The Edematous Toe



Lori Addison Class of 2006 NYCPM



Case Presentation

- 53 y/o male presented to Metropolitan Hospital for c/c of painful and swollen 1st and 4th toe R foot.
- Pt. states h/o dropping a metal object on foot ~ 5 months ago.
- Pt. did not seek medical treatment at that time.
- Pt. is concerned with the appearance of the toe nail and the size of the toes.





PMH

- Hep C
- HIV +



Vascular status intact:

■ DP: 2/4 B/L

■ PT: 2/4 B/L

■ CFT: 1 sec x 10 digits x 10

TG: WNL B/L



Neuro

- Vibratory intact B/L
- Protective Sensation with SWM 5.07:

9/10 R

6/10 L



Ortho

■ Pain on palpation of hallux and 4th digit R foot



Derm:

- + moderate soft tissue swelling to hallux and 4th digit
- + erythema
- No drainage or open lesion
- Nails to affected toes are dystrophic, thickened and discolored





Plan

- Fluoroscopy ordered
- X-rays ordered
- CBC ordered
- Comprehensive metabolic profile ordered
- CRP ordered
- Daily Coban wrapping
- Biopsy of hallux and 4th digit R foot scheduled



Fluoroscopy R foot

- No fx./dislocation of the R foot noted
- + soft tissue swelling noted



Fluoroscope





C-Reactive Protein

- Negative
 - To r/o infectious process



Comphrensive Metabolic Panel

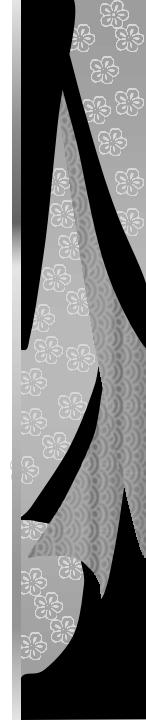
- M AST: 133 (11 39)
- M ALT: 70 (11 35)
- M Alk P: 87 (25 100)
- T Bil: 1.8 (0.2 1.3)
- Prot: 8.5 (6.3 8.2)
- Alb: 4.4 (3.7 5.1)
- Ma: 135 (137 147)
- \mathbb{K} : 4.0 (3.6 5.2)
- CI: 96 (99 − 112)
- CO2: 33 (23 − 32)
- BUN: 12 (1 22)
- Creat: 0.7 (0.1 1.4)
- Glu: 74 (70 118)
- Ca: 9.1 (8.8 10.5)
- Calc Osmo: 268



















Diagnosis

- Problem!!!
 - Pt. was never cleared for surgical biopsy therefore the Dx. Remains a mystery



Differential Diagnosis

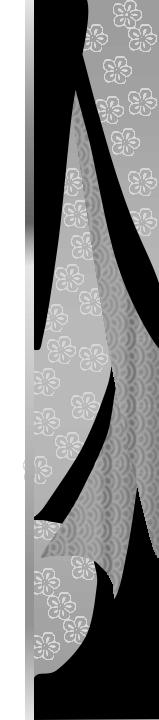
- Possibilities
 - Boney:
 - Benign tumors
 - Enchondroma
 - Osteochondroma
 - Giant Cell Tumor
 - Glomus Tumors
 - Osteoid Osteoma
 - Osteoblastoma

- Possibilities
 - Boney:
 - Malignant tumors
 - Ewing's Sarcoma
 - Osteosarcoma



Differential Diagnosis

- Possibilities
 - Soft Tissue
 - Synovial Sarcoma
 - Kaposi Sarcoma
 - Non-Hodgkin lymphoma



Differential Diagnosis

- Possibilities
 - Mimics soft tissue tumors
 - Gout
 - Pigmented villonodular synovitis (PVNS)



Conclusion

- There is no definitive diagnosis
- Road blocks that you will encounter while in the clinic
- Lose patients to follow-up
- Ultimately fail to help treat patient



Thank You

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