

Chief Complaint:, Back and hip pain.,History of Present Illness:, The patient is a 73 year old Caucasian male with a history of hypertension, end-stage renal disease secondary to reflux nephropathy / restriction of bladder neck requiring hemodialysis and eventual cadaveric renal transplant now on chronic immunosuppression, peripheral vascular disease with non-healing ulcer of right great toe, and peripheral neuropathy who initially presented to his primary care physician in May 2001 with complaints of low back pain and bilateral hip pain. The pain was described as a constant pain in the middle to lower back and hips. The pain was exacerbated by climbing stairs and in the morning after sleeping. He reported occasional radiation of pain from back into buttocks (greatest on the right side). He has history of chronic feet and leg numbness and paraesthesias related to his neuropathy, but he denied any recent changes in these symptoms in relation to the back pain. He denied any history of trauma. He was treated symptomatically with Acetaminophen with only some relief. He continued to complain intermittently of pain in his back and hips, and occasionally even in his elbows during the next 8 months. In January 2002, plain pelvic films showed no fracture or dislocation of the hips. Elbow films also showed no acute injury, but there were some erosions along the posterior aspect of the olecranon. An MRI was performed of his lumbar spine which showed degenerative disk disease, spondylosis, and annular bulging/herniation at L4-L5 with resultant encroachment on the neural foramen. He was evaluated by neurosurgery, who felt he should not have surgery at this

time. His pain continued and progressively worsened, becoming unresponsive to medical therapy including narcotics. In May 2002, as part of a vascular work-up for the patient's non-healing right toe, an MRA showed extensive vascular disease in the vessels of both legs below the knees and evidence of bilateral trochanteric bursitis. It also revealed an abnormal enhancing lesion in the left proximal femur, the left iliac bone, the right iliac bone, and possibly the right tibia.

**Past Medical History:** End stage renal disease secondary to reflux nephropathy, a. numerous related urinary tract infections, b. hemodialysis (1983-1988), c. s/p cadaveric renal transplant (1988), d. baseline creatinine about 2.3.

**Hypertension, Peripheral vascular disease,** a. history of right foot infected toenail and non-healing ulcer since 2000; receiving hyperbaric oxygen therapy; recent surgery on infected toe in March, 2002, **Peripheral Neuropathy, Chronic anemia** (on Epogen injections), History of several partial small bowel obstructions - six times during the last 10 years,

**Past Surgical History:** 1. Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy (1943), 2. Left ureter re-implantation (1960), 3. Repair of splenic artery aneurysm (1968), 4. Left arm AV fistula graft placement and numerous procedures for dialysis access (1983-1988), 5. Cadaveric renal transplant (1988), 6. Cataract surgery in bilateral eyes,

**Medications:** 1. Imuran 100mg po QD, 2. Prednisone 7.5mg po QD, 3. Aspirin 81mg po QD, 4. Trental 400mg po TID, 5. Norvasc 5mg po BID, 6. Prinivil 20mg po BID, 7. Hydralazine 50mg po Q6H, 8. Clonidine TTS III on Thursdays, 9. Terasozin 5mg po BID, 10. Elavil 30mg po

QHS,11. Vicodin 1-2tabs po Q6H prn,12. Epoetin SR 10,000Units SQ QM and F,13. Sodium bicarbonate 648mg po QD,14. Calcium carbonate 2gm po QID,15. Docusate sodium 100mg po QD,16. Chocolate Ensure one can po QID,17. Multivitamin,18. Vitamin E,Social History:, The patient is married with five children and lives with his wife. He is a retired engineer and real estate broker. He denies tobacco use. He drinks alcohol occasionally with up to three drinks a week. No history of drug abuse.,Allergies:, No known drug allergies.,Family History: