CLINICAL IMAGES

Hook line and sinker

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Previously reported in this journal was the image entitled 'Hook line and finger'.¹

We would like to report that we have now found the 'sinker'. The iron bar weighed in at 2.5 kg and was retrieved by colotomy (Fig. 1).

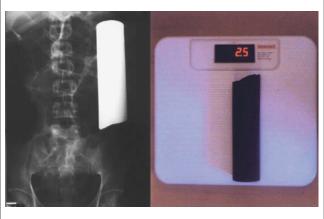


Fig. 1. The bar in the sigmoid colon (as seen on a plain abdominal radiograph) and at weigh-in.

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