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Cholangitis Presenting With Normal Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography: A Case of Parasitic Cholangitis

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A 21 year old female who was apparently well sought consult at the Emergency room due to abdominal pain. The patient was initially managed as a case of acid peptic disease and was discharged from the ED. The patient developed undocumented fever and vomiting which prompted another ED consult. She presented with febrile episodes, abdominal pain, and hypotension. Hepatobiliary tree ultrasound revealed dilated proximal common bile duct with abrupt narrowing at the distal end. Common bile duct stricture vs. lithiasis was considered. The patient was managed as a case of sepsis secondary to acute cholangitis. She underwent Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopanreatography (ERCP) which revealed normal study of the common bile and hepatic ducts. Extraction of biliary ascariasis was done on this patient. The patient tolerated the procedure well and was eventually discharged.

Biography:

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