

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

A 55 year old man complained of headache for about six months, He became stuporous for about 24 hours, and thereafter continued to complain of headaches. At another hospital, it was thought that he might have had a seizure, and he was given dilantin. Thereafter, until he was admitted to the Baptist Hospital, he had intermittent bouts of disorientation.

Examination here revealed an extremely confused individual who was disoriented, and had minimal weakness of the right side. There were multiple lipomas over the skin. A few of these were removed, and proved to be lipomas microscopically.

The findings on lumbar puncture were normal. The electroencephalogram and the roentgenograms of the skull were also normal. A ventriculogram revealed a slight shift of the midline and the findings suggested a posterior parietal mass. The neurosurgeons attempted a biopsy, but there were no abnormalities. The brain swelled rapidly after the procedure, and the man died shortly after the operation.

At autopsy, there were two nodules in the occipital lobe, separate, but close together. These nodules measured about 2 cm. in diameter, and were quite well demarcated. The general autopsy failed to reveal any site of a primary tumor.