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EDITOR'S QUIZ: GI SNAPSHOT

An unusual cause of gastric outlet obstruction

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Clinical presentation

A 79 year old woman, with good past health, presented with a two day history of repeated vomiting and upper abdominal pain. Blood tests including complete blood picture and liver and renal function tests were unremarkable. Physical examination found a dehydrated patient with succussion splash. A nasogastric tube was inserted and drained out 1.5 litres of gastric fluid. Abdominal x ray and computed tomography were performed (figs 1, 2).

Question

What is the name of this condition? What are the possible treatments?

See page 387 for answer

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Figure 1 Abdominal x ray.

Figure 2 Computed tomography of the abdomen.