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Scrotal Elephantiasis: A First Case Report from Bahrain

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Background: Scrotal elephantiasis is a disease that is rarely seen outside the tropical sectors of Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Unlike those endemic regions, where the disease is caused mostly by a filariasis; in developed countries, it is usually secondary to other non-infectious conditions or rarely hereditary.

A seventy-eight year old patient presented to the urology clinic with a painful gross scrotal swelling for more than 6 years. The disease proved to be inflammatory and was assumed to be due to filariasis. Subtotal scrotectomy was undertaken followed by scrotal reconstruction with satisfactory cosmetic and functional outcome.

To our knowledge, this is the first case of inflammatory probably infectious scrotal elephantiasis to be reported from Bahrain.

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