

ASYMPTOMATIC GIANT GALLSTONE – A RARE PRESENTATION

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Gallstones are the most common biliary pathology. We encountered a rare case of asymptomatic giant gallstone which was managed by prophylactic elective open cholecystectomy.

Presentation of Case: A 55 year old female presented with occasional right hypochondrial discomfort. Abdominal ultrasound revealed markedly over distended gallbladder with a 6 cm calculus in its lumen. The final measurements of gallstone were 85mm x 45mm.

Discussion and Conclusion: Giant gall stones of size >5 cm are rare and usually are symptomatic. They predispose to malignancy and perforation, so cholecystectomy was performed in this case despite no symptoms. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy would be difficult in presence of such a giant gall stone, so open method was preferred.

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