

CASE #10

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The patient was a 67 year old White female with multiple subcutaneous nodules which secondarily became infected. Severe osteoarthritis with multiple compression fractures of the vertebrae, anemia and a peripheral neuropathy were also present. The patient developed a right sixth nerve palsy. A left sixth nerve palsy then was noted a few months later. Both the right and left sixth nerve palsy persisted until death. The patient died of pneumonia and a pulmonary embolus.

MATERIALS SUBMITTED: The slide was obtained from the 6th cranial nerve.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Differential diagnosis.
2. What are the other possible primary and secondary effects of this disease process on the nervous system?