Single photon emission CT images in a case of intraventricular neurocytoma

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Although Tc-99m HMPAO uptakes in various brain tumors have been reported, SPECT images of neurocytoma have not been described. The authors report a patient with intraventricular neurocytoma (IN) who demonstrated significant uptake of Tc-99m HMPAO and Tl-201 Cl before brain biopsy. Residual tumor after biopsy showed significant uptake of I-123 IMP on early SPECT images, but this uptake was decreased on delayed images. The three radionuclides seem to have different uptake mechanisms.

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