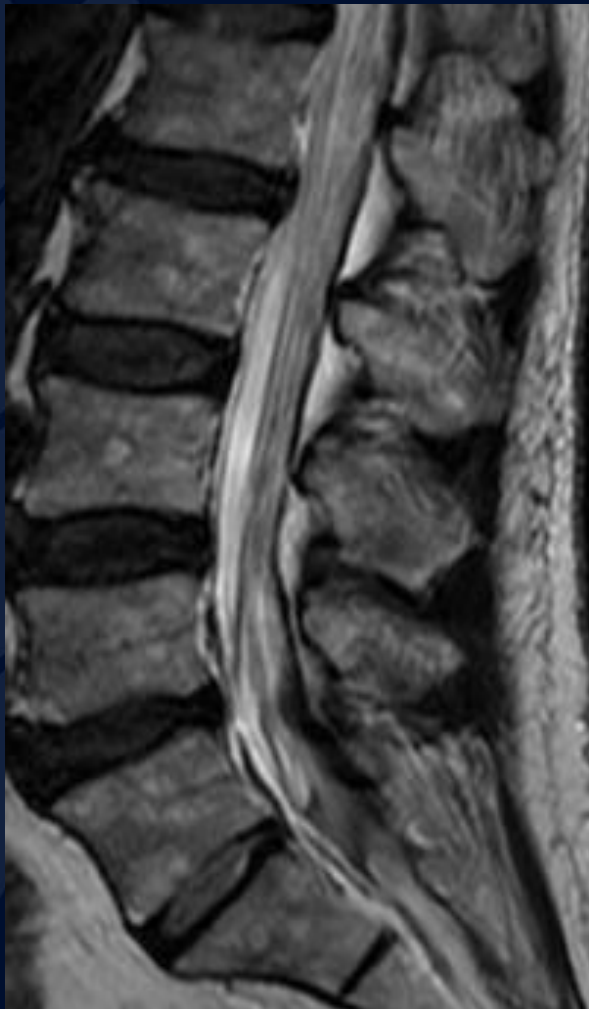


72 y/o male
with H/O Adenocarcinoma of the Lung
with New Saddle Anesthesia.
R/O Compression of Cord or Cauda Equina

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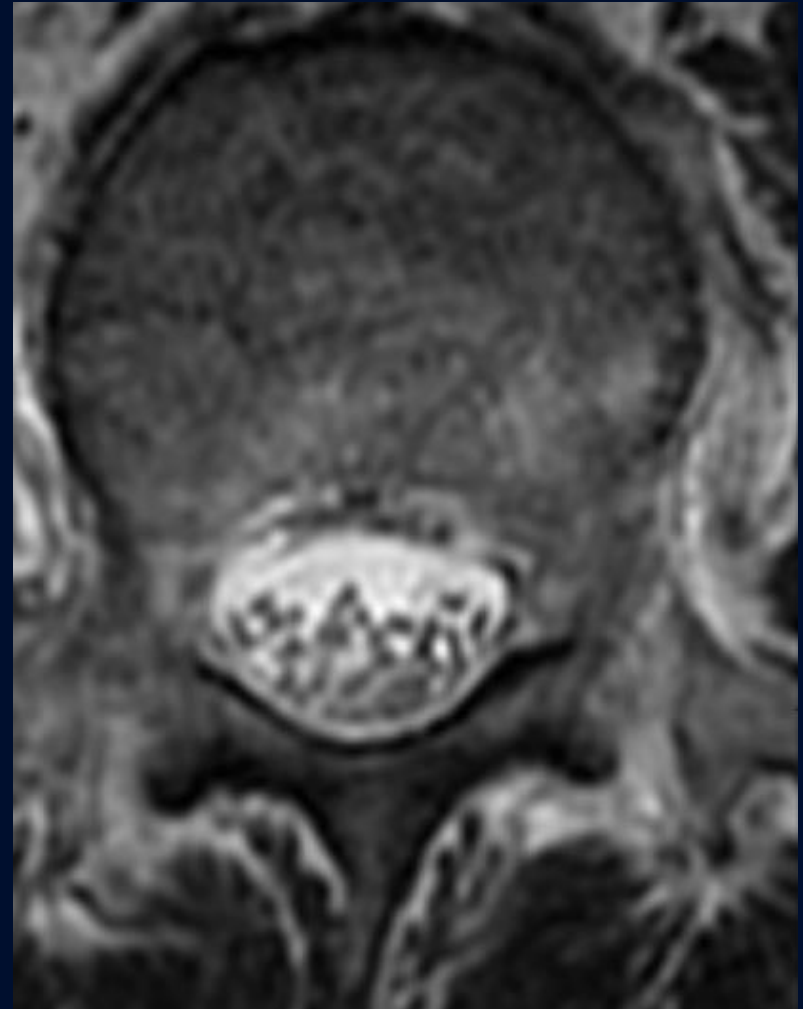
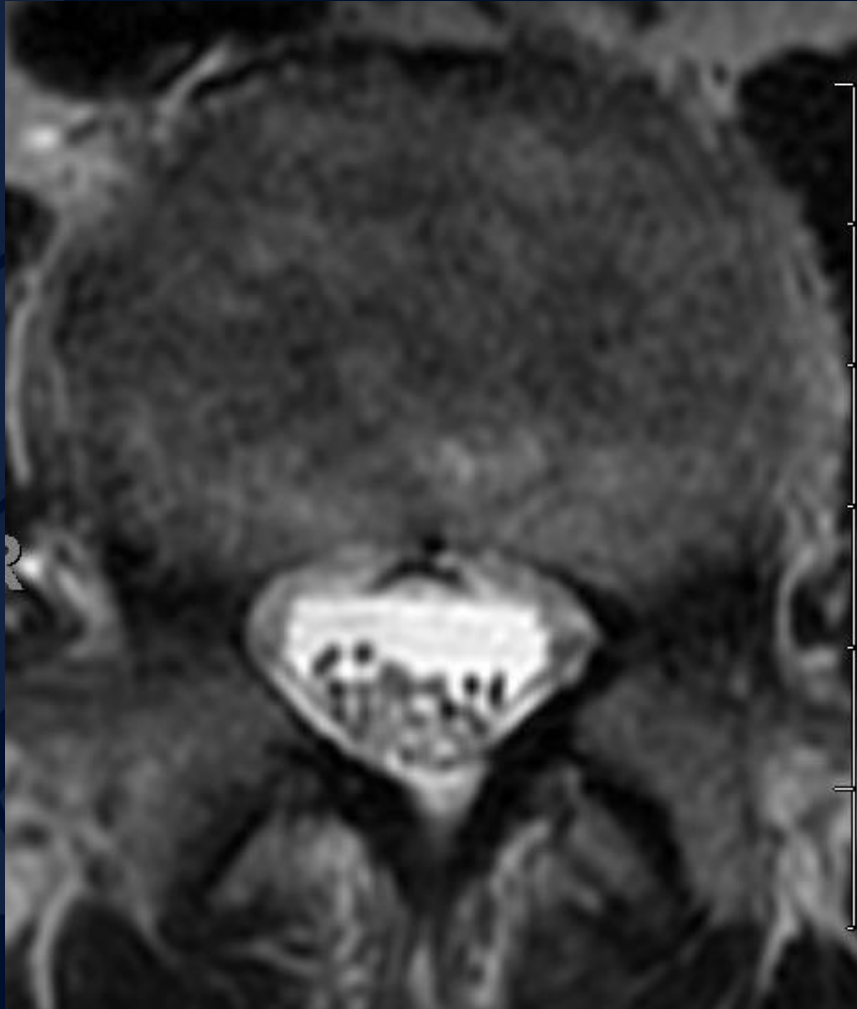
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What is the next study?

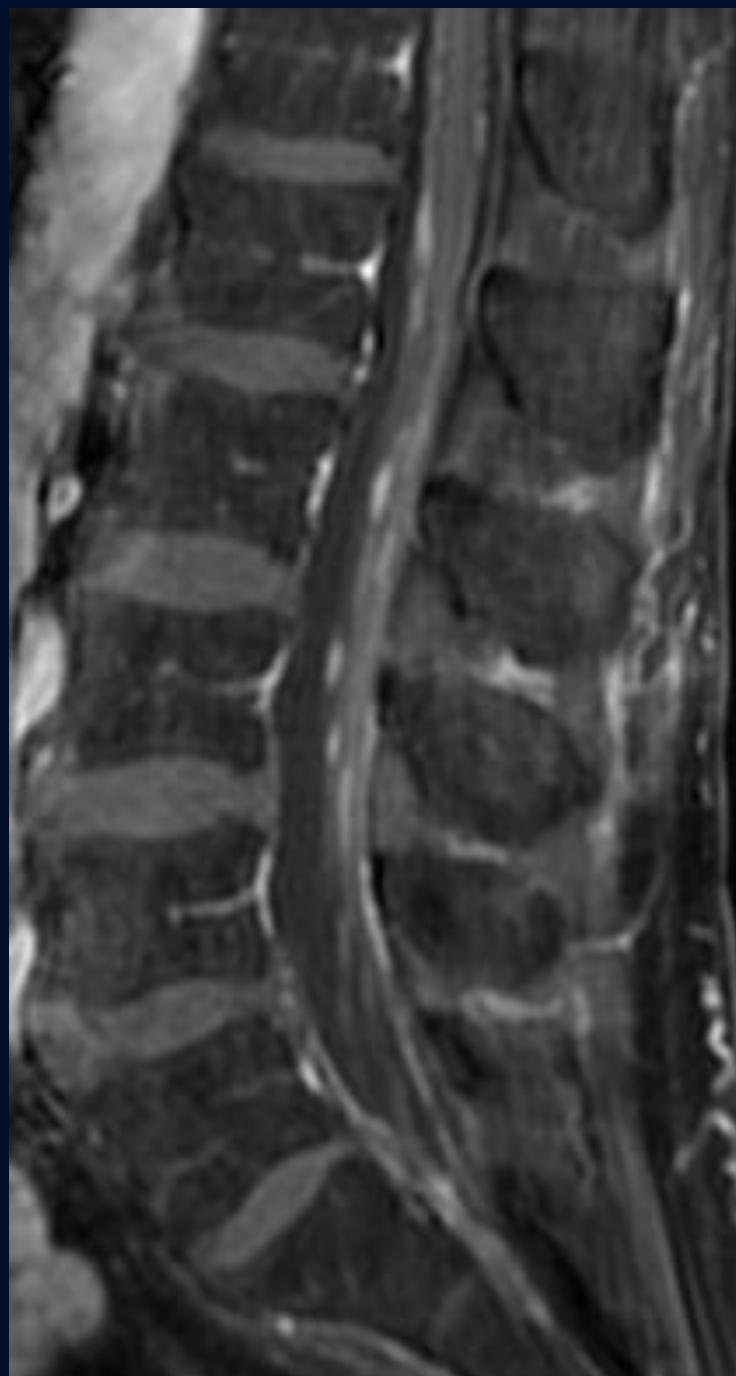
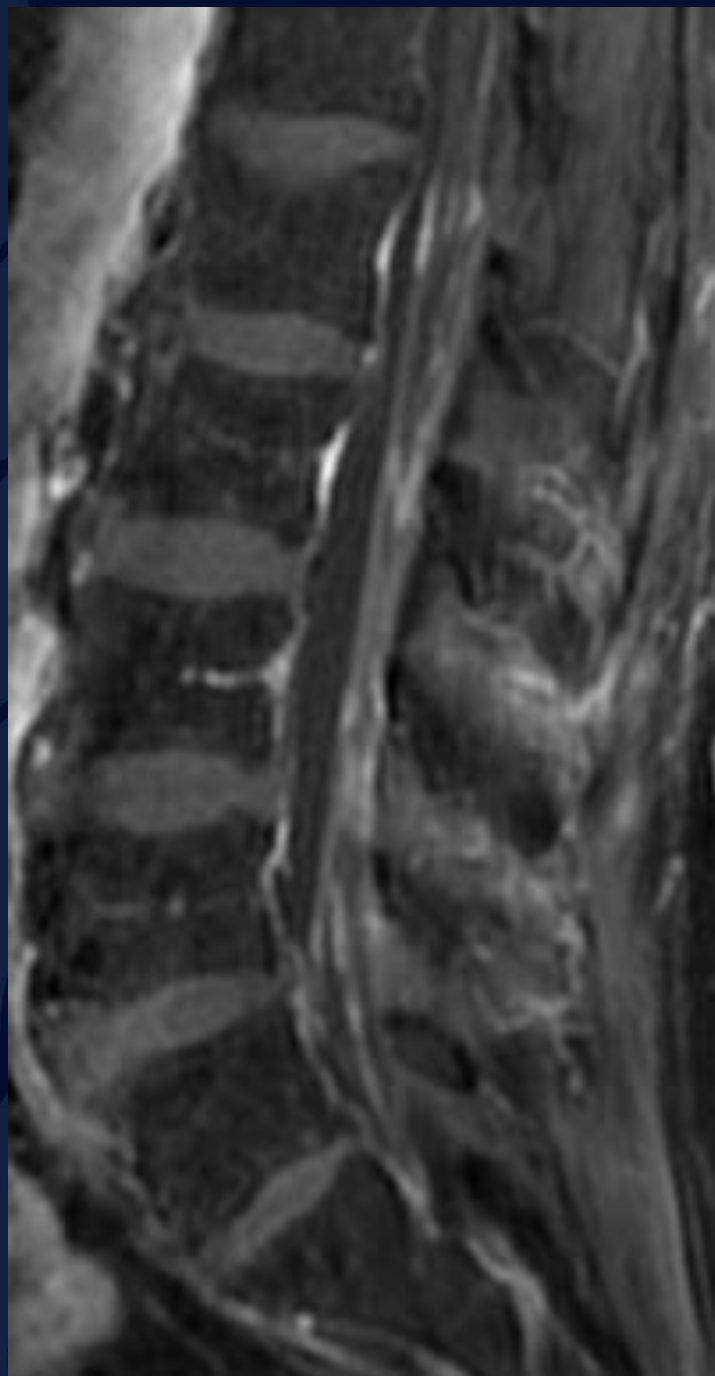
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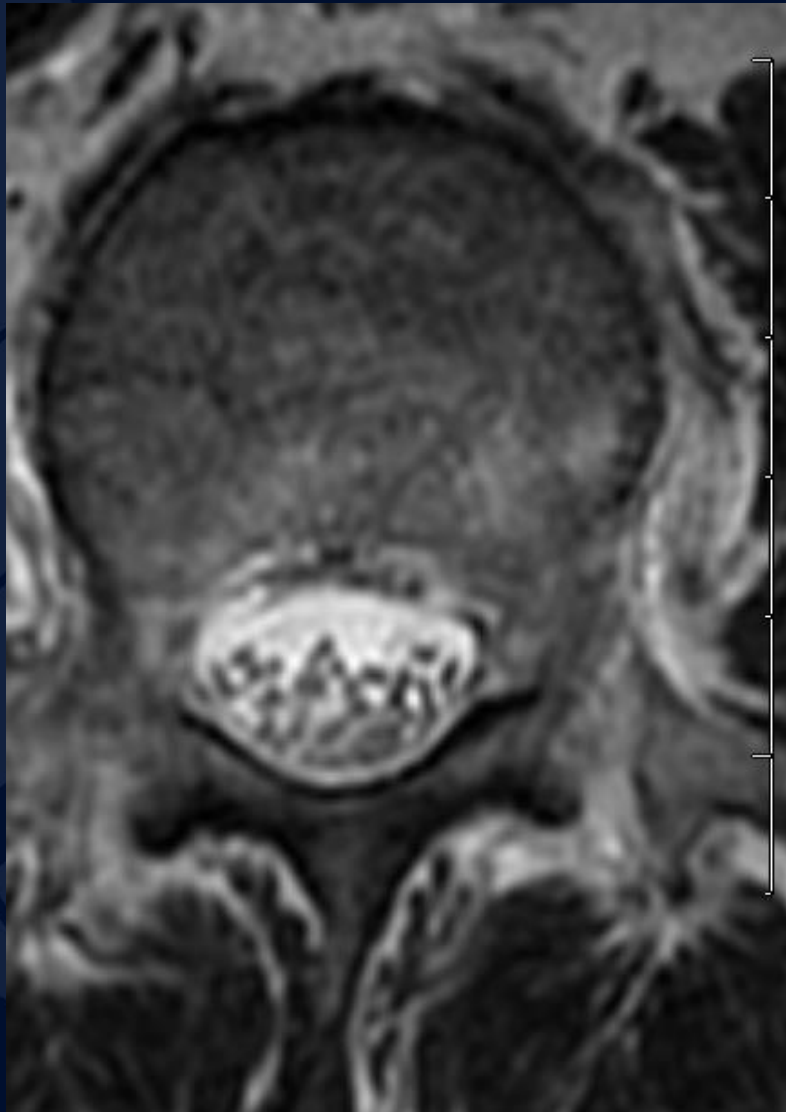
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- C) CT
- D) CT-Myelography

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Gd-T1
Fat-Sat





T2



Gd-T1



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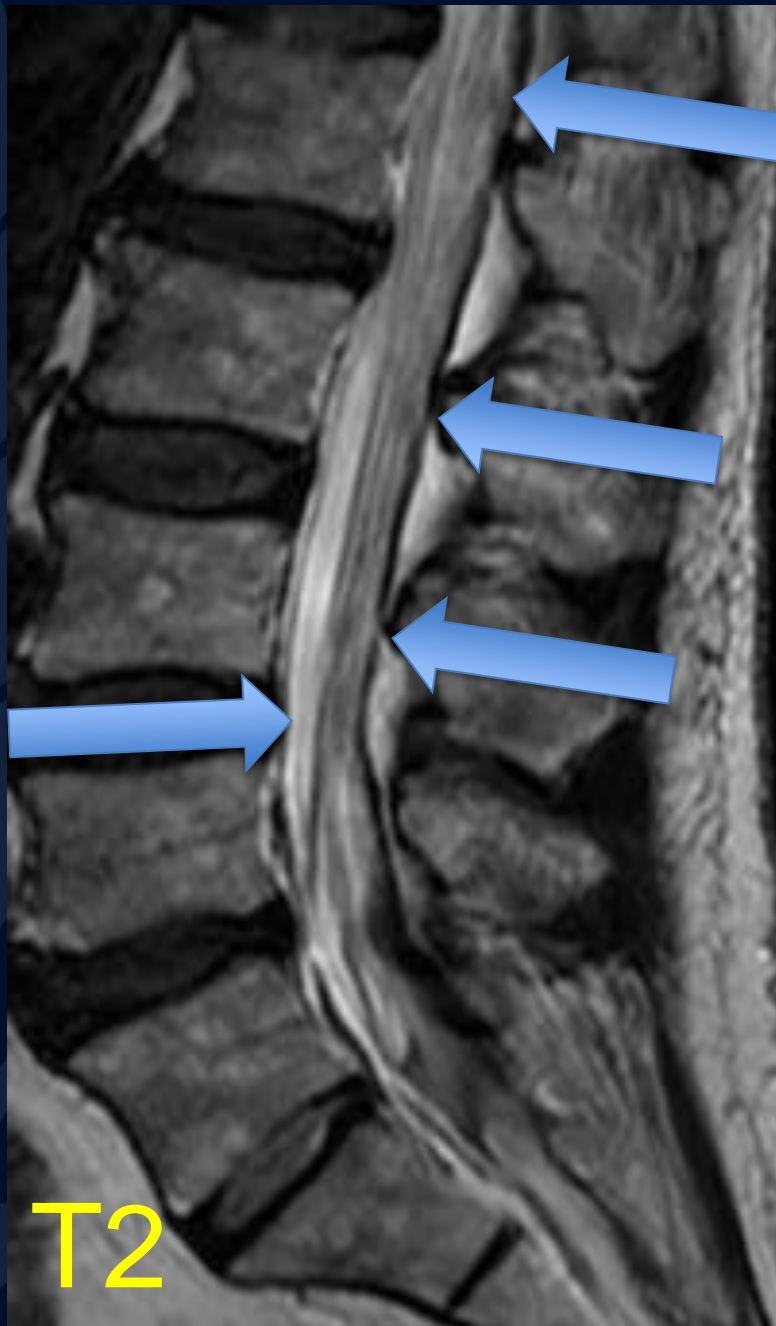


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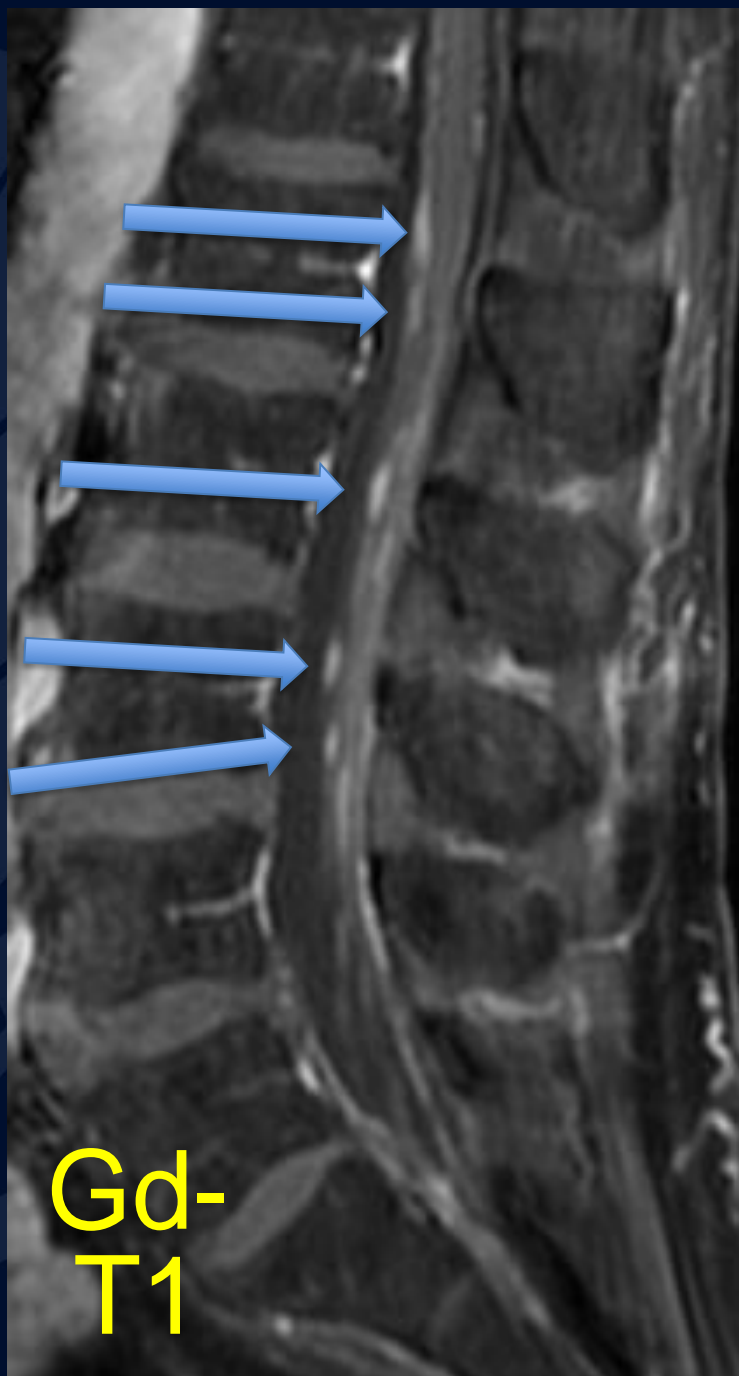
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Dx?

Spinal leptomeningeal metastases



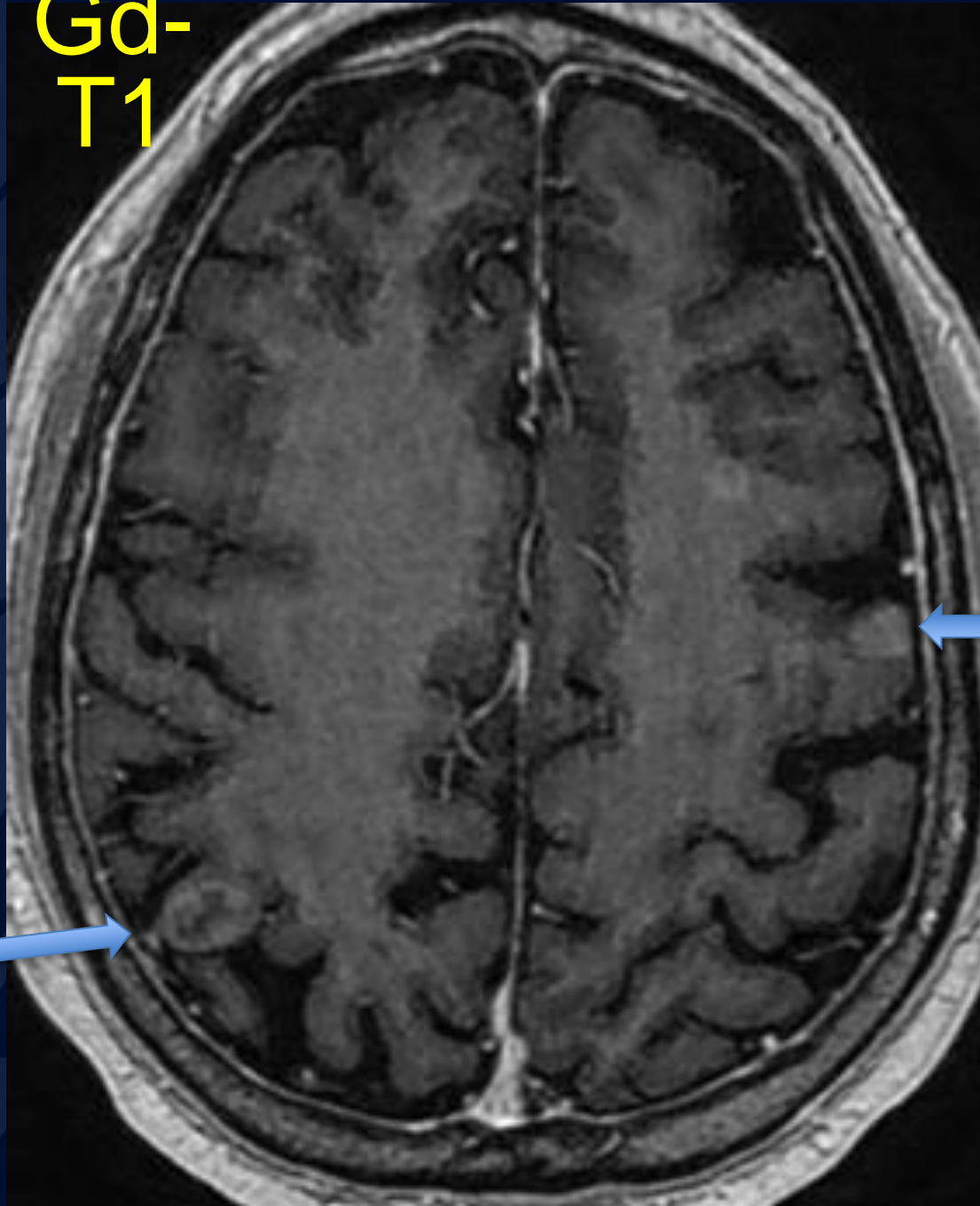
- Noncontrast exam is nearly normal
- Subtle nodularity represents mets



Contrast demonstrates obvious nodular enhancing leptomeningeal mets (arrows)

Gd-
T1

Gd-
T1



MRI of the Brain revealed cerebral Metastases (arrows), which may have seeded the spinal CSF or arisen synchronously

Spinal Leptomeningeal Metastases

Clinical Features

- Multifocal neurologic signs and symptoms are common and indicate multilevel involvement.
- The most common presenting symptoms include headache, nausea and vomiting, leg weakness, cerebellar dysfunction, altered mental status, diplopia, and facial weakness.

Spinal Leptomeningeal Metastases

Imaging Features

- MRI may show linear or nodular enhancement along the surface of the spinal cord, cauda equina, or both.
- Contrast enhanced MRI is usually essential for the Dx.
- Occasionally, clumping of nerve roots at the cauda equina may suggest the diagnosis even on noncontrast scans.

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