Hinchey Classification

Complicated acute diverticulitis · the treatment gradient: antibiotic, drainage, surgery

Hinchey Ia

Ia

pericolic inflammation without abscess: antibiotic ± admission

Hinchey Ib

Ib

pericolic abscess: antibiotic + percutaneous drainage

Hinchey II

II

pelvic or retroperitoneal abscess: percutaneous drainage ± surgery

Hinchey III

III

purulent peritonitis: urgent surgery

Hinchey IV

IV

fecal peritonitis: immediate surgery

Ia - II	III	IV
Antibiotic, then drainage	Purulent peritonitis: surgical	Fecal peritonitis: immediate surgery

Abdominal CT is the test of choice to stage it