

EXAMINATION

1. The patient is a 65-year-old male with a long history of hypertension and diabetes mellitus. He presents with a 2-week history of progressive weakness and numbness in both lower extremities. The weakness is more pronounced in the legs than in the arms. There is no bladder or bowel incontinence. The patient has no recent falls or trauma. He has been on a low-salt diet and is taking his medications as prescribed.

System	Findings	Comments
General	Weight loss 10 lbs (4.5 kg) over 6 months	Chronic illness
HEENT	Normal	
Neck	Normal	
Cardiovascular	Normal	
Respiratory	Normal	
Gastrointestinal	Normal	
Genitourinary	Normal	
Musculoskeletal	Normal	
Neurological	Normal	

QUESTION



ANSWER
The correct answer is A. This is an axial fracture of the vertebral body.