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Stranger in the Night : Ascaris Lumbricoides in the Bladder Causing Urinary Retention

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A 63-year-old man presented to the emergency room at night with acute urinary retention following tingling-sensation in the urethra and bladder. Ultrasonography (Figure 1) returns to a refractive linear formation. An additional scan (Figure 2) shows a bladder filled with a pelletized fleshy component. A cystoscopy with parasitological examination confirms the presence of an *Ascaris lumbricoides*. Stool examination was positive for *Ascaris lumbricoides* ova. Thorough evaluation including history, clinical and radiological examination excluded the possibility of an enterovesicular fistula and any other cause for urinary retention. He received albendazole 400 mg once after three weeks. Patient is asymptomatic during 28-month follow-up

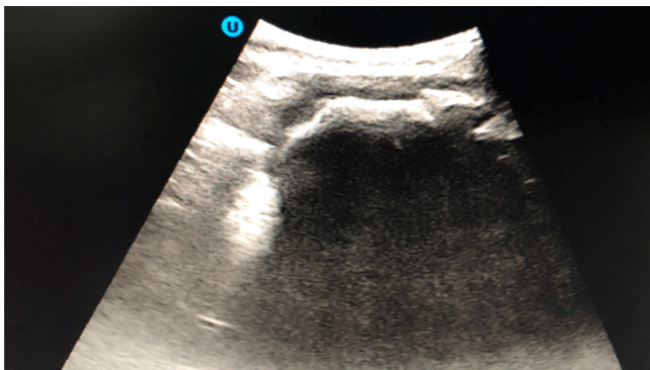


Figure 1: Ultrasound showing the bladder wall with a refractive intravesical linear formation

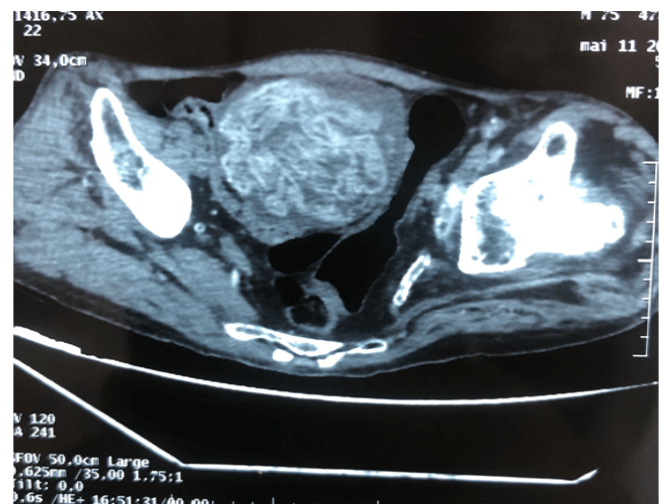


Figure 2: CT scan (Figure 2) showing a bladder filled with a pelletized fleshy component

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