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Unusual Cause of Limb Ischemia- A Case of Bilateral Persistent Sciatic Artery

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1. Abstract

1.1. Objective

Persistent sciatic artery is an uncommon entity with potential disastrous and debilitating consequences. It can cause limb ischemia besides the most common complication of aneurysmal degeneration.

1.2. Method

We present a case report of a healthy, physically fit young male patient with disabling limb claudication secondary to a critical occlusion in the right sided persistent sciatic artery.

1.3. Result

The calcific stenosis of the persistent sciatic artery was not feasible to endovascular recanalisation and hence a surgical femoropopliteal bypass was done. AT 3 months follow up he is symptom free with a patent bypass.

1.4. Conclusion

Occlusion or stenosis of a persistent sciatic artery is a possible complication. Calcific degeneration and repeated trauma to the artery makes open surgery the preferred choice for revascularization.