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CASE 7. DIAGNOSIS

PRIMARY EPIPLOIC APPENDAGITIS

There is a pedunculated mass in the left lower quadrant extending from the descending colon. The mass has a hyperattenuated peripheral rim with a central low density (fat). Depending on the location of the involved epiploic appendix, this entity may simulate diverticulitis, cholecystitis or appendicitis. The diagnosis is often only made at operation. Accurate radiologic diagnosis will allow conservative management, as a "leave-alone lesion."

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