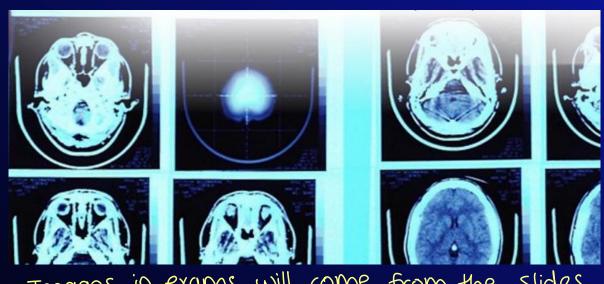


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Introduction to Head CT Imaging

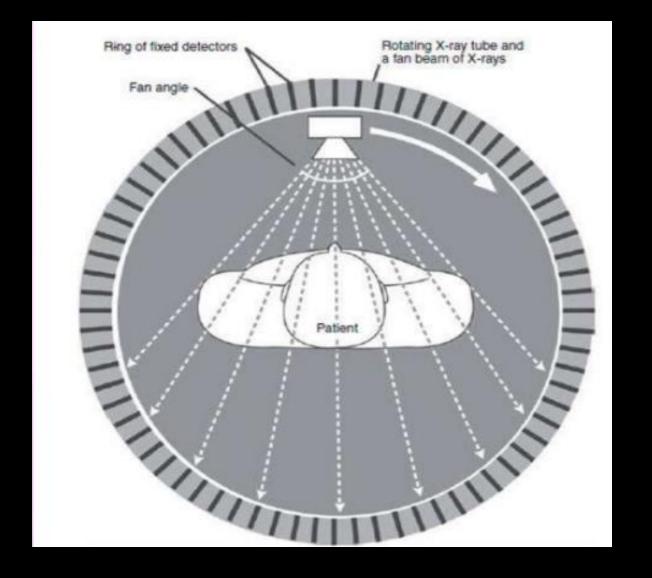


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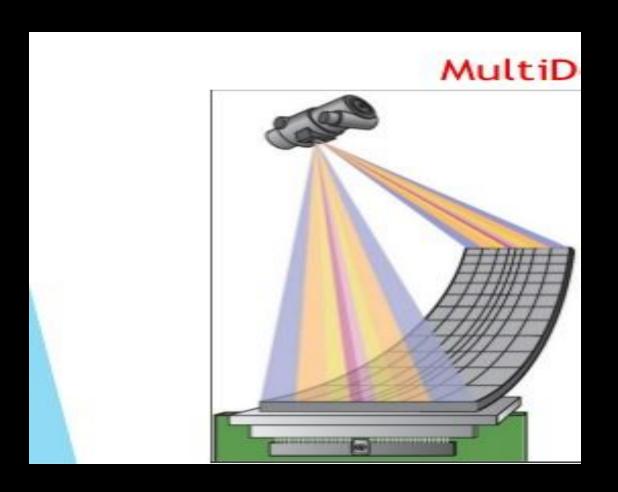
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Multidetector CT scan

more than one detector, the more the better

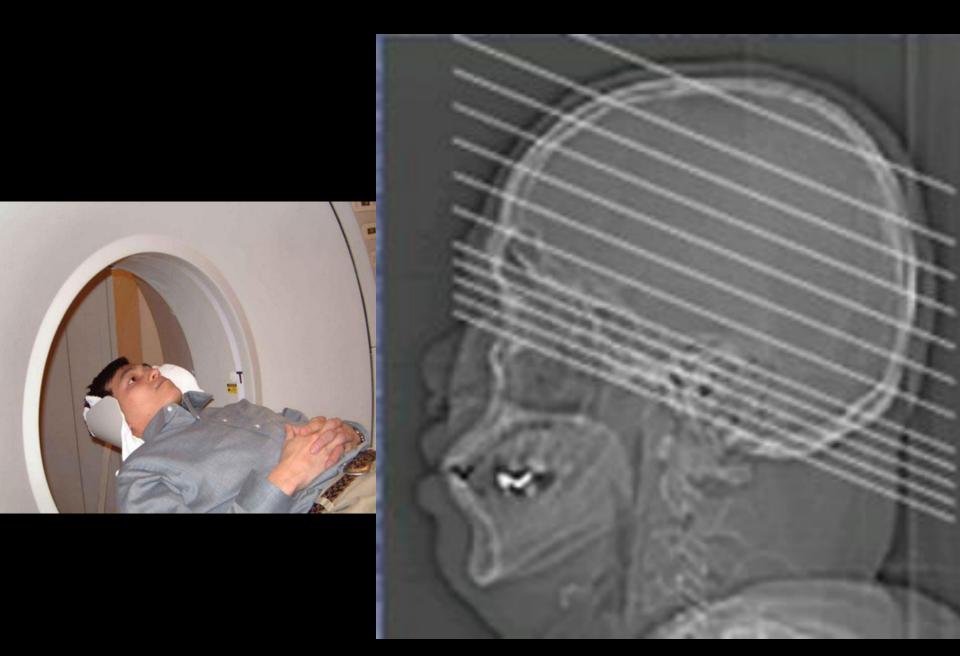




Injector

cannula size must be appropriate with amount of contrast injected or the vein will rupture

compartment Syndrome

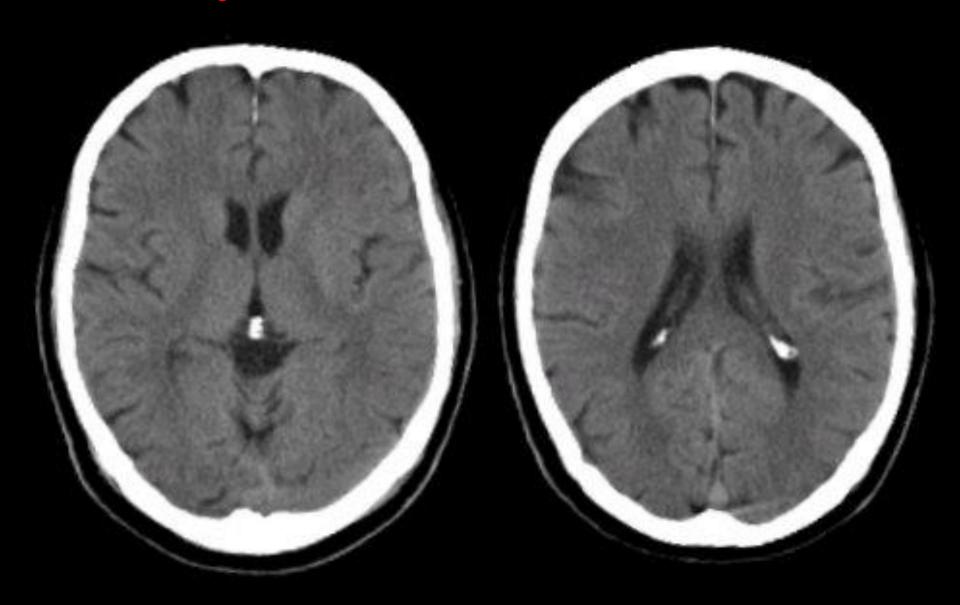






Original axial CT image from the dedicated Siretom CT scanner circa 1975. This image is a coarse 128 x 128 matrix

High resolution brain CT



CT vs. MRI

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 hazardous on health -> using x-roy better in trauma pts	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

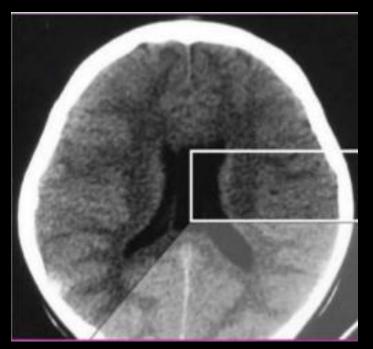
Black

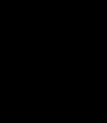


Structure/ Tissue	Hounsfield units
Air	-1000 to -600
Fat	-100 to -60
Water	0
CSF	+8 to 18
White matter	+30 to 41
Gray matter	+37 to 41
Acute blood	+50 to 100
Calcification	+140 to 200
Bone	+600 to 2000
metal	+1000-+10000

grey scale

White



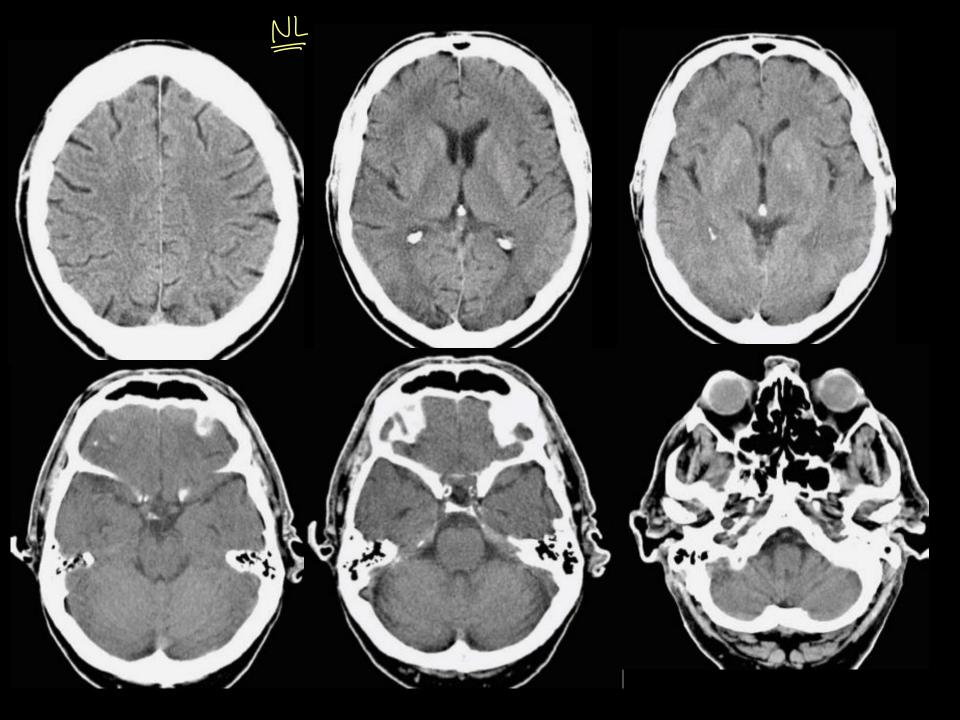




white matter appears darker grey matter appears brighter

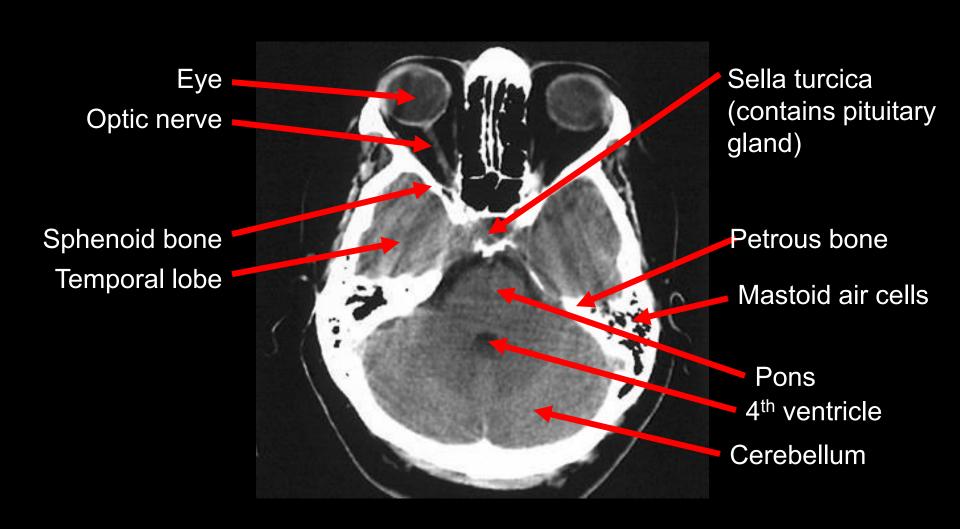
Normal brain CT scan report:

- No brain focal lesion
- ² No midline shift
- 3 No <u>hydrocephalus</u>



Normal Brain anatomy

not required



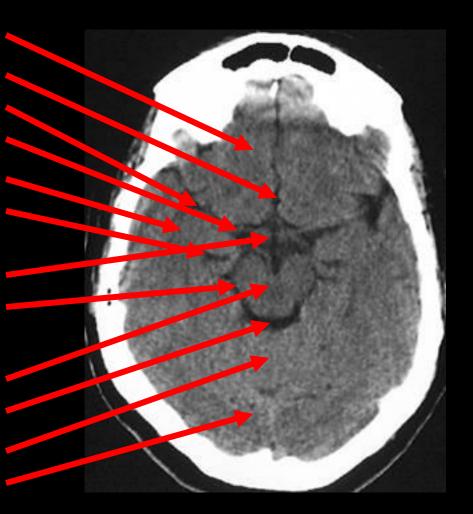
Normal Brain Anatomy

not required

Frontal lobe
Interhemispheric fissure
Sylvian fissure
Middle cerebral artery
Temporal lobe
Lateral ventricle (temporal horn)

Suprasellar cistern Perimesencephalic cistern

Midbrain
Quadrigeminal plate cistern
Cerebellum (vermis)
Occipital lobe



not required

Normal Brain Anatomy

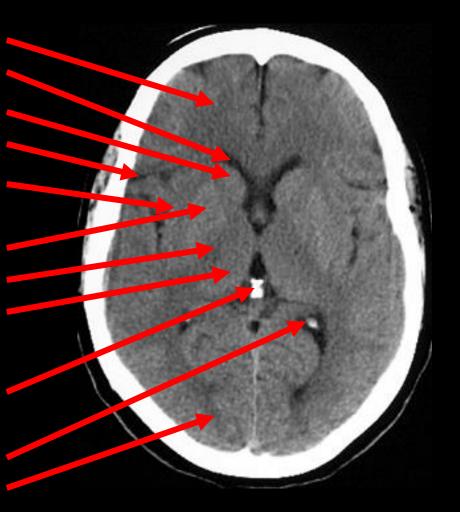
Frontal lobe
Lateral ventricle (frontal horn)
Caudate nucleus (head)
Sylvian fissure
Insula (cortex)

Lentiform nucleus Internal capsule (post. limb)

Thalamus

Pineal gland (calcified)

Choroid plexus (calcified)
Occipital lobe

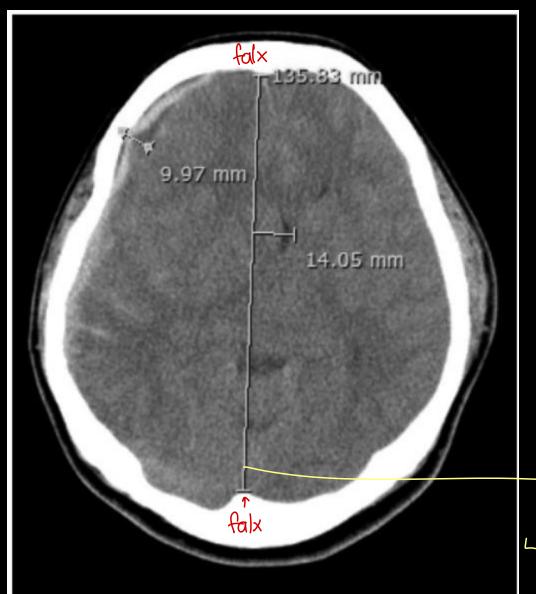


Brain Radiology Report

Look for:

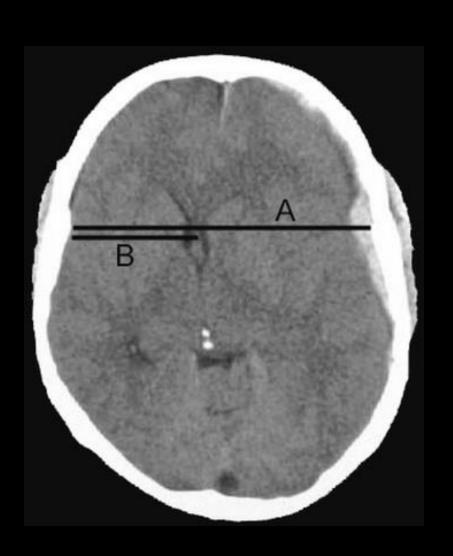
- Brain focal lesions
- 2 Midline shift
- 3 Dilated ventricular system (Hydrocephalus)

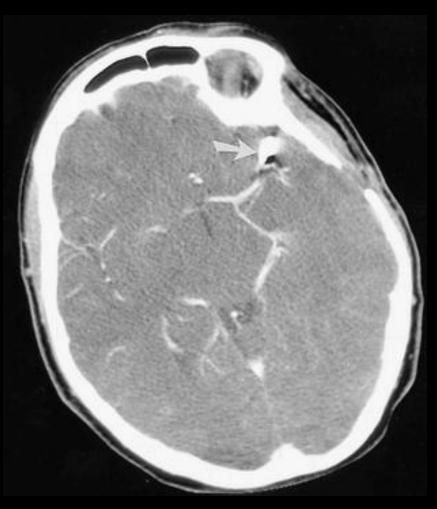
Midline shift



> draw a line blun 2 falx & measure it 4 Rt shift 10 mm

Midline shift v/s positional tilt





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

1) Bilateral

no shifting

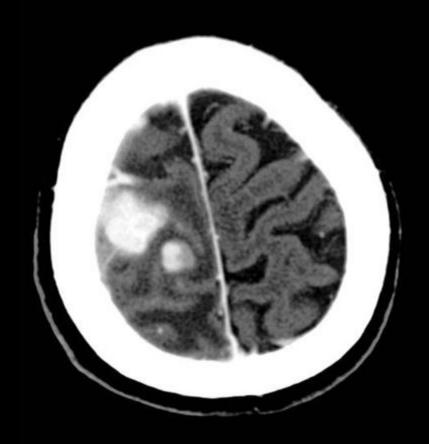


2) Small

not big enough to shift

3) Lesion that are high up near the vertex

strong & hard falx cerebri—not bended

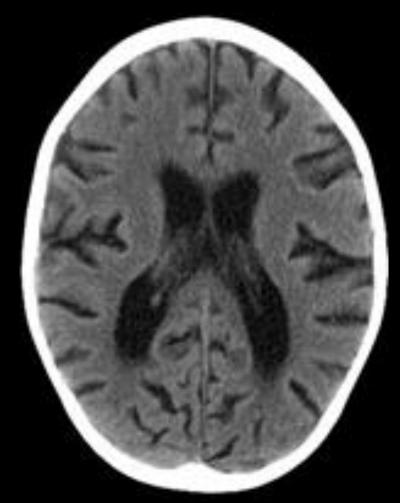


Ventricular Dilatation

Ex vacuo dilatation: due to diffuse brain atrophy — as the person ages, diffuse process

Hydrocephalus: communicating and non communicating

Brain atrophy v/s hydrocephalus

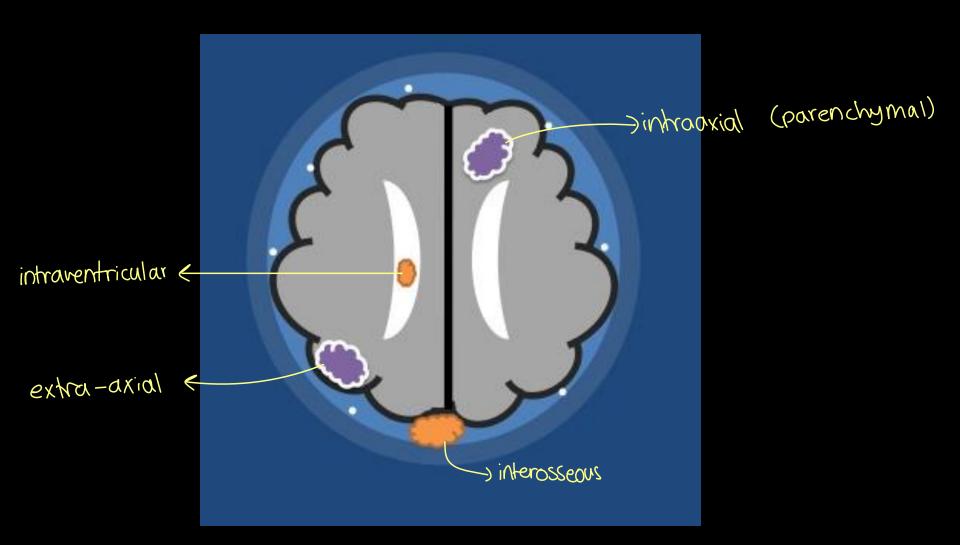


hydrocephalus



dialated ventricles + small brain parenchyma (atrophied)

Brain focal leison



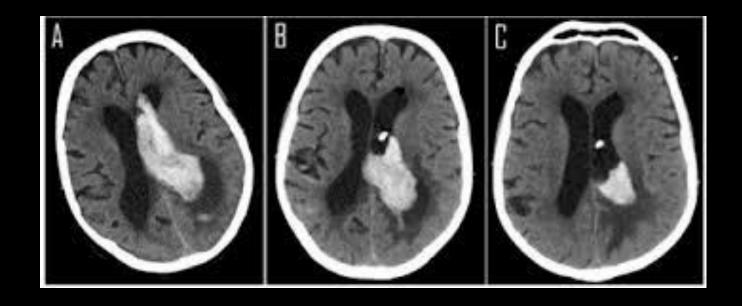
Abnormalities divided into:

- ^l Intraventricular
- 2 Intra-axial
- 3 Extra-axial
- 4 Intra-osseous
- 5 Scalp

Intra-axial

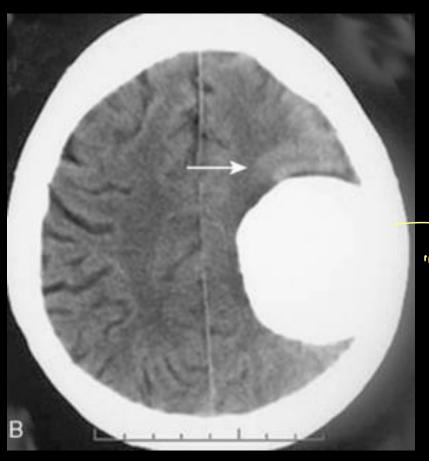


Intraventricular



Extra-axial

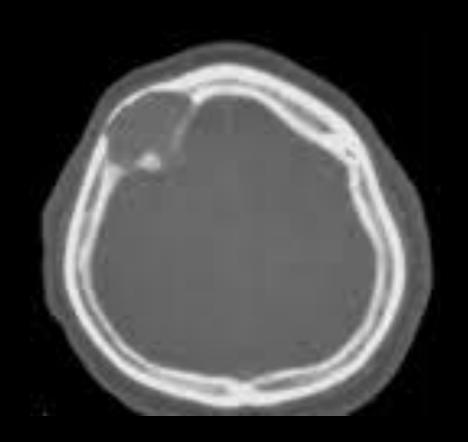
btwo brain & skull



->pregnant lady sign "Previously"

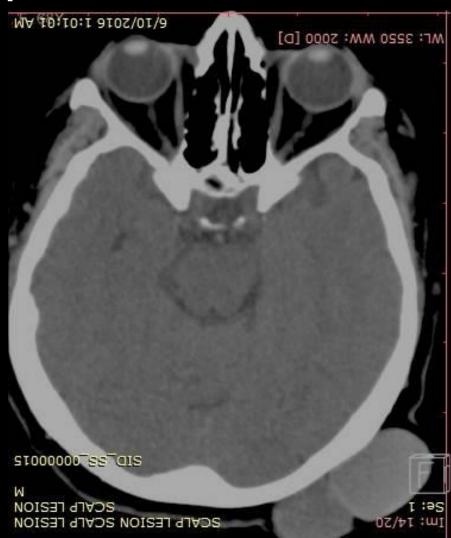
now women right changed the name (oftensive) 😌

Intra-osseous



Scalp





Brain Pathology - CT

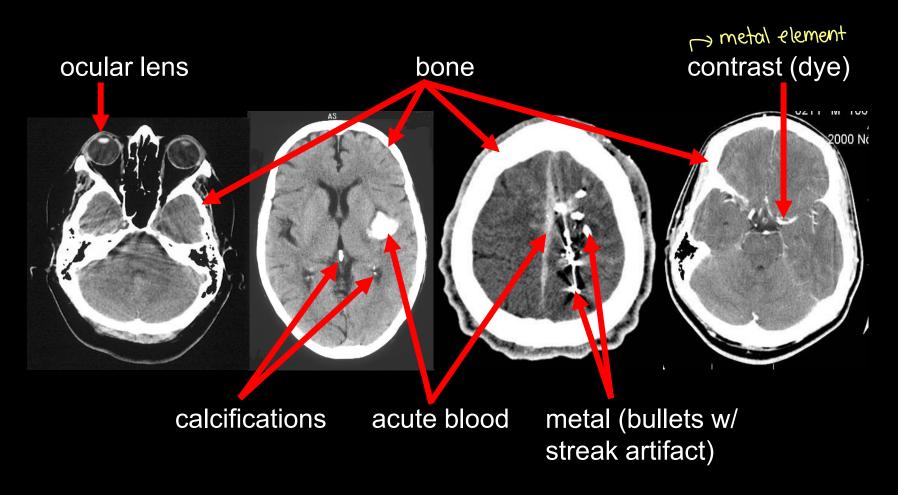
Brain pathology could be divided to two type according to their density on CT:

1- Hyperdense lesions white (bone)

2-Isodense lesions grey (white matter)

3- Hypodense lesions black (air)

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

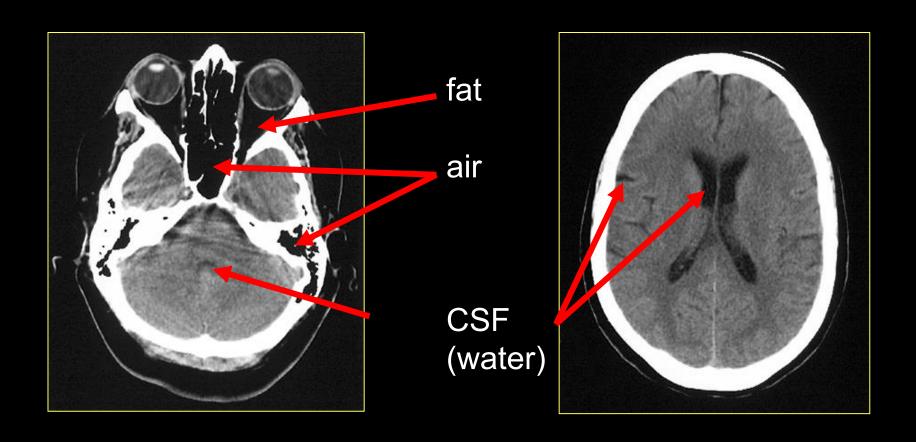
Gray matter (cerebral cortex)

Gray matter (basal ganglia)

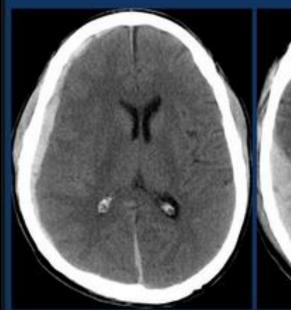
White matter



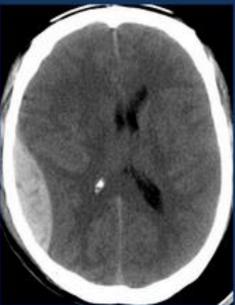
Hypodense things on CT



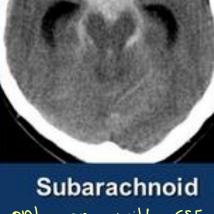
Extra-axial Hemorrhage



Subdural

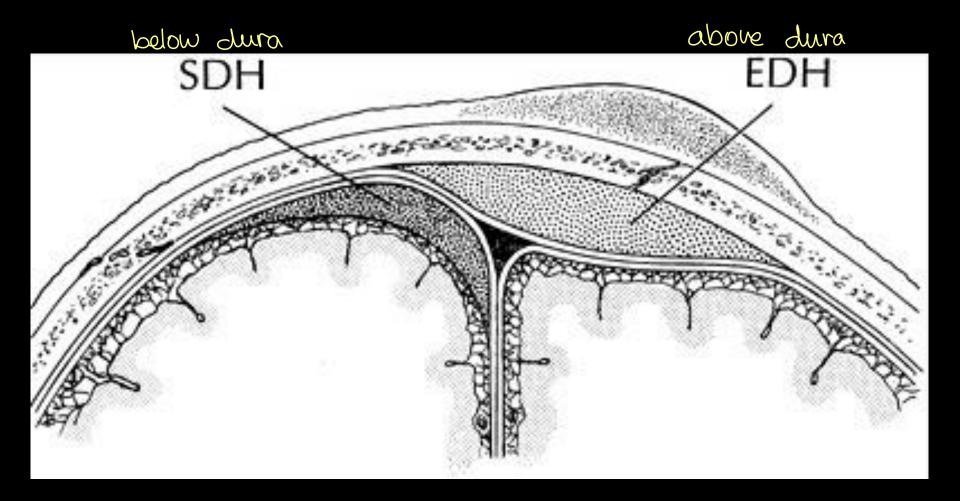


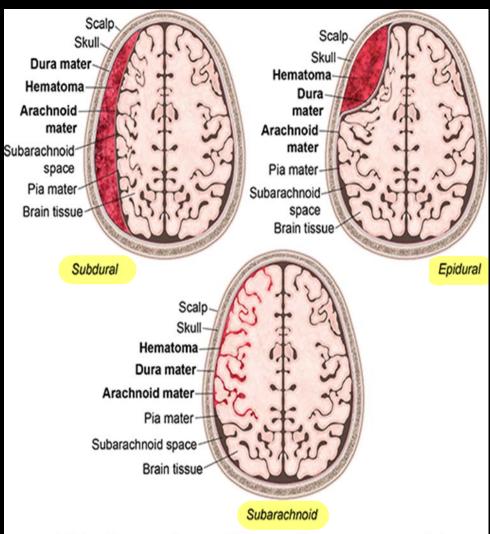
Epidural most



Only one with CSF communication

emergency





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Epidural hematoma (EDH)

respects sutures cross reflextions

- · yourg
- · trauma
- arterial (middle menengial A.
- immediate craniotomy due to risk of clotting (no CSF)
- Mechanism: low-velocity blunt trauma to the head
- Types:
- Arterial EDH, 90% (middle meningeal artery)
- 2 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

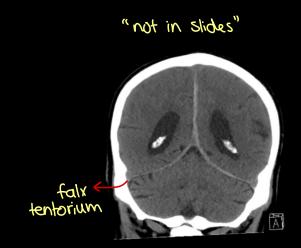
Imaging Features

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

Venous EDH

- 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

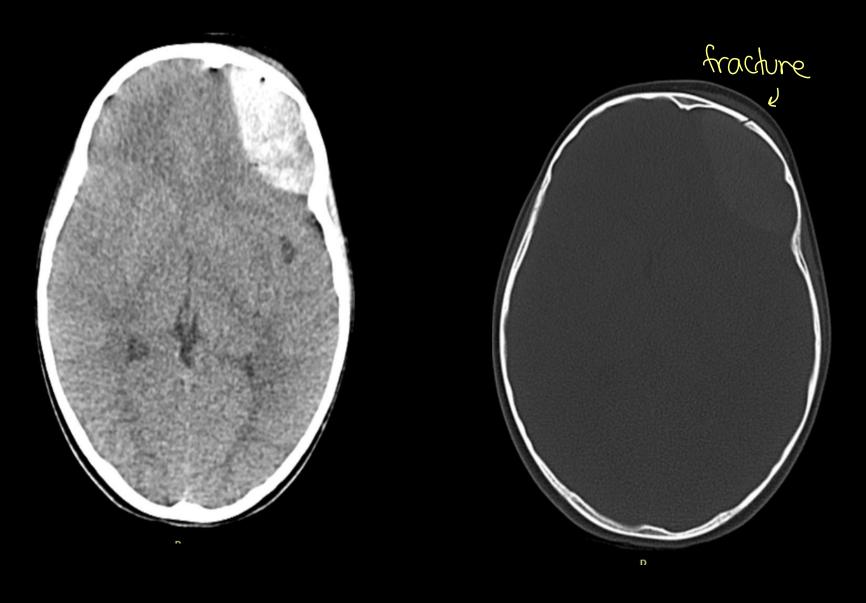


Brain without Contrast as contrast can miss hemmorhage

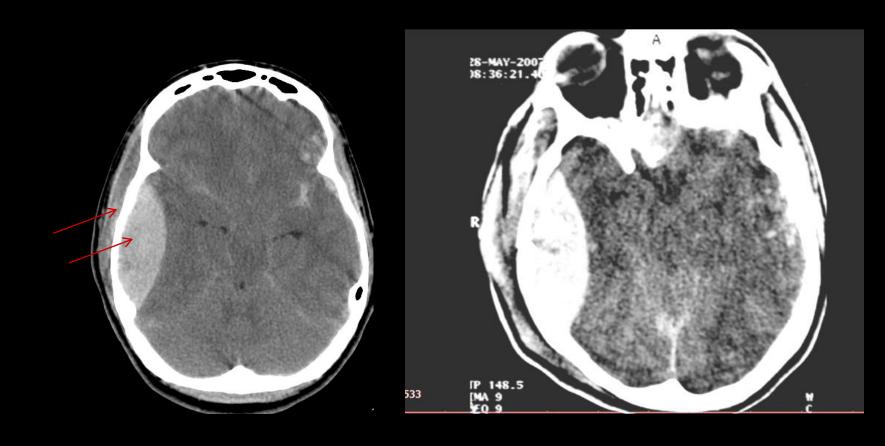
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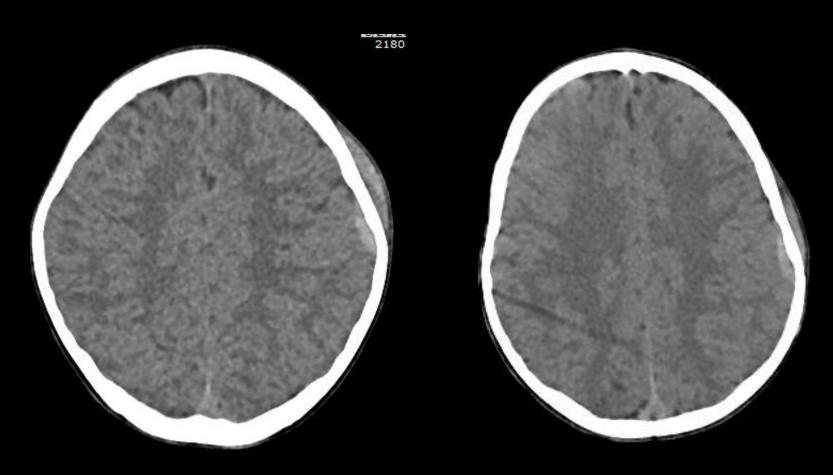


Acute epidural hemorrhage with overlying fracture



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

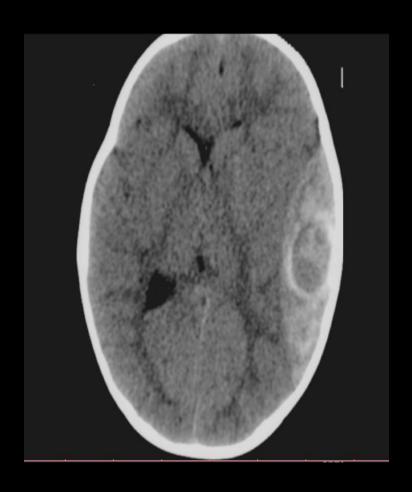
Peds+small <5mm epidural observe in Icu for 3 day



After 3 days follow up

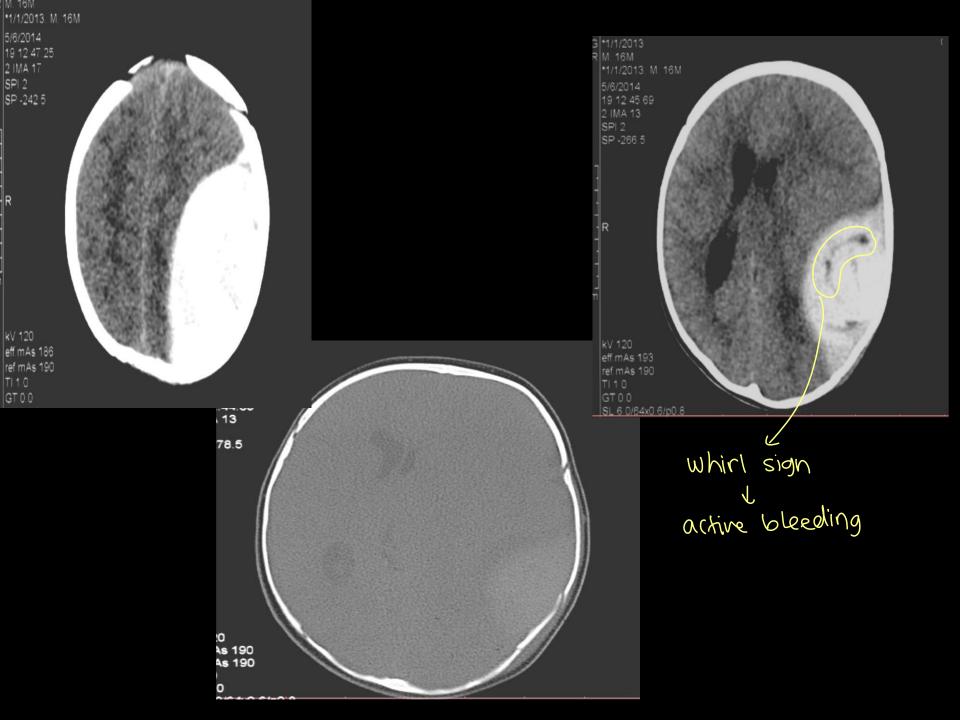
The epidural with hypodensity: Clotting Pneumocephlus whirl sign

Pneumocephlus - associated with fracture -) Oir





Clotting

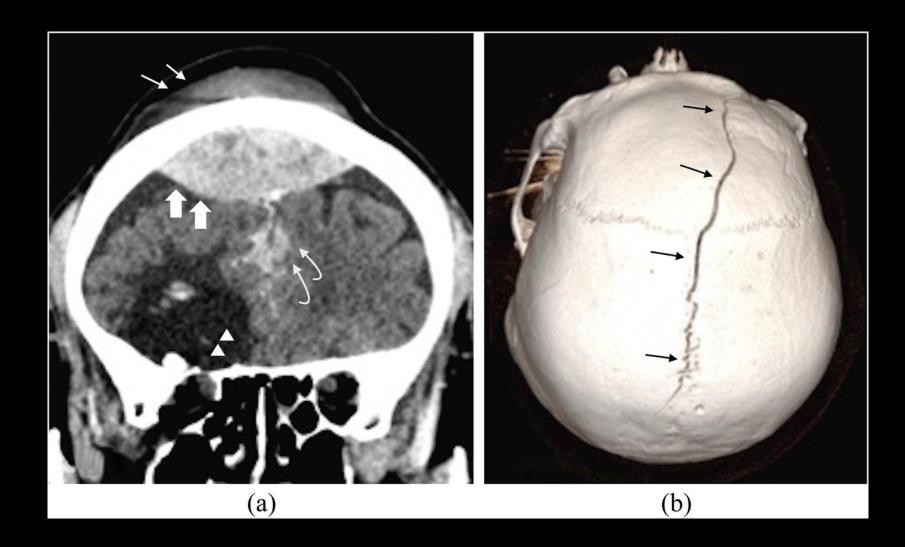


e venous

·around sogittal sinus

Subdural hematoma

· peds group



Subdural hematoma (SDH)

Mechanism: caused by traumatic tear of bridging <u>veins</u> (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).

burn hole surgery Not craniotomy be there is CSF -> no clot

SDH VS. EDH

venous arterial

no clothing cloth risk

leak throughtrobeculae — has CSF

cross suture line doesn't cross suture line

doesn't cross reflextions

crosses dural reflextions

Subdural hematoma (SDH)

Imaging Features

- 95% supratentorial
- Crescentic shape along brain surface
- Crosses suture lines
- Does not cross dural reflections (falx, tentorium)

additional into Z

- MRI > CT particularly for:
- Bilateral hematomas
- Interhemispheric hematomas
- Hematomas along tentorium
- Subacute SDH

MRI is superior because it:

- Has better soft tissue contrast.
- Avoids bone artifacts that obscure small or thin hematomas.
- Is better at detecting isodense (subacute) blood.
- Allows multiplanar views (sagittal, coronal, axial).

Subdural hemorrhage

Origin: Venous

Treatment: Burr hole

Cresent (semilunar) in shape
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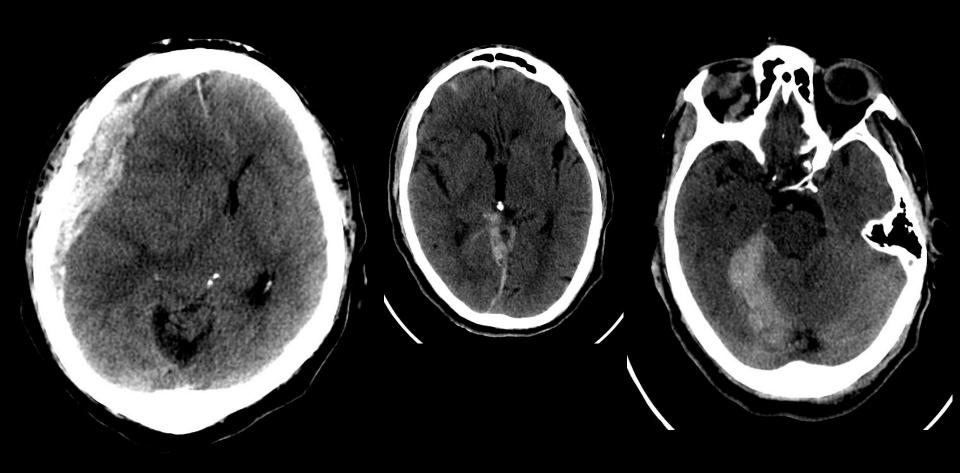
changes in color due to blood degredation

Hypodense Hyperdense Isodense subdural subdural subdural 1 month Acute 2 months Subacute Chronic

Stages of Subdural hemorrhage

Stage of hemorrhage	Appearance	Blood product
Acute (days)	Hyperdense	Oxyhemoglobin Deoxyhemoglobin
Subacute (Weeks)	Isodense	Methemoglobin (Intracellular and extracellular) Sysed cell no change in ct image blun them
Chronic (months)	Hypodense	Ferritin Hemosiderin

Acute Subdural Hematoma

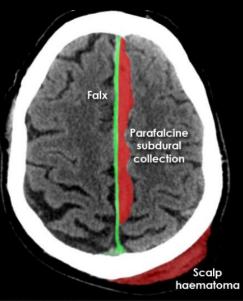




Semi-lunar Shape









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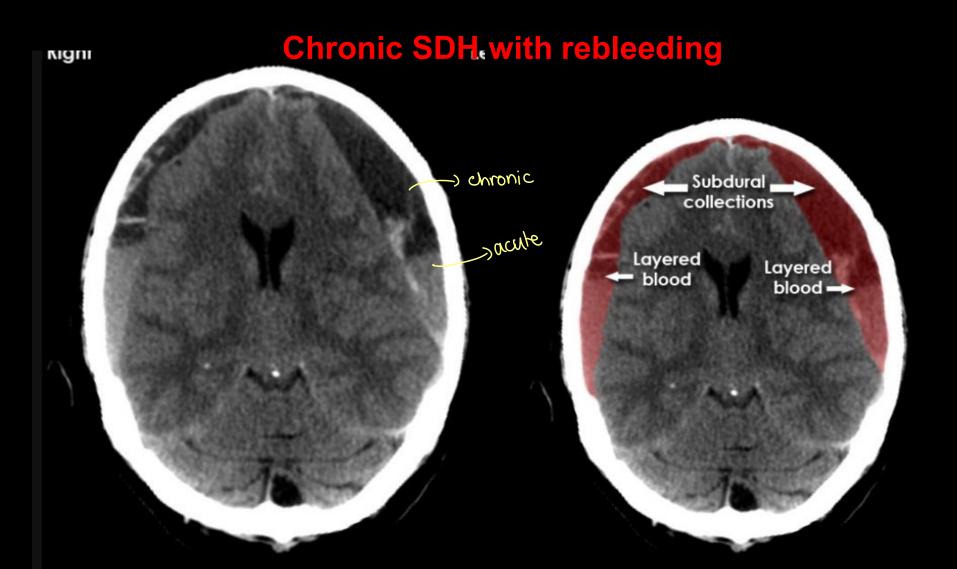
Subacute Subdural Hemorrhage



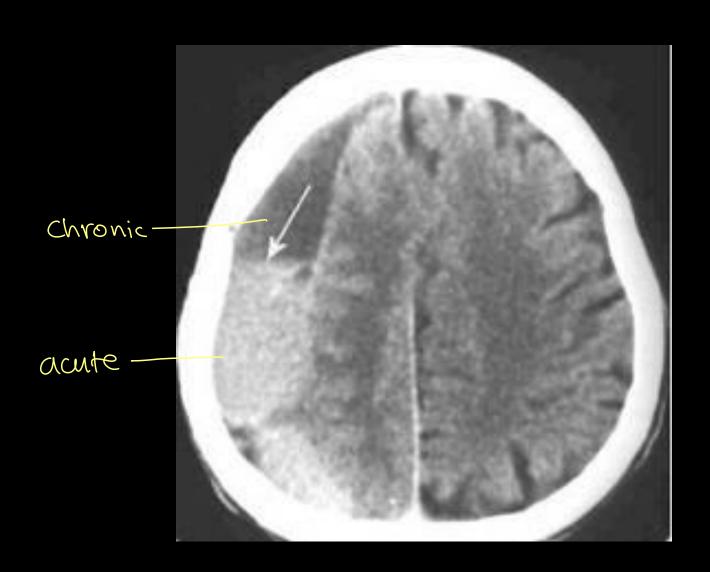
midline shift







Acute on top of chronic Subdural Hemorrhage







Hyperacute component SUBDURAL HEMMORA 950 F 62Y 20 Dense blood Less dense blood 10

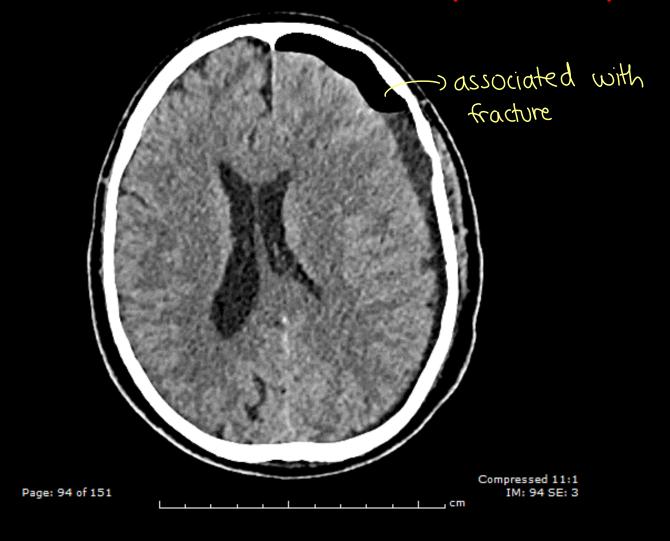
The less dense blood (grey) is not due to a chronic haematoma, it is hyperacute blood which has not yet had time to clot

Still bleeding (like whirl sign)

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Subdural hematoma with pnemocephlus





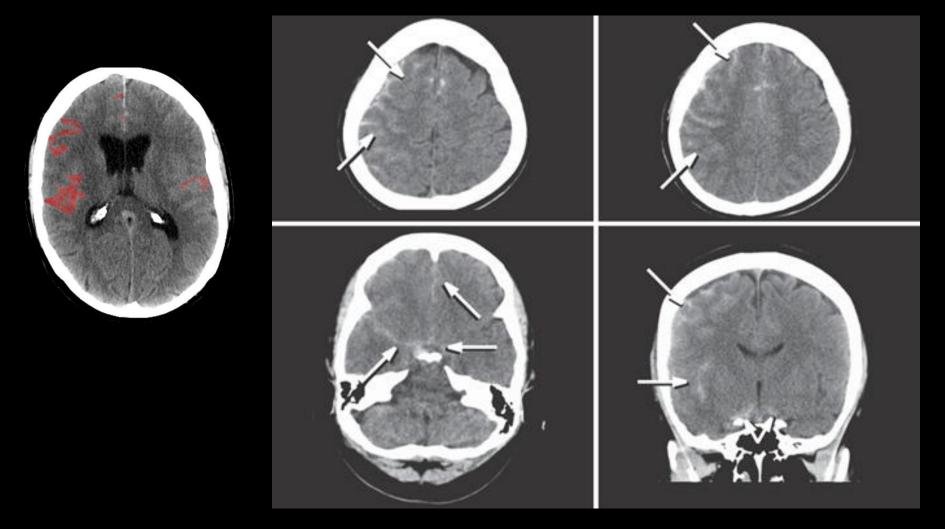
Subarachnoid hemorrhage

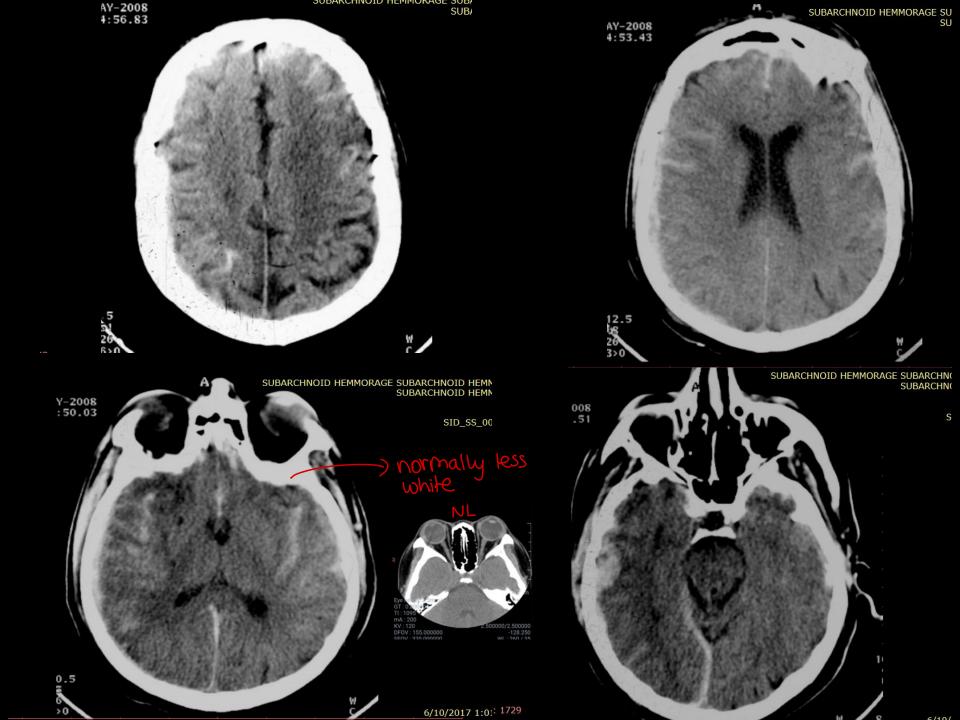
Mechanism:results from injury to small subarachnoid vessels or extension of intraparenchymal hemorrhage beyond the pial limiting membrane and into the subarachnoid space.

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

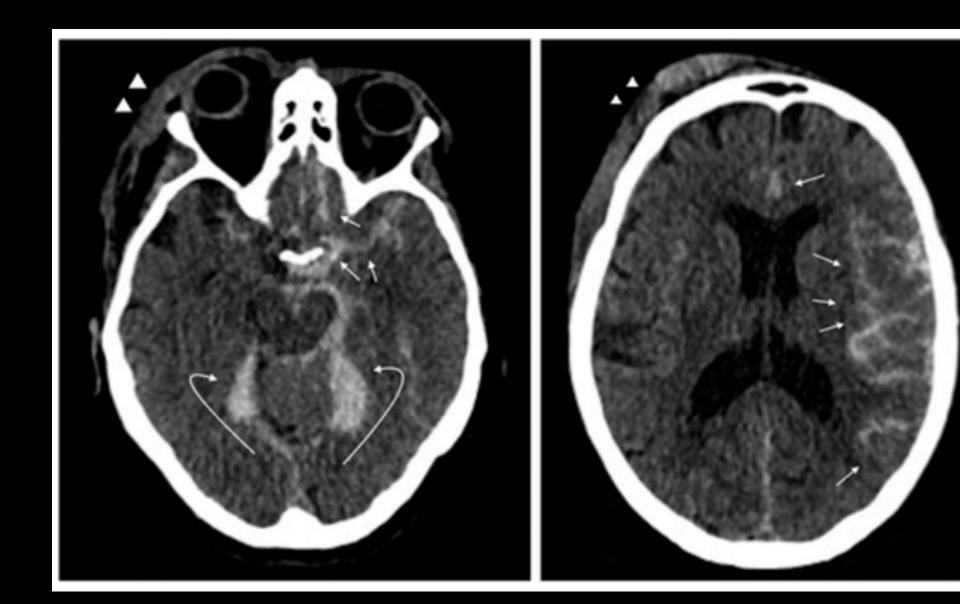
trx: according to the cause

- Subarachnoid Hemorrhage : post <u>trauma</u> or <u>ruptured aneurysm</u>





diffuse SAH





Intraventricular hemorrhage IVH

Mechanism:

- result from <u>shearing of the choroid plexus or subependymal veins</u> 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 bad prognosis " ends up with hydrocephlus be production takes place & no reabsorbtion

Imaging features:

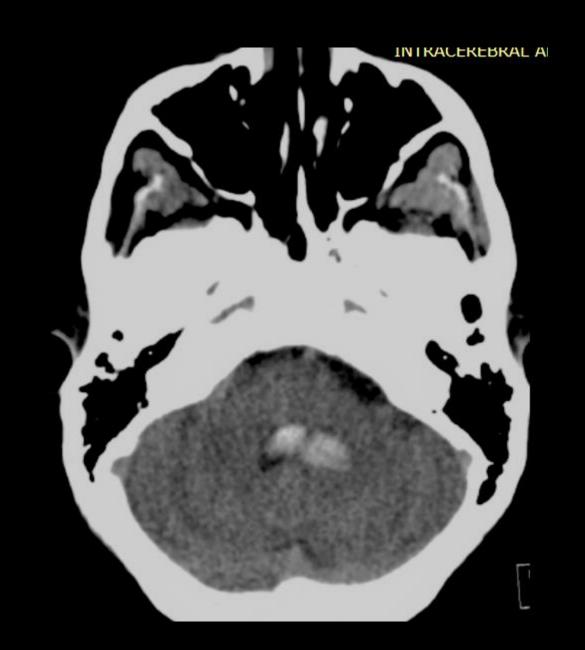
On CT, IVH is most commonly seen as hyperdense collections that layer within the occipital horns .





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Primary intra-axial injuries — intraparenchymal hematoma

HTN -> MCC

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 tigal 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)

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

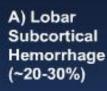
CT appeared as irregular hyperdense foci at gyral surfaces with associated areas of surrounding vasogenic edema

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.

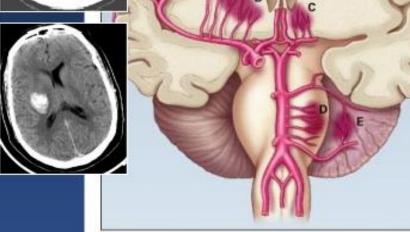
intracerebral hemorrhage





C) Thalamic Hemorrhage (-20-30%)

B) Putaminal Hemorrhage (-40-50%)

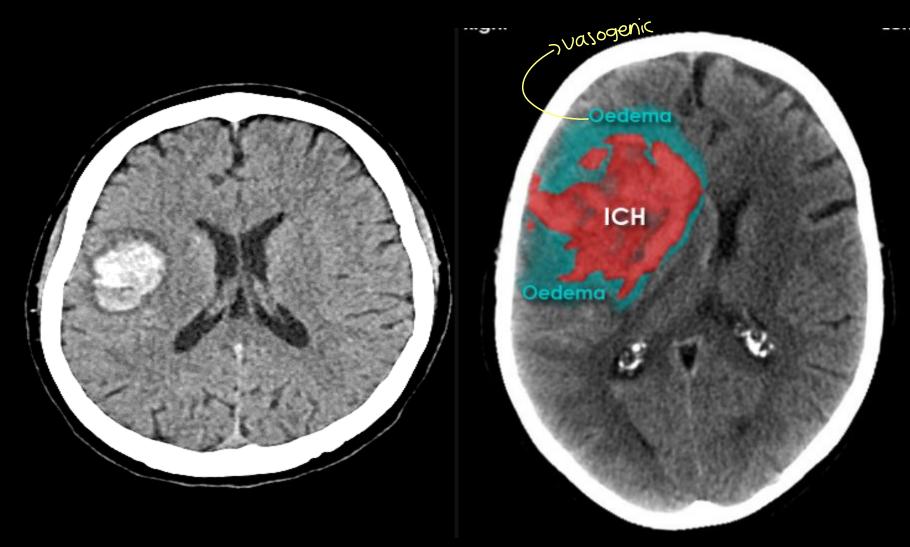


D) Pontine Hemorrhage (-8%)



E) Cerebellar Hemorrhage (-8%)





acute putamenal haematoma

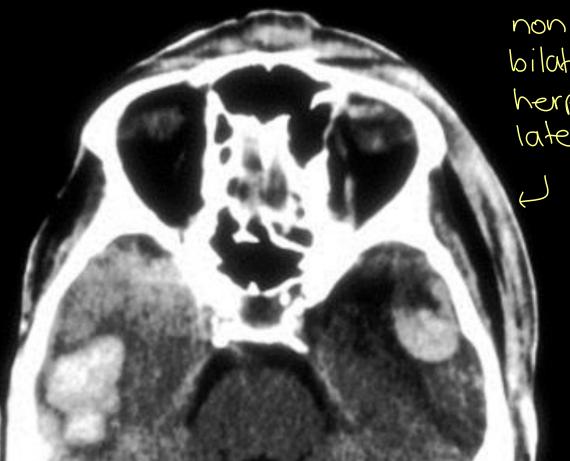


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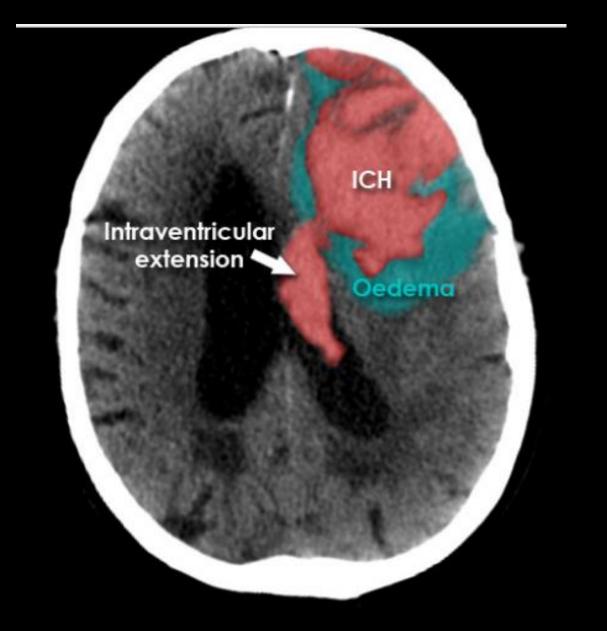








non-traumatic bilateral herpes encephlate Stage !!



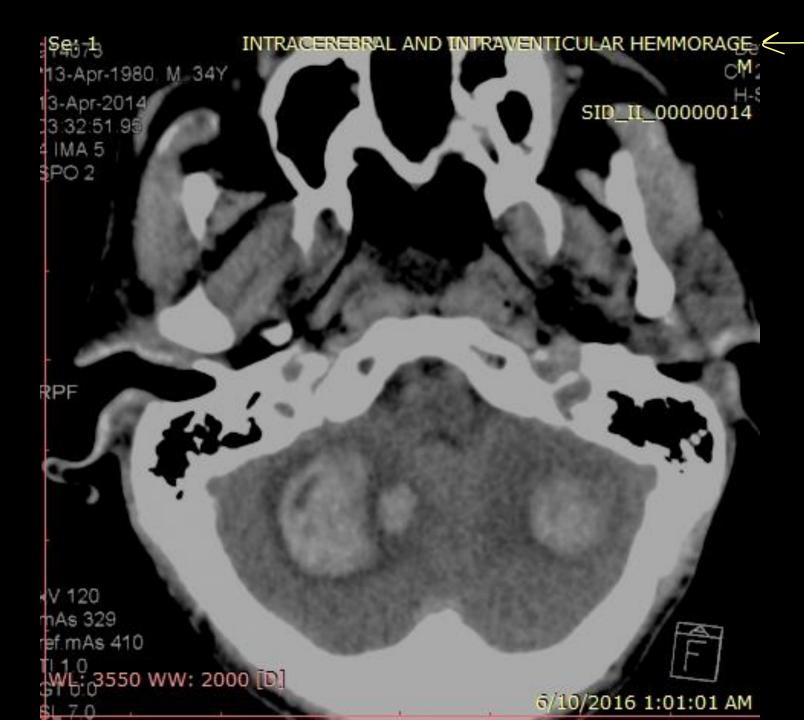


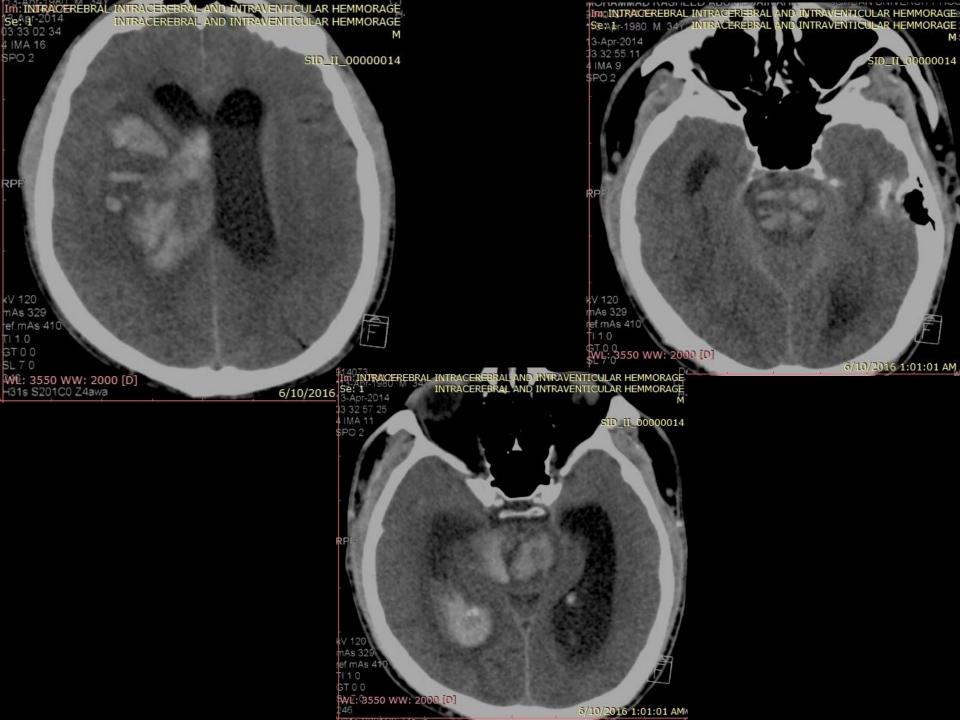
Intracerebral & intraventricular hemorrhage



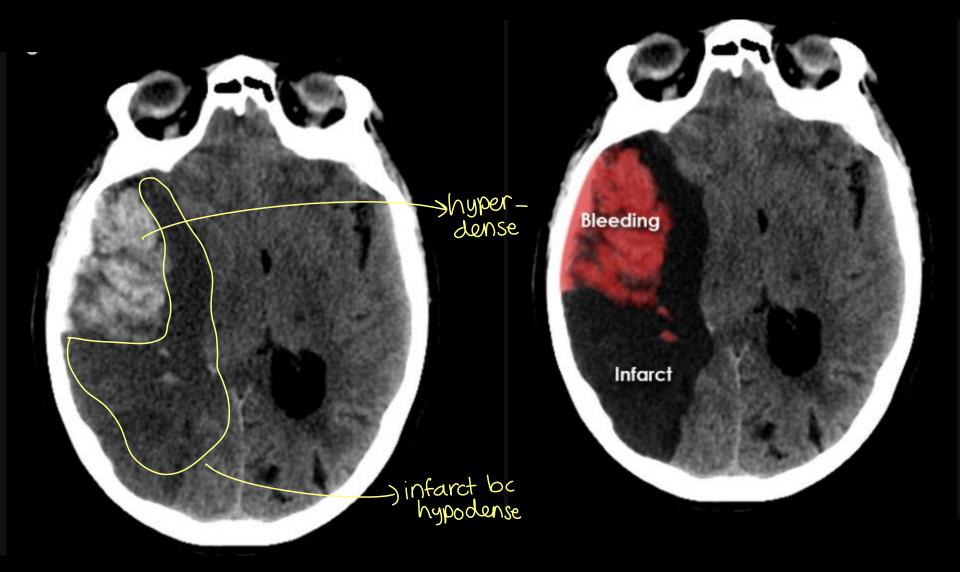








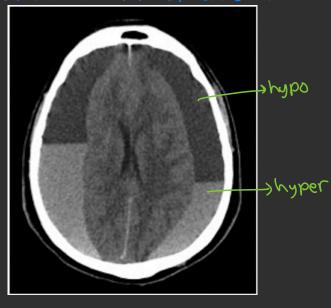
Infarct with haemorrhagic transformation



hemorrhagic transformation due to anticocquilation

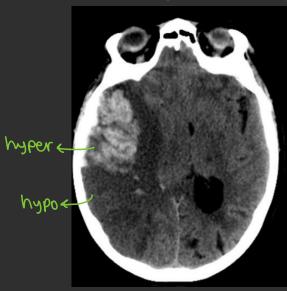
Q: how to differentiate blun acute on top of chronic & hemorrhagic transformation from an infarct?

acute on top of chronic



- · layered
- · crescent, crosses suture
- · SDH

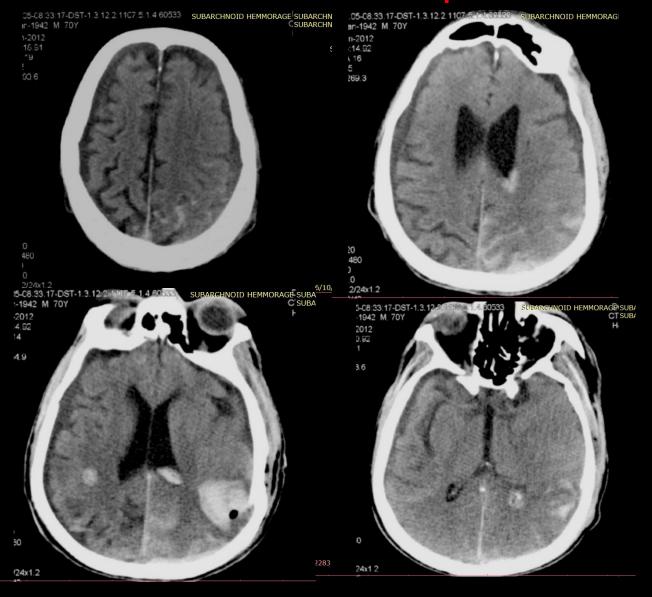
hemorrhagic transformation



- · Patchy
- · matches vascular territory
- · intraparenchymal hemorthage



Different types of hemorrhage in the same patient



Another example

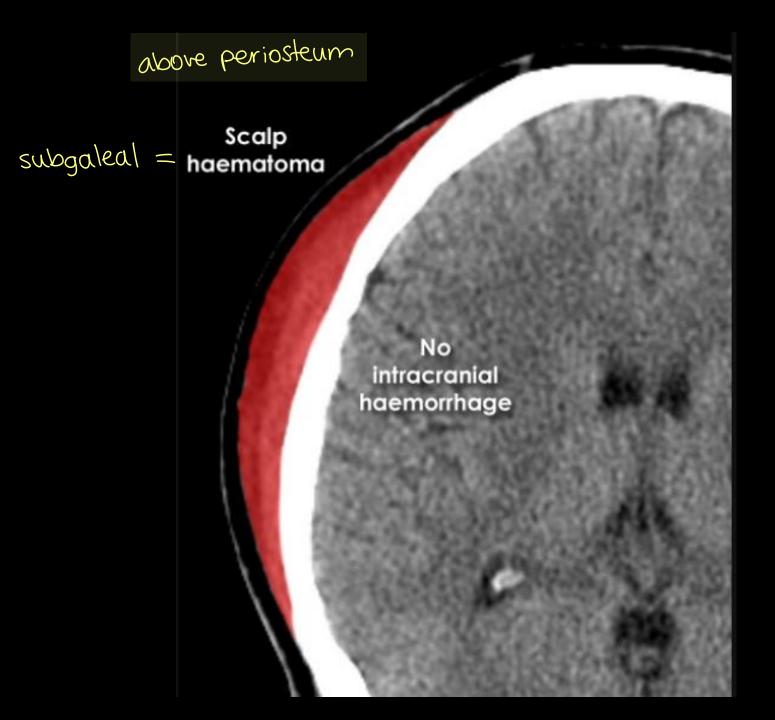


Cephalohematoma

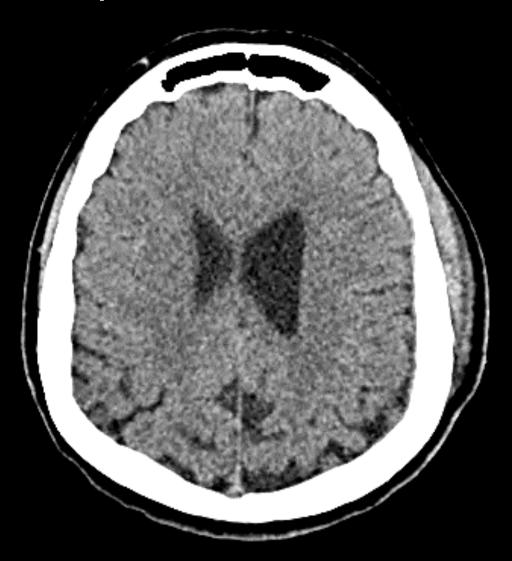
Traumatic subperiosteal haematomas of the skull that are usually caused by birth injury. They are bound between the periosteum and cranium, and therefore cannot cross sutures. Being bound by a suture line distinguishes them from subgaleal haematoma, which can cross sutures.

Subperiosteal Vs. subgaleal bound by suture line crosses suture line

Feature	Cephalohematoma	Scalp hematoma
Space	Subperiosteal	Subgaleal (superficial to periosteum)
Crosses sutures?	X No	✓ Yes
Common cause	Birth trauma	Any scalp trauma
Spread	Limited to one bone	Can spread widely



Cephalo-hematoma



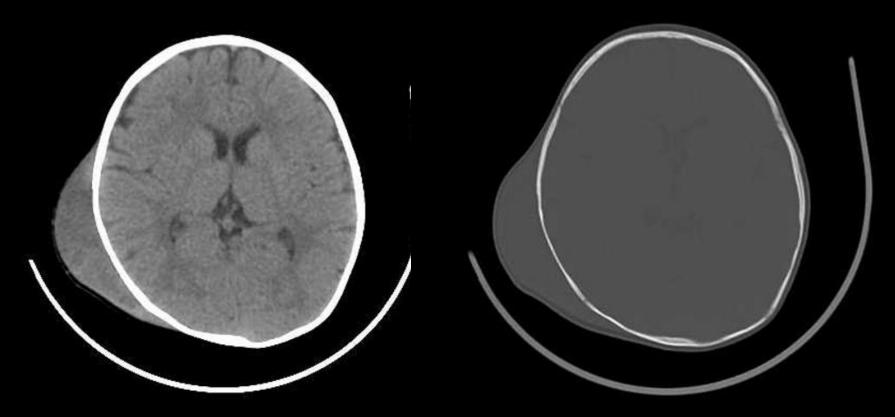
Subgaleal hematoma

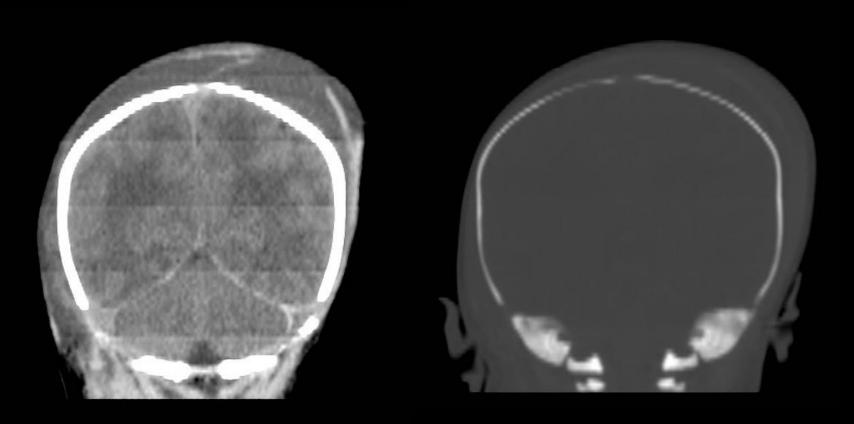
Describes scalp bleeding in the potential space between the periosteum and the galeal aponeurosis. It is a rare but possibly lethal emergency.

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.

Subgaleal hematoma





Calcification hyper

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

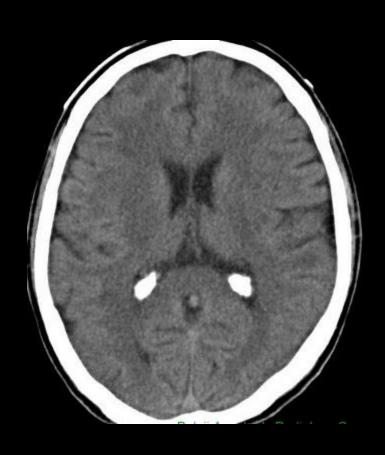
Penial gland & choroidal plexus calcification NL in young

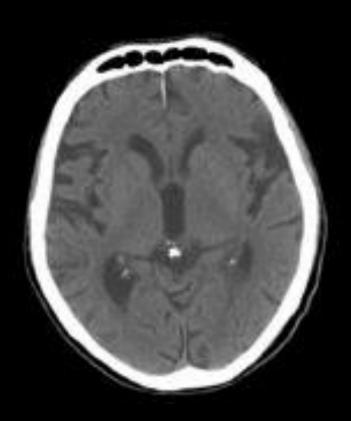
Calcification

1- Normal variation/ normal aging not young

basal ganglia , vascular calcifications ,Choroid plexus , Pineal gland , dentate nuclues , calcified falx .

Choroid plexus and Pineal gland





Basal ganglia



Basal ganglia





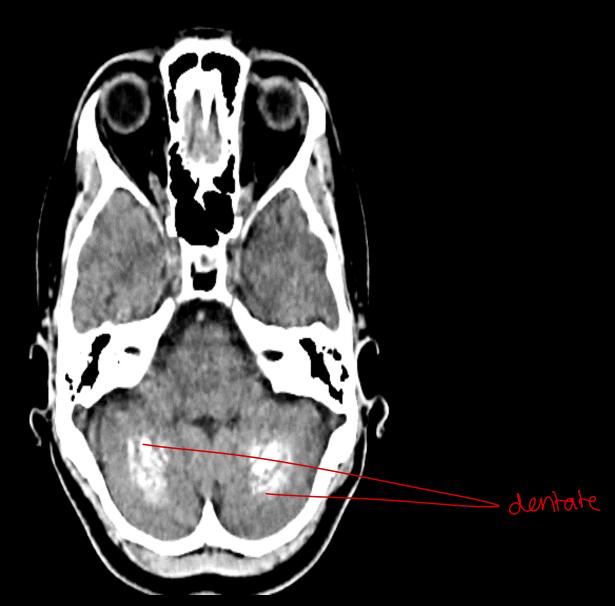
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Dentate nucleus



vascular calcification



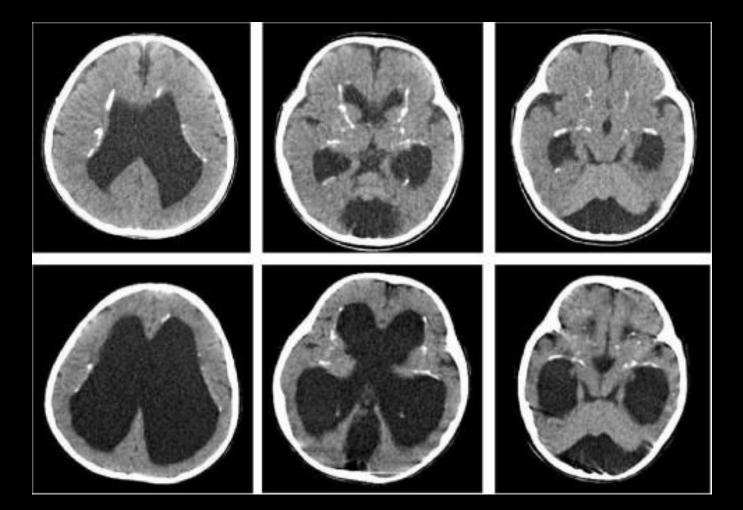
Pathological Calcification

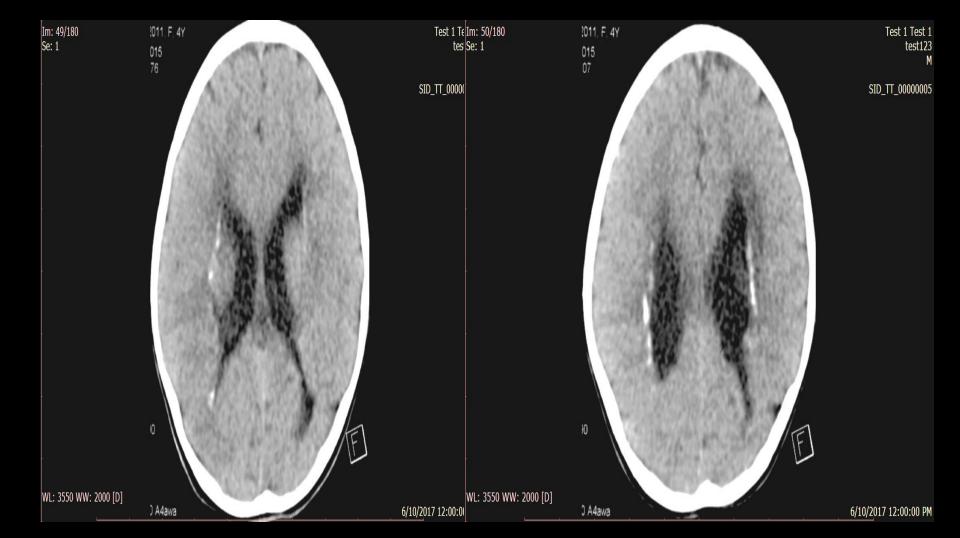
AVM benign malignant



Infection (congenital) : TORCH

Toxoplasmosis
Others (e.g., syphilis, varicella, HIV, Zika)
Rubella
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
Herpes simplex virus (HSV)





metabolic



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Sturge weber

- Face: Port-wine stain in trigeminal distribution
- Brain: Leptomeningeal angioma → seizures, calcifications
- Eye: Glaucoma, choroidal angioma

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Leptomeningeal Angiomatosis:

In Sturge-Weber syndrome, the leptomeninges are affected by these abnormal blood vessels, which can disrupt normal brain development and function.

Sturge-Weber Syndrome:

This syndrome is defined by a combination of facial port-wine stains (a type of birthmark), leptomeningeal angiomatosis, and sometimes glaucoma.



Tumors that usually calcifies:

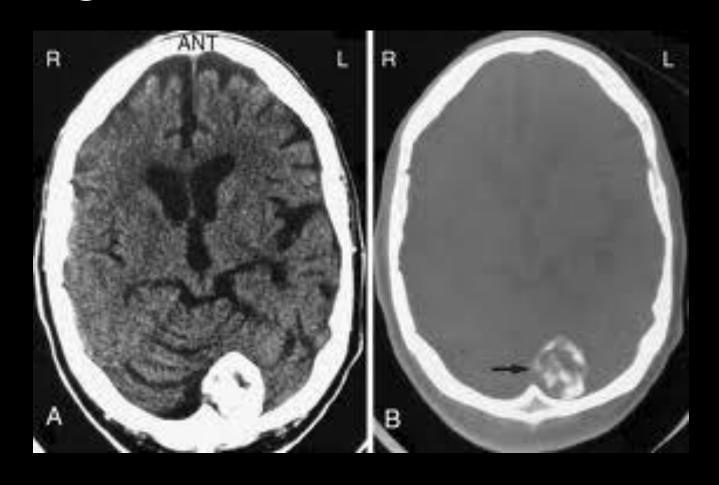
Meningioma

Craniopharangioma

Low grade astrocytoma

Oligodendroglioma

Meningioma





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Craniopharangioma extremeties of age

Peds & gariotric

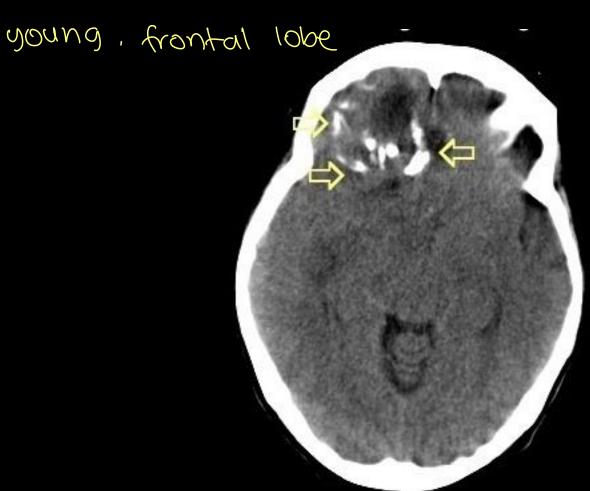


Low grade Astrocytoma

no calcifications in high grade be highly aggresive, pts die before calcification takes place

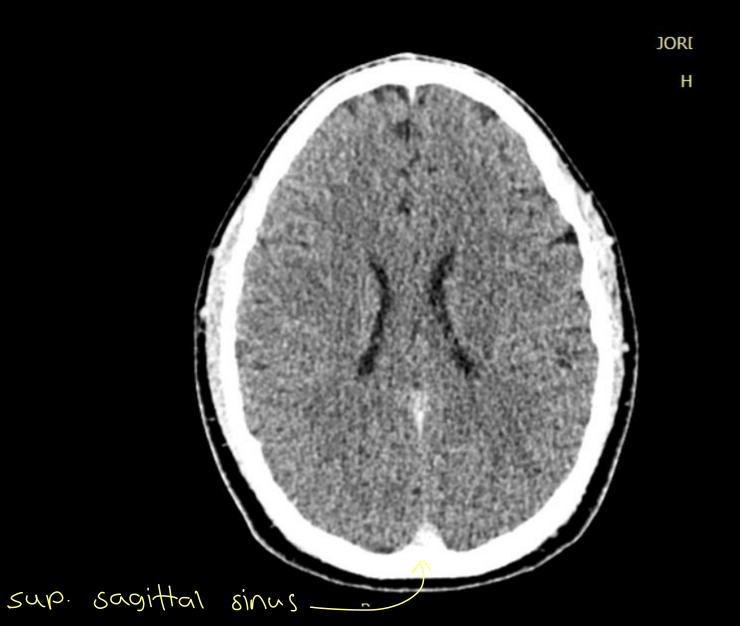


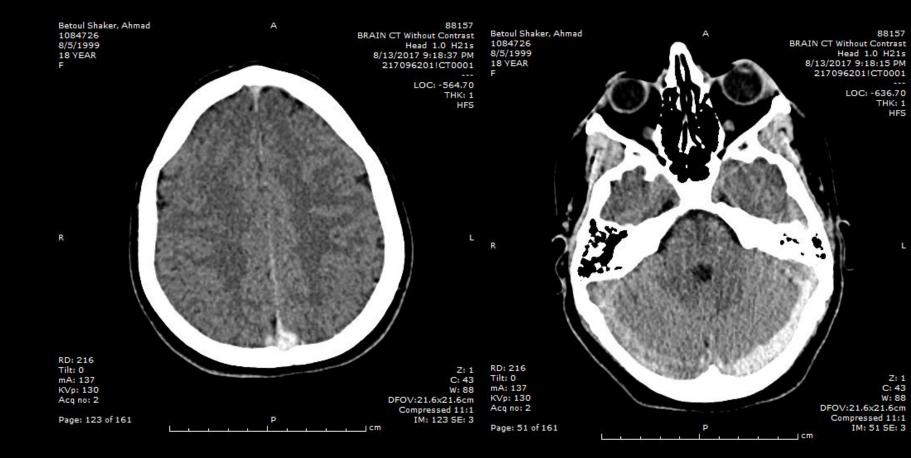
Oligodendroglioma



Thrombosed cerebral venous sinuses

Thrombosed cerebral venous sinuses

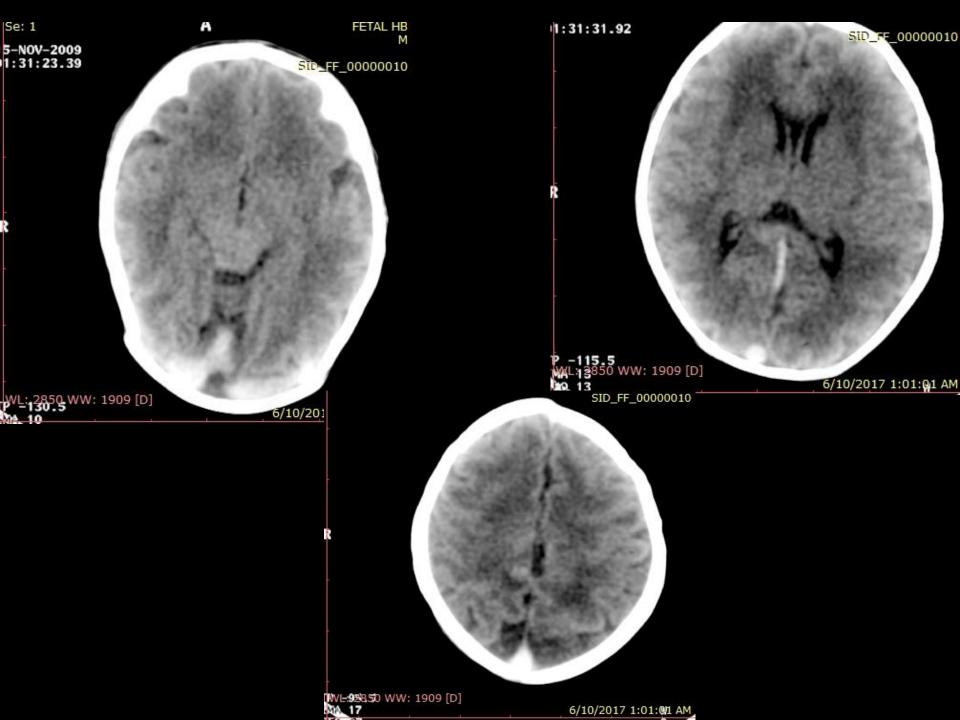




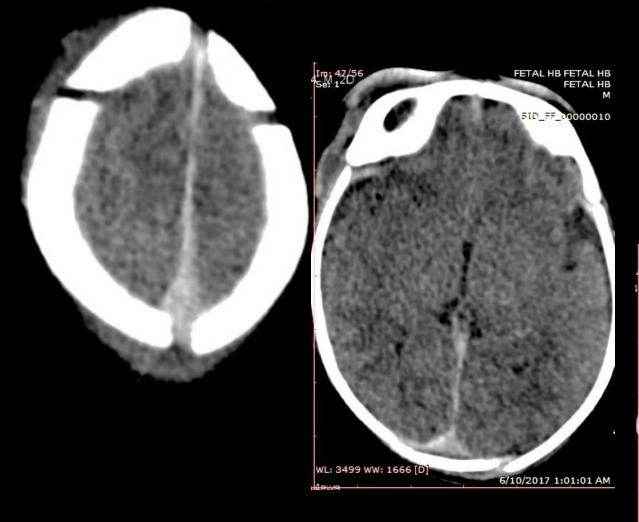
Fetal HB

Fhb

L>hyperdense



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Contrast enhancing lesions

healthy brain -> no contrast in parenchyma due to BBB
if parenchyma enhanced -> pathology

Benign

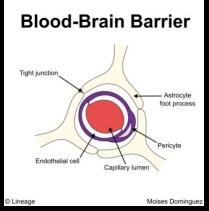
Malignant

When there is breakage in BBB, there will be enhancement

Structures that normally enhance(no BBB):

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pineal gland, pituitary gland and choroid plexus
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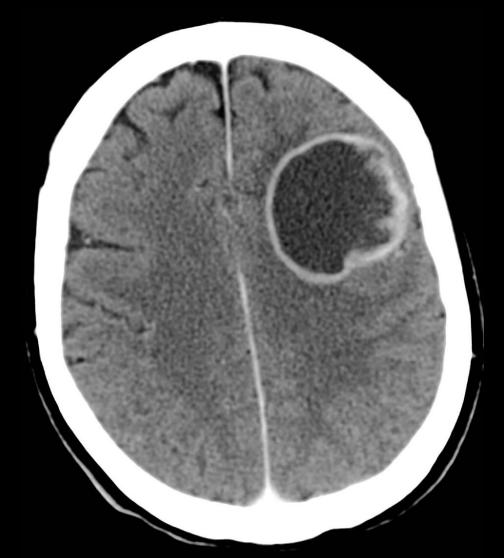
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3P's:
Penial
Pitutary
Plexus (choroid)
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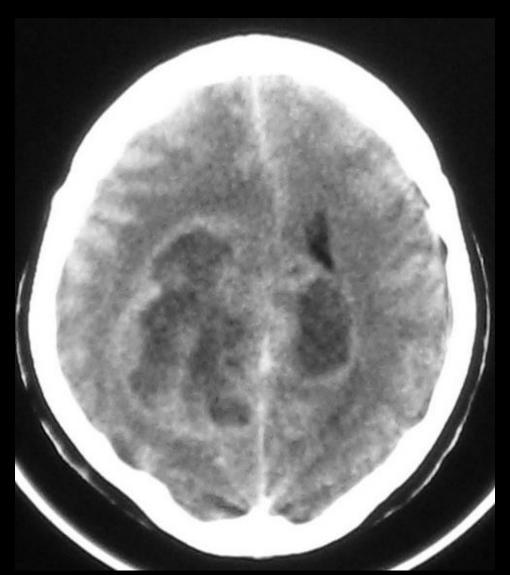
Benign: Meningioma

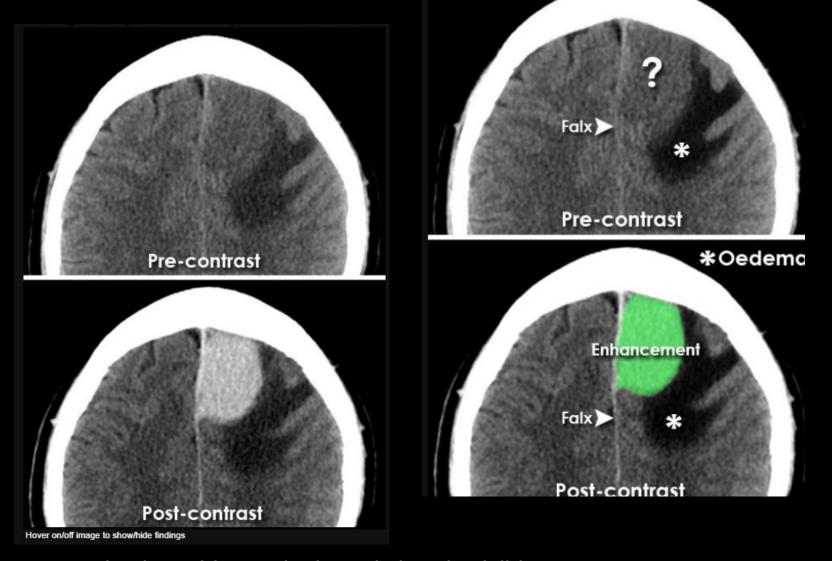


Benign: Abscess



Malignant: GBM - glioblastoma multiforme





≭Oeaema

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

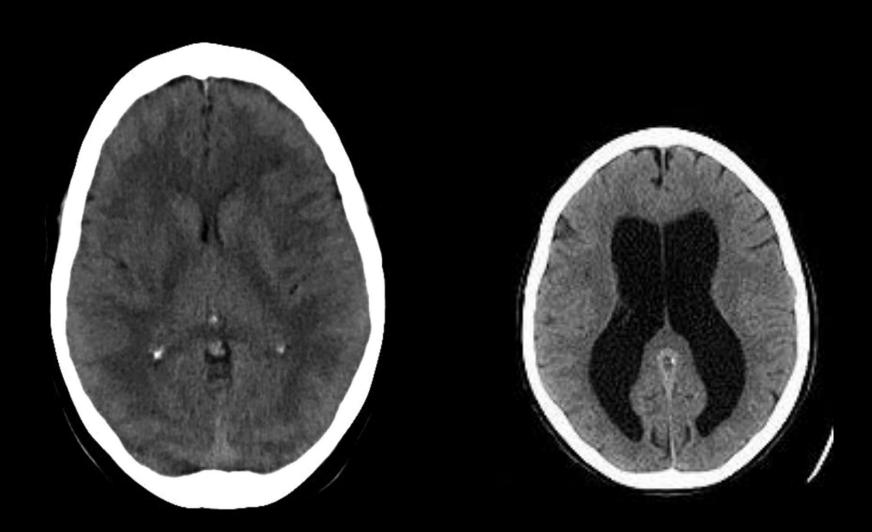
Edema: vasogenic v/s cytotoxic

Diffuse brain edema

Necrotic tissue: tumor v/s abscess

diffuse foral cytotoxic trauma non vasogenic trauma

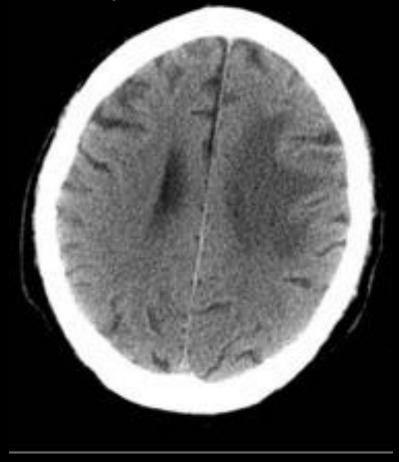
CSF: normal v/s hydrocephalus



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

oclusion of artery edoma in grey & white matter

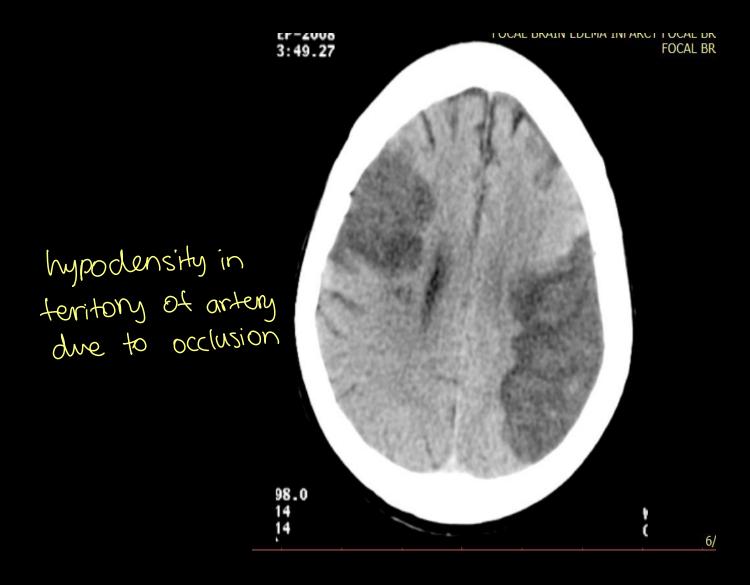
due to angiogenis, only in white matter







Vasogenic edema



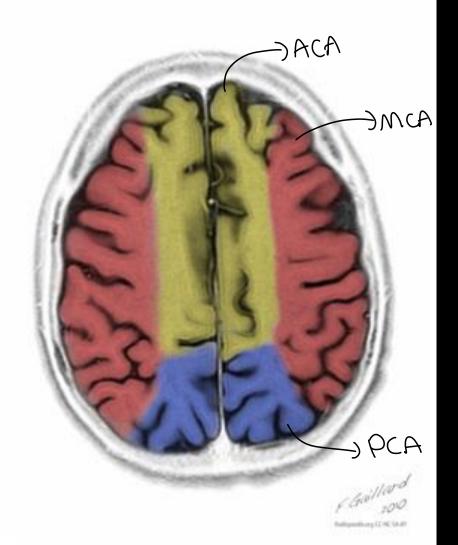
Cytotoxic edema white & grey matter

Cerebral Vascular Territories

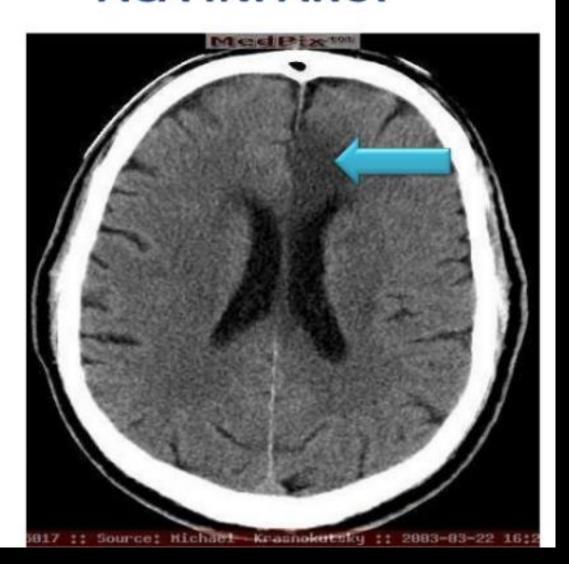
Anterior cerebral artery (ACA)

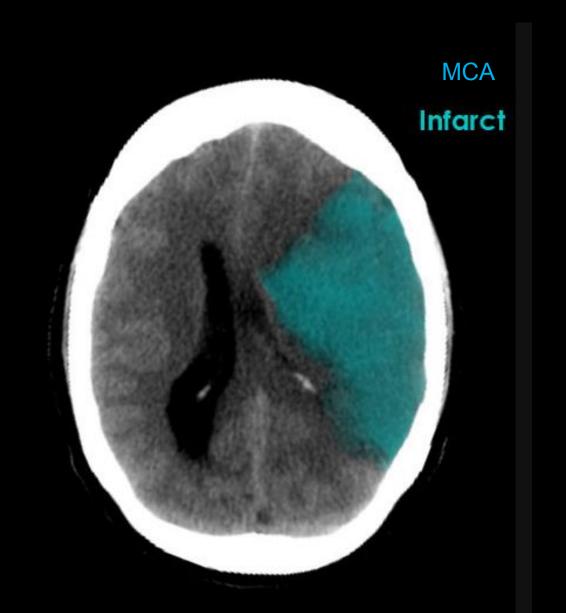
Middle cerebral artery (MCA)

Posterior cerebral artery (PCA)

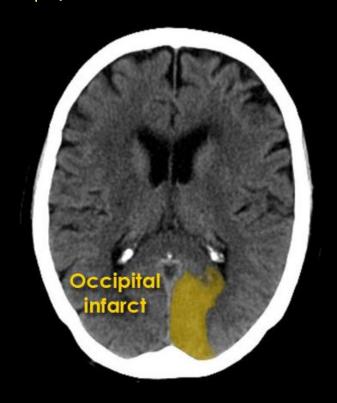


ACA INFARCT





Iff PCA





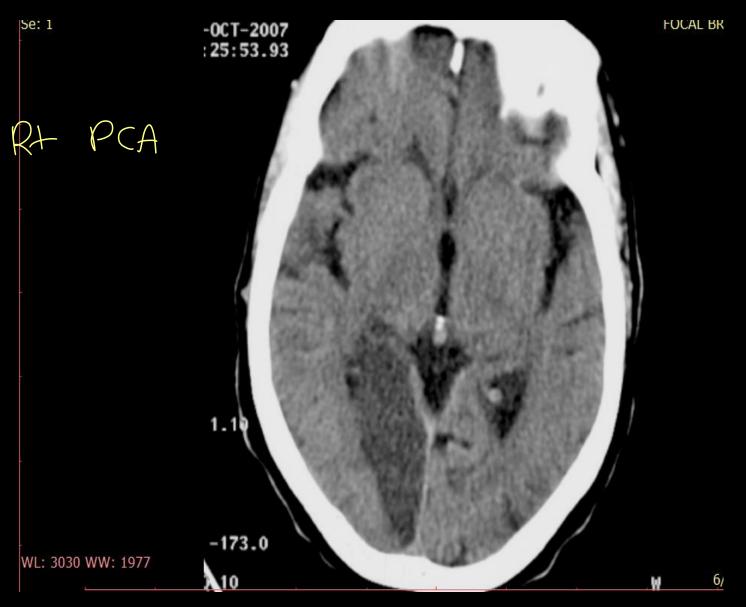
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PCA infarct



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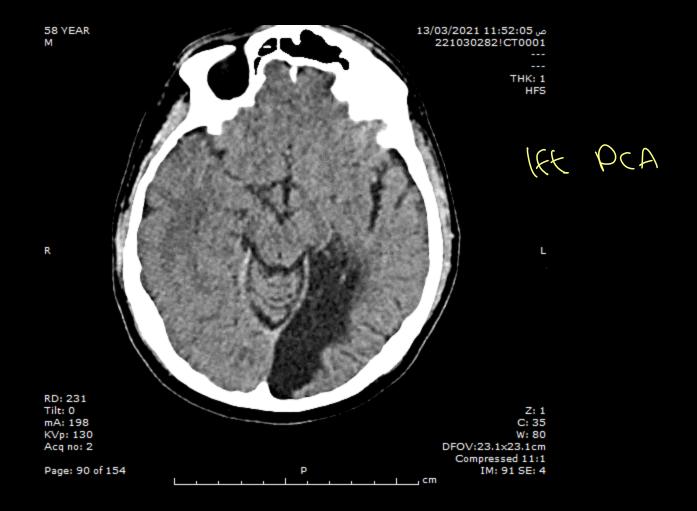
RH MCA



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hemanopia

(ipsilateral deficit)





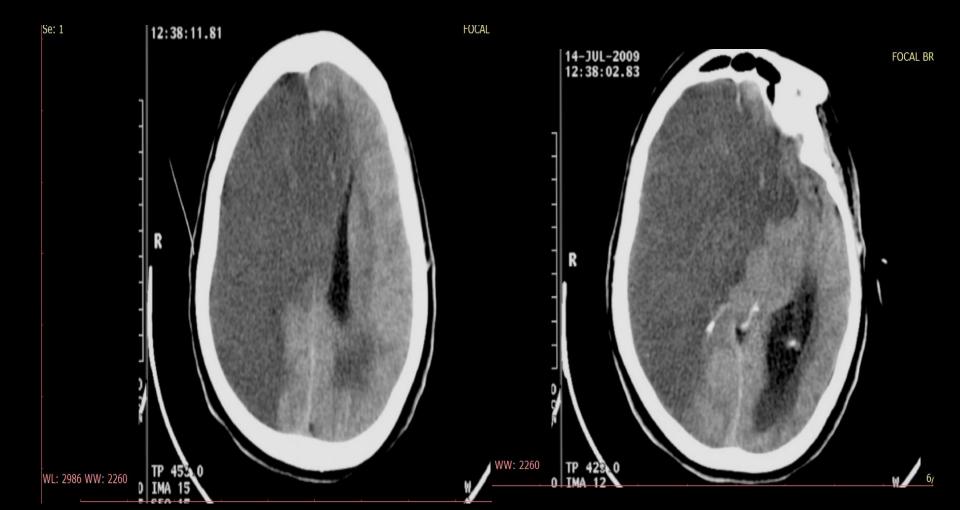


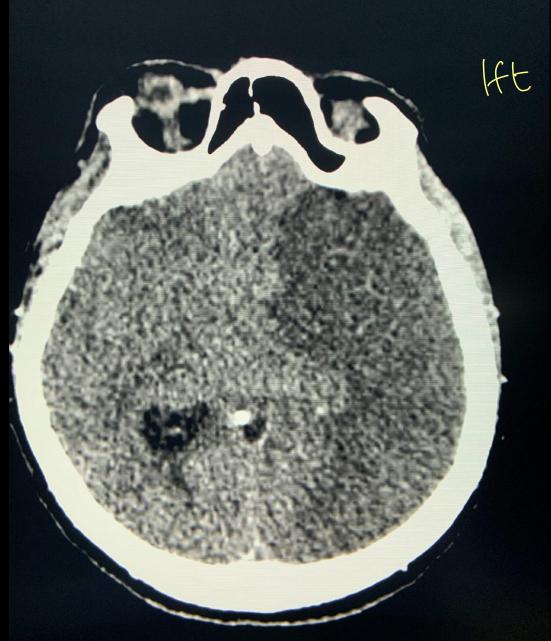


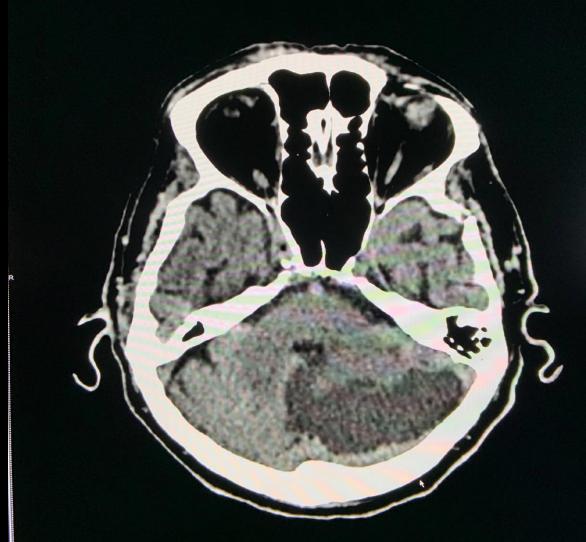
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Left







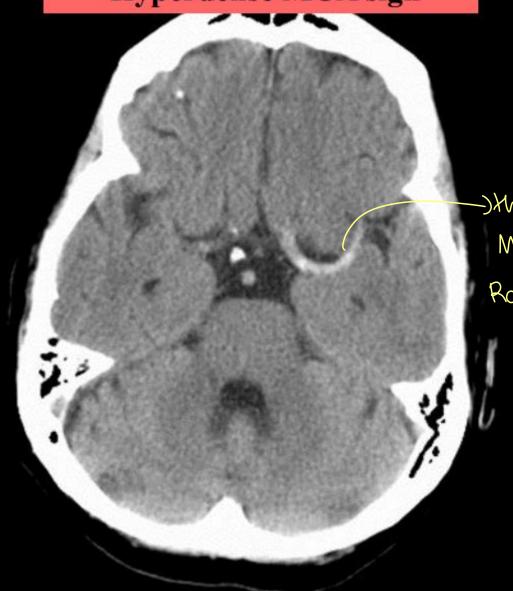


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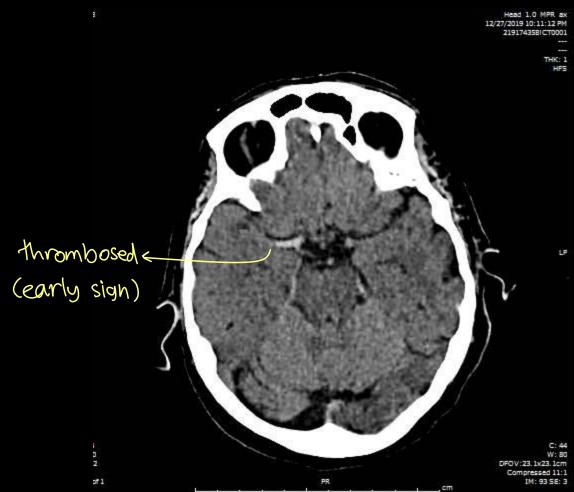
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Hyperdense MCA sign

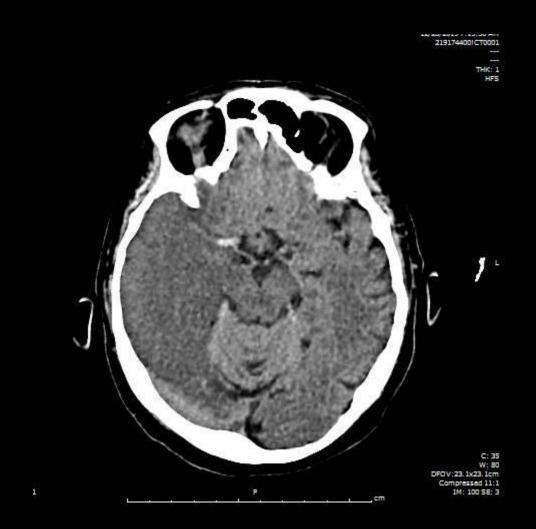


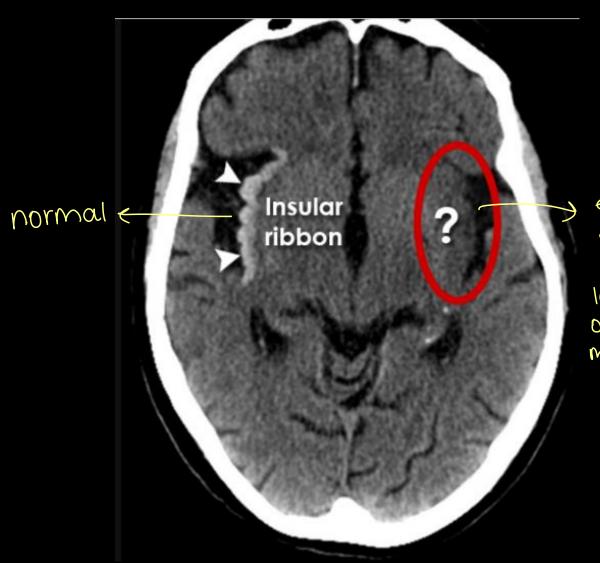
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Hyperdens e MCA sign



After 24 hours of the hyperden se MCA



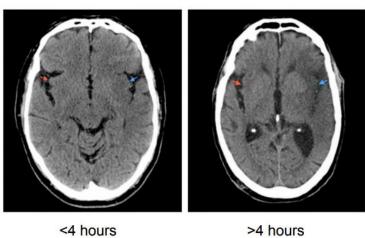


cytotoxic edema best seen here

loss of differentiation of white & grey matter

Insular Ribbon Sign on Left

 Loss of the normal insular cortex grey-white differentiation

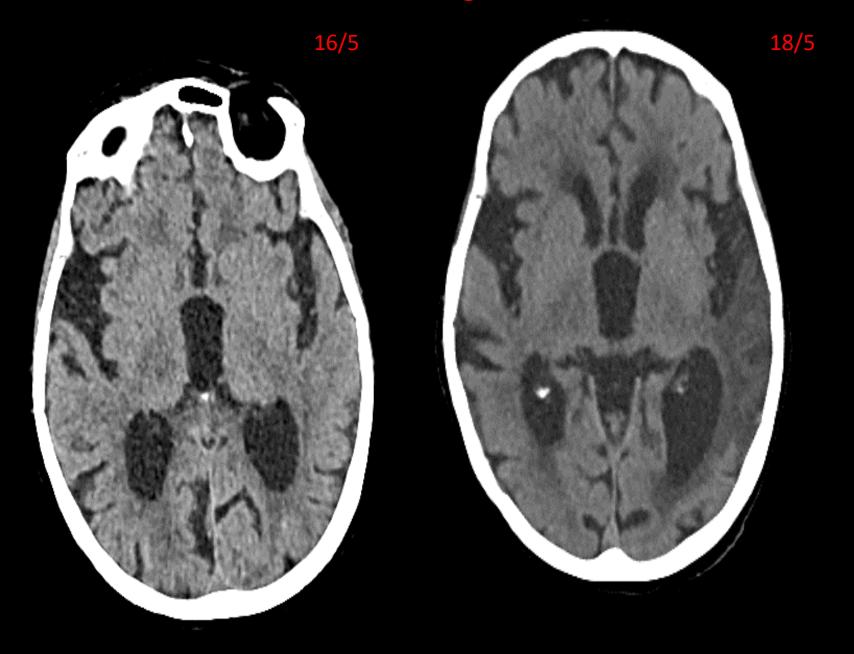


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Insular ribbon sign



Extensive edema with midline shift



Hemorrhagic transformation



custotoxic worse than vasogenic

Vasogenic edema

5 tumor

→ abses

only white matter

Necrotic tissue: tumor v/s abscess







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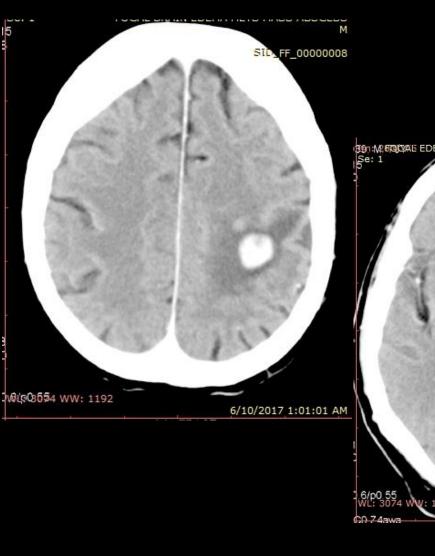
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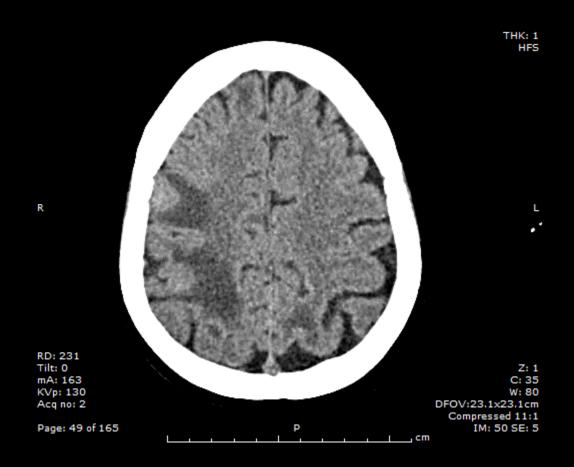


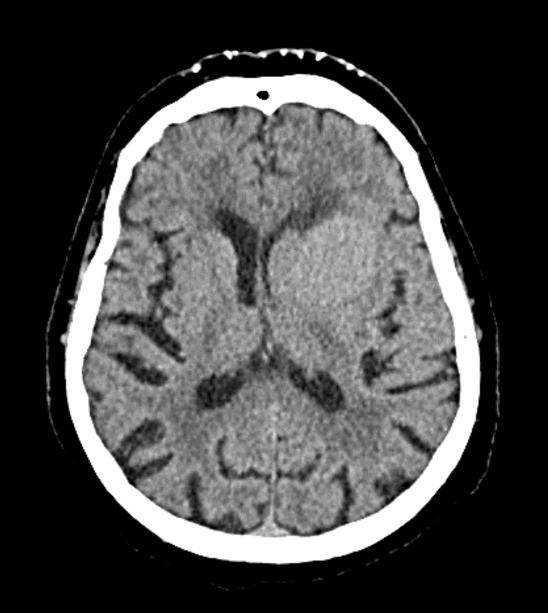
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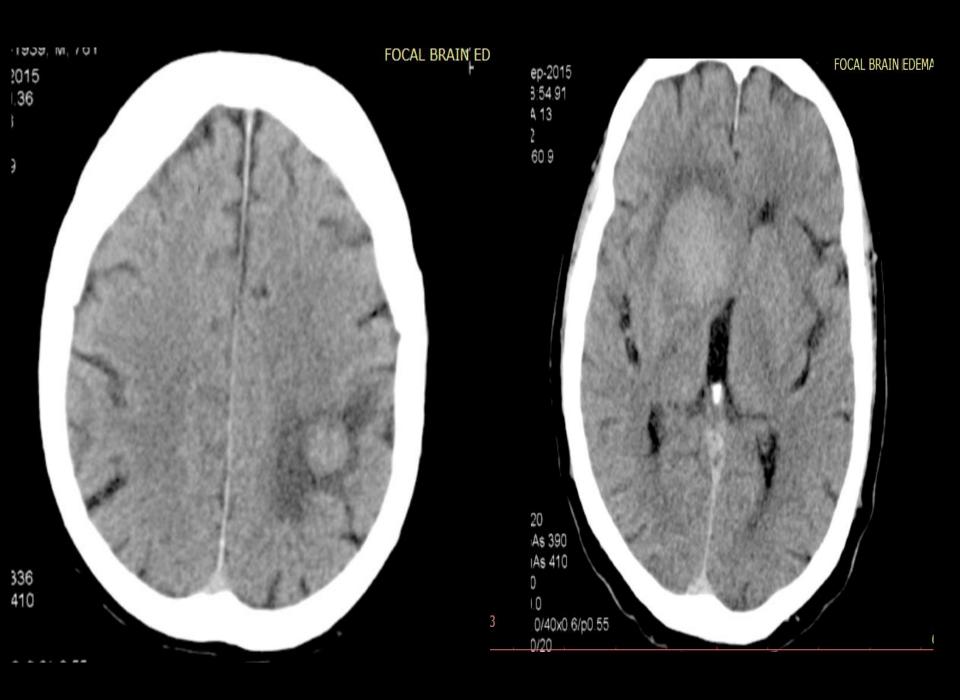






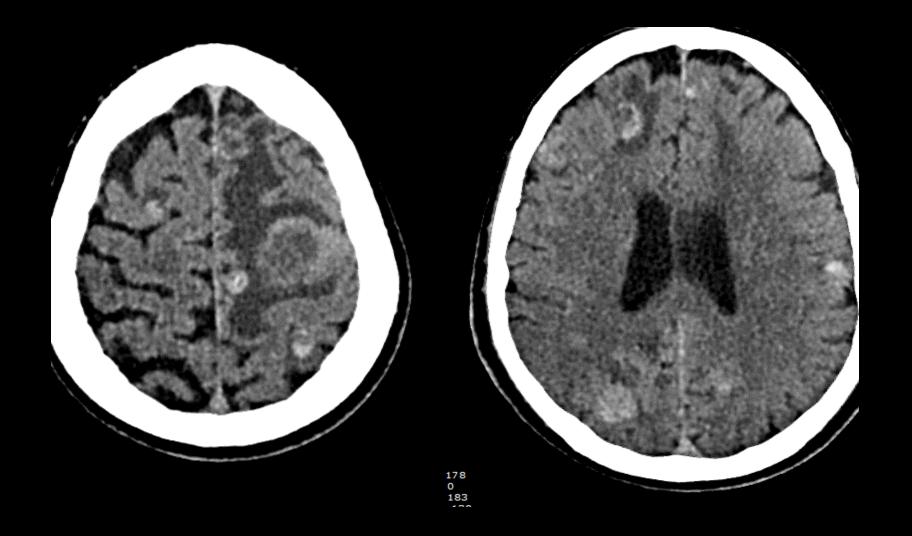








Heamorrahgic metastasis





contrast in infarct -> neurotoxic

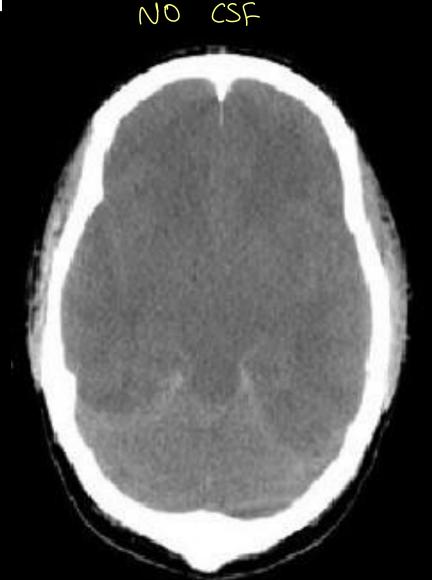
Diffuse brain edema

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
Subarachinoid

Diffuse brain edema

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

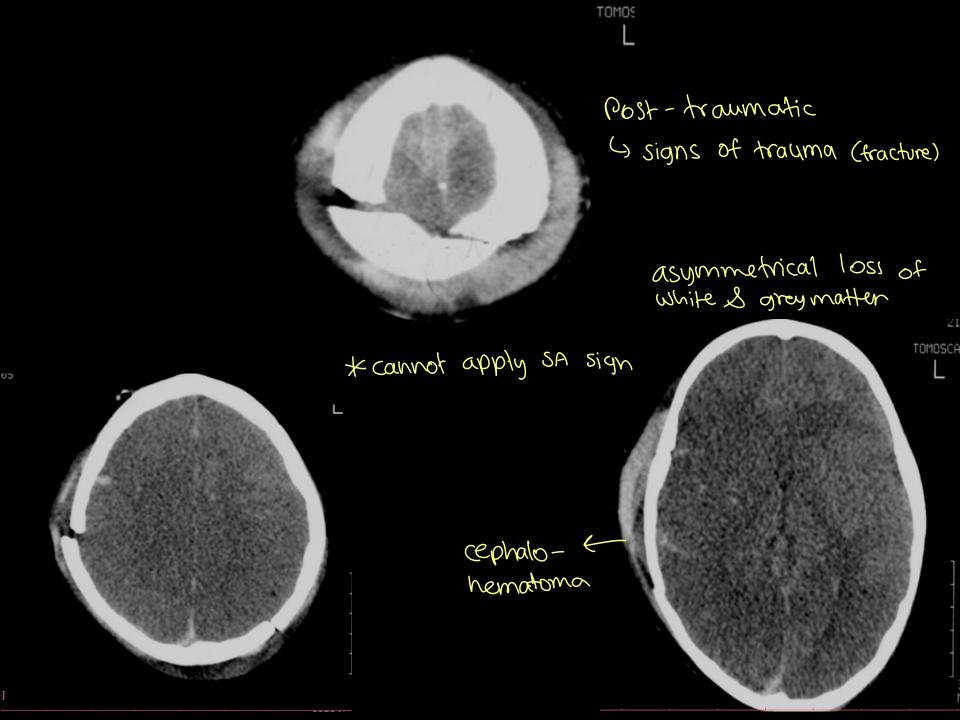








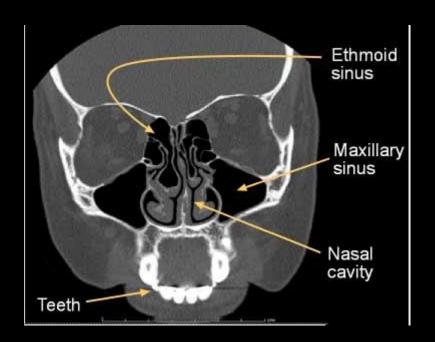
Pseudo subarachinoid sign Gannot apply on trauma pts



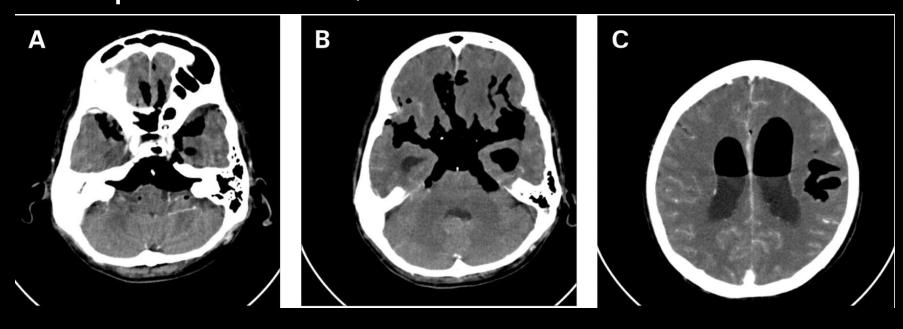
Hypodense Lesions:

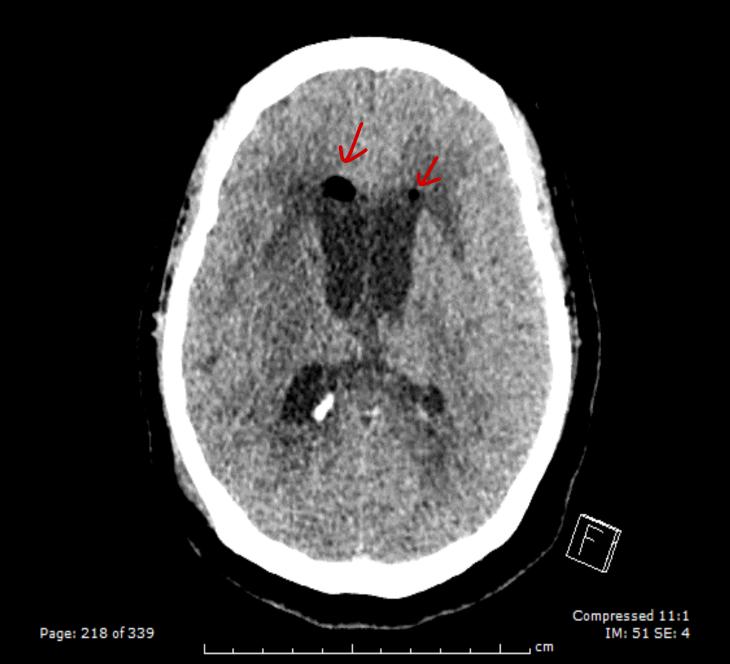
Air:

Normal: sinuses



Abnormal: Pneumocephalus (post Sx surgical or post trauma)







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Hypodense Lesions:

Fat:

Lipoma, dermoid cyst

Dermoid Cyst



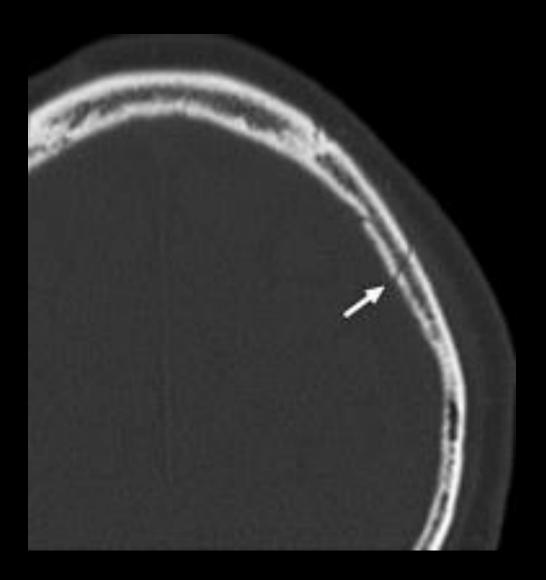
Skull Fractures

Linear

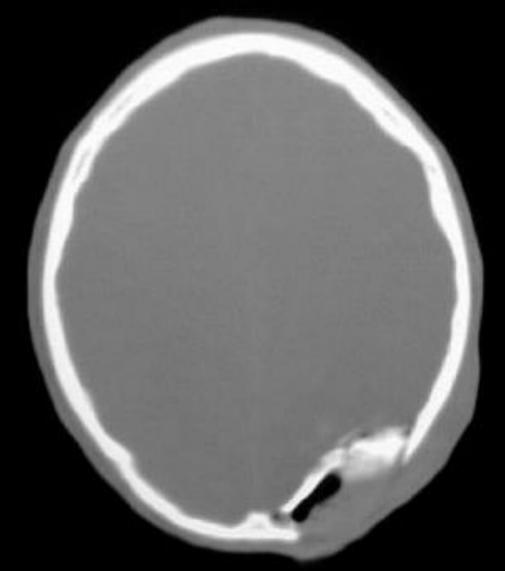
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Growing Fracture

Linear Fracture



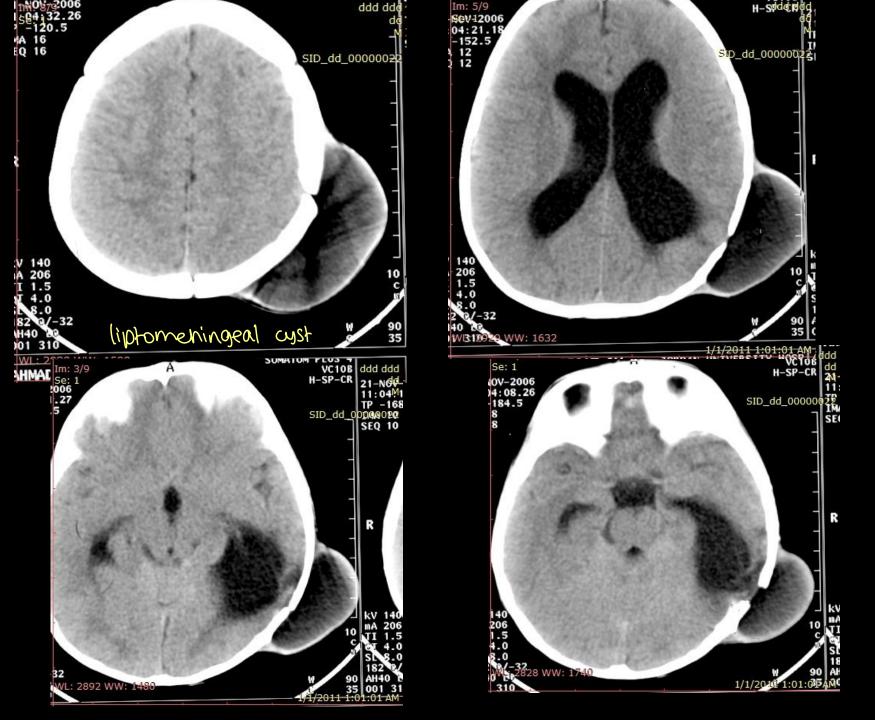
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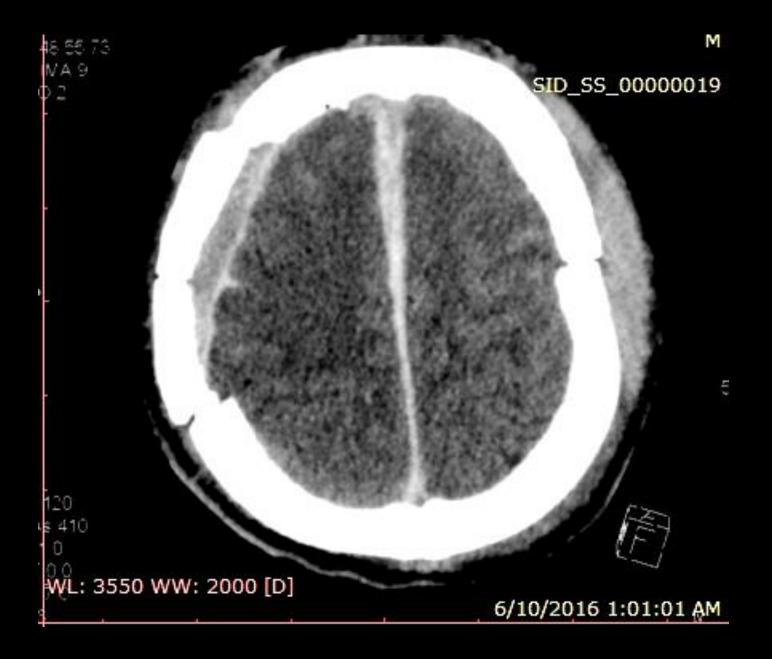


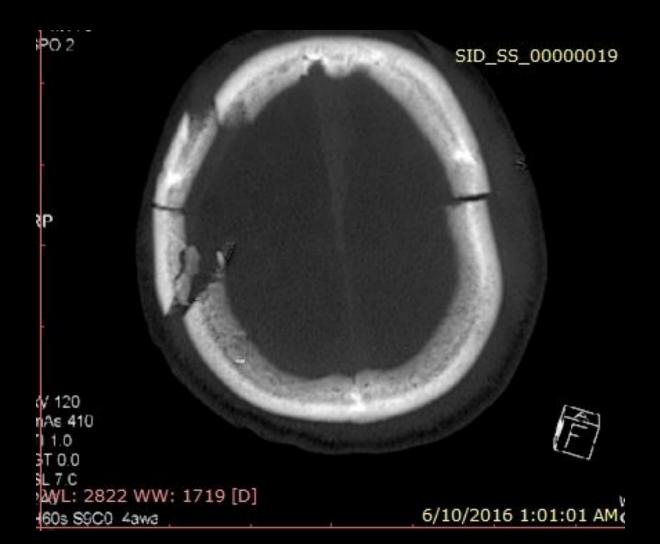
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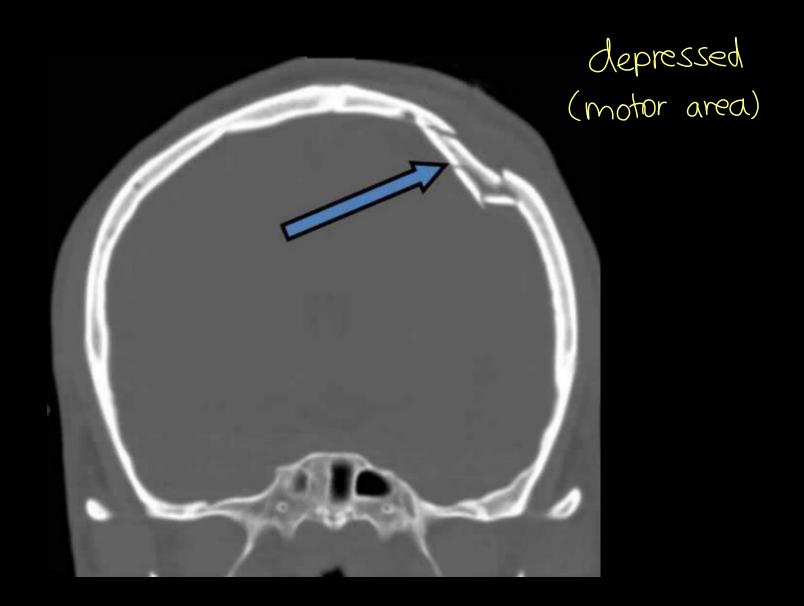
Peds

linear - transforms

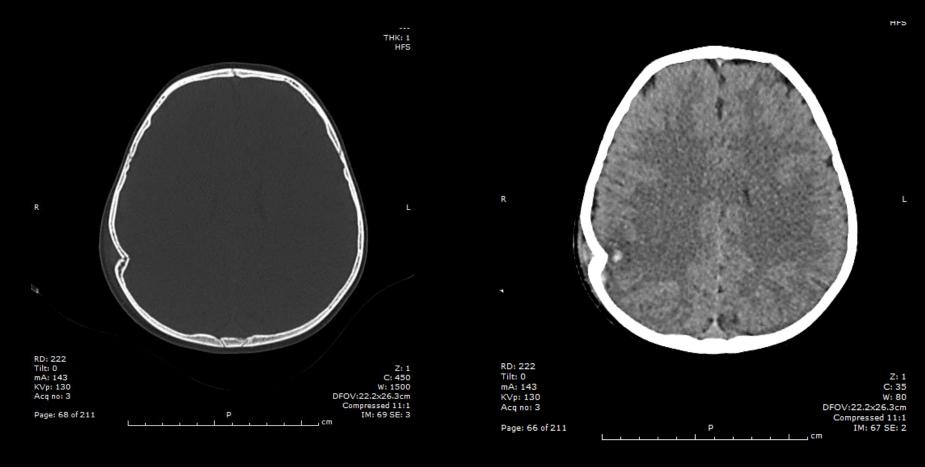






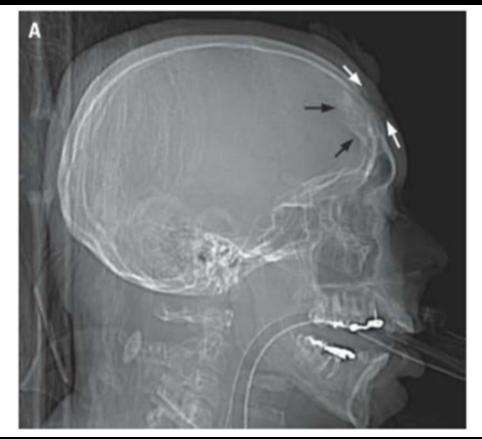


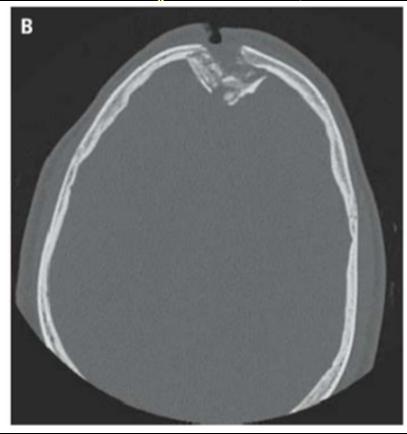
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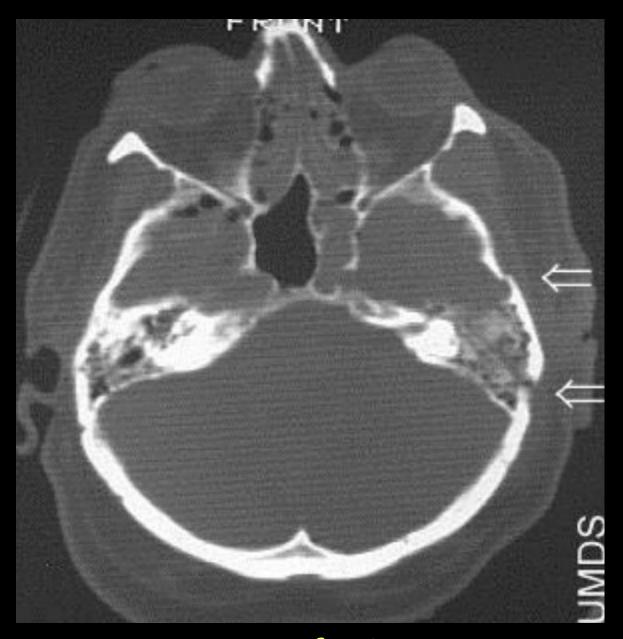


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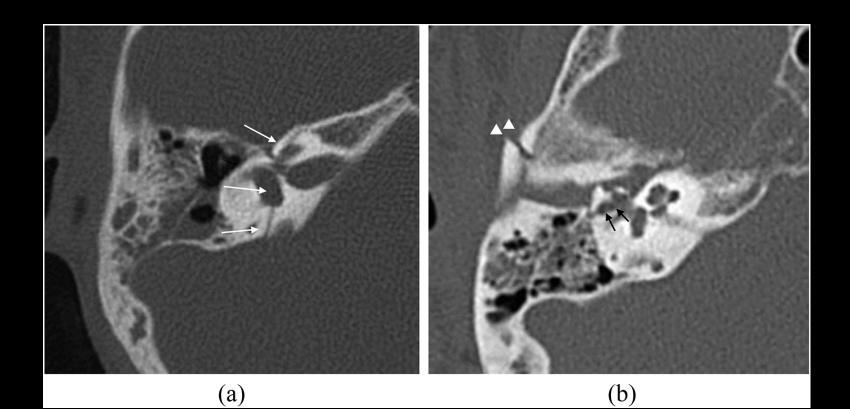
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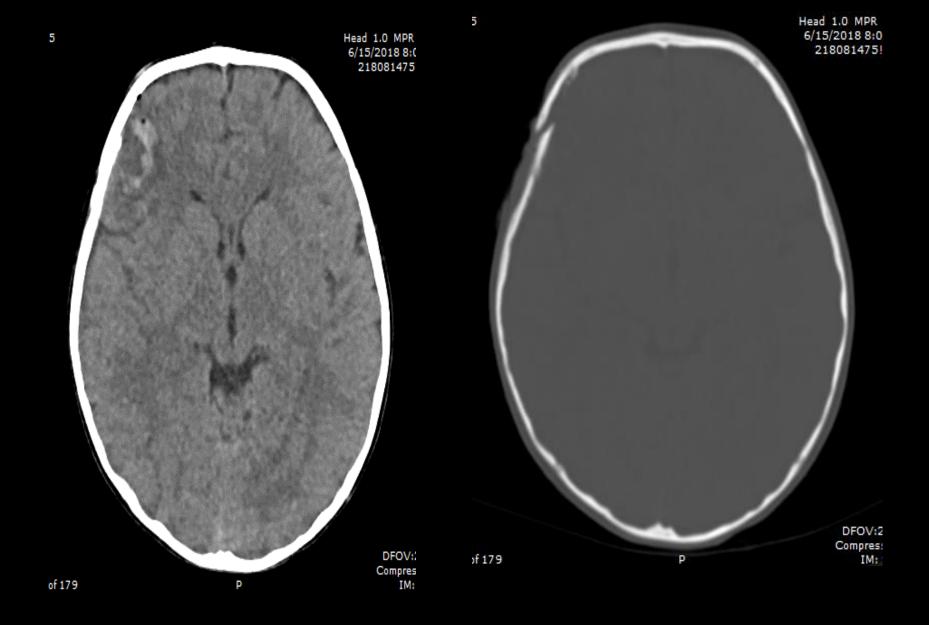


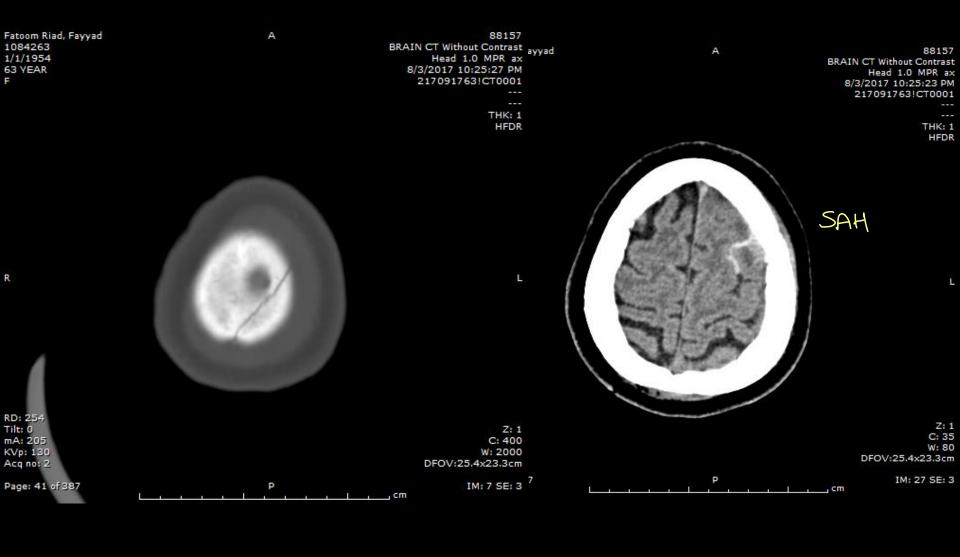




Skull base fracture









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