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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*HKMA Structured CME Programme (X) - Ophthalmology</li> <li>*HKMA Joint Professional Basketball Tournament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Unanswered Renal Lesions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Certificate Course on Occupational Health and Safety for Medical Practitioners</li> <li>*Obesity, Hypoventilation Syndrome (OHS): Challenge for Non-invasive Mechanical Ventilation</li> <li>*HKMA Newsletter Editorial Meeting</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*HKMA Joint Professional Committee Meeting on Sports</li> <li>*HKMA Council Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The Role of SERM on Maintaining Postmenopausal Health - Bone and Beyond</li> <li>*HKMA and Heep Hong Society co-organized lecture on 幼兒疾病防預及衛生管理專業課程 (III)</li> <li>*Hong Kong Surgical Forum - Winter 2006</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Old Colorectal Problems and New Anorectal Procedures</li> <li>*Co-joint Seminar on Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases</li> <li>*HKMA Sports Night</li> </ul>
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<b>5 THU</b>	1:00pm <b>HKMA Joint Professional Committee Meeting on Sports</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association Chairman: Dr. CF YEUNG #HKMA Dr. Li Shu Pui Professional Education Centre, 2/F., Chinese Club Building, 21-22 Connaught Road C, Hong Kong	Ms. Dora HO Tel: 2527 8285
	8:00pm <b>HKMA Council Meeting</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association #HKMA Headquarter Office, 5/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong	Ms. Christine WONG Tel: 2527 8285
<b>8 SUN</b>	2:00pm <b>HKMA Structured CME Programme (X) - Ophthalmology</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Chairman: Dr. TC SHIH Speakers: Dr. Benson CHEUNG, Dr. Ricky LAW and Dr. Kelvin CHONG #Lecture Theatre, Block M, G/F., Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Miss Nina HUNG Tel: 2861 1979 (Registration fee is required) 3 CME points
	3:00pm <b>HKMA Joint Professional Basketball Tournament</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association Chairmen: Dr. CF YEUNG and Dr. MH IP #MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre, 7 Sha Wan Drive, Pokfulam, Hong Kong	Ms. Dora HO Tel: 2527 8285
<b>9 MON</b>	7:30pm-8:30pm <b>Unanswered Renal Lesions</b> Organised by: Hong Kong Urological Association Chairman: Dr. Man-chiu CHEUNG Speaker: Dr. Chun-wing WONG #Seminar Room, G/F, Block A, QEH	Dr. Peggy Sau-kwan CHU/ Ms. Siddy MA Tel:2958 6006 Fax: 2958 6076 1 CME point (CSHK)
<b>10 TUE</b>	7:00pm-8:30pm (17, 24) <b>Certificate Course on Occupational Health and Safety for Medical Practitioners</b> Organised by: Hong Kong Institute of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene and the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong #Lecture Hall, 4/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong	Ms. Joyce CHAN Tel: 2527 8898 Fax: 2865 0345
	7:15pm-8:15pm <b>Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome (OHS): Challenge for Non-invasive Mechanical Ventilation</b> Organised by: Hong Kong Society of Sleep Medicine Chairman: Dr. Kah-lin CHOO Speakers: Dr. Hoi-yee KWAN and Dr. Chin-wing YU #Seminar Room, Hospital Authority Building	Dr. Bing LAM Tel: 2855 5814
	8:00pm <b>HKMA Newsletter Editorial Meeting</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association Chairman: Dr. HH TSE #HKMA Headquarter Office, 5/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong	Ms. Sophia LAU Tel: 2861 1979
<b>12 THU</b>	8:30am-4:30pm 9:00am-5:00pm (13) <b>9th Colorectal Surgery Course</b> Organised by: Minimal Access Surgery Training Centre, PYNEH and Hong Kong Society for Coloproctology Chairmen: Dr. Samuel KWOK, Dr. Patrick LAU, Dr. William MENG, Dr. CW LAM, Dr. Janet LEE and Dr. Kevin YAU Speakers: Dr. David LOMANTO, Dr. Antonio LONGO, Prof. Jeffrey MILSOM, Mr. Michael LI and Dr. Cliff CHUNG #Lecture Theatre, Multi-centre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, 3 Lok Man Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	Ms. Olivia HO Tel: 2595 6362 Fax: 2515 3195 10 CME points (HKCFP) & 12 CME points (CSHK)
<b>13 FRI</b>	7:00pm-9:30pm <b>The Role of SERM on Maintaining Postmenopausal Health - Bone and Beyond</b> Organised by: The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong Chairman: Dr. NC PODDER Speaker: Dr. Daniel THIEBAUD #Miramar Ballroom A-C, Penthouse, Hotel Miramar, Tsimshatsui	Mr. TSANG Tel: 2964 2903 Fax: 2527 7893 1 CME point (HKCOG)
	7:00pm (14) <b>HKMA and Heep Hong Society co-organized lecture on 幼兒疾病防預及衛生管理專業課程 (III)</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association and Heep Hong Society Chairman: Dr. YS Chan Speakers: 鄺鳳如女士及譚燕玲女士 #HKMA Headquarter Office, 5/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai Hong Kong	Ms. Dorothy KWOK Tel: 2527 8452
	<b>Hong Kong Surgical Forum - Winter 2006</b> Organized by: Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons #Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong	Forum Secretary Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416 Email: hksf@hkucc.hku.hk Website: www.hku.hk/surgery



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2:00pm-5:00pm <b>14 SAT</b>	<b>Old Colorectal Problems and New Anorectal Procedures</b> Organised by: Hong Kong Society for Coloproctology Chairman: Dr. William MENG Speakers: Dr. Antonio LONGO, Prof. Gerhard BUESS, Prof. Jeffrey MILSOM and Dr. Chi-man LEUNG #Grand Ballroom, 1/F., Harbour Plaza Hong Kong Hotel, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom, Kowloon	Miss Christina LO Tel: 2595 6416 Fax: 2515 3195 2 CME points
2:00pm	<b>Co-joint Seminar on Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association, Princess Margaret Hospital and The Hong Kong Society for Infectious Diseases Chairmen: Dr. TC SHIH and Dr. HH TSE Speakers: Various #Hospital Hall, 8/F., Block G, Princess Margaret Hospital	Ms. Nina HUNG Tel: 2861 1979 (Please register for participation)
7:00pm	<b>HKMA Sports Night</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association Chairman: Dr. CF YEUNG #Wan Chai Ho Choi Banquet Seafood Restaurant, 3/F., China Resources Building, 26 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	Ms. Dora HO Tel: 2527 8285
2:00pm <b>15 SUN</b>	<b>HKMA Structured CME Programme 05/06 (X) - Geriatrics &amp; Neurology</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association and Kwong Wah Hospital Chairman: Dr. TC SHIH Speakers: Dr. Sze-lok SEZTO and Dr. Siu-wah LAU #Lecture Theatre, 10/F., Yu Chun Keung Medical Memorial Centre, Kwong Wah Hospital	Miss Nina HUNG Tel: 2861 1979 (Registration fee is required) 3 CME points
6:30pm-8:00pm <b>THU</b> <b>19</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A Young Man Presented with On and Off Breathing Difficulty for Several Years</li> <li>2) Sleeping with the Ememy - Sleep Apnea and its Impact on Cardiovascular System</li> <li>3) Expression Profiling of Lung Cancer</li> <li>4) Recent Trials on Novel Drug Treatment of ARDS - Sivelestat and Active Site Inactivated Factor VII</li> </ol> Organised by: Hong Kong Thoracic Society / ACCP (HK & Macau Chapter) Chairmen: Dr. FY KONG and Dr. WM CHAN Speakers: Dr. CW LO, Dr. YF CHAN, Dr. CL LAM and Dr. KS TANG #LG1, Lecture Room, Ruttonjee Hospital	Dr. WM CHAN/ Dr. CM CHU Tel: 2855 5841/ 2855 5824 Fax: 2819 4353 1 CME point (HKCP, HKCFP and CSHK)
8:30pm	<b>HKMA Annual Sports Committee Meeting</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association Chairman: Dr. CF YEUNG #HKMA Headquarter Office, 5/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong	Ms. Dora HO Tel: 2527 8285
7:00pm <b>20 FRI</b>	<b>HKMA and Heep Hong Society co-organized lecture on 幼兒疾病防預及衛生管理專業課程 (IV)</b> Organised by: The Hong Kong Medical Association and Heep Hong Society Chairman: Dr. YS CHAN Speaker: 吳壽婷女士 #HKMA Headquarter Office, 5/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong	Ms. Dorothy KWOK Tel: 2527 8452

## Calendar of Events



### Meetings

3-5/3/2006

#### Asia Autoimmunity Forum 2006

Organised by: The Hong Kong Society of Rheumatology Enquiry: AAF2006 Secretariat  
Tel: 2855 4049 Fax: 2904 9443 Email: info@aaf2006.org Website: www.aaf2006.org

### Courses

16 - 18/2/2006  
20 - 22/4/2006

#### Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student Course

Organised by: Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Enquiry: Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong  
Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416 Email: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk website: www.hku.hk/surgery

7,14&amp;21/2/2006

#### Certificate Course on Occupational Health and Safety for Medical Practitioners (C90)

Organised by: Hong Kong Institute of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene and the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong  
Enquiry: Ms. Joyce CHAN Tel: 2527 8898 Fax: 2865 0345



11&19/2/2006, 30/4/2006 7/5/2006, 10&18/6/2006 9&17/9/2006, 10&17/12/2006	<b>Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course</b> Organised by: Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Enquiry: Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Tel: 2530 8016
24/2/2006 3,10,17,24&31/3/2006	<b>Certificate Course on Wilderness Medicine for Healthcare Professionals</b> Organised by: Hong Kong Society for Emergency Medicine & Surgery and the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong Enquiry: Ms. Joyce CHAN Tel: 2527 8898 Fax: 2865 0345
25 - 26/2/2006 2 - 3/3/2006	<b>Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Provider Course</b> Organised by: Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Enquiry: Course Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Tel: 2855 4885 Fax: 2819 3416 Email: hnsrg@hkucc.hku.hk website: www.hku.hk/surgery

## Answer to Clinical Quiz

### Answers:

#### MRI findings:

1. T1W hypointense and T2W hyperintense areas are seen at T8-10, with partial collapse of T9 vertebral body.
2. Prevertebral and epidural extension of lesion noted compressing the thoracic cord at level of T8-9.
3. Heterogeneous contrast enhancement is seen at the lesions with relative sparing of T8-9 disc.

#### Diagnosis:

Tuberculous spondylitis

#### Operative findings:

Surgical decompression of the epidural abscess was performed. Culture revealed acid fast bacilli.

#### Discussion:

Tuberculous spondylitis may result from infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis. In the past two decades there is a rising incidence of tuberculosis (TB), with tuberculous spondylitis occurring in less than 1% of TB patients. Concomitant pulmonary TB is seen in 10% of patients with TB spondylitis. The peak incidence occurs in the 3rd to 4th decades of life, with predilection for the thoracolumbar junction. Initial infection occurs at the anterior aspect of the vertebra, and the disease may spread beneath the anterior or posterior longitudinal ligament. There is gradual and insidious onset of symptoms. The disc space may be preserved, and there are frequent finding of soft tissue calcification and paraspinal abscesses. Posterior element involvement is more common in TB than in pyogenic spondylitis. In advance case of the disease vertebral gibbus deformity is seen.

Radionuclide studies are helpful in establishing the presence of spinal infection at a stage when radiographs are normal. Single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) is particularly useful in this regard. CT scans allow definition of the extent of bone and disc destruction and of paravertebral and intraspinal involvement. Use of intravenous contrast aids in the separation of normal and abnormal soft tissues. Typically on MR imaging, signal intensity in affected regions decreases on T1W and increases on T2W images, but the conspicuity of the changes in signal intensity depends on the extent of red and yellow marrow in the vertebra. Other MR imaging findings in TB spondylitis include epidural and paraspinal extension, vertebral collapse and spinal deformity. Intraosseous abscesses, meningeal involvement and subligamentous spread may also occur.

Treatment is by long term antibiotic for at least one year. Surgical decompression, abscess drainage and stabilisation are performed in patients with epidural extension and neurological deficit. While many treated patients have favourable outcome with resolution of symptoms, a considerable proportion of patients (up to one third in one series) have significant remaining deficits.

**Dr. KS Tai**  
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