Calcium polystyrene sulfonate



Colonic necrosis and perforation in an elderly patient: case report

A 78-year-old woman with chronic kidney disease presented with abdominal pain. Her medications included oral calcium polystyrene sulfonate [Kayexalate] 30 g/day for hyperkalaemia [duration of treatment to reaction onset not stated]. Diffuse tenderness was noted on examination. On hospital day 2, her abdominal pain worsened. An abdominal X-ray showed free air under the diaphragm. Laparotomy was immediately performed, and sigmoid colon necrosis and perforation were found. A biopsy was taken and the perforation was repaired. Biopsy analysis was consistent with Kayexalate crystals. [Outcome not clearly stated].

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