

## The Leser-Trélat sign as a marker of underlying malignancy

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### Description

A 61-year-old Chinese lady with a background of a previous spinal cord tumour presented to the Emergency Department with severe pneumonia requiring ventilatory support. On examination, multiple eruptive seborrheic keratoses which had suddenly developed 3 years ago were incidentally noted over her back. Computed Tomography noted a uterine mass which correlated with a raised serum CA-125 level of 105, and a histology showed endometrial cancer. These findings were suggestive of the Leser-Trélat sign in association with a gynaecological malignancy.

The clinical photograph (Figure 1) depicts multiple warty, raised lesions with a 'stuck-on' appearance, on the patient's back. She had a history of a previous spinal cord tumor. A serum CA-125 was raised, and a Computed Tomography scan found a suspicious-looking heterogenous 5.9 cm uterine mass corresponding histologically to endometrial cancer (Figures 2 & 3).

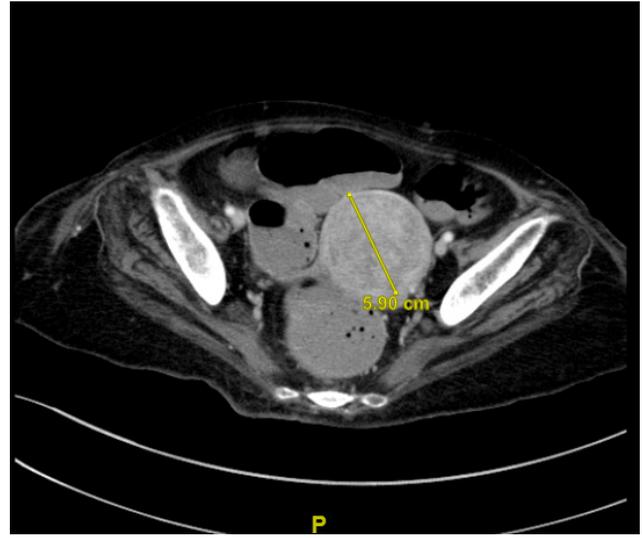
Leser-Trélat sign is a rare dermatological phenomenon characterized by sudden, rapid onset of multiple seborrheic keratoses, which are non-cancerous skin tumors. They occur in areas where seborrheic keratoses are not commonly found. It is a red flag for underlying malignancy, and anyone who exhibits this should seek medical evaluation.

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**Figure 1:** Leser-Trélat sign. Multiple seborrheic keratoses on patient's back.



**Figure 2:** Axial CT of the patient's pelvis showing 5.9 cm heterogenous uterine mass.



**Figure 3:** Coronal CT of the patient's pelvis showing 5.9 cm heterogenous uterine mass.

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