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Young Patient with Absence Seizures and Stroke Eventually Diagnosed as a Case of Takayasu's Arteritis

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This is case of a 16 year-old female who presented with acute-onset absence seizure followed by left-sided hemiplegia and claudication. Cranial CT scan revealed acute ischemic cerebral infarction in the left frontal lobe and malacic changes in the right frontal lobe. Conventional catheter angiography demonstrated narrowing of several branch vessels of the thoracic aorta and arteries in the cervical region, compatible with a vasculopathy. The diagnosis of Takayasu's arteritis was made and medical treatment was eventually started.