The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons clinical practice guidelines for the treatment of left-sided colonic diverticulitis.

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Overview

Guideline Objective

To provide clinical practice guidelines for the treatment and management of left-sided colonic diverticulitis

Note: Bowel preparation, enhanced recovery pathways, and prevention of thromboembolic disease, while relevant to the management of patients with diverticulitis, are beyond the scope of these guidelines and are addressed in other ASCRS clinical practice guidelines.

Patient Population

Patients with suspected or confirmed left-sided colonic diverticulitis

Recommendations

Recommendation Statements

Major interventions covered in this guideline include:

- Initial evaluation, including physical examination, laboratory testing, and imaging
- Nonoperative management, including use of antibiotics, image-guided percutaneous drainage, and healthy lifestyle
- Consideration of both elective and emergency surgical procedures
- Role of endoscopic evaluation
- Guidance on use of laparoscopic lavage
- Technical considerations

Note: Full recommendation statements have not been provided because this guideline does not meet EGT's systematic review of the evidence criteria. Refer to the original guideline for more information.

Evidence Rating Scheme

Refer to the original guideline documentation for more information.

Recommendation Rating Scheme

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Related Content

Supporting Documents

- Supplemental Digital Content: Search Strategy.

Implementation Tools

- Visual Abstract 1: Left-sided Diverticulitis; 2020.
- Visual Abstract 2: Left-sided Diverticulitis; 2020.
- Continuing Medical Education (CME); 2020 Jun.

Patient Education

No patient education materials available.

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