

# IMAGING AND PATHOLOGY OF SINUS DISEASE

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# Agenda

- Function and anatomy of sinuses
- Cases
- Differential diagnosis for the cases

# Sinus function

- Warm and humidify air
- Air filtration
- Smell and taste
- Voice resonance

Help to think?

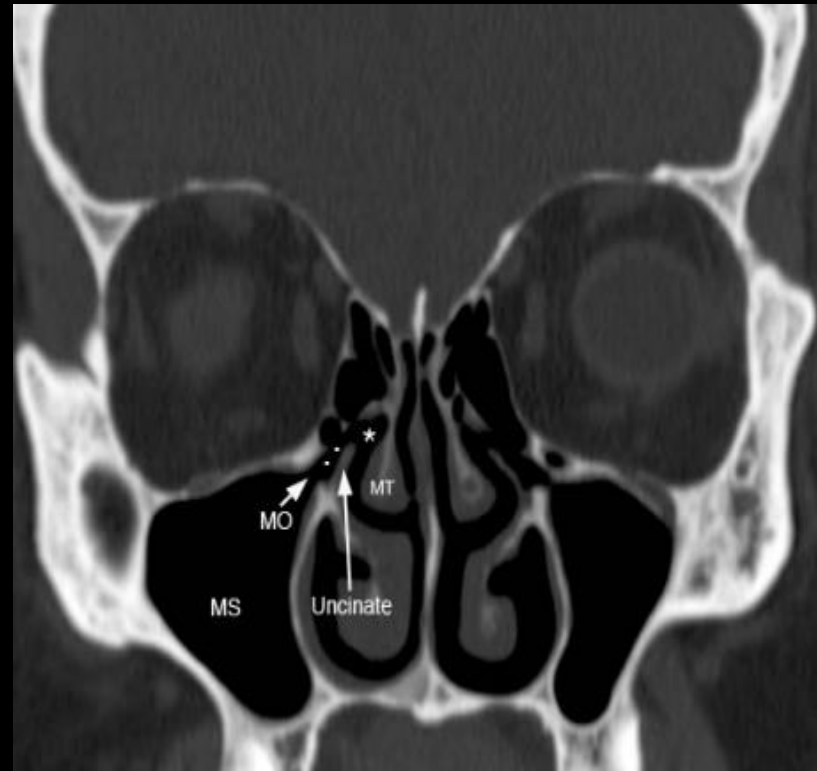
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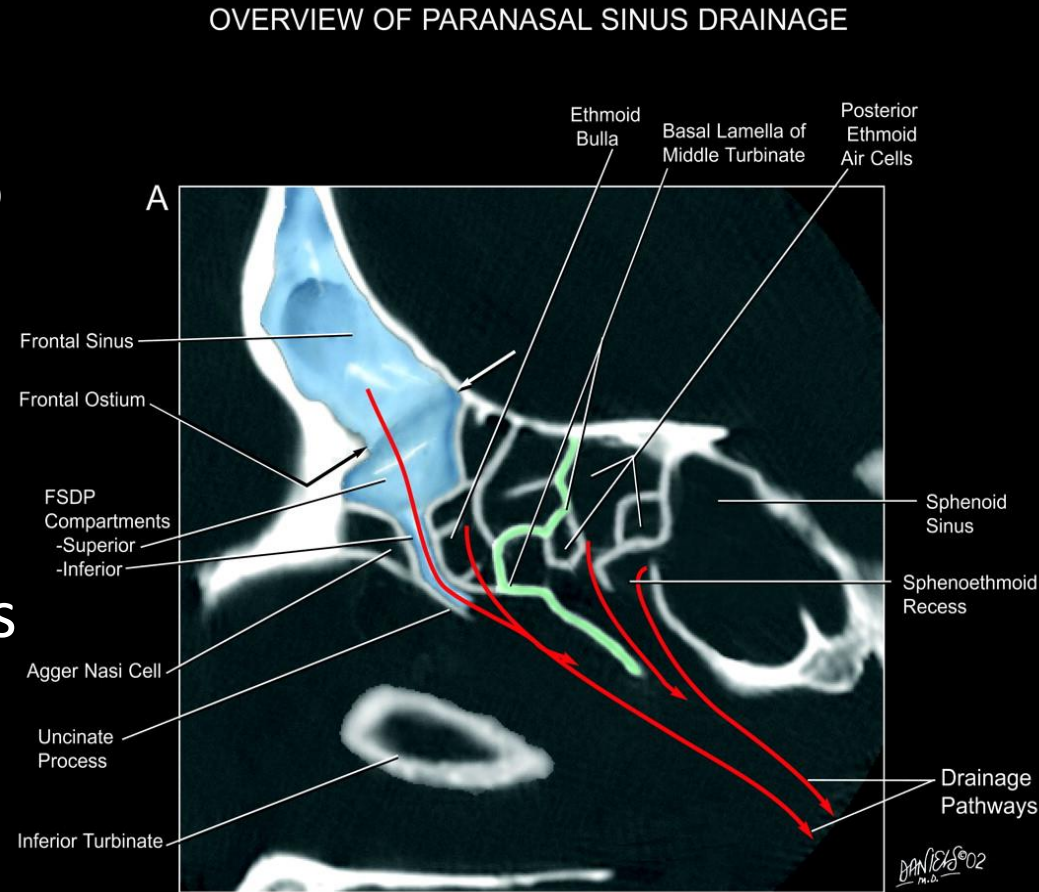
# Sinus anatomy

- Sinuses are like fingerprints
- **OMU complex**
  - drainage pathway of the maxillary, frontal and anterior ethmoidal sinuses
  - Maxillary antrum -> maxillary ostium → infundibulum →uncinate process→ hiatus semilunaris → middle meatus
  - Some include frontal recess as part of OMU



# Sinus anatomy

- **Frontal sinus** → Frontal sinus Drainage Pathway → middle meatus or ethmoid infundibulum to middle meatus
- **Sphenoid sinus and posterior ethmoid cells** → sphenoethmoid recess → superior meatus
- **Anterior ethmoid cells** → middle meatus



David L. Daniels et al. AJNR Am J Neuroradiol 2003;24:1618-1627

# CT and sinuses

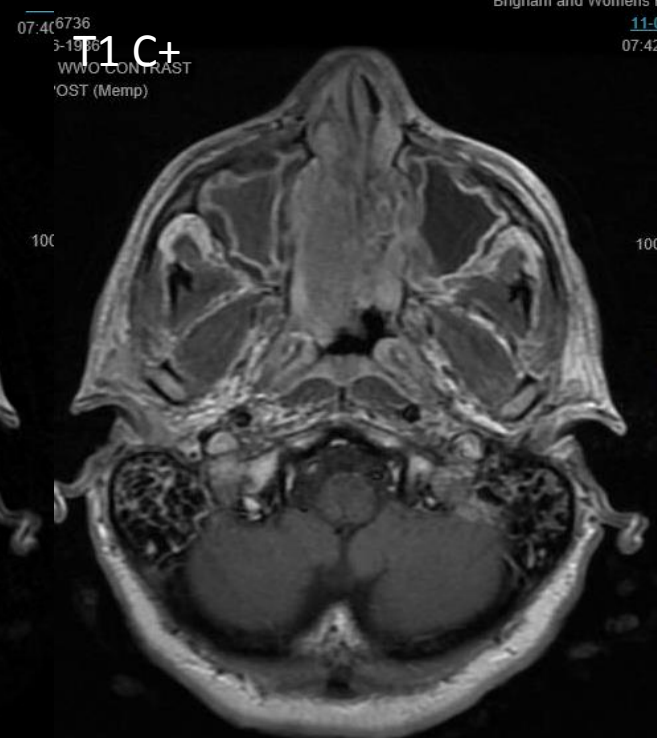
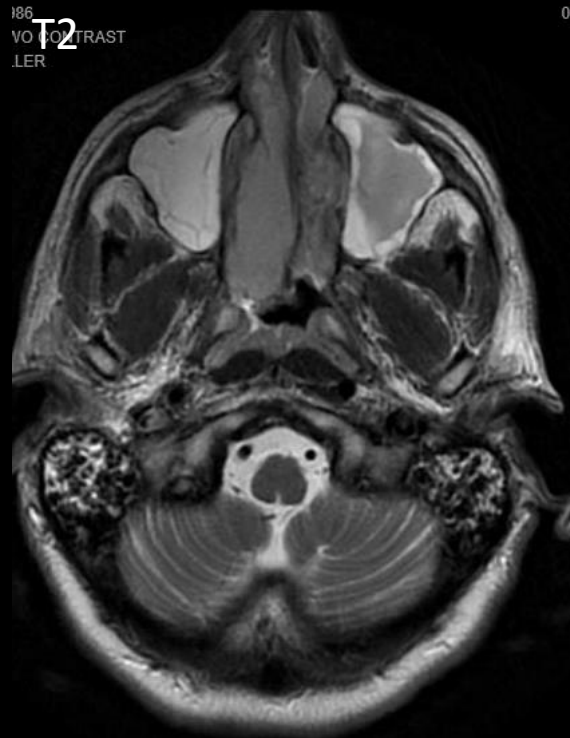
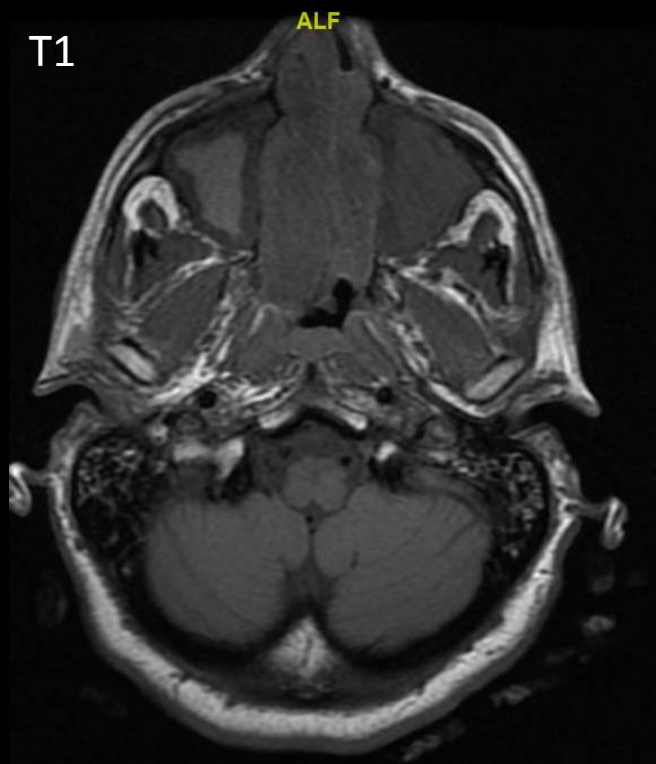
- CT – good for determining anatomic landmarks and variants
  - Septal deviation, concha bullosa etc. that can narrow OMU and lead to OMU pattern of sinonasal disease
  - Bone destructions and intraorbital, intracranial extension

# MRI and sinus disease

- Need to look at 3 sequences:
  - T1
    - Extension of the tumor beyond the sinus
      - Skin, parasinus fat planes, etc.
  - T2
    - Tumor vs. sinus secretions/polyp
  - T1 post contrast
    - tumor should enhance while mucosal secretions should not

	TUMOR	SINUS SECRETIONS	SINUS MUCOSA
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T2	Grey	Bright	Grey/Bright
T1 C+	Enhance	NOT enhance	Enhance

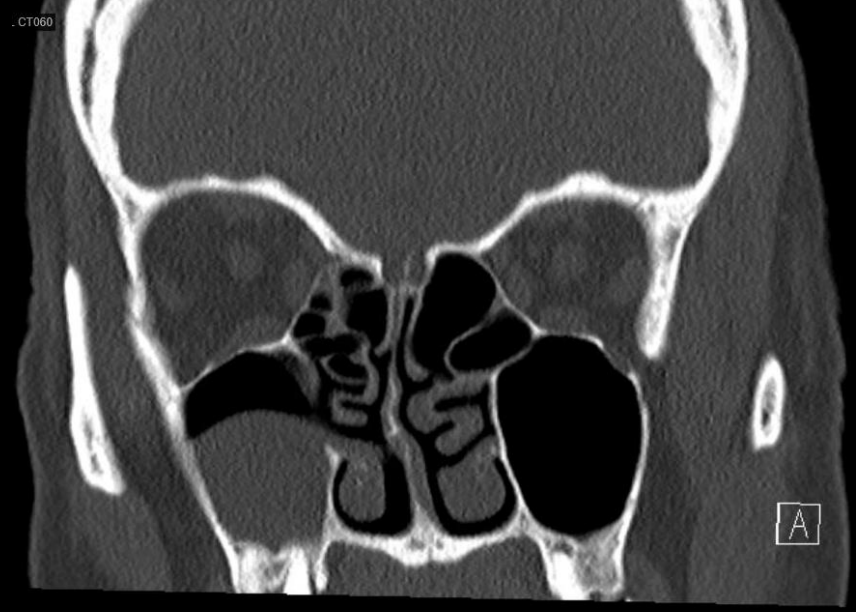
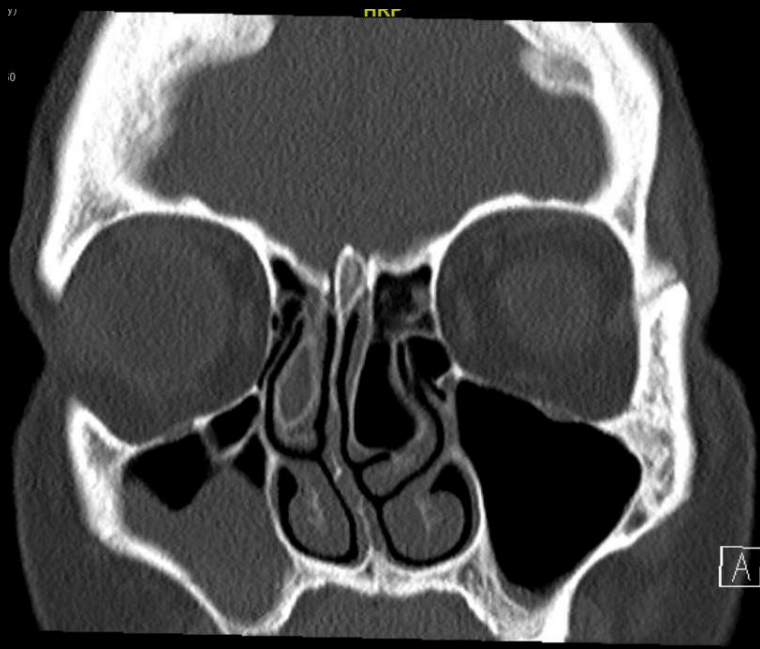
IF [protein in secretions] > 30 %, both T1 and T2 will be dark



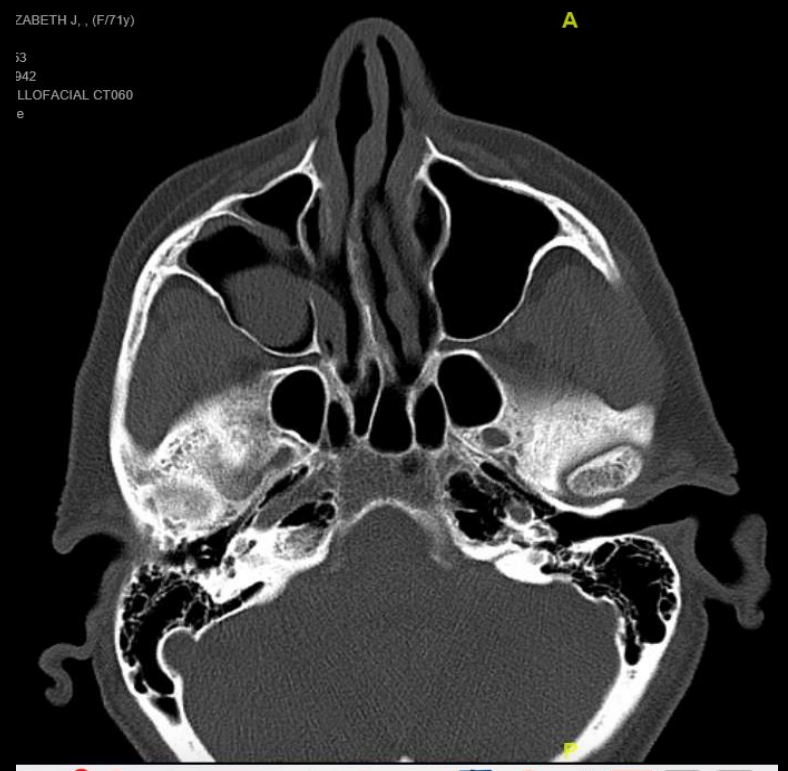


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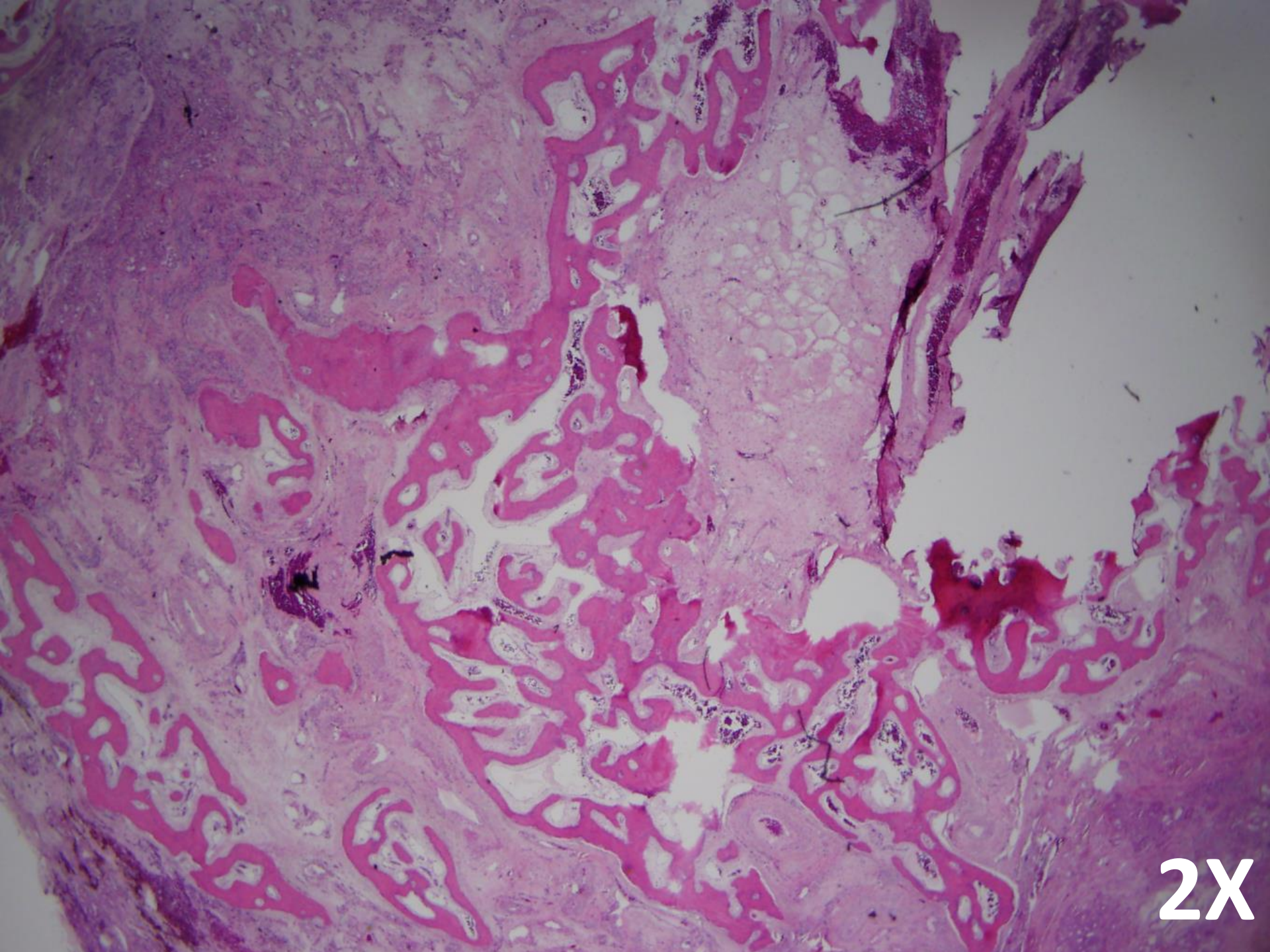
73 year old woman with unilateral nasal congestion



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The image is a histological slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E), showing sections of sinonasal mucosa. The tissue exhibits a complex, folded structure with numerous glandular and ductal spaces. The mucosal lining is thick, and the underlying stroma is dense and collagenous. There are areas of mild chronic inflammation visible as small, dark-staining clusters of cells. Fragments of bone are also present, appearing as irregular, light-colored structures. The overall appearance is consistent with a benign, polypoid lesion.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS:  
RIGHT SINUS CONTENTS:

Polypoid sinonasal mucosa with dense, collagenous stroma and mild chronic inflammation.

Fragments of bone and sinonasal mucosa with no significant pathologic change. No evidence of malignancy.

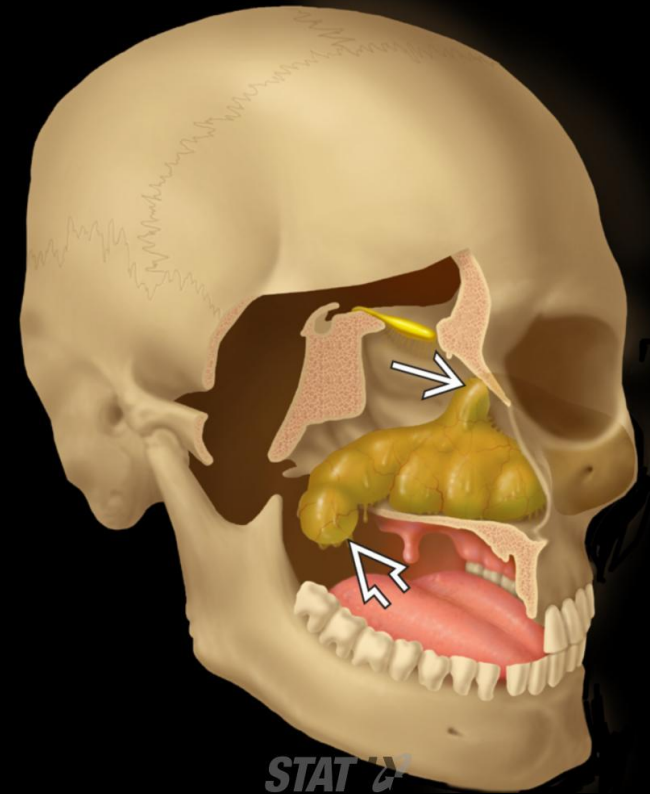
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# Antrochoanal polyp

- Benign inflammatory polyp – edematous hypertrophy of the respiratory epithelium
  - Most commonly originates from the mucosa of maxillary antrum
    - antrochoanal>>sphenchoanal>ethmochoanal
- Symptoms:  
Unilateral nasal obstruction, sore throat, headache, nasal breathing
- Bimodal age distribution:
  - Teenagers and young adults (mean age ~ 10 years)
  - Smaller group in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> decade

# Antrochoanal polyp

- Dumbbell shaped polypoid low density mass
- maxillary antral origin → widened maxillary ostium or accessory ostium → nasal cavity
- Bone surrounding the infundibulum remodeled but not destroyed
- Peripheral enhancement with no central enhancement



To treat antrochoanal polyp you would recommend:

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- 2) Steroids
- 3) Neti Pot daily with saline
- 4) Surgical resection
- 5) Alternative medicine

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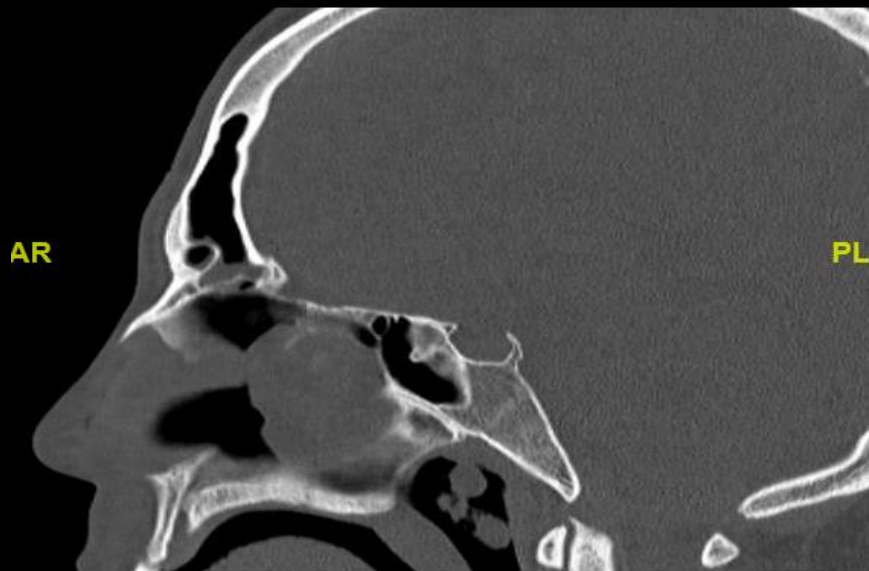
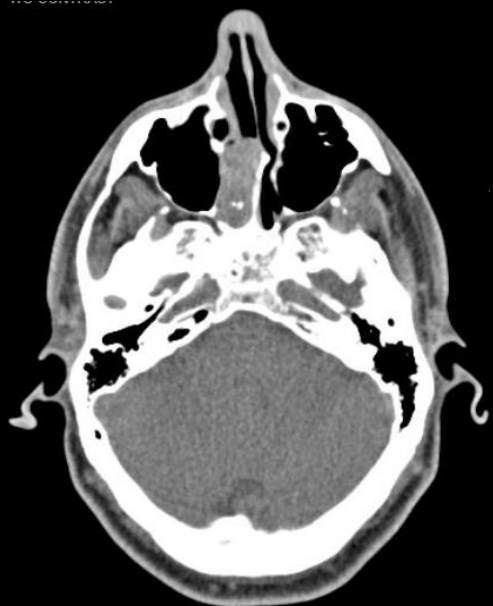
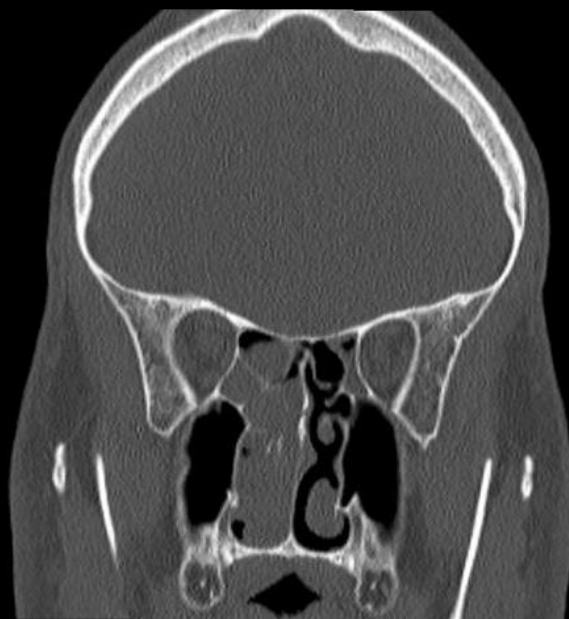
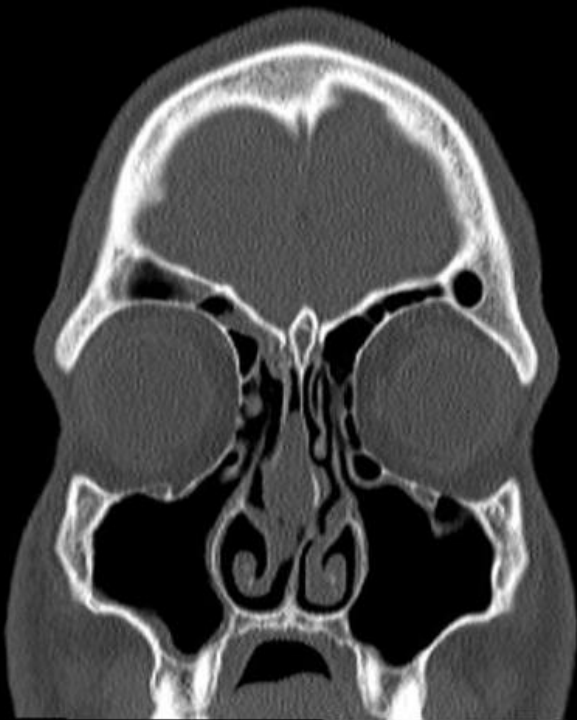
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Tends to regrow if the polyp is not resected in its entirety

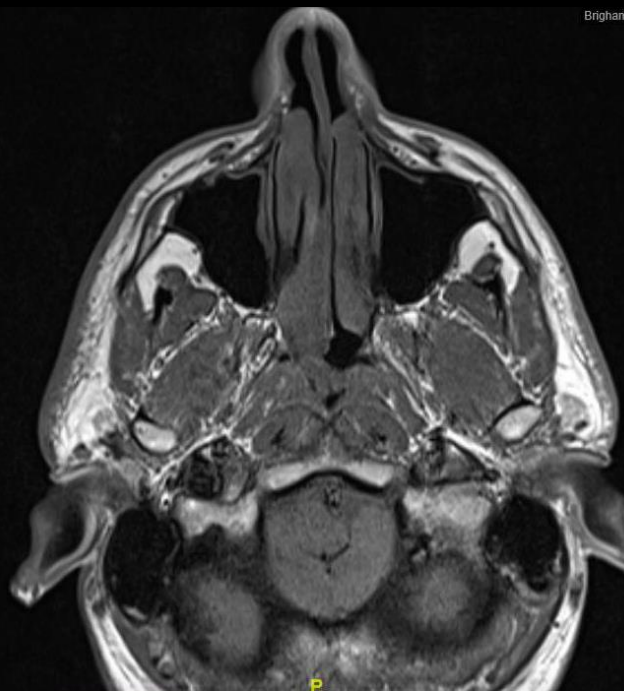


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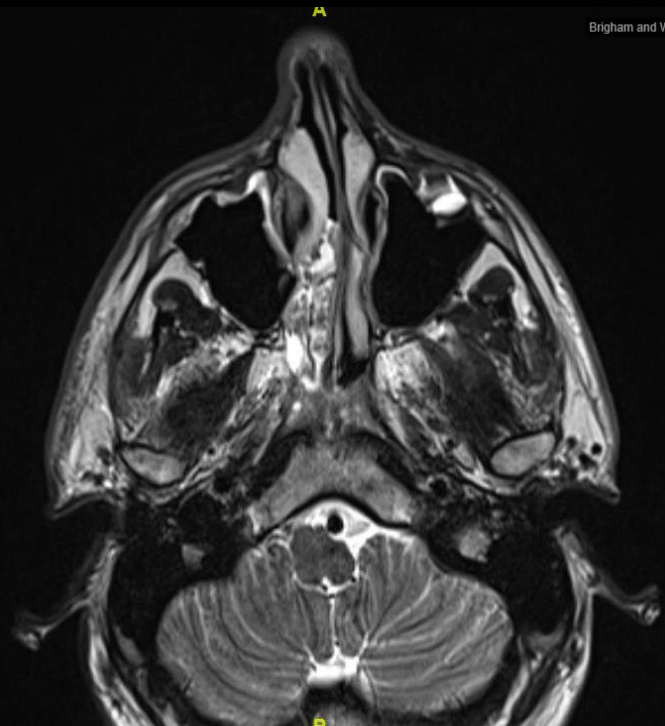
33 year old man with history of right nasal obstruction for a month



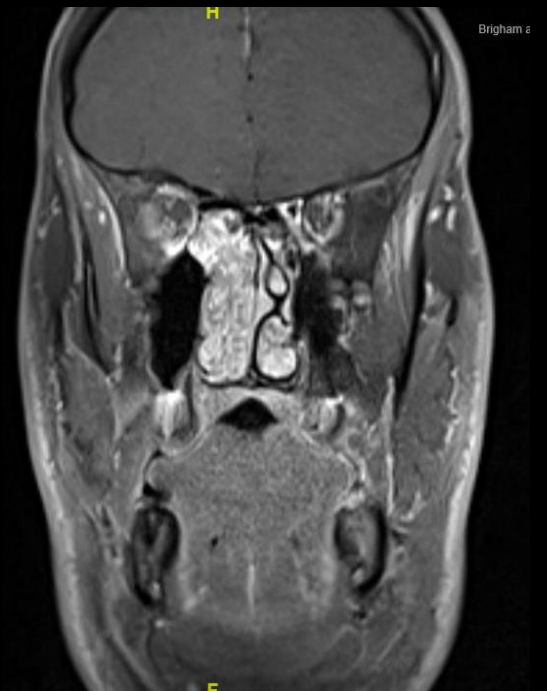
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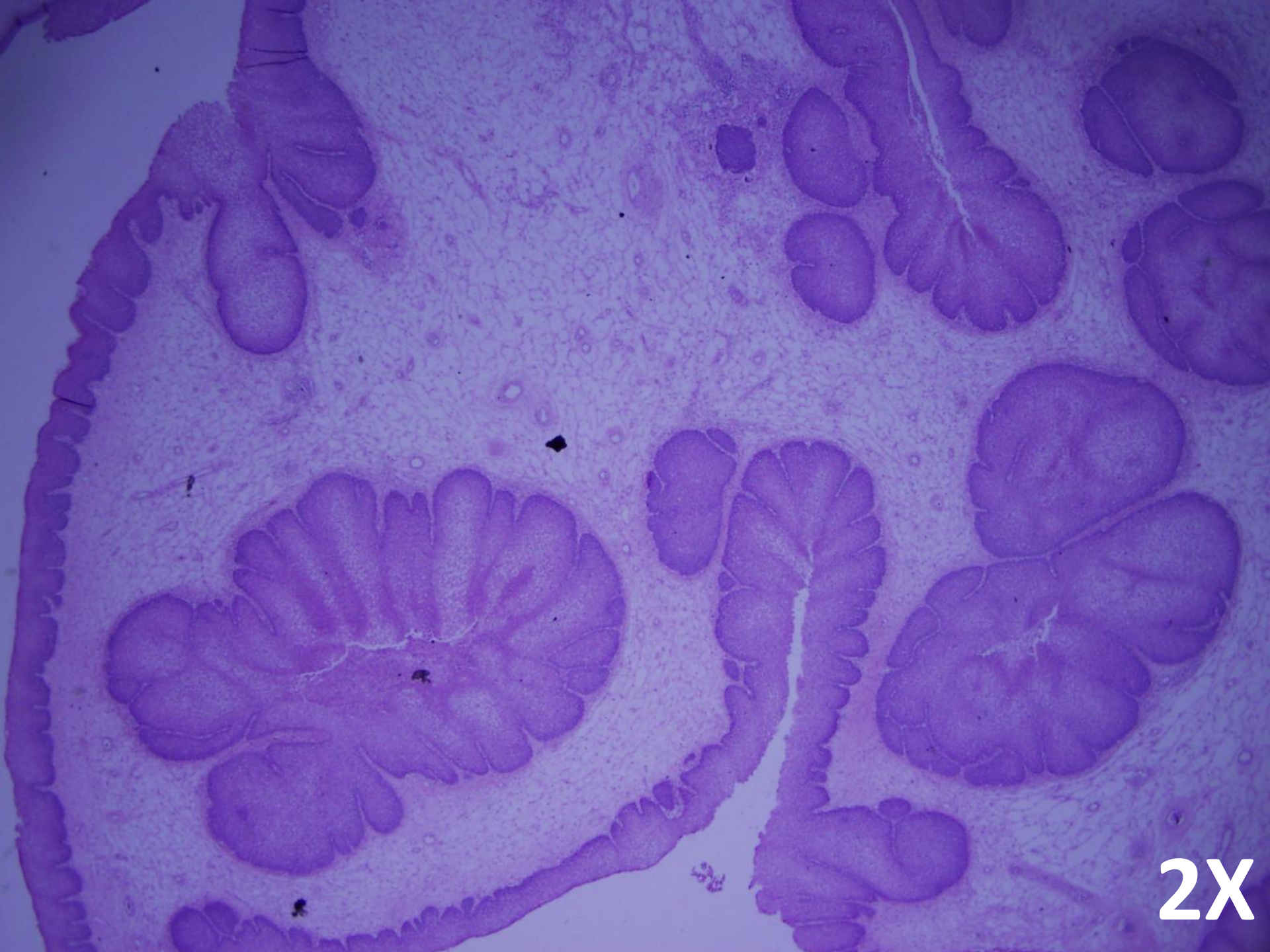
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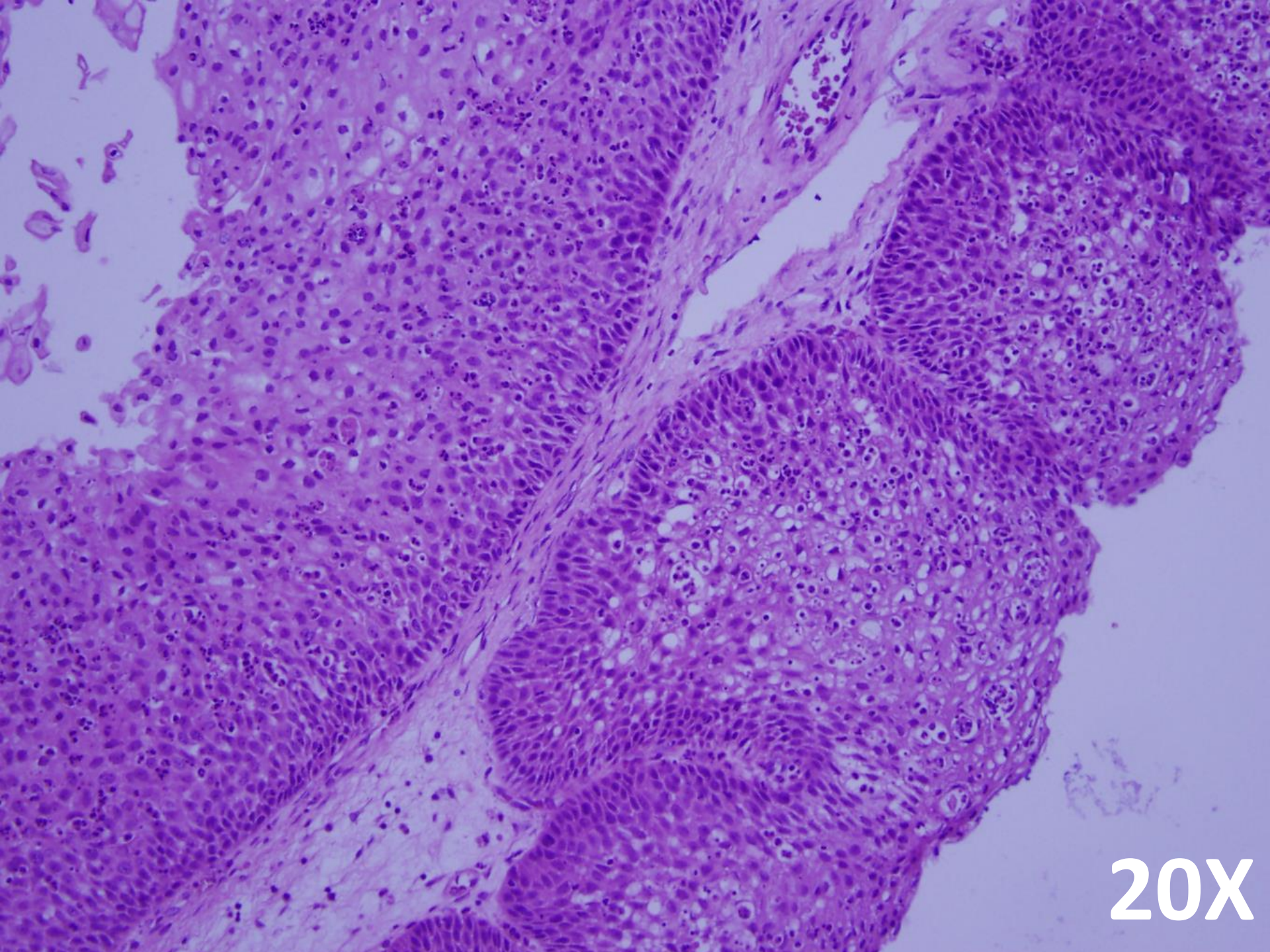






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A histological slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) showing fragments of inverted papilloma. The tissue is characterized by a dense proliferation of squamous epithelial cells, with some areas showing a more organized, papillary architecture and others showing a more disorganized, infiltrative growth pattern. The nuclei are stained dark purple, and the cytoplasm and extracellular matrix are stained pink.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS:  
RIGHT NASAL MASS:

Fragments of **inverted papilloma**.  
There is no evidence of malignancy.

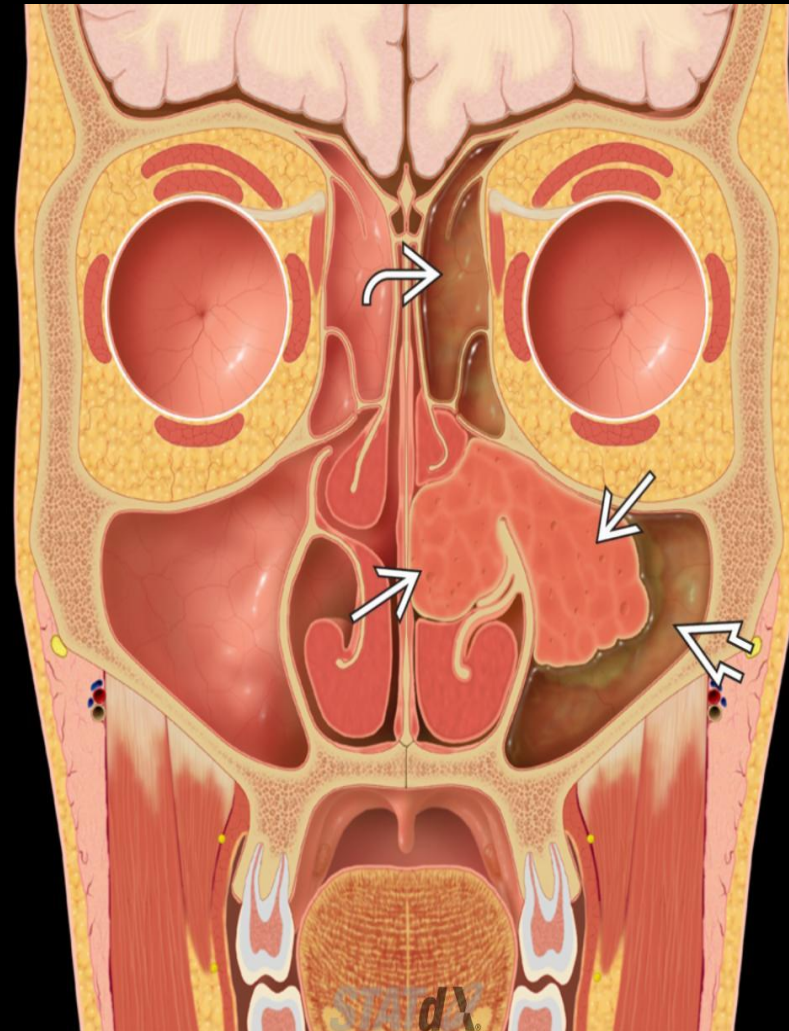
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# Inverted papilloma

- Benign lobulated tumor of sinus mucosa
- Symptoms of nasal obstruction and discharge
  - Epistaxis, anosmia, headache, pain
- Age and gender distribution
  - 40-70 years
  - M:F 4-5:1
- Treatment: Resection
  - Strong potential for local recurrence if incompletely resected

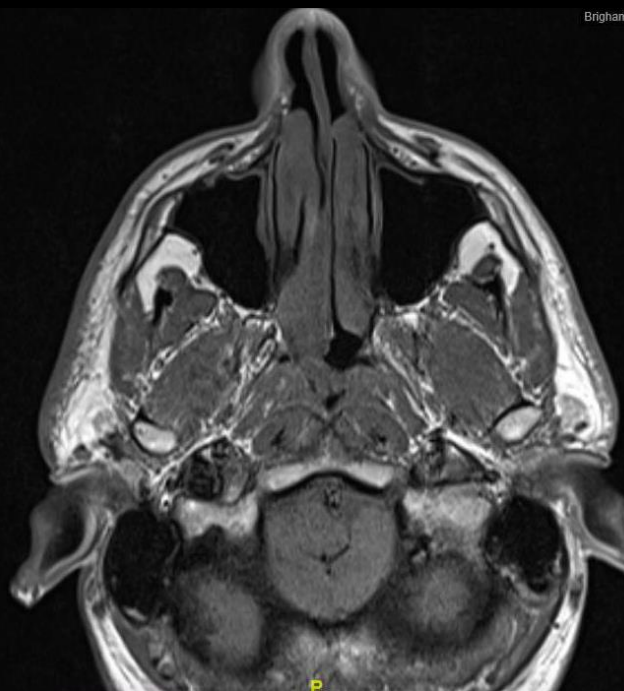
# Inverted papilloma

- Located along the lateral nasal wall **centered at middle meatus** +/- extension into the antrum
  - 40% show entrapped bone
  - 10% show tumorous calcification
  - Focal hyperostosis of the adjacent bone may indicate point of tumor attachment
  - **Cerebriform pattern** of enhancement on MRI





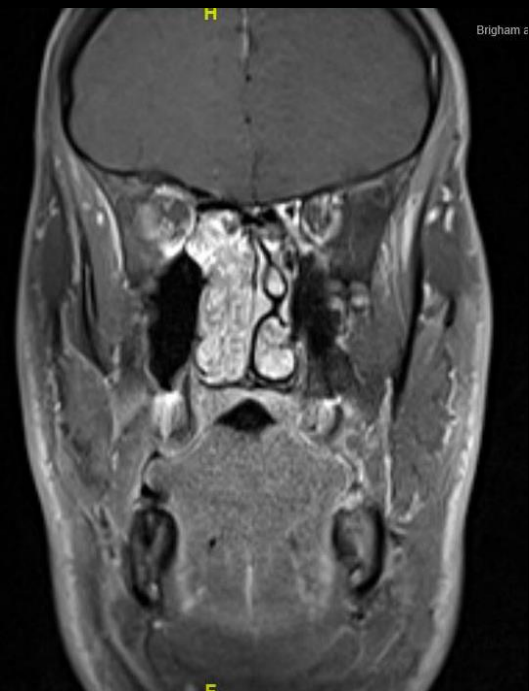
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Isointense to muscle

Cerebriform pattern

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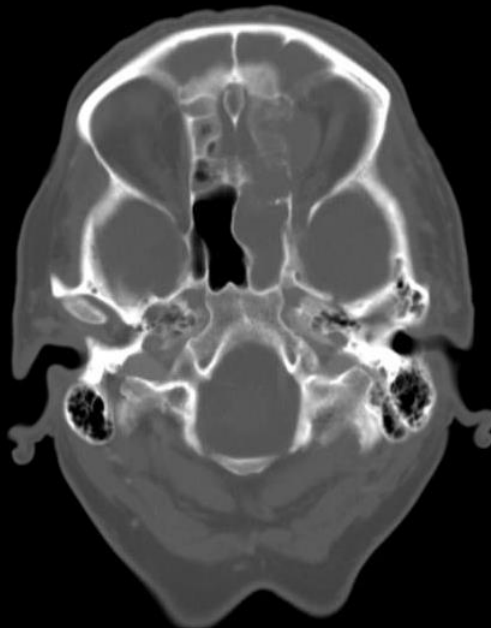
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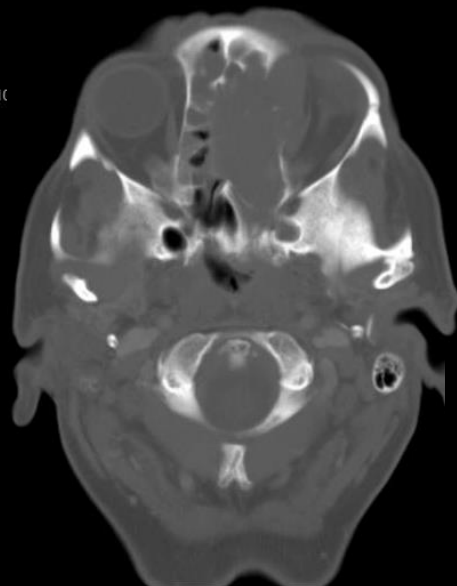
Due to high rate of recurrence and possibility of transforming into SCC follow up is necessary

# Case 3

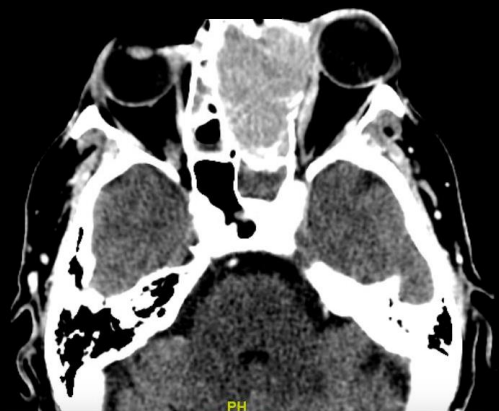
- 70 year old female with history of 7 months of left sided rhinorrhea, anosmia on the left, obstruction and facial swelling



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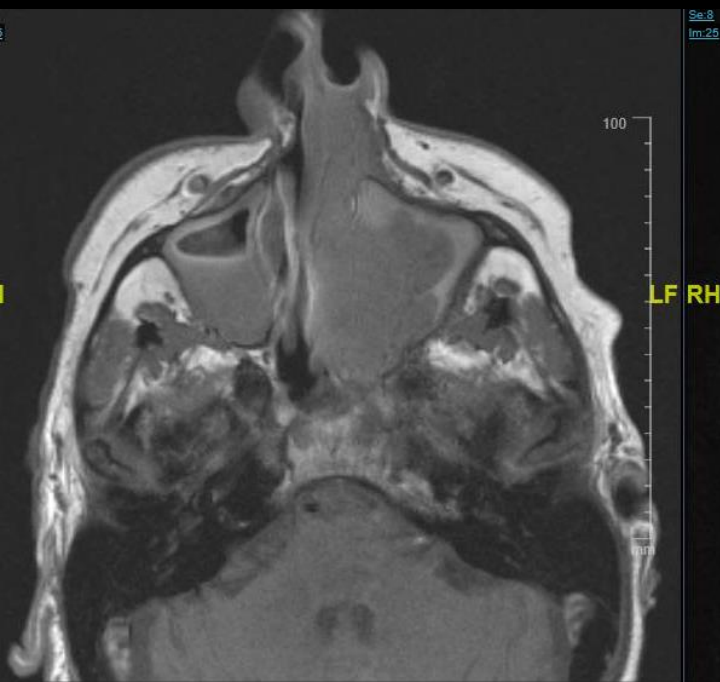


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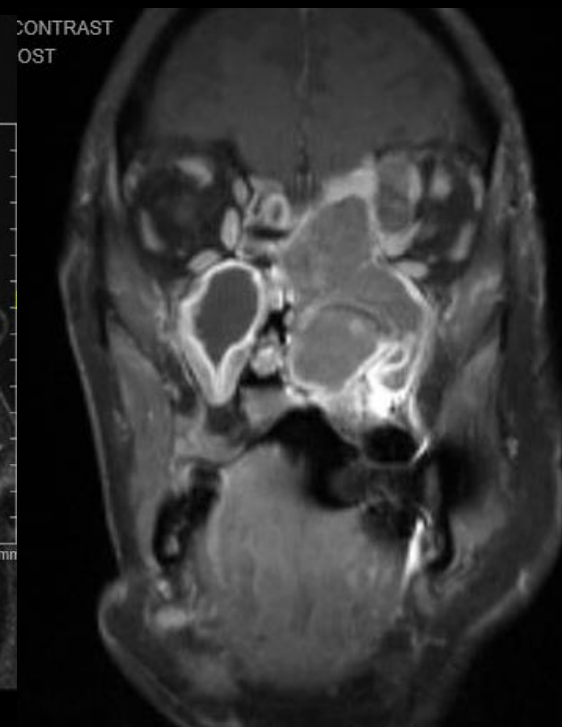
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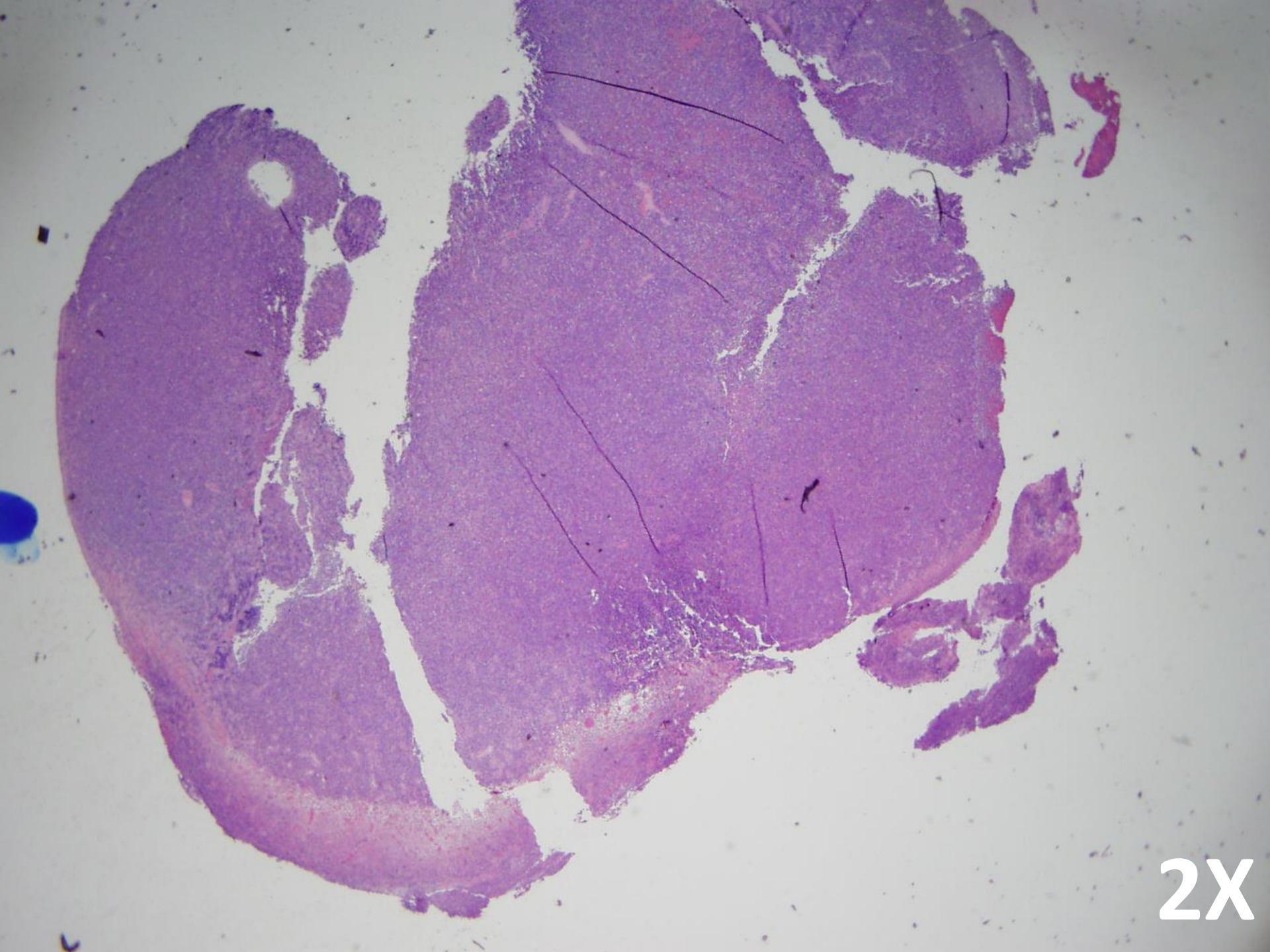
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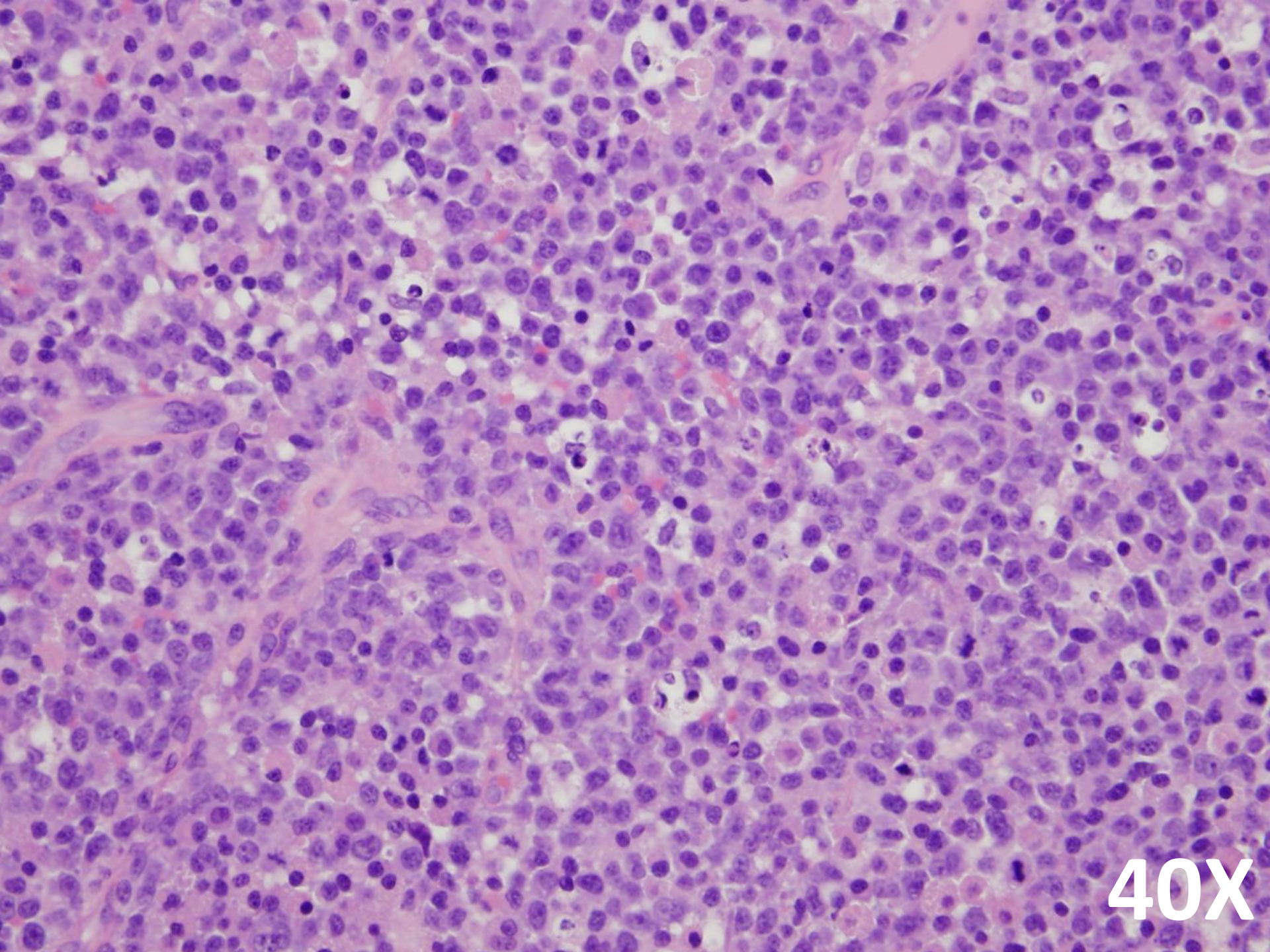






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PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS:  
LEFT NASAL MASS, BIOPSY:

**CONSISTENT WITH INVOLVEMENT BY DIFFUSE LARGE  
B-CELL LYMPHOMA WITH PLASMACYTIC DIFFERENTIATION**

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# Sinonasal lymphoma

- Extranodal lymphoproliferative malignancy
- Homogeneous ill defined soft tissue mass with bone destruction
- Age distribution: 6<sup>th</sup> decade
- Symptoms: nasal obstruction and discharge
- Treatment – radiation +/- chemotherapy

# Lymphoma types

- 3 types
  - B cell (Western type): soft tissue and osseous destruction which is more likely to invade the orbit
  - T cell (Asian type): nasal septum perforation and destruction more common
  - NKTL (Asian type): often ulceration and necrosis with symptoms of bleeding

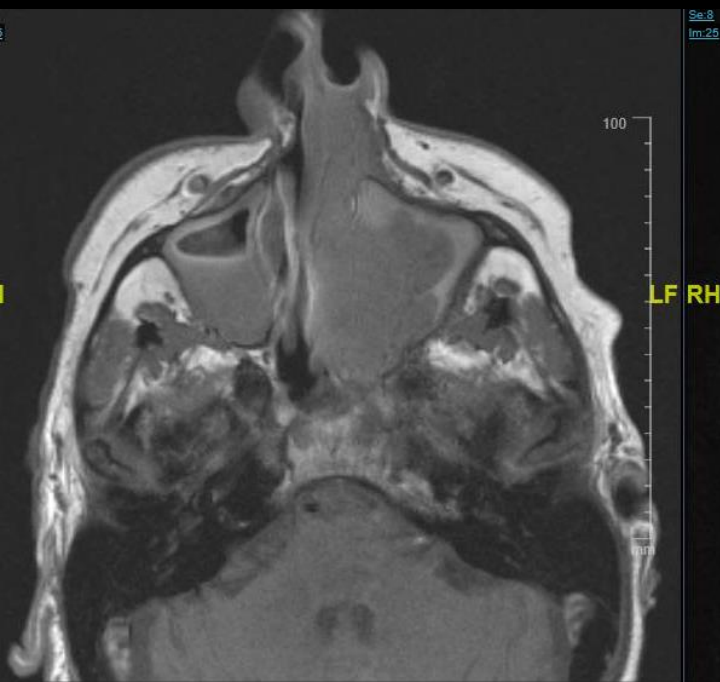
Since sinonasal lymphoma has high N:C ratio it will generally appear:

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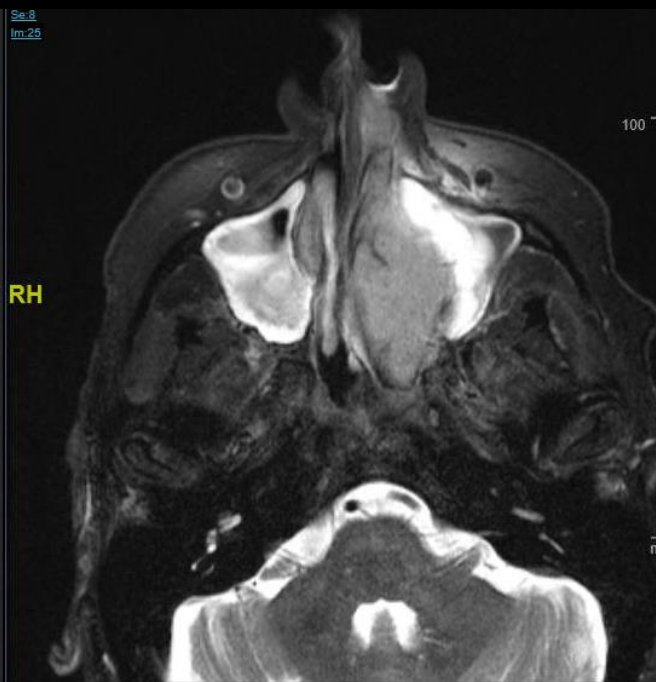
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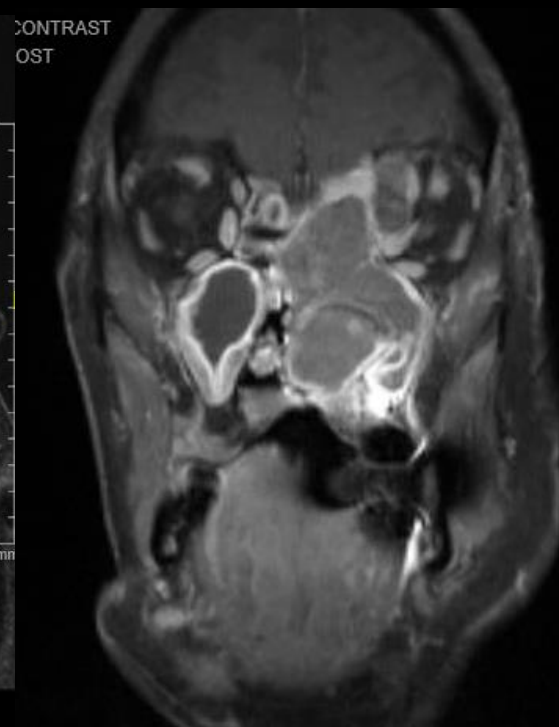
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Hypo to Isointense

Hypo to Isointense

Diffuse homogeneous  
enhancement (degree  
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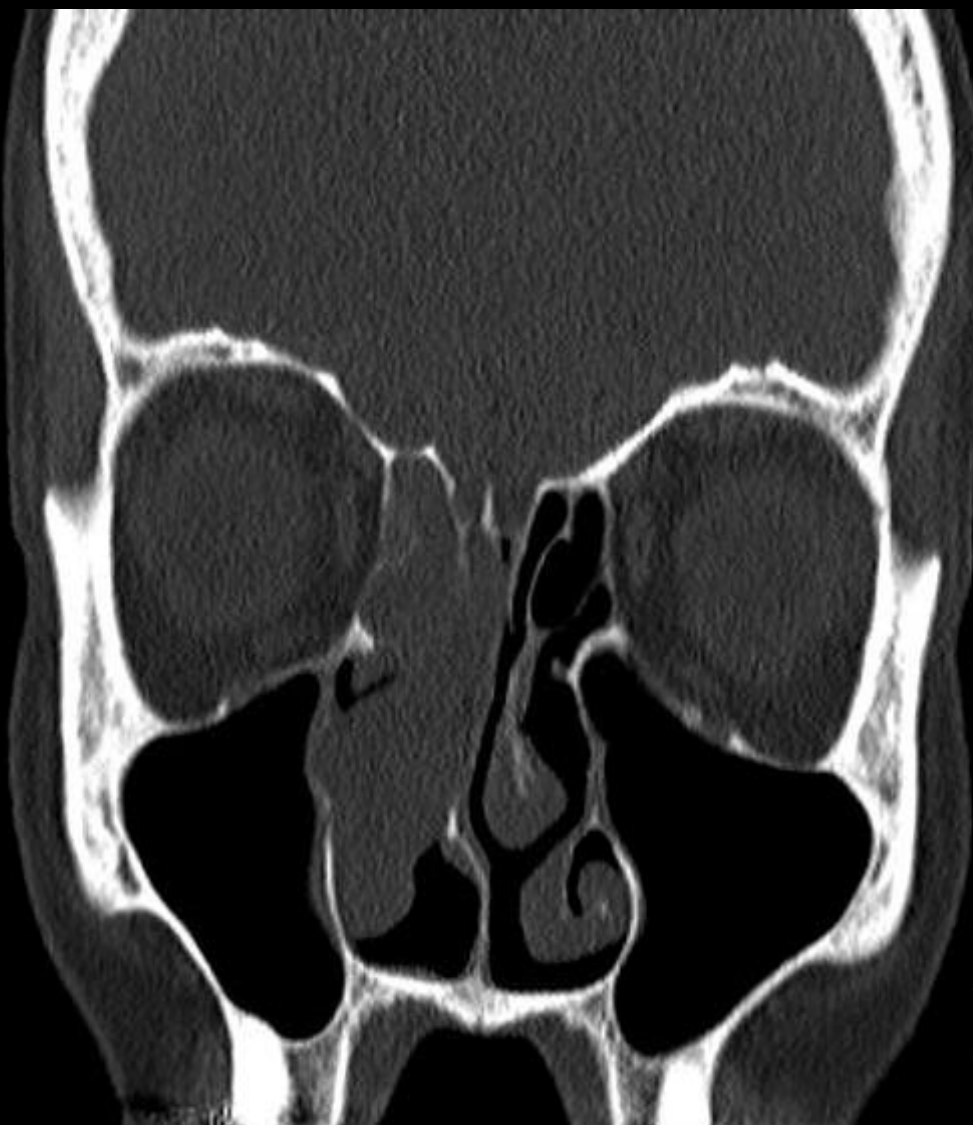
# If you see an aggressive sinonasal soft tissue mass

- Always add sinonasal lymphoma to the differential diagnosis as its appearance is non specific
  - Can mimic variety of neoplasms and aggressive inflammatory disorders

# Case 4

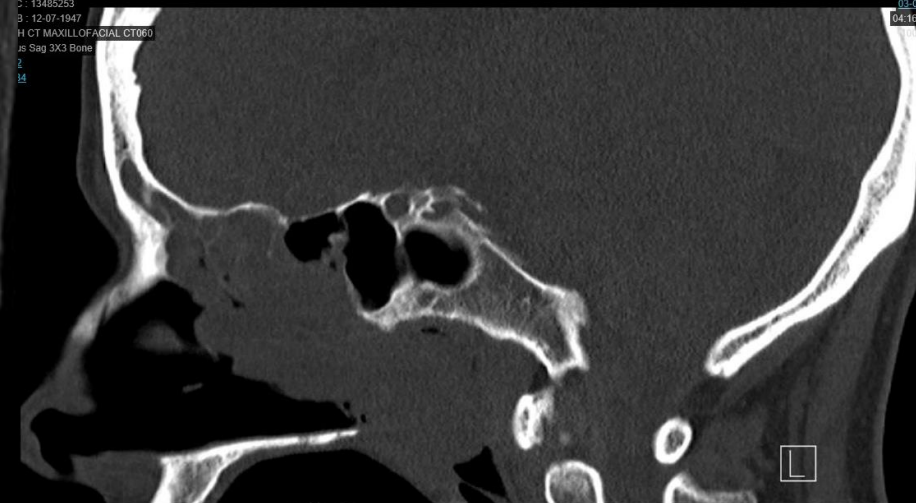
- 66 year old woman with epistaxis and nasal obstruction x 6 months





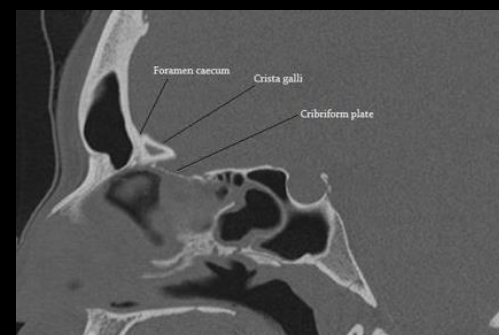
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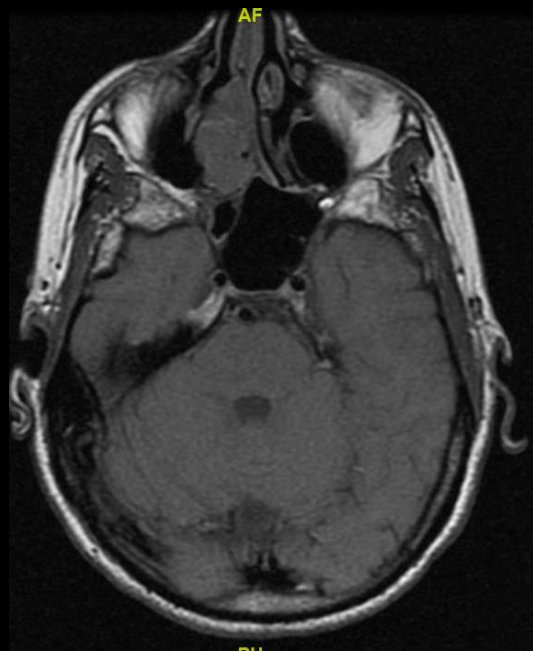


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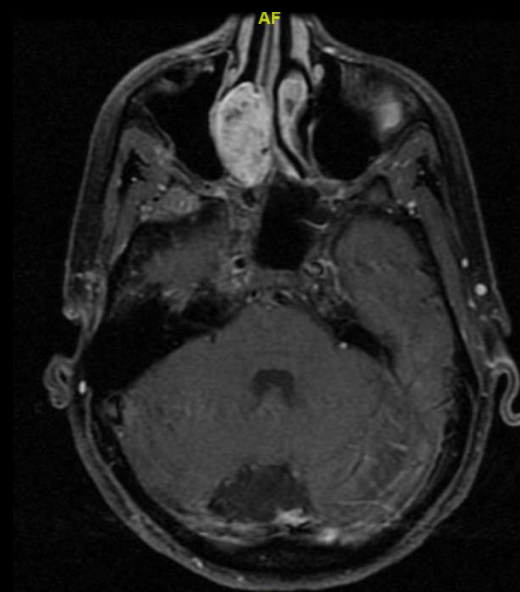
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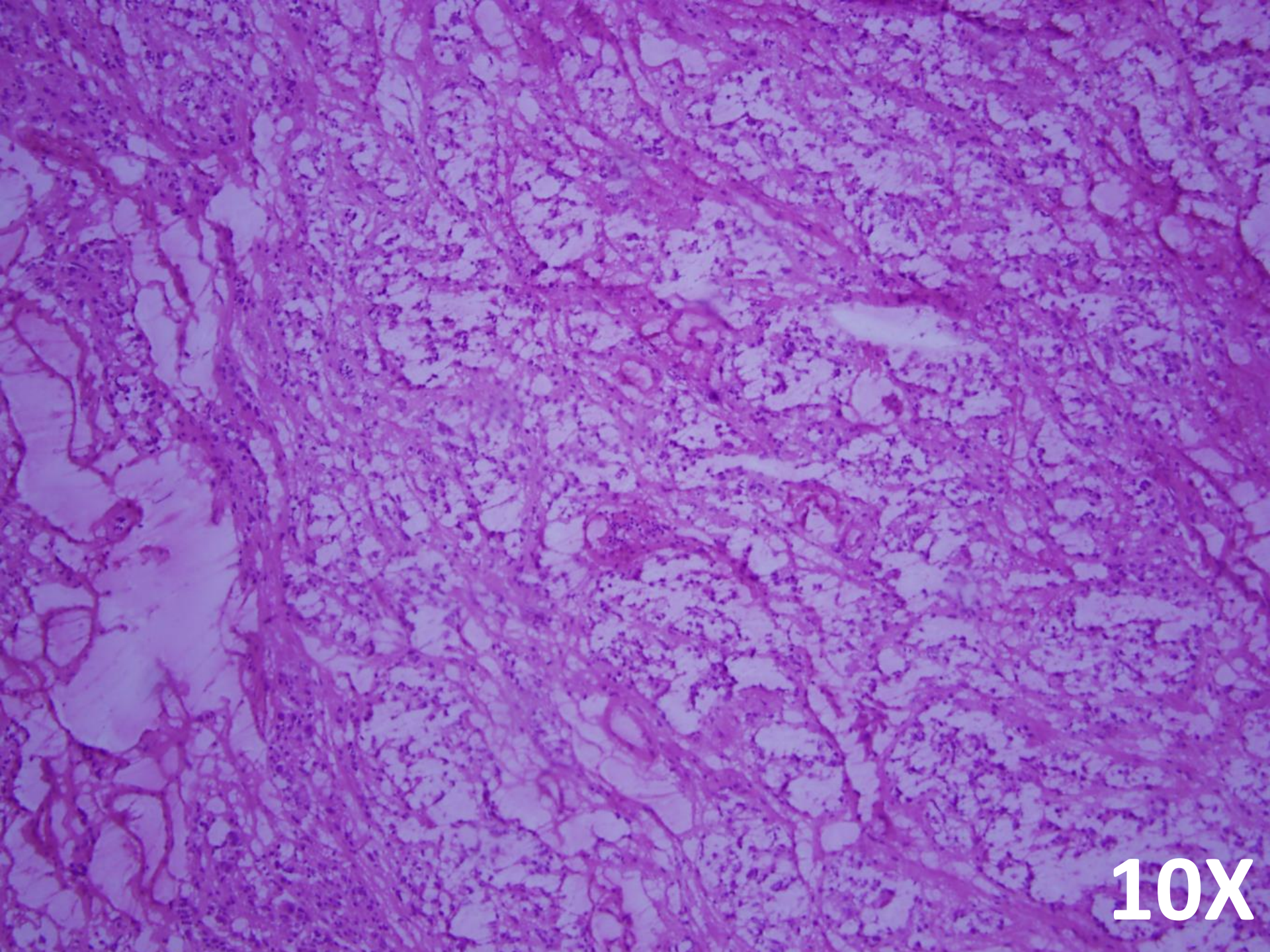
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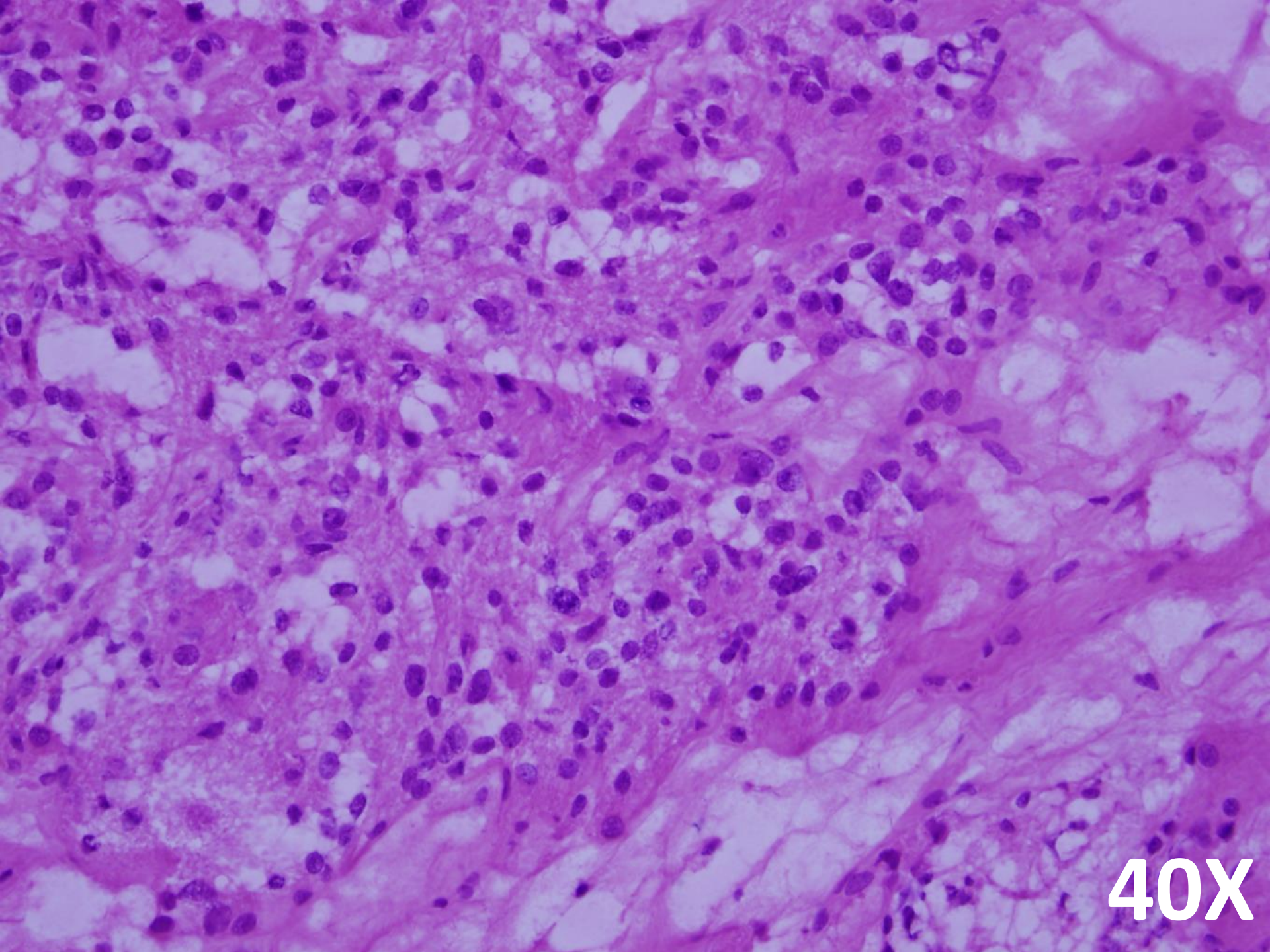






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A histological slide showing a dense population of small, round, blue-stained cells with hyperchromatic nuclei and scant cytoplasm, characteristic of neuroblastoma. The cells are arranged in nests and cords, separated by a fibrous stroma. The background is a light pinkish-purple hue.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS:

**OLFACTORY NEUROBLASTOMA** involving sinonasal mucosa

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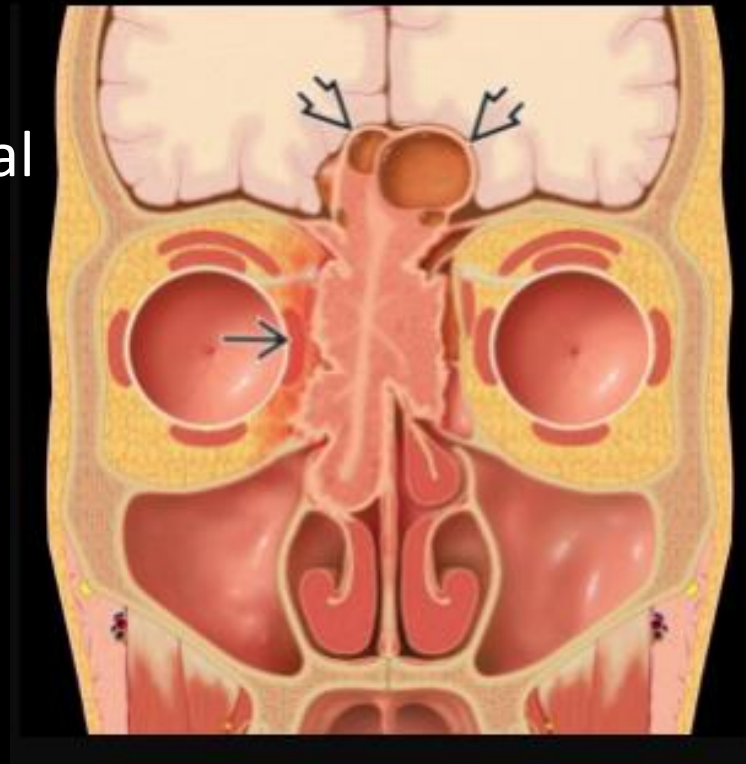


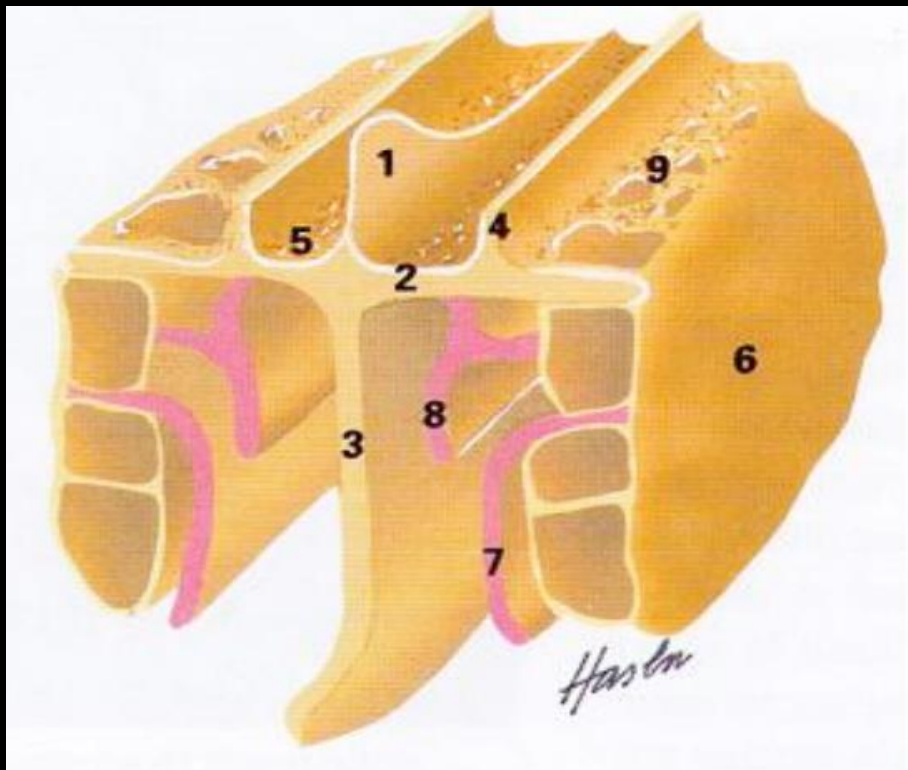
# Esthesioneuroblastoma

- Malignant neuroectodermal tumor arising from olfactory mucosa in superior nasal cavity
- Symptoms: Nasal obstruction and epistaxis, usually pre dating diagnosis 6-12 months
- Bimodal distribution in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> decade
- Slight male predominance
- Can lead to distant recurrence
- Treatment – craniofacial resection and radiotherapy

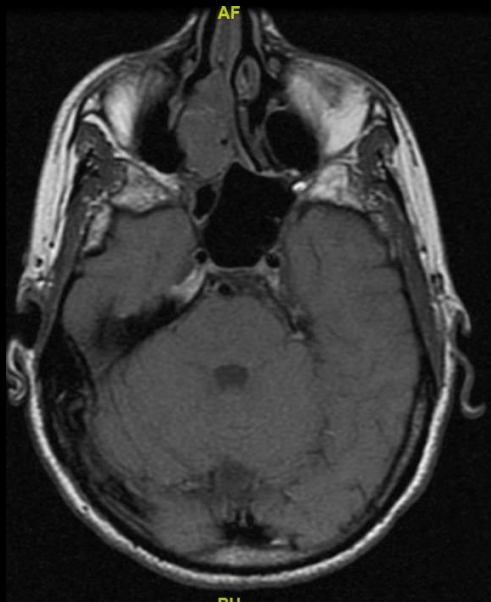
# Esthesioneuroblastoma

- Dumbbell/polypod shaped mass
  - upper portion in anterior cranial fossa
  - lower portion in upper nasal cavity
- Peripheral tumor cysts at intracranial tumor brain margin
- Local spread in nose and sinuses
- Bone remodeling +/- bone destruction
- **Avidly enhances** on post contrast MRI





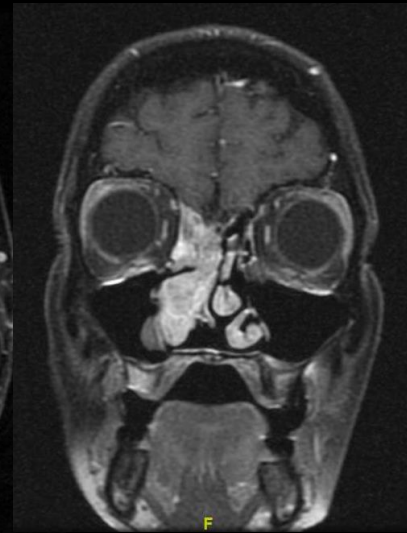
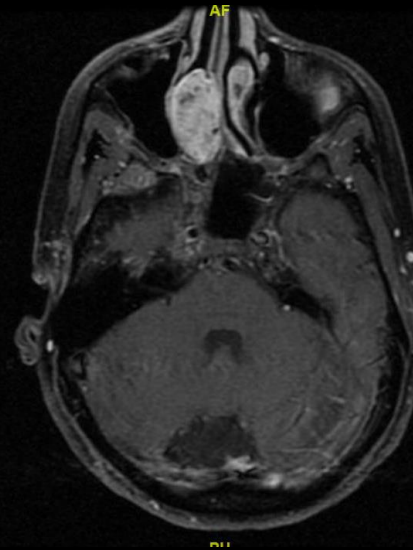
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Intermediate to  
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# Esthesioneuroblastoma

- Kadish classification:

Stage A: Localized to nasal cavity

Stage B: Localized to nasal cavity and sinuses

Stage C: Extends beyond sinonasal cavities

Good predictor of outcome



# Patients with esthesioneuroblastoma can present with the following paraneoplastic symptom:

- 1) Cushing syndrome
- 2) Lambert Eaton syndrome
- 3) Trousseau sign
- 4) Dermatomyositis

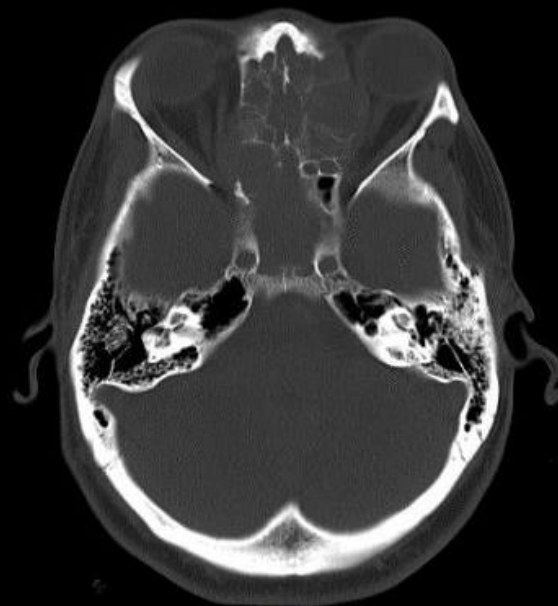
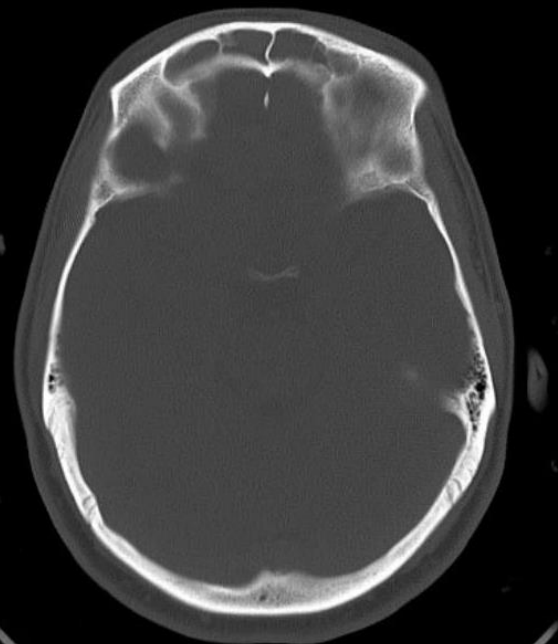
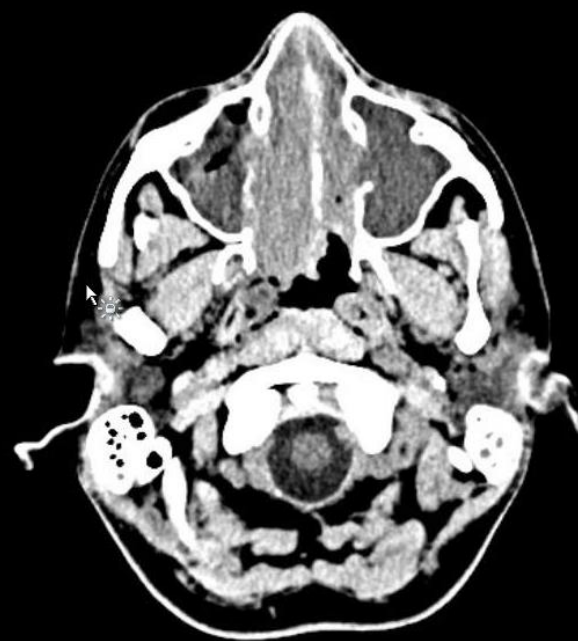
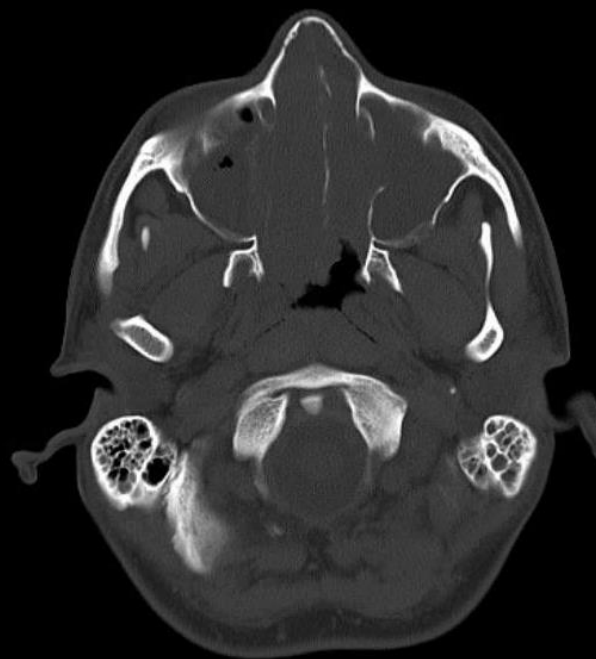
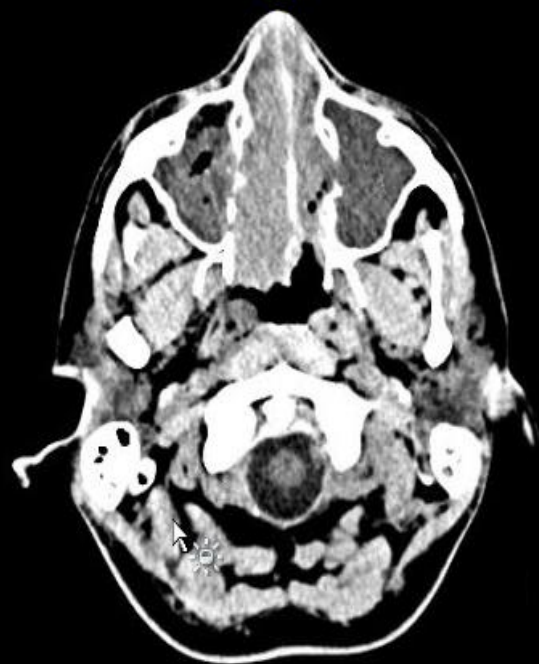
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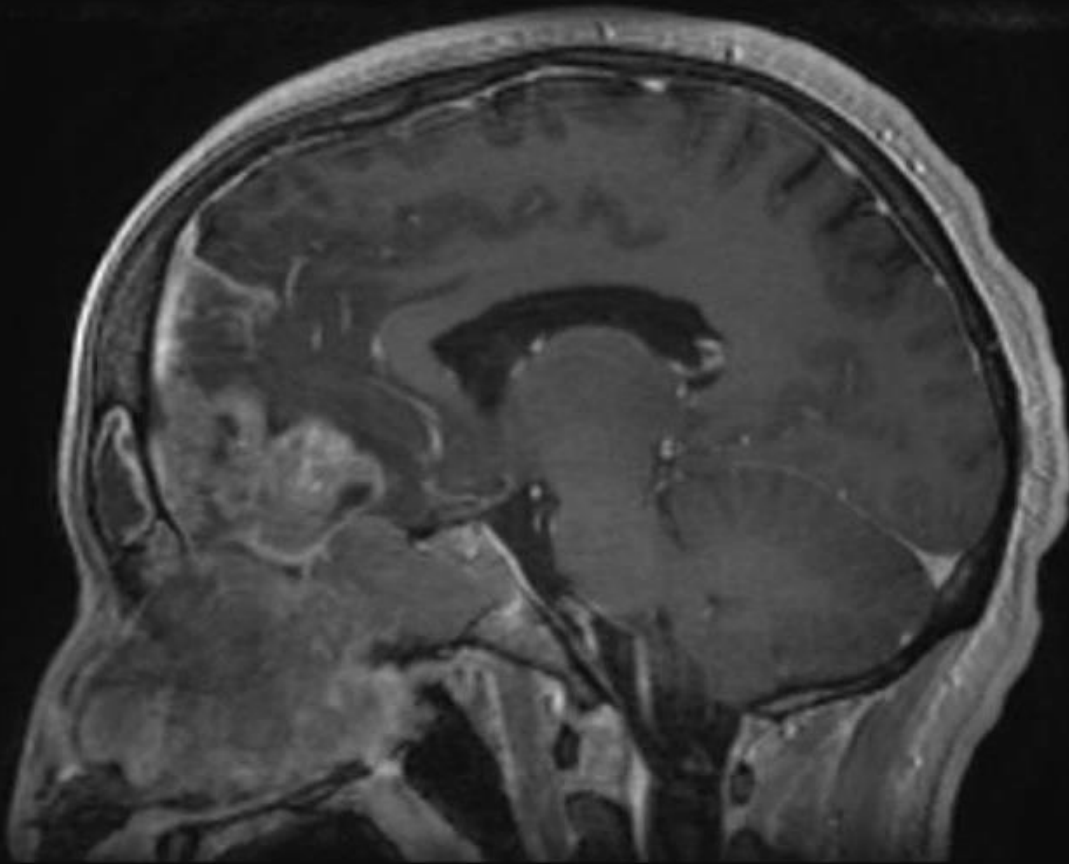
# Case 5

30 year old man with worsening symptoms of sinus congestion, worsening epistaxis and headaches for several week, presenting to a hospital s/p seizure episode

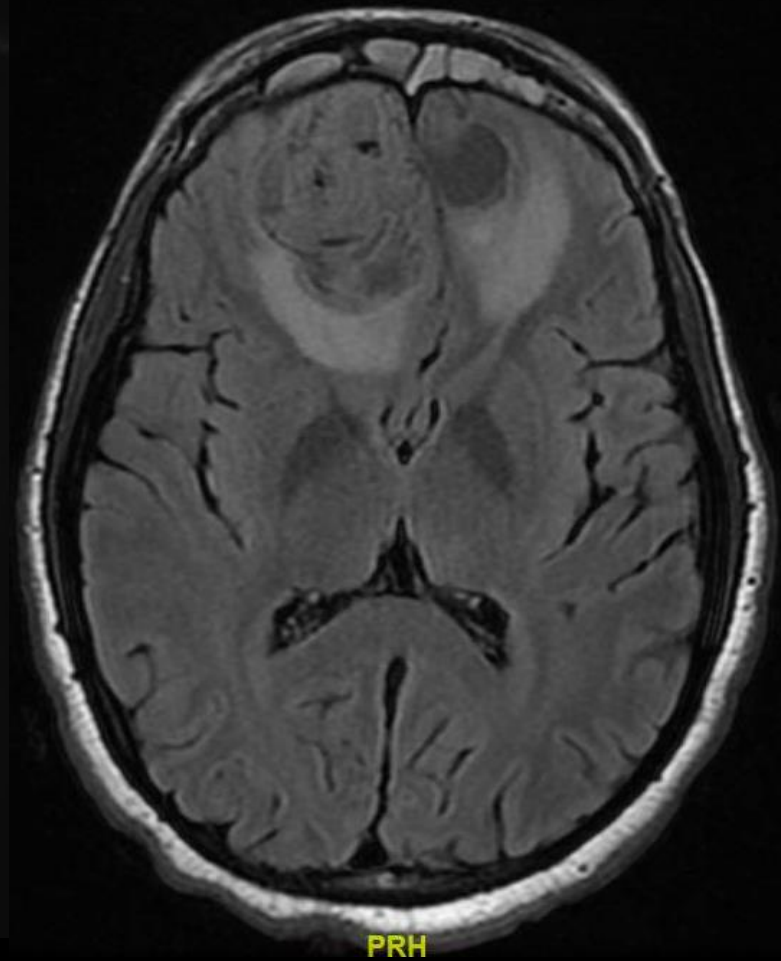
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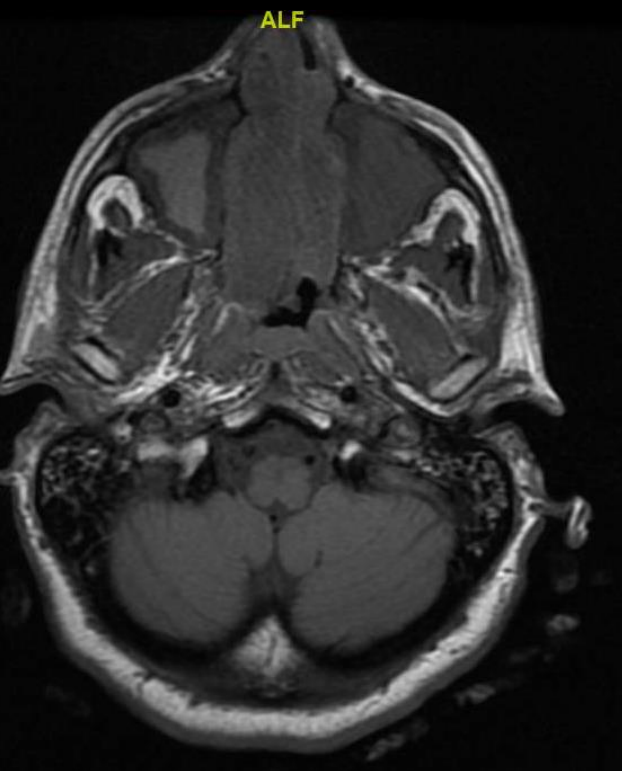


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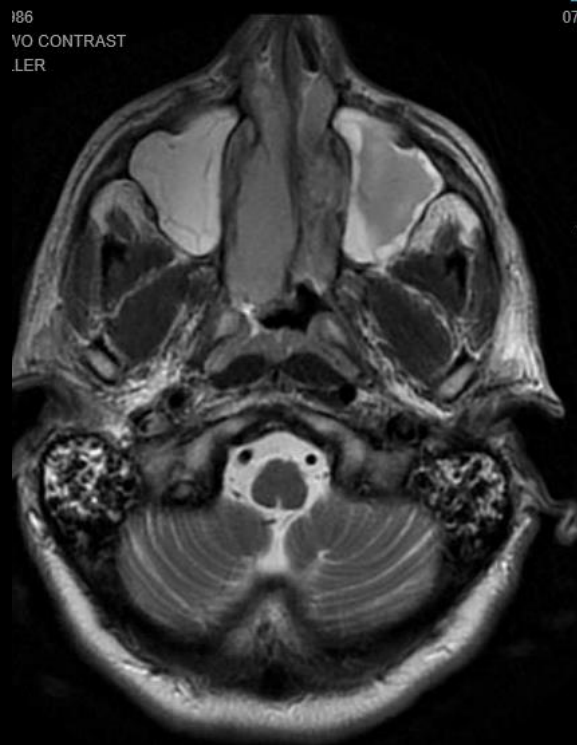




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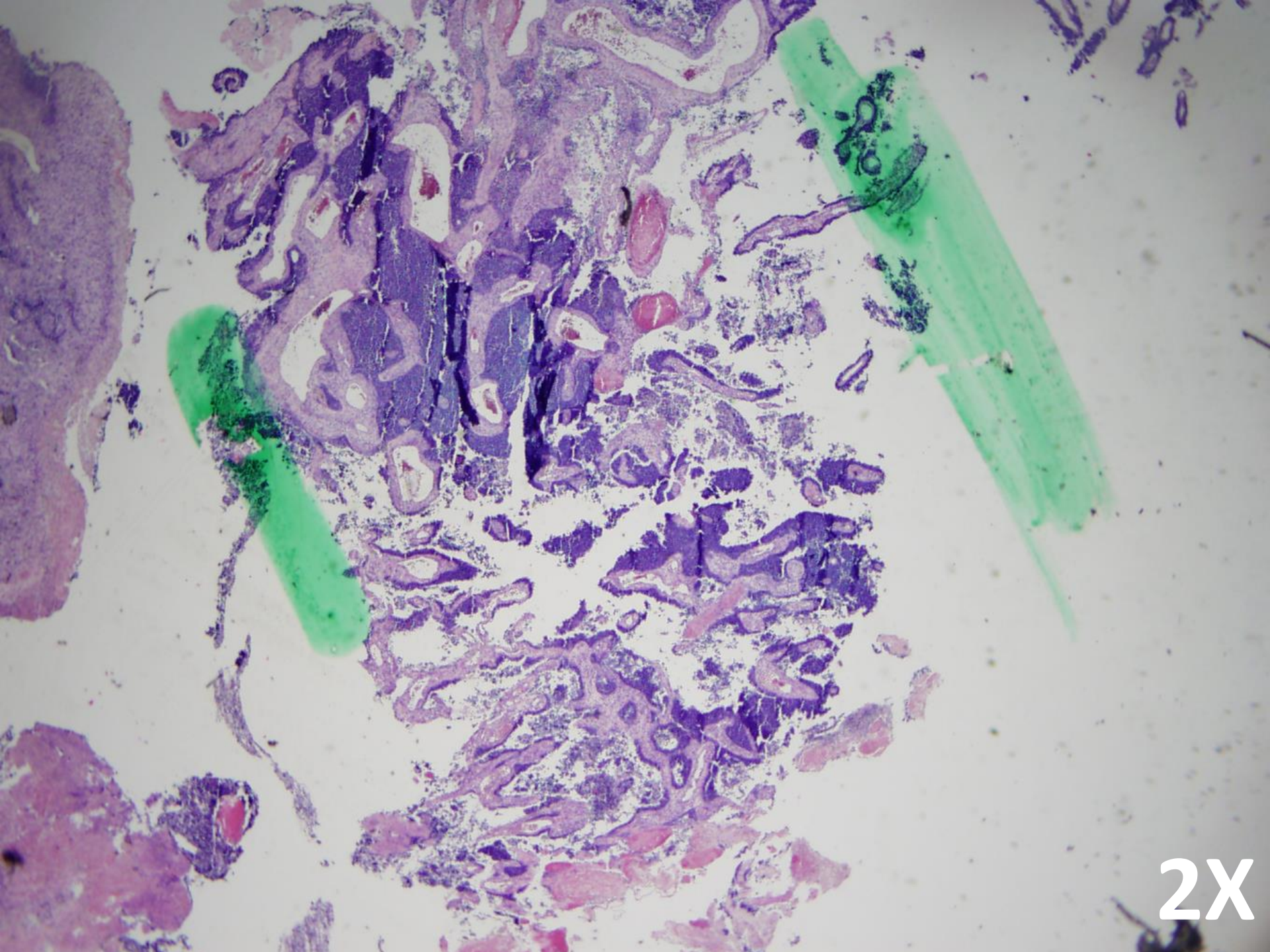


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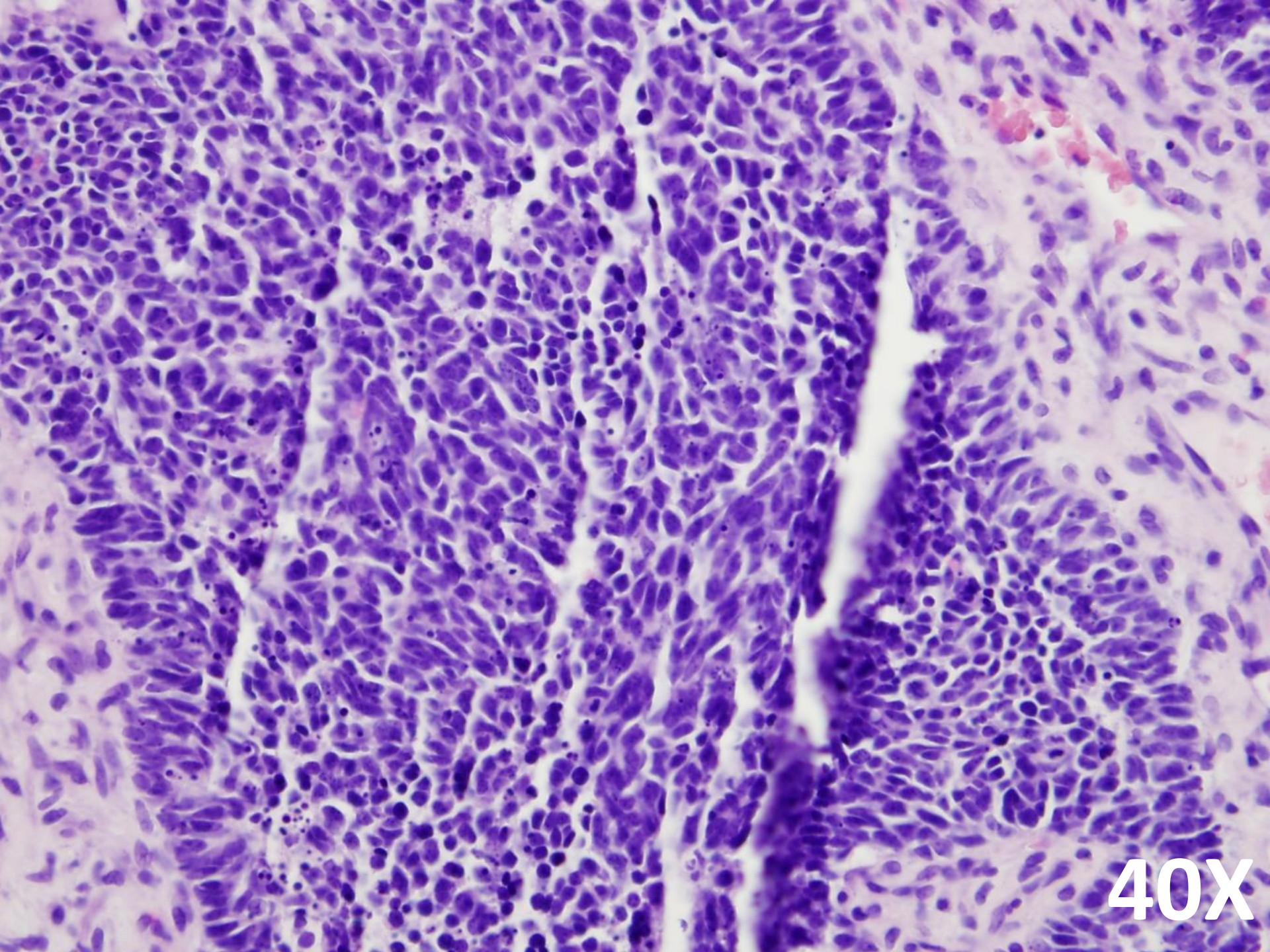
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A histological slide showing a dense population of cells with purple nuclei and pink cytoplasm/extracellular matrix. The cells are arranged in a somewhat disorganized pattern, consistent with a mass lesion. A central black box contains diagnostic text.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS:

SPECIMEN LABELED: "SINUS MASS":

**POORLY-DIFFERENTIATED SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA,**  
with basaloid features.

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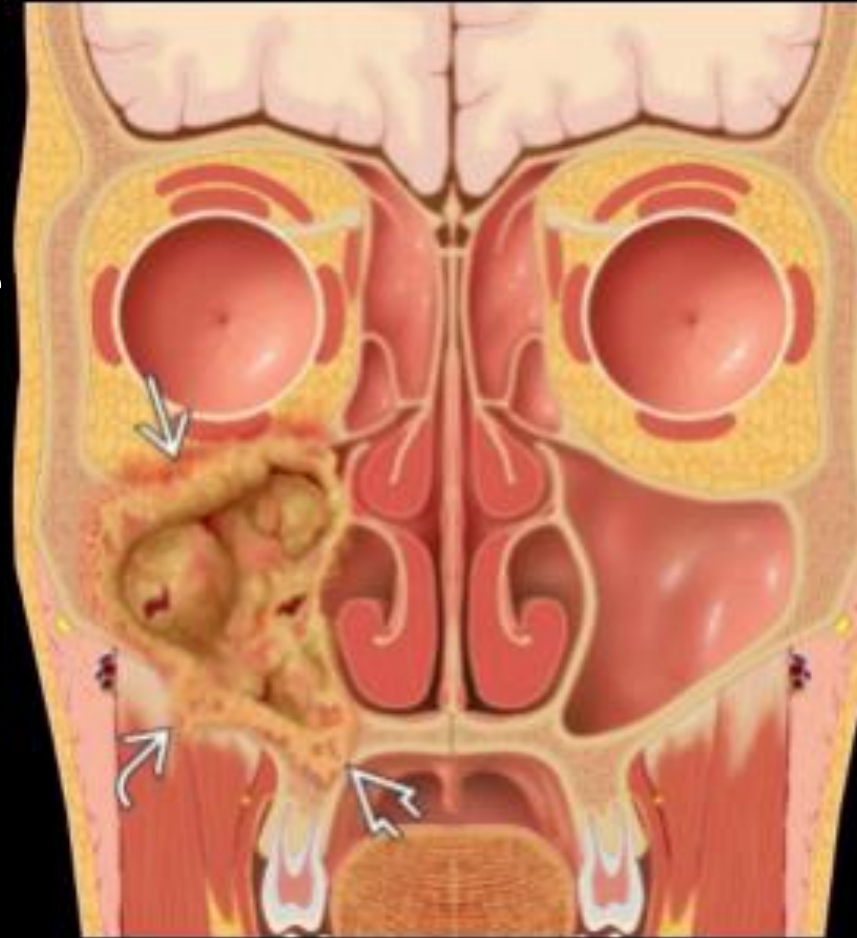


# Sinonasal squamous cell carcinoma

- Malignant epithelial tumor with squamous cell differentiation
- Risk factors: inhaled wood dust, metallic particles, chemicals, HPV, inverted papilloa
- Symptoms of chronic sinusitis, diagnosis often delayed
- Age: 50-70

# Sinonasal carcinoma

- Most common malignancy of sinonasal area
- Maxillary Antrum origin is common
- 75% arise in sinuses, 30% arise in the nose
- Solid, moderately enhancing mass with irregular margins
- **Aggressive** bone destruction
- Perineural tumor spread
- Cervical malignant lymphadenopathy (15%)



# Sinonasal undifferentiated squamous cell carcinoma

- Tends to be centered in nasal cavity rather than maxillary sinus
- Is extremely aggressive with bone destruction and extension into intracranial fossa
- Can occur in 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> decade of life
- Is staged with Kadish system
- M:F 2-3:1

# Sinonasal tumor with aggressive features DDX:

1. Sinonasal squamous cell carcinoma
2. Sinonasal undifferentiated carcinoma – rapidly growing, tends to be in nasal cavity, otherwise indistinguishable
3. Sinonasal adenocarcinoma - similar imaging features, tends to enhance more
4. Invasive fungal sinusitis - in immunocompromised patients
5. Sinonasal Non Hodgkin lymphoma
6. Sinonasal melanoma
7. Esthesioneuroblastoma
8. Adenoid cystic carcinoma
9. Wegener granulomatosis - sinonasal disease associated with trachenobronchial and renal disease

# Sinonasal tumor DDX continued

- Antrochoanal polyp
- Inverted papilloma
- Frontoethmoid cephalocele
- Juvenile Angiofibroma
- Sinonasal polyposis
- Mucocele