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EDITOR'S QUIZ: GI SNAPSHOT

History of bilious vomiting: a tale with a twist

Robin Spiller, editor

Clinical presentation

A 16-year old girl was admitted with a 9-month history of bilious vomiting, colicky central abdominal pain and 3 stone weight loss. There was no previous medical history or psychiatric problems. Blood investigations were normal.

On examination she looked well. Her abdomen was soft and non-tender. There was a succussion splash. Abdominal radiograph and gastroscopy were normal. A barium meal follow-through examination was arranged (fig 1).

Question

What is the cause of this young girl's vomiting?

See page 1598 for answer

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Figure 1 Barium meal.