

Palpable abdominal mass

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A 63-year-old man, with an unremarkable medical history, presented with fever (39°C), oligoanuria, generalized abdominal pain and constipation, of 5 days evolution. The abdomen was globulous and tympanic, with a soft palpable rounded mass of 7cm, between the epigastrium and right hypochondrium. CT scan showed a 21x30cm mass, que dependía de the liver, compressing the right cavities and extending caudally towards the small pelvis, with heterogeneous den-

sities in the interior, partitioned and with air bubbles. Also, another smaller mass of 7cm, anterior to the former, was observed in the epigastrium. All these findings were compatible with the diagnosis of complicated hydatidosis. Surgical intervention was performed with a cystopericystectomy and a choledoco-choledoctomy. The cyst had produced rotation and displacement of the liver as far as the right void and the pelvis, with fistulization to the biliary pathway.

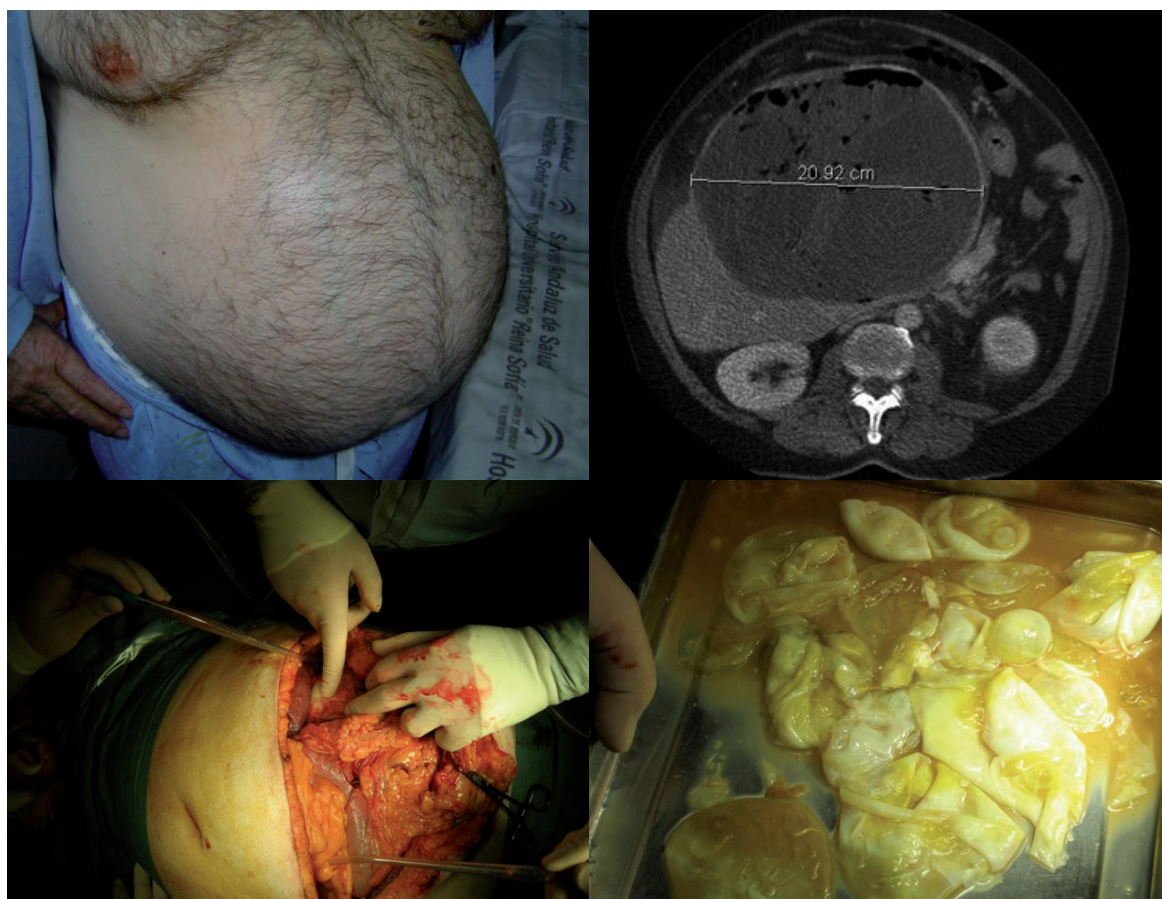


Figure 1. Abdomen of the patient (top left), abdominal CT scan (top right), surgical findings (bottom left) and the removed specimen with hydatides (bottom right).

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