

MANAGEMENT OF LARGE BOWEL OBSTRUCTION

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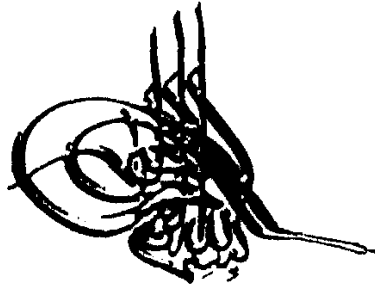
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"وعلمك ما لم تكن تعلم وكان فضل الله عليك عظيماً"

صدق الله العظيم

To My Mum

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Large bowel obstruction is a common surgical emergency, it accounts for about 6.3% of all cases presenting with intestinal obstruction. And because of its serious nature, it demands early diagnosis and a speedy relief and in most of the cases, surgical interference should be carried out without undue delay, with rare exceptions (*Williams, 1993*).

The degree of urgency varies according to the general state of the patient and the judgement of the surgeon as to whether strangulation or impending perforation is likely (*Williams, 1993*).

Patients presenting with large bowel obstruction represent a high risk group and they deserve careful evaluation by a suitably trained surgeon. There are circumstances when each of the treatment options may be appropriate and these decisions require fine judgement (*Stewart et al., 1993*).

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