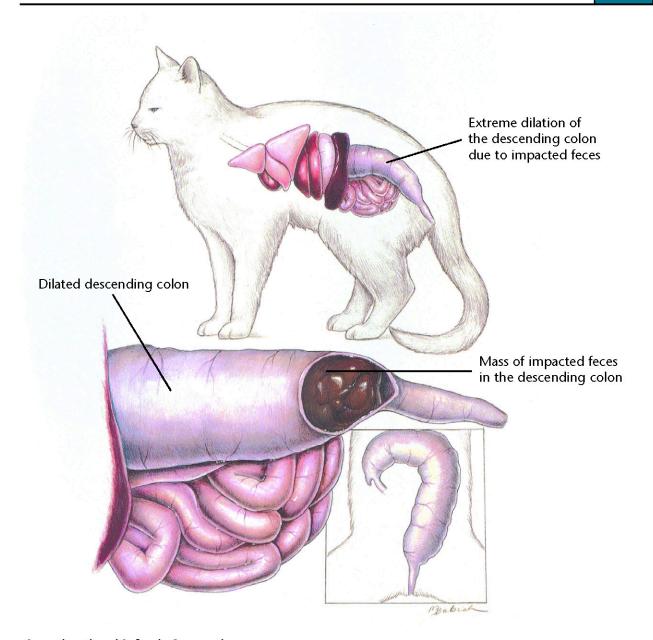
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Diagnostic Plan

History Physical examination Rectal palpation Abdominal palpation Abdominal x-rays

Therapeutic Plan

Fluid therapy
Laxatives
Enemas
Manual removal of
impacted stool
Surgery
Treat primary cause, if possible
Stool softeners
Pro-motility medication

Dietary Plan

A moderate- to high-fiber diet if no neurologic or obstructive lesions; chronic cases may benefit from low residue food Ensure adequate water intake

