

Correspondence

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The Editor,
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Dear Sir,

I was interested to read the report of an extraordinary case of "Rubber Cast of Stomach produced by Latex Ingestion" by M. Yusof Said and Goh Tin Kay (1973). Such a cast formed in the stomach of a living subject provides a rare opportunity for studying the gross gastric morphology and would be of considerable interest to anatomists, surgeons, gastro-enterologists and radiologists.

It is perhaps worthwhile noting that a similar case was presented by Dr. Yeoh Bok Choon, then the State Surgeon of Johore at a clinico-pathological meeting held at the Johore Bahru General Hospital in 1957, 1958 or 1959. The patient was a young female rubber tapper. She was reported, if I remember correctly, as being mentally normal but she took sips of latex whenever she felt thirsty. She was successfully operated by Dr. Yeoh who delivered the rubber cast through a gastrostomy incision. The specimen was shown at the meeting.

The clinico-pathological meetings held at the J.B. General Hospital in those more leisurely years were popular with Singapore doctors as they provided an opportunity to meet the Johore colleagues in discussion and to enjoy their lavish hospitality after the meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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