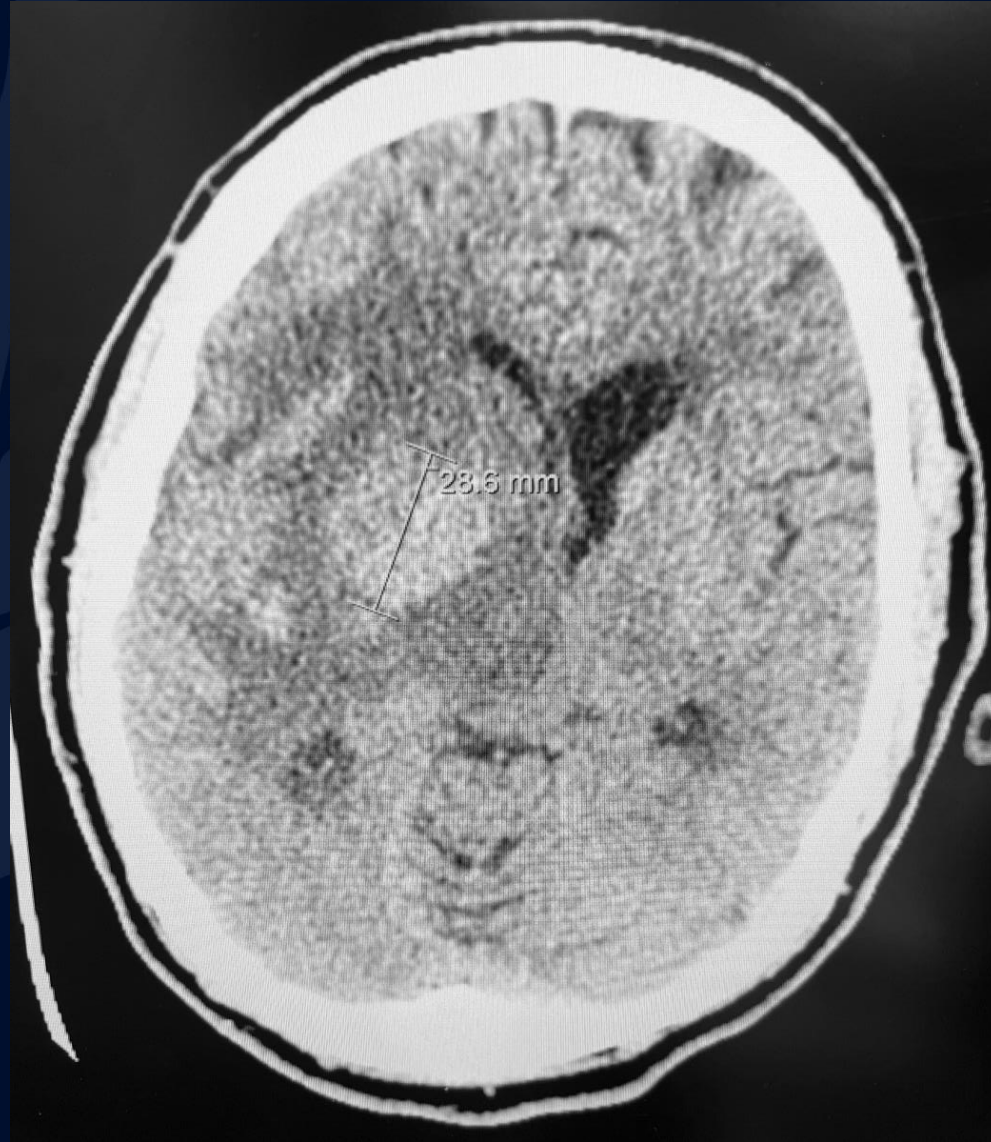


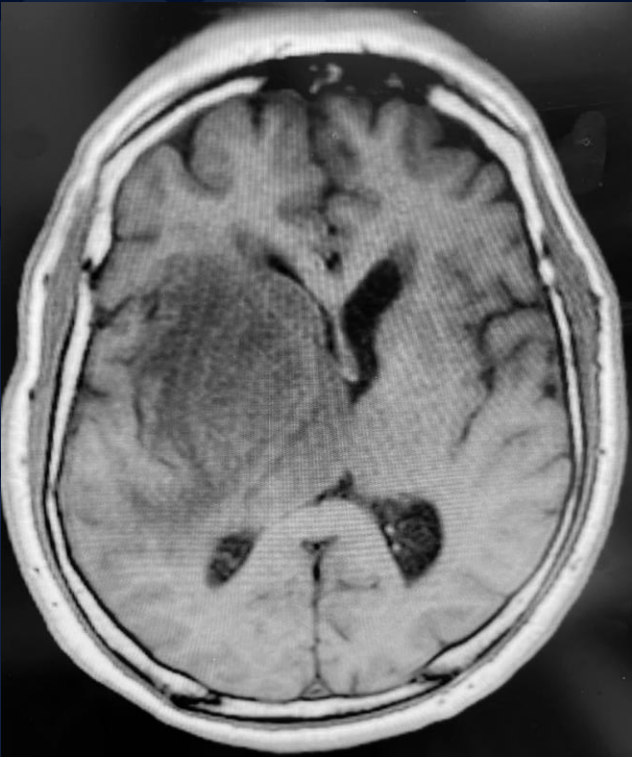
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extremity weakness, urinary  
incontinence and recent falls

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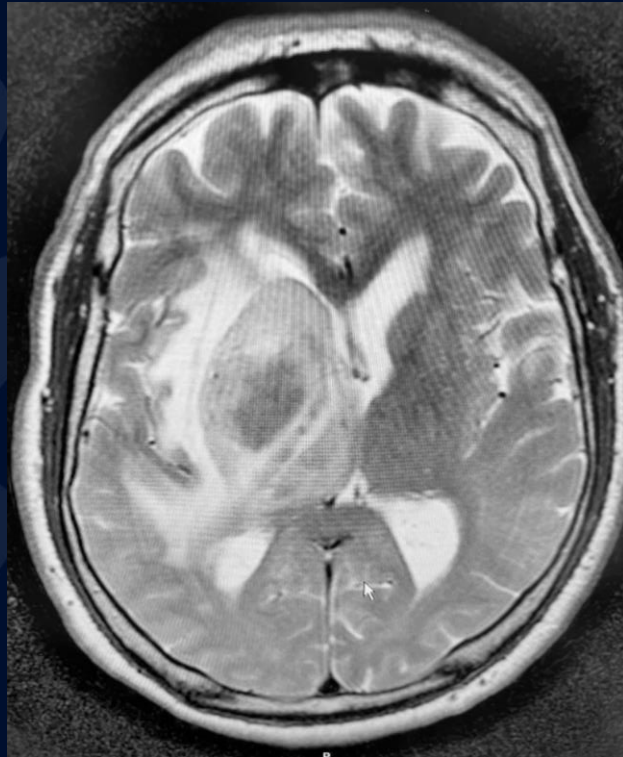
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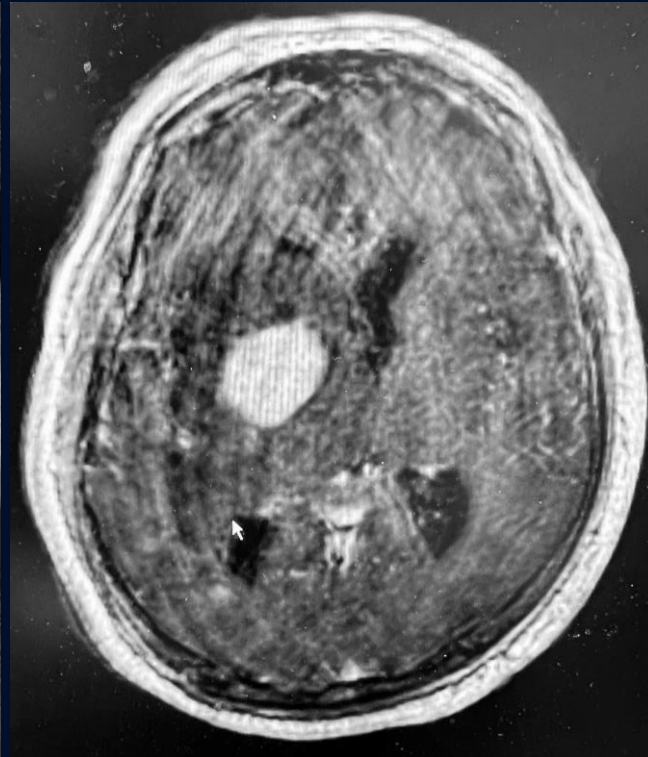
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Post-contrast



Motion artifact noted

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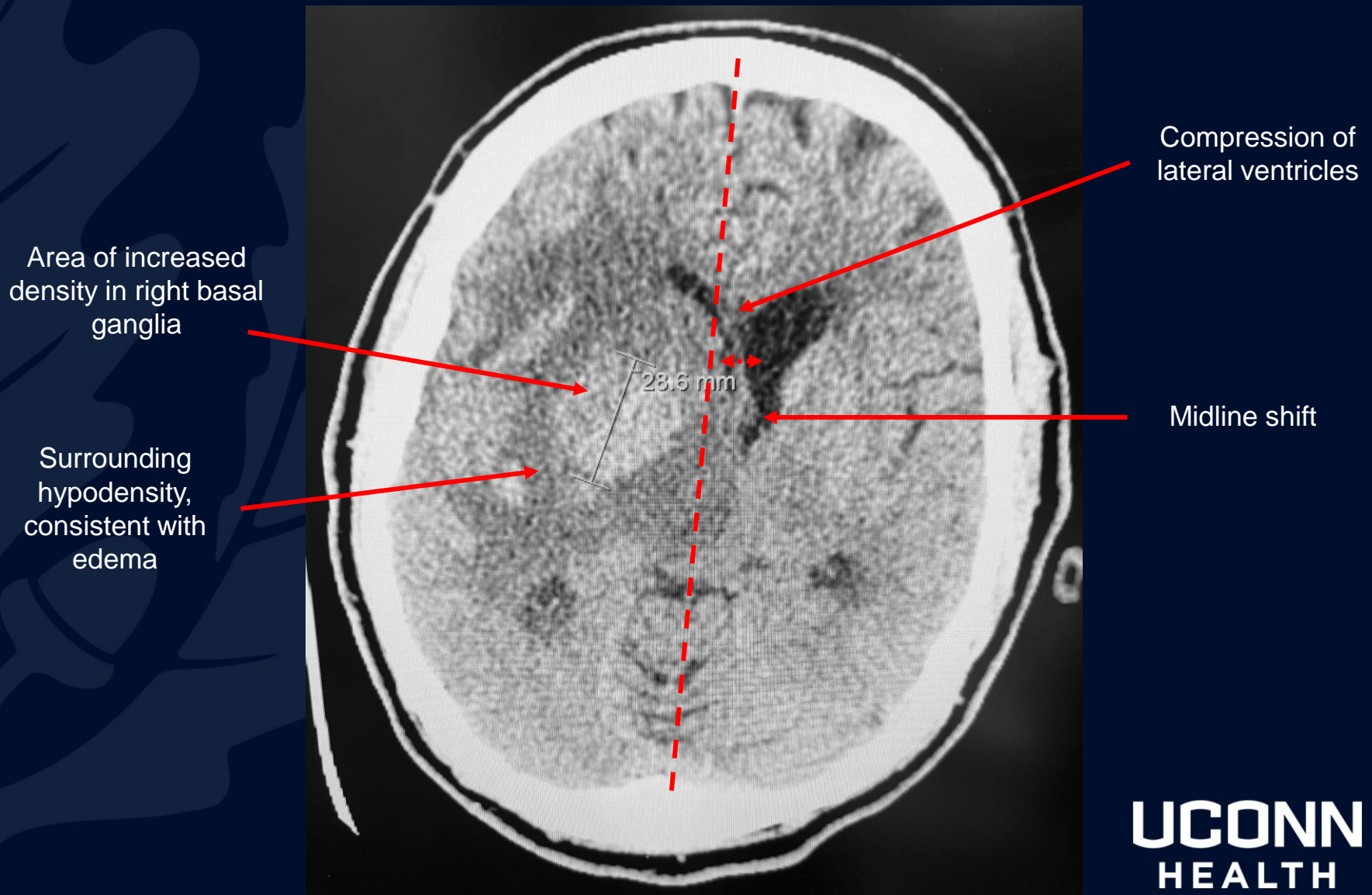
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# Primary CNS Lymphoma



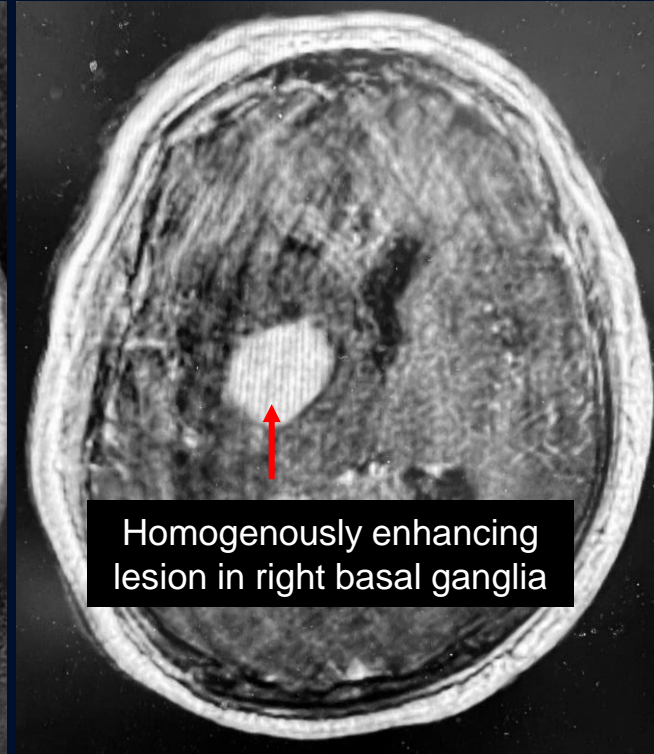
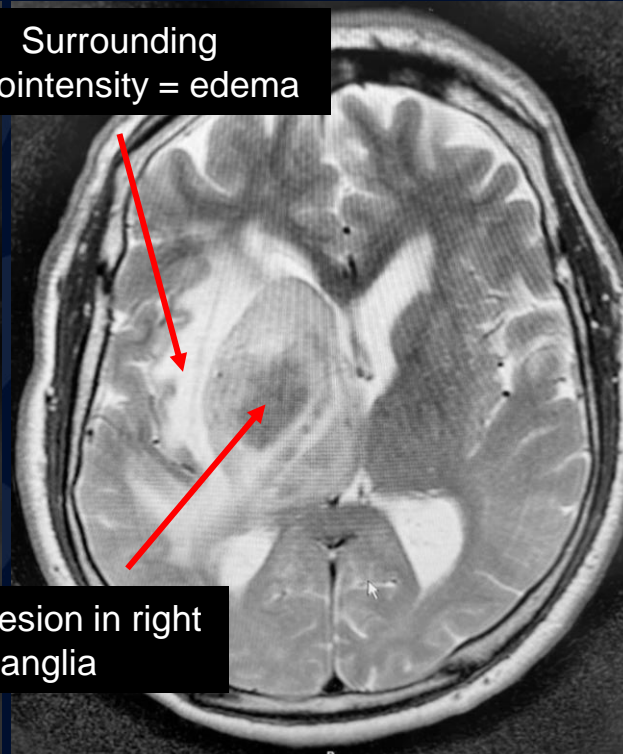
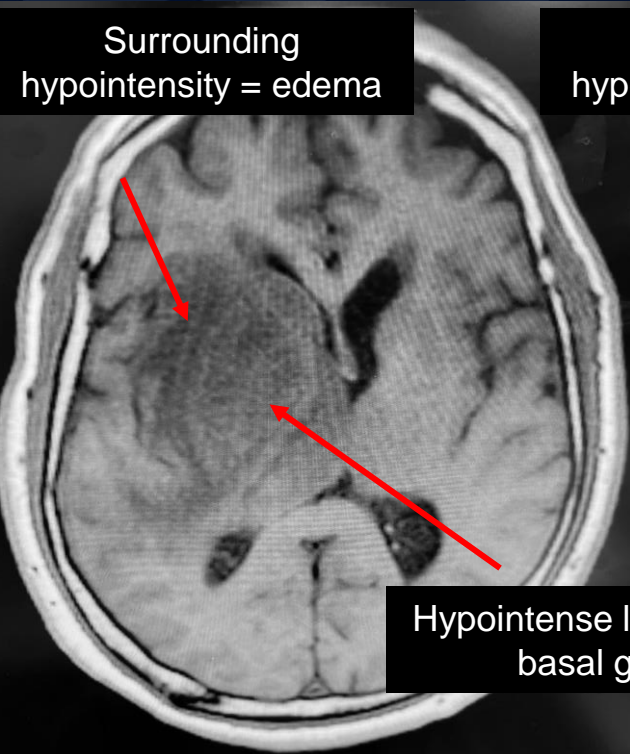
# Non-contrast CT



T1

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# Primary CNS Lymphoma

- **Primary CNS Lymphoma:**
  - Primary CNS lymphoma accounts for 1-5% of brain tumors
  - Subtype of non-Hodgkin lymphoma in the brain, spinal cord, CSF or eyes
  - Diagnosed via biopsy
- **Clinical Presentation:**
  - Acute/subacute neurologic symptoms that progress over days to weeks
  - Nature of symptoms depends on location of the lesion
  - Constitutional symptoms such as fever, weight loss, or night sweats are not common
- **Differential Diagnosis:**
  - Primary malignancy: glioblastoma, CNS lymphoma, astrocytoma, oligodendroglioma
  - Metastasis of another primary tumor
  - Hemorrhage
  - Infection: bacterial, fungal, toxoplasmosis (especially if patient is immunocompromised)



# Imaging Findings

- **CT**
  - Most are hyperattenuating but can be isoattenuating
- **MRI**
  - T1: hypointense to grey matter
    - Post Gd contrast – high grade show intense homogenous enhancement, lower grade no to moderate enhancement
  - T2: variable, iso- to hypointense
- Edema is sometimes present
- Hemorrhage or calcification is rare

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