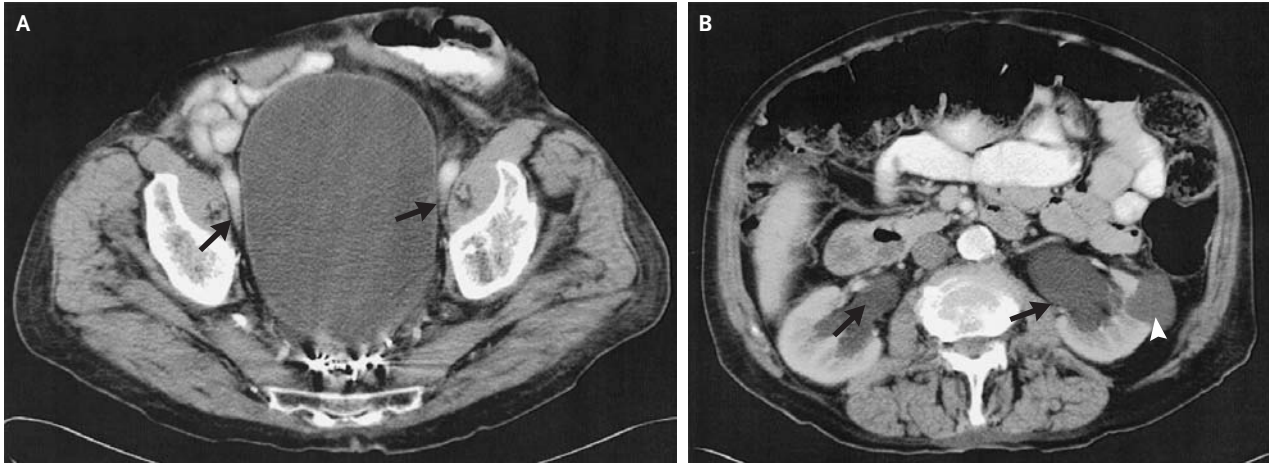


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## Subacute Urinary Retention



**A**N 88-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH BENIGN PROSTATE HYPERTROPHY AND ISCHEMIC heart disease who had undergone an anterior peritoneal resection due to adenocarcinoma of the rectum presented with a three-month history of swelling of the legs. Physical examination revealed severe edema of both legs. A computed tomographic scan of the abdominal pelvis showed an overdistended urinary bladder compressing bilateral external iliac veins (Panel A, arrows), bilateral hydronephrosis (Panel B, arrows), and a renal cyst (Panel B, arrowhead). A Foley catheter was inserted and used to drain 2000 ml of clear urine. Two days later, the edema of the legs had resolved. One month later, the patient underwent transurethral prostatectomy. Two months after surgery, the patient was doing well, with no evidence of edema or urinary obstruction.

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