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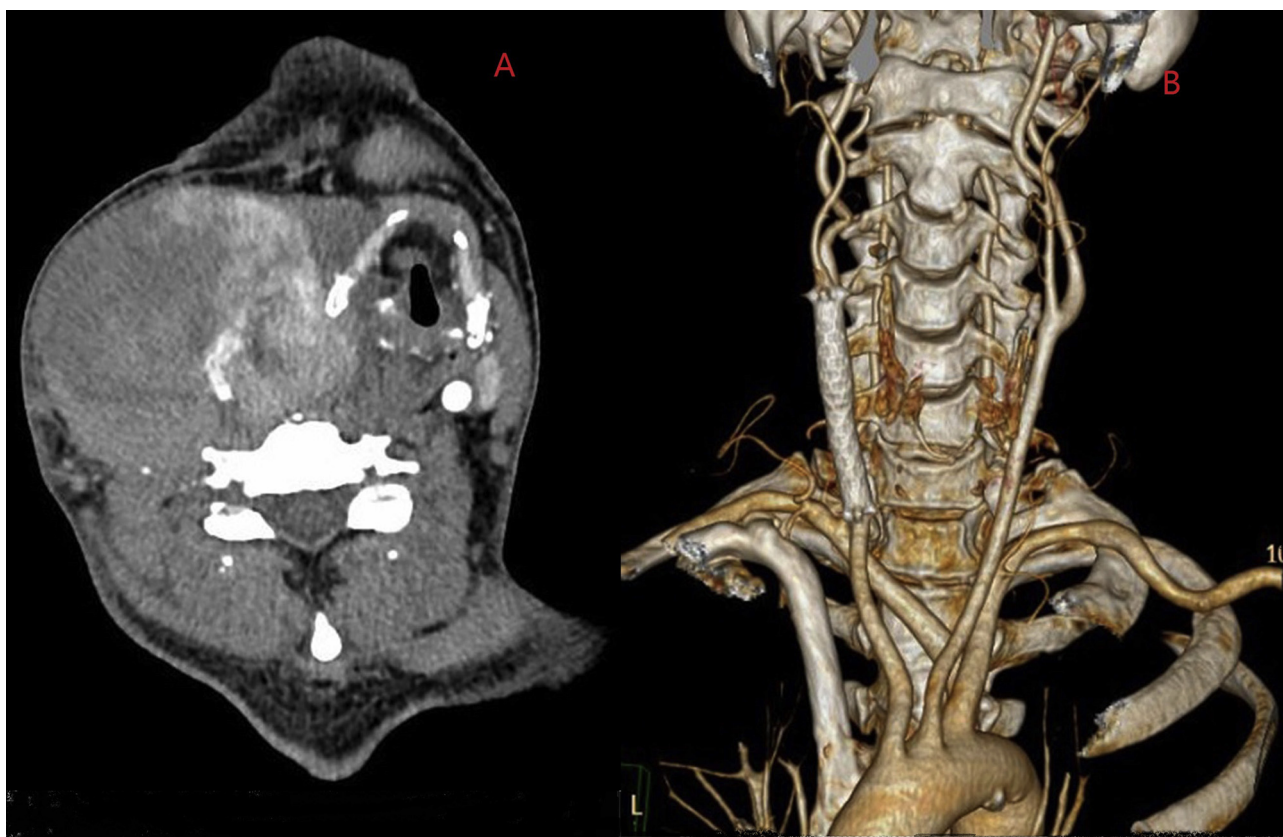
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COUP D'OEIL

A Pulsatile Mass in the Neck

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A 45 year old man was referred to the emergency department with right neck pain, dyspnoea, hoarseness, and a pulsatile mass. His history of relapsing orogenital ulcerations, high ESR and CRP levels suggested Behçet's disease; a computed tomography angiogram of the neck revealed a 8 × 6 cm common carotid artery (CCA) pseudoaneurysm (axial view, panel A). The patient received intravenous corticosteroids and cyclophosphamide followed by local anaesthetic endovascular carotid aneurysm repair using an 8 × 60 mm stent graft (Fluency, Bard Peripheral Vascular Inc.) deployed from mid-CCA to carotid bulb (3D view, panel B). Duplex ultrasound showed that the implanted stent graft was patent one year post-intervention.

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