

# Tumor Types from Chamberlain review article

- Melanoma and SCLC have strongest propensity for LM, up to 25%
- Breast – 2 to 5% of all patients with metastatic breast CA
- Based on frequency of each cancer
- \*Accept in Korea
  - Gastric

Primary CA	% Total
Breast	27-50
Lung	22-36
AdenoCA	50-56
SqcellCA	26-36
SCLC	13-14
Melanoma	12
GU	5
Head & N	2
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# Clinical Features

- Classically **presents** with pleomorphic findings in 3 domains of neurologic function

- Cerebral (15-50%)

- Headache and mental status changes
- Followed by confusion, cognitive impairment, seizures, and hemiparesis

- Cranial nerve dysfunction (35-50%)

- Diplopia (VI, III, IV), trigeminal sensory or motor, cochlear dysfunction, and optic neuropathy
  - **Cranial Nerve VI is most commonly involved? Why?**
  - **Name that Nerve!**

- Spinal (60-70%) –LEs > UEs

- Weakness, dermatomal sensory loss, pain in the neck, back, or in radicular patterns
- Classic nuchal rigidity only 15-20% **(CH)**

# Symptoms\* of (Breast) Meningeal Carcinomatosis

from Gauthier et al

Headache	34%
Cranial nerve symptoms	25
Cerebellar signs	24
Nausea and vomiting	23
Visual disturbance	22
Radicular pain	21
Glascow coma scale < 15	21
Paresthesia	19
Meningismis	12
Motor deficit	11
Dysarthria	2

\* Symptoms on presentation!

# Symptoms of (Gastric) Leptomeningeal Carcinomatosis

from Oh et al.

Cerebral Symptoms		Cranial Symptoms	
Headache	85%	Diplopia	6%
N & V	59	Hearing loss	4
Dizziness	24	Facial palsy	2
Mental Change	22	Ptosis	2
Seizure	19	Spinal Symptoms	
Gait	4	Weakness	11
Dysarthria	4	Paresthesia	4
Psychosis	2	Back pain	2

# Diagnosis

- Usually presents in patients with widespread disease
  - 70% (JJ)
    - May present after disease free interval – 20%
    - Sole site of relapsed DZ with increasing frequency (CH)
    - Occasionally in absence of systemic DZ – 5%
- Symptoms sometimes for weeks or months (JJ&CH)
- May seem benign or stable (CH was being treated for migraine and JJ for vertigo 2<sup>o</sup> viral illness)
- Once recognized often progresses rapidly
- High index of suspicion with multifocal Neurologic dysfunction

# Diagnostic Testing

## ● Gadolinium enhanced MRI

- If Lumbar Puncture is done first may cause false (+) MRI
- **Neither CH or JJ could have MRI because of metal in expandable breast implants**

## ● Examination of CSF

- Cytology maybe false (-) ~ 10-30%
- Clinical suspicion, + MRI, and CSF signs but negative cytology may be enough for Dx and Rx

## ● CSF flow study

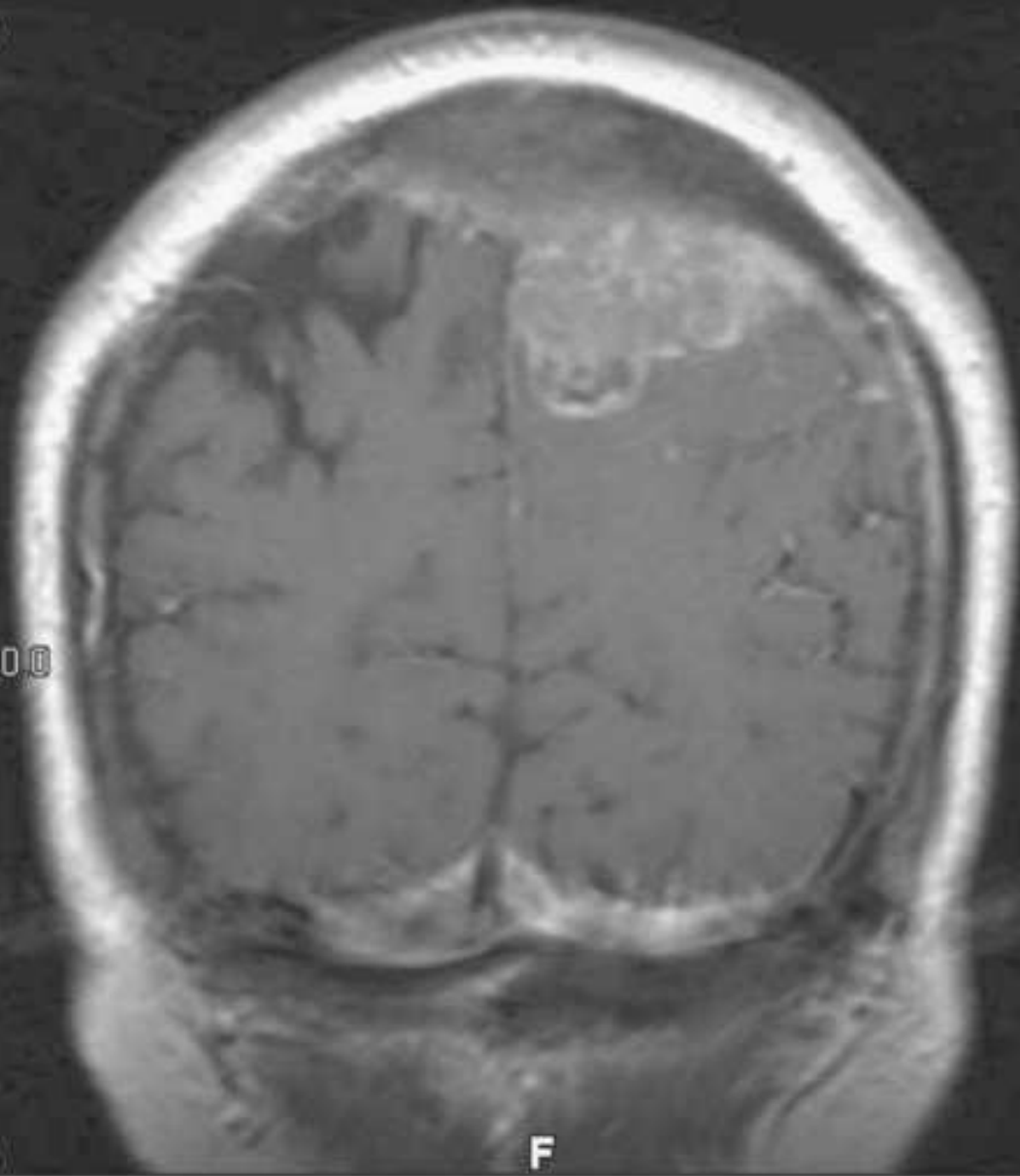
- Neither of our patients had this, rarely done locally?

## ● Meningeal biopsy



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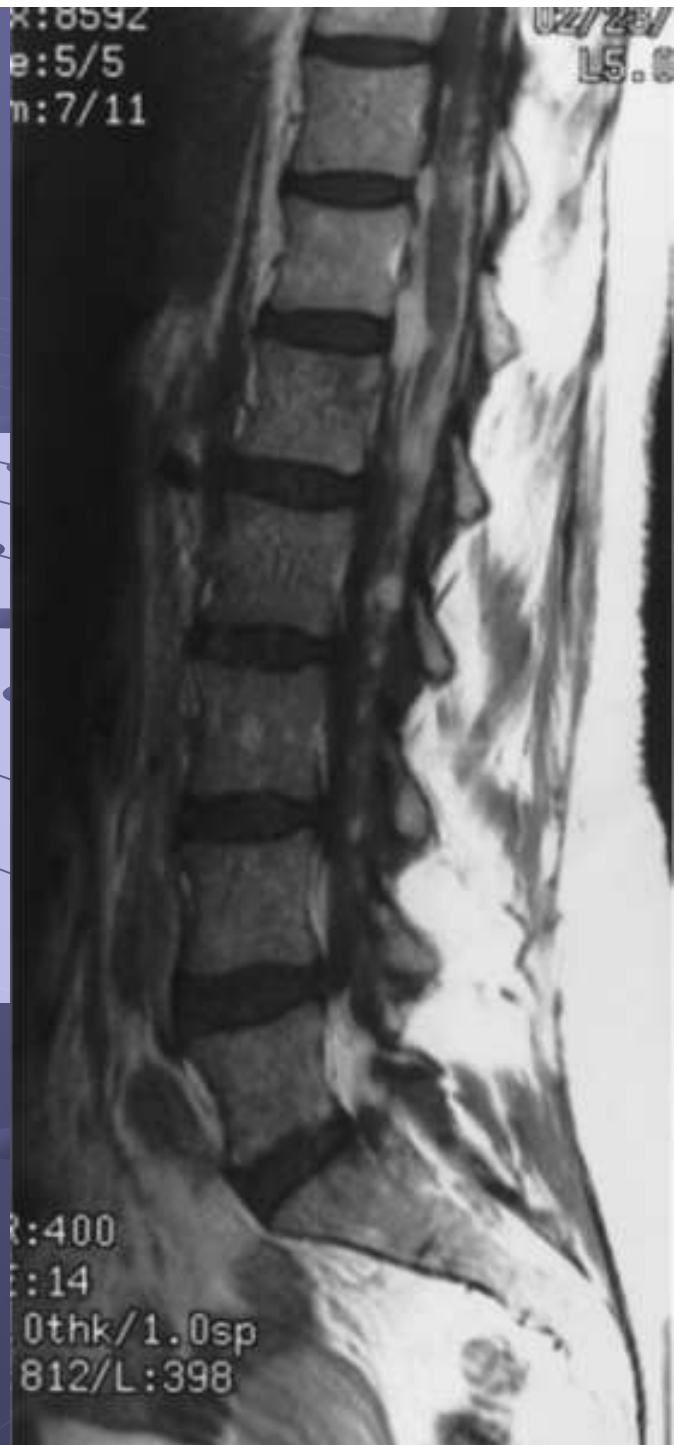
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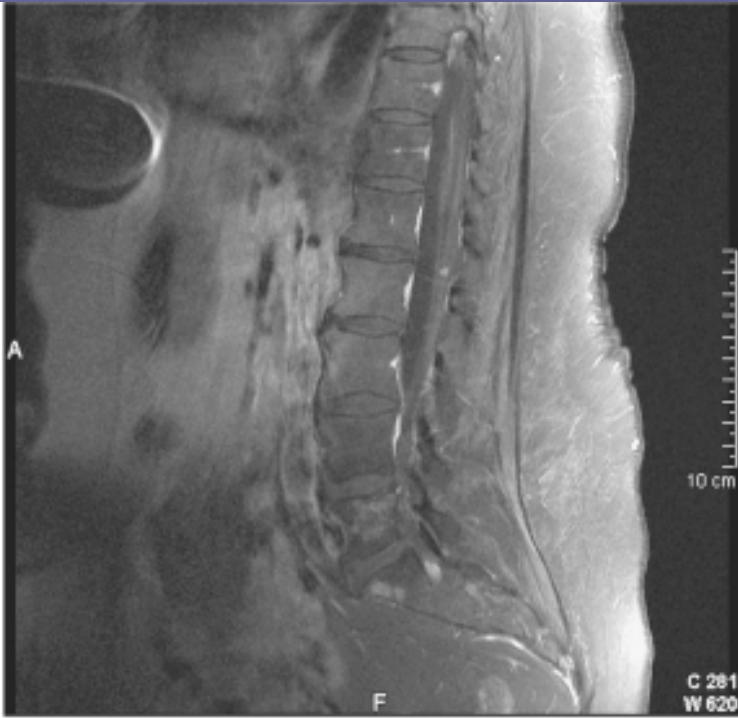
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**Table 56F-3 -- Diagnostic Tests for Leptomeningeal Metastases**

<b>TEST</b>	<b>MEASUREMENT</b>	<b>POSITIVE FINDINGS</b>
Lumbar puncture	Lymphocytic pleocytosis	>70%
	Elevated opening pressure	50%
	Elevated protein	75%
	Reduced glucose	30%–40%
	Cytology after 1 lumbar puncture	50%
	Cytology after 3 lumbar punctures	90% (< 100%)
	CSF markers	Variable
	Immunohistochemistry	Variable
	PCR	Variable
	Brain MRI	Meningeal enhancement
Enlarged ventricles		<50%
Spine MRI/myelogram	Subarachnoid masses	<25%
	Meningeal enhancement	>50%

CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PCR, polymerase chain reaction.

From Bradley: Neurology in Clinical Practice, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.