CHRONIC APPENDICITIS AS A CAUSE OF RIGHT ILIAC FOSSA PAIN AND THE ROLE OF APPENDECTOMY

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INTRODUCTION

Chronic appendicitis has long been a controversial disease entity. In contrast to acute inflammation of the appendix, chronic appendicitis may be more insidious and may be accompanied by ambiguous signs and symptoms ***(Falk, et al. 1991).***

Since appendectomies performed for a variety of nonspecific abdominal complaints diagnosed as chronic appendicitis did not have the expected results, the concept of chronic inflammatory lesions of the appendix has fallen into disfavor ***(Falk, et al. 1991).***

However, recent investigations of large series of patients have re-established the concept of chronic appendicitis and showed the benefit of appendectomy in relieving the symptoms in these chronic sufferers after exclusion of an alternative cause for the symptoms ***(Hawes & Whalen, 1994)*** and ***(Mattei, et al. 1994).***

This study is aiming to review chronic appendicitis as a disease entity and to justify the value of appendectomy in relieving symptoms in those chronic sufferers.