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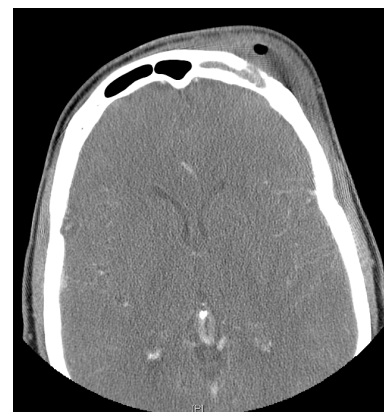


## Pott's Puffy Tumor Case Study

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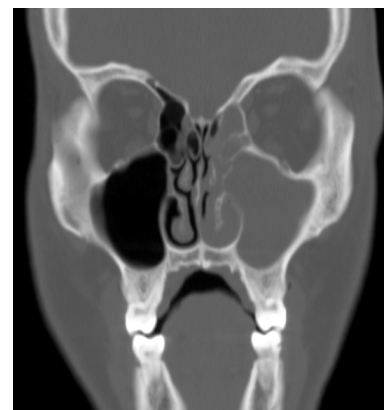
### The Patient

A 40 year old male presented to the emergency room with fevers, left sided forehead swelling, and a headache. He had a history of recurrent sinusitis over several years. For the past several months he had left sided rhinorrhea and sinus pressure, but no prior sinus surgery or facial trauma. During the week prior, his left forehead became progressively more swollen and tender. No visual changes or neurologic changes. CT scan showed acute on chronic sinusitis of his left maxillary, ethmoids, and frontal sinuses with erosion of the anterior table of the frontal sinus and resulting subperiosteal abscess. There was no erosion of the skull base. Overall, a classic presentation of a Pott's Puffy Tumor.



### Treatment

The subperiosteal abscess of the forehead was needle aspirated and he was managed for several days with parenteral antibiotics and steroids. The patient then underwent endoscopic sinus surgery to open all sinuses of his left side. Postoperatively, he was managed with an extended course of culture directed antibiotics. The patient recovered very well and his symptoms have completely resolved.



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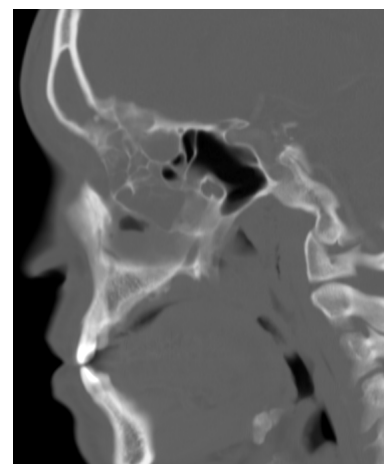
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