

Question 8

You are the F1 on-call on for general surgery at General Hospital. The consultant is Dr Tokell.

Your bleep number is 1109.

Patient details

Name: Leonard Jensen

DOB: 21/06/1955

Patient number: X15101999

History

Leonard has attended the surgical assessment unit with generalised abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. His bowel pain has lasted for approximately 2 days and has worsened, and he has experienced 2 episodes of vomiting all within the last 2 hours. He has not opened his bowels for 2 days and is no longer passing flatus. He has had a previous hernia repair and appendectomy in 2007.

On examination his abdomen is diffusely painful on palpation and appears distended and is resonant to percussion. He has no other abnormal examination findings.

Investigations

Blood pressure	100/74 mmHg
Pulse	104 beats per minute
Respiratory rate	20 breaths per minute
Oxygen saturation	99% (room air)
Temperature	36.2 degrees Celsius

Task

Report the abdominal x-ray systematically, suggest the most likely diagnosis and write a brief plan for the initial management of this patient. The x-ray was taken 1 hour ago today.

General Hospital

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