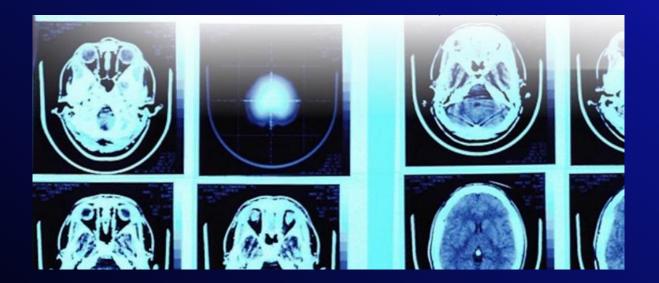
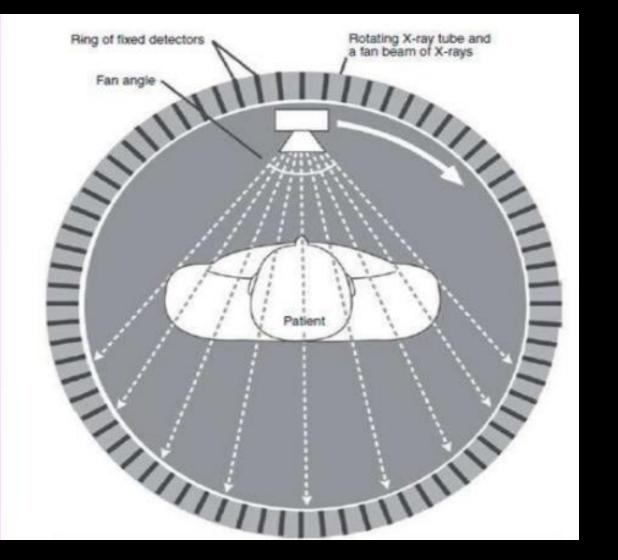
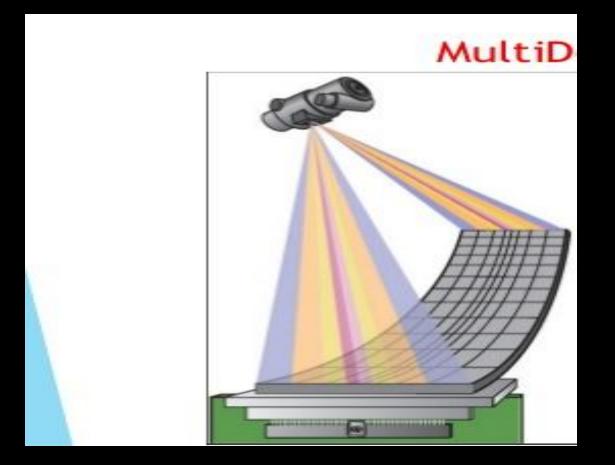
Introduction to Head CT Imaging







Multidetector CT scan

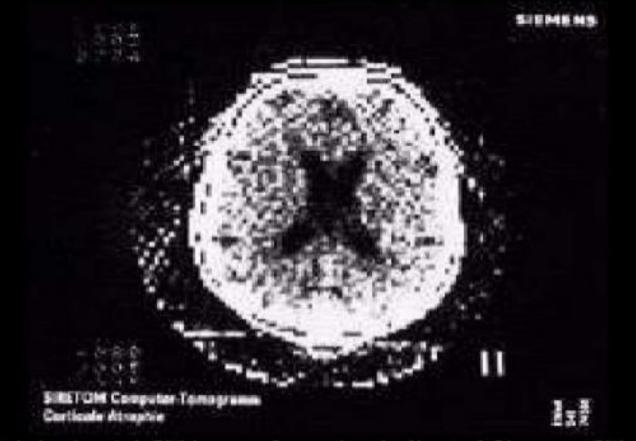












Original axial CT image from the dedicated Siretom CT scanner circa 1975. This image is a coarse 128 x 128 matrix

High resolution brain CT





CT vs. MRI		
	СТ	MRI
Obtained	X-ray beam	Magnetic fld
Bone	Bright	Dark
Cost	\$330	\$900
Plane	Axial	3-D
Technique	Adjust window	T1, T2, Pd
Length	10-20 minutes	30-60 min
Opening	Wide doughnut	Long, narrow

Advantages to CT

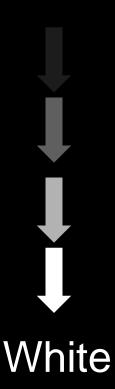
- Costs less than MRI
- Better access
- Shows up acute bleed
- A good quick screen
- Good visualization of bony structures and calcified lesions

Disadvantages to CT

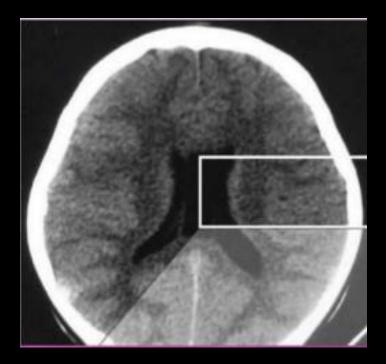
- Resolution
- Beam-hardening artifact
- Limited views of the posterior fossa and poor visualization of white-matter disease

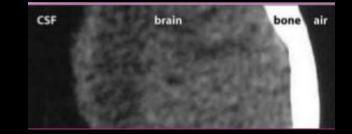
CT density

Black



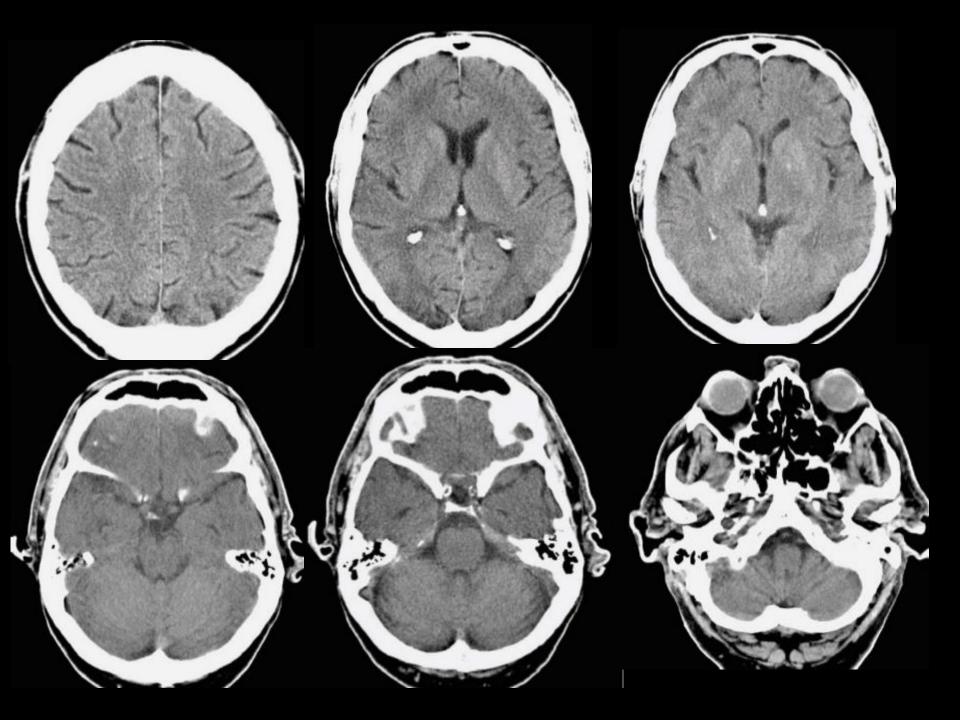
Structure/ Tissue	Hounsfield units
Air	-1000 to -600
Fat	-100 to -60
Water	0
CSF	+8 to 18
White matter	+30 to 41
Gray matter	+37 to 41
Acute blood	+50 to 100
Calcification	+140 to 200
Bone	+600 to 2000
metal	+1000-+10000



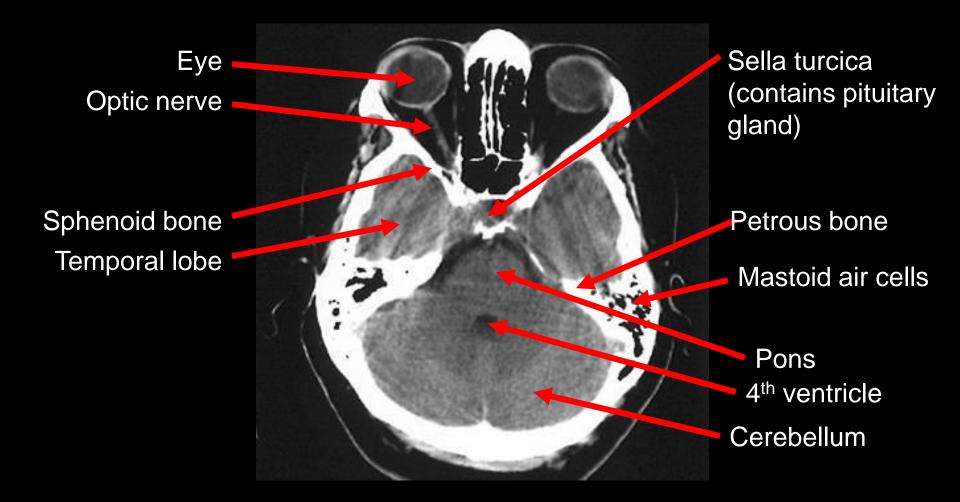


Normal brain CT scan report :

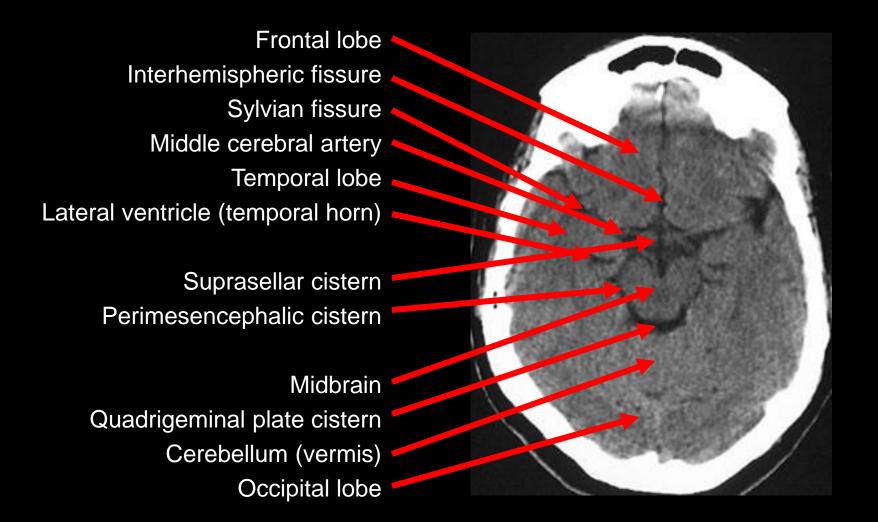
No brain focal lesion No midline shift No hydrocephalus



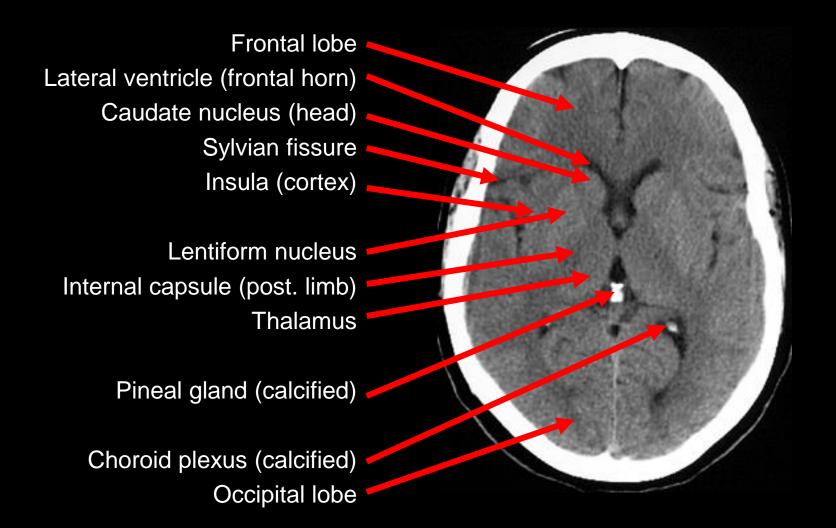
Normal Brain anatomy



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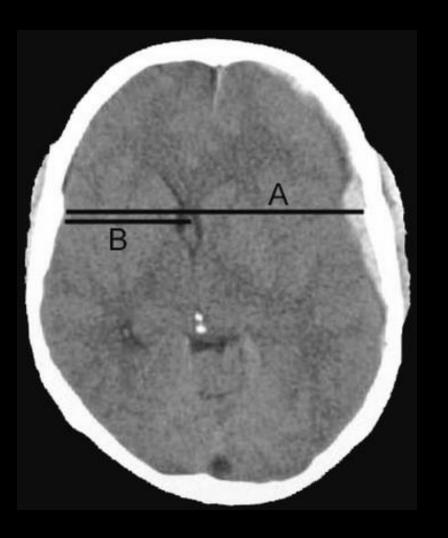
Brain Radiology Report

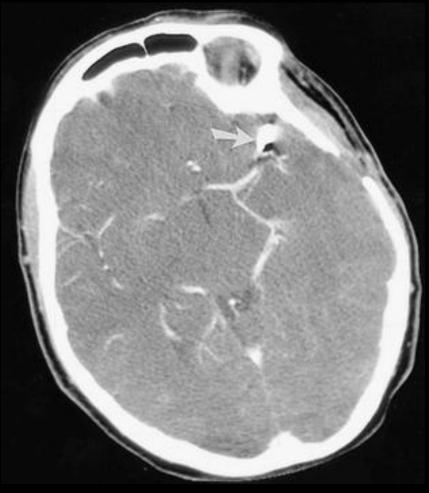
Look for: Brain focal lesions Midline shift Dilated ventricular system (Hydrocephalus)

Midline shift



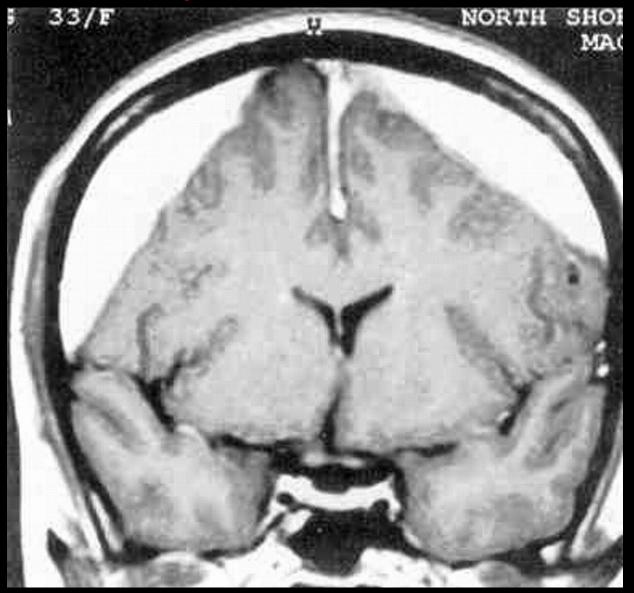
Midline shift v/s positional tilt



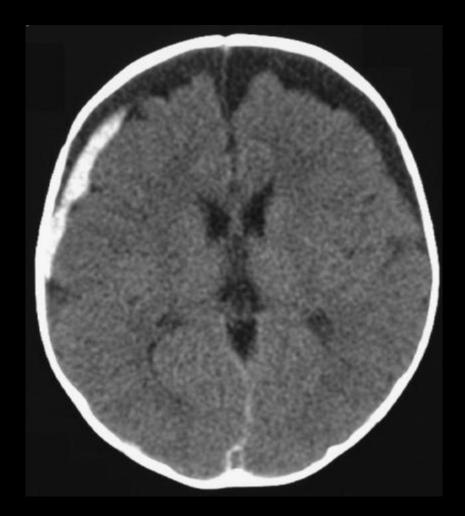


Not always there is midline shift (MLS), there could be pathologies that don't cause MLS

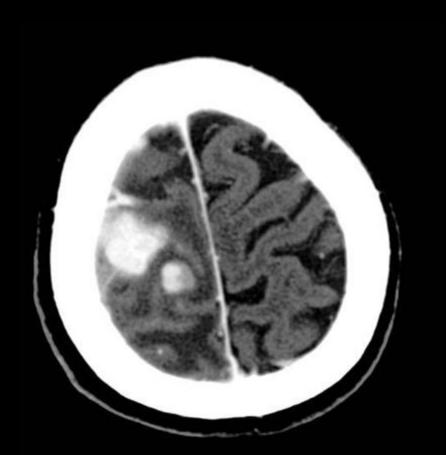
1) Bilateral







3) Lesion that are high up near the vertex

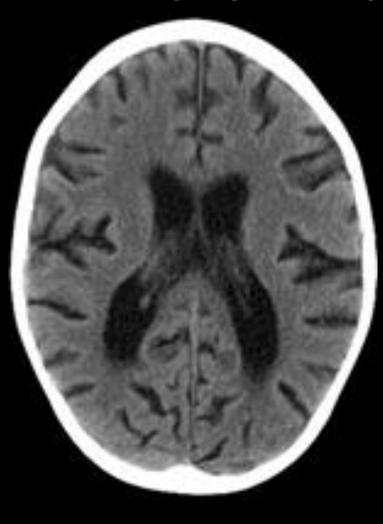


Ventricular Dilatation

Ex vacuo dilatation: due to diffuse brain atrophy

Hydrocephalus : communicating and non communicating

Brain atrophy v/s hydrocephalus





Brain focal leison



Abnormalities divided into :

Intraventricular

Intra-axial

Extra-axial

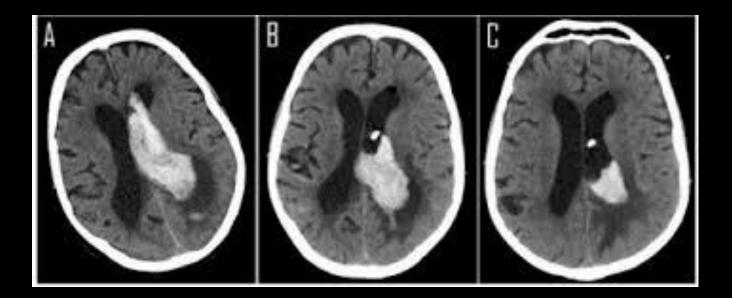
Intra-osseous

Scalp

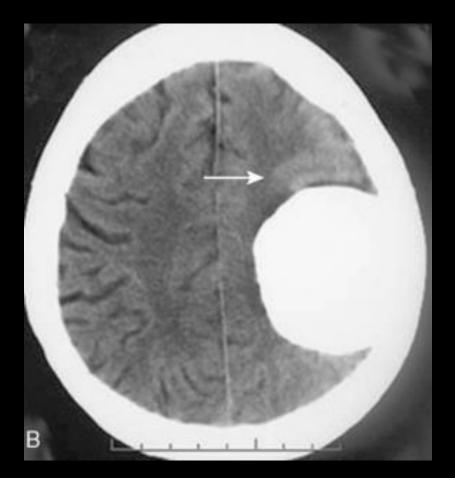
Intra-axial



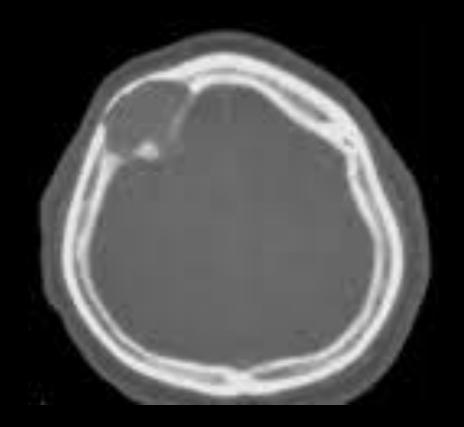
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Extra-axial

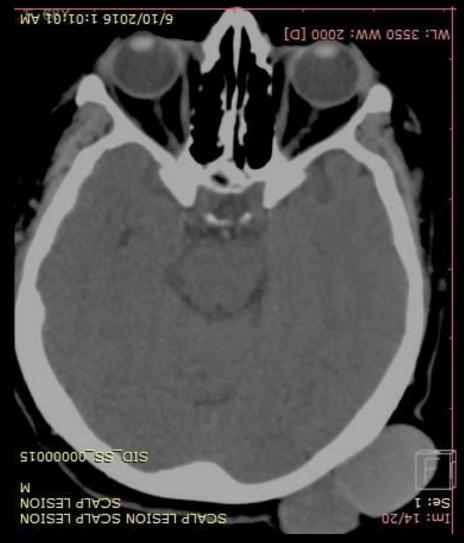


Intra-osseous



Scalp





Brain Pathology - CT

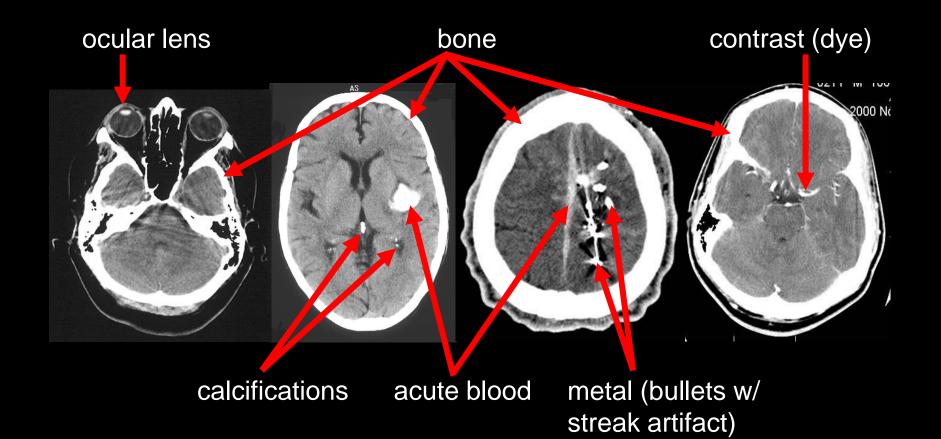
Brain pathology could be divided to two type according to their density on CT:

1- Hyperdense lesions

2- Isodense lesions

3- Hypodense lesions

Hyperdense things on CT



Isodense things on CT

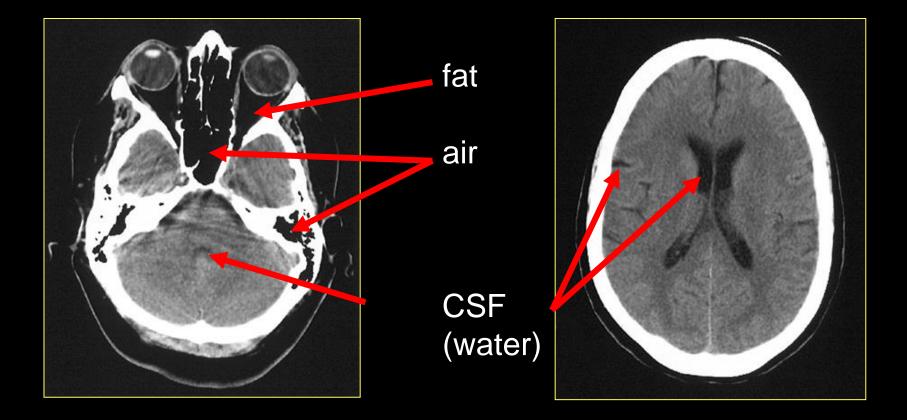
 Note that white matter is less dense than gray matter and therefore: white matter is <u>darker</u> than gray matter

Gray matter (cerebral cortex)

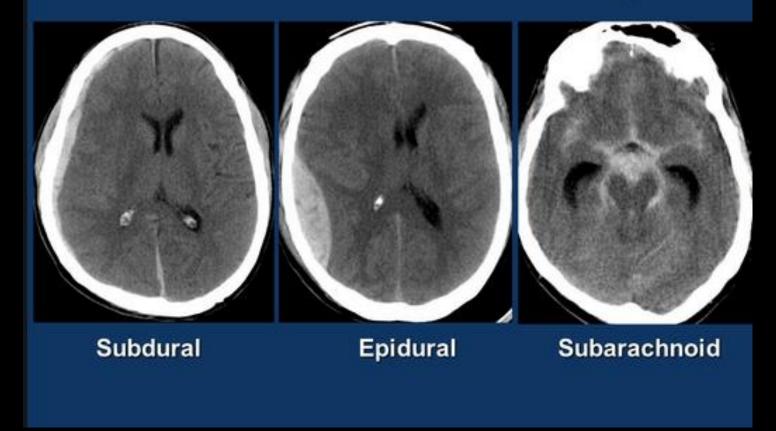
Gray matter (basal ganglia)

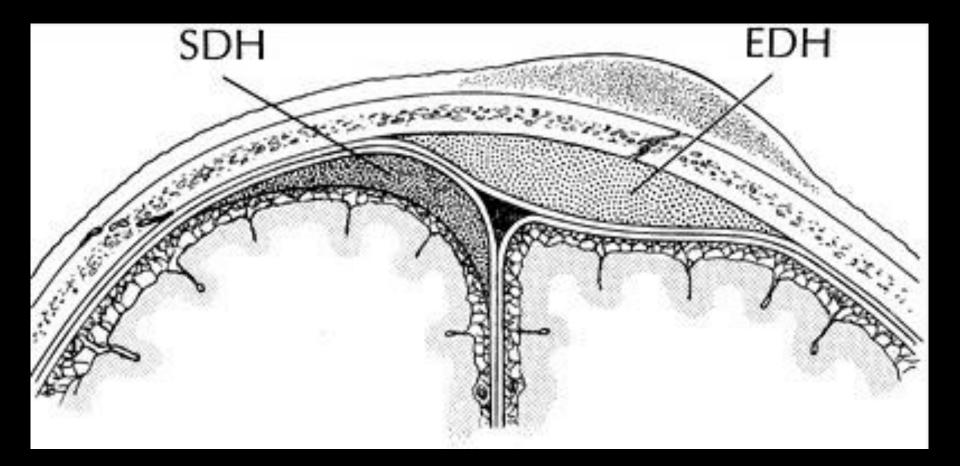
White matter

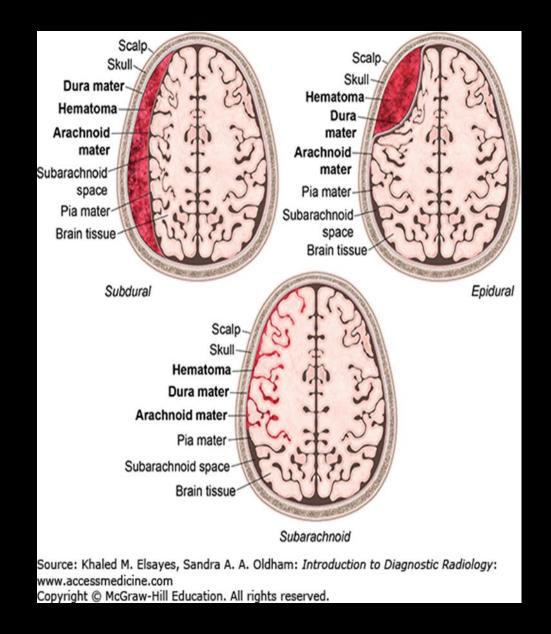
Hypodense things on CT



Extra-axial Hemorrhage







Epidural hematoma (EDH)

- Mechanism: low-velocity blunt trauma to the head
- Types:
- • Arterial EDH, 90% (middle meningeal artery)
- • Venous EDH, 10% (sinus laceration, meningeal vein)
 - Posterior fossa: transverse or sigmoid sinus laceration (common)
 - Parasagittal: tear of superior sagittal sinus
- Large EDHs are neurosurgical emergencies.
- Small (<5 mm thick) EDHs adjacent to fractures are common and do not represent a clinical emergency.
- 95% of all EDHs are associated with fractures.

Epidural hematoma

Imaging Features

Arterial EDH:

- 95% are unilateral, temporoparietal
- Biconvex, lenticular shape
- Does not cross suture lines
- May cross dural reflections (falx tentorium), in contradistinction to subdural hematoma (SDH)
- Commonly associated with skull fractures

<u>Venous EDH</u>

- More variable in shape (low-pressure bleed)
- Often requires delayed imaging because of delayed onset of bleed after trauma

Epidural hemorrhage

Origin: Arterial (middle meningeal artery) – associated with skull fracture

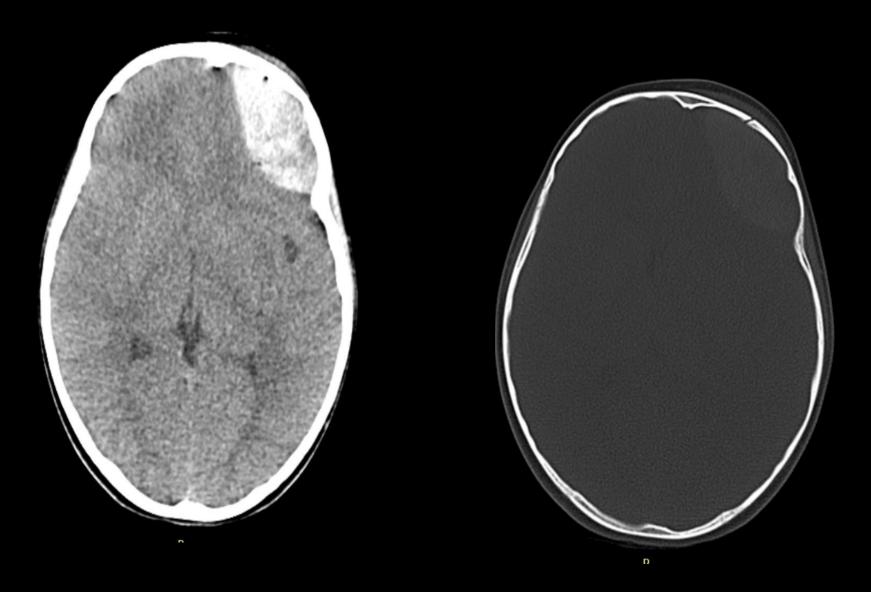
Lens in shape

Treatment: surgical - Craniotomy

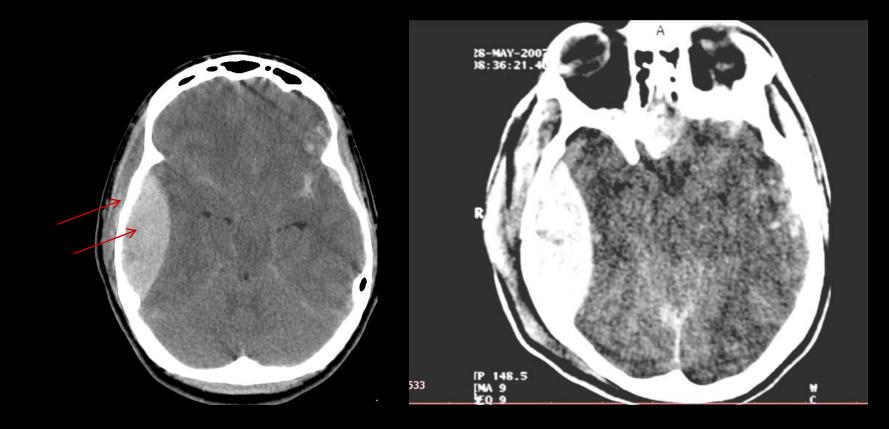


Acute epidural hemorrhage





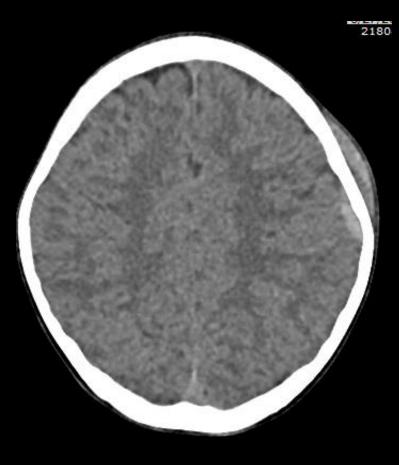
Acute epidural hemorrhage with overlying fracture

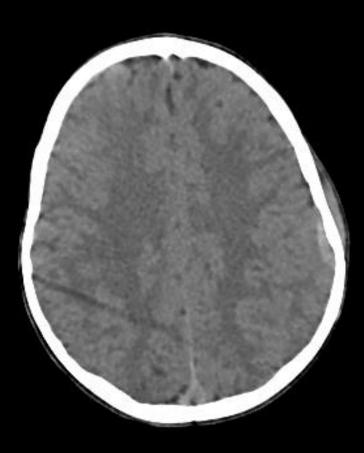


Note the soft tissue swelling adjacent to the hematoma explaining the mechanism of the injury

Isodense epidural

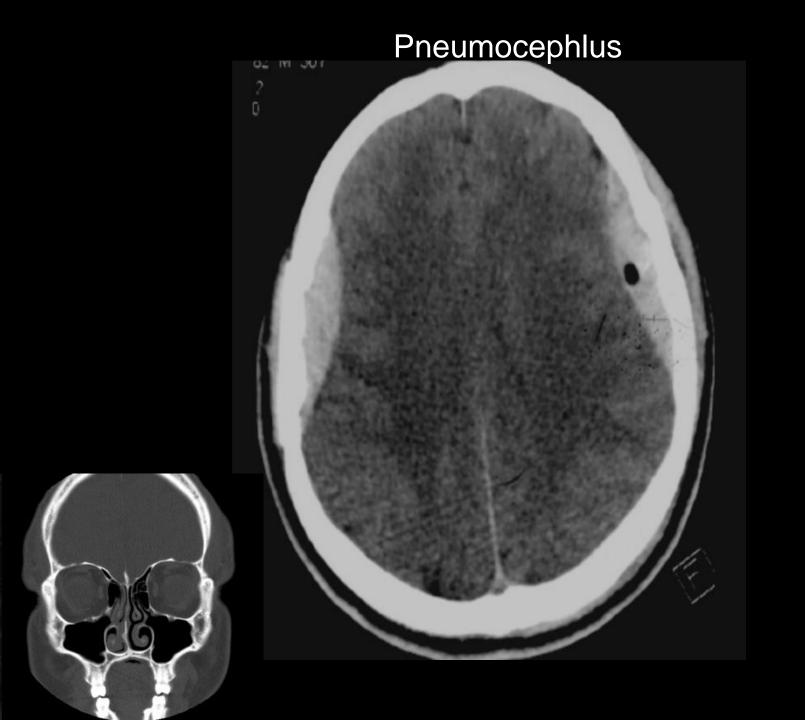
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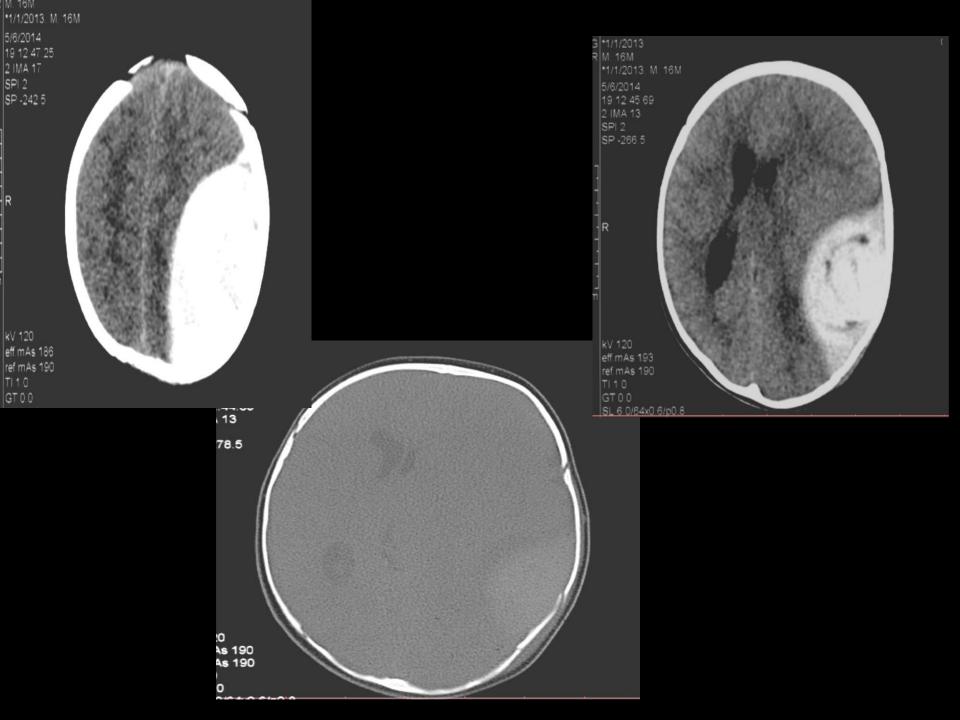


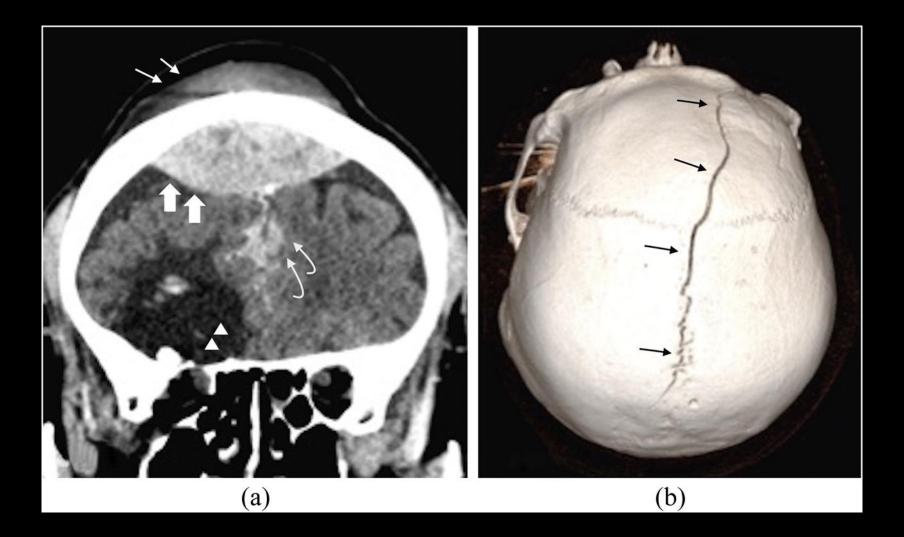
After 3 days follow up

The epidural with hypodensity : Clotting Pneumocephlus whirl sign









Subdural hematoma (SDH)

Mechanism: caused by traumatic tear of bridging veins (rarely arteries).

In contradistinction to EDH, of skull fractures.

Common in infants (child abuse; 80% are bilateral or interhemispheric) and elderly patients (20% are bilateral).

Subdural hematoma (SDH)

Imaging Features

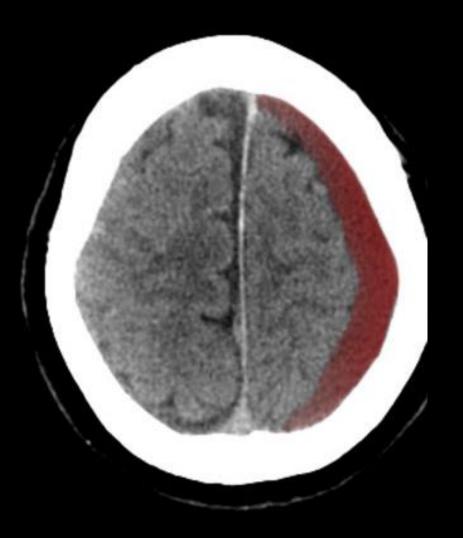
- 95% supratentorial
- Crescentic shape along brain surface
- Crosses suture lines
- Does not cross dural reflections (falx, tentorium)
- MRI > CT particularly for:
- Bilateral hematomas
- Interhemispheric hematomas
- Hematomas along tentorium
- Subacute SDH

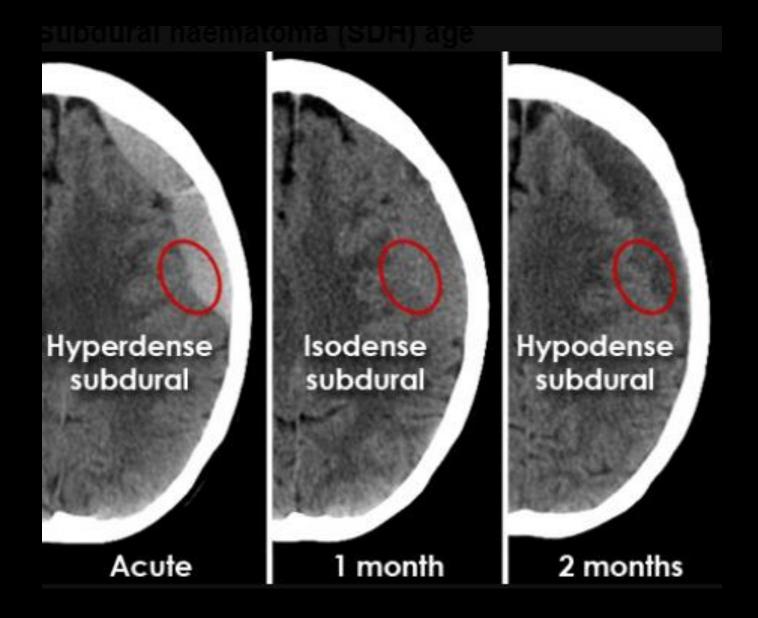
Subdural hemorrhage

Origin: Venous

Treatment: Burr hole

Cresent (semilunar) in shape

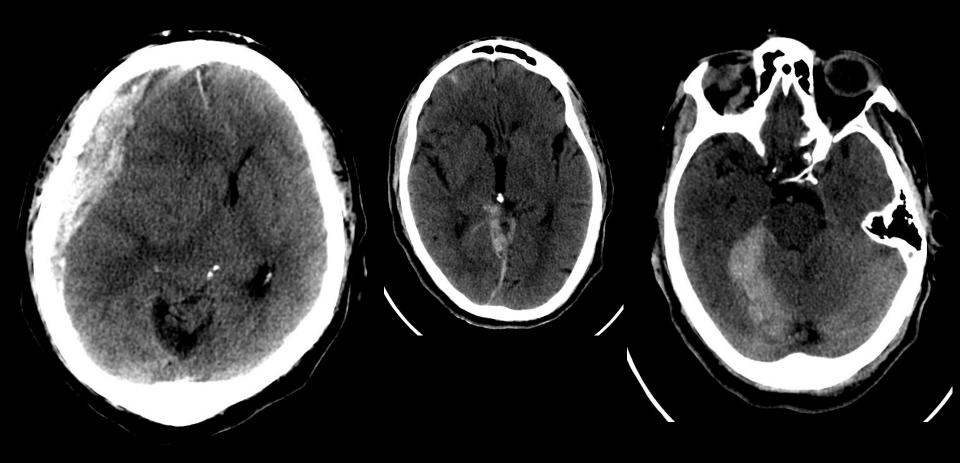




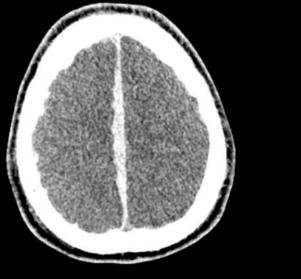
Stages of Subdural hemorrhage

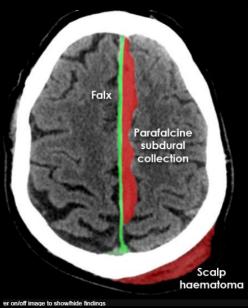
Stage of hemorrhage	Appearance	Blood product
Acute (days)	Hyperdense	Oxyhemoglobin Deoxyhemoglobin
Subacute (Weeks)	Isodense	Methemoglobin (Intracellular and extracellular)
Chronic (months)	Hypodense	Ferritin Hemosiderin

Acute Subdural Hematoma







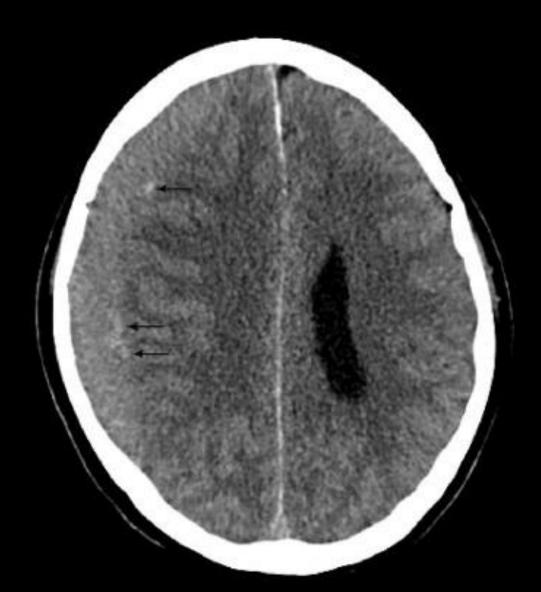




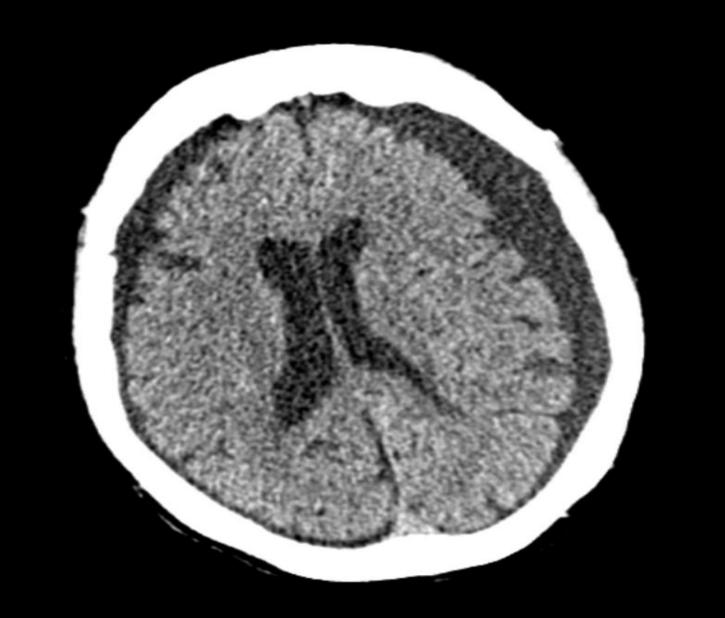
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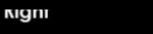


Subacute Subdural Hemorrhage

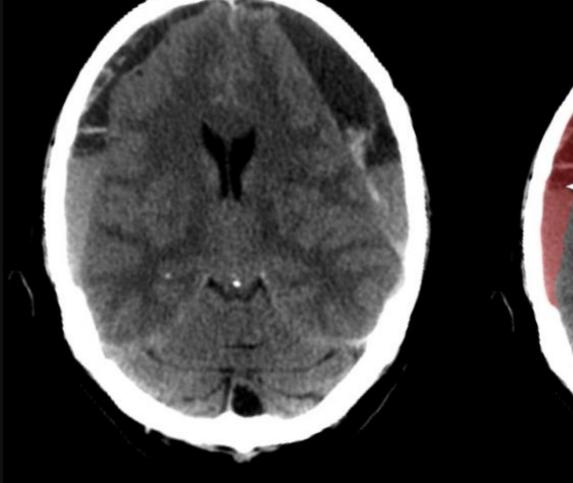


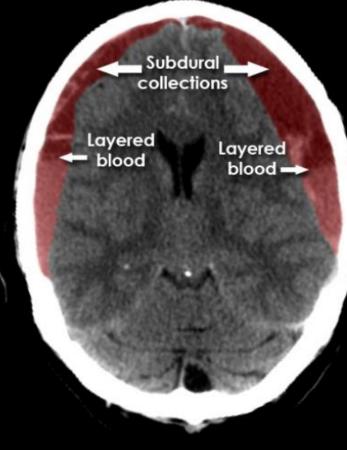




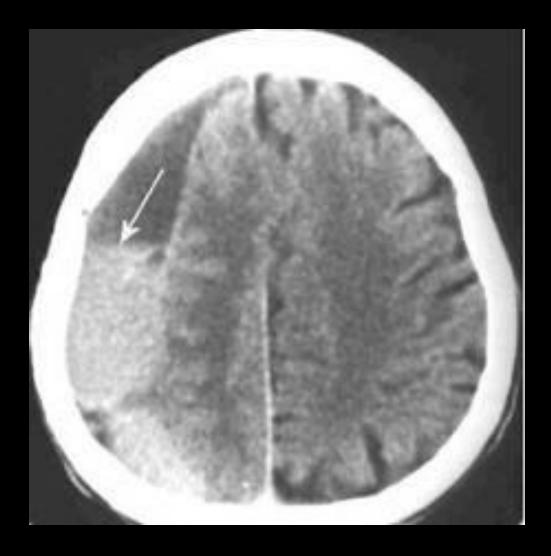


Chronic SDH. with rebleeding





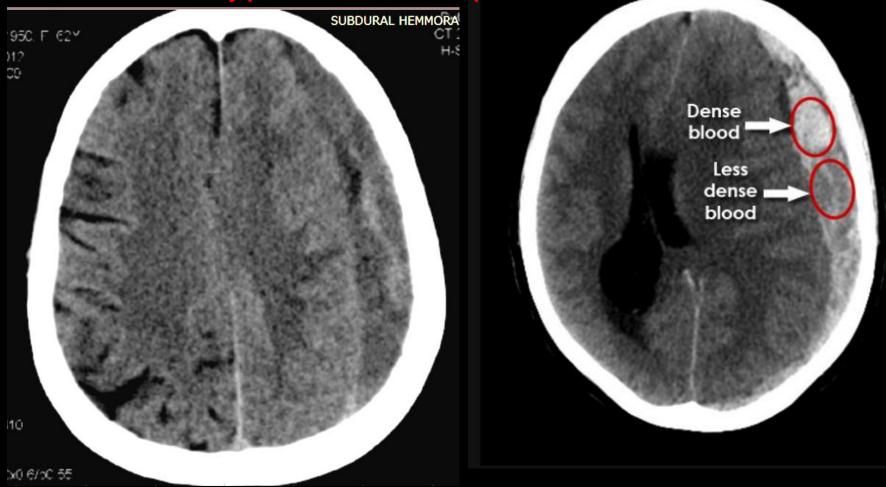
Acute on top of chronic Subdural Hemorrhage





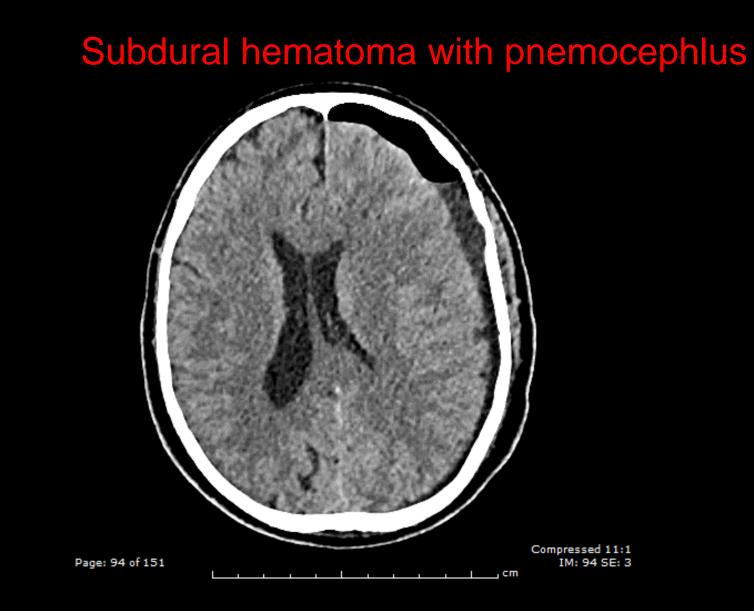


Hyperacute component



The less dense blood (grey) is not due to a chronic haematoma, it is hyperacute blood which has not yet had time to clot





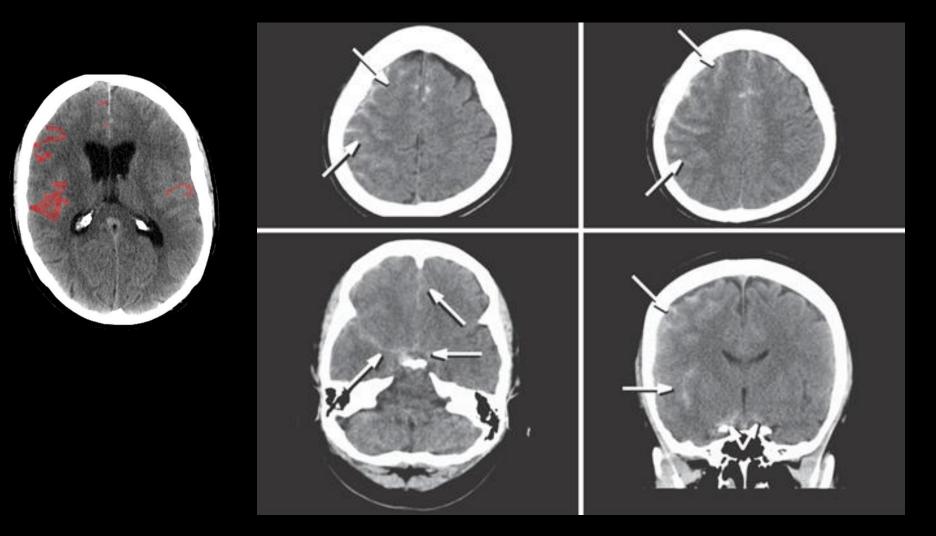


Subarachnoid hemorrhage

Mechanism:results from injury to small subarachnoid vessels or extension of intraparenchymal hemorrhage beyond the pial limiting membrane and into the subarachnoid space.

CT: SAH appears as areas of high-density conforming to the shape of the cerebral sulci and basal cisterns.

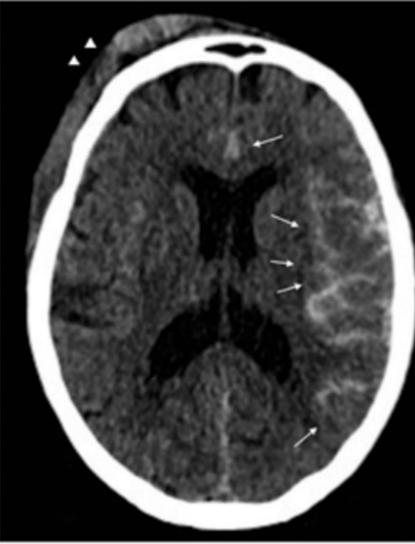
- Subarachnoid Hemorrhage : post trauma or ruptured aneurysm













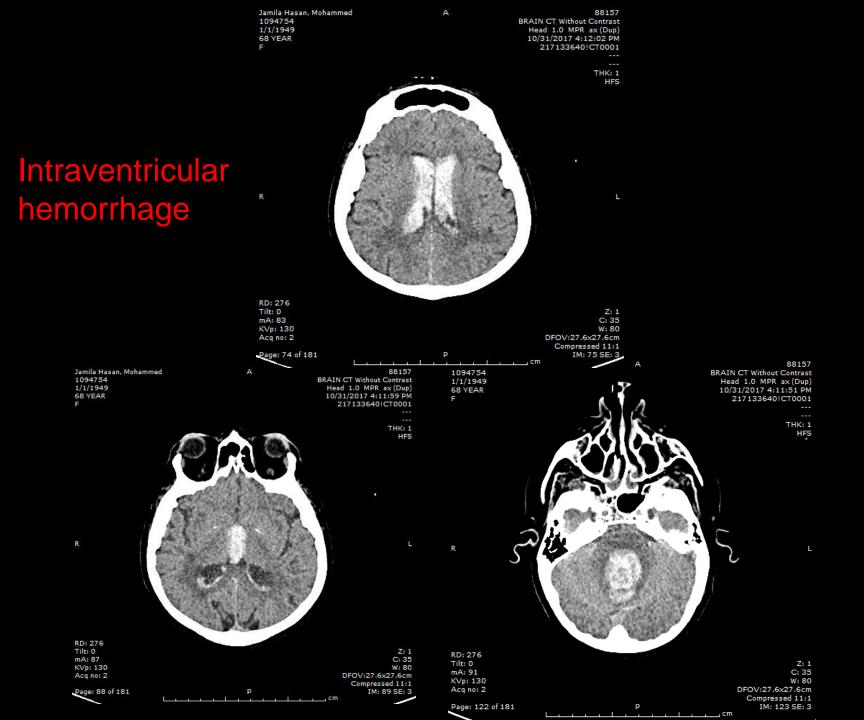
Intraventricular hemorrhage

Mechanism:

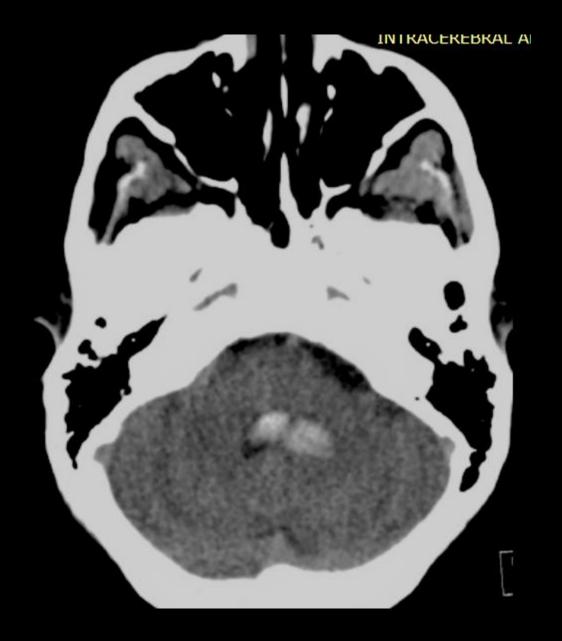
- result from shearing of the choroid plexus or subependymal veins along the surface of the ventricles,
- an extension of a parenchymal hematoma into the ventricles,
- by retrograde flow of blood from a SAH into the ventricular system .

Patients with IVH can develop complications including hydrocephalus and even ependymitis

Imaging features: On CT, IVH is most commonly seen as hyperdense collections that layer within the occipital horns .









Primary intra-axial injuries

Includes:

Diffuse axonal injury

Cortical contusion

Intracerebral hematoma

Brain stem injury

Cortical contusion

Mechanism: when the brain forcibly impacts the irregular surface of the overlying skull, which typically occurs at (coup injury) or opposite (contrecoup) the site of blunt trauma.

Contusions frequently contain hemorrhagic foci ranging in size from punctate cortical surface petechiae to much larger confluent regions of hemorrhage occupying an entire lobe.

Imaging tigel contusion

Multifocal and bilateral, usually involving the superficial grey matter.

Location:

Anterior temporal lobes, 50% (adjacent the petrous bone and posterior to the greater *sphenoid wing*)

Frontal lobes, 30% (superior to the cribriform plate, orbit roof and lesser sphenoid wing)

CT appeared as irregular hyperdense foci at gyral surfaces with associated areas of surrounding vasogenic edema

Intraparenchymal hematomas

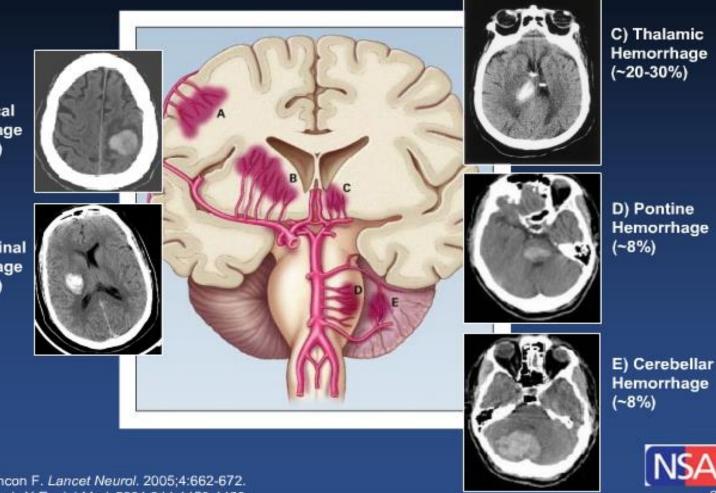
Mechanism: result from injury to intraparenchymal arteries or veins secondary to rotational strain or penetrating trauma .

Intraparenchymal hematomas are usually located **deeper** in the brain parenchyma compared with cerebral contusions, but hematomas may also develop from a superficial cortical contusion.

intracerebral hemorrhage

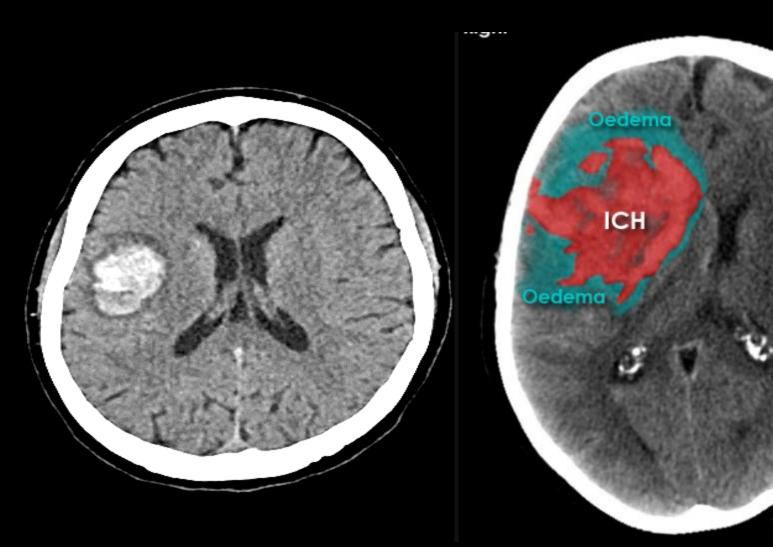
A) Lobar Subcortical Hemorrhage (~20-30%)

B) Putaminal Hemorrhage (~40-50%)

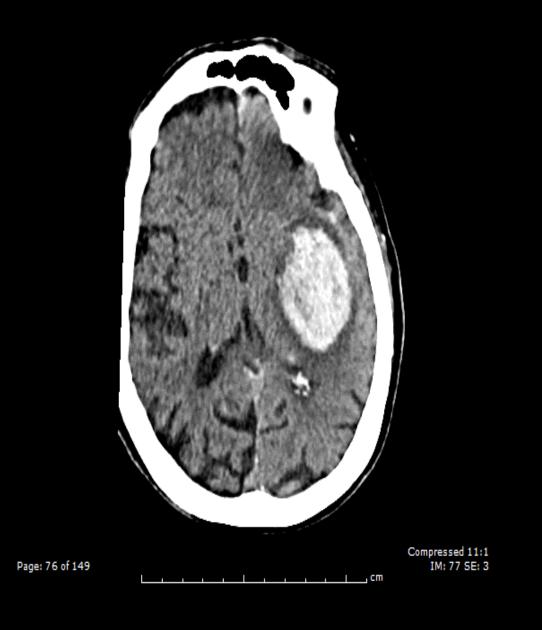


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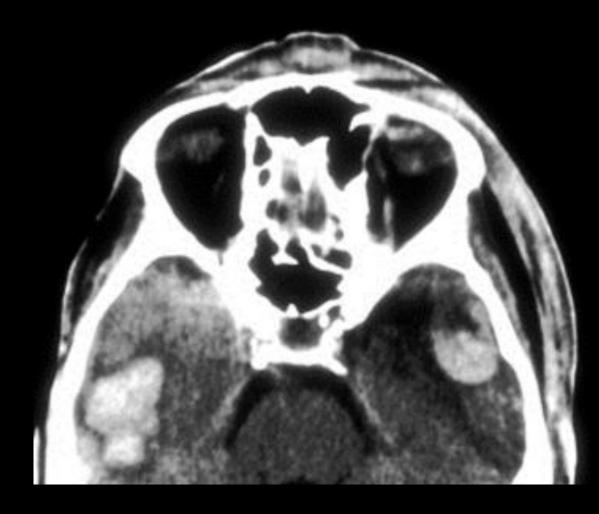
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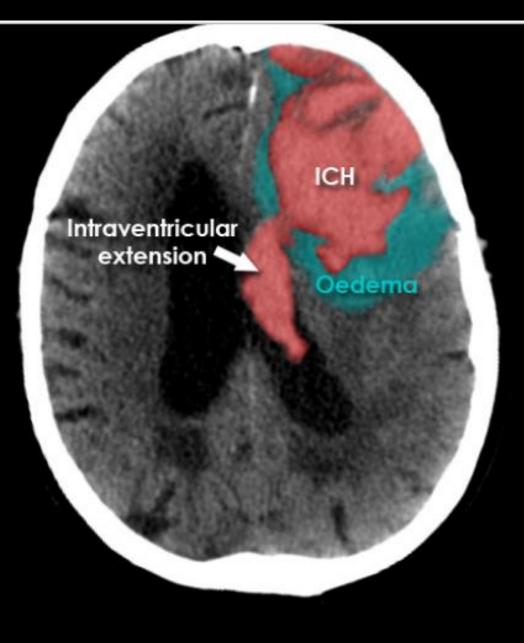


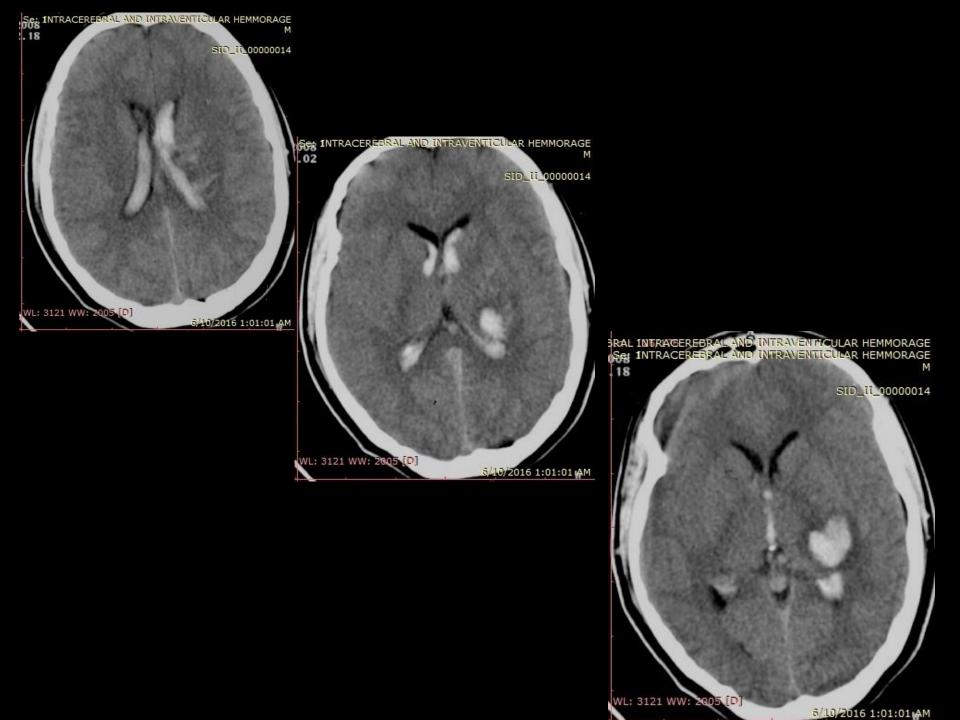




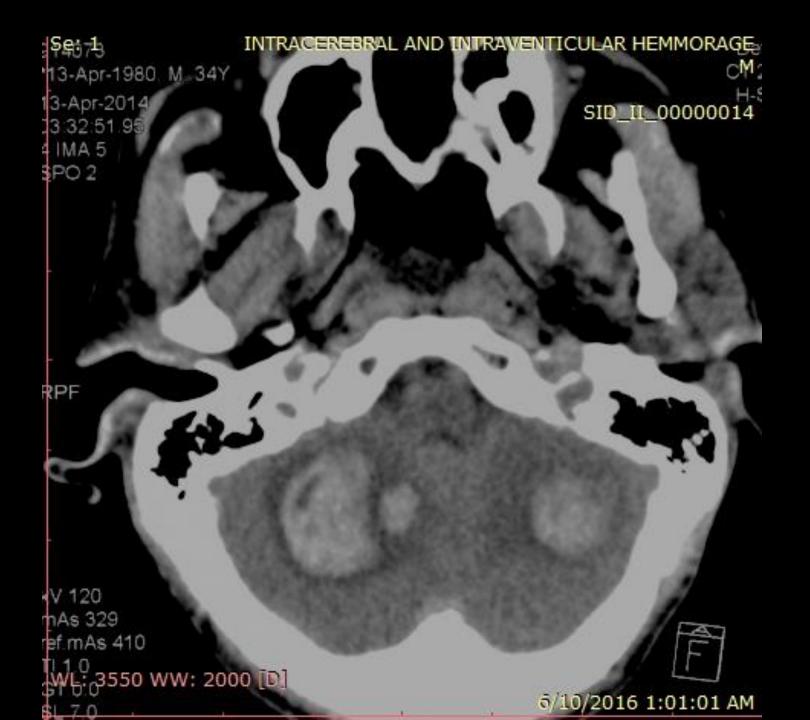












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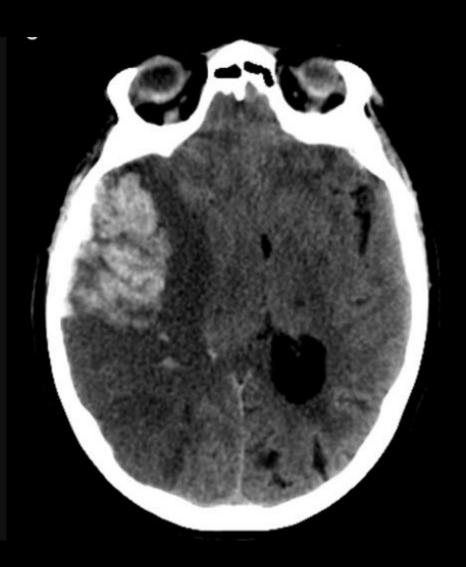
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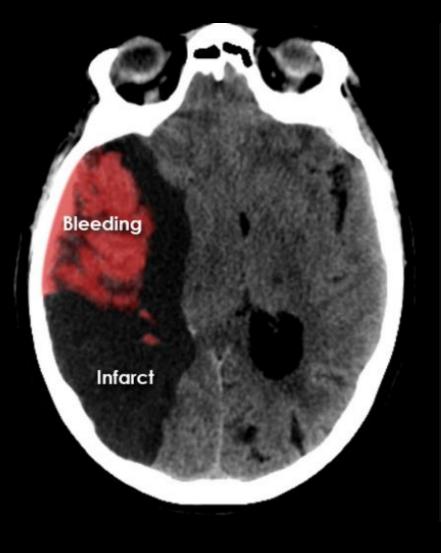
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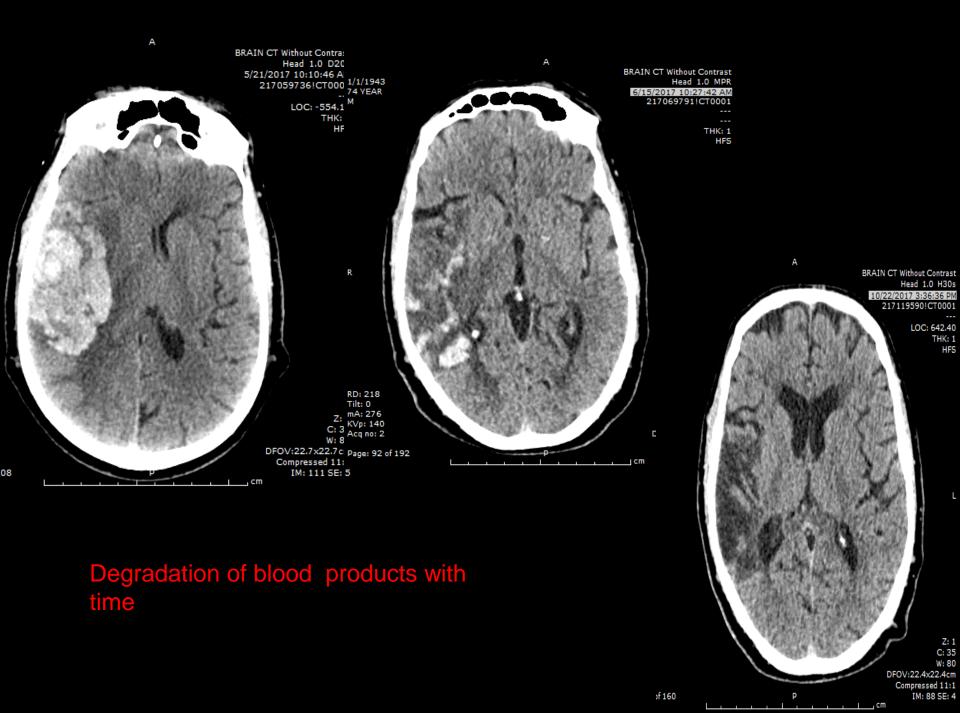
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Infarct with haemorrhagic transformation



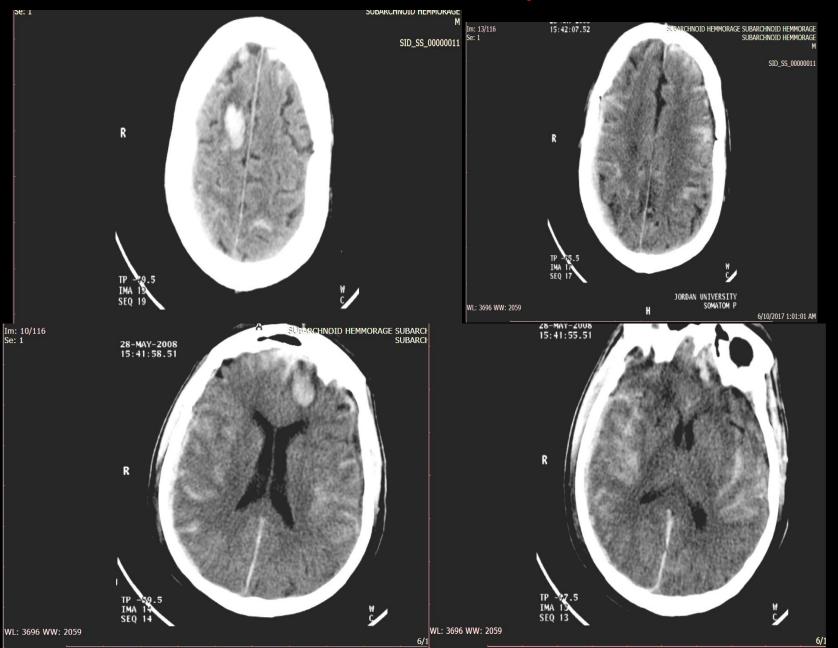




Different types of hemorrhage in the same patient

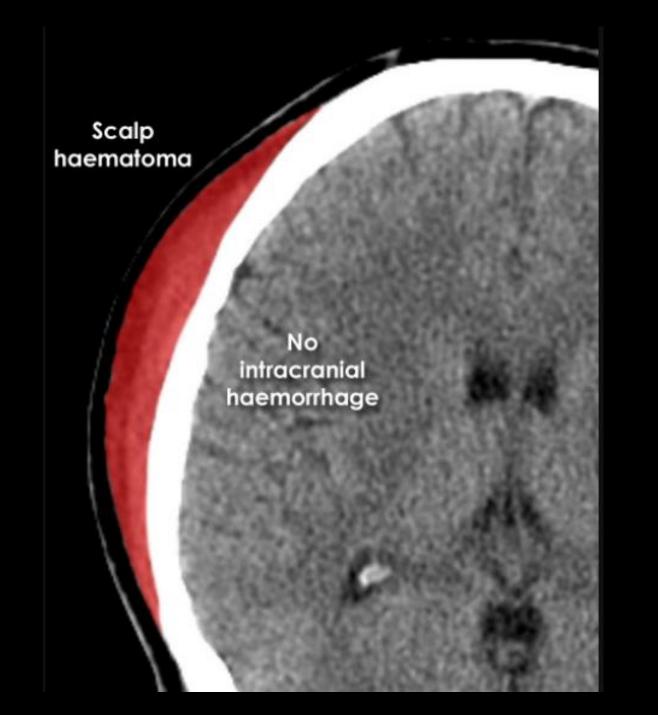


Another example



Cephalohematoma

Traumatic subperiosteal haematomas of the skull that are usually caused by birth injury. They are bound between the periosteum and cranium, and therefore cannot cross sutures. Being bound by a suture line distinguishes them from subgaleal haematoma, which can cross sutures.



Cephalo-hematoma

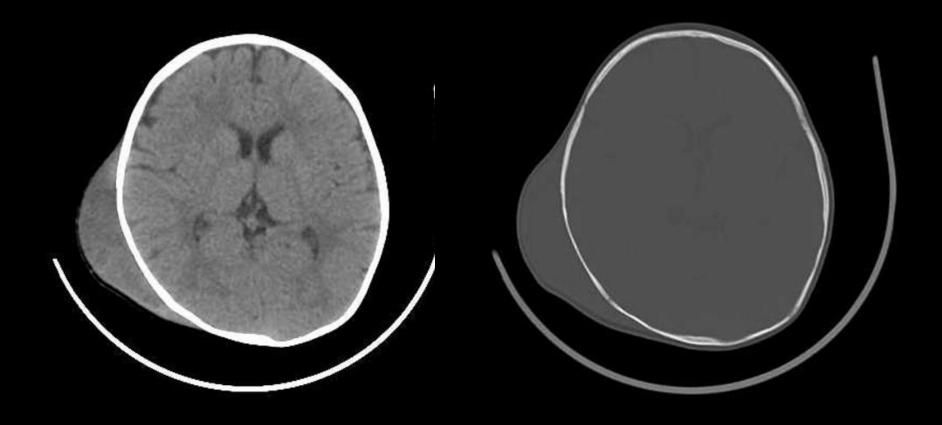


Subgaleal hematoma

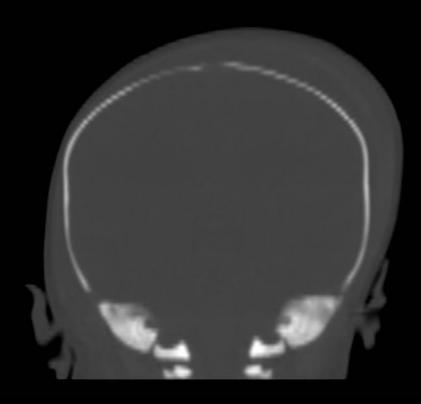
Describes scalp bleeding in the potential space between the periosteum and the galeal aponeurosis. It is a rare but possibly lethal emergency.

Bleeding occurs as a result of rupture to emissary veins which drain the scalp veins into the dural sinuses

Due to being superficial to the periosteum, subgaleal haematomas are able to cross suture lines and surround the entire skull.







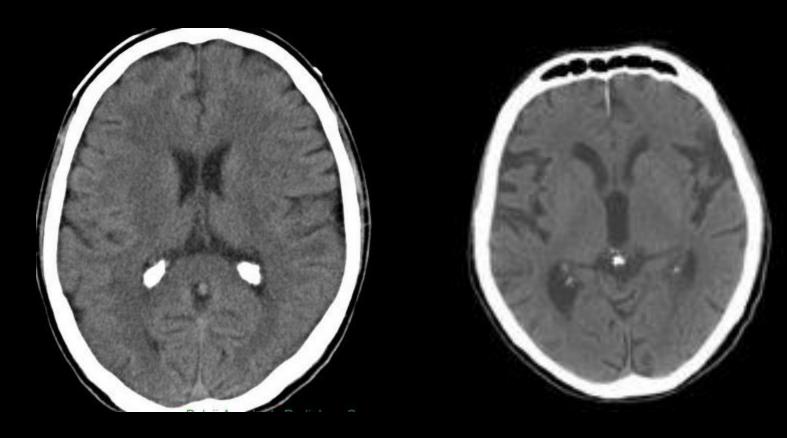
Calcification

- Normal variation
- Pathological :
- 1- AVM
- 2-Infection (congenital in pediatrics)
- 3- Tumors
- 4 metabolic

Calcification

1- Normal variation/ normal aging
basal ganglia , vascular calcifications ,Choroid plexus
, Pineal gland , dentate nuclues , calcified falx .

Choroid plexus and Pineal gland

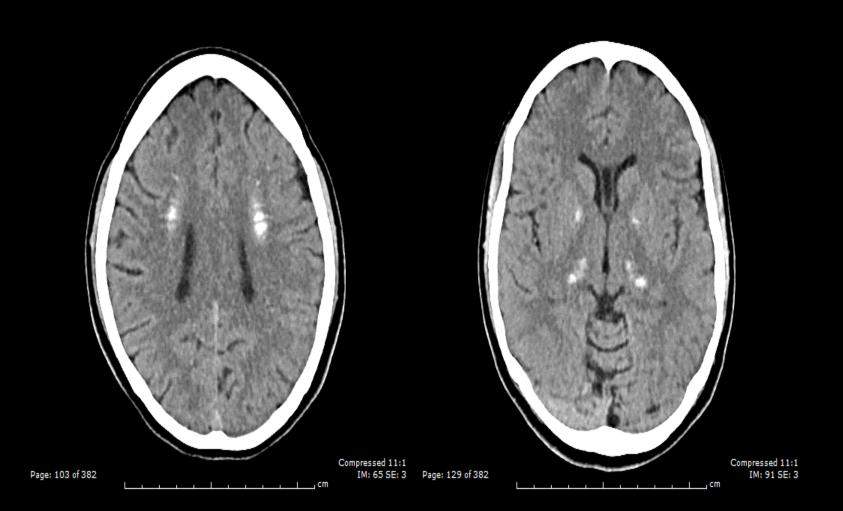


Basal ganglia



Basal ganglia





Dentate nucleus

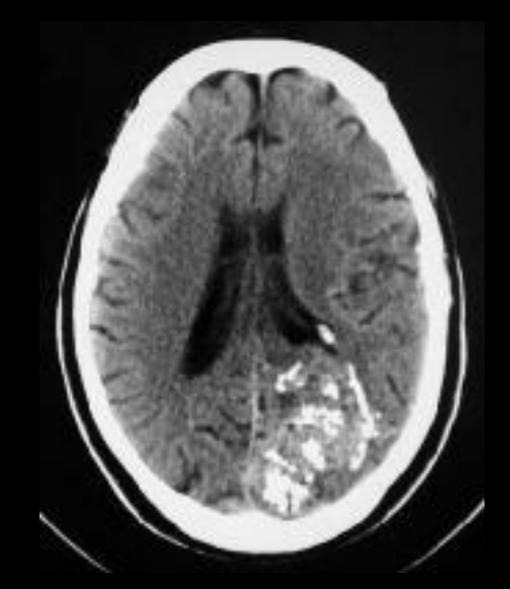


vascular calcification

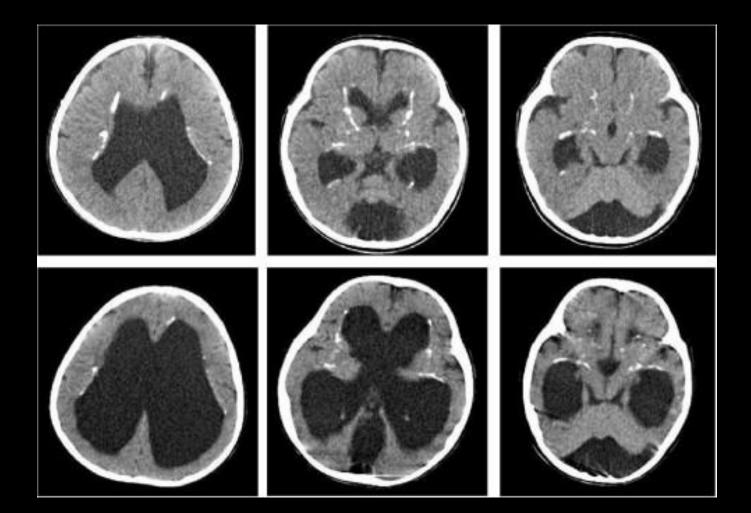


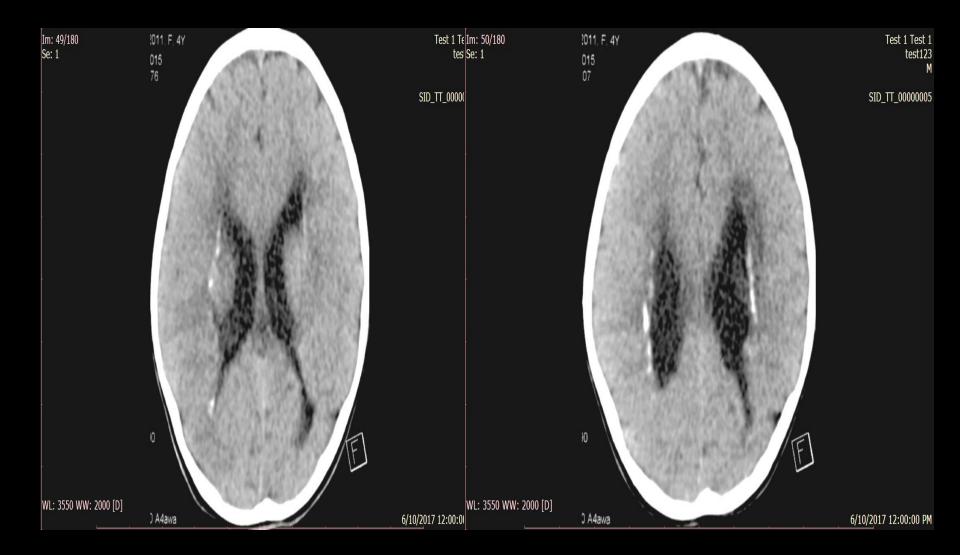
Pathological Calcification

AVM



Infection (congenital) : TORCH





metabolic







Tumors that usually calcifies :

Meningioma

Craniopharangioma

Low grade astrocytoma

Oligodendroglioma

Meningioma

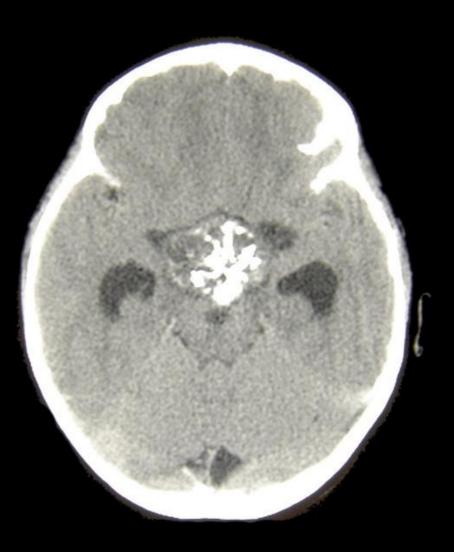




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Craniopharangioma



Low grade Astrocytoma



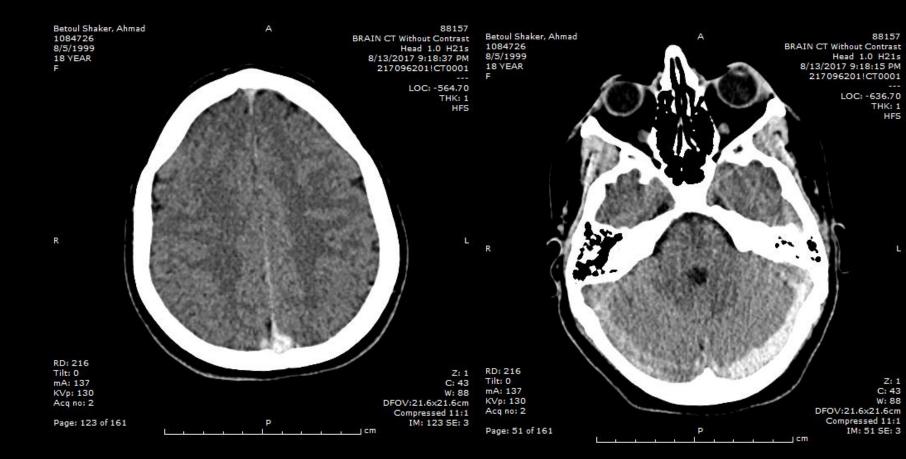
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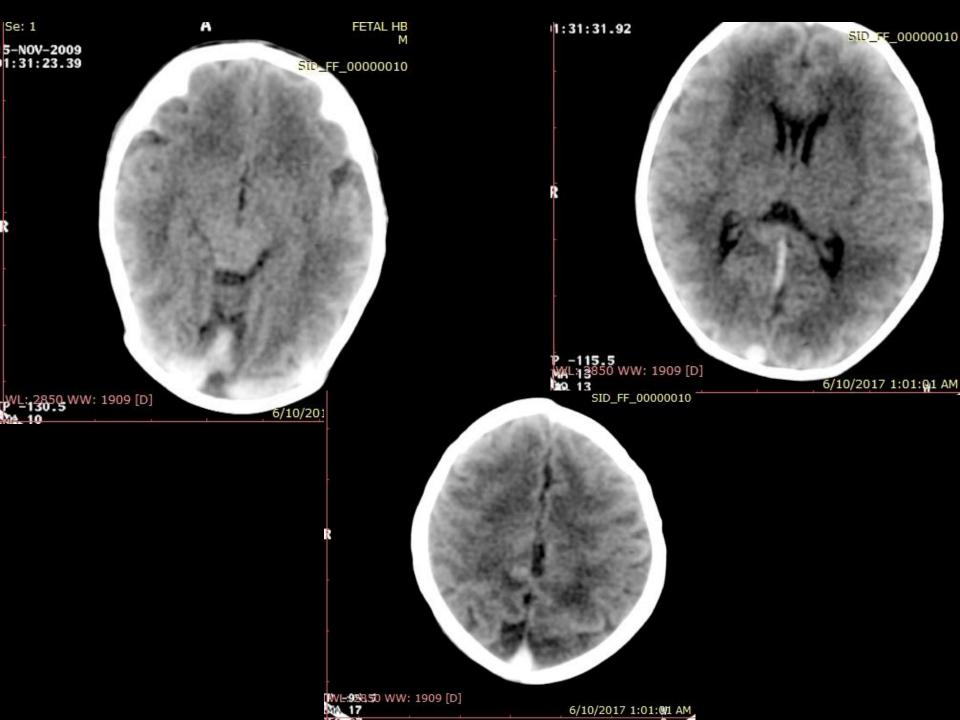
Thrombosed cerebral venous sinuses

Thrombosed cerebral venous sinuses





Fetal HB









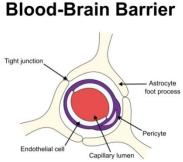
Contrast enhancing lesions

Benign Malignant

When there is breakage in BBB, there will be enhancement

Structures that normally enhance(no BBB) :

pineal gland, pituitary gland and choroid plexus



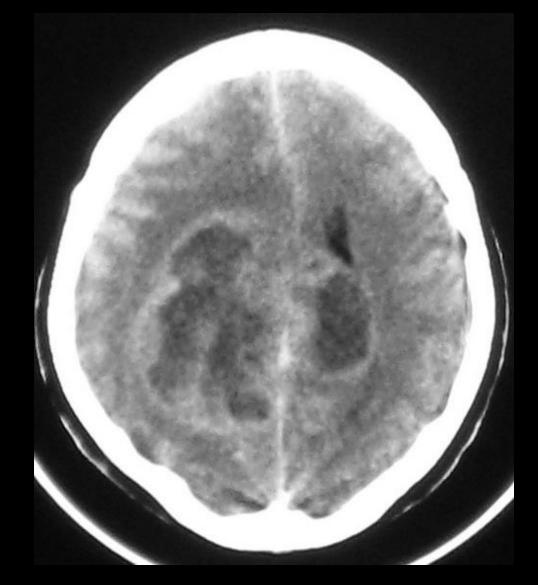
© Lineage

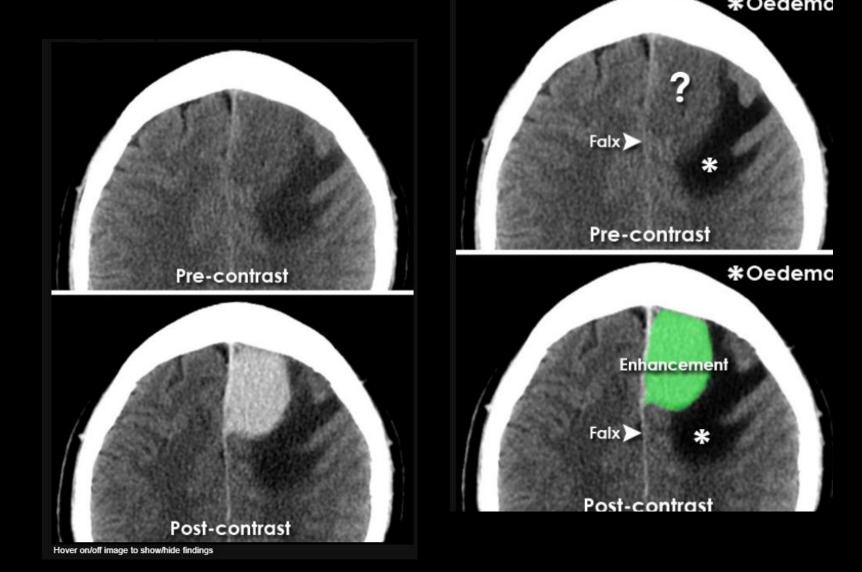
Benign: Meningioma

Benign: Abscess



Malignant : GBM





Before contrast is given this meningioma is barely visible

Post-contrast it enhances brightly and its location next to the meningeal surface (falx) is clearly seen

Cerebral oedema - black area next to the meningioma (**asterisk**) - is a finding often associated with a large meningioma

Hypodense Lesions:

1- Fluid 2- air

3- Fat

Hypodense Lesions:

Fluid:

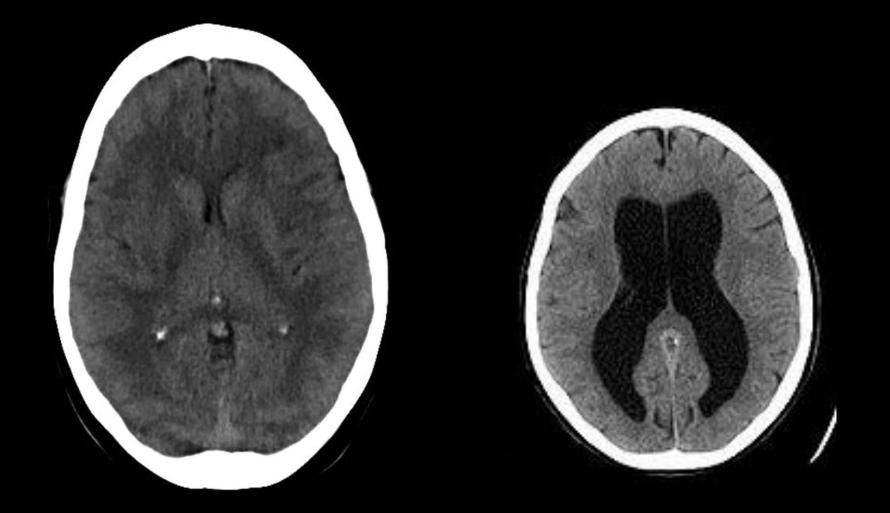
CSF: normal v/s hydrocephalus

Edema: vasogenic v/s cytotoxic

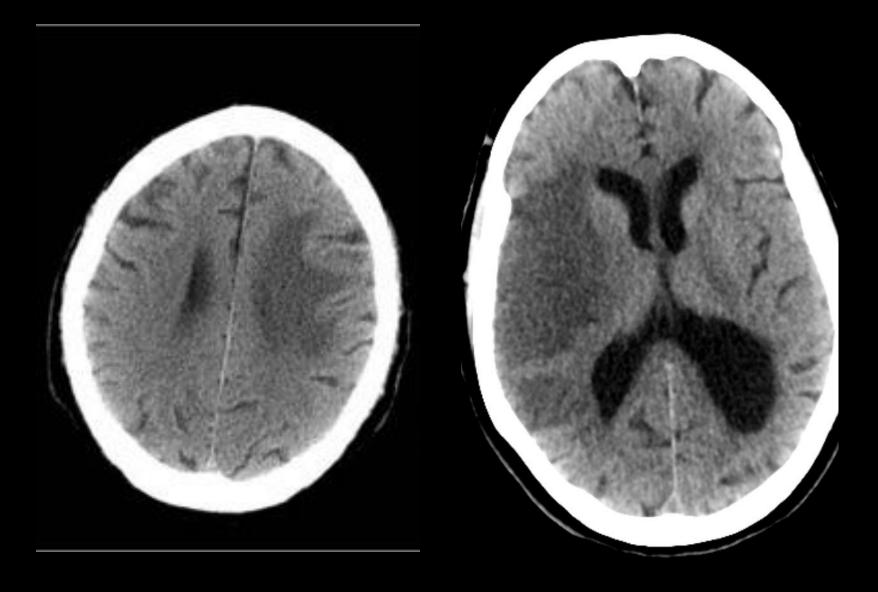
Diffuse brain edema

Necrotic tissue: tumor v/s abscess

CSF: normal v/s hydrocephalus

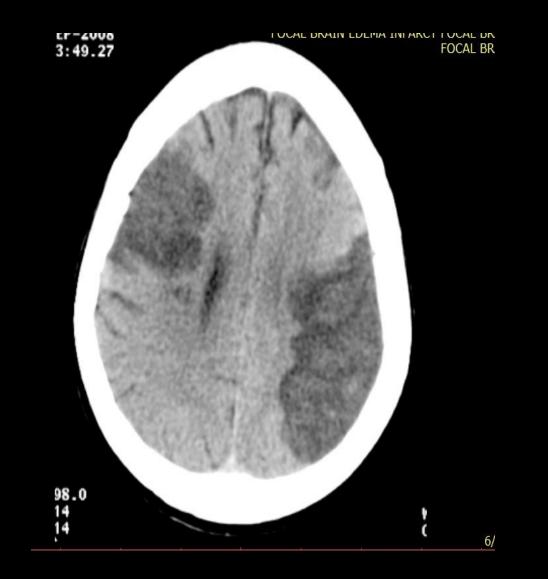


Edema: vasogenic v/s cytotoxic Mass lesion v/s infarction



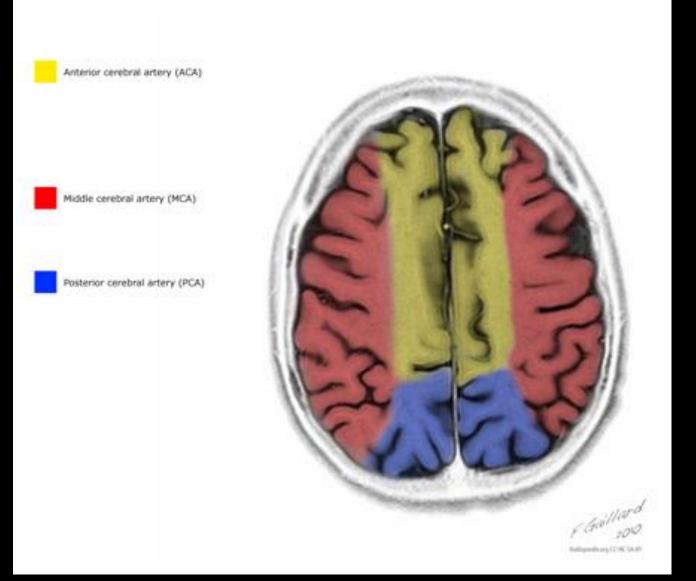


Vasogenic edema

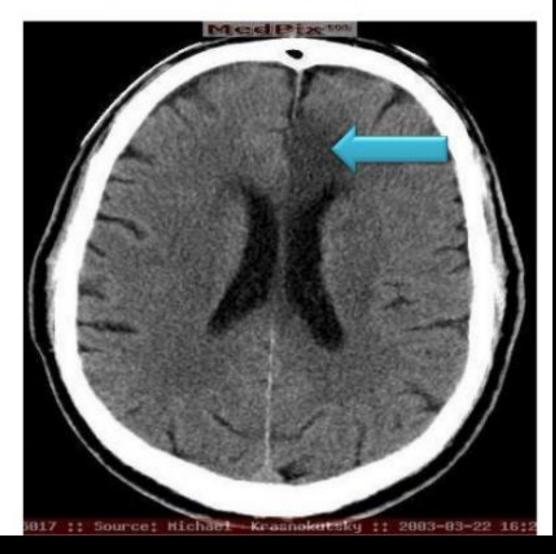


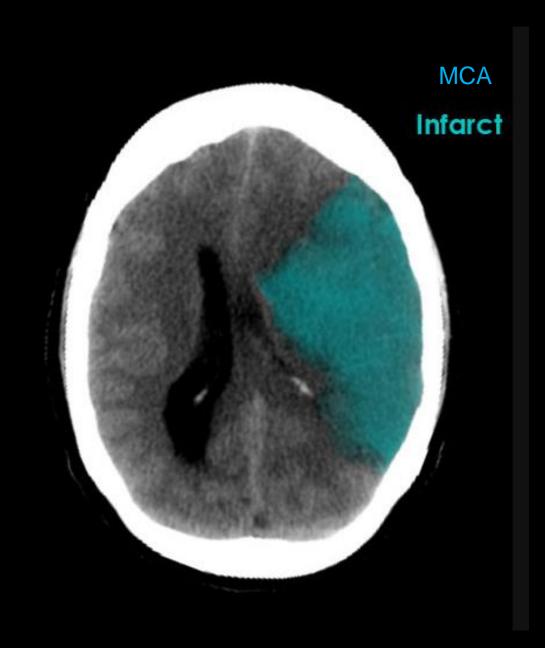
Cytotoxic edema

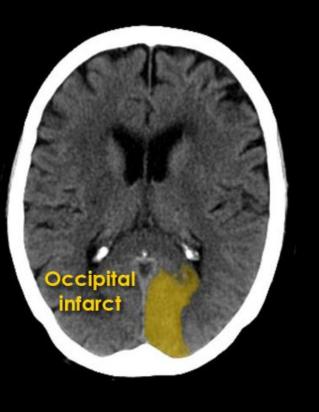
Cerebral Vascular Territories



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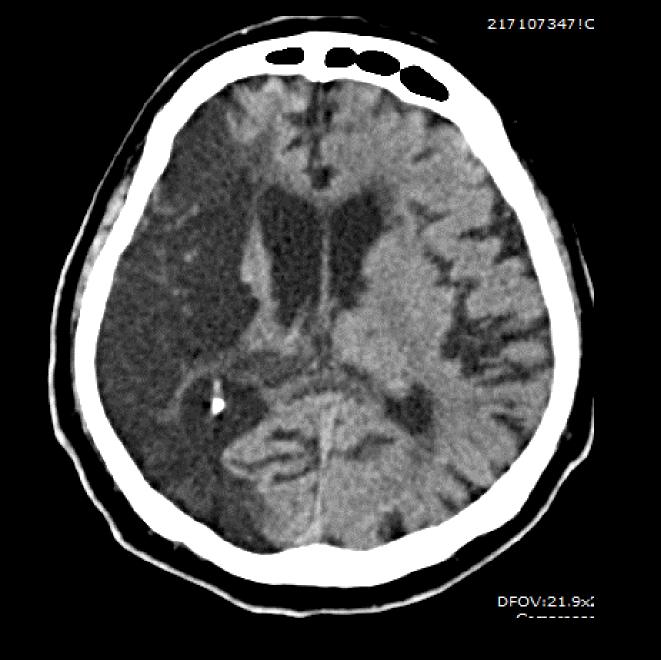




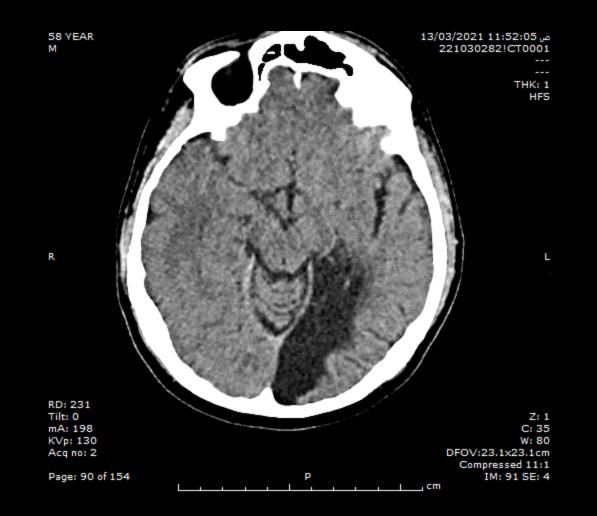


PCA infarct







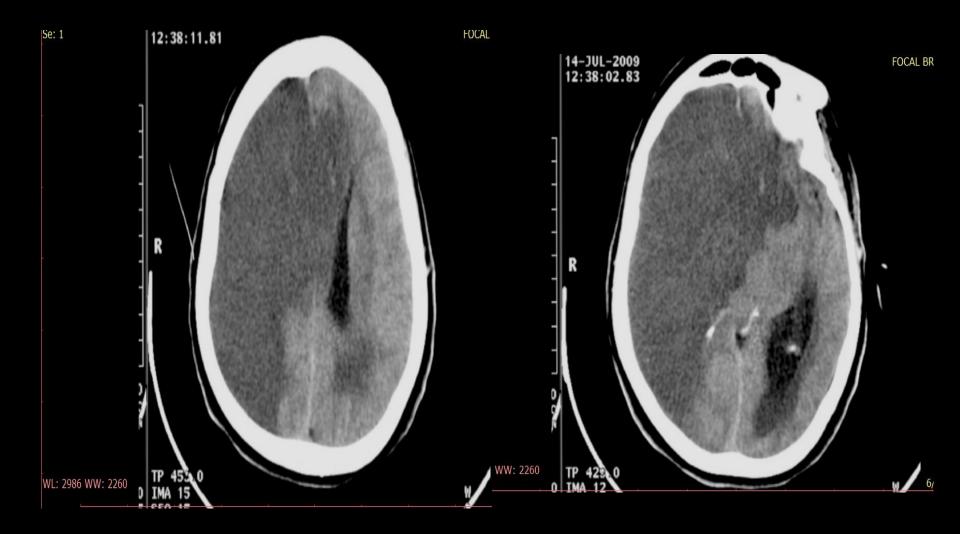






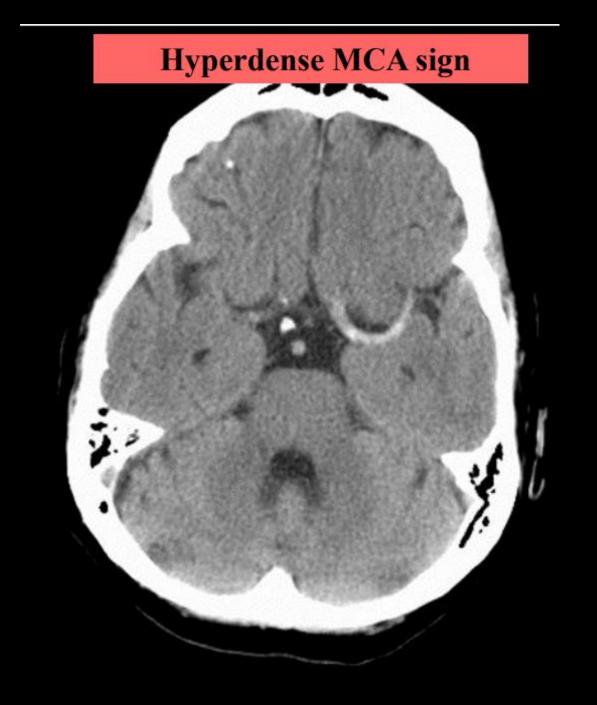












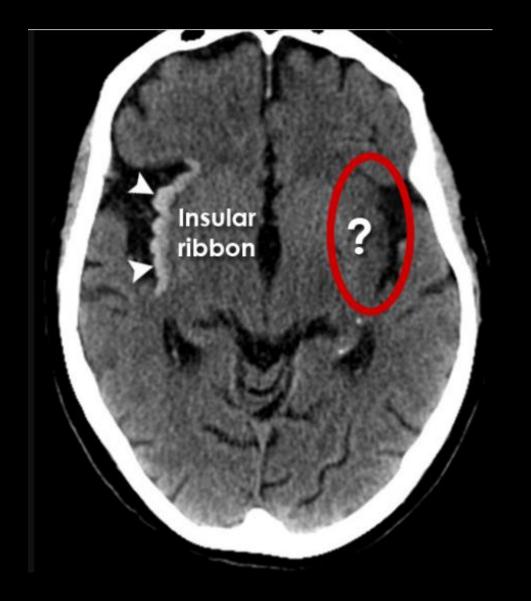
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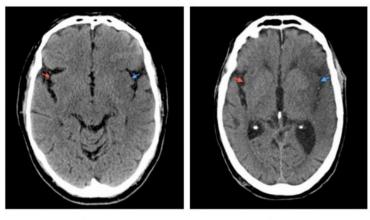
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Insular Ribbon Sign on Left

 Loss of the normal insular cortex grey-white differentiation



<4 hours

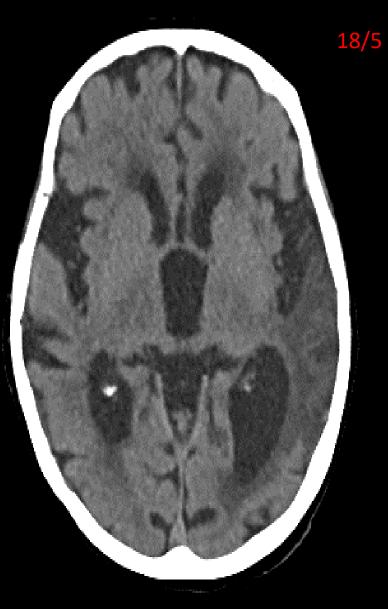
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Insular ribbon sign

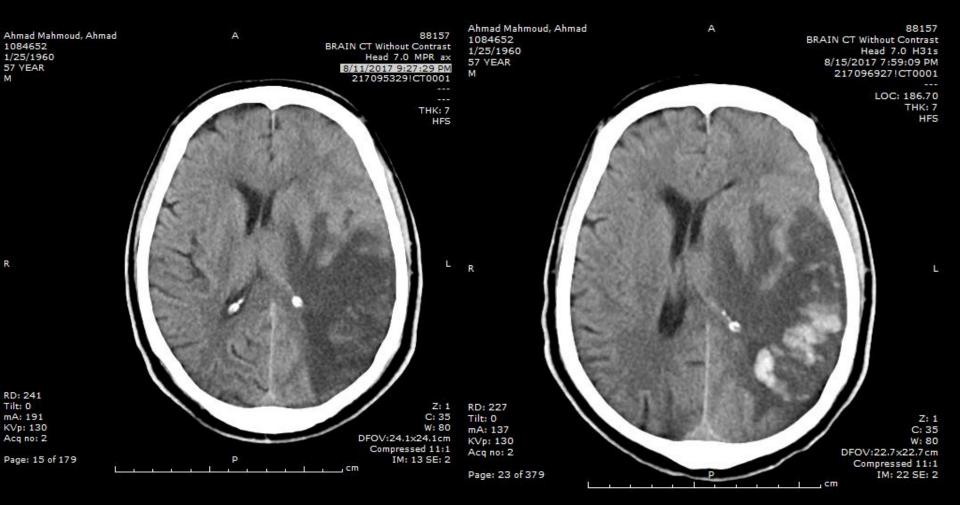




Extensive edema with midline shift

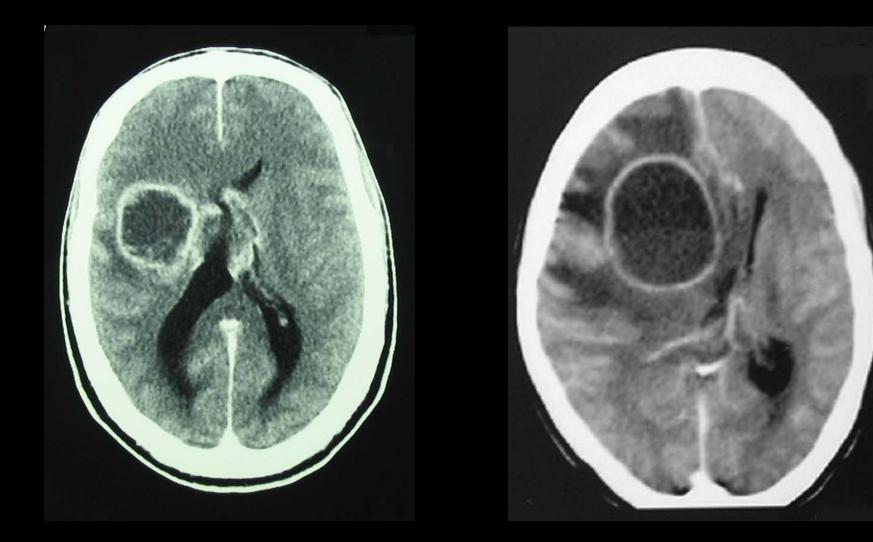


Hemorrhagic transformation



Vasogenic edema

Necrotic tissue: tumor v/s abscess







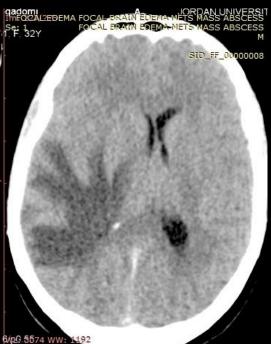
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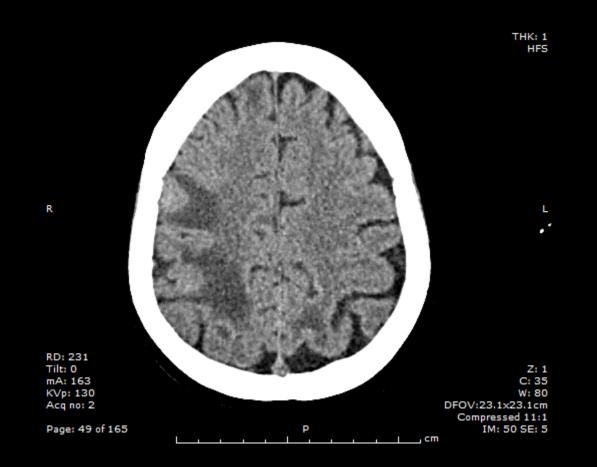
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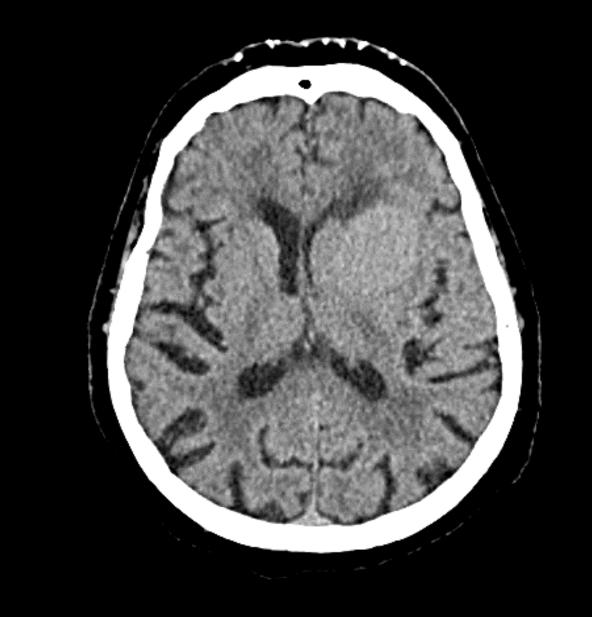
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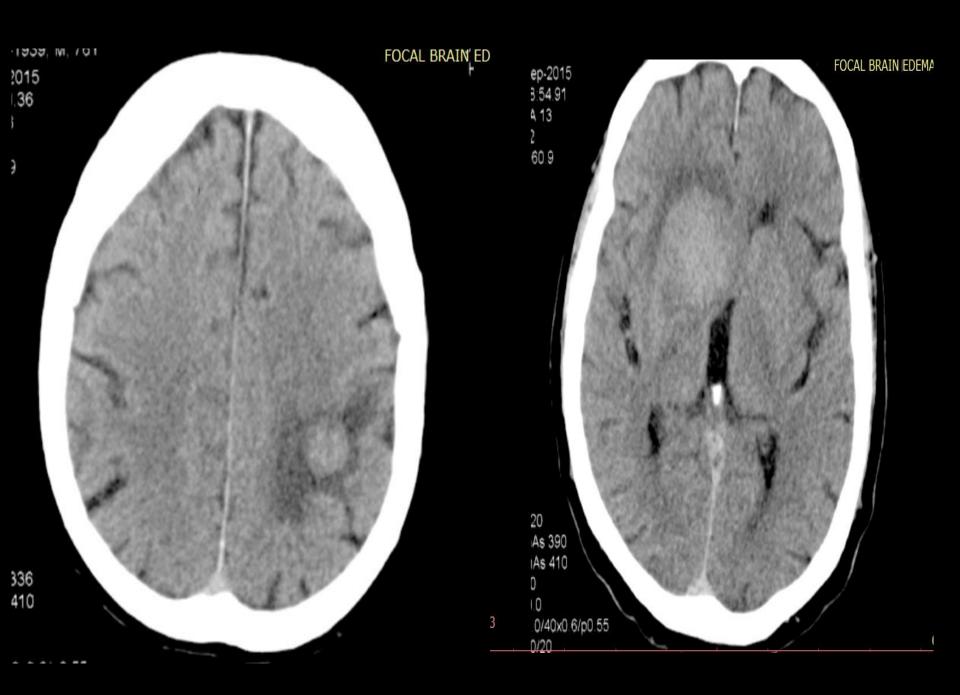






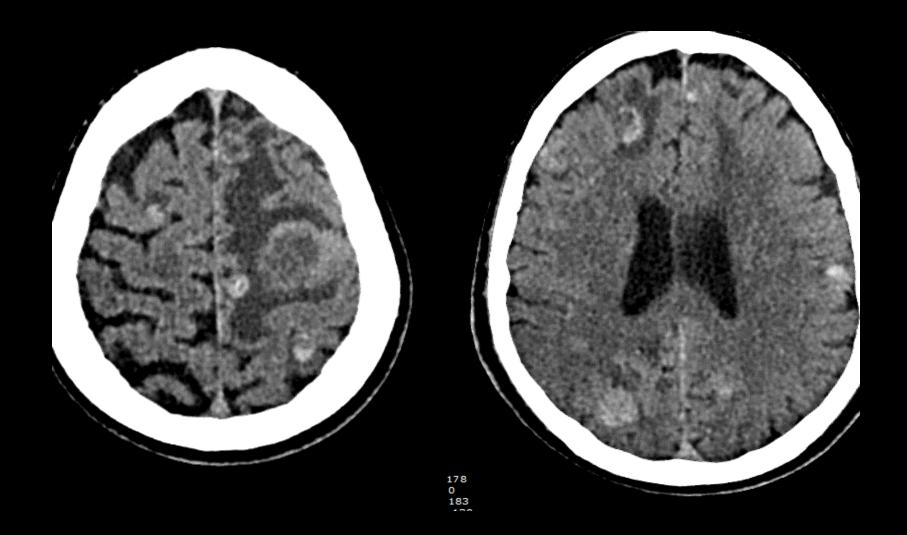








Heamorrahgic metastasis





Diffuse brain edema

Signs of diffuse brain edema due to medical causes :

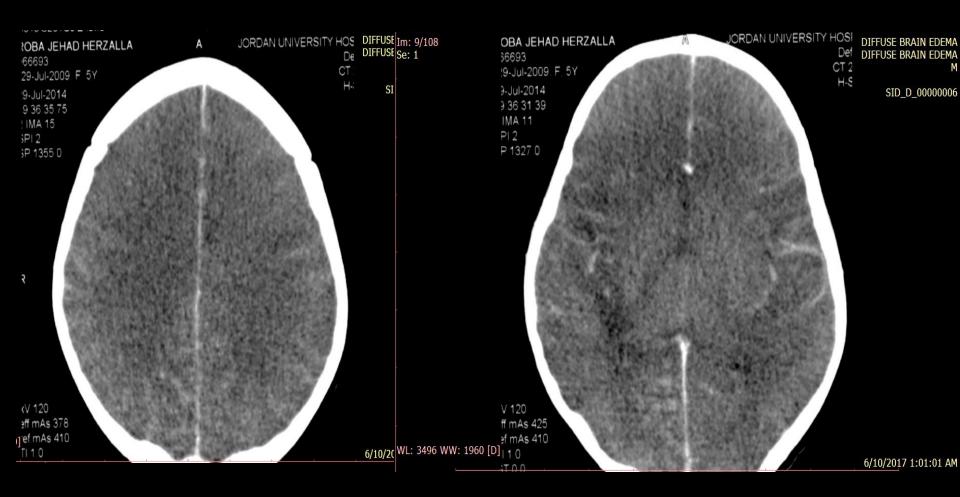
Diffuse brain hypodensity Diffuse loss of grey white matter differentiation Effacement of sulci Small ventricles Effacement of basal cistern Pseudo SA sign

Diffuse brain edema

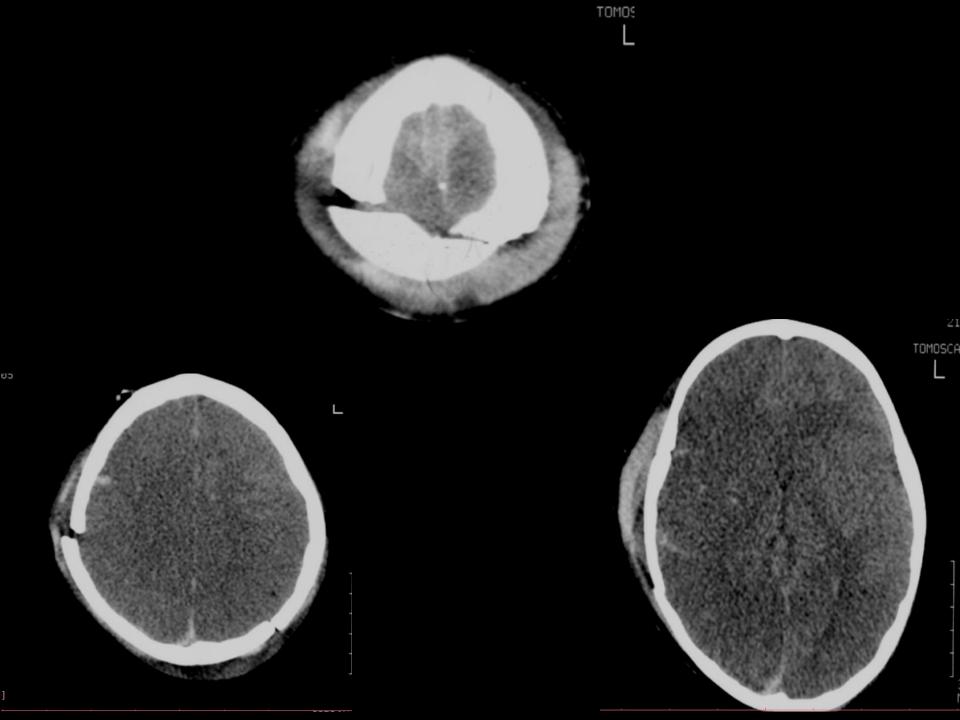
- increase brain hypodensity
- loss of gray white matter differentiation
- Effacement of the sulci
- Effacement of basal cisterns







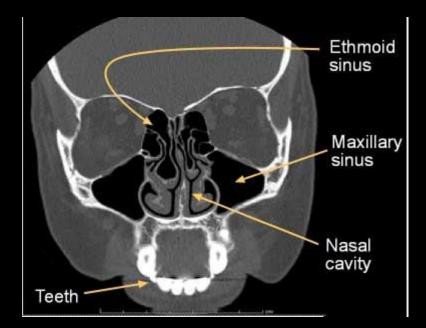




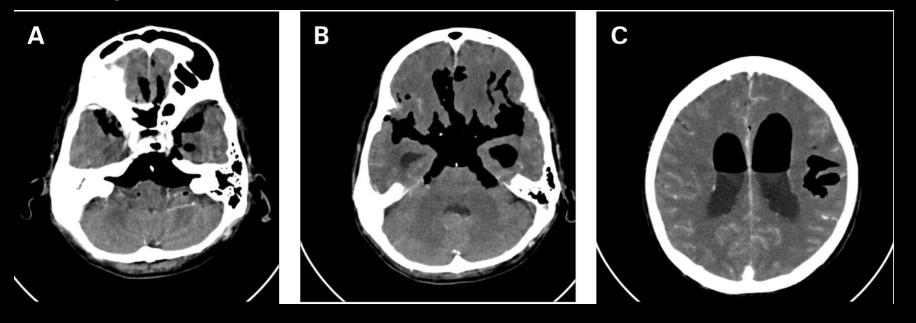
Hypodense Lesions:

Air:

Normal : sinuses



Abnormal: Pneumocephalus (post Sx or post trauma)







Hypodense Lesions:

Fat:

Lipoma, dermoid cyst

Dermoid Cyst



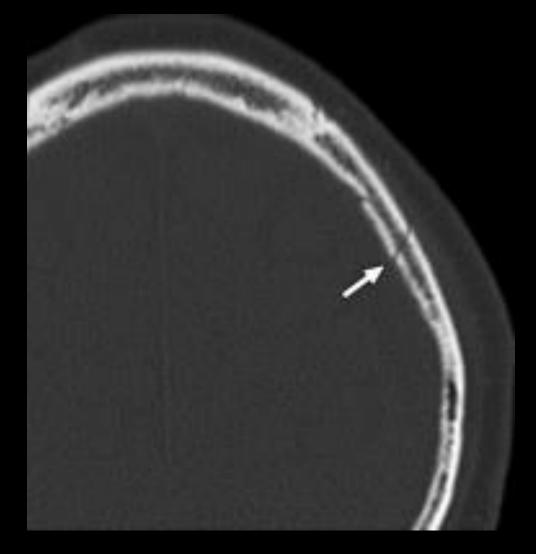
Skull Fractures

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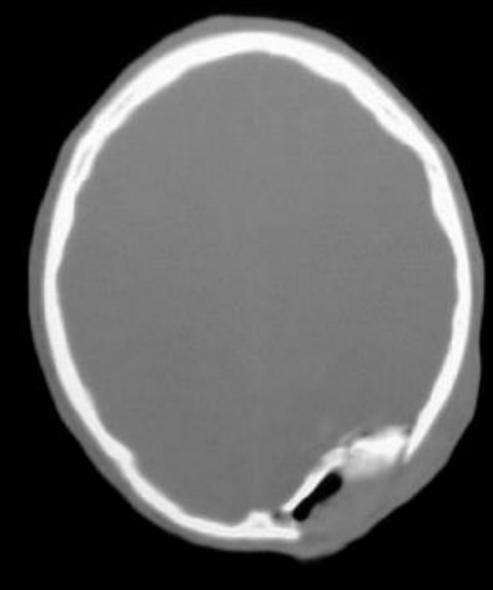
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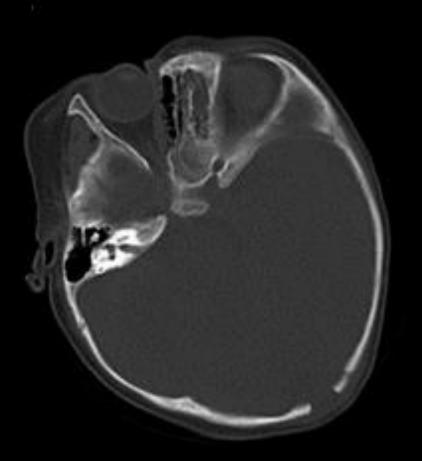
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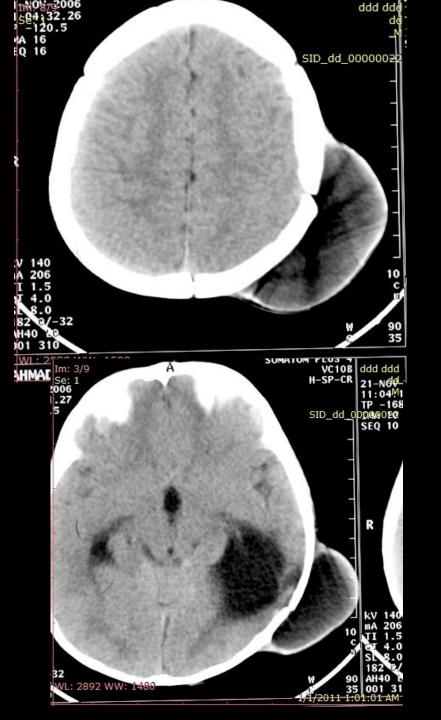


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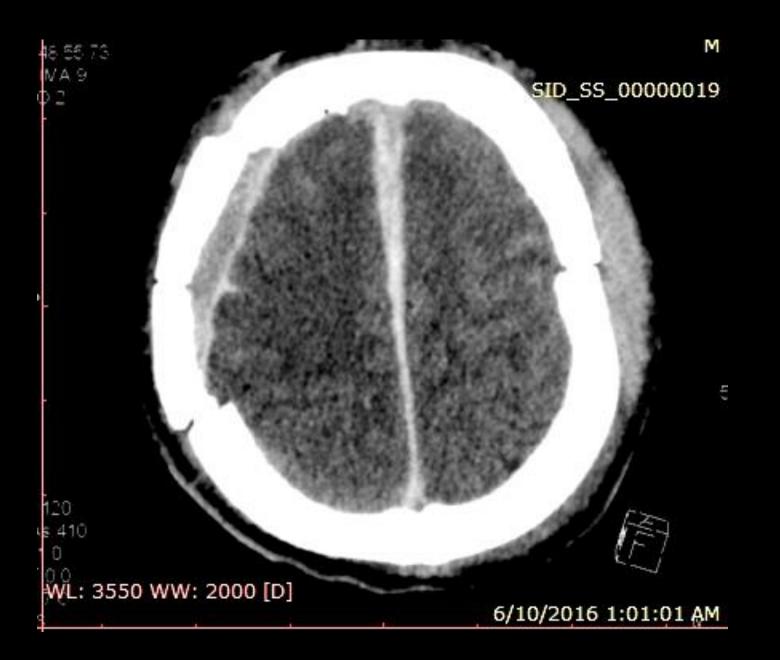


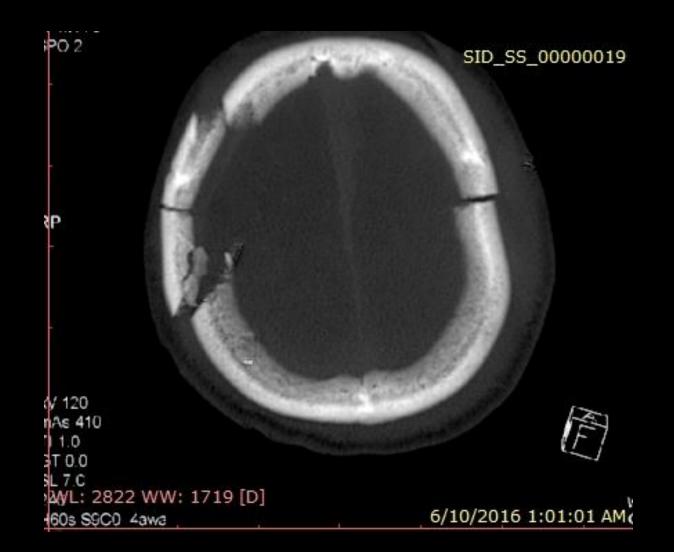
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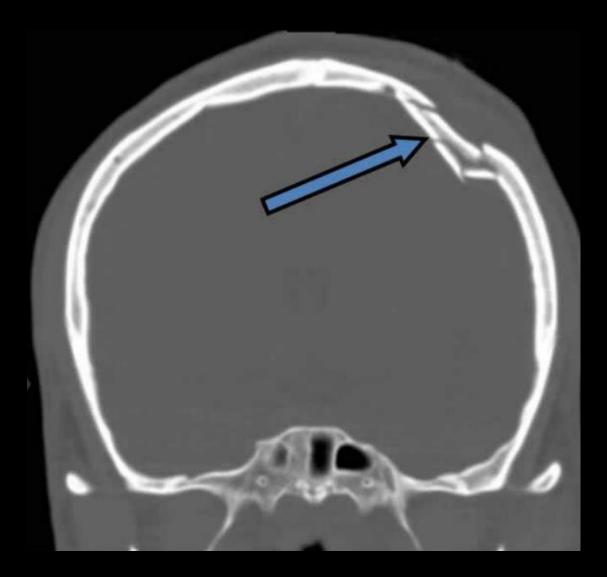


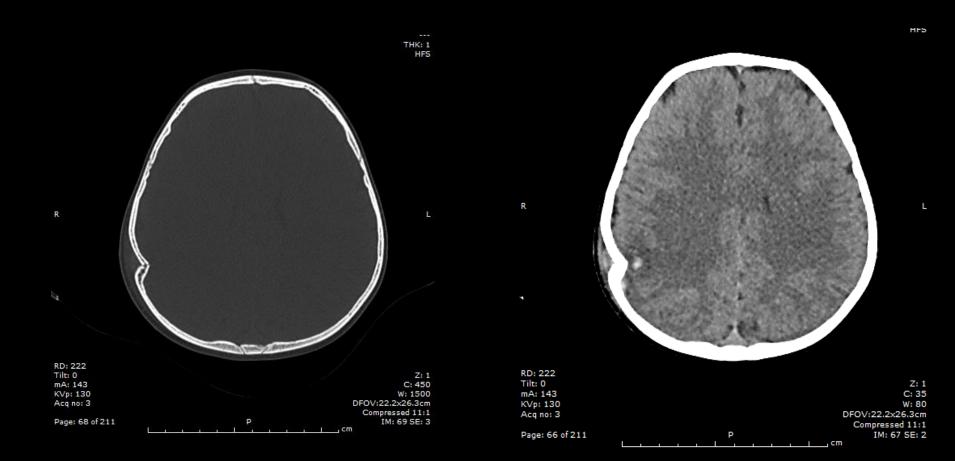


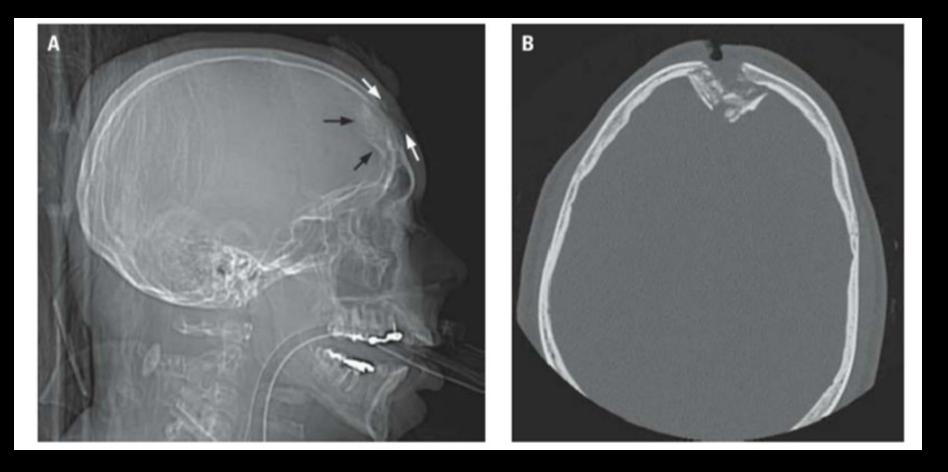


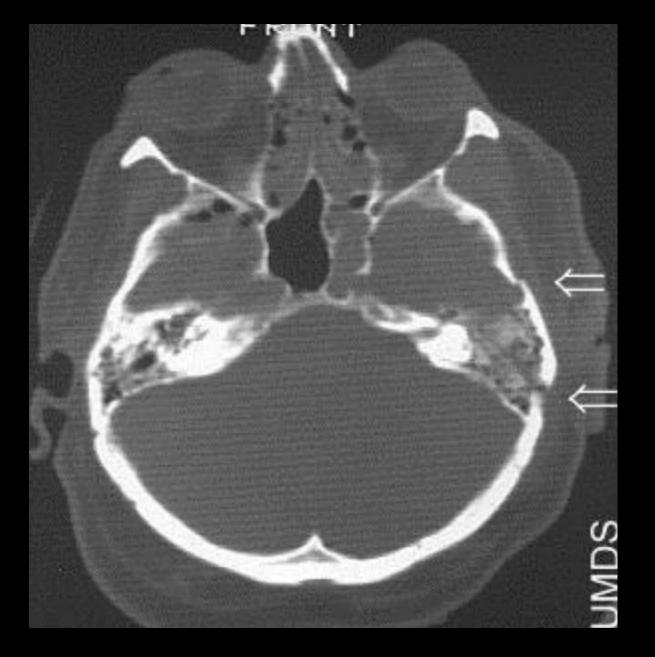


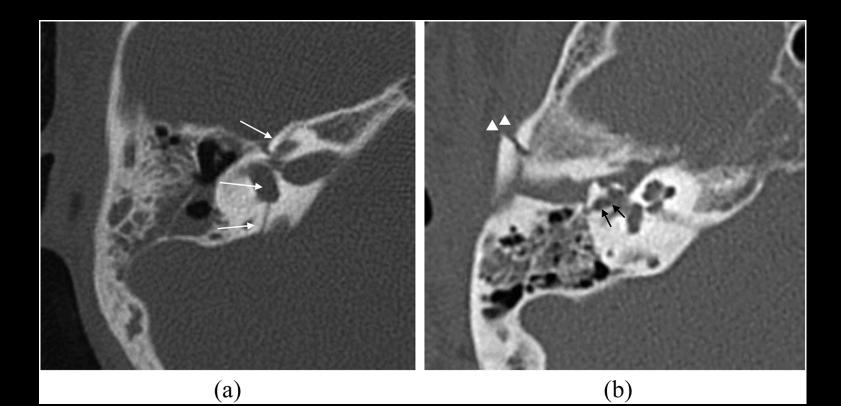




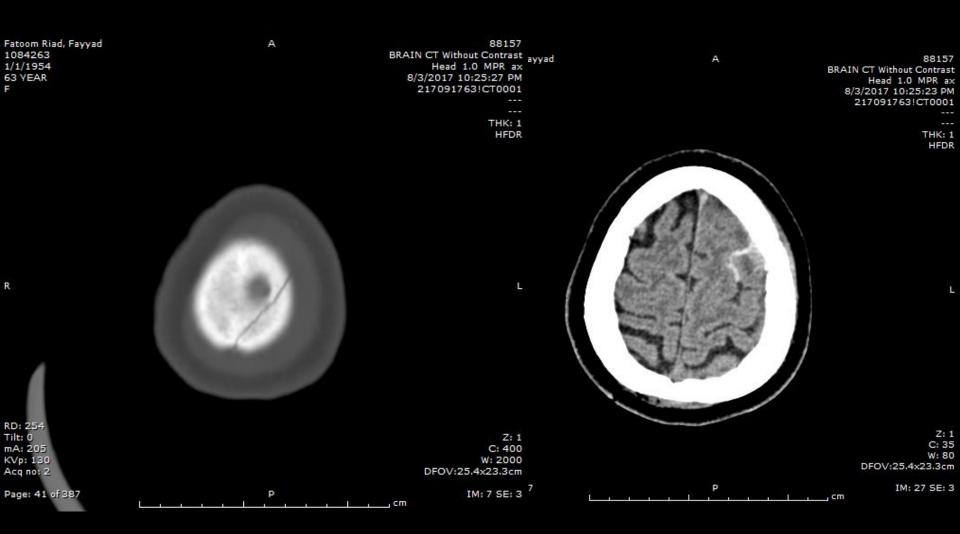














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