

Abstract

Extrahepatic liver (EL) rests are rare with a reported annual incidence of 0.24-0.47. While reports often note EL incidentally found on pathologic specimens of aberrant tissue, there has been a case report of hepatocellular carcinoma arising from one of these rests, highlighting the importance of surgical resection. EL has been reported to cause symptoms such as abdominal pain, intraperitoneal bleeding, and compression of adjacent organs. Most commonly, it has been identified in the gallbladder, likely due to proximity of the gallbladder to the native liver. The paucity of diagnostic tests makes the preoperative diagnosis challenging. We present a case of a 12-year-old female presenting with severe epigastric pain secondary to encapsulated EL tissue attached to the stomach via a narrow stalk. By describing this case, we hope to improve diagnosis and management of abdominal masses with unclear etiology.

Keywords

Ectopic liver, ectopic liver lobe, ectopic liver rest, hepatocellular carcinoma