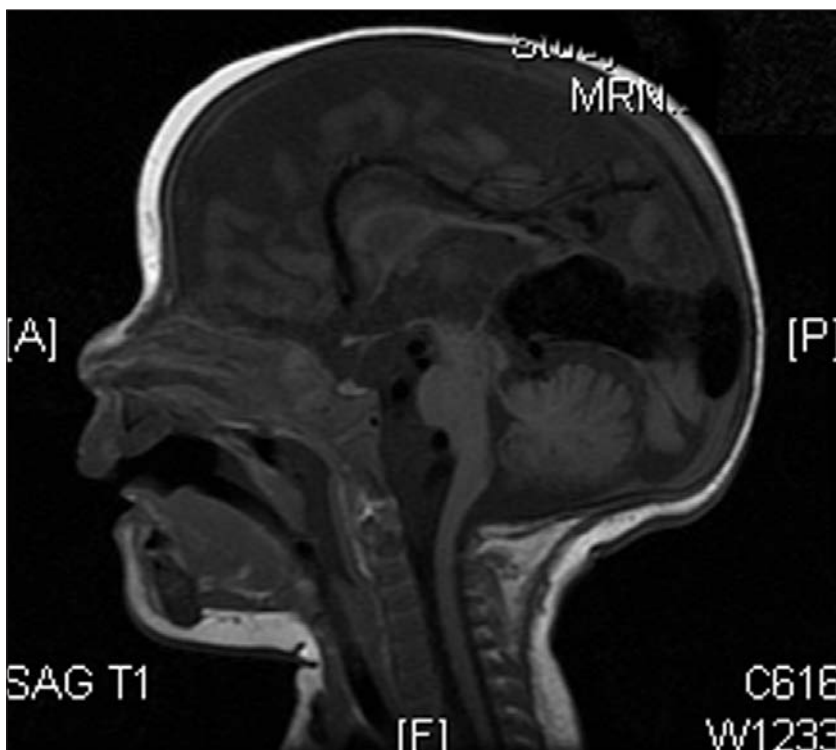


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A 19-year-old man presented with painless swelling of his left knee that was prominent on standing but that resolved completely when supine.



Sagittal T1-weighted cranial MRI scan of a 3-month-old boy who presented to the emergency department in congestive heart failure and with a harsh cranial bruit.



A 55-year-old woman with scleroderma presented with a 5-day history of fever, chills and tenderness of her right thumb.

See page 1060 for diagnoses.

Soft-tissue infection and underlying calcinosis of CREST syndrome

A 55-year-old woman with a history of scleroderma presented after 5 days of experiencing fever, chills and progressive swelling of her right thumb (Fig. 1). The thumb was exquisitely tender to touch. Wound cultures were obtained, and the patient's thumb was débrided. Cultures grew *Staphylococcus aureus*, and intravenous cloxacillin therapy was begun. Radiography of the hand ruled out bony involvement but demonstrated the typical appearance of calcinosis of CREST syndrome.



Calcinosis is one of the typical manifestations of CREST syndrome. The other features include Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal dysmotility, sclerodactyly and telangiectasia. Our patient had all of these features except

for telangiectasia. The calcinosis results from deposition of amorphous calcium hydroxyapatite crystals in the skin, soft tissue or muscles. Local or systemic inflammatory factors are thought to mediate calcium precipitation. Superinfection can occur and often requires antibiotics and surgical débridement.

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