

November

Thursday morning :

- a patient requested for his wife, who had had back pain for days
- booked for Friday 1 pm.
- Friday morning: request for an earlier appointment because his wife was not well, moved to 10:30 am

Presentation

- Back and neck pain
- Previous day LBP only - patient woke with a little bit of pain and it progressively got worse.
- Pt can't think of anything that may have caused the LBP.
- No fever
- Weakness on the right side
- Sensation ok
- Better when sitting or lying down
- Worsens during the day
- No dizziness or headache

Medical history:

- started hormone treatment in October for IVF
- Middle October egg harvesting
- No other meds

No drinking, no smoking, no allergies

Not complaining of CV, respiratory or ENT problems

No GI/GU symptoms

No saddle anesthesia

Physical examination:

- Upper limb, strength 4/5 for the right arm and leg
- Reflexes diminished on the right
- No loss of sensation
- Pupillary light response normal
- Romberg slight fall to the right, possibly due to LBP
- Slight facial paralysis
- Finger-to-Nose test unclear
- Painful on palpation everywhere

At this point she mentioned having trouble speaking since this morning

Advised to call the IVF clinic as I imagine they have a protocol in place for this and that I suspect a stroke.

I debated calling an ambulance but if it was a stroke it looked like it was done and I imagined it would be faster through the IVF clinic.

As they left I started writing a referral letter which I sent to both by email.