Lemierre’s Syndrome
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A 67-year-old immunocompetent female with a history of recurrent parotiditis developed swelling of the right side of her neck and face, intermittent fever, dyspnea, and dysphagia. Her complete blood count revealed a neutrophilic leukocytosis. Blood cultures grew *Staphylococcus aureus*. A computed tomography scan showed right-sided facial and neck edema, and a thrombus in the right internal jugular vein (Figure 1). A prolonged course of antibiotic therapy was initiated. In some cases, surgical drainage of any abscesses, ligation of thrombosed vessels, and anticoagulation may be required.

Bibliography

Figure 1. Computed tomography scan showing a thrombus in the right internal jugular vein.