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Case 13 (April 26 2012): [N Engl J Med. 366\(17\):1626-1633](#)

Demographic: Male, 62 years, North America

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

paresthesias
weight loss
jaundice
anemia
glossitis
hand pain
hand weakness and stiffness
ataxic gait
diffuse abdominal pain
dark urine

Synonyms used by Isabel for the above query:

paresthesias
weight loss
jaundice
anemia
glossitis
hand pain
diffuse abdominal pain
dark urine

STOP !

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

- Complete differential diagnosis
- Final diagnosis

In the following section you will find:

- The differential diagnosis constructed by the MGH panel
- The final diagnosis of the case
- Which of the MGH panel differential diagnoses did Isabel contain
- Did Isabel suggest the final diagnosis

Differential Diagnoses considered by the MGH panel:

Syphilis

Final Diagnosis of the case according to NEJM:

Vitamin B12 deficiency due to pernicious anemia

Differential Diagnoses of the case as given by Isabel:

Syphilis in Infectious

Was the final diagnosis given by Isabel:

Vitamin B12 deficiency due to pernicious anemia – under Megaloblastic anemias in Hematology

Isabel Checklist Differential:

enter clinical features | synonyms

age*

gender female male

Refine search:

travel history:

show me:

diagnoses

causative drugs

bioterrorist agents

Enter clinical features, no negatives, no numbers: ⓘ

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+ add a clinical feature

diagnoses | drugs

show 10 | show all | don't miss | action: -select-

[-] Megaloblastic Anemias	👤 👤	🔍 HEMAT
[-] Vit B12 Deficiency	👤 👤	
[-] Acquired Pernicious Anemia	👤 👤	
[-] SCD of Spinal Cord / Vit B12 Neuropathy	👤 👤	
Sarcoidosis	👤 👤	🔍 RESP
[+] Pancreatic Neoplasms	👤 👤	🔍 NEOPL
Hodgkin's Disease	👤 👤	🔍 NEOPL
[+] Liver Neoplasms	👤 👤	🔍 NEOPL
Babesiosis	👤 👤	🔍 INFEC
Cholangiocarcinoma	👤 👤	🔍 NEOPL
Small Intestine Lymphoma	👤 👤	🔍 NEOPL
Celiac Disease	👤 👤	🔍 GASTRO
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	👤 👤	🔍 NEOPL

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