



Rad to Rad Learning: Post-Bariatric Surgery Complications

The Radiology Partners (RP) National Quality and Safety Committee presents our newest Rad to Rad Learning case.

Peer Learning Opportunity



Bariatric surgeries have a high incidence of varied complications, such as staple line dehiscence, perforation, obstruction, vascular occlusion and postoperative volvulus.

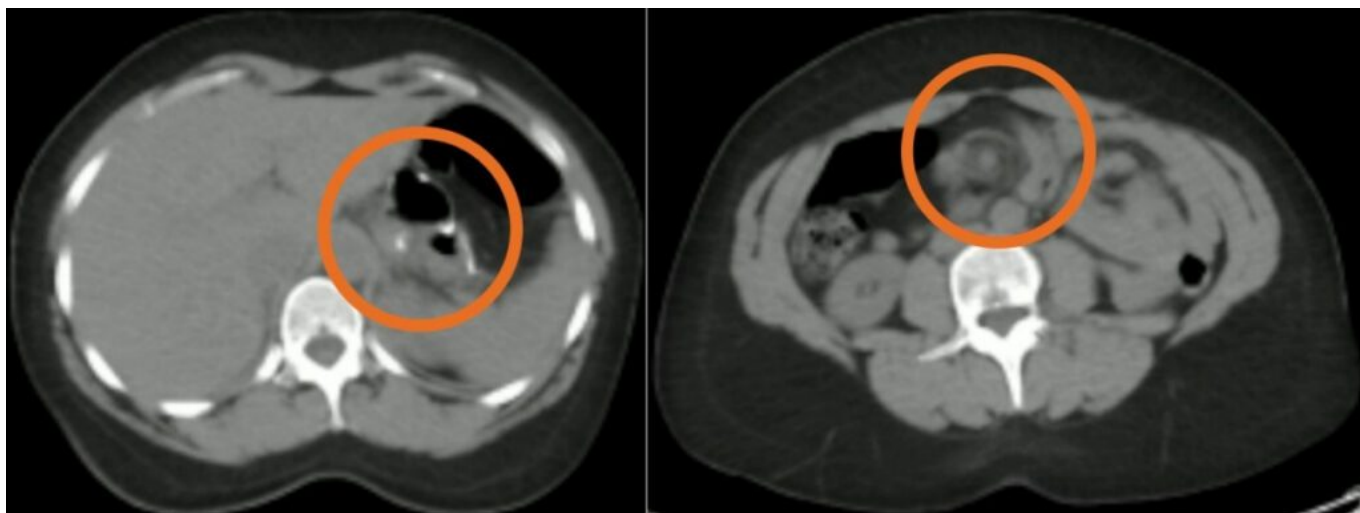
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Distinctive mesenteric vessel “swirl” visible with postoperative volvulus.

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Practical Insights

- **Particular attention should be paid to the integrity of the staple line, condition of the bowel and patency of mesenteric vessels.**
 - **Knowledge of typical post-operative anatomy is essential for accurate interpretation.**
 - **These studies should be performed with oral and intravenous contrast unless contraindicated.**
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Recommend oral and intravenous contrast on bariatric surgery patients.

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