

Case 2000-4

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Clinical history:

This 15 year old white male was found face down in bed by his mother on a summer morning, resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. He had no history of a seizure disorder, or any medical problems. He had been involved in a water skiing accident several weeks prior to death and sustained a small occipital scalp laceration that did not require sutures. There was no loss of consciousness at the time of the accident.

Autopsy findings:

At autopsy, a 3 cm firm, intra-axial white lesion was identified at the tip of the left frontal lobe
Toxicologic analysis was negative. No other significant autopsy findings were noted; in particular, no findings suggestive of a phakomatosis were identified.

Material submitted:

Kodachrome of left frontal lobe lesion
H&E-stained section of left frontal lobe lesion

Points for Discussion:

1. Diagnosis
2. Pathogenesis (Hamartoma v. Malformation v. Neoplasm)