

“Recurrent Lower Abdomen Pain, An Introspection.”

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Abstract:

Introduction: Recurrent Pain Lower Abdomen, (‘RLAP’), With/Without Previous Appendectomy & Or Other Surgeries, Comprise Large No. Of Patients Being

Treated Indiscriminately For Years, Without Proper Diagnosis.

Aims/Objective: The Several Variable Aetio-Pathogenesis Factors & Management Modalities, In Different Age, Sex, Occupational, Socio-Economic, Geographical Group Patients, ‘RLAP’ Studied Under Broad Categorization Of, Post- Appendectomy Cases (Or Other Surgery); Group ‘A’ & Without Prior Appendectomy (Surgery); Group ‘B’.

Methods: The Comparative Statistical Analysis Of More Than 2500 Cases Of ‘RLAP-A & B’, By Meticulous Methodological Discrete Causative Factor Diagnosis & Needed Specific Management. Beside Routine Causes Included Obscured But Definitely Causative Clinical Entities: Ileo-Caecal Lesions; Angulations Acute, Obstuse Etc, Caused By Appendicular Stump ? Invagination Leading To Anatomico-Functional Changes, Stump Appendicitis, Appendicular Lump Formation Stages, Especially ‘Catarrhal Appendicitis’ Maeckel’s & Other Diverticular Disease Variants, Invaginated Diverticulum Etc, Mobile Caecum, Recurrent Sigmoid Volulus, Adhesions, N. Root Radiculopathy Symptoms & Others.

Results: The Discrete Causative Lesion Dx & Appropriate Treatment Plan (Curetive & Or Maximally Palliative), With Secured Sincere Compliance, Formed The Basic Fundamentals For Overall Better Result Outcomes.

Conclusion: The Study, Is An Attempt Towards Overall Management Guide-Lines Plan For A Very Common Clinical Dilemma, To Secure Overall Disease Symptom Free Life.

Key-Words: 1. Rec. Lower Abdomen Pain With/Without Previous Surgery
(RLAP-Group A & B)
2. Discrete Clinico-Investigatory Methodology
3. Obscured Definite Causative Lesions
4. Innovative Management Techniques.

I. ‘Introduction’

‘Recurrent Lower Abdomen Pain’, With/Without Previous Appendectomy And Or Other Surgeries, Comprises Large No. Of Patients Being Treated Indiscriminately For Years, Without Proper Diagnosis. Enunciated The Need Of The Present Multicentric Study, Conducted During More Than Two Decades Of, Intensive Clinical Practice, At Different Workplaces, In The Available Limited Resources Circumstances. [1,2,3,4]

II. ‘Objective’

The Several Variable Aetio-pathogenesis & Management Aspects Of, ‘Recurrent Lower Abdominal Pain (‘RLAP’), In Different Age, Sex, Socio-Economic, Geographical Back-ground Groups Of Patients, Studied Under Broad Categorization Of:

Post- Appendectomy (& Or Other Surgery) Patients ; ‘RLAP’ Group ‘A’ &

Cases Without Prior Appendectomy (& Or Other Surgery); ‘RLAP’ Group ‘B’.

Generalized Diffuse Lower / Left / Right Abd. Pain & Or Infra Umbilical Suprapubic Region Pain Clinical Entities, Have Been Categorically Included, As & When, In Accordance Of Occurrence. [5,6,7,8]

III. ‘Material & Methods’

The Closely Monitored Observational Study, A Comparative Statistical Analysis Of More Than 2500 Cases Of ‘RLAP’, Include: Large Percentage, ‘RLAP’; Group ‘A’ Pts. (With H/o Previous Surgery); Diagnosed, Managed For Different Established Causes, With Special Emphasis, About 1000 Cases Of, ‘RLAP’, Group ‘B’ Patients (Without Previous Surgery).

The **Meticulous Methodology** Comprises: Discrete Causative Factor Diagnosis, By Expert Clinical History & Examination, Supported With Relevant Available Investigations, Followed By Treatment Guide-lines Consisting Available Conventional Measures & Also Simple, Safe, Successful, Easily Performed Innovative Discussed Treatment Modalities, With An Aim Of Achieving Life Long Symptom Free Patient, Aware Of Overall Management Programme For Proper Compliance.

‘CLINICO-INVESTIGATORY DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH’

The Important “Diagnostic Tools”:

(I) CLINICAL HISTORY;

(A) Particulars Of The Pt.: Age, Sex, Religion, Marriage, Occupation, Residence, Socio-Economic Status Etc.

(B) Chief Complaints:

1. Pain; Time Of Onset, Mode Of Onset, Duration, Site, Shifting, Radiation, Referred, Character, Effect Of Pressure, Relation To Jolting/Walking/ Respiration/Bowels & Micturition, Better / Worse Factor, Relieving Factor Etc.

2. Vomiting; Frequency, Vomitus Character, Quantity, Relationship With Pain. Etc

3. Bowels; Relative/ Absolute Constipation, Mucus, Blood Discharge, Pain Defaecation. Suggestive H/o; Worm Infestations, GIT Tuberculosis (Gas Ball Movement, Alternate Diaorrhoea With Constipation, Anorexia, Weight Loss, Other Constitutional Symptoms), Any Other Ano-Rectal Pathology

4. Micturition; Dysuria, Haematuria, Strangury, Retention, Overflow, Dribbling Etc. Suggestive H/O: Urolithiasis, Geographical Distribution Etc. Prostatitis; Discomfort, Burning, Pain, Blood & Or Pus With Semen Discharge Any Other Genito-Urinary Pathology.

(C) Personal History: Menstrual, Obstetrical, Gynaecological History, Especially For White & Or Other Discharges P/V Etc. History Of Intoxicants Etc.

(D) Past History: Suggestive Relevant Previous Episodes, Treatment ? Previous Surgery Details Etc.

Special Emphasis On Suggestive H/o: Gen. Chr. Diseases, Infections, Infestations e.g T.B, Worms, Crohn’s Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, IBS etc

(II) CLINICAL EXAMINATION;

Expert Discrete Cl. Approach For Exam; Abdomen, Lower Chest, Back Include

“CLINICAL SIGNS”: Pointing Test, Bed Shaking Test (Bapat), Cough Test, Muscle Guarding Rebound Tenderness (Blum Berg’s Sign/ Release Sign), Rovsing’s Sign, Psoas’s Sign (Cope’s / Zachary Cope Test), Obturator’s Sign, Baldwin’s Test, Sherren’s “Δ” Of Hyperaesthesia, Amoebic Point (Boas Sign), Recently In Practice Line Tests Etc. & The Various Other Classical Signs For Cl. Evaluations.

No Abdomen Exam. Is Complete, Without; Thorough Ant. Abd. Wall Parietes Including Umbilicus, Inguinal Region, Genito-urinary System Exam, Perineal, Peri-Anal, Per-Rectal, Proctoscopy Exam. Especially In Female Patients; Expert Gynae Check Up, Including P/V, Bimanual Exam. Etc.

Clinical Assessment Pertaining To: Vertebral Column, Parities, Ext. Genitalia, Perineum & Ano-Rectal Region, Forms An Integral Part & Basis Of, Meticulous Clinical Evaluation Of All Cases Of Pain Abd., Esp. Lower Abdominal Region, More So In Hesitant, Ignorant, Adolescent Or Female Patients.

“Ant. Abd. Wall (Parieties) Lesions ”: Umbilicus; Various Congenital/Acquired Lesions, Namely Umbilical Granuloma, Omphalitis, & Other Inflammatory Conditions, Patent Vitello-intestinal Duct (Urachus), Etc.

Parieties; Abscess, Rectus Sheath Haematoma, Spigelian, Lumbar, Incisional Hernias Etc.

(III) INVESTIGATIONS; [21,22,23] [39]

(1.) Routine Investigations: Blood Group, Hb, TLC, DLC, ESR., BT CT, Urine: R & M, Blood Sugar (R), Blood Urea, S. Creatinine, S. Uric Acid, LFT, HIV For Aids, HbsAg, HCV, X-ray Chest, ECG.

(2.) Specific Investigations: Widal Test (Enteric Inf.), S. Amylase, LDH, S. Calcium, Methaemalbumin (Pancreatitis), CRP >6 Mg./L. (Appendicitis).

Urine Analysis With Special Comment Upon; ? Crystalluria, Sedimentations Etc.

Urine C& S, Porphyrins

Stool Analysis: Infections, Worms, Undigested Food Particles Etc.

& Other Recently Available Specific Investigatons : Serology, Immunology, Immuno-Assays, Radio-Isotope Studies, Tumor Markers Etc.

For Different Infections, Inflammations, Infestations, Chr. Illnesses, Auto-Immune Disorders, Malignancies Etc.

(3.)Radio-Diagnosis:

Radiology:X-ray Abdomen Both Domes Erect;(Gas Under Diaphragm: Visceral Perforation,ROS/SOLs : Urolithiasis Etc),Tomography.

Plain X-ray Abdomen/Spine;**Closed Observation Of Inter-vertebral Disc Spaces.**

Ultra-Sonography: USG Whole Abdomen With Full Bladder,Post Void Residue;

Visceral Lesions, Free Fluid Peritoneum Etc.,Uterus & Adenaxae Disease Status.

Prostatism, Dysuria,Other Obstructive Uropathy Causes Including Cystitis, Stricture Urethra Etc.

High Resolution USG: Diverticulitis,Appendicitis,Bowel Wall Thickness/Abscess

USG Inguino-Scrotum:With/Without **Color Doppler’s** Study,Valsava’s Manovures;

Testicular & Assoc. Anatomical Structures Lesions.

CT, Contrast Enhanced Computerised Tomography(CECT), MRI Etc.:

Focussed CT Scan; Appendicitis,Ureteric Colic(If Contrast Allergy)

CECT Whole Abdomen Performed With Ease & EfficacyNowadays, Has Definite Advantage Of Accuracy & Precision Over Barium, IVU,Cysto-urethrography, R.G.U Etc.

Contrast Radiology & CT Scan Alone Or In Combination;

Ileo-caecal Region Pathologies,Obstructive Lesions, Angulations, ? Cause,IC Region Lymph Nodes, Meso-appendix, Appendicular Stumps, Appendicoliths, Phlegmons Etc.

Maeckel’s Diverticulum.Other Diverticulums Related Diseases,

? Invaginated, Introverted Diverticulums

DigitalRadiology(DRSystem,CRSystem) Revolutionized,

The Spot X-Ray Film Techniques..

Contrast Radiology:I.V.P. : Emergency,

Barium Studies Including Ba Enema. Double Contrast Studies,

Ileo-caecal Region Studies,Colonography CT, MRI Guided Diverticulography

I.V. Cholangiography, ERCP, MRCP.

(4.) Endoscopy: Upper G.I.T; APD,Gastritis,Reflux Oesophagitis,Bleeding Sources

Lower GIT; Ano-Rectal Lesions,Colonoscopies (+_)Contrast, ? DoubleContrast Etc.

(5.) Radio-Isotope / Scintigraphics Study :

A) Indium-111 Labelled WBC; Esp.USG NegativeVisceral Perforation

B) Technetium 99m Labelled WBC; Pediatric Appendicitis

C) Technetium 99m Scan; Maeckel’s Diverticulum Etc.

(6.)Diagnostic Laproscopy

(7.)Exploratory Laprotomy

IV. ‘Methodology’

All Cases Of Pain Abdomen Of Varying Duration & On Set, Need Meticulous Clinical Assessment & Diagnostic Evaluation,To Diagnose The Causative Disease & Decide Subsequent Medical & Or Surgical Management, EitherWise.

‘PAIN ABDOMEN:DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS’

(A)Intra-Abdominal

Causes;

[11,12,13,]

1. Inflammation- [58,59,60,61] Acute Appendicitis, Acute Cholecystitis, Acute Salpingitis, Acute Diverticulitis, Acute Regional Ileitis, Acute Pneumococcal Peritonitis, Acute Non-specific Mesenteric Lymphadenitis, Amoebic Liver Abscess. [40]

2. Perforation-Peptic Ulcer, Typhoid Ulcer, Diverticular Disease, Ulcerative Colitis etc.

3. Acute Intestinal Obstruction-

(A) Mechanical-

(I) In The Lumen- Gallstone, Round Worms, Faecolith, etc.

(II) In The Wall- Tubercular Stricture, Intussusception, Growths etc.

(III) Outside The Wall- Additional Bands, Volvulus,External And Internal Herniae etc.

(B) Toxic- Paralytic Ileus.

(C) Neurogenic- Hirschprung’s Disease.

(D) Vascular- Occlusionof Mesenteric Vessels By Embolism Or Thrombosis.

4. Haemorrhage e.g. Rupture Of Ectopic Gestation, Ruptured Lutein Cyst, Spontaneous Rupture Of Malarial Spleen. Rupture Or Leaking Acortic Aneurysm, Aortic Dissecting Aneurysm. [52,53,54,55]

5. Tortion Of Pedicle e.g Twisted Ovarian Cyst, Spleen etc. [56,57]

6. Colics e.g (I) Biliary, (Ii) Ureteric, (Iii) Appendicular And (Iv) Intestinal

[14,15,16,17,18,19,]

(B)Extra-Abdominal Causes;

1. Parietal Conditions e.g Superficial Cellulitis Of The Abdominal Wall, Gas Gangrene Of The Abdominal Wall, Abscess Of The Abdominal Wall, Rupture Of Rectus Abdominis Muscle And/Or Tearing Of Inferior Epigastric Artery.

2. Thoracic Conditions e.g. Diaphragmatic Pleurisy, Lobar Pneumonia, Spontaneous Pneumothorax, Pericarditis, Angina Pectoris, Coronary Thrombosis Etc.

3. Retro-Peritoneal Conditions e.g.Uremia, Pyelitis, Dietl’s Crisis, Retroperitoneal Lymphangitis And Lymphadenitis, Leaking Aneurysm Of The Aorta, Dissecting Aneurysm Of The Aorta Etc.

4. Diseases Of The Spine, Spinal Cord And Intercostal Nerves e.g. Pott’s Disease, Acute Osteomyelitis Of Lower Dorsal Or Lumbar Vertebrae, Gastric Crisis In Tabes Dorsalis, Herpes Zoster Of Lower Intercostal Nerves And Intercostal Neuralgia.

5. General Diseases e.g. Malaria, Typhoidfever, Prophyria, Diabetic Crisis, Sickle Cell Anaemia, Haemophilia, Purpura, Small Pox, Etc. [5,6,7,8]

(C)Paediatric Patients; Acute Appendicitis; Intussusception; Intestinal Obstruction By Round Worms, Congenital Bands Including Meckel’s Diverticula; Meckel’s Diverticulitis; Primary Peritonitis. [35,36,37]

(D)Female Patients; Ruptured Ectopic Gestation; Ruptured Lutein Cyst; Twisted Ovarian Cyst; Acute Salpingitis; Tubo-ovarian Abscess; Torsion Or Degeneration Of A Uterine Fibroid.

(E)Medical Causes: U.T.I., U.R.T.I., M.I., Munchausen’s Syndrome

(F)Rare Causes: HIV, Pre Herpetic Pain Rt. X, XI, Dorsal Nerve, Tabetic Crisis, Spinal Conditions (T.B., Metastasis, Osteoporosis, Multiple Myeloma), Porphyria, Diabetes, Abdominal Crisis, Typhlitis, Lukaemic Ileo-Caecal Syndrome. [9,10]

[20] The Above Listed Pain Abd.Causes, Subjected To Discrete ‘Clinico-Investigatory Analysis’ Formed The Basis Of The Proposed Appropriate Tt. [29,30,31,32,33,34]

‘SPECIFIC MANAGERMENTS’: Needed Surgical (+) Supportive Measures For;

Varying Origin Recognized Manifestations Of Generalized Diseases, e.g Tuberculosis Etc, Lymphadenopathy Causes: Lymphomas, Haemopoietic System, Infections, Inflammations, Infestations: Amoebiasis, Typhlitis, UTIs, Ureteritis, Prostatitis, Worms Etc

Umbilicus, Abd. Parietes, Ext. Genitalia, Perineum, Ano-Rectal Pathologies Etc. [20] **IVD Space Related Radiculo-Neuropathy Causes** Of Nerve Root Origin Lesions e.g P.I.V.D, Abd. Parietes Ant. Cutaneous Nerve Entrapment Syndrome. [38]

Urolithiasis, Crystalluria, UTIs Etc [28]

Other Chr.Diseases; Diverticular Diseases, Polyposis, Ulcerative Colitis, Crohn’s Disease, IBS Etc, Volvulus, Malignancies, Acute Mesenteric Vascular Occlusion, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm & Others. [Table- 1 & 2]

<p>“COLONIC THUMB PRINTING” VASCULAR DISORDERS; Occlusive Vascular Disease Intra-Mural Haemorrhage(Anti-coagulants, Bleeding Diasthesis) Traumatic Intra-Mural Haematoma Haemolytic-Uraemic Syndrome Hereditary Angio-Neurotic Oedema INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS; Ulcerative Colitis Crohn’s Disease Retractile Mesenteritis INFECTIOUS DISORDERS; Amebiasis Schistosomiasis Cyto-Megalo Virus Stroglyloidiasis Pseudo-Membranous Colitis Typhlitis Staphylo-Coccus Colitis Anisakiliasis NEOPLATIC DISORDERS; Lymphoma Haemato-Geneous Metastasis MISCELLANEOUS DISORDERS; Amyloidosis Endometriosis Diverticulitis or Diverticulosis Mesenteric Or Peritoneal Lesions Pneumomatosi Cystoides Coli</p>
<p>“ISCHAEMIC COLITIS CAUSES” 1.Thrombosis AtherSclerosis PolyCythemic Vera Portal Hypertension Colonic Malignancies HyperViscosity Syndrome-Platelet Abnormalities High Mol.Wt. Dextran Infusion 2.Embolism Left Atrium(Atrial Fibrillation) Left Ventricle(Myocardial Infarction) Aortic Atheromatous Plaque 3.Vasculitis PolyArteritis Nodosa Lupus Erythematosus Giant Cell Arteritis(Takayasu’s Arteritis) Buerger’s Disease Henoch-Schonlein Disease 4.Iatrogenic Vascular Trauma Aortic Reconstruction Adjacent Intestinal Resection-Anastomosis 5.Non-Occlusive Ishaemia Shock-Septic/HypoVoluaemic Congestive Cardiac Failure Spontaneous Ischaemic Colitis</p>

Gender (female) Specific Entities:Menstrual Disorders From Menarchae To Menopause;Of Varying Aetio-Pathogenesis, Extent, Age Group,Child Birth Related, PID, White & Or Other P.V Discharges,T.O Masses Of Different Aetio-Pathogenesis,Extent, Epsilateral & Or Contralateral Tumors:Fibroids,Malignancies & Others. [24,25,26,27,]

The GROUP ‘A’ Patients After Exclusion Of, Variably Different Probable Listed Causes Beside Appendicitis, As For GROUP ‘B’ Patients, Were Comprehensively Studied For Different Likely Causes, Especially In Acute Presentations:

- 1.Caecal Diverticulitis
- 2.Epiploic Appendagitis
- 3.Omental Infarction
- 4.Rt. Sided Ileal Diverticulitis
- 5.Neurogenic Colitis(Typhlitis)
- 6.Iscaemia;Distal Small Bowel, Rt. Colon
- 7.Mucocele
- 8.Carcinoid
- 9.Caecal Carcinoma.

“APPENDICEAL LESIONS”

Post-Operative(Inverted Stump, Adhesions)
Acute Appendicitis, Calculus, Faecolith, Abscess
Diverticulosis, Intussusception, Invagination.
Mucocele, Carcinoid Tumour, Myxoglobulosis,
Adeno-Carcinoma, Spidle Cell Tumour
Metastasis,Lymphoma, Endometrial Implantation
Crohn’s Disease,Ulcerative Colitis
Amoebiasis,Ascariasis,Tuberculosis,Trichuriasis,Typhoid Fever

“ENLARGED ILEO-CAECAL VALVE”

Normal Variant
Intussusception, Ileo-Colic Prolapse
Intra-Mural Haematoma, Cathartic Abuse.
Crohn’s Disease, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever, Amoebiasis, Yersinia Entero-Colitis
Actinomycosis, Anisakiasis.
Fatty Infiltration, Lipoma, Lymphoma
Carcinoid , Lymphoid HyperPlasia,Villous Adenoma,Adeno-Carcinoma

“CAECAL FILLING DEFECTS”

General Causes Of Colonic Filling Defects
Appendiceal Lesions, Intussusception Of Appendix, Maeckel’s Diverticulum,
Lymphoma, Distal Ileum Diverticulitis
Ameboma, Lipomatous Ileo-Caecal Valve,
Adherent Faecolith(Cystic Fibrosis)
Solitary Benign Ulcer, Burkitt’s Lymphoma, Metastasis(Pancreas, Ovary, Colon, Stomach)

[TABLE-3,4,5] Post Surgical Group ‘A’ Patients;In Addition To Routine Causes Were Comprehensively Evaluated & Managed For Common Definitely Causative Clinical Entities:

V. ‘ILEO-CAECAL REGION PATHOLOGIES’

The Clinical Entities Involving, Anatomico-functional Changes Of Ileo-Caecal Region, Clinically Manifesting As Symptoms, Simulating Variable Extents Of ‘Intestinal Colics’ To ‘Obstructive Features’, With Demonstrable Angulations Of Different Varieties; Acute, Obstuse Etc, As Evident By; Double Contrast Digital Radiography,CECT,Diagnostic Laproscopy & Endoscopy Etc.,Need Appropriate Surgical Corrections Of Ileo-caecal Region Obstructive Variants.

Aetio-Pathogenesis:

1.The Competition To Perform ‘Appendectomy’, By Smallest Possible Cosmetic Incisions WithOut Proper Exploration Of About 1Ft. Of Small Intestine For Various Anatomical Variations?Diverticular & Or Other Disease, Anatomical Position Of Appendix, Meso-Appendix Status, Per-Operative Assessment Of I-C Region For Associated Adhesions, Lymph-Adenitis,& Or Other Common Pathologies. [46]

2.‘Remmanant Stump Appendicitis’ Appendicular Stump ? Invagination, (? Purse String Suture, Different Techniques) & Or Various Inflammatory ?Infective Tissue Reactions Leading To IC Region Adhesions Formation & Resultant Variable Anatomico-Functional Variants.

Patho-Physiology:The InDiscretely Applied ‘Purse String Sutures’ & Or Other Technique For ‘Stump Invagination’ Procedures During Appendectomy, Being The Most Important Aetiology Factor For Resultant Morpho-Physiological Changes In The IC Region, Manifesting As Obstructive Symtoms Like Intestinal Colics & Or Otherwise,Effecting Propulsive PressurePeristalsis From Ileum To Caecum (I.C Valve), And Further Forward Towards Ascending Colon Upwards,As Evident By Closely Monitored Digital Contrast Radio-Diagnosis, Diagnostic Laproscopy, Exploratory Laprotomy Etc.

Thus The Operative Recommendations For- By On Needle TransFixation & Or ‘Free Tie’ Methods, Using Absorbable Suture ,Firmly Secured,Less Than 1 Cm, Disinfected ‘Appendectomy Stump’ Prevents Of FUCs Of ‘Stump Appendicitis’ Occurrence, While Safely Excluding The Need For ‘Stump Invagination Procedures’

There By Minimizing Iatrogenic‘IC Region’ Anatomico-Functional Changes e.g Commonly Encountered Angulations Of Different Varieties,Leading To Obstructive Symptoms Of Variable Dimensions. [FIGURE- 1]

3. Extent Of Inflammatory Changes In The IC Region,Stages Of ‘Appendicular Lump’ Formation,Appendicular Abcess, Gangrene, Necrosis, Perforation Etc.

4. Different Variables Of ‘Catarrhal Appendicitis’,Recent Increased Prevalence, With Difficult Diagnosis & Management, D/TPaediatric Age Group Prevalence,Masked Viral Manifestations,Rapidly Progressive Disease Course, Comparative Low Susceptibility To Available Medications.

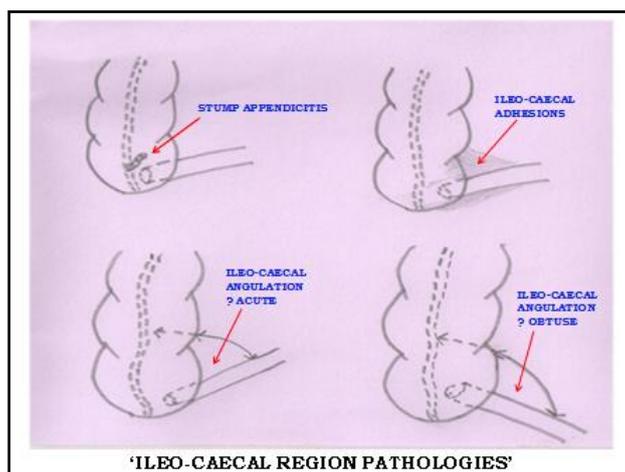


FIGURE-1

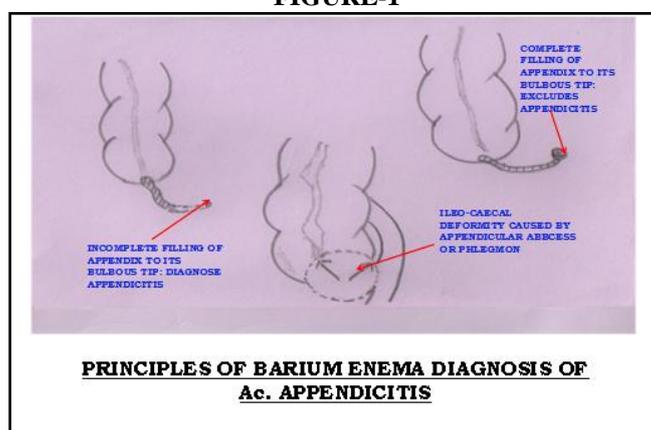


FIGURE-2

Treatment Modalities:For Resultant Ileo-Caecal Region Anatomico-Functional Changes (?Different Angulations Varieties) [FIGURE- 2] With Well-Documented Clinico-Investigatory Evidence, Include-

- 1.Adhesionolysis & Anatomy Restorage
- 2.Resection Anastomosis Of Variable Extents? Terminal Ileum To Caecum Involving Taenia Region/Just Adjacent Ascending Colon With/WithOut Resections,Thus Avoiding Surgical Trauma & ‘Dump Syndromes’, While Maintaining Adequate IC Valve Competency Etc.
3. Management Of Gen. Diseases Like Koch’s Abdomen & Other Adhesions Promoting Factors. Etc.

2.‘DIVERTICULAR DISEASE VARIANTS’

Diverticuluae: Small Protrusions/ Outpouches Formed Of Various Layers Of GI Tract At Different Level Of Its Course.

Maeckel’s Diverticulum:Most Common Congenital Anamoly Of Small Intestine, Equal Male/FemaleIncidence Ratio. [FIGURE- 3]

Umblical Anamolies:Persistent Vitelline(Omphalo-Mesenteric) Duct, Vitello-Intestinal Fistula, Vitello-Intestinal Sinus, Vitello-IntestinalCord/Band, Around Which VolvulusOccurs [FIGURE- 4]

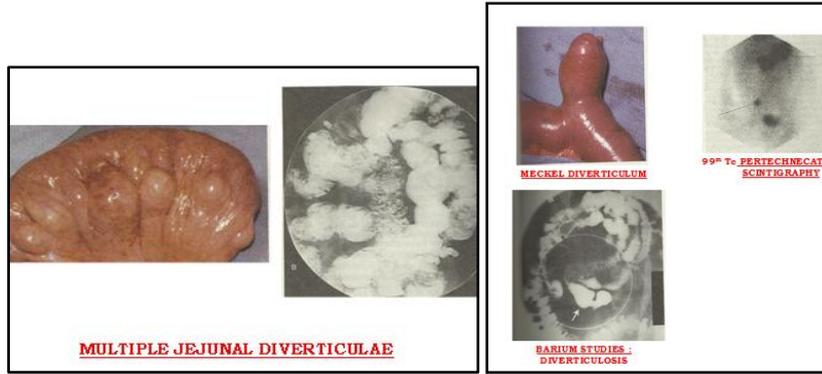


FIGURE-3 & 4

Clinical Evaluation: Uncomplicated (Simple Diverticulitis), Complicated Diverticulitis; Peritonitis, Perforation, Hemorrhage, Obstruction, MalAbsorption & Associated Diseases.

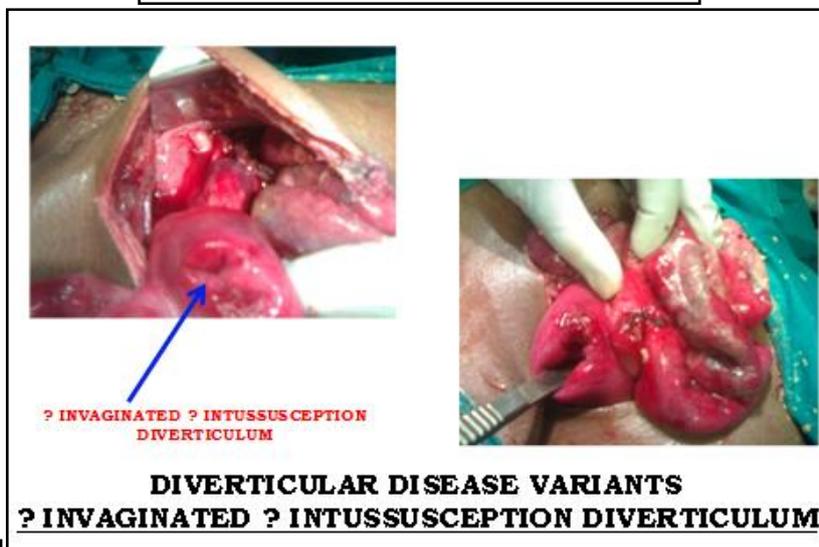
‘Congenital GIT Duplications’: Occur In Conjunction With Other Malformations
 Congenital, Acquired; D/T Involvement & Atrophy Of Muscularis Mucosa Propria,
 Attain Large Sizes, (e.g Giant Colonic Diverticula)

Duplications; Can Be Tubular, Cystic, Non-Communicating- Distended With Mucosal Secretions, Cystic Intra-Abdominal / Retro-Peritoneal Masses, Prim. AdenoCa, Spinal Deformities, Neuro-Enteric Fistulization, Cyst Formation, Meningitis & Other NeuroLogical Complications May Occur.

Histology; EctoDermal , EndoDermal, HeteroTrophic
 Endodermal Elements e.g Gastric HeteroTropia [47,48,49,50,51]



UMBILICAL ANAMOLIES
Persistent Vitelline(Omphalo-Mesenteric) Duct



DIVERTICULAR DISEASE VARIANTS
? INVAGINATED ? INTUSSUSCEPTION DIVERTICULUM

FIGURE-4

FIGURE-5

Reported Several Cases, Introverted / Invaginated Diverticulum(Intussusception)

With Solitary/Multiple Diverticulae Of Different Sizes, At Different Levels Of ‘Terminal Ileum’, With Variable Cl. Manifestations. [FIGURE- 5]

Treatment: 1.Diverticulectomy 2.Resection Anastomosis

3.‘MOBILE CAECUM’

Not An Uncommon Clinical Entity, Clinically Evident As: Palpable, Tubular, Structure In R.I.F,Rolls Within The Palpating Fingers

An Important Attributable Cause, For Rec.Rt. Lower Abdominal Pain With /WithOut Previous Appendectomy Or Other Surgery, Some Times Simulates ‘Intestinal Colics’ In Severity.

After Excluding & Or Managing Other Medical & Or Surgical Causes.

The Simple, Safe, Easily Performed ‘Surgical Management’, Ensured Symptom Free Life To Large No. Of Patients.

Operative Technique:Several Patients Recorded Almost Complete Cure By,“Caecopexy”;Fixation Of Caecum Laterally,To Rt. Paracolic Gutter Peritoneum,By Few (About 2-4) Meticulous Stiches, Sero-Muscular Depth,Using Non-absorbable Or Delayed Absorbable Sutures(Good Results Achieved With Prolene/Vicryl 1-0/2-0, R.B).

[FIGURE- 6]

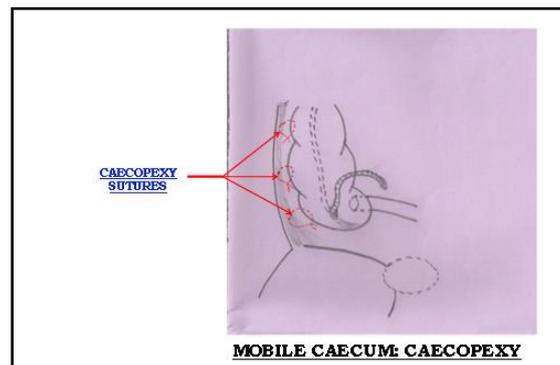


FIGURE-6

Laposcopic Approach, Is Also Successful, As An Independent Or Concomittant Procedure.

4.‘ADHESIONS’

Intra-Abdominal /Peritoneal Adhesions:Generalized, Diffuse & Or More Lower Abdominal, With/WithOut H/o Previous Surgery(Single & Or Multiple) e.g Appendectomy, LSCS, Tubectomy& Or Other Abd./Pelvic Surgical Procedures

Actio-Pathogenesis:?Post-operativeCauses;Hge,Infection,DerrangedHealing e.g Anaemia, Nutritional,Malignancy Etc. & As Manifestation Of Gen.

Disease Processes e.g TB

Dx: 1.Specific Invs; ESR, Montoux, Serology, Immunology Etc.

2.Radio-Diagnostic Measures; X-Rays, USG, CECT, MRI, Contrast Radiology

3.Diagnostic Laproscopy & Or Exploratory Laprotomy;

Important Significant Role As Diagnostic & Therapeutic Tool.[FIGURE- 7]

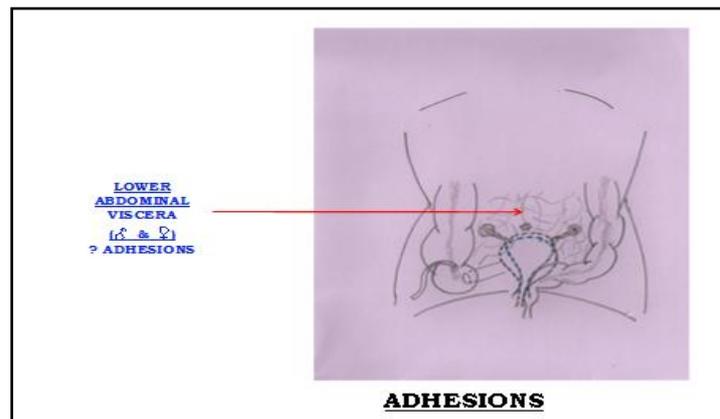


FIGURE-7

Treatment: ‘Adhesionolysis’ & Causative Specific Diseases Management -Role Of Peritoneal Lavage/Instillation Solutions e.g Low/High Molecular Weight Dextrans & Others, Have Been Differently Reported.

5. ‘SIGMOID VOLVULUS RECURRENCE’

The Recurrence With Previous H/o: Conservative & Or Surgical Management

Enunciates Need For More Definitive Surgical Procedure, Based Upon

‘Anatomico-Functional Preservation Of Organ’ Principles.

‘**Sigmoido-Pexy**’: Fixation Sutures;(About 2-4, Non-absorbable / Delayed Absorbable, Interrupted, Appropriate Depth), From Lateral Wall Colon To

Lt. Paracolic Gutter / Pelvic Peritoneum.

Laparoscopic Approach: Successful Results. [\[FIGURE- 8\]](#)

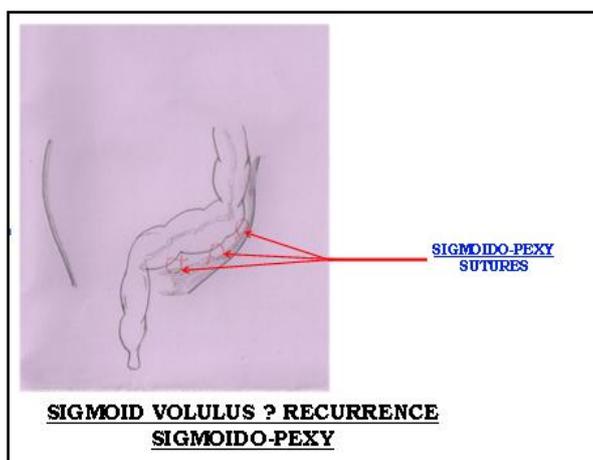


FIGURE-8

The Discussed Treatment Modality; Can Be Performed As **II Stage Emergency Procedure** With De-Rotation Of Rec.Sigmoid Volvulus Or **Primary ‘Operation Of Choice’**. In Collaboration With Supportive Management Measures:

Diet Regulation Counselling Etc.

Extensive Resection, Anastomosis, Exteriorization Procedures,

Can Be Avoided Judiciously, In Accordance To,

‘**Organ’s Vascular Status Safety Profile**’.

6. ‘UROLITHIASIS’

In Certain Study Groups From Particular Geographical Distribution Regions, Appropriate Management Of **Clinically Diagnosed & Or Evidently Manifested Urolithiasis,**

With Different Stone Sizes, Of Variable Multiplicity & Ingredient Composition,

Associated Urinary Tract Infections Of Varying Extents, Formed One Of The Most Important Cause Of ‘RLAP’; Group ‘A’ & ‘B’ Both.

In Absence Of Clinically Diagnoseable ‘Stone Disease’, Routine Urine Analysis For Crystalluria, Sediments Etc., Provided The Clue For The Cause Of ‘Colic’, Due To Passage Of Small Crystals, Sediments Etc. With/ Without Associated ‘Urcaemia’ (raised Uric Acid Levels).

Almost All Of These Patients Were Able To Be Successfully Managed By,

Awareness & Strict Compliance Adherence To, ‘**Stone Analysis’ Spectroscopy Based Scientifically Designed Dietary Regulations,**

Supplemented With Stone Disease ‘**Medical Therapy**’

& Or, Appropriately Adequate **Management Of UTI,**

Usually Associated With **Uro-Lithiasis.**

Medical Management:

- **Forced Diuresis (LASIX THERAPY); FORCED DIURESIS (LASIX THERAPY);**

Done for stones Size up to 5-8 mm, Remnant Post-ESWL stones.

Recommended ideal forced diuresis regimen: Complete compliance achievement ensures promising good results.

5% DNS \approx 1,500 ml (3 vacs)

(+) R/L \approx 1,500 ml (3 vacs)

(Alternating) In 24 hours, Repeat for 3 days.

Inj. Lasix 1 amp. Im, after (II) and (IV) Vac (Regular BP Monitoring).

The Role Of Injection Drotaverine (Drotin), Hyoscine(Buscopan), Diclofenac (Voveran) BD/TDS, Is To Achieve Round The Clock Analgesia And Spasmolytic Effect, As Needed.

The Complete Treatment Schedule Duration Varies From 1 To 4 Days. The Patient Encouraged For High Fluid Intake With Normal Diet, To Ensure About >1.5 To 2 Litres/24 Hrs. Urine Output. Straining Of All Urine Is Done To Filter Passed Stone Particles (Stone Analysis Sampling).

- **Medications;** Commonly Used Preparations: **Zyloric (Allopurinol)**—uricemia (S. Uric Acid ≥ 7 Mg%) Decreases S. Uric Acid And Thus Disintegrating Uric Acid (Invisible) Component Of Stones.

Urinary Alkalizers, Cystone, Neeri, Distone, Calcury, Smash, Expel, Nephrol And Various Other Ayurvedic Preparations., Are In Common Practice (? Geographical Stone Composition).

Tamsulosin (0.4) OD (Breakfast): Relieving Lower Urinary Tract Syndrome, Obstructive Uropathy Symptoms, Thus Facilitating Downward Stone Movement And Passage With Urine, Supported By Mefenamic Acid And Drotaverine Preparations (Tab. Drotin-m, Etc.).

The Role Of **Aminophylline, Nifedipine And Deflazacort** And Other Hormonal Preparations Has Been Reported.

- **Diet Regulation;** Awareness & Strict Compliance Adherence To, ‘Stone Analysis’ Spectroscopy Based Scientifically Designed Dietary Regulation Regimes

Besides Controversially Successful Various Medical Therapy Regimes, And OSS (Classical Open Surgical Stone Extraction), Other Methods Include:

- (1) Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy(PCNL) For Renal Calculi,
- (2) Retrograde Ureterorenoscopic Intrarenal Surgery,
- (3) Ureterorenoscopy (URS) And Lithoclastfor Ureteric Calculi,
- (4) Laparoscopic Ureterolithotomy,
- (5) Cystolithopexy/Cystolithoclast For Vesical Calculi,Using Lithotrite,
- (6) Sandwich Technique (ESWL + PNL/Ureterorenoscopic Lithotripsy Surgery),
- (7) Urtethral Stone Extractions Etc.

VI. ‘Results’

The,Comprehensive Meticulous Clinico-investigatory Methodology, For Diagnosis Of Relevant Specific Cause With Precision & Accuracy, By Available Within Reach Investigatory Resources & Subsequent Treatment Plan Aimed At Curetive & Or Maximally Palliative Overall Result Out Comes, Hundreds Of Patient Have Been Relieved,Of Cumbersome Agony Of Rec. Abdominal Discomforts,By Recommended Treatment Plan Guidelines,Medications, Life Style Regulations Etc. [62,63,64]

Large Majority Of Cases Were Able To Be,Successfully Managed With;

(I) The Medical Management Of Properly Diagnosed,Disease Specific Treatment Of: **Various Infestations, Infections, Inflammations e.g Amebiasis, Typhlitis, Worm Infestations,Tuberculosis, Chr. Mesenteric Lymphadenitis Of Variable Origins & Different Variable Causes Of ‘Intestinal Colics’,** Including Irritable Bowel Syndrome,Crohn’s Disease,Ulcerative Colitis Etc.

(II) In Certain Study Groups From Particular Geographical Distribution Regions, Appropriate Management Of **Clinically Diagnosed & Or Evidently Manifested Urolithiasis,** Formed One Of The Most Important Cause Of ‘RLAP’; Group ‘A’ & ‘B’ Both. **In Absence Of Clinically Diagnoseable ‘Stone Disease’,**Routine Urine Analysis For **Crystalluria, Sediments Etc.,**Provided The Clue For The Cause Of ‘Colic’,Due To Passage Of Small Crystals, Sediments Etc.With/ Without Associated ‘Uricaemia’(raised Uric Acid Levels) & Were Successfully Managed By Appropriate Medication Therapy,In Combination To Life Style Regulations.

(II) **FEMALE PATIENTS: Constituting A Large Group Statistically.**

A Significant No. Of Patients, With Diagnosis & Management Awareness Of Various Listed Problems e.g P.I.D, UTI Etc.Were Completely Symptom Free. The Specialized Management Of Existing GynaecologicalPathologies e.g Fibroids, T.O Lesions, Endometriosis,Different Stages Of Malignancies Etc.,Were Of Definitive/Supportive Help.

(IV) PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS: Cautiously Secured Compliance, Clinico-Diagnostic Approach For Different Known Clinical Entities Being Mandatory.

(V) A Considerable No. Of Patients, from Different Occupations; Office Workers, Manual Labourers Etc With Long Duration Abd. Pain, Not Properly Diagnosed For Years: Diagnosed By Discrete Clinical Exam.- Observation Of **Simple Plain X-ray**

Abdomen/Spine With Needed Further Investigations, & **Subsequent Nerve Root Origin (Radiculopathy) Ortho-Peadic/Neurological Management Lines,**

Including Physio-therapy With Life Style Regulations Etc. [41,42,43,44,45]

Prior Cautious Exclusion & Or Management Of Other Visceral Causes Was Secured, By Clinico-diagnostic Methods, USG Etc. . **[FIGURE- 9]**

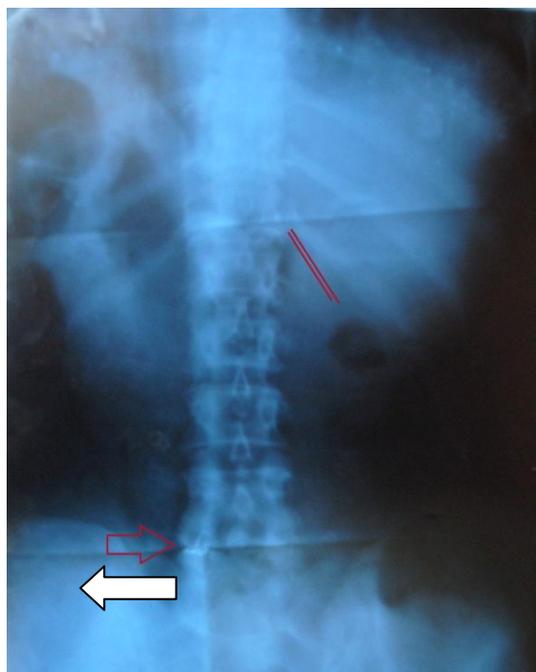


FIGURE-9

X-RAY ABDOMEN K.U.B

Note- Intervertebral Disc Spaces Upper & Lower Lumbar Vertebra

(VI) The Comparatively Small, Yet The Most Important Group Of Patients, With Diagnosed Uncommon Clinical Entities, Especially Were Managed With The Surgical Management Modalities Including ‘Innovatives Techniques’, Include:

- Remnant Stump Appendectomy.
- Maeckel’s & Or Other Adjoining Diverticular Disease Variants.
- Corrections Of Ileo-caecal Obstructive Lesions e.g Angulations; Acute, Obstuse & Or Otherwise, Effecting Propulsive Peristalsis Pressure From Ileum To Caecum (I.C Valve), And Further Forward Towards Ascending Colon Upwards & Resultant ? ‘Intestinal Colic’, As Evident By Closely Monitored Digital Contrast Radio-diagnosis, Diagnostic Laproscopy, Exploratory Laprotomy Etc.
- Mobile Caecum: Caeco-pexy,
- Sigmoid Volvulus Recurrence Variants: Sigmoidopexy
- Adhesions: Different Aetio-Pathogenesis & Extents
- Others...

Meticulous Clinical Approach Comprising, Causative Factor Pathology Identification, By Clinico-Investigatory Diagnostic Methodology & Appropriate Adequate ?Subsequent Needed Treatment, Including Described Newer Successful ‘Innovative Techniques’, With Sincere Compliance, Formed The Basic Fundamentals For Overall Better Result Outcomes.

VII. ‘Conclusion’

Rec. Lower Abdomen Pain, ‘RLAP’ (Group ‘A’ & ‘B’):With/Without Previous Appendectomy & Or Other Surgery, With / WithOut Lt. & Or Rt Iliac Fossa, InfraUmbilical SupraPubic Region Pain & Or Gen. Diffuse Lower Abd. Pain, Being A Significantly Prevalent Common Clinical Dilemma,Responsible For Agonising Experiences Of A Large Number Of Patients, From Different Walks Of Life.

The Present Multicentric Study,Conducted During More Than Two Decades Of Intensive Clinical Practice,Is An Attempt Towards Overall Management Guide-lines Plan, To Secure Disease Symptom Free Life.

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