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TRANSIENT GASTRIC OUTLET OBSTRUCTION COMPLICATING POST-ERCP PANCREATITIS

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A case report describes early-onset gastric outlet obstruction as a complication of post-ERCP pancreatitis in a 26-year-old female, resolved with conservative management.

KEY POINTS

- A 26-year-old female developed post-ERCP pancreatitis following stone removal and CBD stent placement, confirmed by elevated pancreatic enzymes and CT findings of peripancreatic inflammation and fluid
- Ten days after the initial pancreatitis, the patient developed new symptoms including nausea, recurrent vomiting, and constipation, with CT demonstrating significant gastric and proximal duodenal dilatation alongside inflammatory changes in the pancreatic head region
- The gastric outlet obstruction, attributed by the authors to gastric outlet gastrointestinal edema, resolved with conservative treatment including fluids and supportive care
- The authors note that early-onset gastric outlet obstruction in acute pancreatitis can be easily missed because symptoms may be attributed to the pancreatitis itself
- This case may be of interest to gastroenterologists managing acute pancreatitis complications and post-ERCP care

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