LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reply

In our article, we reported that soda is effective in the improvement of image quality of the inferior wall. This improvement was induced by the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the stomach which increases the distance between the heart and the intestine. We did not examine the effects of the stomach wall.

To bring carbon dioxide into stomach, we first tried an oral effervescent agent. However, patients complained of abdominal distension and refused to take it. Therefore, we used soda water which was tolerated by patients and satisfyingly improved the image quality.

With regard to the Monzen position, this position is effective in preventing interference due to accumulation of tracer in the liver and biliary systems, but not in preventing interference due to the intestine.

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