

IMAGES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE

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Figure: Plain abdominal x-ray showing radio-opaque shadows of swallowed narcotic capsules for the purpose of smuggling. In the offset picture shows a bag full of capsules recovered from the same person.

BODY PACKING

A passenger was stopped by the Airport Operations Department at Islamabad Customs after the body scan machine showed radio-opaque round-to-oblong shadows in his abdomen. When questioned, he admitted swallowing narcotic-filled capsules for the purpose of smuggling.

At times these capsules may burst inside and lead to severe abdominal pain or drowsiness due to life-threatening poisoning.

In the offset the later recovered capsules are shown from the same body-packer after defecation.

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