Ischemic Gastropathy: Leopard Skin in the Stomach

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Figure 1 A 73-year-old woman was admitted to the emergency department for a cardiac arrest that occurred outside the hospital. After resuscitation, upper gastrointestinal endoscopy was performed because of gastrointestinal bleeding. The endoscopic view of the gastric antrum showed numerous reddish patches of subepithelial hemorrhage, mimicking the appearance of leopard skin.

Figure 2 Pathological examination of the biopsy specimen revealed ischemic gastropathy. Note the cytoplasmic vacuolization and hyalinization of the degenerative epithelial cells. The paucity of inflammatory cells distinguished the ischemia from infection (hematoxylin & eosin stain; original magnification × 100).