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A 30 year old right handed man with a long history of substance abuse presented with an 18 months history of headache that occurred during straining and other episodes of Valsalva maneuver. It got worse over the last 6 months, particularly during coughing and sneezing. Lifting heavy objects caused headaches and dizziness. He denied blurry vision, nausea, vomiting and aura. Gait was steady. MRI showed a minimally enhancing left cerebellar mass with surrounding vasogenic edema causing partial effacement of 4th ventricle and displacement of the brainstem. CT scan showed calcification.

He was admitted to hospital. The mass was resected, and he was discharged home 6 days later.

Materials submitted: one representative H&E digital slide

Questions: Diagnosis

 Treatment: What constitutes adequate follow-up?