

## RARE CASE OF INTRACRANIAL-EXTRACRANIAL MENINGIOMA PRESENTING AS CERVICAL MASS IN YOUNG PATIENT

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### ABSTRACT

#### INTRODUCTION

Intracranial meningiomas with extracranial extension are rare tumors with few cases reported in literature. We here with report a case of 15 year female patient presenting with a progressive swelling on right side of neck and proptosis of right eye. Suture lines in the base of skull and the optic canal could have provided a way for the extracranial and intraorbital spread respectively.

#### KEYWORDS

Meningiomas, Intracranial–Extracranial, Young Age.

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**INTRODUCTION:** Meningiomas are one of the most common primary intracranial tumors, accounting for upto 30% of all intracranial tumors. They arise from arachnoid meningothelial (cap) cells. They are typically seen in middle aged-older patients. Meningiomas in children and young patients are uncommon. In this article, we present a rare case of intracranial-extracranial<sup>1</sup> (cervical and orbital) meningiomas, especially in young patient.

**CASE REPORT:** A 15 year old female patient presented with progressive swelling on right side of neck, proptosis of right eye, of 2 year duration. She had mild blurring and occasional pain in the eye. There were no CNS deficits or cranial nerve palsies.



Fig. 1: Showing swelling on rt side neck with scarring and proptosis of rt eye

Local examination revealed a non tender, non- pulsatile hard mass on right side of neck<sup>2</sup> and overlying skin showed scarring due to previous H<sub>2</sub>O local burns

CECT of head and neck showed a large tumor with intracranial, cervical and intraorbital components. A large enhancing soft tissue mass (8x5.9x8.4cm) with amorphous calcifications was noted on right side of neck involving carotid, parapharyngeal spaces extending upto base of skull. It was encasing the distal CCA, ICA ECA and IJV. Extrinsic compression of the airway was noted. Tumor infiltration into sternomastoid was seen.<sup>3</sup> Enhancing intracranial mass<sup>4</sup> was seen in the right parasellar region extending posteriorly into the right parapontine and CP angle cisterns. Anteriorly it was seen in the presellar region. Enhancing fusiform shaped retro bulbar mass was seen encasing the optic nerve extending from the posterior aspect of the globe to the orbital apex with a small intracranial component.

Hyperostosis of the base of skull (greater wing of sphenoid, basisphenoid, clivus, petrous temporal<sup>5,6</sup> and occipital bone along the tumor) was noted.

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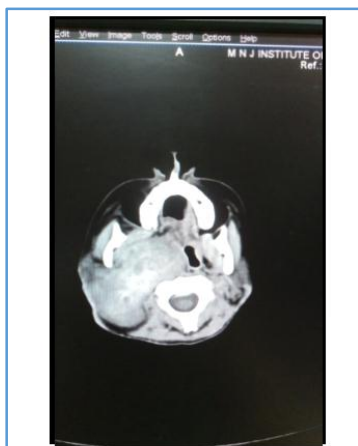


Fig. 2A: Plain CT Head & Neck showing Mass with calcification



Fig. 2B: CECT Showing tumor extent

**DISCUSSION:** Intracranial–extracranial meningiomas are rare tumors.<sup>7</sup> Many theories have been postulated to explain the extracranial spread of tumor.<sup>8,9</sup> This may occur by direct extension of meningioma through a natural, traumatic or iatrogenic skull defect. Extension can be through the foramina, suture lines or there can be transdiploic extension.<sup>10</sup> A parasellar meningioma can extend into orbit through the superior orbital fissure or optic canal.

Meningiomas occurring ectopically in the neck are exceptional. Typical patients present with parotid<sup>2</sup> or parapharyngeal masses and cranial nerve palsies. Meningioma is not considered in differential diagnosis. The tumor is an extension of an unsuspected intracranial mass, occasionally with associated multiple meningiomas or other neurogenic tumors. Ectopic meningiomas should be considered in patients with parotid and parapharyngeal masses, particularly those with cranial nerve deficits; jugular foramen syndrome is most characteristic. Associated occult intracranial and temporal bone<sup>10</sup> tumors and the cranial form of neurofibromatosis should be suspected. Treatment of cervical meningiomas is excision. The most important aspect of intracranial-extracranial lesions is recognition and treatment of the intracranial portion.

Extracranial/ectopic/extradural meningiomas.<sup>11,9,12</sup> are rare subsets that arise outside dural covering of the brain and spinal cord and have no connection with dura or other intracranial structure. Lang et al<sup>13</sup> classified extracranial meningiomas as:

- Type 1:** purely extracalvarial.
- Type 2:** purely calvarial:
- Type 3:** calvarial and extracalvarial.

Intracranial meningiomas with extracranial extension are rare lesions with only few reported cases in literature.<sup>8,1</sup>

Louis DN, Ohgaki H, Wiestler OD, Cavenee WK. World Health Organization classification of tumors of the central nervous system<sup>11,14,15</sup>

The radiographic features are similar to intracranial meningiomas.

In our case, the tumor was an intracranial meningioma (parasellar with extension into posterior fossa) with extracranial spread into base of skull/neck through the suture lines and intraorbital spread<sup>1,7,16</sup> (through the optic canal).

Both CT and MRI can show the extent of the lesion. FNAC, biopsy of the lesion confirmed the diagnosis of a meningioma. Whenever possible, a complete excision of tumor is the treatment of choice with upto 80% chance of local recurrence.

Histopathologically, the tumor showed sheets and islands of meningothelial cells, -round to oval with hyperchromatic nucleus and moderate amount of cytoplasm, few psammoma bodies also seen–s/o meningioma–psammomatous type grade 1.

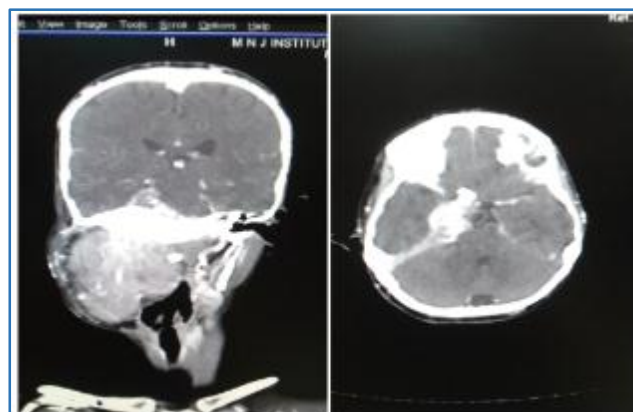


Fig. 3A, 3B: CECT showing extension of tumor

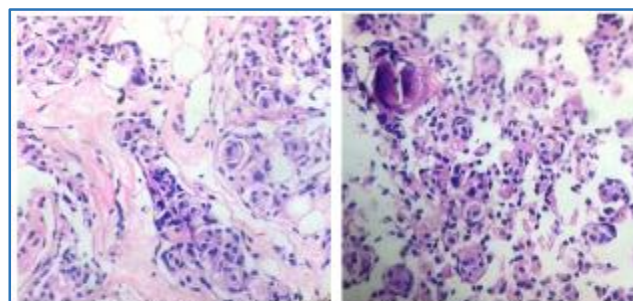


Fig. 4: Histopathology images s/o meningioma–Psammomatous type grade 1

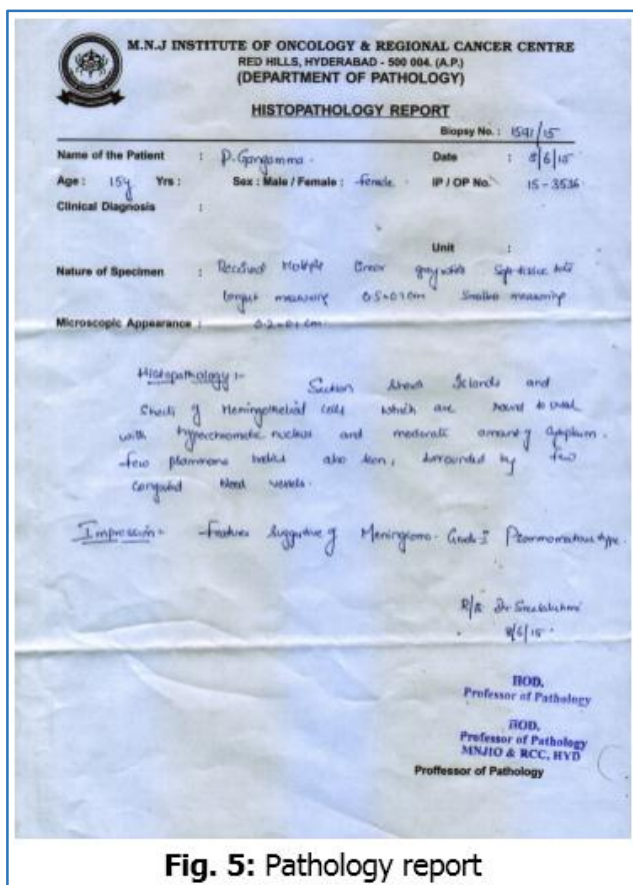
<b>TUMOURS OF NEUROEPITHELIAL TISSUE</b>		<b>Neuronal and mixed neuronal-glial tumours</b>	
<b>Astrocytic tumours</b>		Dysplastic gangliocytoma of cerebellum (Lhermitte-Duclos)	9493/0
Pilocytic astrocytoma	9421/1 <sup>1</sup>	Desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma/ ganglioglioma	9412/1
Piloxyoid astrocytoma	9425/3*	Dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumour	9413/0
Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma	9384/1	Gangliocytoma	9492/0
Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma	9424/3	Ganglioglioma	9505/1
Diffuse astrocytoma	9400/3	Anaplastic ganglioglioma	9505/3
Fibrillary astrocytoma	9420/3	Central neurocytoma	9506/1
Gemistocytic astrocytoma	9411/3	Extraventricular neurocytoma	9506/1*
Protoplasmic astrocytoma	9410/3	Cerebellar liponeurocytoma	9506/1*
Anaplastic astrocytoma	9401/3	Papillary glioneuronal tumour	9509/1*
Glioblastoma	9440/3	Rosette-forming glioneuronal tumour of the fourth ventricle	9509/1*
Giant cell glioblastoma	9441/3	Paraganglioma	9580/1
Gliosarcoma	9442/3		
Gliomatosis cerebri	9381/3		
<b>Oligodendroglial tumours</b>		<b>Tumours of the pineal region</b>	
Oligodendroglioma	9450/3	Pineocytoma	9361/1
Anaplastic oligodendroglioma	9451/3	Pineal parenchymal tumour of intermediate differentiation	9362/3
<b>Oligoastrocytic tumours</b>		Pineoblastoma	9362/3
Oligoastrocytoma	9382/3	Papillary tumour of the pineal region	9395/3*
Anaplastic oligoastrocytoma	9382/3		
<b>Ependymal tumours</b>		<b>Embryonal tumours</b>	
Subependymoma	9383/1	Medulloblastoma	9470/3
Myxopapillary ependymoma	9394/1	Desmoplastic/nodular medulloblastoma	9471/3
Ependymoma	9391/3	Medulloblastoma with extensive nodularity	9471/3*
Cellular	9391/3	Anaplastic medulloblastoma	9474/3*
Papillary	9393/3	Large cell medulloblastoma	9474/3
Clear cell	9391/3	CNS primitive neuroectodermal tumour	9473/3
Tanycytic	9391/3	CNS Neuroblastoma	9500/3
Anaplastic ependymoma	9392/3	CNS Ganglioneuroblastoma	9490/3
<b>Choroid plexus tumours</b>		Medulloepithelioma	9501/3
Choroid plexus papilloma	9390/0	Ependymoblastoma	9392/3
Atypical choroid plexus papilloma	9390/1*	Atypical teratoid / rhabdoid tumour	9508/3
Choroid plexus carcinoma	9390/3		
<b>Other neuroepithelial tumours</b>		<b>TUMOURS OF CRANIAL AND PARASPINAL NERVES</b>	
Astroblastoma	9430/3	Schwannoma (neurilemoma, neurinoma)	9560/0
Chordoid glioma of the third ventricle	9444/1	Cellular	9560/0
Angiocentric glioma	9431/1*	Plexiform	9560/0
		Melanotic	9560/0
		Neurofibroma	9540/0
		Plexiform	9550/0

<sup>1</sup> Morphology code of the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) (2<sup>nd</sup> ed) and the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine (<http://www.ama-assn.org>). Behaviour is coded 0 for benign tumours, 1 for malignant tumours and ? for borderline or uncertain behaviour.

\* The italicized numbers are provisional codes proposed for the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of ICD-O. While they are expected to be incorporated into the next ICD-O edition, they currently remain subject to change.

Perineurioma		Haemangiopericytoma	9150/1
Perineurioma, NOS	9571/0	Anaplastic haemangiopericytoma	9150/3
Malignant perineurioma	9571/3	Angiosarcoma	9120/3
		Kaposi sarcoma	9140/3
Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour (MPNST)		Ewing sarcoma - PNET	9364/3
Epithelioid MPNST	9540/3	<b>Primary melanocytic lesions</b>	
MPNST with mesenchymal differentiation	9540/3	Diffuse melanocytosis	8728/0
Melanotic MPNST	9540/3	Melanocytoma	8728/1
MPNST with glandular differentiation	9540/3	Malignant melanoma	8720/3
		Meningeal melanomatosis	8728/3
<b>TUMOURS OF THE MENINGES</b>		<b>Other neoplasms related to the meninges</b>	
<b>Tumours of meningotheial cells</b>		Haemangioblastoma	9161/1
Meningioma	9530/0		
Meningothelial	9531/0	<b>LYMPHOMAS AND HAEMATOPOIETIC NEOPLASMS</b>	
Fibrous (fibroblastic)	9532/0	Malignant lymphomas	9590/3
Transitional (mixed)	9537/0	Plasmacytoma	9731/3
Psammomatous	9533/0	Granulocytic sarcoma	9930/3
Angiomatous	9534/0		
Microcystic	9530/0	<b>GERM CELL TUMOURS</b>	
Secretory	9530/0	Geminoma	9084/3
Lymphoplasmacyte-rich	9530/0	Embryonal carcinoma	9070/3
Metaplastic	9530/0	Yolk sac tumour	9071/3
Chordoid	9538/1	Choriocarcinoma	9100/3
Clear cell	9538/1	Teratoma	9080/1
Atypical	9539/1	Mature	9080/0
Papillary	9538/3	Immature	9080/3
Rhabdoid	9538/3	Teratoma with malignant transformation	9084/3
Anaplastic (malignant)	9530/3	Mixed germ cell tumour	9085/3
<b>Mesenchymal tumours</b>			
Lipoma	8850/0	<b>TUMOURS OF THE SELLAR REGION</b>	
Angiolipoma	8861/0	Craniopharyngioma	9350/1
Hibernoma	8880/0	Adamantinomatous	9351/1
Liposarcoma	8850/3	Papillary	9352/1
Solitary fibrous tumour	8815/0	Granular cell tumour	9582/0
Fibrosarcoma	8810/3	Pituicytoma	9432/1*
Malignant fibrous histiocytoma	8830/3	Spindle cell oncocytoma of the adenohypophysis	8291/0*
Leiomyoma	8890/0		
Leiomyosarcoma	8890/3	<b>METASTATIC TUMOURS</b>	
Rhabdomyoma	8900/0		
Rhabdomyosarcoma	8900/3		
Chondroma	9220/0		
Chondrosarcoma	9220/3		
Osteoma	9180/0		
Osteosarcoma	9180/3		
Osteochondroma	9210/0		
Haemangioma	9120/0		
Epithelioid haemangiioendothelioma	9133/1		

**Table 1: The 2007 WHO Classification of Tumours of the Central Nervous System**



**Fig. 5: Pathology report**

**CONCLUSION:** We present a rare case of intracranial meningioma in a young lady with extracranial and intraorbital extension. CECT showed the extent of the tumor with hyperostosis and Histopathological examination confirmed the diagnosis.

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