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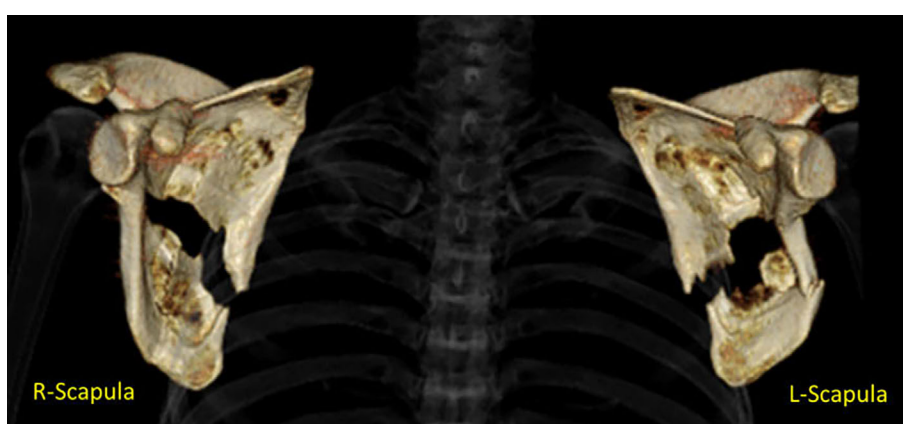
The Occurrence of Bilateral Scapula Fractures Due to an Epileptic Seizure

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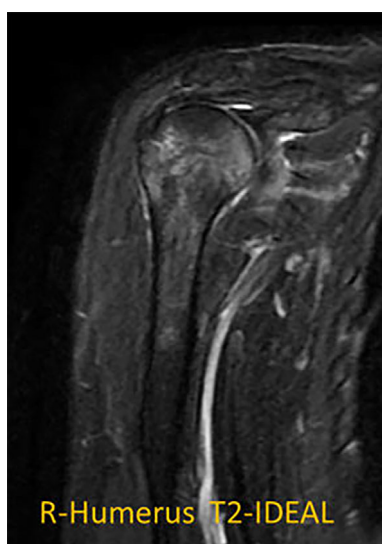
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Picture 1.



Picture 2.

A 34-year-old healthy man with no significant medical history experienced a seizure for the first time which started with the stiffening of his right leg and thereafter progressed into generalized convulsion while he was playing computer games. Three weeks later, he experienced a similar seizure for the fourth time and was transferred to an emergency room. The test results of blood, cerebrospinal fluid, brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), electroencephalography and bone mineral density were normal. A diagnosis of focal epilepsy of focal to bilateral tonic-clonic seizure due to an unknown etiology was thus made.

The patient continued to suffer from right shoulder pain. 3D CT of his shoulders revealed bilateral scapula body fractures (Picture 1). MRI also further revealed right proximal humeral bone bruises (Picture 2).

The frequency of bone fractures from epileptic convulsion ranges from 0.3-5.2% (1). Most vulnerable bones tend to be the humerus and vertebra. Bilateral scapula fractures have been reported in only four cases with renal osteodystro-

phy (2). This patient had scapula fractures with humerus bruises, presumably due to experiencing repeated vigorous epileptic muscle contractions.

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