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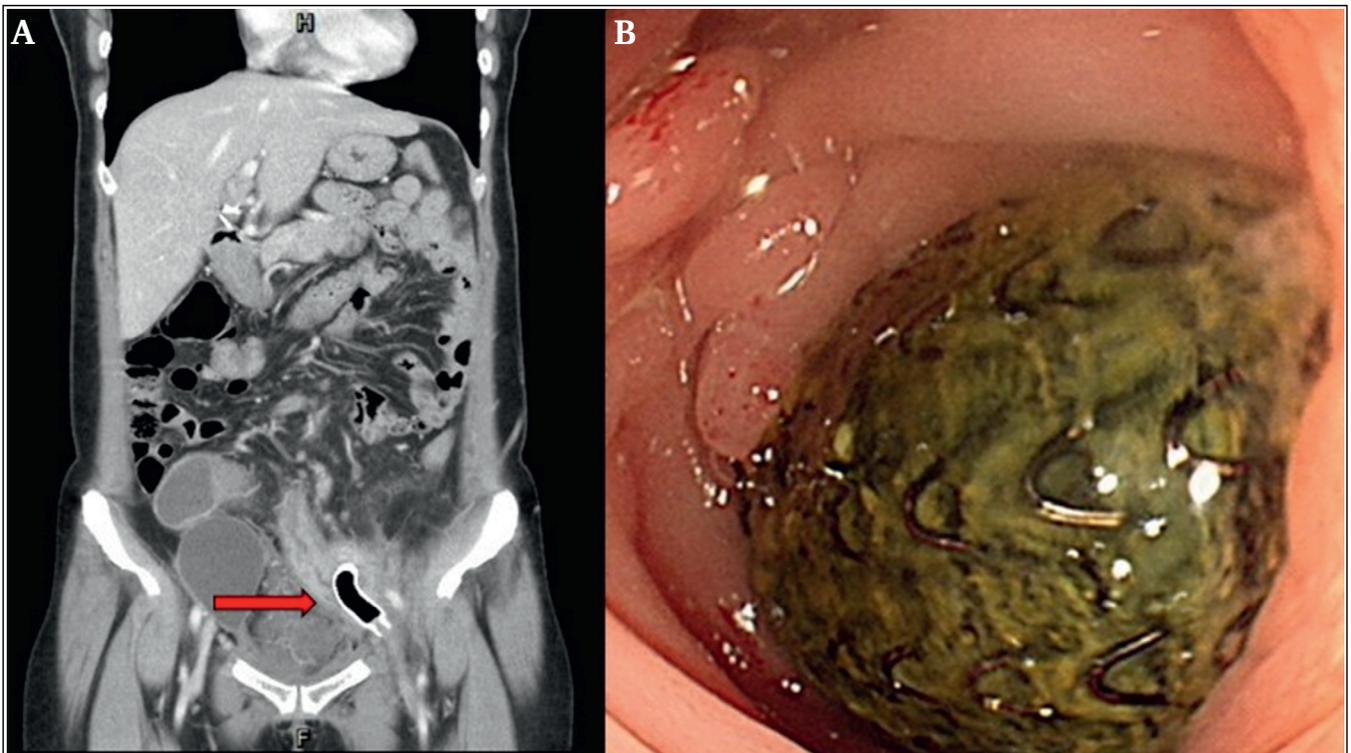
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Stent Induced Veno-colic Fistula

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A 49 year old female developed left leg swelling after salpingo-oophorectomy 18 months previously; venography showed stenosis of the entire left external iliac vein and one 16 × 90 mm WALLSTENT® Endoprosthesis (Boston Scientific, Natick, MA, USA) was implanted. Ten months later she presented again with severe bloody stools. Computed tomographic venography showed free air around the stent (A). Free air around the left external iliac vein where the stent was implanted is shown by arrow in panel (A). Colonoscopy revealed a fistula between the sigmoid colon and the left external iliac vein with venous stent exposure (B). Sequential necrosis of both walls caused the veno-colic fistula. Removal of stent and colostomy were performed. One year later, the patient is well.

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