Laparoscopic splenectomy for the treatment of wandering spleen.


Wandering spleen is a very rare pathologic condition that initially presents with unremarkable clinical symptoms, then dramatically manifests severe complications. A case of wandering spleen treated with laparoscopic splenectomy is described and compared with other similar reports in the literature. Laparoscopic exploration of the abdominal cavity allowed the diagnosis to be confirmed and splenectomy to be performed. An enlarged spleen led to the choice of total splenectomy to avoid both future complications and future organ torsion resulting from the long and twisted vascular pedicle. The laparoscopic approach led to a rapid recovery, a 3-day postoperative course, and satisfactory cosmetic results.