



# Spheno-Orbital Meningioma with Cavernous Sinus Extension

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## Abstract

We present a case of a 37-year-old female, with progressive left eye proptosis and an extensive ipsilateral en plaque spheno-orbital meningioma, with diffuse involvement of the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus and the orbit.

A cranio-orbital zygomatic approach was performed to reach all extension of the lesion. We made an extradural clinoidectomy and an extensive bone removal of the orbit, exposition of the superior and lateral walls of the cavernous sinus, unroofing of the optic canal, superior orbital fissure, foramen rotundum, and foramen ovale. We performed the peeling of the lateral wall of cavernous sinus with total removal and preservation of the cranial nerves anatomy and function.

In this video, we illustrate the importance of the first time aggressive removal of such tumors. We also demonstrate the concept that secondary invasion of the cavernous sinus are suitable for removal with cranial nerve preservation.

The link to the video can be found at <https://youtu.be/GJmkqVa6jSs>.

## Conflict of Interest

None declared.



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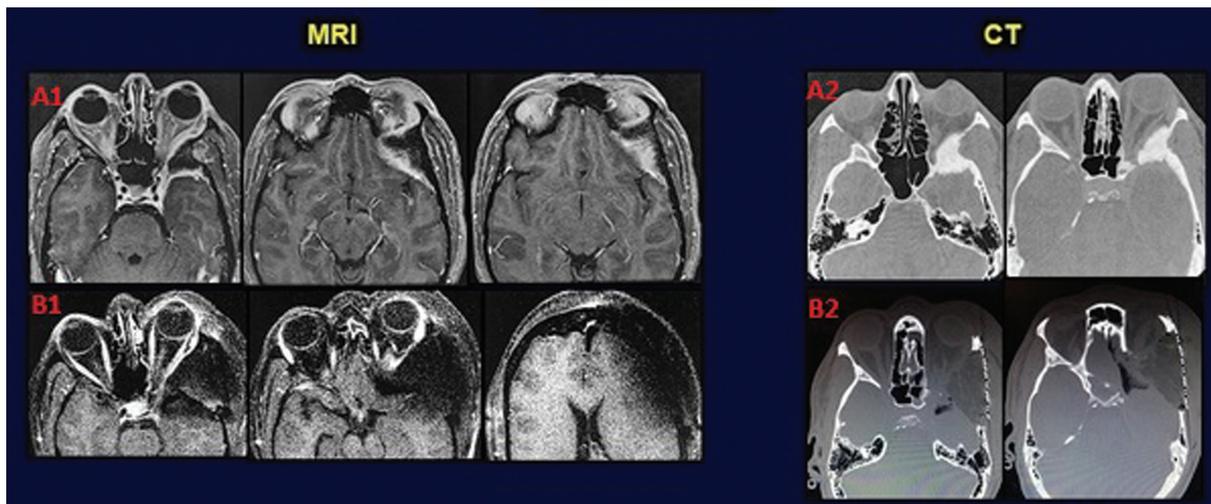
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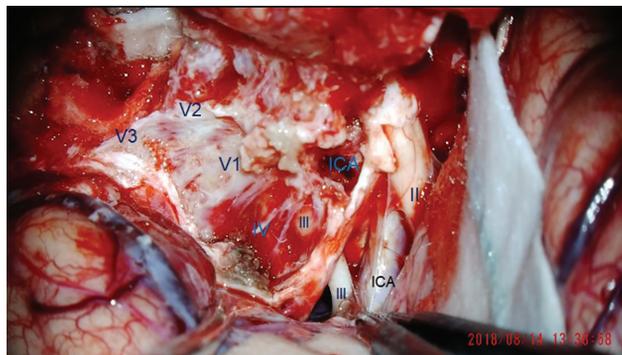
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**Fig. 1** (A) Preoperative imaging: (A.1) axial MRI demonstrating the diffuse involvement of the frontal, temporal, sphenoid dura, and the lateral wall of the cavernous sinus (A.2) axial CT show the bone involvement. (B) Postoperative imaging: (B.1) axial MRI demonstrating complete resection of the tumor (B.2) axial CT show bone removal and reconstruction of the skull base. CT, computed tomography; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.



**Fig. 2** Peeling of the middle fossa: (II) optic nerve, (ICA in black) ICA in subarachnoid space, (ICA in blue) ICA in the Clinoidal Triangle, (III) oculomotor nerve, (IV) trochlear nerve, (V1) ophthalmic nerve, (V2) maxillary nerve, (V3) mandibular nerve. ICA, internal carotid artery.