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A Bizzare Foreign Body in Stomach

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A middle-aged male patient presented in the emergency with upper abdominal pain. On examination, his vitals were normal and tenderness was noted in the upper abdomen. He gave a vague history of ingesting a foreign body in inebriated state the previous day. As chest and abdominal radiograph were normal, NCCT Abdomen was advised. CT clearly showed a toothbrush in the collapsed stomach. No signs of obstruction or perforations were noted. Due to non-availability of a flexible endoscope the patient was referred to another tertiary care hospital where the toothbrush was extracted without any complication. Although not unheard of but a toothbrush in the stomach is rarely seen. It poses a risk of impaction and perforation along the gastrointestinal tract. CT scan is an invaluable investigation and it should be done whenever there is a history of ingestion of an unusual and large foreign body especially if the radiograph is negative (Figure 1).



Figure 1: NCCT Abdomen: Coronal section shows a toothbrush within the lumen of the collapsed stomach.