

Medical Image of the Week: Uvula Hematoma Secondary to Endotracheal Intubation



Figure 1: Uvula with elongation and hematoma of the tip, in the anterior and superior position.

A 53 year old male with no significant past medical history admitted for acute cholecystitis, underwent an uneventful laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Per anesthesia report, intubation was difficult. A few hours after extubation, he complained of dyspnea and a choking sensation. Examination showed a hematoma of the uvula with elongation and abnormal position of the uvula anterior to the soft palate. The patient was given a dose of intravenous steroids and anti-histamine with resolution of his symptoms over time.

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