

Carcinoma cecum presenting as right gluteal abscess through inferior lumbar triangle pathway--report of a rare case

Abstract

Gluteal abscess commonly follows intramuscular injections with contaminated needles. Carcinoma cecum is known to present with pericolic abscess due to microperforations and may rupture intraperitoneally. Gluteal abscess secondary to perforated carcinoma cecum with pericolic abscess is extremely uncommon. A 50-year-old woman who was receiving intramuscular iron injections for anemia presented with a 10×10-cm abscess in the right gluteal region and a vague mass in the right iliac fossa. After investigations, a diagnosis of perforated carcinoma cecum with pericolic abscess tracking into the right gluteal region was made, and incision and drainage were done. Fine-needle aspiration cytology from the cecal growth revealed adenocarcinoma. Unfortunately, the patient was not willing to undergo definitive treatment. This case is being reported for its rarity and as an uncommon etiology for a common condition.