

## The superior mesenteric artery syndrome with chronic diarrhoea as presentation

### ABSTRACT

#### Summary

Superior mesenteric artery (SMA) syndrome is rare and potentially life-threatening gastro-vascular disorder which also known as Wilkie's syndrome, cast syndrome, mesenteric root syndrome, chronic duodenal ileus and intermittent arterio-mesenteric occlusion. Signs and symptoms include nausea, vomiting, postprandial abdominal pain, diarrhoea, reflux and heartburn. We report such a case of SMA syndrome which presented as chronic diarrhoea as symptom which lead to malabsorption and loss of retroperitoneal fat and causing the SMA syndrome.

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