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Fatal Ascaris Pancreatitis

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Gastrointestinal parasites are an uncommon cause of biliary and pancreatic obstruction in the Arabian Gulf; it could have serious complications and even mortality. A Bengali male thirty-two year old patient recently arrived in Bahrain for presented with all the features of acute pancreatitis, no evidence of gallstones or alcohol abuse. He died despite all the therapeutic measures. Endoscopy revealed an Ascaris lumbricoides within the ampulla of Vater. Ascariasis is uncommon cause of acute pancreatitis, which should not be ignored.

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