

An 86-year-old patient with a slowly progressive painless swelling on his scalp

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CASE REPORT

An 86-year-old patient presented at the outpatient clinic with a painless swelling on his right frontal scalp. The swelling had been slowly progressive over the last two years. His medical history was unremarkable and no other symptoms were present. His son had noted a slight increase in irritability. Physical examination showed a painless elastic swelling (*figure 1*). Neurological examination revealed no abnormalities. Magnetic resonance imaging of the brain (*figure 2*) and a histological biopsy were performed.

WHAT IS YOUR DIAGNOSIS?

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Figure 1. The patient with a painless swelling on the right frontal scalp



Figure 2. MRI showing a large heterogeneous tumour located both intracranially and extracranially with mass effect and an apparently intact skull

