

PHOTO QUIZ

A large liver lesion

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A 70-year-old patient was admitted with a seven-day history of nausea and vomiting. His vital signs were in the normal range, bowel sounds were absent but abdominal examination was otherwise unremarkable. Routine laboratory work revealed anaemia (Hb 6.7 mmol/l), acute kidney failure (creatinine 286 μ mol/l), elevated C-reactive protein (247 mg/l) and hypoalbuminaemia (16 g/l); liver tests were normal. As bowel obstruction was suspected, he was given intravenous fluids and nil by mouth, and a CT scan was planned. In the first 12 hours he deteriorated and developed septic shock, upon which

broad-spectrum antibiotics (ceftriaxone and metronidazole) were started. Suspecting a possible bowel perforation, a CT scan was performed promptly, which revealed distended small intestines, ascites and a large liver lesion (figures 1 and 2). The colon appeared normal.

What is your diagnosis?

Answer

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Figure 1. CT abdomen at admission (transversal view)



Figure 2. CT abdomen at admission (coronal view)