Complications of a buried penis in an extremely obese patient

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The buried penis syndrome in adults is a rare condition of different aetiologies. Today extreme obesity is considered as a major contributor. We present a case of a 30-year-old extremely obese patient (BMI 65 kg/m(2)) with purulent infection of the penile cavity, a phlegmon of the mons pubis and urinary retention due to a buried penis. Whereas acute complications of a buried penis in obese patients include local infection and urinary retention, chronic problems are undirected voiding, disturbed vaginal penetration and erectile dysfunction. Even though several surgical techniques are described, weight reduction should be primarily preferred.

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