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A daily headache

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Background & Aim: A 34 year-old man with multiple consultations in the emergency department for right frontotemporal headache which causes sleeping problems, ongoing for 20 days. Former cocaine user with mental and behavioral disorder due to cocaine abuse.

Physical examination: The neurological examination is normal, except a slightly mydriasis of the right eye.

Method: Blood and urine analysis are normal, serology is normal.

Cerebral CT-scan: cystic image in the dorsal region of sella turcica, which communicates with the suprasellar cistern.

Cerebral MRI: informs of a solid-cystic lesion of 2.7X1.98X1.57 cm, in the right region of the sella turcica that reaches in the suprasellar region and to the sphenoidal sinus. Invades the posterior region of the right cavernous sinus. Left displacement of the pituitary gland.

Results: Diagnosis: Craniopharyngioma. Differential diagnosis: Supratentorial tumors (adenoma, meningioma).

Conclusions: The pituitary gland diseases are quite rare to be seen in the general practitioner's consultation, the tumoral cause being the most frequent. The patients could present depression and mental illnesses which can difficult the diagnostic. The role of the GP is crucial due to the fact that the history of drug abuse of this patient was masking the real cause of the consultation. It is really important in our work to look for the symptoms and not to misjudge a person for its past.