

Recurrent Giant Pseudopolyp: Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Abstract

Introduction: we report the case of a recurrent giant pseudopolyp occurring in a patient without a history of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), with an asymptomatic interval of nine years.

Case Presentation: a 51-year-old Caucasian male with no relevant medical history was hospitalized for a subocclusive mass in the right colon, suspected to be neoplastic. He underwent a right hemicolectomy, and histopathology revealed a giant pseudopolyp without malignancy. Follow-up for IBD was recommended but not completed. Nine years later, the patient presented with a similar clinical picture, and another mass was found at the site of the prior anastomosis. Surgical excision confirmed another giant pseudopolyp with no evidence of neoplasia.

Conclusion: giant pseudopolyps, while often associated with IBD, can occur in patients without a prior inflammatory history. This case underscores the need to include pseudopolyps in the differential diagnosis of colonic masses, even in the absence of IBD, to avoid unnecessary surgical morbidity.

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