

## Papilledema and Spinal Cord Tumor



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**A** 49-YEAR-OLD MAN PRESENTED WITH A THREE-WEEK HISTORY OF PROGRESSIVE visual loss and headaches. Funduscopy examination revealed bilateral papilledema. Computed tomographic examination of the cerebrum showed a moderate-sized, communicating hydrocephalus. Analysis of cerebrospinal fluid from a lumbar puncture showed a high protein concentration (1632 mg per deciliter). On further questioning, the patient reported a one-year history of intermittent low back pain. Magnetic resonance imaging of the spine showed a tumor of the conus medullaris; a benign ependymoma was completely removed. Postoperatively, the patient's headaches cleared spontaneously, and the findings on funduscopy and the visual acuity returned to normal within four weeks.

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