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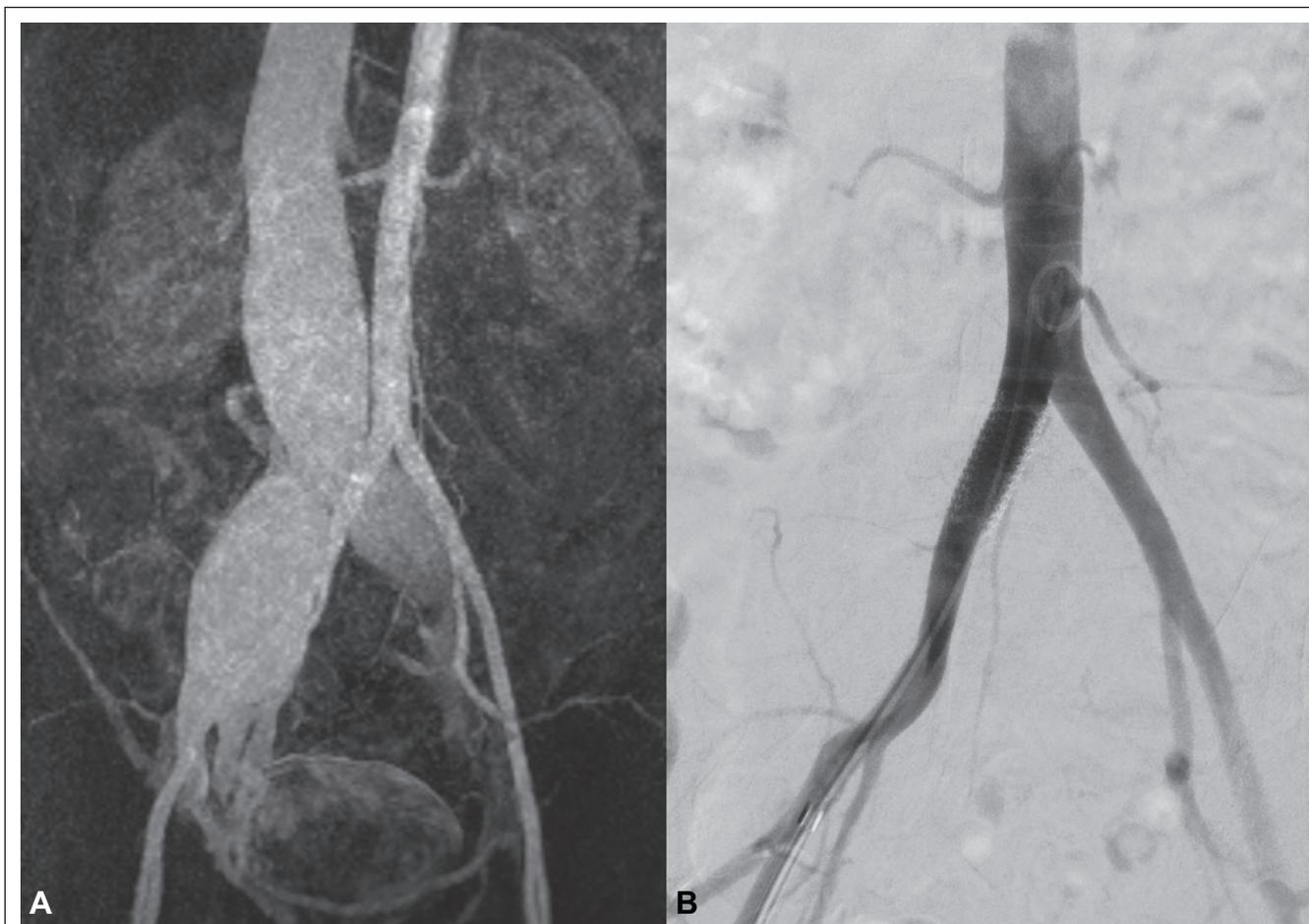
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Iliocaval Fistula After Microdiscectomy

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A 23 year old woman presented with lower back pain and breathlessness two years after an L4/L5 microdiscectomy. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI, A) revealed dilatation of the inferior vena cava (IVC) and a fistula between the proximal right common iliac artery and the distal IVC. Echocardiography showed a right ventricular systolic pressure of 58 mmHg (normal 8–20 mmHg). An endovascular approach via the right common femoral artery enabled exclusion of the fistula with a 10 mm × 38 mm Advanta V12 stent (Maquet, Rastatt, Germany, B). At clinical and radiological follow up, the pain and breathlessness had resolved and echocardiography normalised. MRI confirmed exclusion of the fistula.

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