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JEJUNAL DIVERTICULOSIS

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A 78 years old male presented with acute abdominal pain and vomiting. He was operated, 14 years ago, for hiatal hernia by midline laparotomy. For the last two years, he suffered from regular episodes of intestinal obstructions managed successfully with conservative treatment. Physical examination showed a moderate abdominal distension. Upright abdominal X ray revealed multiple air-fluid levels. Abdominal computed tomography showed jejunal distension with a transition zone located on the proximal jejunum. Conservative management failed and the patient was operated for suspicion of intestinal obstruction secondary to postoperative adhesions. Surgical exploration revealed proximal jejunal diverticulosis starting from the duodeno-jejunal junction (Image). The size of the diverticula ranged from 2 cm to 8 cm. There were few adhesions that were released. Postoperative course was uneventful.

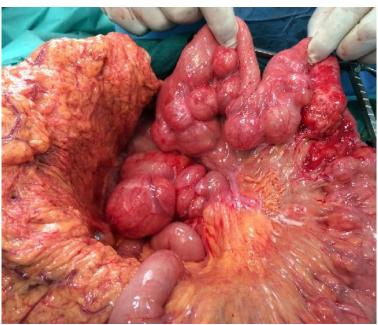


Image: Operative view showing proximal jejunal diverticulosis starting from the duodeno-jejunal junction.