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Destructive arthropathy of the shoulder complicating a cervical ependymoma

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Front shoulder X-ray (Fig. 1) of a 45-year-old woman consulting for a painless blocked right shoulder with a history of cervical ependymoma operated in 2010 with thermoalgic hypoesthesia and deep sequelae. Osteolysis of the humeral head and glenoid was noted. Spinal MRI found a sequela spinal atrophy. Biology and MRI did not show any argument for a tumor or infectious process in which the diagnosis of neurotropic arthropathy is retained. Neurotropic arthropathies affecting the shoulder are rare [1]. Diabetic neuropathy, tabes or syringomyelia are the most commonly reported etiologies [1].



Fig. 1.

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