

# Malaise, anorexia, progressive limb paresis and multiple defects in the kidneys

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## CASE REPORT

A 32-year-old bisexual man presented with malaise, anorexia, periods of fever, and a progressive paresis of the left foot. At presentation, he had a temperature of 36.5°C and a blood pressure of 190/120 mmHg. He had an elevated ESR; serum creatinine, liver enzymes and urine analysis were normal. The initial chest X-ray showed no abnormalities. Because of the rapidly progressive paresis, initially a CT scan of the pelvis was carried out, which showed no abnormalities of the bony structures. However (unexpected) multiple defects in both kidneys were seen (*figure 1*).

Within a couple of days he was transferred to the intensive care unit for mechanical ventilation because of respiratory insufficiency. At that moment bilateral opacities were seen on the chest X-ray (*figure 2*).

From neurological studies it was concluded that he was suffering from a mononeuritis.

## WHAT IS YOUR DIAGNOSIS?

See page 40 for the answer to this photo quiz.



Figure 1



Figure 2