

CASE REPORT

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The “Fisherman’s Waders” sign in a bone scan of inferior vena cava thrombosis associated with nephrotic syndrome

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This paper presents a 61-year-old male patient with nephrotic syndrome, hypercoagulability and IVC thrombosis. Increased soft tissue uptake below the level of the mid chest was seen in his bone scan. The term “Fisherman’s Waders” sign is suggested for this finding, whose recognition may permit the identification of inferior vena cava obstruction in bone scans. The existence of a cavo-portal shunt was also confirmed by dynamic scintigraphy.

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