Life-threatening Perineal Gangrene from Rectal Perforation Following Colonic Hydrotherapy: A Case Report

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Abstract

Alternative medicine is widely publicised in Singapore. To date there are few reports of complications arising as a result of such treatments. However, there is no legislation as yet governing alternative medicine practitioners. We present an unusual case of a patient who developed life-threatening perineal gangrene as a result of rectal perforation following colonic hydrotherapy.

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