

Fall and Headache: Is this a Chronic Subdural Hematoma?

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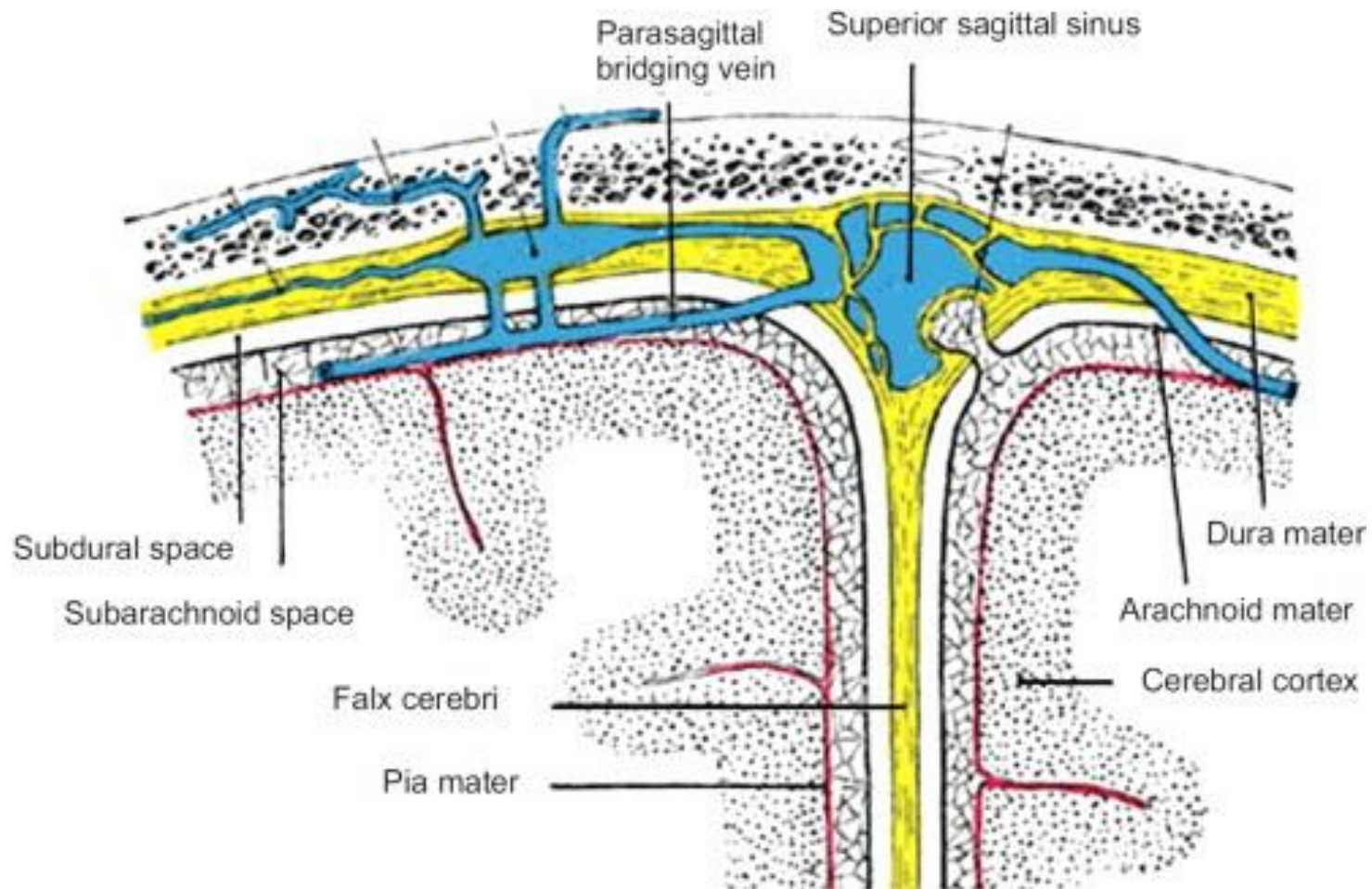


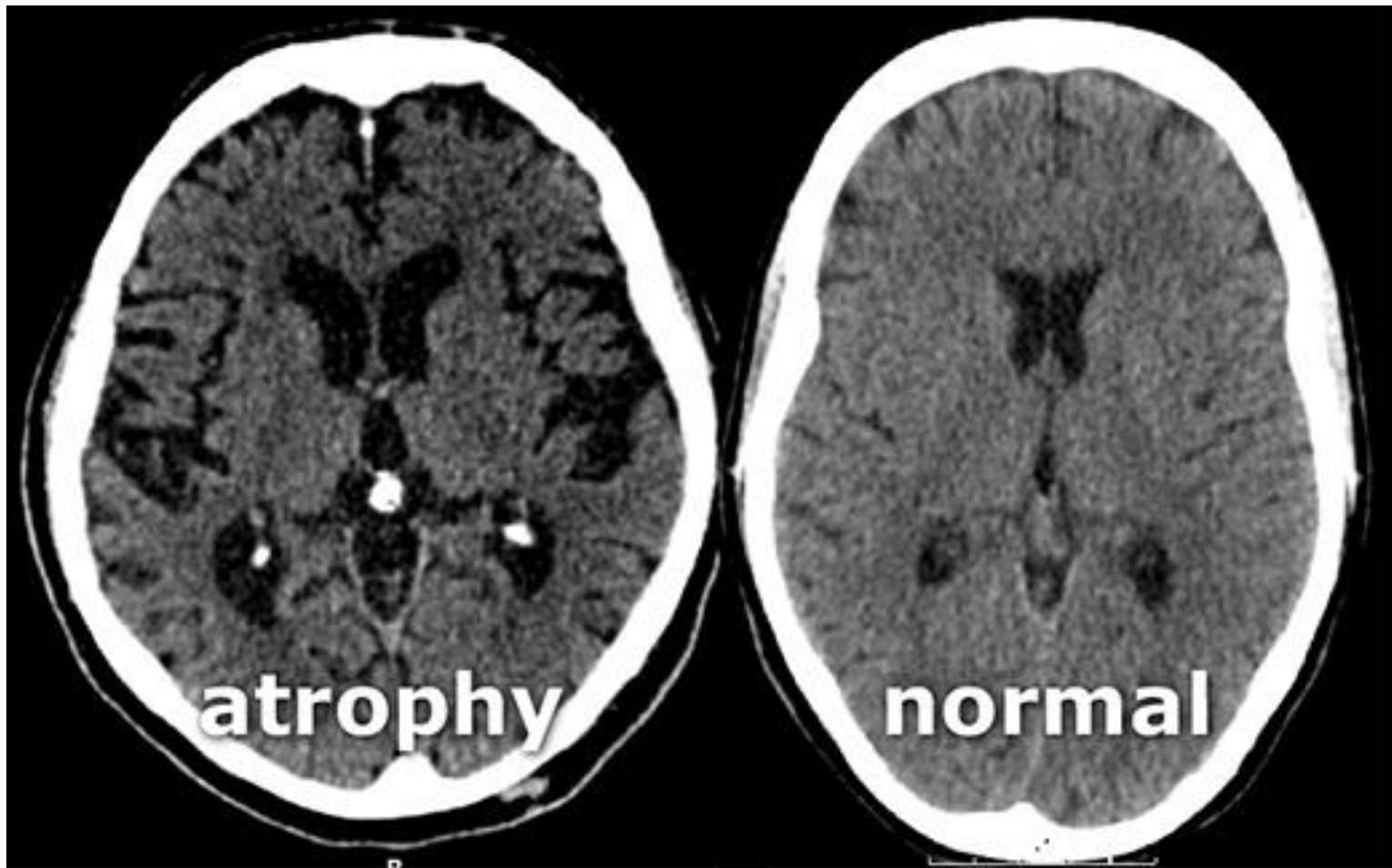


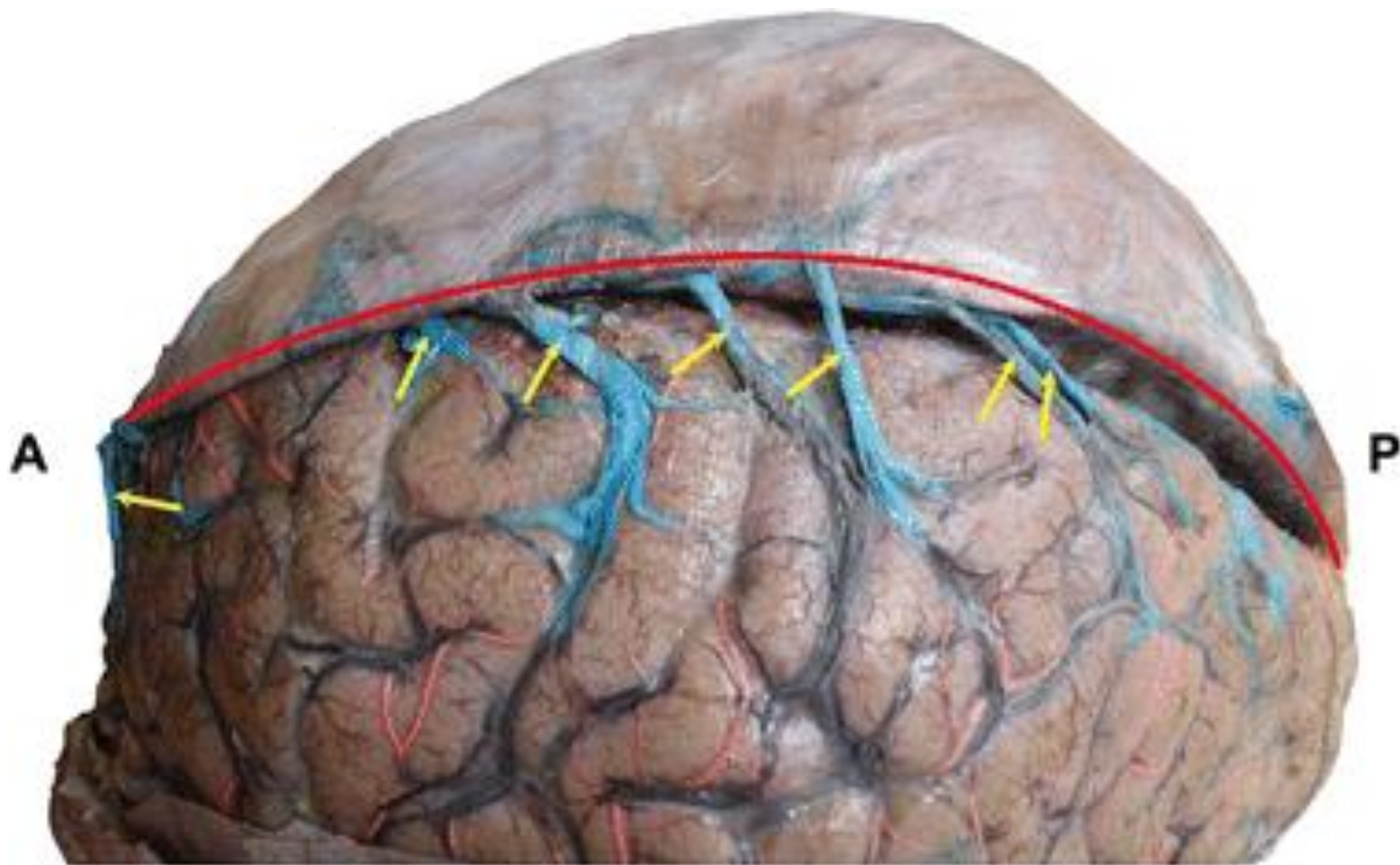
Subdural hematoma: “the great imitator”

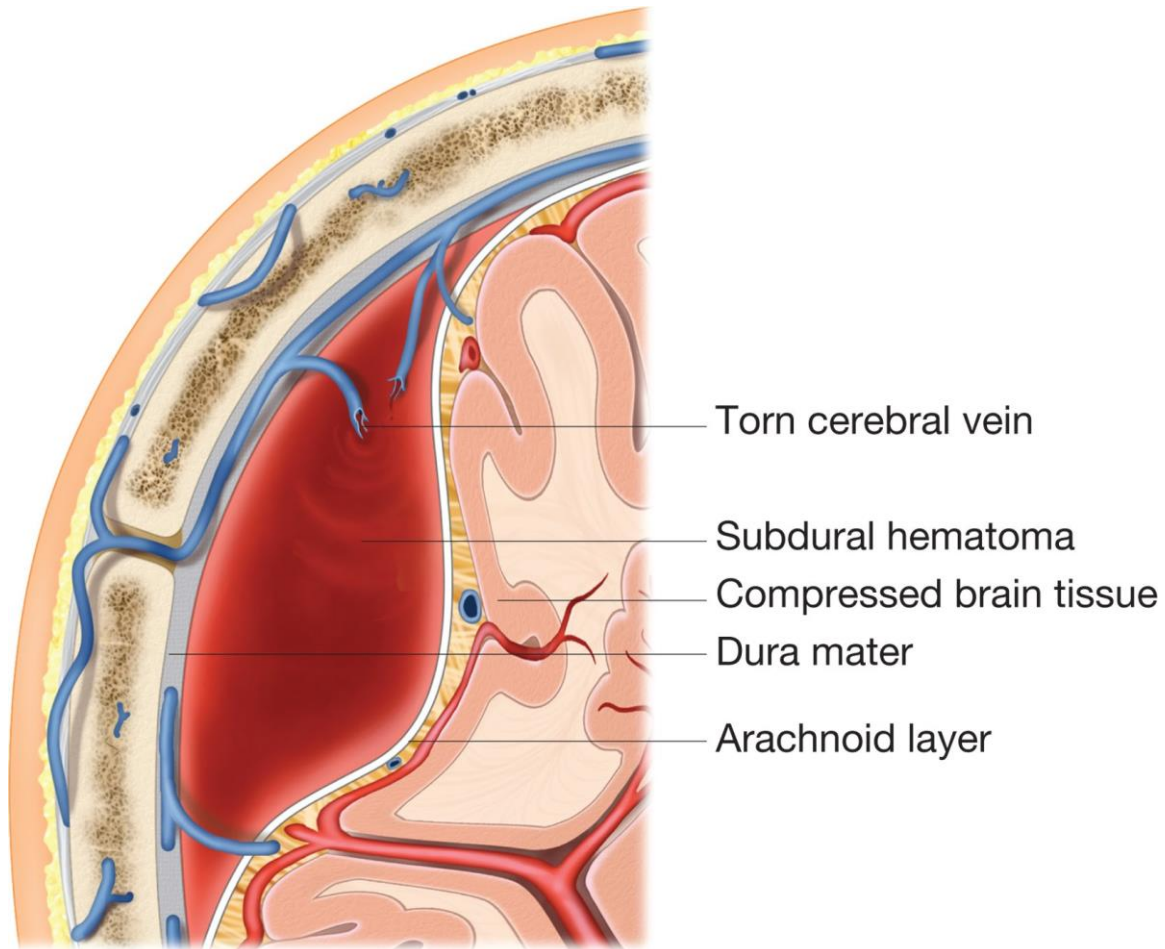
Presenting symptoms (*n* = 205)

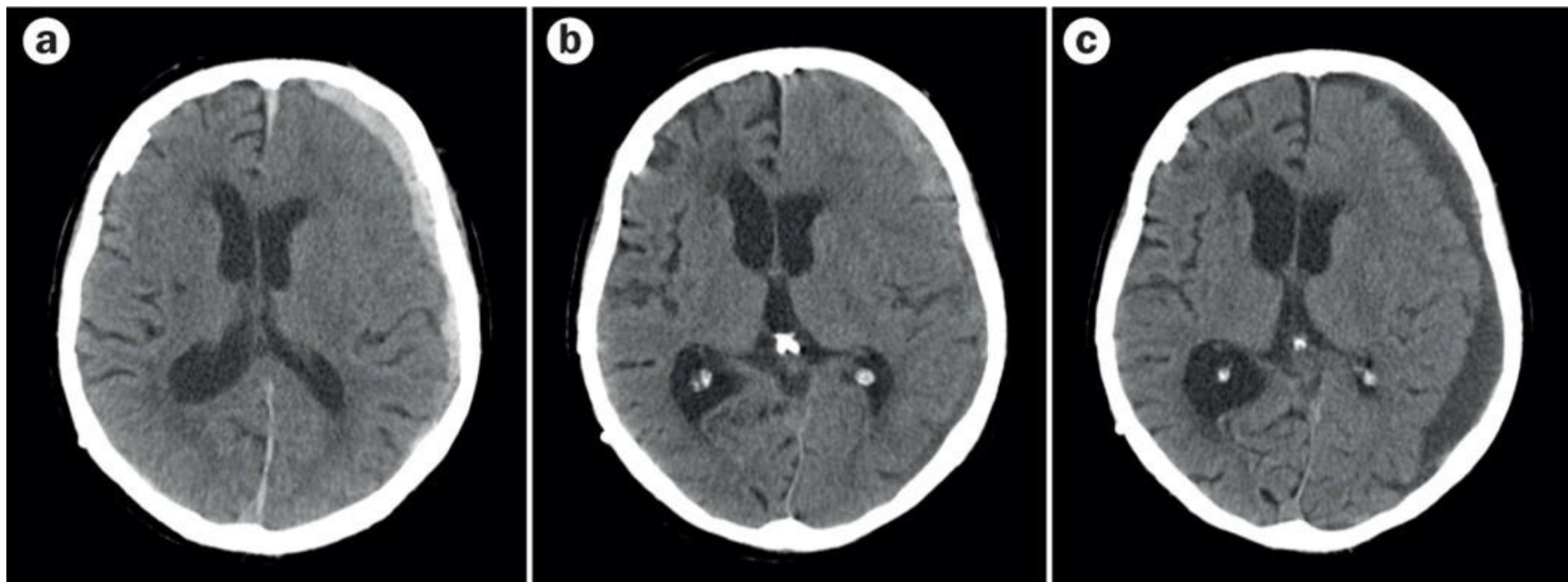
- Gait disturbance and falls: 116 (55.5%)
- Mental deterioration: 71 (34.0%)
- Limb weakness: 71 (34.0%)
- Acute confusion: 67 (32.1%)
- Headache: 36 (17.2%)
- Drowsiness or coma: 20 (9.6%)
- Speech impairment: 12 (5.7%)
- Nonspecific deterioration: 7 (3.3%)
- Collapse: 2 (1.0%)
- Seizure: 2 (1.0%)
- Incontinence: 1 (0.5%)
- Visual disturbance: 1 (0.5%)
- Vomiting: 1 (0.5%)

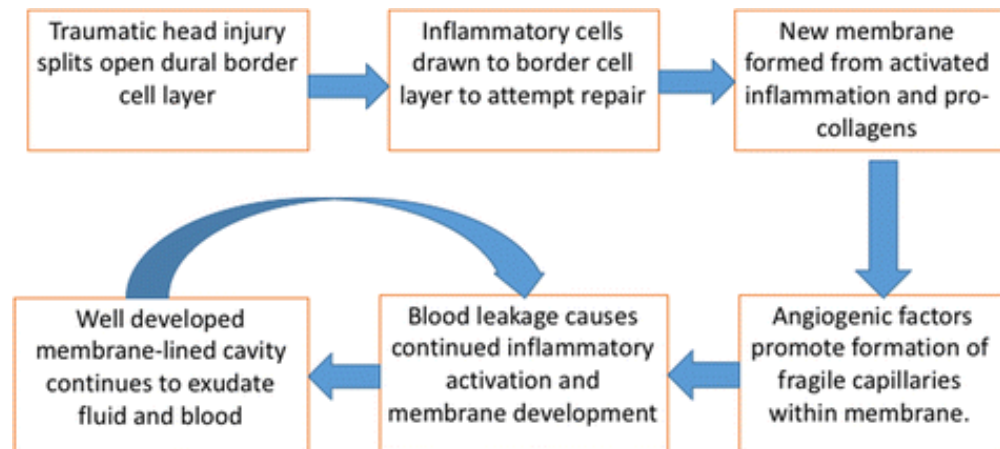
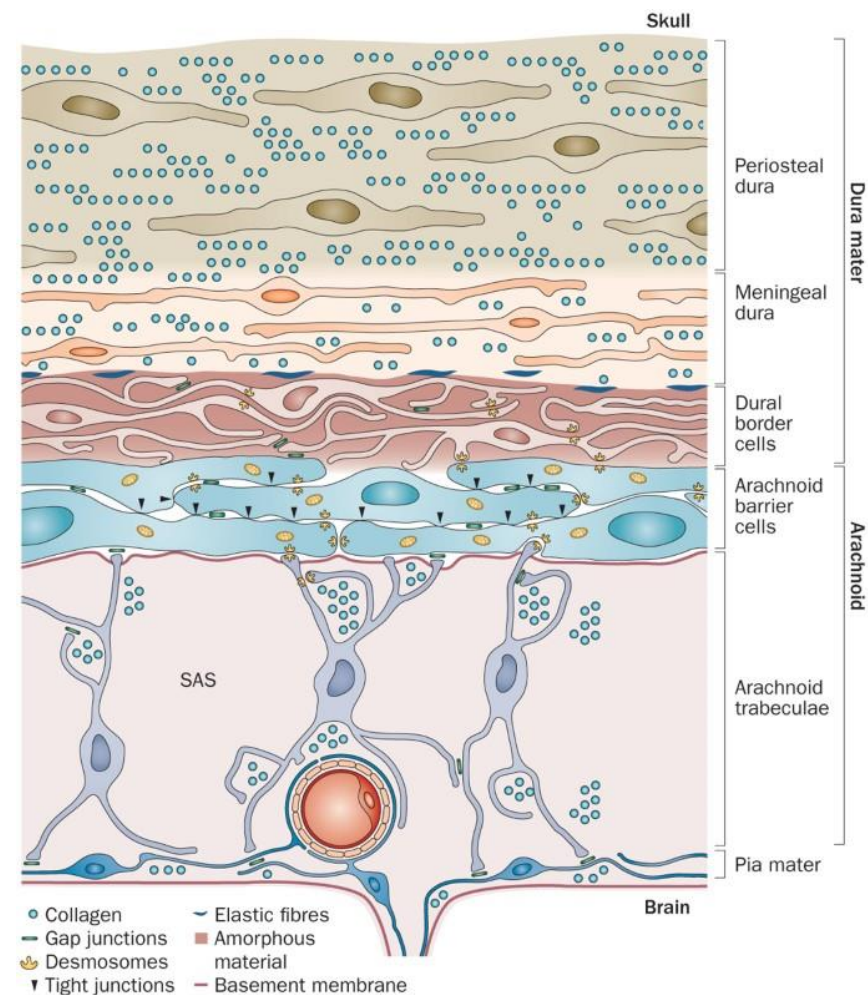


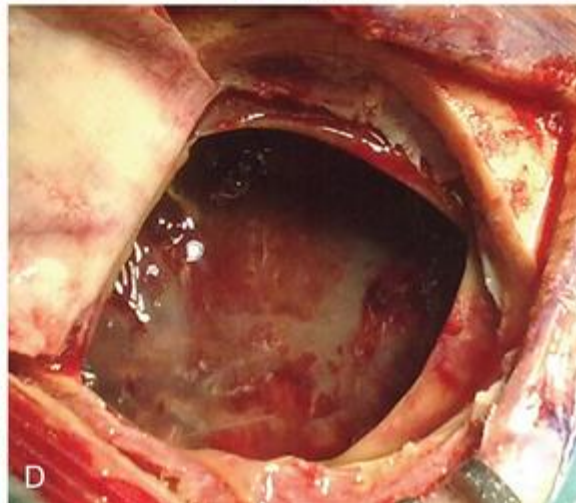
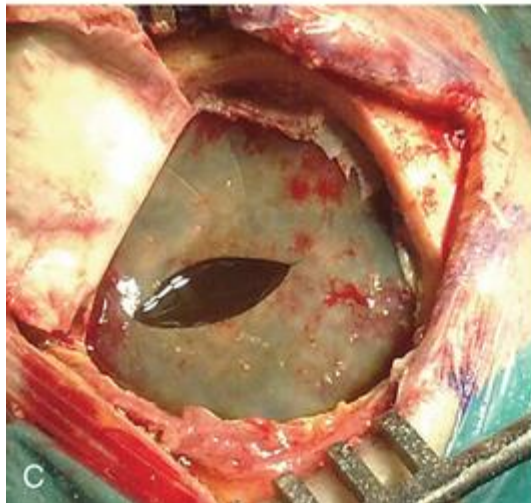
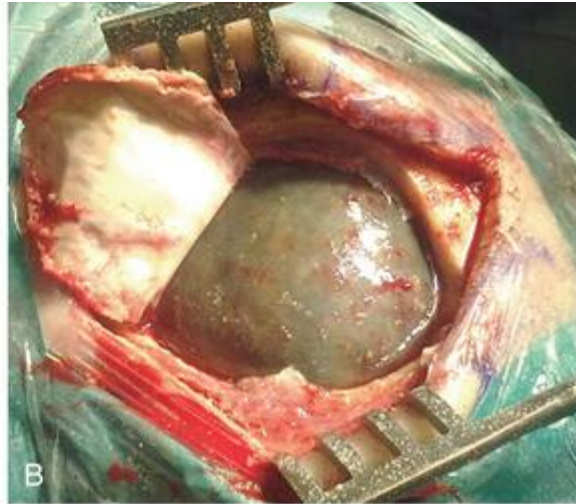
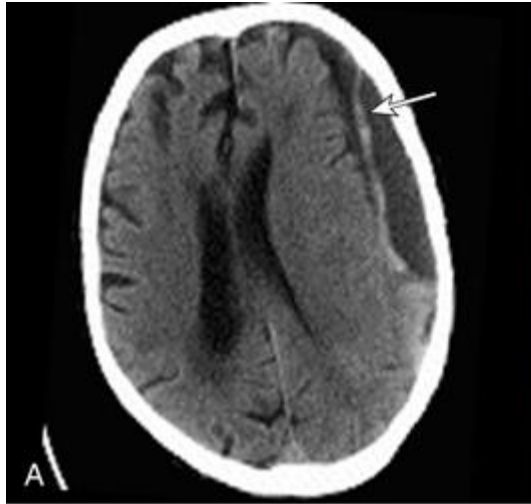


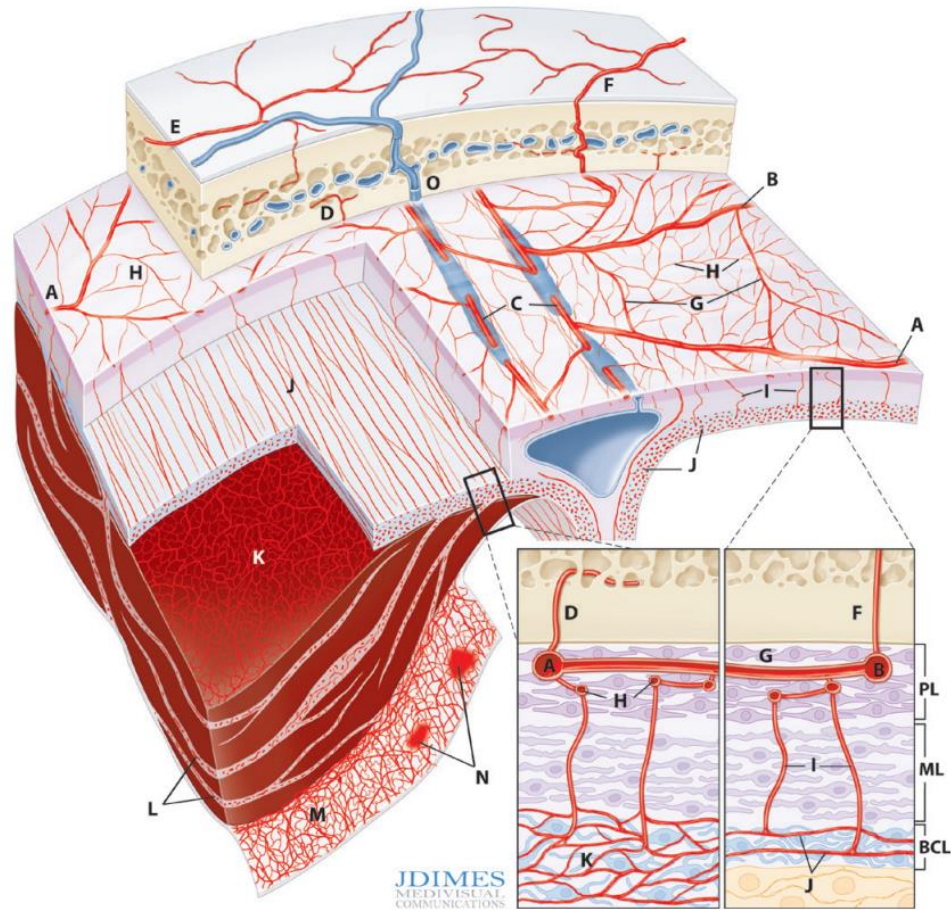


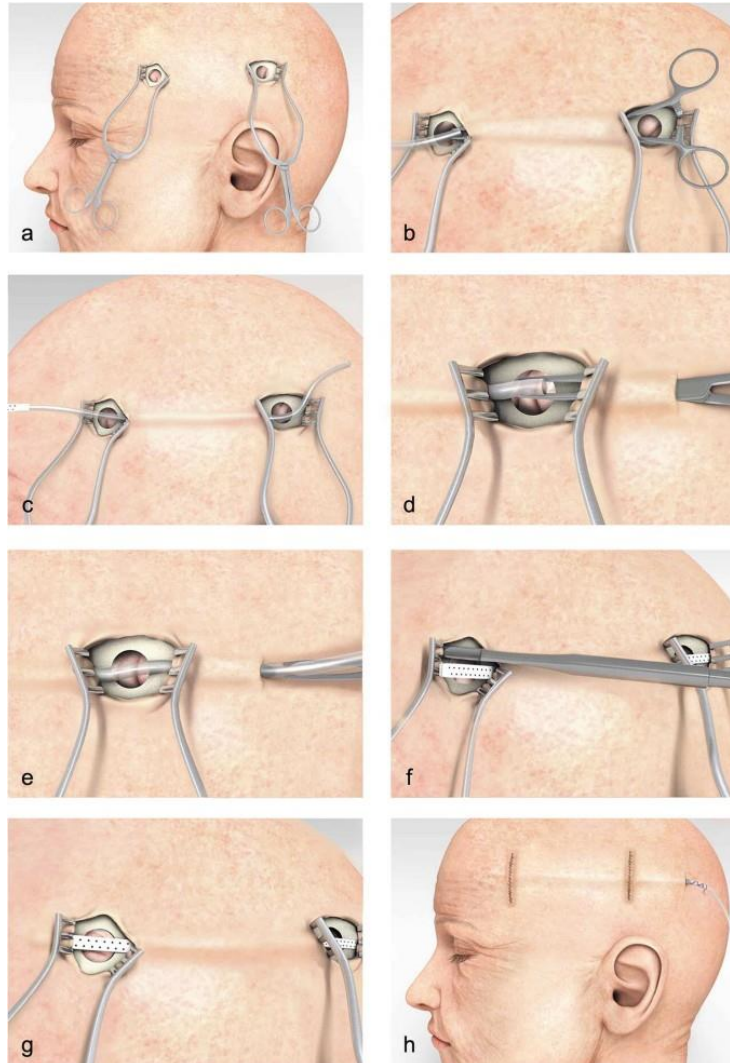


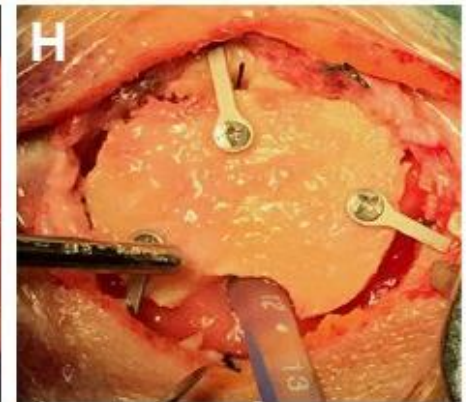
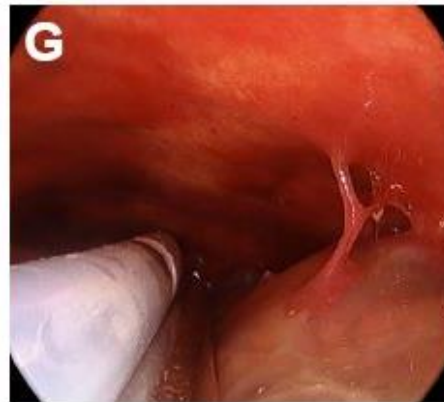
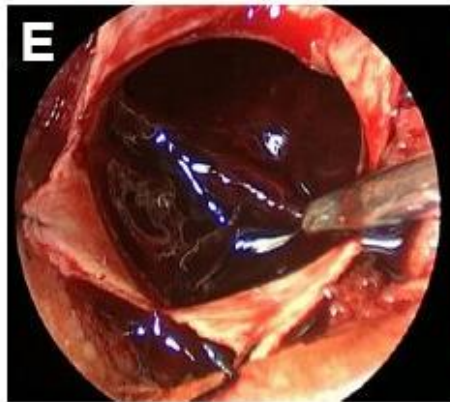
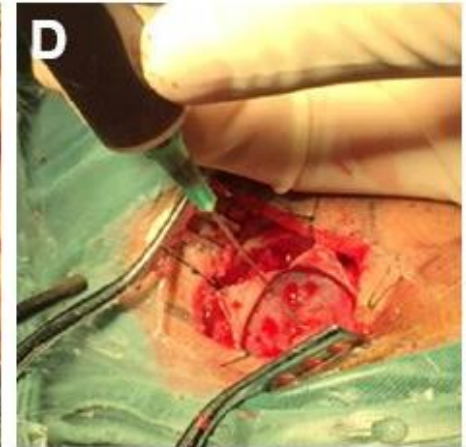
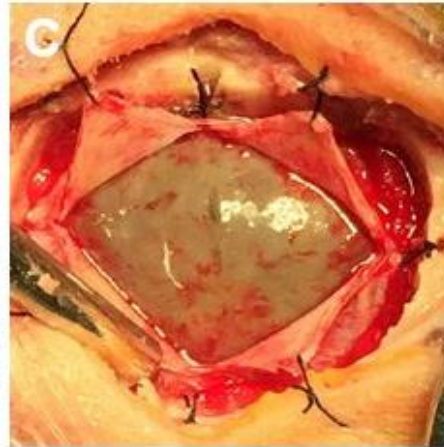
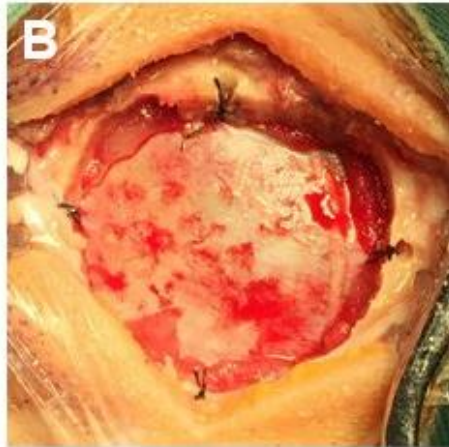
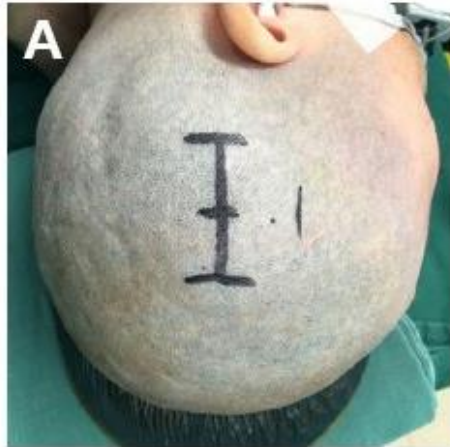


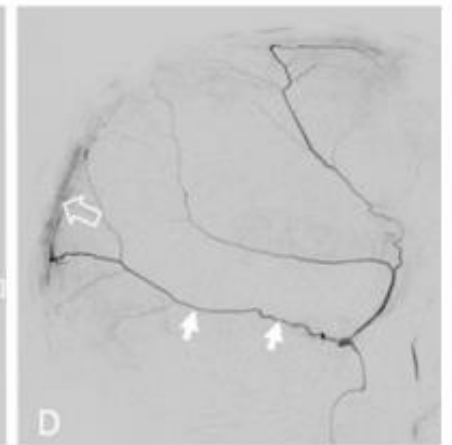
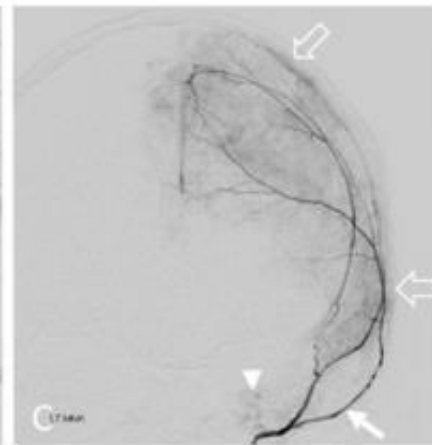
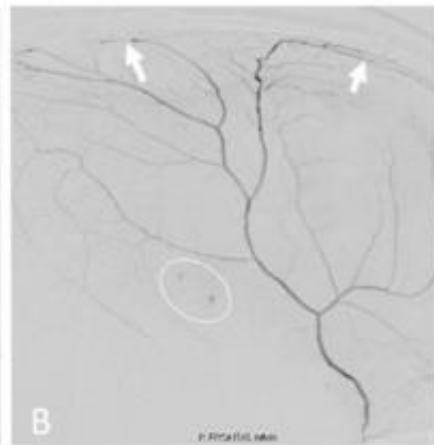
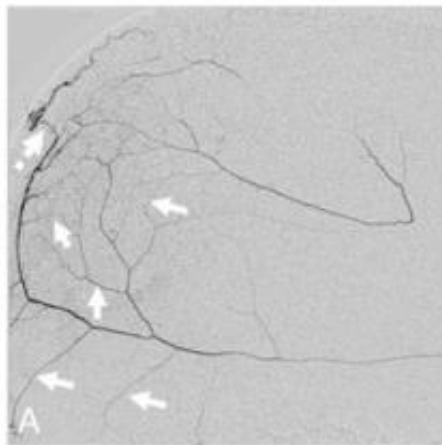


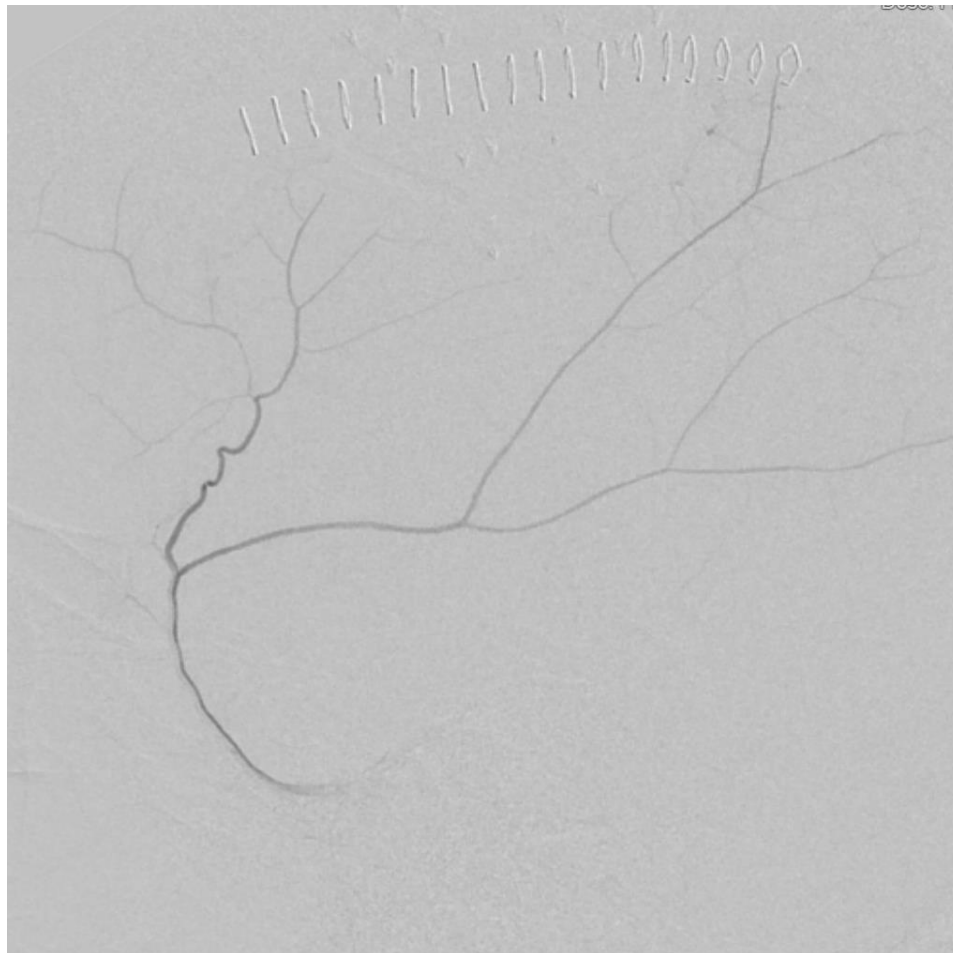


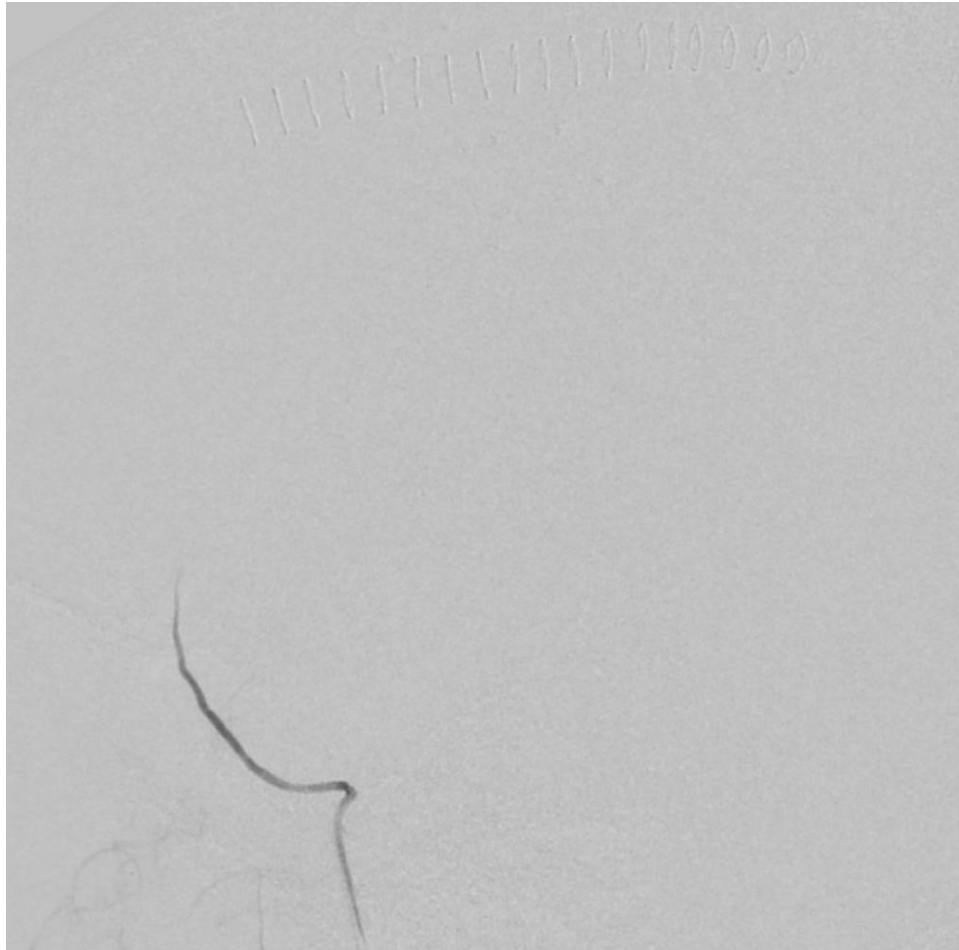


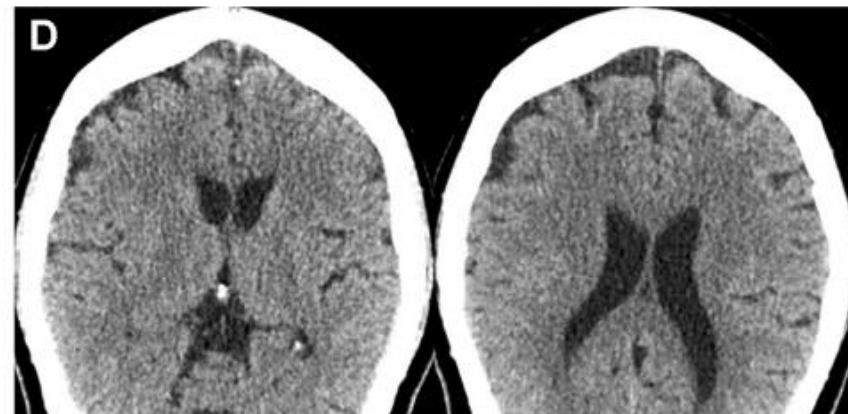
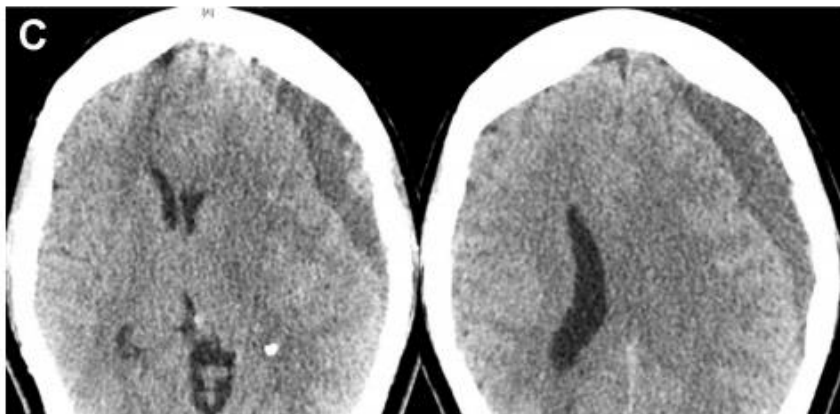
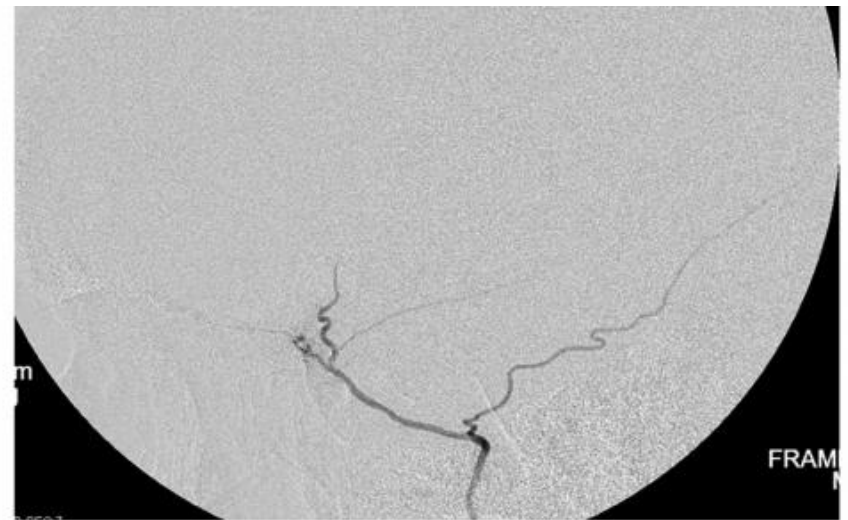
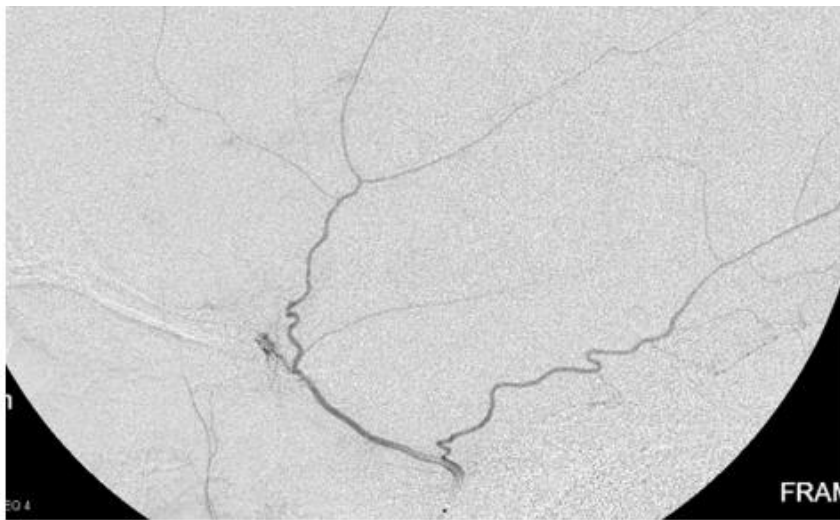












Conclusions

- Chronic SDH: symptoms are varied and can mimic many other neurological conditions
- Symptomatic chronic SDH often require intervention
 - Burr holes
 - Mini craniotomy
 - MMA embolization