

Fig. 1. Fundoscopy in the acute phase showing tortuous veins, dot and blot hemorrhages, and marked disk edema (A) as well as exudates on fluorescein angiography (B) typical for central retinal vein occlusion. One month later, the fluorescein angiography is normal and no edema is present (C).

patients with transient monocular visual disturbances and initially normal fundoscopy, as the misdiagnosis of CRVO is common [11].

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A massive pelvic mucocele presenting as a cystic sacral mass



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ABSTRACT

We present a man, with a complex medical and surgical history, who had a large pelvic non-appendiceal cystadenoma, presenting as a cystic sacral mass causing obstructive urinary symptoms and renal failure. Mucocele should be included in the differential diagnosis of patients who present with large sacral masses, and who have a significant history of pelvic and abdominal surgery and inflammatory bowel disease.

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1. Introduction

Sacral and presacral masses are often asymptomatic and difficult to diagnose. Abdominal or pelvic mucoceles are rare, and most commonly arise in the appendix as benign, neoplastic mucinous cystadenoma.

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Fig. 1. Preoperative sacral mucocele. (a) Sagittal CT scan demonstrating a large, multi-compartmented cystic mass (+) displacing the bladder (*) anteriorly and superiorly. (b) Sagittal T2-weighted MRI without contrast, showing no communication between the mass (+) and the subarachnoid space. (c) An axial CT scan of the pelvis shows the multi-loculated cystic structure of the mass and involvement with the right inferior sacral neural foramina.

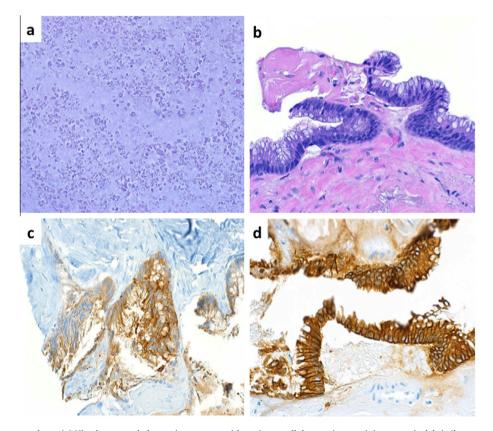


Fig. 2. Low grade mucinous neoplasm. (a) Histology revealed a cystic structure with copious acellular mucin containing necrotic debris (hematoxylin and eosin [H&E]; $64 \times$ magnification). (b) The fibrous capsule demonstrated a scant, low grade mucinous epithelial lining (H&E; $160 \times$), positive for (c) cytokeratin 20 ($100 \times$) and (d) cytokeratin 7 ($160 \times$). This figure is available in colour at www.sciencedirect.com.

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