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Time of Flight Magnetic Resonance Angiography: A Trap for the Unwary

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Introduction: Magnetic resonance imaging is now frequently used to image blood vessels. This case illustrates a pitfall of this mode of imaging.

Report: A 6-year-old girl sustained a severe neck injury and subsequently developed a Horner's syndrome. A time-of-flight magnetic resonance scan could be interpreted by the inexperienced as showing an extensive dissection. However, a contrast-enhanced scan confirmed the presence of a localised carotid injury only.

Discussion: Time-of-flight magnetic resonance scanning produces flow voids which can mimic dissection, particularly in high velocity vessels such as the carotid artery. This case is a reminder that whatever imaging modality is used, correct interpretation is essential.

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Endovascular Stent Graft Management of a Ruptured Profunda Femoris Artery Aneurysm

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Introduction: We report the first case of a ruptured profunda femoris artery (PFA) aneurysm managed successfully with an endovascular stent graft.

Report: An 87-year-old man presented with pain and pulsatile swelling on his thigh from a ruptured large saccular aneurysm arising from the mid PFA. The aneurysm was successfully excluded with an endovascular stent graft. The patient made a good recovery post procedure.

Discussion: This case demonstrates that PFA aneurysms, when ruptured, can be managed successfully by endovascular stent graft in the high risk patient.

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