Recurrent Rectal Bleeding from an Appendiceal Stump Granuloma: A Rare Late Complication of Appendectomy

Figure 1 A 25-year-old man underwent appendectomy for acute, gangrenous, nonperforating appendicitis; the stump was ligated with a linen suture and inverted. One year later, he developed recurrent rectal bleeding which got progressively worse and he was re-admitted to the regional hospital. After correction of his electrolyte imbalance and a blood transfusion, the bleeding stopped and he was discharged on day 6. The patient was admitted to our hospital 2 weeks later for further clinical examination and surgical treatment. Colonoscopy identified an inflammatory tumor of the cecum as the probable source of bleeding. He underwent an ileocecal resection and was discharged 5 days later, on day 12 of this hospital stay.

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