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DIAGNOSIS: COLON – ACTIVE CHRONIC ULCERATIVE COLITIS.

CLINICAL HISTORY: M/62. This patient had recurrent exacerbations of chronic ulcerative colitis for thirty five years manifest by periods of severe diarrhoea in which a good deal of blood and mucus were passed. The attacks over the latter years had been longer and the remissions shorter. A barium enema showed well defined polyposis. Colectomy was performed.

MACROSCOPIC: The caecum and proximal portion of the descending colon are dilated but otherwise normal. The rest of the large bowel shows many digitate pseudopolyps which represent foci of regenerating hyperplastic mucosa. They are separated by smooth areas of ulceration.

MICROSCOPIC: The epithelium is raised into polypoid masses between which are ulcers (left image). The mucosa shows active chronic inflammation with crypt abscesses (right image).