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Ataxia telangiectasia with abnormal cellular immunity

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Ataxia telangiectasia (AT) is an autosomal recessive syndrome characterized by progressive cerebellar ataxia, immunodeficiency, which usually takes the form of sinopulmonary infectious, oculocutaneous telangiectasia, X-ray hypersensitivity, and predisposition to lymphoid malignancies. Ataxia telangiectasia should be suspected in the presence of progressive gait deterioration, recurrent sinopulmonary infections, inverted T4/T8 ration, reduced B-cell count and ocular/oculocutaneous telangiectasia and abnormal cellular immunity. Elevated alpha-feto protein is a confirmatory test and should be done in all patients with AT.

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