

*Case Presenter: Francisca Rivera from Universidad Concepción en Hospital Las Higueras*

**CC:** Constipation, anorexia and cloudy urine  
**HPI:** 76 year old man p/w 8 days of constipation, cloudy urine and anorexia. Was in his usual state of health when started with constipation a week ago. 2 days later anorexia appeared, somnolence, foul smelling and cloudy urine.

**Vitals:** T: 37.5 HR: 111 BP: 84/60 RR: 22 SpO<sub>2</sub>: 92  
**Exam:**  
**Gen:** Disoriented, lethargic, dehydrated and malnourished.  
**HEENT:**  
**CV:** Tachycardia. **Pulm:** Normal.  
**Abd:** Distended abdomen, painful to palpation. Normal abdominal sounds and no peritoneal signs.  
**Neuro:** Disoriented. **Extremities/Skin:** Normal.

**Problem Representation:**  
**ENG:** 76yM w/Hx of Prostate Ca and previous episodes of pyelo currently in septic shock w/pyuria, hypernatremia and elevated Cr (Dhruv Srinivasachar)  
**ESP:** Adulto mayor de 76a, fragil, con aparentemente múltiples factores de riesgo CV, DM, Ca de Prostata ya tratado. Ingresa por cuadro de compromiso de conciencia secundario a un choque séptico por una infección urinaria complicada (Mitchel Manterola)  
**POR:** Homem 75a, apresenta-se com 8d de constipação, anorexia e urina turva. Historico de CA de prostata, DM, FA e pioleneftite de repetição., Exame físico com alteração dos sinais vitais, sugestivo de sepse. (MarcelLa Araujo)  
**DEU:** 76 Jähriger mit vorherig gutem AZ vorstellig mit seit 8 Tagen bestehender Obstipation, trübem Urin und Anorexie. Pt. is somnolent. (Seyma Yildirim)  
**Egyptian ARB:** (Ala Yasser) رجل ٧٦ سنة جاي ب إمساك وبول معكر وفقدان في الشهية، الإمساك بدأ من أسبوع. من يومين فقد الشهية والبول بقى معكر وذو رائحة كريهة

**Past Medical History:**  
10 years ago-prostate cancer tx w/ qx and radiation. DM, AFib w/o anticoagulation. In a study on dementia. 3 hospitalizations in the last year due to pyelonephritis 2/2 to stones.  
**Meds:** Sertraline, Risperidone, Tamsulosin, Decapeptyl

**Family History:** None  
**Social History:** Lives in an elderly house.  
**Health Related Behaviours:** None  
**Allergies:** None

**Notable Labs & Imaging:**  
**Hematology:** WBC: 17.4 Hgb: 11.9 Plt: nl  
**Chemistry:** Na: 150 K: 4.2 Cl: 122 CO2: BUN: Cr: 1.45  
AST: ALT: Alk-P: T. Bili: Albumin: Glucose: nl  
**ABG** pH 7.28 low HCO<sub>3</sub>  
Procalcitonin: 0.29 CRP: 6  
**UA:** >100 WBC, Pus. Prostate antigen was normal.  
**Imaging:**  
**Abdominal CT:** B/I hydronephrosis with b/I lithiasis, perirenal edema and rectal fecaloma.  
Tx w/ sepsis protocol and px was stabilized. Constipation persisted and corrected Ca:13. Low P. PTH 549, Vit D: 12, Ph 1.2, hypercalciuria.  
**Final Dx: Primary hyperparathyroidism**

- Teaching Points (CPS-family<3):**
- **Radiotherapy** can weaken walls leading to fistulae. Colovesicular fistula is common esp. in patients with h/o CRC that underwent adjuvant radiation after surgery.
  - **When to image for UTIs in adults? -> CT & Ultrasound**
    - 1) Urosepsis or shock, 2) Urine pH >= 7, 3) Renal insufficiency, 4) Male sex (sp. Elderly pxs), 5) PMH of renal stones, 6) Not clinical improvement after >72 hrs, 7) Recurrent UTIs.
  - **Nephrolithiasis+constipation+weakness:** Consider hypercalcemia and its most common cause - primary hyperparathyroidism (HP). (CAVE: Calcium is not high in secondary HP).
    - BUT: Combination of CKD+Primary HP is also possible!
  - **Hypercalcemia causes:** obstipation, nephrogenic DI (polyuria, polydipsia).
  - **Hypercalcemia** is rare in prostate cancer, if it does happen, it is often related to PTH-rP.
  - **High Calcium+High PTH -> always primary HP** (adenoma 95%, 3-4% multiglandular hyperplasia [~50% MEN-related!], 1% carcinoma; ectopic glands (residuals of Thyroglossal duct?))
  - **3 A rule for hypernatremia causes:** **A**MS, Lack of **A**ccess to hydration and **A**dipsia.
  - Constipation can trigger UTI, esp. in kids.