Question 35 – April 1

A 56-year-old male is admitted with acute pancreatitis and recovers over 72 hours and is discharged. He continues to do well clinically. 8 weeks later a CT scan was performed for RLQ pain which is consistent with appendicitis. The scan also shows an 8 cm peripancreatic cystic collection with internal debris consistent with pancreatic necrosis around the pancreatic tail and tracking along the colon.

In regards to the pseudocyst, what is the next step?

A. Conservative management  
B. ERCP  
C. EUS guided cyst-gastrostomy  
D. Percutaneous drainage  
E. Surgical drainage

Answer: A
Asymptomatic pseudocysts and pancreatic/peripancreatic necrosis don’t warrant intervention regardless of size, location or extension.