

Picture story

Growth of an acoustic neuroma

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In April 2004 this patient (40 years old) had one episode of a tonic clonic seizure associated with transient left arm and leg weakness. No history of deafness, vertigo or unsteadiness of gait at that time.

CECT head showed a right frontal lobe contusion and a right sided cerebellopontine angle tumour suggestive of an acoustic neuroma (Figure 1a & 1b).

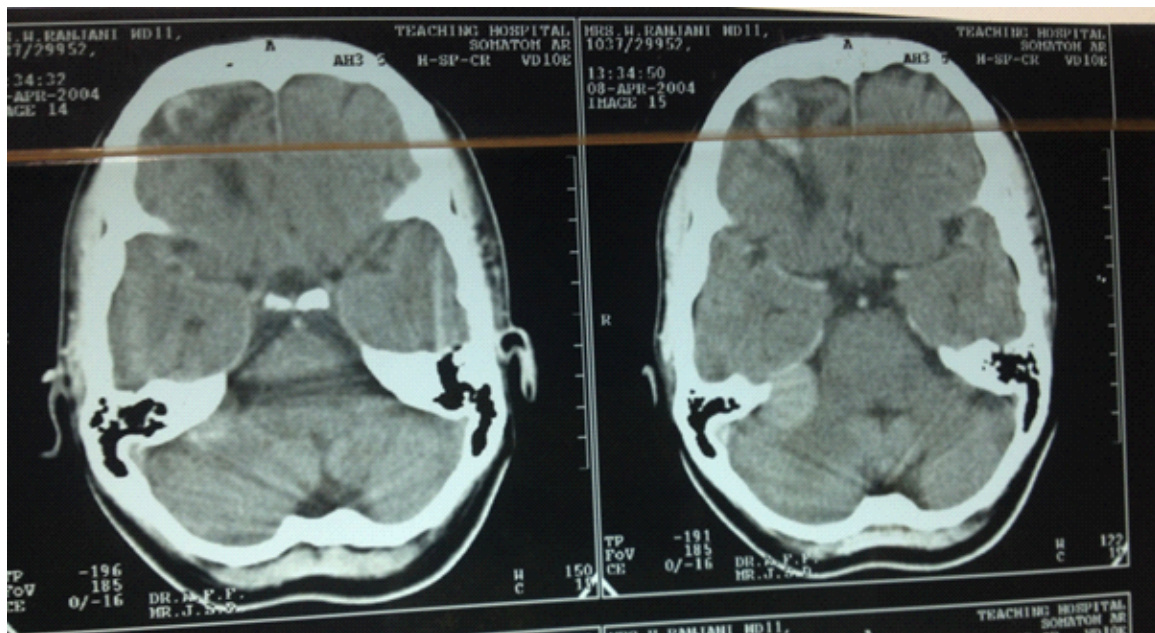


Figure 1a.

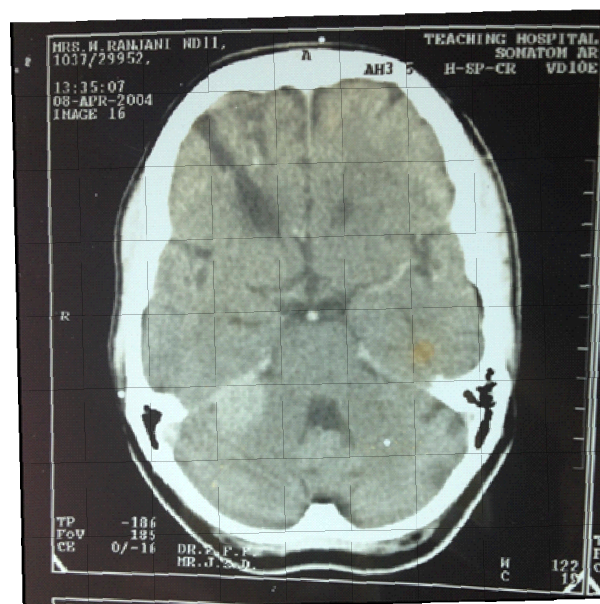


Figure 1b.

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She refused surgery and presented in July 2014 ten years later with deafness in the right ear and unsteady gait. CECT head (Figure 2a & b) and MRI (Figure 3a & b) showed a large tumour. Acoustic neuromas are benign tumours with usually a slow growth rate. These pictures illustrate the growth of the tumour over 10 years.

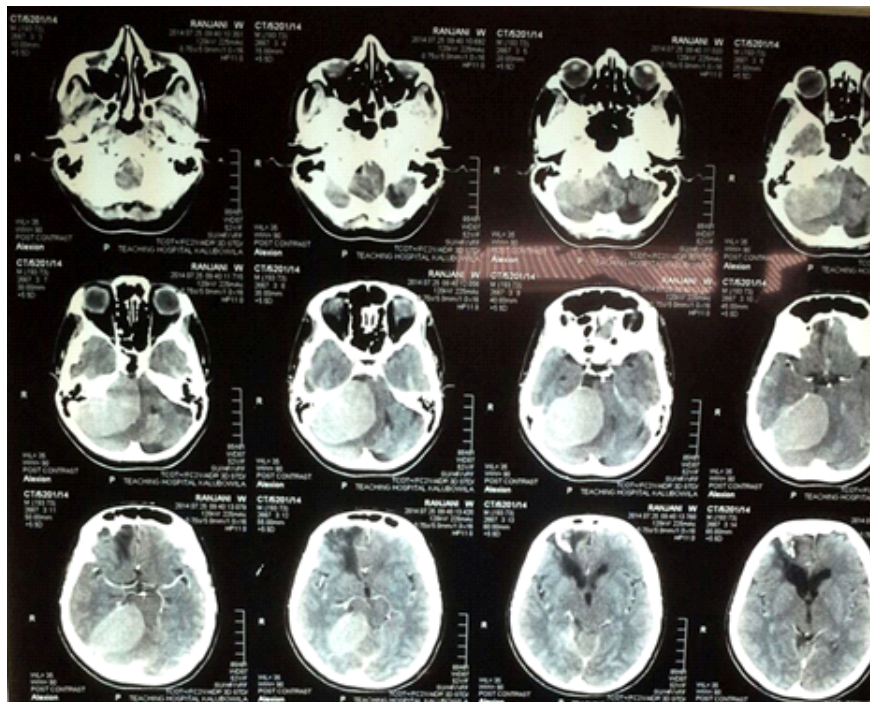


Figure 2a.

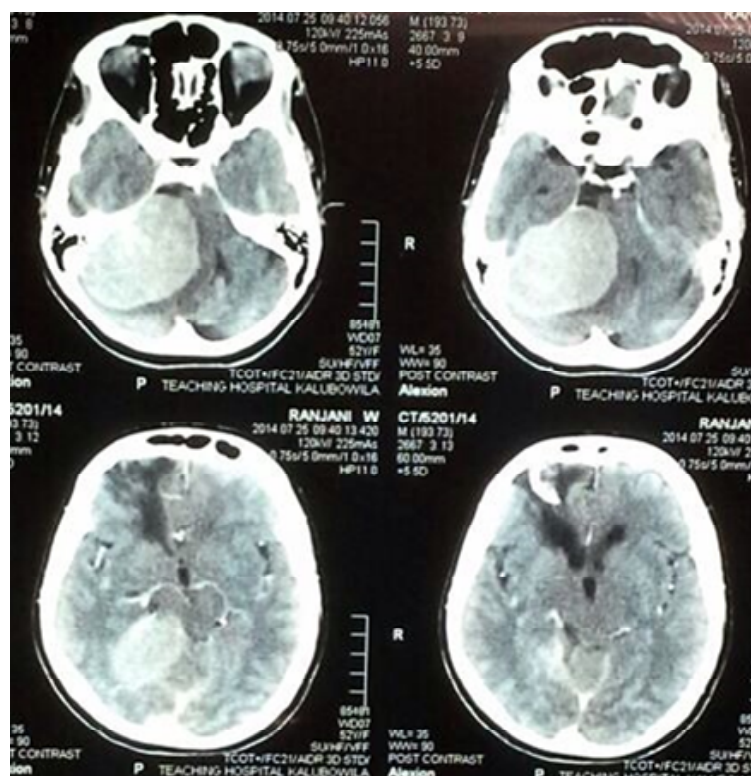


Figure 2b.

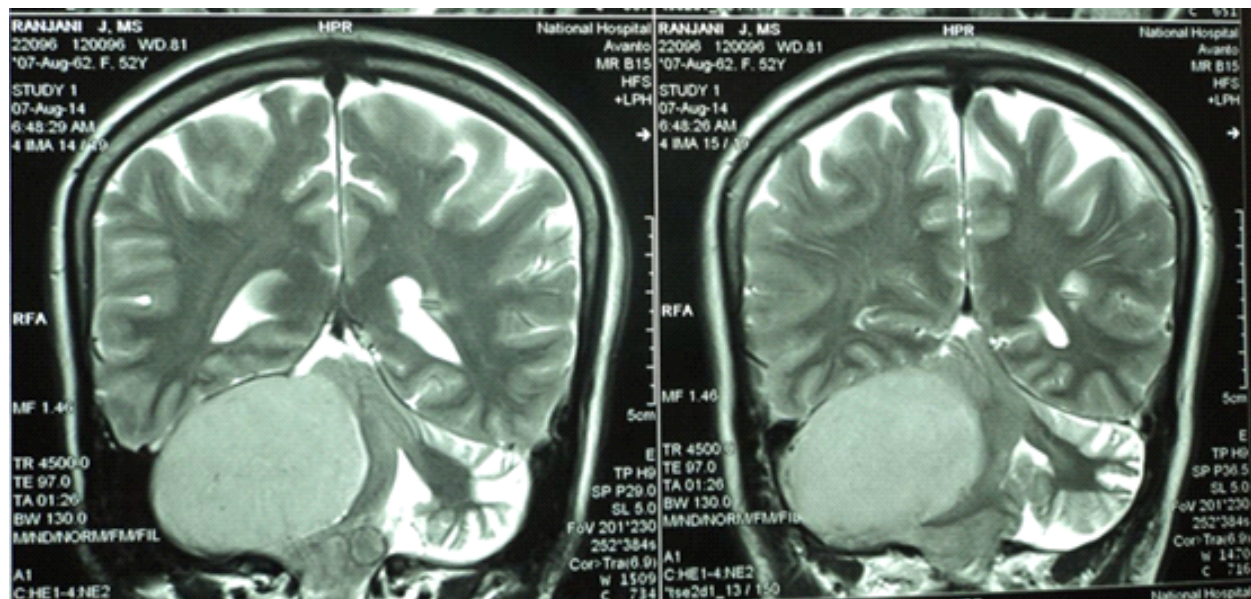


Figure 3a.

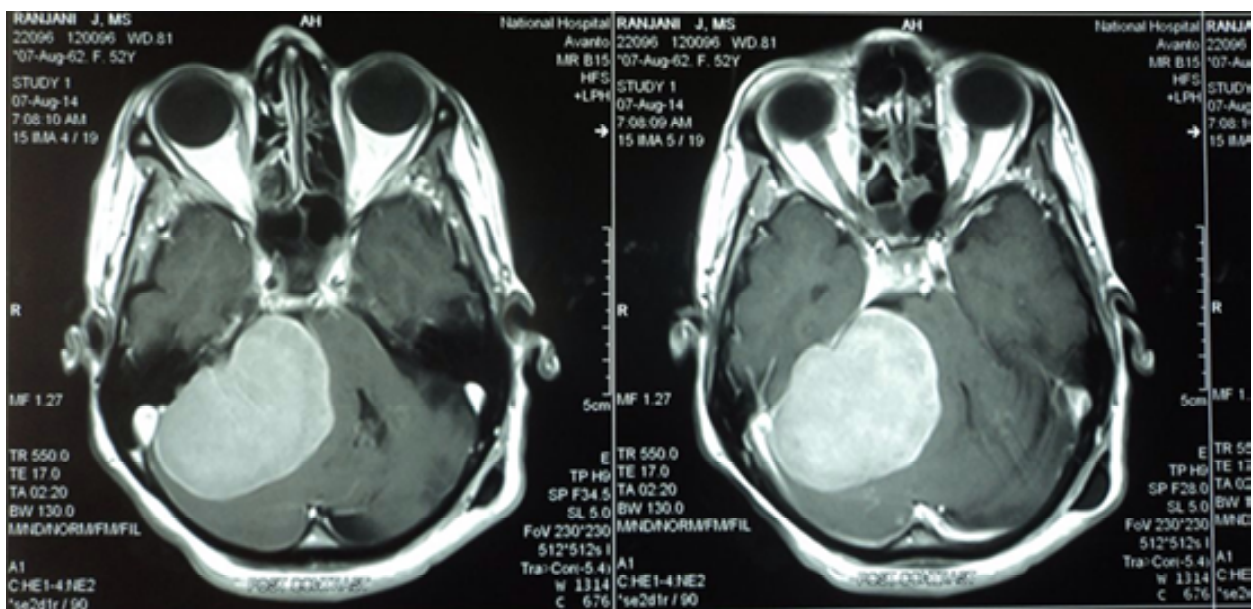


Figure 3b.