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CASE PRESENTATION

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CLINICAL HISTORY

- A 9 yrs old male accompanied by his parents came on 30th sep 2023 with the complaints of
 - Imbalance while walking since 4 months
 - Intermittent vomitings since 4 months (vomit contained ingested food material)
 - Intermittent headache (generalised)
 - Complaints of decreased appetite and generalised weakness since 2 months



- C/o giddiness since 4-5 days
- No h/o blurring of vision
- No h/o fever
- No features of the precocious puberty
- Birth and developmental history – normal
- Clinical Examination ie; vitals were stable



INVESTIGATIONS

- COMPLETE BLOOD COUNTS were within normal limits
- CSF ANALYSIS :
 - GLUCOSE -16.6 mg/dl (n – 40 -85 mg/dl)
 - PROTEINS -91mg/dl (15-45 mg/dl)
 - AFP - 0.9 ng/mL (>3.8 ng/ml)
 - BETA HCG - 23.3 IU/L(>8-10 IU/I)

<https://eurjmedres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40001-016-0204-2>



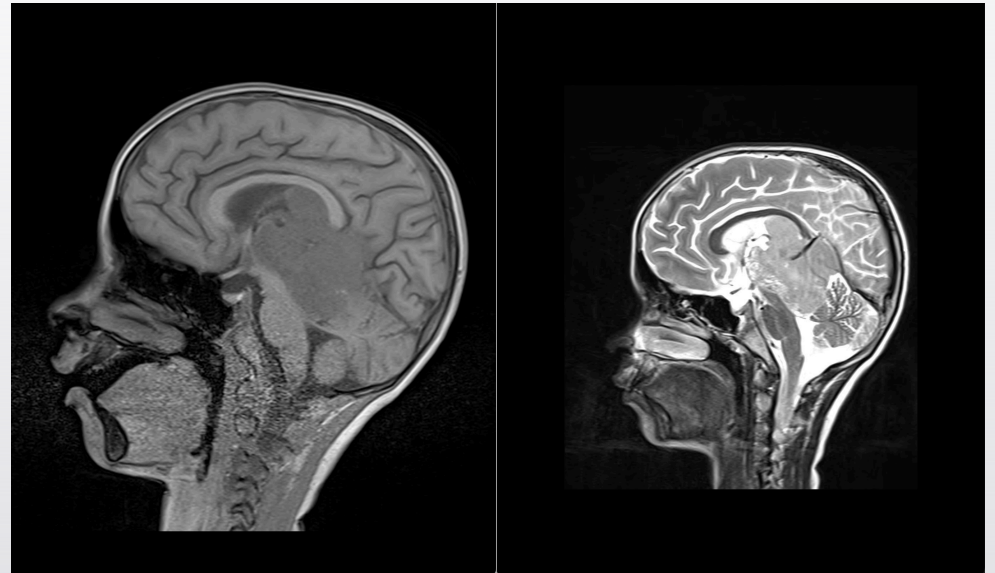
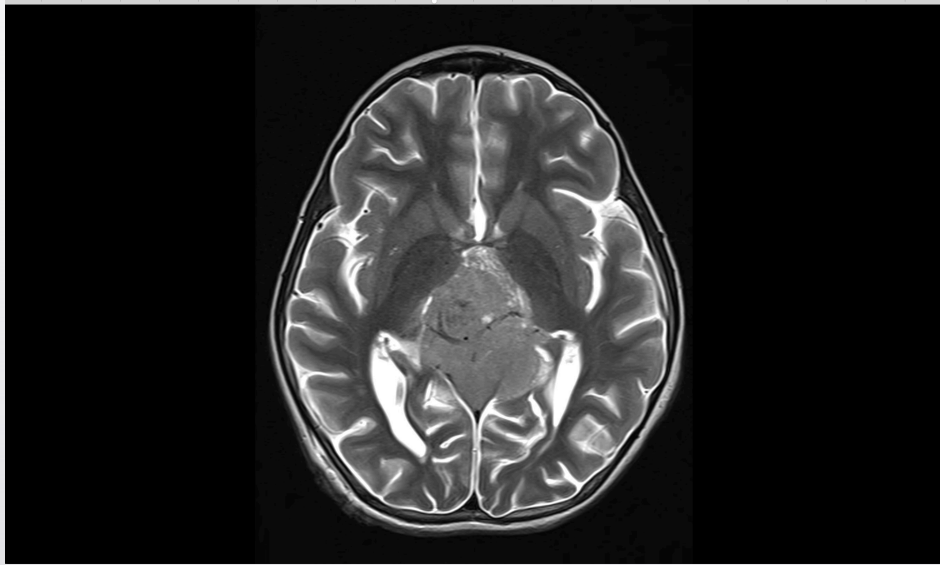
- PREVIOUS IMAGING –CECT BRAIN (AT DHARWAD SCAN CENTRE ON 19/09/23)
 - Well defined heterogeneously enhancing mass lesion with specks of calcification in the 3rd ventricle showing few adjacent cystic components , causing mass effect on the adjacent structures , resultant periventricular seepage of CSF, suggestive of neoplastic aetiology
 - Differentials to be considered
 1. Ependymoma , 2. central neurocytoma



- Post imaging Ventriculo peritoneal shunting was done to the patient (23/09/23) at KLE
- Despite the treatment , the patient was not improving and was advised MRI BRAIN (plain + contrast)
- MR SPINE screening and Test CT Brain were done

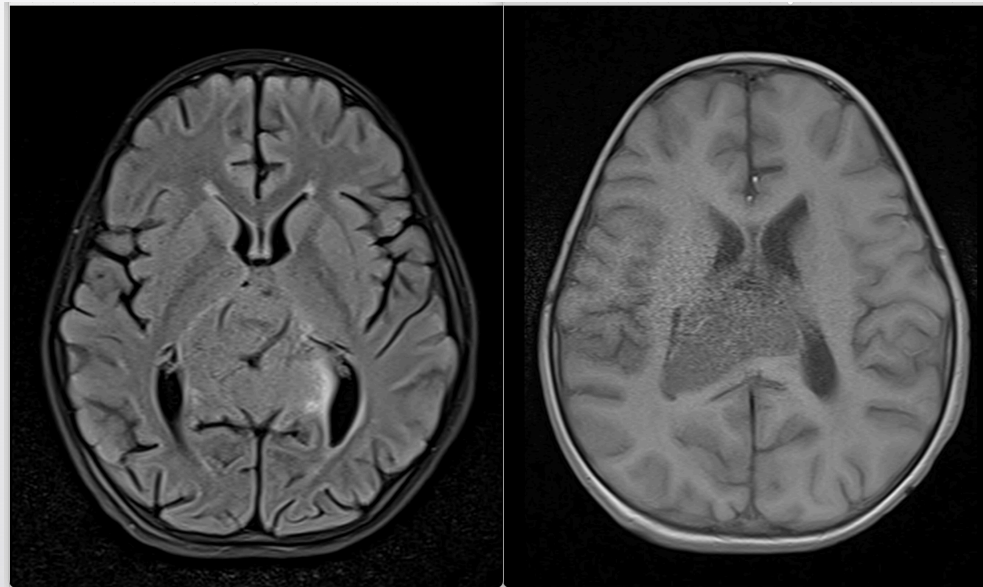


T2 W AXIAL AND T1 & T2 W SAGGITAL IMAGES



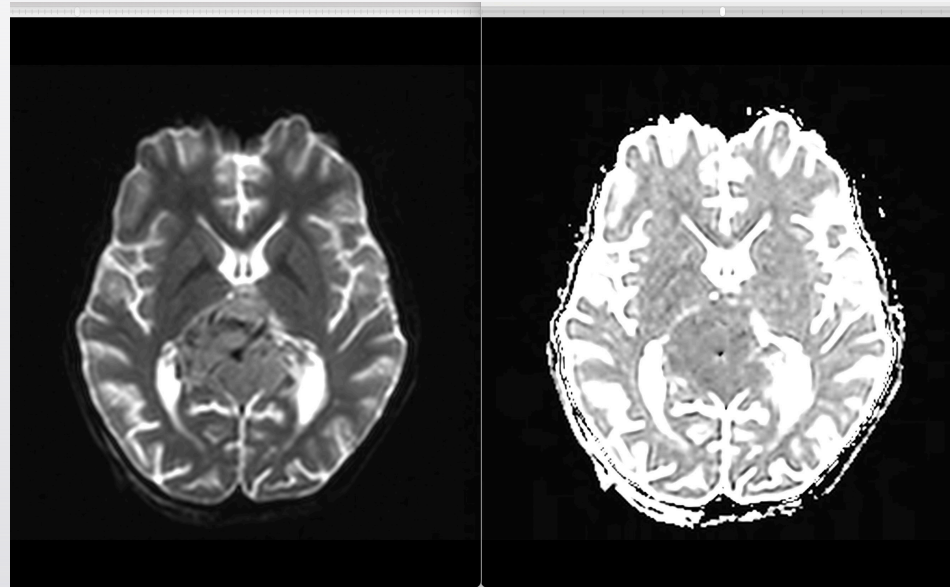


FLAIR AND T1W AXIAL IMAGES



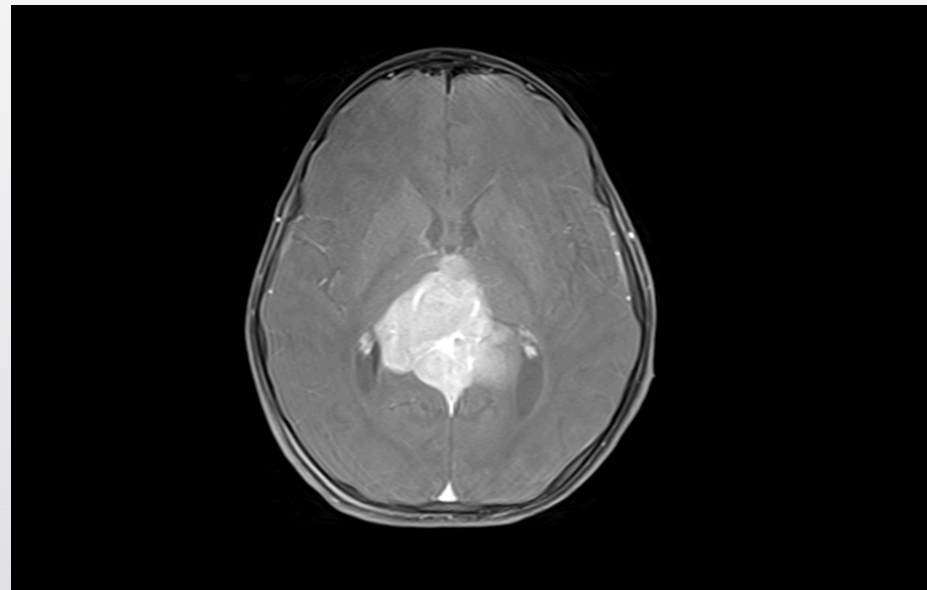


DWI AND ADC IMAGES





POST CONTRSAT T1 W IMAGE





MRI BRAIN (PLAIN + CONTRAST) FINDINGS

- Heterogeneously enhancing T2 & FLAIR hyperintense and T1 hypointense lobulated mass lesion noted in the pineal region approximately measuring 5.9 (AP) x 5.3 (ML) x 6.6 (CC) cms with multiple tiny cystic areas
- The lesion shows multiple peripheral areas on blooming on SWI sequence suggestive of multiple specks of peripheral calcifications
- The lesion is seen to show diffusion restriction on DWI sequence



- Superiorly the lesion is seen to extend into the 3rd ventricle and the right lateral ventricle with encasement of the bilateral internal cerebral vein and P3 segment of the bilateral PCA .
- The lesion is seen to cause mass effect on the splenium of the corpus callosum
- Antero inferiorly the lesion is seen to cause mass effect on the tectal plate and the aqueduct of sylvius



- Posteroinferiorly the lesion is seen to cause mass effect on the superior cerebellar lobe and superior cerebellar peduncle
- Laterally the lesion is seen to cause mass effect on the bilateral thalami
- VP shunt noted with its tip lying in the occipital horn of the right lateral ventricle .



TEST CT FINDINGS

- Fairly well defined hyperdense lesion noted likely to be arising from the pineal region with peripherally located hyperdensities suggestive of calcifications
- The lesion is seen to extend into the right lateral ventricle, and the 3rd ventricle
- The lesion is seen to cause mass effect on the splenium of the corpus callosum
- The lesion is seen to encase the internal cerebral veins .



Differentials to be considered

- PINEAL GERMINOMA
- PINEOBLASTOMA
- PINEAL PARENCHYMAL TUMOR OF INTERMEDIATE DIFFERENTIATION
- PRIMARY INTRACRANIAL CHORIOCARCINOMA
- TECTAL GLIOMA

PINEAL GERMINOMA

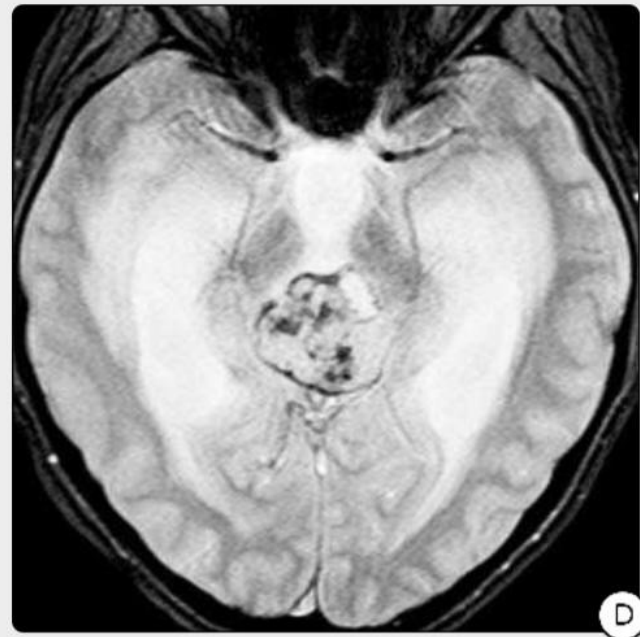
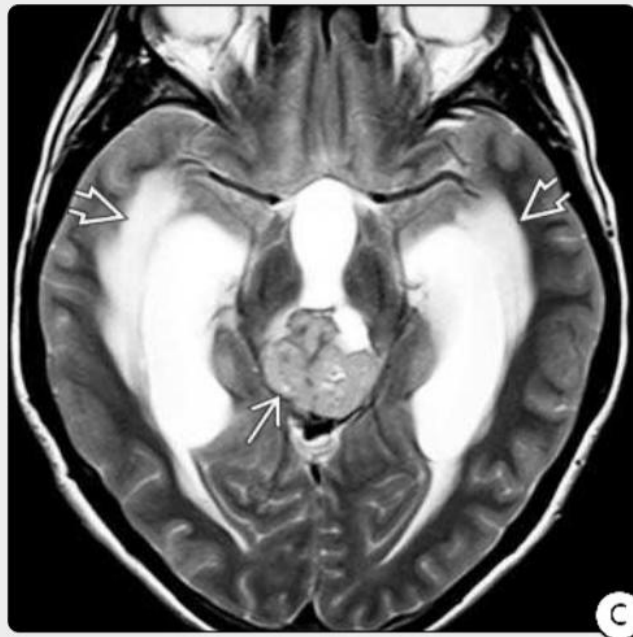
POINTS IN FAVOUR	POINTS AGAINST
Age of the patient (more common in the first 2 decades of life) peak presentation 10-14yrs of age	No evidence of the spinal metastases
Males >> Females Elevated CSF β hcg levels (not very common)	
CT findings – Hyperdense lesion with internal hyperdensities(calcifications) The lesion is seen to engulf the calcification	
MRI findings – T1 – iso to hypointense to the grey matter T2 – iso to hyperintense to the grey matter DWI – ADC – low values of ADC (shows diffusion restriction) SWI – shows areas of blooming (calcification/hemorrhage)	
T1 contrast –heterogenous enhancement	

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PINEOBLASTOMA

POINTS IN FAVOUR

Age of the patient (most common in first 2 decades of life)

Symptoms of elevated intracranial pressure are present

CT findings – Hyperdense mass lesion with calcifications

MRI findings –
T1 – Iso to hypointense compared to the brain parenchyma
T2 – Iso to hyperintense
DWI & ADC – low ADC values (diffusion restriction)

T1 + contrast – Heterogenous enhancement

POINTS AGAINST

Evidence of elevated CSF markers (pineoblastoms do not produce oncoproteins)

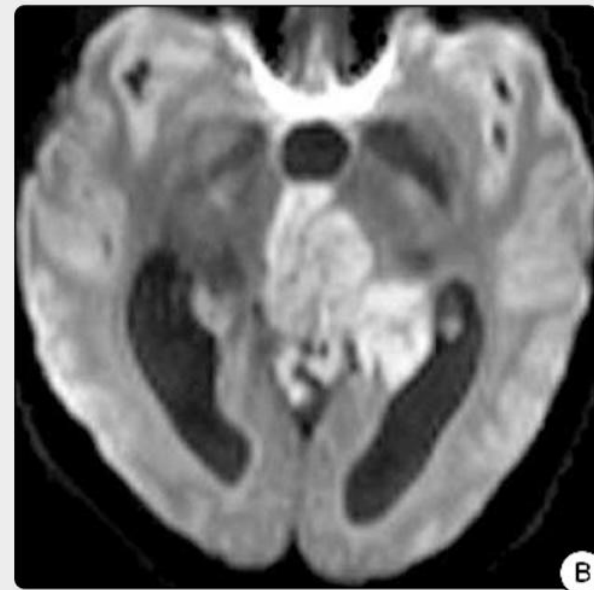
No evidence of necrosis and intratumoral haemorrhage (frequently demonstrate)

Pineoblastomas usually explode the calcifications to the periphery

No evidence of the spinal metastases

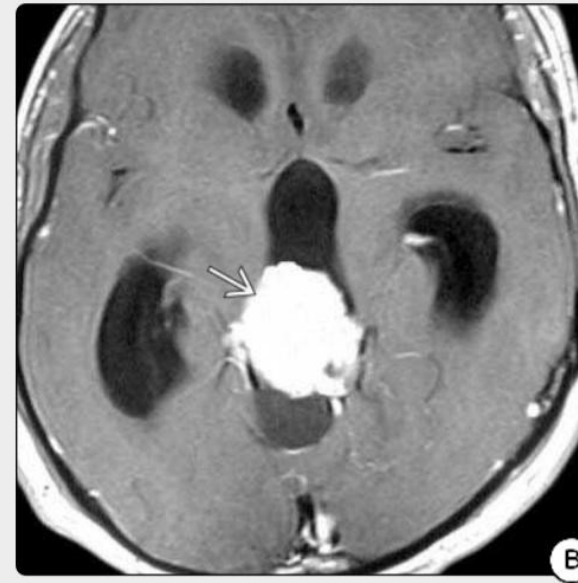
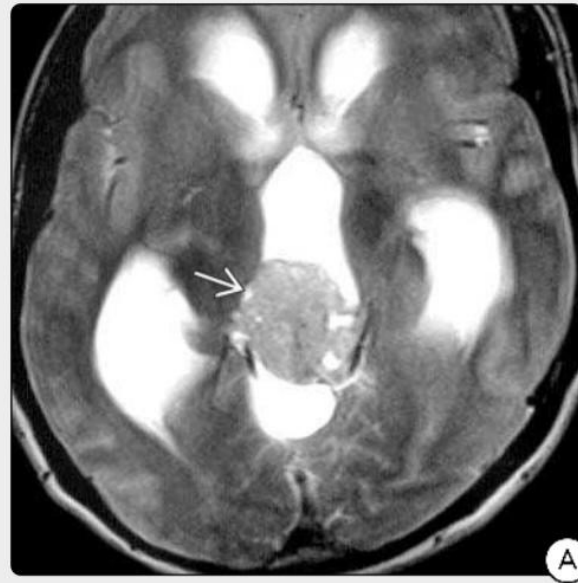


PINEOBLASTOMA



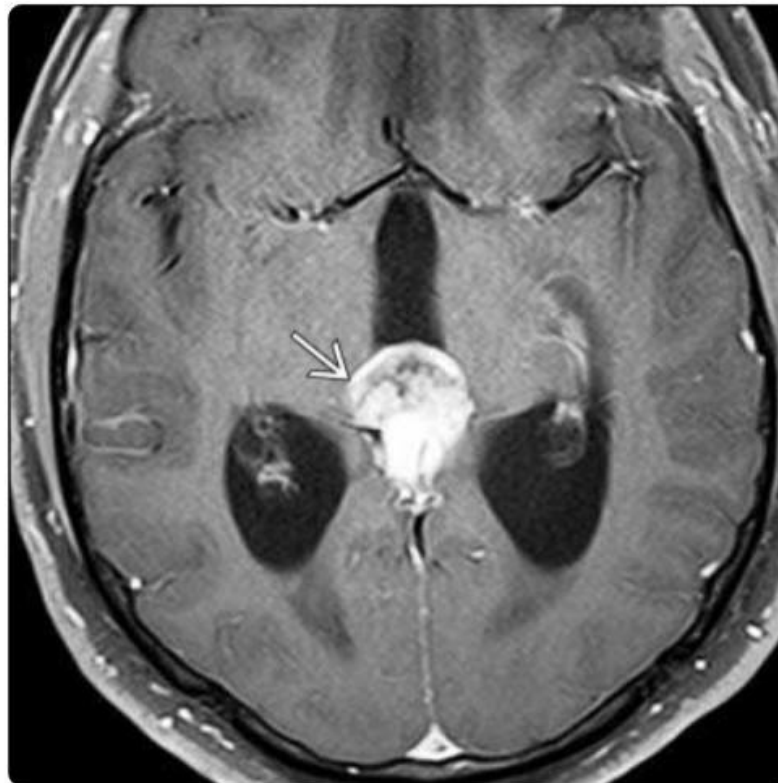


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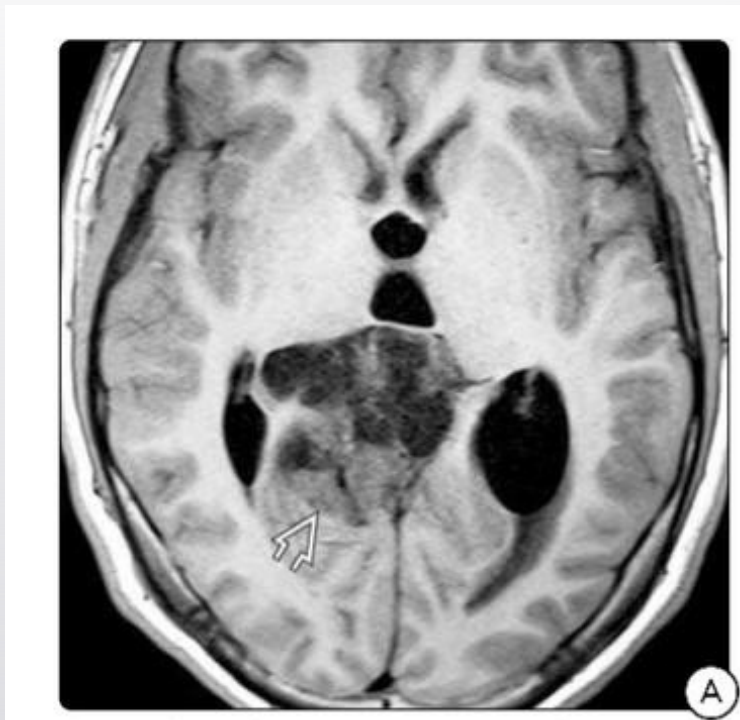




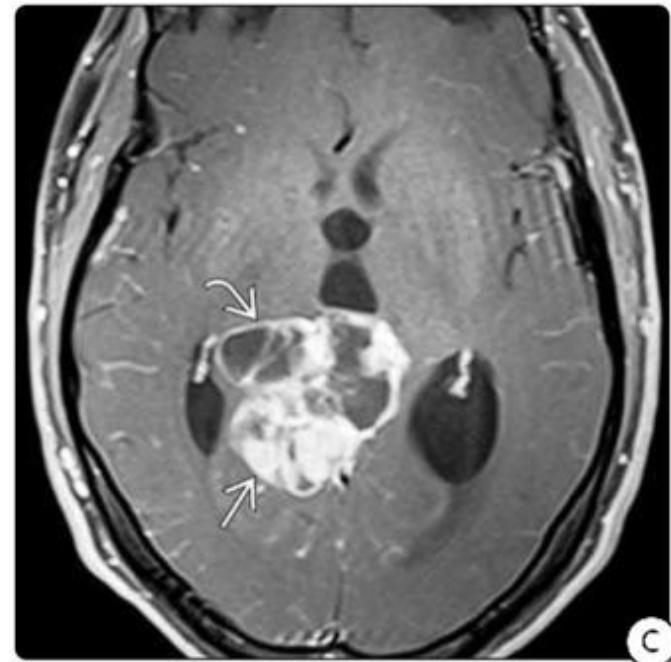
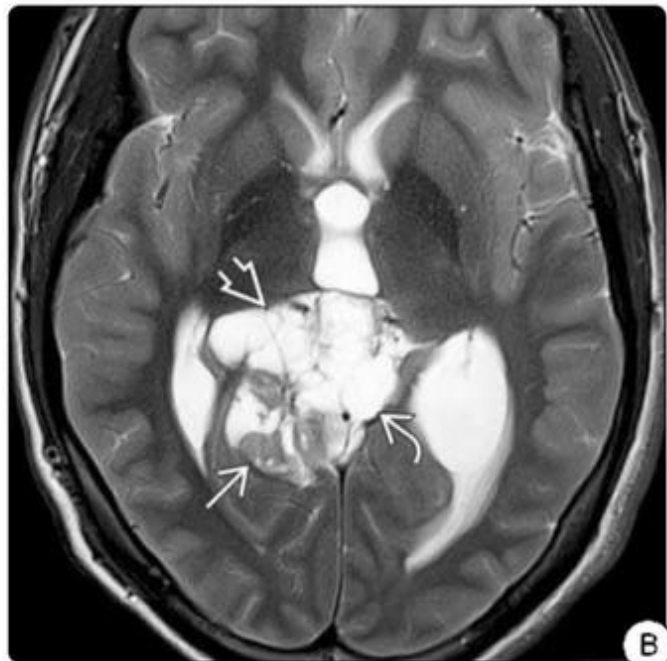
PINEAL PARENCHYMAL TUMOR OF INTERMEDIATE DIFFERENTIATION

POINTS IN FAVOUR	POINTS AGAINST
CT Findings – Hyperdense lesion with calcifications	Usually occurs in middle aged adults (this patient is 9 year old male)
MRI –T1W Iso to hypointense FLAIR – hyperintense SWI – hypointense blooming foci	Evidence of elevated CSF markers (PPTID do not produce oncoproteins)
T1 +c – heterogenous enhancement	Usually PPID are heterogenous lesions with solid and cystic components

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PINEAL PARENCHYMAL TUMOR OF INTERMEDIATE DIFFERENTIATION



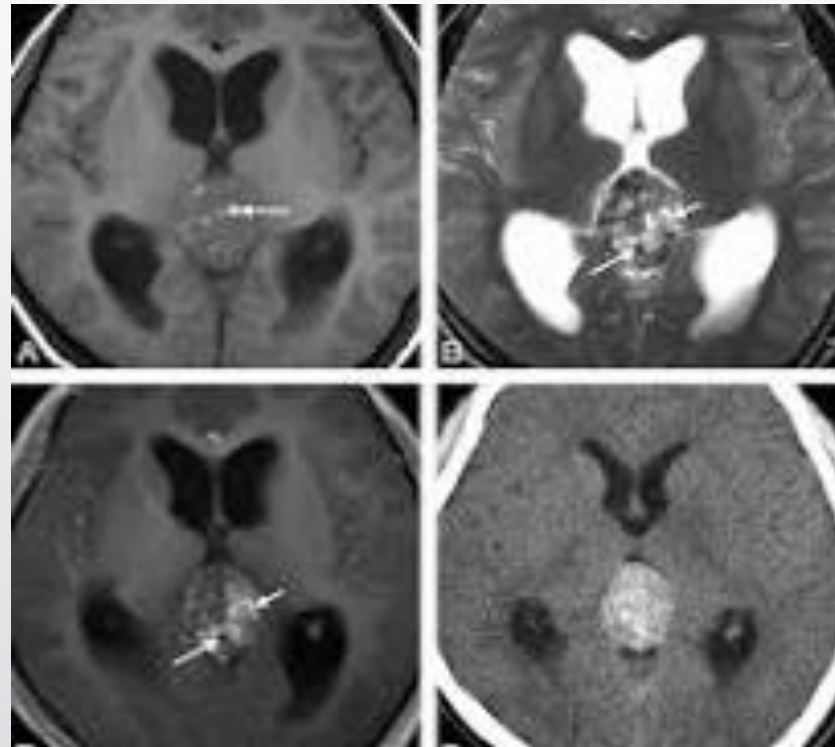


PRIMARY INTRACRANIAL CHORIOCARCINOMA

POINTS IN FAVOUR	POINTS AGAINST
Age of presentation (3- 20 yrs of age)	No evidence of any precocious puberty
Males :females (4:1)	CT – Hypodense with or without calcifications . T2W MRI- Patchy hypointensities
Elevated levels of the β HCG is common	Heterogenous rim / nodular enhancement is common



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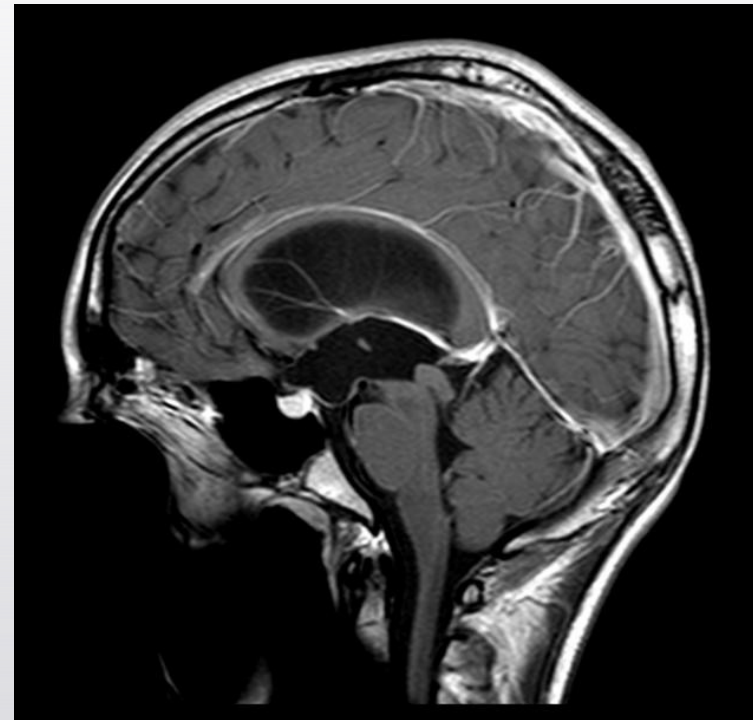
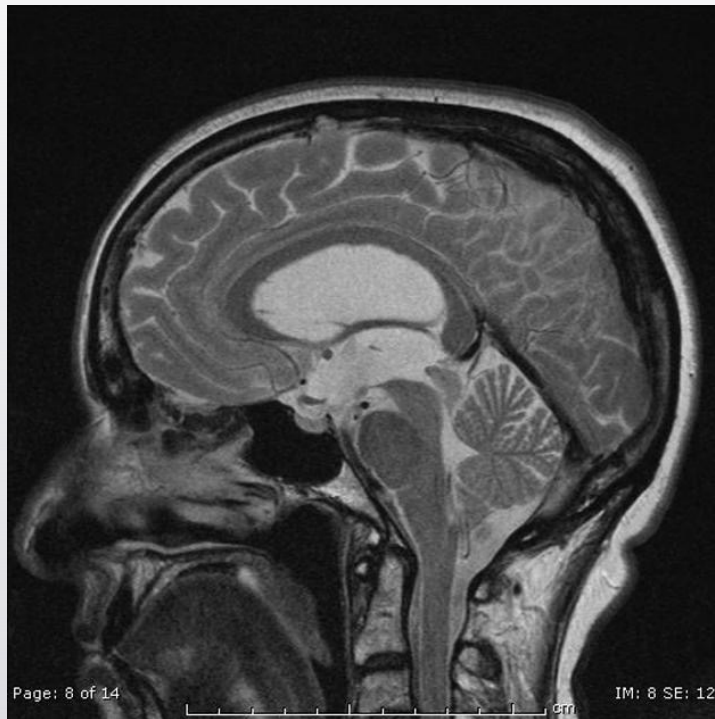


TECTAL GLIOMA

POINTS IN FAVOUR	POINTS AGAINST
Age of the patient (usually seen in children and adolescent age group)	No symptoms of the Parinaud syndrome (usually seen in patients with tectal glioma)
Male predominance	On CT – Isodense to the grey matter (the current lesion is hyperdense)
Cause hydrocephalus	T1 CONTRAST – No enhancement (the current lesion shows enhancement)
Imaging –T1 iso to hypointense to the brain parenchyma	



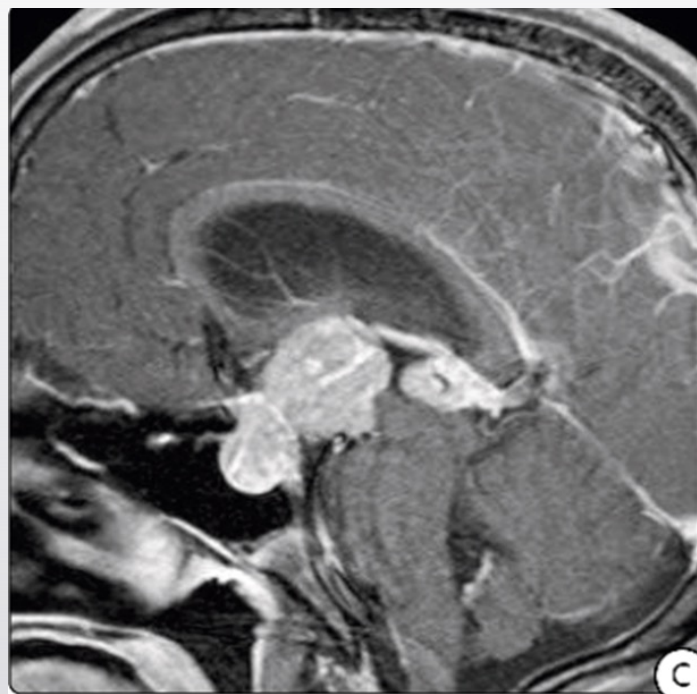
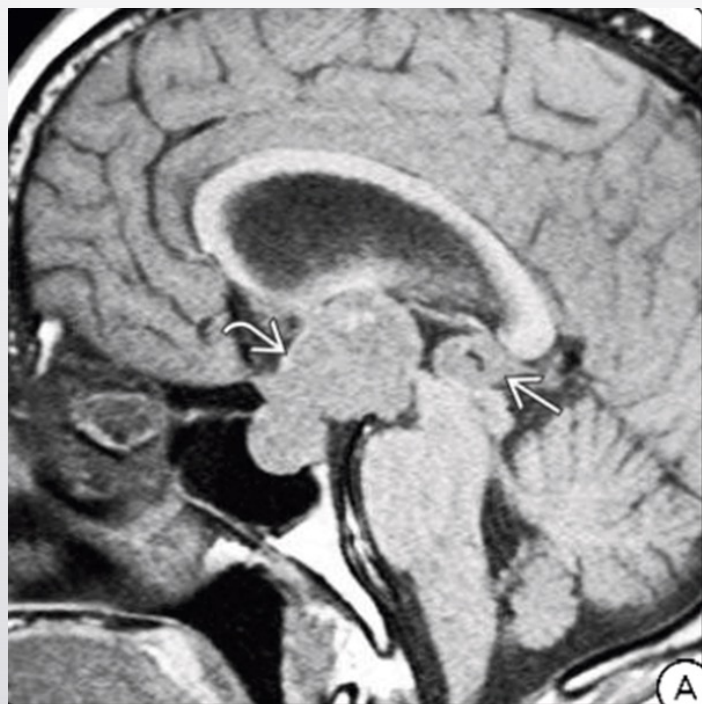
TECTAL GLIOMA





EMBRYONAL CARCINOMA

POINTS IN FAVOUR	POINTS AGAINST
MIDLINE LOCATION ELEVATED β HCG levels	NO FEATURES OF THE PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY MOST OF THE TIME SELLAR / SUPRSELLAR MASS LESIONS WILL BE PRESENT ALONG WITH THE PINEAL MASS
T1 CONTRAST – HETEROGENOUS ENHNACEMENT	





FOLLOW UP

- Supracerebellar infratentorial approach for pineal lesion excision was done and the sample was sent to **NIMHANS BENGALURU** .
- Patient was extubated after the procedure and was kept under observation in **PICU** .
- On post operative day 4 patient developed 1 episode of GTCS , patient was then reintubated was under ventilator support .
- The following day patient deteriorated and expired .



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MRD No :

Referring Dept:

Patient Name: Master. SAMARTH PRAKASH DANI

Sample Collection Date: 17/10/2023
04:30 PM

Age : 9 years

Lab Reference No: X-5211/23

Gender: Male

Report Generated Date: 23/10/2023
01:07 PM

Ward Name/Collection
Centre: Biopsy Room

Lab Name: Neuropathology

Sample Details : H-2310170030 (Tissue)

SURGICAL BIOPSY - Date: 23/10/2023 01:07 PM

Nature Of Specimen:

Received multiple grey brown tissue pieces altogether measuring 0.4x0.2x0.1cm. All processed-A1.

Grossed By Dr. Preethi Chawla on 18/10/2023

Histopathology Report:

Section shows fragments of a germ cell neoplasm composed of polygonal to round large cells with prominent cell borders and prominent macronucleoli. Interspersed lymphocytes are seen. Mitosis is brisk. Apoptosis is also noted.

IHC-

PLAP- positive

AFP, Beta- HCG, CD30- negative

MIB1 labelling index -40%

Final Impression:

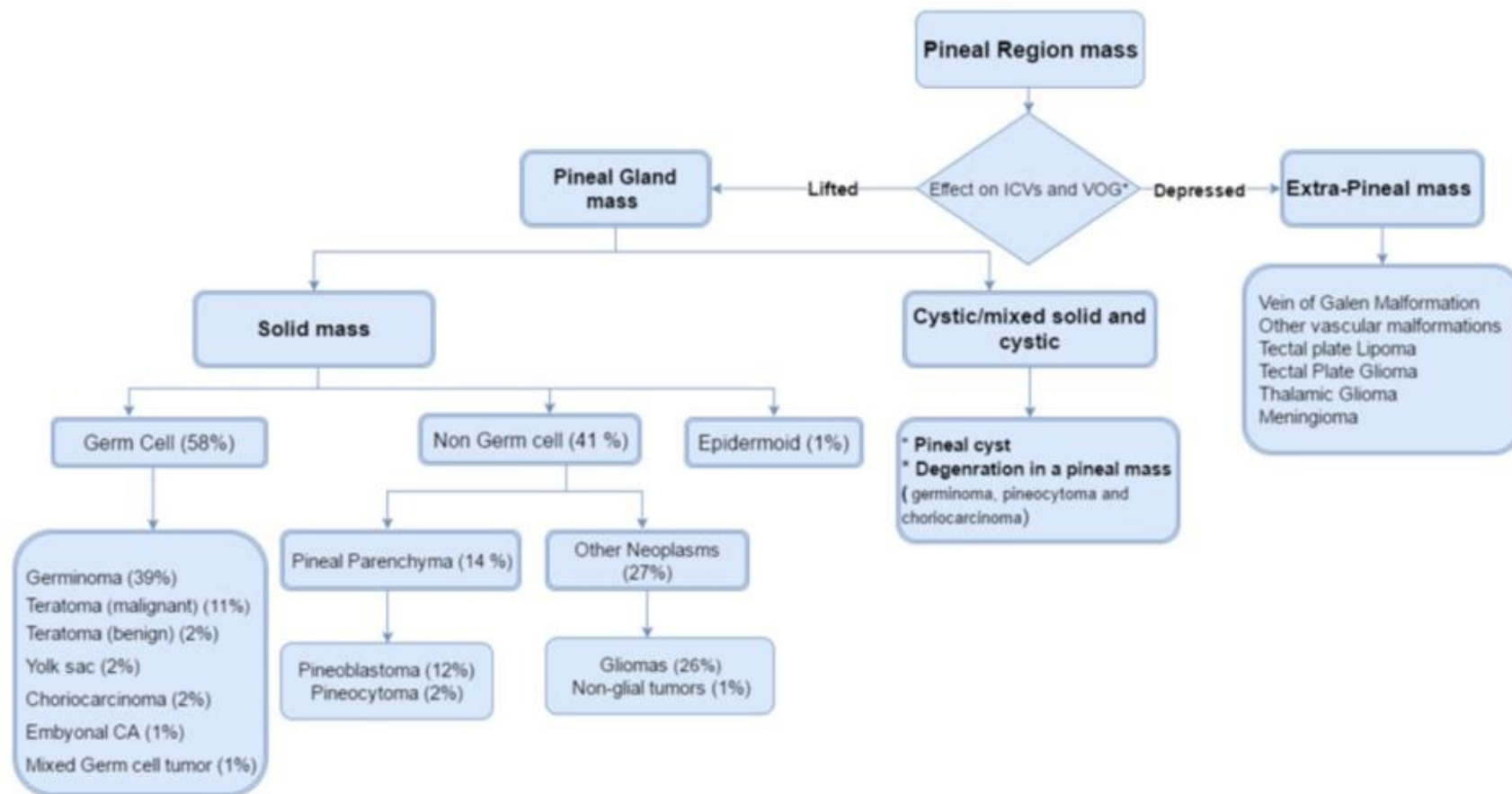
Germinoma, pineal region

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*Internal cerebral veins and Vein of Galen



"Exploded"

- Pineocytoma



"Engulfed"

- Germinoma



Irregular"

- Teratoma



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