CASE 11

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She maintained her weight between 28-32 pounds. She received fluids, tube feedings, and soft oral diet with occasional vomiting. On March 6, during fasting state she convulsed. Blood sugar was 11 mg.%. Average urinary output was 800-1400 per 24 hours. On April 13, she developed bilateral VIth nerve palsies, right pupil fixed to light and bilateral papilledema. Ventriculography and surgery on April 17. Postoperatively she remained alert; EOM palsies persisted. Irradiation begun on May 1 and continued until the day of her death for a total dose of 2250R. She became comatose on May 11, 1959 and died within two hours.


Gross: On coronal section an irregularly shaped, multilobular hemorrhagic mass occupied the 3rd ventricle and was intimately adherent to the walls of the hypothalamus. Total measurement approximately 2.5x3.0 cm. Choroid plexuses and ependyma were stained a pale tan color.