



# 12/21/20 Morning Report with @CPSolvers



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**CC:** Back pain.  
**HPI:** 45yF p/w 2 weeks of bl back and flank pain + generalized weakness + vomiting + intermittent headache and flashes of light in central vision and spots in vision for 30 seconds bilateral in the morning. No floaters. Progressively fatigued and lightheadedness.

A couple of weeks ago in routine labs serum Cr 1.6, afterwards repeated labs 1 w later → Cr 2.2. Later had MRI w/contrast of L leg taken bc of discomfort, nausea and vomiting worsened. MRI: Nonspecific subcutaneous edema around pretibial area. No masses.

**ROS:** no SOB, fevers, weight loss, night sweats. Joint swelling attributed to rheumatoid arthritis, and dry eyes. No urinary symptoms or diarrhea.

**PMH:**  
 Hypothyroidism 10y, RA, Migratory joint pains in hands and knees for 1.5y. Swollen and red finger tips.

**Meds:** synthroid, Ibuprofen PRN - stopped 2 months ago bc of possible allergy.

**Fam Hx:**  
 Thyroid disorder father. Breast and colon cancer mother.

**Health-Related Behaviors:** 10 y pack history of tobacco use. No alcohol use currently.

**Vitals:** T:36.5 HR:88 BP:215/91 → labelatol 170/80 RR: 18 SpO<sub>2</sub>:99 RA

**Exam:**  
**Gen:** no acute distress. Alert and oriented.  
**HEENT:** atraumatic, normocephalic. **Ophthalmology:** blurring of nasal disc margin and bilateral optic disc edema. Focal areas of retinal atrophy. Elschmig spots: yellow demarcated lesions in macular region = hypertensive retinopathy. Anterior chamber normal.  
**CV:** RR: 2/6 systolic ejection murmur along sternal border.  
**Pulm:** CTAB Abd: soft non distended. Mild discomfort in RUQ. **Neuro:** No focal deficits. CN nl.  
**Extremities/Skin:** 1+ lower extremity edema bl. Distal pulses normal. No midline tenderness on spine. No rashes on skin exam or Raynaud's phenomenon.

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**  
**Hematology:** WBC:8.8 (N 62, L 29, M 5) Hgb:9.9 Htc 31.3 MCV 78.8 Plt:390  
**Chemistry:** Na:138 K:4.4 Cl:105 CO2:23 BUN:34 Cr:3.7 glucose:92 Ca:8.9 Phos:7.2 Mag:1.9 AST:13 ALT:9 Alk-P:80 T. Bili:0.3 Albumin:3.2 TP:6.6 Troponin neg. VSR 90, CRP 27.7, Lipase:41.  
 Iron 19, TBC 239, % Sat 8, Ferritin:131. PTT 30, PT 10.9, INR:1  
 UA: 4+ protein, 3+ hemoglobin, microscopy showed RBC w/no casts, spec gravity 1.019, urine protein 1084, Na 54, Cr 198, Osmolarity 314. 24h: protein: 5825, Cr: 1.2.  
 C3: 35.1, C4: <8, haptoglobin: 283.9, ANA 160 speckled pattern. Rheum factor:18, anti MPO and anti proteinase and CCP nl. Anti SS-A, anti SS-B nl. Anti cardiolipin, scleroderma, DsDNA, neg. Coombs neg. Cryoglobulins neg. IgG high 5124, IgA over nl limits.  
 HIV neg. HepB and HepC neg. TSH:7.3. Free T4 1.34,

**Imaging:**  
**EKG:** normal sinus rhythm. **CXR:** small bilateral pleural effusion. No pulmonary edema.  
**CT Head:** no acute intracranial abnormalities.  
**Renal USG:** kidneys of nl size and cortical thickness. Simple renal cyst R upper pole.  
**Abd USG:** hepatomegaly 21cm, nl echogenicity, no focal lesions and contracted gallbladder.  
**Echo:** nl L ventricular function, EF>65%, no valvular lesions.  
**Xray Hands:** nl. No evidence of RA or arthropathy.  
**Kidney biopsy:** (preliminary) diffuse necrotizing and crescentic glomerulonephritis. Dx: Lupus nephritis w/ TMA. **Full biopsy:** not consistent W/TMA, fibrocellular crescents. Immune complex depositions and subendothelial deposits. **Final Dx: Lupus nephritis.**

**Problem Representation:** 45W w/ previous dx of RA p/w subacute neurologic/MSK sx in the setting of worsening renal dysfunction. Notable for HTN, anemia, + nephritic/nephrotic sx.

**Teaching Points (Kiara):**  
 When we have a lot of information → Which offers **highest PPV?**  
**Bilateral back and flank pain:** 1ry kidney-UTI, obstruction-hydronephrosis, aki, 1ry malignancy-MM, bone malignancy.  
**Weakness:** True weakness (neuro), systemic  
**High Blood Pressure:** Vasculitis, 1ry hypertension, hyperthyroidism, kidney (GN)  
**RA + kidney injury:** non-specific (N/V,HTN), 2ry amyloid-long time, membranous nephropathy due to RA meds.  
**Scleroderma crisis:** 20% is an emergency w/ AKI, HTN, headache, pulmonary edema, microangiopathic hemolytic anemia on P smear treat ASAP w/ ACE-I.  
**UA:** Glomerulonephritis probably autoimmune.  
**GN:**

- **60% pauci immune pattern** ( C-ANCA/ PANCA, MPA, GPA, EGPA)
- **10% Anti GBM:** ANCA serology
- **30% IC:** Low complement (Virus-Hep C w/ cryoglobulinemia, bacteria, autoimmune-LES, Sjogren, cancer-lymphoma) normal complement (IgA, henoch schonlein)

**Cryoglobulinemia:** Hep C, HIV, MM, LES, Sjogren, Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia.  
**LES nephritis:** 10% end stage kidney ds, NETs → endothelial damage, macrophage activation, autoantibodies. Immune complex, thrombotic microangiopathy.