

A TYPICAL MYCOBACTERIAL BAND ASSOCIATED PERITONITIS. DIFFICULT DIAGNOSIS.

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Atypical mycobacterial infections are very rare in Western communities, abdominal infections even more so. A medline search revealed 11 cases of atypical mycobacterial peritonitis, 10 were associated with peritoneal dialysis catheters and the other being a postoperative gastrectomy for malignancy.

This is the first reported case of a mycobacterial intra abdominal infection associated with a laparoscopically placed gastric band.

It is a most perplexing case and with its description we would not only like to highlight the confounding signs and observations, the actions we undertook and the ultimately successful therapy but also try and alert others so as not repeat some of the intervention undertaken throughout this case.