Radiography in primary care diabetes
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Abstract
Diabetes mellitus is a relatively common disease, and a variety of plain radiographic changes are frequently encountered in diabetic patients. Primary care physicians should be able to recognize these common x-ray findings so that early treatment may be started, thereby preventing disease progression and decreasing patient morbidity.

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Introduction
Diabetes affects almost every organ of the body. With increasing prevalence of diabetes, which compromises host immunity, the incidence of infections involving various organs of the body is also rising. This particular fact has been studied in detail. In primary care settings, however, limited investigational modalities are available to help diagnose such infections. The aim of this communication is to make primary care physicians working at grass root level aware of the common x-ray findings encountered in persons with diabetes. These are shown in Table.

Primary care physicians should be well versed with the common radiographic manifestations of diabetes. This will help in early diagnosis of the disease, and allow timely institution of therapy, thus improving clinical outcomes.

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