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# EDITOR'S QUIZ: GI SNAPSHOT

## Abdominal pain and distension

Robin Spiller, Editor

### Clinical presentation

An 81 year old woman with a history of hypertension, diabetes, and peripheral arterial disease presented with acute onset of abdominal pain and distension. The patient also reported lack of bowel movements but denied any nausea or vomiting. On clinical examination, she was alert and fully oriented. The patient was ambulating or sitting in a chair. Her vital signs were normal except for an elevated systolic blood pressure. However, the abdomen was distended and tender to palpation with peritoneal signs and hypoactive bowel sounds. A computed tomography scan of the abdomen with oral and intravenous contrast was obtained.

### Question

Was is the diagnosis and what is the prognosis?

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**Figure 1** Computed tomography scan of the abdomen with oral and intravenous contrast.

