*MR Imaging in Epilepsy

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*Role of MR Imaging

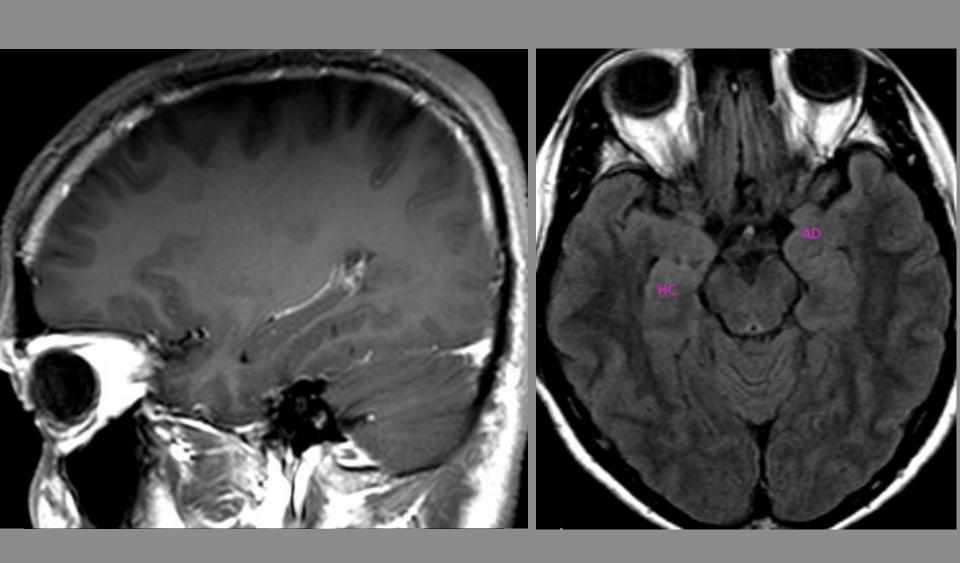
- *Identify underlying structural abnormalities that require specific treatments.
- *Preoperative evaluation in epilepsy surgery.

*Epileptogenic substrates

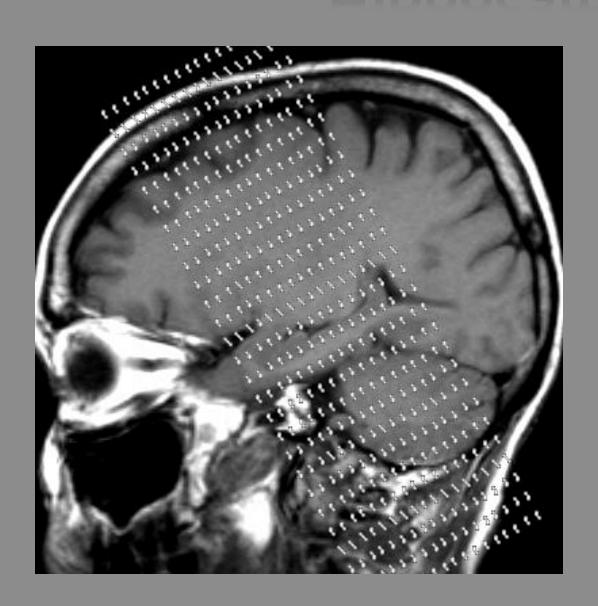
- *Hippocampal sclerosis
- *Malformation of cortical development
- *Neoplasm
- *Vascular malformation
- *Gliosis and miscellaneous abnormalities

*Hippocampal Sclerosis

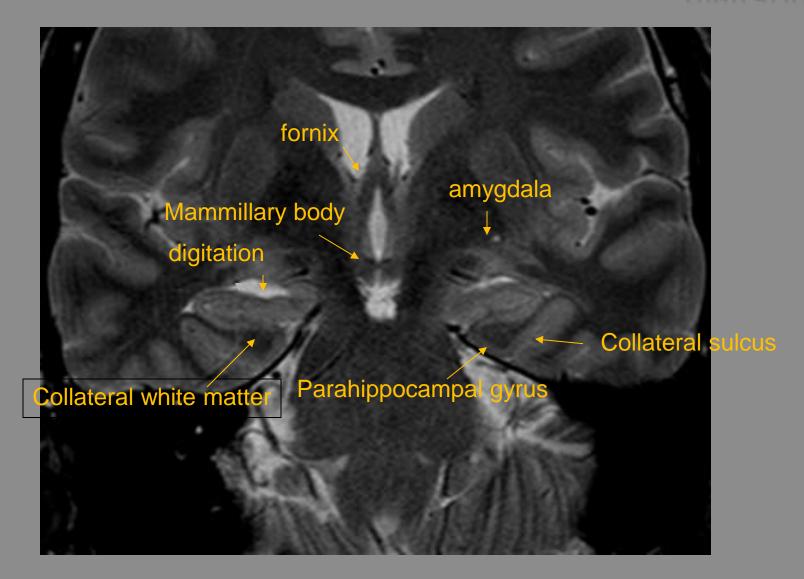
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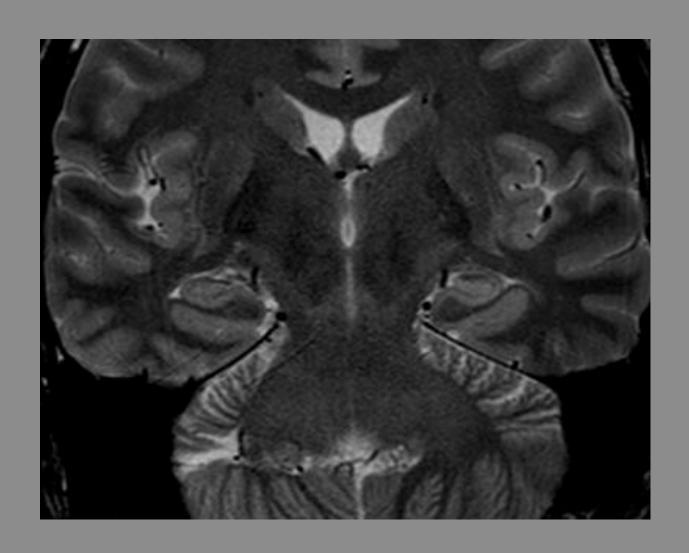
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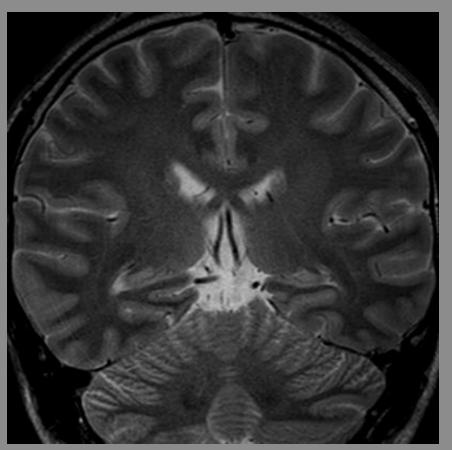
*Hippocampus
The head is not covered by choroid plexus and has digitations.

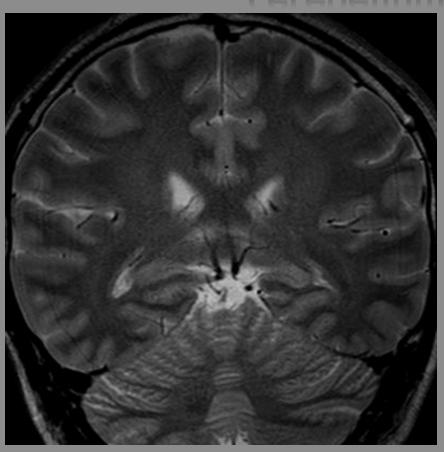


*Hippocampus The body can be seen at the level of the anterior brain stem.



*Hippocampus The tail can be seen at the level of the cerebellum.





*Hippocampal Sclerosis

- *Hippocampal sclerosis is characterized by neuronal loss and gliosis mainly in CA1, CA3 and end folium.
- *Mossy fibre sprouting
 - * New axons arising from granule cells extend upwards into the molecular layer of the dentate gyrus.
 - * May contribute to epileptogenesis.

*Granule cell dispersion

- * > 10 cells depth (normal 4-5 cells thick)
- * Also occurs in the opposite side, may be a response to seizure activity.
- *Widespread inflammation in HS specimens should always raise the possibility of an underlying or previous limbic or autoimmune encephalitis, particularly in adult onset epilepsy.

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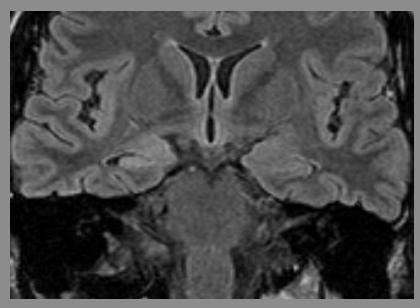
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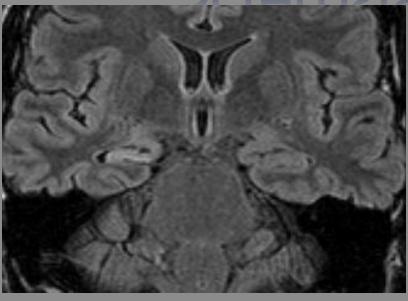
- *Hippocampal sclerosis refers to neuronal loss in CA1-4 but not the dentate gyrus.
- *Mesial temporal sclerosis implies more extended sclerosis of extrahippocampal tissue, such as the amygdala and parahippocampal gyrus

*Hippocampal Sclerosis: MRI findings

- Loss of internal architecture
- Loss of hippocampal head interdigitations
- Abnormal hypersignal T2 change of hippocampus
- Hippocampal atrophy
- Atrophy of the ipsilateral fornix
- Atrophy of the ipsilateral mammillary body
- Atrophy of the ipsilateral collateral white matter
- Dilatation of the ipsilateral temporal horn

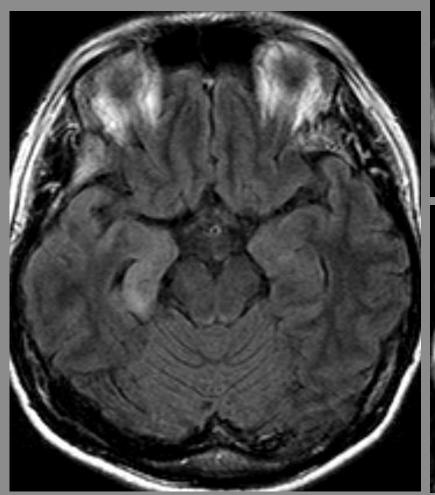
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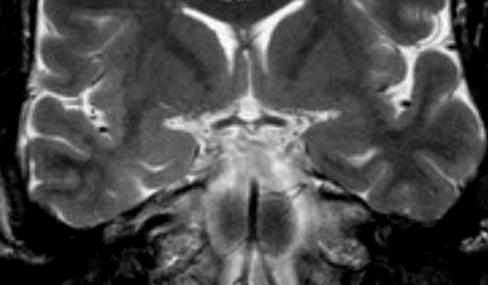


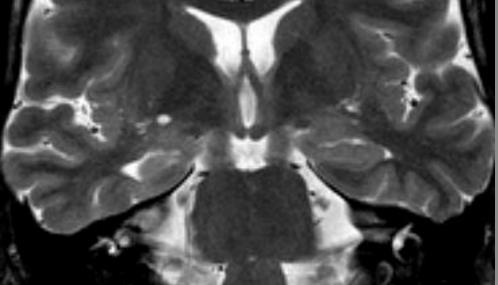


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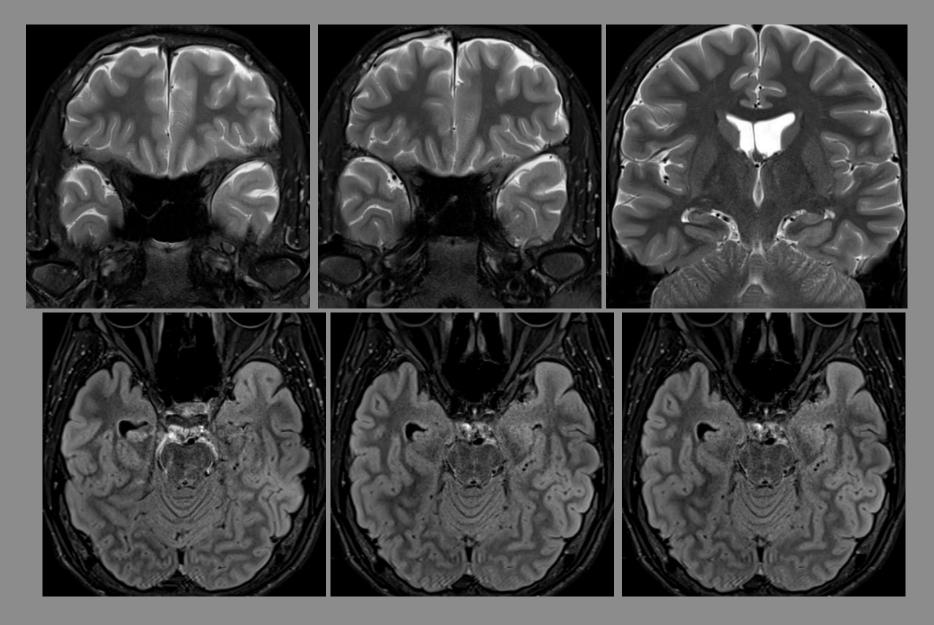
A 37 year-old female epilepsy since 2 years of age with visual aura.

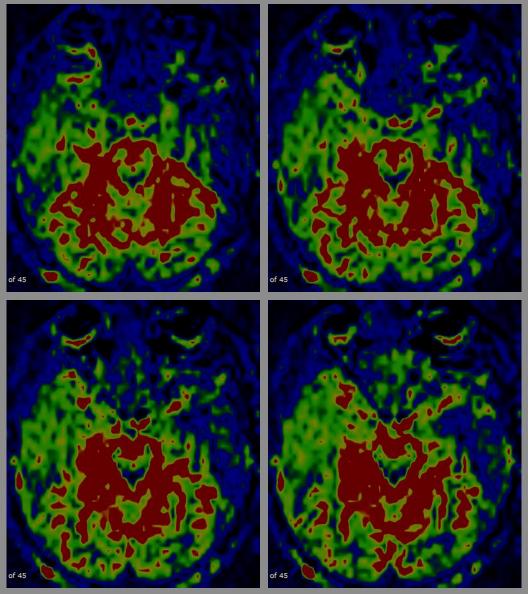






A 14 year-old male had seizure and abnormal EEG at the left temporal region.





Left Mesial Temporal Sclerosis

A 14 year-old boy had abnormal EEG at the left temporal region

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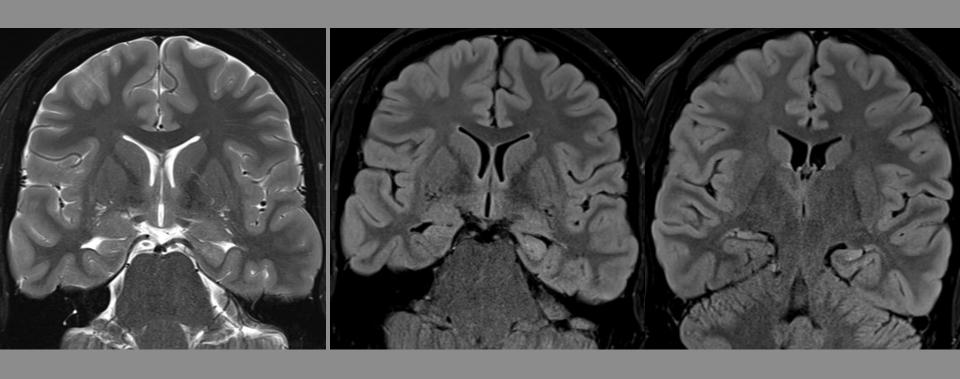


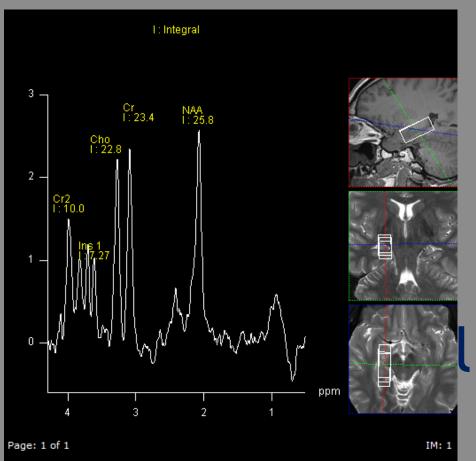
- *When interpreting MR images of TLE, we should pay careful attention to the anterior temporal lobe.
- *WM abnormalities in the anterior temporal lobe are clinically useful because they indicate the side of the seizure foci.

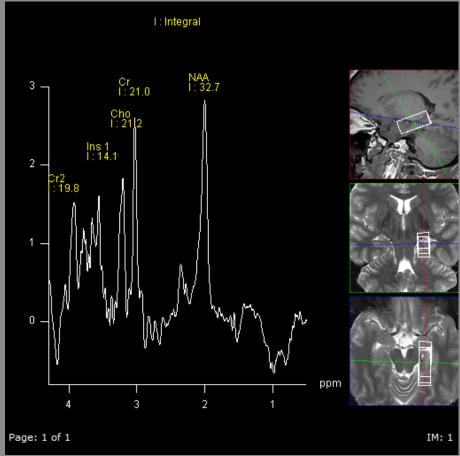
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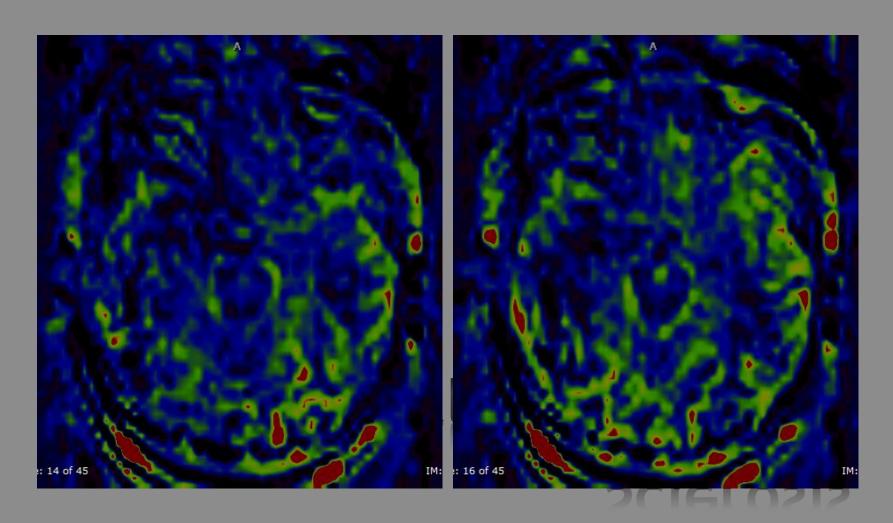
*Usually in mild HS in combination with a second proepileptogenic lesion.

*Mesial Hippocampal Sclerosis

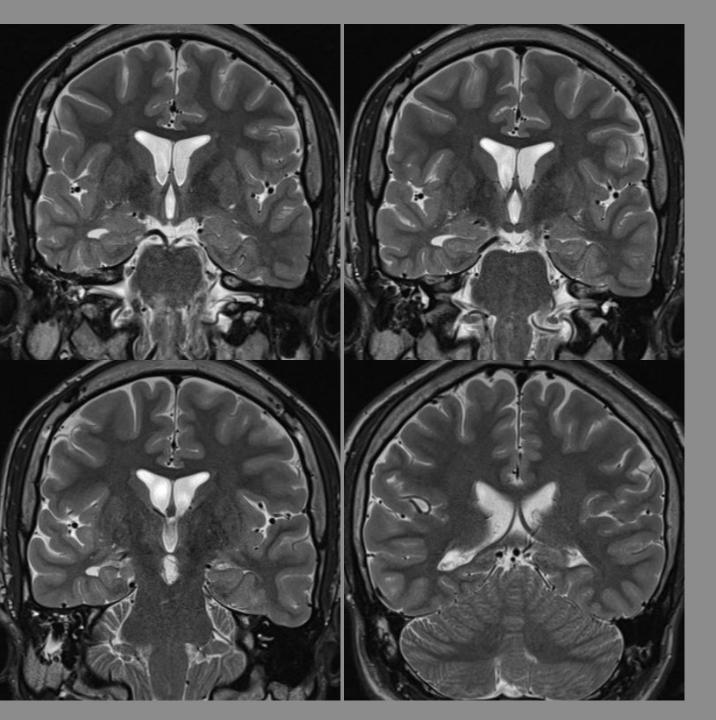






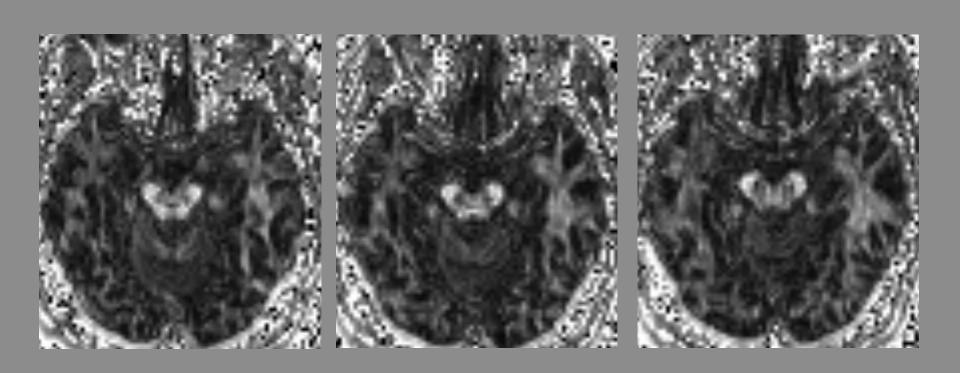


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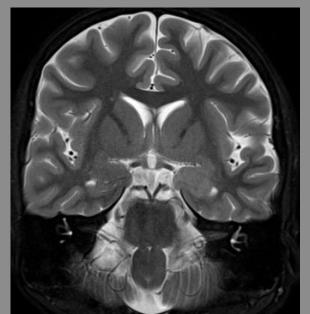
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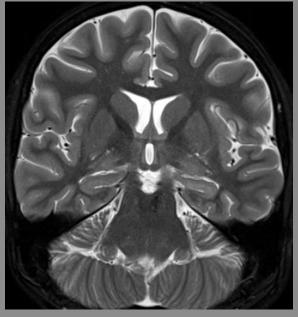


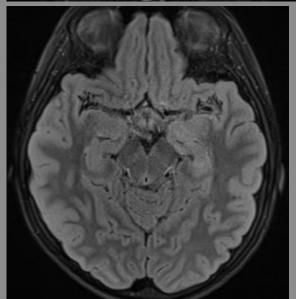
DTI - Fractional Anisotopy (FA) Maps

*Left Mesial Temporal Sclerosis





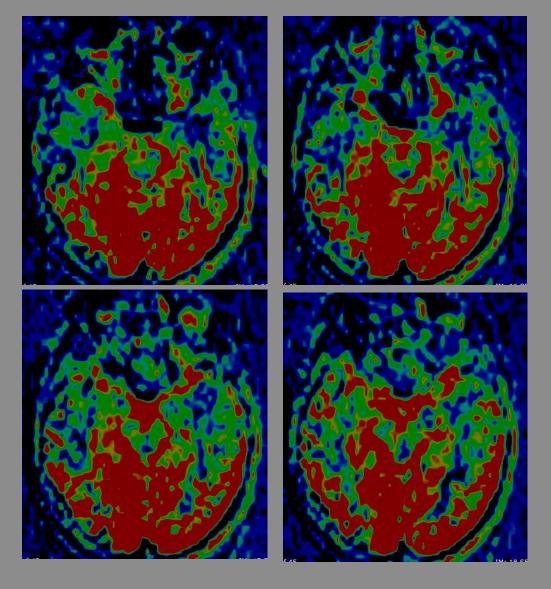




A 9 year-old girl had complex partial seizure.

Seizure started from vomiting and then absence.

EEG - abnormal epileptic discharge from left temporal lobe.



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*Left Mesial Temporal Sclerosis

*Malformation of cortical development

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- *MCD is characterized by an abnormal structure of the cerebral cortex.
- *Malformation Secondary to Abnormal Neuronal and Glial Proliferation or Apoptosis, Malformation Due to Abnormal Neuronal Migration, and Malformation Secondary to Abnormal Postmigration Development.
- *MCD is an important cause of developmental delay and epilepsy.

- *Cortical thickening
- *Abnormal gyration
- *Blurring of gray-white junction
- *T2 prolongation in the cortex or subjacent white matter
- *Decreased white matter volume
- *Heterotopic gray matter
- *CSF cleft
- *Cortical dimple

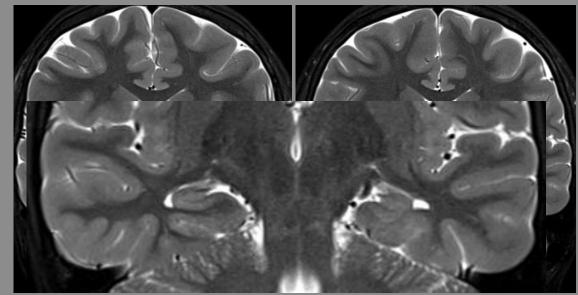
*Focal Cortical Dysplasia (FCD): Imaging Findings

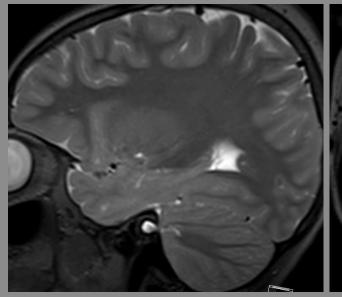
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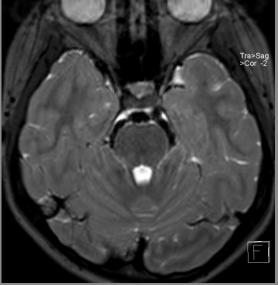
Table 2. New classification system of focal cortical dysplasia by Blumcke et al. 2011.

Туре	Characteristic features
ı	a — focal cortical dysplasia with abnormal radial cortical lamination b — focal cortical dysplasia with abnormal tangential 6-layer cortical lamination c — focal cortical dysplasia with abnormal radial and tangential cortical lamination
II	a — focal cortical dysplasia with dysmorphic neurons b — focal cortical dysplasia with dysmorphic neurons and balloon cells
III	 a — architectural distortion of cortical layer in temporal lobe with hippocampal atrophy b — architectural distortion of cortical layer adjacent to glial or glioneuronal tumor c — architectural distortion of cortical layer adjacent to vascular malformation d — architectural distortion of cortical layer adjacent to other lesions acquired in early childhood such as trauma, ischemic event, encephalitis

* FCP type I



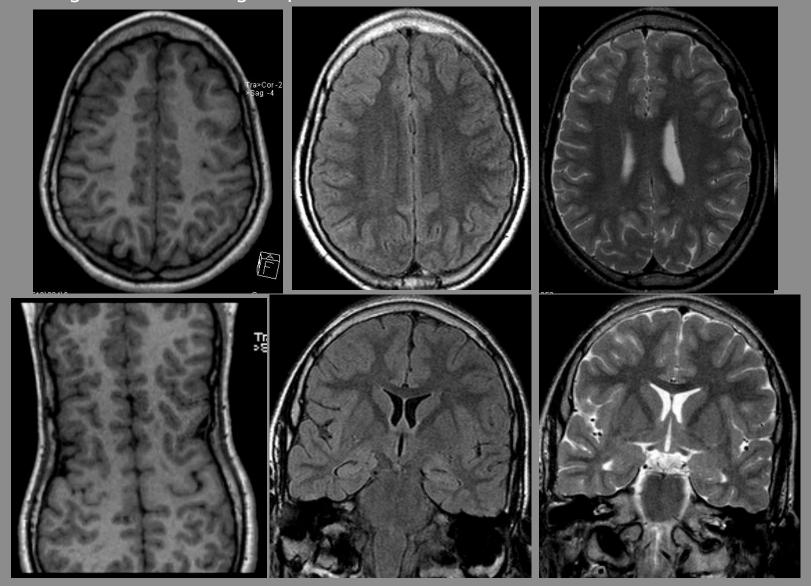




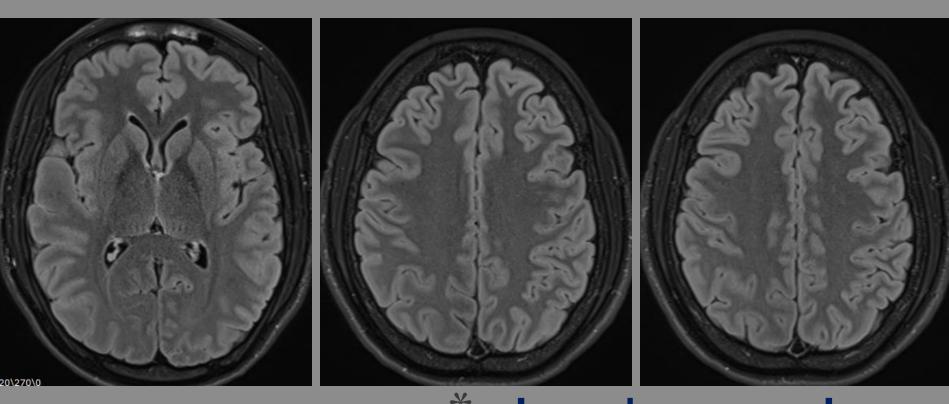
A 13 year-old boy had seizure since 3 years of age FCP type Ia

EEG - Bisynchronous sharp-slow activity over bilateral

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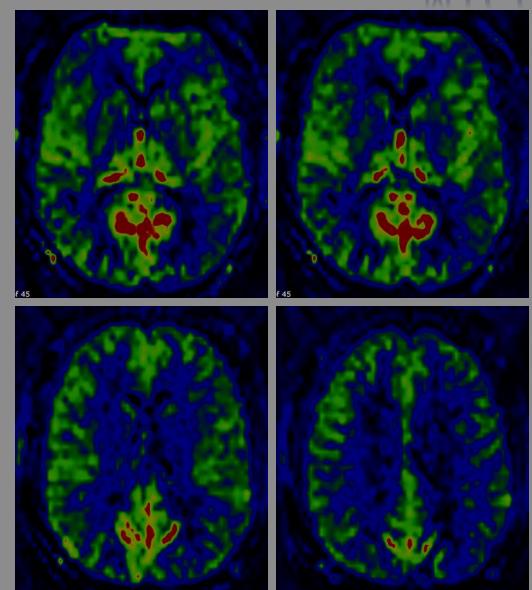


A 20 year-old female had seizure since 9 years of age. Seizure Started from feeling of palpitation, followed by loss of awareness and whole body stiffening/jerking.



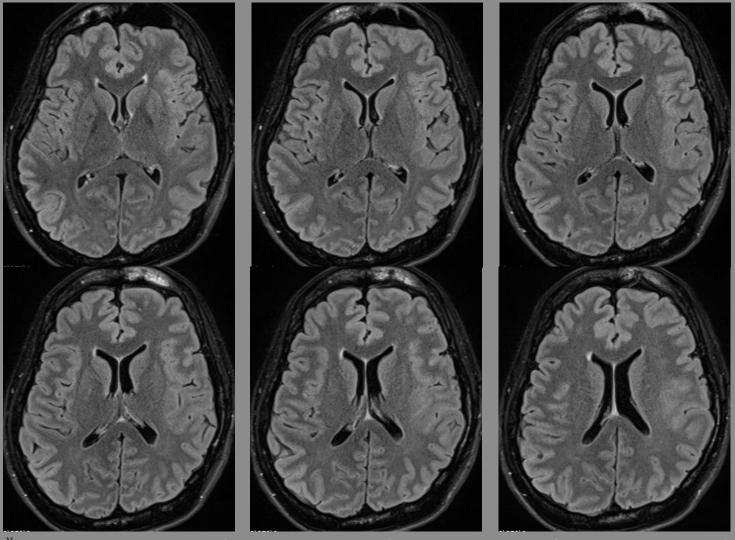
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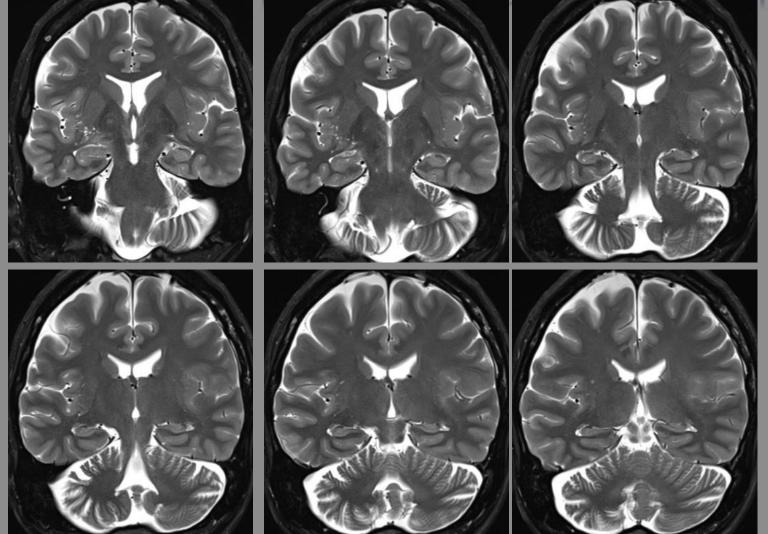
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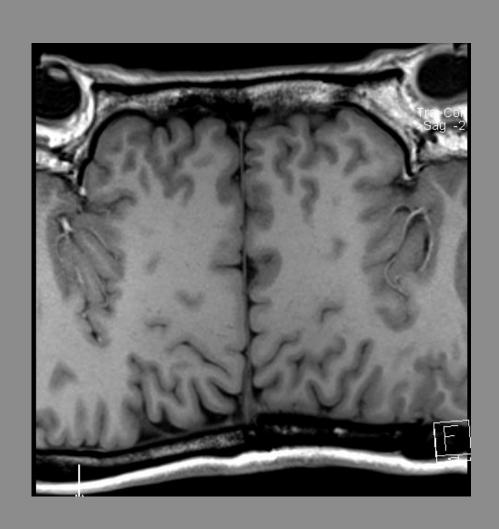
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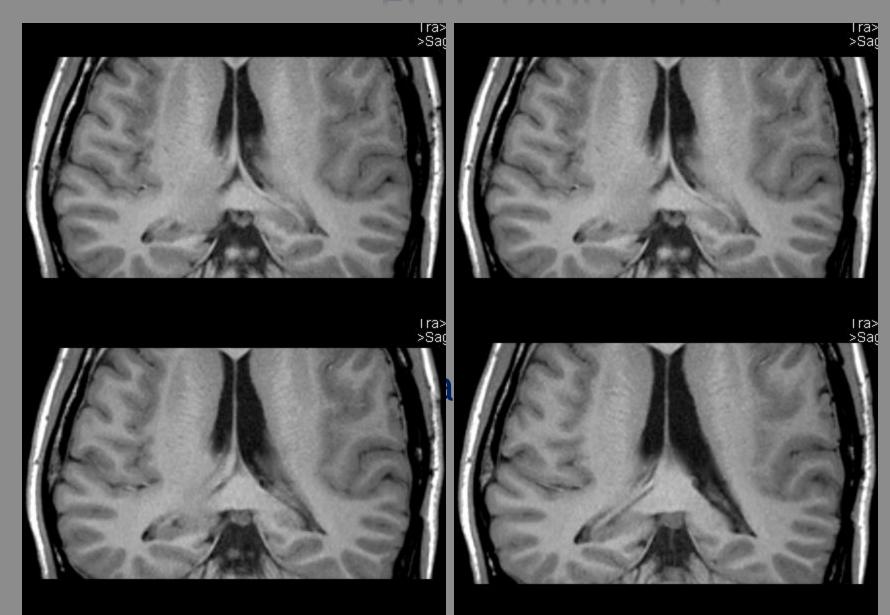


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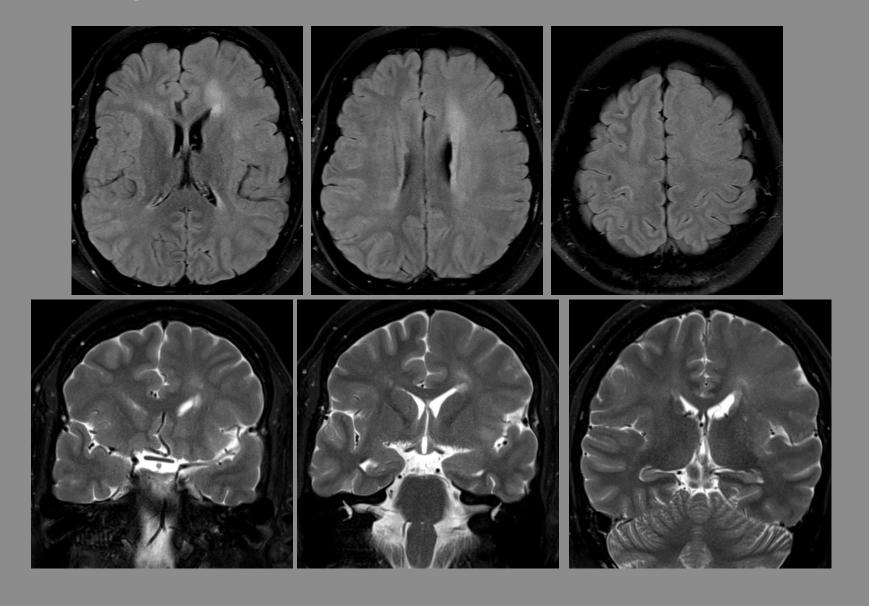
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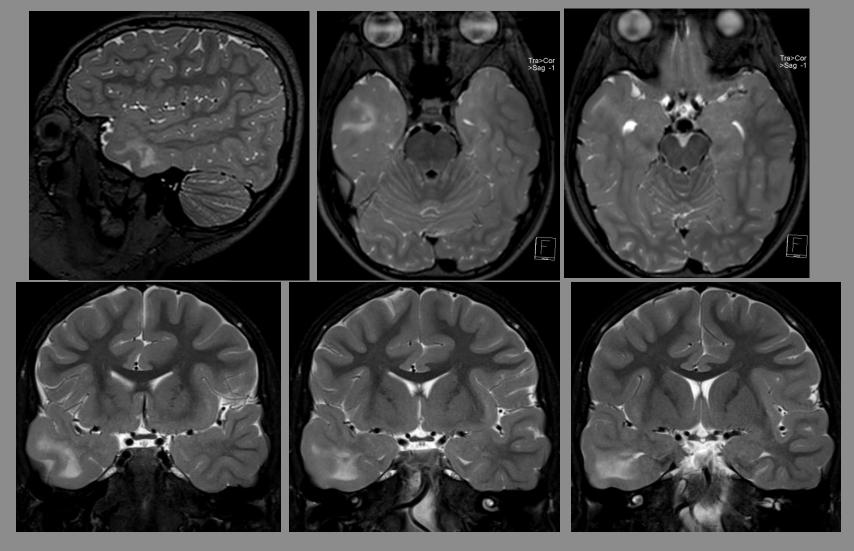
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A 24 year-old female had mental retardation and had GTC seizure since 15 years of age.



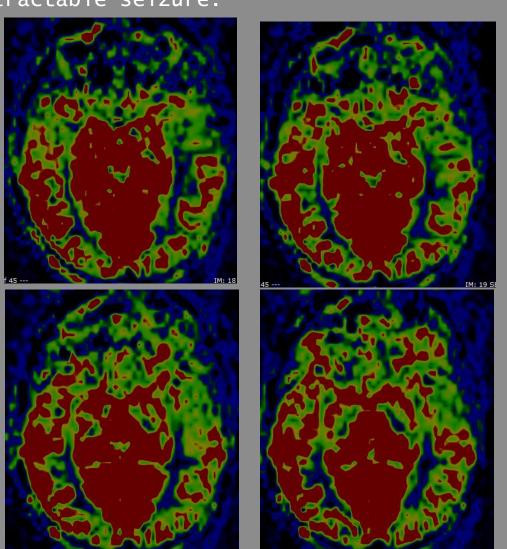
*FCD type IIa

A 9 year-old boy, right handedness, had seizure since 2 ½ years of age and had intractable seizure.



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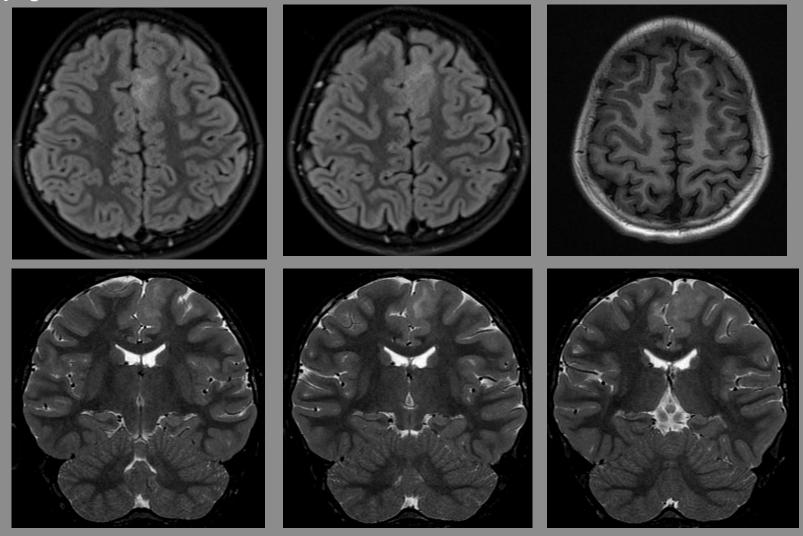
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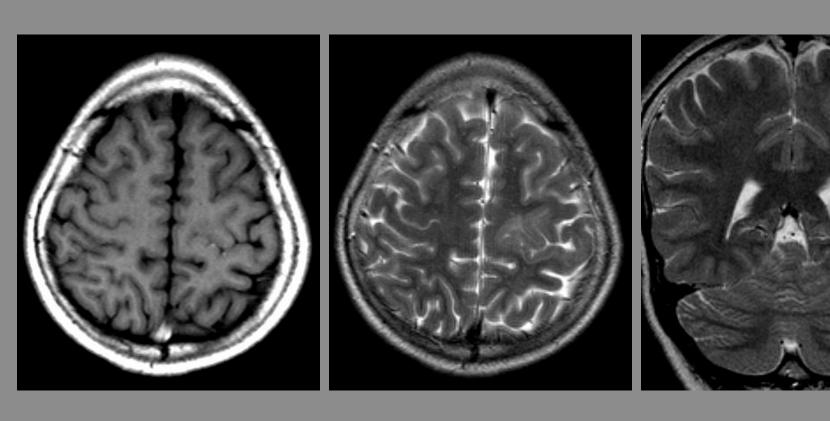
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*FCD type IIb

A 7 year-old boy had seizure since 3 years of age. He had seizure starting from chewing and turning to the right side, followed By generalized seizure.

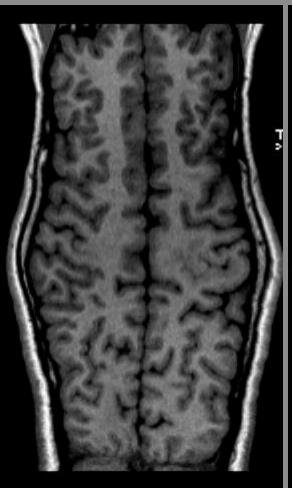


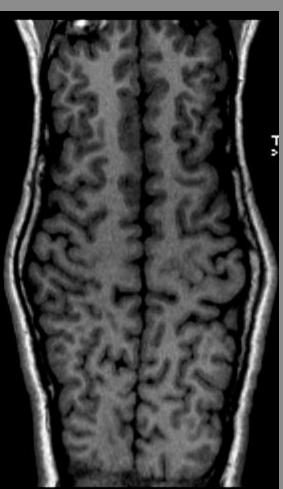
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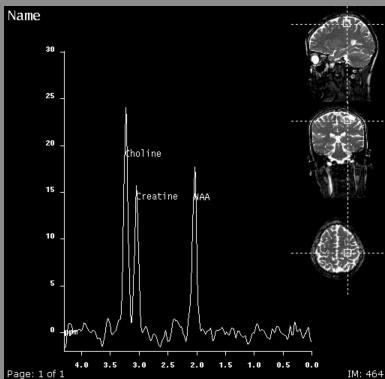




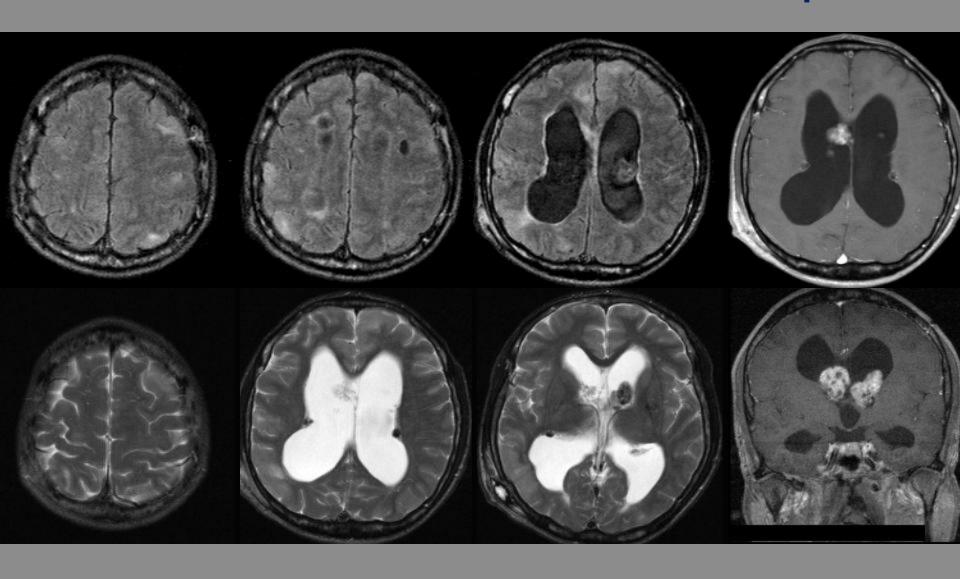




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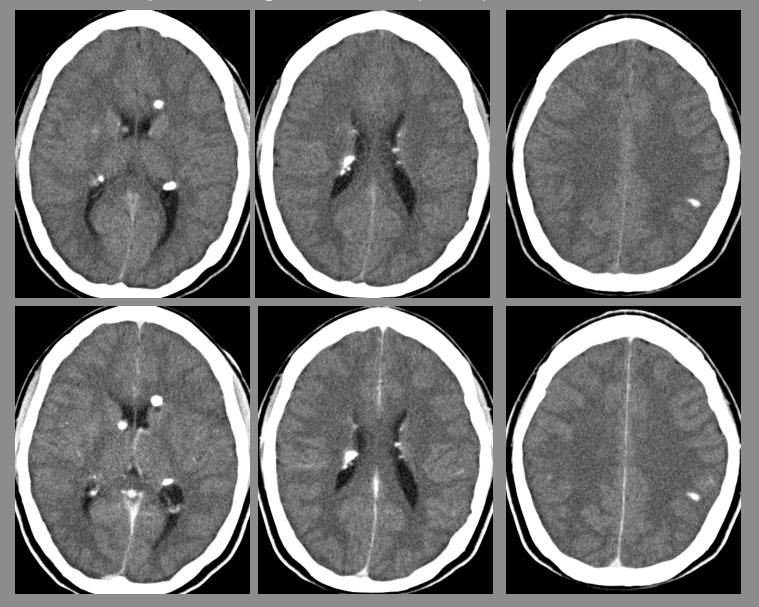


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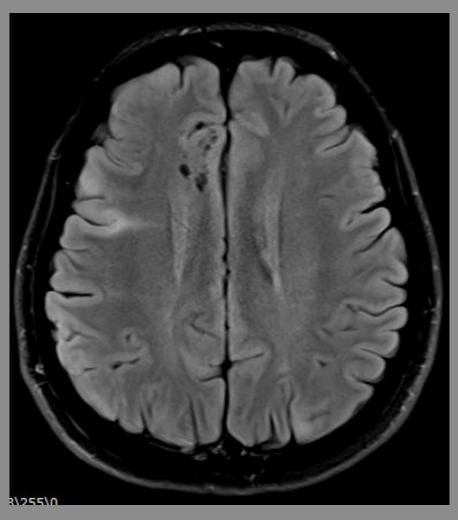
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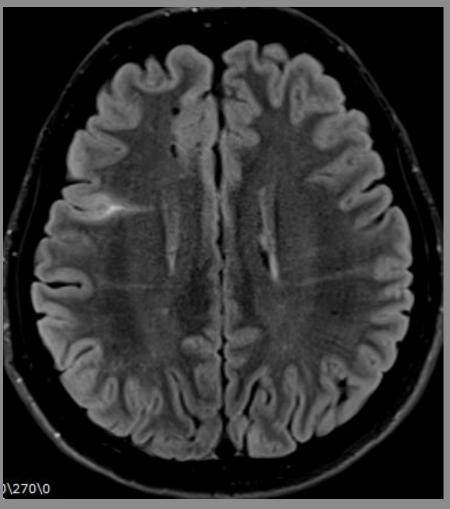


Tuberous Sclerosis Complex: Imaging Findings

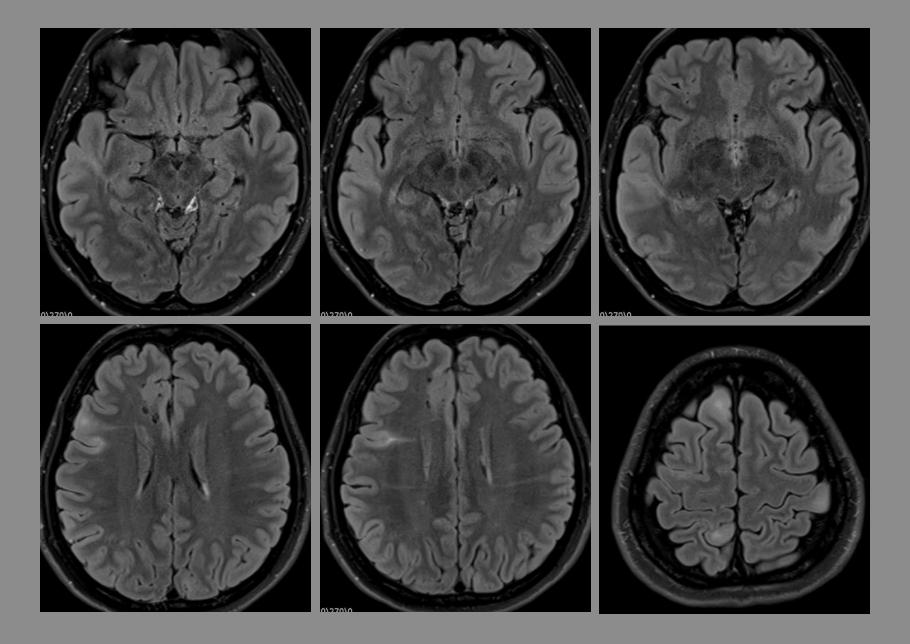
- *Cortical/subcortical tubers
- *Calcified subependymal nodule (hamartoma)
- *Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma
- *White matter lesions along lines of neuronal migration
- * Diagnostic Imaging: Pediatric Neuroradiology by Barkovich

*Tuberous Sclerosis



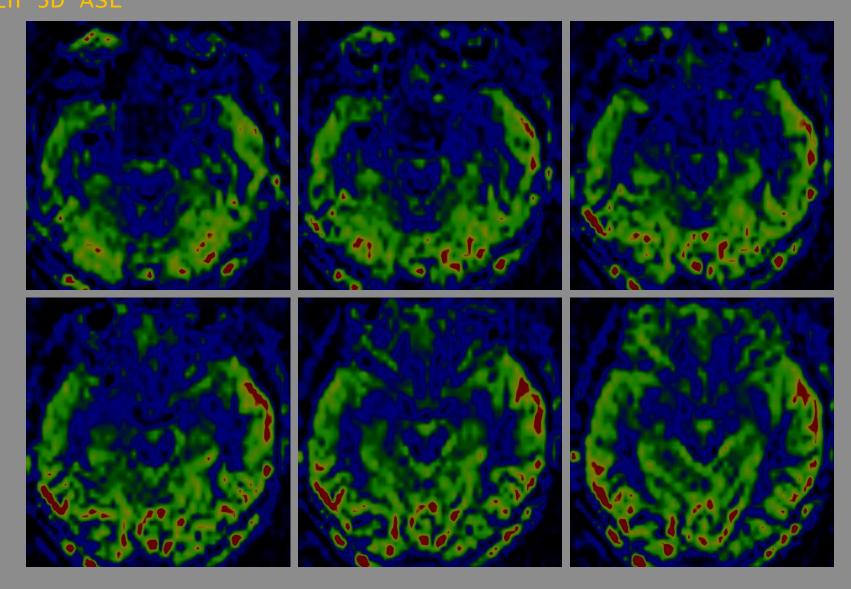


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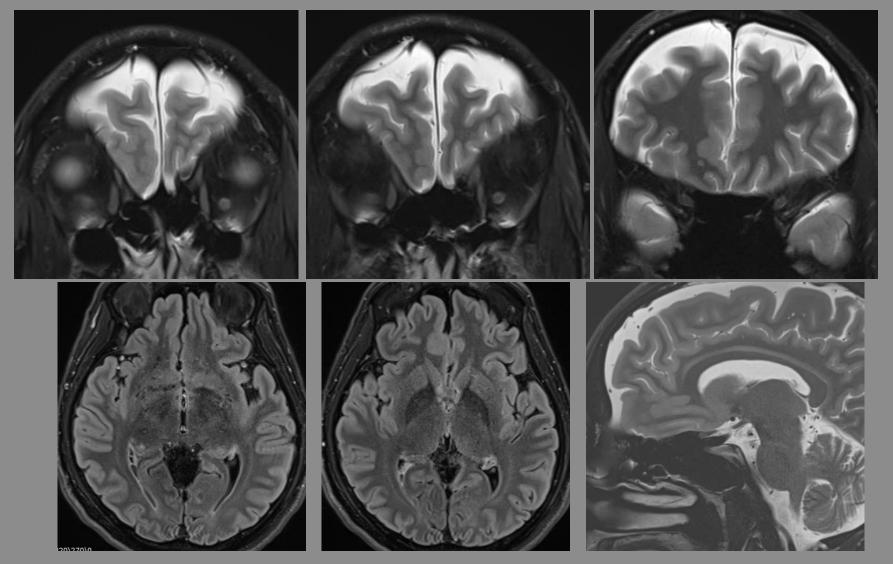


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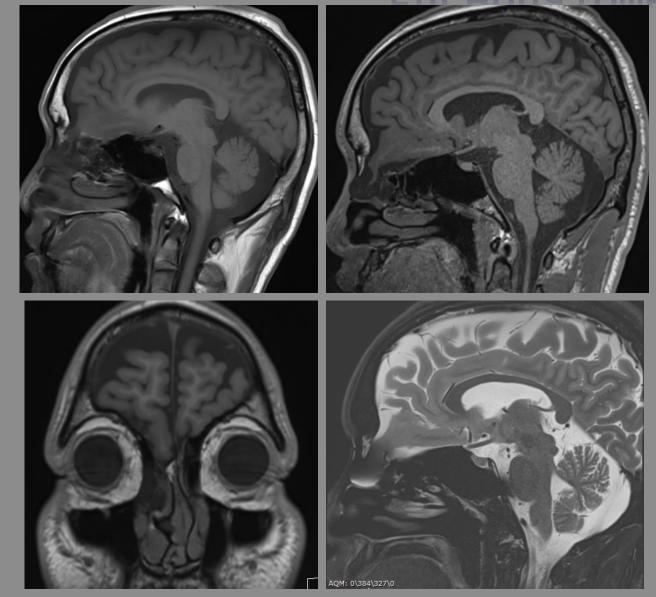
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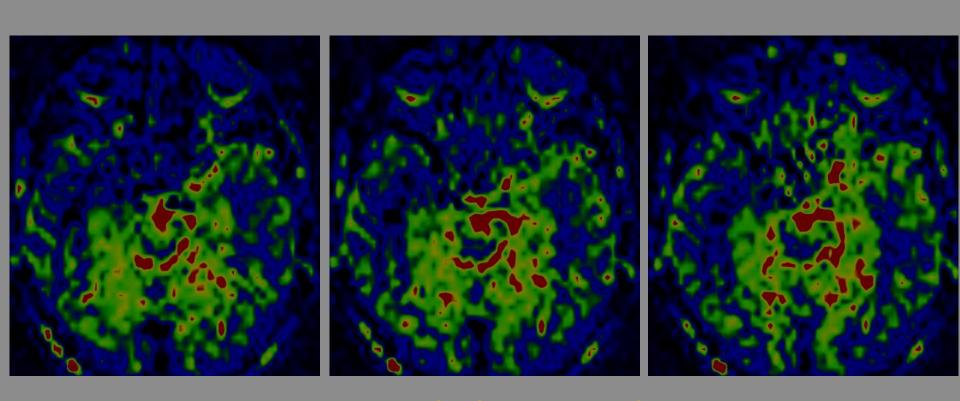


M 34 years had dialeptic/automatism seizure. Rountine EEG revealed spike wave at right fronto-temporal region and video EEG monitoring demonstrated spike wave at the left fronto-temporal region.



*Right Nasoethmoidal Encephalomeningocele





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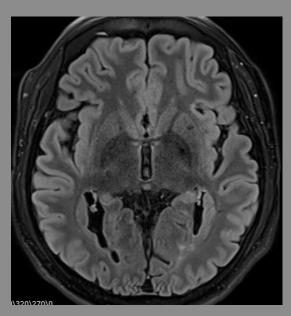
*Heterotopia

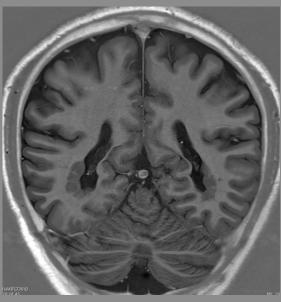
- *Subependymal heterotopia
- *Band (laminar) heterotopia
- *Subcortical heterotopia

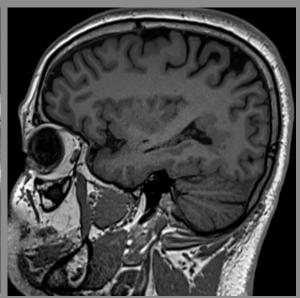
- *Heterotopia represents collections of normal neurons situated in abnormal locations.
- *Heterotopia is isointensity to GM in all MRI sequences and reveals no contrast enhancement.

*Heterotopia

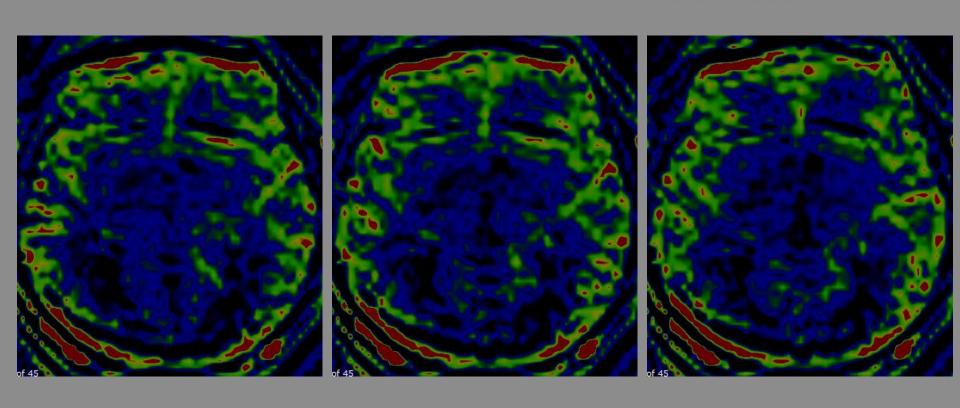
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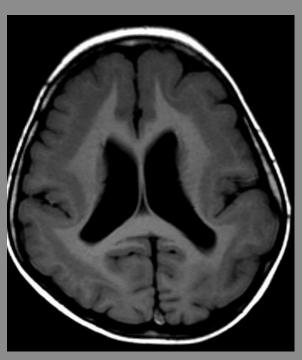


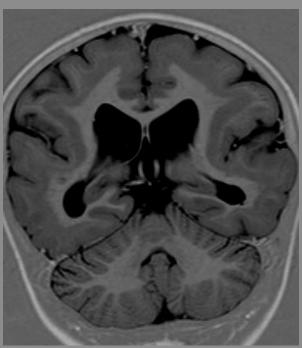
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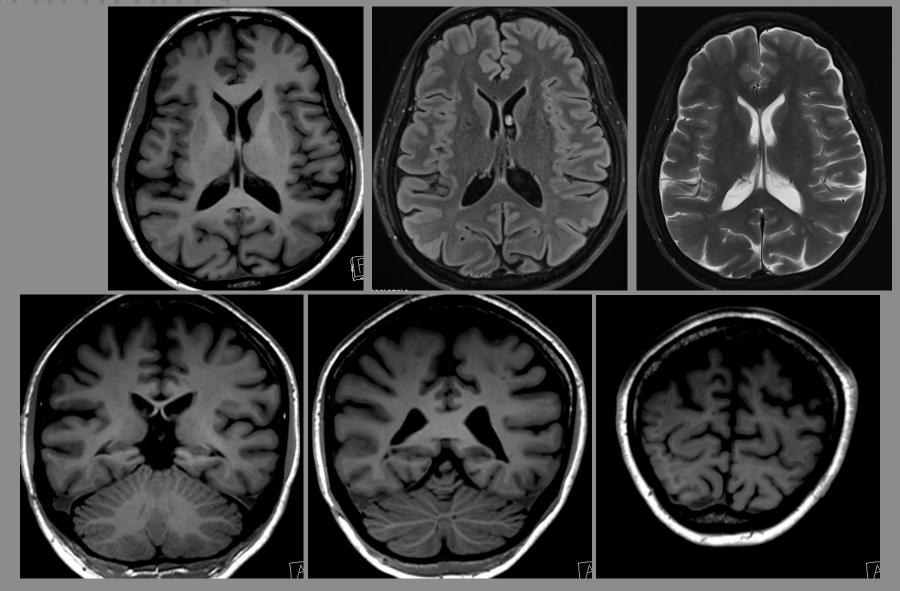
*Band (laminar) heterotopia: A mild form of classic lissencephaly



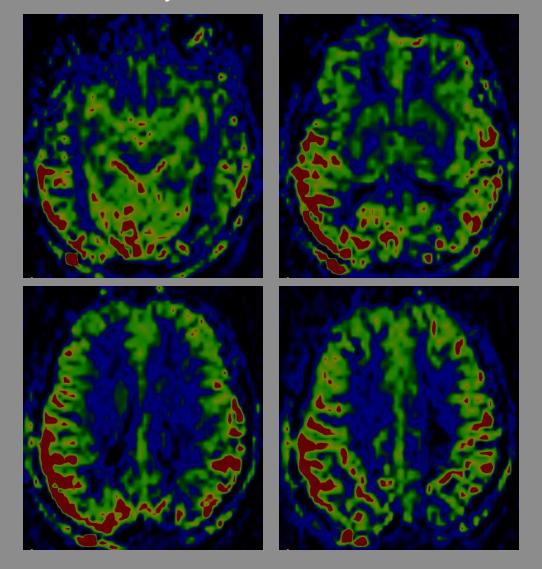




* Band A 53 year old female, case of focal epilepsy for 20 years with typical temporal lobe seizure. Heterotopia EEG monitoring revealed seizure foci from both sides.



A 53 year old female, case of focal epilepsy for 20 years with typical temporal lobe seizure. EEG monitoring revealed seizure foci from both Heterotopia sides. She had seizure 15-20 min. before MRI study.

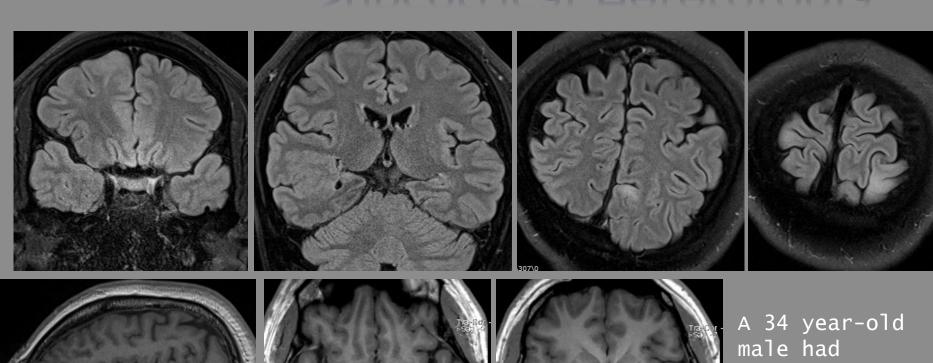


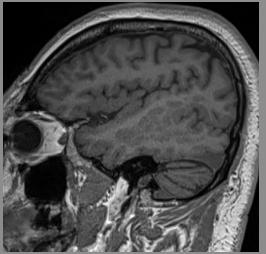
*Subcortical heterotopia:

- *Nodules or nodular curvilinear bands of GM typically extending from the ventricular wall through the cerebral mantle.
- *The affected region of the brain is usually small with thin overlying cortex and shallow sulci.

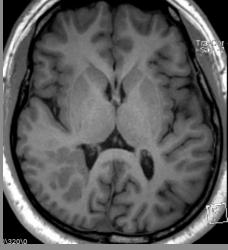
*Heterotopia

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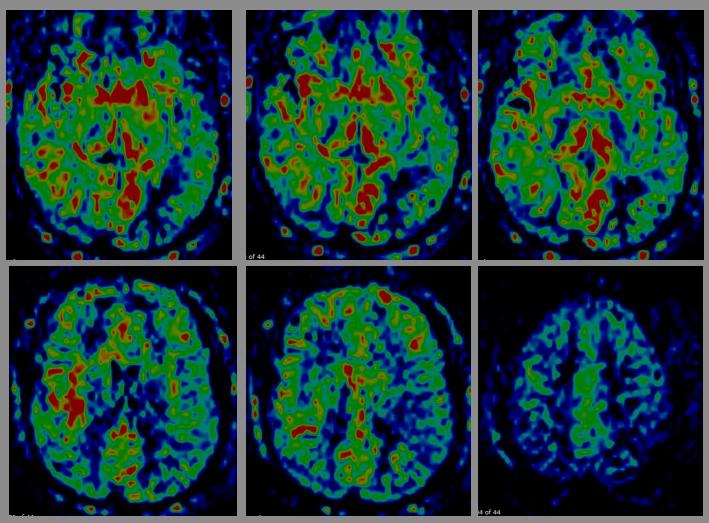




A 34 year-old male had seizure starting from oral automatism, followed by bimanual automatism.

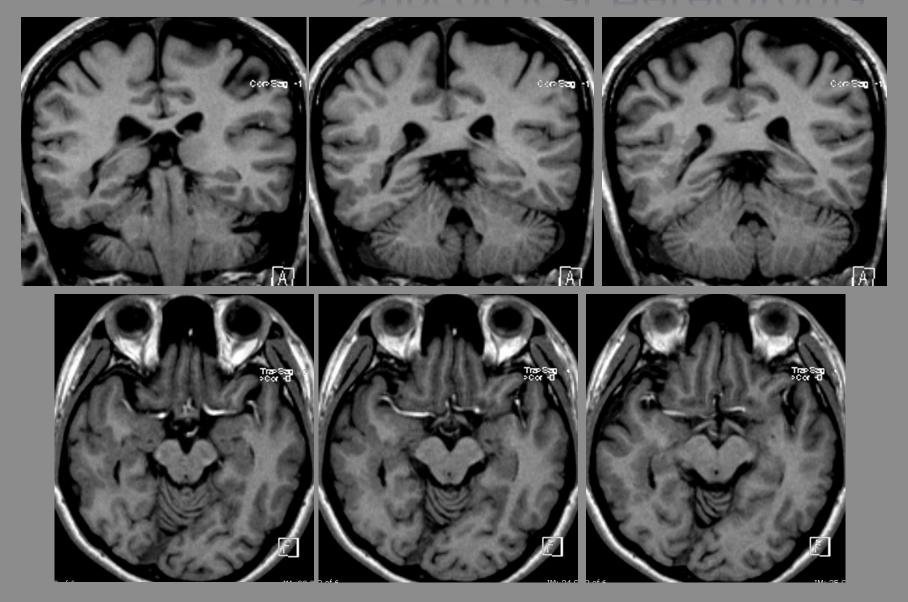
*Subcortical Heterotopia

He had seizure 15-20 minutes before MRI.



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*Subcortical Heterotopia



*Malformation Secondary to Abnormal Postmigration Development

- *Polymicrogyria (PMG)
- *Schizencephaly

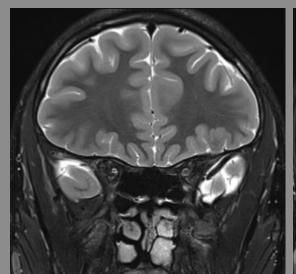
*Polymicrogyria (PMG)

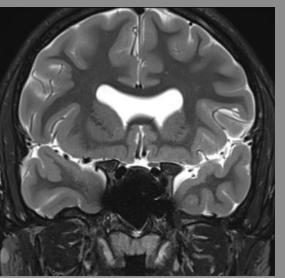
- *Causes of PMG include prenatal infection, prenatal ischemia or exposure to toxins and chromosomal abnormalities.
- *PMG is commonly located in perisylvian regions.

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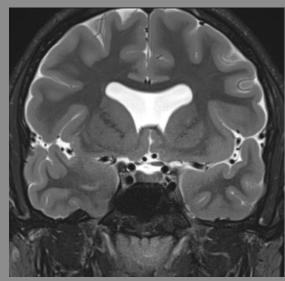
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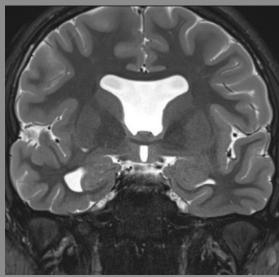
- *PMG may has a smooth surface, or multiple deep infoldings of the cortex with irregular G-W junction.
- *Reduced WM volume is the affected region.

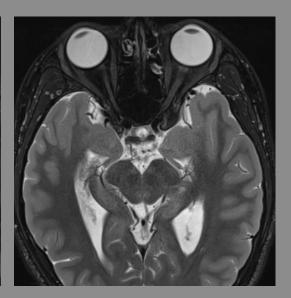


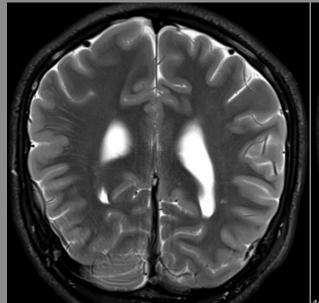


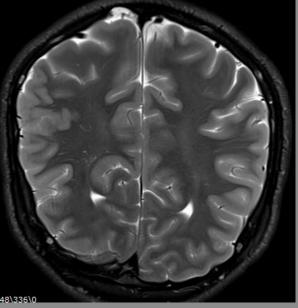
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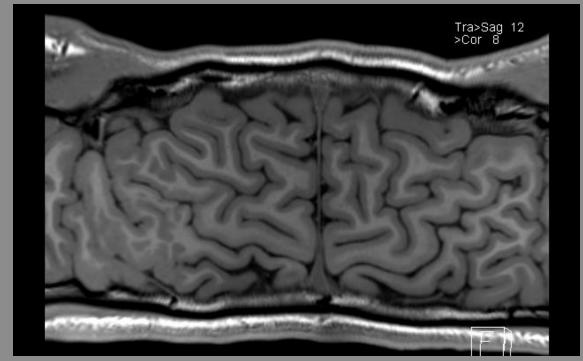








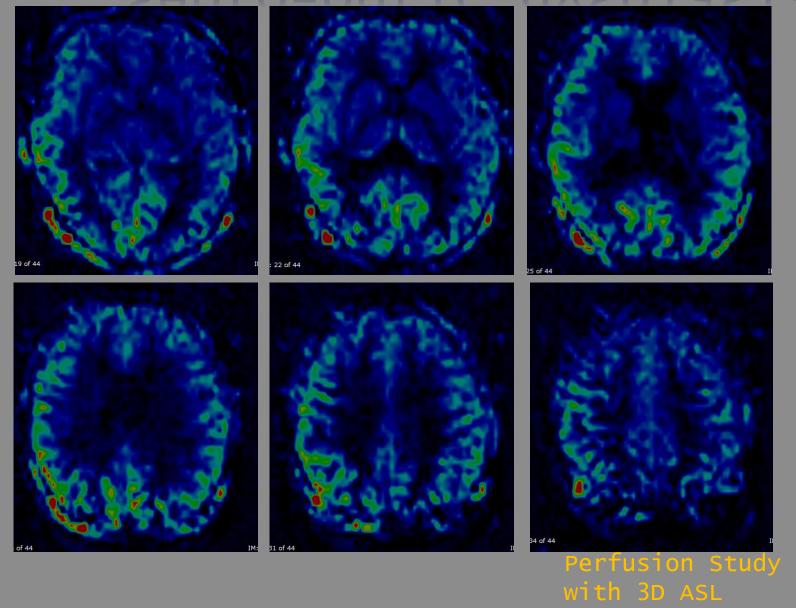


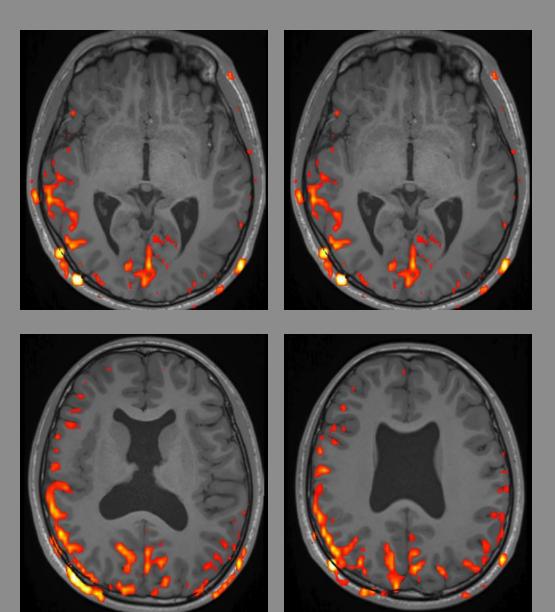


* Septooptic dysplasia

A 14 year-old boy, case of epilepsy, had epileptical discharge from bilateral centrotemporal regions and VF defect and decreased VA right eye.

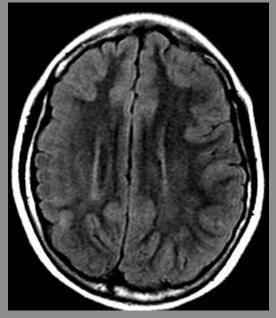
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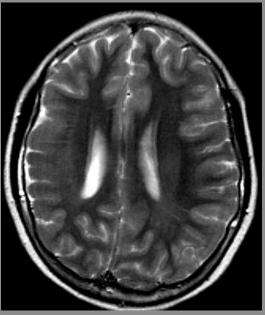




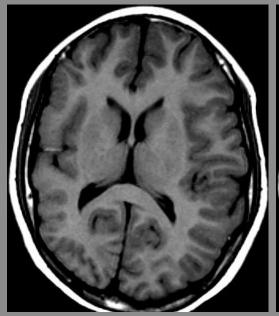
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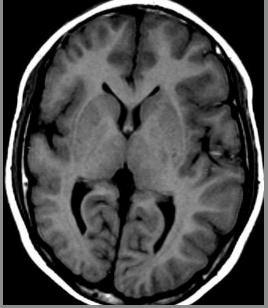


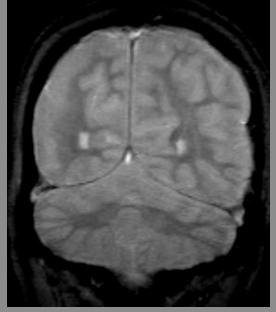




A 10 year-old girl had complex partial seizure since 2 years of age and revealed left monoplegia on neurological Examination. EEG revealed frequent sharp slow wave at right cerebral hemisphere



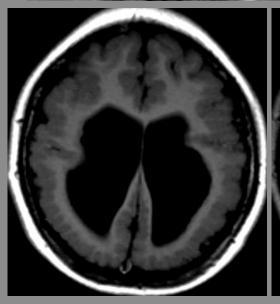


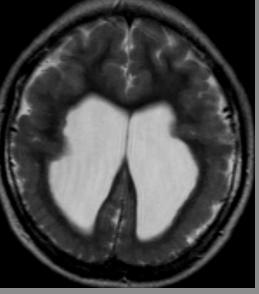


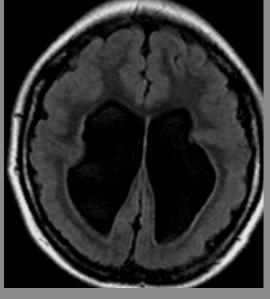


*Bilateral PMG

A 9 year-old boy had Lennox-Gastrout syndrome.



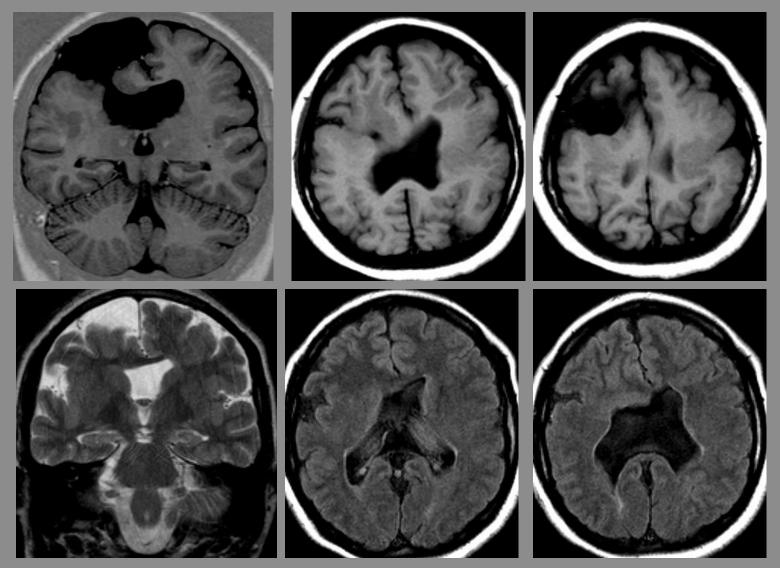




- *Schizencephaly is a cleft lined with GM and connecting subarachnoid space with the ventricular system.
- *The wall of the cleft is lined by dysmorphic GM.
- *Schizencephaly is divided into open-lip or closed-lip type.

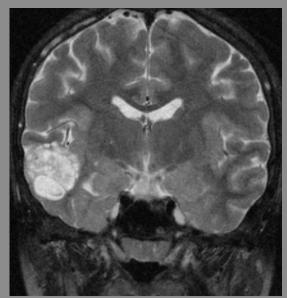
*Schizencephaly

*Open lip Schizencephaly



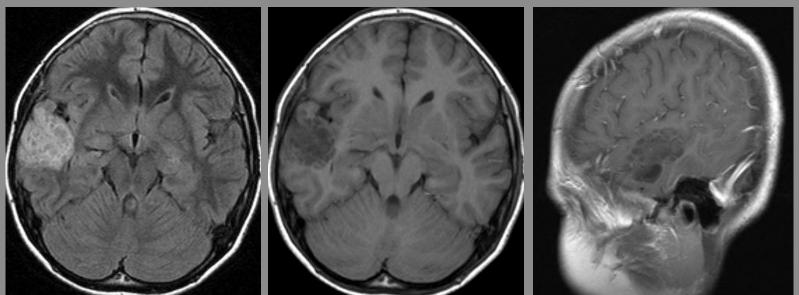
A 22 year-old female seizure since childhood, slow speech and poor development.

*Tumour



* Dysembryonic Neuroepithelial Tumour (DNET)

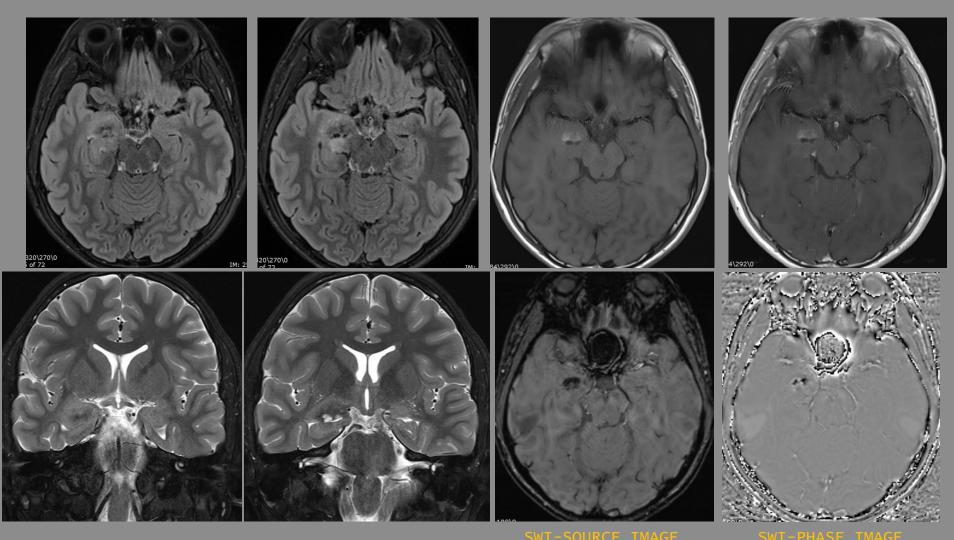
*A multicystic cortically based tumour, calvarial remodeling.



A 11 year-old boy complex partial seizure for 1 6/12 years.

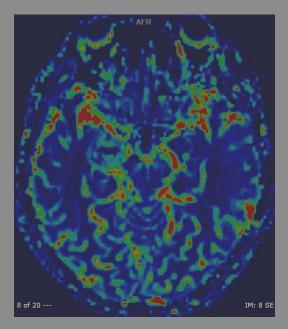
*PNET

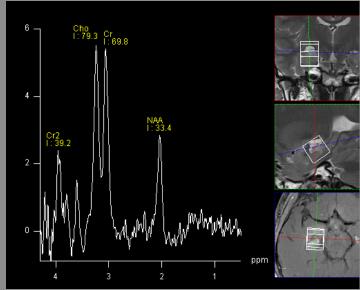
A 13 year-old boy had complex partial seizure during sleep.

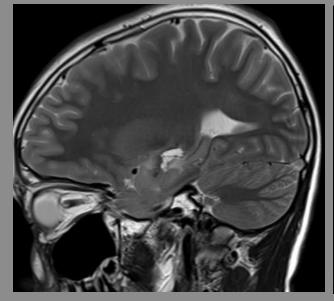


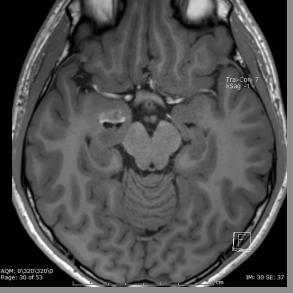
*DNET

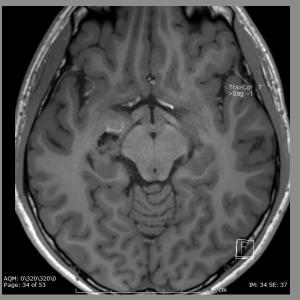
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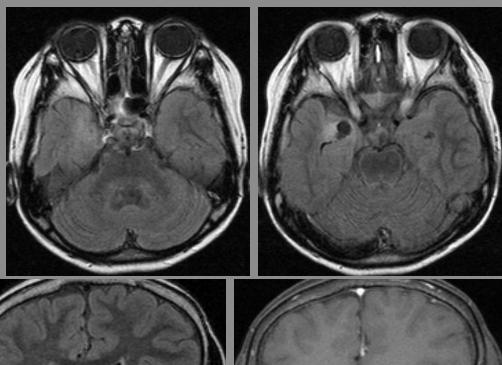


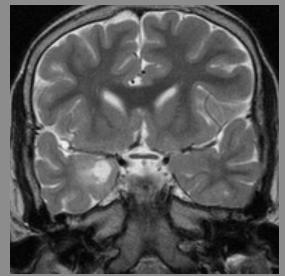


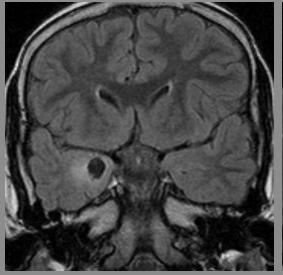


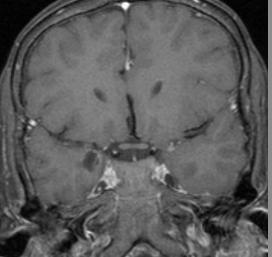
* Ganglioglioma

Benign mixed solid&cystic cortically based lesion, often calcification, variable enhancement, common location, temporal lobe.





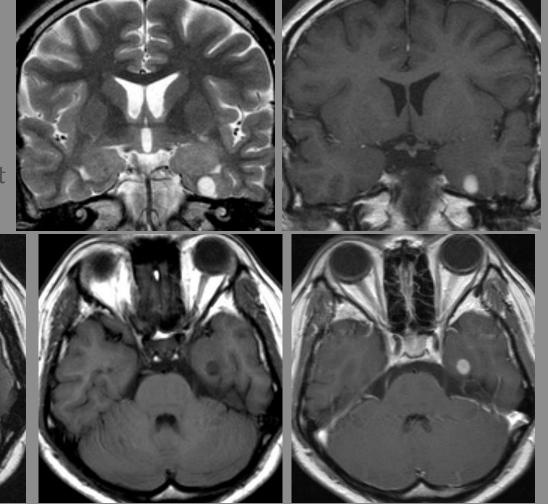




A 8 year-old girl intractable seizure for 3 years.

* Pilocytic Astrocytoma

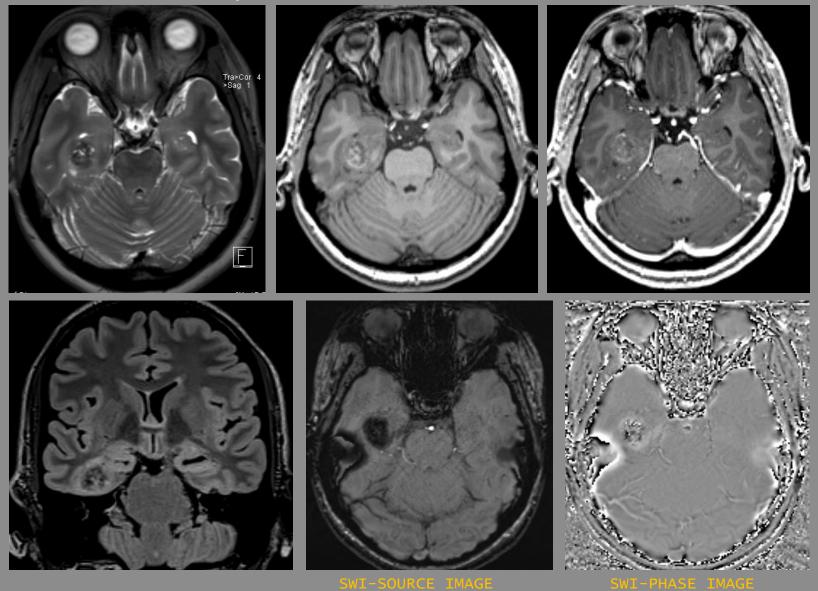
- Age of onset: 8-13 years
- The mesial temporal lobe is classical location.
- Imaging: A cyst with an enhancing nodule. Variable enhancement of cyst wall.



A 17 year-old female complex partial seizure for 5 years.

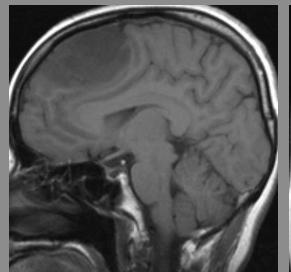
*Oligodendroglioma

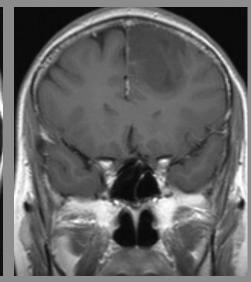
A 26 year-old female had seizure for 9 months.

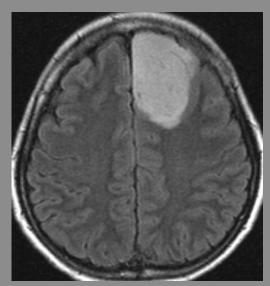


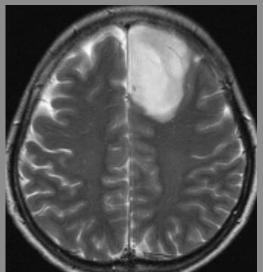
* Oligodendroglioma

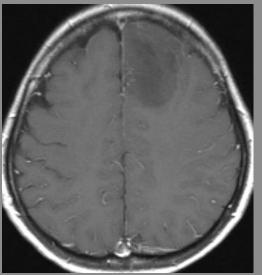
- *Cortical-based lesion with calcification
- *Variable enhancement
- *Common to frontal or fronto-temporal cortex



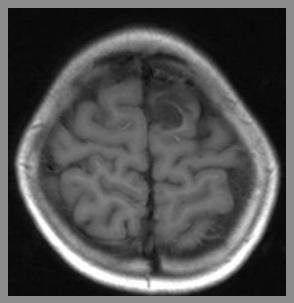


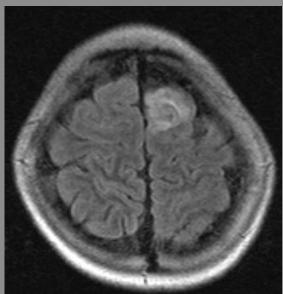


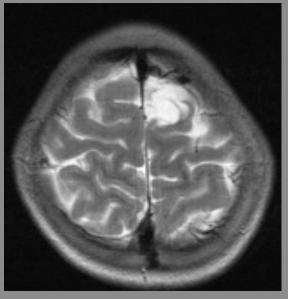




A 42 year-old female seizure for 1 year.

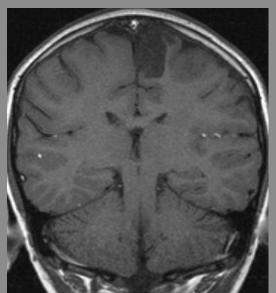






*Astrocytoma

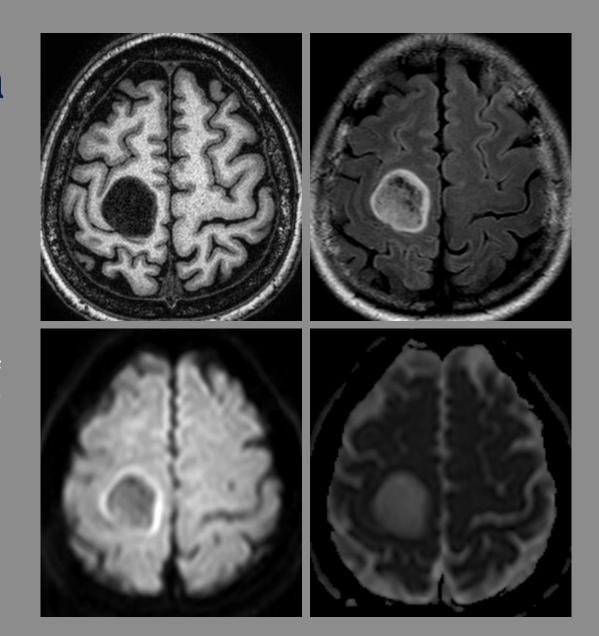
A 10 year-old girl had complex partial seizure for 3 years.





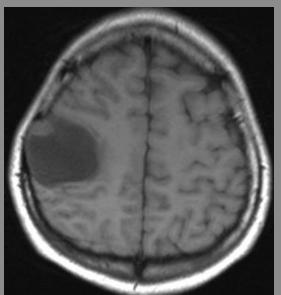
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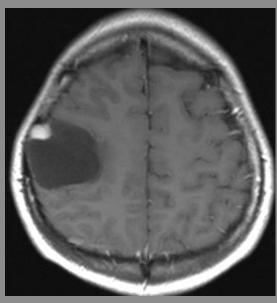
A 40 year-old female had focal seizure of left upper limbs for ½ year.

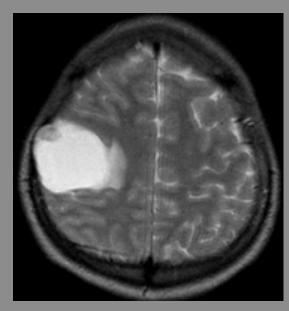


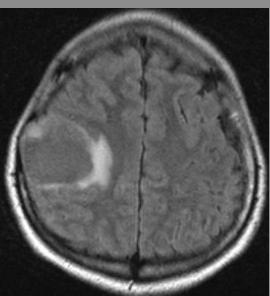
*Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytomas

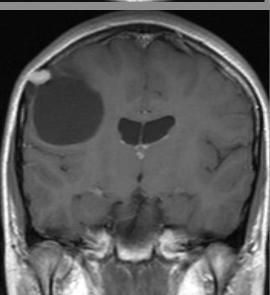
- PXA are peripherally located cystic lesions with enhancing mural nodule.
- Involvement of leptomeninges is the characteristic of this tumour





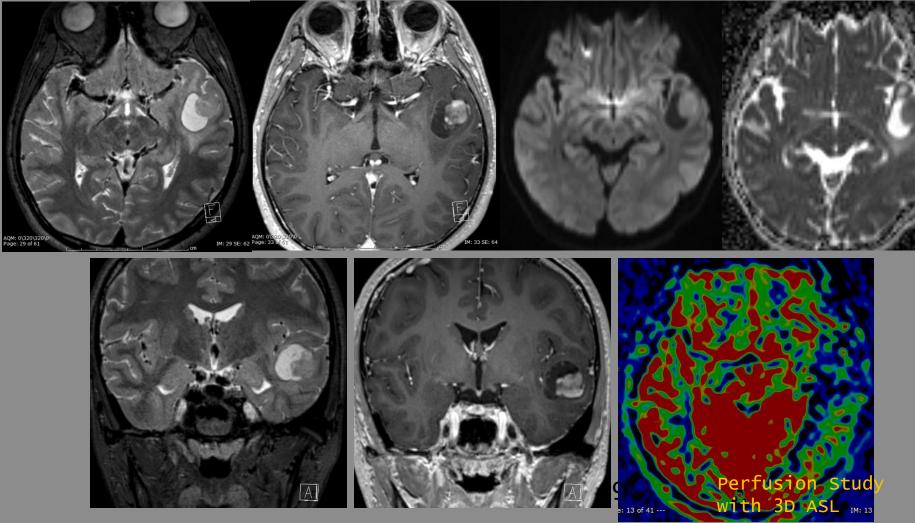






*Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma

A 16 year-old male had first seizure attack 10 months ago.



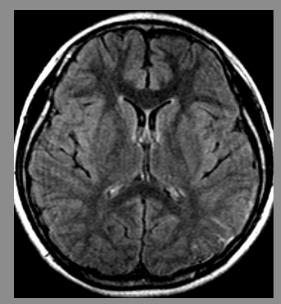
*Vascular Malformation

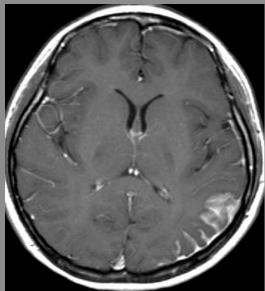
*Sturge-Weber syndrome

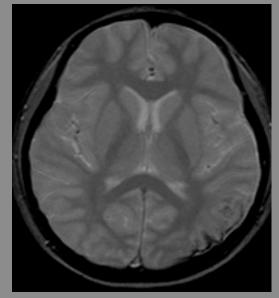
*SWS is a neurocutaenous syndrome characterized by ipsilateral facial angioma in CN V distribution and angiomatosis of the leptomeninges

*Imaging findings

- *Pial angioma on CE study
- *Cortical calcification
- *Enlarged choroid plexus and transmedullary venous collaterals
- *Atrophy of the ipsilateral cerebral hemisphere



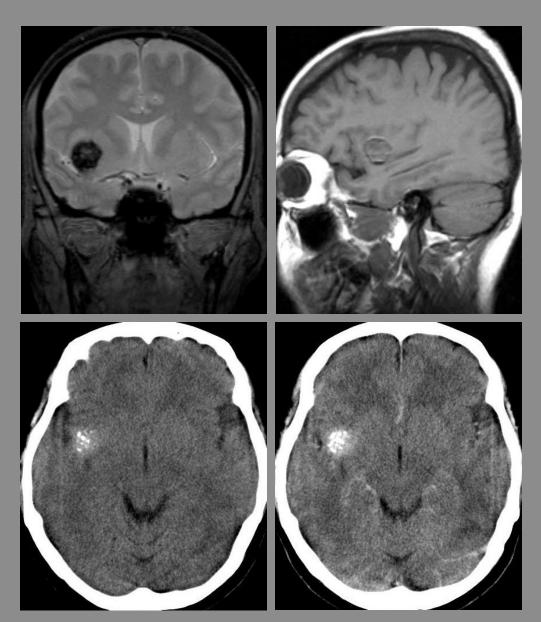




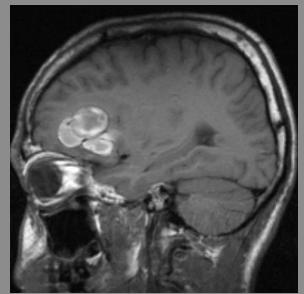
A 7 year-old girl seizure for 2 years.

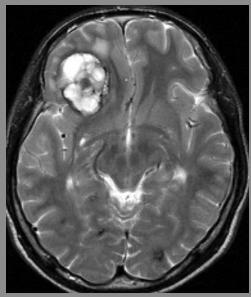
* Cavernoma

- *Composed of vascular spaces containing blood in various stages.
- *The typical MRI
 finding is a popcorn
 appearance composed
 of heterogenous
 mixed signal
 intensities of
 blood, surrounded by
 a hyposignal rim of
 hemosiderin.



A 43 year-old female had seizure.

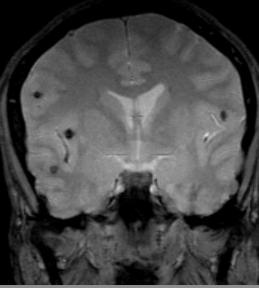


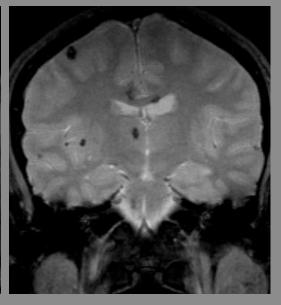


*Cayernoma

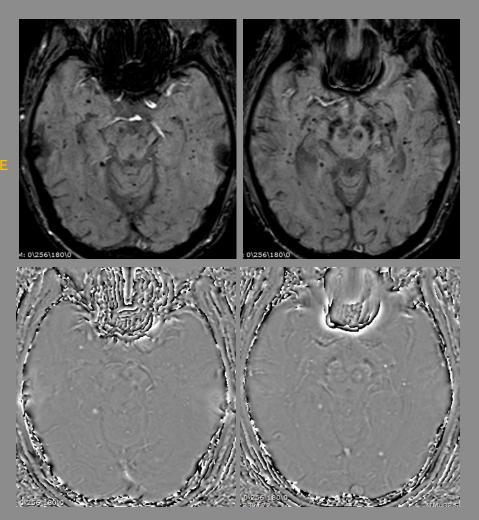
- *15-54 % of lesions are multiple
- *GRE T2W&SWI are useful in detecting small cavernoma





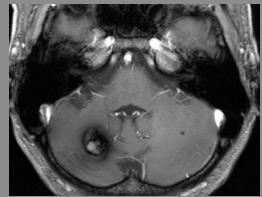


* Cavernoma



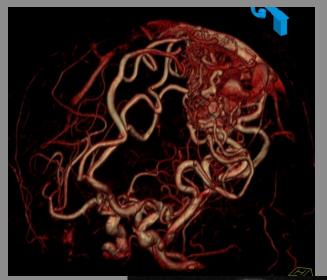






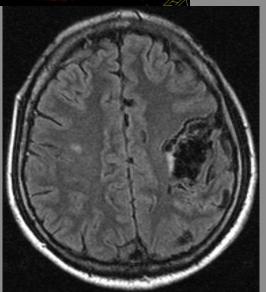
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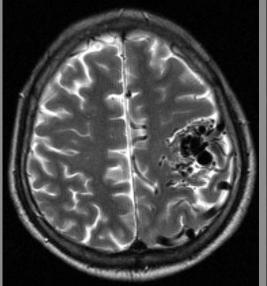
* Arteriovenous Malformations

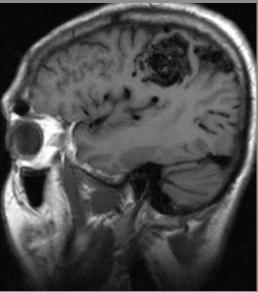


- *AVMs comsist of a tangle of blood vessels lacking of intervening capillary network and leading to A-V shunting
- Mechanisms for seizure generation may include (1) focal cerebral ischemia, and (2) gliosis and hemorrhage

A 51 yearold male presented with focal seizure for 5 years.

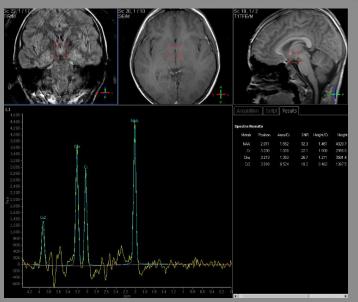






*Gliosis and miscellaneous abnormalities

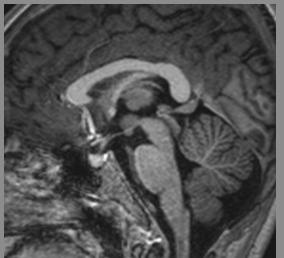
Hypothalamic hamartoma

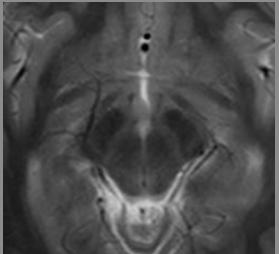


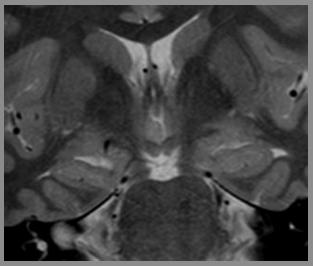
- * Developmental malformation
- * Central precocious puberty and gelastic seizure
- * MRI&MRS findings suggest reduced neuronal density and relative gliosis

Jeremy L. Freeman et al AJNR;25:450-462

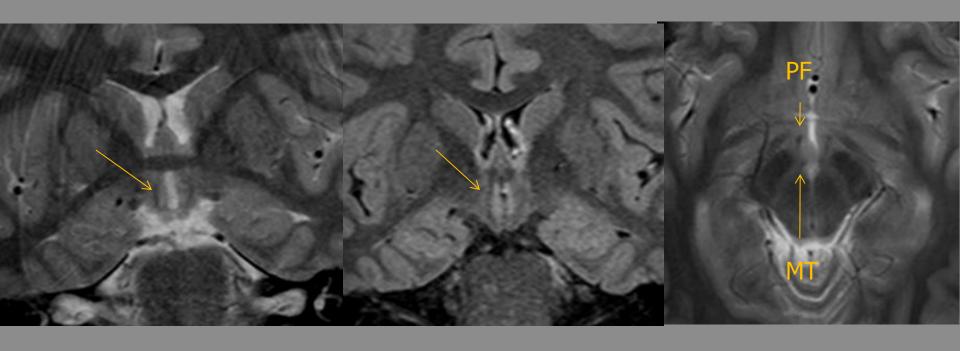
* Seizure – intrahypothalamic or posterior hypothalamus







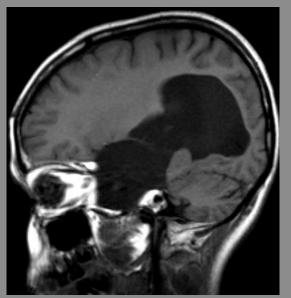
A 11 year-old boy had history of laughing, facial movement and turning to left side of 1-2 times per day.



Postcommissural Fornix (PF) Mamillothalamic Tract (MT)

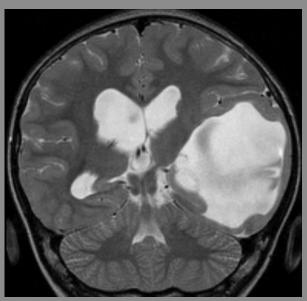
* Hypothalamic Harmatoma

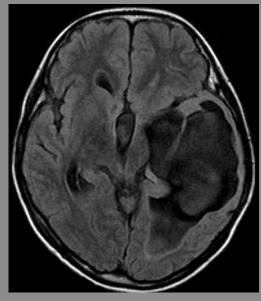
* Porencephaly



- *Amygdalar-hippocampal atrophy often coexists with congenital porencephaly (95%)*.
- *Hippocampal structures should be carefully assessed in patients with porencephalic-related seizures*.

* Susan S. Ho et al *AJNR* 1998;19:135-141

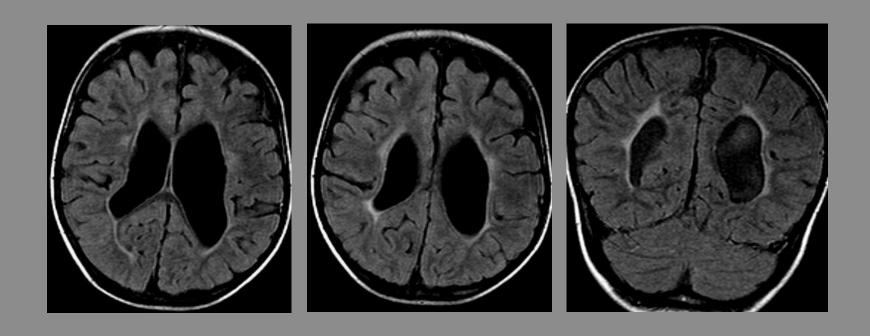




* A smooth- walled cavity, CSF-like signal intensity. The surrounding brain is normal.

A 8 year-old girl complex partial seizure

*Periventricular Leukoencephalomalacia (PVL)



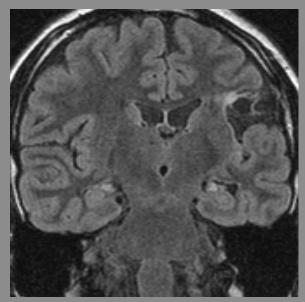
A 3 year-old boy, preterm with BPD, had intractable seizure.

*Gliosis is the end result of various focal and diffuse CNS injuries e.g. trauma, infection, infarction etc.

*MRI findings

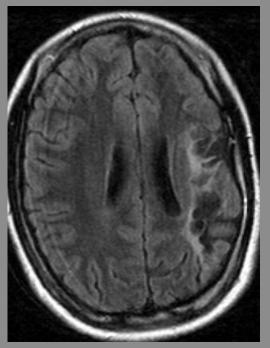
*Hypersignal T2 change associated with volume loss, sulcal widening and ventricular enlargement.

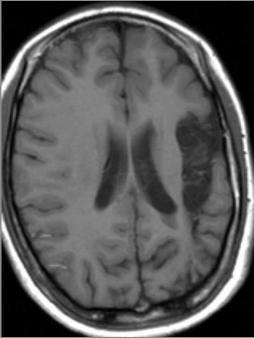


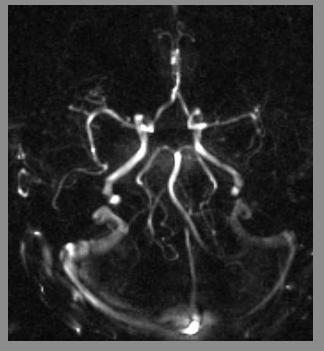


*An old MCA's infarction

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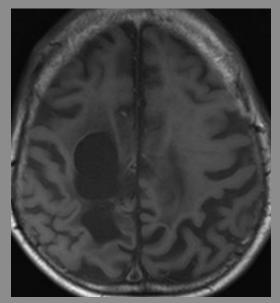


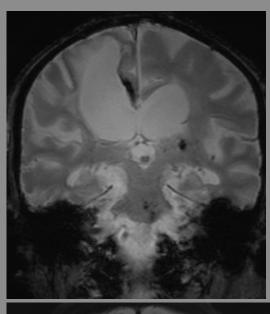


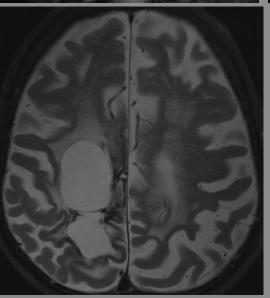


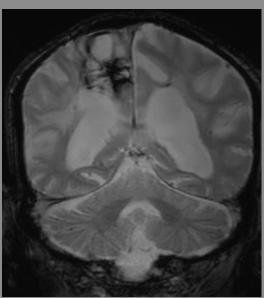
*Old Hemorrhage

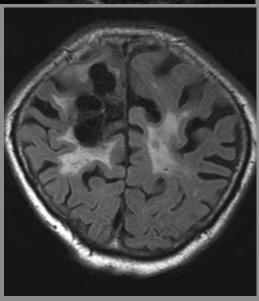
An 88 year-old male, old case CVA, had seizure.



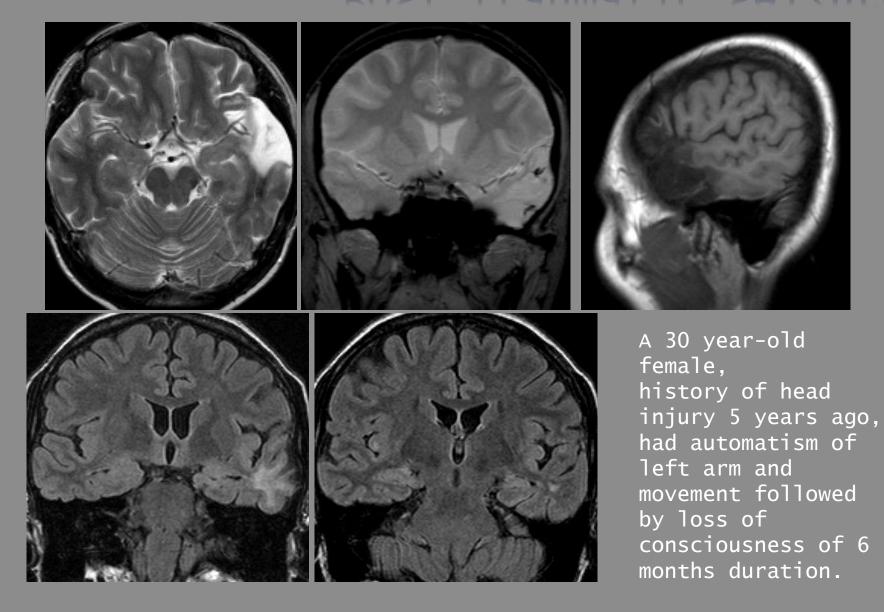








* Post traumatic seizure

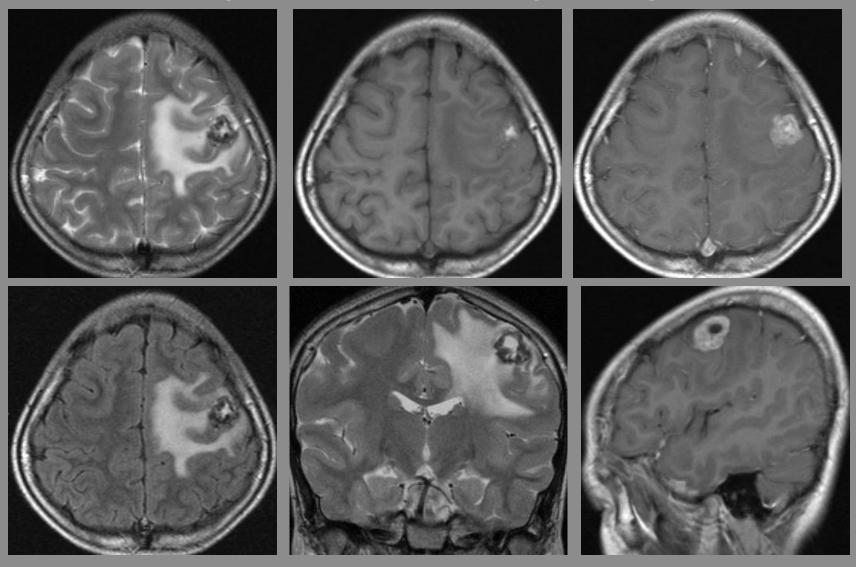


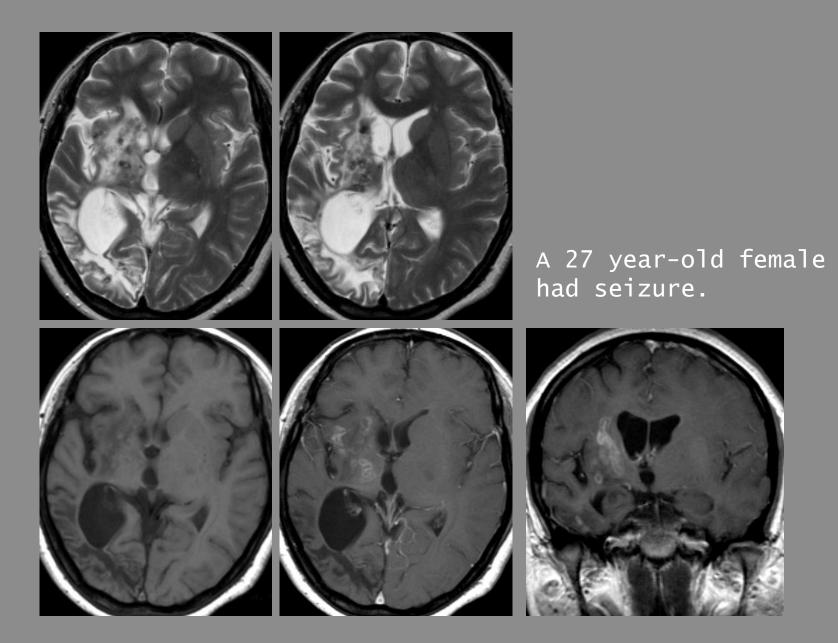
- *Early posttraumatic seizures
- *Increased injury severity, including loss of consciousness or posttraumatic amnesia lasting > 24 h
- *Acute intracerebral hematoma, especially subdural hematoma
- *Brain contusion
- *Age older than 65 yr at time of injury
- *Lauren C. Frey *Epilepsia* 2003;44(Suppl 10):11-17

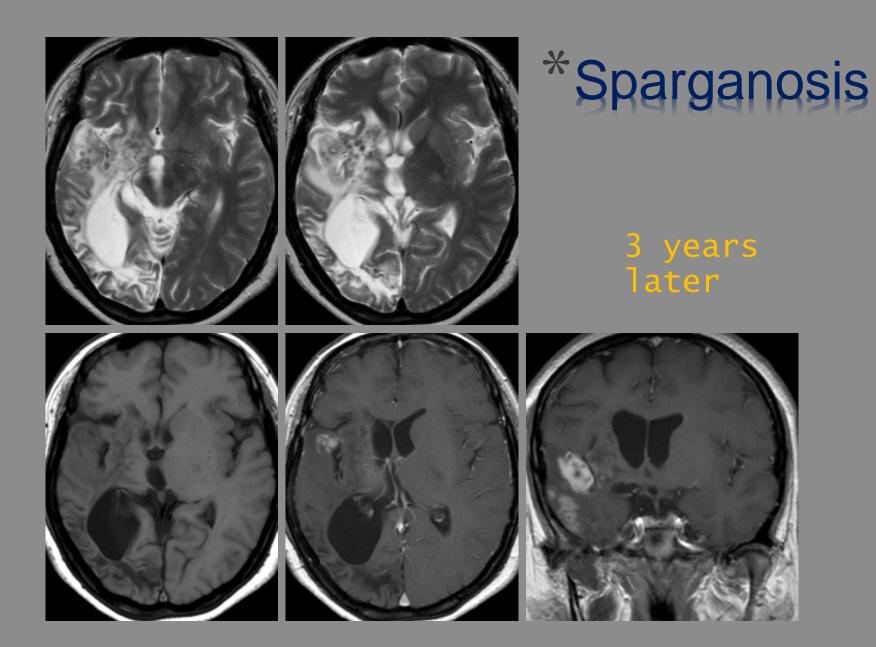
*Risk factors for late posttraumatic seizures

*Granulomatous inflammation

A 12 year-old girl had seizure starting from right hand for 1 year.







- *Spirometra mansoni
- *Man: Accidental intermediate host
- *Raw or inadequately cooked flesh e.g. frogs, snake, chickens

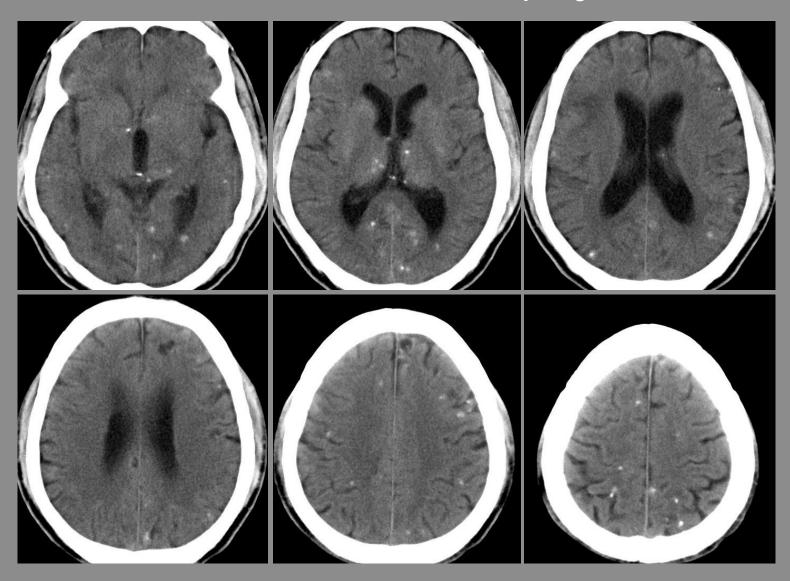


- *Enhancing lesions *
 - *Tunnel sign moving track of a migrating worm
 - *Conglomerating ring-like or bead-shaped enhancement
- *Calcification*
- *Presence of new and old lesions
- * T. Song et al *AJNR* 2007;28:1700-05

*Sparganosis: Imaging findings

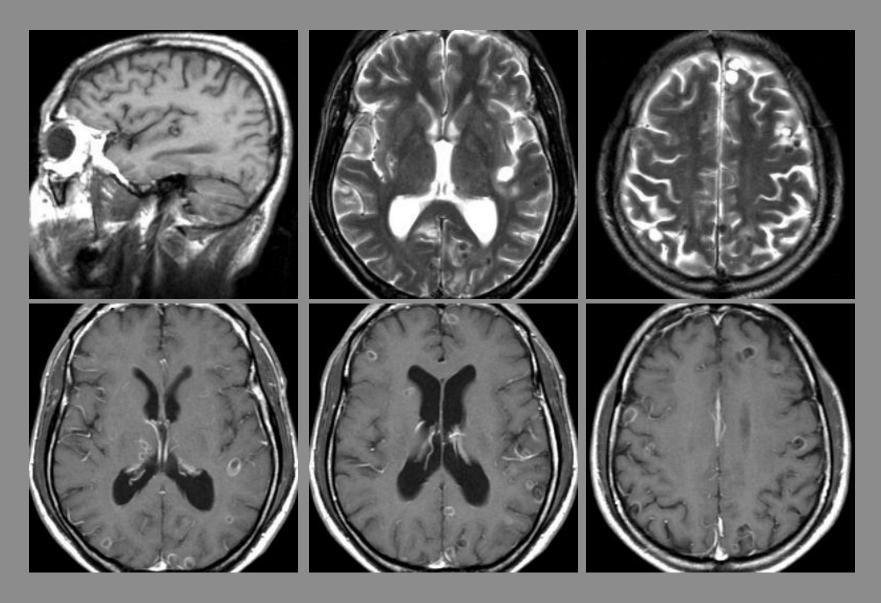
Cysticercosis

A 55 year-old male, history of eating fresh vegetables, had focal seizure left side of mouth for 3 times 2 days ago.

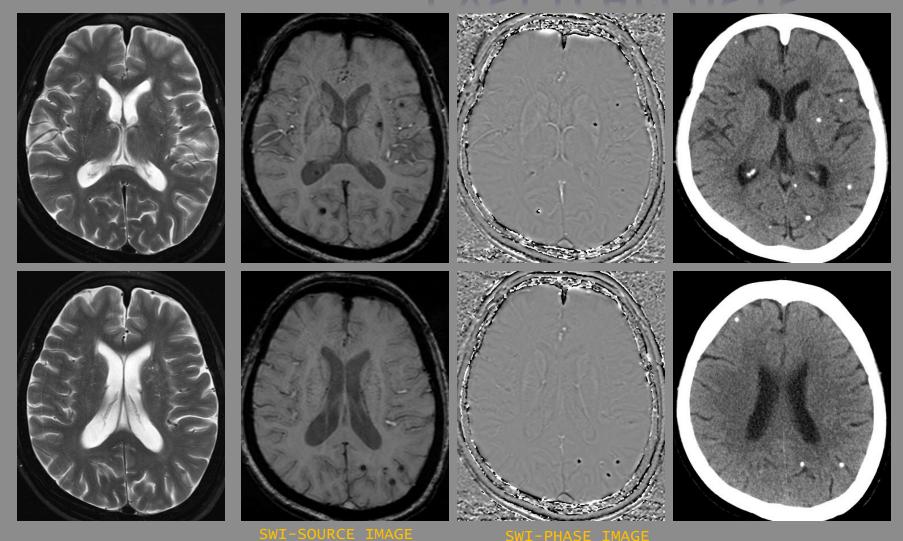


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*Calcified Cysticercosis



*Thank You