

### **Question 12 – October 21**

A sixty five year old female patient with celiac disease diagnosed in childhood, develops crampy, abdominal pain and occasional loose stools despite being on a gluten-free diet for many years. She has had a 3 kilogram weight loss, and night sweats. She had an unremarkable colonoscopy at age 50. She has an unremarkable physical examination. Her tissue transglutaminase IgA antibody (TTG IgA Ab) is negative. The next appropriate clinical recommendation for this patient is:

- A. Capsule
- B. Trial of a tricyclic antidepressant for IBS, with no further testing needed
- C. Colonoscopy with consideration for random colonic biopsies
- D. EGD with small bowel biopsy
- E. Abdominal pelvic CT scan/CT enterography

**Answer: E**

There is a strong possibility that this patient could have developed small bowel non-Hodgkins or enterocyte associated T cell lymphoma. With the patient having had true B symptoms initial work with CT scanning/CT enterography would give a more global view of the patient's small bowel and abdominal pelvic lymph nodes over capsule endoscopy.

#### **Reference:**

1. Sleisenger and Fordtran's Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease 9<sup>th</sup> edition page1818.