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Technetium-99m-DTPA Direct Radionuclide
Cystography for Vesico-Ureteric Reflux**

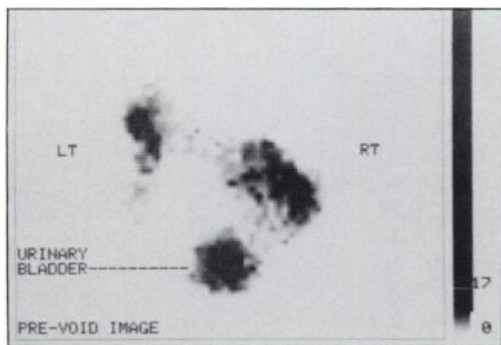


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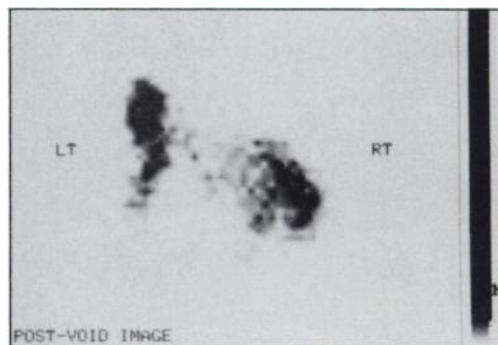


Figure 2.

PURPOSE

A 50-yr-old man complained of sporadic attacks of urinary tract infection, dysuria and pain in the lower abdomen. Serum creatinine was elevated. Blood urea nitrogen was normal. Direct radionuclide cystography (Figs. 1, 2) was performed with tracer refluxing into the ascending, transverse and descending colon through the appendix. During the micturition process, tracer is seen in the ascending, transverse and descending colon until there was no tracer in the bladder. Cystography revealed the dye entering from the bladder into the appendix and then into the ascending, transverse and descending colon. Exploratory laparotomy depicted an appendico-vesical fistula. An appendectomy with bladder closure was performed. Histopathology revealed subacute appendicitis.

TRACER

Technetium-99m-DTPA, 1 mCi (37 MBq)

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION

Suprapubic injection of the tracer into the full bladder

TIME AFTER INJECTION

Dynamic study acquired one frame per second for 60 sec during micturition followed by a 1-min static image

INSTRUMENTATION

APEX SP-4 Elscint SPECT gamma camera fitted with a LEAP collimator

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