

RARE BUT FATAL: SMALL BOWEL ISCHEMIA AS A MANIFESTATION OF EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMATOSIS WITH POLYANGIITIS (EGPA)

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A case report describes small bowel ischemia as a rare presentation of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis in a 36-year-old patient with asthma.

KEY POINTS

- A 36-year-old patient with known asthma presented with diarrhea and abdominal pain; CT showed pneumatosis intestinalis in the small bowel.
- Emergency laparotomy revealed small bowel ischemia requiring resection and temporary ileostomy; histopathology showed vasculitic changes consistent with EGPA.
- The patient recovered after one week in intensive care and was started on induction therapy with cyclophosphamide and corticosteroids.
- Bowel ischemia is an exceedingly rare manifestation of EGPA and has been only sporadically reported in the literature.
- The authors suggest EGPA-related bowel infarction should be considered in patients with asthma or known EGPA presenting with abdominal symptoms.

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