SURGICAL QUIZ

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65 year old female patient presented to the emergency department with repeated vomiting, abdominal distension, and pain. She had a ventral hernia repair 5 years ago. An abdominal CT was performed as shown.

What is your diagnosis?

a) Post surgical adhesions.
b) Ileus
c) Recurrent ventral hernia
d) Volvulus

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The correct answer and a short comment on the condition will be presented in the next issue of the journal.

The correct answer for previous Photo Quiz (Vol. 28, No. 3, July, 2009)

The right answer is (2): Surgical exploration of bile duct, extraction of stones and hepatico-jejunostomy.

Surgical exploration of the bile duct, extraction of stones and dilatation of stricture has a high risk of stricture reformation. Surgical exploration of bile duct, extraction of stones and choledochoduodenostomy would not be feasible at this stricture level. Endoscopic stenting and percutaneous drainage may be used for temporary decompression of biliary obstruction but not as a definitive management for benign stricture, same applies for endoscopic balloon dilatation of stricture, stone extraction and stenting.