

Gangrenous Cholecystitis: A Silent but Potential Fatal Disease in Patients with Diabetic Neuropathy – A case report

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ABSTRACT

Gangrenous cholecystitis is a severe and potentially deadly complication of acute cholecystitis. We present a 83 year-old gentleman with a past medical history of type 2 diabetes mellitus with significant associated neuropathy, presenting to a community hospital in a major metropolitan hospital with 10 days nausea and vomiting and a benign abdominal exam. While the patient was admitted for hyperglycemia, he was subsequently found to have severe gangrenous cholecystitis requiring urgent surgical intervention.

INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a metabolic disorder characterized by elevated blood glucose in the setting of insulin resistance and relative insulin deficiency [1]. The prevalence of DM has markedly increased over the past few decades with nearly 300 million people worldwide with the disease today [2]. DM is itself a specific group of metabolic disorders that share common phenotype of hyperglycemia. The two broad categories, or types, of

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