

Case 15 (May 14 2009): [N Engl J Med. 360\(20\):2118-2125](#)

Demographic: Male, 25 yrs, America South (Tropical), General speciality

Clinical features extracted from the case and entered into the query box:

seizures
cardiopulmonary arrest
hypotensive
coma
thickened colon

Synonyms used by Isabel for the above query:

coma
hypotensive
seizures
cardiopulmonary arrest

STOP !

Before you read further you might want to construct your own:

- Final diagnosis

In the following section you will find:

- The final diagnosis of the case
- Did Isabel suggest the Final diagnosis

Final Diagnosis of the case according to NEJM:

- (i) Cannabis Toxicity
- (ii) Intestinal schistosomiasis in a brain-dead organ donor.

Was the final diagnosis given by Isabel:

- Yes, (i) Cannabis Toxicity – Substance abuse under Toxicology
(ii) Schistomaisis – Fluke Infection under Infectious diseases

Isabel Differential:

| - INFECTIOUS DISEASES >> click to collapse | - TOXICOLOGY >> click to collapse |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Bacterial Meningitis ? RD ⊕ Malaria ? RD Meningococcal Disease ? RD Clostridial Infections ? RD ⊕ Viral Hemorrhagic Fever ? RD Tetanus ? RD Rabies Infection ? RD ⊖ Fluke Infection ? RD <ul style="list-style-type: none">EchinostomiasisFascioliasisHeterophyiasisParagonimiasis ⊕ Schistosomiasis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Heavy Metal Intoxication ? RD ⊕ Drug Overdose/Poisoning ? RD ⊕ Alcohol Toxicity ? RD ⊕ Industrial / Household Toxicity ? RD ⊕ Occupational Toxins ? RD ⊖ Substance Abuse ? RD <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cocaine Toxicity and WithdrawalEcstasy / Amphetamines ToxicityLaxative AbuseMarijuana / Cannabis AbuseOpioid Toxicity and WithdrawalPhencyclidine AbuseSedative / Hyponotic WithdrawalTobacco Use / Withdrawal ⊕ Environmental / Work Exposure ? RD ⊕ Pesticides Toxicity ? RD |
| + NEPHROLOGY << click to expand | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Renal Failure ? RD | |