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Case 264

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History A 28-year-old woman presented to the emergency department with painful swelling of the third finger on her right hand, which developed quickly. She had no relevant medical or surgical history. Her pain was worse at night, with stiffness decreasing during the morning. Clinical examination revealed generalized swelling of the third finger, cyanotic skin, and fingernail splitting on the second finger of the left hand (Fig 1). Laboratory test results were normal, with no evidence of inflammatory disease. Radiographs of both hands were obtained (Fig 2). CT scanning (Fig 3) and MRI (Fig 4) were also performed.

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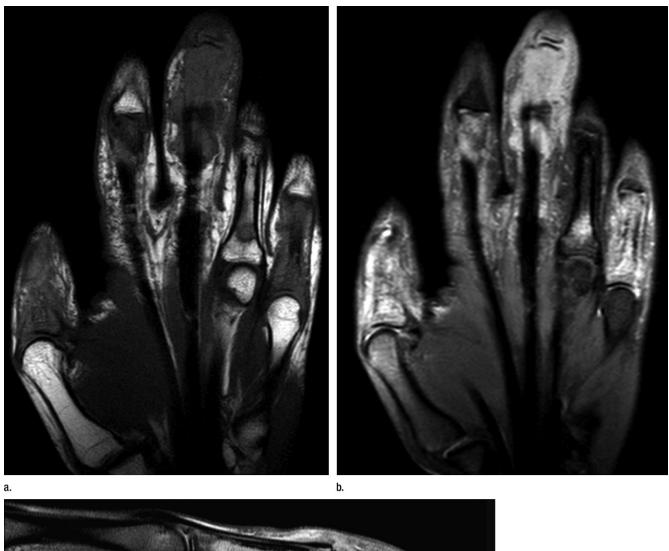
Figure 1: Photograph shows both of the patient's hands.

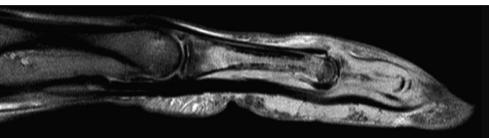


Figure 2: (a, b) Anteroposterior radiographs of the left (a) and right (b) hands. (c) Close-up view of the last three fingers of the right hand.



Figure 3: Coronal reconstructed CT image of the right hand obtained with the bone window setting.





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Figure 4: (a) Coronal T1-weighted (repetition time msec/echo time msec, 508/20) MR image of the right hand. (b) Coronal proton-density fat-suppressed (2357/30) MR image of the right hand. (c) Sagittal gadolinium-enhanced fat-suppressed T1-weighted (658/20) MR image of the third finger on the right hand.

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