

## Soft-tissue case 49. Presentation

A 49-year-old woman of Asian descent was seen in the Emergency Department with a 2-day history of progressive right lower quadrant pain. There was no history of fever, nausea or vomiting. Her medical history included systemic lupus erythematosus for the past 20 years and a remote cholecystectomy and hysterectomy.

On physical examination, there

was tenderness and guarding in the right lower quadrant. Results of laboratory investigations and abdominal radiography were normal. Abdominal computed tomography with intravenous and oral contrast was performed (Fig. 1).

What is the diagnosis?

For the answer and a discussion see page 64.



FIG. 1.

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#### FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF

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[www.cmaj.ca](http://www.cmaj.ca) (Publications, Breast Cancer Guidelines)

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Guideline 5: The management of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) [Oct. 2, 2001]

Guideline 7: Adjuvant systemic therapy for women with node-negative breast cancer [Jan. 23, 2001]

Guideline 8: Adjuvant systemic therapy for women with node-positive breast cancer [Mar. 6, 2001]

Guideline 10: The management of chronic pain in patients with breast cancer [Oct. 30, 2001]

NEW:

Guideline 11: Lymphedema [Jan. 23, 2001]

Guideline 12: Chemoprevention of breast cancer [June 12, 2001]

Guideline 13: Sentinel lymph node biopsy [July 24, 2001]

Guideline 14: The role of hormone replacement therapy in women with a previous diagnosis of breast cancer [Apr. 16, 2002]