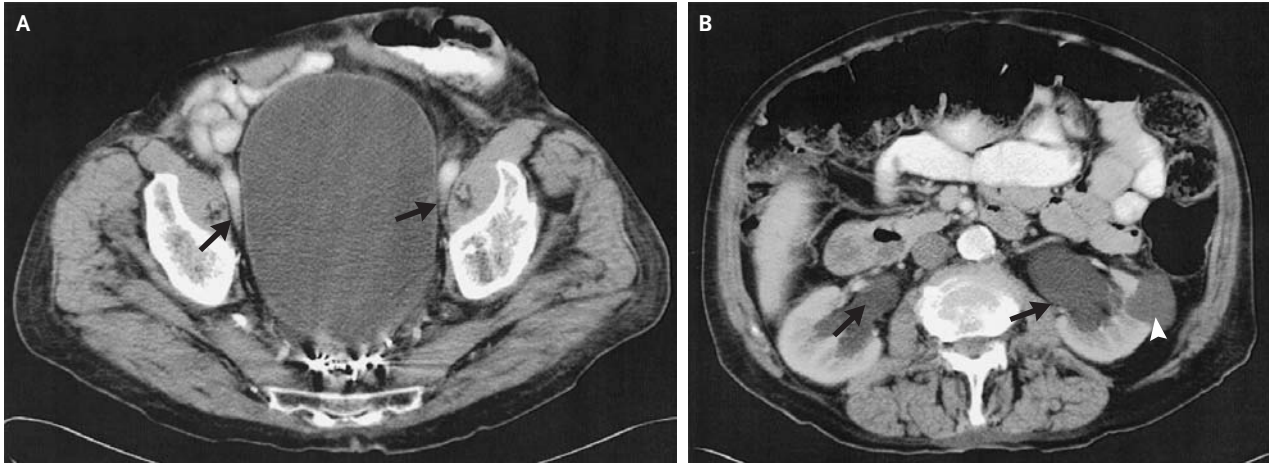


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## Subacute Urinary Retention



**A**N 88-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH BENIGN PROSTATE HYPERTROPHY AND IS-  
chemic 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 trans-  
urethral prostatectomy. Two months after surgery, the patient was doing well, with  
no evidence of edema or urinary obstruction.

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