



## Mohammedan's Prayer Position: A Spotter

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### Clinical Image

A 25-year-old male presented with multiple episodes of vomiting and epigastric pain radiating to back for 1 day, aggravated on lying down and partially relieved on bending forward (Figure 1a, 1b). He had tachycardia, tachypnoea with hypotension. Abdominal examination revealed tenderness in upper abdomen. A clinical diagnosis of pancreatitis was made. Serum amylase and lipase were 1929 IU/L and 1437.9 IU/L respectively. CECT abdomen revealed bulky body and tail of pancreas with peripancreatic inflammation suggestive of pancreatitis (Figure 2). Patient was managed with IV fluids and gradually started tolerating oral clear liquids over next 2 days. Pancreas is a retroperitoneal organ. When the person is in supine position, the nearby organs compress on inflamed pancreas and cause pain. He bends forward to relieve this compression which improves pain and therefore prefers to sit in bending forward position which resembles Mohammedan's posture of prayer, known as Mohammedan's Prayer sign.



Figure 1: Pancreatitis patient sitting in bending forward position referred to as Mohammedan's Prayer sign.

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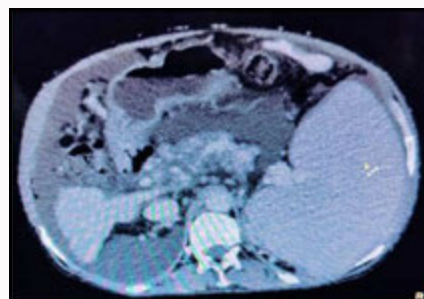


Figure 2: Bulky body and tail of pancreas with peripancreatic inflammation.