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ABSTRACT

Fourth ventricular tumors compromise a diverse group of neoplasm's the commonest of which are Medulloblastomas and Ependmomas and.

They most commonly present with symptoms of increased intracranial tension, headache-vomiting —blurring of vision.

Other syMptoms include cerebella, cranial and long tract signs. The commonest signs include papilloedema, long tract, cranial nerve affection.

CT and MRI are the main modes of diagnosis.

The main controversy in management is preoperative shunting or direct attach of the tumor.

Our series involved 20 cases of fourth ventricular tumors. We examined their main symptoms, signs, cases shunted, appearrence on CT and MRI, outcome.

KEY WORDS: FOURTH VENTRICULAR TUMORS PREOPERATIVE SHUNTING



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