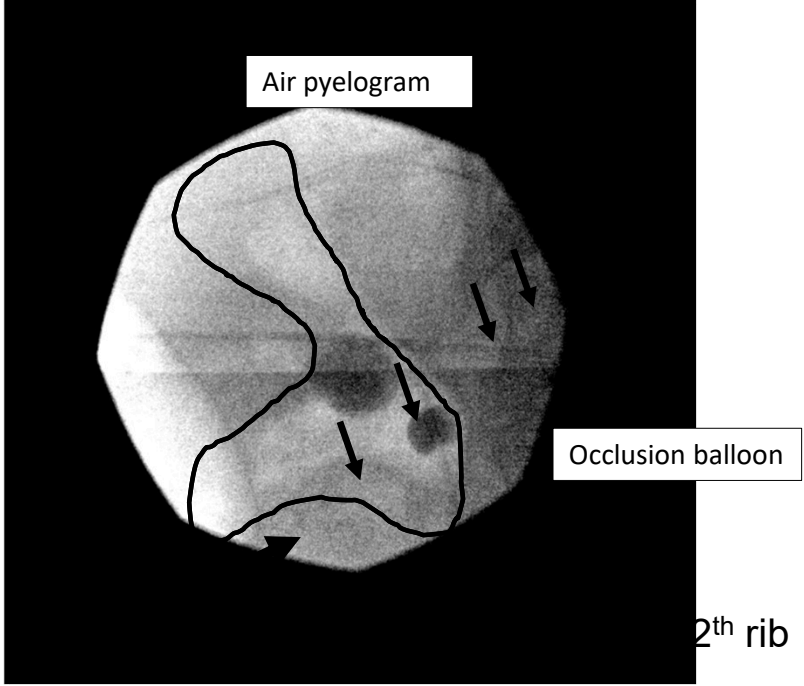
- 82-year old man with newly diagnosed metastatic prostate cancer was incidentally noted on CT obtained after a fall to have bilateral renal pelvic stones

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Access via right lower pole above 12th rib

Right Pcnl



Right Kidney CT Imaging



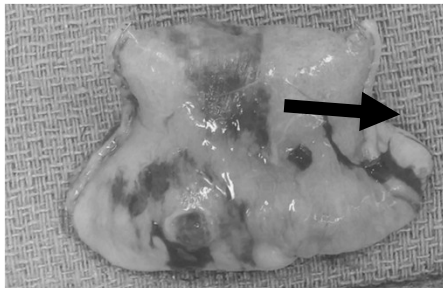


OPTIONS

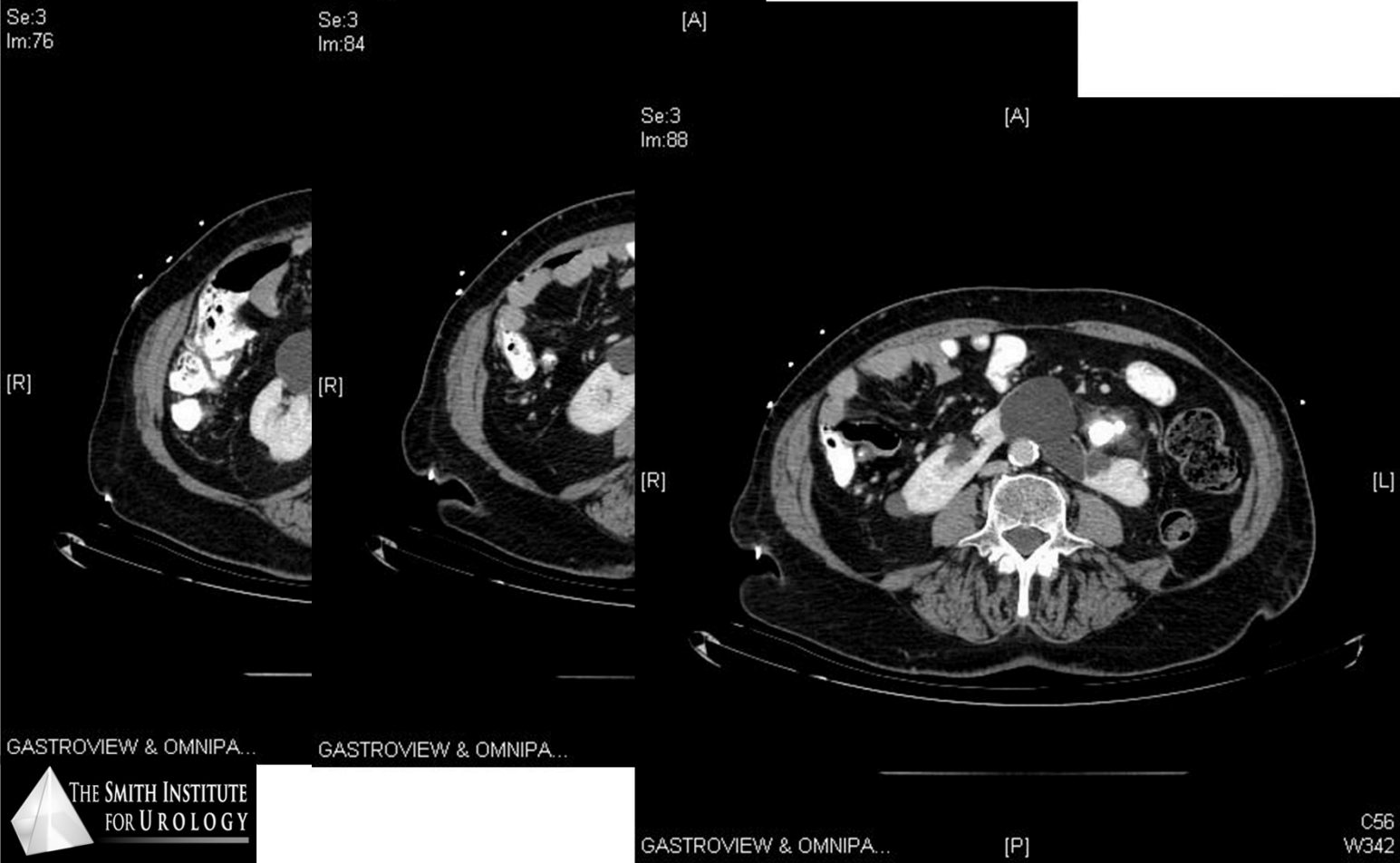
- 1) Urgent exploration by general surgeons ?
- 2) Conservative treatment with nephrostomy drainage and nasogastric suction

Case 1 – management

- General surgery performed diagnostic laparoscopy and identified NT traversing small bowel
- NT removed and 7 cm RUQ incision made
- Involved loop of SB pulled out of incision and resected with GIA stapler, then bowel re-anastomosed using GIA and TA staplers
- Skin-to-skin procedure time 55 minutes
- Stent placed



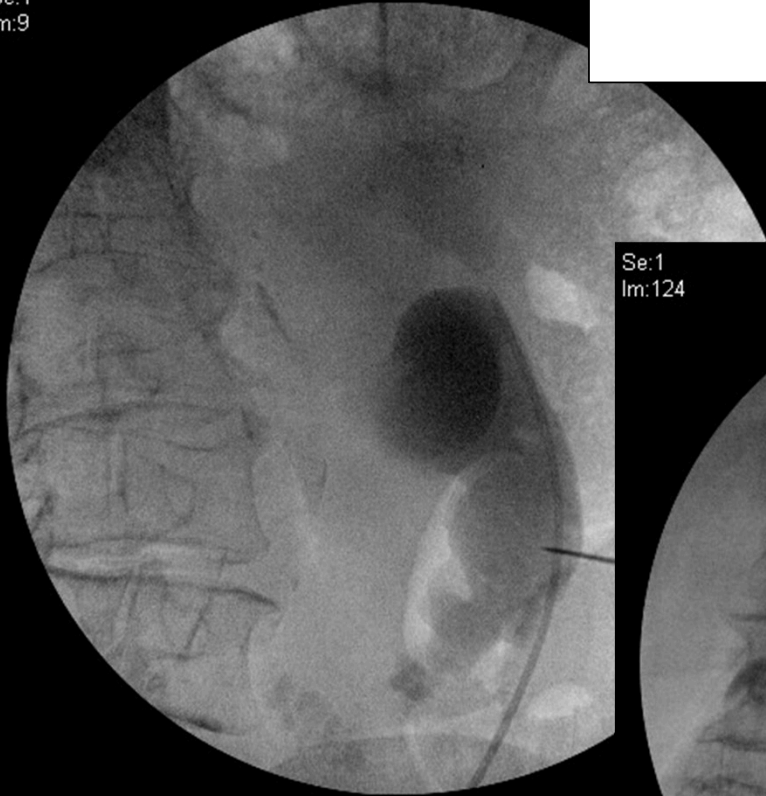
82 year old woman with LEFT partial staghorn in horseshoe kidney



Course of Events

- 82 yo F with a horseshoe kidney and LLP partial staghorn calculus
- Case was unremarkable
- Rigid and flexible nephroscopy was performed through a single tract with high confidence that all stones were removed
- Antegrade nephrostogram at the end of the case revealed normal spontaneous antegrade flow without medial extravasation
- 24 Fr Malecot re-entry catheter was placed

Se:1
Im:9



Se:1
Im:124



Course of Events

- CT at 24 hours performed to ensure stone-free status
- but revealed PCN traversing descending colon
- No Sepsis
- What now ???

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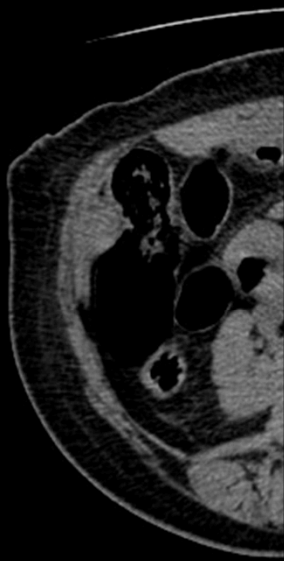
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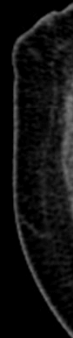
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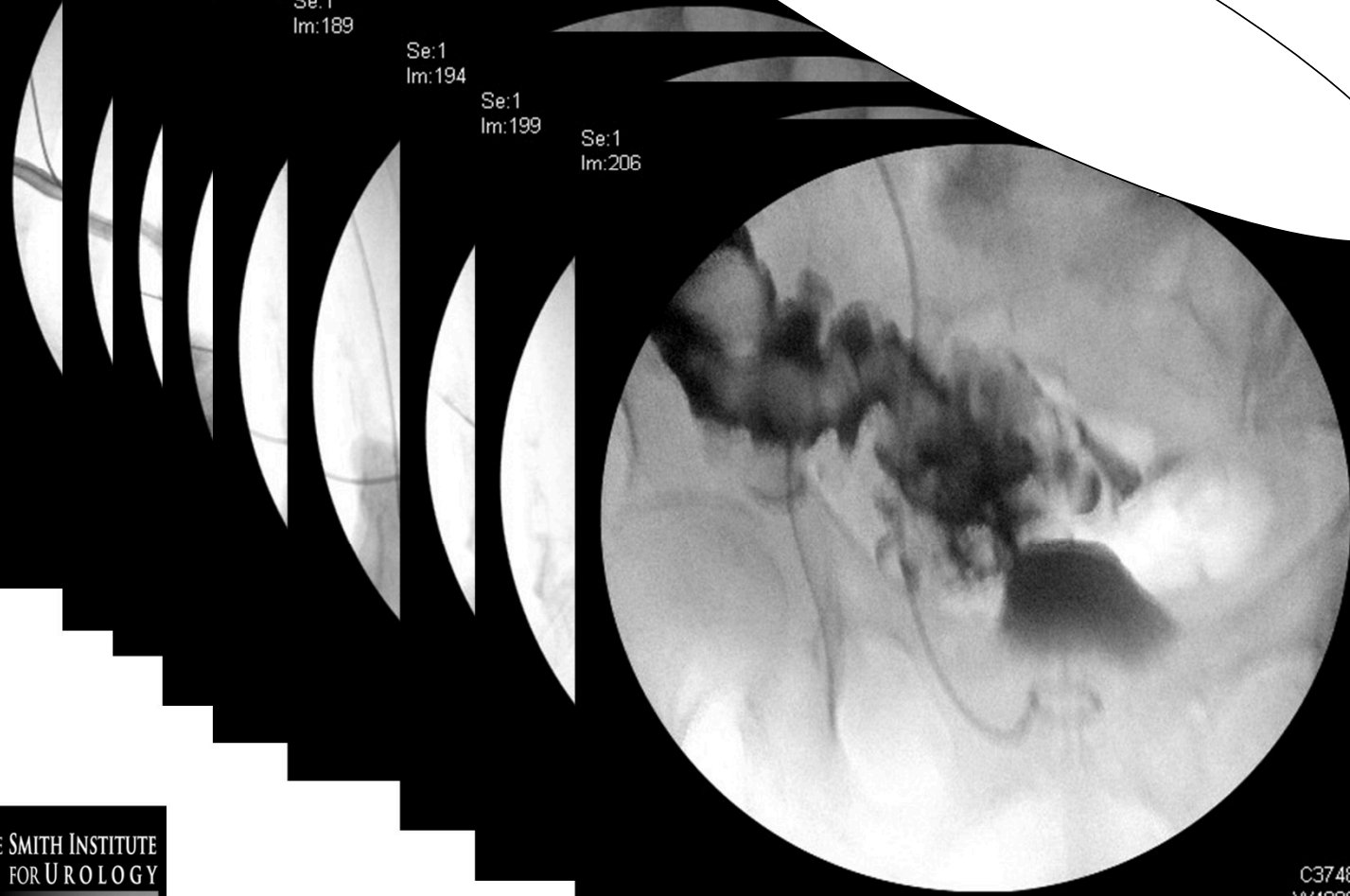
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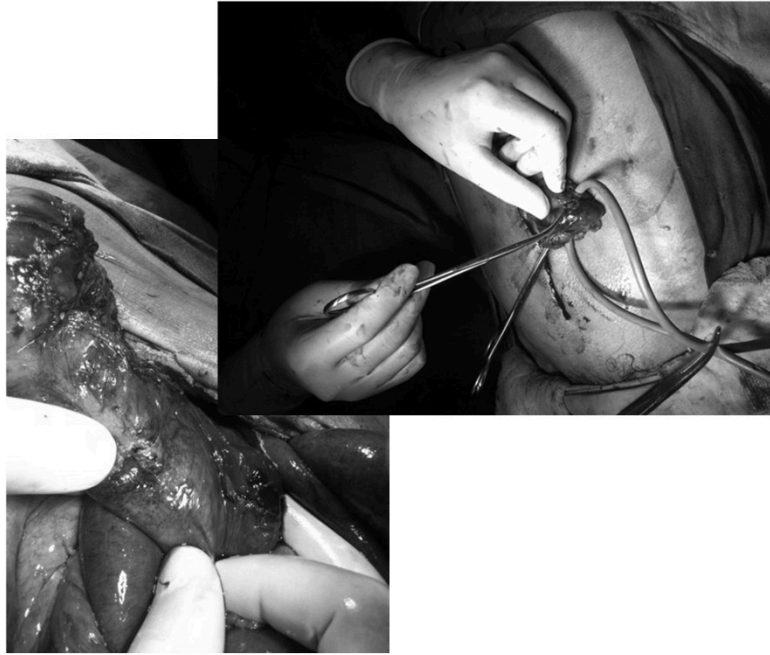
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SOMETIMES YOU DON'T GET AWAY WITH IT

- Bowel injury (Prof. Khadgi)
 - miniPCNL
 - Horseshoe kidney
 - POD#2
 - Abdominal pain
 - Feculent material via neph tube site
 - Exploration
 - Colostomy



What was the Error & Who is at Risk

-
- Any renal malformation/ectopia (horseshoe kidney), distended colon (Ogilvie's, chronic constipation), prior renal surgery, prior gastric bypass, extremes of body habitus, extremities in kyphosis or scoliosis.
- Consider CT guided or US guided access
- IN HORSESHOE KIDNEYS THE UPPER CALYX IS THE PREFERRED ACCESS.

**CHEST, LIVER,
SPLEEN, GALLBLADDER**

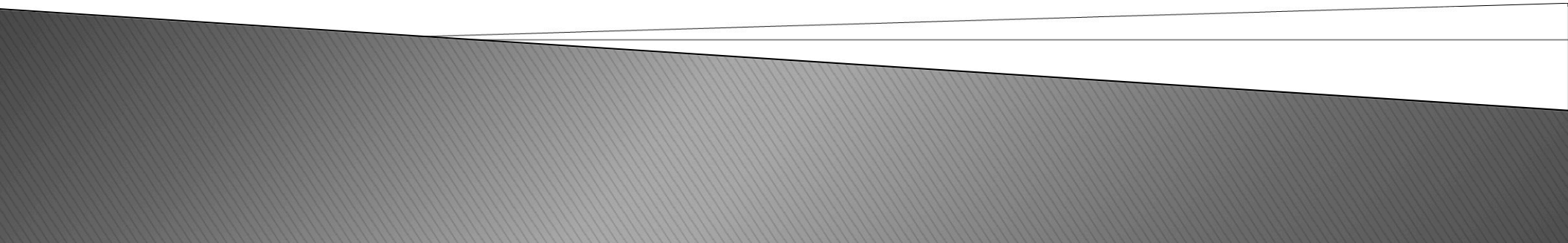


SOMETIMES YOU DON'T GET LUCKY

Biliary Peritonitis after Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy: Case study and Management Concerns

Courtesy of

Profs. Sutchin Patel and Stephen Nakada



Case 1 – 49 y.o female with right partial staghorn stone



- Upper pole access placed by interventional radiology without difficulty
- 30 F access sheath used
- 16 F reentry placed at the conclusion of the case
- 16 F malecot downsized to 8F prior to discharge due to delayed drainage on antegrade study
- Discharged on POD #1

Case 1 – continued



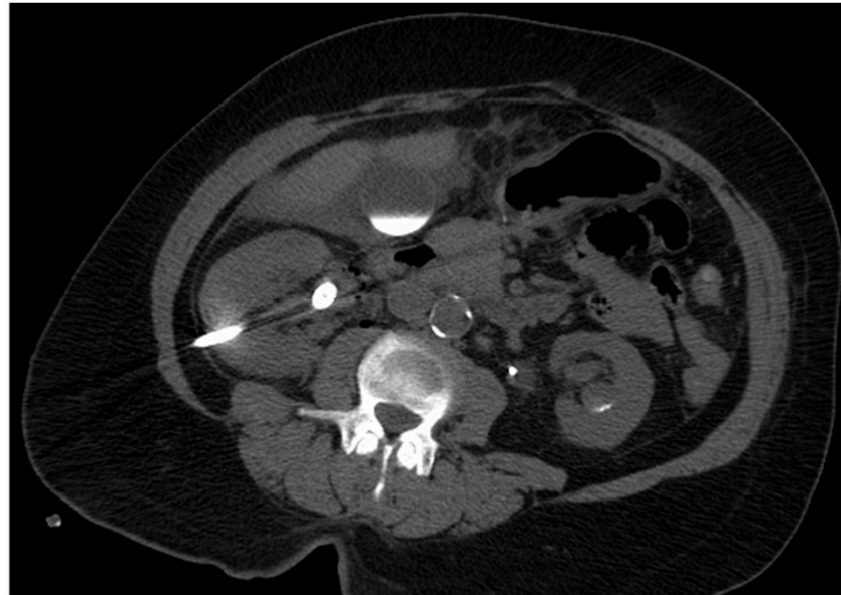
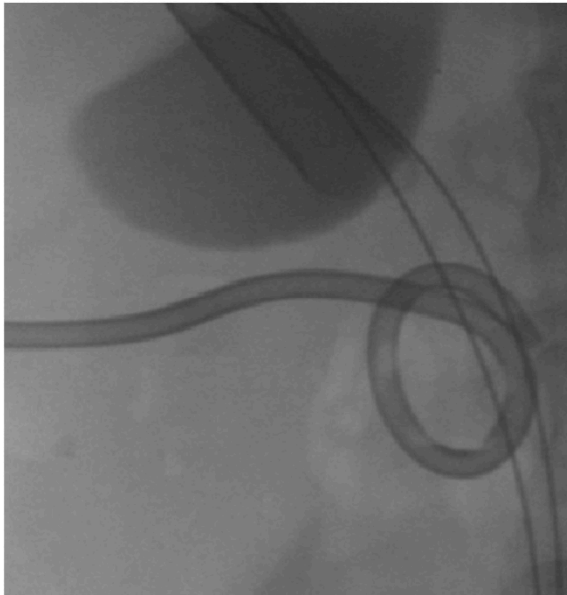
- ▶ Presented to ER on POD #3 with right upper quadrant pain
- ▶ Patient tachycardic, otherwise VSS
- ▶ On exam she had RUQ tenderness
- ▶ Tenderness generalized to the whole abdomen on POD #5
- ▶ CT performed – showed gallbladder wall thickening and pericolic fluid without gall stones seen
- ▶ General surgery consulted and lap cholecystectomy performed

Case 2– 55 y.o. female with right 10 cm stone burden

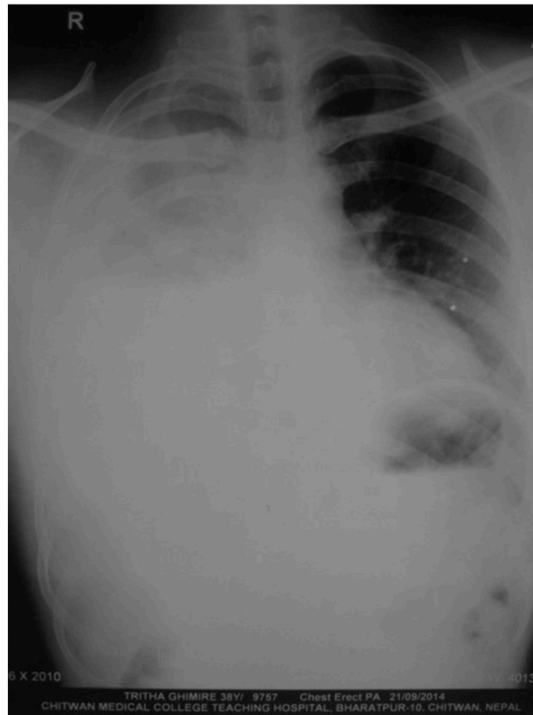


- ▶ Nephrostomy in place prior to procedure from outside institution
- ▶ Upper pole access placed by interventional radiology – during access attempts the gallbladder was inadvertently punctured and filled with contrast
- ▶ 20 ml of bile was aspirated from the gallbladder and the needle was removed
- ▶ Upper pole access below 12th rib successful
- ▶ 30 F access sheath used
- ▶ 24 F reentry placed at the end of the case

Case 2– intra-op image and CT scan



Hydrothorax /effusion



- 41y/o man
- Mini PCNL
- upper pole and renal pelvis
- Post op day 1
 - CXR
- Large right pleural effusion

(Prof Khadgi)

Hydrothorax /effusion

- Deep inspiration
 - chest pulm toilet
- Post op day 8
- CXR
 - Large right pleural effusion
 - Near resolution after 1 week
 - Remained asymptomatic
- CXR 2 months
 - Complete resolution

(Prof Khadgi)



• **WHAT'S THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN?**

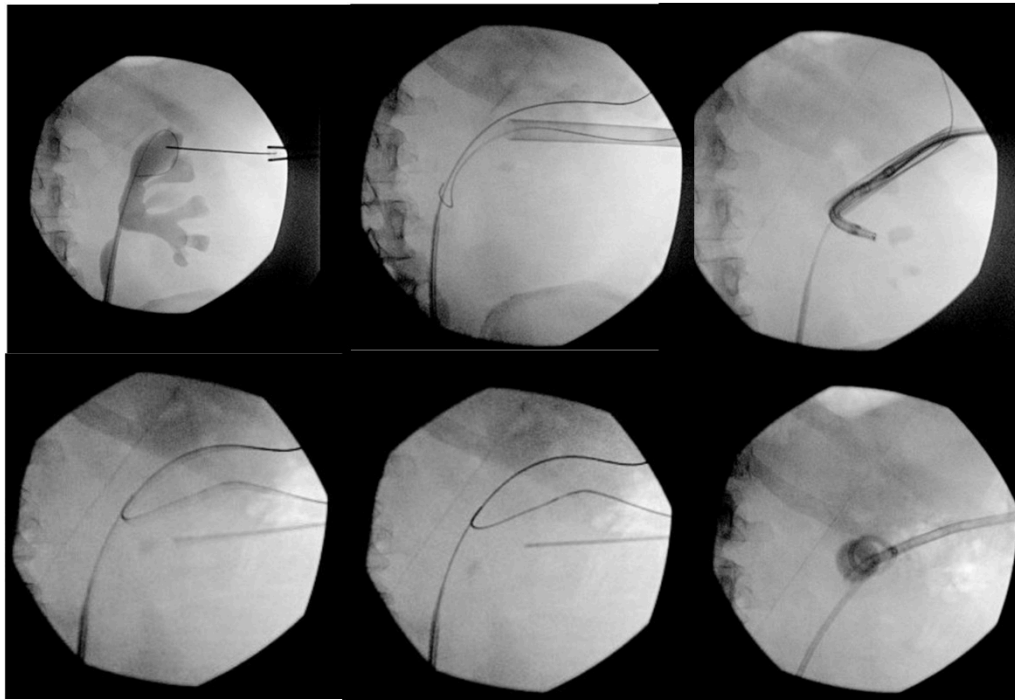
Hemothorax

- 54 y/o man
- Recurrent left staghorn stone



Hemothorax

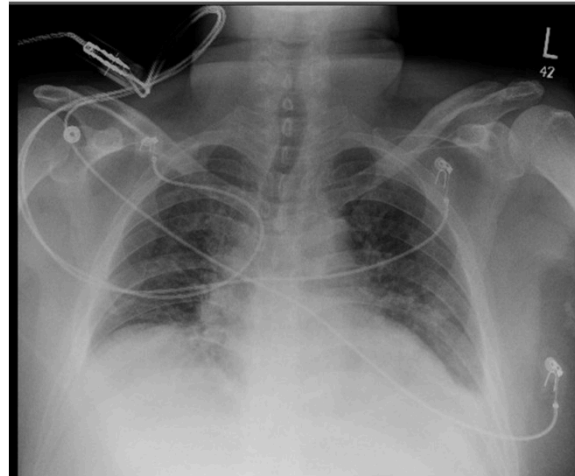
- PCNL
- Single stage
- 3 punctures, 2 dilations
- 1 upper pole between 11th and 12th ribs
- Stent plus Council nephrostomy tube
- Discharged without event POD#1



Hemothorax

POD#4 ED c/o chest pain

- CT angio—small bilateral PE's
- Pulm consult recommended full anticoagulation due to Klinefelters.
- Heparin started IV



Hemothorax

- Sudden severe chest pain
POD#5
- Transient drop in BP
- Cardiac enzymes normal
- Hg/HCT stable
- Hematuria not worse
- CT Chest/abd/pelvis
showed left chest filled
with fluid/blood

POD#4

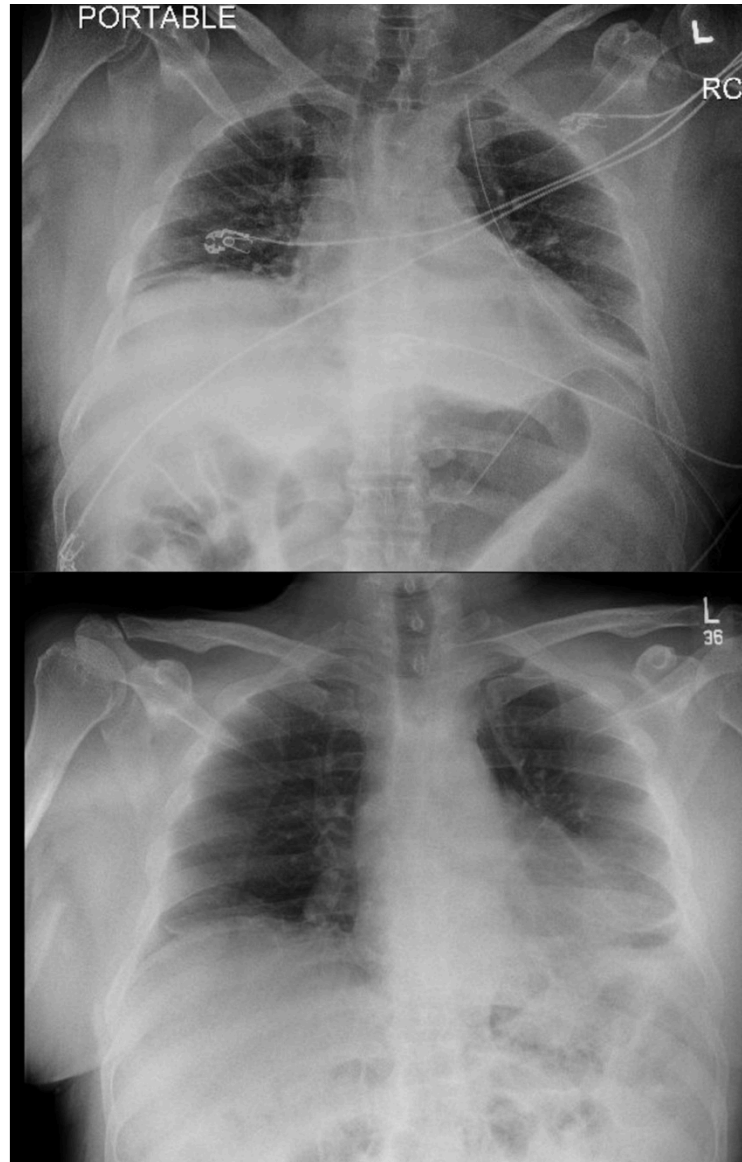


POD#5



Hemothorax

- Thoracic surgery—
VATS, chest tube x 2,
ICU stay
- Anticoagulation
stopped
- Full recovery



Routine Upper Pole Stone Case

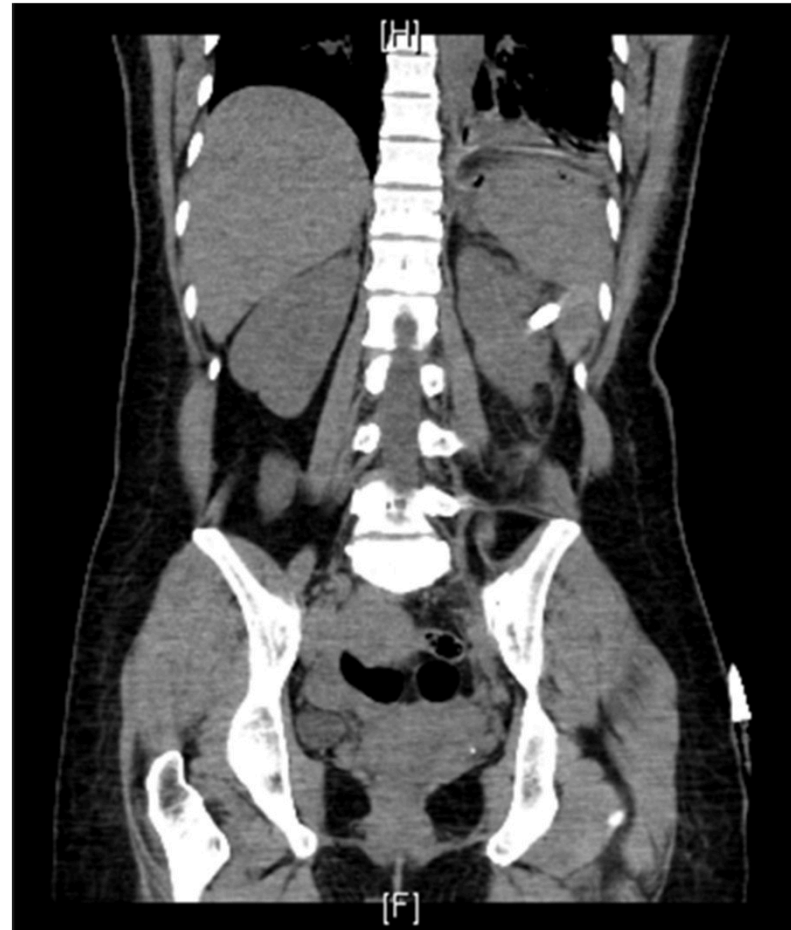
- 45y F underwent L PNCL
- Initial access was above 12th rib
- Postop CXR was negative
- Pt. did well postoperatively, pain controlled, Foley and nephrostomy urine light pink.
- Next morning short of breath and left upper abdominal pain.

When in doubt ,perform a CT



Course of Events

- POD#1
- CT revealed
 - Left hydro/pneumothorax as well as re-entry tube traversing the spleen
- Pigtail catheter placed , and PTX quickly resolved



Course of Events

- Pt's underwent TOV POD#1 but remained with Chest tube and nephrostomy tube
- Daily CXR revealed no return of PTX. Pt. did develop abdominal pain along with finding of pneumoperitoneum, which was short lived
- When would you remove the tubes
-Which first ??

Course of Events

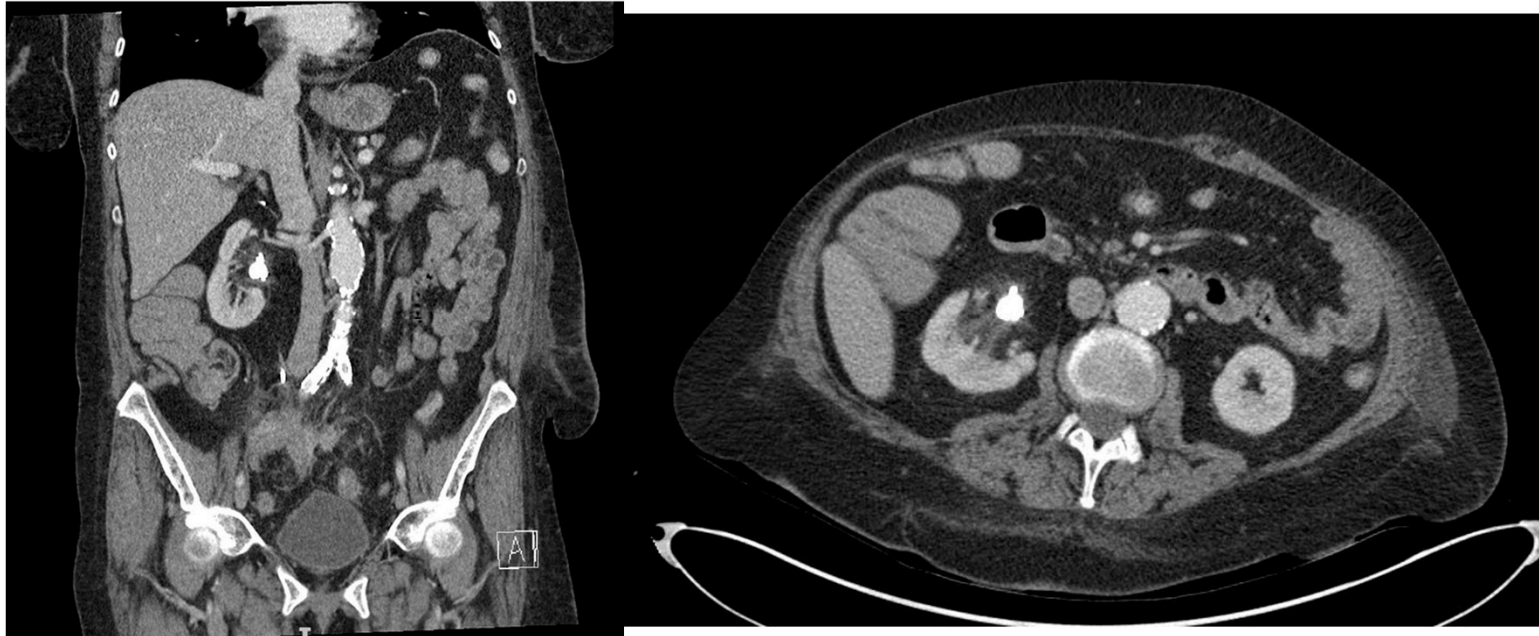
- POD # 6 Nephrostomy tube removed
- POD#7 chest tube removed, also with no issues
- POD#8 repeat CXR showed no pneumo-peritoneum or –thorax and pt. was discharged home ambulating, tolerating diet, pain controlled, no resp difficulty.

Action Items

- Conservative management of abdominal and thoracic PCNL complications is a viable option in the stable pt. with close clinical monitoring
- High index of suspicion should be maintained after high stick in PCNL, even with negative postop CXR

HPI

- 63 yo F with a PMHX of appendiceal cancer, carotid stenosis, PVD, iliac stents and AAA with large R renal stone burden
- Preop Ucx: >100k Kleb, on cx specific cipro

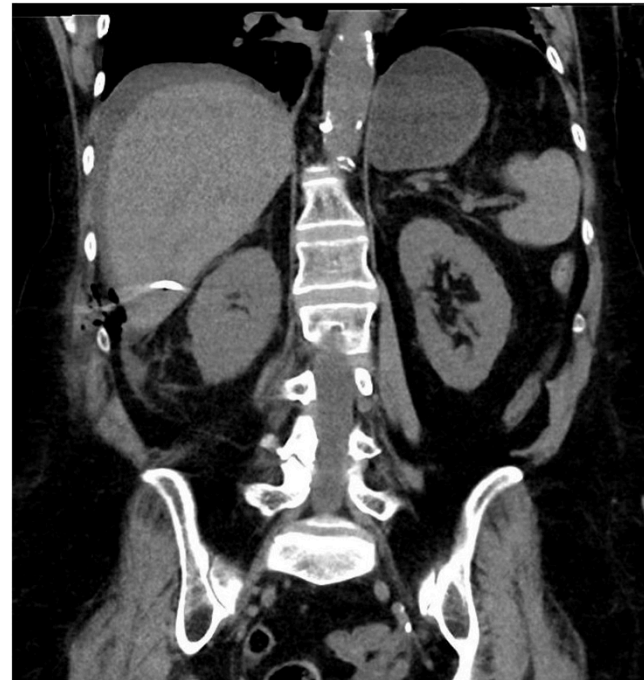


Intraoperative and Hospital Course

- OR for R PCNL
 - Uneventful R PCNL via upper pole access
 - 8.5F x 24cm NU stent placed
 - PACU labs with Hgb 11.5 and POD1 Hgb to 12.3
 - Mild pain and discomfort on POD1, remained hemodynamically stable, no transfusion

Postoperative Course

- Per routine, obtained postoperative day 1 CT scan:

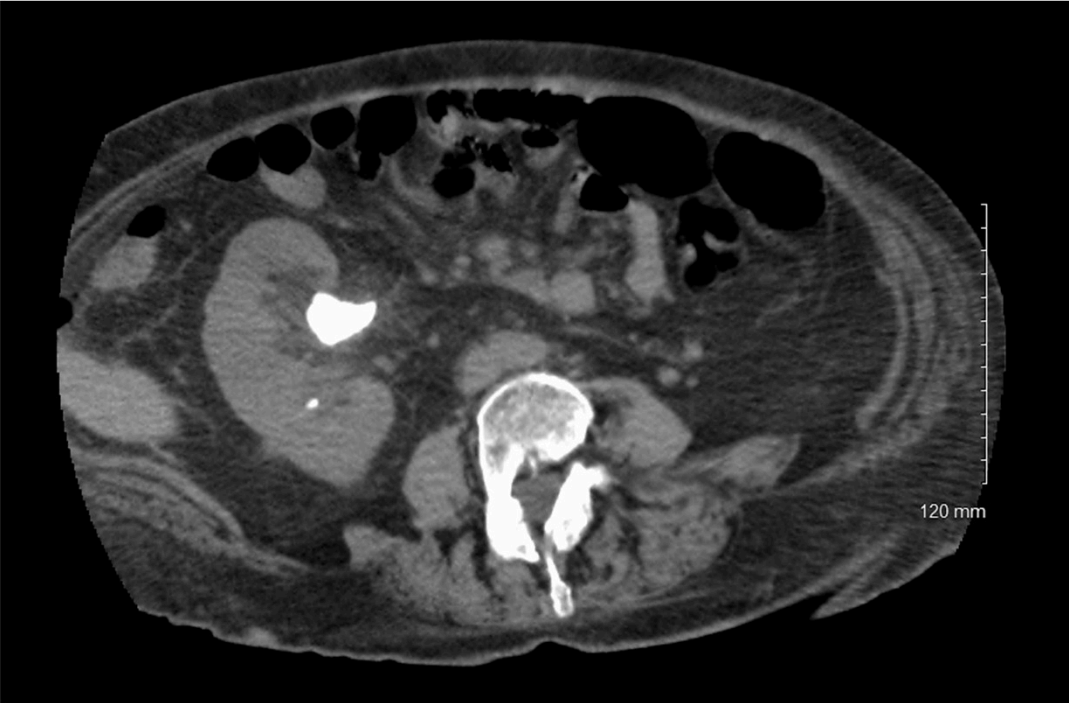


Post-operative Course

- PCNU tube removed slowly in clinic at POD14
- Remained hemodynamically stable, no pain or complications s/p tube removal
- Pathology: 70% CAP, 30% COM

Case 2

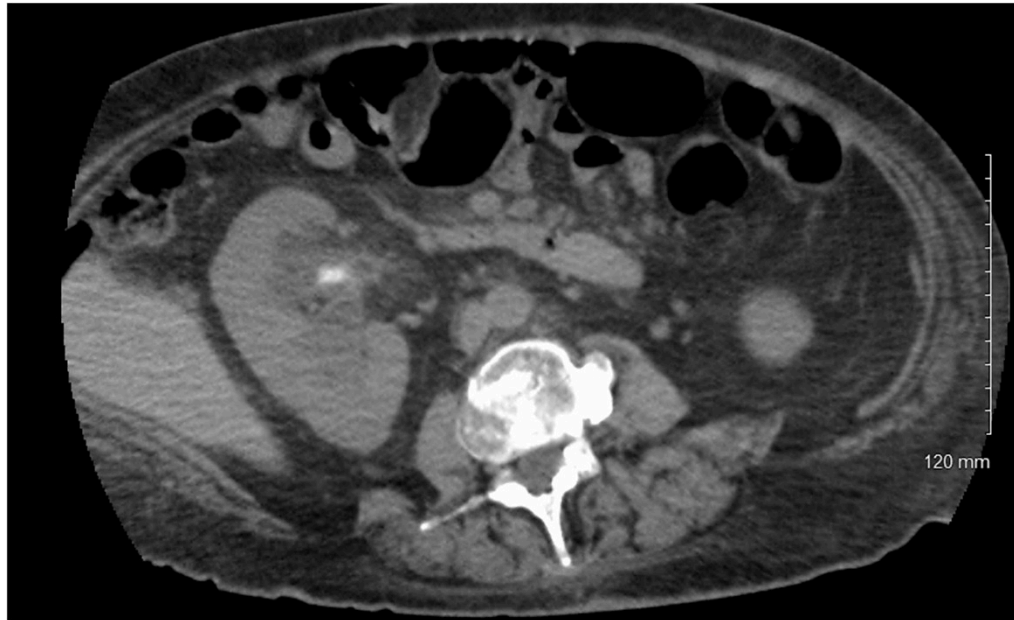
- 56 yo F with 3cm renal pelvis stone
- Hx of Afib on warfarin, morbid obesity (550 lbs before gastric bypass, now 300 lbs)
- Medically cleared and warfarin may be held for surgery

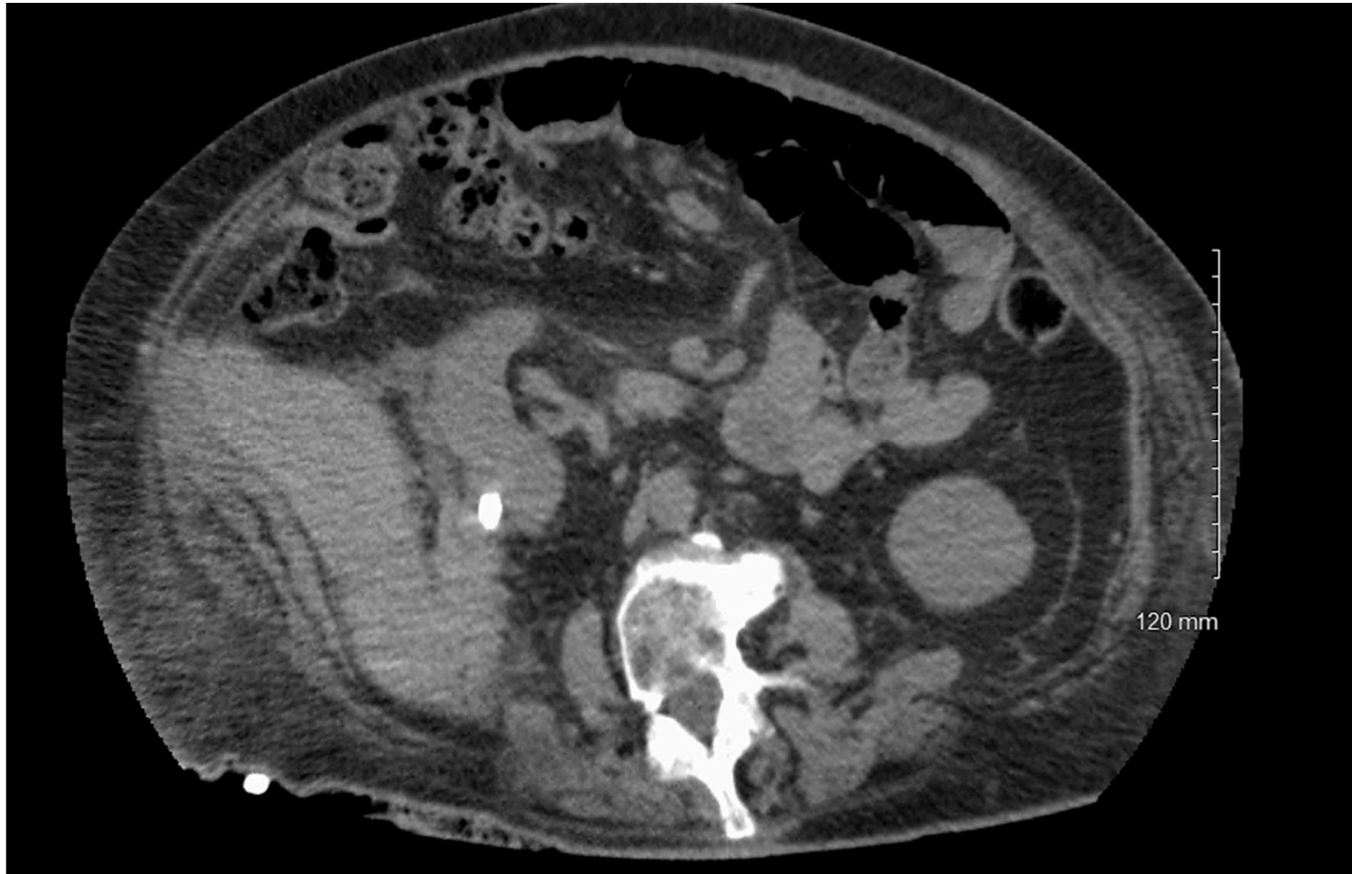


Case 2 – management

- PCNL performed seemingly uneventfully except that kidney was very “mobile” and anterior
- No post-op issues
- Routine imaging obtained on POD#1

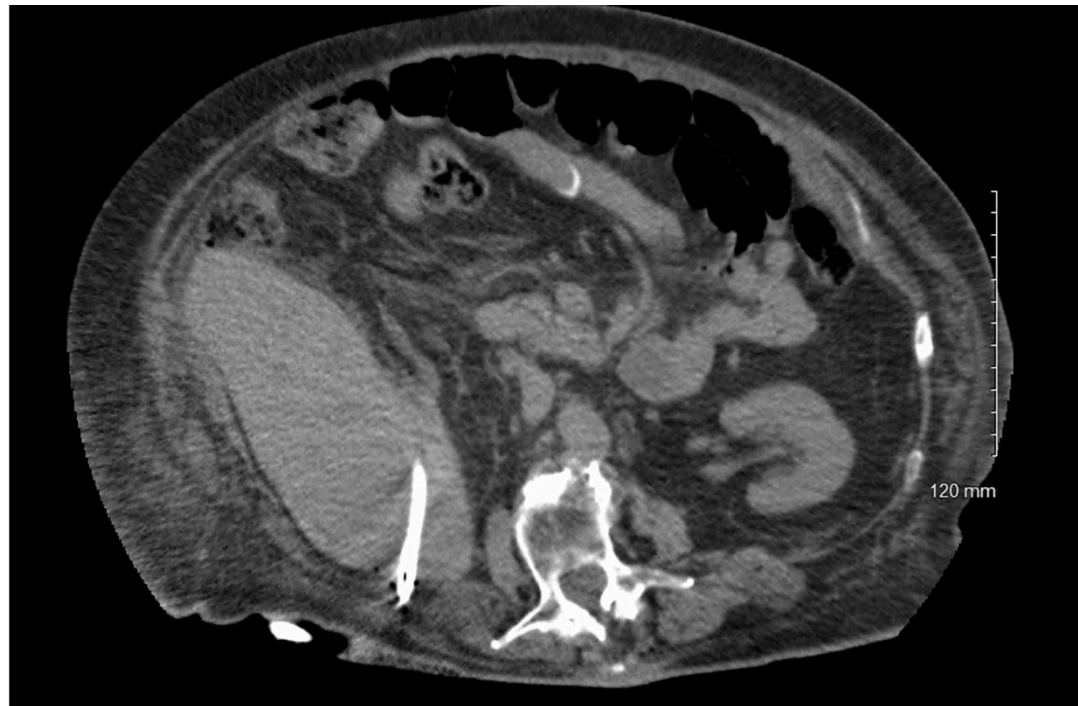






PERI-HEPATIC HEMATOMA

Nephrostomy tube through liver with significant peri-hepatic hematoma

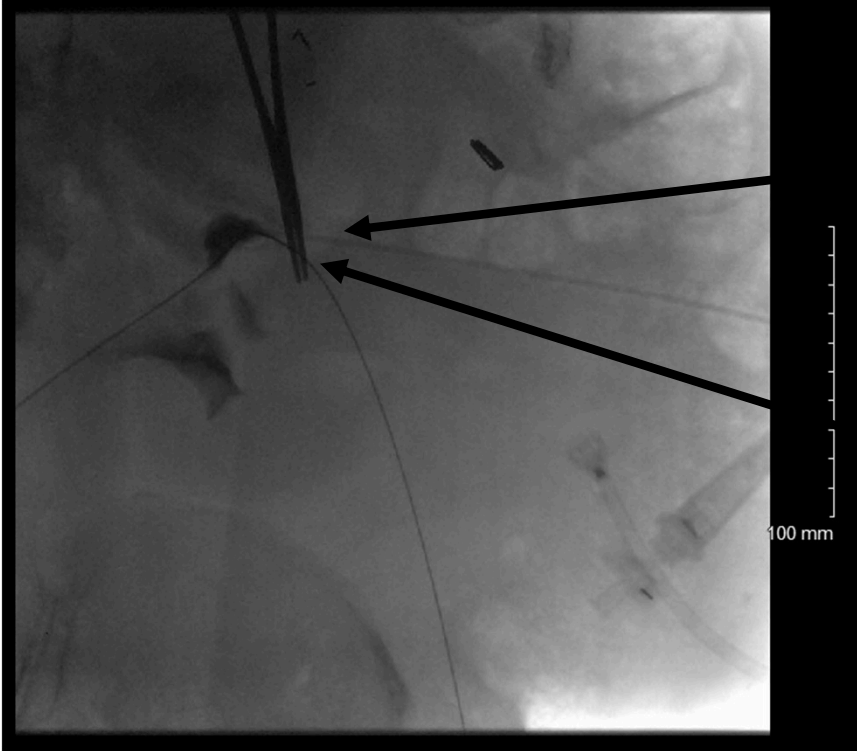


NOW WHAT ??

Case 2 – post-op

- CT showed no residual stones, but NT tract through liver
- Good antegrade drainage

- IR consulted to remove NT fluoroscopically and consider instillation of hemostatic agent upon withdrawal of NT with/without embolization
- Kumpe catheter used to identify medial liver capsule (pooling of contrast in an extra-renal location by lateral view)
- Kumpe catheter retracted into hepatic parenchyma and injected with Gelfoam slurry



Kumpe

Edge of renal capsule

100 mm



Case 2 - follow-up

- Pt was admitted to ICU for serial hematocrits
- Hematocrits were stable and she was ultimately discharged home
- Anticoagulation restarted 2 weeks post-operatively without incident

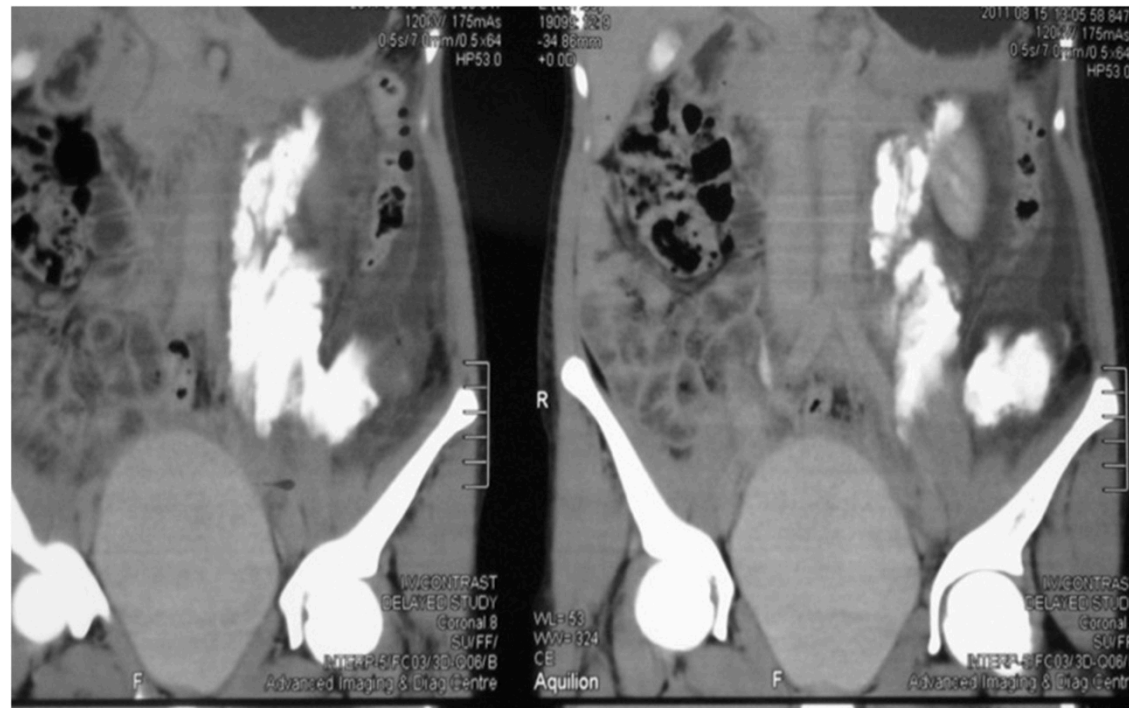
Conclusion

- Liver injuries can be managed conservatively, especially with small tubes
- Post operative PCNL imaging is useful
- US directed access may be useful in narrow windows or enlarged spleen/liver

URINE LEAK

PERIRENAL
URINOMA/
URINE
EXTRAVASATION

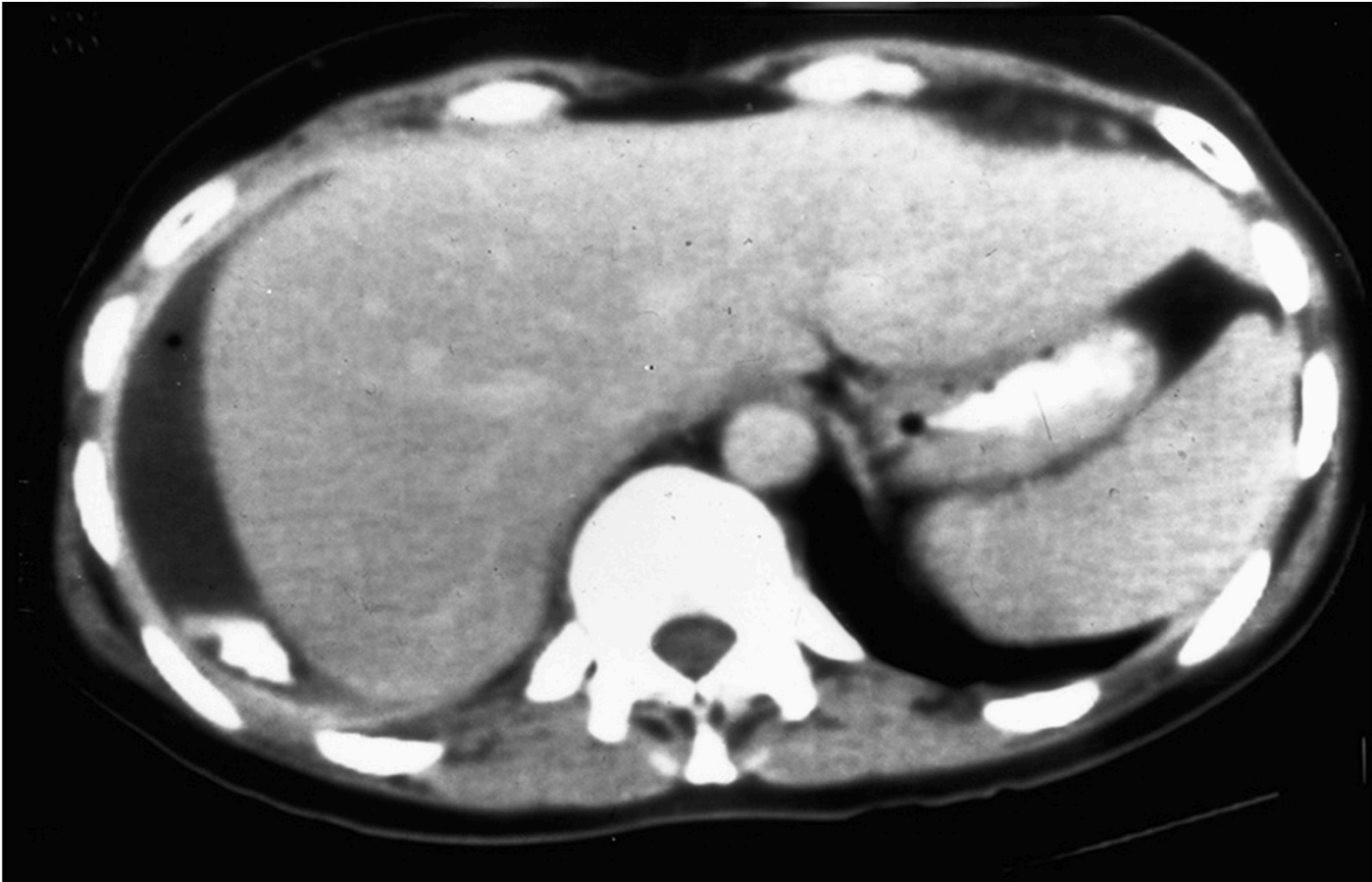
- 34 Y/O
- Tubeless miniPCNL
- POD#2 developed fever and abdominal pain
 - Ultrasound and CT Urogram



PERIRENAL URINOMA/ URINE EXTRAVASATION

- 34 Y/O
- Tubeless miniPCNL
- POD#2 developed
 - fever and abdominal pain
 - Ultrasound and CT Urogram
 - Left ureteral stent placed
- IVP done:
 - Complete resolution
 - Stent removed after 2 weeks



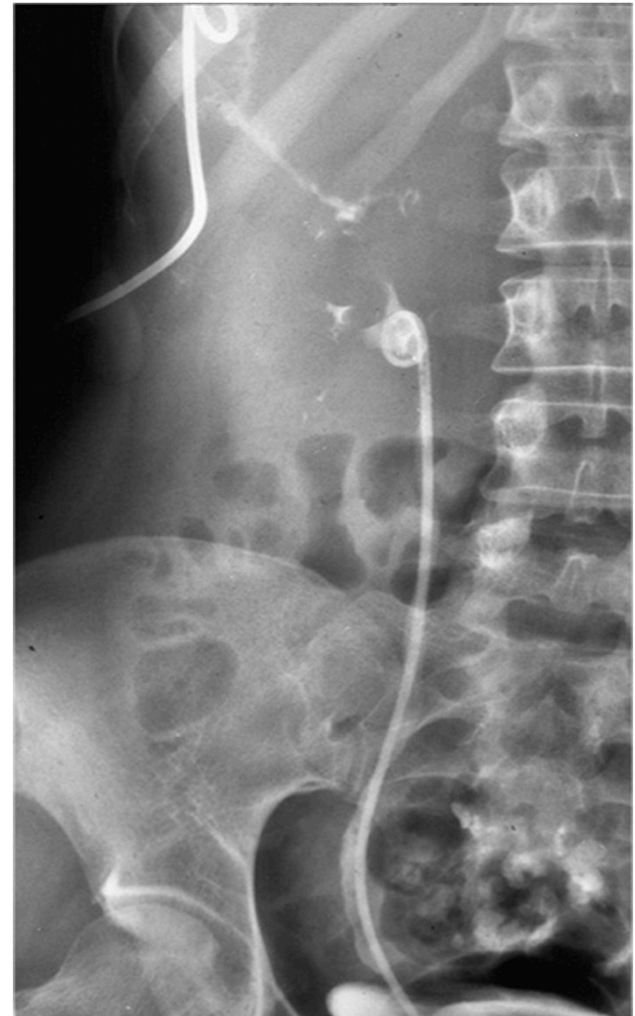


Perirenal Urinoma





Retroperitoneal drain clamped.
Patient developed fever.
Double pigtail stent obviously
occluded.
Retrograde pyelogram...
collapsed system and drains
directly through fistula.
WHAT NEXT??



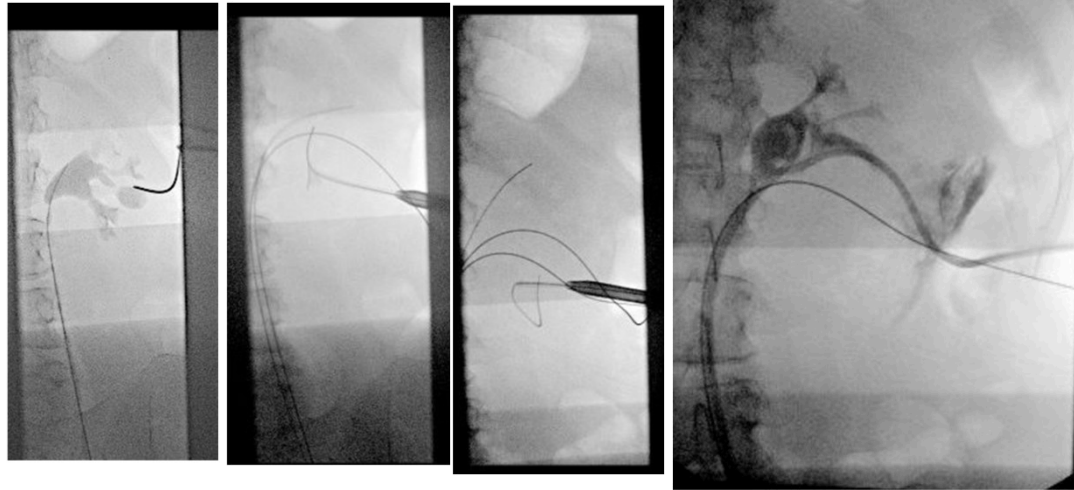
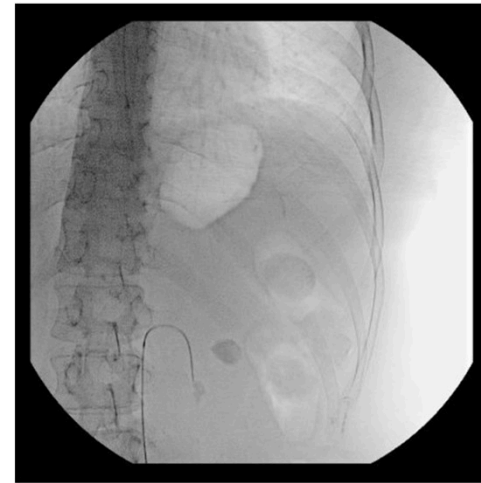
Nephrocutaneous fistula

- 48 y/o woman
- Failed Ureteroscopy
- Multiple LEFT renal stones



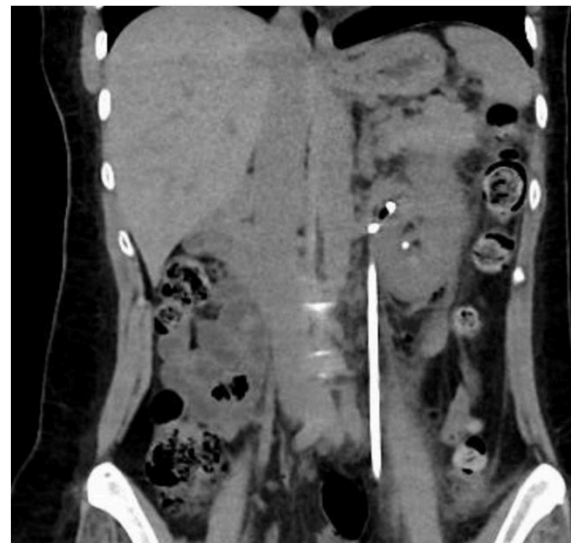
Nephrocutaneous fistula

- 3 punctures
- 3 dilations, including obstructed infundibulum
- One nephroureteral tube



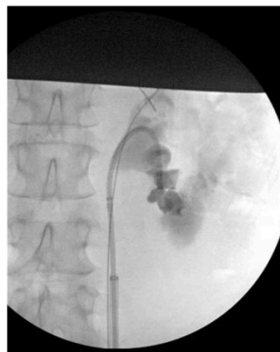
Nephrocutaneous
fistula

• One residual stone post op
Nephroureteral tube removed after 5 days



Nephrocutaneous Fistula

- Persistent leak via flank despite
Foley catheter
- Ureteroscopy
 - Fulguration of necrotic tissue
in tract
 - Stent placed x 2 weeks
- Resolution



2 years later...

residual stone and
new stones

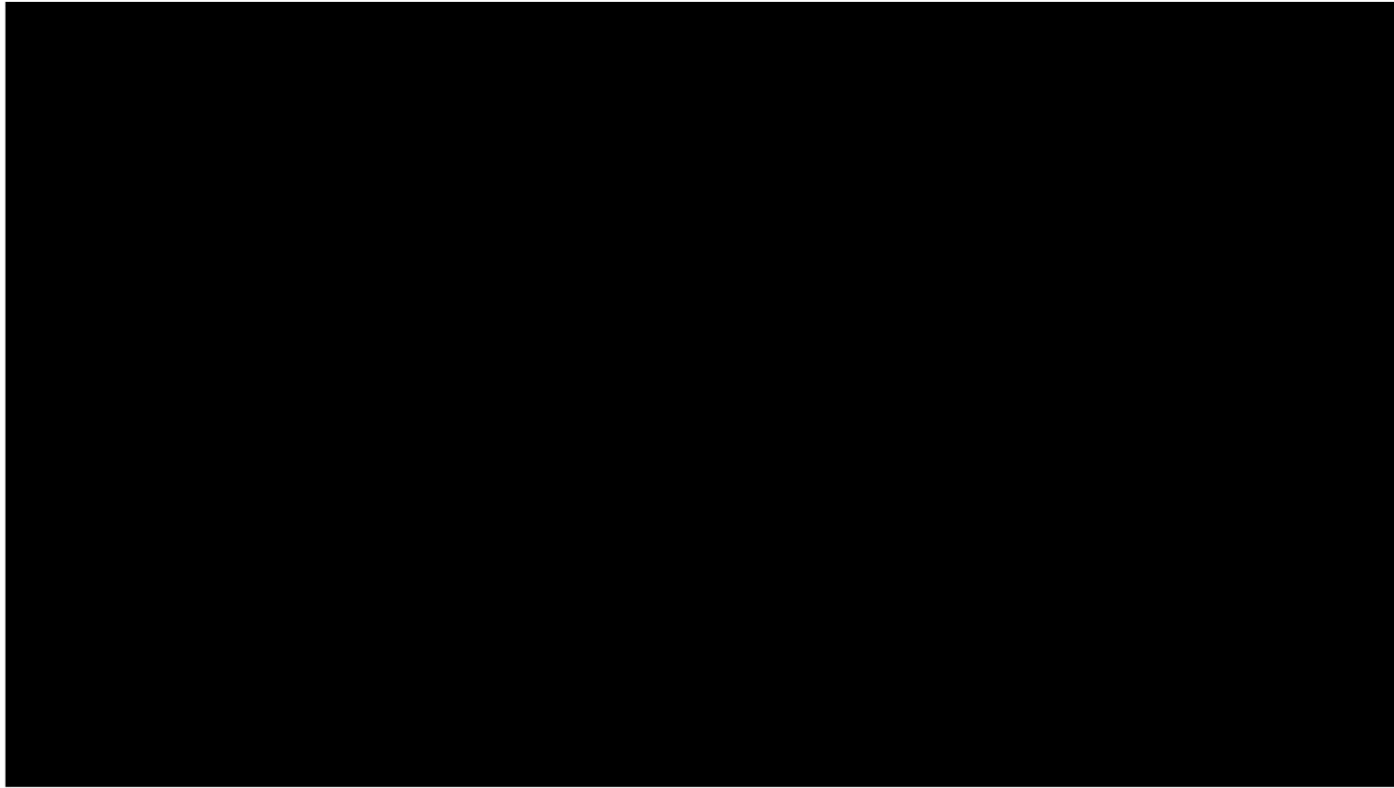
Left ureteroscopy, stent
insertion



THE URETER DOES NOT LIKE YOU

THE URETER IS NOT YOUR FRIEND

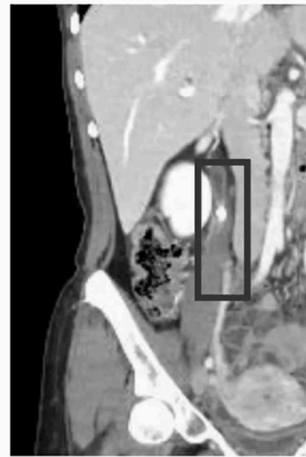
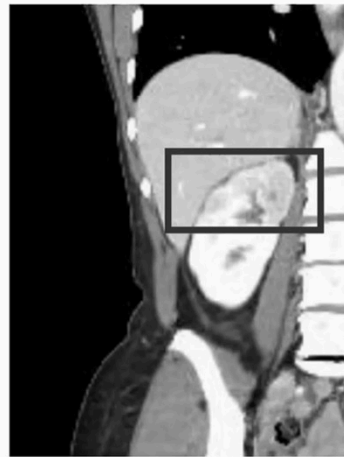
Duplicated ureter, impacted stone



Duplicated ureter, impacted stone

Our Patient

- 57 year old female with a duplicated right collecting system who is symptomatic with an obstructive proximal ureteral stone and delayed upper moiety nephrogram





AVULSED URETER.
Treatment of choice ?

OPTIONS

1. Percutaneous nephrostomy.
2. Boari Flap
3. Ileal interposition
4. Auto-transplant.
5. Nephrectomy

Respect the ureter
OR YOU WILL CRY!

Ureteral Avulsion Repaired via RAL Boari and Psoas Hitch



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Patient Presentation

- 42 yo M with no significant PMHx who presented to ER with incidentally diagnosed 4 mm proximal to mid ureteral stone with symptomatic pain and discomfort with +UTI, treated with antibiotics and discharged home for MET
- He had continued pain, scheduled for URS and treated with abx
- PMHx: obesity, HLD, HTN, no prior kidney stones, no DM
- PSHx: none
- FHx: NR
- SocHx: Worked as a cab driver
- Labs: WBC 13, Hgb 12, Cr 0.8, UCx + E. coli (treated prior to URS)

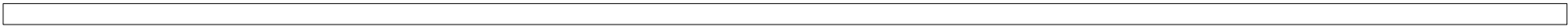


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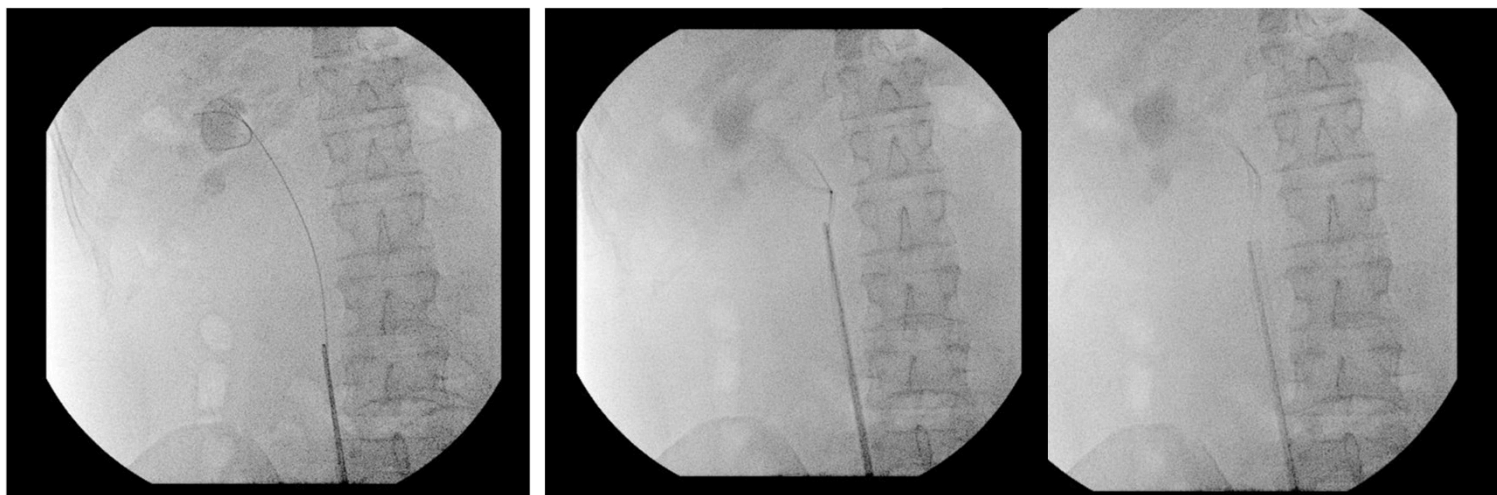
CT imaging:
Notable for 4 mm
proximal ureteral
stone, no other
stones noted in the
kidney, no
significant
hydronephrosis

Minimal perinephric
fat stranding





Initial URS



Initial Ureteroscopy

- Operative Report:
 - Semirigid URS with wire and retrograde pyelogram demonstrating contrast in kidney
 - Direct visualization of stone and 200 nm fragmentation of the stone with subsequent removal of the stone and placement of a 7F x 26 cm double-J ureteral stent
 - Noted narrow ureteral lumen, but able to accommodate scope alongside 0.035 guidewire
- Presented 1 week later for ureteral stent removal
- Again presented to the ER in within 10-12 days post stent removal with flank pain, nausea/vomiting and signs of urosepsis, with WBC 16, UCx + nitrates, LE; started on Zosyn
 - Decision made for emergent stent placement





**Subsequent
Attempted Stent
Placement**

The image is a fluoroscopic view of the spine, showing the vertebral bodies and intervertebral discs. A dark, elongated object, likely a stent, is visible in the center of the spine, positioned between two vertebrae. The text 'Subsequent Attempted Stent Placement' is overlaid on the right side of the image. A speaker icon is located in the bottom right corner of the image frame.

What Are the Options?

- Auto-transplant
- Boari reconstruction
- Ileal Ureter (ileal interposition)
- Nephrectomy
- ?Chronic nephrostomy tube



Given age, comorbidities, decision was made to attempt renal salvage with Boari reconstruction, but prepared for possible ileal interposition



Ureteral Avulsion Repaired via RAL Boari and Psoas Hitch



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Ureteropelvic junction problems

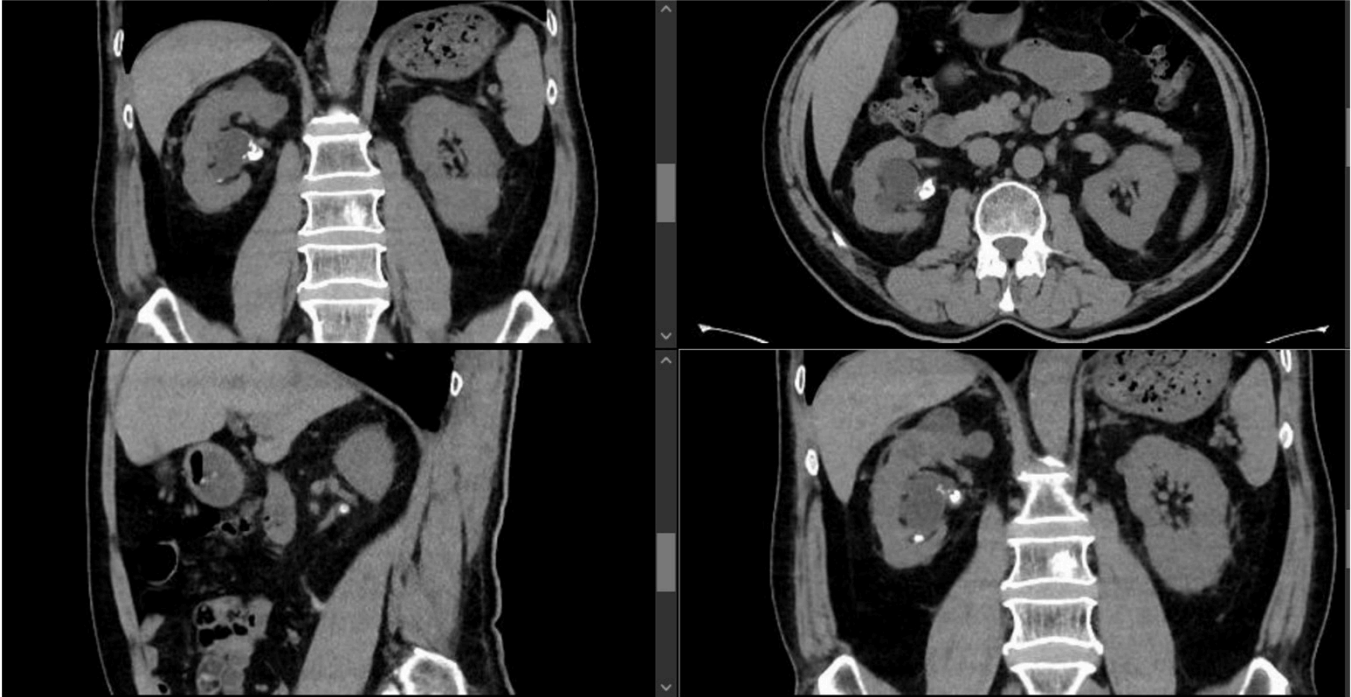


Case Presentation

- 65y/o man
- Right renal pelvis stone
- Ureteroscopy
 - Stone migrated into renal pelvis and UPJ
 - Thulium fiber laser fragmentation
 - Some basketing
 - Stent placed
 - Second stage planned



UPJ stone, treated with
ureteroscopy

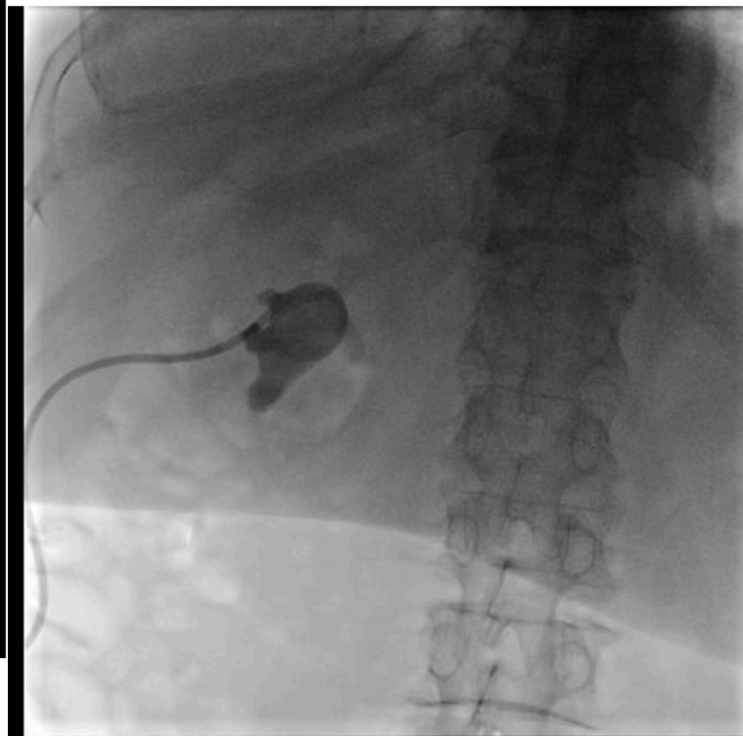


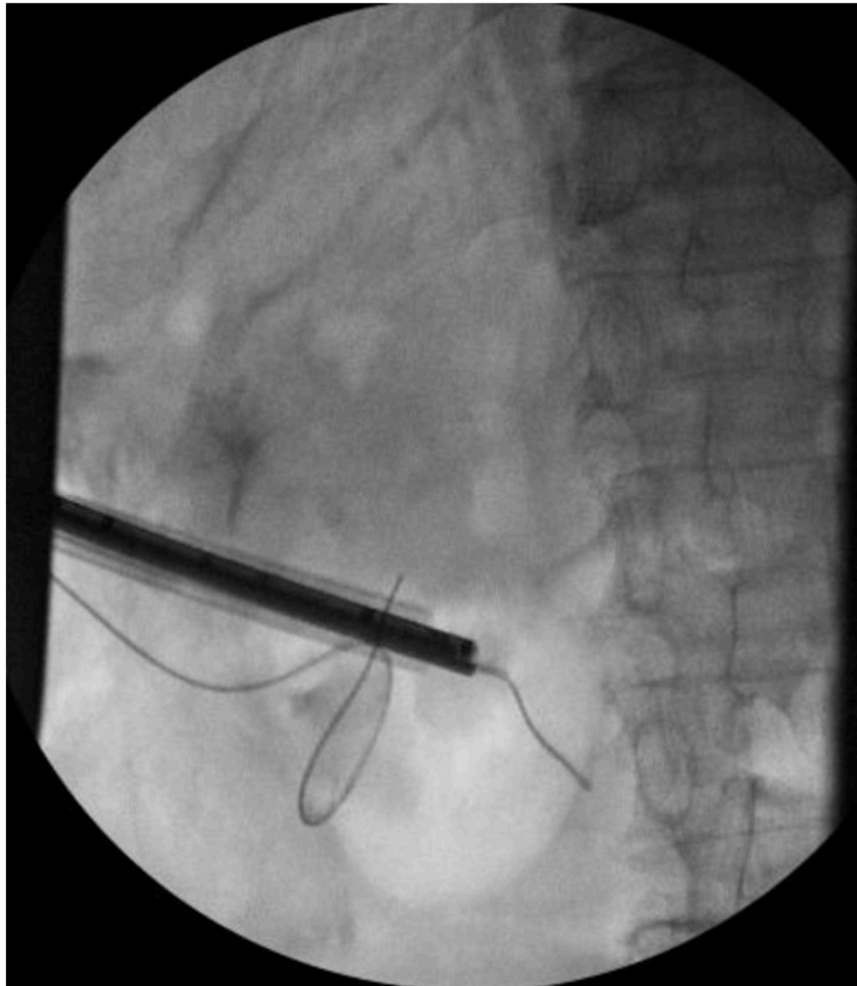
CT after first stage ureteroscopy

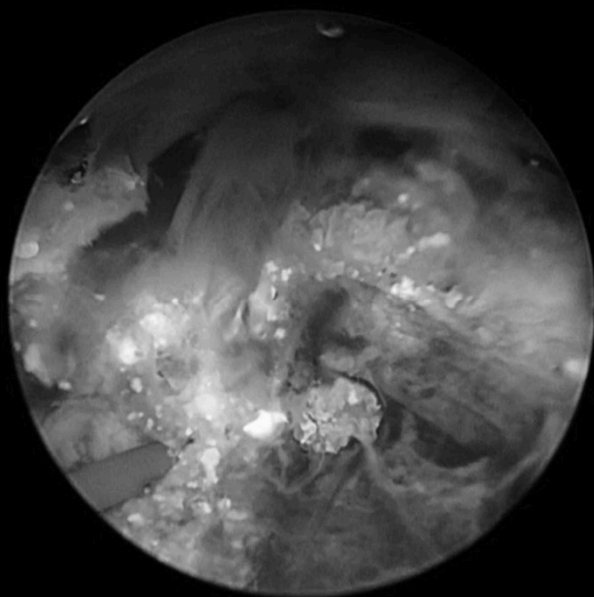
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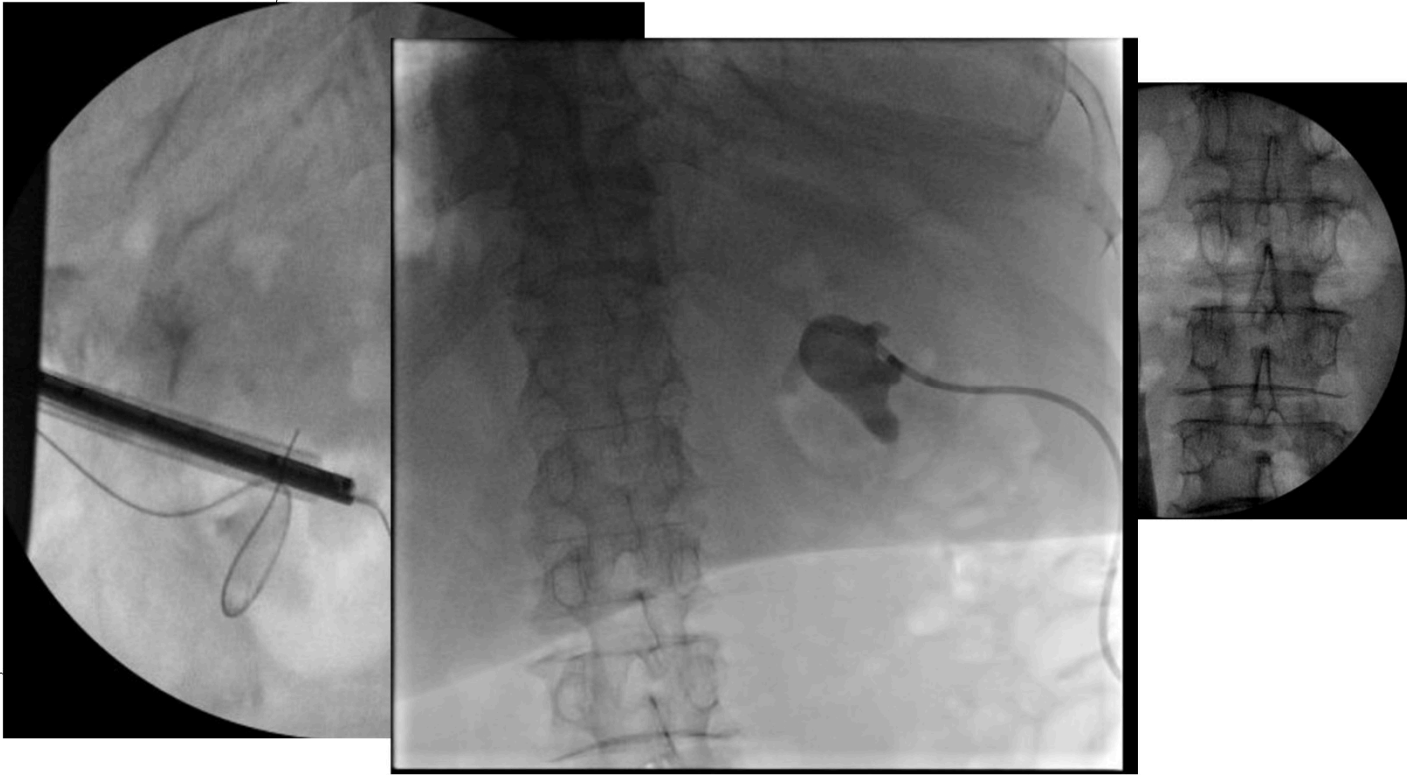
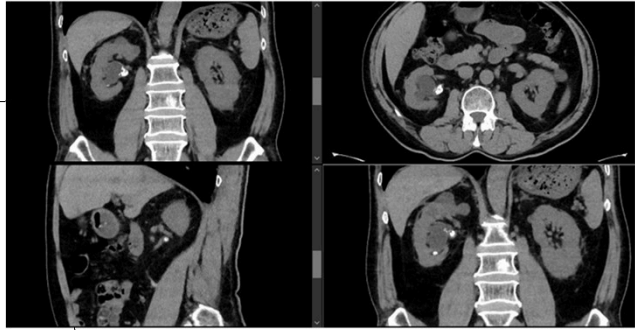


Nephrostogram



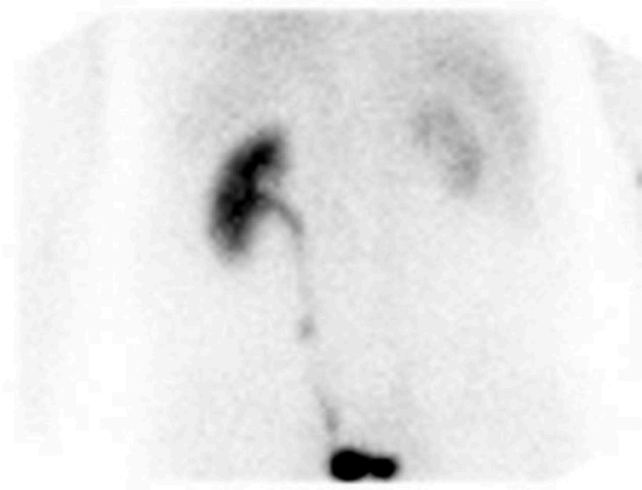






Case Presentation

- NM renal scan split function
- 7% Right
- 93% Left



- Laparoscopic nephrectomy
 - Pathology: Inflammation and scarring and glomerulosclerosis consistent with non-functioning kidney

Ureteral disruption

Percutaneous Endoscopic management of atypical
pediatric ureteropelvic junction obstruction



Case Presentation

- 12 year old boy
- Acute on chronic Left flank pain
 - several months
- Mild hydronephrosis by renal ultrasound at 3 months
- NM renal scan at age 3 months
 - 55% Right 45% Left split
 - T_{1/2} Left side 19 minutes

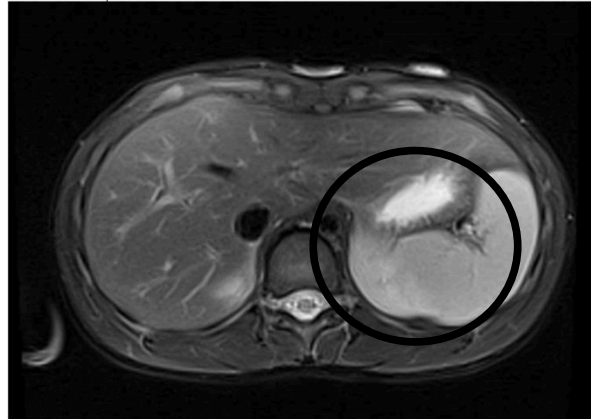


Case Presentation

- Physical exam notable for mild L flank pain
- Labs within normal limits, Cr 0.6
- MRI completed after initial ER visit demonstrated moderate L sided hydronephrosis with an elongated renal pelvis and small persistent filling defect lining the ureteropelvic junction. No crossing vessel identified



Case Presentation



Case Presentation

- Based on imaging findings, decision was made to proceed with percutaneous renal access to assess the potential filling defects
- DDx: stones, intrinsic obstruction, benign/malignant growth



Intraoperative Course

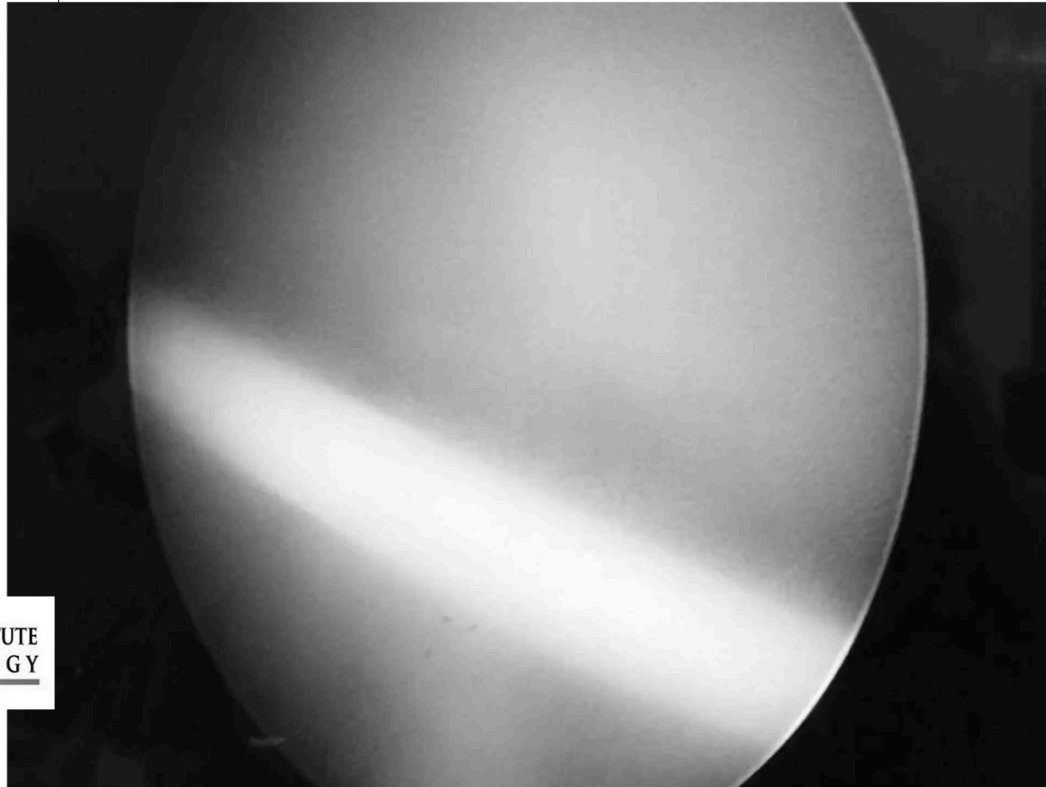
- Once recognizing tissue as most likely benign fibroepithelial tissue, the decision was made to proceed with laser ablation
- A bulls-eye lateral calyx was selected given excellent access to the ureteropelvic junction







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Post Operative Course

- Patient remained stable throughout, a stent and a foley catheter was left in place
- Foley was removed on POD2

- Stent was removed after 4 weeks
- Retrograde pyelogram showed stricture at UPJ/proximal ureter



Post Operative Course

- Pathology: Benign fibroepithelial polyps
- Ultimately had robot assisted laparoscopic pyeloplasty



Conclusions

- Fibroepithelial polyps are more rare in children than adults¹, and result in approximately 0.5% of UPJ obstruction
- More often in the pediatric population, pediatric polyps are found in the UPJ or upper ureter (73%)²
- Preoperative diagnosis is challenging in pediatric population given small lumen of ureter



1. Ludwig et al. Can Urol Assoc J. 2015;9(9-10):E031-7.
2. Niu ZB et al. Pediatr Surg Int. 2007;23(4):323-6.

Conclusions

- In a systematic review of polyps in the adult population, endoscopic resection was the most common form of management with a low complication rate³
- Recurrence rate is fairly low, however complications can occur, current literature recommends imaging at 3 and 12 months post operatively in the asymptomatic patient



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Uretero-Iliac Fistula following Chronic Ureteral Stenting



Case Presentation

83 year old woman

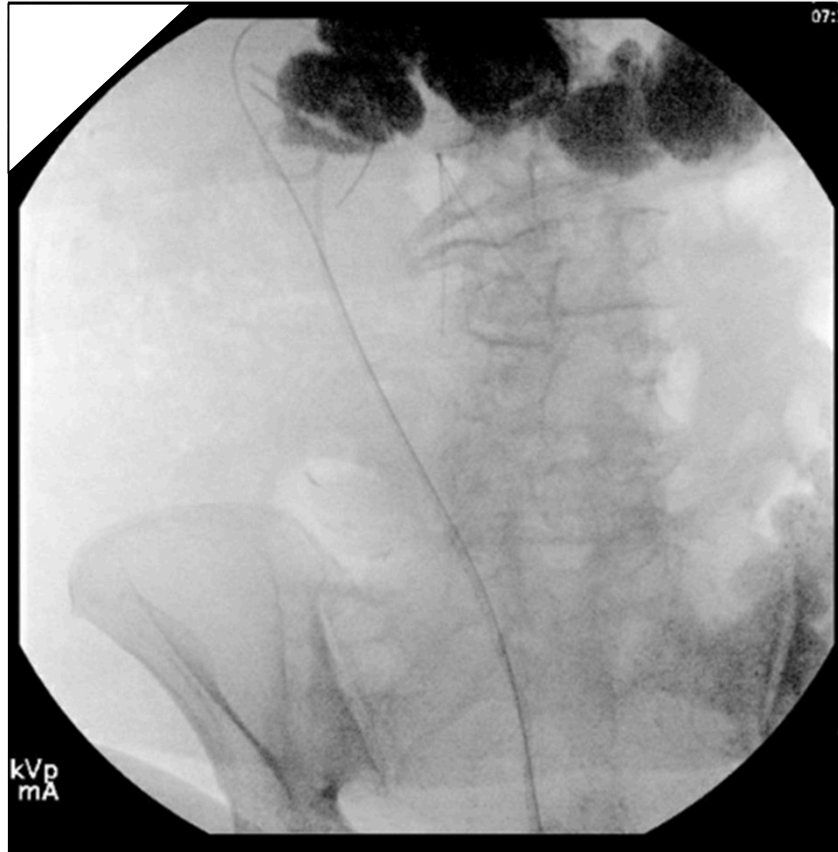
Colon cancer s/p colectomy with colostomy and radiation

Multiple small bowel obstructions

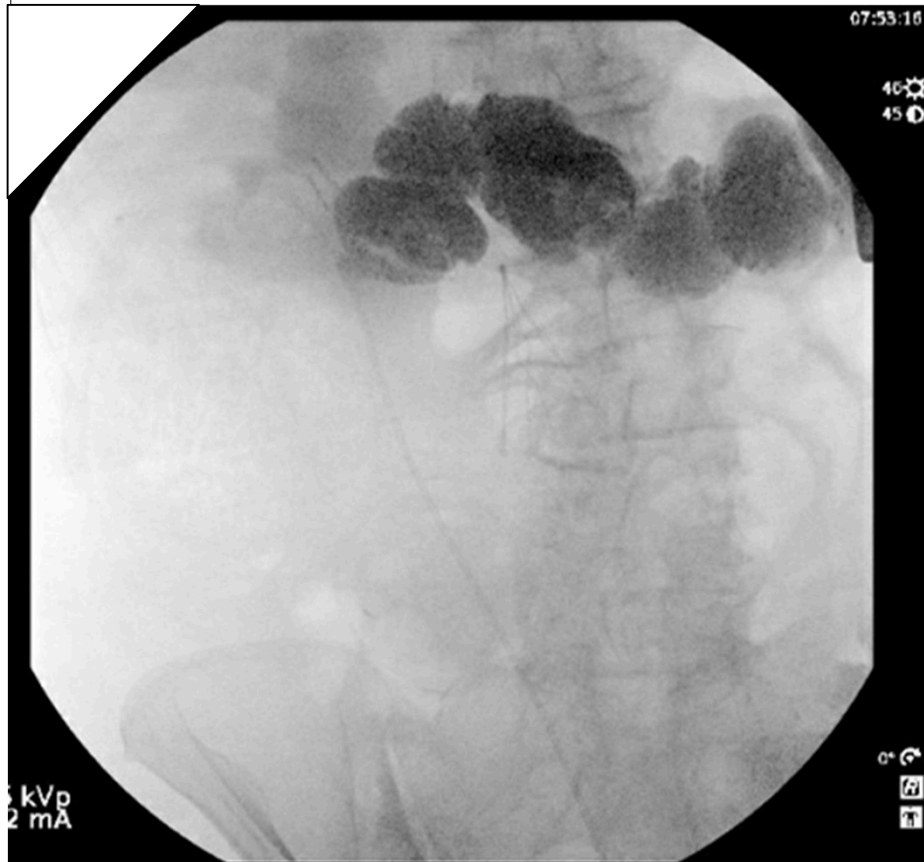
Ureteral stricture s/p stent placement "years ago"

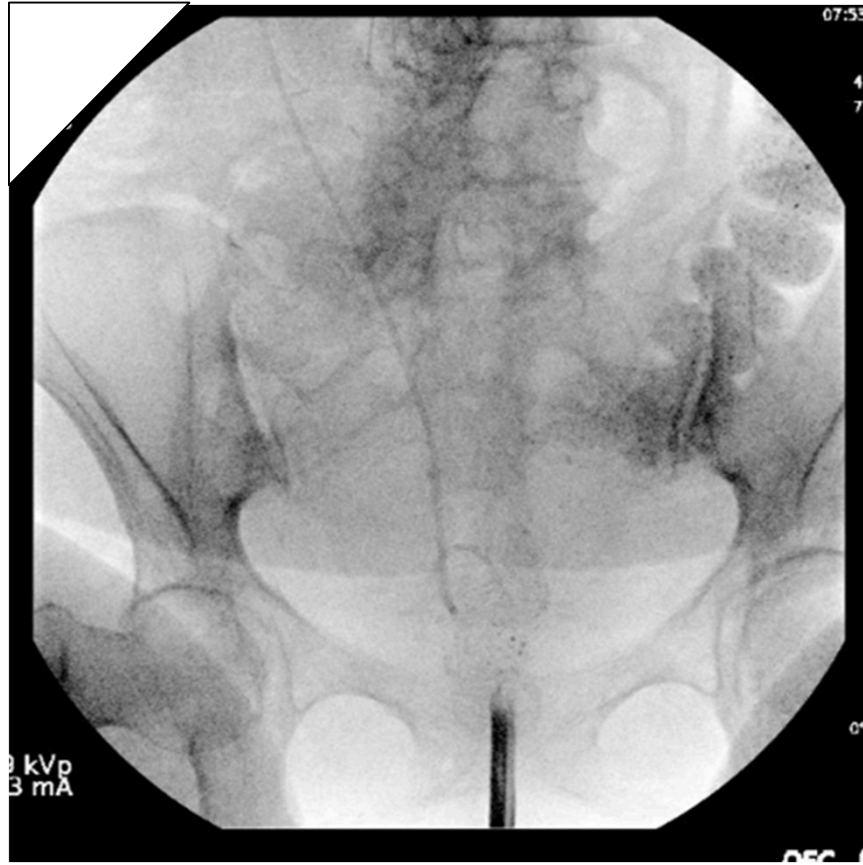
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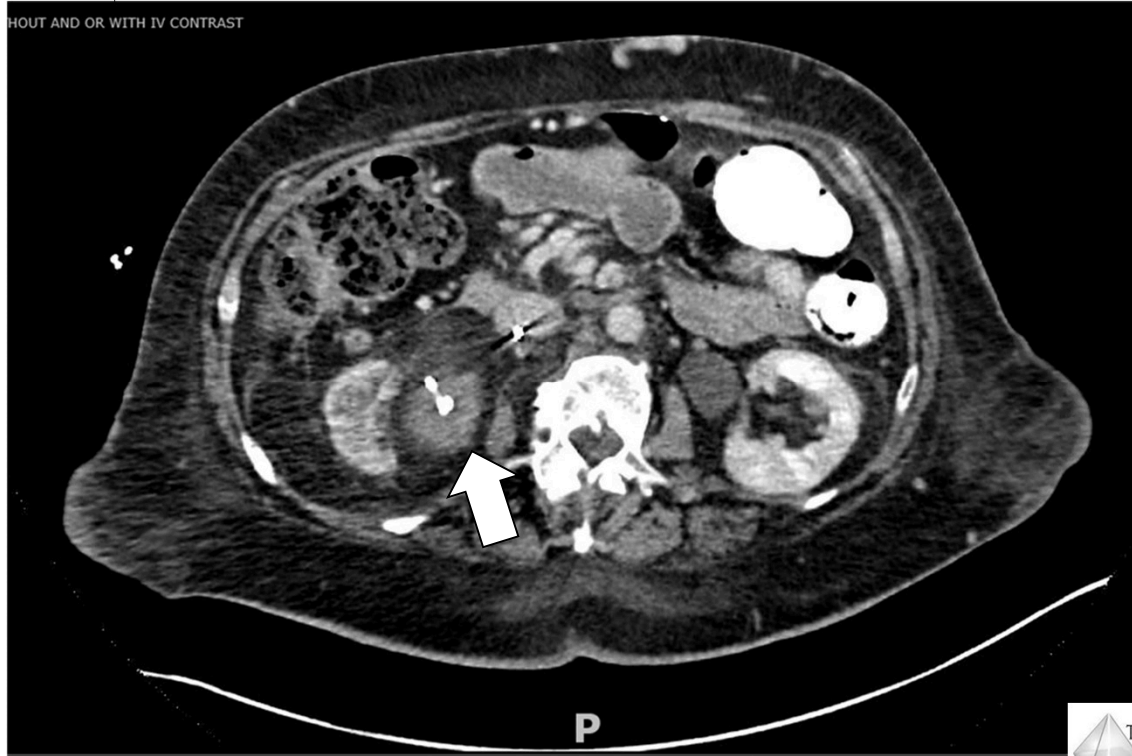
- PMH: HTN, HLD, hypothyroidism, hx of HIT, breast cancer and a right ureteral stent that was in place greater than 15 years
- PSH: colon ca s/p resection with colostomy and radiation, b/l knee replacement

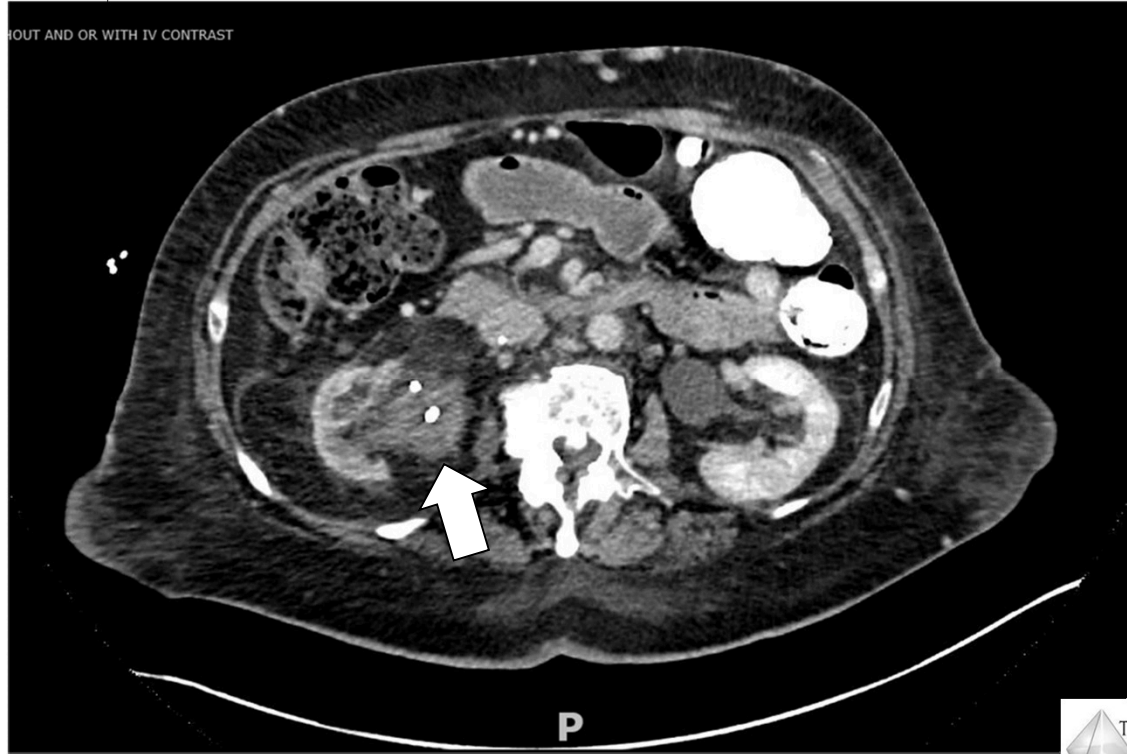




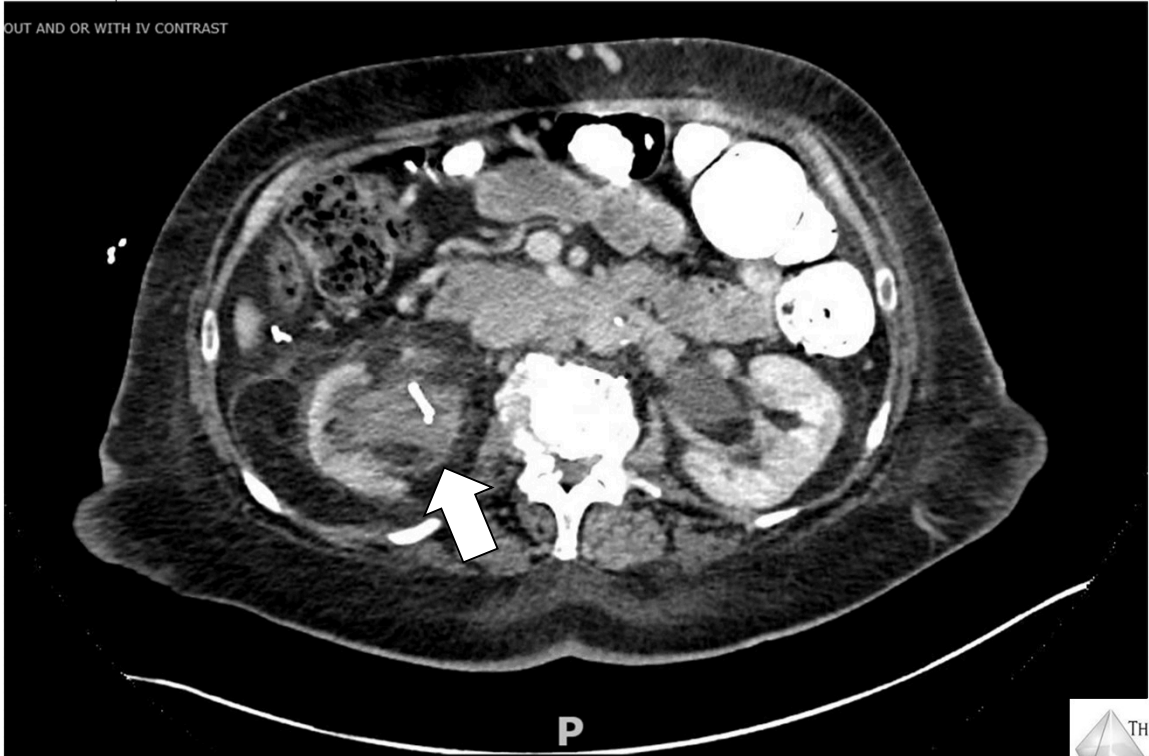




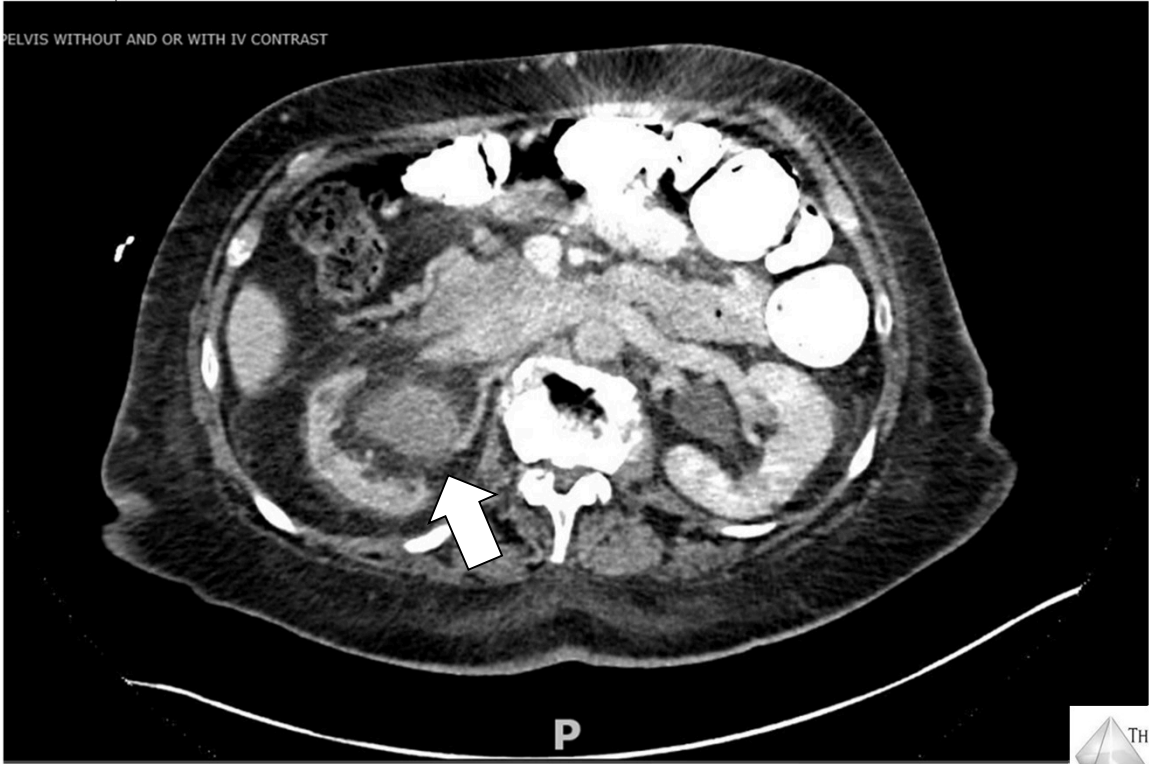




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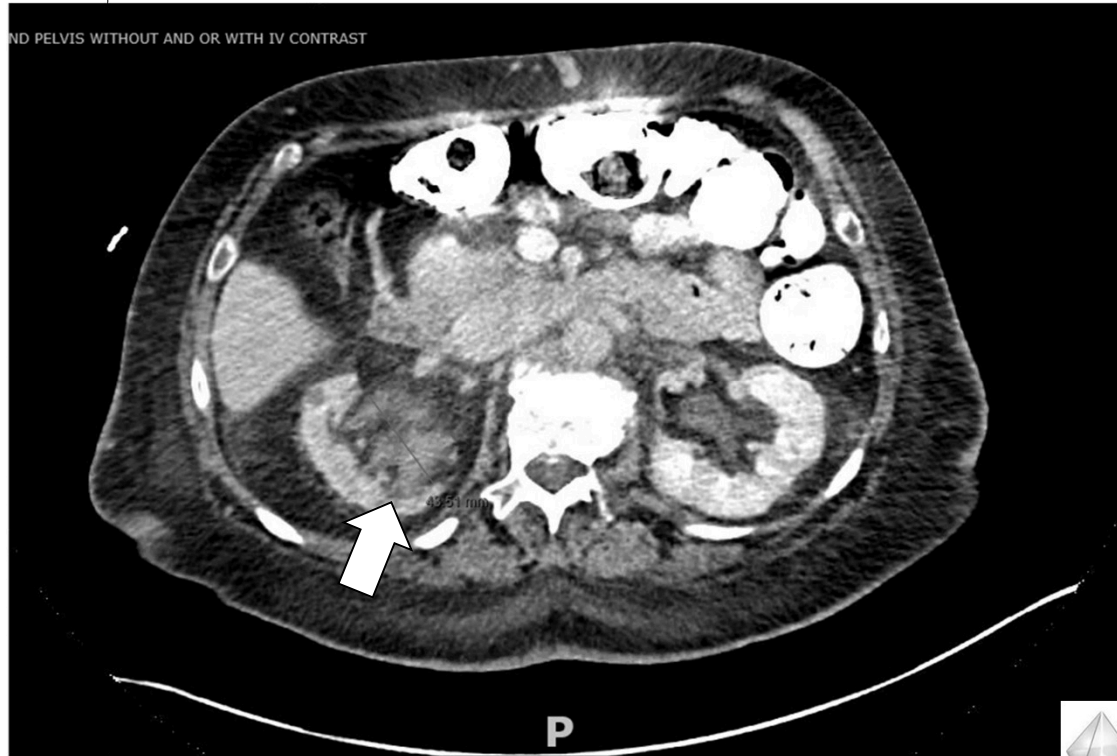


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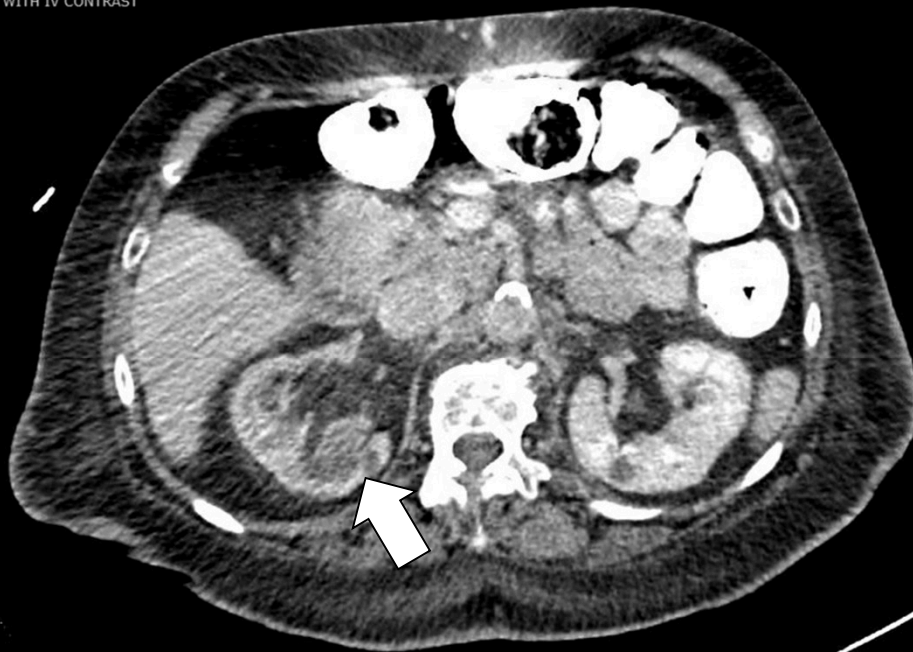


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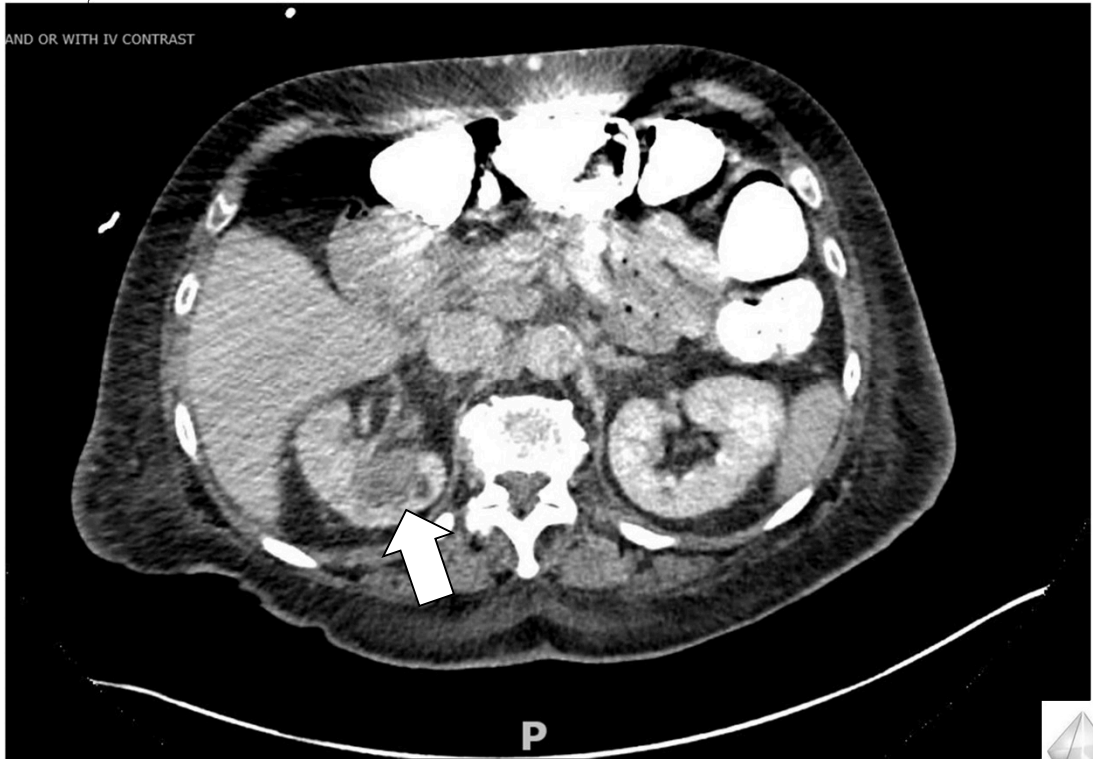


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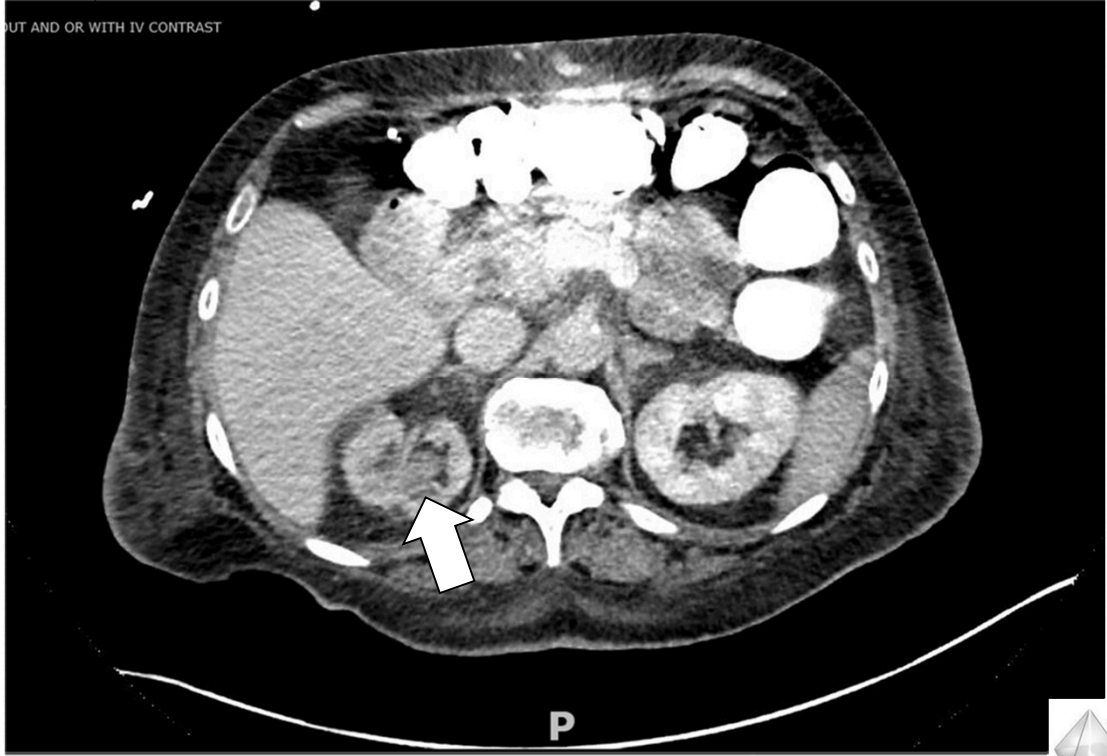


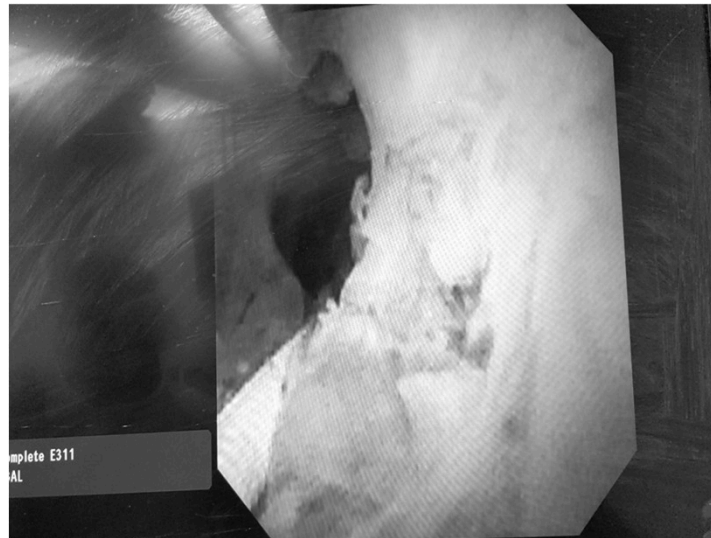
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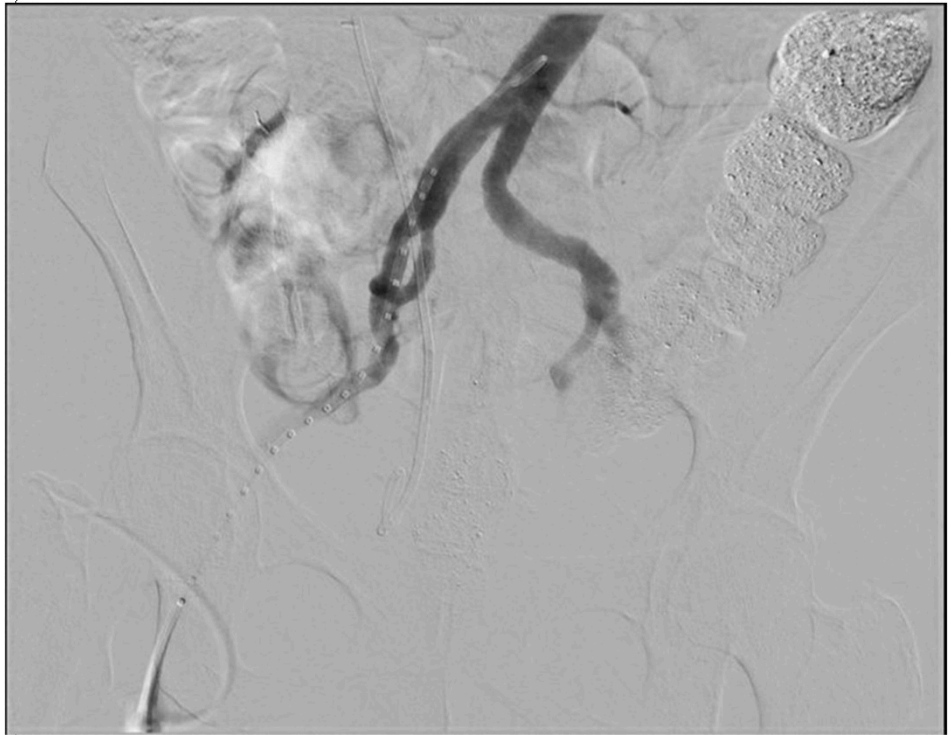
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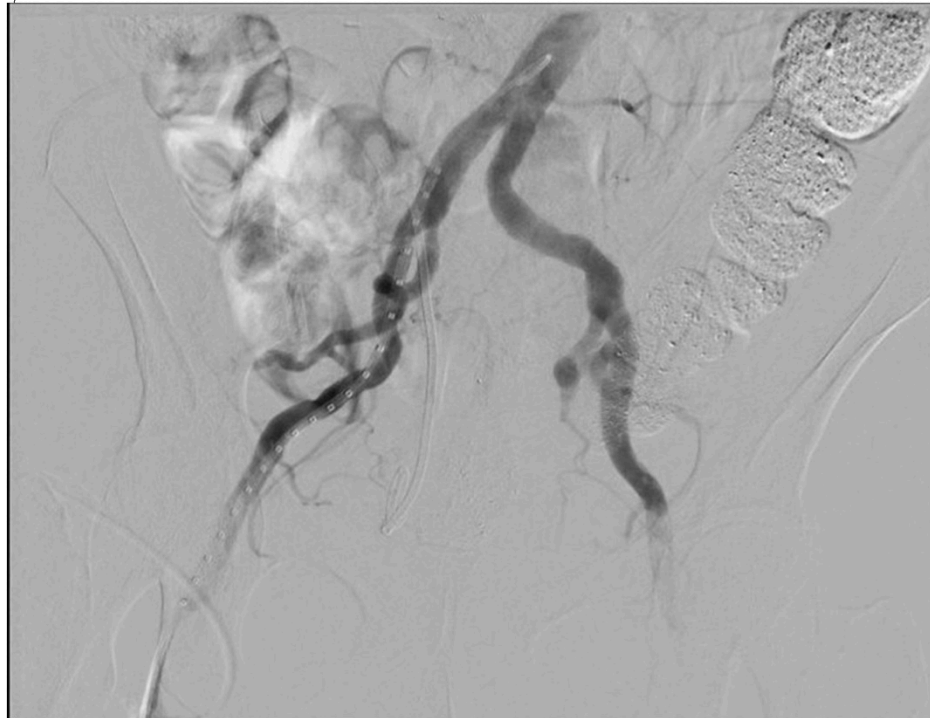


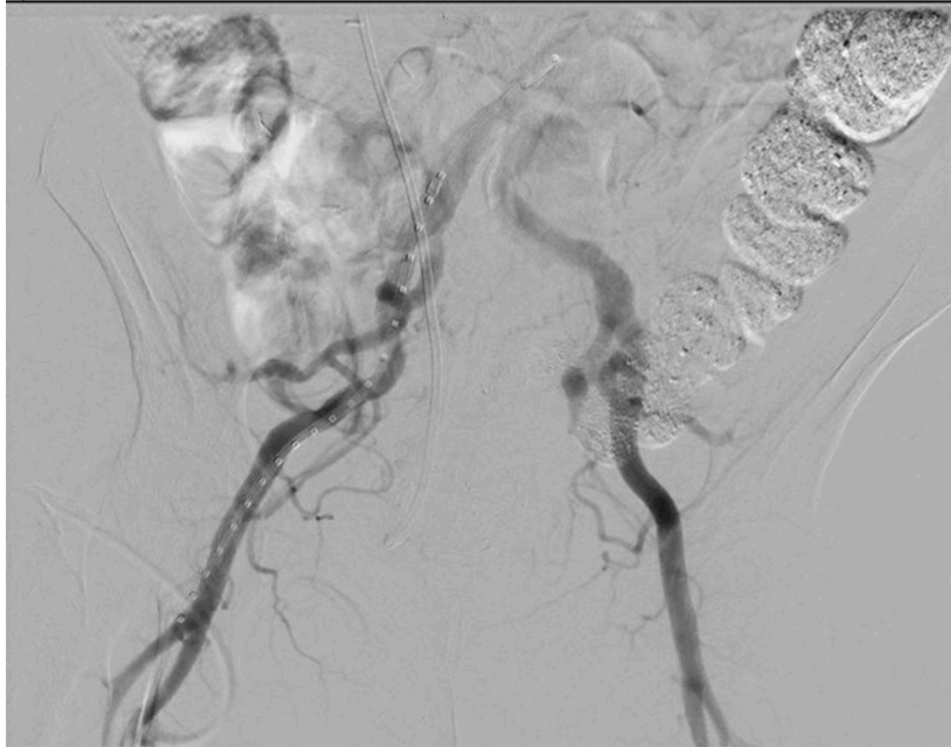
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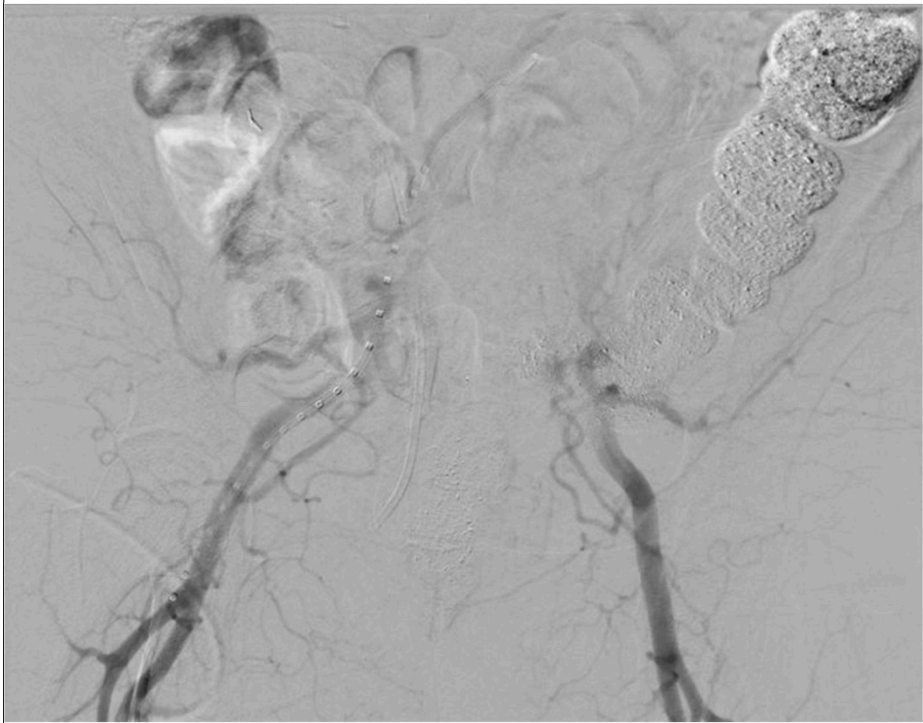












Review of Literature

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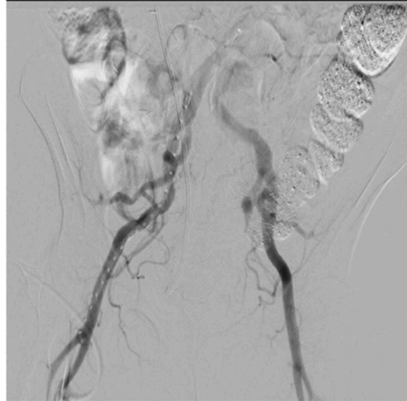
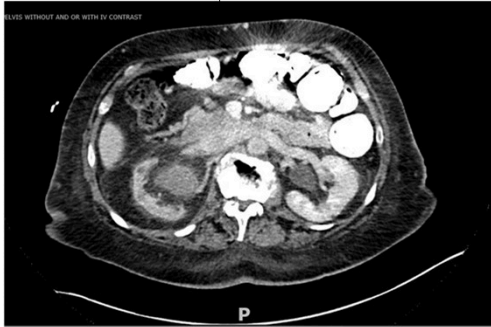
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Fungal ball

FB age 47
Right Flank pain
Fever and chills
Nausea and Vomiting

PAST HISTORY.
2009 Stone in kidney and UPJ
Treated with ESWL x 3 and subsequent urs
Post -op stone free.
Renogram Rt 35% Lt 65%
Drainage Rt 13min Lt 4mins
DIABETES

- Migrated Clips after partial nephrectomy



Case Presentation

- 62y/o man
- Robot assisted laparoscopic partial nephrectomy
- New stone in right kidney 1 year post op



MINI-PCNL FOR MULTIPLE HEM-O-LOK CLIPS FORMING STONE NIDUS IN THE COLLECTING SYSTEM

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