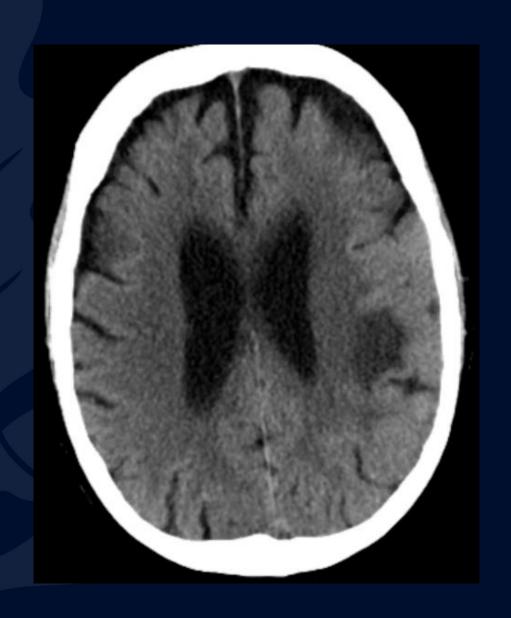
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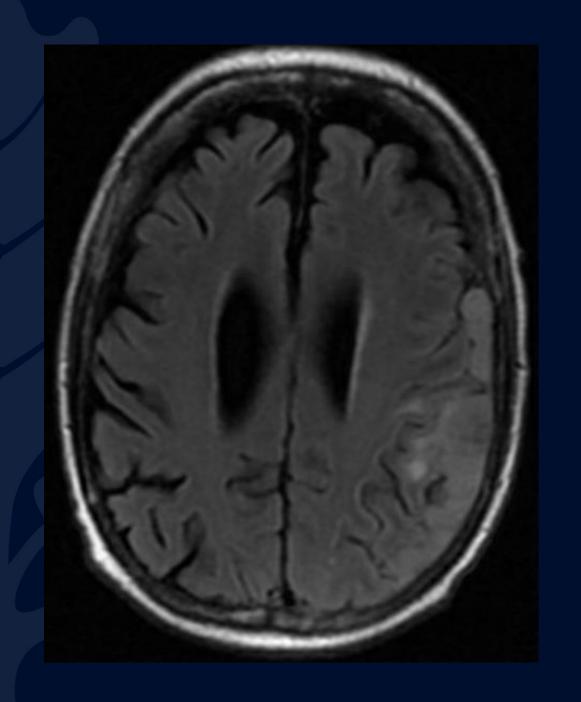
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CT Head w/o contrast

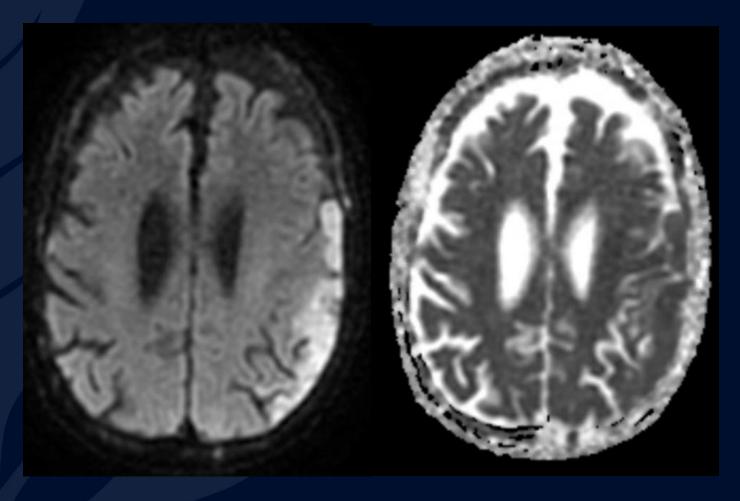




MRI Brain w/o Gd

Axial T2 FLAIR



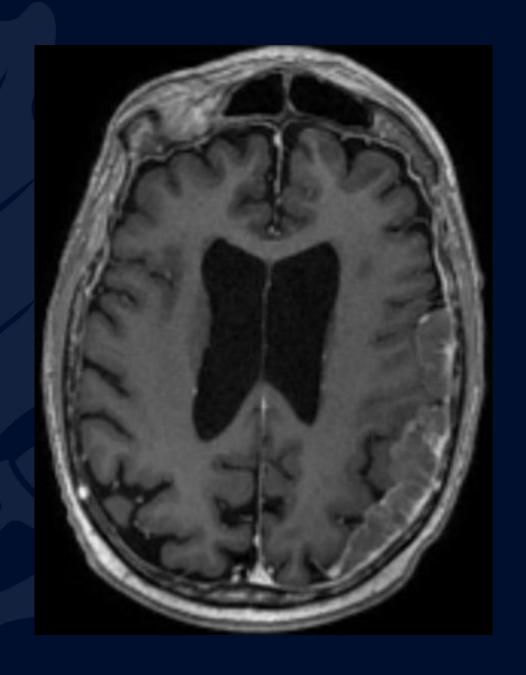


MRI Brain w/o Gd

DWI

ADC





Axial T1
Post-Gd

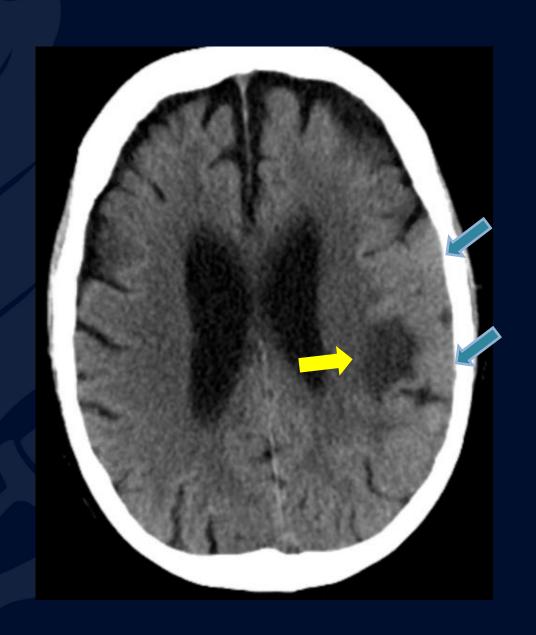






Intracranial Metastases from Prostate Carcinoma

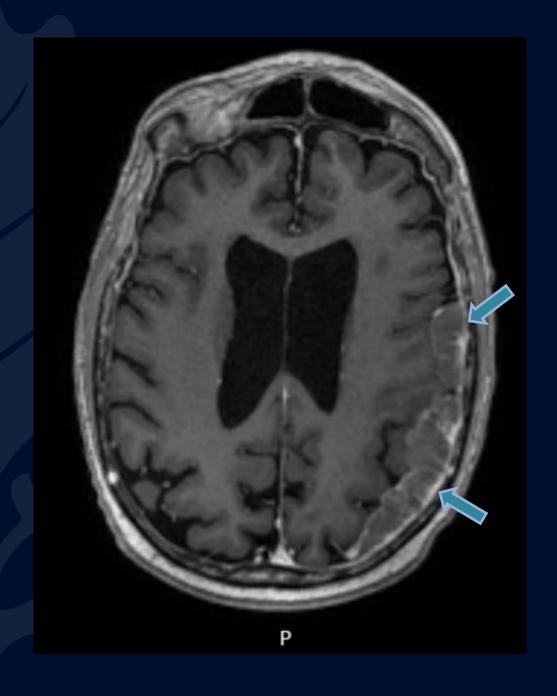




CT Head w/o contrast

Isodense to
Hyperdense
superficial mass
(blue arrows)
with adjacent
vasogenic edema
(yellow arrow)



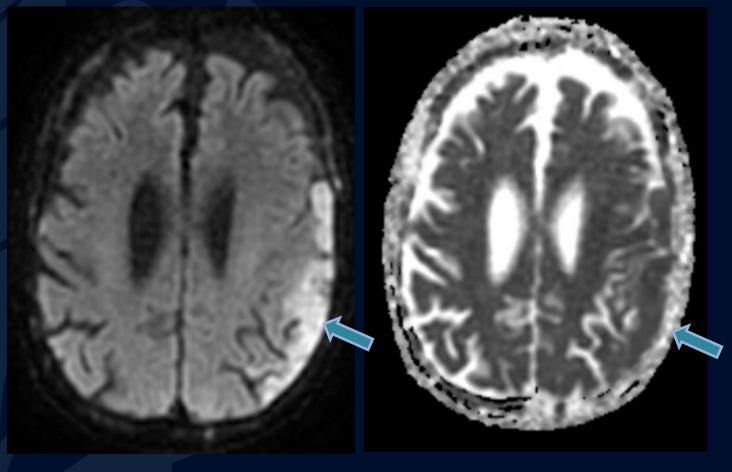


Axial Post-Gd

Extensive
nodular dural
thickening with
areas of
enhancement
over left cerebral
convexity
(arrows)



DWI MRI Brain w/o Gd



Mass is diffusion restricting (arrows)

DWI

ADC



Intracranial Metastases from Prostate Cancer

- Most common intracranial location of prostate cancer metastases: Meninges (67%)
- Neurologic features: Headache, seizures, motor deficits, intracranial hemorrhage, subdural hematoma, mental status changes, gait disturbance, nausea/vomiting, vertigo, multiple CN palsies



Imaging Characteristics

CT Head

- Mass may be isodense, hypodense or hyperdense in comparison to normal brain parenchyma
- Variable degree of vasogenic edema
- Post-contrast: enhancement can be variable and intense, nodular, punctate or ring-enhancing



Imaging Characteristics

MRI brain

- T1: Iso to hypointense, intrinsic high signal if hemorrhagic or occasionally, if calcified
- T1 + contrast: Enhancement uniform, punctate, ring-enhancing
- T2: variable
- FLAIR: hyperintense typically, hyperintense peritumoral edema of variable amount
- DWI/ADC: Lesion often diffusion restricting.
 Edema, if present, demonstrates increased diffusivity



Differential Diagnosis

- Meningioma
 - Extra-axial, homogenous enhancement
 - Often calcification
 - Dural mass with "dural tail" is typical but not specific
 - Hyperostosis,
- Chronic subdural hemorrhage
 - Trauma history, fluid-fluid levels, varying density or intensity
- CNS lymphoma
 - Diffusely enhancing dural mass, often multifocal
 - Low T2 signal due to hypercellularity



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