

Table 1: The differential diagnoses considered using Murtagh's diagnostic model [3]

Probability diagnosis
Diverticulitis
Renal colic
Colitis/ Gastroenteritis
Mesenteric artery occlusion
Serious disorders not to be missed
Cardiovascular
Ruptured AAA
Dissecting aneurysm aorta
Malignancy
Infective causes
Prostatitis
Seminal vesiculitis
Intra-abdominal abscess
Psoas abscess
Small bowel obstruction/strangulated hernia
Sigmoid volvulus
Perforated viscus
Appendicitis
Pitfalls (commonly missed)
Faecal impaction
Herpes Zoster
Rare conditions
Epiploic appendagitis
Porphyria
Lead poisoning
Haemochromatosis
Haemoglobinuria
Addison's disease