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- Note: Pet histories in paper as of February 2023

Here's something you don't see often:

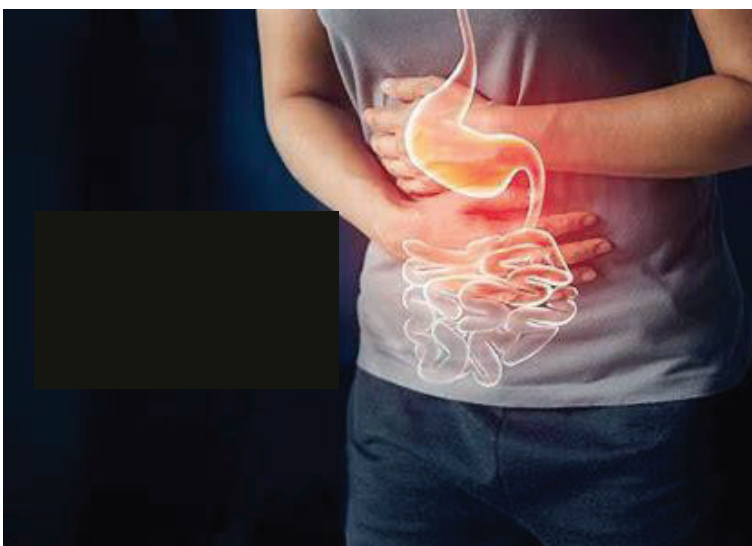
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- Dorchester is a successor to WIs owners who were apparently nonconsenting nonoperating parties regarding 2 gas wells
- Dorchester and its predecessors acted as one would expect WIOs to act from 1990 to 2016
- The governing JOA had the usual language disclaiming operator agency
- Torch alleged mistake in signing a DO that zeroed out its interest, asserting that it never sold the wells or lease at issue
- **Held:** Dorchester prevailed as an adverse possessor under the 25-yr S/L

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