

NEUROLOGICAL PICTURE

An unusual sciatic neuropathy

Computed tomography with contrast myelography and angiography were carried out on a 79 year old man who had a resolving episode of radicular pain, weakness, and numbness in the right L5 and S1 territories. This episode was accompanied by rhabdomyolysis of the right gluteus maximus with increased creatine kinase (8500 UI/l, normal <175), pain, tenderness, and swelling of the right gluteal region. The figure shows the presence of bilateral giant aneurysms of the iliac arteries (arrows). The right aneurysm is larger and thrombosed (arrowheads) and is likely to be responsible for the sciatic neuropathy, through compression or ischaemia. The myelogram was normal.

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