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Abstract A voluminous radiopaque foreign body (7 cm in diameter bowl) in the rectum of a 45-year-old male patient was removed uneventfully by a transanal approach with an obstetric forceps.

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This is a case of a 45-year-old male patient with a voluminous radiopaque foreign body (7 cm in diameter bowl) (Fig. 1) in the rectum, which was removed by a transanal approach with an obstetric forceps (Fig. 2). No complications occurred, and the patient was discharged on the first postoperative day. The patient was able to defecate without problems and did not complain faecal or gas incontinence at the 1-week postoperative examination.

Fig. 1 Pelvic radiograph of a male with massive rectal foreign body (pétanque ball)

Fig. 2 The foreign body has been removed with an obstetric forceps

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