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Abstract

During routine undergraduate teaching, a variation in the arterial supply of liver was observed in 70 yrs male cadaver. The accessory hepatic artery was arising from the left gastric artery and it was supplying liver by directly entering into the left lobe. These variations appear to be caused by persistent embryonic vessels that fail to regress in the normal developmental time scale. Knowledge of these arteries and their variability stands to be of relevance to surgeons, radiologists, and oncologists that deal with the pathologies of this region.