

Radiology for the Surgeon

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CASE 18. PRESENTATION

A computed tomography (CT) scan performed on a 39-year-old man, a known alcoholic, revealed a pancreatic pseudocyst (Fig. 1). Two months later he was seen in the emergency department, complaining of sudden, severe left upper quadrant pain for 1 day. Physical examination revealed a tender mass, measuring 4 cm in diameter, in the

left upper quadrant, associated with a systolic bruit on auscultation. Contrast abdominal CT was performed (Fig. 2). What is the diagnosis? What other noninvasive investigation would be helpful in confirming the diagnosis?

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2

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