

Female Urethral Ectropion



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Clinical Image

A 67-year-old woman suffering from lupus with corticosteroids for 3 years, has repeatedly consulted for urinary signs: essentially recurrent cystitis. The time between onset of symptoms and diagnosis was 38 months. Gynecological examination (Figure 1) revealed a distal ectropion palpable along the urethral path. The cytobacteriological examination of the urine had isolated an *Escherichia coli* resistant to the usual antibiotics. A surgery was performed in the gynecological position after antibiotic prophylaxis and loco-regional anesthesia (spinal anesthesia). The anatomopathological study of the piece has demonstrated the presence of a squamous metaplasia. The duration of stay was 5 days. No long-term complications were reported with a five-year follow-up. Repeated cystitis is often the prerogative of an organicanomaly. A good clinical examination is necessary. A systematic and untimely prescription of biological examinations and antibiotics without adequate clinical

examination could promote and explain the emergence of many

resistance to antibiotics.



Figure 1: Diverticulum of the female urethra.



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