

Emergency Room Doctor's Notes

Patient Information:

- Name: John Doe
- Age: 45 years
- Gender: Male
- Time of Arrival: 6:30 PM
- Chief Complaint: Severe abdominal pain in the lower right quadrant

History of Present Illness:

The patient reports sudden onset of sharp, localized pain in the lower right quadrant of the abdomen, which started approximately 6 hours prior to arrival. Pain has progressively worsened. Associated symptoms include nausea, loss of appetite, and a mild fever. The patient denies any history of trauma, strenuous activity, or similar episodes in the past. No known history of gastrointestinal issues or surgeries.

Physical Examination:

- General: I have been experiencing sharp abdominal pain, bloating, and changes in my bowel movements.
- Abdomen: Tenderness in the lower right quadrant, positive rebound tenderness, and guarding. No signs of trauma or discoloration.
- Vitals:
 - Temperature: 100.4°F
 - Blood Pressure: 135/85 mmHg
 - Heart Rate: 98 bpm
 - Respiratory Rate: 18 breaths per minute

Differential Diagnosis:

- Acute Appendicitis (most likely)
- Renal Colic
- Gastroenteritis
- Diverticulitis

Plan:

- Order CBC to check for elevated WBCs
- Abdominal ultrasound to confirm suspicion of appendicitis
- Administer pain relief (IV morphine) and antiemetics (ondansetron) as needed
- Prepare patient for potential surgical intervention (appendectomy pending imaging results)

Doctor's Signature: _____ Date: 09/27/2024