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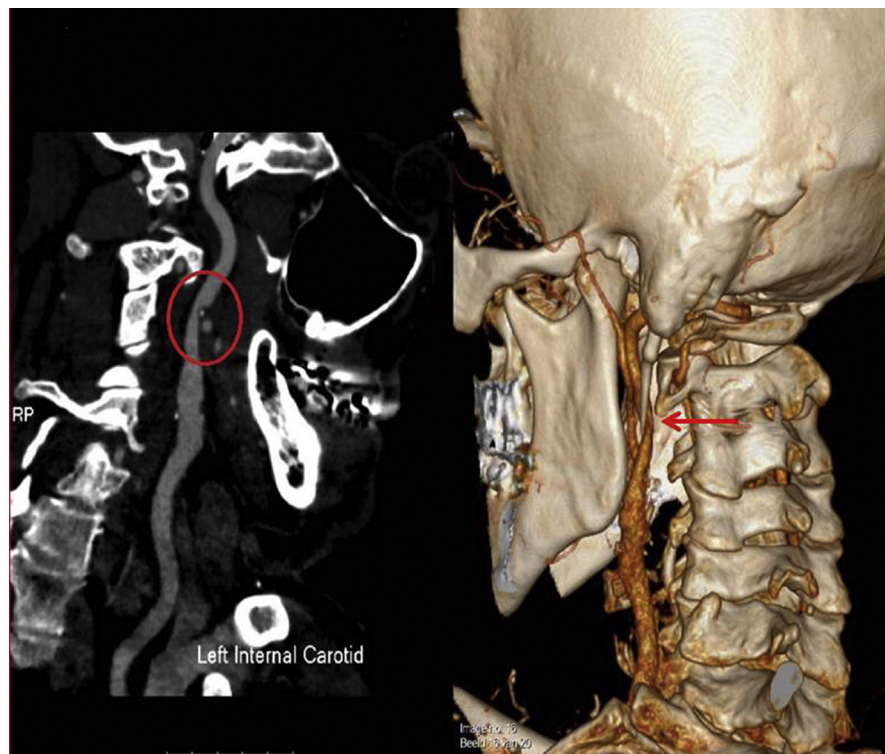
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Compression of the Internal Carotid Artery by Turning the Head to the Left

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A 50 year old male was referred to hospital with loss of motor function of the right arm and hand when he turned his head to the left. A transcranial doppler (TCD) was performed with the head turned to the left, which showed a 70% decrease in velocity of the middle cerebral artery. A CT angiogram was performed with the head turned to the left, which showed an compression of the internal carotid artery by ossification of the processus styloideus (Eagle syndrome). At operation the ossification of the processus styloideus was removed, after which the complaint disappeared.

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