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EDITOR'S QUIZ: GI SNAPSHOTS.....

Delayed passage of metallic foreign bodies

Robin Spiller, editor

Clinical presentation

A 34-year-old man with Lowe syndrome presented with features of subacute bowel obstruction and weight loss. Lowe syndrome is an X-linked recessive syndrome comprising of congenital cataracts, neonatal or infantile hypotonia with subsequent mental impairment and renal tubular dysfunction. Abnormal behaviour with unusual obsessions and self-injurious behaviour is not uncommon with this syndrome. His plain abdominal film demonstrated multiple metallic objects within the bowel (fig 1).

Question

What was the finding at laparotomy?

See page 1071 for answer

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Figure 1 Plain abdominal radiograph demonstrating multiple metallic objects within the bowel lumen.