Abstract:

This is a case report of an elderly woman who presented with a history of epigastric pain and persistent vomiting diagnosed initially as a duodenal ulcer, later as a pyloric stenosis and at laparotomy was found to have an anterior diaphragmatic hernia with gastric volvulus. Hernia of Morgagni occurs through a congenital defect in the diaphragm but usually presents in adulthood. It could be an incidental diagnosis or can present with obstructing symptoms of the herniated viscera. Treatment is surgical with reduction of hernia and repair of the diaphragmatic defect. If misdiagnosed, this can lead to considerable morbidity and occasionally mortality due to the obstructed/strangulated hernial contents.