Abstract

In 1890 Ludwig Courvoisier and Louis-Felix Terrier described a common bile duct obstruction leading to secondary dilation of the gallbladder to the point that it could be felt. We present a case report which illustrates this important sign together with a historical account of the authors who first described it. We show how new diagnostic methods can help diagnose this etiology.

Keywords

Courvoisier-Terrier’s sign, history, diagnosis.