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Strongyloides Hyperinfection Syndrome Complicating (Ectopic) Cushing Syndrome.

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Strongyloidiasis can present with a wide variety of symptoms and can lead to a potentially fatal hyperinfection. Although any factors that suppress the host defense mechanisms can potentially trigger hyperinfection, prolonged steroid use has been quite well described. A patient with disseminated small cell lung cancer suffered a Strongyloides stercoralis hyperinfection syndrome complicating ectopic adrenocorticotrophic hormone (Cushing syndrome). Evaluation revealed lymphopenia, elevated levels of adrenocorticotrophic hormone in the setting of elevated cortisol levels, a normal pituitary, and metastatic malignancy. S. stercoralis autopsy, S. stercoralis larval forms were identified in the lung carcinoma.

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