

SOFT-TISSUE CASE 35. PRESENTATION

A 32-year-old man was admitted through the Emergency Department with a 12-hour history of severe right lower quadrant pain. There was no history of nausea, vomiting or change of bowel habit. He had undergone appendectomy 4 years previously. The patient was afebrile and there was a right paramedian abdominal scar from the appendectomy. The abdomen was soft and not distended. There was tenderness and guarding of the right lower quadrant. Marked rebound tenderness

was also present. The leukocyte count was $11.5 \times 10^9/L$ with 82.7% neutrophils. The remainder of the complete blood count was normal. Abdominal x-ray films appeared normal. Abdominal

computed tomography with intravenous and oral contrast was performed (Fig. 1). What is the diagnosis?

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FIG. 1.