

In each issue, JUCM will challenge your diagnostic acumen with a glimpse of x-rays, electrocardiograms, and photographs of dermatologic conditions that real urgent care patients have presented with.

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The patient, an otherwise healthy 25year-old, fell and suffered a blow to the right hip. The injury was not weightbearing.

View the image taken (Figure 1) and consider what your diagnosis would be.

Resolution of the case is described on the next page.

INSIGHTS IN IMAGES: CLINICAL CHALLENGE: CASE 1

THE RESOLUTION



The diagnosis is fracture of the neck of the femur. Femoral neck fractures are frequently missed, and it is not uncommon for patients to be able to weight bear. Occult fractures occur in 2%-9% of cases. If the fracture is not readily apparent on x-ray, MRI is the study of choice. Maintain a high index of suspicion in elderly falls. Refer to hospital for orthopedic evaluation.

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