

SURGICAL QUIZ

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This is the CT of a patient who is known to have diverticular disease of the sigmoid colon.
What is your advice for this patient?

1. Surgery is essential
2. Surgery is advised if the patient is symptomatic
3. High fiber diet and bran tablets
4. Regular endoscopic surveillance
5. Endoscopic dilatation of colonic stricture



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The correct answer and a short comment on the condition will be presented in the next issue of the journal.

The correct answer for previous Photo Quiz (Vol 27, No 4, October, 2008)

The right answer is: (2) Resite the ileostomy.

Before constructing any stoma, its site on the abdominal wall should be properly planned. A stoma should be easily handled and managed by the patient and should allow proper and easy placement of stoma bags. A stoma should be placed under the belt line, should avoid skin creases and folds and it should avoid bony prominences and scars. Unlike colostomy, ileostomy effluent can cause severe skin irritation because it is full of digestive enzymes. That is why an ileostomy should also be pouting to avoid contact between the effluent and the skin. It is clear from the photograph that the ileostomy was badly constructed. It is not pouting and it is definitely placed in a skin crease. This ileostomy should be resited.

