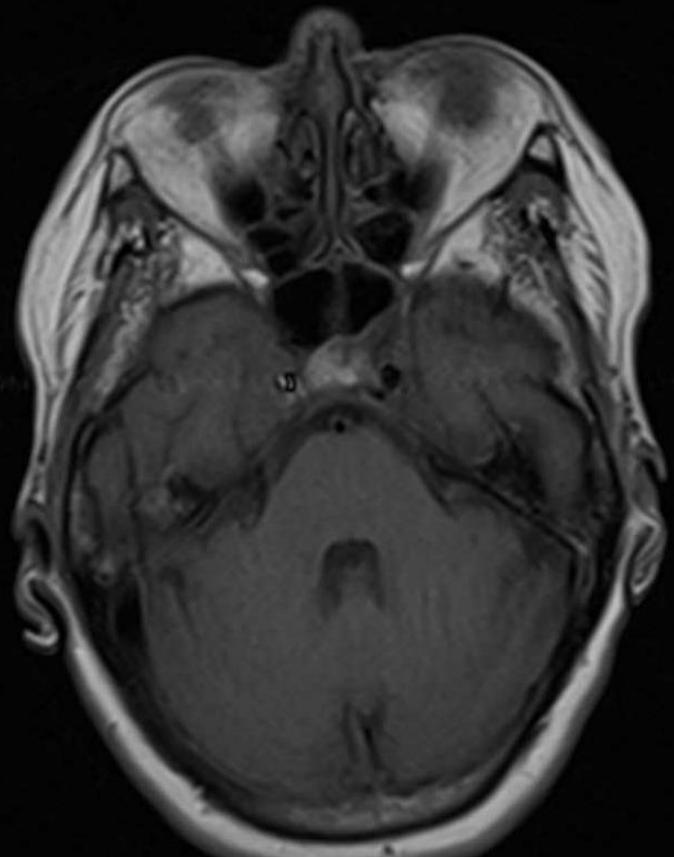




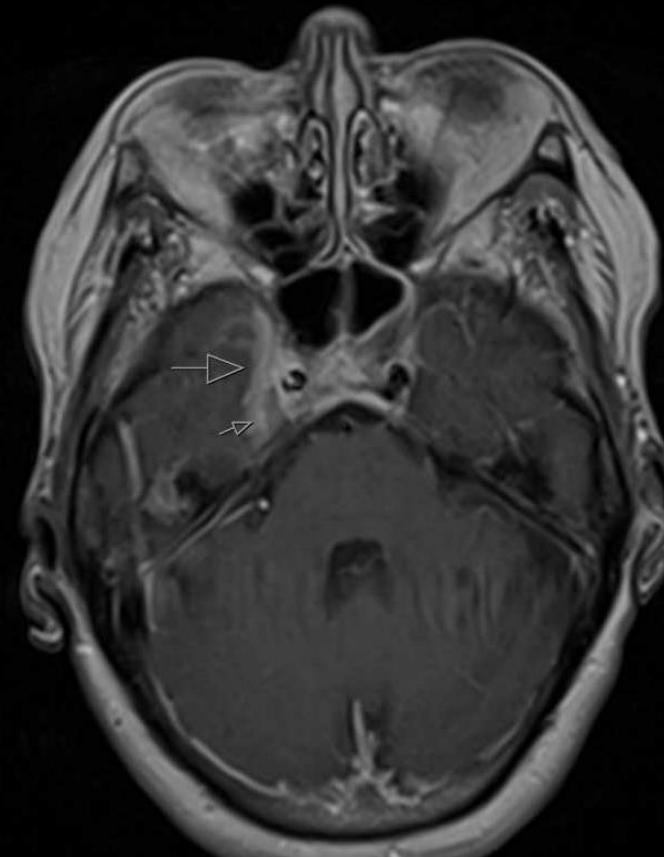
66-year-old female with
diplopia, headache, and jaw
pain

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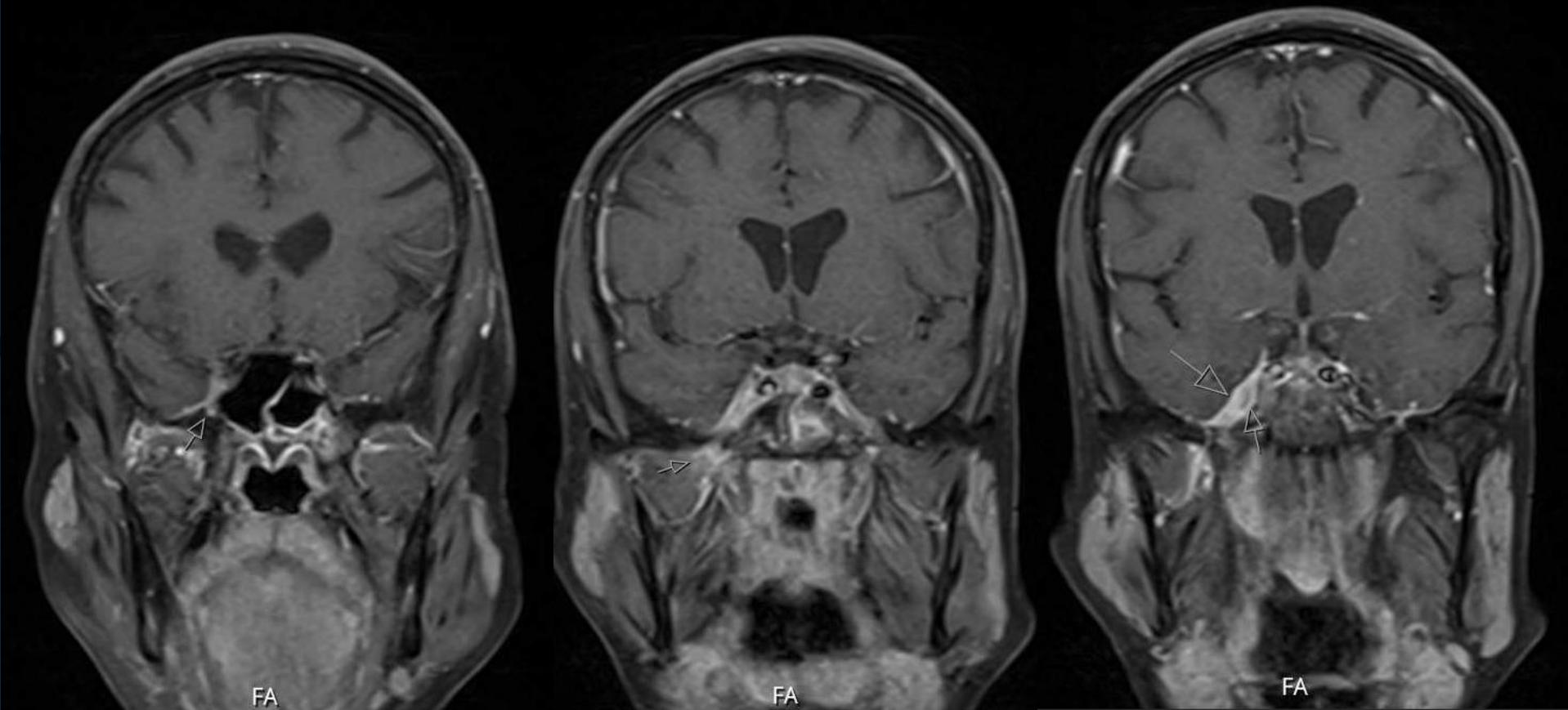
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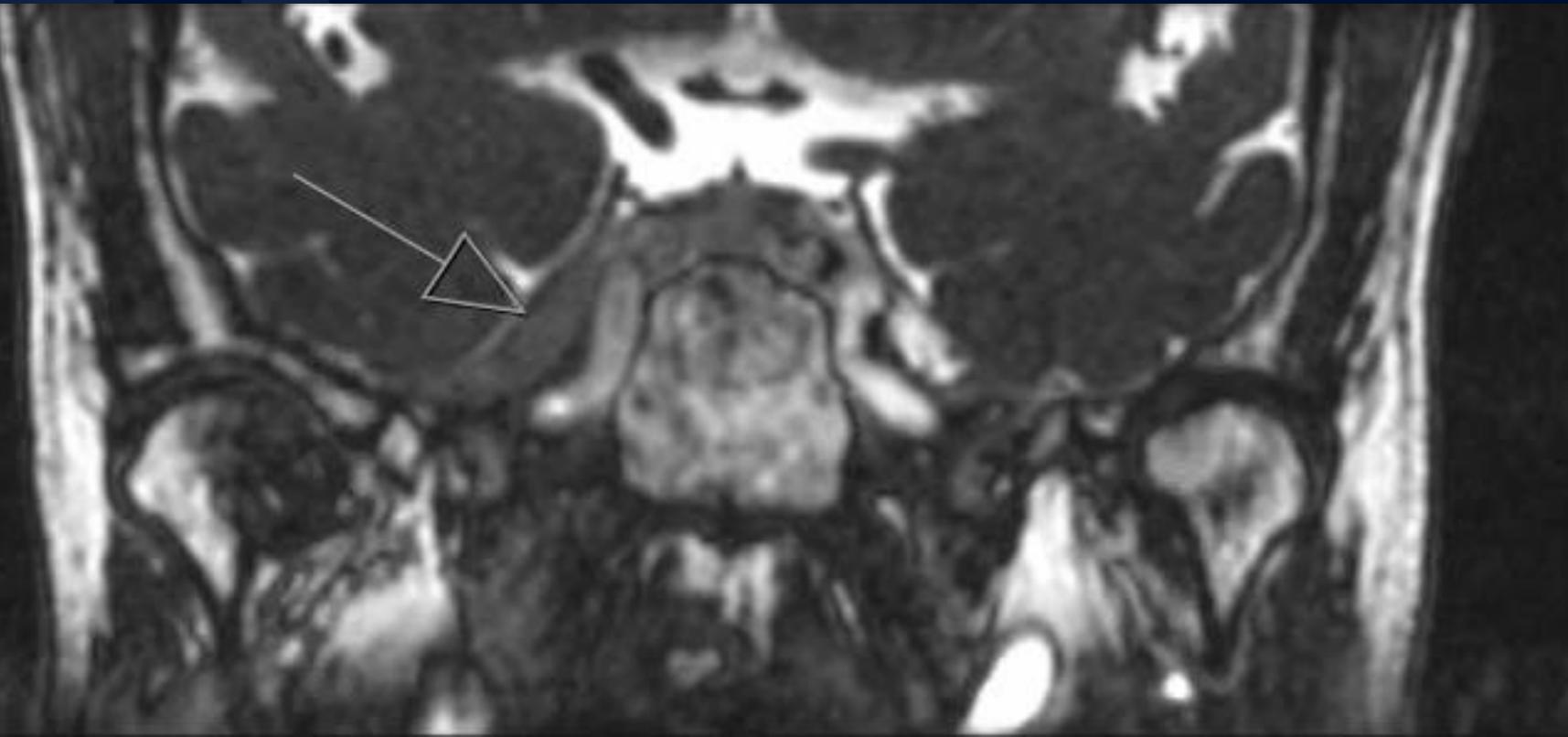
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T1 Fat Sat Post Gad



T2 Coronal





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Tolosa-Hunt Syndrome

T1 Post GAD

Asymmetric enlargement of
the right cavernous sinus

Right Meckel's cave

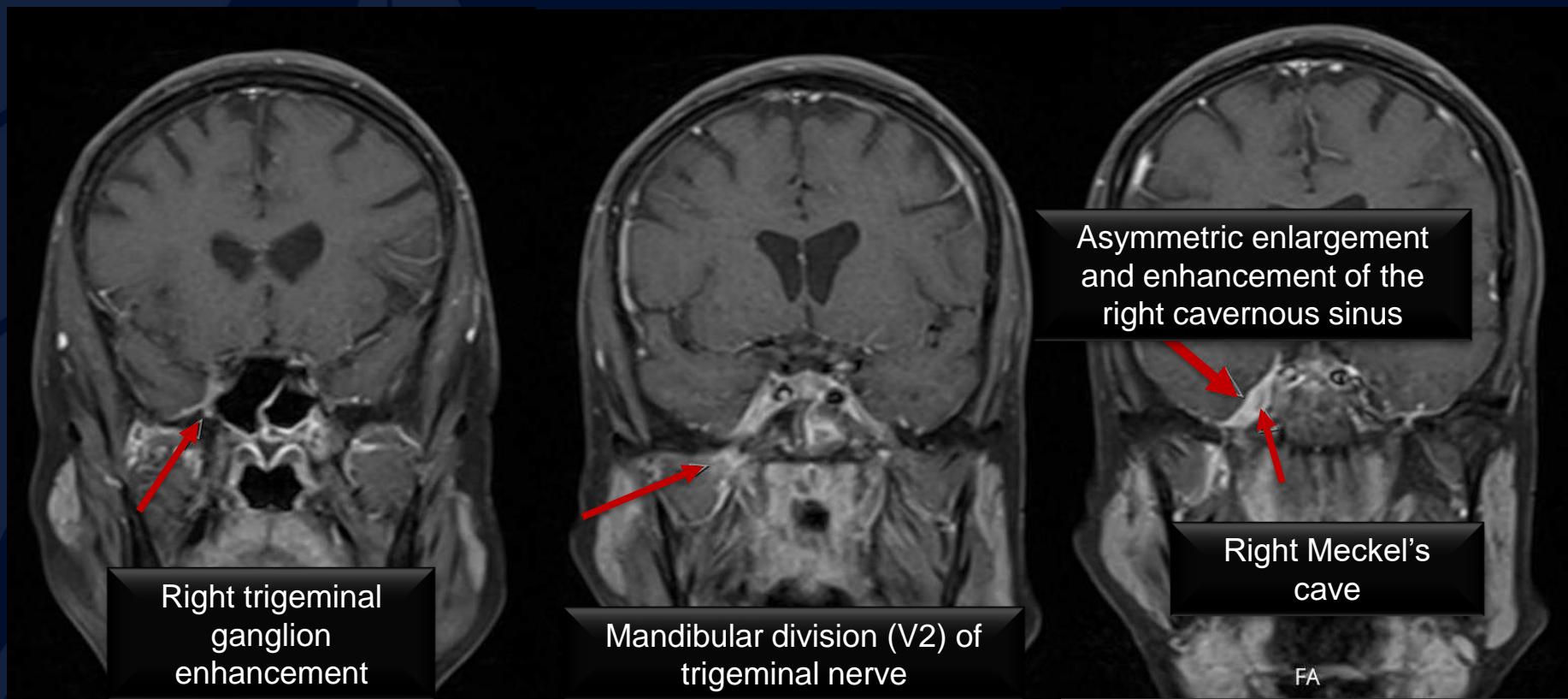
Asymmetric
thickening
(enhancement)
of the right tentorium

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T1 Fat Sat Post Gad



T2



Tolosa-Hunt Syndrome

- Rare with annual incidence of 1/1,000,000
- Unclear etiology, but likely involves nonspecific granulomatous inflammation in cavernous sinus and/or superior orbital fissure
- Diagnosis of exclusion
- Clinical features
 - ***Intense, unilateral periorbital pain &/or headache with paralysis or weakness of eye muscles***
 - Ophthalmoplegia ± ptosis, diplopia, proptosis, and/or diminished visual acuity
- Treatment
 - Steroids; if untreated, sx resolve in ~ 8 weeks

Imaging Findings

- MRI brain with and without contrast – helps exclude other causes of pain on eye movements
 - Thickening of cavernous sinus because of the presence of abnormal soft tissue
 - T1-weighted: hypointense relative to fat, isointense relative to muscle
 - T2-weighted: isointense or hypointense relative to fat
 - enhancement with gadolinium contrast
 - Convexity of lateral wall of cavernous sinus
 - Focal narrowing of the intracavernous internal carotid artery

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