

Diverticulitis

Definition

Inflammation of a diverticulum or diverticula in the intestinal tract, esp. in the colon, causing pain, anorexia, fevers, and rarely intestinal perforation, hemorrhage, abscess formation, peritonitis, fistula formation, or death.

Disposition

Generally admitted to Gastroenterology.

Caveats

Patients with local complications including abscess or fistula should be admitted to General Surgery.