Lady With Painful Double Vision

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A 63-year-old female with hypertension, presented with headache, drooping of the right eyelid and worsening double vision over few hours duration. A non-contrast CT of the brain was performed followed by an MRI brain.

Figure 1: Axial (a, b) and coronal (c) images of non-contract CT brain
Figure 2: MRI brain axial images (a) T2W (b) FLAIR (c) T1W

Figure 03: 3D cerebral MRA

1. Describe the radiological findings.
2. What is the complete diagnosis?
ANSWER

Findings
Non contrast CT - High density material noted in the right sylvian fissure and suprasellar cistern consistent with subarachnoid haemorrhage.

MRI/ MRA - An out pouching noted in the inferior aspect of right supraclinoid internal carotid artery, directing inferiorly and posteriorly towards right cavernous sinus. No evidence of thrombosis.

Complete diagnosis - Supraclinoid internal carotid artery aneurysm rupture with a subarachnoid haemorrhage.

DISCUSSION
Supraclinoid internal carotid artery (ICA) aneurysms usually arise at the origin of the
• posterior communicating artery or
• anterior choroidal artery (1).

They usually present with headache, progressive visual loss and ophthalmoplegia.

TREATMENT
Treatment options include;
• surgery
• coil embolization.
• deconstructive parent vessel occlusion
• endoluminal vessel reconstruction by flow diverters (2).

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