Multiple Thoracoabdominal Calcifications in a Healthy West African Man
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Figure 1. Abdominal radiograph

A 40-year-old man originating from Mali with an unknown past medical history was admitted to the hospital with a cerebral venous thrombosis with involvement of the superior longitudinal and the right longitudinal sinuses. The patient was given anticoagulant treatment, which resulted in complete clearance of symptoms without persisting deficit. All blood tests for thrombophilia yielded negative results. A plain abdominal radiograph and thoracic and abdominal CT scanning were performed to screen for enlarged lymph nodes, if any, or possible underlying neoplasm. Abdominal radiography revealed the...
presence of numerous calcifications (figure 1), which CT scans showed involved the liver, the spleen, the peritoneum, the small bowel and colonic walls, and the lungs (figures 2 and 3). All calcifications were <10 mm in maximum diameter and were not associated with enlarged lymph nodes. The patient had been informed about these calcifications 15 years ago.

What is your diagnosis?