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Your Title: A Case Report

Authors	<i>Please list in order with degrees, such as MD, DO, PA, DPN, etc.</i>
Key words	<i>List of 3 or more (eg, chest pain, heart score, angina, etc.)</i>
Abstract	<i>Introduction, presentation, diagnosis, resolution, conclusion; 1-3 paragraphs</i>

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Ethics Statement	<i>Required* – see below</i>
Take-Away Points	<i>Short summary bullets</i>
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