

Case 9

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**Clinical Abstract**

The patient was a 19 year old male who had a six week history of back pain and urinary retention. A CT scan revealed a calcified lesion at L1-2. At surgery on 11/11/82 a 3x2 cm mass containing nerve roots was found just below the conus medullaris. The tumor could not be completely resected. Postoperatively he was able to walk without assistance but continued to have urinary retention. This was treated by self-catherization and the patient was able to return to college.

Material submitted: One H & E and one unstained slide.

Points for discussion: Diagnosis, prognosis, therapeutic recommendations.