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ASEPTIC ABSCESS SYNDROME (AAS) IN A PATIENT WITH DIVERSION COLITIS

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This case report describes a 66-year-old woman with aseptic abscess syndrome presenting as liver lesions that resolved after treatment of concurrent diversion colitis, suggesting a potential new association between these conditions.

KEY POINTS

- A patient with permanent colostomy following Hartman's procedure developed rectal bleeding, tenesmus, weight loss, anemia, and elevated cholestatic liver enzymes two years post-surgery.
- Sigmoidoscopy revealed active colitis in the rectal stump, and imaging identified new liver lesions with biopsies showing sterile abscesses (acute and chronic inflammation with micro abscess formation, negative for malignancy and infection).
- The diagnosis of aseptic abscess syndrome was suggested, possibly secondary to diversion colitis.
- Treatment with topical 5-ASA enemas resulted in resolution of the colitis, normalization of liver enzymes, and complete resolution of liver abscesses.
- The authors propose this as the first reported case of aseptic abscess syndrome associated with diversion colitis, with the resolution of liver disease following colitis treatment suggesting the conditions are related.

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