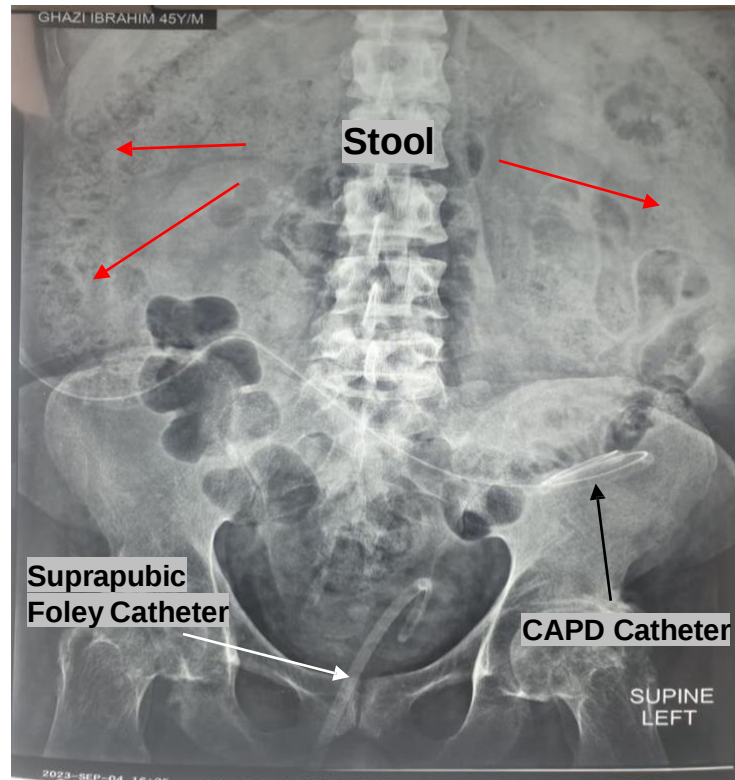




Constipation in peritoneal dialysis (PD) patients is associated with peritoneal catheter malfunction, displacement and possibly peritonitis which has a significant impact on quality-of-life indicators and clinical outcomes. Factors commonly attributed to constipation in PD patients are diet, fluid restriction, and the use of medications such as calcium channel blockers, phosphate binders and resins for hyperkalemia. Lifestyle modifications and pharmacological treatment with a vigilant questioning to patients during each visit or call for early intervention.

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