

Disease

Polyarteritis Nodosa

Pathology

*necrotizing infl. of small & medium arteries anywhere in body

Signs & Symptoms

- *fever
- *fatigue
- *malaise
- *anorexia
- *monocular blindness
- *seizures
- *peripheral nerve infl.
- *rash
- *gangrene
- *bowel ischemia

Risk Factors

- *viral infections (HIV, hep B, hep C)
- *TB
- *varicella-zoster
- *parvo
- *rheumatoid arthritis
- *malignancies

Complications

- *necrosis of arterial wall
- *aneurysm rupture
- *hemorrhage
- *arterial obstruction may lead to tissue ischemia/organ infarction

Diagnosis

- *angiography
- *CT
- *MRI
- *biopsy
- *electromyography (EMG) studies

Treatment

- *corticosteroids