

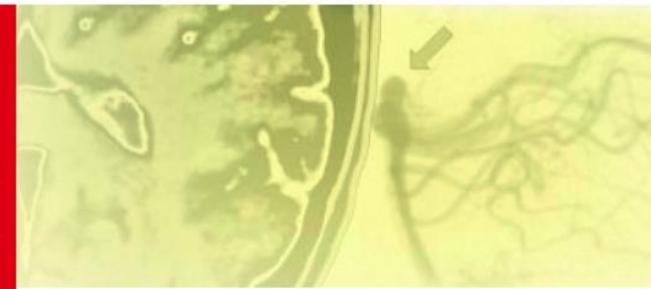
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Vasculitis and Stroke

Causes and Imaging

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- ▶ None

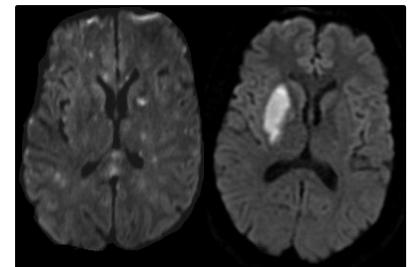


Cerebral Vasculitis

- **Non-atheromatous mural inflammation / necrosis**
 - **Cerebral Arteries – Arterioles – Capillaries – Veinules – Veins**
- Rare but **often severe w/o treatment**
- **Heterogeneous nosologic corpus of diseases**
 - Varied clinical-imaging presentation
 - Varied pathophysiology / pathology
 - Wide range of aetiologies
- **Adult- and childhood**

Challenging diagnosis

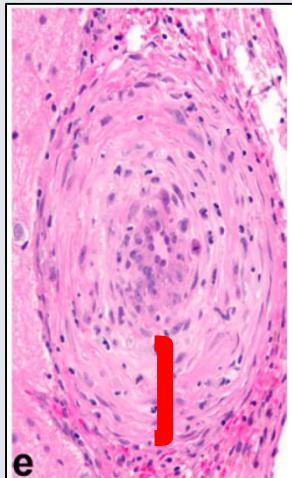
When a stroke...



Could it be a
Vasculitis ?

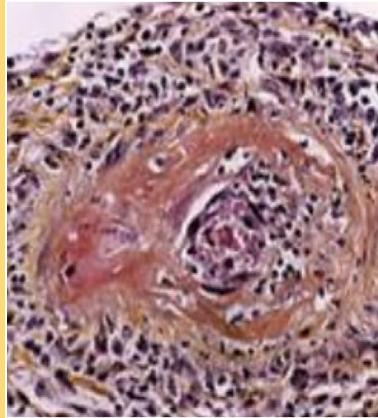
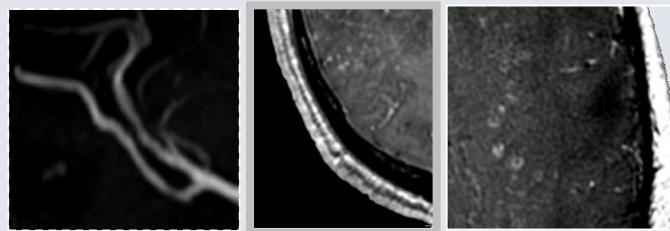
What are the key
imaging clues ?

Imaging cerebral vasculitis



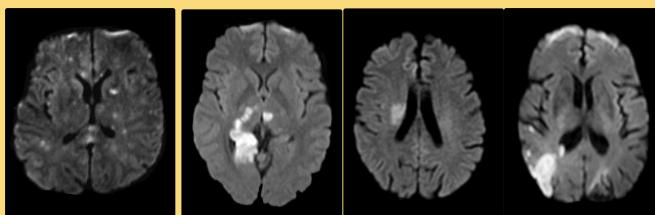
Transmural inflammation

Stenoses / Fusiform dilatations
Parenchymal Gadolinium uptake
Meningeal Gadolinium uptake



Intraluminal thrombosis

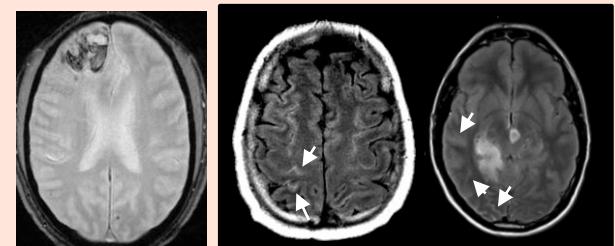
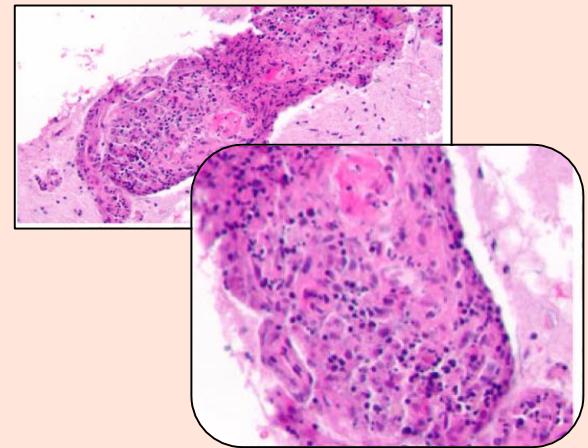
Ischemic Stroke
Distal / Non territorial
Leukoencephalopathy (medium / small vessels)
Progressive cerebral atrophy (smaller vessels)



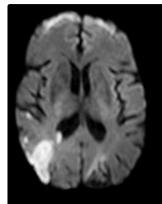
Vessel wall necrosis

Hemorrhages

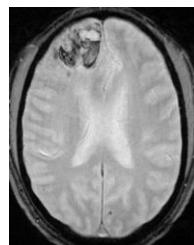
- Parenchymal
- Subarachnoid



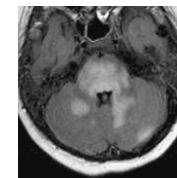
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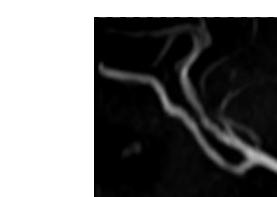
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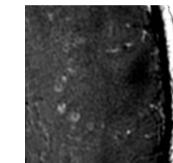
WM FLAIR anomalies



Parenchymal / Meningeal Hemorrhages



Parenchymal / Meningeal Enhancement



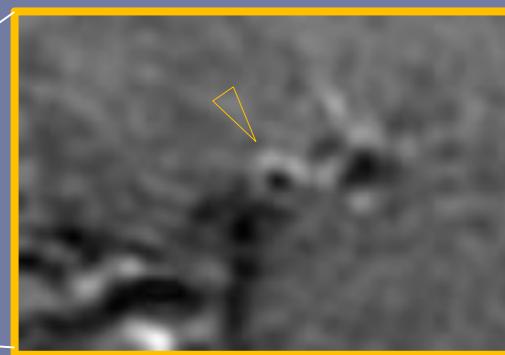
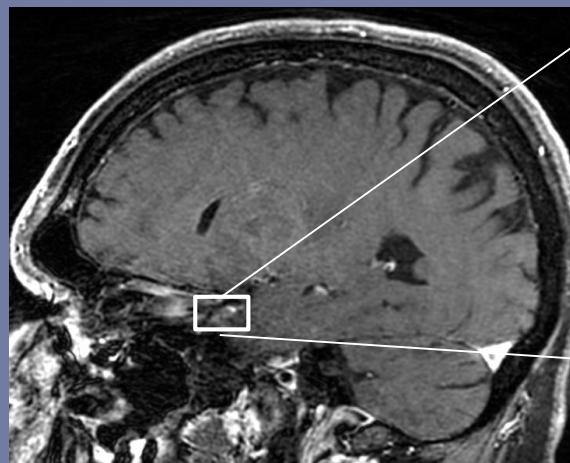
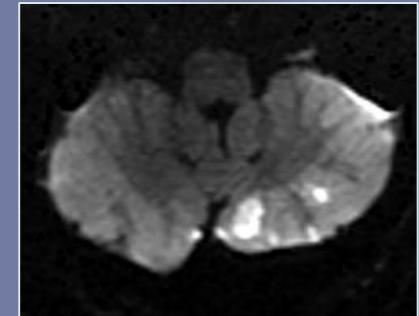
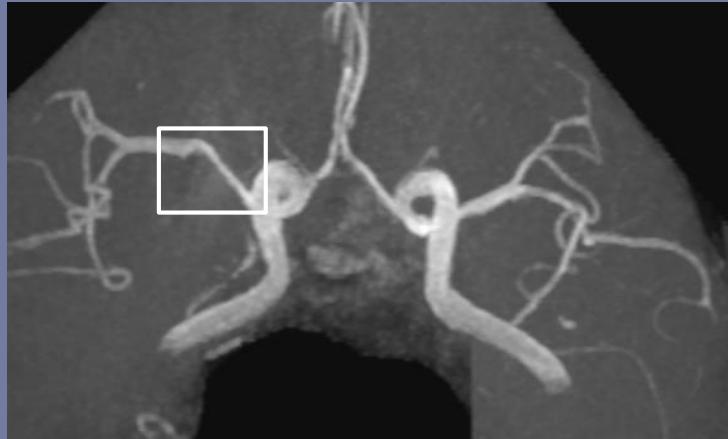
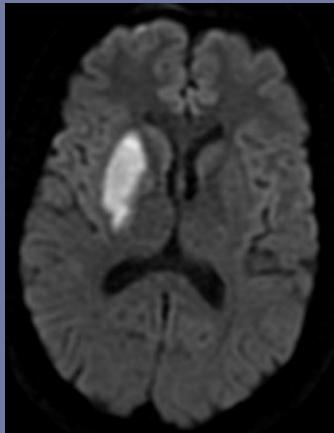
Vessels' Stenoses / Irregularities

And...



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Vessel Wall Inflammation : VW Contrast uptake +++



PACNS



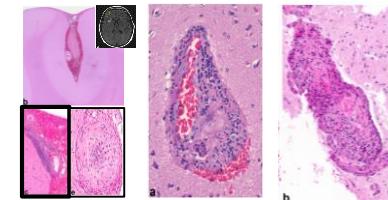
Systemic Vasculitis



Vasculitis etiologic spectrum

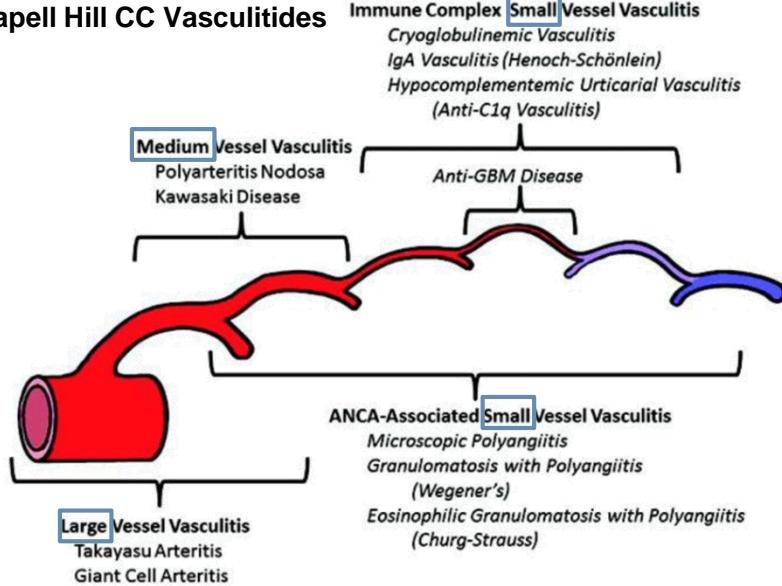
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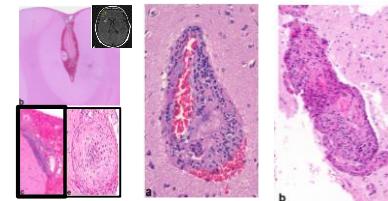
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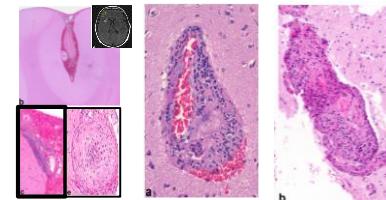
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- VZV, Herpes Simplex
- VHC, VHB

Fungi :

- Aspergillus, Coccidiode
- Histoplasma Capsulatum
- Actinomyces

BACTERIA:

- Mycobacteria: Mycobacterium Tuberculosis
- Haemophilus Influenzae, ...
- Spirochetes: Syphilis, Lyme

PARASITES

- Malaria
- Toxoplasmosis

Intracranial Vessels

- ▶ **Multiple potential mechanisms and pitfalls.**
 - ▶ **Angio-invasive / Contiguous insult / Immune mediated**
 - ▶ **RCVS under anti-infectious treatment**
 - ▶ **Infectious complications under systemic vasculitis treatment**



Do not miss Stroke / Vasculitis DDx

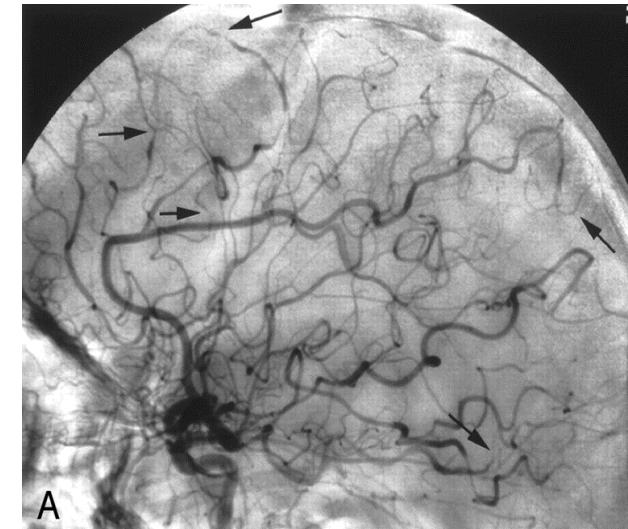
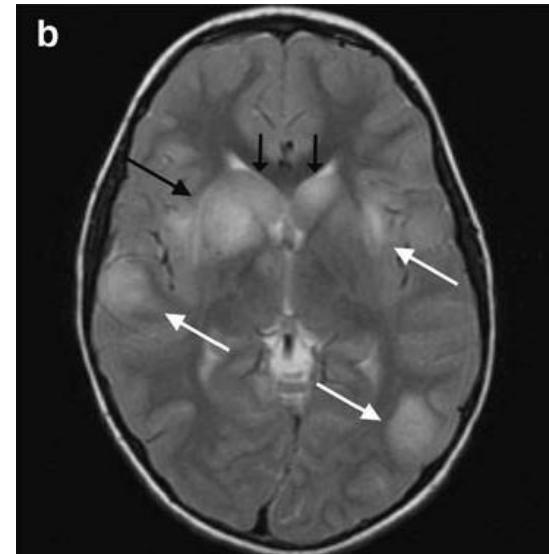
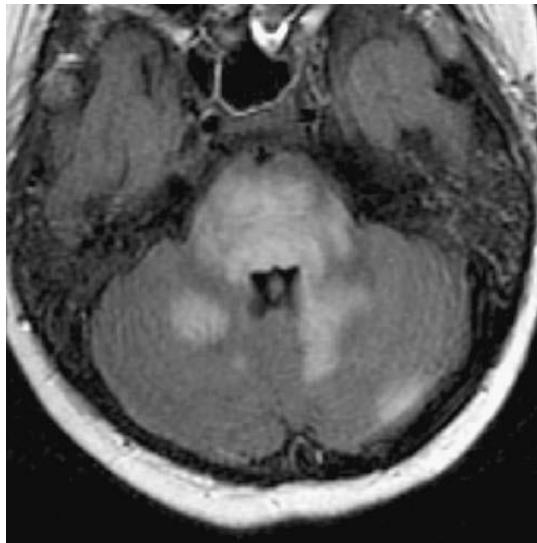
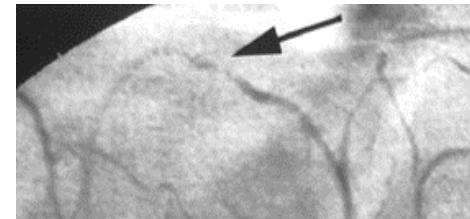
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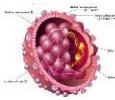


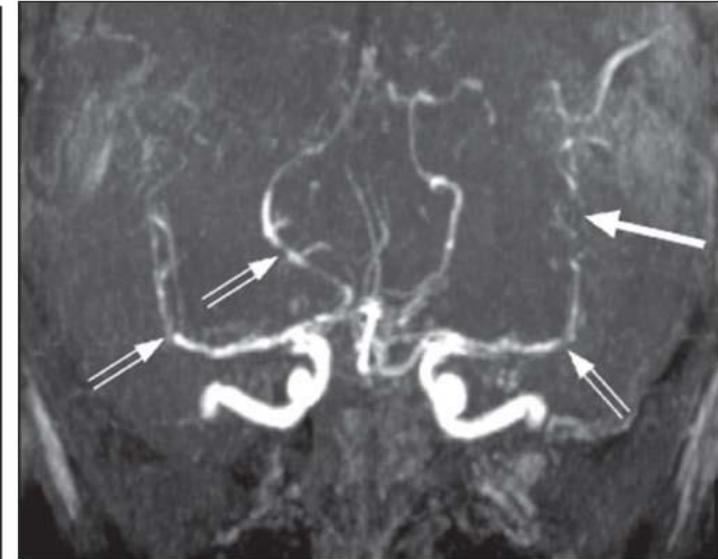
- Even if no skin/mucosal symptoms
- Also in immuno-competent individuals
- Multifocal Leuko-encephalopathy
 - Smaller to medium vessels, Cerebellar vessels.
- Ischemia / Hemorrhage – **Necrotizing vasculitis**

Children +++



Viruses

- ▶ B and C Viral Hepatitis 
 - ▶ PAN and cryoglobulinemia
- ▶ HIV 
 - ▶ After ruling out opportunistic infections and treatment complications.

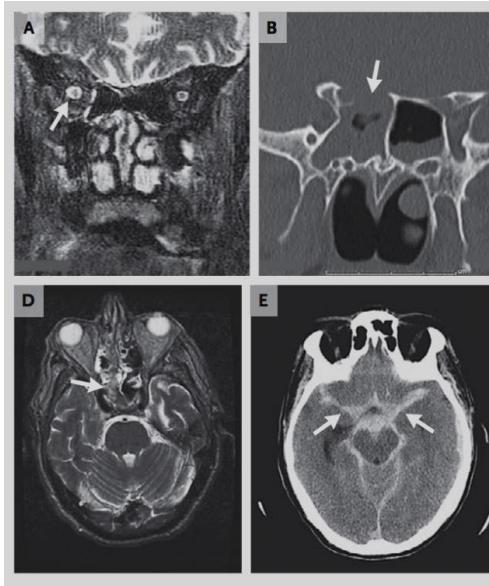


Fungi

► Aspergillosis

► Highly Angio-invasive

- Parasinusal angiitis ++
- Embolic angiitis
- Major Rupture risk : INR needs to be considered



Id for Candida, Coccidioides et Mucorales

Case 18-2008 — A 68-Year-Old Man with Headache and Visual Changes after Liver Transplantation - NEJM

► Brain Nerve. 2015. [Central nervous system Vasculitis due to infectious diseases].

Neurol India. 2007 . Cerebral Aspergillus arteritis with bland infarcts: a report of two patients with poor outcome.

Infection vasculitis

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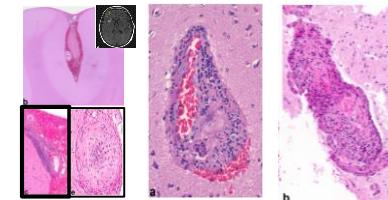
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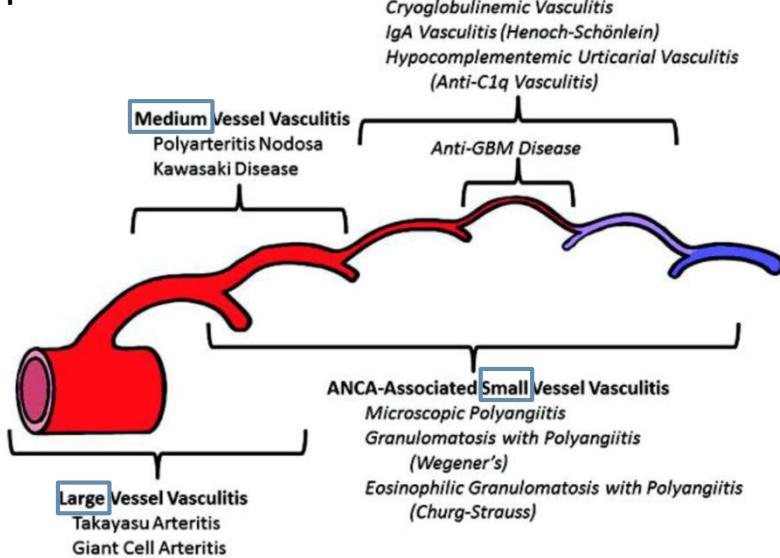
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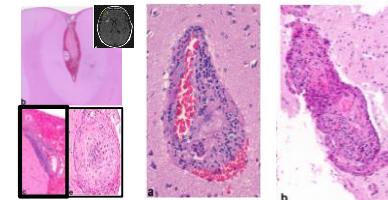
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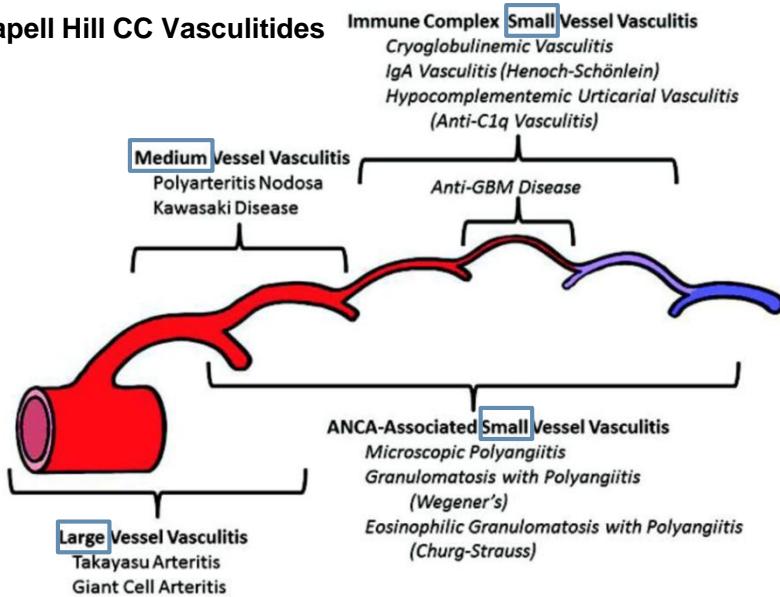
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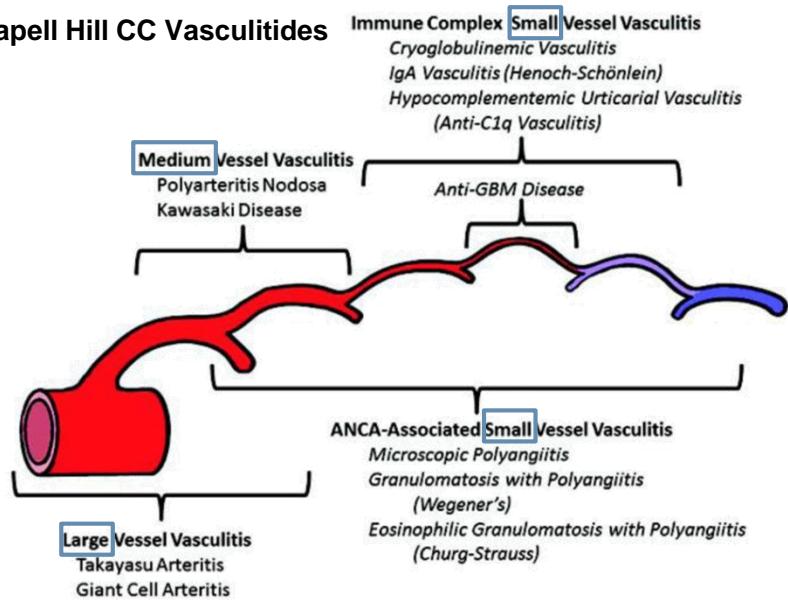
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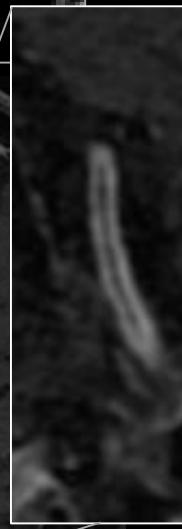
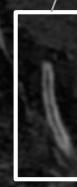
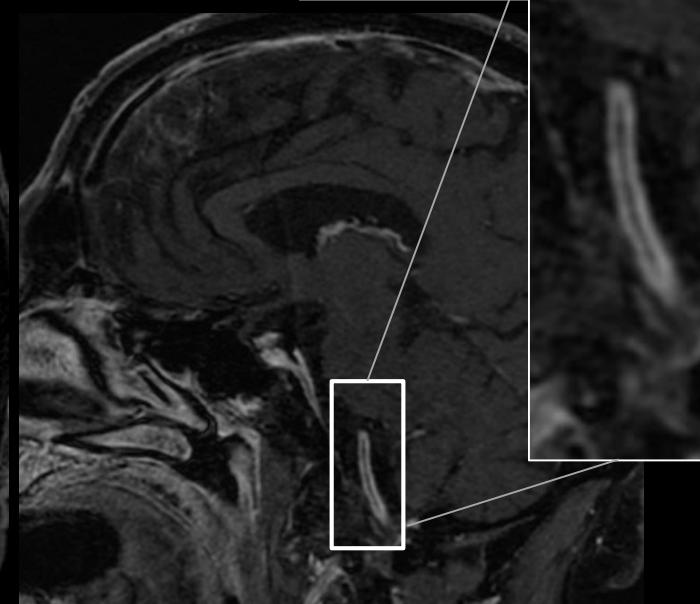
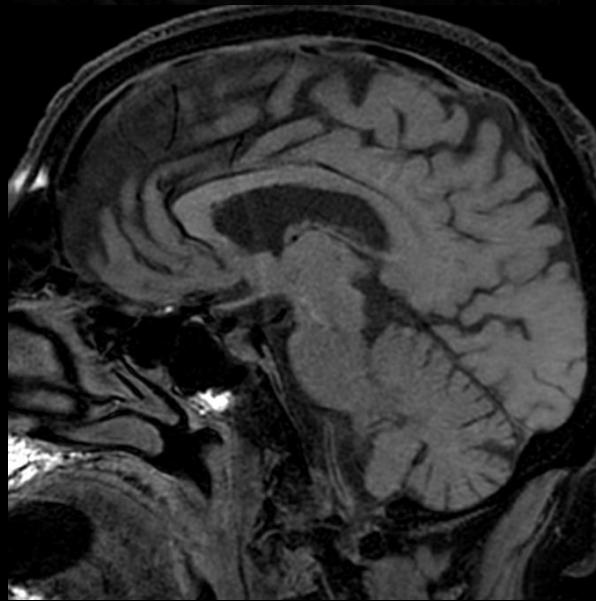
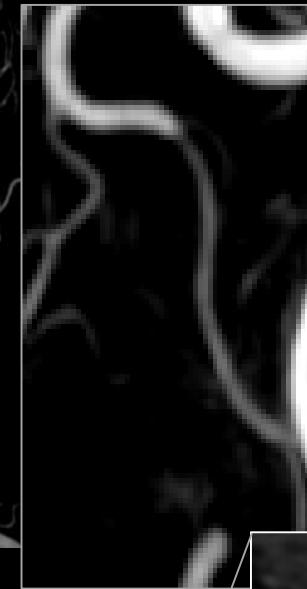
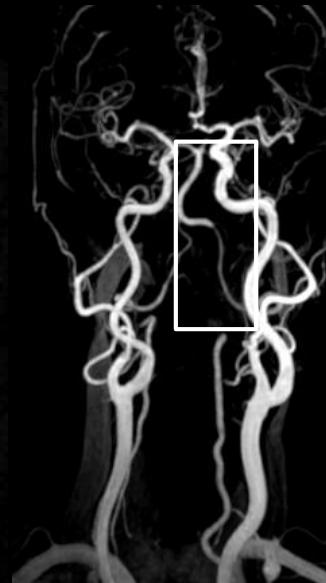
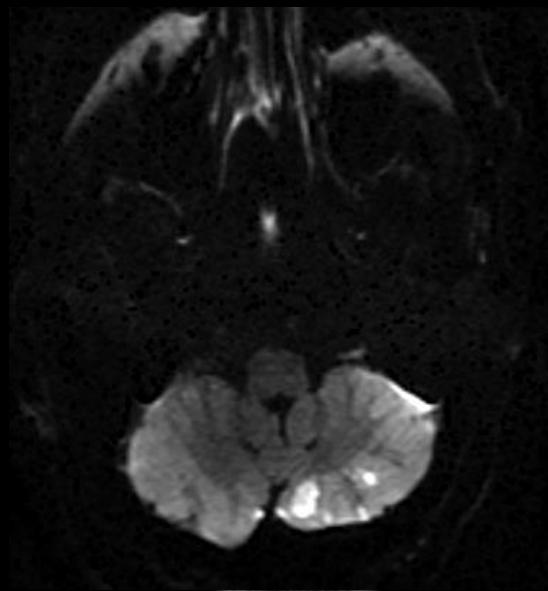
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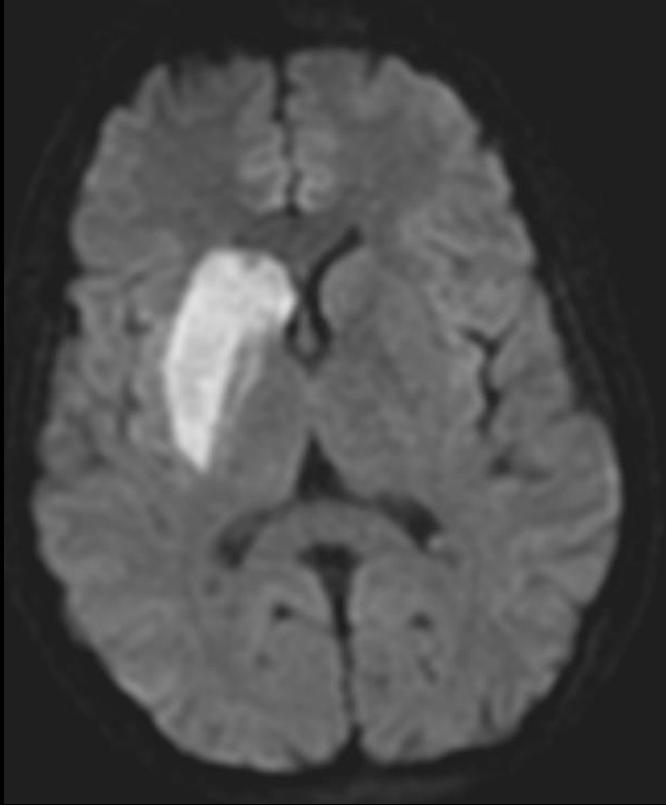


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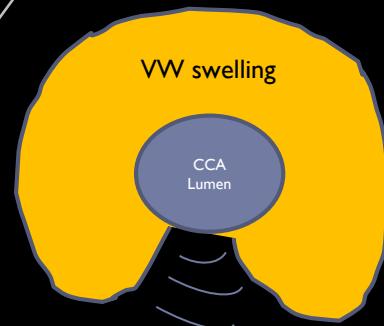
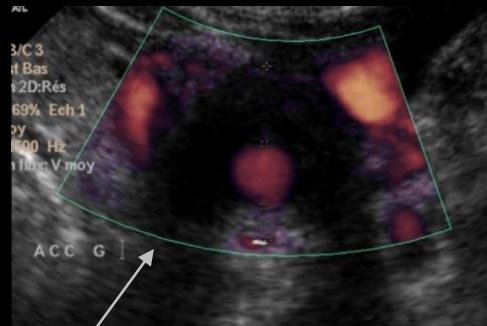
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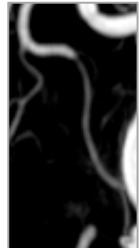
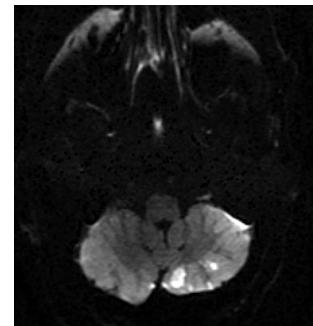
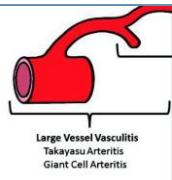


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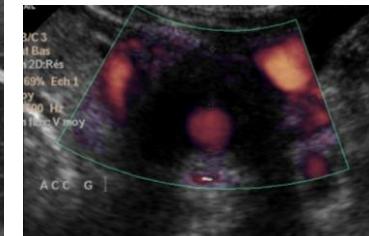
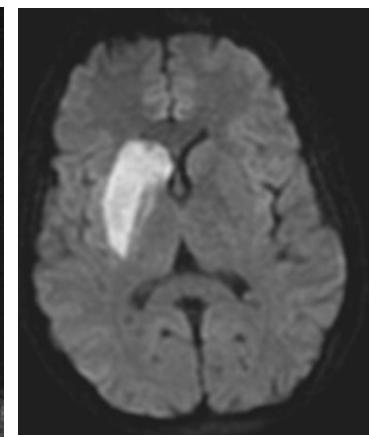
Primary Systemic Vasculitis and Stroke

Horton

(Temporal) Giant cell arteritis
Headaches +increase in SR, > 50 ans
Blindness
Posterior circulation TIA and I. Stroke

Takayashu

Large vessel angiitis
Younger patients. Ischemic Stroke 10-20%



Disseminated Lupus Erythematosus

Lupic angiitis / Immunomediated (APLS)

Larger and middle sized vessels

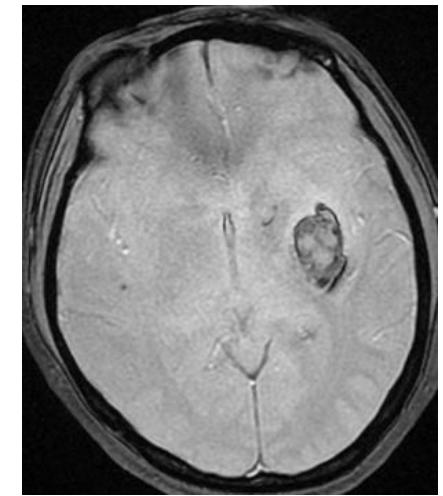
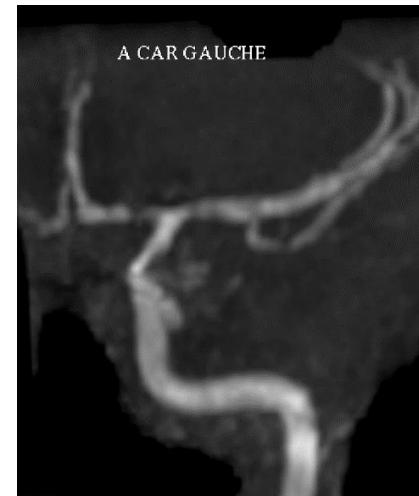
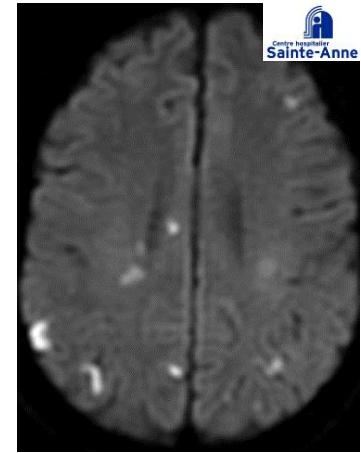
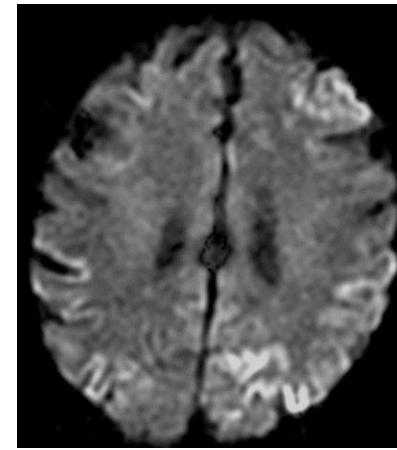
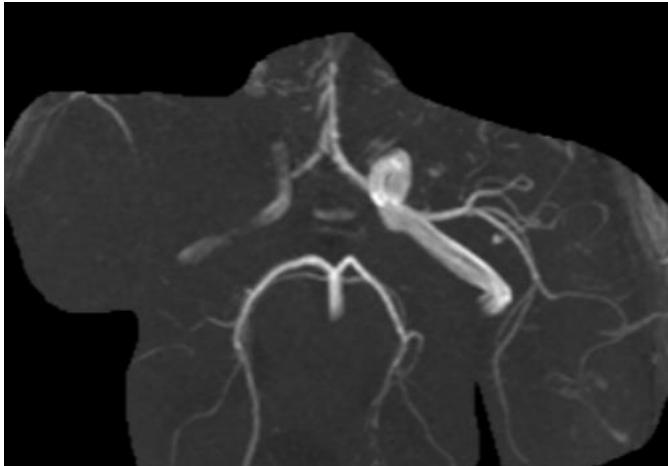
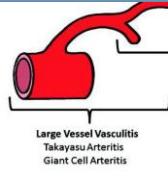
Territorial stroke in the youth

Smaller sized vessels

Lacunes, cortical infarcts

Microvessels

WMH and bleeds

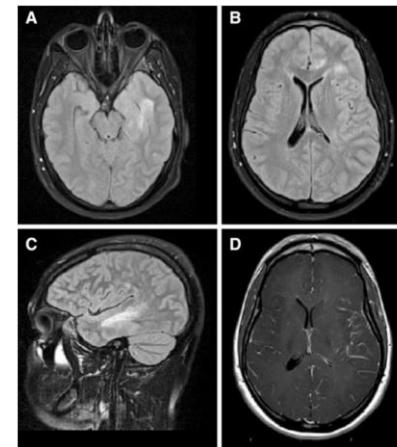


Other causes

- Cancer associated angiitis

**Paraneoplastic
Direct vascular insult or invasion**

Lymphoma / Leukemia



- Radiation-induced angiitis

Context

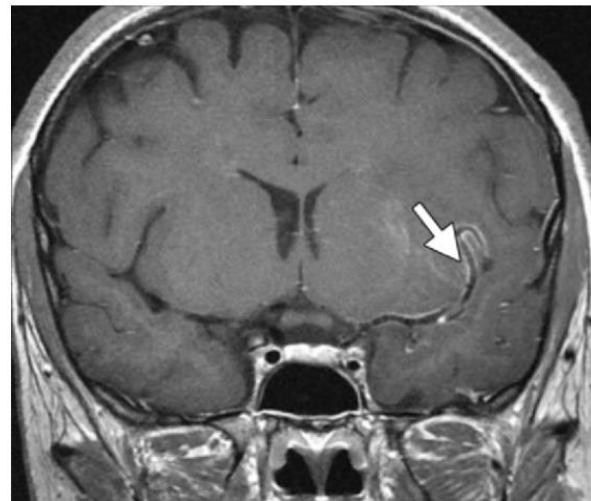
Slow progression

- Toxic angiitis

Cocain / Heroin

Chemotherapy

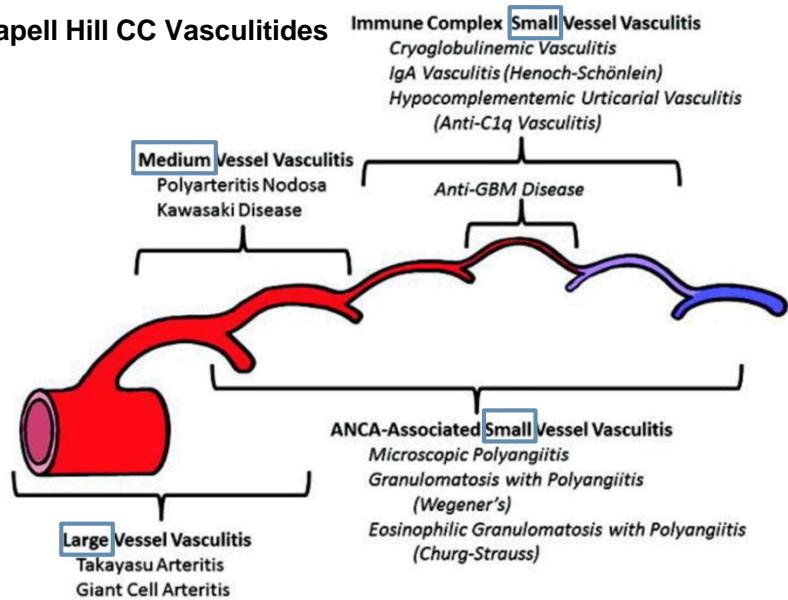
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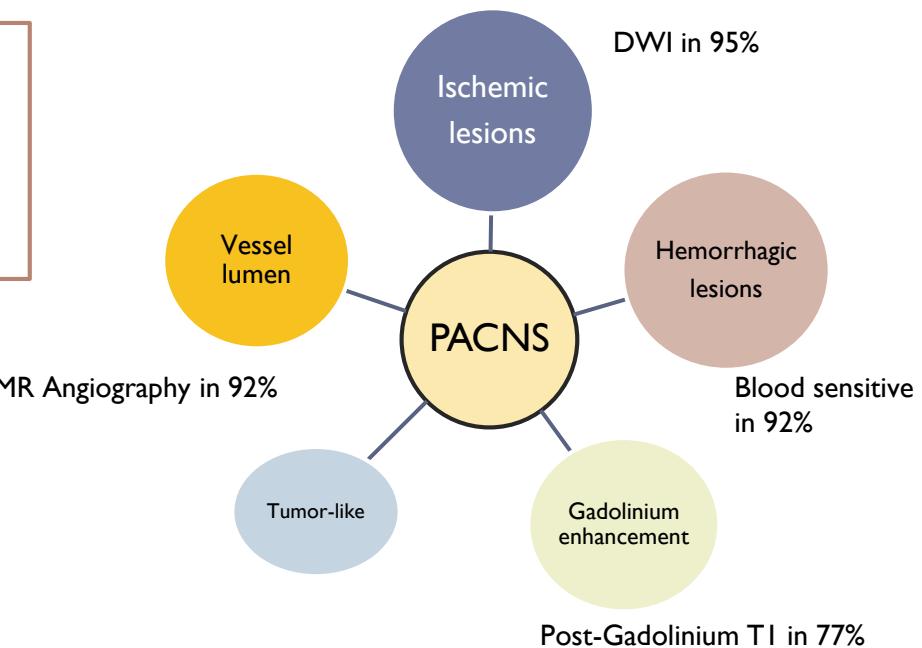
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Adult Primary Angiitis of CNS (aPACNS)

- ▶ Rare – challenging to diagnose / Severe evolution w/o ttt
 - ▶ Calabrese and Mallek criteria
- ▶ COVAC: French Min. of Health supported multicentric cohort
 - ▶ Launched in 2010

- Adult patients
- CNS vascular anomalies (biopsy/DSA)
- Differential diagnoses ruled out
- 6+ months of follow-up

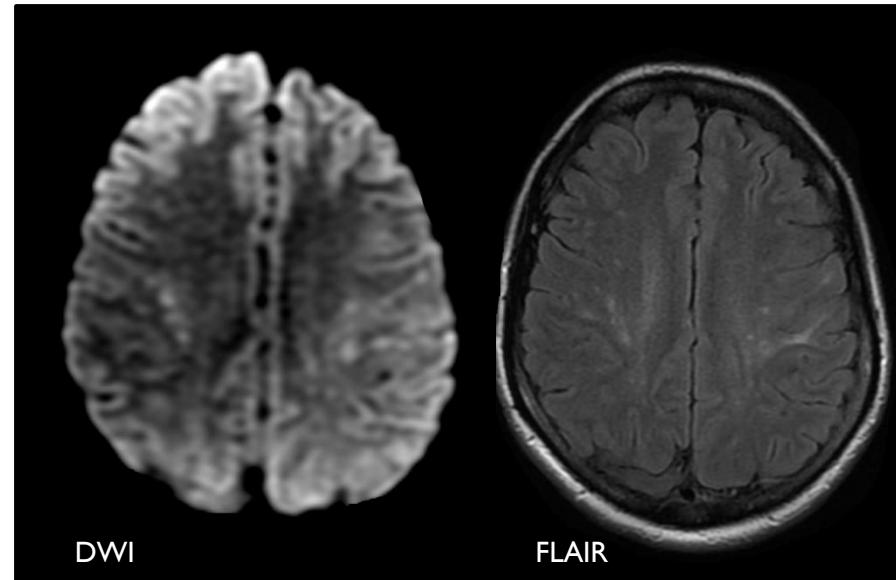
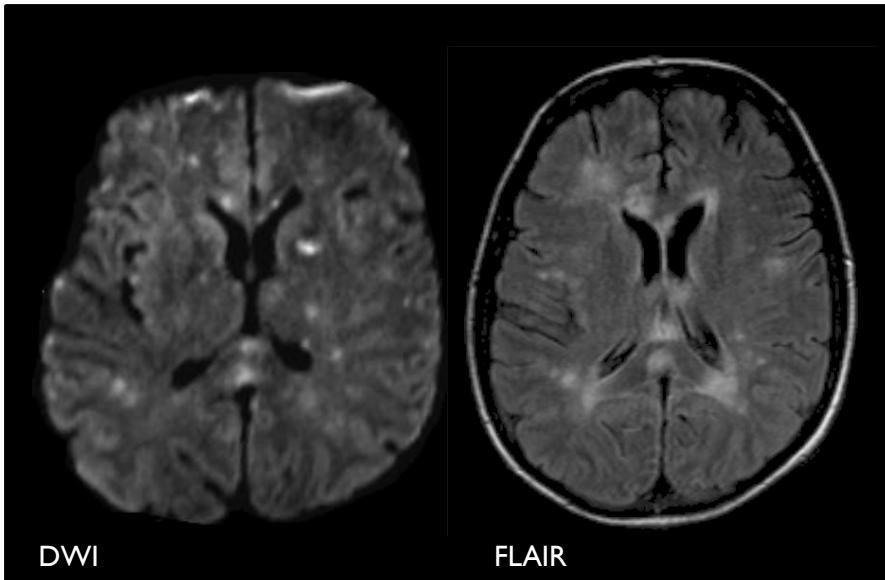
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Male Gender	34 (56.7%)
Clinical Symptoms at presentation	
- Focal Deficit(s)	50 (83.3%)
- Headaches	31 (52.7%)
- Cognitive disorder	24 (40%)
- Seizure(s)	23 (38.3%)
- Impaired vigilance	13 (21.7%)
- Psychiatric symptoms	13 (21.7%)



60 patients included

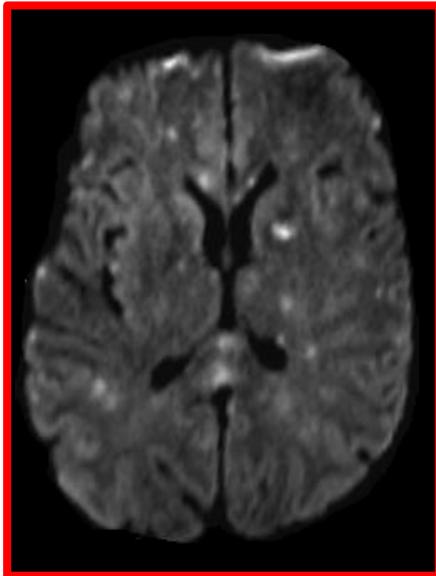
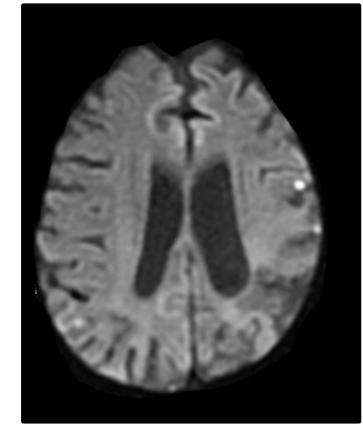
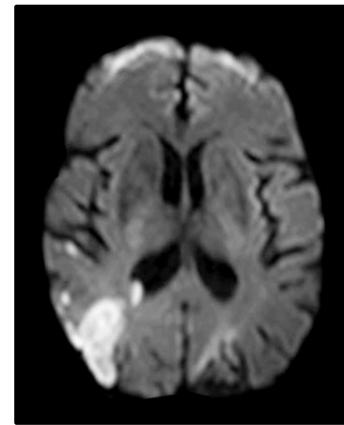
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- ▶ 75% of patients acute ischemic lesions
- ▶ Lesions more frequently
 - ▶ Multiple / Disseminated ($\frac{1}{2}$ of patients)

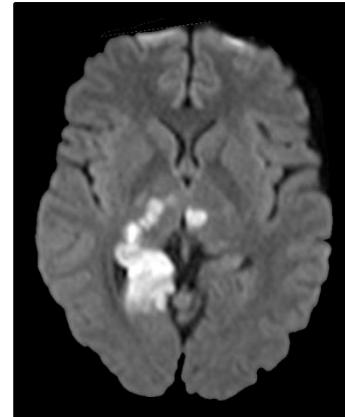


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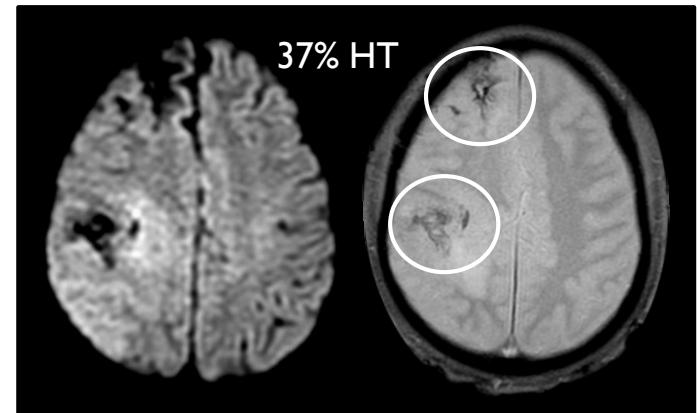
- ▶ 75% of patients acute ischemic lesions
- ▶ Lesions more frequently
 - ▶ Multiple / Disseminated ($\frac{1}{2}$ of patients)
 - ▶ Supra-tentorial only (70% of patients)
 - ▶ Subcortical (72% of patients)
 - ▶ Bilateral (54% of patients)



PACNS related infarcts can have ANY aspect

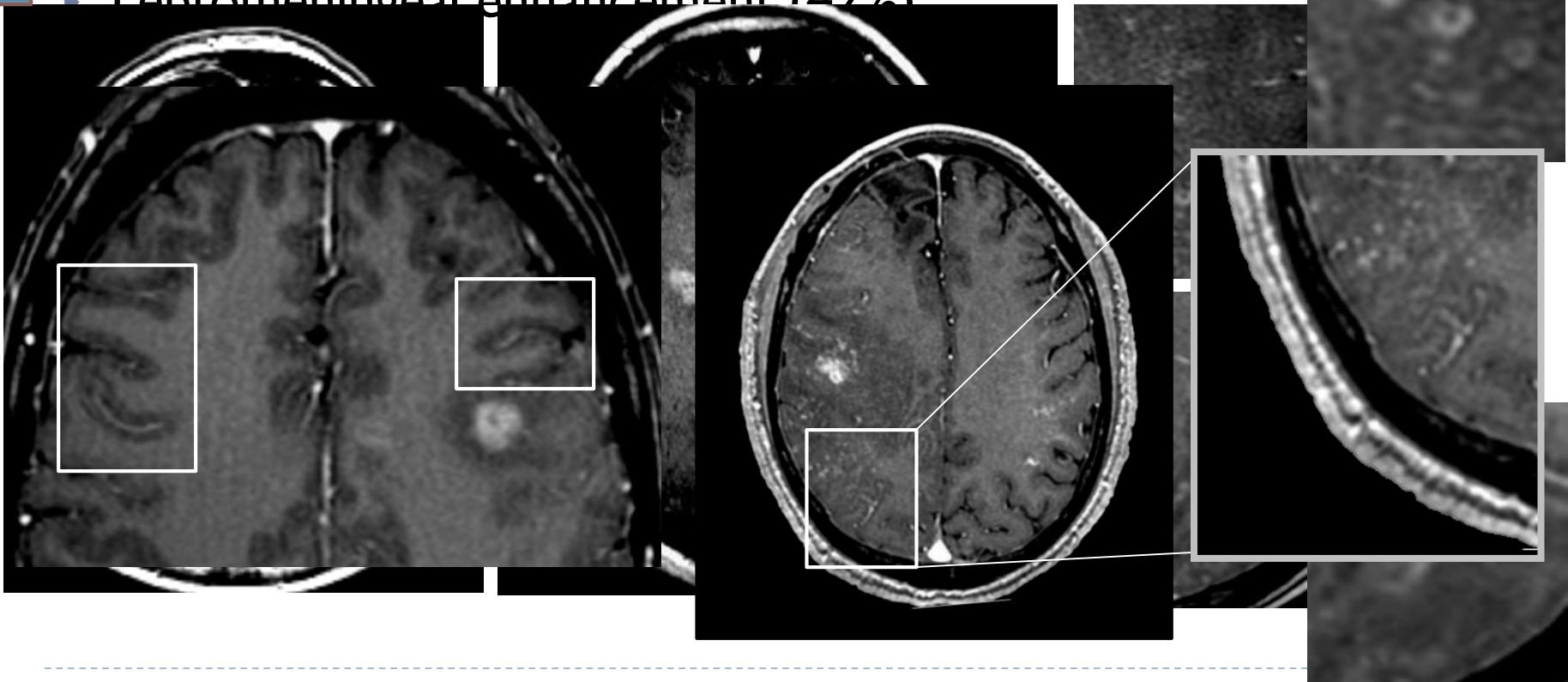


(More ?) important rate of hemorrhagic transformation



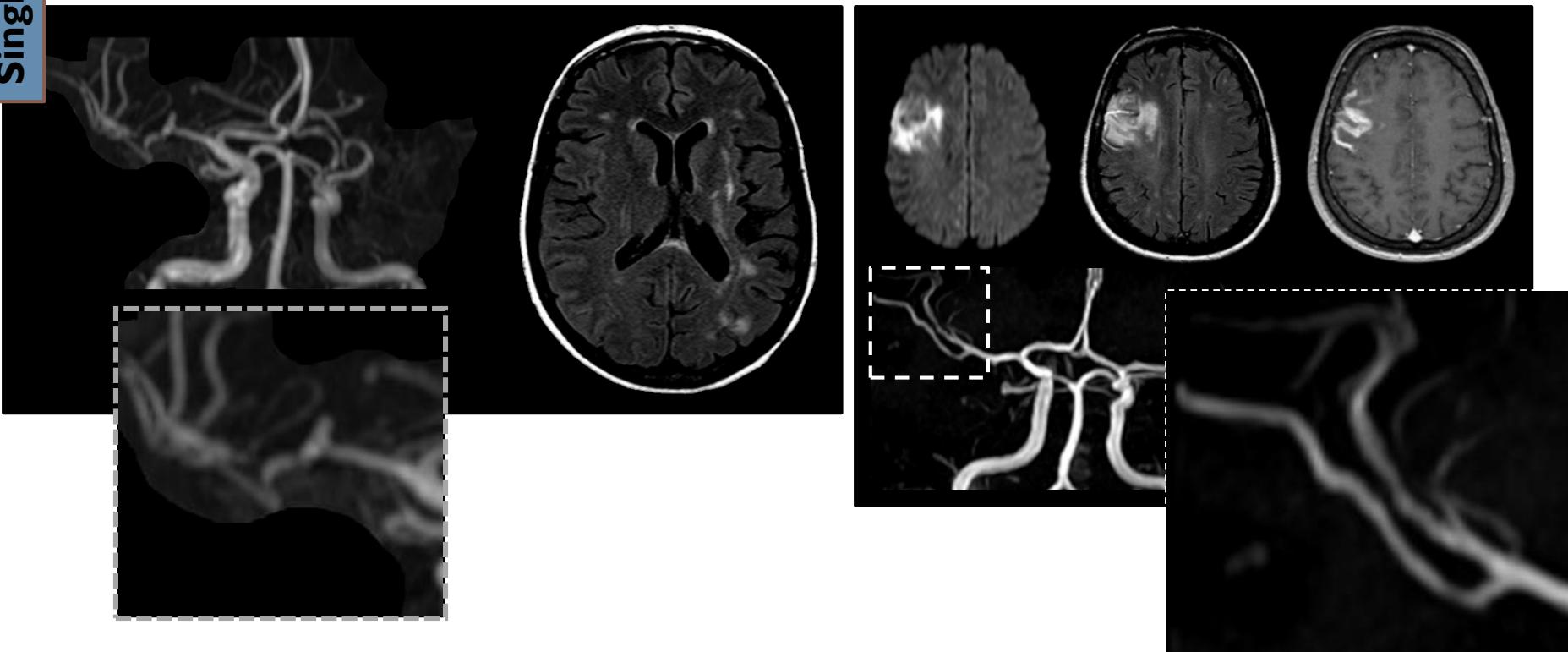
aPACNS – Gadolinium uptake

- ▶ Parenchymal enhancement (75%)
 - ▶ BBB disruption in sub-acute infarcts (60%)
 - ▶ Non ischemic enhancement (40%)
- ▶ Leptomeningeal enhancement (42%)



Vessel lumen imaging

- ▶ 76% of patients with abnormal MR Angiography
 - ▶ Proximal = Distal distribution (53% vs 54%)



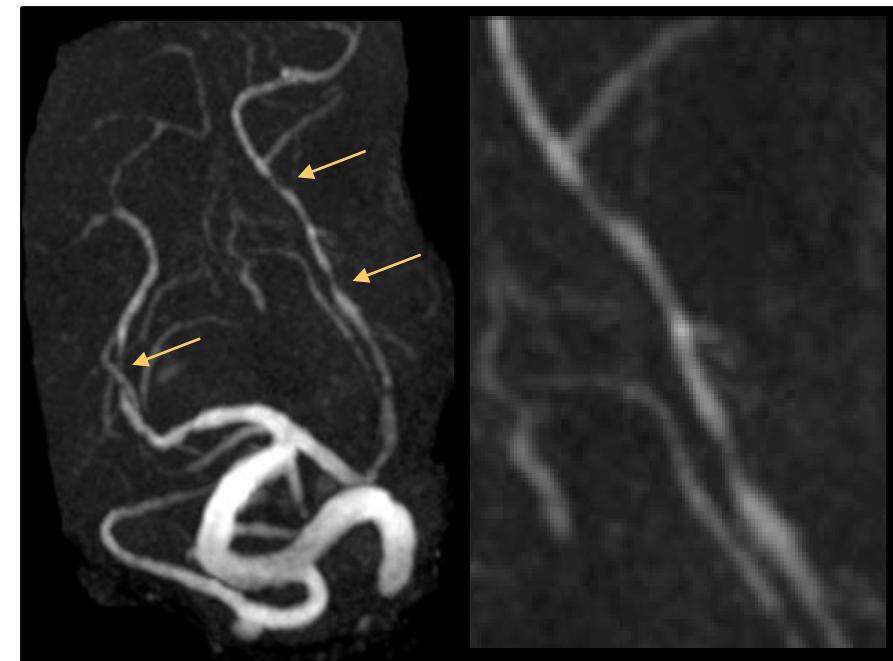
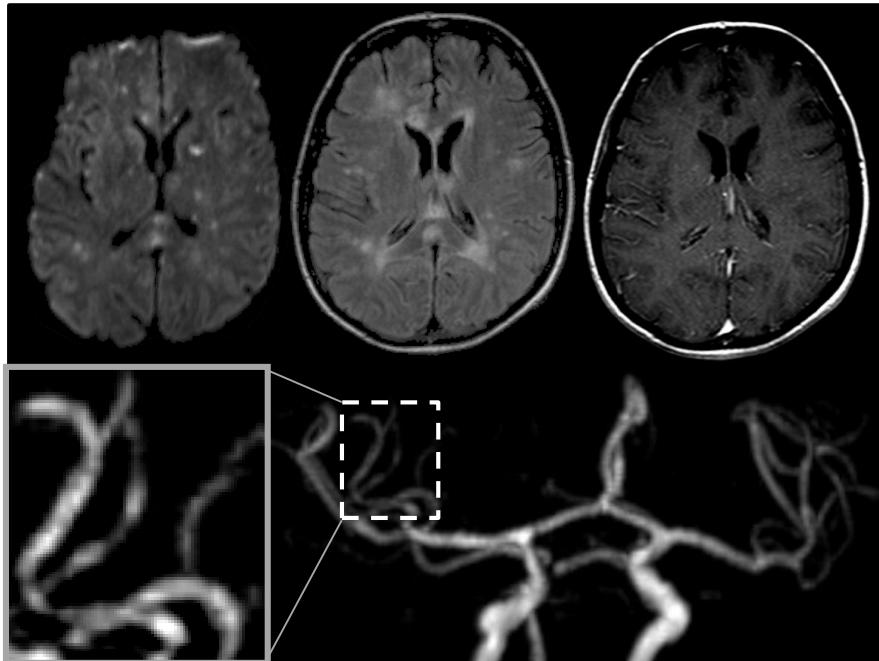
Proximal: M1/A1/P1 and upstream

Distal: M2/A2/P2 and downstream



Vessel lumen imaging

- ▶ 76% of patients with abnormal MR Angiography
 - ▶ Proximal = Distal distribution (53% vs 54%)
 - ▶ Beading uncommon (20%)
- ▶ Very Low DSA yield in patients with normal MRA (Affected vessels <200microns)



PACNS main differential: RCVS

▶ Favoring RCVS

- ▶ Baseline presentation
 - ▶ Thunderclap headache
 - ▶ Female sex
 - ▶ Absence of motor deficit
 - ▶ Absence of brain infarct
 - ▶ Subarachnoid bleed

▶ Follow-up

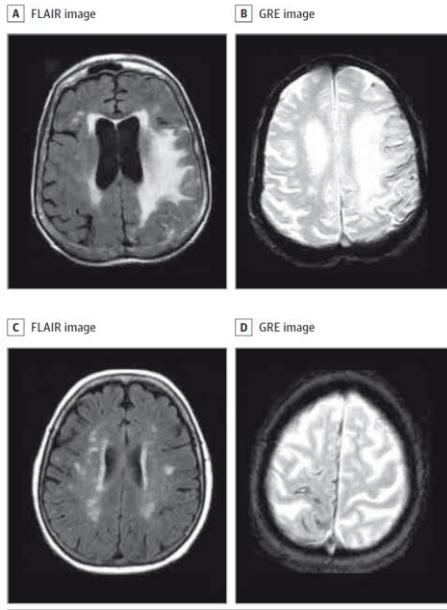
- ▶ Recurrent thunderclap headache
- ▶ Early reversibility of vasospasm

*Persisting vascular anomalies after 6 months
Almost certainly rules out RCVS*



Single-organ vasculitis (SOV)

- ▶ aPACNS
- ▶ CAA-Related inflammation
- ▶ Amyloid related Imaging Anomalies (ARIA)
 - ▶ Amyloid modifying treatment



Validation of Clinicoradiological Criteria for the Diagnosis of Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy-Related Inflammation

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Table 1. Criteria for the Diagnosis of CAA-ri

Diagnosis	Criteria
Probable CAA-ri	1. Age ≥ 40 y 2. Presence of ≥ 1 of the following clinical features: headache, decrease in consciousness, behavioral change, or focal neurological signs and seizures; the presentation is not directly attributable to an acute ICH 3. MRI shows unifocal or multifocal WMH lesions (corticosubcortical or deep) that are asymmetric and extend to the immediately subcortical white matter; the asymmetry is not due to past ICH 4. Presence of ≥ 1 of the following corticosubcortical hemorrhagic lesions: cerebral macroleed, cerebral microbleed, or cortical superficial siderosis ^b 5. Absence of neoplastic, infectious, or other cause
Possible CAA-ri	1. Age ≥ 40 y 2. Presence of ≥ 1 of the following clinical features: headache, decrease in consciousness, behavioral change, or focal neurological signs and seizures; the presentation is not directly attributable to an acute ICH 3. MRI shows WMH lesions that extend to the immediately subcortical white matter 4. Presence of ≥ 1 of the following corticosubcortical hemorrhagic lesions: cerebral macroleed, cerebral microbleed, or cortical superficial siderosis ^b 5. Absence of neoplastic, infectious, or other cause

Cerebral vasculitis

- ▶ When a (bizarre) stroke ... think of it
- ▶ Initial Imaging diagnosis: **Primarily MRI based +++**
- ▶ Ideal dedicated imaging protocol, using a 3T Magnet
 - ▶ High –Res DWI (**Ischemia**)
 - ▶ Multi-slab TOF (**Intracranial Vessels**, Foramen magnum to vertex)
 - ▶ FLAIR (**White Matter Lesions, acute subarachnoid blood**)
 - ▶ 3DT2* (SWAN/SWI/VenoBold, **Blood residues**)
 - ▶ **Vessel Wall Imaging**, Black-blood 3DT1 w/o and w/ gadolinium
- ▶ DSA required
 - ▶ When non-invasive work-up negative, if high suspicion
 - ▶ But yield is low
 - ▶ To map lesions severity



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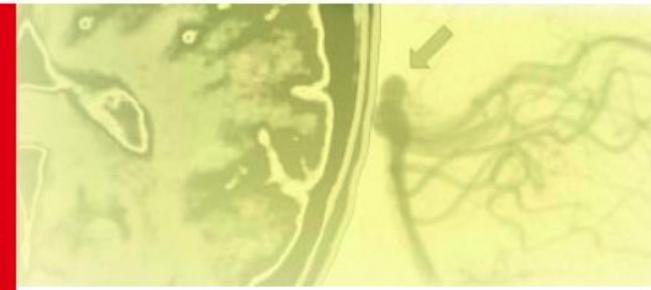
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