

Why I'm here:  
Caught on fishing hook and line

Patient : C14366  
Species : Kemp's Ridley  
Latin Name: *Lepidochelys  
kempii*

Age : Juvenile  
Gender : Unknown  
Weight : 6.25 kg/13.75 lbs  
Found : Tybee Island, GA  
Arrived : August 23, 2014  
Rescued by : Tybee Marine  
Science Center

### Exam Findings:

- Hook and bait lodged in lower esophagus
- Several lacerations on left front flipper (possible small shark bite)
- Mild algae on carapace
- Good body condition

**Blood work:** Mild anemia upon arrival which quickly resolved. Remainder of blood work was normal.

**Radiographs (x-ray):** Other than the ingested fishing hook, no abnormalities present. Crab parts present in gastrointestinal tract.



### TREATMENT

**FOR:**  
C14366

(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR CURRENT)

- Initial IV electrolytes & dextrose fluids for dehydration (LRS + 5% dextrose)
- Sedated for hook removal. The large piece of bait protected the esophagus from further lacerations. Luckily, this turtle did not require invasive surgery for hook removal.
- Ceftazidime for potential bacterial infection.
- Meloxicam (anti-inflammatory)
- Tramadol (morphine-derivative) for pain management
- Flipper laceration was surgically prepared, debrided, staples placed, laser therapy, silver collasate applied

PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM

### Fun Fact:

Every patient in our hospital gets an accession number to help keep track of medical records. This turtle's accession number is "C14366". The "C" is for "Chelonia", the scientific order for turtles. The "C" would represent any sea turtle, diamondback terrapin, freshwater turtle, gopher tortoise, etc. The next two numbers represent the year this turtle came to our hospital (2014). The final three digits is the patient count for the year. This turtle is our 366th turtle patient for 2014.



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