

# Central Nervous System Involvement in Erdheim-Chester Disease

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# Purpose:

- ✓ Assessing distribution and patterns of CNS involvement in ECD.
- ✓ Evaluating potential association between presence of the BRAFV600E mutation and radiological findings in CNS.

# Material & Methods: Patient selection

- ✓ IRB approved study on 58 subjects with biopsy-confirmed diagnosis of ECD.
- ✓ Two radiologists independently reviewed the images.
- ✓ Discrepancies between the two radiologists were resolved through third neuroradiologist.

Cortical lesions: 46.6%

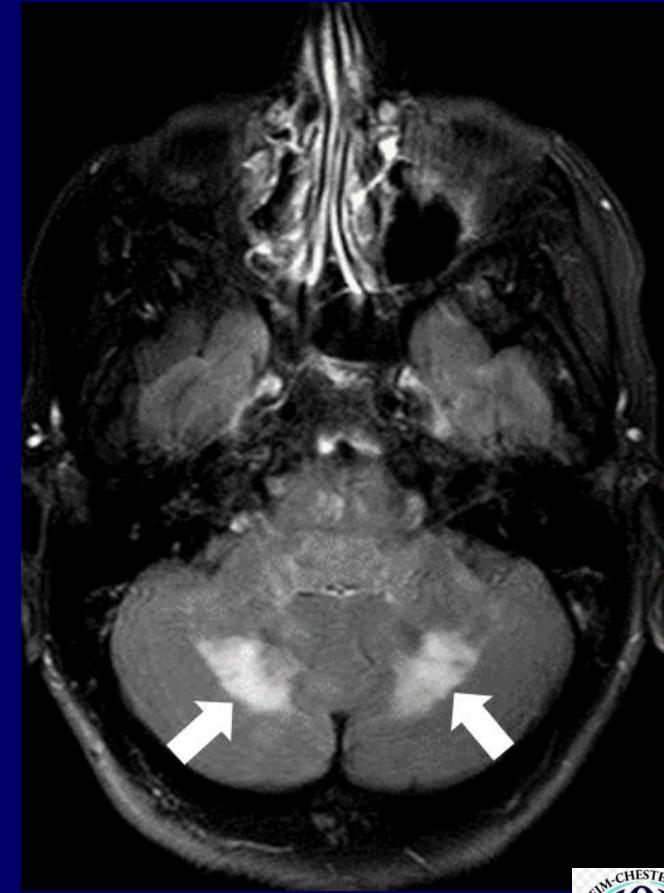
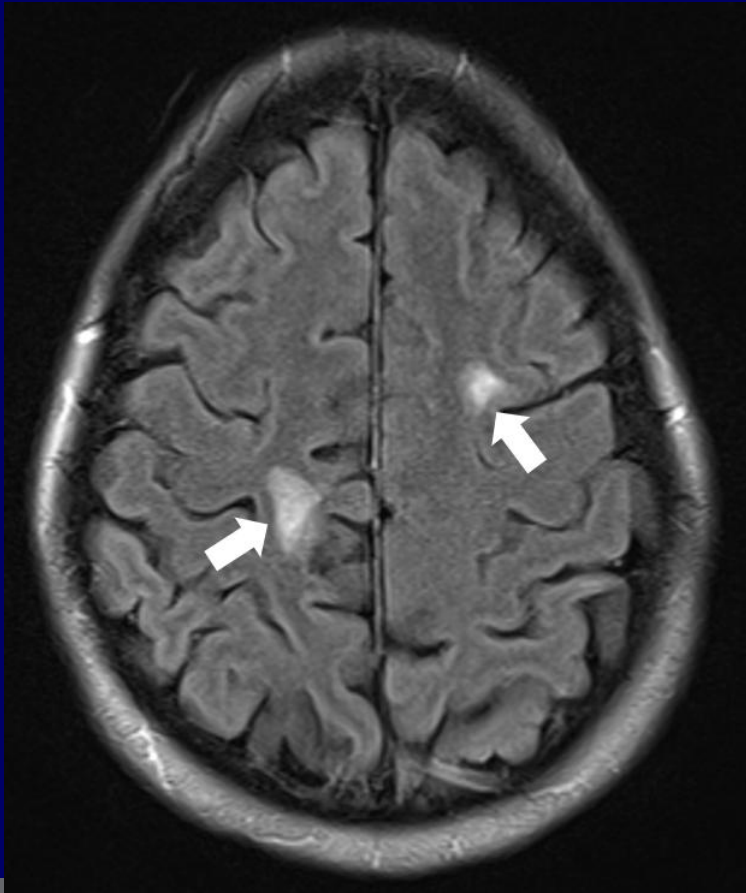
Bilateral cortical lesions: 32.8%

Frontal lobe lesions: 41%

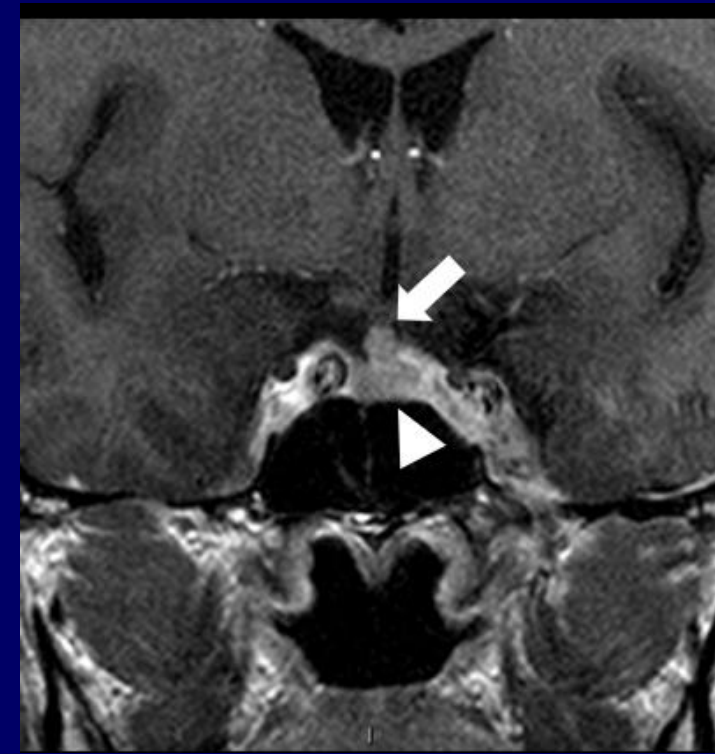
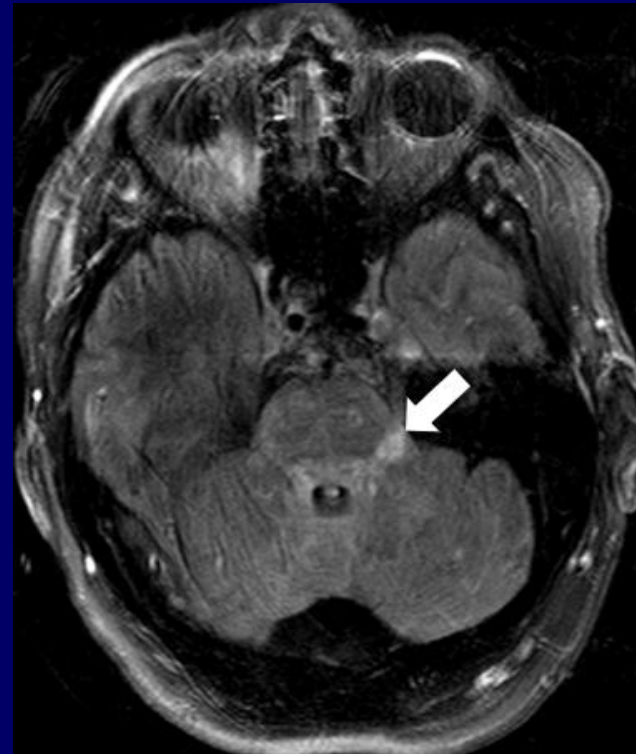
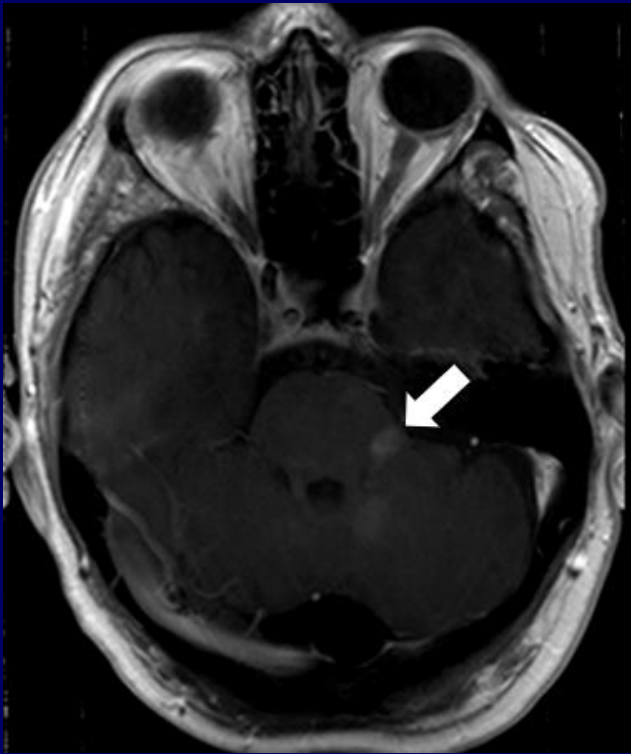
Over 90% of lesions were well-demarcated

Cerebellar lesions: 25.9%

Dentate nucleus lesions: 15%



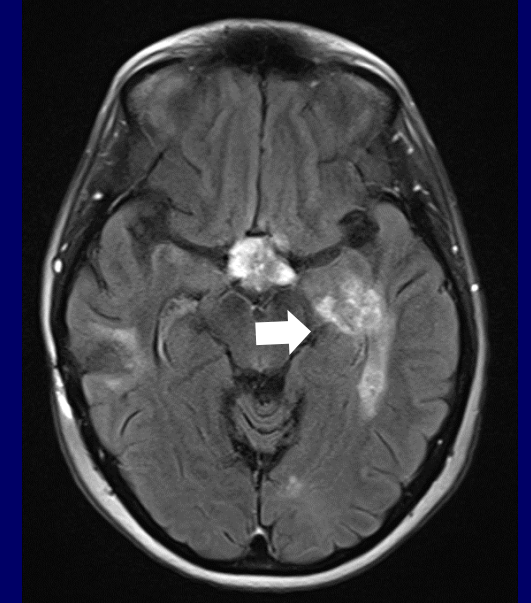
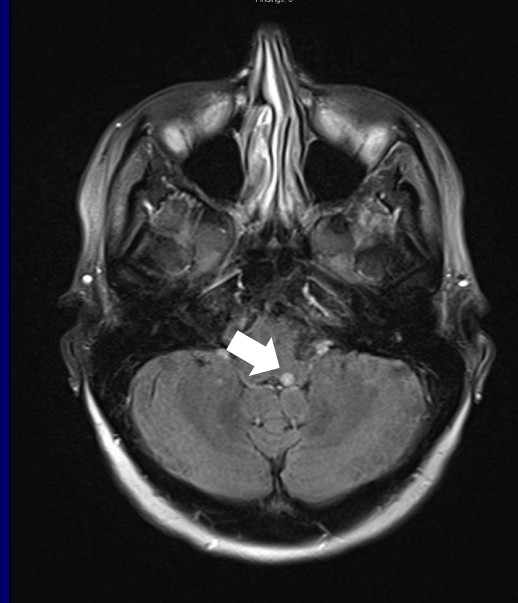
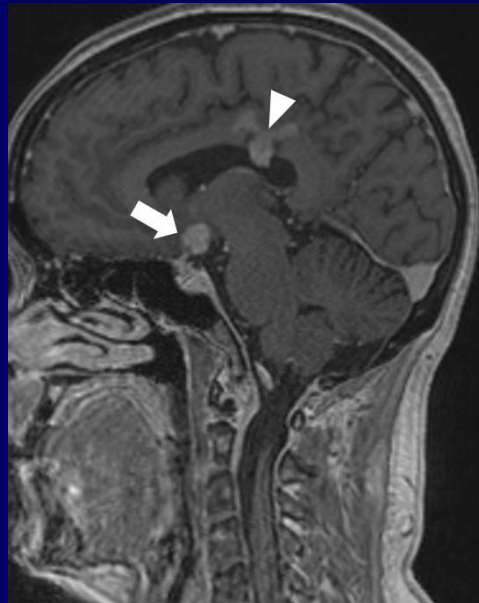
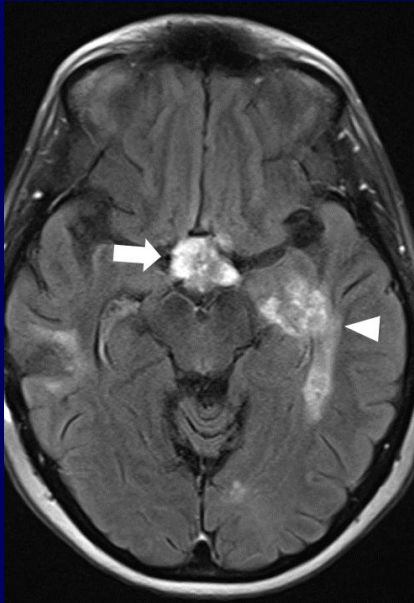
- ✓ Brainstem lesions: 29.3%
- ✓ Pons lesions: 26%



Pituitary lesions: 17.2%  
Infundibular stalk lesions: 14%

Basal Ganglia lesions:  
6.9%  
Putamen lesions: 5%

Amygdala lesions: 3%  
Thalamic lesions: 3%



# Results: Associations with BRAFV600E

- ✓ BRAFV600E mutation was significantly associated with cerebellar and bilateral brain stem lesions.
- ✓ A trend toward significance was noted for cerebral atrophy.

# Conclusion

The results highlight significant radiologic CNS involvement in ECD and suggest potential associations with BRAFV600E mutation that could have diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic implications.

*Thank you for your attention*

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