

Petrosus Apex Meningioma

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- **Demographics:** Male; 52 years
- **Presentation:** Left trigeminal neuralgia
- **Diagnosis:** Petrous apex meningioma
- **Pre-radiosurgery Treatment:** None
- **Radiosurgery Treatment:**

Upfront (primary); linac-based SRS for left petrous apex meningioma

- **Radiosurgery Dosimetry:**

- Target volume: 1.7 cc
- Marginal dose: 12.0 Gy
- Marginal isodose: 80%
- Maximum dose: 15.0 Gy
- Minimum dose: 11.7 Gy
- Average dose: 14.3 Gy
- Number of isocenters: 1
- Maximum dose to brain stem: 14.2 Gy

- **Follow-Up Period:** 248 months post-SRS

- **Clinical Outcome:**

- 6 months post-SRS: Improving trigeminal neuralgia with medications
- 12 months post-SRS: Controlled trigeminal neuralgia with medications
- 18 months post-SRS: Controlled trigeminal neuralgia with medications (smaller doses)
- 36 months post-SRS: Controlled trigeminal neuralgia without medications

- 248 months post-SRS: Sustainable control of trigeminal neuralgia without medications

- **Complications:** None

- **Radiological Outcome:**

- 6 months post-SRS (MRI):

Mild increase in tumor size (pseudo-progression)

Loss of central tumor contrast enhancement

Appearance of perilesional brain stem high signal in T2 and FLAIR studies, denoting vasogenic edema (asymptomatic)

- 12 months post-SRS (MRI):

Decreased tumor size

Decreased tumor contrast enhancement

Resolved perilesional brain stem high signal in T2 and FLAIR studies

- 18 months post-SRS (MRI):

More decrease in tumor size

More decrease in tumor contrast enhancement

Persistent resolution of perilesional brain stem high signal in T2 and FLAIR studies

- 36 months post-SRS (MRI):

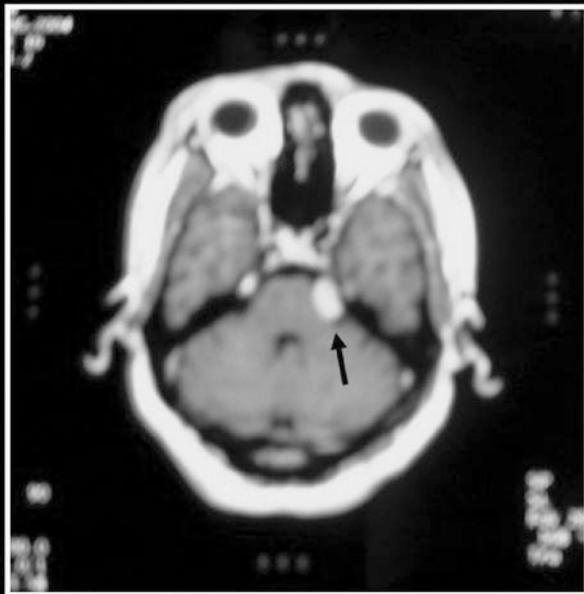
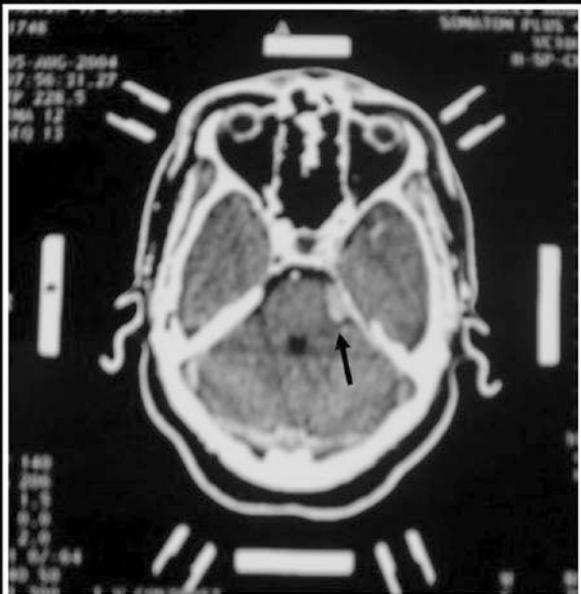
More marked decrease in tumor size

Stationary decreased tumor contrast enhancement

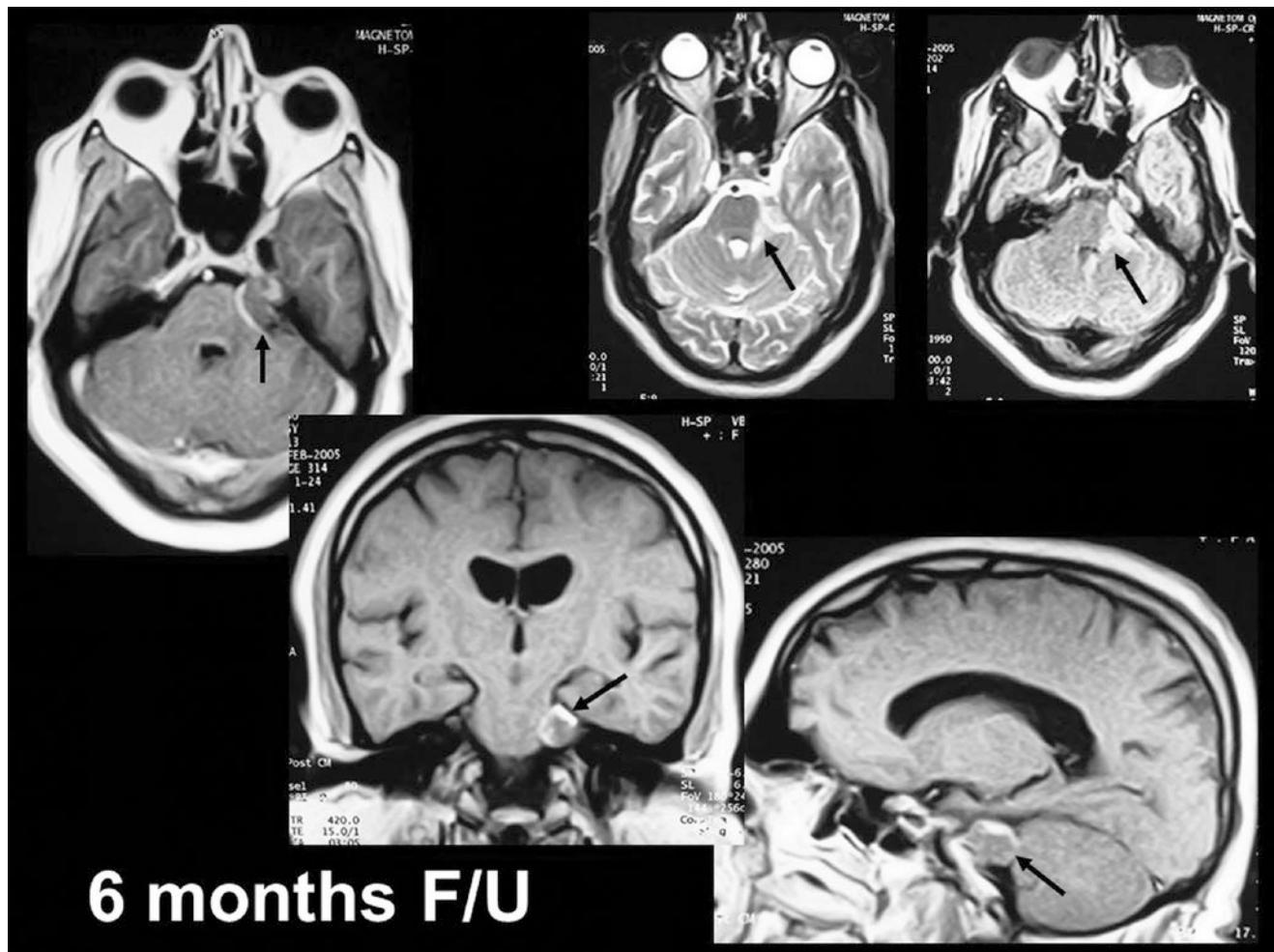
Persistent resolution of perilesional brain stem high signal in T2 and FLAIR studies

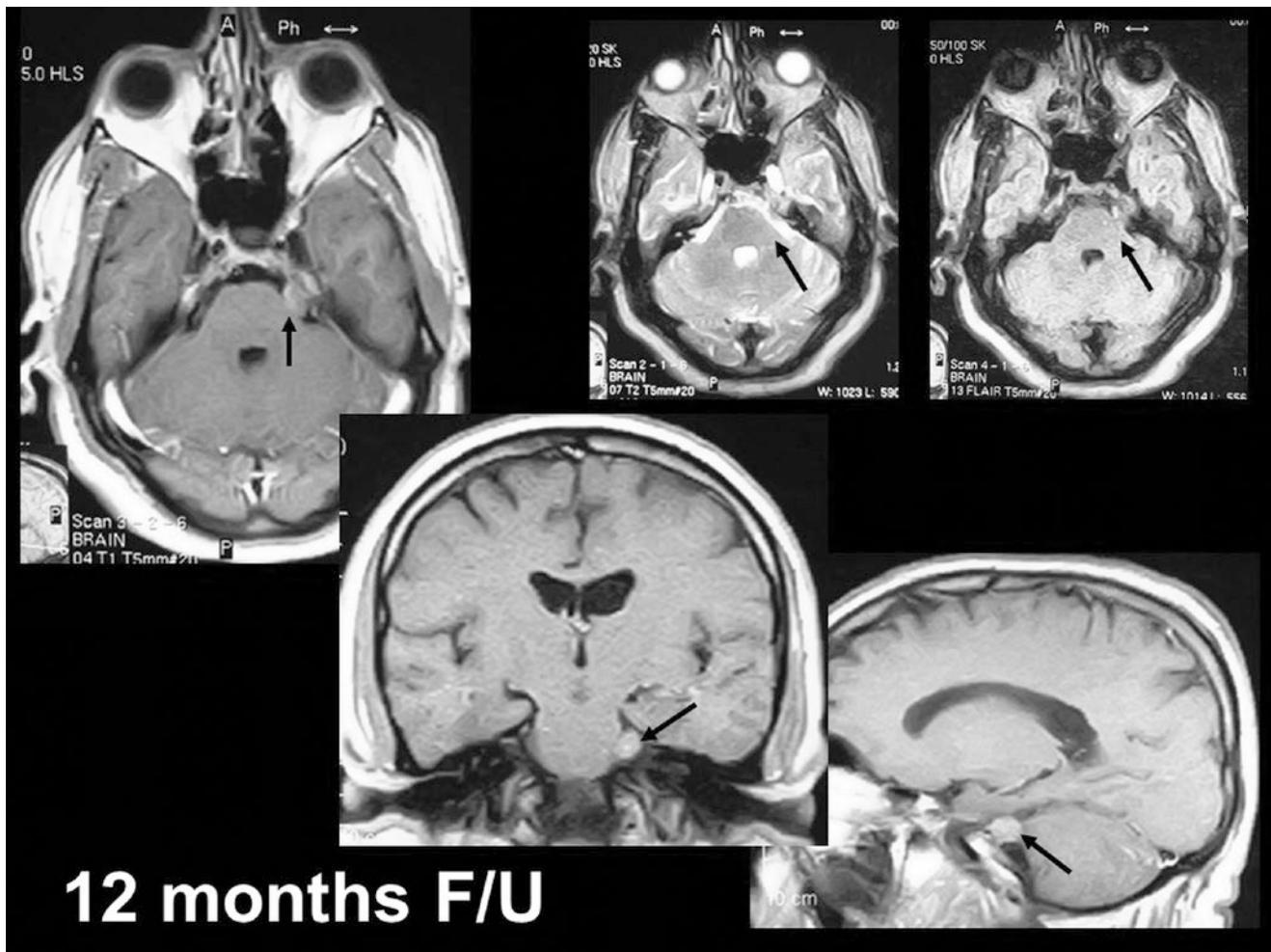
- **Post-radiosurgery Treatment:** None

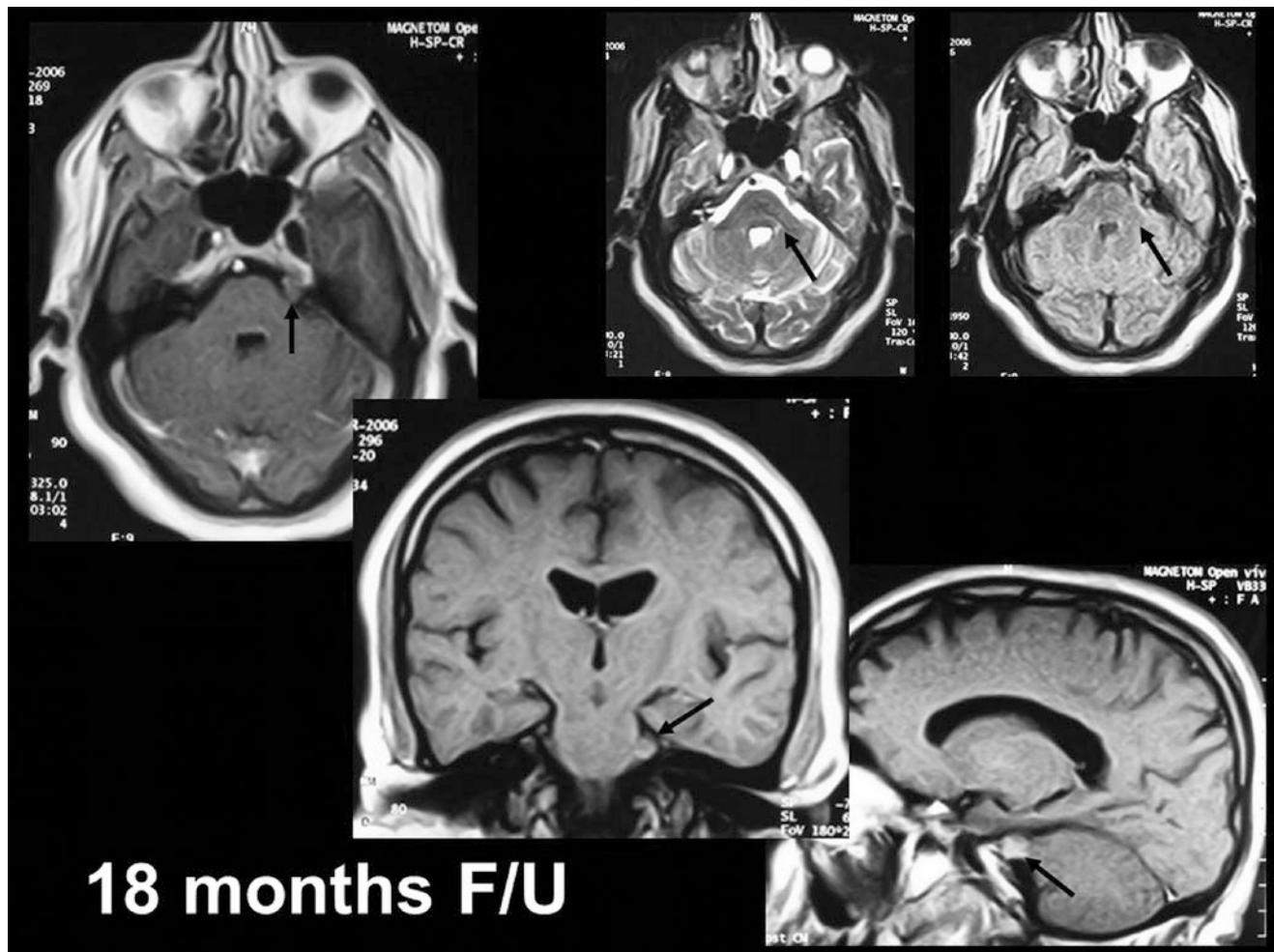


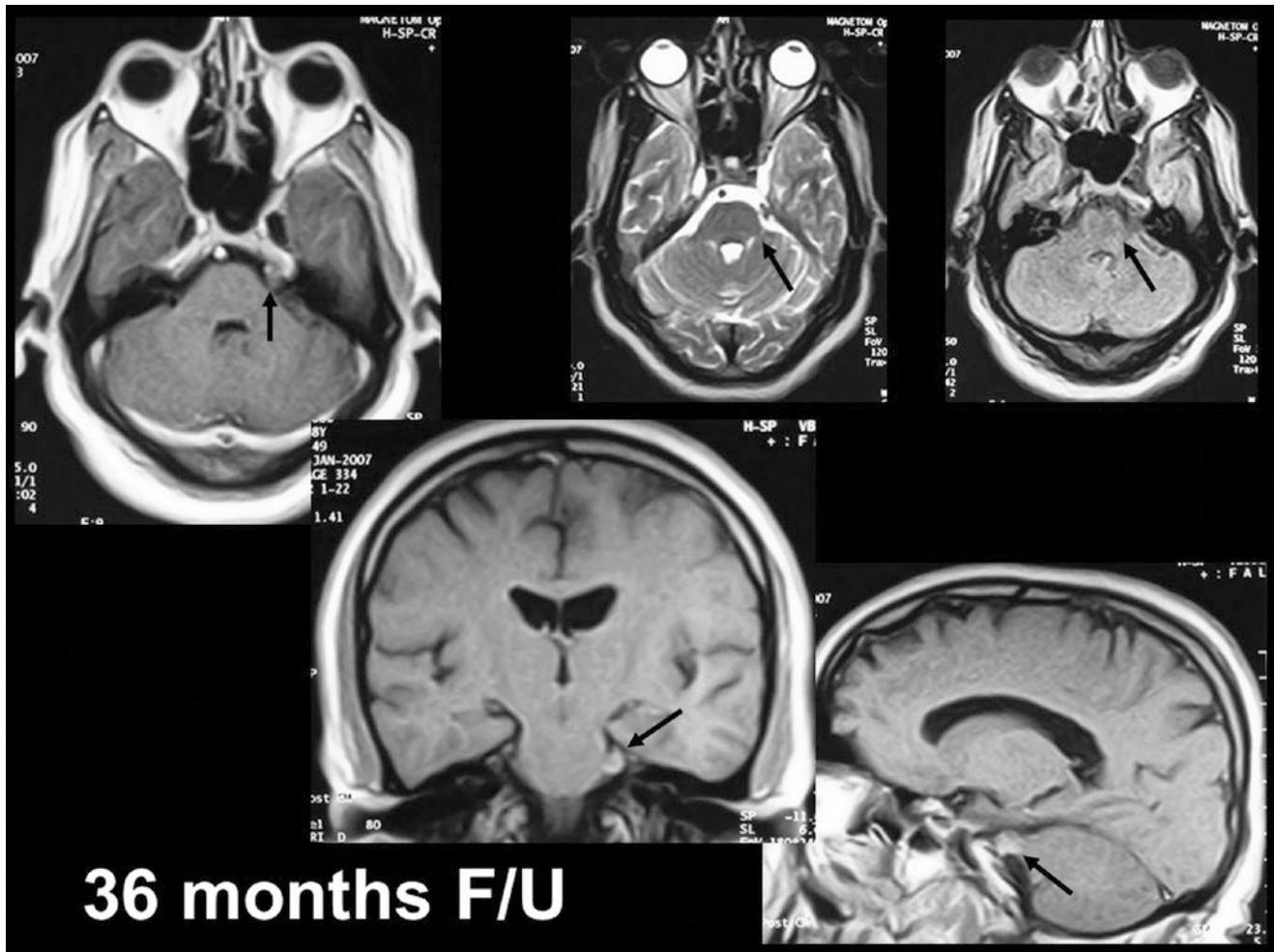


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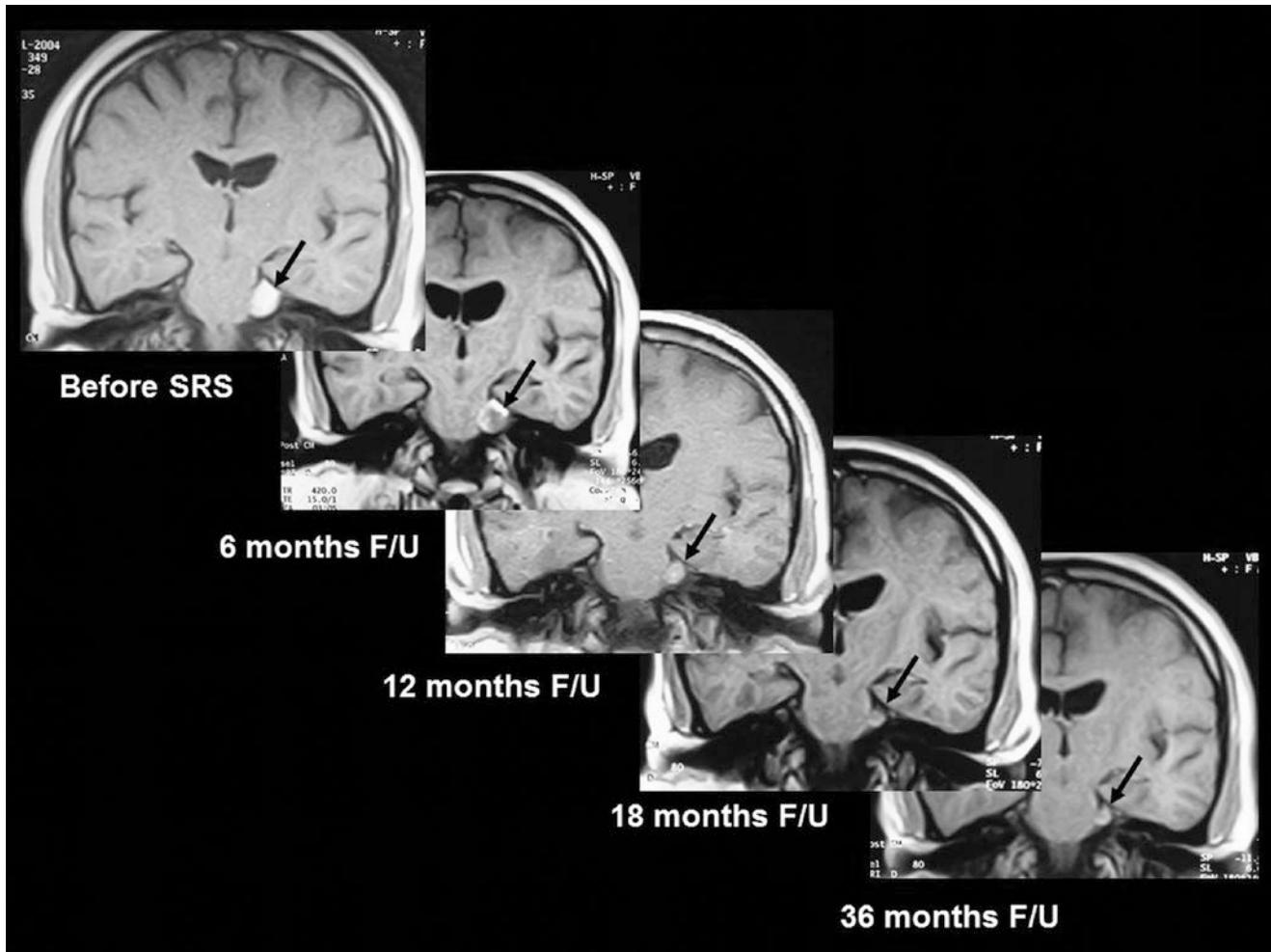


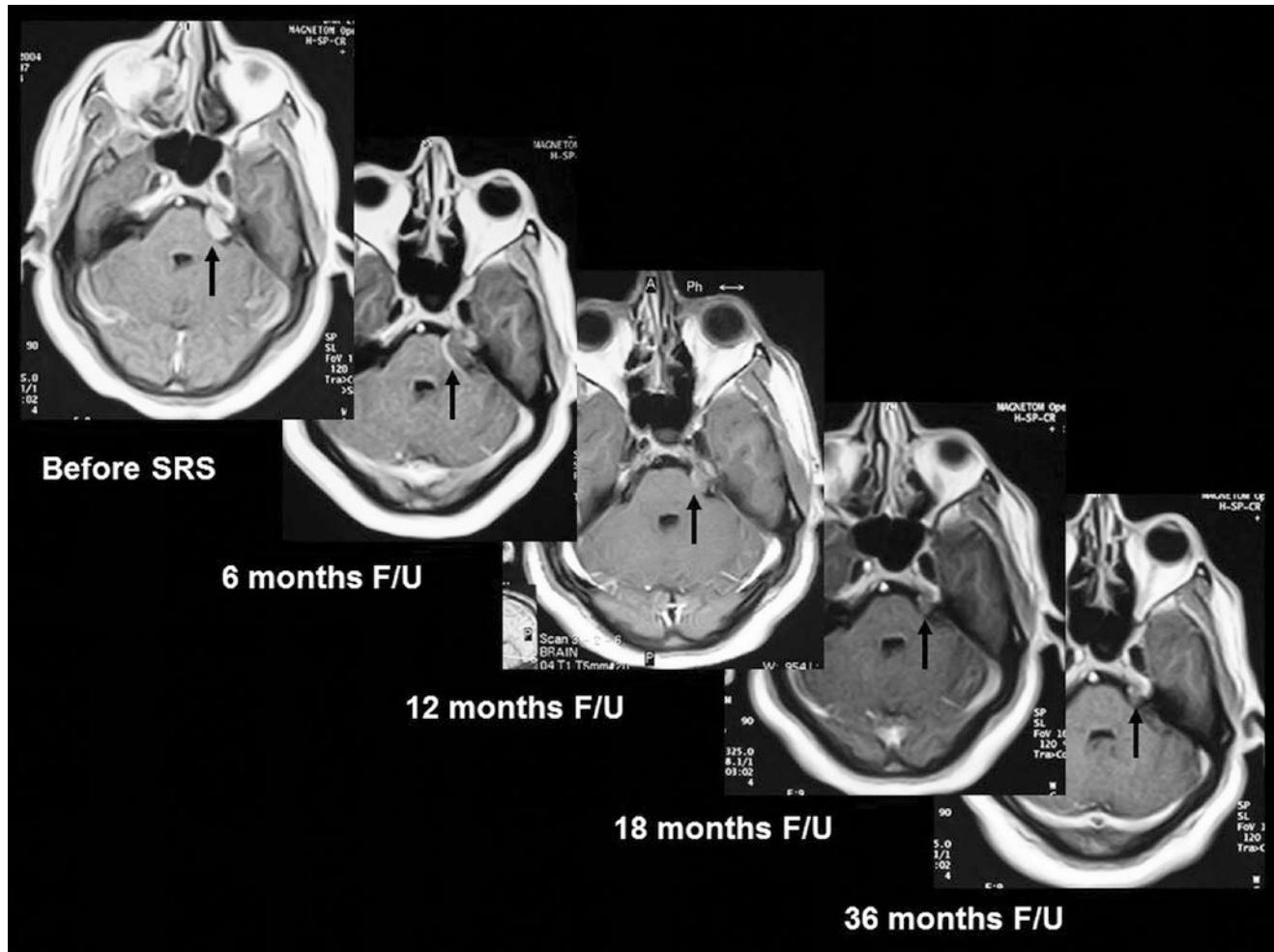












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