Takayasu's Arteritis in a Middle-aged Lady with Inflammatory Back Pain

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Abstract: Takayasu's arteritis (TA) is an idiopathic cell mediated medium to large vessel vasculitis. It mainly affects large vessels, especially aorta and its main branches. The clinical picture evolves from an early phase presenting with constitutional symptoms, followed by a vascular phase of vessels fibrosis and stenosis. We describe a 63-year-old lady who had 4 years' history of inflammatory back pain like symptoms, but was then noted to have typical features of TA. This case illustrates that TA can occur at an atypical age and the characteristics of an early constitutional versus a vascular stenotic phase in TA.

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