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Case 7 (March 11 2010): [N Engl J Med. 362\(10\):929-940](#)

Demographic: Male, 49 yrs, America North, General speciality

Clinical features extracted from the case and entered into the query box:

ascites
feet paresthesias
polyneuropathy
intermittent leg edema
foot drop
blurred vision
fatigue
lymphadenopathy

Synonyms used by Isabel PRO for the above query:

ascites
polyneuropathy
foot drop
blurred vision
fatigue
lymphadenopathy

STOP !

Before you read further you might want to construct your own:

- Final diagnosis

In the following section you will find:

- The final diagnosis of the case
- Did Isabel PRO suggest the Final diagnosis

Final Diagnosis of the case according to NEJM:

The POEMS syndrome, with demyelinating neuropathy and solitary plasmacytoma of bone

Was the final diagnosis given by Isabel PRO:

Yes, POEMS syndrome in Rheumatic diseases.

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Isabel PRO Final Diagnosis:

enter clinical features
synonyms

age* adult (40-49yrs) ▼

gender female male

Refine search:

travel history: Western Europe ▼ ⓘ

show me:

diagnoses

causative drugs

bioterrorist agents

Enter clinical features, no negatives, no numbers: ⓘ

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+ add a clinical feature

get checklist >

clear search

diagnoses

Most Relevant

sort by: most relevant ▼	action: -select- ▼
show: 10 20 30 all 🔍	
⊕ Hodgkin's Disease	? NEOPL
Lyme Disease	? INFEC
⊕ Sarcoidosis	? RESP
⊕ Polyneuropathy Disorders	? NEURO/MUSC
Thromboangiitis Obliterans	? RHEUM
Heart Failure / CHF ▼	? CARDIO
⊕ Megaloblastic Anemias	? HEMAT
POEMS	<input type="radio"/> RHEUM
Why did this diagnosis come up ? ✕ We matched the terms: ascites polyneuropathy polyneuropathies foot drop foot dropping foot dropped lymphadenopathy feet feeling ill feeling unwell edema	
Degree of match between query entered and Isabel database (Not clinical probability): 51%	
⊕ Glomerulonephritis	? NEPHRO
⊕ Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	? NEOPL