

Porcelain gallbladder - diagnostic and therapeutic particularities

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Abstract

Porcelain gallbladder (PG) is a rare entity. It's frequently associated with cholecyst lithiasis (90%). Diagnosis is established based on imaging assays (simple abdominal radiography, ultrasound and/or abdominal CT). Pathologically is an extensive process of calcification of the gallbladder wall. The literature mentioned strongly PG association with cancer of the gallbladder. Therefore laparoscopic cholecystectomy was formally contraindicated. We present two cases of PG laparos-copically operated and with this occasion we review particular aspects of diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

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