

# First case of paintball-linked liver injury described

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(HealthDay)—A first case of paintball-related blunt liver injury has been

described in an article published online April 27 in *BMJ Case Reports*.

Joshua Luck, from North Middlesex University Hospital in the United Kingdom, and colleagues describe a case of paintball-related traumatic liver injury in an 18-year-old male who presented with symptoms consistent with [acute appendicitis](#).

The authors note that a grade III [liver injury](#) was identified intraoperatively and packed before reexamination at 48 hours. No further active bleeding was identified. At three weeks, follow-up ultrasound showed non-resolution of a large subcapsular hematoma. The patient was readmitted for a short observation period. Repeat ultrasound was scheduled for three months after discharge.

"This case report adds to the growing literature on paintball-related injuries," the authors write. "Participants and physicians must both be aware of the possible dangers associated with this recreational sport."

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