Abstract

Background.- Surgical wound infection and intraabdominal abscess are the most common complications in patients with acute appendicitis perforation. Objective.- To know the complications and its frequency in patients with a performed appendix that underwent appendectomy, at the Regional Hospital "Ignacio Zaragoza" ISSSTE. Material and Methods.- We made an observational, descriptive and open study from June 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005. 413 records of patients that underwent appendectomy were reviewed. Results.- The most frequent postoperative complications were: surgical wound infection 10.7% and intraabdominal abscess in 3.5%. We found that 56 of the patients had a perforated appendix, in which the complications were more frequent. Discussion and Conclusion.- The most frequent complications in our patients were surgical wound infection and intraabdominal abscess, which are similar to other medical centers.

Keywords

Appendectomy, postoperative complications.