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AKI Secondary to Complete Abdominal Aortic Occlusion

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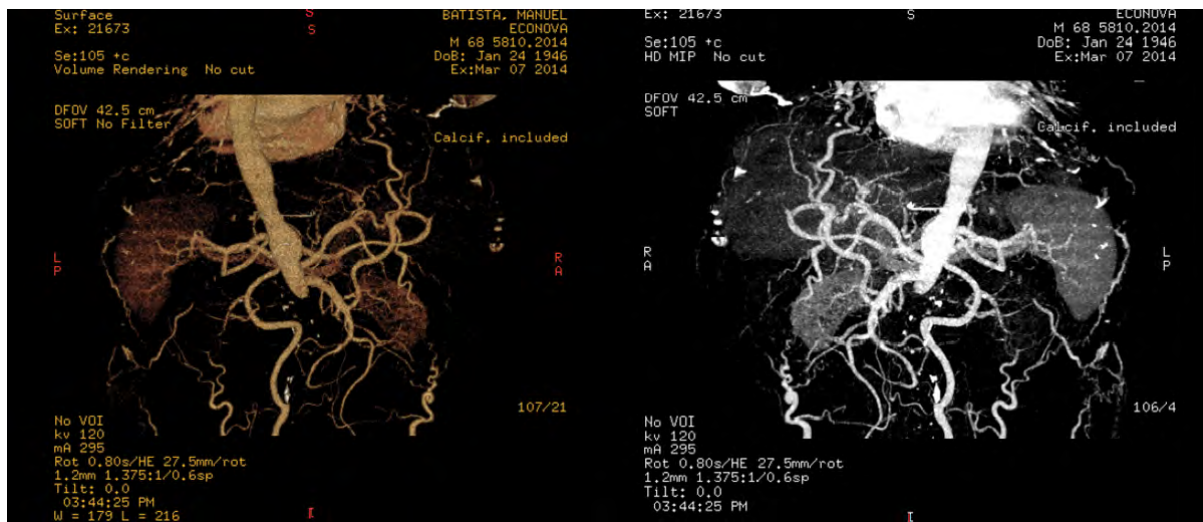


Figure 1: Abdominal aortic occlusion.

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A 71-year old smoker (40 pack-years) with arterial hypertension and smoking habits presented in the last 24 hours with fatigue and sudden anuria. Several weeks before the patient reported intermittent claudication without any other cardiovascular (CV) symptoms. On physical examination he had generalized edema with bilateral diffuse pulmonary infiltrates on the X-ray (Figure 1). Laboratory tests revealed elevated levels of serum creatinine (9.6 mg per deciliter (mg/dl) and urea (183 mg/dl) with a complete negative serological workup. Doppler ultrasound of the kidneys showed renal asymmetry, increased vascular resistance and absence of urinary obstruction and contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) of the abdomen and lower extremities showed demonstrated an abdominal aortic thrombosis with complete occlusion of both renal arteries, internal and external iliac arteries with distal revascularization through collateral arteries. The patient was started on hemodialysis (HD), oral anticoagulation, and antiplatelet therapy and statin. At a 3 year follow-up he remains on HD without any cardiovascular events.

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