NEUROLOGICAL PICTURE

Pathological laughing as a symptom of a tentorial edge tumour

A 26 year old man with a tentorial edge haemangiopericytoma (figure) presented with pathological laughing as the first symptoms. Bouts of laughing were elicited by speech or emotions. No recurrence of laughter attacks were noted after total removal of this tumour impinging on the right peduncle.

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(A) Preoperative MRI axial and frontal views with gadolinium enhancement showing the tumour in the right peduncular area.

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(B) Postoperative MRI sagittal view showing a small T1 hypointense peduncular residual image.

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