

### Question 45 – June 16

A 66-year-old woman with a past medical history of severe aortic stenosis with aortic valve replacement 3 years ago presents with iron deficiency anemia. Bidirectional endoscopy reveals only the single lesion shown below in the ascending colon.



The name of this syndrome is:

- A. Hughes-Stovin Syndrome
- B. Howell\_Evans Syndrome
- C. Muir-Torre Syndrome
- D. Heyde's Syndrome
- E. Valentino's Syndrome.

**Answer: D**

Heyde's syndrome is the association of GI bleeding due to angioectasias with aortic stenosis that may improve with aortic valve replacement. Hughes-Stovin syndrome is a rare condition characterized by thrombophlebitis and multiple pulmonary aneurysms and angioectasias.

Muir-Torre syndrome is the combination of HNPCC with benign or malignant sebaceous skin lesions. Valentino's syndrome is a duodenal ulcer with retroperitoneal perforation that presents with right lower quadrant pain.

References:

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