

Chief Complaint:

headache and neck stiffness

Major Surgical or Invasive Procedure:

central line placed, arterial line placed

History of Present Illness:

54 year old female with recent diagnosis of ulcerative colitis on 6-mercaptopurine, prednisone 40-60 mg daily, who presents with a new onset of headache and neck stiffness. The patient is in distress, rigoring and has aphasia and only limited history is obtained. She reports that she was awoken 1AM the morning of [**2147-11-16**] with a headache which she describes as bandlike. She states that headaches are unusual for her. She denies photo- or phonophobia. She did have neck stiffness. On arrival to the ED at 5:33PM, she was afebrile with a temp of 96.5, however she later spiked with temp to 104.4 (rectal), HR 91, BP 112/54, RR 24, O2 sat 100 %. Head CT was done and revealed attenuation within the subcortical white matter of the right medial frontal lobe. LP was performed showing opening pressure 24 cm H2O WBC of 316, Protein 152, glucose 16. She was given Vancomycin 1 gm IV, Ceftriaxone 2 gm IV, Acyclovir 800 mg IV, Ambesone 183 IV, Ampicillin 2 gm IV q 4, Morphine 2-4 mg Q 4-6, Tylenol 1 gm, Decadron 10 mg IV. The patient was evaluated by Neuro in the ED.

Of note, the patient was recently diagnosed with UC and was started on 6MP and a prednisone taper along with steroid enemas for UC treatment. She was on Bactrim in past but stopped taking it for unclear reasons and unclear how long ago.]

Past Medical History:

chronic back pain, MRI negative
osteopenia - fosamax d/c by PCP
leg pain/parasthesias
h/o hiatal hernia

Social History:

No tob, Etoh. Patient lives alone in a 2 family home w/ a friend. She is an administrative assistant

Family History:

brother w/ ulcerative proctitis, mother w/ severe arthritis,
father w/ h/o colon polyps and GERD

Physical Exam: