

Tachycardia: A Presenting Feature of Wernicke's Encephalopathy

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Tachycardia as a presenting symptom and part of Wernicke's encephalopathy was detected in a patient who was having a discharging fistula from the small bowel for which he received total parenteral nutrition for approximately five weeks. Thiamine deficiency is known to occur during total parenteral nutrition and this case report describes the evolution of the cardiac and neurological manifestations of this disorder