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Duodenal Hematoma : A Rare Complication of Anticoagulation

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CASE REPORT

A 59-year-old man with history of diabetes and vein thrombosis of the limb with indication for life anticoagulation for life presented for vomiting and anemia without Gl bleeding. Hemoglobin level was 7 while INR was >15. After reanimation (antivitamin K and transfusion), abdominal tomodensitometry was performed, showing circumferential spontaneously hyperdense parietal thickening of the third duodenum and the Treitz angle, 24mm thick, associated with mesenteric densification (Figure 1). Upper endoscopy showed a bluish appearance sometimes with large congestive folds of the duodenal mucosa evoking a duodenal parietal hematoma (Figure 2). Evolution was spontaneously favorable with regression of the vomiting and stabilization of the hemoglobin level.



Figure 1: Abdominal CT scan: showing circumferential spontaneously hyperdense parietal thickening of the third duodenum and the Treitz angle.

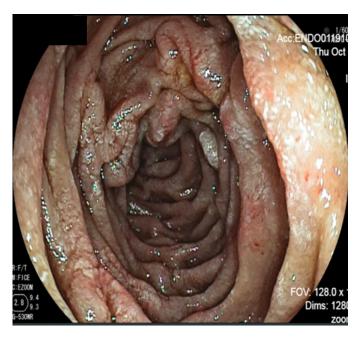


Figure 2: Upper endoscopy: Upper endoscopy showed a bluish appearance sometimes with large congestive folds of the duodenal mucosa evoking a duodenal parietal hematoma.