CLINICAL CASE VIGNETTES

Milwaukee shoulder syndrome

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Milwaukee shoulder syndrome or rapid destructive arthritis of the shoulder is a very rare rheumatological condition characterized by the deposition of hydroxyapatite crystals. The figure 1 shows the shoulder image of a 67-year-old female with a history of bilateral shoulder pain and swelling since 2 years and knee pain since 6 months. Physical examination revealed restriction in shoulder movements. No neurological deficit was reported. X-ray of the right shoulder indicated rotator cuff disruption with marked OA (Fig 2).



Fig 1: Right shoulder affected with Milwaukee shoulder syndrome

Fig 2: X-rays of right and left shoulders affected with Milwaukee shoulder syndrome



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