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The prevalence of vertebral osteomyelitis has increased over the last several decades.

The Mayo Clinic reported almost a tenfold increase in Olmsted County from 1969 to 2009 (1). This is a challenging infectious disease for the clinician both in terms of diagnosis and management. If left untreated, symptoms of back pain, motor weakness or even paralysis may develop. In a patient who is suspected of having vertebral

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