Delayed rupture of occult splenic injury: a case report

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We report on a case of splenic rupture that presented eleven days after a trivial injury. Possible explanations of the delay in presentation and ways for early detection are discussed. Emergency physicians should always bear this entity in mind before discharging patients with left thoracoabdominal injury. (Hong Kong j.emerg.med. 2003;10:188-190)

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