Clinical Image in Gastroenterology

Pill-induced esophagitis

Esofagitis por píldoras

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A 20-year-old woman sprained her ankle and took naproxen and paracetamol for the pain. The following day she presented with dysphagia, thoracic pain, and melena. Panendoscopy identified "mirror-image ulcers" in the distal esophagus (figs. 1 and 2).

Figure 1  High-definition white-light esophagoscopy showing 2 ulcers in the distal third of the esophagus, one in front of the other in a "mirror image".

Figure 2  Mirror-image ulcers in the distal third of the esophagus seen through narrow band imaging (NBI), highlighting the vascular patterns and areas of bleeding.

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