Case 2004-6

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Diagnosis: Leprous neuropathy, tuberculoid type

Comment: Acid fast bacilli were seen on Fite stain, and organisms were identified on electron microscopy. Only 10 countries are reported to be endemic for leprosy, as of 2003. This patient may have become infected with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) while he was being treated for leprosy.

References:

Elimination of Leprosy As a Public Health Problem.  http://www.who.int/lep/